



# MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY REPORT

## MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

10 APR - 16 APRIL 2020

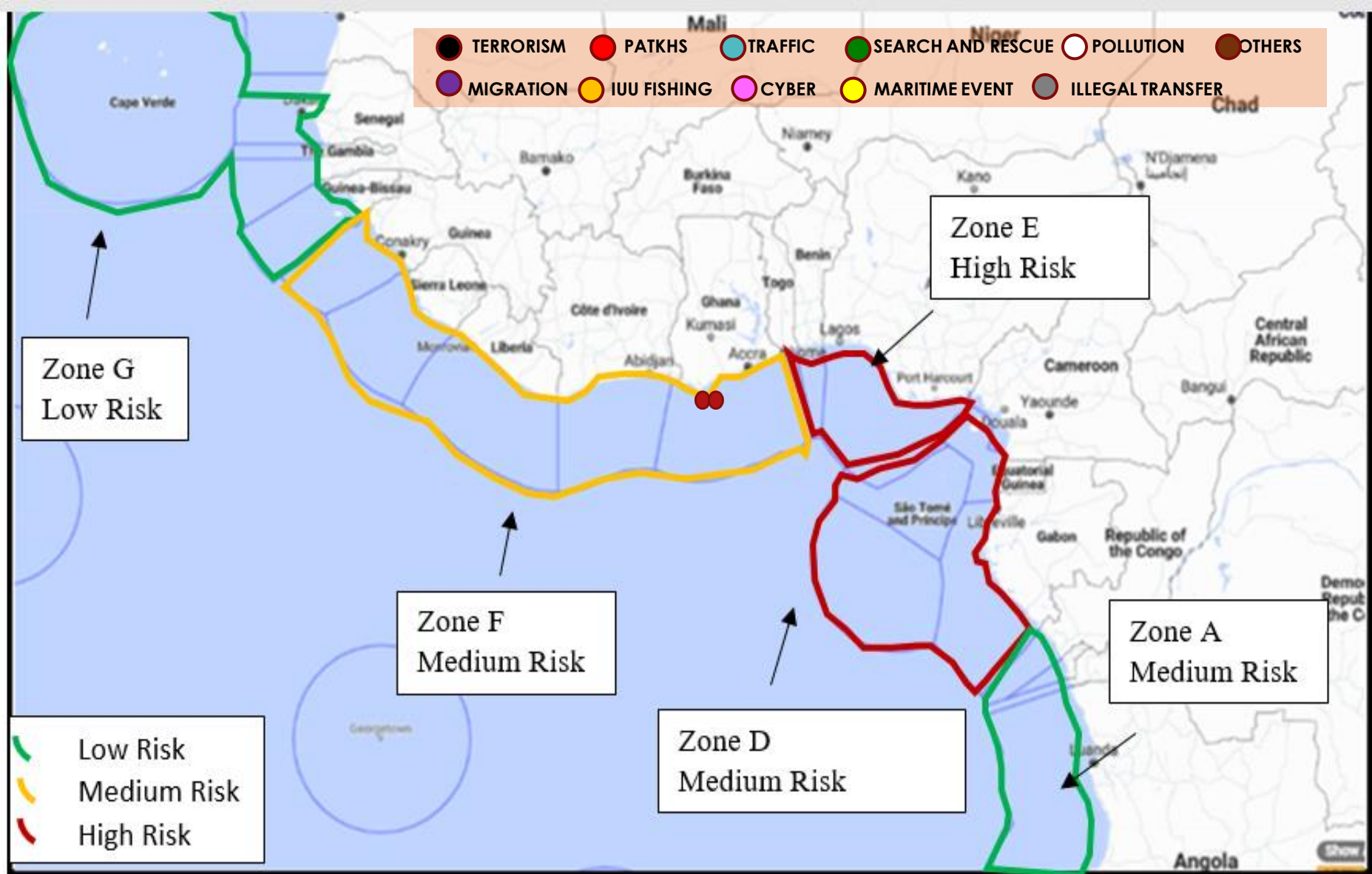
# OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure during the week under review.
- Maritime Zone F recorded an attempted boarding and a theft incidents.
- National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) - Liberia has fined an illegal fishing boat containing seven migrants from the Ivory Coast US\$5,000.00.
- 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 ROBBERY           |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | FIRING UPON             |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | ROBBERY/ATTEMPT ROBBERY |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | ATTEMPT BOARDING        |                         |   |   | 1 |   |
|                              | BOARDING                |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | THEFT                   |                         |   |   | 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 TRANSFER</b>      | ILLEGAL BUNKERING       |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | OIL ROBBERY             |                         |   |   |   |   |
| <b>CYBER CRIMINALITY</b>     |                         |                         |   |   |   |   |
| <b>MARITIME EVENT</b>        | SHIPWRECK               |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | COLLISION               |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | SINKING                 |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | DAMAGE                  |                         |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SEARCH AND RESCUE</b>     | MEN OVERBOARD           |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | ASSISTANCE AND TOWING   |                         |   |   |   |   |
|                              | SANITARY EVACUATION     |                         |   |   |   |   |

