



# MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY REPORT

## MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

10 JAN - 16 JANUARY 2020

# OVERVIEW

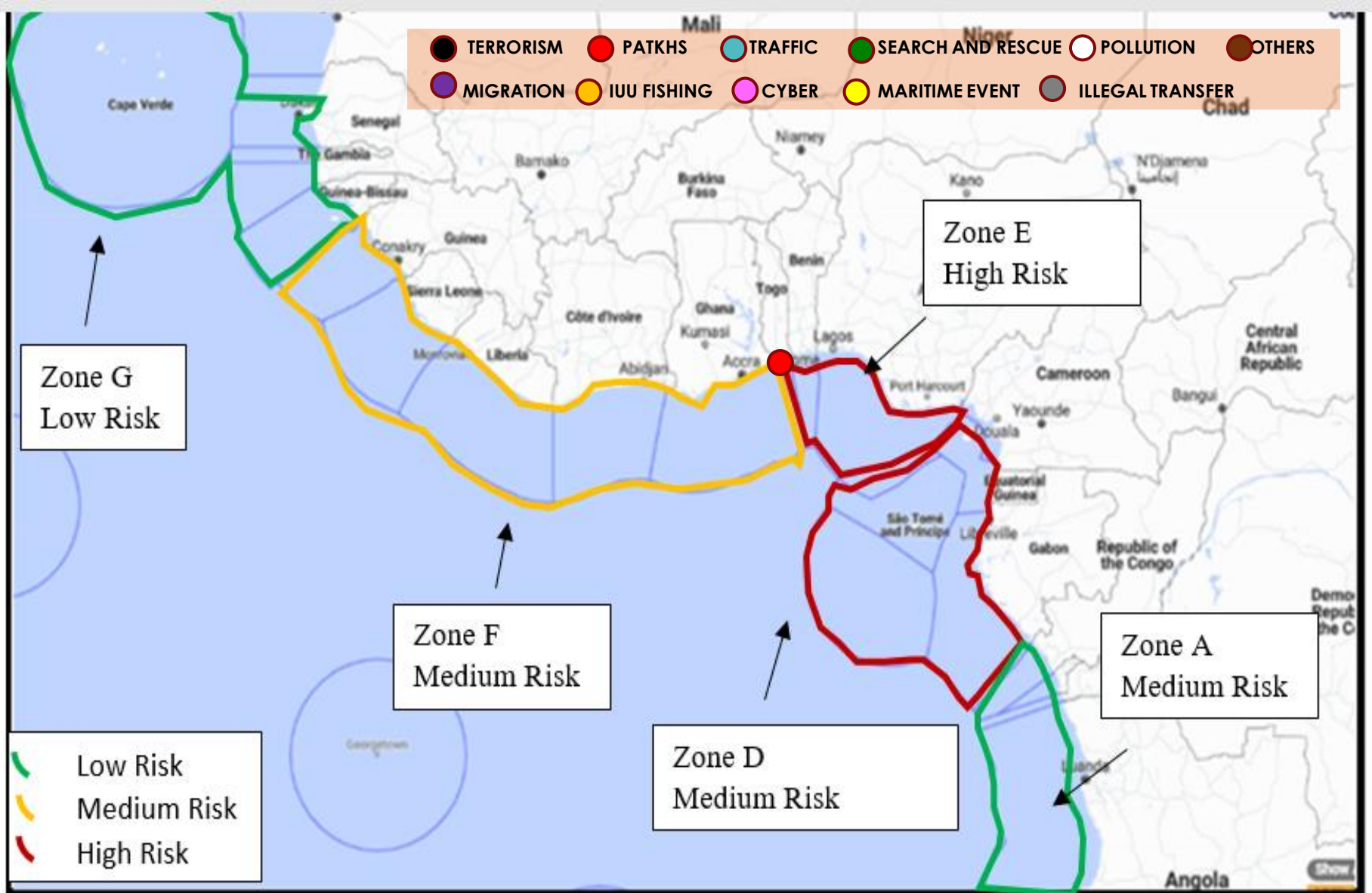


The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure during the week under review. The four (4) crew members kidnapped from the GUO JI 867 and GUO JI 838 have been saved by the Nigerian Navy. Maritime Zone E recorded attempted boarding incident. See Details of Incidents for more information.

