



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT



16 OCTOBER – 22 OCTOBER 2020

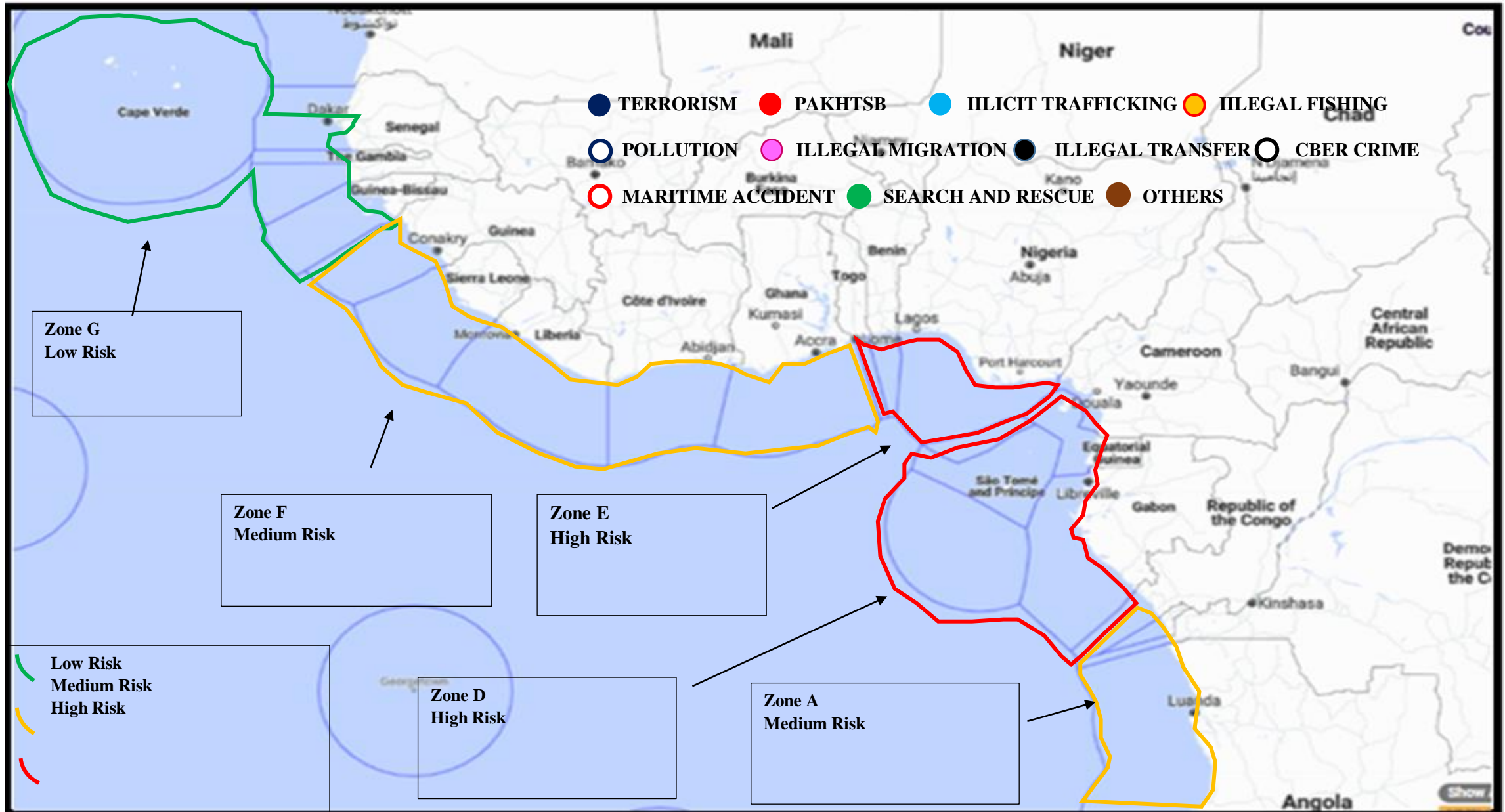
OVERVIEW

- 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.
- Maritime Zone F recorded a boarding incident.
- Maritime Zone D recorded a Kidnapping and attacked incident.
- Maritime Zone A recorded a theft 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		1			
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	Boarding				1	
	Theft	1				
	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					
	Capsized					
OTHERS						

