



**MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY
REPORT
MARITIME SAFETY AND
SECURITY
06 MAR - 12 MARCH 2020**

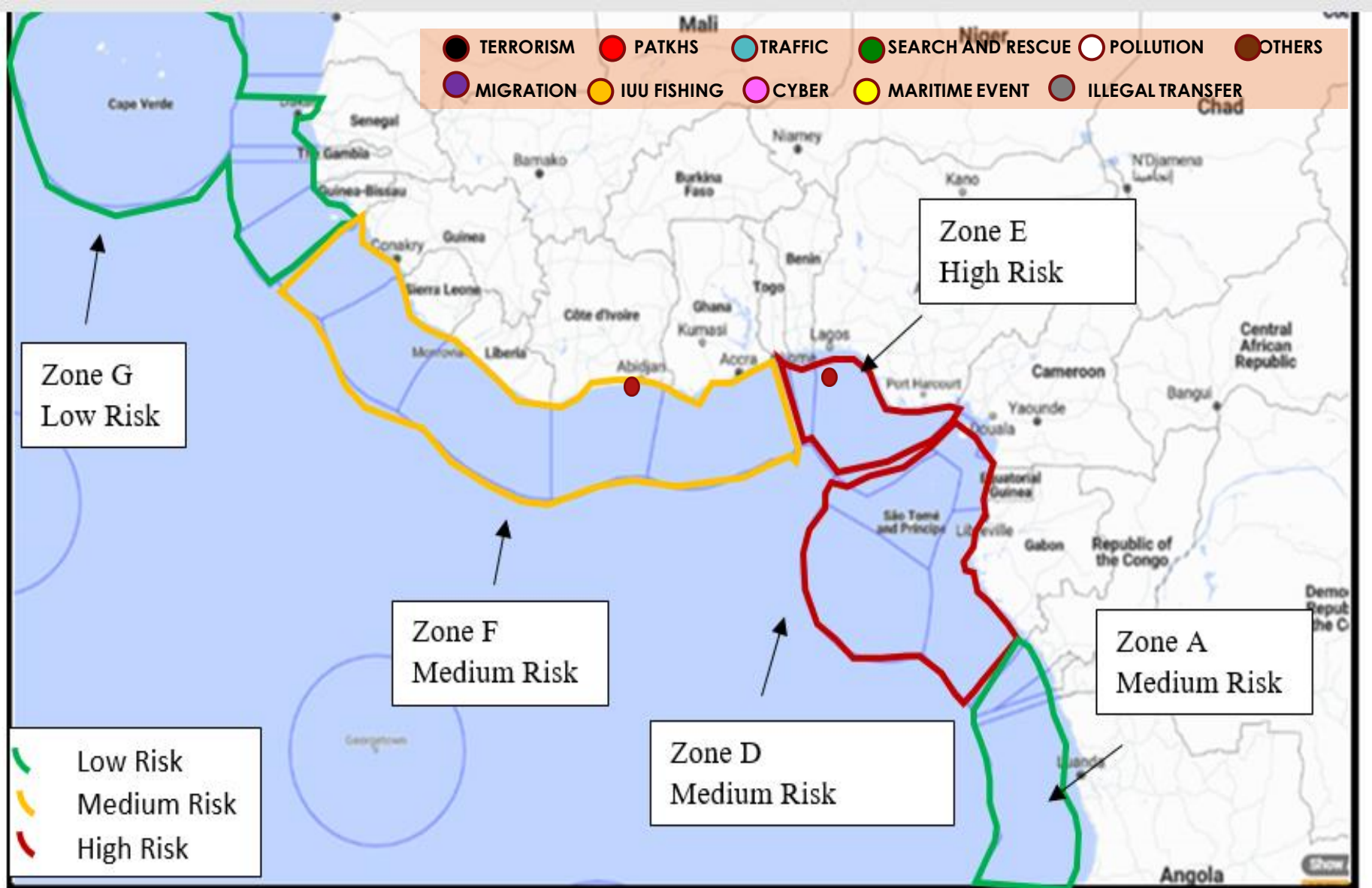
OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure during the week under review.
- Ivorian and French Navy conduct maritime surveillance activities to support the fight against illegal acts at sea.
- The Abidjan anchorage recorded a theft incident.
- Crew kidnapped from the Liberia flag tanker vessel ALPHINE PENELOPE off Cotonou released.
- Zone E recorded a boarding incident on 05 March 2020.
- 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					
	ROBBERY/ATTEMPT ROBBERY					
	ATTEMPT BOARDING					
	BOARDING			1		
	THEFT				1	
	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH					
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 OPERATION

Operations SAGNE 3 – Cote d'Ivoire

- As part of efforts to ensure regular maritime surveillance and support to the fight against illegal acts at sea, the Ivoirian navy carried out a surveillance operation with the French Navy in the Ivorian maritime domain.
- The mission was operated with Ivoirian FALCON 50 aircraft and French Navy war ship CDT BOUAN as part of Operation SAGNE 3.
- The exercise came off from 5-11 March 2020.
- The exercise is expected to maintain presence at sea and provide confidence to mariners.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Update – Cotonou, Benin

Recall that on 20 February 2020, nine (9) crew were kidnapped from the Liberian flag tanker ALPINE PENELOPE vessel off Cotonou.

