



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

5 JUNE – 11 JUNE 2020

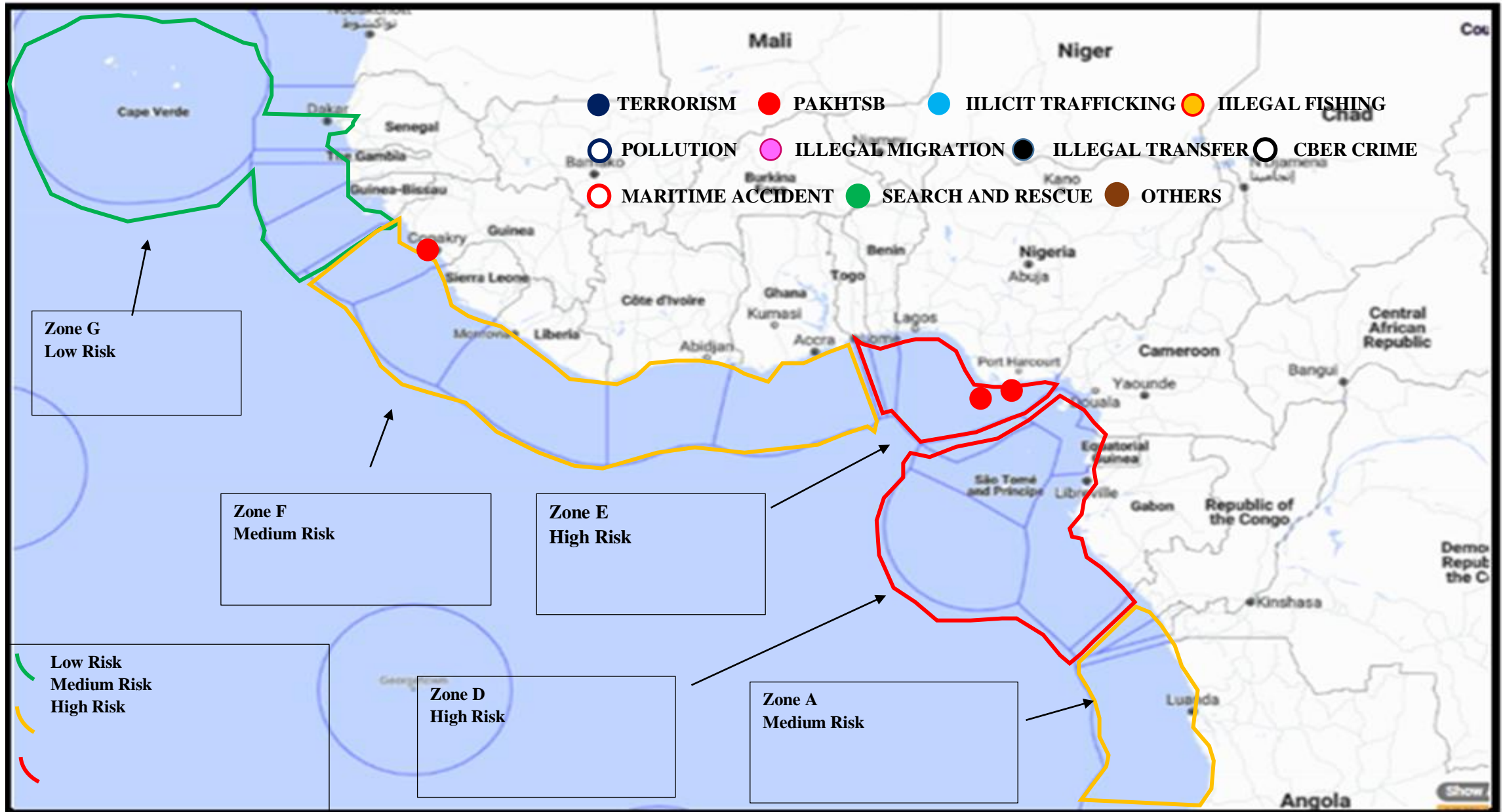
OVERVIEW

- 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.
- Update on AMERGER II and AMERGER VII.
- Maritime Zone F recorded an Armed Robbery incident.
- Maritime Zone E recorded a Kidnapping and Attempted 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/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)	Hijacking					
	Kidnapping			1		
	Armed Robbery				1	
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding			1		
	Boarding					
	Theft					
	Suspicious Approach					
ILLCIT TRAFIC	Human					
	Drug					
	Weapons/Ammunitions					
	Smuggling					
I.U.U FISHING	Industrial Fishing					
	Craft Fishing					
POLLUTION						
ILLCIT MIGRATION	Organized Migration					
	Stowaways					
