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CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

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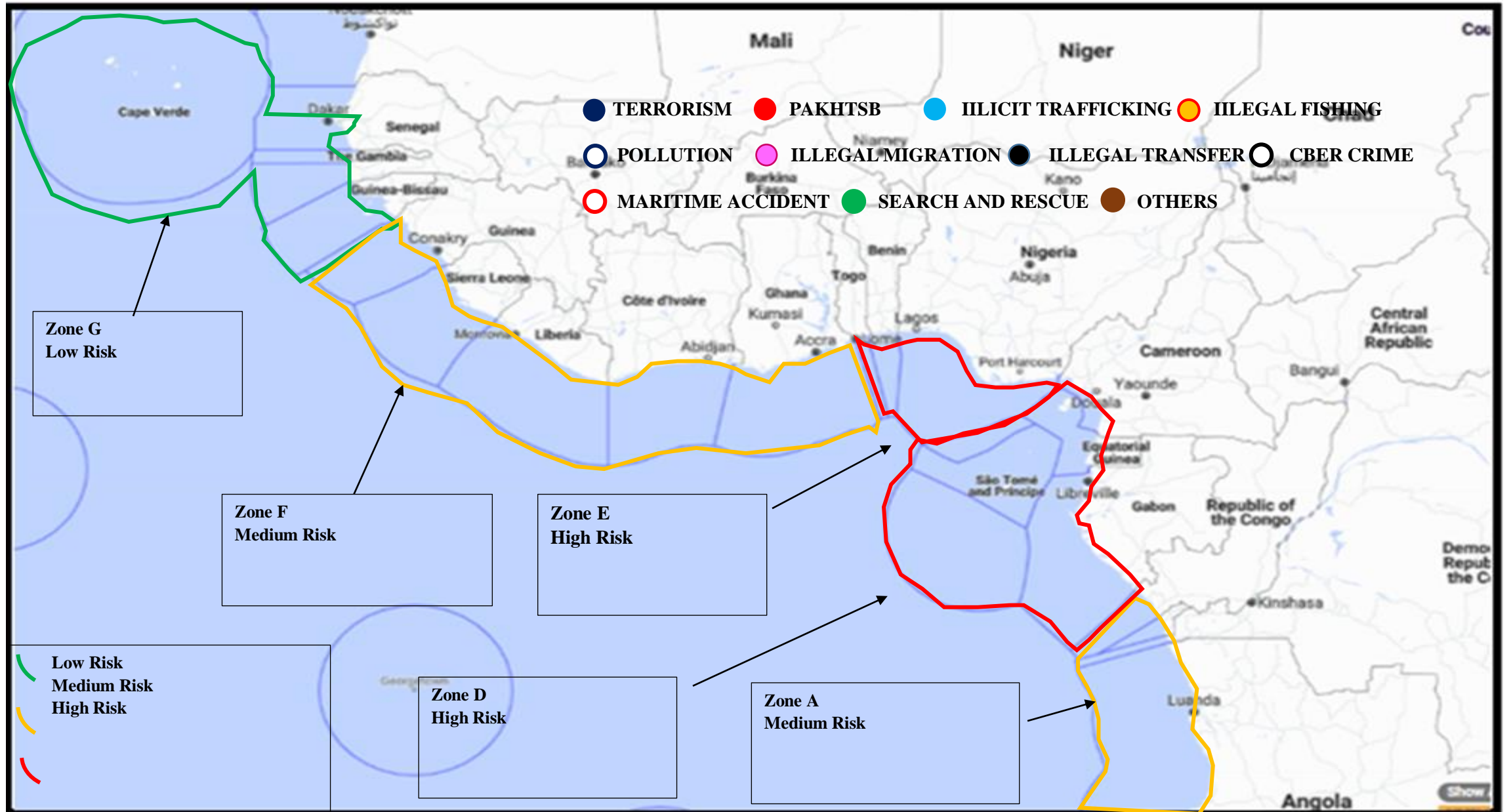
OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure.
- Maritime Zone D recorded five incident.
- Maritime Zone A recorded one 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		1			
	Kidnapping					
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon		1			
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery	1				
	Attempt Boarding		1			
	Boarding		2			
	Theft					
ILLCIT TRAFIC	Suspicious Approach					
	Human					
	Drug					
	Weapons/Ammunitions					
I.U.U FISHING	Smuggling					
	Industrial Fishing					
POLLUTION	Craft Fishing					
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

