

QUARTERLY REPORT:

October – December 2022



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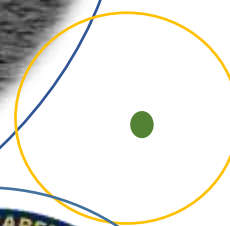


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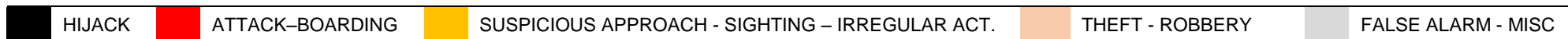
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Incidents reported:

- Hijack: 2
- Boarding: 3
- Attempted Boarding: 0
- Attack: 1
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0
- False alarm: 0





AREA G : Nil incident reported

Hijack : 0	Attack, Boarding : 0	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 0	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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AREA F : Three incidents reported

Hijack : 0	Attack, Boarding : 1	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 2	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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ROBBERY: On the 16th November at 0150UTC, a robbery occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Takoradi anchorage (04°54N – 001°40W). Three armed intruders were found by the duty crew member who raised the alarm. The intruders threatened the crew member before escaping. This incident was reported to the local authorities who sent security shore personnel to assist and secure the MV. Some paint drums were reported stolen during this event. (Source: CSO/Master)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/029, Weekly 22-46.

BOARDING: On the 17th November, MDAT-GOG received a report regarding a boarding on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) the incident happened on the 15th November at 1930UTC in position 07°11N – 013°16W. Several armed attackers went on board of the MV while underway. The MV was grounded on the 16th November in the early hours and the crew took the opportunity to escape and mustered inside the citadel. The attackers left the MV after that. Local authorities had dispatched a navy asset to assist and secure the MV. She was freed after 14 days and headed to Queen Elizabeth II quay in Freetown (Sierra Leone) under escort. Some crew's belongings and ship properties were reported stolen. (Source: Local Authorities)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/030, Advisory 001/NOV/22 and Weekly 22-46.

THEFT: On the 10th December at 0200UTC, a theft was discovered during a routine patrol on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Takoradi anchorage (04°54'32N – 001°41'43W). The incident was reported to the local authorities who dispatched some security officers on board. Some of the ship's equipment was reported stolen. (Source: MMCC Zone F / CSO)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/034. This event was a Time Late Report.