ILLEGAL TRANSFER	Illegal Bunkering					
	Oil Robbery					
CYBER CRIMINALITY						
MARITIME ACCIDENT	Shipwreck					
	Collision					
	Sinking					
	Damage					
SEARCH AND RESCUE	Men Overboard					
	Assistance And Towing					
	Sanitary Evacuation					
OTHERS						

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Update – AMERGER II and AMERGER VII

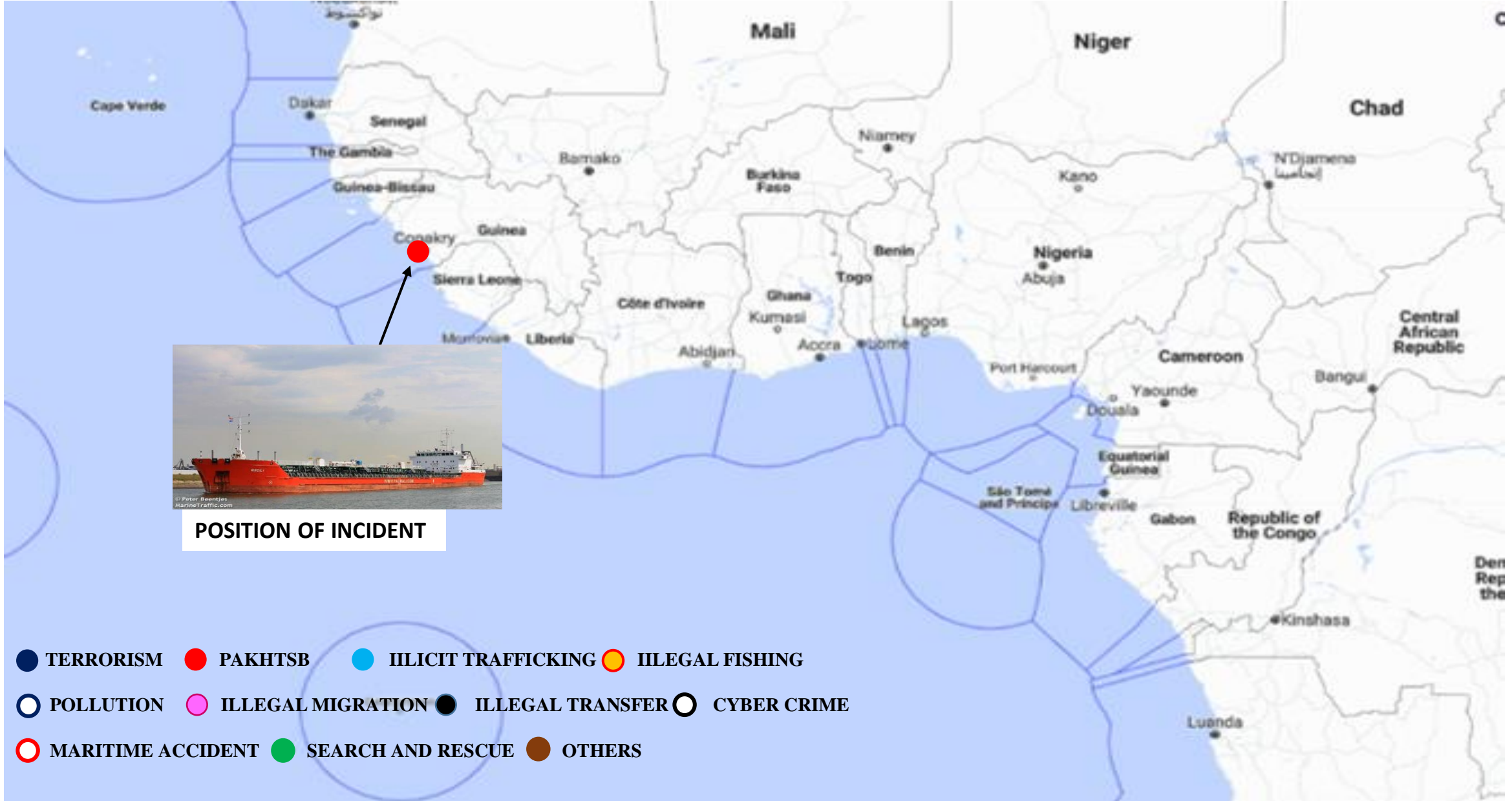
- Recall, on 03 May 2020, at 0500 UTC, at about 22NM to 36NM Northwest in position 00°30'50"N 009°06'21"E and 00°31'56"N 009°07'45"E off Libreville, Gabon
- Two fishing trawlers AMERGER II and AMERGER VII whose six crew were Kidnapped have been released on the 8 June 2020. The crew went under medical checks and report indicate that they are all safe and sound.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Armed Robbery- Conakry anchorage, Guinea.

