



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE  
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY  
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

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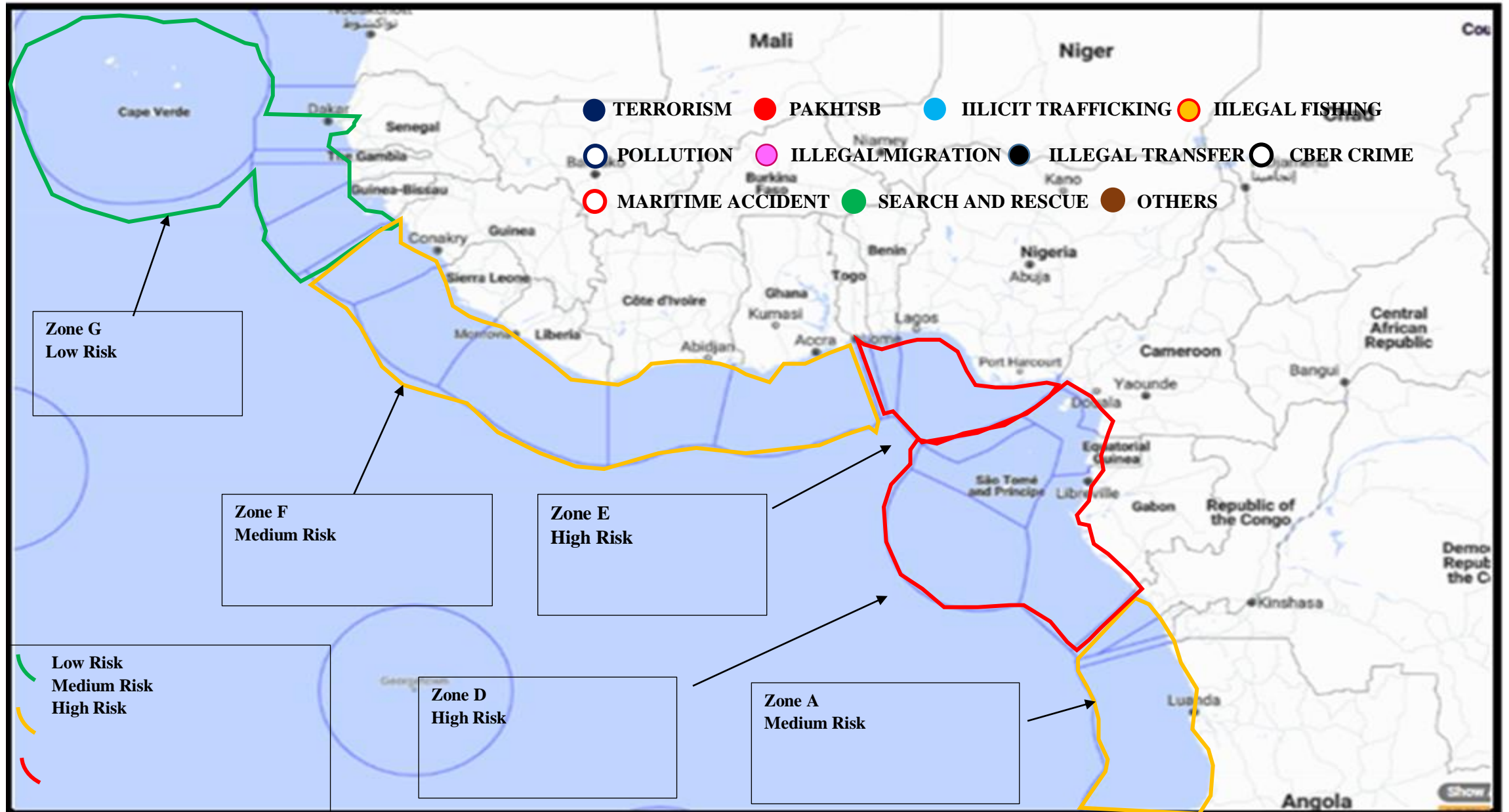
# OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure.
- Maritime Zone E recorded two incident.
- See details of incidents for more information