AREA E : Two incidents reported

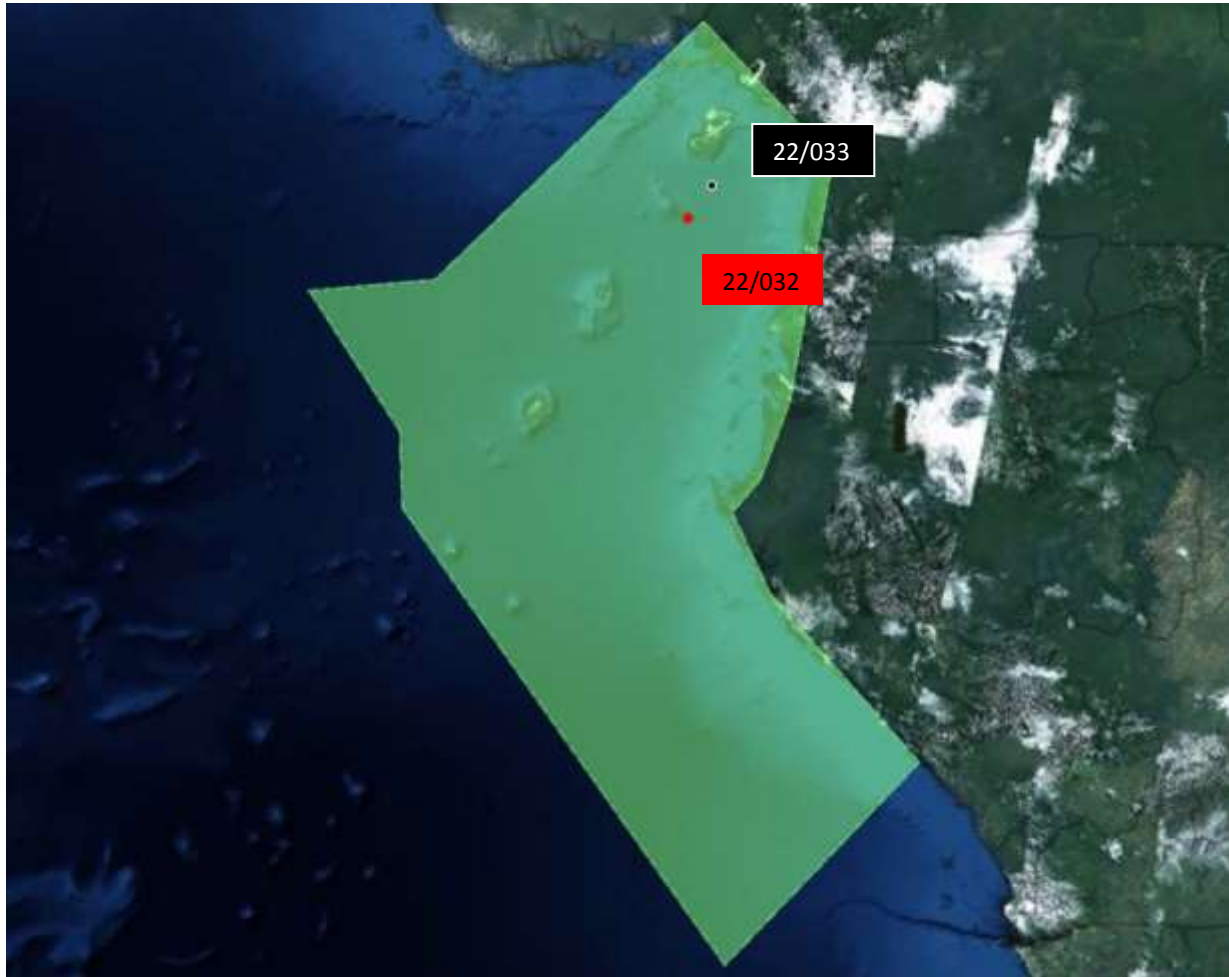
Hijack : 0	Attack, Boarding : 2	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 0	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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BOARDING: On the 27th October at 1958UTC, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers in position 05°29N – 005°01E. A security vessel was dispatched in order to assist and secure the supply vessel. The crew’s belongings were reported stolen. (Source: Security Company)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/027, Weekly 22-44.

BOARDING: MDAT-GOG received a report of a passenger ship boarded in Cross rivers State on the 05th November. The report mentioned the use of weapons to deny an intervention of nearby security personnel. (Source: Third party)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/028, Weekly 22-45.



AREA D : Two incidents reported

Hijack : 1	Attack, Boarding : 1	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 0	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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ATTACK: On the 12th December at 0250UTC, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a small craft in position 02°25N – 008°24E. The attack failed after approximately 40 minutes. The MT reported gunshots impacts and the crew was reported safe. (Source: Master/CSO)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/032, Advisory 001/DEC (+ Update 1) and Weekly 22-50.

HIJACK: On the 13th December, MDAT-GOG received an alert from a CSO about the HIJACK of his MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) at 1007UTC in position 02°46N – 008°46E. The CSO noticed the change of her course when she was headed to the south of Bioko Island despite the fact she was scheduled to head to Douala. He tried to contact the crew on board without success. The MV was escorted to DOUALA after the attackers left the MV during the night of the 13th December. (Source: CSO)

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/033, Warning 001/Dec (+Update 1) and Weekly 22-50.



