



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE  
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY  
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

16 APRIL – 22 APRIL 2021

# 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.

# 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.

# 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					
	Suspicious Approach			1		
<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>						

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **Suspicious Approach – Lagos, Nigeria.**

Information available from multiple sources indicates an ongoing threat to shipping offshore. The threat dispositions is within the Maritime Zone E (Togo, Benin and Nigeria EEZ and could extend deeper offshore in the coming hours and days.

The renewed threat was manifested by a suspicious approach on the Liberian flag container ship MV ROSA by a skiff at position 3°02.117'N, 3° 16.800'E approximately 200 miles South of Lagos on 20 April 2021 at about 1700 hours UTC. MV ROSA was approached while sailing out of Lagos. All 16 crew members moved to the citadel whilst the vessel increased speed to over 20kts and slightly altered her course.

The skiff followed the container ship for about 45 minutes and came within a closest point of approach of about half a mile (0.5nm) of the vessel. The vessel conducted anti-piracy drills and avoided the pirates from boarding. The Vessel escaped and all crew are safe.

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

## **HOT PURSUIT ON PIRATE BOAT – LAGOS, NIGERIA.**

The Italian Naval vessel ITS RIZZO which has been operating in the Gulf of Guinea on 21 Apr 2021 at 0803 UTC reported sighting a skiff with tripwires (ladder) and about 8 people on board (suspected to be pirates) in position 03° 42'N 003°29'E approximately 157nm South of Lagos, Nigeria. The ship pursued the skiff boat using its helicopter for about 4 – 5 hours. The necessary authorities were informed.

The skiff carried out various evasive manoeuvres. The suspected pirates fired on the helicopter when the skiff was about 3nm from entering the Nigerian territorial waters. However no damage was caused on the helicopter as it was flying at a safe distance. At 1233Z in 0454N–00526E suspect skiff entered Nigerian TTW. The last known position of the skiff is 0455N 00523E about 4nm from shore, west of Gbentu, Nigeria.

# IMAGES AND TRIAL OF PURSUIT SKIFF BOAT



**Initial position  
210814 UTC**

**Last Known position  
211233 UTC**

**Chasing trail**

# GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

- Coastal states especially Nigeria are encouraged to intensify surveillance and monitoring of their coastline to help locate, interdict and arrest the suspected pirate boat and crew.
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- The threat of pirate attacks against vessels for the next few days remains very high especially within maritime Zone E.
- All vessels transiting the general area are advised to remain vigilant and report any suspicious skiff or speed boat to the necessary authorities and as much as possible keep clear of the territorial waters of Nigeria.
- Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate assistance.

