



**MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY  
REPORT  
MARITIME SAFETY AND  
SECURITY  
28 FEB - 5 MARCH 2020**

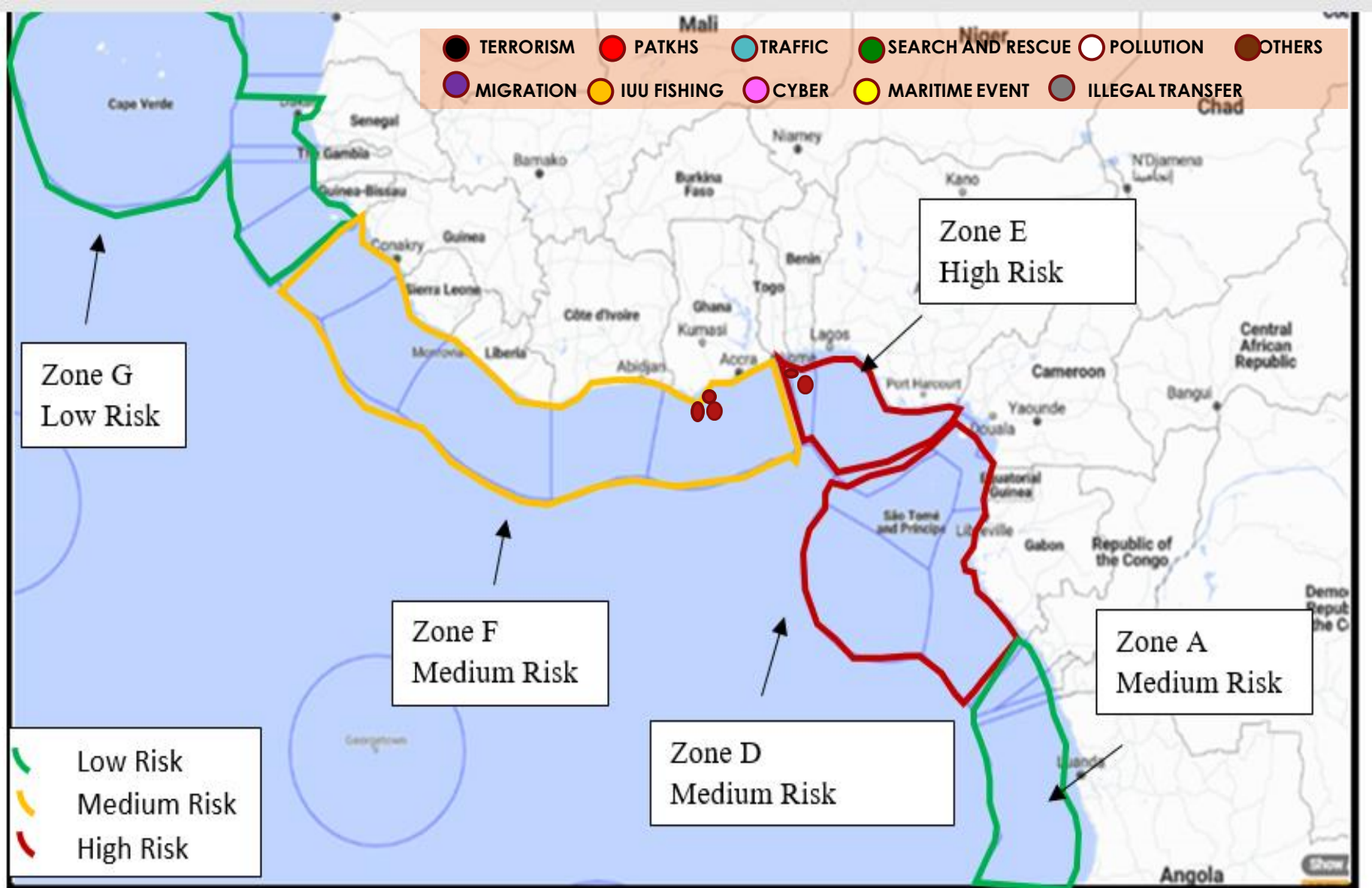
# OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure during the week under review.
- Takoradi Harbour recorded 3 theft incidents.
- Two stowaways were disembarked at the San Pedro Port.
- Zone E recorded boarding and suspicious approach.
- 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</b>	HIJACKING					
	KIDNAPPING					
	ARMED BOARDING					
	FIRING UPON					
	ROBBERY/ATTEMPT ROBBERY					
	ATTEMPT BOARDING				2	
	Boarding			1		
	Theft				1	
	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH			1		
	<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				1	
<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					

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Theft and Attempted Boarding– Takoradi, Ghana**

- The Netherland flag cargo vessel UAL LOBITO was boarded at Takoradi anchorage Ghana at around 0320 UTC on 04 Feb, 2020.
- The engine of their rescue boat was stolen. Within the same hours, the second officer of the Antigua and Barbuda flag cargo vessel MV ENDURANCE and MT VENLO also reported to Port Control that 4 men in a canoe came along their vessel. 2 of the men attempted to board the vessel and were chased off by the vessel duty officers.
- Ghana Port and Harbour Authority Patrol boat conducted sea patrols and security checks, however nothing was found.