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Attempted Boarding - Takoradi anchorage, Ghana**

On 15 April 2020, at about 0527 LT, an attempted boarding was made onboard the Marshall Island flag tanker vessel. The incident occurred at position 04°54'N 001°41'W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana. Six (6) persons inside a fishing boat came alongside and attempted to climb on to the vessel using a grappling hook via the forecastle. The duty crew member on watch saw the robbers making the attempt to board and informed the bridge. The tanker's whistle was sounded, resulting in the robbers escaping. The crew undertook a full check of the vessel and reported nothing was stolen and no damages made. The vessel reported the incident to the Takoradi Port authorities at about 1130 hour. Investigation is currently ongoing.

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## **Theft – Takoradi Anchorage - Ghana**

The MMCC Zone F received information indicating that, the Vanuatu flag off shore supply vessel HORIZON ENABLER was boarded at Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana. The incident took place at position 04°52'43"N 001°41'01"W at around 0104 UTC on 15 April 2020. Seven (7) perpetrators in a canoe came alongside the vessel and two (2) perpetrators boarded the vessel. The deck officer on his routine checks sighted the perpetrators at the paint store and raised alarm. The perpetrators jumped over board and fled with 5 buckets of paint. The Port authority and the Ghana Navy were informed, two patrol boats were sent to the anchorage, however the perpetrators fled before the Navy arrived. The vessel and the crew are all safe.





# STATE ACTIONS

In an effort to deter illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing across Liberia, the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) has fined an illegal fishing boat containing seven migrants from the Ivory Coast US\$5,000.00 in consistent with the 2010 fisheries regulations. The Ivorian Boat which had entered Liberian waters illegally was arrested Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in Grandcess, Grand Kru County with the help of the Community Based Surveillance Network, a local community based organization along fishing communities in Liberia's nine coastal counties. The seven illegal Ivorian fishermen are currently being detained by the local authorities in Grandcess and their semi industrial fishing boat has been confiscated.

Full account of the arrest can be found following the link below:  
[gnnliberia.com/2020/04/04/liberia-nafaa-fines-illegal-ivorian-fishermen-us5000-00/](https://gnnliberia.com/2020/04/04/liberia-nafaa-fines-illegal-ivorian-fishermen-us5000-00/)

# GENERAL COMMENTS

The attack on board the passenger vessel is an indication that criminals will seize every opportunity to perpetuate crime.

The attention of the security agencies in coastal states is focused on measures to prevent community spread however activities of pirates continue to linger on.

Vessels at anchorages are also encouraged to report incidents at all times to local Port authorities to enable quick response.

It is therefore important that maritime law enforcement authorities and shipping companies continue to develop strategies to deal with crime at sea.

The actions by (NaFAA) – Liberia in the fight against IUU is encouraging. It is hoped that coastal would learn from the Liberian example and enforce regulations on IUU.

