



MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY REPORT

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

21 FEB - 27 FEBRUARY 2020

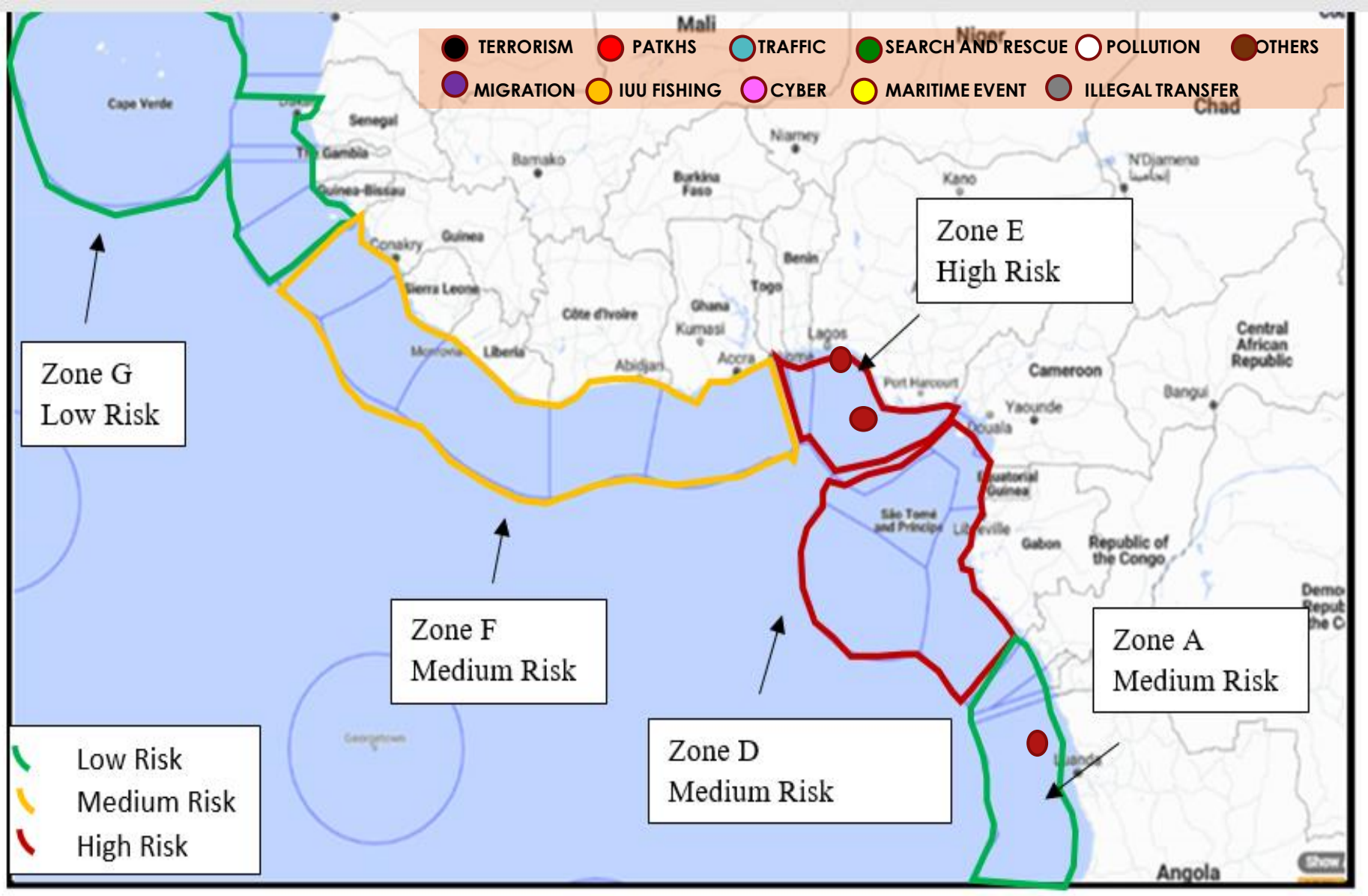
OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure during the week under review. The Canadian Navy warships 701 and 704 are in Sierra Leone waters and berth alongside Queen Elizabeth II Quay Port Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Angola recorded a suspicious approach
- Maritime Zone E recorded 2 incidents.
- The Liberia flag container IRENES RESOLVE was fired upon on 21 February 2020.
- The product tanker STAVENGER PIONEER was boarded at Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria.
- See Details of incidents for more information.