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Stowaway disembarked at San Pedro-Cote d'Ivoire**

On 03 Mar 2020, around 2355 UTC, two stowaways were found on board the Switzerland Flag cargo vessel TRUDY during her transit. They were taken care by the crew and were handed off to Ivorian authorities. No further information was reported.

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## Suspicious Approach - Lomé, Togo

- The Marshall Islands flag product tanker STI BOSPHORUS reported a suspicious approach about 48 NM S of Lomé, Togo at 0745 UTC on 05 March 2020
- The incident took place at position 05°21'45"N 001°31'48"E.
- According to the report the vessel was approached 1 nm by a single small craft with 8 or 9 perpetrators on board.
- She activated fire hoses and started evasive manoeuvres and the small craft stopped the approach.

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## Boarding - Cotonou, Benin

- The Greek flag product tanker MINERVA VIRGO was boarded 45 NM S of Cotonou at 1300 UTC on 05 March 2020.
- The incident took place at position 05°36'13"N 002°20'38"E.
- According to the report 5 or 6 perpetrators boarded the vessel.
- Additional information is being sought. MMCC Zone F will provide update accordingly.



# GENERAL COMMENTS

- The deterioration in weather conditions provide a good opportunity for criminals to conduct activities at sea. Crew of vessels at sea and anchorages are expected to remain vigilant at all times to spot suspicious movements.
- Vessels are also encouraged to conduct checks before leaving the port of call to ensure stowaways are spotted and disembarked at port before undertaking a voyage.
- Port and law enforcement authorities are also expected to always be on alert and be prepared to assist vessels.
- Anchorage and security patrols should also be intensified to provide security to vessels at anchorages.

# 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.

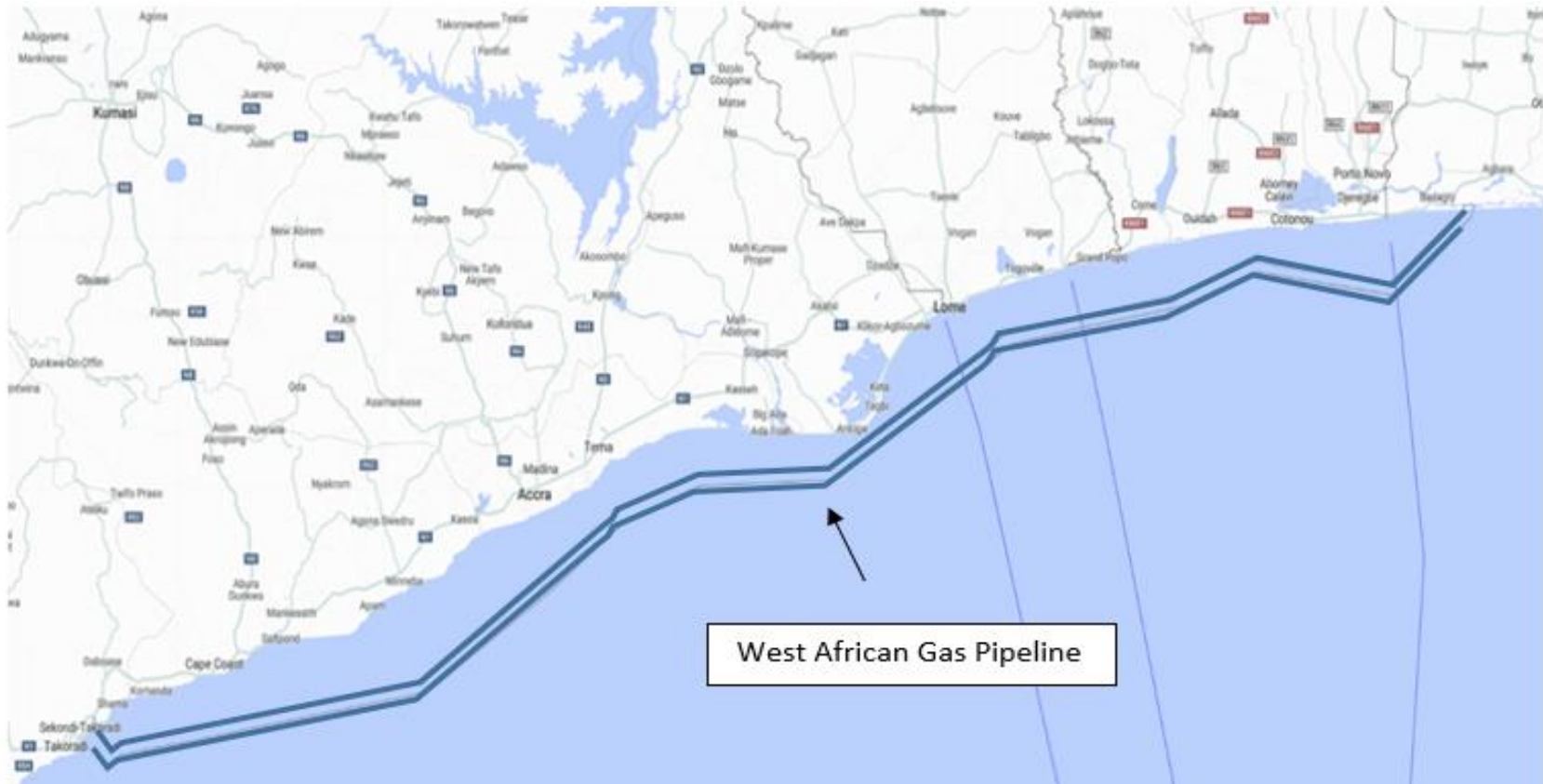
Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate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

