



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

24 JUNE – 30 JULY 2020

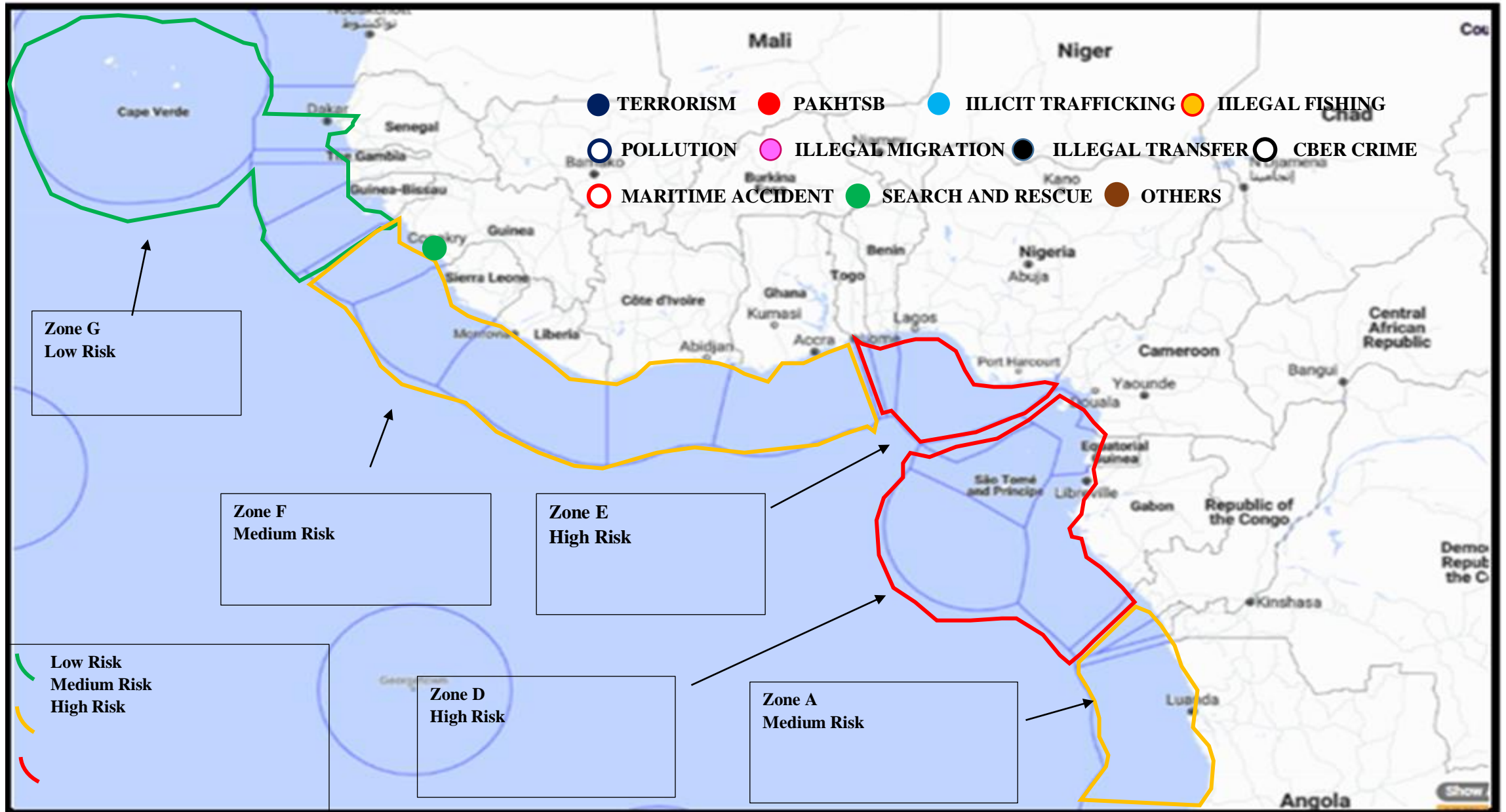
OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure during week under review.
- Update on crew kidnapped from fishing vessel PANOFI FRONTIER.
- Maritime Zone F recorded a SAR 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)	Suspicious Hijacking					
	Kidnapping					
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	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				1	
OTHERS						

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Update - KIDNAPPING – Panofi Frontier Cotonou, Benin.

