



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

21 MAY – 27 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.

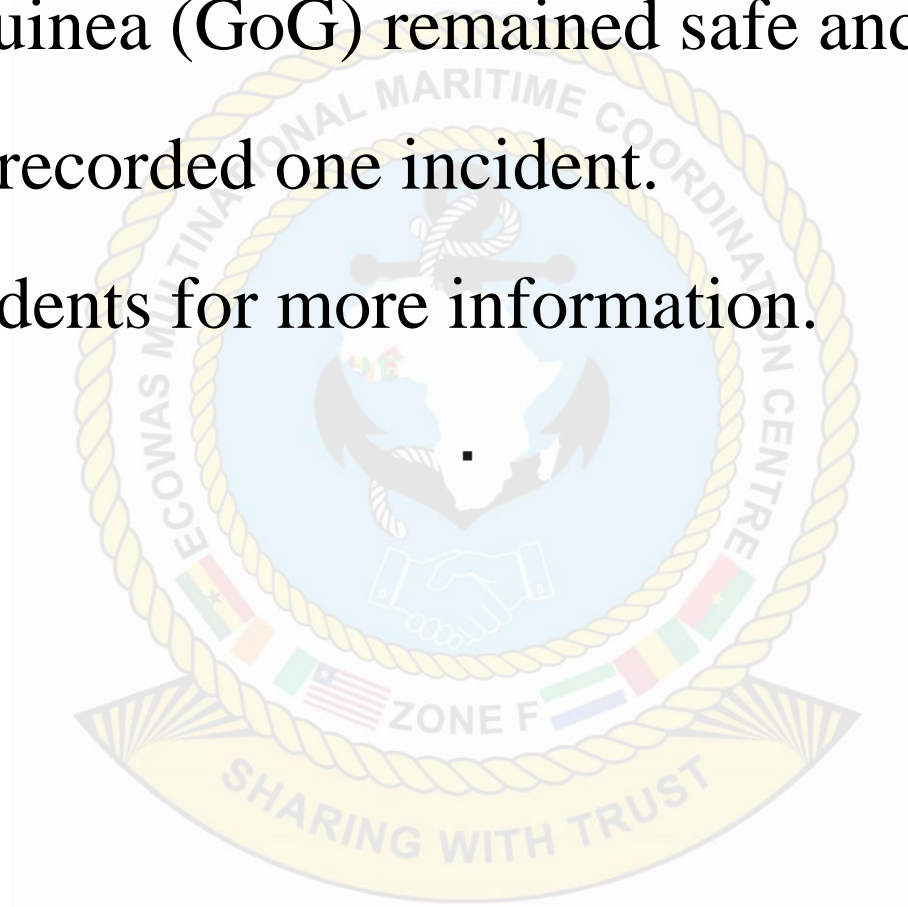
- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

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.
- Maritime Zone E recorded one incident.
- See details of incidents for more information.



INCIDENTS RECORDED

Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Zones				
		A	D	E	F	G
TERRORISM	Terrorism					
PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)	Hijacking					
	Kidnapping					
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	Boarding			1		
	Theft					
ILLICIT TRAFIC	Suspicious Approach					
	Human					
	Drug					
	Weapons/Ammunitions					
I.U.U FISHING	Smuggling					
	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						

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Boarding – Onne port, Nigeria .

The Antigua and Barbuda flag general cargo vessel UNISTREAM (IMO: 9484235) managed by Held Bereederungs GMBH & Co KG, Haren, Germany was boarded in position 04°41'01"N 007°09'05"E at Onne port, Nigeria at 0320 UTC on 26 May 2021.

According to the report, the crew onboard the vessel while at berth sighted a perpetrator onboard. The alarm was raised and the Nigerian navy alerted. The perpetrator tried to escape in a small boat, which was berthed alongside the vessel but was apprehended an hour later by the Nigerian Navy security team who responded to the distress call. Security rounds conducted onboard the vessel revealed no items were stolen.

