



# MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 03/2019 March

## OVERVIEW

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. It is a virtual reporting mechanism supporting the interregional architecture defined by the Yaounde Code of Conduct. The primary output from the MDAT-GoG is to contribute by maintaining coherent maritime situational awareness in the central and western African Maritime Space, with the ability to inform and support industry, contributing to the safety and security of the Mariner in the regional maritime domain. All vessels are encouraged to report to the MDAT-GoG using the existing reporting formats. The information supplied by vessels will be treated as commercially confidential.

All details can be found on [SHOM Chart 8801CSD](#) or [UKHO Chart Q6114](#), 30 June 2016, to allow vessels to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address [watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org). Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Any queries regarding ADVISORY NOTICES ring: +33 (0)298 22 88 88, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

**09 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for March 2019, Serials 24/19 to 32/19.**

Fair winds and following seas!

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## CLASSIFICATIONS

**Hijack:** Vessel taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the Master.

**Attack:** Use of weapons by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take-control of the vessel-

**Boarding:** Assailants board a vessel with intention to take control of the vessel.

**Suspicious approach:** Close approach with unknown-

**Robbery:** Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

**Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

**Sighting and Irregular activity:** All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

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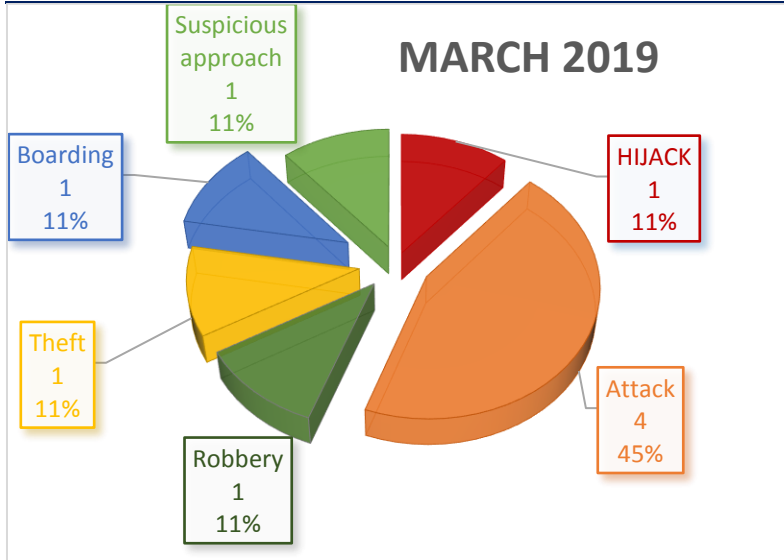
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MONTHLY STATISTICS

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**ADVISORIES:**  
2 issued

Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/MAR/19	08/03/19 Suspicious Approach
002/MAR/19	30/03/19 Attack

**WARNINGS:**  
3 issued

Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/MAR/19	02/03/19 Attack
002/MAR/19	03/03/19 Hijack
003/MAR/19	09/03/19 Attack

**DRILL EXERCISE**

Date	Company

**INCIDENTS reported**

- Hijack: 1
- Attack: 3
- Boarding: 1
- Susp. approach: 1
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0

