



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report February - 02/2021

Number of events reported:
10



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Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

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 when their vessel will be 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.

Ten events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for February 2021, Serials 09/21 to 018/21.

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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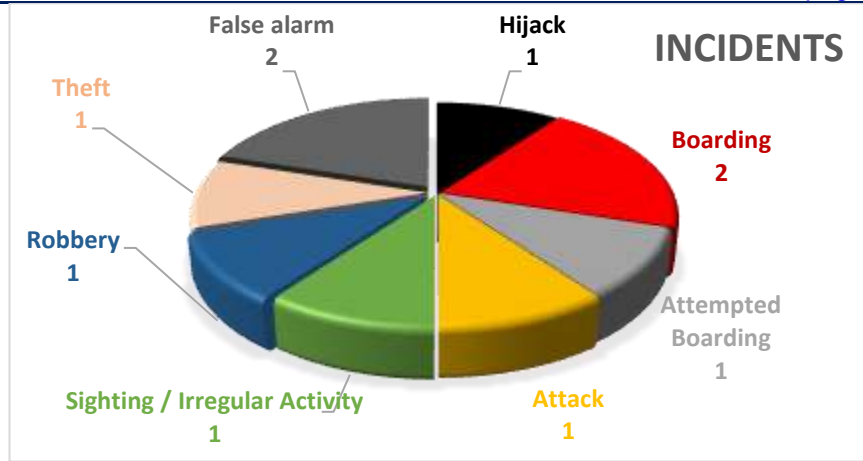
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: FEBRUARY 2021

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- Hijack: 1
- Attack: 1
- Boarding: 2
- Attempted Boarding: 1
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 1
- False alarm: 2

**NOTICES**

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ADVISORIES: 5 issued

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001	04/02/21	Sighting
002	08/02/21	Attempted Boarding
003	08/02/21	Attack
004	25/02/21	Attack
004 Update 1	27/02/21	False Alarm

WARNINGS 14 issued

WARNINGS 14 issued	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001	07/02/21	Boarding
001 Update 1	07/02/21	Boarding
001 Update 2	07/02/21	Boarding
002	08/02/21	Boarding
002 Update 1	08/02/21	Hijack
002 Update 2	09/02/21	Hijack
003	09/02/21	Boarding
003 Update 1	09/02/21	Boarding
002 Update 3	09/02/21	Hijack
003 Update 2	10/02/21	Boarding
002 Update 4	10/02/21	Hijack
002 Update 5	11/02/21	Hijack
002 Update 6	11/02/21	Hijack
002 Update 7	12/02/21	Hijack