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding - Keta, Ghana

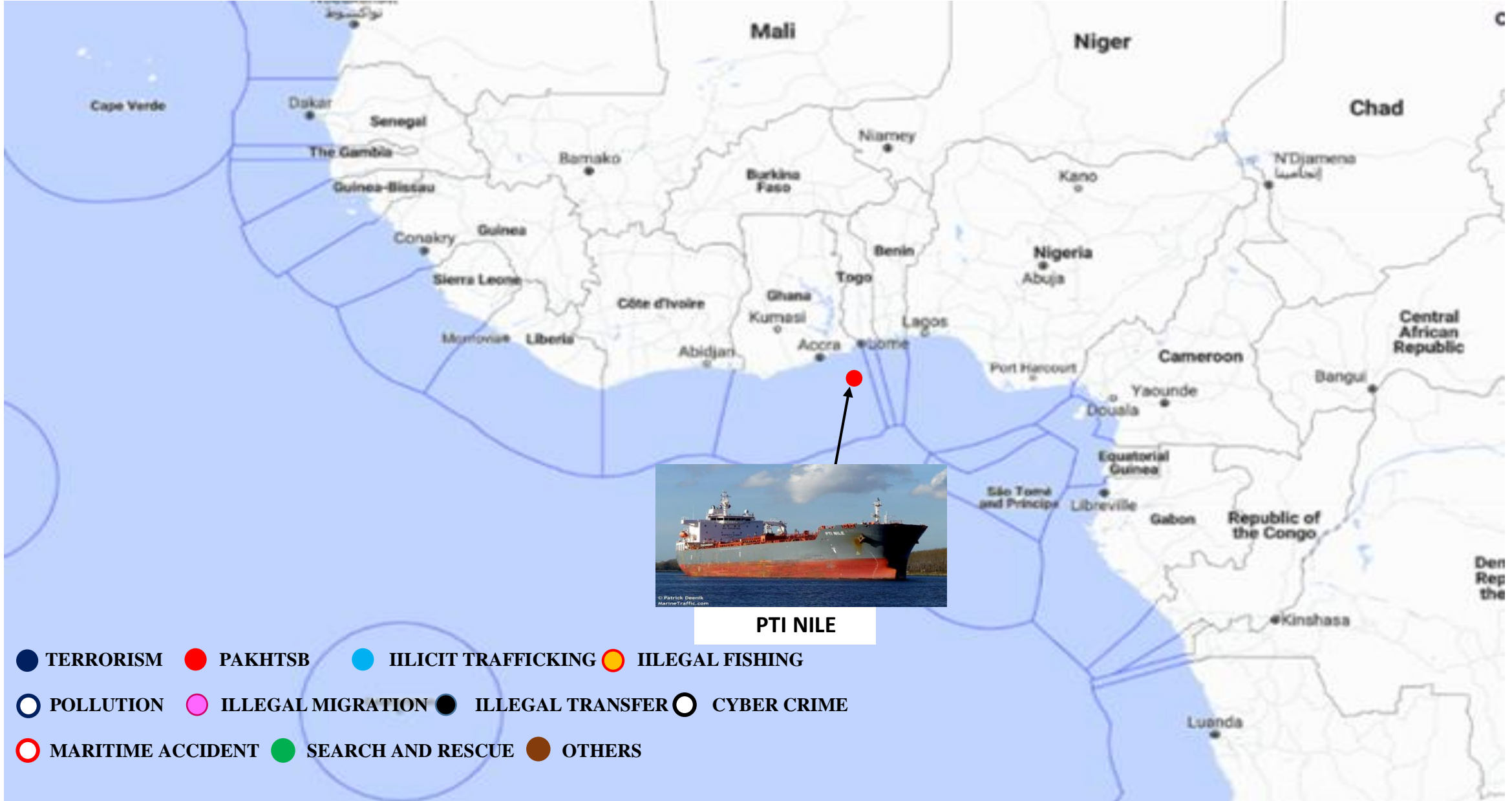
Pirates boarded the Hong Kong flag tanker PTI NILE (9747338) in position 04°08'58"N 001°24'00"E at about 116NM South of Lome at 2055 UTC on 17 October 2020. The Togolese and Ghanaian Navies dispatched vessels to assist.