**NOTICES**

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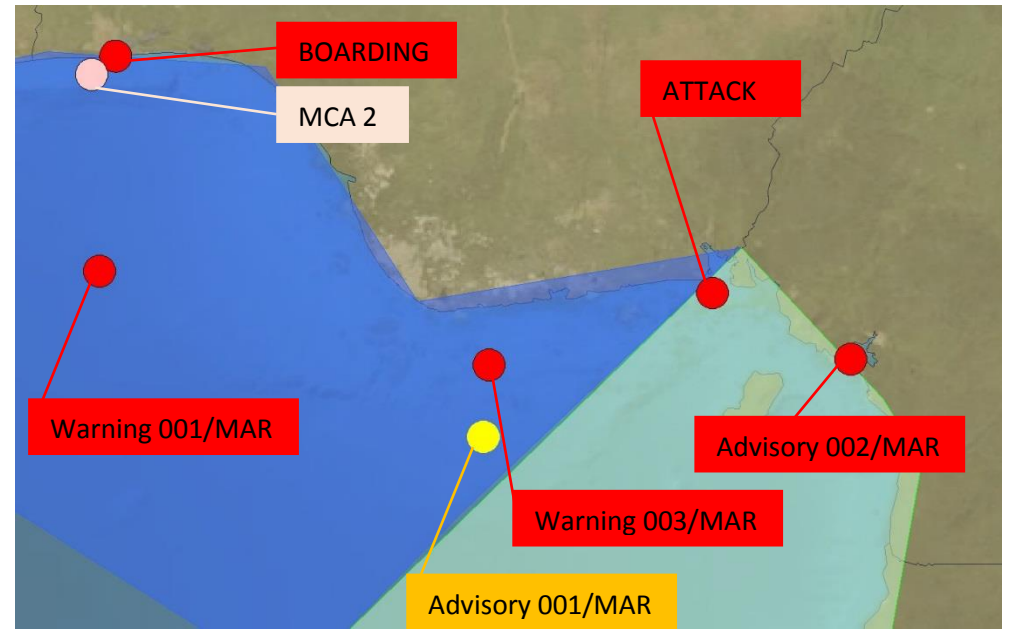
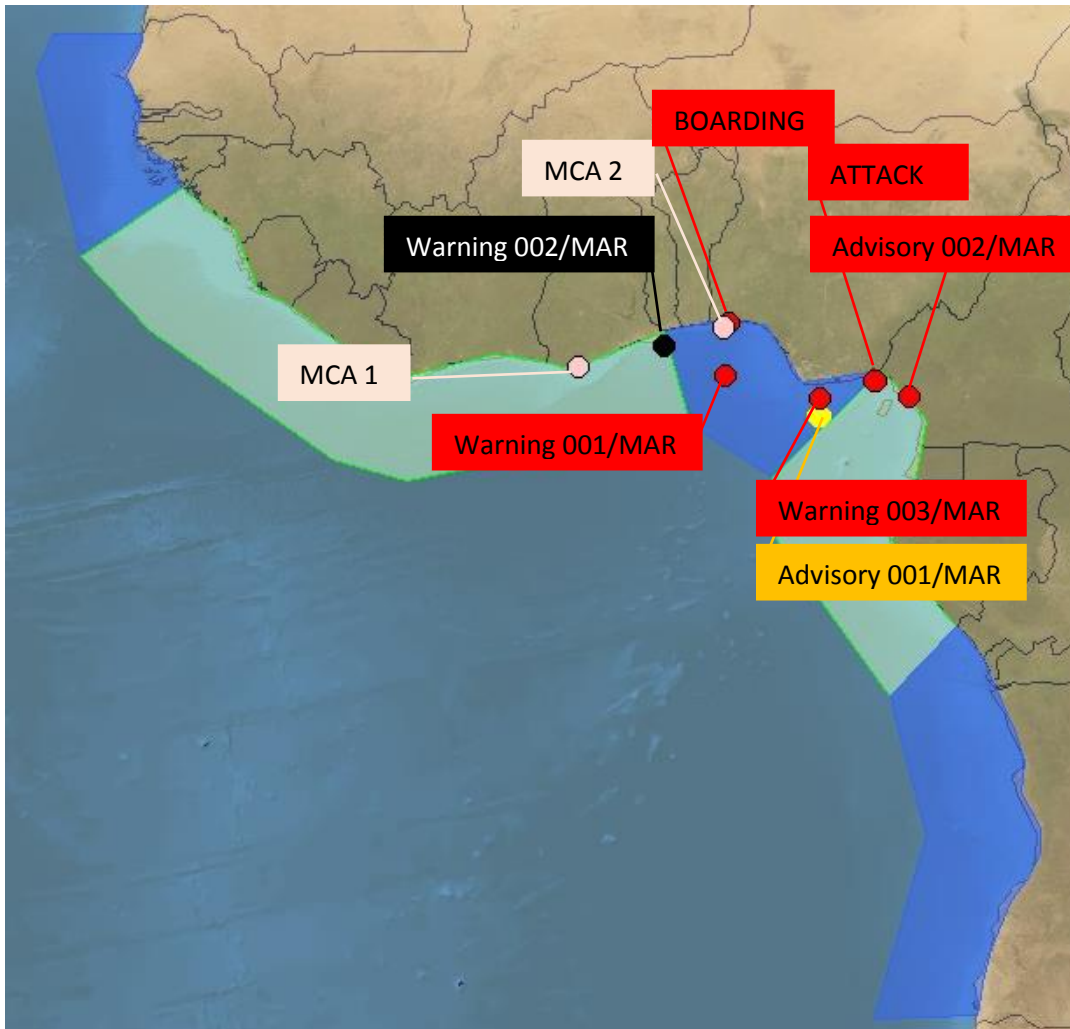
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MAP OF INCIDENTS



- HIJACK
  - ATTACK-BOARDING
  - SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT  
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
  - THEFT -  
ROBBERY
  - SEARCH AND RESCUE -  
MISC
- MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 024/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	02 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	12:30

<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°37'N – 003°16'E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	184/107 off Lagos, NIGERIA
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Clear, SW - 7-8Knots, 2 BF, Low Swell
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**Description:** On Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 1230UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°37'N - 003°16'E. All the crew mustered in citadel. A civilian security vessel and a Nigerian Navy Ship were dispatched to the scene. The crew left the citadel on the 03<sup>rd</sup> March early in the morning after having confirmation about the pirates leaving the vessel. Crew and ship were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** 45minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** 1 attempted boarding before succeeding on the second try.

**Type of Vessel used:** 1 Speed craft with 9 pirates on board armed with automatic weapons.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Broken windows (bullet holes).