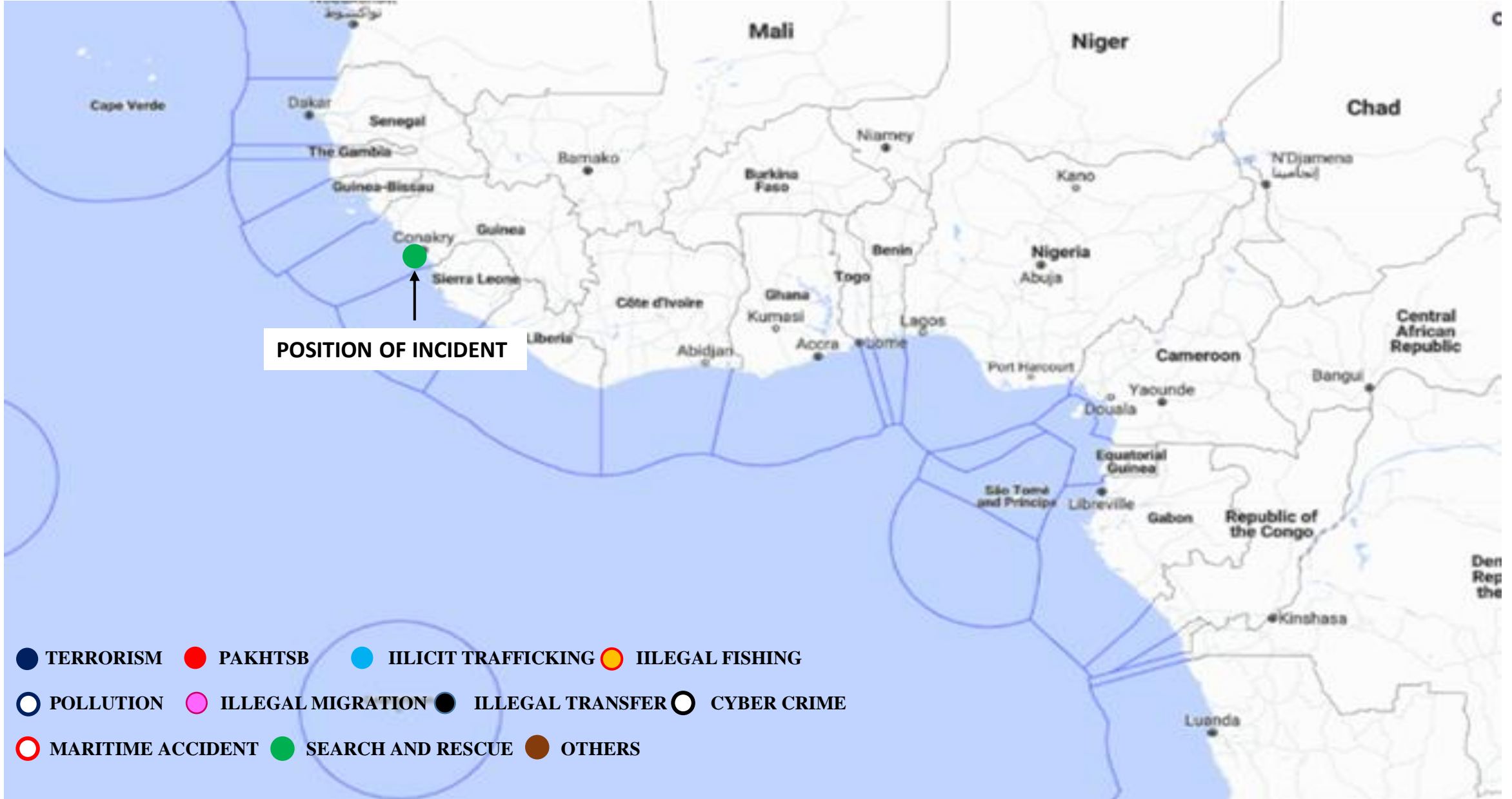
- On 24th June 2020 around 1430 UTC, a Ghanaian flag fishing vessel PANOFI FRONTIER whose 5 Koreans and a Ghanaian were abducted were released in the southern Nigeria on Friday 24 July 2020. It was confirmed by the Nigerian ministry of Foreign Affairs. The crew are in good health and safe.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Search and Rescue – Loos Islands, Guinea

- On 24 July 2020, Report from Guinea indicated, a Ukraine flag fishing vessel VIKING sank in position 09°29'06"N 013°43'25"W off the Loos Islands in Guinea territorial waters. The Authorities were informed and the Guinean navy, the MOCs and the Search and rescue operation team sailed to the scene. Search and Rescue was conducted by the team and 6 Russian and 4 Ivoirians and Guinean were rescued out of the 11 crew onboard the fishing vessel. Two other crew members , a Guinean and an Ivorian are missing. Investigation conducted reveal the fishing vessel suffered ingress of water that leads it to sink. Search operations team of divers from the French Navy in coordination with the Guinean SAR team are in search of the two missing crew. The centre will continue to monitor and provide update accordingly.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



GENERAL COMMENTS

- 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.