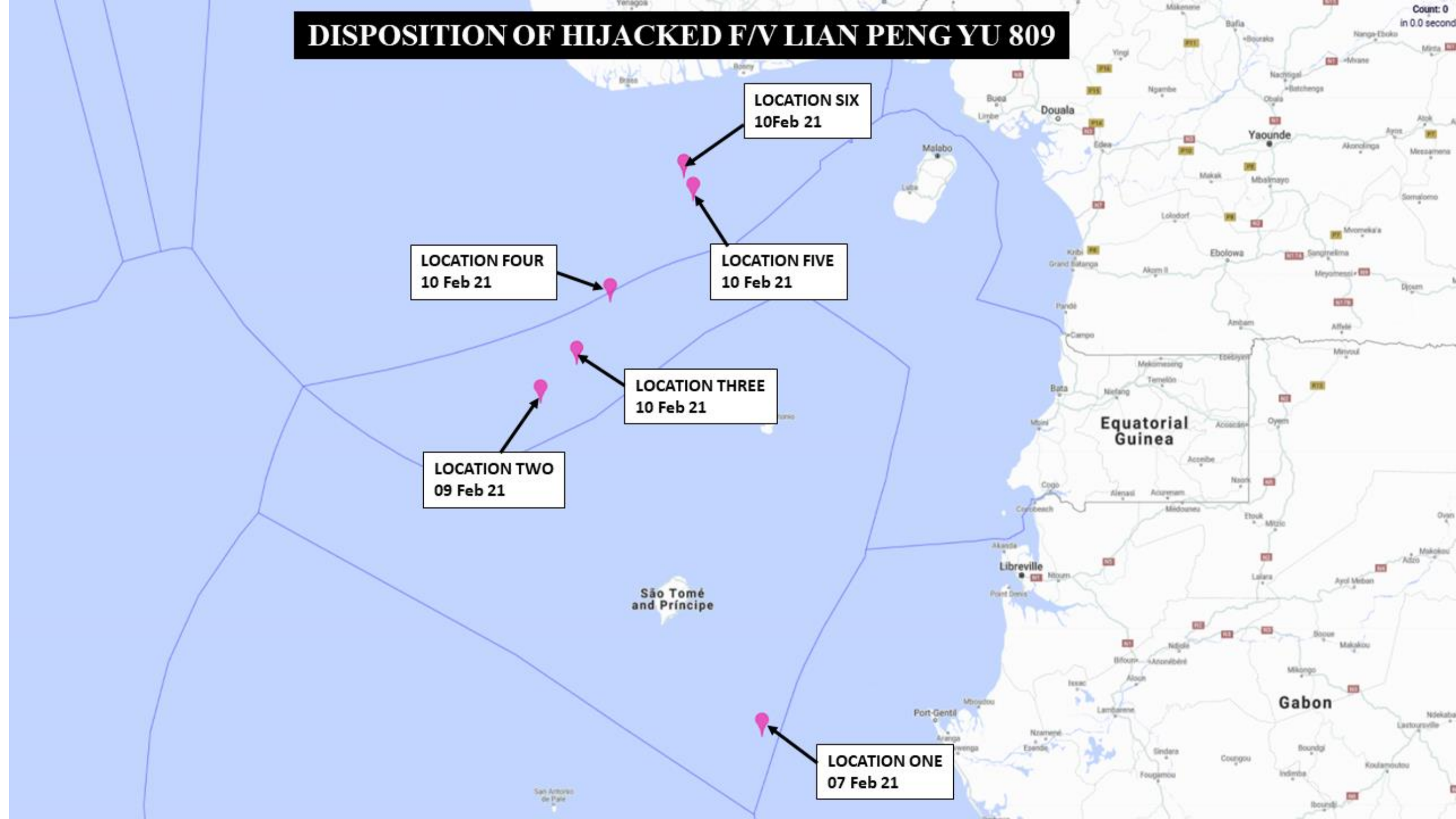
