



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

04 JUN – 10 JUN 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.

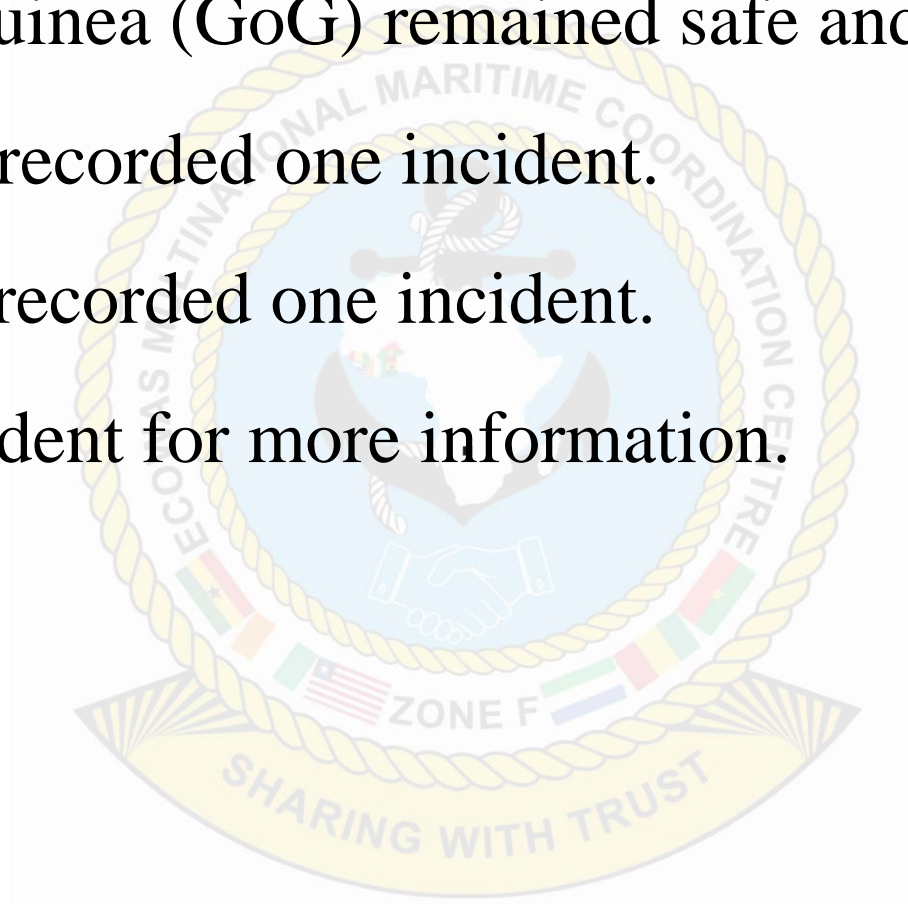
- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

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.
- Maritime Zone F recorded one incident.
- See details of incident 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			1		
	Armed Robbery					
	Firing Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding			1		
	Boarding					
	Theft					
ILLICIT TRAFIC	Suspicious Approach				1	
	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

LATE PUBLICATION – ARMED ROBBERY - Rivers State, Nigeria.

A local passenger boat was attacked while heading to Port Harcourt on the Degema waterways in Rivers State, Nigeria at an unknown time on 03 Jun 21.

According to the report, an unknown number of armed perpetrators in two speedboats approached and boarded the vessel. The perpetrators stole goods, personal belongings of the passengers and a 75hp outboard engine. Two passengers reportedly died due to injuries sustained during the attack.

Similarly, suspected pirates dressed in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps uniform in three 200-horsepower boats, approached and opened fire on a passenger boat killing two persons and injuring five others at the Agulu Creek in the Asari Toru Local Government Area of Rivers State on Sunday 30 May 2021 at about 1700 Local Time (1600 UTC).

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

SUSPICIOUS APPROACH – Tema, Ghana.

A Marshall Islands flag tanker vessel DUKE (IMO: 9262259) was suspiciously approached in position 05°29'N 000°44'36"E about 44NM southeast of Tema, Ghana on 04 June 21 at 0940 UTC.

According to the report, a wooden boat with 10 perpetrators onboard approached the vessel at her port side signalling distress and requesting the vessel to reduce speed. The boat approached the vessel to about 70 meters but the Captain increased speed when he realized there was no damage or fire onboard the boat.

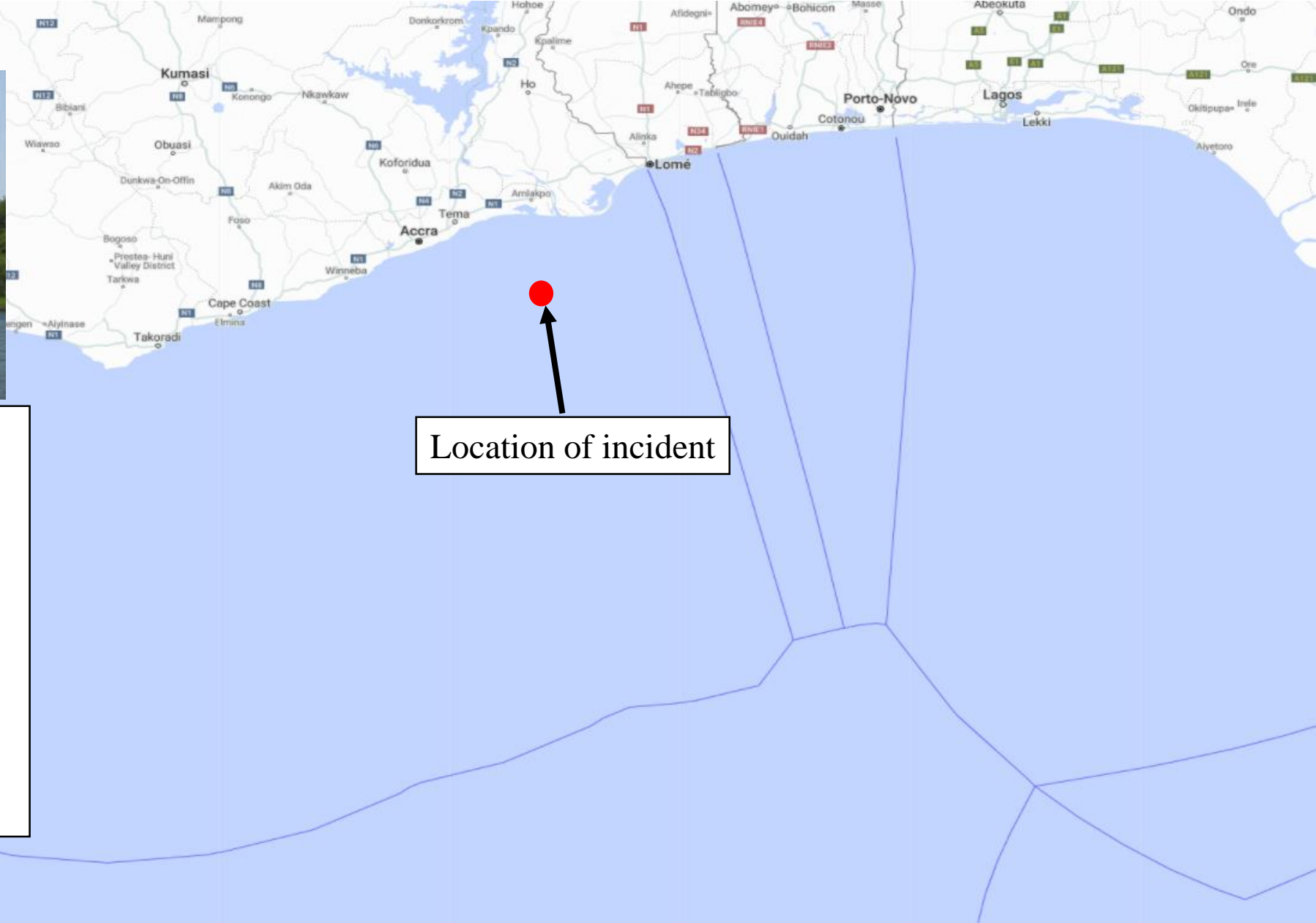
The suspected boat pursued the tanker for about 20 minutes before abandoning the pursuit. The vessel and crew were reported to be safe. According to the Master, there was no piracy related equipment sighted onboard the suspicious boat.

Comment

This is the second attack on the vessel in the GoG following the first attack and kidnapping of 20 Indian crew members onboard on 15 December 2019 about 115 nautical miles southeast of Lome, Togo.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

DUKE



Location of incident

VESSEL DETAILS

IMO: 9262259

MMSI: 538005925

FLAG: Marshall Islands

LENGTH/BREADTH: 140 x 23M

SECOND ATTACK IN GOG

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

ATTEMPTED BOARDING – Cotonou, Benin .

The Marshall Island bulk carrier MT CP TIANJIN was attacked by pirates who attempted to board the vessel while enroute from Port Harcourt, Nigeria at position 02 49N 002 31E approximately 207nm south of Cotonou, Benin Republic on 6 June 2021 at about 1400 UTC.

According to the report, the vessel was approached by a skiff with 6 armed perpetrators onboard. The pirates pursued the vessel for about 30 minutes before abandoning it after three unsuccessful attempts to board the vessel. The vessel and crew were reported to be safe.

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

CP TIANJIN



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Location of incident

VESSEL DETAILS

IMO: 9710505

MMSI: 538006815

FLAG: Marshall Islands

LENGTH/BREADTH: 199 x 32 m

NO HISTORY OF ATTACK IN GOG

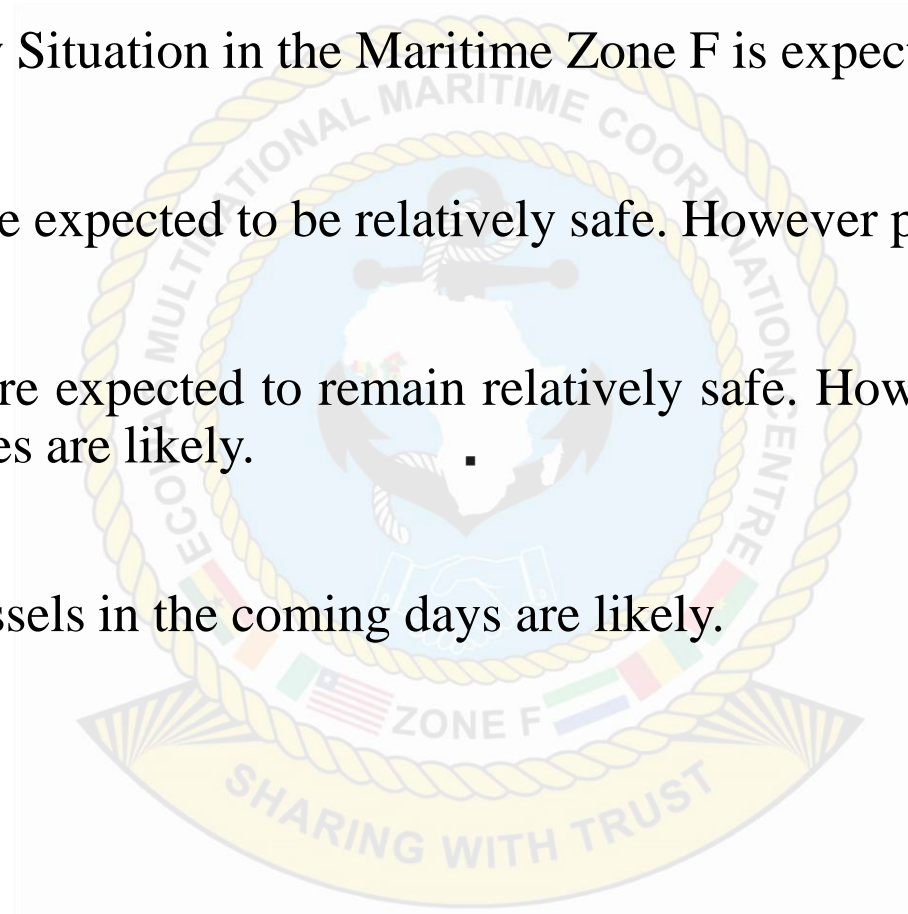
GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

- The GoG since beginning of the year 2021 has recorded about 35% decline in piracy incidents as compared to 2020. However the impact of pirate activities in terms of kidnapping and damage to vessels have more than doubled.
- The GoG has so far recorded a total of 42 maritime incidents as compared to 65 incidents in 2020 for same period. Twenty four out of the total incidents for the year occurred outside the territorial waters. A total of 6 kidnapping incidents have been recorded with 56 crew members kidnapped as compared 52 crew members kidnapped in 14 incidents in 2020 for same period.
- Four fishing vessels have been attacked since the beginning of the year 2021 with three ending in the kidnapping of crew. A total of 20 crew members have so far been kidnapped from LIAN PENG YU 809, ATLANTIC PRINCESS and IRIS S as compared to 14 crew members kidnapped from four incidents for the whole of 2020.
- Coastal states are therefore encouraged to increase monitoring, surveillance and naval presence at sea to help deter pirate actions and respond quickly in case of any attack.
- All vessels transiting the GoG especially from Maritime Zones D to F are advised to be extra vigilant, maintain sharp anti-piracy lookout especially at night and report any suspicious activities to the necessary authorities.

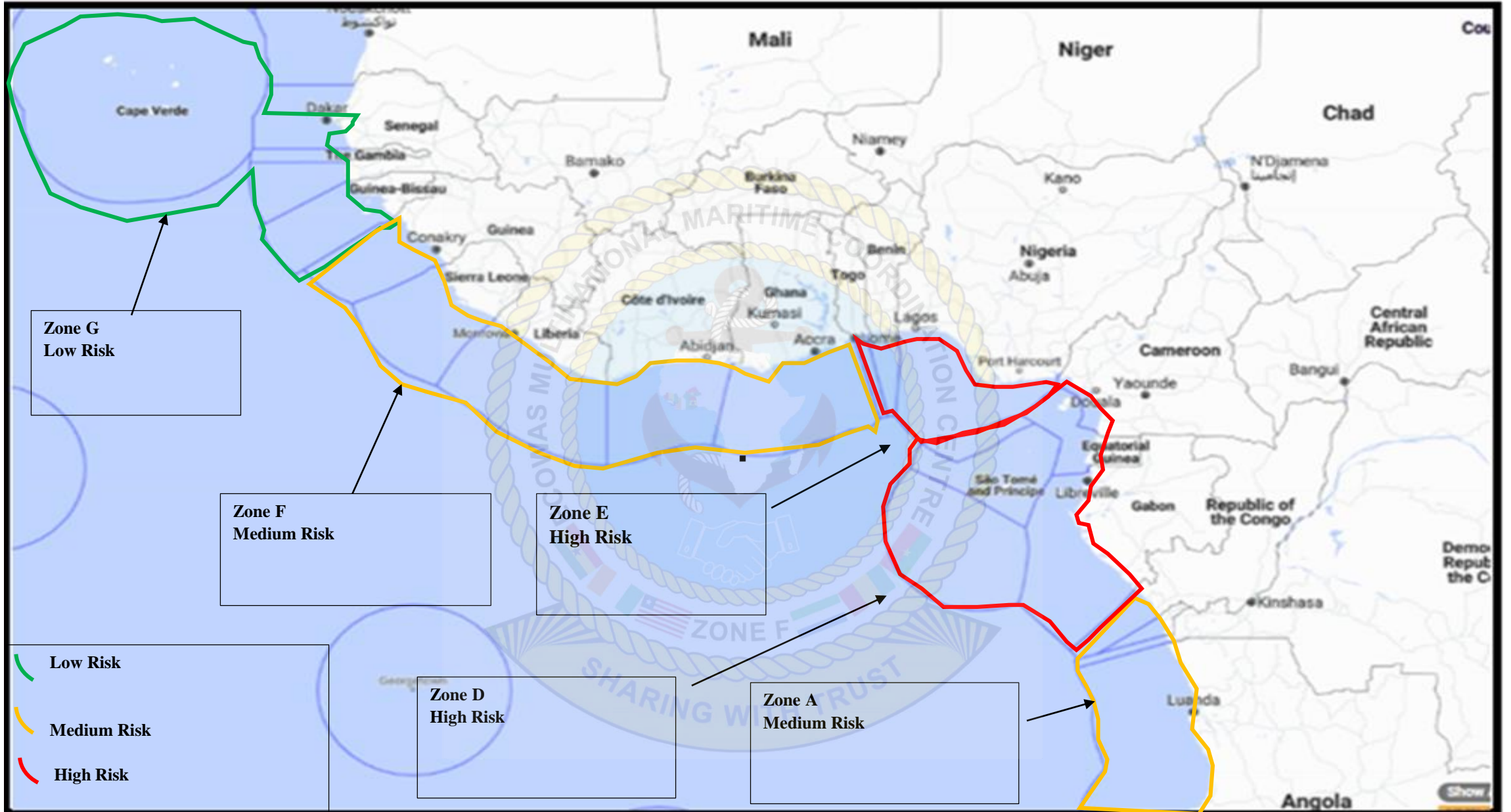
FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

