



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT



10 – 16 DEC 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.

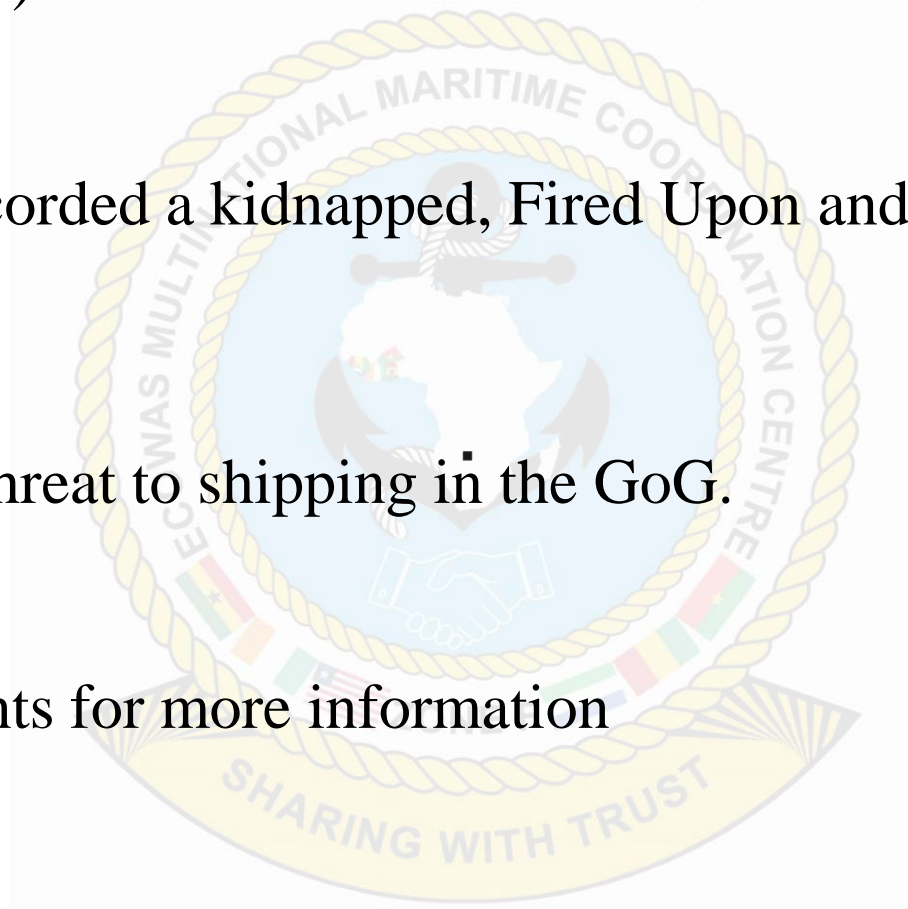
- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

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 D recorded a kidnapped, Fired Upon and attempted boarding incident.
- Reported increased threat to shipping in the GoG.
- 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 | | 1 | | | |
| | Armed Robbery | | | | | |
| | Firing Upon | | 1 | | | |
| | Robbery/Attempt Robbery | | | | | |
| | Attempt Boarding | | 1 | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | |
| | Capsizing | | | | | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | |

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

KIDNAPPING - BOKO SUR, MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA

The Liberian flag cargo vessel MV TONSBURG was attacked about 69nm Southwest of Bioko Sur, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea about 1427 UTC on 13 December 2021.

According to the report, an unknown number of pirates fired upon the vessel while underway and boarded it. The Danish Naval ship HDMS ESBERN SNARE responded to the incident and proceeded to the general area. HDMS ESBERN SNARE launched her helicopter to the incident location. The helicopter located a skiff and a ladder alongside MV TONSBURG. However, the pirate action group departed before the helicopter could intervene. Six crew members were reportedly abducted and one other injured. The injured crew was evacuated onboard the Danish Frigate for treatment. The pirates were reported to be using the hostages as human shields any time the helicopter tried to intervene.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT



VESSEL DETAILS

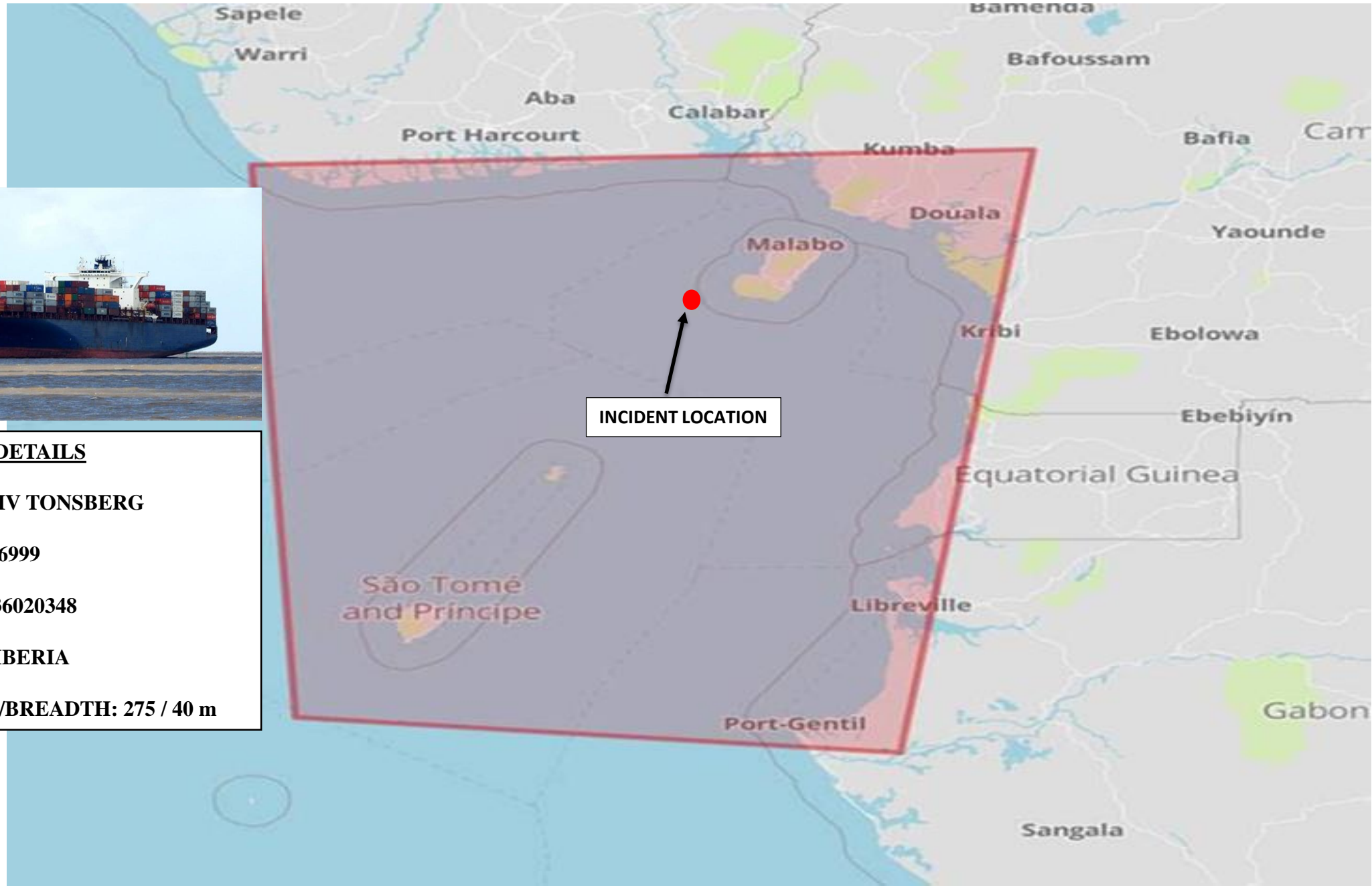
NAME: MV TONSBERG

IMO: 9216999

MMSI: 636020348

FLAG: LIBERIA

LENGTH/BREADTH: 275 / 40 m

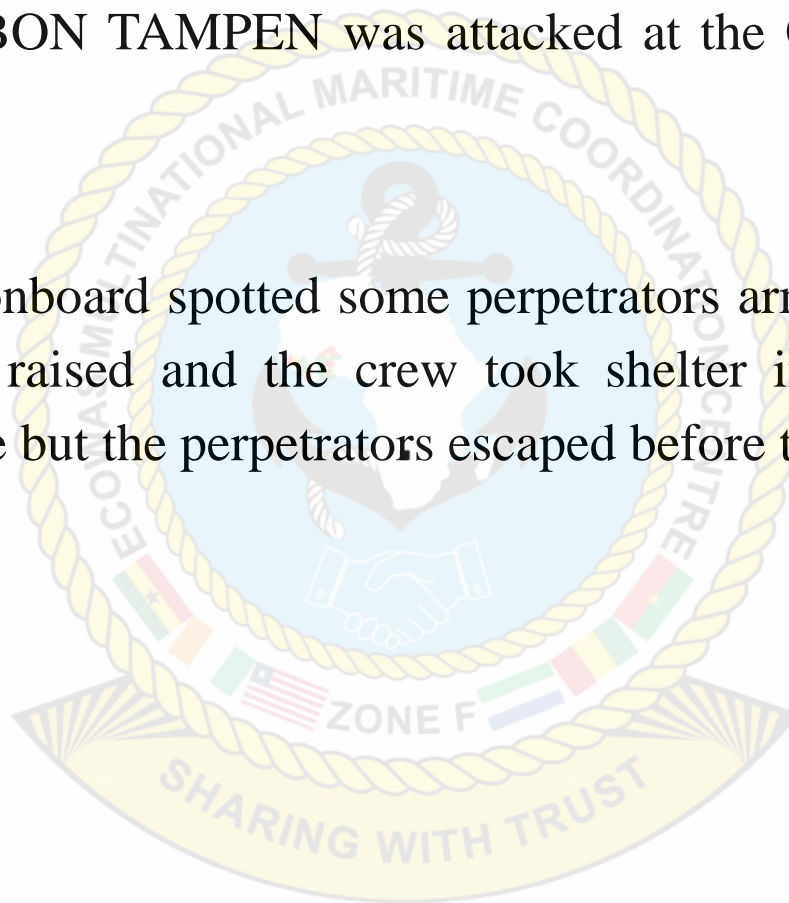


DETAILS OF INCIDENT

ATTEMPTED BOARDING - OWENDO ANCHORAGE, GABON.

An offshore supply vessel BOURBON TAMPEN was attacked at the Owendo anchorage, Gabon at about 0100 UTC on 13 December 2021.

According to the report, the crew onboard spotted some perpetrators armed with AK-47 rifles attempting to board the vessel. The alarm was raised and the crew took shelter in the citadel. The local authorities dispatched a patrol boat to the scene but the perpetrators escaped before the patrol team arrived. No casualties were recorded.



LOCATION OF INCIDENT

Last updated at 14:00

Parc National des Monts de Cristal

Parc National d'Akanda

Libreville

Ntoum

Owendo

Parc National de Pongara

Kango



VESSEL DETAILS

NAME: BOURBON TAMPEN

IMO: 9276896

MMSI: 376979000

FLAG: Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

LENGTH/BREADTH: 88 m / 18m

INCIDENT LOCATION

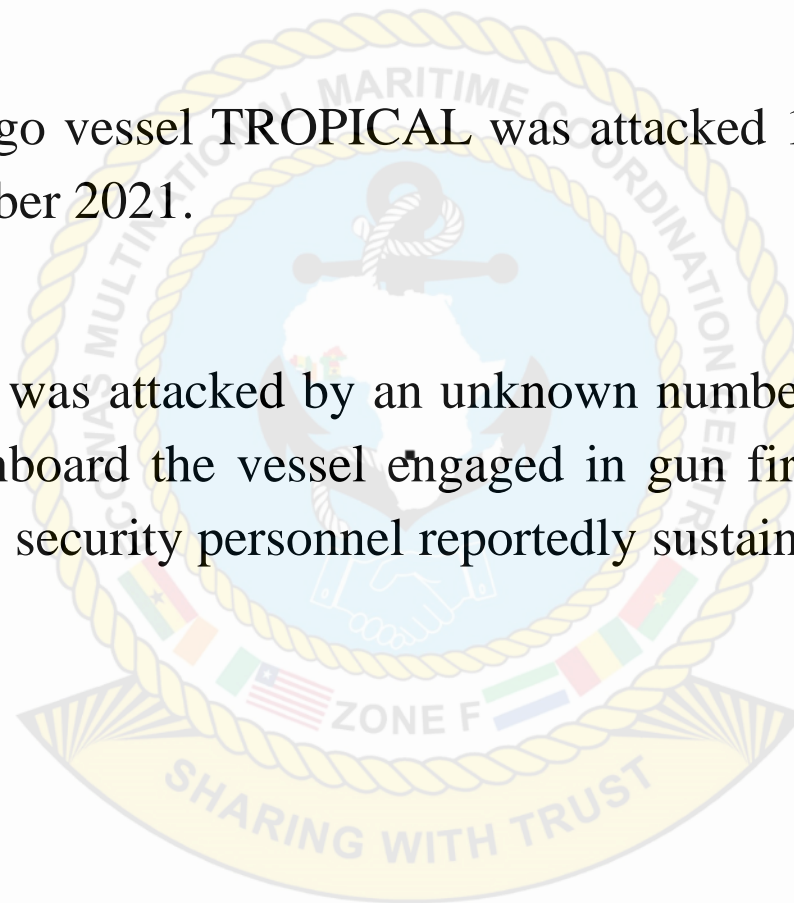


DETAILS OF INCIDENT

FIRE UPON - BATA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA

The Equatorial Guinea-flagged cargo vessel **TROPICAL** was attacked 10nm off Bata, Equatorial Guinea at 2130 LT (2030 UTC) on 15 December 2021.

According to the report, the vessel was attacked by an unknown number of armed perpetrators shortly after leaving Port. The security team onboard the vessel engaged in gun fire exchange with the pirates forcing them to abort the attack. One of the security personnel reportedly sustained gun shot compelling the vessel to return to Port.



LOCATION OF INCIDENT



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VESSEL DETAILS

NAME: TROPICAL

IMO: 9216999

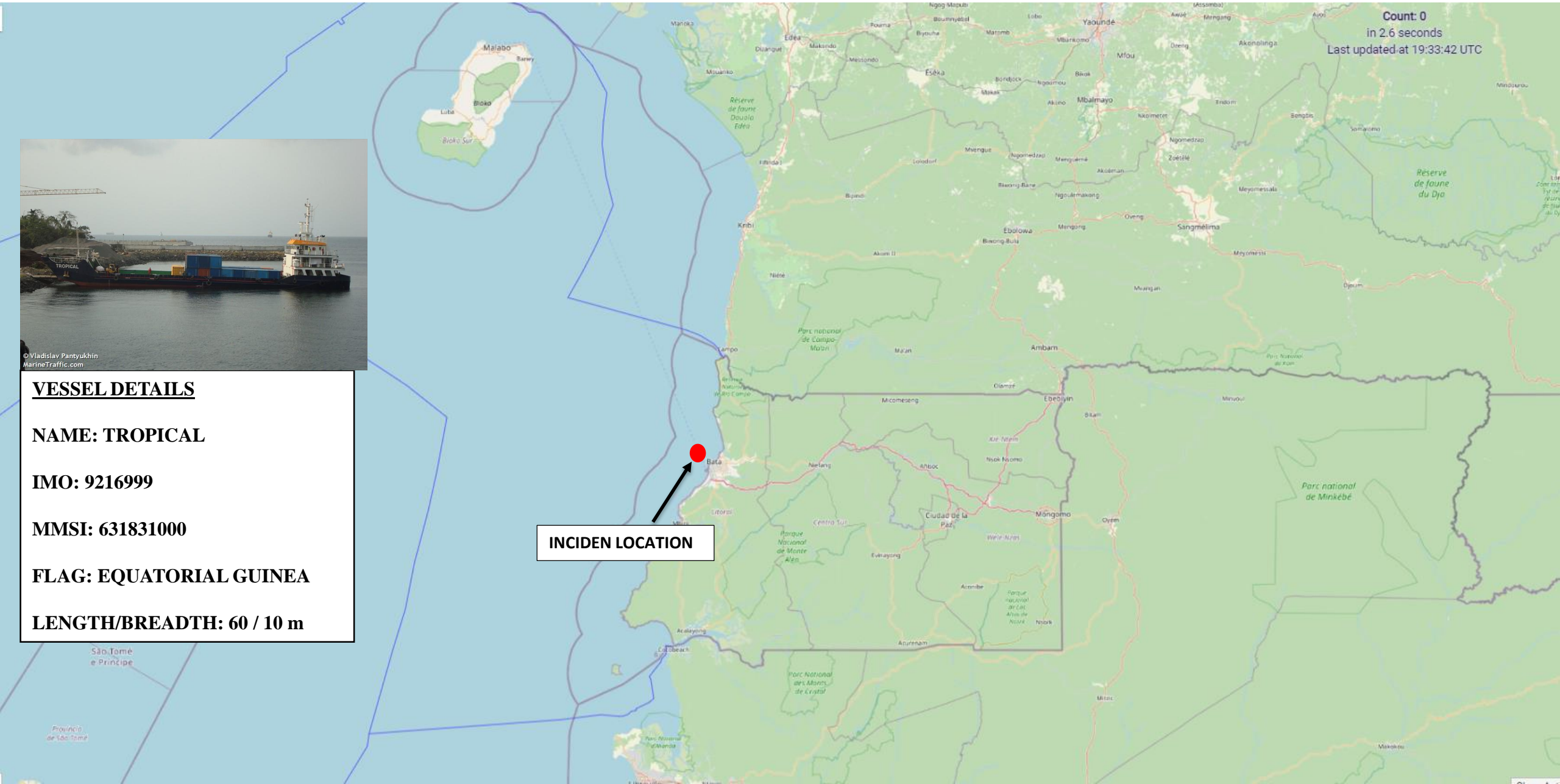
MMSI: 631831000

FLAG: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

LENGTH/BREADTH: 60 / 10 m

INCIDENT LOCATION

Count: 0
in 2.6 seconds
Last updated at 19:33:42 UTC



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

INCREASED THREAT TO SHIPPING

Information received from multiple sources indicates increased threat to shipping for the next few days within the demarcated area with following coordinates.

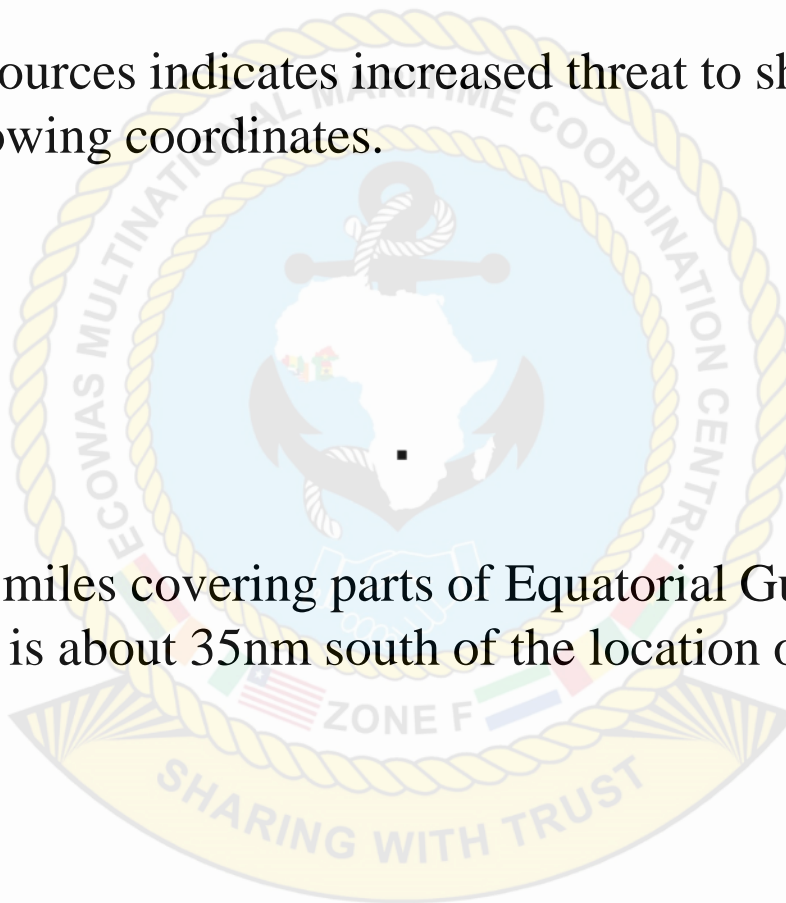
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02°30'N – 010°00'E