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INCIDENT DISPOSITION

UNISTREAM



IMO: 9484235

MMSI: 305669000

FLAG: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

LENGTH/BREADTH: 132.2 x 15.87M

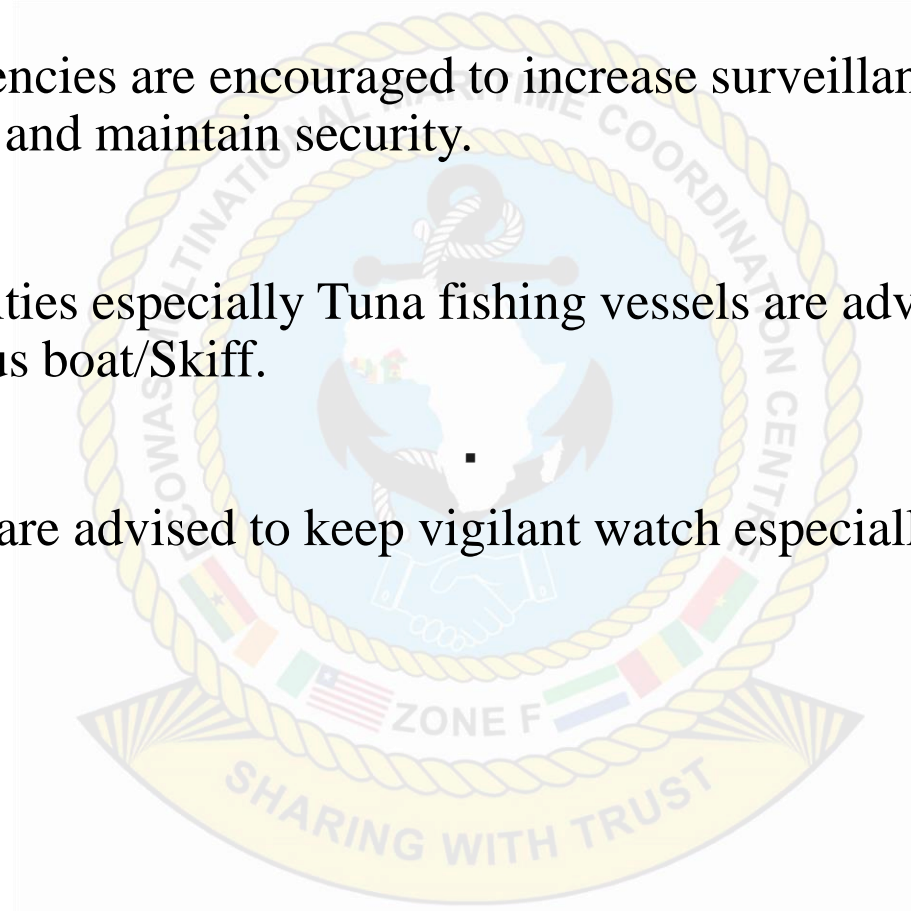
NO HISTORY OF ATTACK

LOCATION OF INCIDENT



GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

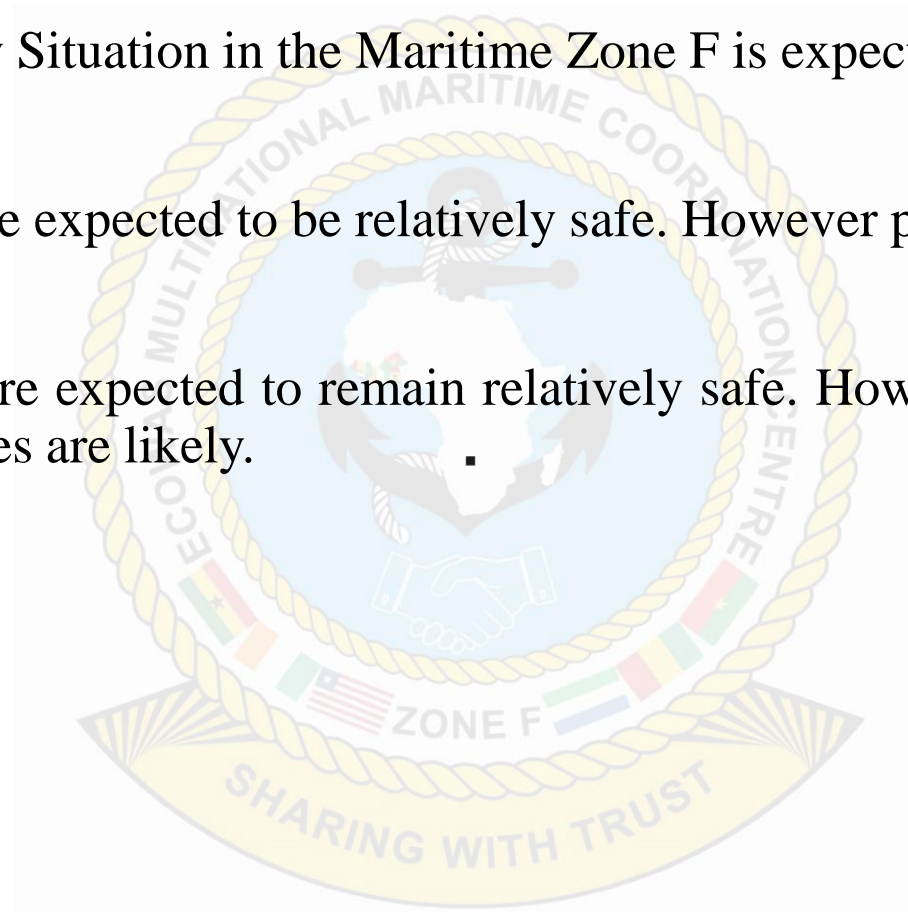
- This is the sixteenth incident recorded in ports and anchorages since the beginning of 2021 representing about 43% of all maritime incidents and the fifth in Nigerian ports and anchorage.
- Port Authorities and security agencies are encouraged to increase surveillance and patrols within ports and anchorages to deter perpetrators and maintain security.
- Vessels engaged in fishing activities especially Tuna fishing vessels are advised to maintain proper lookout and report any suspicious boat/Skiff.
- Vessels at ports and anchorages are advised to keep vigilant watch especially at night and rotate duty watch regularly.



