



MMCC ZONE F WEEKLY REPORT

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

22 MAY - 28 MAY 2020

OVERVIEW

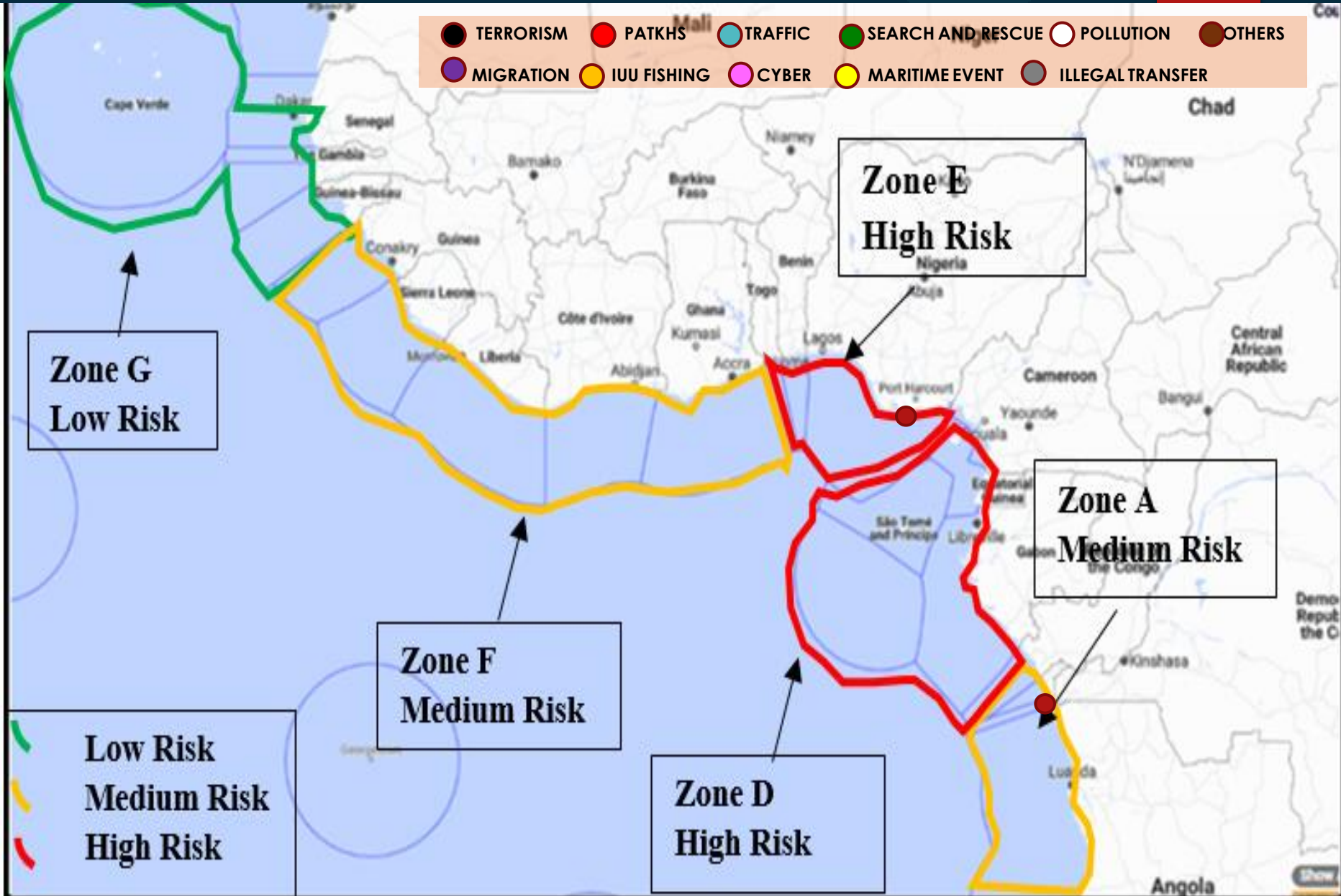
- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure during the week under review.
- Ten (10) crew kidnapped from VERMAHOPE have been released.
- Maritime Zone E recorded a kidnapping incident.
- Maritime Zone A recorded a boarding 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					
	KIDNAPPING			1		
	ARMED ROBBERY					
	FIRING UPON					
	ROBBERY/ATTEMPT ROBBERY					
	ATTEMPT BOARDING					
	BOARDING	1				
	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

Update Kidnapped – VEMAHOPE

- Recall on 30 April 2020 at 1940 UTC, 10 crew were kidnapped by unknown number of perpetrators from the Panama flag product tanker VEMAHOPE
- Update indicate that, the 10 crew have been released.
- The crew who were released on 22 May 2020 have undergone on medical checks and are safe.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Kidnapped – Bakana and Degema, Nigeria

