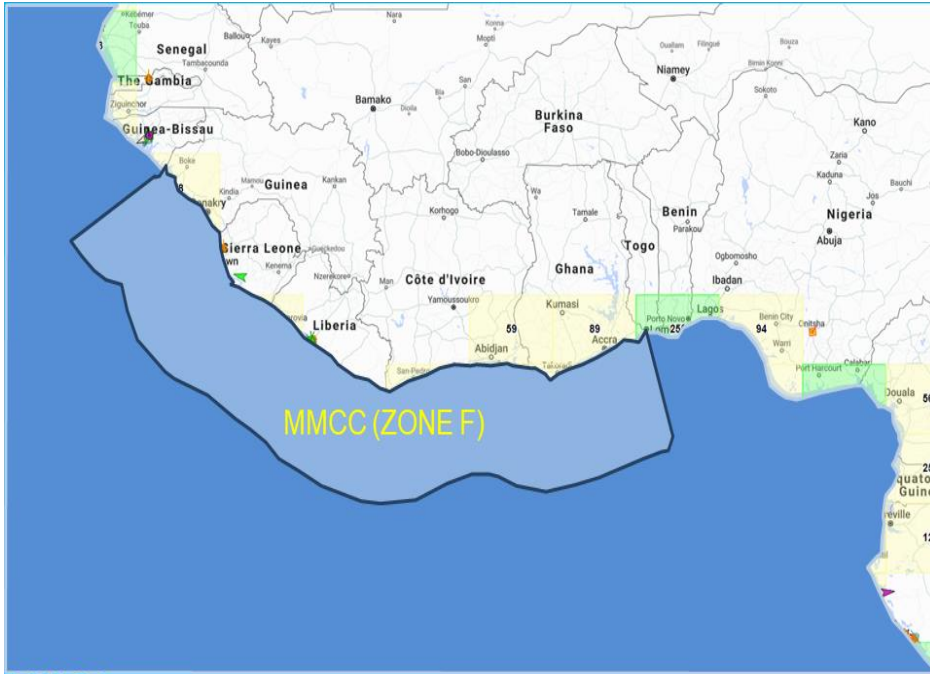




ECOWAS MMCC ZONE F INCIDENT REPORT ON MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY



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WEEKLY REPORT SRL 1/20

27 Dec 19 – 2 Jan 2020

ALTERNATE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)
Inter-Regional Coordination Centre (ICC)
International Maritime Bureau (IMB)
International Maritime Organization
Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT – GoG)
Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)
The Marine Executive (website)

