

# WEEKLY REPORT 52-24

20-27 December 2024



<i>Hijack</i>	<i>Attack</i>	<i>Boarding</i>	<i>Robbery – Sea theft</i>	<i>Suspicious Approach</i>	<i>Sighting/Irregular Activity</i>
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INCIDENT N°	TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT
24/022	ATTACK	D	01°38 N 008°55 E	MDAT-GoG has received a report of an incident 48NM west of Bata, Equatorial Guinea. The master of the merchant vessel reports that a small craft approached and is following the vessel at approximately 0.75NM. According to the report, the small craft discharged firearms. The vessel and all crew are safe and continuing to its next port of call
24/023	BOARDING	D	01°59 N 008°12 E	A vessel was boarded by six unauthorized persons off Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe in 21 Dec at 2130UTC. The crew observed 3 skiffs closing their positions and six persons have boarded the ship. The crew took refuge in the citadel. The vessels crew are now safe and out of the citadel and all unauthorised persons are no longer on board. Vessel is continuing to its next port of call.

MDAT GoG Notices			
Type	Number	Classification	Description



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade- Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GOG) has been in operation since 20<sup>TH</sup> June 2016. 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 whilst 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 Best Management Practices – West Africa reporting formats . The information supplied by vessels will be treated as commercially confidential.

Details for the Voluntary Reporting Scheme (VRS) can be found on the maritime security charts: [SHOM Chart 8801CSD](#) /or [UKHO Chart Q6114](#)

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 (VRA).

MDAT-GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the VRS. Masters and Company Security Officers (CSO) 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.

**Incomplete reports can cause delay to the issue of MDAT-GoG WARNINGS and the ability to contact local Navy assets for assistance. When an incident occurs MDAT-GoG requests Masters are requested to contact MDAT-GoG on +33 298 228888 (monitored 24/7/365) as soon as possible to facilitate a faster response by MDAT-GoG and regional authorities.**

## MDAT-GoG MARITIME SECURITY DEFINITIONS

<b>HIJACK</b>	Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew.
<b>BOARDING</b>	An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel.

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<b>ATTEMPTED BOARDING</b>	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.
<b>ATTACK</b>	The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.
<b>SUSPICIOUS APPROACH</b>	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.
<b>ROBBERY</b>	Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.
<b>THEFT</b>	Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.
<b>SIGHTINGS AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY</b>	Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions

