



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

07 MAY – 13 MAY 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.

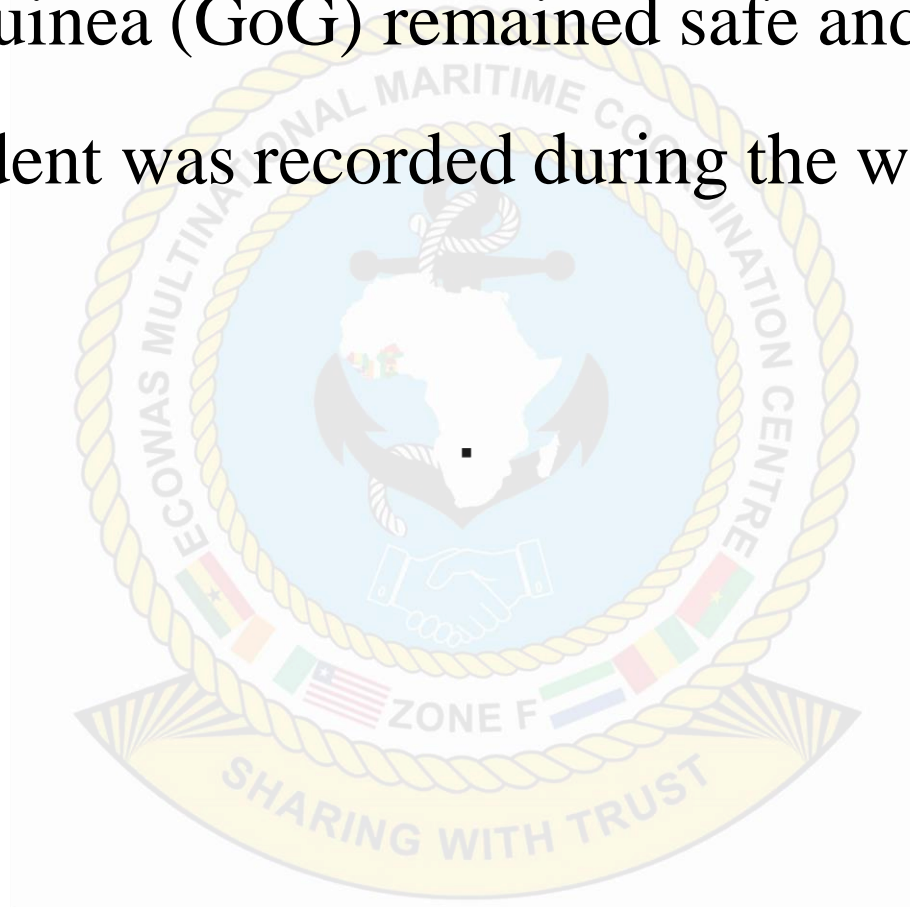
- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

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.
- No maritime incident was recorded during the week.

