



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE  
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY  
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

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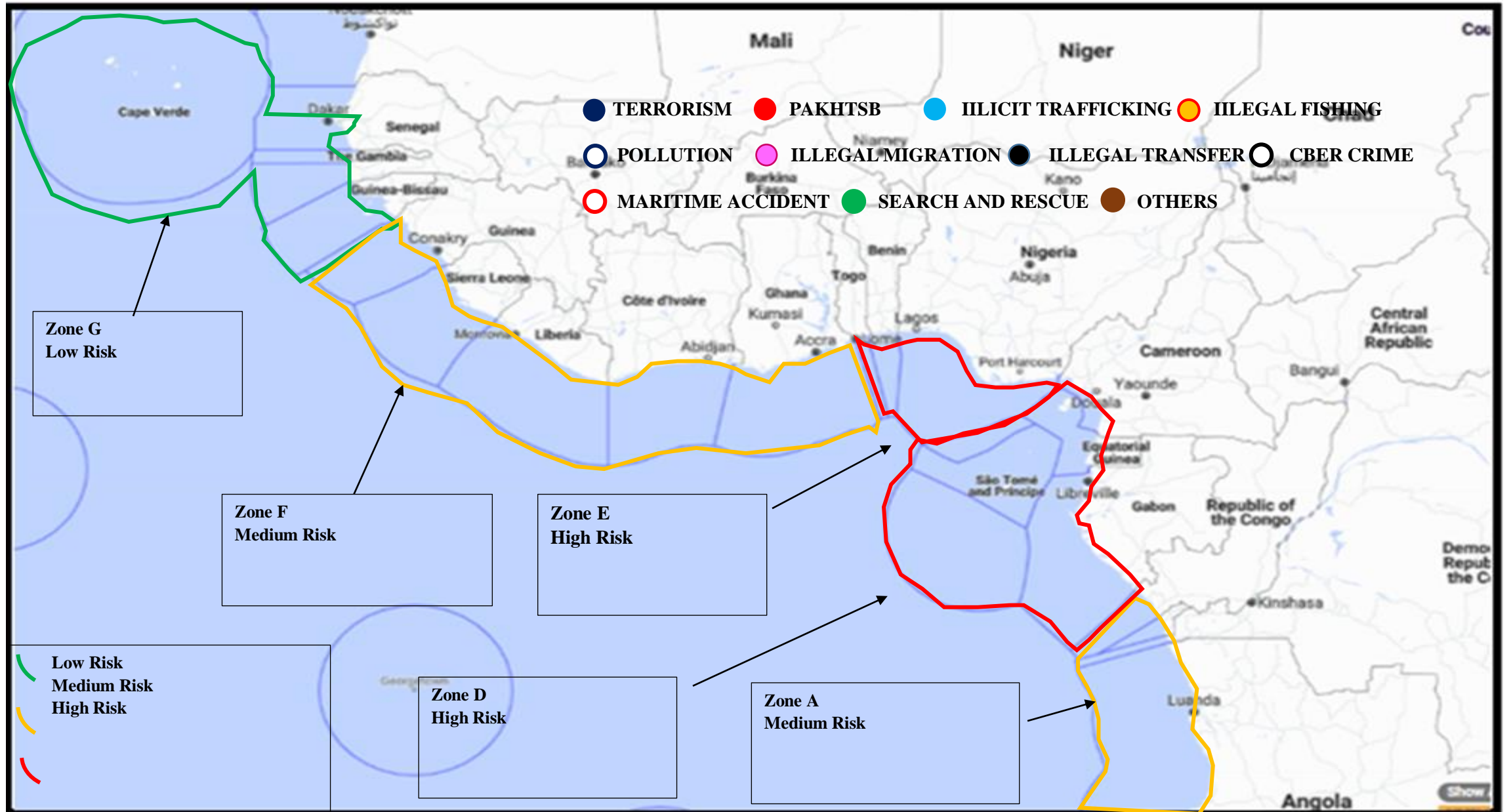
# OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure.
- Maritime Zone D recorded one incident.
- Update information on the fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU 809.
- 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					
		Kidnapping					
		Armed Robbery					
		Firing Upon					
		Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
		Attempt Boarding					
		Boarding					
		Theft		1			
		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

## **Theft – Douala anchorage Cameroon**

The Luxembourg flag offshore supply vessel BOURBON LIBERTY 212 was attacked in position 004°00'N 009°37'E at the Douala anchorage, Cameroon, at an unknown time on 06 March 2021.

The report indicated that, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the vessel while at anchor in front of the Wouri base and stole firefighting equipment. The vessel and crew were reported safe.