# INCIDENT RECORD

Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Zones				
		A	D	E	F	G
<b>TERRORISM</b>	Terrorism					
<b>PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)</b>	Hijacking			1		
	Kidnapping					
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon			1		
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	Boarding					
	Theft					
	Suspicious Approach					
<b>ILLCIT TRAFIC</b>	Human					
	Drug					
	Weapons/Ammunitions					
	Smuggling					
<b>I.U.U FISHING</b>	Industrial Fishing					
	Craft Fishing					
<b>POLLUTION</b>						
<b>ILLCIT MIGRATION</b>	Organized Migration					
	Stowaways					
<b>ILLEGAL TRANSFER</b>	Illegal Bunkering					
	Oil Robbery					
<b>CYBER CRIMINALITY</b>						
<b>MARITIME ACCIDENT</b>	Shipwreck					
	Collision					
	Sinking					
	Damage					
<b>SEARCH AND RESCUE</b>	Men Overboard					
	Assistance And Towing					
	Sanitary Evacuation					
	Capsized					
<b>OTHERS</b>						

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

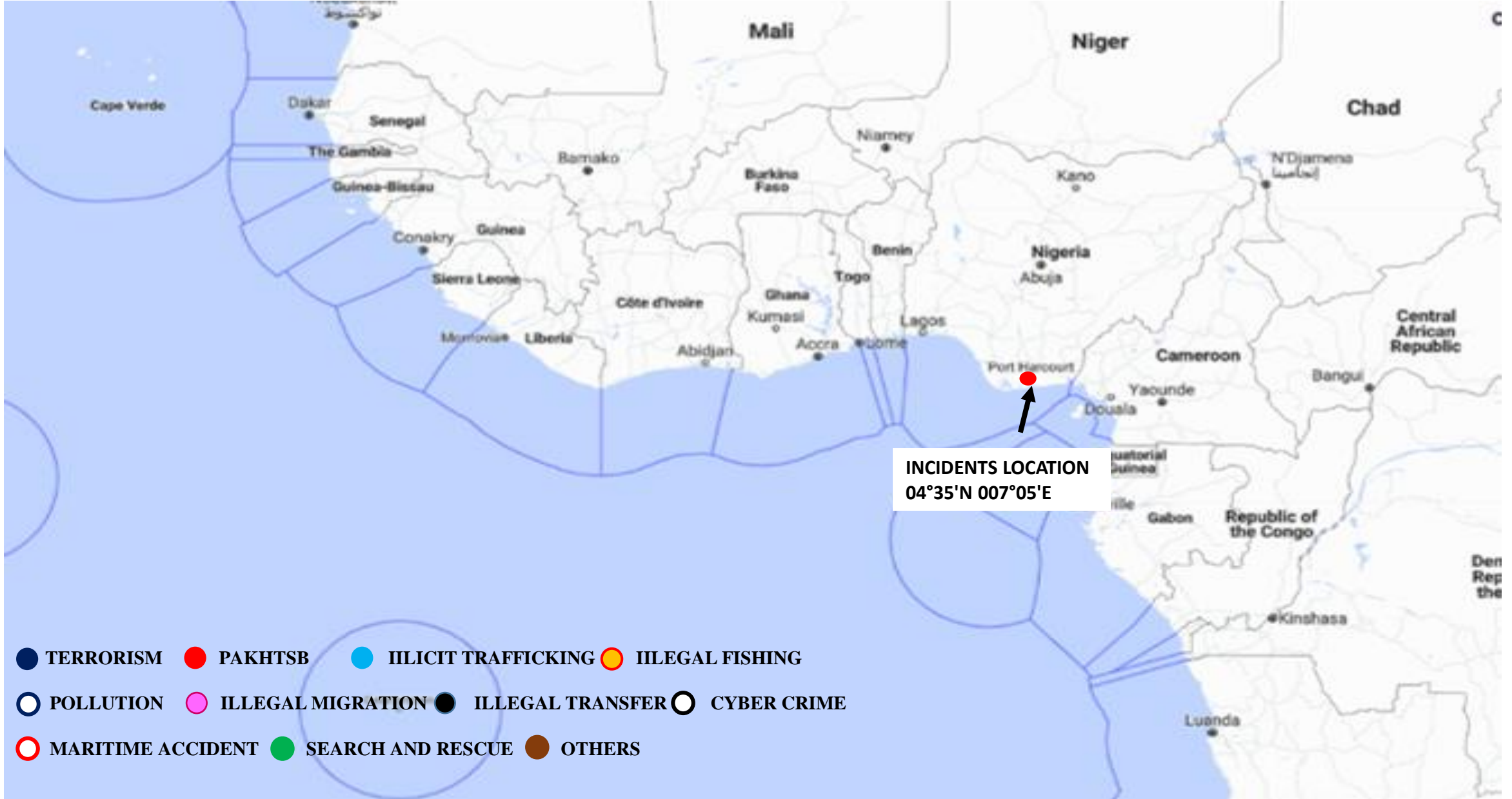
## **Hijacking – Port Harcourt, Nigeria**