Updates:

The Togolese Navy which was closer to the general area got there ontime and secured the vessel and escorted her to the Lome port. All crew members are reported safe and doing well. No kidnaping occurred. The Togolese authorities have launched investigations into the incident.

The Ghana Navy vessel which sailed has been further tasked to conduct patrols in the general area to reinforce security

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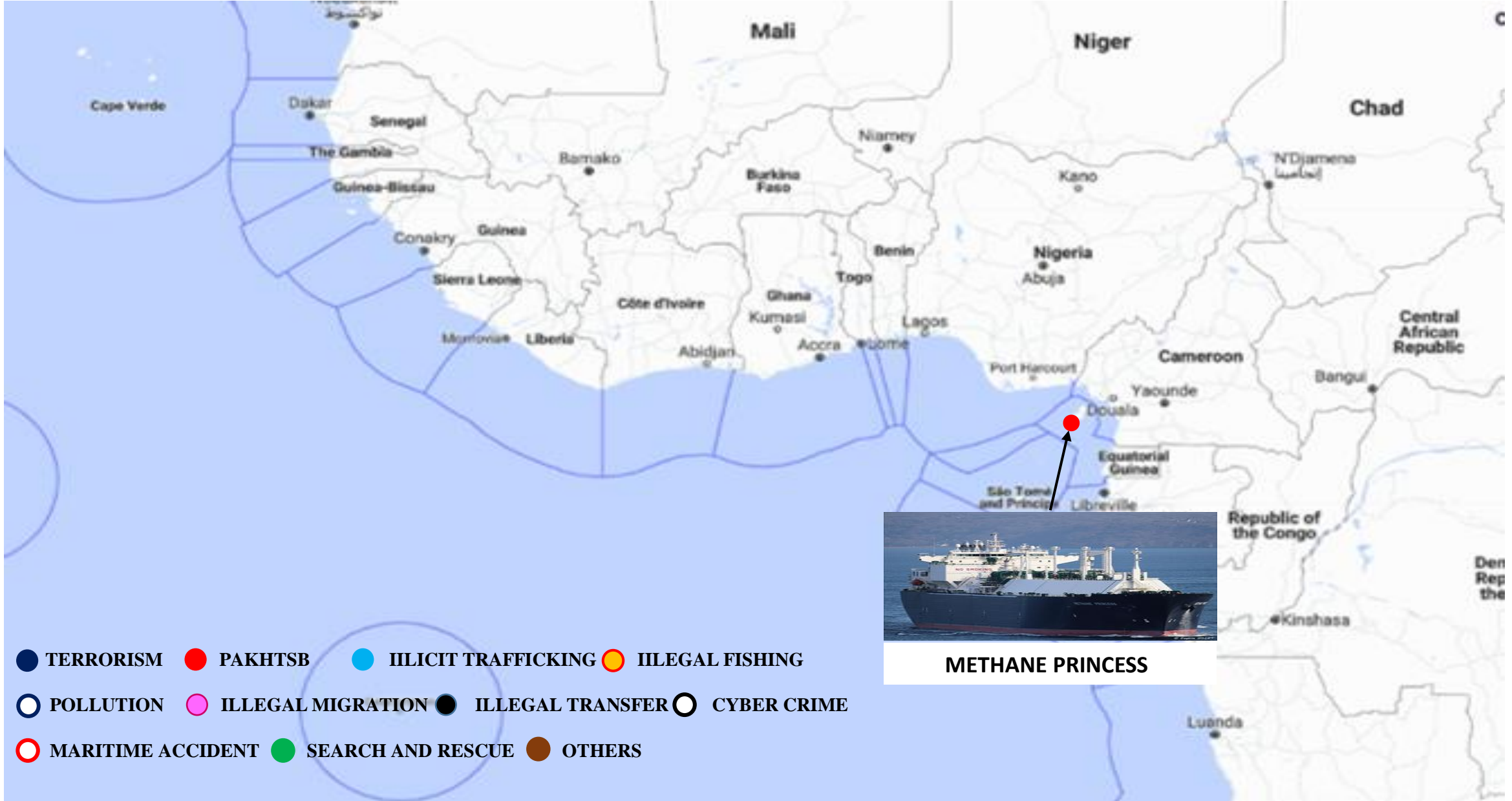
Kidnapping - Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