- On 09 June 2020, at 0015 UTC, a Liberian flag floating power plant vessel KARADENIZ POWERSHIP AYBERK BEY (9175236) was boarded at the Conakry anchorage, Guinea.
- The incident took place at 09°21'N 013°47'W.
- About 6 to 7 armed perpetrators boarded the vessel and stole ship's stores and crew belongings (computers, mobile phones, and cash).
- A number of crew members were also physically assaulted including three officers, the ship's agent and a deckhand. The perpetrators remained on board for approximately 90 minutes and left without discharging any weapons.
- The Authorities were informed and by the time they got there the perpetrators had fled away.
- Report indicate that the assaulted crew and the vessel are safe.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



POSITION OF INCIDENT

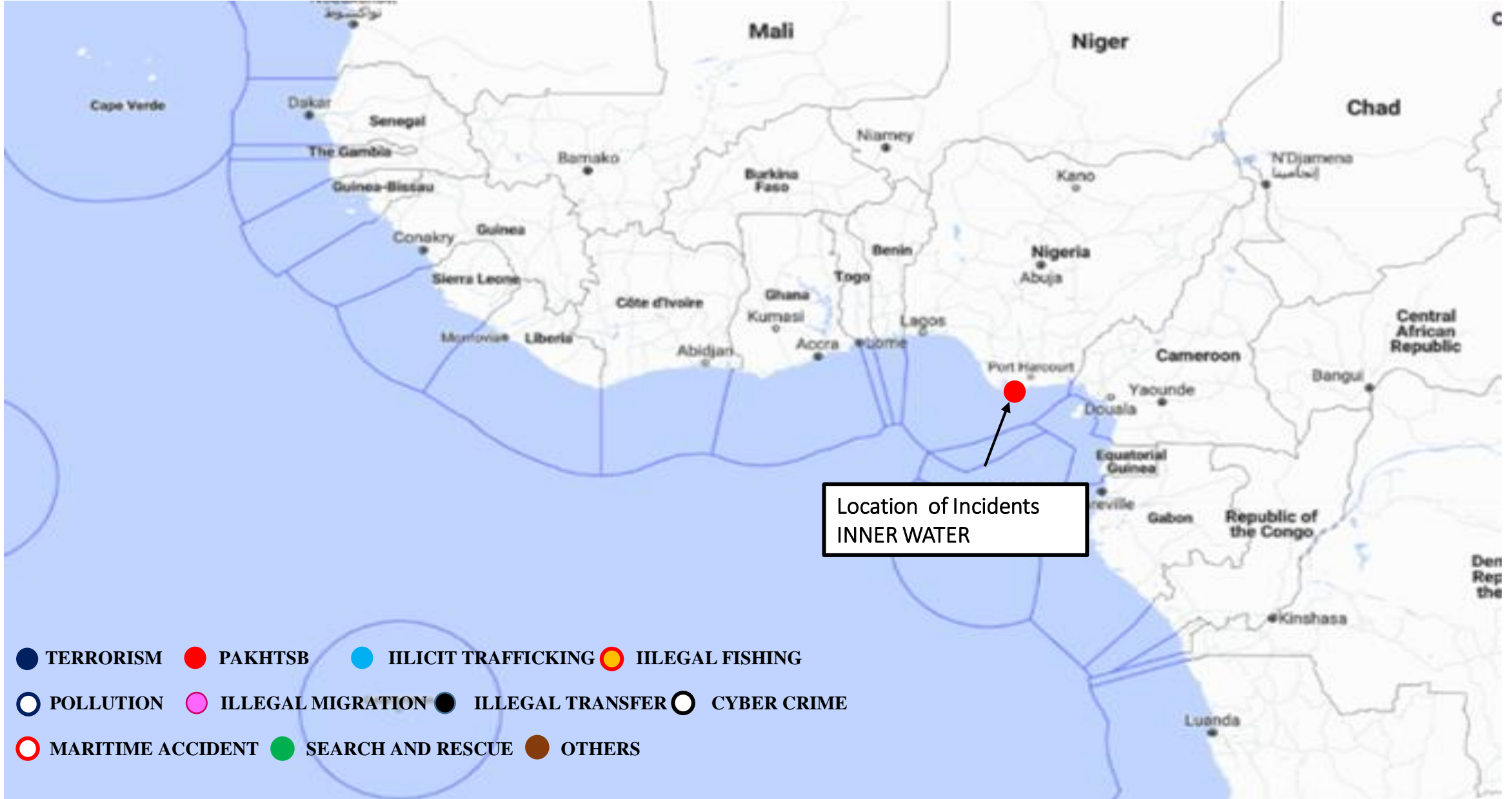
- TERRORISM
- PAKHTSB
- ILLICIT TRAFFICKING
- IILEGAL FISHING
- POLLUTION
- ILLEGAL MIGRATION
- ILLEGAL TRANSFER
- CYBER CRIME
- MARITIME ACCIDENT
- SEARCH AND RESCUE
- OTHERS