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, RMRCC Lagos, Nigerian Navy.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/MAR/19, Weekly 19-10.](#)

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 025/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	03 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	19:40

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	05°37N – 001°16E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	180/30 off Lome, TOGO
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Unknown
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**Description:** On the 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at 1940UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 05°37N – 001°16E. The crew mustered in the citadel and a Togolese Patrol Boat was dispatched to the scene to assist the MV. After sunrise, the crew exited the citadel with the assistance of the Togolese Navy and the ship returned to Lome Anchorage for further judicial investigation.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** Not stated.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Ship's equipment destroyed.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, RMRCC Monrovia, Togo Navy, RMRCC Lagos, Ghana Navy.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 002/MAR/19, Weekly 19-10.](#)

**INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**

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Incident 026/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	08 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	15:50

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	03°14N – 006°27E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	210/82 off Bonny, NIGERIA
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Good visibility, Southerly Wind BF 2, Calm Seas
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**Description:** On the 08<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1550UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), in position 03°14N - 006°27E was approached to 2 cables by two skiffs with 5-6 persons on each board. The skiffs aborted the manoeuvre when they noticed the presence of a security escort vessel advised via VHF. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 6 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Try crossing the vessel's bow from port to starboard.

**Type of Vessel used:** 2 Skiffs with green hull.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC Bonny.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/MAR/19, Weekly 19-11.](#)

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Incident 027/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	09 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	15:50

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	03°50N – 006°30E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	226/51 off Bonny, NIGERIA
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Unknown
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**Description:** On the 09<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1550UTC, in position 03°50N-006°30E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by two skiffs. The security ship and the pirates exchanged gunfire and a casualty was reported. The ship was reported at Bonny Anchorage the 11<sup>th</sup> March for judicial investigation.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** One skiff shot on security vessel while the other one boarded the MV.

**Type of Vessel used:** 2 Skiffs.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Not stated.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC Bonny, MOC Brass, CMC DOUALA, CIC Yaounde, RMRCC Lagos.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 003/MAR/19, Weekly 19-11](#)

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Incident 028/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	20 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	06:00

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	04°26N – 008°21E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	176/35 off Calabar, NIGERIA
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Unknown
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**Description:** On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at approximately 0600UTC, at Agbani, within territorial waters (04°26N - 008°21E / CALABAR AREA 06NM from the coast), a passenger boat (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by 7 pirates armed with AK-47. They boarded the vessel and robbed the passengers and crew members. The vessel has berthed safely at Shoreline Jetty (Calabar) around 1030UTC.

*MDAT-GOG comment: This events was a time late report and no Advisory notice or Warning Notice were released.*

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Not stated.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, ERCC Calabar.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-12.](#)

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Incident 031/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	30 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	21:40

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	03°53N – 009°30E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	225/15 off Douala, CAMEROON
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Unknown
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**Description:** On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2140UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), while at anchorage, was attacked in position 03°53'N 009°30'E (15nm of Douala, Cameroon). The investigation taken by the Navy are still on going. Vessel is reported secure.

*MDAT-GOG comment: This events was a time late report.*

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Not stated

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, CMC DOUALA.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 002/MAR/19](#) and [Weekly 19-14](#).

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Incident 032/19

<b><u>Category:</u></b>	Boarding	<b><u>Status of Incident:</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	31 Mar. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC):</u></b>	00:20

<b><u>Position:</u></b>	06°24N – 003°23E	<b><u>Bearing / Range:</u></b>	Depart from APAPA, NIGERIA
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<b><u>Status of Vessel:</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack:</u></b>	Unknown
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**Description:** On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 0020UTC, while on departure from Apapa in position 06°24N – 003°23E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a small skiff with 6 POB. They managed to attach a ladder in order to board the MV when one crew member spotted them and raised the alarm. The pirates fled. Ship and crew were reported safe.

*MDAT-GOG comment: This event was a time late report so neither Advisory notice nor Warning notice was released.*

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** One small skiff with 6 persons on board approaching after the leaving of the Pilot during manoeuvre.

**Type of Vessel used:** Small Skiff.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** .Unconcerned.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC LAGOS.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-14.](#)

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01	Event 029/19
<p><b>GHANA, Takoradi</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, at 0420UTC, at Takoradi anchorage, two AB's reported 4 persons on the aft deck armed with knives during a routine security round. Once discovered, the robbers escaped in a blue fishing canoe. A port patrol boat arrived on scene to assist the MV (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>); Ship and Crew are reported safe.</p> <p><b>Method Of Approach:</b> Approach with a blue fishing canoe</p> <p><b>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</b> Small items stolen from container.</p> <p><b>MDAT-GOG Reference:</b> Weekly 19-12</p>	

Maritime Crime Activity 02	Event 030/19
<p><b>NIGERIA, Lagos</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> On the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 2235UTC, at Lagos SAA Anchorage, a duty watchkeeper spotted two thieves with a pipe line using for stealing gasoil stocked inside the MT's tank. Once spotted, the thieves escaped. A patrol security boat coming to assist the MV (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>) reported the arrest of the two thieves. Vessel and crew are reported safe.</p> <p><b>Method Of Approach:</b> Approach with a speed boat after hook and cut the barb wire.</p> <p><b>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</b> 65 MT of gasoil stolen form the tank</p> <p><b>MDAT-GOG Reference:</b> Weekly 19-12</p>	