The Marshall Islands flag LNG tanker METHANE PRINCESS was boarded at the Punta Europa anchorage near Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, at 0445 UTC on 17 October 2020. The incident took place at: 03:47N 008:41E.

The ship was attacked as it was breaking off after loading. The crew sounded the alarm and all crew on deck were able to retreat to citadel. Two Filipino nationals were on the jetty and both were taken hostage. However, one of the hostages jumped off the boat used by the perpetrators and was then rescued from the water, sustaining some injuries. One crew member who had entered the citadel was also injured.

A navy vessel was at the scene after about 45 minutes, the frigate WELE NZAS also arrived several minutes later to provide assistance. The attacked tanker later departed from the terminal. The vessel and the remaining crew are all safe

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Theft - Pointe Noire anchorage, The Republic of Congo

The Singapore flag container vessel MAERSK RUBICON was boarded in position 4°45'18"S, 11°49'57"E at Pointe Noire anchorage, Republic of Congo at 0107 UTC on 19 October 2020.

The crew observed about three to four perpetrators on the forecastle of the vessel. They withdrew into the Citadel and alerted the authorities. Subsequently a patrol vessel was dispatched to the scene and an inspection was conducted around the vessel.

The crew made a daylight search and observed that two mooring ropes were missing. It is believed that the perpetrators gained access via the anchor chain.