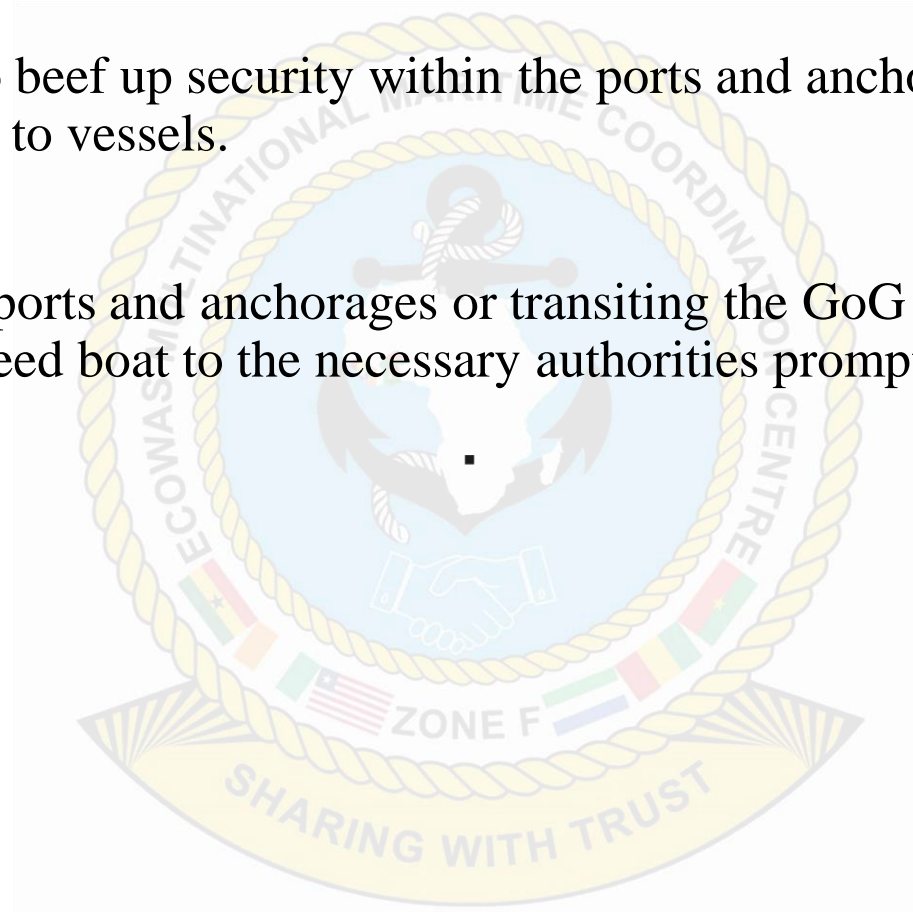


INCIDENTS RECORDED

Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Zones					
		A	D	E	F	G	
TERRORISM	Terrorism						
	Hijacking						
	Kidnapping						
	PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)	Armed Robbery					
		Firing Upon					
		Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
		Attempt Boarding					
		Boarding					
		Theft					
		Suspicious Approach					
ILLICIT TRAFIC	Human						
	Drug						
	Weapons/Ammunitions						
	Smuggling						
I.U.U FISHING	Industrial Fishing						
	Craft Fishing						
POLLUTION							
ILLICIT 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							

GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

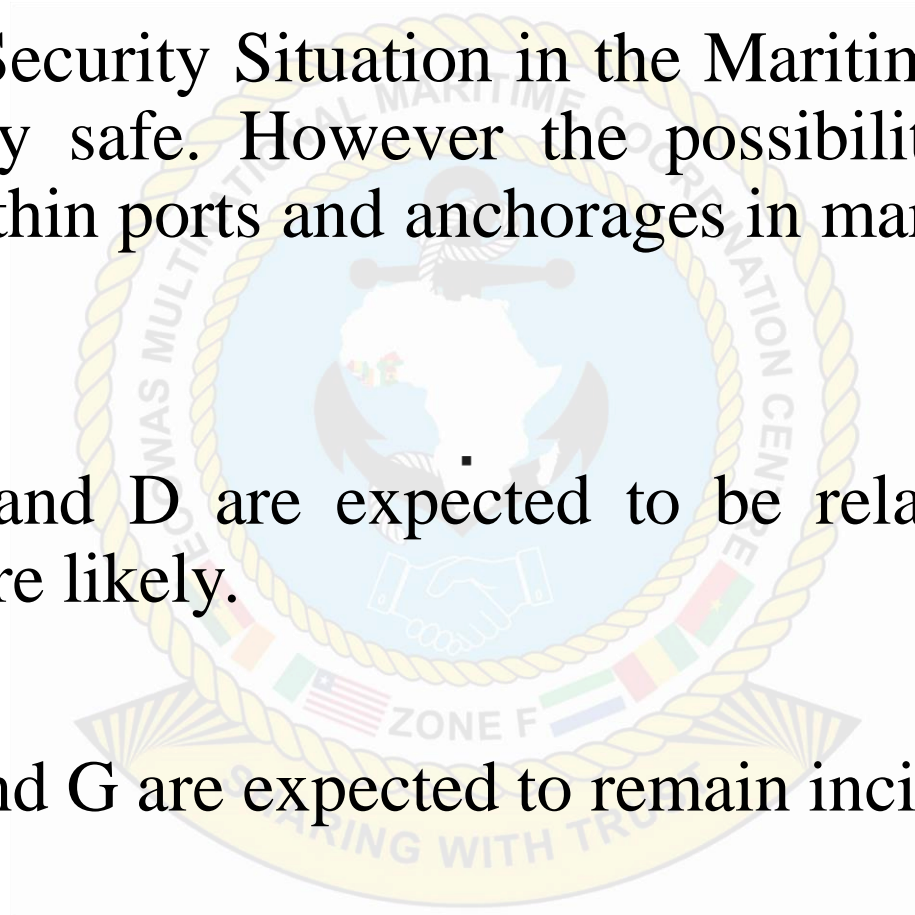
- Attack against vessels within ports and anchorages still remains high. More the 40% of all incidents recorded so far in 2021 have occurred within the ports and anchorages of GoG States.
- Coastal States are encouraged to beef up security within the ports and anchorage areas to help interdict perpetrators and offer protection to vessels.
- All vessels berthed/anchored at ports and anchorages or transiting the GoG are advised to remain vigilant and report any suspicious skiff or speed boat to the necessary authorities promptly.