- Thailand includes Germany, Italy, France in high-risk zones list.

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- Cargo ship beached by storm, partially sank, Vietnam.

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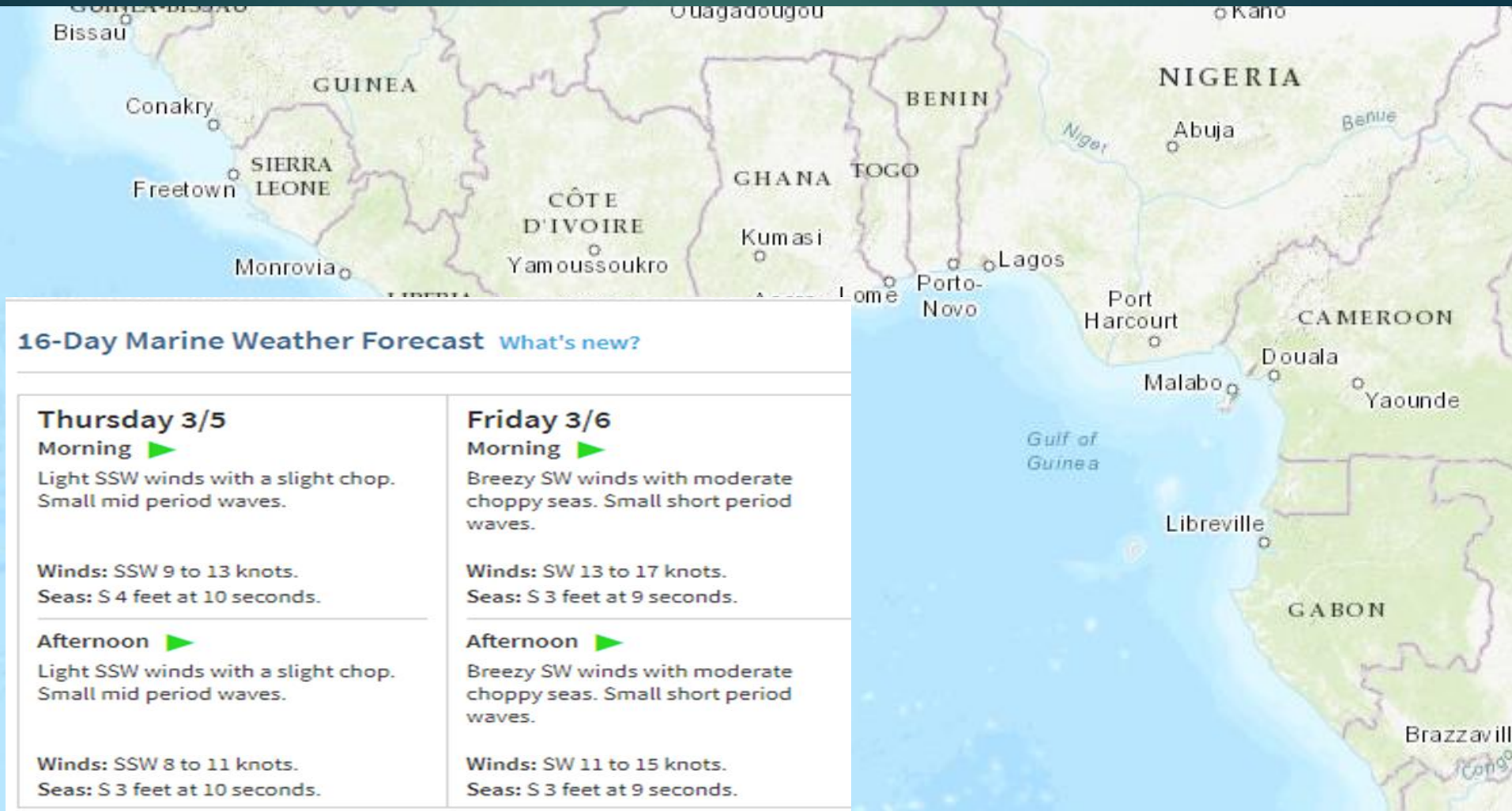
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# DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **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.