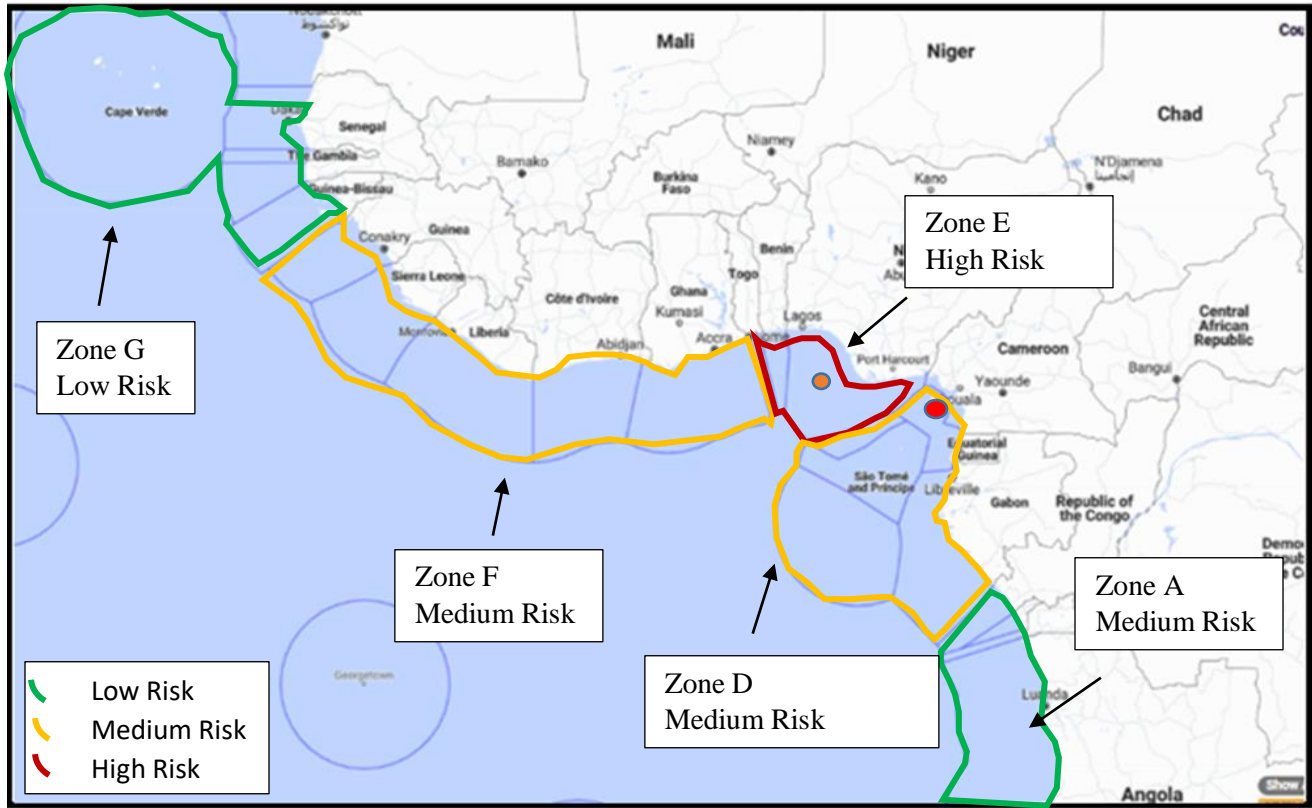
OVERVIEW

The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure during the week under review. Maritime Zone E recorded a Firing Upon on DROGBA. Several maritime incidences were recorded in Maritime Zone D. Crew kidnapped from PACIFIC WARDEN were released.

See Details of Incidents for more information.

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DISPOSITION OF MARITIME INCIDENT



Legend

- Kidnapping
- Robbery
- Hijacking
- Boarding
- Theft
- Fired Upon
- Others

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENTS ZONE F

PIRACY/ARMED ROBBERY RELATED		OTHER MARITIME CRIME	
Piracy	- Nil	Illegal Fishing	- Nil
Armed Robbery	- Nil	STS (Illegal Bunkering)	- Nil
Kidnap	- Nil	Stowaway	- Nil
Hijacking	- Nil	Suspicious Approach	- Nil
Fired Upon	- Nil	Illegal Migration	- Nil
Theft	- Nil	Safety	- Nil
Boarding	- Nil		

Details of Incident

Maritime Zone F

No incident to report.

Other Areas

PIRACY/ARMED ROBBERY RELATED	OTHER MARITIME CRIME
Piracy - Nil	Illegal Fishing - Nil
Armed Robbery - Nil	STS (Illegal Bunkering) - Nil
Kidnap - 1	Stowaway - Nil
Hijacking - Nil	Suspicious Approach - Nil
Fired Upon - Two	Illegal Migration - Nil
Theft - Nil	Safety - Nil
Boarding - Nil	Health of Crew - Nil

Details of Incident

Maritime Zone A

Angola – Theft

On 31 December 2019, at 0730 LT, thieves, boarded the Cyprus-flag container vessel KONRAD SCHULTE at Luanda anchorage, Angola. During a routine patrol by the crew it was discovered that the padlock of the paint store was broken. A number of cans of paint were found missing.

Maritime Zone D

Sao Tome - Fired Upon LNG LOKOJA

On 28 December 2019, at 0900 UTC, the Bermuda-flag LNG tanker LOKOJA was attacked around 65 NM NW of Sao Tomé island. Ten armed men in one speedboat approached the vessel. The duty officer raised the alarm and most of the crew assembled in the citadel while the approaching vessel was monitored via CCTV. Evasive maneuvers were then conducted, leading to a reduction in speed from more than 15 knots to below 7 knots. When the speedboat was alongside at a distance of only several meters, the attackers fired at the starboard side but the tanker was able to increase speed again and move away from the speedboat. At 1100 LT, the men in the speedboat abandoned the chase. The tanker was in ballast at the time of the attack and was en route to the NLNG terminal at Bonny.

Cameroon – Kidnap

The Greece flag product tanker HAPPY LADY was attacked at Limbe anchorage, Cameroon by 6 armed men in one speedboat. The incident occurred at about 2255 UTC on 30 December 2019. Eight (8) crew were kidnapped. The nationality of the kidnapped crew (5 Greek, 2 Filipino and 1 Ukrainian). The Cameroon Navy responded by sending a vessel to the anchorage at around 03:00 LT. One crew sustained a gunshot wound at the ankle and was transported to shore by pilot boat.

Maritime Zone E

Nigeria - Fired Upon

On 30 December 2019, at 0114 UTC, The Singapore flag bulk carrier DROGBA was under attack in Nigerian waters. The incident took place about 45 NM SW of Bonny Island. The vessel was approach by a suspicious craft. Alarm was raised and the Nigerian detachment of naval guards approach at the scene. There was an exchange of fire between Nigerian detachment of naval guards and the perpetrators. Most of the crew including chief engineer went into the citadel. The suspected perpetrators broke off the approach. No injuries were reported.

Updates Equatorial Guinea – PACIFIC WARDEN

Seven crew of the anchor-handling vessel Pacific Warden, who were abducted off Equatorial Guinea on November 20, 2019, were released. All crew were under medical checks and are all safe with their families.

Maritime Zone G

No incident to report

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F - Expected to remain quiet and incident free. The possibility of Petty Theft and Armed Robberies in anchorage remains likely in maritime Zone F.

Maritime Zone E and D are expected to be relatively safe, though a Firing Upon and a Kidnap incident were recorded in both maritime zones. Armed Robberies and theft onboard ships at anchorages and sea is also likely.

Maritime Zone A and G are expected to remain incident free.

