



**MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY
REPORT
MARITIME SAFETY AND
SECURITY
8 MAY - 14 MAY 2020**

OVERVIEW

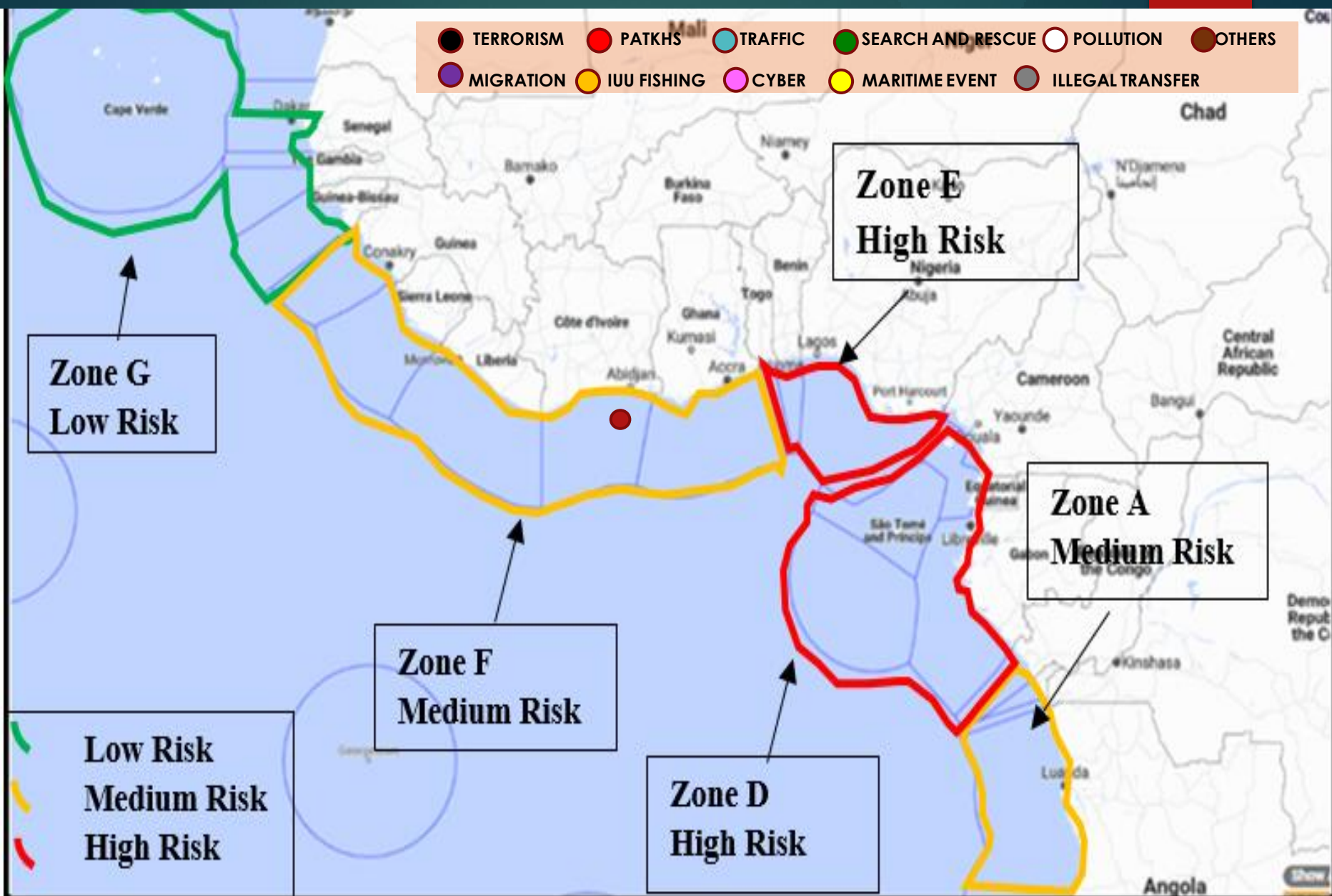
- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure during the week under review. However a number of incidents were observed.
- Maritime Zone F recorded a Hijack incident.
- See details of incidents for more information.

