



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE  
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY  
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

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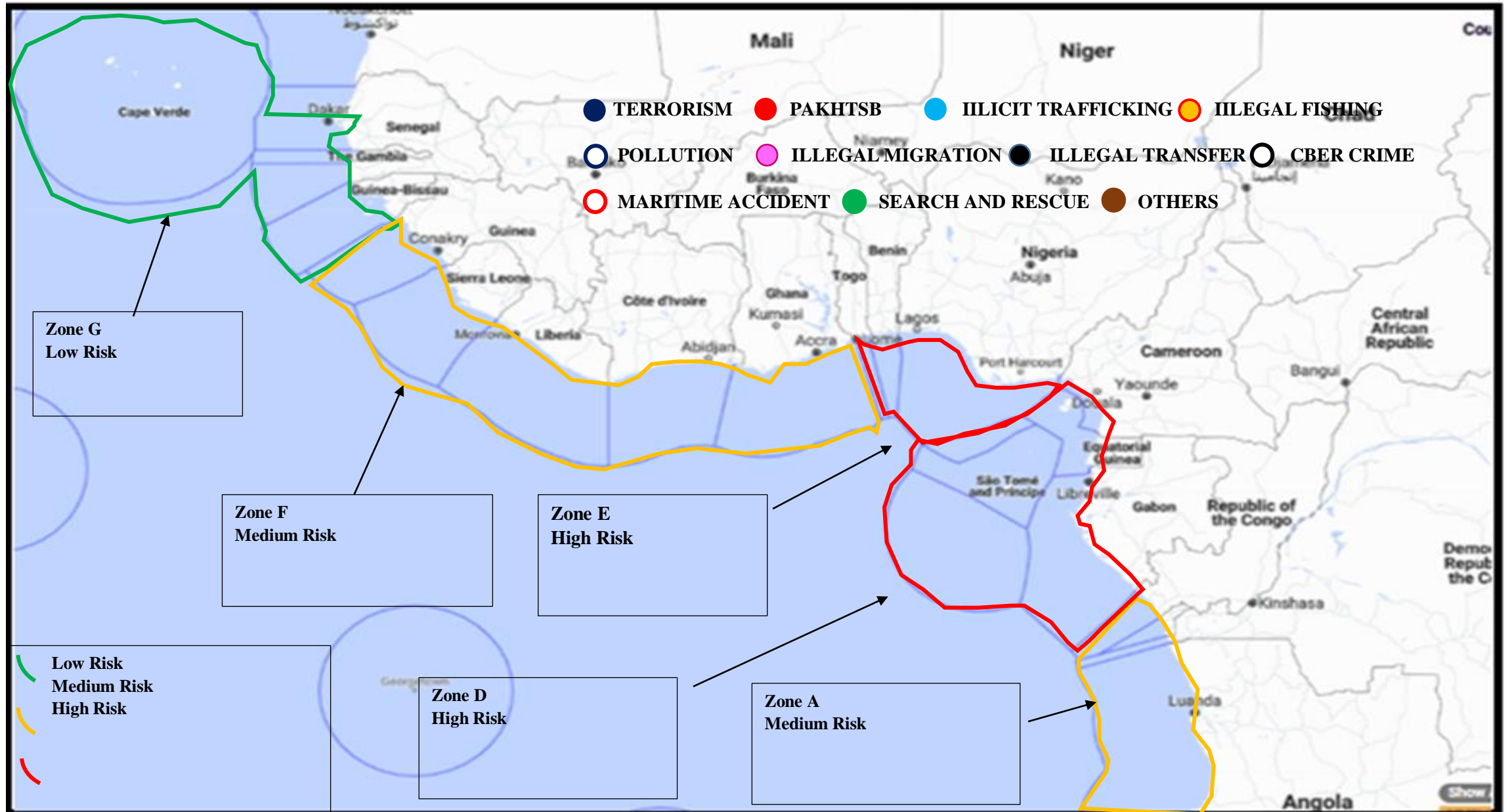
# OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure.
- Maritime Zone F recorded one incident.
- 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					
	Kidnapping			1		
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	Boarding			1	1	
	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

## **Boarding – Takoradi, Ghana**

The Singapore flag drilling vessel MAERSK ADVENTURER was boarded while drifting approximately 12 nm south of Takoradi port, Ghana in position 04° 44' 01" N 001°35'06"W on 11 March 2021 at 0120 UTC.

Four perpetrators were seen during security rounds. The alarm was raised and the perpetrators to escape.

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Kidnapping – Cotonou, Benin.**

On 11 March 2021 at 1512 UTC, the Malta flag chemical tanker DAVIDE B was attacked in position 02°48'N 002°36'E approximately 212nm south of Cotonou while underway.

Nine armed perpetrators boarded the vessel, which was en route from Riga to Lagos.

The perpetrators kidnapped 15 out of the 21 crew. The remaining six are reportedly safe and unhurt. The crew of the vessel comprised of Ukrainian, Romanian, and Philippine nationals. However, the nationalities of the crew kidnapped remains unknown.