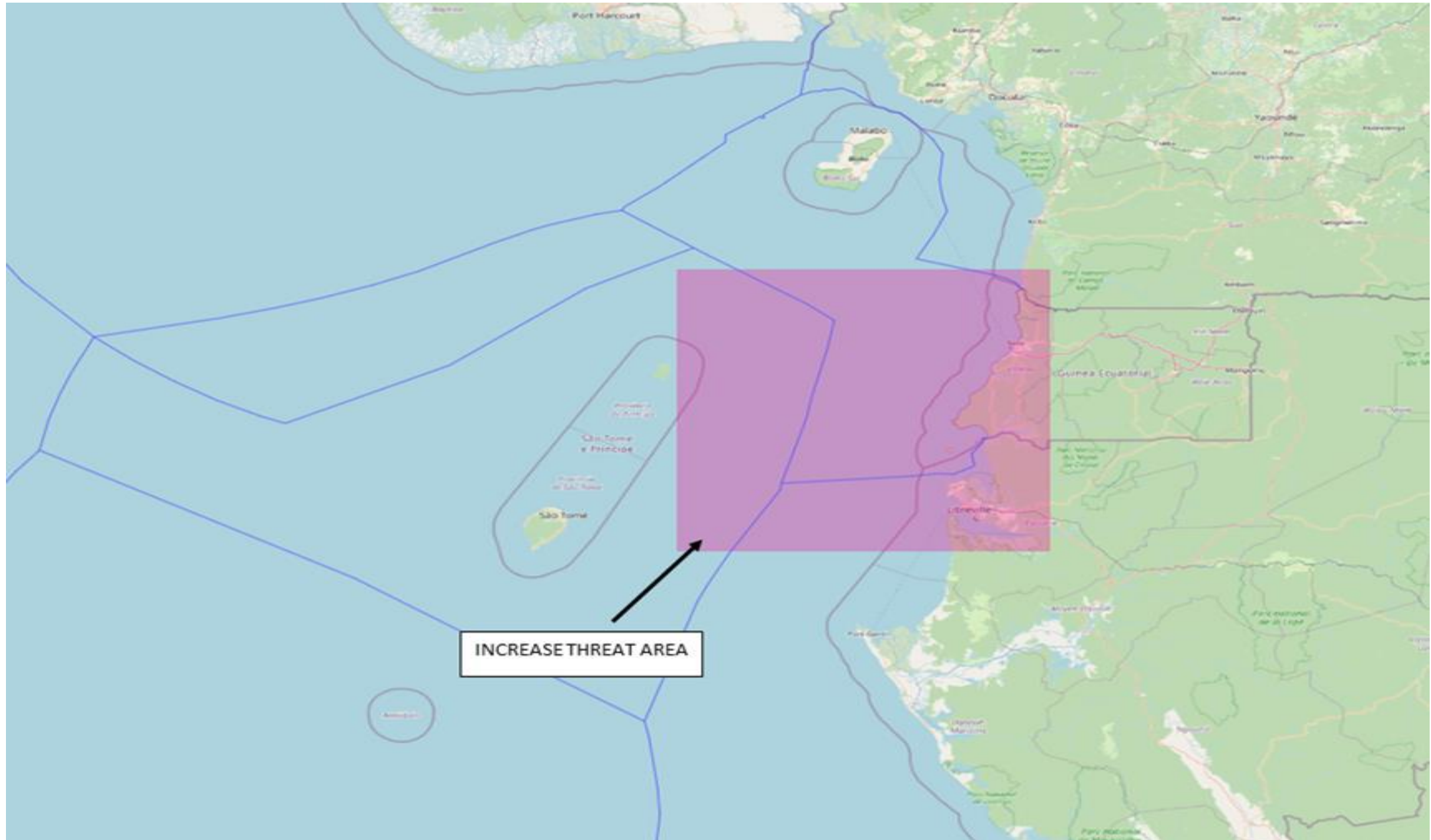
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The general area is about 598 square miles covering parts of Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe (STP). The demarcated area is about 35nm south of the location of pirate attack on MV TONSBURG on 13 December 2021.