# 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.

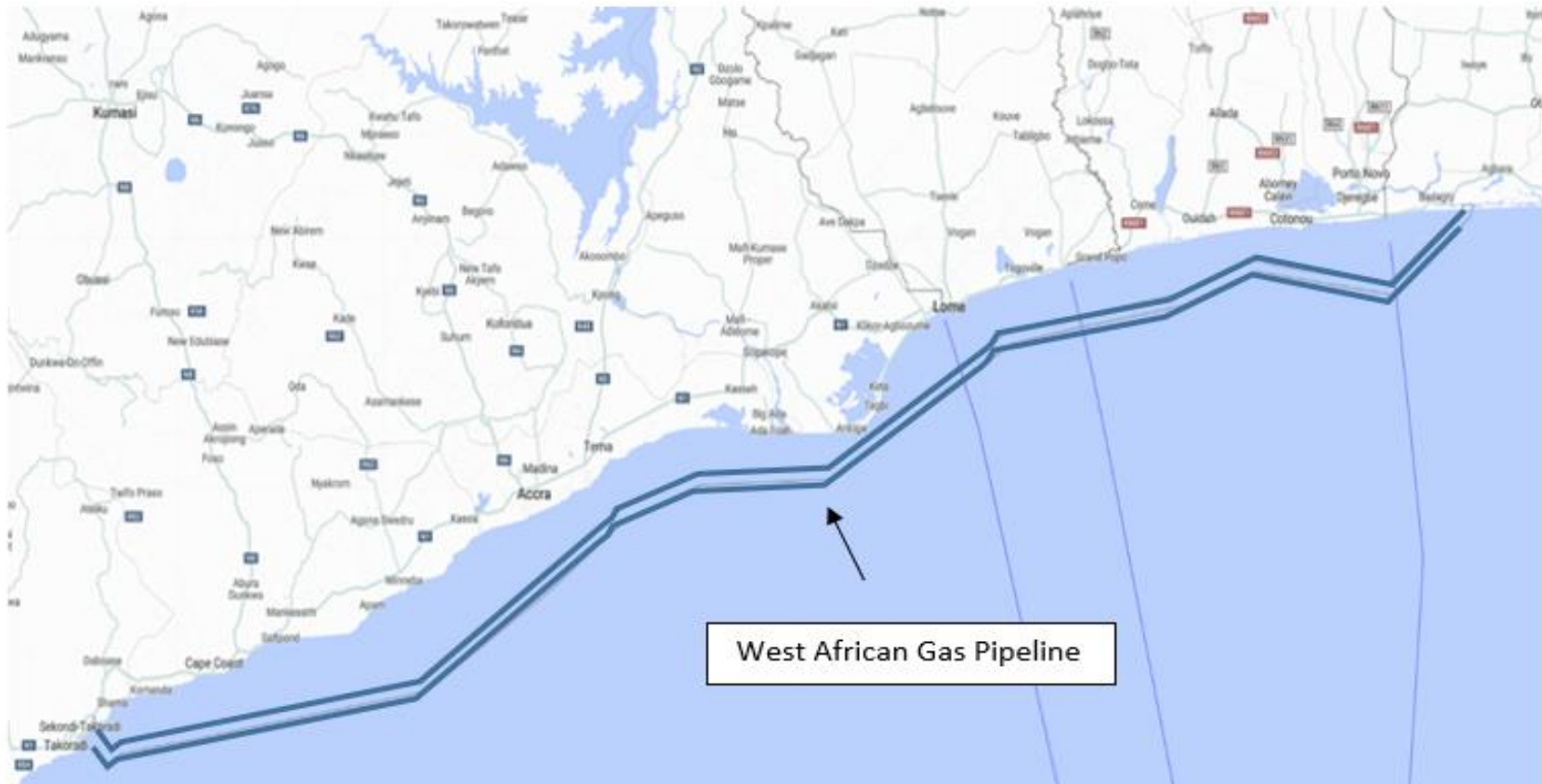
Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate assistance.

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

- bulk carrier crew charged with attempted murder after allegedly throwing stowaways overboard off south africa .