INCIDENT RECORD

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

RISK DISPOSITION

- TERRORISM
- PATKHS
- TRAFFIC
- SEARCH AND RESCUE
- POLLUTION
- OTHERS
- MIGRATION
- IUU FISHING
- CYBER
- MARITIME EVENT
- ILLEGAL TRANSFER



Zone G
Low Risk

Zone E
High Risk

Zone A
Medium Risk

Zone F
Medium Risk

Zone D
High Risk

Low Risk
Medium Risk
High Risk

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Hijacking – Cote d'Ivoire

On 15 May 2020 the Chinese flag fishing trawler HAI LU FENG 11 which conduct fishing in Ivorian waters was hijacked about 69NM South of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The vessel was then spotted approximately 134NM S of Cotonou, Benin at 0600 UTC on 15 May 2020. The Benin Navy were informed and a patrol boat was sent to intercept the vessel but they couldn't find the vessel.

On 16 May 2020, The vessel was also spotted at position 04°09' N, 003°20'E about 134NM South of Lagos, Nigerian.

- The Nigeria Navy were informed and a Nigerian Navy boat was sent to intercept the fishing vessel.

ACTION TAKEN

Nigerian Navy Ship NGURU left Lagos with a detachment of the Nigerian Navy Special Boat Service in the afternoon on 16 May 20 ,with the mission to intercept and rescue the hijacked vessel. The fishing vessel HAILUFENG 11 was intercepted at about 140nm South of Lagos Fairway bouy. The Vessel refused to respond to all calls to stop her engines. Consequently, an opposed boarding was conducted at about 2145 hrs while the Vessel was proceeding at a speed of more than 9 knots. The Boarding Team took control of the Vessel at about 2210 last night. Ten (10) pirates were apprehended, 18 Crew Members were rescued consisting of 8 Chinese, 7 Ivorians and 3 Ghanaians. The Hijacked Fishing Vessel is been escorted to Lagos Harbour with the Nigerian Navy Special Boat Service Team onboard. The Crew were all in good health, no casualty and no injury sustained.