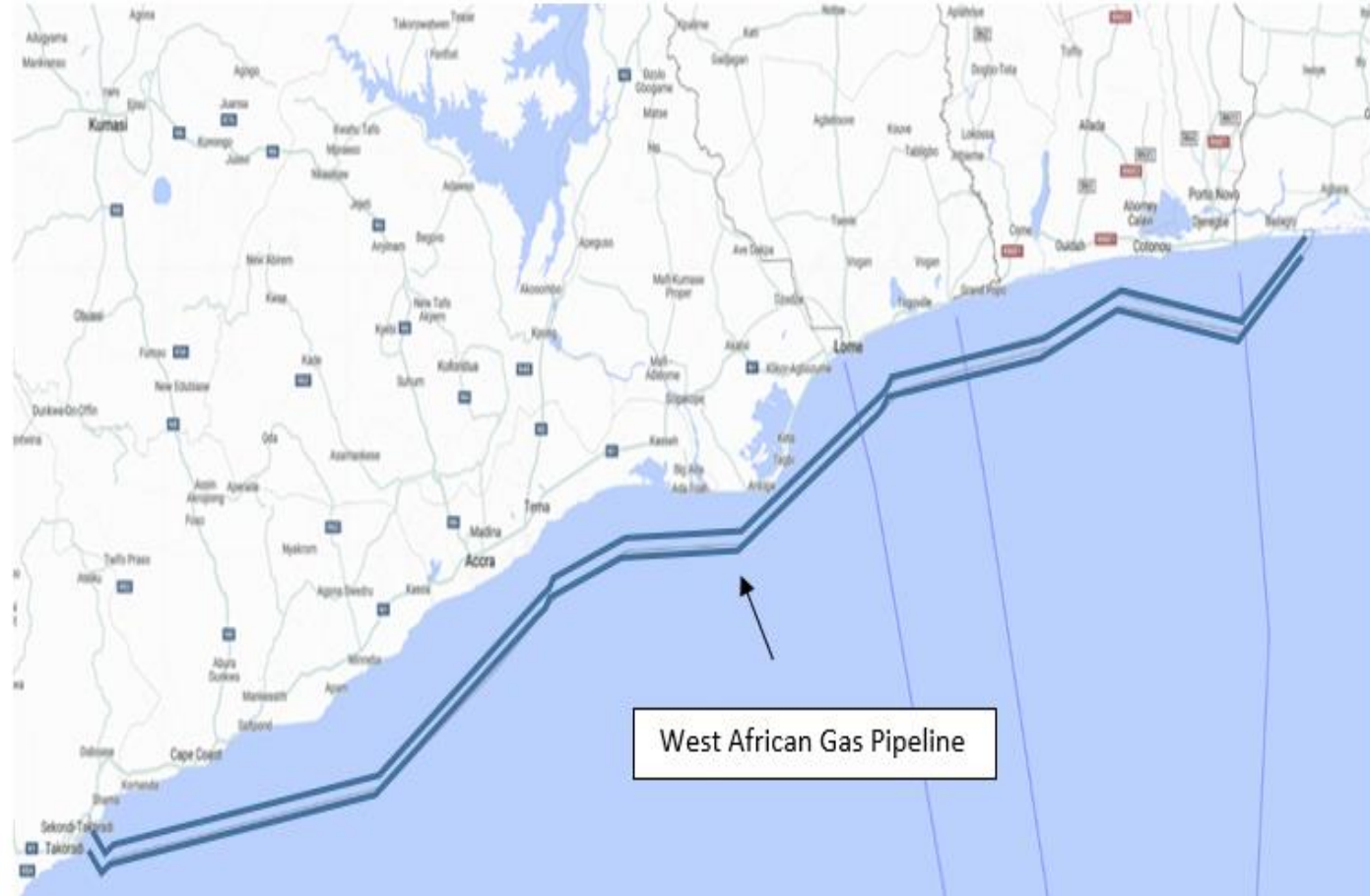
NOTICES

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

- NIGERIA – Court denies 10 alleged pirates bail.
 - Source. <https://www.tvcnews.tv>

METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

Thursday 7/30

Morning ►

Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SSW 11 to 15 knots.

Seas: SSW 6 feet at 11 seconds.

Afternoon ►

Breezy SSW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SSW 11 to 15 knots.

Seas: SSW 6 feet at 10 seconds.

Friday 7/31

Morning ►

Light SW winds with a slight chop. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SW 8 to 10 knots.

Seas: SSW 6 feet at 12 seconds.

Afternoon ►

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SW 10 to 14 knots.

Seas: SSW 5 feet at 12 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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