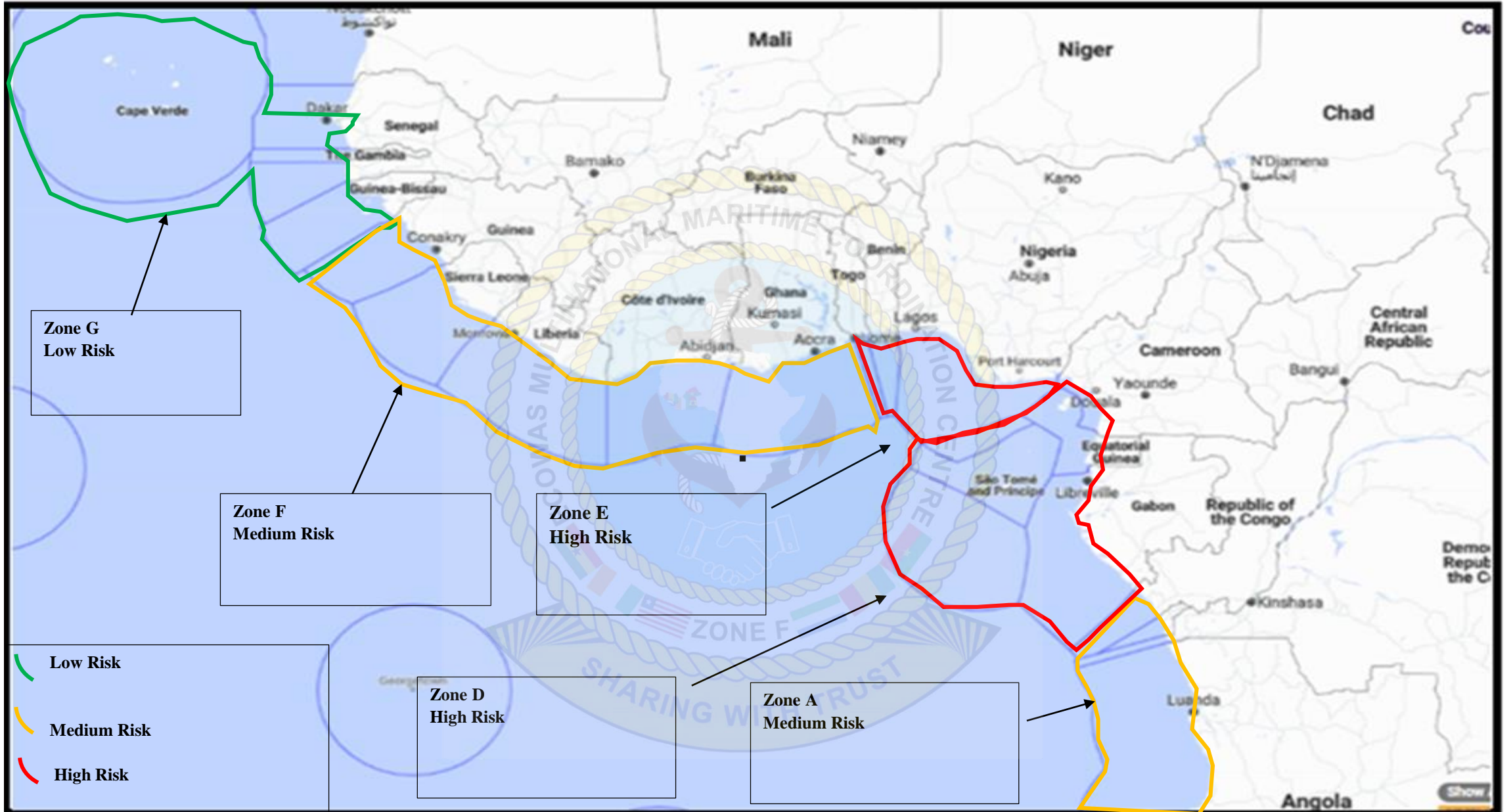
FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

FORECAST

- General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F is expected to remain incident free.
- 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 relatively safe. However petty theft and robberies within ports and anchorages are likely.



