



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 18-17

28th April – 05th May 2017

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

OVERVIEW

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. Some vessels / masters are still attempting to register with the now closed MTISC-GOG. Masters and CSOs are urged to ensure they have the correct details, these can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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

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 quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

6 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG this week.

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.

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- [Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
- [Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)



- ★ Hijack - Kidnap - Attack
- ★ Robbery - Theft - Boarding
- ★ Suspicious approach Irregular activity
- ★ Miscellaneous

Date	Type	Rge/Brg from nearest shore	Summary of event
28/04/2017	ATTACK	35 NM/180 from Bonny, NIGERIA	At around 18:50Zhrs in position 03°45N / 007°04E, a merchant vessel leaving Nigeria was approached by four fast boats. Shots were fired at the merchant vessel who managed to escape by increasing her speed. No damage or casualties were reported. The ship resumed her course and left the area. MDAT-GoG comments: This event refers to Warning 004/APR/17
29/04/2017	ATTACK	30 NM/180 from Bonny, NIGERIA	At around 04:14Zhrs in position 03°50N / 006°45E, a merchant vessel was attacked whilst she was proceeding to Bonny Pilot Station Nigeria, approximately 30nm from the coast. Shots were fired at her but she managed to escape by increasing her speed. No damage or casualties were reported. As the attack ended, the vessel went to NIGERIA escorted by the NIGERIAN NAVY. MDAT-GoG comments: This event refers to Warning 003/APR/17
29/04/2017	HIJACK	37 NM/180 from Bonny, NIGERIA	At around 07:55Zhrs in position 03°41N / 006°46E, a merchant vessel was attacked whilst she was leaving Nigeria. Two skiffs manned by 7 to 8 persons approached the vessel at a high speed (30 knots) and pirates boarded her. The crew remained in the citadel during the attack. In early afternoon, 2 units of the Nigerian Navy reached the position of the attack. After few hours the Nigerian Navy boarded the vessel. No casualties were reported. The vessel was finally set sail to Onne, escorted by a Nigerian Navy ship. MDAT-GoG comments: This event refers to Warning 005/APR/17 and WARNING 005/APR/17UPDATE

29/04/2017	ATTACK	45 NM/180 from Bonny, NIGERIA	At around 18:00Zhrs in position 03°46N / 006°44E, a merchant vessel was attacked by two inflatable skiffs which looked like Special Forces crafts. The merchant vessel was leaving Bonny Terminal and was fired upon after her escort vessel had departed. 5 to 10 shots were fired at the vessel. The merchant vessel increased speed, altered course and took defensive action (VHF16 alarm, use of water spray, barbed wire). No casualties were reported. Pirates aborted and vessel is safe. <u>MDAT-GoG comments:</u> This event refers to Warning 006/APR/17
30/04/2017	THEFT	Abidjan anchorage	At around 00:45Zhrs in position 05°12N / 004°02W, security patrol on board a merchant vessel detected suspicious movements on forecastle. After rising the alarm, one thief jumped over board and reached a wooden boat fitted with three persons. One mooring rope was stolen. <u>MDAT-GoG comments:</u> This event refers to Advisory 001/MAY/17
02/05/2017	ATTEMPTED BOARDING	6 NM/ 180 from Tema, GHANA	At around 09:20Zhrs in position 05°32N / 000°01E, duty crew on board a merchant vessel spotted two persons climbing the port anchor chain. A fishing boat with 2 people on board waited by the port anchor chain pretending to be fishermen, until the alarm was raised. Incident was reported to Tema Port Control, Ghana. <u>MDAT-GoG comments:</u> This event refers to Advisory 002/MAY/17

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) Hijack:**
01 incident to report. See details on P2.
- (2) Boarded – Boarding attempt:**
01 incident to report. See details on P3.
- (3) Attack:**
03 incidents to report. See details on P2 and P3.
- (4) Robbery – Sea theft:**
01 incident to report. See details on P3.
- (5) Suspicious approach:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (6) Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents to report.

WARNINGS

04 WARNINGS have been issued this week.

003/APR/17 issued on 29th April: Attack on merchant vessel
 004/APR/17 issued on 29th April: Attack on merchant vessel
 005/APR/17 issued on 29th April: Hijack on a merchant vessel
 006/APR/17 issued on 29th April: Attack on merchant vessel

ADVISORIES

02 ADVISORIES have been issued this week.

001/MAY/17 Issued on 01st May: Theft on merchant vessel.
 002/MAY/17 Issued on 02nd May: Attempted Boarding on merchant vessel.

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:
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 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)
Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not Classified as a 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.