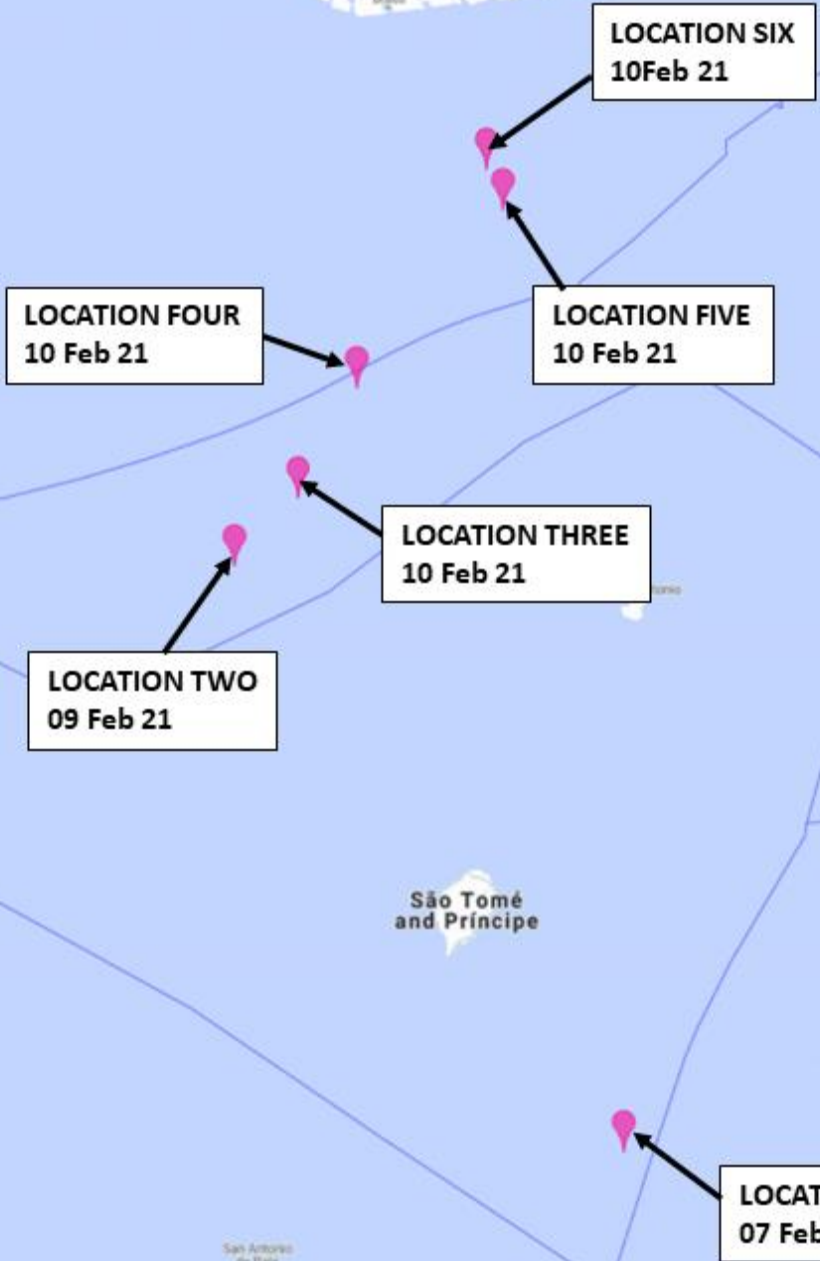
Hijacking – Sao Tome and Principe