ADVISORIES

Merchant vessels sailing about 50 nm from the coast are likely to encounter artisanal and trawling fishing by night vessels.

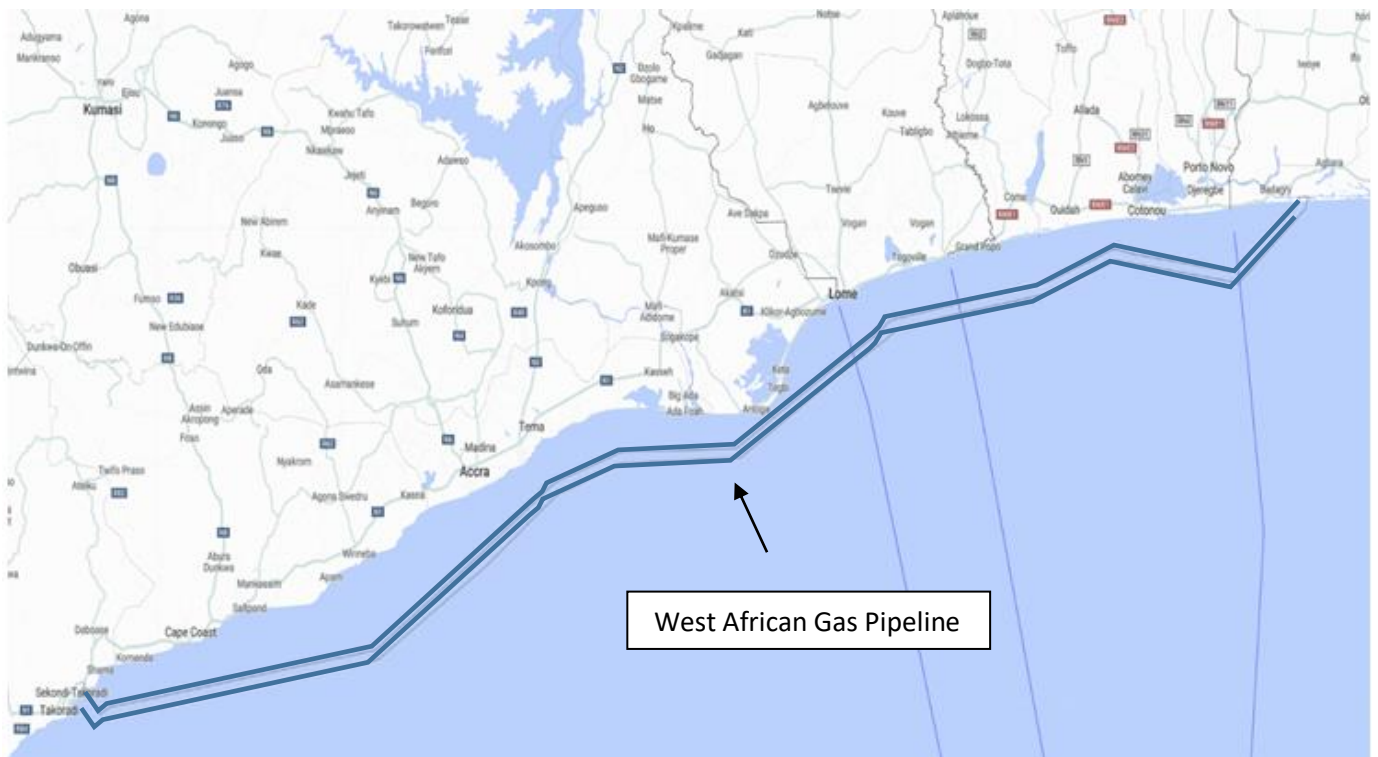
Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate assistance.

Ships at anchorages and ports are to maintain sufficient duty watch especially from 2200 hours – 0400 hours and ships at anchorages to be extra vigilant during rainy weather.

NOTICES

Oil Fields. All vessels transiting close to the oilfields are to observe the promulgated maritime safety and security zones around the oil fields.

West African Gas Pipeline. The West African Gas pipeline extends from Takoradi in Ghana to Nigeria. The pipeline since its installation has experienced periodic breakages due to fishing and anchoring activities on the pipeline. The position of the pipeline is shown on maritime charts. All vessels transiting the coastal areas between Ghana and Nigeria are to avoid anchoring and fishing within the pipeline protective zone.



OPERATIONS OFFICER MMCC ZONE F

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **PIRACY**

(A) Any illegal acts of Violence or Detention, or any act of Depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed: (i) on the High Seas, against another Ship or Aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft. (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State.

(B) Any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft.

(C) Any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

- **ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA**

Any unlawful act of Violence or Detention, or any act of Depredation or Threat other than an act of Piracy, directed against a Ship or against Persons or Property onboard such Ships, within a States jurisdiction over such offences.

- **HIJACK**

Vessels taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the master.

- **FIRED UPON/ATTACK**

Use of weapon by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take control of the vessel.

- **BOARDING**

Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without taken control of the vessel.

- **ROBBERY**

Theft realize in territorial waters with threat or violence to crew.

- **THEFT**