Source: <https://gcaptain.com>

- Crane accident at TESC Terminal, 1 worker injured, 1 died.
- Source: <https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news>

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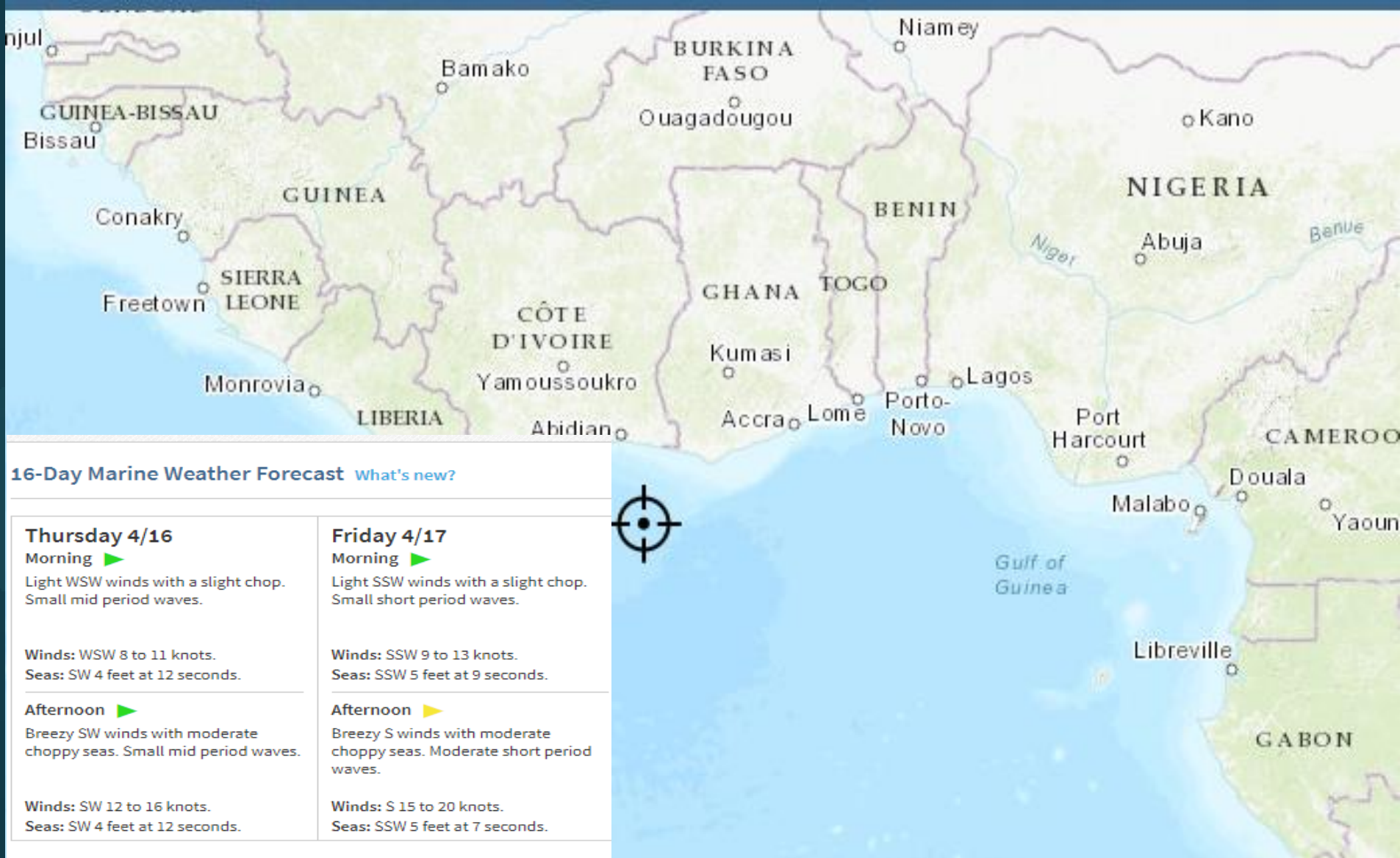
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# DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **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.