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Biannual Report
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MDAT-GoG

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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. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

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

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response.

Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact Local Navy assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7).

It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Fair winds and following seas!

NOTICES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices, contact us 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.

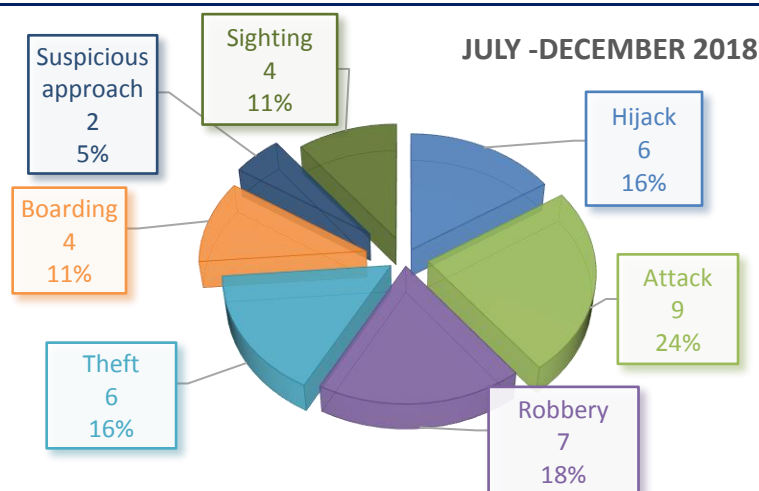
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BIANNUAL STATISTICS

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38 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for the second part of 2018, Serials 050/18 to 087/18.



| ADVISORIES: 16 issued | Date of issue | Classification and comments |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 001/JUL/18 | 03 Jul 18 | Boarding |
| 002/JUL/18 | 22 Jul 18 | Suspicious Approach |
| 001/AUG/18 | 14 Aug 18 | Hijack |
| 002/AUG/18 | 21 Aug 18 | Robbery |
| 001/SEP/18 | 17 Sep 18 | Boarding |
| 002/SEP/18 | 20 Sep 18 | Boarding |
| 004/SEP/18 | 25 Sep 18 | Robbery |
| 005/SEP/18 | 25 Sep 18 | Attack |
| 006/SEP/18 | 30 Sep 18 | Theft |
| 001/OCT/18 | 09 Oct 18 | Robbery |
| 002/OCT/18 | 22 Oct 18 | Theft |
| 003/OCT/18 | 25 Oct 18 | Hijack |
| 004/OCT/18 | 27 Oct 18 | Hijack |
| 001/NOV/18 | 11 Nov 18 | Attack |
| 002/NOV/18 | 22 Nov 18 | Boarding |
| 003/NOV/18 | 23 Nov 18 | Hijack |

| WARNINGS: 6 issued | Date of issue | Classification and comments |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 001/JUL/18 | 01 Jul 18 | Attack |
| 001/SEP/18 | 22 Sep 18 | Hijack |
| 001/OCT/18 | 29 oct 18 | Hijack |
| 001/NOV/18 | 06 Nov 18 | Attack |
| 001/DEC/18 | 04 Dec 18 | Attack |
| 002/DEC/18 | 15 Dec 18 | Attack |

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.

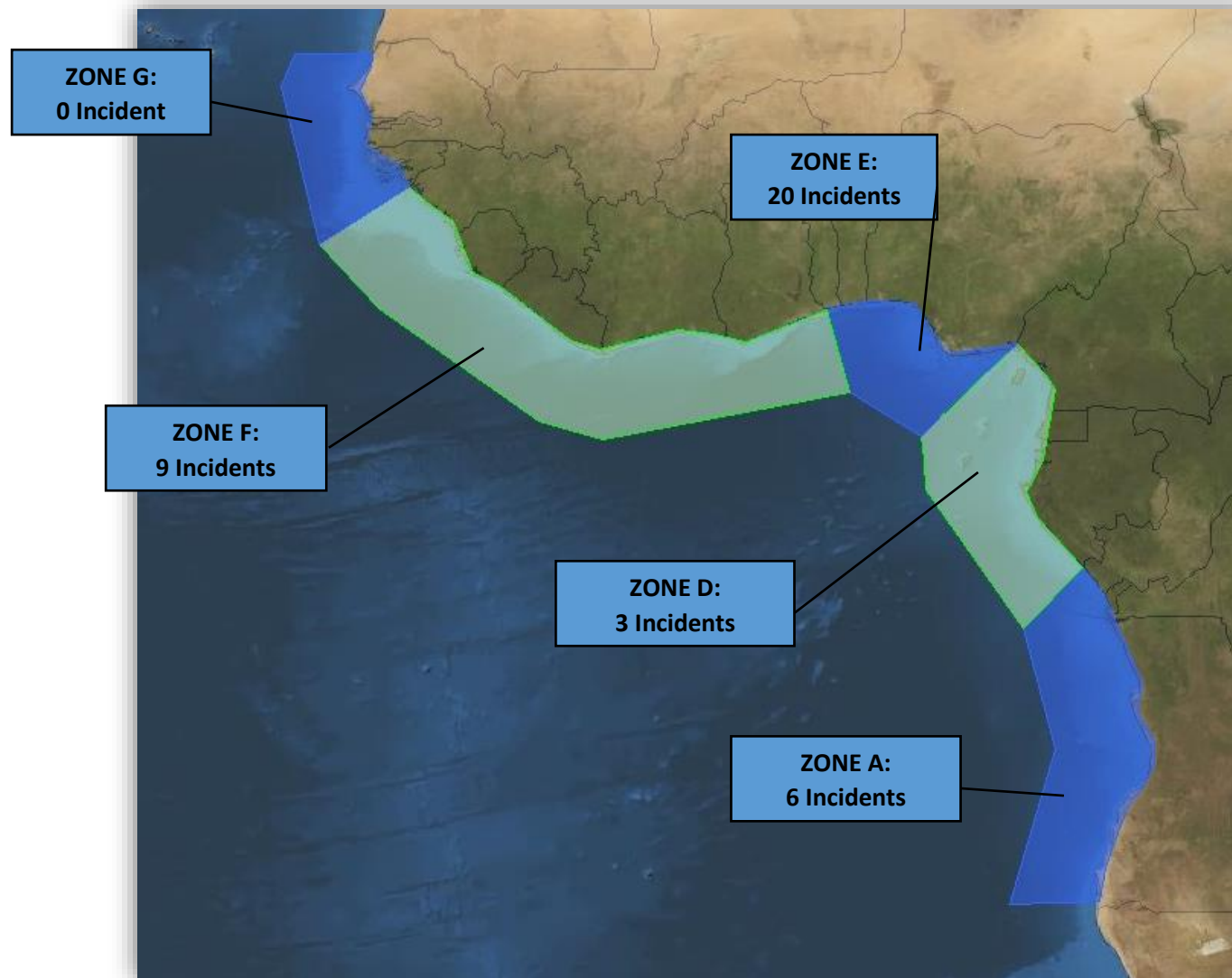
Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