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Kidnapped – Port Harcourt and Ke Clan , Nigeria

- On 03 June 2020 around 1600 LT, one local passenger boat sailing from Port Harcourt to Ke Clan in Degema was attacked by gunmen on board a speed boat.
- The incident took place at position 04°29'N 006°57'E.
- 15 passengers onboard the passenger boat were forced to jump into the river, 13 of the passengers jump but were later rescued by the locals.
- The passenger boat was hijacked with a female passenger with a baby whisked away to an unknown destination by the bandits.
- The police has lunched a manhunt.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

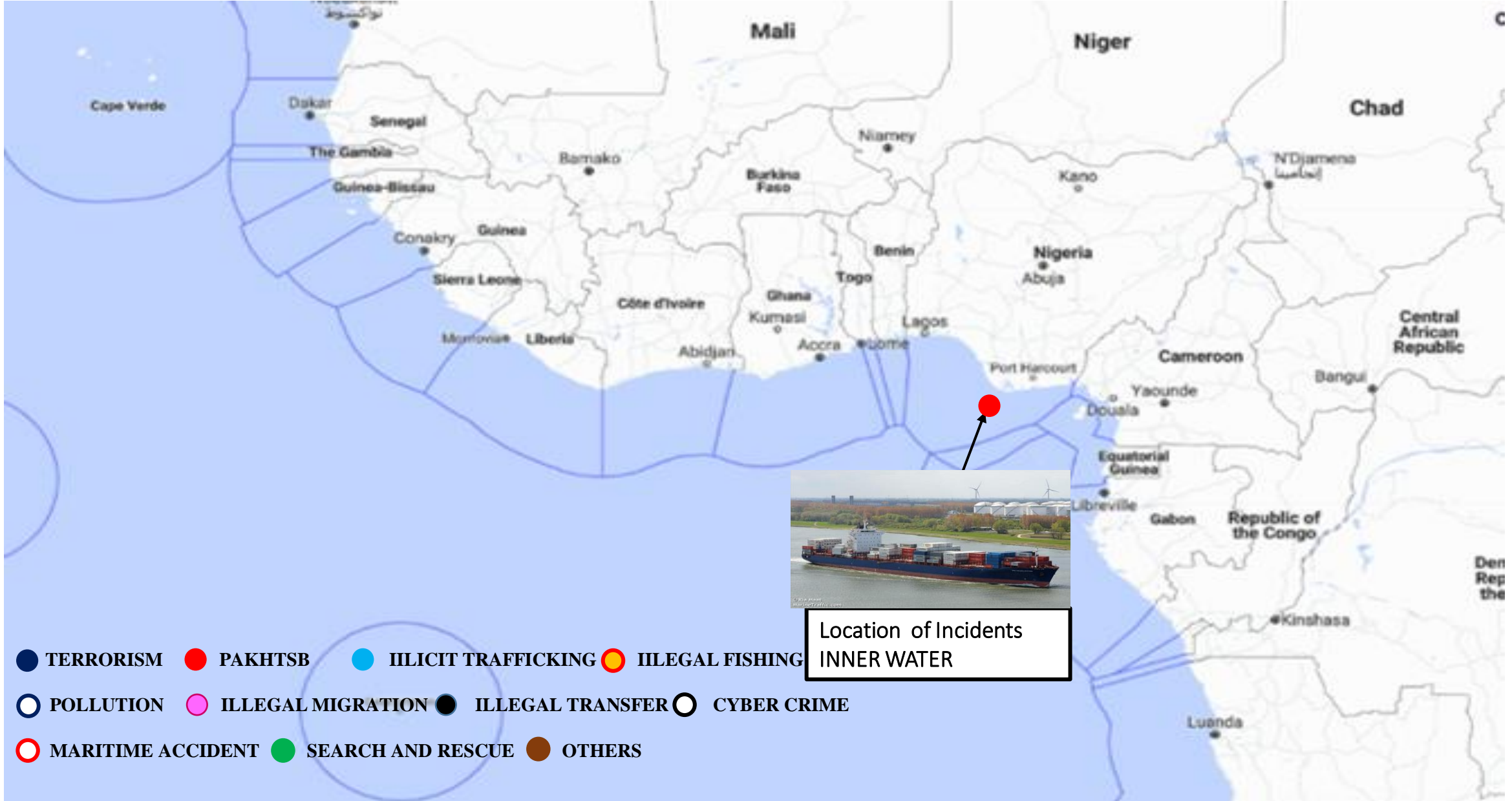


DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Attempted Boarding - Brass, Nigeria

- The Liberia flag container ship RIO CHARLESTON (9362449) which was en route from Lomé, Togo to Onne, Nigeria was attacked 122 NM SW of Brass, Nigeria at 1900 UTC on 9 June 2020.
- The incident took place at 03°14'18"N 004°43'E.
- Five men in a speedboat attempted to board the container ship from the port side. The crew raised an alarm, increased speed, activated fire pumps and performed evasive manoeuvres. The perpetrators aborted the pursuit.
- The vessel and crew are all safe. The container vessel made a rendezvous with the TEGRANT III security craft.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



Location of Incidents
INNER WATER

GENERAL COMMENTS

- In Maritime Zone F evidence shows a steady increase in offshore related crime activities. Generally, crimes reported in the Zone ranged from petty theft activities such as stealing of paints, ship stores items etc., but now, this incidents show perpetrators now conduct their attacks with weapons. This is a worrying trend which needs to be checked before it escalates into a surging trend.
- piracy, armed robbery, hijacking, kidnapping, theft, suspicious approach and boarding continue to linger.
- Security agencies are encouraged to always remain prepared to render assistance to vessels at sea.
- Vessels are also encouraged to report any suspicious movements for quick response.

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK AND ADVISORIES

FORECAST

- 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.

