



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 01/2019 January

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).

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.

8 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for January 2019, Serials 001/19 to 008/19.

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 intentions-

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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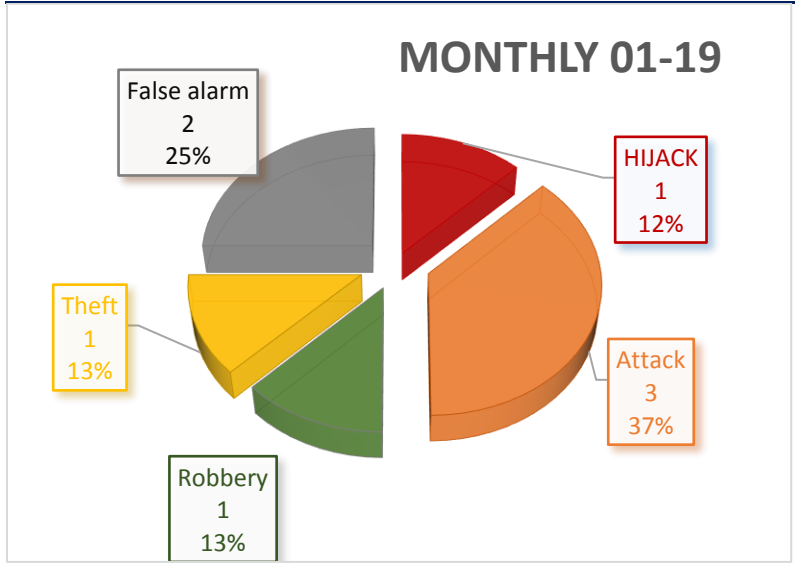
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MONTHLY STATISTICS

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ADVISORIES:
Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

WARNINGS:
1 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/JAN/19	HIJACK
002/JAN/19	ATTACK
003/JAN/19	ATTACK
004/JAN/19 Update 1	ATTACK

DRILL EXERCICE

Date

Company

INCIDENTS reported

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

NOTICES

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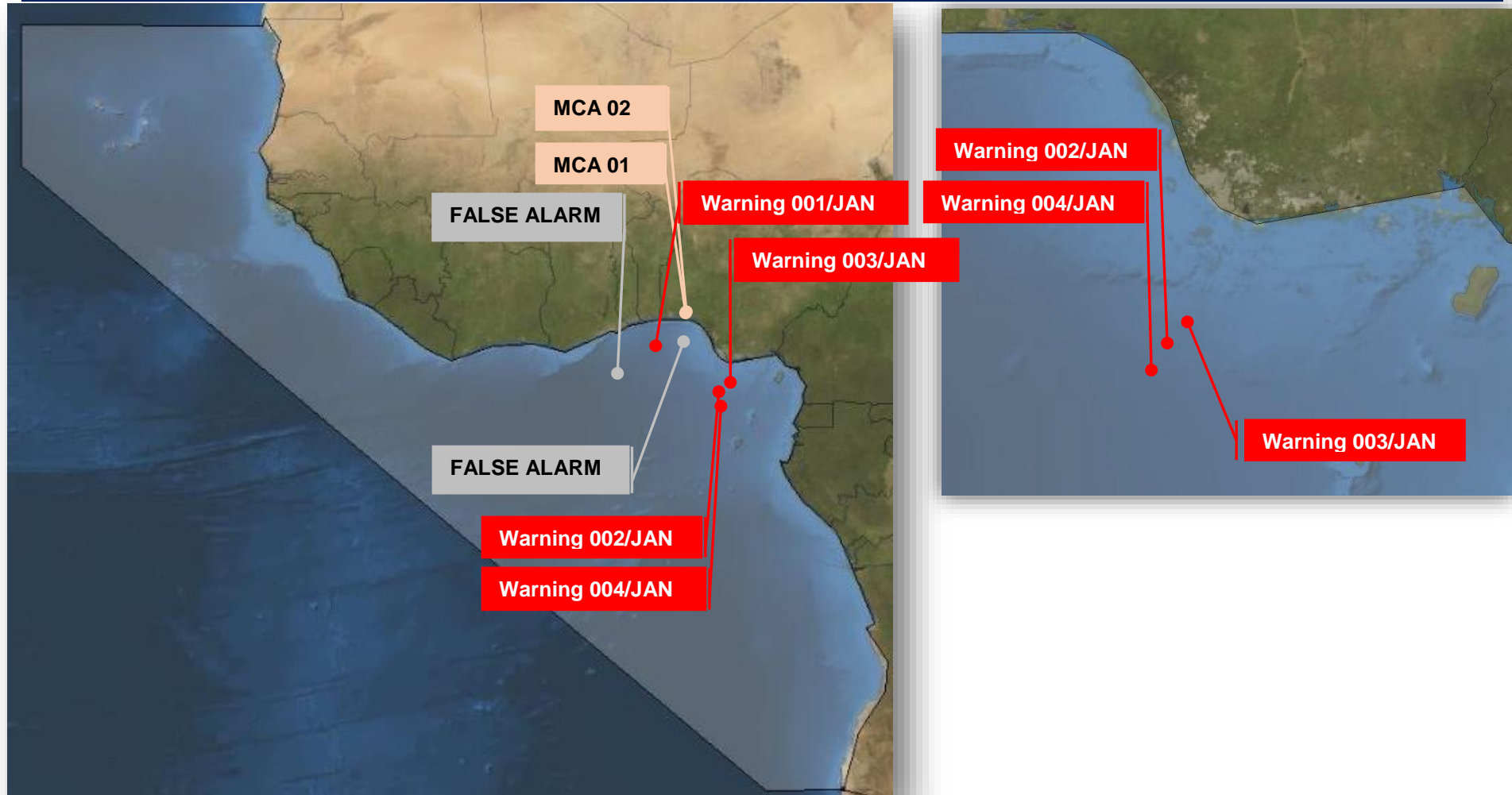
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MAP OF INCIDENTS

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- 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 001/19

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	02 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	00:00
<u>Position</u>	05°28N – 002°21E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	185/51NM off Cotonou BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description:

On Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 0000UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 05°28N - 002°21E. The ship is safe.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown.