PICTURE OF THE ARRESTED PIRATES



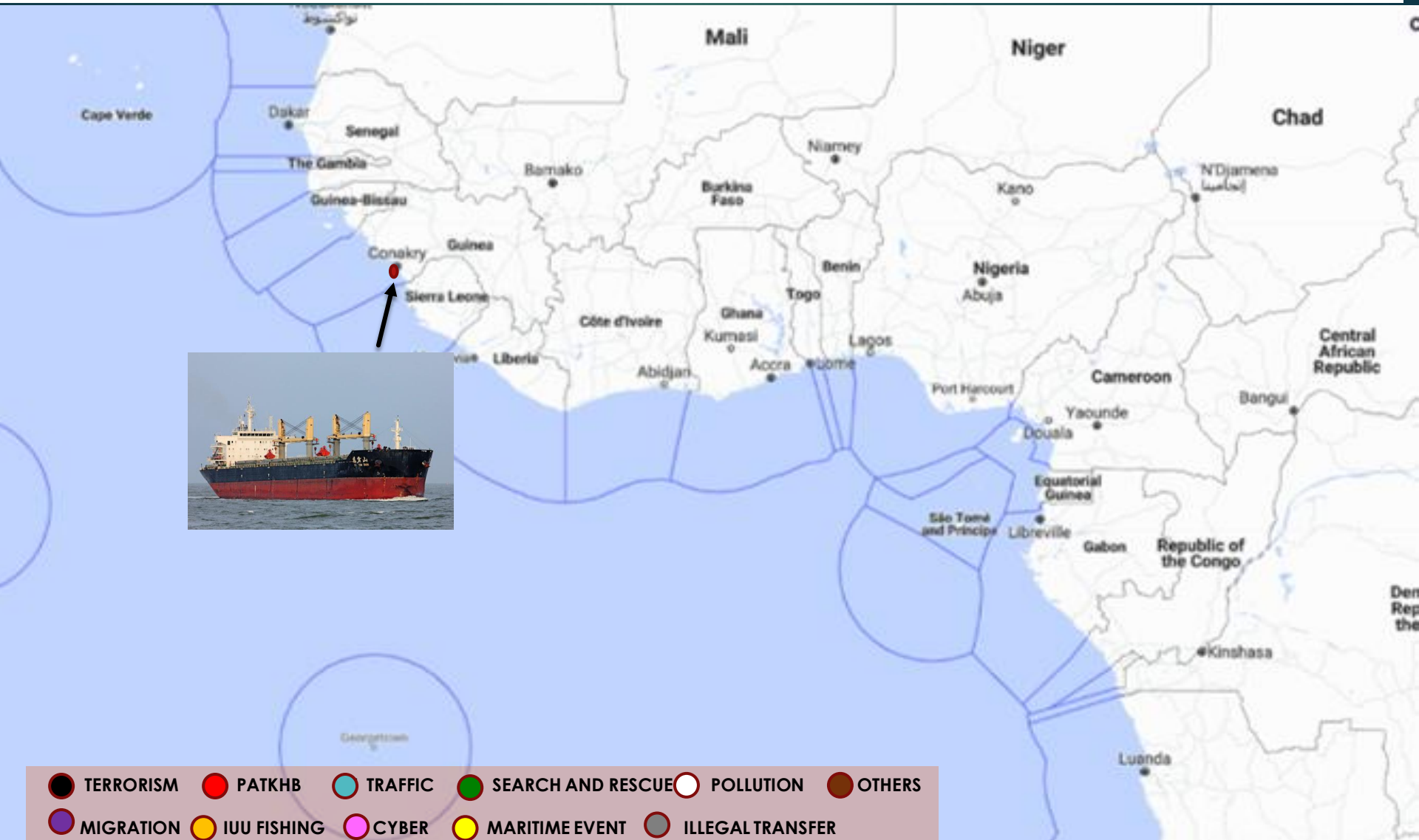
DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Theft - Conakry, Guinea

The Hong Kong flag bulk carrier CI YUN SHAN (IMO: 9592886) was boarded at Conakry anchorage, Guinea at 2330 UTC on 13 May 2020. The incident took place at 09°16'17"N 013°46'21"W. Four perpetrators boarded the vessel and stole crew and ships valuables items. The vessel and the crew are all safe.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

Theft – Conakry, Guinea



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Suspicious Approach - Cotonou, Benin

On 14 May 2020 at 0130 UTC, an Italian flag cargo vessel GRANDE NIGERIA (IMO: 9246580) was suspiciously approached in position 04°34'07"N 002°29'09"E, approximately 107 nautical miles South of Cotonou, Benin.

The vessel was approached whilst underway by 2 fast boats. The boats were described as one mother ship approximately 80 meters long and one small skiff. The Benin and Nigerian authorities have been notified. The MMCC Zone F will continue to monitor and provide update accordingly.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The surge in crime in the GoG this week is a clear indication that criminals are exploiting security gaps. A total of 5 incidents were witnessed across the GoG. There is the urgent need for maritime authorities and law enforcement agencies to make arrest and severely punish perpetrators of criminal activity to restore confidence. Similarly, maritime law enforcement agencies are encouraged to continuously maintain presence at sea in readiness to offer needed assistance to vessels. All vessels are also advised to maintain a vigilant anti-piracy watch and measures while at anchorages and at sea.

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.