- On 23 May 2020, at unknown time, in position 04°44'00"N 006°54'00"E approximately 5NM W of Bakana, Rivers State, Nigeria, a passenger boat was attacked whilst transiting from Bakana to Degema, River State.
- Twelve armed men ambushed the passenger vessel which had a total of seven crew on-board, including four policemen.
- The armed men, in two speedboats with a mounted machine gun in front, opened fire on the passenger vessel resulting in the policemen returning fire. The passenger vessel driver and three of the policemen jumped overboard and swam to safety.
- The armed men attacked the fourth policeman who remained onboard due to his inability to swim and threw him into the river before kidnapping two civilians and escaping with the policeman refile. Reports indicates that the perpetrators are requesting for an amount of 30m Naira to release the crew.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

Kidnapped – Bakana and Degema, Nigeria



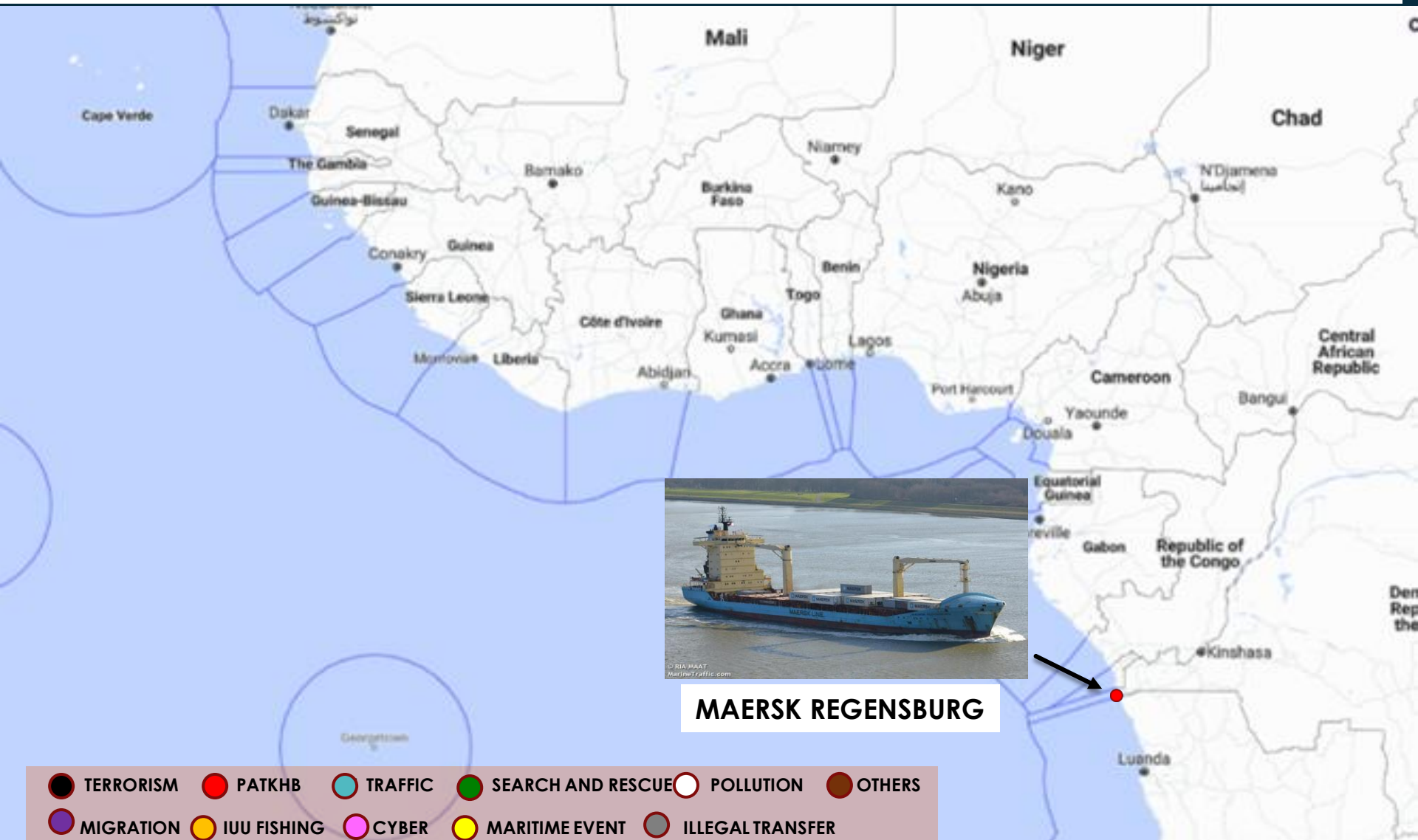
DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding - Banana anchorage, Congo