Reports indicate that the crew have been released unharmed on 6 March 2020. All crew have undergone medical checks and are all safe.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding– Lagos, Nigeria

- The Hong Kong flag general cargo vessel HUANGHAI GLORY was attacked 80 NM S of Lagos, Nigeria at 1827 UTC on 05 March 2020.
- The incident took place at 05°02'N 003°28'E.
- Crew on the vessel sent a SSAS message when the ship was boarded by an unknown number of armed men. After the alert, communications with the vessel were impossible.
- The Nigerian Navy sent patrol vessel NNS SPARROW to provide assistance. The NNS SPARROW on arrival confirmed that no crew member has been taken hostage. Both ships then proceeded to Lagos for further investigations.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Theft – Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

- The Marshall Islands flag offshore supply vessel INGRID K was boarded at Abidjan anchorage, Côte d'Ivoire at 0150 UTC on 07 March 2020.
- The incident took place at 05°16'00'N 04°02'20"W.
- One man in a canoe approached and boarded the anchored vessel. The crew noticed the presence of the perpetrator and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a security search was carried out the vessel.
- After the security search, it was observed that, a mobile phone was stolen. Abidjan port control was informed and a security boat was sent to the location. All crew were reported safe.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Vessels transiting or calling at ports are encouraged to conduct to always be on the alert and report suspicious activities to port authorities for assistance.
- 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.

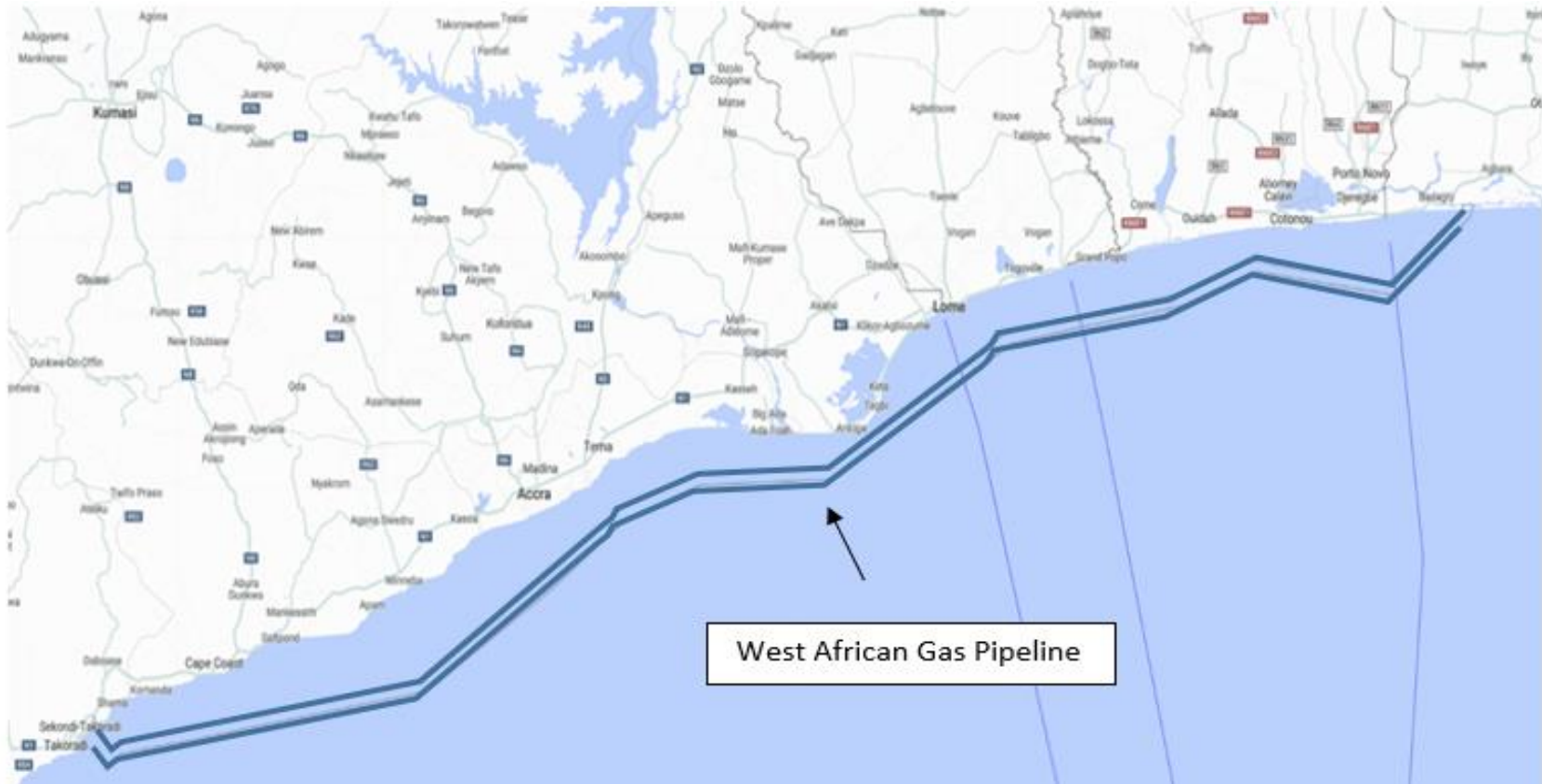
Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate assistance.