Information received indicates that a local passenger boat was attacked and allegedly hijacked in position 04°35'N 007°05'E near the Bille Jetty, Port Harcourt, Nigeria on 23 Feb 21.

According to the report, the vessel was attacked while en route to Bonny Island. The master, crew and eleven passengers onboard the vessel couldn't be located. Reports indicate that the vessel has been hijacked by an unknown number of perpetrators.

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

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Fired Upon – Bonny, Nigeria.**

The Nigeria flag supply vessel SAINT ELIZABETH (IMO 9328302) operating as a security vessel, was attacked by armed men at about 50NM South of Brass, Nigeria at 1440 UTC on 24 February 2021.

According to the report, the vessel was underway to a rendezvous with a merchant vessel offshore when she was attacked. Seven Nigerian Navy and nine other crew members were onboard the vessel. The perpetrators and the security personnel onboard exchange gun fire resulting in one Nigerian naval rating and one crew member allegedly killed. The vessel returned to Port Harcourt.



# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Possible Piracy Attacks**

Information received from several sources indicate a heightened threat to shipping in eastern limits of maritime ZONE F and the whole maritime ZONE E (Togo, Benin Republic and Nigeria). The threat is expected to continue from 25 February to 10 March 2021. The specific areas of concern includes maritime ZONE F - Ghanaian waters Offshore KETA to the Ghana Togo boundary line and extend from 50 to 200 miles offshore and maritime ZONE E - Togo, Benin Republic and Nigeria waters from Shoreline up to limit of EEZs.



# GENERAL COMMENTS

- All commercial maritime actors especially Mariners and vessels are encouraged to take necessary steps including hardening of vessels and maintaining high levels of alertness as well other measures as contained in BMP West Africa.
- All vessels calling or leaving the ports and anchorages across these areas are to avoid slowing down or drifting and if possible make arrangements for security escorts.
- All coastal states are requested to monitor vessels traffic in order to detect unusual movements and be prepared to intervene at short notice.

# 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

- Crew flood and capsize tanker NEHIR carrying 3 tons of cocaine off Cabo Penas Spain.
- <https://www.fleetmonnews.com>

# METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

### Thursday 2/25

#### Morning

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

Winds: WSW 13 to 18 knots.

Seas: WSW 4 feet at 4 seconds.

#### Afternoon

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

Winds: WSW 11 to 16 knots.

Seas: WSW 4 feet at 4 seconds.

### Friday 2/26

#### Morning

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

Winds: SSW 11 to 15 knots.