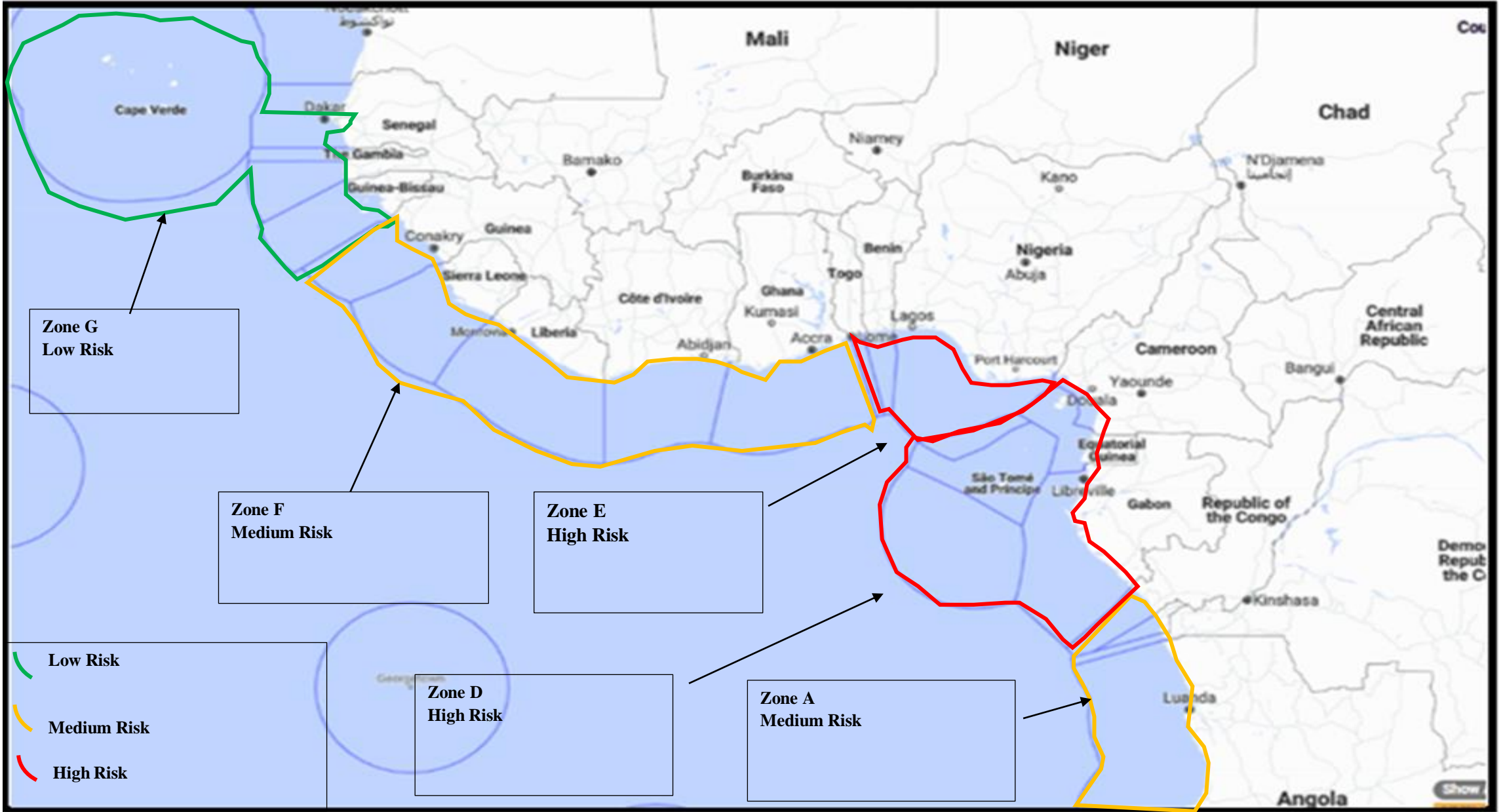


# FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

## 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. However pirate attacks is more likely.
- Maritime Zone A and G are expected to remain incident free.

# MARITIME RISK AREA



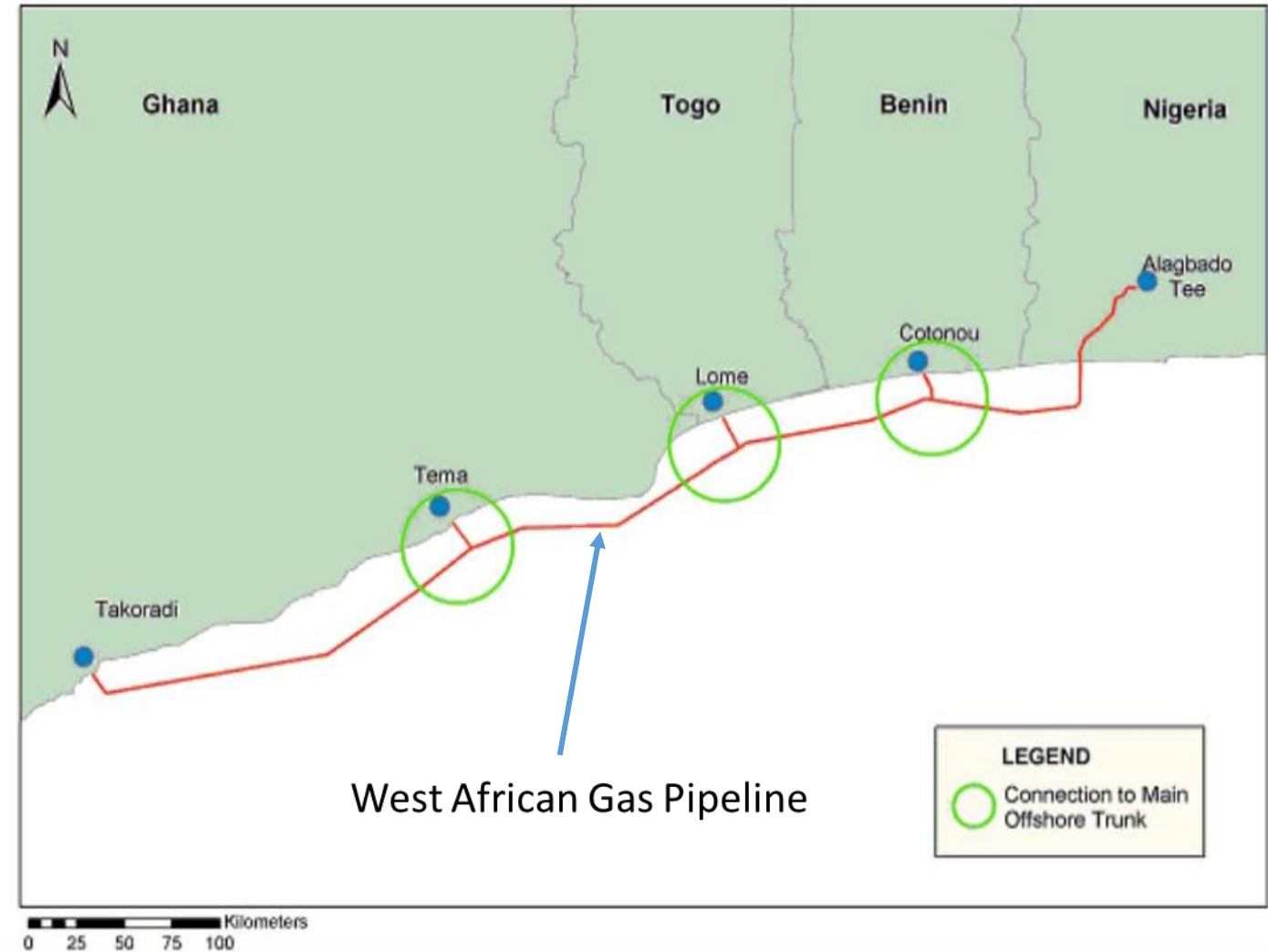
# NOTICES

## 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

## PROMOTING MARITIME SECURITY

Indonesian Navy submarine with 53 crew missing in Bali sea .

- <https://www.maritime-executive.com>





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