The Gabonese flag-fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU was reported hijacked by pirates in position 00°51'S 007°20'E about 71NM SE of Sao Tome and Principe at 2300 UTC on 7 February 2021. According to report, the owners of the vessel reported losing contact with the vessel, which has 14 crew onboard.

Recall MT SEAKING reported sighting a sea boat carrying an unknown number of perpetrators observed to have been launched from another vessel that attempted to board the vessel about 74NM SSE of Port Gentil, Gabon on 8 February 2021 at 0444 UTC. The fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU was later confirmed as the vessel from which the sea boat was launched.

The MMCC Zone F will continue to monitor the situation and provide update accordingly.

DISPOSITION OF HIJACKED F/V LIAN PENG YU 809



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding – Sao Tome and Principe

On 06 Feb 2021 at 2318 UTC, the Marshall Islands flag product tanker SEA PHANTOM was attacked in position 02°00'N 008°15'01"E about 137NM NE of Sao Tome and Principe.

Eight perpetrators boarded the vessel but did not kidnap any crew as all the crew members successfully withdrew citadel. Cameroon and Sao Tome Maritime authorities were informed. The perpetrators after several failed attempts to access the citadel abandoned the on 07 February 2021. The vessel was later sighted security vessels and boarded but the pirates had already left.

Various ship's equipment were reported damaged, but all the crew were safe.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Attempted Boarding – Port Gentil, Gabon

On 08 Feb 21 at 0444 UTC, information received indicated an attack on a Bahamas flag Crude Oil Tanker SEAKING in position 00°59'48"S 007°32'24"E approximately 74NM SSE of Port Gentil, Gabon.

Four perpetrators onboard speedboat were observed to have been launched from a mother vessel. The speedboat went alongside and the perpetrators attempted to board the vessel using ladders. The master took evasive manoeuvres evasive manoeuvres, increasing speed and the perpetrators aborted the boarding. The authorities were informed

The vessel and the crew were reported safe.

Fired upon – Sao Tome and Principe

Reports received indicated that the Spanish flag vessel MADRID SPIRIT was fired upon on 08 Feb 2021 at 1709 UTC in position 00°40'00"S 006°07'00"E about 51NM SW of Sao Tome and Principe.

According to the report, six armed perpetrators in a speedboat opened fire on the vessel while underway. The Master conducted evasive manoeuvres and applied other BMP measures, which resulted in the perpetrators aborting their pursuit. The bridge wings were fired upon resulting in some damages. The vessel and crew are reported to be safe without any casualties.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding - Sao Tome and Principe

On 09 February 2021 at 1222 UTC, information received indicate, the Panama flag product tanker MARIA E was boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators in position 01°35'N 005°07'E 112NM NW of Sao Tome and Principe.