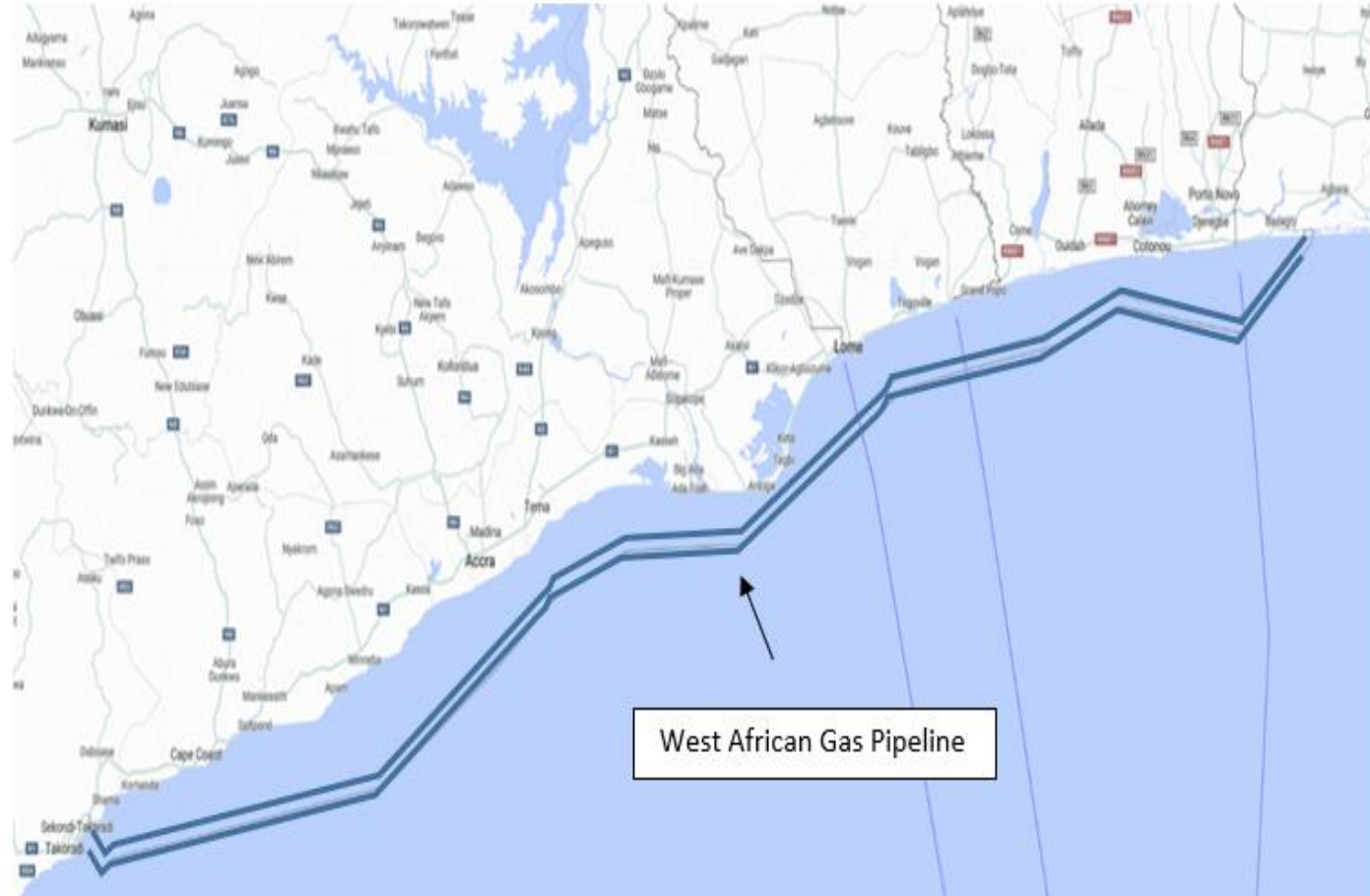
NOTICES

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

- Equatorial Guinea agree to demarcate border after skirmishes.
 - Source. <https://www.voanews.com>

METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

16-Day Marine Weather Forecast [What's new?](#)

Thursday 6/11

Morning ▶

Moderate to strong S winds with choppy seas. Moderate very short period waves.

Winds: S 15 to 21 knots.

Seas: S 6 feet at 6 seconds.

Afternoon ▶

Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate very short period waves.

Winds: SSW 13 to 18 knots.

Seas: S 5 feet at 6 seconds.

Friday 6/12

Morning ▶

Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.