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

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 6
- Attack: 9
- Boarding: 4
- Susp. approach: 2
- Robbery: 7
- Theft: 6
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 4

GLOBAL MAP OF INCIDENTS

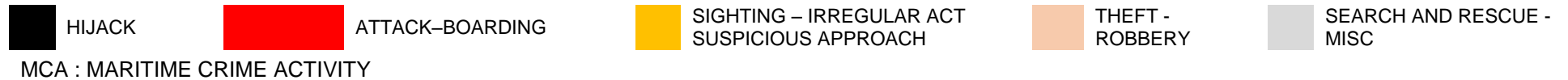
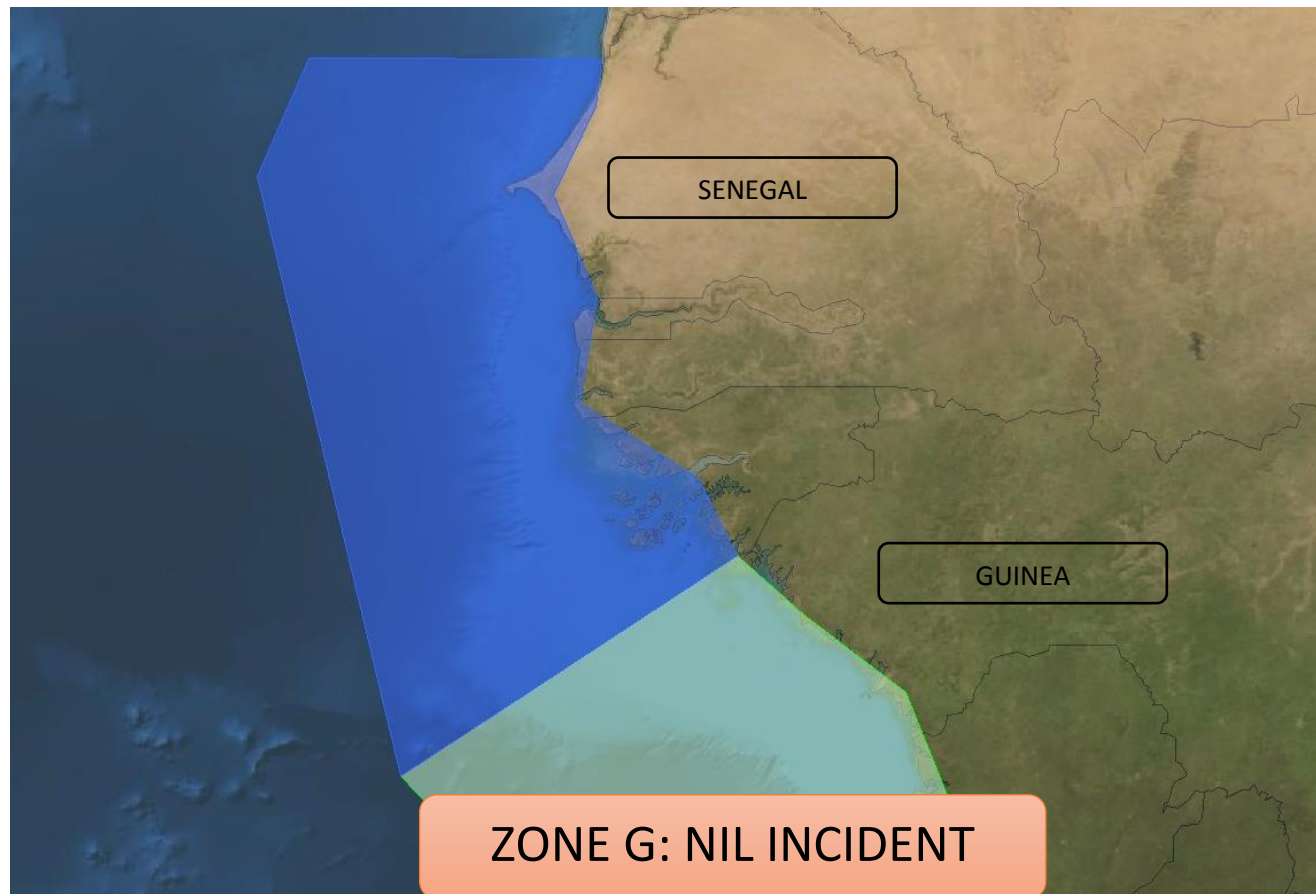
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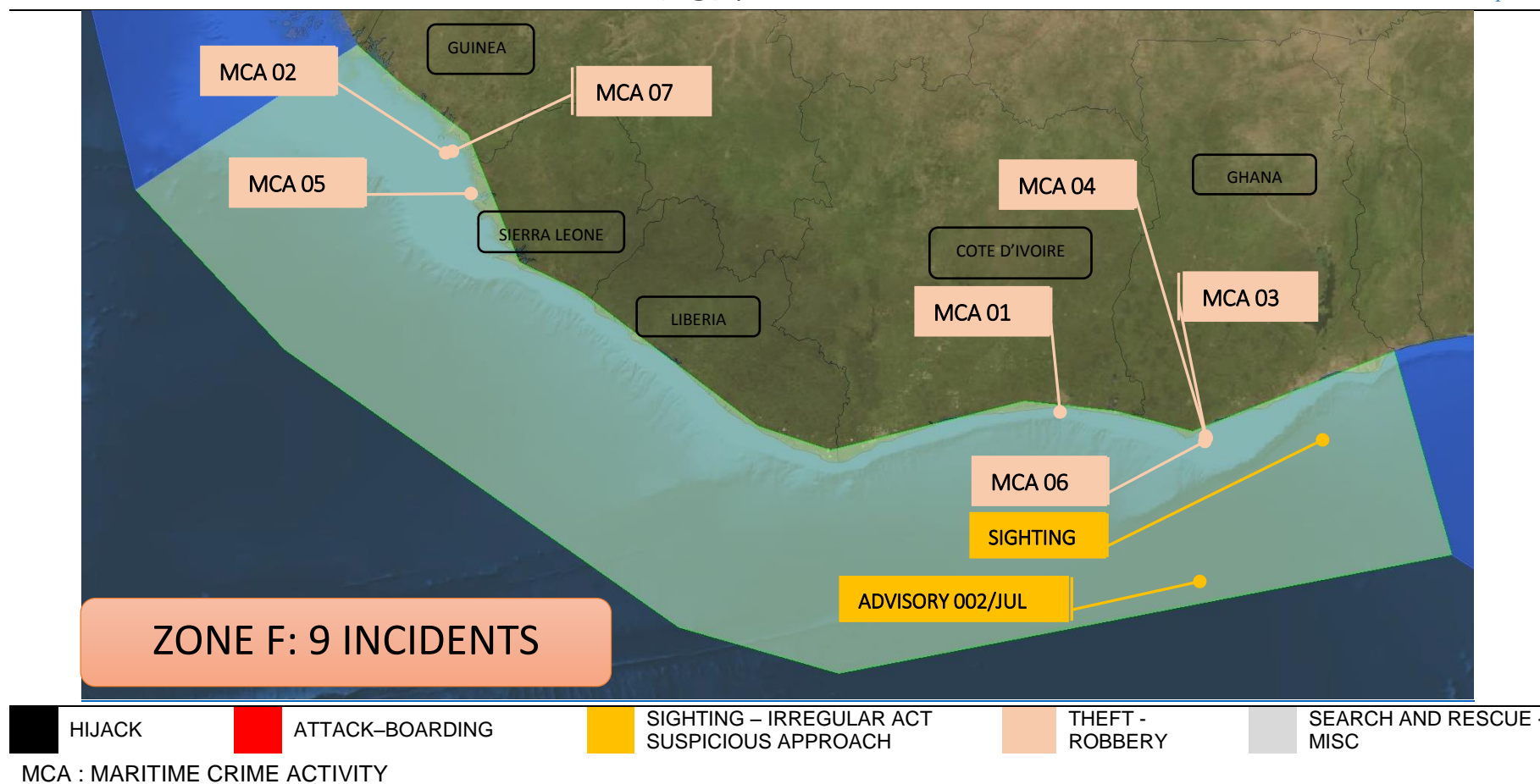
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DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 054/18