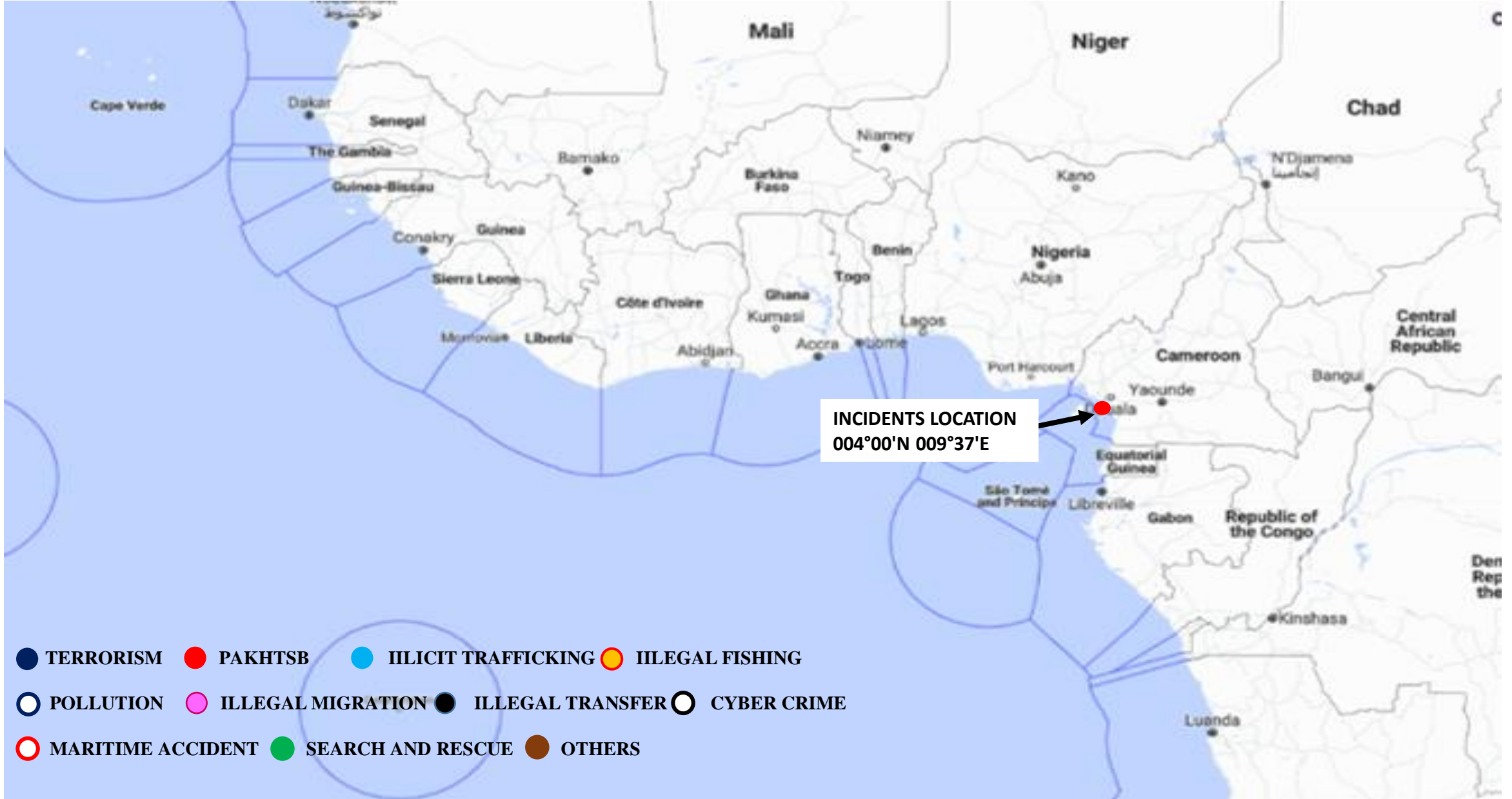
# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Update on fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU 809.**

Recall the Gabonese flag fishing vessel LIAN PENG YU 809 was hijacked in position 00°51'S 007°20'E about 71NM SE of Sao Tome and Principe at about 2300 UTC on 7 February 2021 for about 5 days and used as a mother ship to attack other vessels. The perpetrators finally kidnapped 10 crew members and disembarked the vessel on 12 February 2021.

Information received indicate that, the 10 crew members of LIAN PENG YU 809 were released on 06 March 21. All the crew members are reported to be safe and in good health.

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION



# GENERAL COMMENTS

- Port authorities and law enforcement agencies are encouraged to intensify security patrols at ports and anchorages especially during the night.
- Vessels at berth or anchor are advised to maintain vigilant lookout and rotate watch keepers regularly especially during the night hours.
- All vessels transiting the GoG are advised to maintain vigilant anti piracy watch and report any suspicious movements to the necessary authorities promptly.



# 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

- Egyptian port authorities turn away bulk carrier NIKOLAOS GS destined for port Alexandria due to several crew members testing positive for COVID 19.
- <https://www.fleetmon.com>

# METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

### Thursday 3/11

#### Morning

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

Winds: SW 9 to 13 knots.

Seas: SSW 3 feet at 10 seconds.

#### Afternoon

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

Winds: SSW 12 to 16 knots.

Seas: SSW 3 feet at 9 seconds.

### Friday 3/12

#### Morning

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

Winds: SW 7 to 9 knots.

Seas: SSW 3 feet at 12 seconds.

#### Afternoon

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

Winds: SW 7 to 10 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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