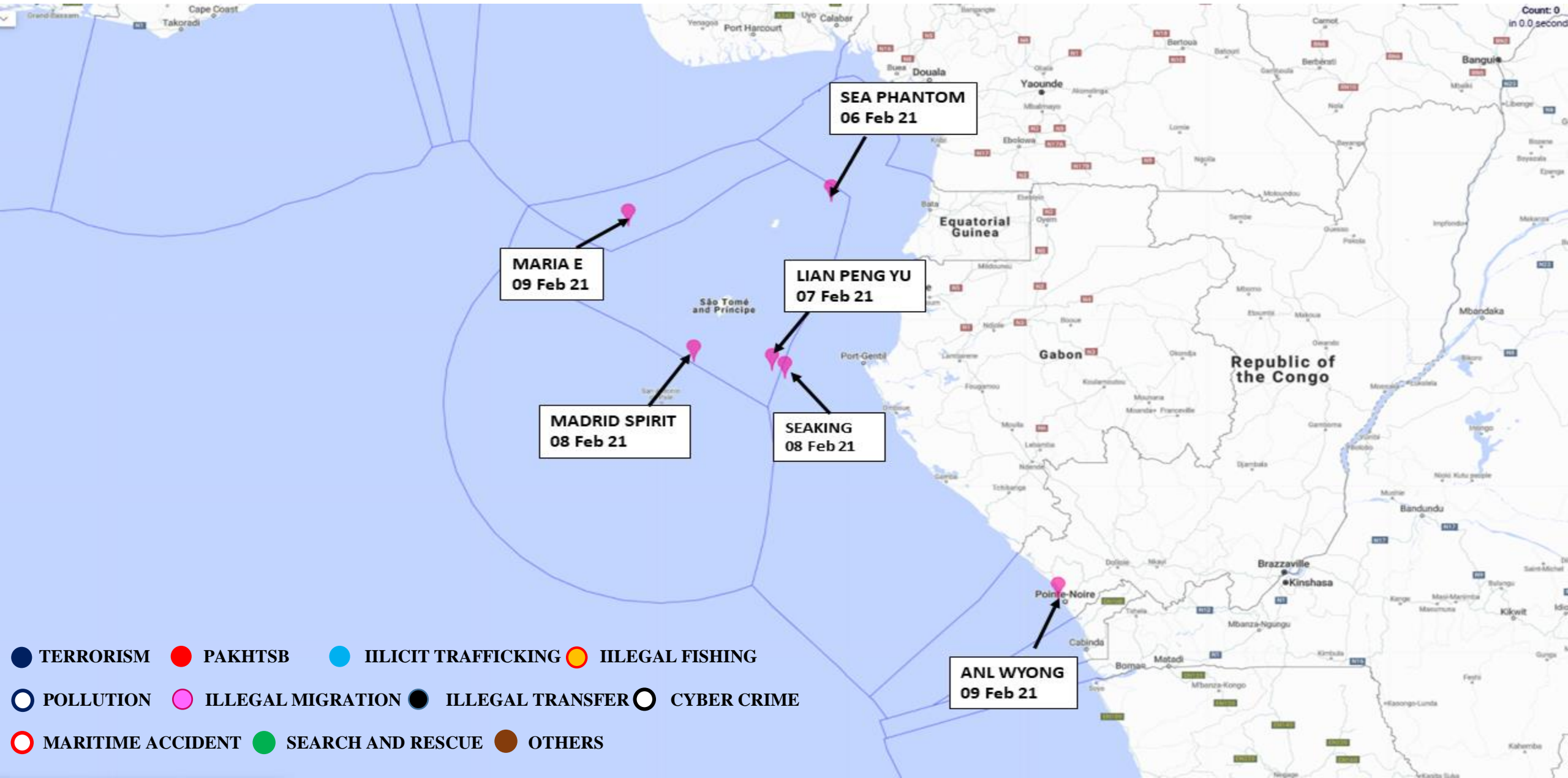
According to the report all crew members were able to assemble in the citadel while the authorities were informed. The Portuguese naval vessel was later reported as heading to the location to provide assistance. It was likely that the perpetrators came from the hijacked fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU 809 which was been used as a mother ship for this attack. For several hours remaining onboard by the perpetrators, at 0530 UTC on 10 February 2021, it was reported that the perpetrators left the vessel without any crew kidnapped. All crew were reported safe.

Theft – Pointe Noire, Congo

Information received on 08 Feb 2021 indicated that, the Malta flag container ship ANL WYONG was boarded in position 04°43'S 011°45'E at Pointe Noir anchorage, Congo Brazzaville at 2350 UTC.

Three perpetrators, one armed with knife were spotted at the mooring station during a roving patrol by the duty crew. The alarm was raised, the authorities were informed leading the perpetrators to fled. Checks were conducted and it was reported one section of synthetic mooring line was stolen. The vessel and the crew are safe.

INCIDENTS DISPOSITION



GENERAL COMMENTS

- The week under review recorded six piracy related incidents mainly in Zone D. These attacks were facilitated by the hijacking of fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU 809 which was been used as a mother ship.
- Maritime zone D has recorded the two major piracy incidents for the year 2021 involving hijacking and kidnapping onboard LIAN PENG YU and MT MOZART.
- The heightened the threat of piracy attacks in maritime D and GoG within the week is a cause for concern. GoG states are encouraged to increase coordinated actions at sea to help interdict and arrest pirates.
- All vessels transiting GoG are advised to maintain a vigilant, sharp anti-piracy lookout and report any suspicious skiff movements to the necessary authorities.

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

- Seven migrants that seized Japanese bulk carrier in UK have been arrested.
- <https://www.fleetmon.com>

METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

Thursday 2/11

Morning

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

Winds: SW 12 to 16 knots.

Seas: SSW 4 feet at 10 seconds.

Afternoon

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

Winds: SW 13 to 17 knots.

Seas: SSW 4 feet at 12 seconds

Friday 2/12

Morning

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

Winds: SW 11 to 15 knots.