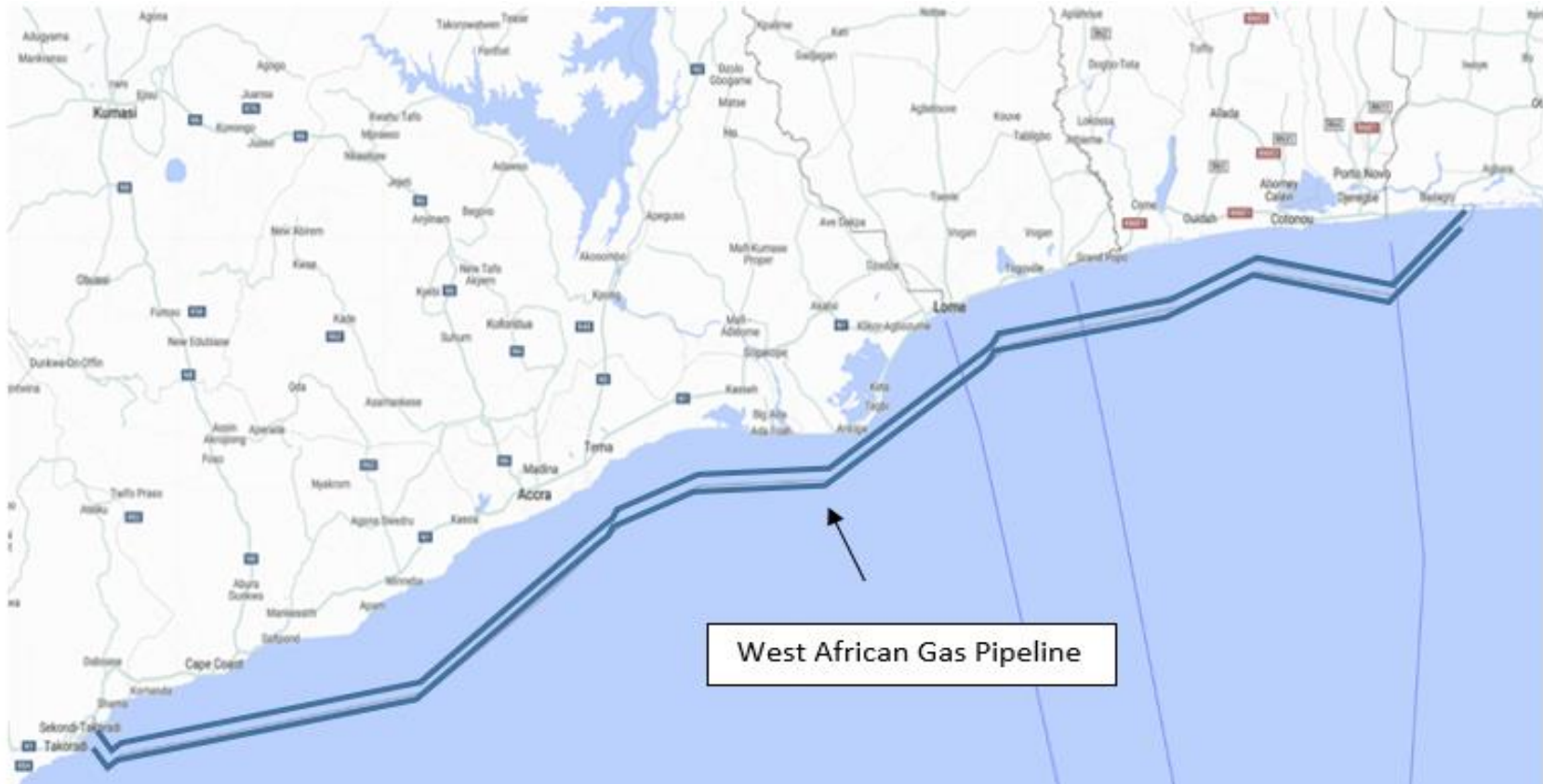
Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate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

- Master of bulk carrier died in his chair.
Source: <https://www.fleetmon.com>

- PIRACY: Nigeria loses 1.5 billion USD / MONTHLY
Source: <https://www.sunnewsonline.com>