MARITIME RISK AREAS



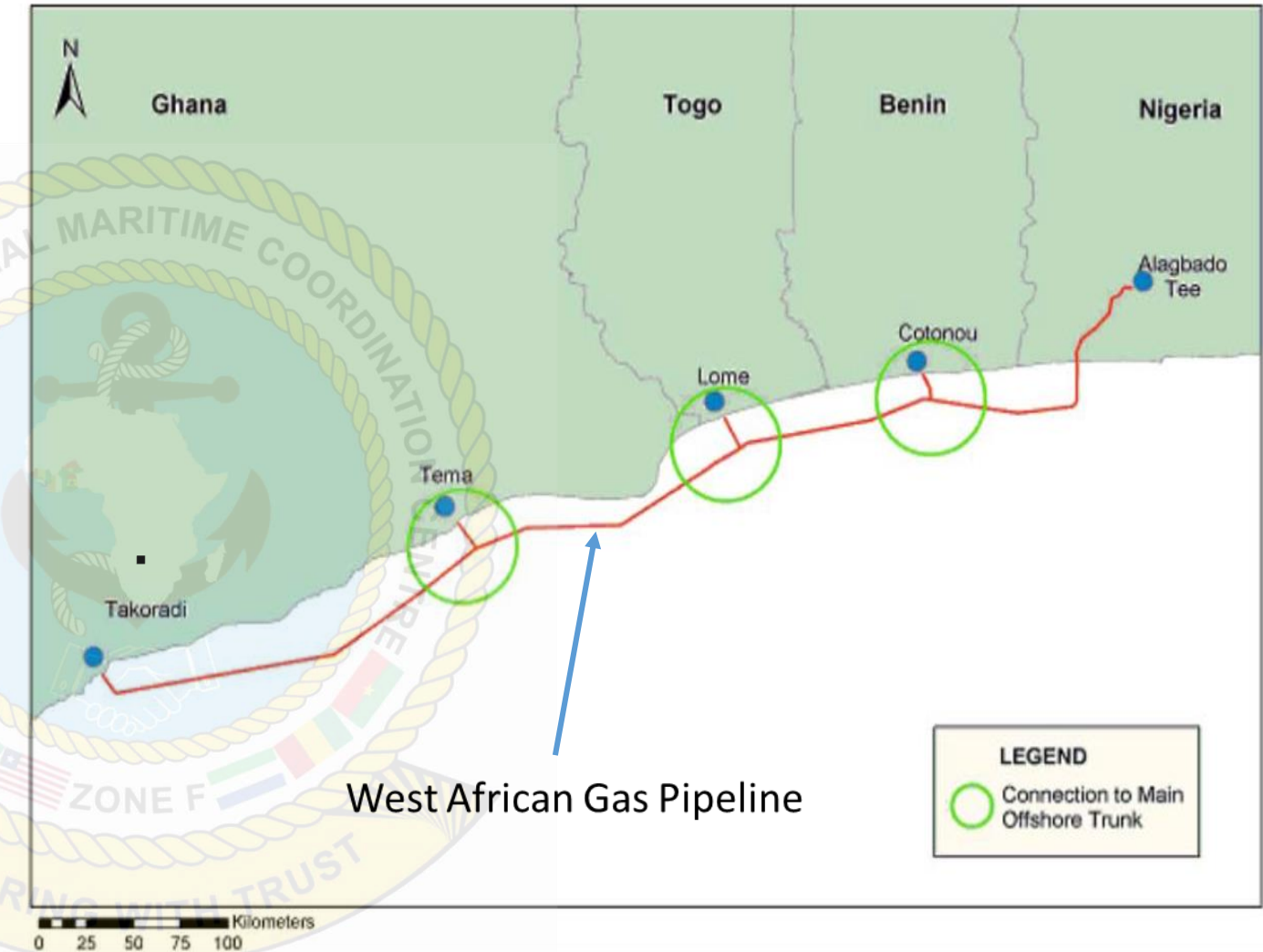
NOTICES

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

MARITIME ACCIDENT

- Fire intensifies on containership X-Press Pearl while anchored off Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- <https://www.maritime-executive.com>

X-PRESS PEARL



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