# INCIDENT RECORD

Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Zones				
		A	D	E	F	G
<b>TERRORISM</b>	TERRORISM					
<b>PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY (PATKHS)</b>	HIJACKING					
	KIDNAPPING					
	THEFT					
	FIRING UPON					
	ARMED ROBBERY					
	ATTEMPTED			1		
	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH					
<b>ILLICIT TRAFIC</b>	HUMAN					
	DRUG					
	WEAPONS/AMUNITIONS					
	SMUGGLING					
<b>I.U.U FISHING</b>	INDUSTRIAL FISHING					
	CRAFT FISHING					
<b>POLLUTION</b>						
<b>ILLICIT MIGRATION</b>	ORGANIZED MIGRATION					
	STOWAWAYS					
<b>ILLEGAL TRANSFERT</b>	ILLEGAL BUNKERING					
	OIL ROBBERY					
<b>CYBER CRIMINALITY</b>						
<b>MARITIME EVENT</b>	SHIPWRECK					
	COLLISION					
	GROUNDING					
	DAMMAGE					
<b>SEARCH AND RESCUE</b>	SEARCH					
	ASSISTANCE AND TOWING					
	MEN OVERBOARD					
	SANITARY EVACUATION					
<b>OTHERS</b>						

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Maritime Zone D**

### **Update – Kidnapped gain freedom Gabon**

Four Chinese sailors who were kidnapped on 22 December 2019 at Libreville anchorage were rescued by a combined team of the Nigerian Joint Task Forces on 13 January 2020. The Chinese consulate in Nigeria confirmed the release in a statement indicating that the relevant embassies, local Chinese enterprises and overseas Chinese groups cooperated in the rescue mission, leading to the safe release of the hostages.

## **Maritime Zone E**

### **Attempted Boarding - Togo**

On 13 January 2020, at pre-dawn hours, eight perpetrators in one boat came alongside the anchored container vessel and attempted to board using hooked ropes. The incident took place at Lomé anchorage Togo. An alarm was raised and all crew mustered at the citadel. The Togolese Navy patrol vessel arrived within 40 minutes. The navy asked the crew to leave the citadel and lower the pilot ladder, however, the crew refused to do so until daylight.

Sources: Seavision, Polsatar, Fleetmon.com, maritime-ecutive.com, worldmaritimenews.com, shippingposition.com

# GENERAL COMMENTS

The attack on the container vessel at the Lomé anchorage indicates that the threat of piracy attacks and kidnapping of crew continue to exist.

Maritime law enforcement agencies are therefore encouraged to step up patrols at agencies to respond swiftly to such attacks.

# FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F - Expected to remain quiet and incident free however the possibility of Petty Theft and Armed Robberies within Ports and anchorages in maritime Zone F remains likely

Maritime Zone E and D are expected to be relatively safe. Kidnappings, Firing Upon, Armed Robberies and theft on-board ships at anchorages and sea are 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.