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| <u>Category</u> | Suspicious Approach | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 22 Jul. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 13:50 |
| <u>Position</u> | 01°30N – 001°15E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 140/270NM off Takoradi, GHANA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | Adrift | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Part. Cloudy Wind:23 knots SW Sea:SW force : 5/6 Swell high : 3.5 MTR |

Description:

On 22nd July 2018 at 1350UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a blue and white fishing vessel. Fishing vessel launched 2 skiffs which approached MV and attempted to board. MV conducted evasive manoeuvres preventing skiffs getting within 0.5nm.

Duration of Attack:

30 Minutes

Method Of Approach:

Attempt to approach

Type of Vessel used:

Fishing vessel (equipped with a derrick) and two skiffs (one red and one black)

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 002/Jul/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/30](#) and [Quarterly 18/03](#)

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Incident 084/18

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Sighting | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Undefined |
| <u>Date</u> | 08 Dec. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 11:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°49'26N – 000°03E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 133/62NM off Accra, GHANA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On Saturday 08th December, in position: 04°49'62N - 000°03E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported being followed by a small suspect vessel with a white hull at a distance of 5 NM. Despite two changes of course, the suspect vessel continued to follow the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). After one hour, the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that the suspect skiff has stopped his course at 4 NM from the MT. It was concluded as a false alarm.

Duration of Attack:

1 H

Method Of Approach:

Following approach

Type of Vessel used:

Small Vessel with a white hull

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT – MOC Accra – MRCC Accra

[MDAT Reference](#) : [Weekly Report 18/50](#) and [Monthly 18/12](#)**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

| Maritime Crime Activity 01 | Event 053/18 |
|--|--------------|
| Abidjan, COTE D'IVOIRE Description: On the 22 nd July 2018, at 0005UTC in position 05°11N – 004°04W, an anchored MT(NAME WITHHELD) reported the theft of 3 mooring ropes by 3 men, one in the water, and 2 onboard a boat pulling them floating on the water. At 00:20UTC, attempts to retrieve ropes stopped as the boat has sped away pulling ropes away from tanker and into the darkness towards shore. Method Of Approach: Unknown Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: three mooring ropes stolen MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/30 and Quarterly 18/03 | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 02 | Event 058/18 |
|---|--------------|
| Conakry, GUINEA Description: On the 17th September at 0300UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded at Conakry Anchorage, in position 09°20'48N – 013°43'18W. Four intruders boarded the vessel via the anchor chain. They stayed 30 min before leaving the vessel. Vessel and Crew were safe. Port Control informed and Navy Patrol was send to assist. Method Of Approach: Anchor Chain Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew effects and cash stolen MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 001/SEP/18, Weekly 18/38 and Quarterly 18/03 | |

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

| Maritime Crime Activity 03 | Event 063/18 |
|---|--------------|
| Takoradi, GHANA Description: On Sunday 30 th September 2018 at 0402 UTC, in position 04°54'10N 001°41'17W (Takoradi anchorage) an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by two people via the anchor chain. The crew raised the alarm and the two intruders left the vessel. Nothing was stolen. Crew and vessel were safe. Method Of Approach: Anchor Chain Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 006/SEP/18, Weekly 18/40 and Quarterly 18/03 | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 04 | Event 064/18 |
|---|--------------|
| Takoradi, GHANA Description: On Tuesday 9 th October 2018 at 0315UTC, in position 04°53'00N - 001°45'00W (Takoradi anchorage) an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by one person via the anchor chain. The person left the vessel when spotted by a security patrol. Nothing was stolen. Crew and vessel were safe. Method Of Approach: Anchor chain port side hawse pipe Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 001/OCT/18, Weekly 18/41, Monthly 18/10 | |