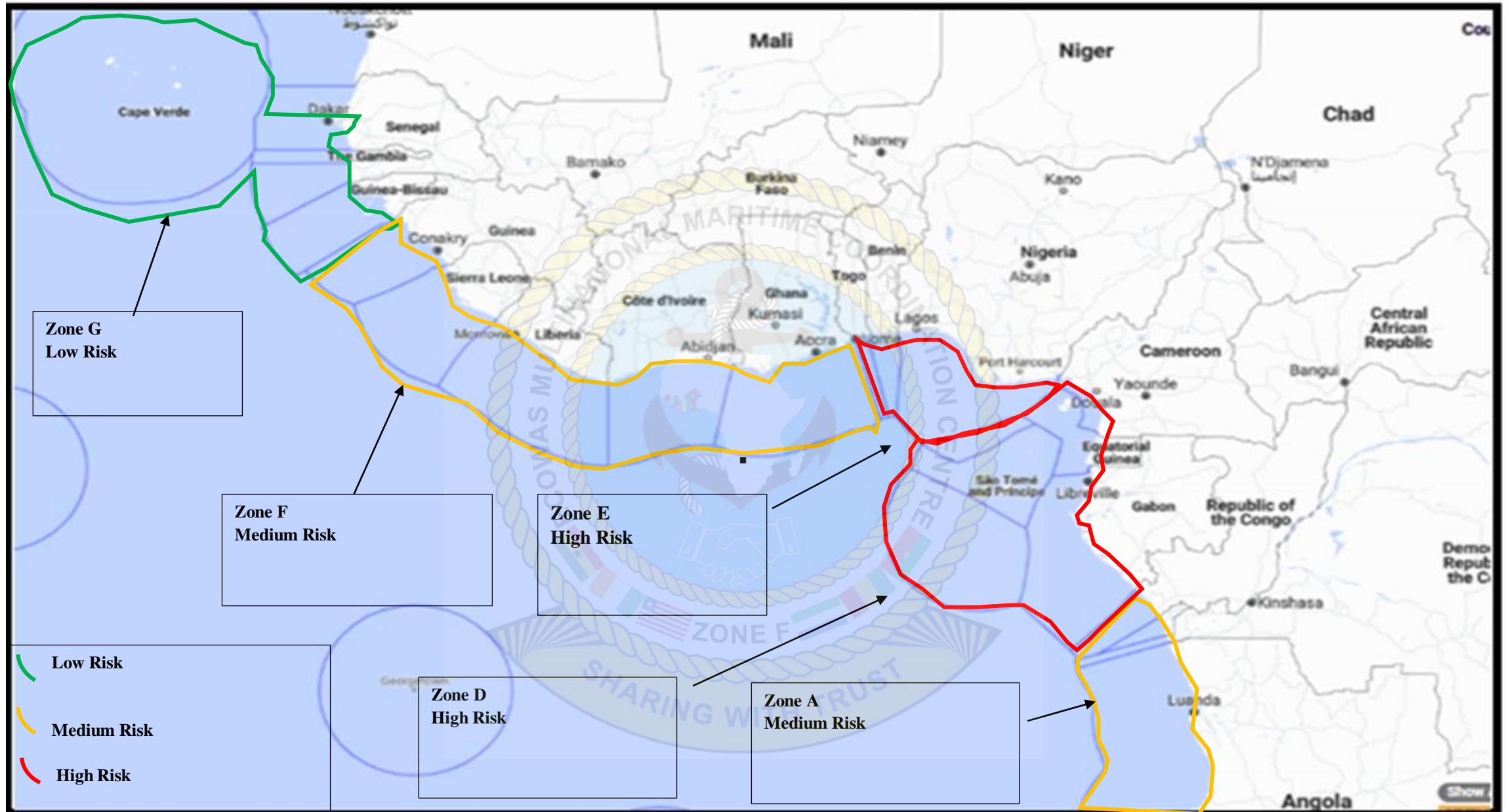
FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