FORECAST

- General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F is expected to remain incident calm.
- 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.
- Attacks against fishing vessels in the coming days are likely.



MARITIME RISK AREAS



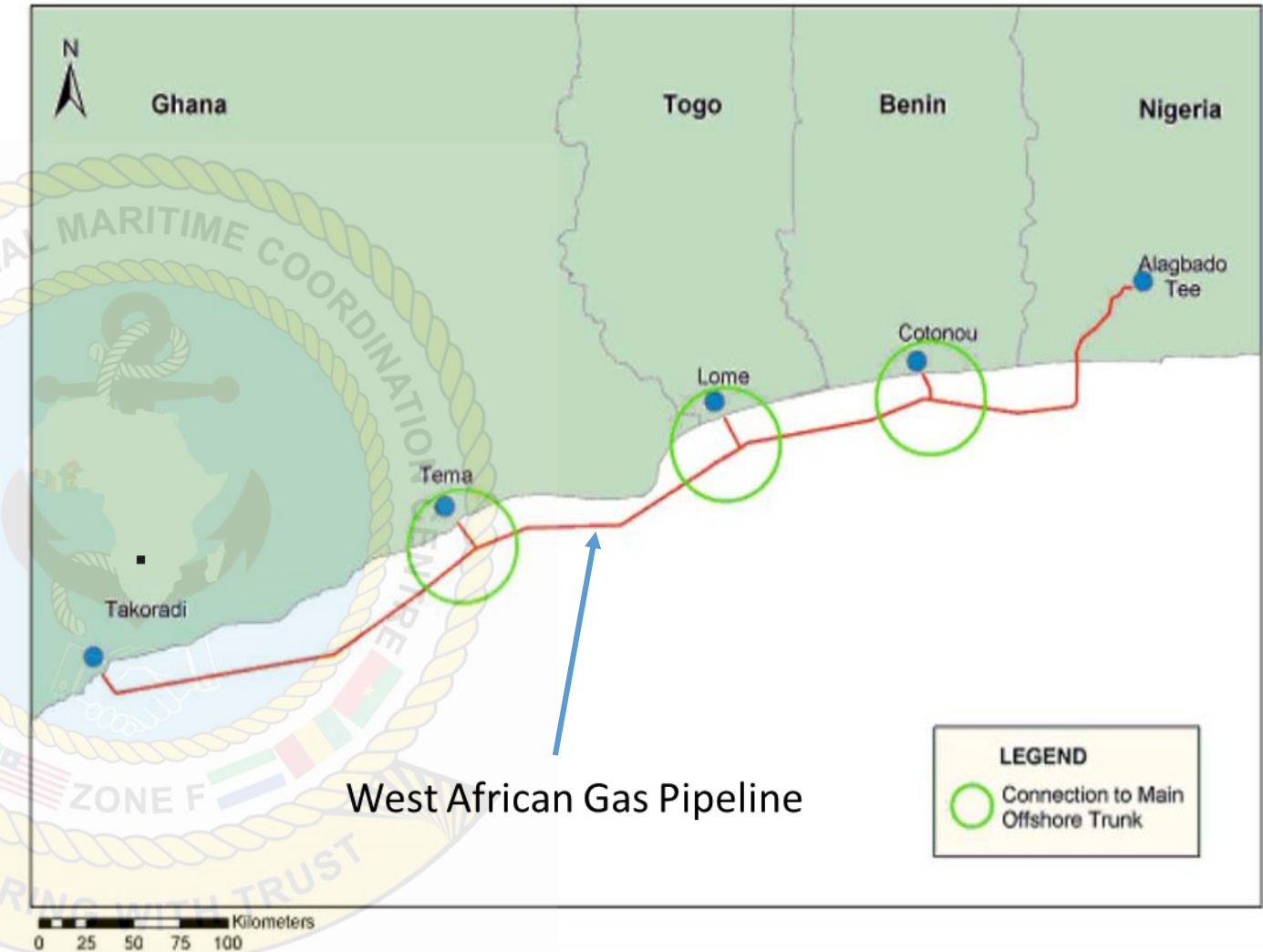
NOTICES

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.



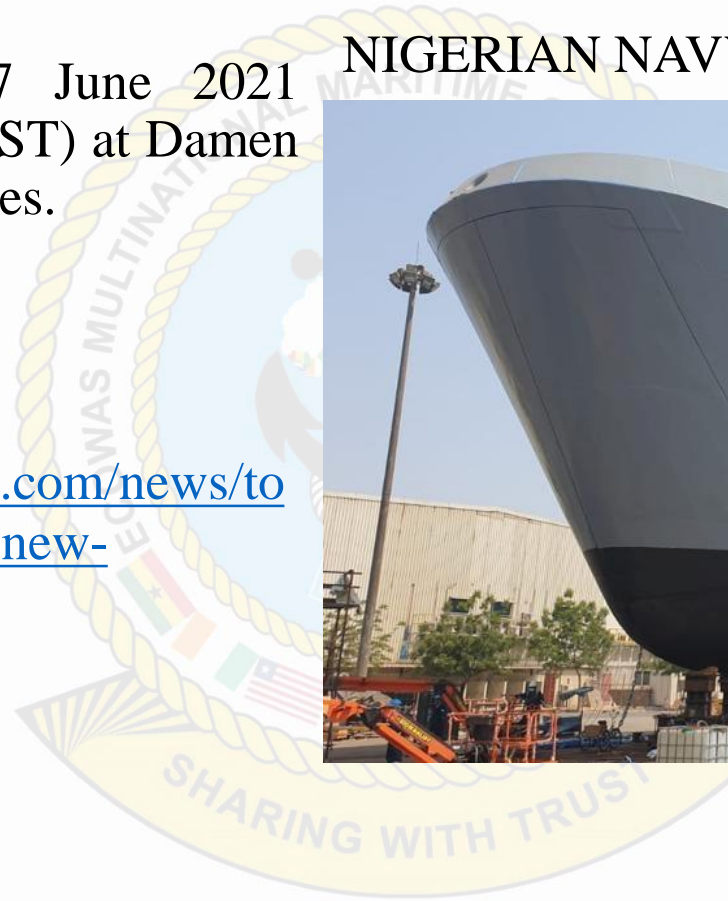
MARITIME INFORMATION OF INTEREST

MARITIME POWER PROJECTION

The Nigerian Navy on Monday 7 June 2021 launched a new Landing Ship Tank (LST) at Damen Shipyard, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Source: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/to-p-news/466656-nigerian-navy-unveils-new-warship.html>

NIGERIAN NAVY NEW WARSHIP



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