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

| Maritime Crime Activity 05 | Event 070/18 |
|--|--------------|
| Freetown, SIERRA LEONE Description: On Saturday the 27 th October 2018 at 0420UTC, in position 08°28'18N - 013°23'42W (Freetown) an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by armed persons. They injured a crew member, and took a mobile phone and VHF equipment. They also stole a rope and life jackets. They made their escape when the alarm was sounded. Method Of Approach: By sea Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : 1 crew injured, 1 mooring ropes/6 life jackets/Walky-Talky-Mob/Phone stolen MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/44, Monthly 18/10 | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 06 | Event 071/18 |
|--|--------------|
| Sekondi/Takoradi, GHANA Description: On Sunday 28th October 2018 at 0230UTC, in position 04°56'24N - 001°42'00W, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded. Equipment was stolen from the container. Crew and vessel were safe. Method Of Approach: Shadows at the stern, they used mooring lines to board Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : Equipment stolen from container MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/44 , Monthly 18/10 | |

MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

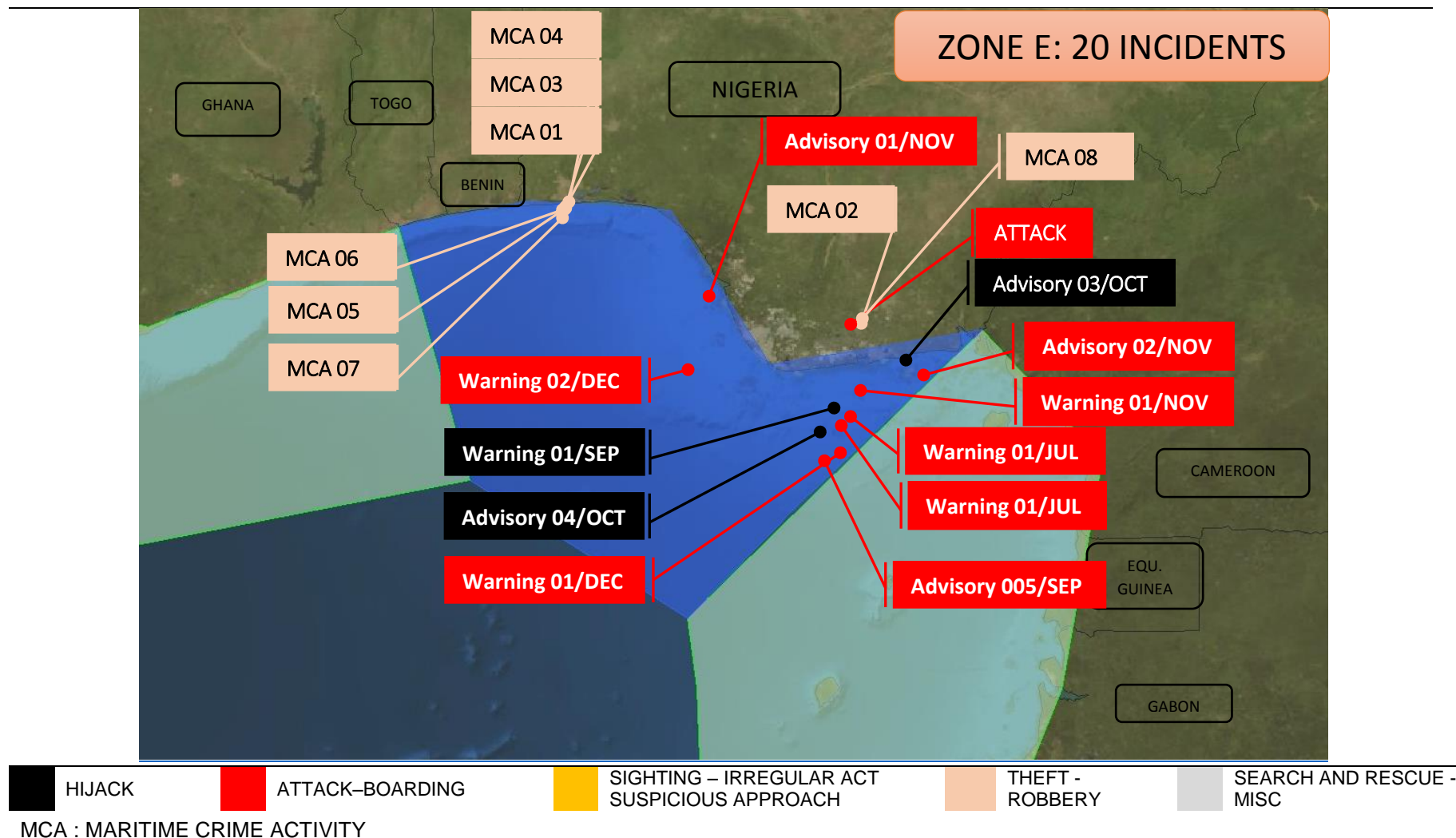
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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

| Maritime Crime Activity 07 | Event 079/18 |
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| <p>Conakry, GUINEA</p> <p>Description: On Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 0300UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) in position 09°19'48N – 013°44'06W had been boarded by 6 armed robbers (one more stayed on each boat) while at anchorage. Some personal items were stolen and boarders fled on 2 black skiffs.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Using black skiff for the approach and boarding by ladders.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : Ship properties (cell phone, laptop, Camera, HDD, cash)</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly Report 18/47, Monthly 18/11</p> | |

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Incident 050/18

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|--------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 01 Jul. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 09:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°53N – 006°42E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 220/40NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Rain |

Description:

An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a fast boat with 9 men on board. Shots were fired towards the bridge. Boarding failed due to evasive manoeuvres and presence of security team. Vessel was attacked again few minutes later by another fast boat. The both attacks failed.