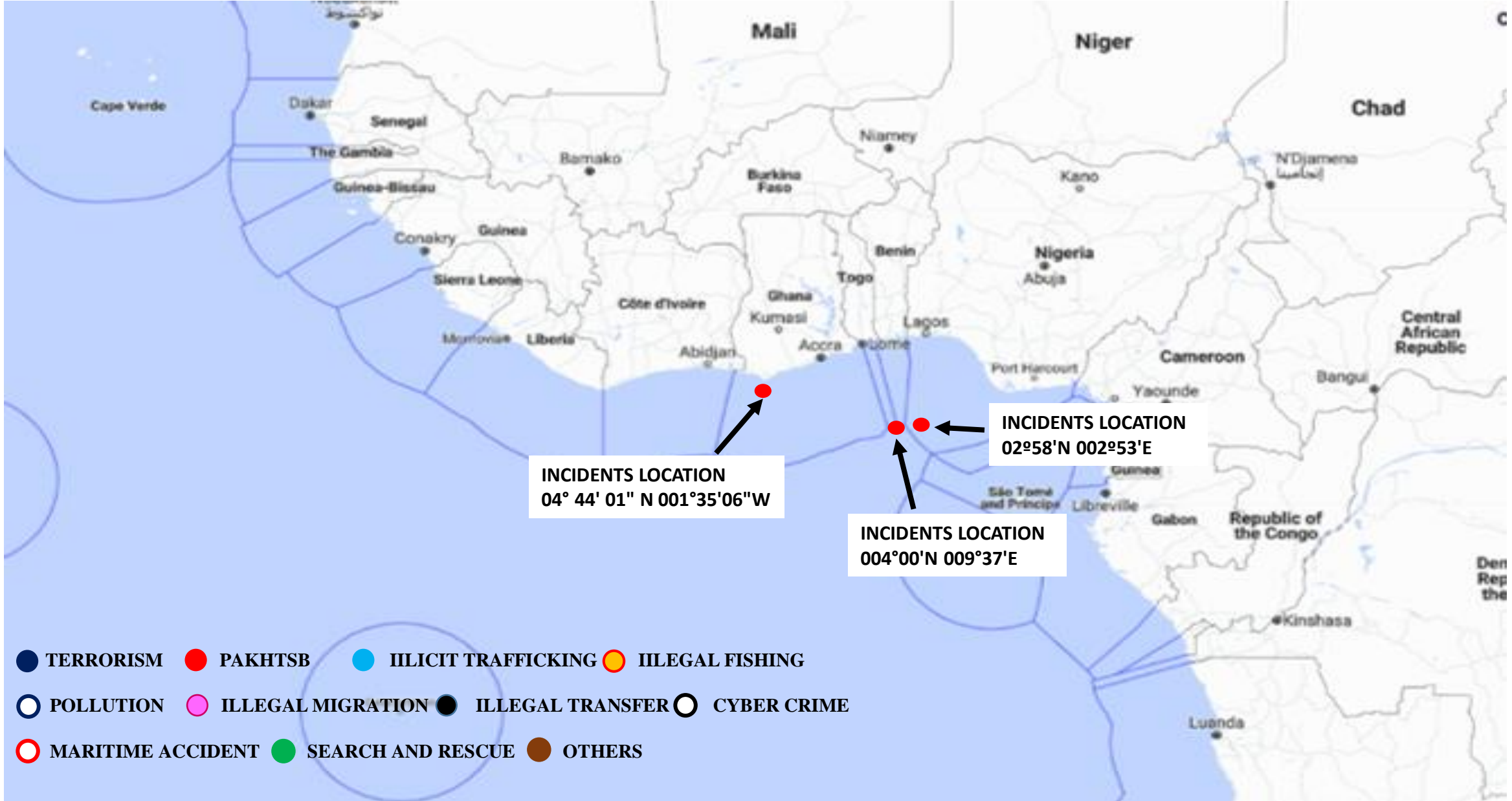
# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Boarding – Lagos, Nigeria.**

The Luxembourg flagged support vessel BOURBON EVOLUTION 802 was attacked while underway in position 02°58'N 002°53'E approximately 208 NM S of Lagos at 0631 UTC on 14 March 2021.

According to the report, all crew managed to reach the citadel before an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the vessel. The perpetrators were onboard vessel for almost 3hours. The authorities were informed and the Nigerian Navy deployed a security boat to the general to offer necessary assistance. All crew members were reported safe.

# INCIDENT DISPOSITION





# GENERAL COMMENTS

- Generally, the number of kidnapping cases have reduced as compared to 2020. However, the number of crew kidnapped have increased. This is the third kidnapping incident for the year resulting in 40 crewmembers being kidnapped.
- All vessels operating within the general area are advised to remain vigilant and keep sharp anti-piracy lookout as the pirates have resumed operations towards the Western frontier of the Gulf of Guinea.
- All countries especially Benin, Togo and Ghana are to be on high alert and be ready to respond to incidents 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.