AREA A : Nil incident reported

Hijack : 0	Attack, Boarding : 0	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 0	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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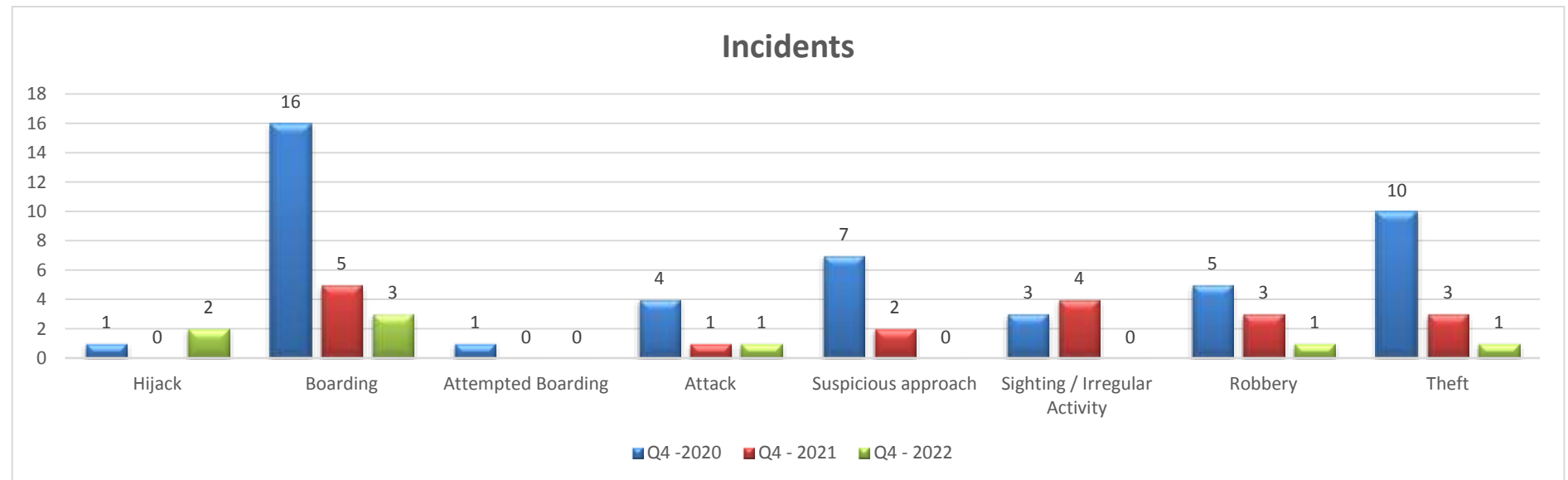
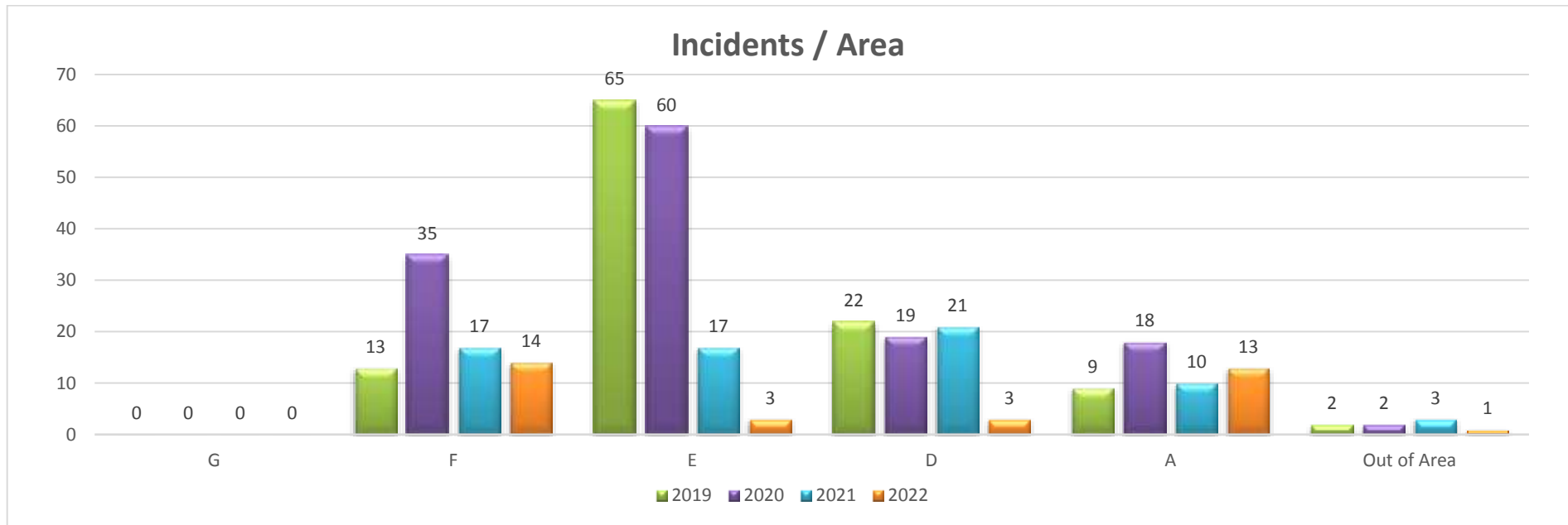
OUT OF AREA : One incident reported