On 25 May 2020 at 0445 UTC, The Hong Kong flag container vessel MAERSK REGENSBURG (IMO 9332676) was boarded at Banana anchorage, Congo. The incident took place at 06°01'S 012°20'E. Report indicated that, the duty crew sighted a single perpetrator attempting to remove a lashing from the deck. An alarm was raised and crew mustered which resulted the perpetrator escaping in a small craft with a single outboard engine. A full search was conducted. The search revealed that lashing had been removed from one container but nothing was stolen. The Vessel and crews are all safe.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

Boarding - Banana anchorage, DR Congo



GENERAL COMMENTS

The attack against the passenger vessel with the two speed boats, AK47 and machine guns calls for urgent strategies to disarm persons illegally posing arms. There is the need to intensify periodic coastal community swoops and to disarmament programs in the Niger delta. It is hope that government, security agencies will and industry will soon dialogue to develop a comprehensive strategy to disarm criminals.

Until a lasting solution is realized, vessels calling at ports or transiting are encouraged to continuously improve ship borne security measures and report any suspicious activities to local Port authorities to enable quick response.

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.

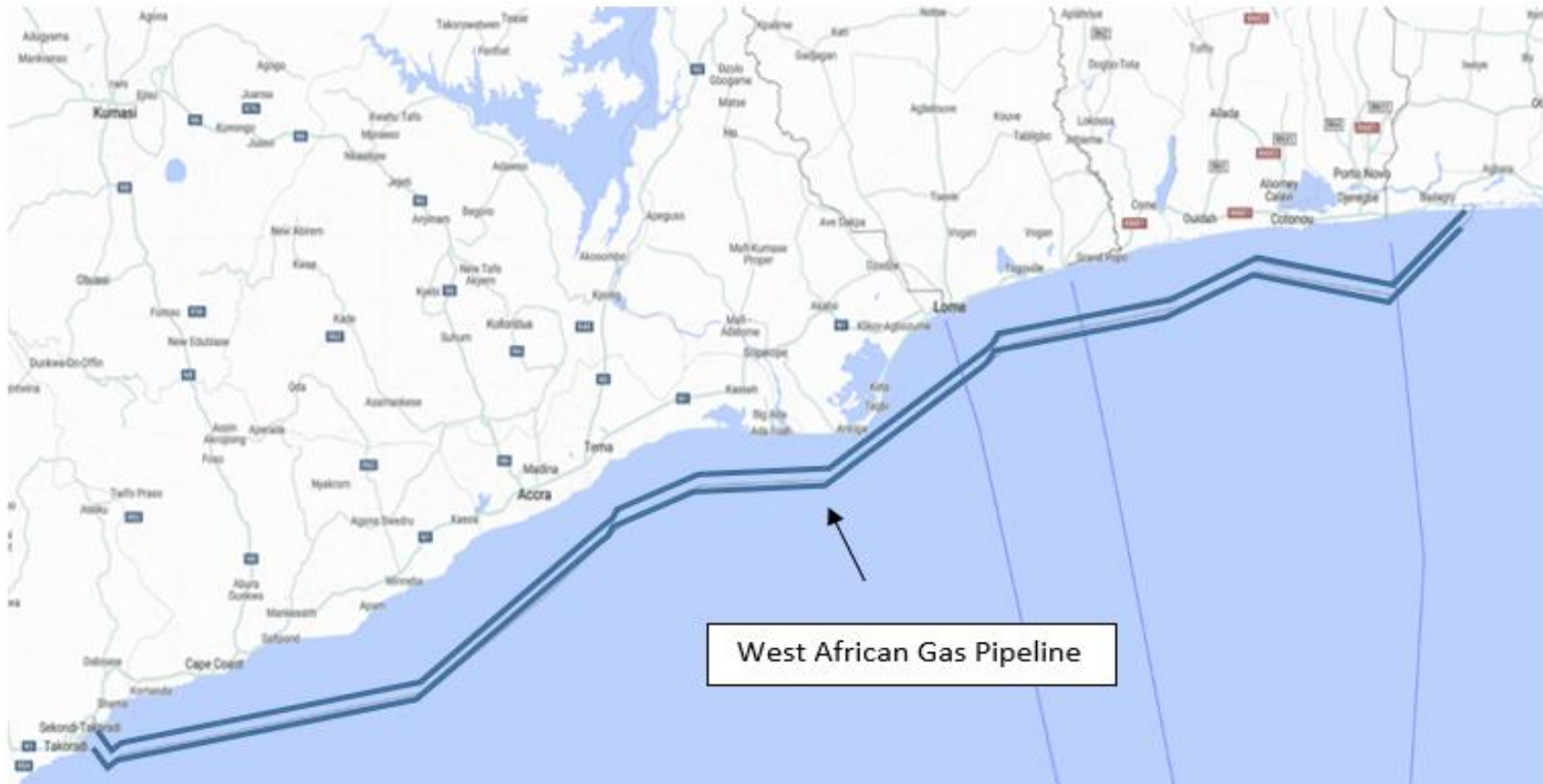
Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate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