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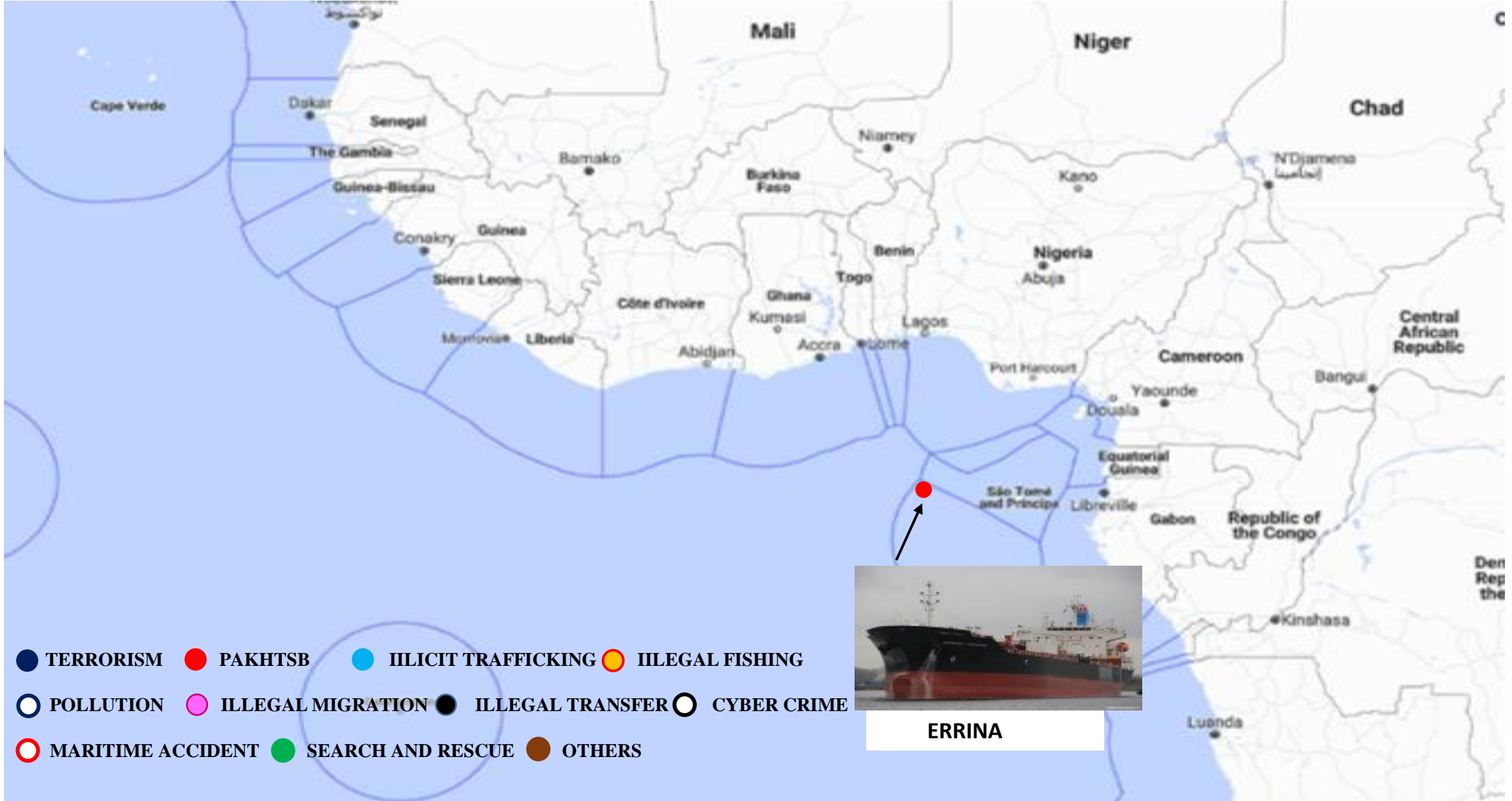


DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Attacked - Sao Tome and Principe

Information received from MDAT-GOG indicated that a SSAS alert was received from MV ERRINA (9802061), which may be under attack in position 00°41'42"N 003°27'00"E about 183NM WNW of Sao Tome and Principe on 22 Oct 20 at 0758 UTC. Local authorities have been informed about the situation.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



GENERAL COMMENTS

- All vessels are advised to remain vigilant , maintain sharp anti-piracy lookouts including at anchorages and report any suspicious movements to the necessary authorities.
- All security agencies are requested to be on maximum alert, increase vigilance and surveillance both at sea and in the port.

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK AND ADVISORIES

FORECAST

- General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F is expected to remain relatively safe. 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.