Duration of Attack:

10 minutes

Method Of Approach:

Small boat with gunshots

Type of Vessel used:

Boat with hinged motor.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Several holes in superstructure due to the gunshots.

Incident reported to :

MDAT, MOC Bonny

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/Jul/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/27](#) and [Quarterly 18/03](#)

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Incident 057/18

ATTACK

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| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 08 Sep. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | Unk |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°42N – 006°52E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 158/14 off Port Harcourt, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On 08th September 2018 (time undetermined), State Marine Police patrol on routine patrol, along Isaka/Okrika waterways, (Bonny River), intercepted and exchanged gunshots with unknown armed men (4), on board one speed boat. According to State Marine Police, 2 sea pirates killed and 2 others arrested. Weapons and Ammunitions, speed boat collected by Marine Police.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown

Method Of Approach:

Unknown

Type of Vessel used:

Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Unknown**Incident reported to:**

MDAT

MDAT Reference: [Weekly Report 18/37 and Quarterly 18/03](#)**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 060/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 22 Sep. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 05:05 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°45'32N – 006°43'01E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 215/30NM of Bonny NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Clear |

Description:

On 22nd September 2018 at 0505UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°45'32N – 006°43'01E by armed pirates. The ship was released and then headed into port.

Duration of Attack:

Approx 1 H

Method Of Approach:

Surrounding

Type of Vessel used:

Speedboat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Unknown**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC Bonny

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/SEP/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/39](#) and [Quarterly 18/03](#)

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Incident 062/18

ADVISORY 005/SEP

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| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 25 Sep. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 11:51 |
| <u>Position</u> | 02°51N – 006°44E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 200/106NM off Bonny NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Clear Wind SW 4/5 Swell SSW 3 |

Description:

On 25th September 2018 at 1151UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one speed boat with seven people on board. Shots were fired in the vessel's direction. Attacked was thwarted by the arrival of a local security vessel. Crew & vessel were safe.

Duration of Attack:

20 minutes

Method Of Approach:

From aft starboard side.

Type of Vessel used:

Black coloured speedboat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC ONNE

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 005/SEP/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/39](#) and [Quarterly 18/03](#)

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Incident 068/18

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 25 Oct. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 20:30 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°21'42N – 007°42'56E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 095/35NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

Time Late Report received that an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by an unknown number of speed boats and pirates at approx. 2030UTC, Thursday the 25th October 2018. The exact position of the attack is unknown, nevertheless it can be estimated at the following point position 04°21'42N – 007°42'56E. Vessel was safe.

Duration of Attack:

NIL

Method Of Approach:

NIL

Type of Vessel used:

NIL

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MOC Bonny, ERCC CALABAR, MDAT

MDAT Reference: [Weekly Report 18/44](#), [Advisory 003/OCT/18](#) and [Monthly 18/10](#)**INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**

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Incident 069/18

ADVISORY 004/OCT

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 27 Oct. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 04 : 00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°21'00N – 006°30'00E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 225/60NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On 27th October 2018 at 0400UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°21'N – 006°30'E (225°/ 60nm of Bonny, NIGERIA).

Duration of Attack:

Unknown

Method Of Approach:

Unknown

Type of Vessel used:

Two Skiffs

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MOC BONNY, NNS TITAN, MDAT

MDAT Reference: [Weekly Report 18/44](#), [Advisory 004/OCT/18](#) and [Monthly 18/10](#)

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Incident 075/18

WARNING 001/NOV

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 06 Nov. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 06:12 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°57'22N – 006°50'35E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 202/33NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | No rain, clear sky, Light breeze / Northerly Smooth sea, Low short swell |

Description:

On Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 0612UTC, in position 03°57'22N 006°50'35E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one speedboat with nine POB who fired on the MV. The crew proceeded to the safe haven. The pirates had tried five unsuccessful attempts and aborted the attack when the Nigerian Navy arrived on scene. Crew and ship were safe.

Duration of Attack:

Approx. 43 minutes

Method Of Approach:

Full speed boat and 5 attempts to board the MV on port side, starboard side and astern.

Type of Vessel used:

Open Fibre Boat with two outboard engines.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Two bullets struck on the hull and bridge window. Crew safe.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, UK Coastguard, MOC Bonny, Nigerian Navy, CIC Yaoundé

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/NOV/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/45](#), [Monthly 18/11](#).

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Incident 076/18

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|--------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 11 Nov. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 06:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 05°08N – 005°20E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 220/17NM off Burutu, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

Time Late Report, on Sunday 11th November at 0600UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 05°08N - 005°20E during a ship to ship operation. The Security team present on board thwarted the attack. Crew and ship were safe.

Duration of Attack

Unknown

Method Of Approach

Small boat during a ship to ship operation

Type of Vessel used

Small blue coloured boat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew and ship safe**Incident reported to :**

MDAT, MOC Yenagoa

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/NOV/18, Weekly Report 18/46, Monthly 18/11.**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 081/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 22 Nov. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 00:50 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°13'23N – 008°03'25E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 102/56NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On Thursday 22nd November, at around 0050UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°13'39N 008°03'42E by sea pirates on board one speed boat with a blue hull. Two armed pirates boarded the vessel and the crew of the MV were mustered in citadel. VHF contact was established with a security vessel in the vicinity, around 30 min later, security vessel was along side the MV. No speed boat was found in the area. Crew came out of the Citadel. All safe and unharmed.

Duration of Attack:

More than 30 minutes

Method Of Approach:

One speed boat

Type of Vessel used:

Speed boat blue hull

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Damage on bridge windows

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC Bonny

MDAT Reference: Advisory 002/NOV/18, Weekly Report 47/18 , Monthly 18/11

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Incident 083/18

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 04 Dec. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 18:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°08N – 006°20E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 213/90NM, Bonny NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On Tuesday 04th December, in position 03°08N - 006°20E at 1800UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked. Pirates climbed onboard and crew was mustered in citadel. A security vessel after monitoring closely to the MV, didn't see any evidence of pirates on board, so the crew came out the citadel. The vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack:

02h30

Method Of Approach:

Assessment with gunshots fired. After the harassment, Pirates used ladder to board the MV.