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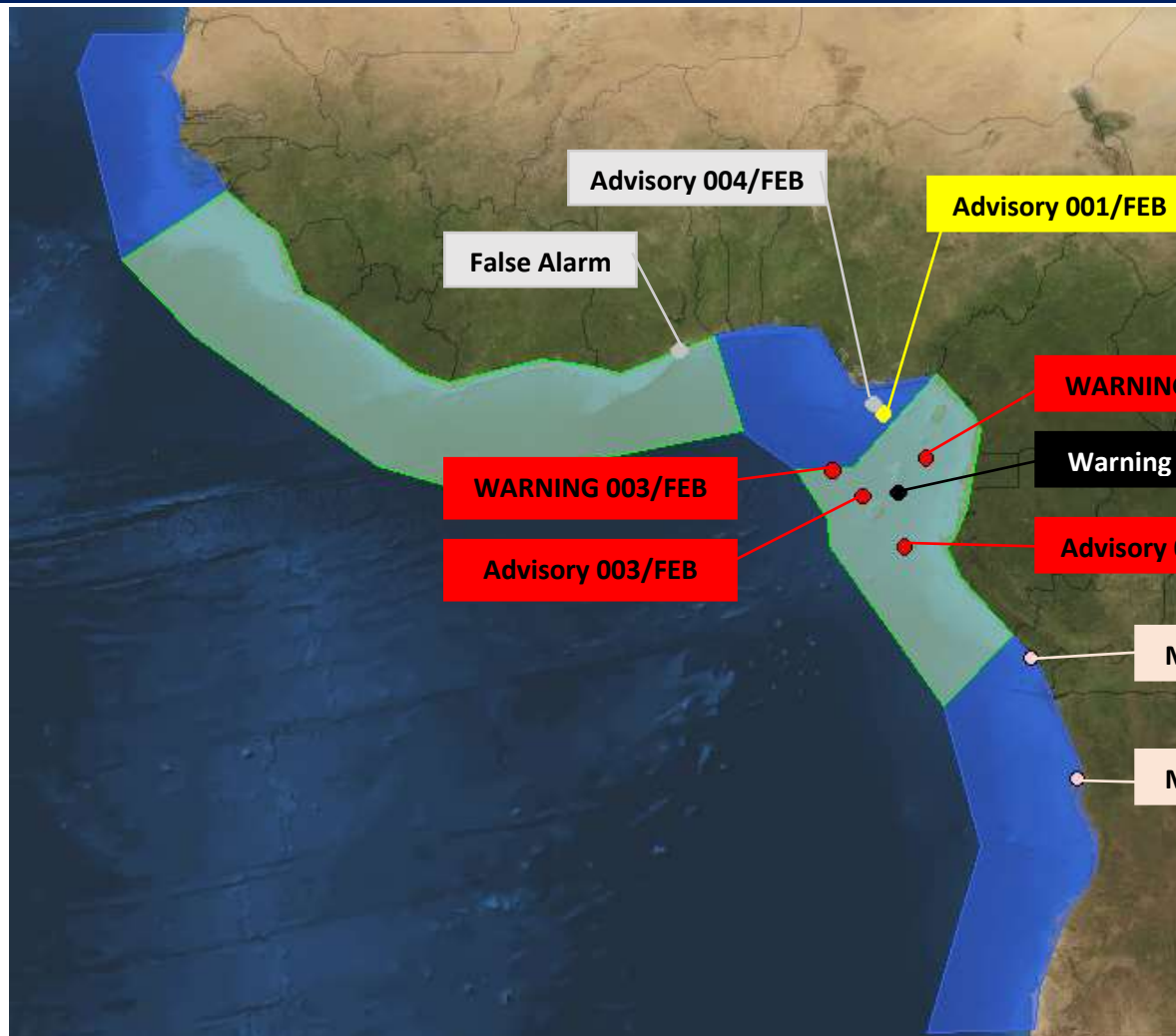
NOTICES 2 issued	Date of issue	Source
001	03/02/21	Reliable Sources
002	25/02/21	Reliable Sources

DRILL EXERCISE 7 issued

DRILL EXERCISE 7 issued	Date	Company
001	05/02/21	Aruna Shipping LTD Corp
002	12/02/21	Dynagas Ltd
003	18/02/21	Beijing Yingfeng Xingye Marine
004	19/02/21	MAERSK A/S
005	20/02/21	Synergy Maritime Pvt Ltd
006	23/02/21	COSCO Shipping Bulk Co Ltd
007	24/02/21	CMA CGM International Shipping

MAP OF INCIDENTS

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■ HIJACK ■ ATTACK-BOARDING ■ SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH ■ THEFT - ROBBERY ■ FALSE ALARM - MISC
MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 09/21

<u>Category</u>	False Alarm	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	01 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	11:20
<u>Position</u>	05°38N – 000°01E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	131/1NM off Tema, GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 1st February at 1120UTC an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a theft whilst at Tema anchorage. After further investigation directed by the Ghanaian authorities, some inconsistencies were detected. The Master of the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) issued a statement retracting the theft incident. MDAT-GOG has declassified this event as a **FALSE ALARM**.

Duration of Attack: Not concerned.

Method Of Approach: Not concerned.

Type of Vessel used: Not concerned.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not concerned.

Incident reported to:

MDAT and Area F.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Weekly 21-05.](#)

INCIDENT CLOSED

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Incident 10/21

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	04 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	09:00
<u>Position</u>	03°30N – 006°49E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	200/58NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 04th February at 0900UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported that a small craft with 6-7 men on board has been acting suspiciously. The ship came to within 1NM however there was no sighting of a ladder or weapons.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Small craft with 6 – 7 men on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not concerned.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Advisory 001/FEB](#) and [Weekly 21-05](#).

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Incident 11/21

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 06 Feb. 21	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 23:20
<u>Position</u>	02°00N – 008°14E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	066/54NM off San Antonio, STP
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind: SW3, Sea Slight

Description: On the 6th February at 2320UTC, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a boarding by 8 armed attackers. All the crew was reported safe in the citadel. The attackers stayed at least 12 hours before leaving the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MCC Area D dispatched naval assets from Equatorial-Guinea and Cameroon in order to provide assistance to the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Duration of Attack: At least 12 hours.

Method Of Approach: First detection with a speed at 7 Kts and then, direct approach to the MT with the sudden speed increased to 20 Kts.