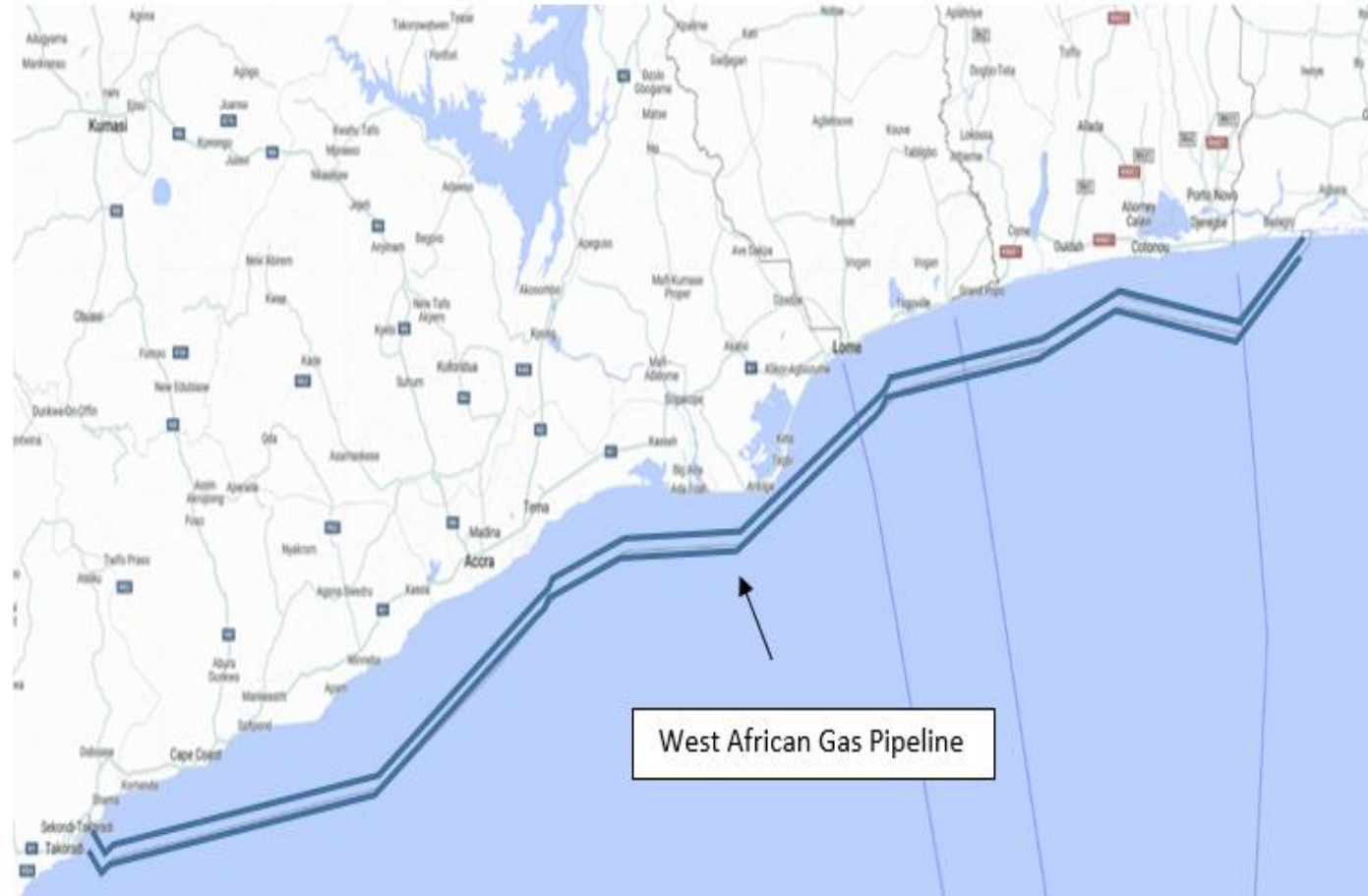
NOTICES

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

- More than 1.2 ton of cocaine found on German freighter with Russian as a Master in Las Palmas.
- Source. <https://www.fleetmon.com>

METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

Thursday 10/22

Morning

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

Winds: SW 10 to 14 knots.

Seas: SSW 3 feet at 9 seconds.

Afternoon

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

Winds: SW 12 to 16 knots.

Seas: SSW 3 feet at 9 seconds.

Friday 10/23

Morning

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

Winds: SW 11 to 15 knots.

Seas: S 3 feet at 8 seconds.

Afternoon

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Small short period waves.

Winds: SW 13 to 18 knots.

Seas: S 4 feet at 8 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 INCIDENTENCES.**

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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