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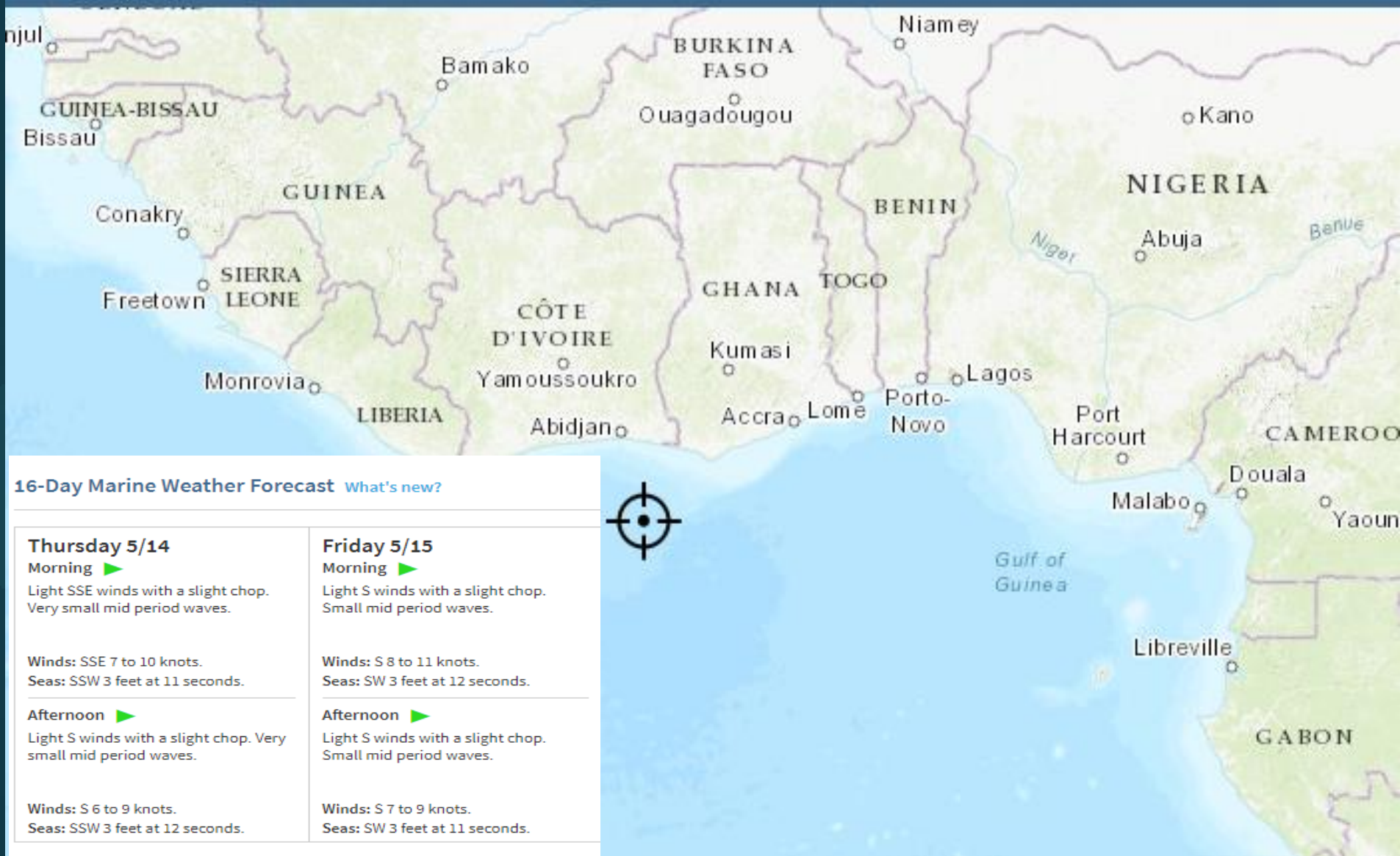
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METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST



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Thursday 5/14	Friday 5/15
Morning ▶ Light SSE winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.	Morning ▶ Light S winds with a slight chop. Small mid period waves.
Winds: SSE 7 to 10 knots. Seas: SSW 3 feet at 11 seconds.	Winds: S 8 to 11 knots. Seas: SW 3 feet at 12 seconds.
Afternoon ▶ Light S winds with a slight chop. Very small mid period waves.	Afternoon ▶ Light S winds with a slight chop. Small mid period waves.
Winds: S 6 to 9 knots. Seas: SSW 3 feet at 12 seconds.	Winds: S 7 to 9 knots. Seas: SW 3 feet at 11 seconds.

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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.