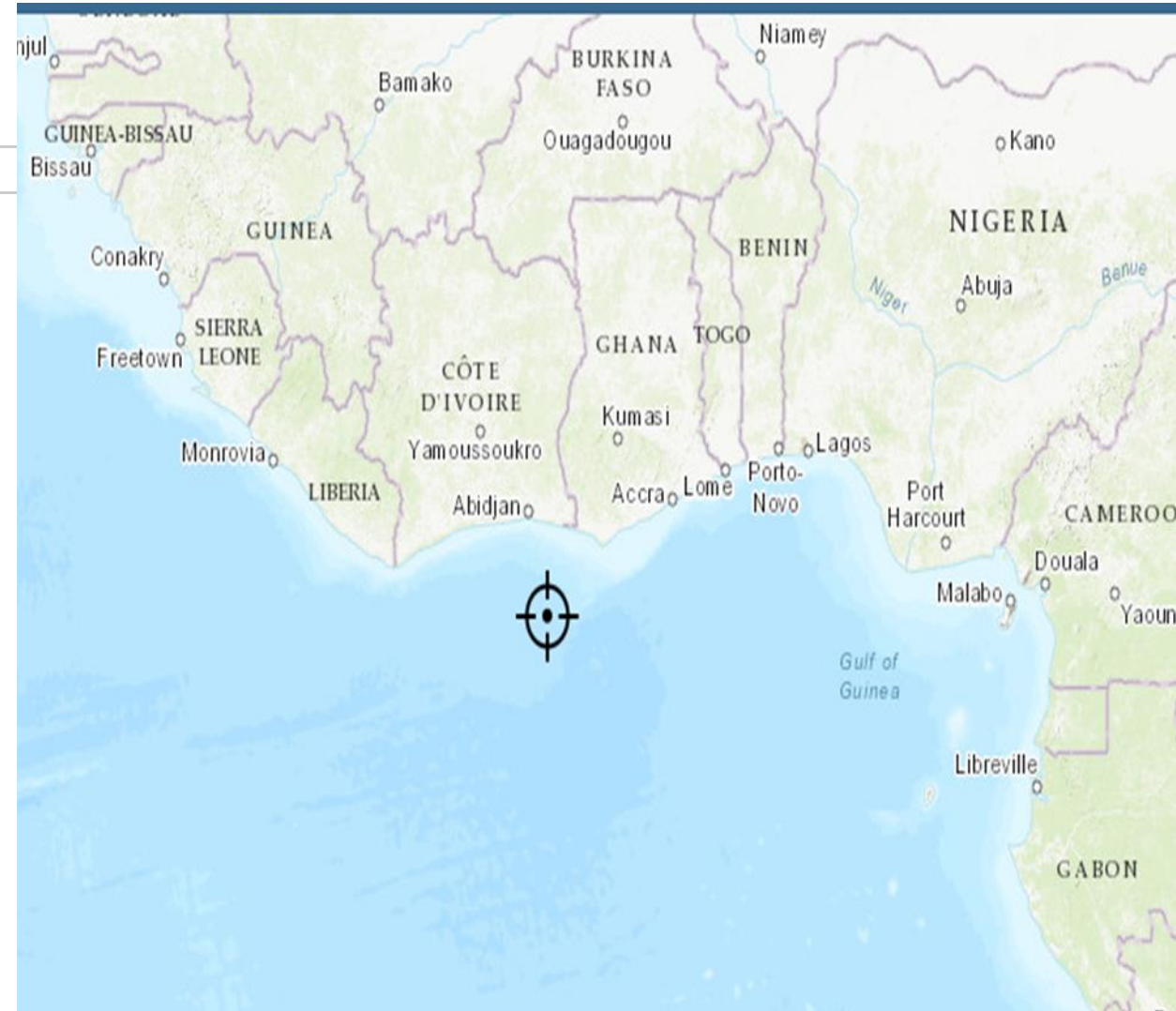
Seas: SSW 5 feet at 6 seconds.

#### Afternoon

Light and variable winds with smooth seas. Small very short period waves.

Winds: S 5 to 7 knots.

Seas: SSW 5 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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