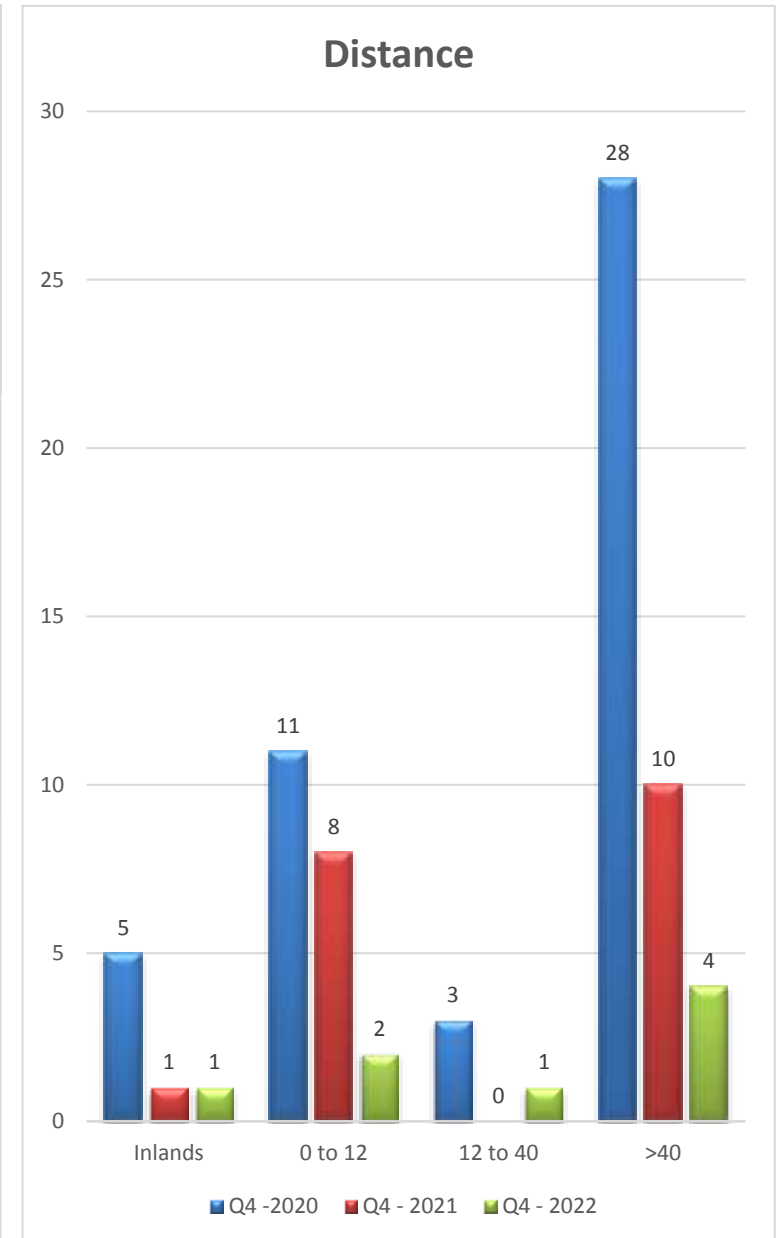
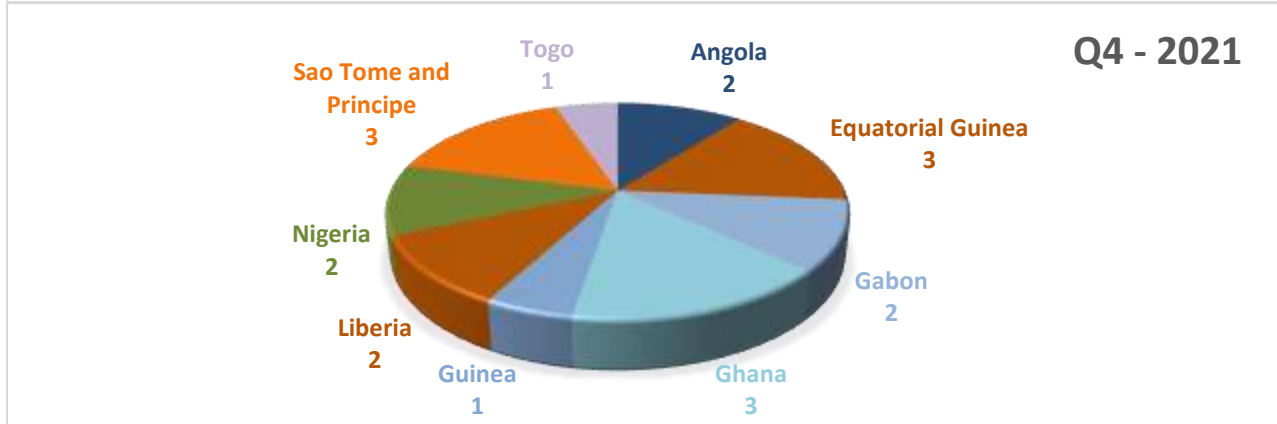
Hijack : 1	Attack, Boarding : 0	Suspicious approach, Sighting : 0	Theft – Robbery : 0	False Alarm, Misc: 0
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HIJACK: MDAT-GOG received a report about the loss of a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MT was no longer transmitting AIS signal (last position 01°16’31N – 004°34’29W) and did not answer phone call. After approximately 30 hours, the crew managed to contact the CSO and informed him about the situation onboard. It was reported that eight armed perpetrators managed to take control of the MT and a part of the cargo was reported stolen. An Italian Navy ship was dispatched to assist and wait on scene until the arrival of the tug in charge of the towing operation to Abidjan. Crew was reported safe and damage to the navigation and communication equipment as well as significant damage in the engine room, were reported. (Source: CSO/Master) The MT was previously hijacked on the 24th January 2022. The local authorities are continuing further investigations for illegal activities and the complicity of a part of the crew in these activities.

MDAT-GOG ref: SRL 22/031, Advisory 002/NOV/22 (+ Update 1) and Weekly 22-47.

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASED		
DTG	Serial	Category
131648zDEC22	001/DEC	HIJACK
140448ZDEC22	001/DEC Update 1	HIJACK
ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASED		
DTG	Serial	Category
171529ZNOV22	001/NOV	BOARDING
241121ZNOV22	002/NOV	IRREGULAR ACTIVITY
250843ZNOV22	002/NOV Update 1	BOARDING
120518ZDEC22	001/DEC	ATTACK
120715ZDEC22	001/DEC Update 1	ATTACK
MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASED		
DTG	Serial	Category





GENERAL INFORMATION

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 (+33 298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [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 (24/7/365).

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

Definitions

Hijack: Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew.

Boarding: An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel.

Attempted Boarding: Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc.

Attack: The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.

Suspicious approach: Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behaviour.

Robbery: Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Sightings and Irregular Activity: Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions.

AAR: After Action Report.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[French Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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