INCIDENT RECORD

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

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Fired Upon – Bayelsa, Nigeria

- The Liberia flag container ship IRENES RESOLVE was attacked around 160 NM SW of Bayelsa stata, Nigeria at 0330 UTC on 21 February 2020. The incident took place at 02°56'N 003°30'E. Crew on the container ship detected a speedboat approaching from a distance of 6 NM, travelling at almost 25 knots.
- At the time of the attack, the vessel was en route from Kribi, Cameroon to Algeciras, Spain, steaming at a speed of 17 knots. Shots were heard but the assailants were not sighted. The perpetrators then ordered the vessel to stop via VHF.
- The captain responded he would not stop and that a security team was onboard.
- The attack was abandoned. The crew and vessel were safe.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding - Nigeria

The Norwegian flag product tanker STAVANGER PIONEER was boarded at Lagos anchorage, Nigeria at 0120 UTC on 25 February 2020. The incident took place at 06°18'N 003°21'E. Crew on the anchored vessel discovered two men on board. Both men escaped upon discovery, no items were stolen.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Suspicious Approach - Angola

The Marshall Islands flag product tanker SEA EMPEROR was approached about 40 NM NNW off Luanda, Angola at 0824 UTC on 27 February 2020. The incident took place at 08°10'4"S 012°41'6"E

A single white skiff with 8 perpetrators on board with a ladder was sighted. During the approach the tanker conducted evasive maneuvers and the skiff aborted the approach. There are no details of closest approach or aggressive behaviour. The vessel and the crew are safe.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Following the history of maritime events the skiff in Angolan waters will pursue vulnerable vessels until they find a targets. Navies are expected to be on the alert and be prepared to render assistance at all times to vessels in distress.
- Vessels transiting or calling at ports are also expected to improve ship borne security measures

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK AND ADVISORIES

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 and Armed Robberies are likely at anchorages and at sea.

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.

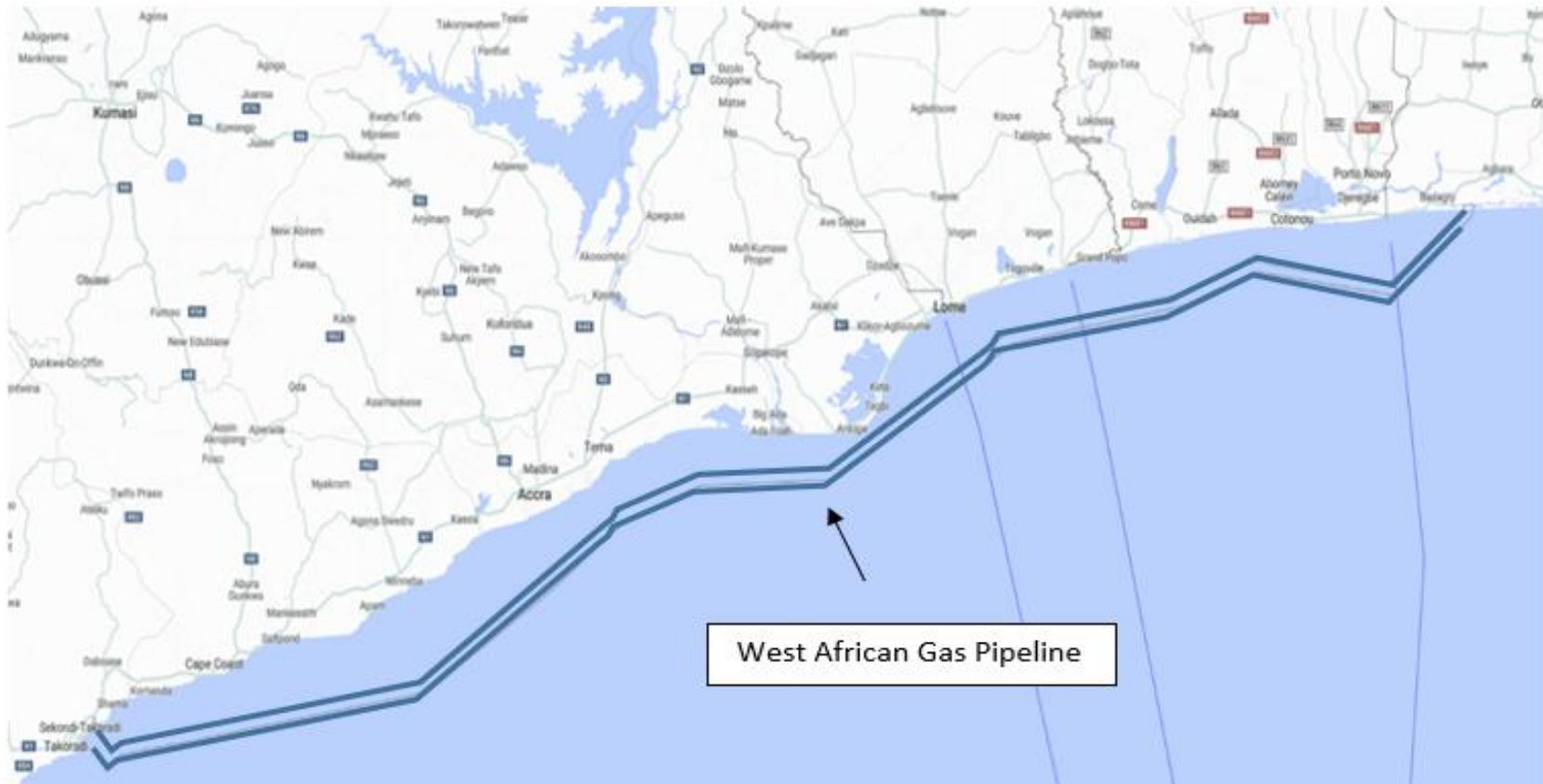
Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate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