Type of Vessel used:

Speed Boat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Gunshots impacts, Navigation/Electronic equipment damaged, Crew properties, portable radios food, valuables stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC BONNY, Security Patrol Boat.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/DEC/18, Weekly 18/49.](#)

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Incident 085/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 15 Dec. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 00:35 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°56N – 004°53E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 204/93NM off Burutu, NIGERIA |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Mod Sea Swell 1.5 M Visibility Clear |

Description:

On Saturday 15th December at 0035UTC, in position 03°56N - 004°53.39E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff with 7 POB. After gunshots exchange between pirates and Security team on board, the attack was thwarted. MT and Crew were safe.

Duration of Attack:

1H

Method Of Approach:

Aggressive with exchange of gunshots fire

Type of Vessel used:

Fiber Hull Speed Boat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Gunshots holes**Incident reported to:**

MDAT – Nigerian Navy – MOC Bonny – MOC Brass – ERCC Calabar

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/Dec/18, Weekly 18/51, Monthly 18/12](#)**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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| Maritime Crime Activity 01 | Event 052/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA</p> <p>Description: On 3rd July 2018 at 0029UTC, an anchored MT (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by one man. Once spotted and authorities advised, the intruder left the tanker on board a boat tied up to the anchor chain. Vessel and crew were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Unknown</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Unknown</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 001/JUL/18, Weekly 18/27 and Quarterly 18/03</p> | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 02 | Event 056/18 |
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| <p>Onne, NIGERIA</p> <p>Description: On 21st August 2018 at 0140UTC, a vessel (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded at ONNE Port Anchorage, in position 04°40N / 007°09E. Four intruders boarded the vessel with weapons. Cans of Oil were stolen and the intruders left without entering the ship. Vessel and crew were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Quiet with oars, no engine</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : Robbery of paint and oil small drums</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 002/AUG/18, Weekly Report 18/34 and Quarterly 18/03</p> | |

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| Maritime Crime Activity 03 | Event 059/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA</p> <p>Description: On Thursday the 20th September 2018 at 2345UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was approached by two boats at Lagos anchorage at 06°16'51N 003°13'16E. At 2358UTC, two unauthorised personnel were spotted on the Main deck. Once challenged, they escaped with a rope tied on board. Nothing was reported as stolen.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: They climbed with rope on forecastle break port side, pushed clear the bottom layer of razor wire & sneaked in.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 002/SEP/18, Weekly 18/38 and Quarterly 18/03</p> | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 04 | Event 065/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA,</p> <p>Description: On Sunday 14th October 2018 at 0045UTC, in position 06°17'33N 003°13'47E (Lagos anchorage) an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by two intruders. Once spotted by the watchmen, the intruders jumped overboard and escaped by boat. Nothing was stolen. Crew and vessel were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Unnoticed</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/42, Monthly 18/10</p> | |

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| Maritime Crime Activity 05 | Event 066/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA Description: On Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 0155UTC, in position 06°15'54N – 003°13'18E (Lagos Anchorage) A speed boat was spotted nearby the anchor chain of an MV (NAME WITHHELD) with four persons on board. The alarm was raised and the boat moved away from position. Nothing was stolen. Crew and vessel were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Nearby anchor chain</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/42 and Monthly 18/10</p> | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 06 | Event 077/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA, Description: On Wednesday 14th November at 0130UTC an MV (NAME WITHHELD) in position 06°16'36 N – 003°17'48E, an intruder was found on main deck of the MV. The alarm was raised and the intruder jumped overboard. A Nigerian Navy Ship came to assist the MV. Crew and ship were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Use of a small wooden craft</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly Report 18/46, Monthly 18/11</p> | |

