



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 52-17

22nd – 29th December 2017

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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OVERVIEW

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

Details 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

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.

Fair winds and following seas!

One event has been reported to MDAT-GoG this week:

- **One new incident**

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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



Date	Type	Brg/Rge from nearest shore	Summary of event
24/12/2017	ATTACK	180/35NM from Bonny	<p>At 07:35Z, a merchant ship was attacked in position 0347.5N 00650.5E. The vessel was chased by one speed boat carrying 7 pirates armed with guns and one long ladder. As they arrived alongside on the port side, one armed pirate climbed on board and immediately started firing towards the bridge. A security ship proceeded at full speed to the position of the attack to assist MV. Once they spotted the security vessel, the pirates immediately fled. All crew members are safe. The vessel suffered only minor damages (broken windows on the bridge).</p> <p>MDAT-gog comment: This event refers to WARNING 004/DEC/17.</p>

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack - Kidnap:**
Nil incidents to report
- (2) **Boarding – Boarding attempt:**
Nil incidents to report
- (3) **Attack:**
One incident to report
- (4) **Robbery – Sea theft:**
Nil incidents reported
- (5) **Suspicious approach:**
Nil incidents to report
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents to report

WARNINGS

One WARNING issued this week.

WARNING 004/DEC/2017

ADVISORIES

Nil ADVISORIES issued this week.

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:
E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org
Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)
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.