- Cocaine dropped from MOL container ship to waiting traffickers.

Fleetmon.com

- Largest drug bust in Aruba history, ship crew arrested UPDATE
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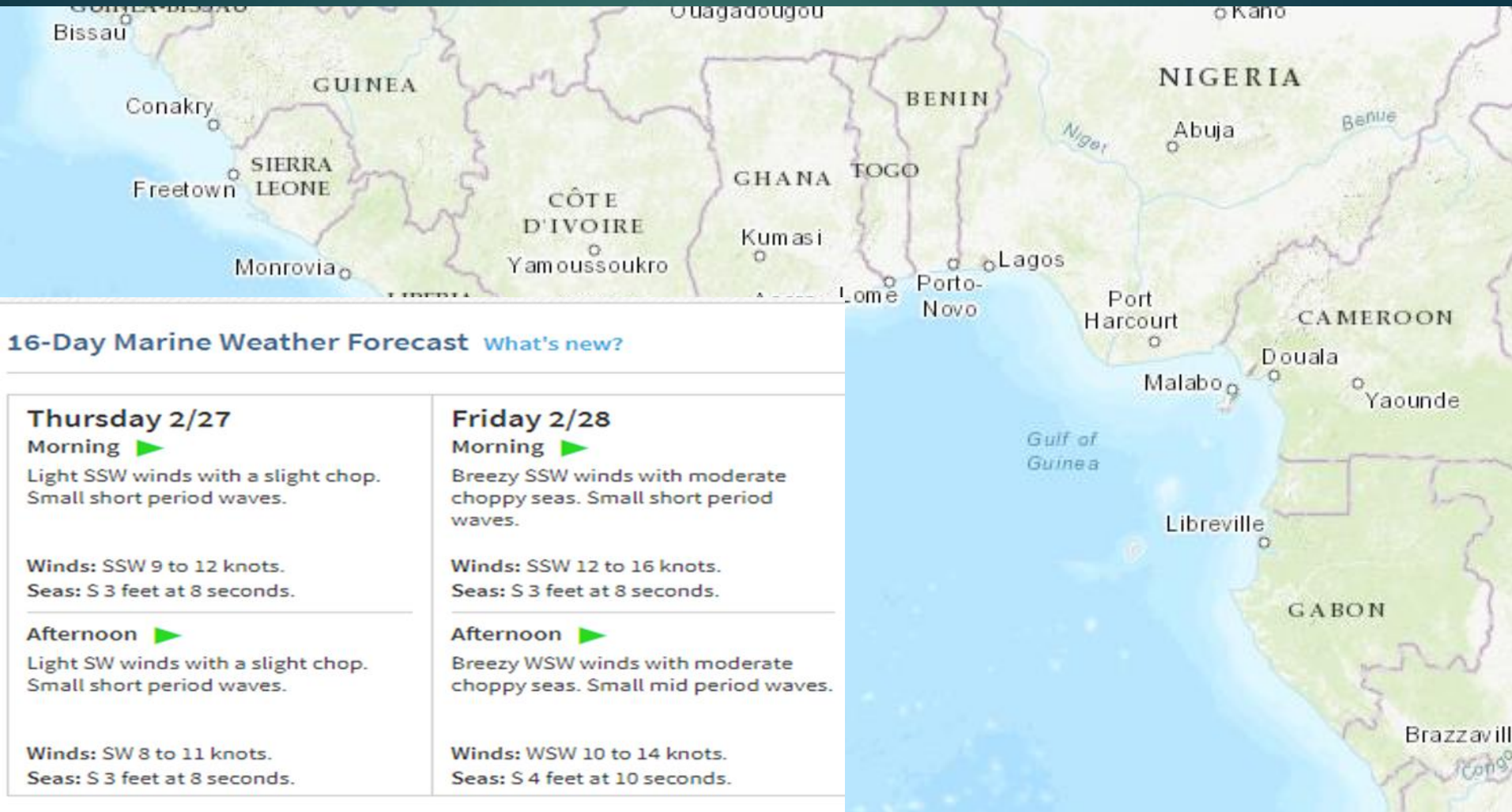
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DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **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.
- **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:** 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.