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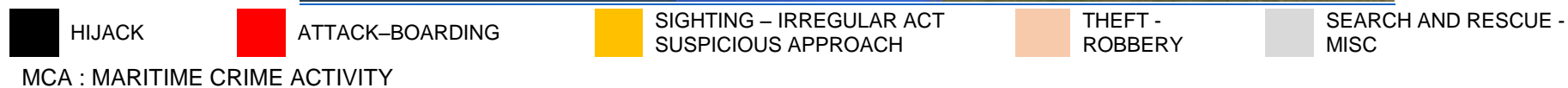
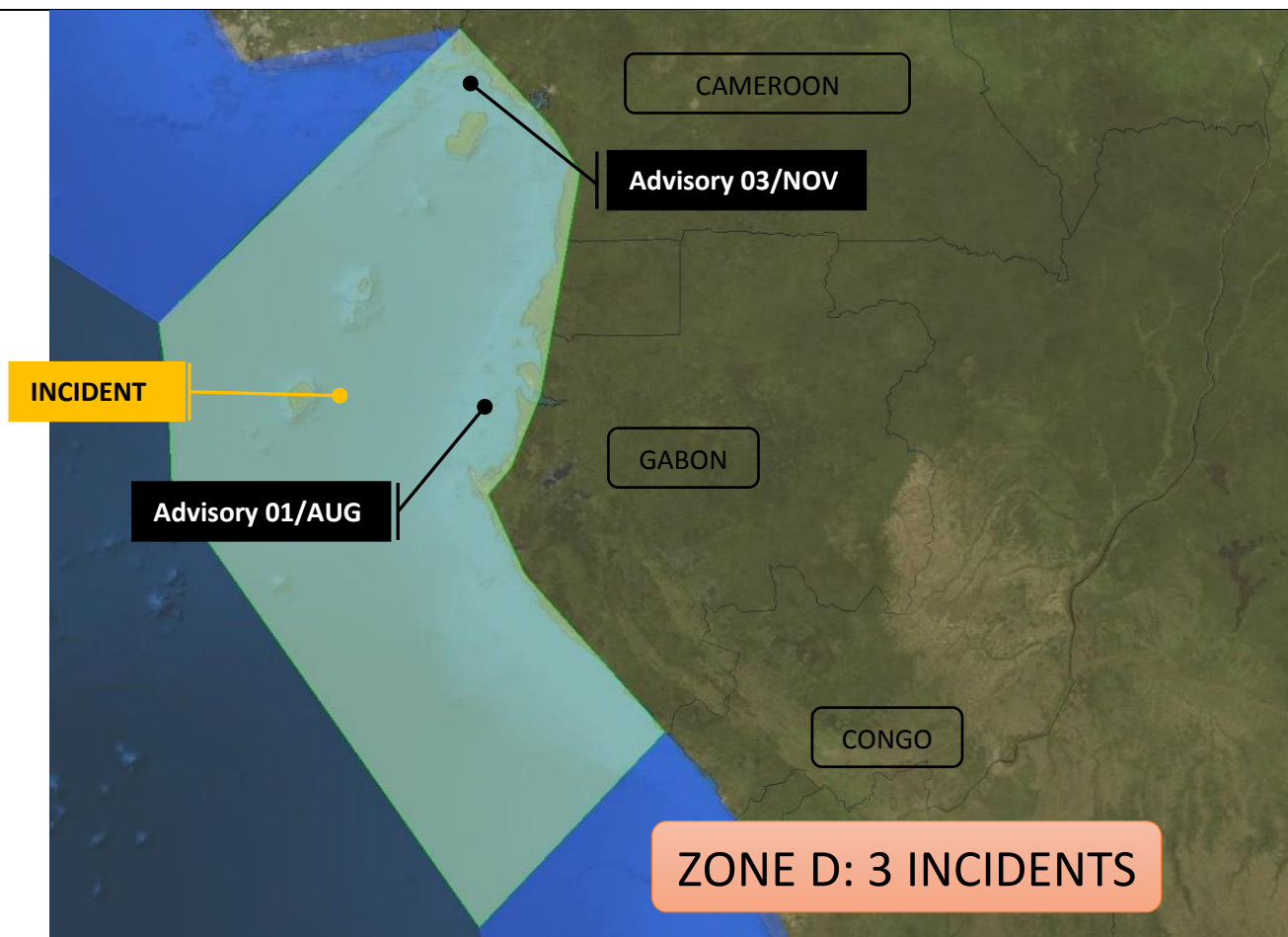
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| Maritime Crime Activity 07 | Event 080/18 |
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| <p>Lagos, NIGERIA</p> <p>Description: On Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 2118UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) in position 06°21'24N – 003°19'18E was boarded by 2 robbers while at anchorage. Vessel and crew were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Boarded the vessel via a rope attached to bitts on main deck.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 47/18, Monthly 18/11</p> | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 08 | Event 086/18 |
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| <p>Onne, NIGERIA</p> <p>Description:. On Saturday 15th December 2018 at 0235UTC, an MV (NAME UNKNOWN) in position 04°40'06N – 007°09'00E was boarded by robbers while at anchorage. One intruder was spotted and escaped over board empty handed. Vessel and crew were safe. Source: Clearwater.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Use of a small wooden canoe.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo : None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/51, Monthly 18/12.</p> | |

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Incident 055/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 14 Aug. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 02:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 00°27N – 009°30E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 107/10NM off Libreville, GABON |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | Unknown | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On 14th August at approximately 0200UTC, all communication or positioning information have been lost with a Tanker (**NAME WITHHELD**) which had just arrived in vicinity of Libreville anchorage.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown

Method Of Approach:

Unknown

Type of Vessel used:

Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC LIBREVILLE, UK Coast Guard, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Coast Guard

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/AUG/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/33](#) and [Quarterly 18/03](#)

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Incident 078/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Suspicious Approach | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 17 Nov. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 13:48 |
| <u>Position</u> | 00°40'00N – 007°12'00E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 121/33NM off São Tomé, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | Adrift | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Clear, Wind 12 Kts SW Swell SSW 1.5Mtrs |

Description:

On Saturday 17th November, in position 00°40N - 007°12E at 1348UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached to within 1NM by a skiff. After carrying out evasives manoeuvres, the Ship and Crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown

Method Of Approach:

Unknown

Type of Vessel used:

Wooden Boat, Dark Grey Colour.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, SAO TOME AUTHORITY

MDAT Reference: [Weekly Report 47/18, Monthly 18/11.](#)**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 082/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 23 Nov. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 02:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°18N – 008°47E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 311/28NM, Limboh CAMEROON |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | Unknown | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Unknown |

Description:

On Friday 23rd November 2018 at 0200 UTC, five trawlers (**NAME WITHHELD**) had been attacked by an unknown number of pirates in position 04°18N - 008°47E. Bearing 160°, 12NM from Bakassi Peninsula. The ships were released and were safe. Patrol boats investigated the area.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown

Method Of Approach:

Unknown

Type of Vessel used:

Unknown

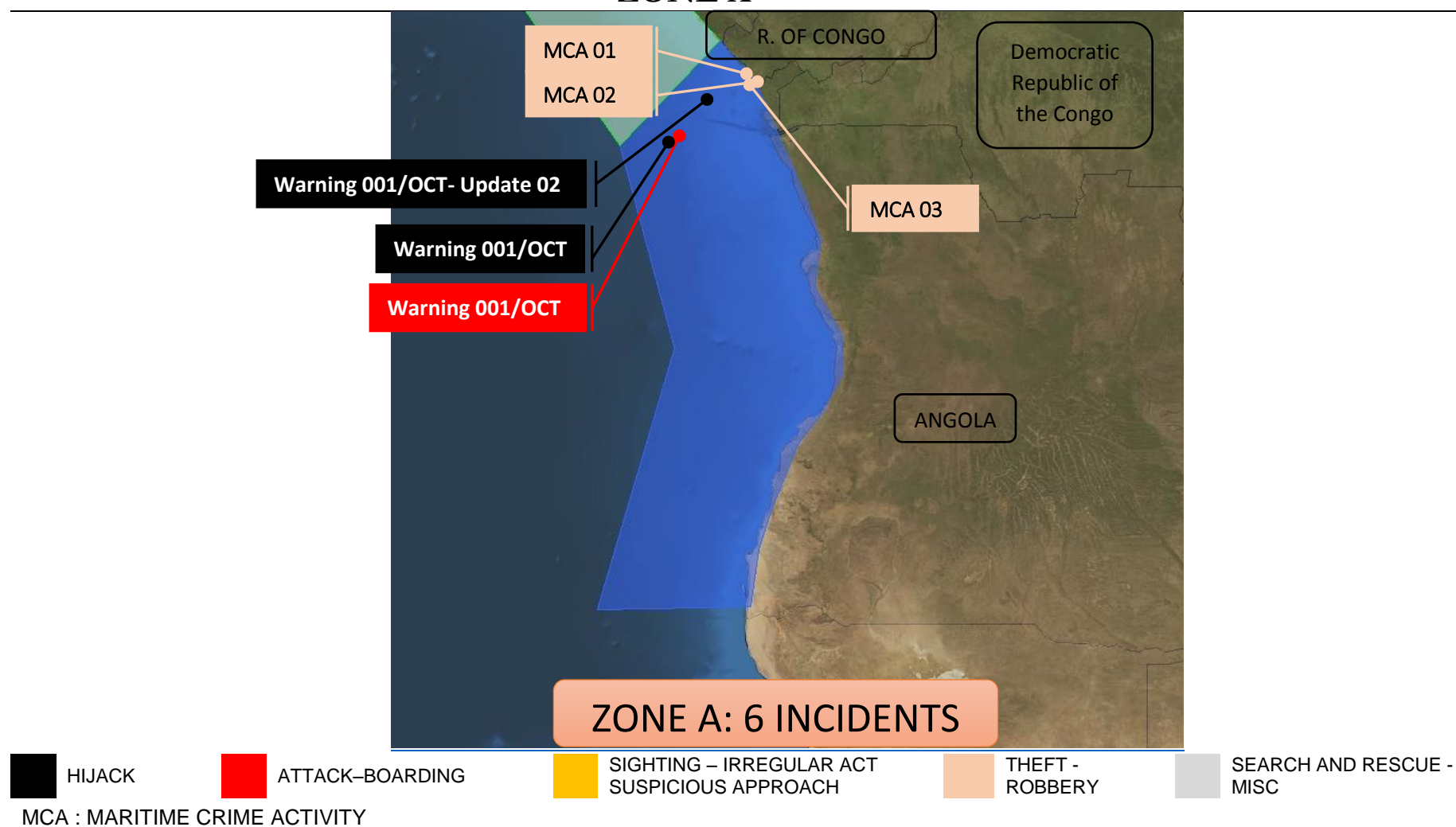
Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC DOUALA, MOC IDENAO, CRESMAC, ICC YAOUNDE

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/NOV/18, Weekly report 48/18 and Monthly 18/11**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 072/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 29 Oct. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 03 :30 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°57'30S – 010°44'00E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 249/66NM off Pointe- Noire, REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | Adrift | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Cloudy Wind 7/SW Swell 2M |

Description:

On Monday 29th October 2018 at 0330UTC, in position 04°57'30S - 010°44E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 10 pirates on board. After spending 09h50 approximately on board, they left the MV. Ship was safe.

Duration of Attack:

Approx 9.5Hrs

Method Of Approach:

Direct, undetected by radar.

Type of Vessel used:

Fast boat

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship Safe

Incident reporting:

MDAT, MOC DOUALA, MOC Libreville, MOC Pointe-Noire, MICC YAOUNDE, CERESMAC Pointe-Noire

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/OCT/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/44](#), [Monthly 18/10](#)

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Incident 073/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Hijack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Successful |
| <u>Date</u> | 29 Oct. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 12 :50 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°47'00S – 010°07'00E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 270/102NM off Pointe- Noire, REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Clear, Calm Seas |

Description:

On Monday 29th October at 1250UTC, in position 04°47S - 010°07E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff launched from a hijacked cargo ship during a bunkering.

Duration of Attack:

Thirty minutes

Method Of Approach:

Boarding

Type of Vessel used:

Speed boat and hijacked vessel

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship Safe**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC DOUALA, MOC Libreville, MOC Pointe-Noire, MICC YAOUNDE, CERESMAC Pointe-Noire

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/OCT/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/44](#), [Monthly 18/10](#)

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Incident 074/18

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| <u>Category</u> | Attack | <u>Status of Incident</u> | Failed |
| <u>Date</u> | 29 Oct. 18 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 12:50 |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°47'00S – 010°07'00E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 270/102NM off Pointe- Noire, REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
| <u>Status of Vessel</u> | En Route | <u>Weather during the Attack</u> | Clear, Calm Seas |

Description:

On Monday 29th October at 1250UTC, in position 04°47S - 010°07E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff launched from a hijacked cargo ship during a bunkering.

Duration of Attack:

Thirty Minutes

Method Of Approach:

Boarding, fired upon

Type of Vessel used:

Speed boat and hijacked vessel

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: All safe**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC DOUALA, MOC Libreville, MOC Pointe-Noire, MICC YAOUNDE, CERESMAC Pointe-Noire

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/OCT/18](#), [Weekly Report 18/44](#), [Monthly 18/10](#)

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| Maritime Crime Activity 01 | Event 061/18 |
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| <p>Pointe-Noire, REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Description: On the 25th of September 2018, at 0100UTC, two men in orange coveralls with knives were spotted by the crew of an MV (NAME WITHHELD) who raised the alarm. The robbers managed to escape with ship's properties.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Through Anchor Chain</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 2 Mooring rope stolen</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 004/OCT/18, Weekly Report 18/39, Quarterly 18/03</p> | |

| Maritime Crime Activity 02 | Event 067/18 |
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| <p>Pointe-Noire, REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Description: On Monday the 22nd October 2018 at 2328UTC, in position at 04°46'46S - 011°47'30E (Pointe Noire) an MV (NAME WITHHELD) has been boarded by armed persons. They boarded via the anchor chain. Crew and vessel were safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Via Anchor Hawse Pipe</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 1&1/2 Mooring rope stolen</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly Report 18/43, Advisory 002/OCT/18, Monthly 18/10</p> | |

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

| Maritime Crime Activity 03 | Event 087/18 |
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| REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Pointe-Noire Description: On Saturday 22 nd December 2018 at 0059UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) in position 04°44'54S - 011°45'24E at Pointe-Noire Anchorage was boarded by at least 4 robbers who were spotted by deck patrol. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered in citadel. The intruders escaped. Ship and Crew were safe. Method Of Approach: By sea with a small fishing vessel. Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 18/52, Monthly 18/12 | |