- Friends of nation - fishers livelihoods collapsing due to lack of political will -GHANA .

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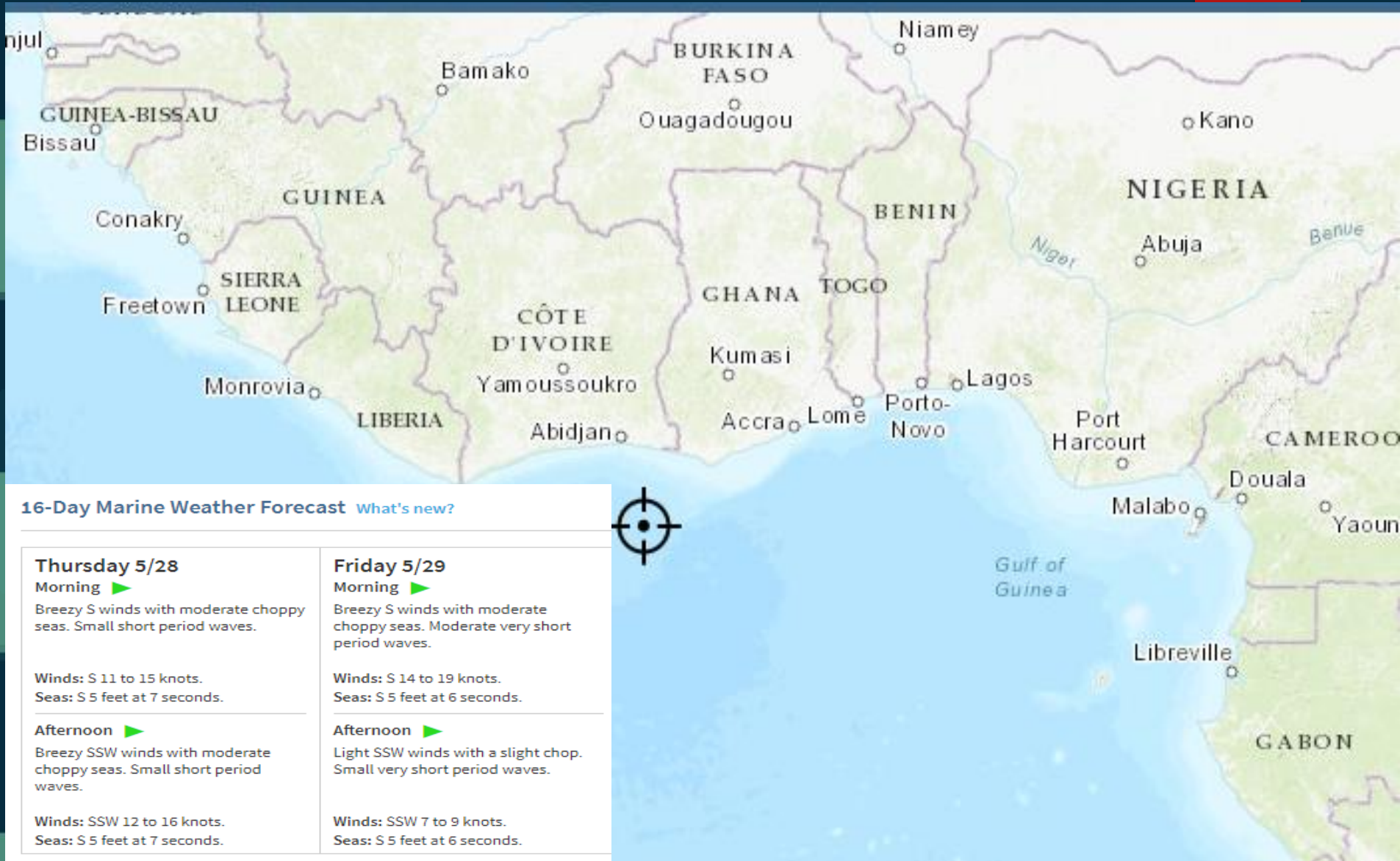
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METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST



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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.