Type of Vessel used: Fiberglass boat with two engines and 8 men on board and a long aluminium ladder.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Damage on ship's equipment, crew's belonging and cash reported stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, C4I , Area E and Area D.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Warning 001/FEB](#), [Warning 001/FEB Update 1 & 2](#) and [Weekly 21-06](#).

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Incident 12/21

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Attempted Boarding 08 Feb. 21	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 05:20
<u>Position</u>	00°59S – 007°32E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	160/120NM off Ana Chaves, STP
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Adrift	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind: SW- 8Kts Swell – 1.5Mtrs

Description: On the 08th February at 0520UTC, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an attempted boarding by at least 4 attackers on a small craft equipped with ladders. The small craft was launched from another ship who had been previously hijacked. The crew applied BMP WA procedures and carried out evasive manoeuvres resulting in the attempted boarding being aborted. Crew and ship were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 45 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Approach at speed 17 Kts.

Type of Vessel used: Use of a hijacked fishing vessel as a mother vessel and a skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, C4I , Area E and Area D.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Advisory 002/FEB and Weekly 21-06.](#)

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Incident 13/21

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	07 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	05:20

<u>Position</u>	00°51S – 007°20E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	160/120NM off Ana Chaves, STP
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<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Unknown	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 7th February at 2100UTC, an unknown number of attackers had taken control of a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and its crew. The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was used as a Mother Vessel by the attackers in order to attack two different ships (**Incident 12/21** and **Incident 14/21**). The attackers took the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) close to Nigeria when they disembarked. The remaining crew, then, headed back to Gabon where a Gabonese navy ship provided an assistance.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 5 days.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, C4I, Area E, Area D, CRESMAO and CRESMAC.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Warning 002/FEB](#), [Warning 002/FEB Update 1 to 7](#) and [Weekly 21-06](#).

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

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Incident 14/21

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	08 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	16:58
<u>Position</u>	00°43N – 006°08E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	212/73 off Ana Chaves, STP
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Mist, no swell

Description: On the 08th February at 1658UTC, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported an attack by one skiff with 6 persons on board. Assailants fired upon the bridge. The vessel applied BMP WA measures and the skiff aborted its approach. Vessel and crew were reported safe. The captain stated they have observed a suspected mother vessel before the incident who was not reporting on AIS and looked like a fishing vessel.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 50 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Speed approach at 30 Kts and use of weapons against the ship.

Type of Vessel used: High speed skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, C4I, Area E, Area D.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Advisory 003/FEB](#) and [Weekly 21-06](#).

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Incident 16/21

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	09 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	12:22
<u>Position</u>	01°35N – 005°07E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	305/125NM off Ana Chaves, STP
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind SW, Sea 3

Description: On the 09th February at 1222UTC, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by unknown number of attackers. The crew mustered in citadel and managed to control the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) remotely from the citadel. The MCC Area D dispatched naval asset from Equatorial-Guinea in order to provide assistance to the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The crew left the citadel after approximately 24 hours and headed to Malabo under escort.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 9 hours, however the crew stayed on citadel until the MT was secured.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: High speed skiff equipped with two engines and an aluminium ladder.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew's belonging reported stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I, Area E, Area D.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Warning 003/FEB](#), [Warning 003/FEB Update 1-2](#) and [Weekly 21-06](#).

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Incident 17/21

<u>Category</u>	False Alarm	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	24 Feb. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	14:30

<u>Position</u>	03°49N – 006°30E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	227/40NM off Brass, NIGERIA
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<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: MDAT-GOG received reports informing about a piracy incident happened the 24th February at 1430UTC on an SEV (**NAME WITHHELD**). It was reported that there were several casualties among the security team present on board. In order to alert the maritime community about the gravity of the incident, Advisory 004/FEB was released. However, after further investigation, the local authorities informed MDAT-GOG about the inaccuracy of these reports. MDAT-GOG has then declassified this event as a **FALSE ALARM**.

Duration of Attack: Not concerned.

Method Of Approach: Not concerned.

Type of Vessel used: Not concerned.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not concerned.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, C4I, Area E, Area D.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Advisory 004/FEB](#), [Advisory 004/FEB Update 1](#) and [Weekly 21-08](#).

INCIDENT CLOSED

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery

Event 15/21

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe-Noire

Description: On the 08th February at 2350UTC, while carrying out security rounds three intruders were spotted on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Pointe Noire anchorage. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered in the citadel. The crew alerted Port Control and 3 speedboats have been deployed for assistance. Once the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was secure, the crew left the citadel and was reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: one mooring line reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-06.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 18/21

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 26th February at approximately 0230UTC, a theft occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Luanda anchorage.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-09