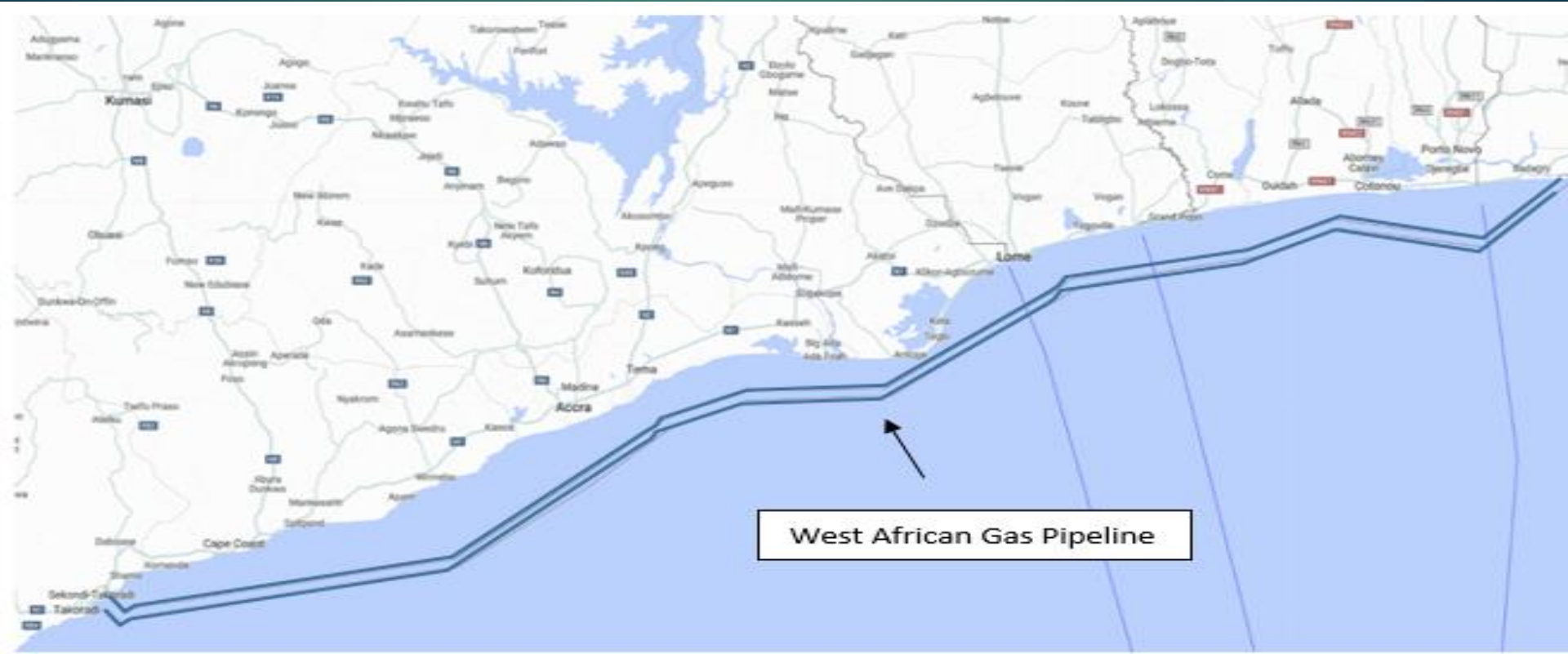
Ships at anchorages and ports are to maintain sufficient duty watch especially from 2200 hours – 0400 hours and ships at anchorages to be extra vigilant.



# 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.



# MARITIME INFORMATION OF INTEREST

- 121 seafarers kidnapped in Gulf of Guinea in 2019 – IMB  
[tribuneonlineng.com](http://tribuneonlineng.com)
- Fishing vessel with 39 crew disabled, trapped in Antarctic ice.  
[Fleetmoon.com](http://Fleetmoon.com)