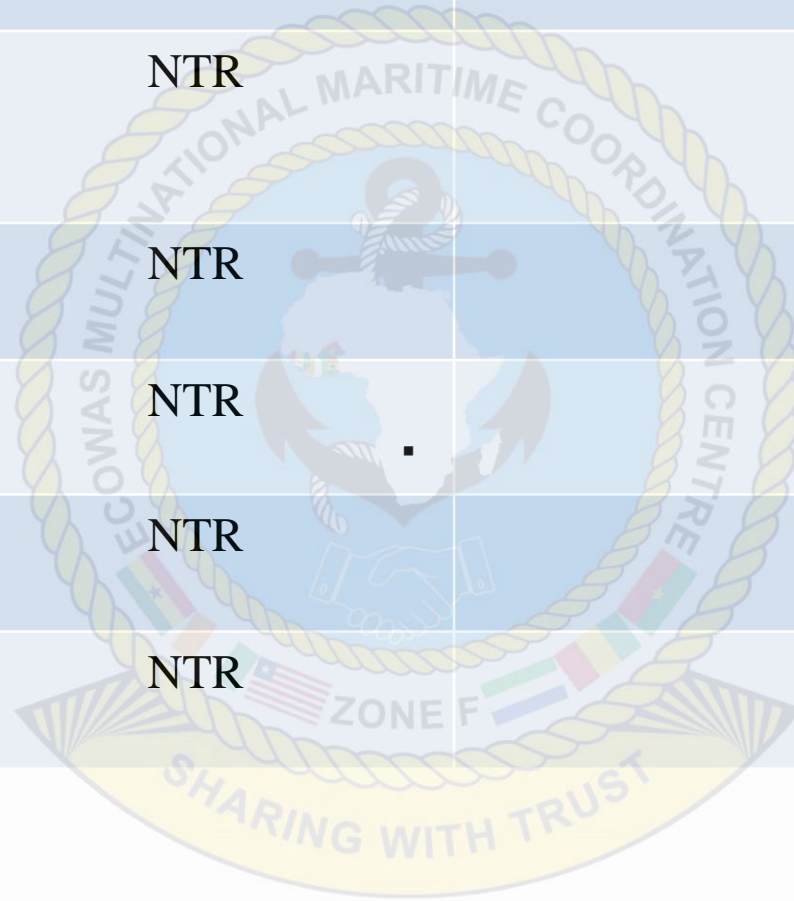


AREA OF INCREASED THREAT



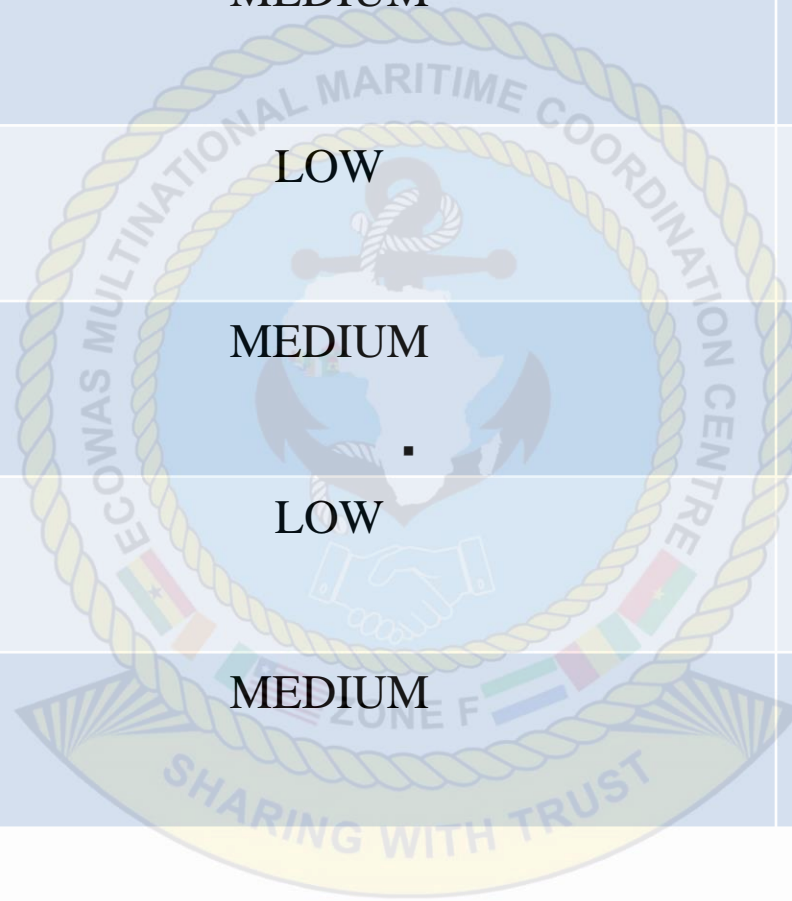
OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

| EVENT | DESCRIPTION | ACTIONS TAKEN |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| IUU FISHING | NTR | NTR |
| MARITIME POLLUTION | NTR | NTR |
| ILLEGAL BUNKERING | NTR | NTR |
| SEARCH AND RESCUE | NTR | NTR |
| MARITIME ACCIDENT | NTR | NTR |
| WEAPON/DRUG TRAFFICKING | NTR | NTR |



MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS – ZONE F

| COUNTRY | PORTS/ANCHORAGES | EEZ |
|---------------|------------------|--------|
| GHANA | MEDIUM | MEDIUM |
| COTE D'IVOIRE | LOW | LOW |
| LIBERIA | MEDIUM | LOW |
| SIERRA LEONE | LOW | LOW |
| GUINEA | MEDIUM | LOW |