Method Of Approach:

Unknown.

Type of Vessel used:

Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Unknown.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC COTONOU.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/JAN/19](#) and [Weekly 19-01](#).

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Incident 004/19

<u>Category</u>	False Alarm	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Undefined
<u>Date</u>	21 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	12:55
<u>Position</u>	05°45'54N – 003°22'30E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	183/34 off Lagos NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description:

On Monday 21st January 2019 at 1255 UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 05°45'54N/003°22'30E reported a suspicious speed craft (speed 23 knts) at 4 NM off her position. After monitoring and updating the situation with the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and her CSO, the situation became safe and clear without threat.

With all the elements known by MDAT and because there was no increase of the threat, this incident is classified as False Alarm.

Duration of Attack:

1H.

Method Of Approach:

None.

Type of Vessel used:

Speed craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MRCC Lagos.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-04](#)

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Incident 005/19

<u>Category</u>	False Alarm	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Undefined
<u>Date</u>	24 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	15:15
<u>Position</u>	04°29'19N – 000°30'58E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	204/76 off Tema GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description:

On Thursday 24th January 2019 at 1515UTC in position 04° 29'19"N 000°30'58"E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a small speed craft with 5 POB following her course at 3NM. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) uses whistle and flashed search light at it. At 1600UTC the small craft withdrew. In total, the MV had been followed for 40 minutes.

With all the elements known by MDAT and because there was no increase of the threat, this incident is classified as False Alarm.

Duration of Attack:

40 minutes.

Method Of Approach:

Following the ship.

Type of Vessel used:

Small speed craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-04](#)

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Incident 006/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	24 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	19:33
<u>Position</u>	03°42'01N – 006°10'30E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	233/72 off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Partly Cloudy Skies Wind: SW x 4 Moderate Sea Swell: 0.3 M

Description:

On Thursday 24th January 2019 at 1933UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff in position 03°42'01"N 006°10'30"E. Despite an exchange of fire from the attackers, vessel and crew are safe.

Duration of Attack:

Unknown.

Method Of Approach:

Following the ship.

Type of Vessel used:

Unseen.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Impacts from gunshots.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC BONNY, NIGERIAN NAVY.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/JAN/19](#) and [Weekly 19-04](#)

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Incident 007/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	25 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	00:15
<u>Position</u>	03°42'01N – 006°10'30E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	228/67 off Bonny NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Partly Cloudy Skies Wind: SW x 4 Moderate Sea Swell: 0.3 M

Description:

On Friday 25th January 2019 at 0015UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 5-7 POB in position 03°40'48"N - 006°19'00"E. Despite an exchange of fire from the attackers, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) applied BMP 5 procedures and increased the distance with the skiff. Vessel and crew are safe.

Duration of Attack:

10 – 15 Mins

Method Of Approach:

From Port beam backing out going towards the stern and approach the starboard quarter.

Type of Vessel used:

Wooden or plastic skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Impacts from gunshots.

Incident reported to :

MDAT, MOC BONNY, NIGERIAN NAVY.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 003/JAN/19 and Weekly 19-04](#)

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Incident 008/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	25 Jan. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	15:35
<u>Position</u>	03°02N – 006°05E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	217/104 off Bonny NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear skies, Wind: BF2 – NW, Sea: Slight, Swell: Low

Description:

On Friday 25th January 2019 at 1530UTC, an MT(**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by two skiffs with 7/8 POB in position 03°02N - 006°05E. The skiffs were equipped by machine guns and other weapons were lying inside them. They fired aerial shots several times and tried to board the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) Duration of attack was approximately 37 minutes. After failing to board, they abandoned their attack and withdrew. Vessel and Crew are safe.

Duration of Attack:

37 Minutes.

Method Of Approach:

Originally seemed to pass clear of MT on starboard and then once at starboard beam they immediately altered course towards vessel heading straight towards the MT.

Type of Vessel used:

2 speed boats armed with machine guns.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC BONNY, MOC BRASS.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 004/JAN/19 update 1 and Weekly 19-05](#)

INCIDENT CLOSED

MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01	Event 002/19
<p>NIGERIA, Lagos</p> <p>Description: On Thursday 03rd January 2019 at 2325UTC, an MT (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by two robbers during a cargo operation. Once spotted by the duty AB, they jumped to the water. Vessel and crew are safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: Using a craft like a canoe rowing to the MV. No use of motor.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: None</p>	

Maritime Crime Activity 02	Event 003/19
<p>NIGERIA, Lagos</p> <p>Description: On Monday 07th January 2019 at 0110UTC, 4-5 persons attempted to board an MV (NAME WITHHELD) at Lagos Port. They escaped when the general alarm was raised. A Nigerian Navy Boat came to assist the MV. Ship and crew are safe.</p> <p>Method Of Approach: High speed skiff.</p> <p>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: None</p> <p>MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-02</p>	