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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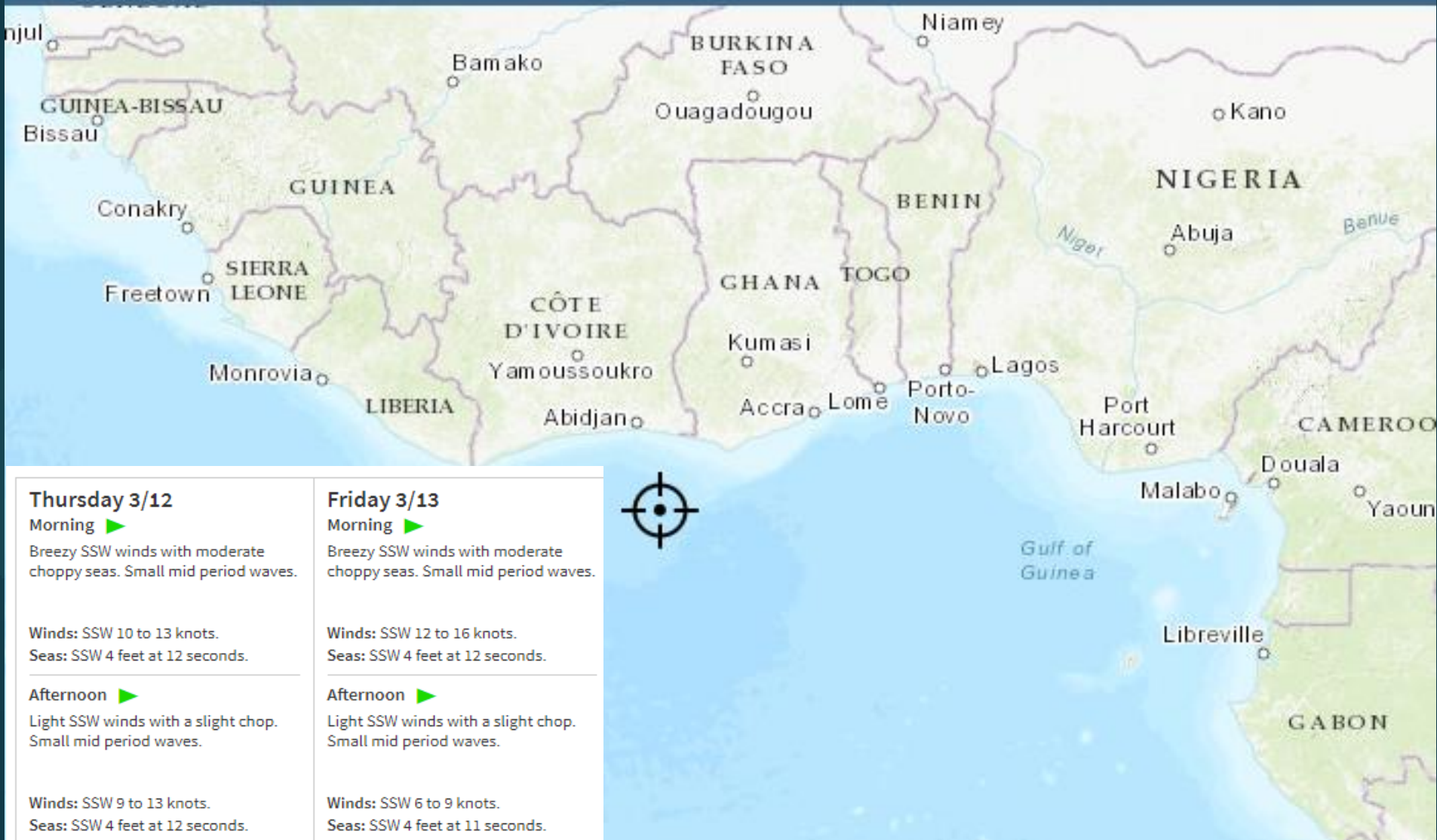
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DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **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.