Winds: SSW 10 to 14 knots.

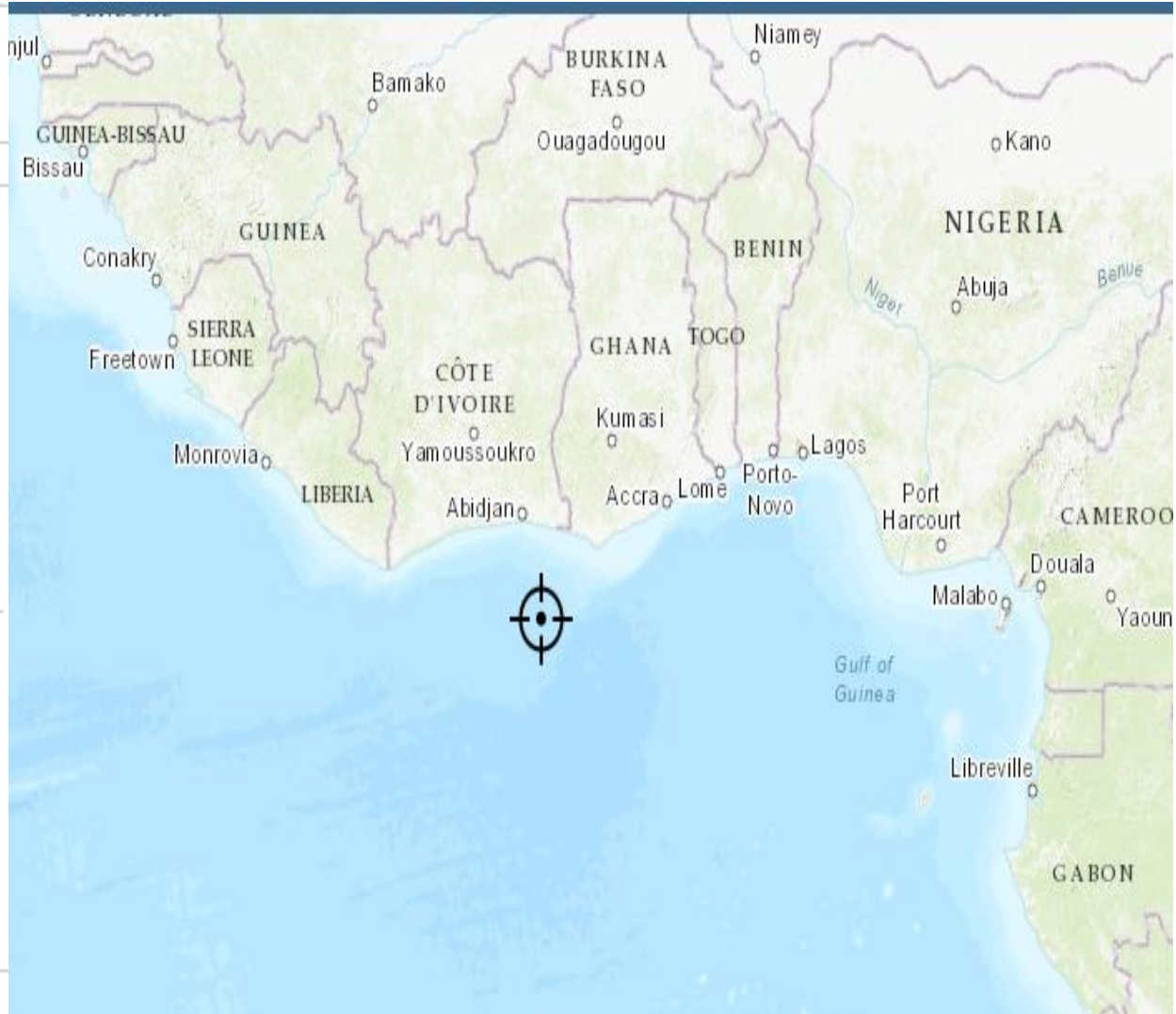
Seas: SSW 4 feet at 6 seconds.

Afternoon ▶

Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small very short period waves.

Winds: SSW 13 to 17 knots.

Seas: S 4 feet at 6 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.



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