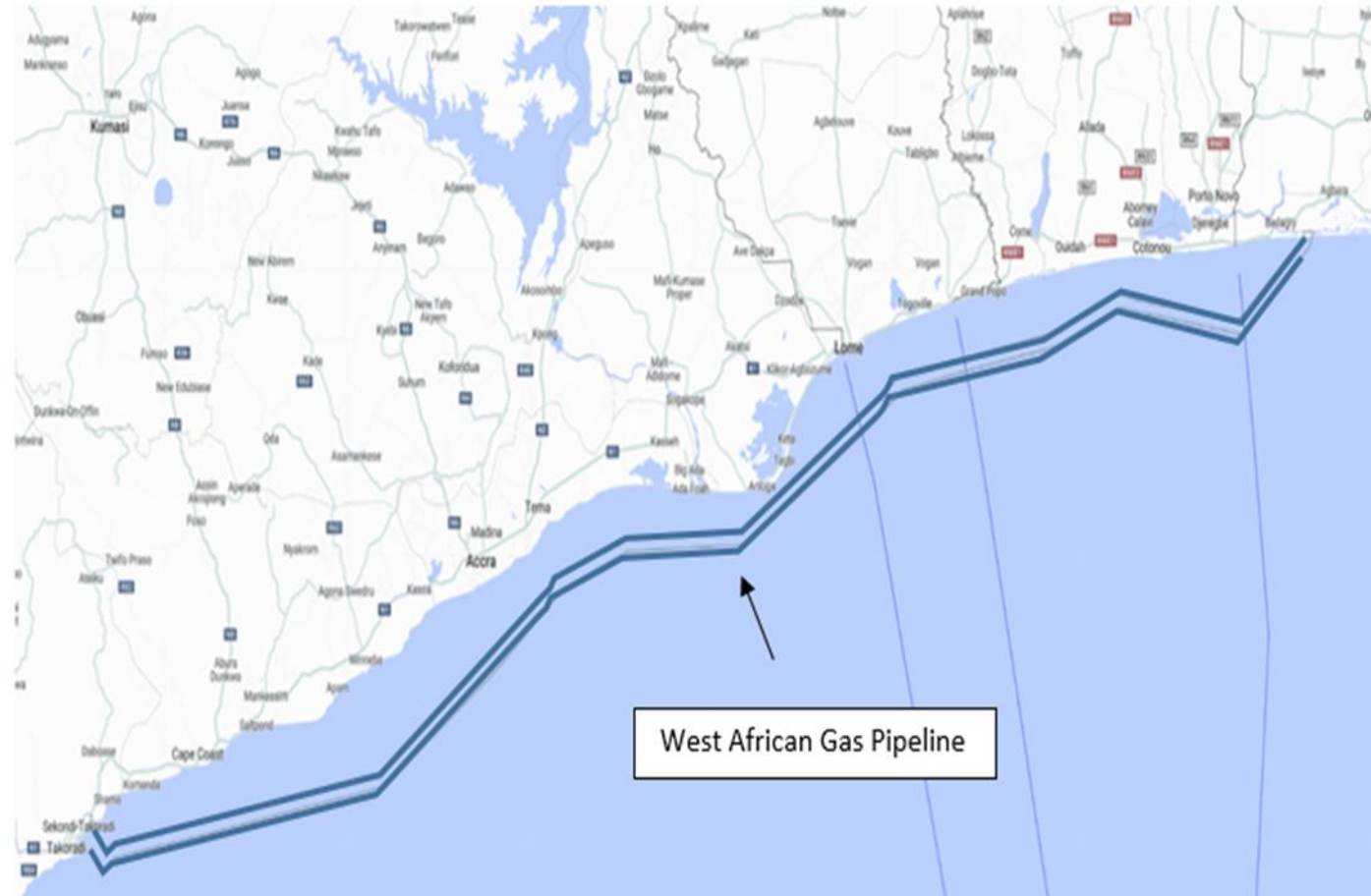
# NOTICES

## 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

- Denmark to Deploy Frigate to Gulf of Guinea to Combat Piracy.
- <https://www.maritime-executive.com>

# METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

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

### Thursday 3/18

#### Morning ►

Light WSW winds with a slight chop.  
Very small short period waves.

Winds: WSW 8 to 12 knots.

Seas: SSW 2 feet at 9 seconds.

#### Afternoon ►

Light W winds with a slight chop. Very  
small mid period waves.

Winds: W 5 to 8 knots.

Seas: SSW 2 feet at 10 seconds.

### Friday 3/19

#### Morning ►

Light WSW winds with a slight chop.  
Very small short period waves.

Winds: WSW 8 to 11 knots.

Seas: SSW 2 feet at 9 seconds.

#### Afternoon ►

Light and variable winds with smooth  
seas. Very small short period waves.

Winds: WSW 5 to 7 knots.

Seas: SSW 2 feet at 9 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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