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 AREAS



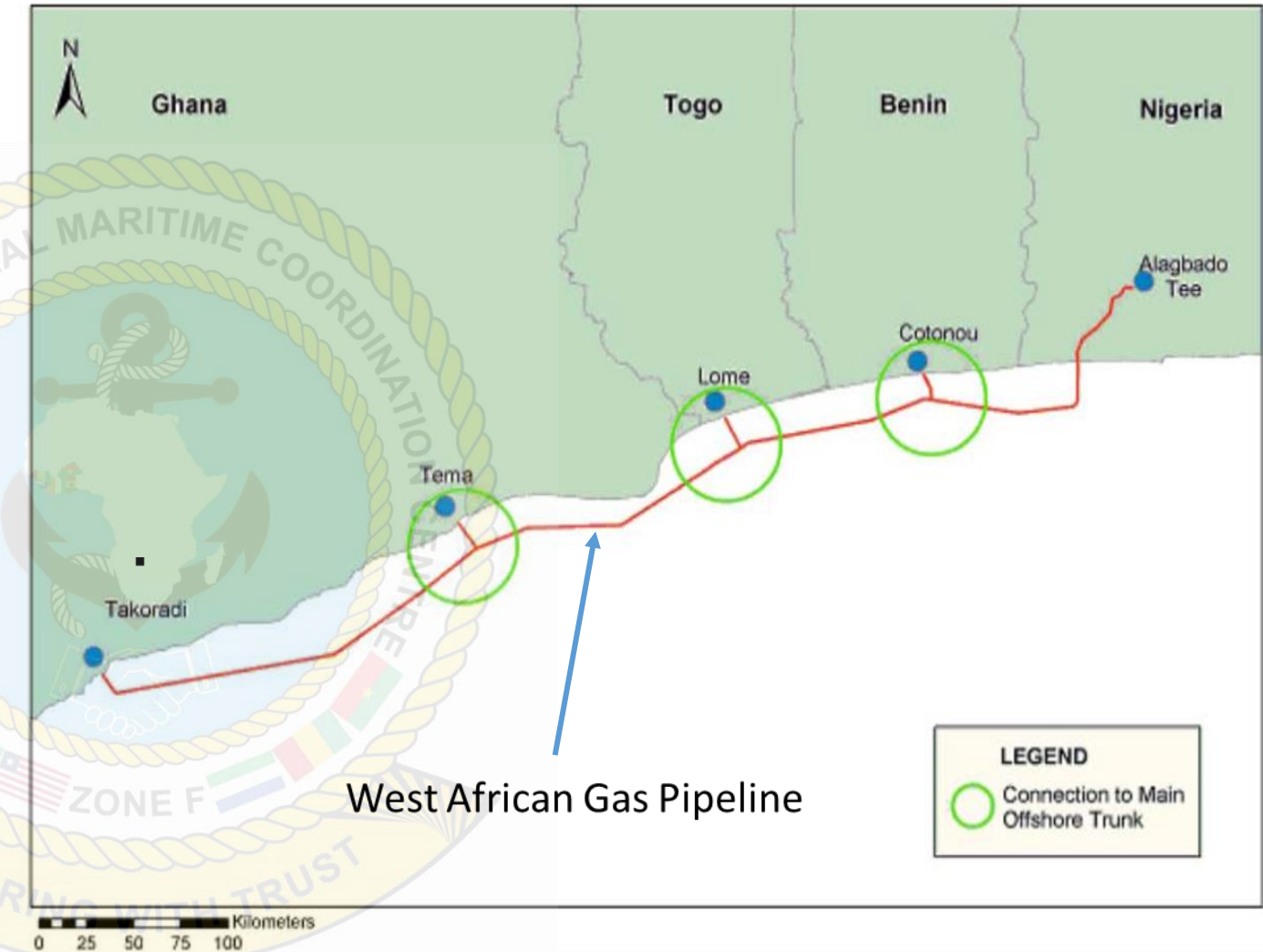
NOTICES

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

EXPANSION OPERATION

The Suez Canal Authority plans to expand and deepen its southern section.

- <https://www.marinelink.com>

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