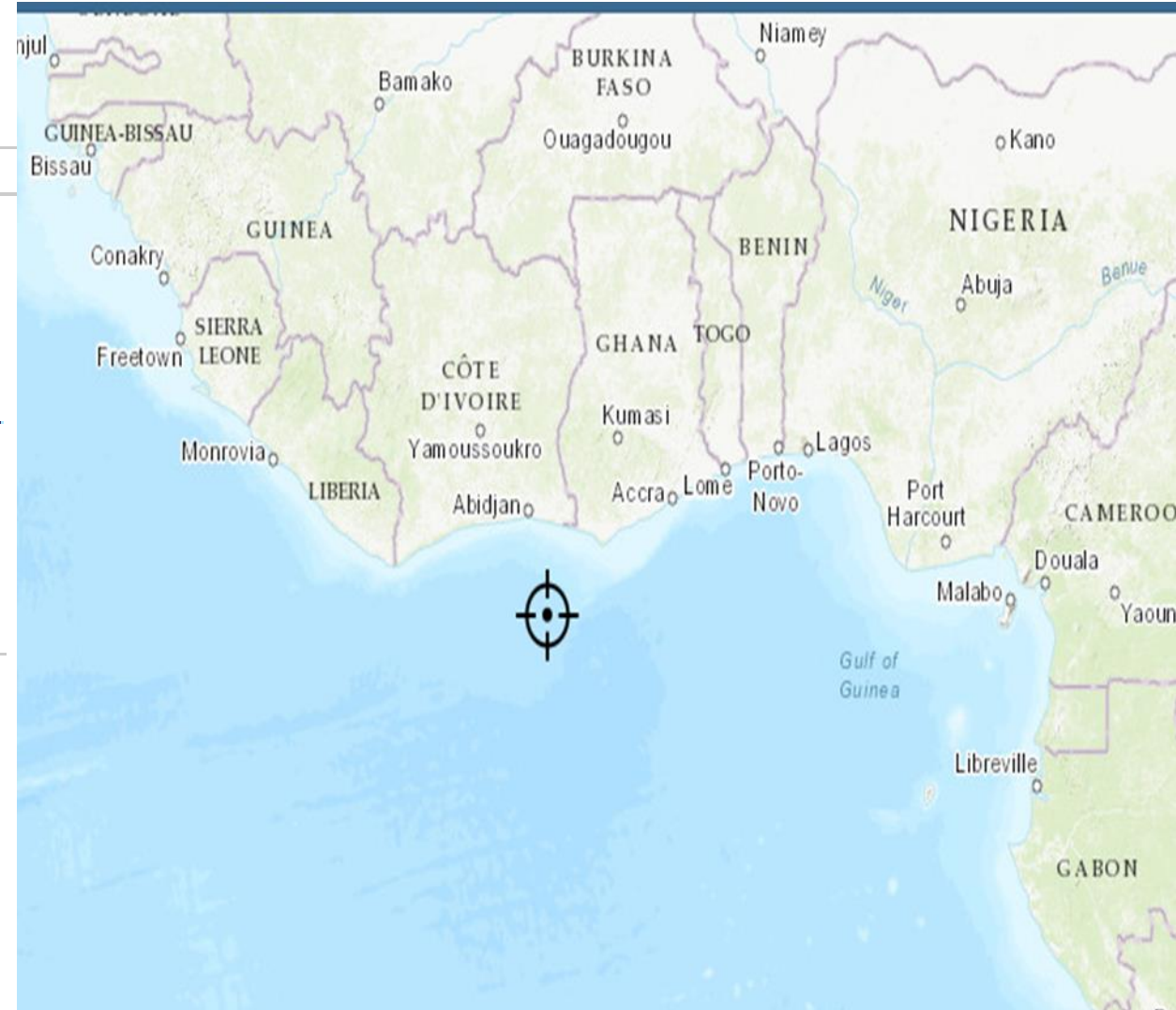
Seas: SSW 4 feet at 12 seconds.

Afternoon

Light WSW winds with a slight chop. Small mid period waves.

Winds: WSW 8 to 11 knots.

Seas: SSW 4 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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