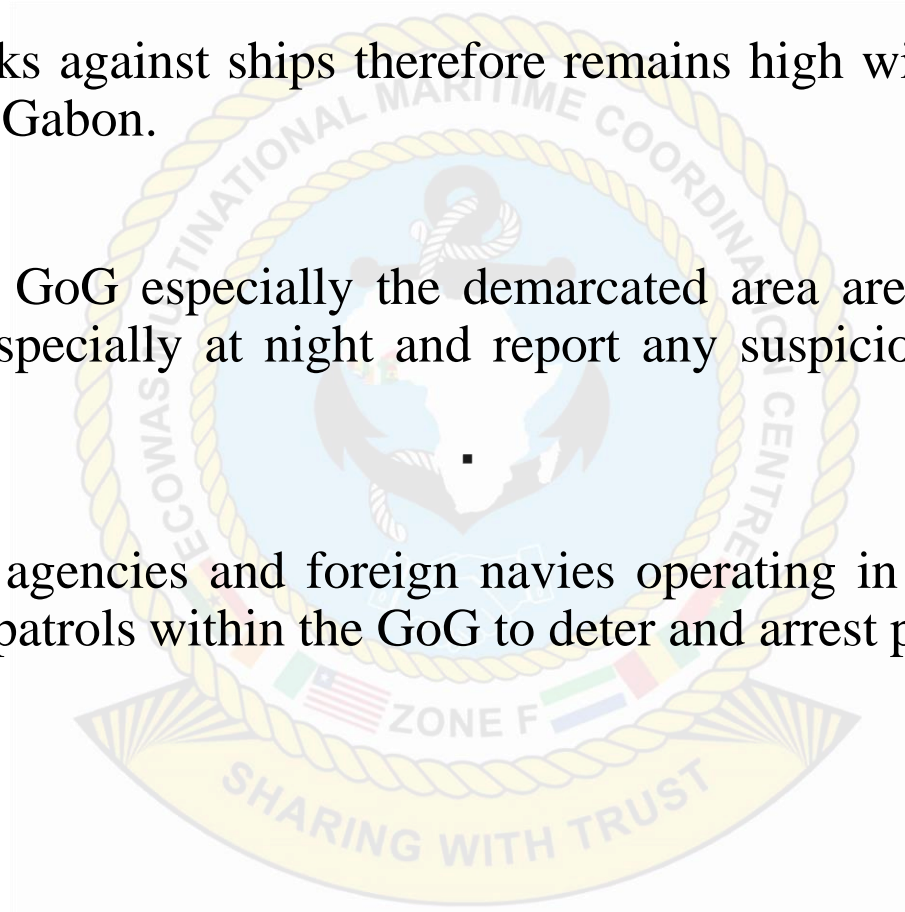
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- The MMCC Zone F disseminated information on incidents including attack on MV TONSBERG and warnings/advisories on increased threat to shipping with member states and other stakeholders.
- The Centre participated in the Ghana OE22 stakeholder meeting held on 16 December 2021.



GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

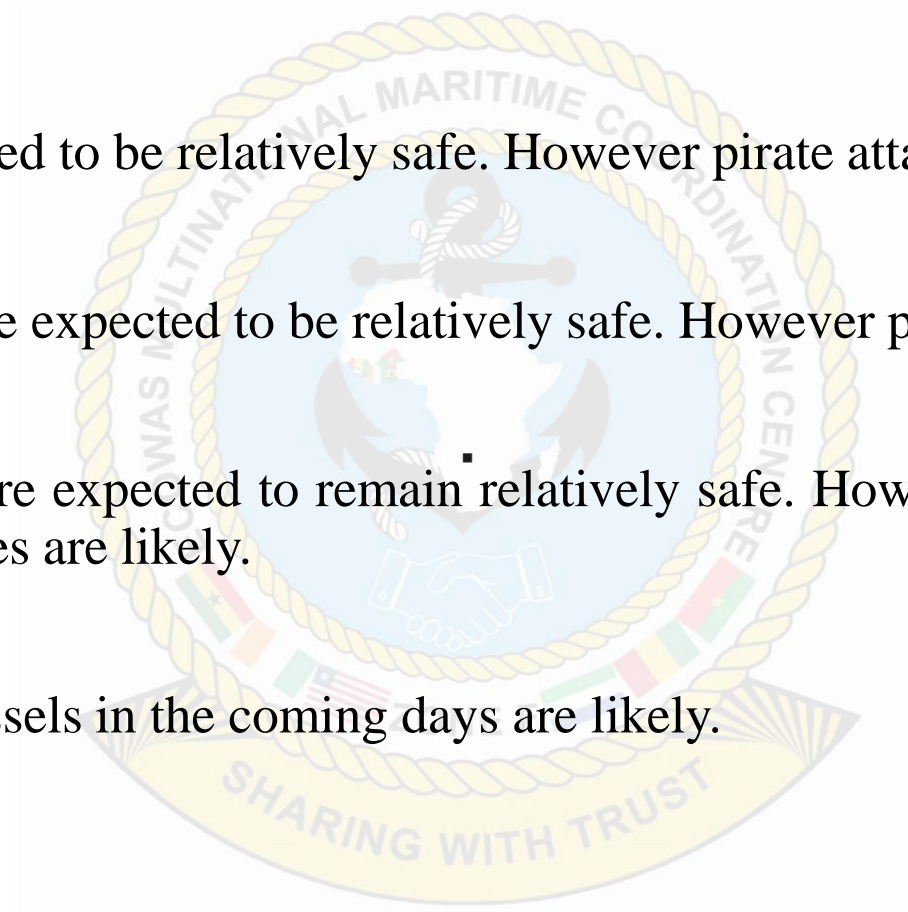
- The week under review recorded one kidnapping and one attempted boarding incidents. There are also reports of increased threat to shipping in parts of Zones D and E.
- The threat of piracy attacks against ships therefore remains high within the GoG especially from Ghana's eastern waters to Gabon.
- All vessels transiting the GoG especially the demarcated area are advised to be extra vigilant, maintain sharp lookout especially at night and report any suspicious activities to the necessary authorities.
- Coastal law enforcement agencies and foreign navies operating in the region are encouraged to increase surveillance and patrols within the GoG to deter and arrest pirate action groups.