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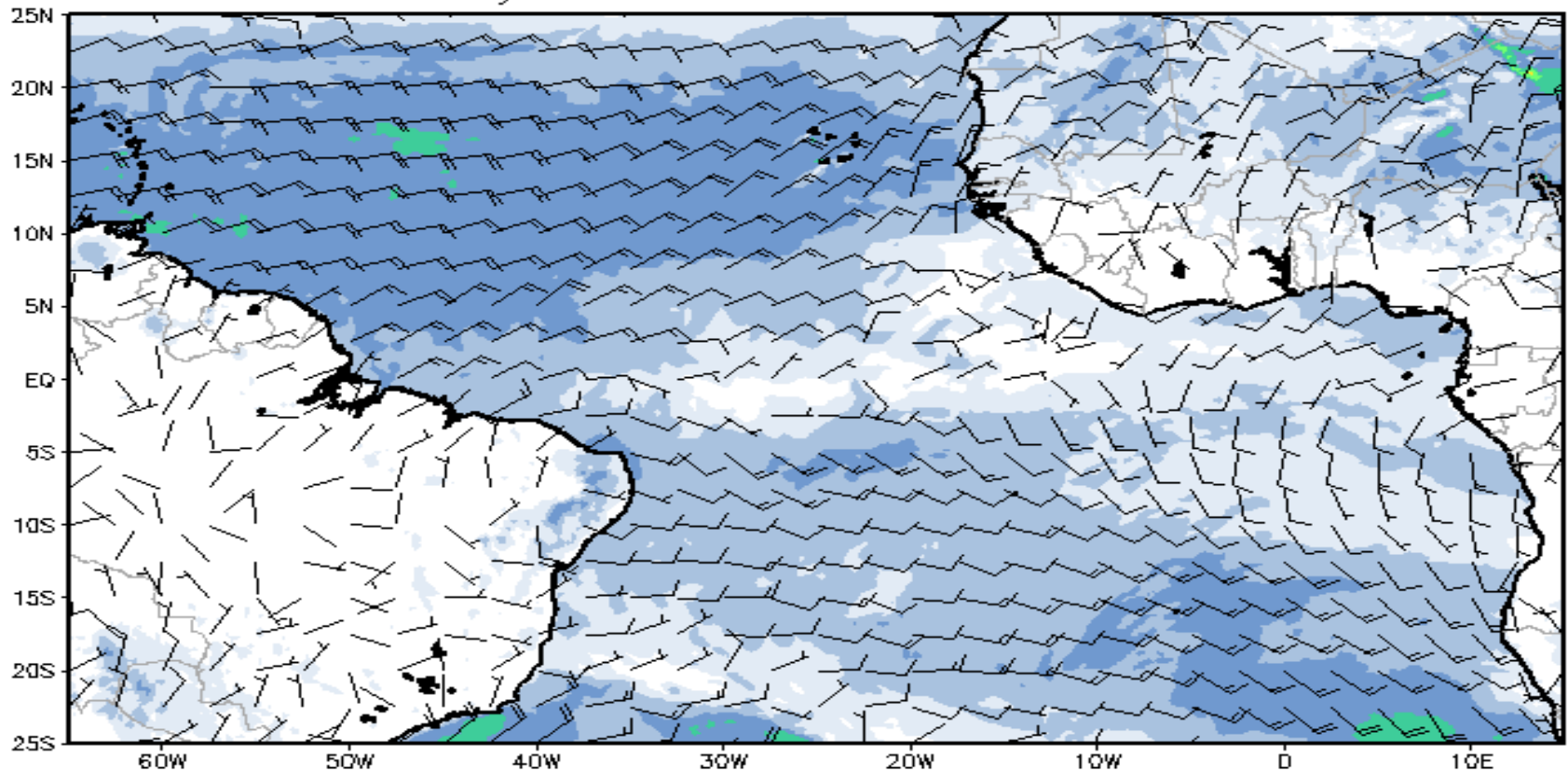
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# METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

Surface Wind (knots)  
GFS 000 Hour Analysis

Thu 16 Jan 2020

00 UTC



Previous

Animate

Next

Thu 16 Jan - 0000 UTC ▾

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# 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.
- **FIRE 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:** Theft realize in territorial waters with no violence.
- **ILLEGAL UNREPORTED UNREGULATED FISHING.**

Illegal fishing conducted by national or foreign vessels in contravention of laws and regulations. Fishing conducted by vessels flying the flag of States that are parties to a regional fisheries management organization but operate in contravention of the conservation and management measures. Fishing in violation of national laws or international obligations. Fishing activities which have not been reported, or have been misreported. Fishing in the area of application of a regional fisheries management organization that are conducted by vessels without nationality. Fishing in areas or for fish stocks in relation to which there are no applicable conservation or management measures.

- **MARITIME MIGRATION.**

**STOWAWAY:** A person who hides on a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle 2. Someone who hides on a ship or aircraft to travel without having to pay.

- **ILLICIT TRADE.**

**ILLEGAL BUNKERING:** Bunkering is a term used to describe the process of filling a ship with oil (or coal). Illegal oil bunkering is a euphemism for theft.

- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

**SUSPICIOUS APPROACH:** All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

**SIGHTING AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY:** All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.