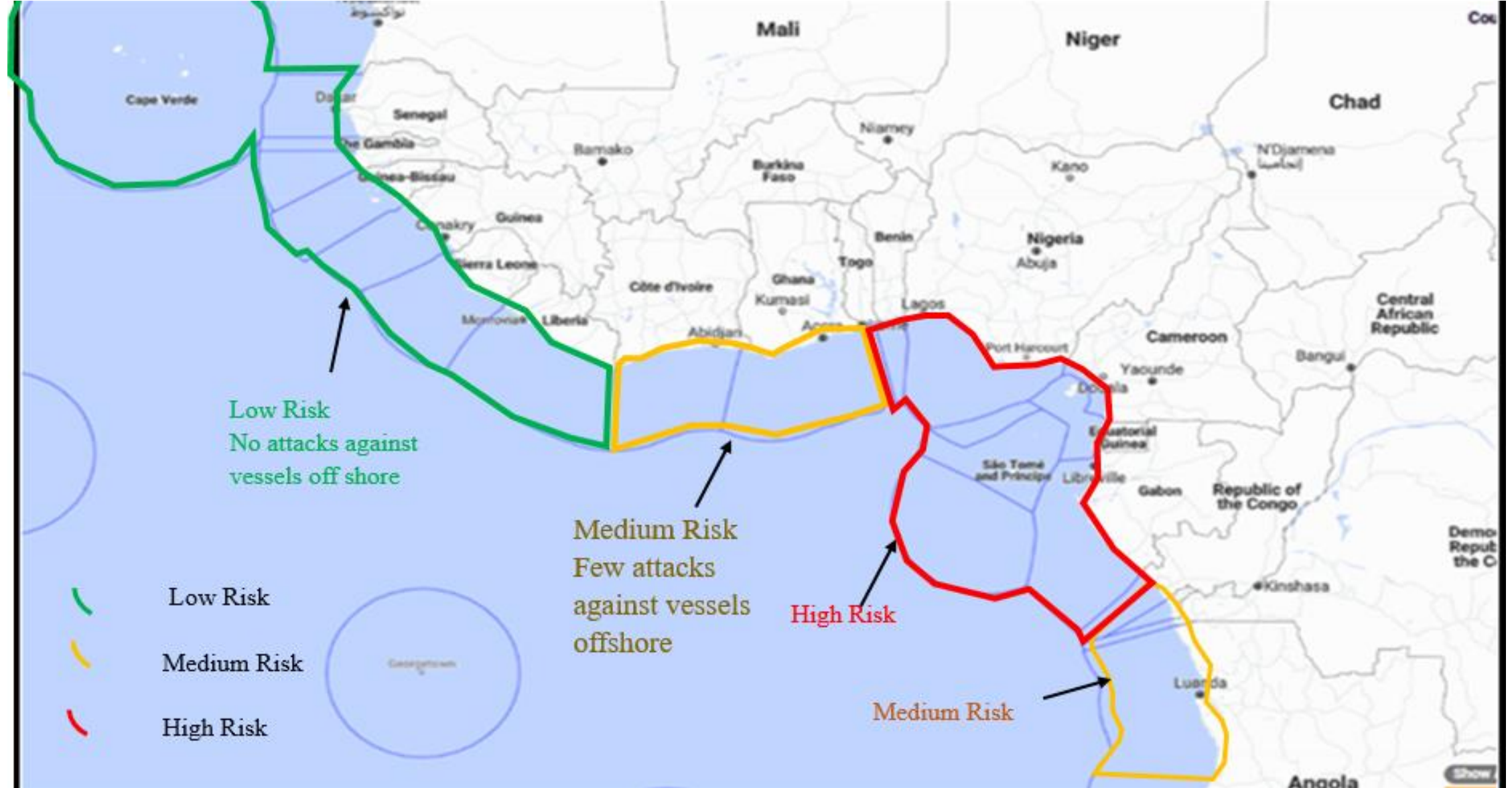
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- Maritime Zone F is expected to be relatively safe. However pirate attacks is likely.
- Maritime Zone E and D are expected to be relatively safe. However pirate attacks is more likely.
- Maritime Zone A and G are expected to remain relatively safe. However petty theft and robberies within ports and anchorages are likely.
- Attacks against fishing vessels in the coming days are likely.



MARITIME RISK AREAS



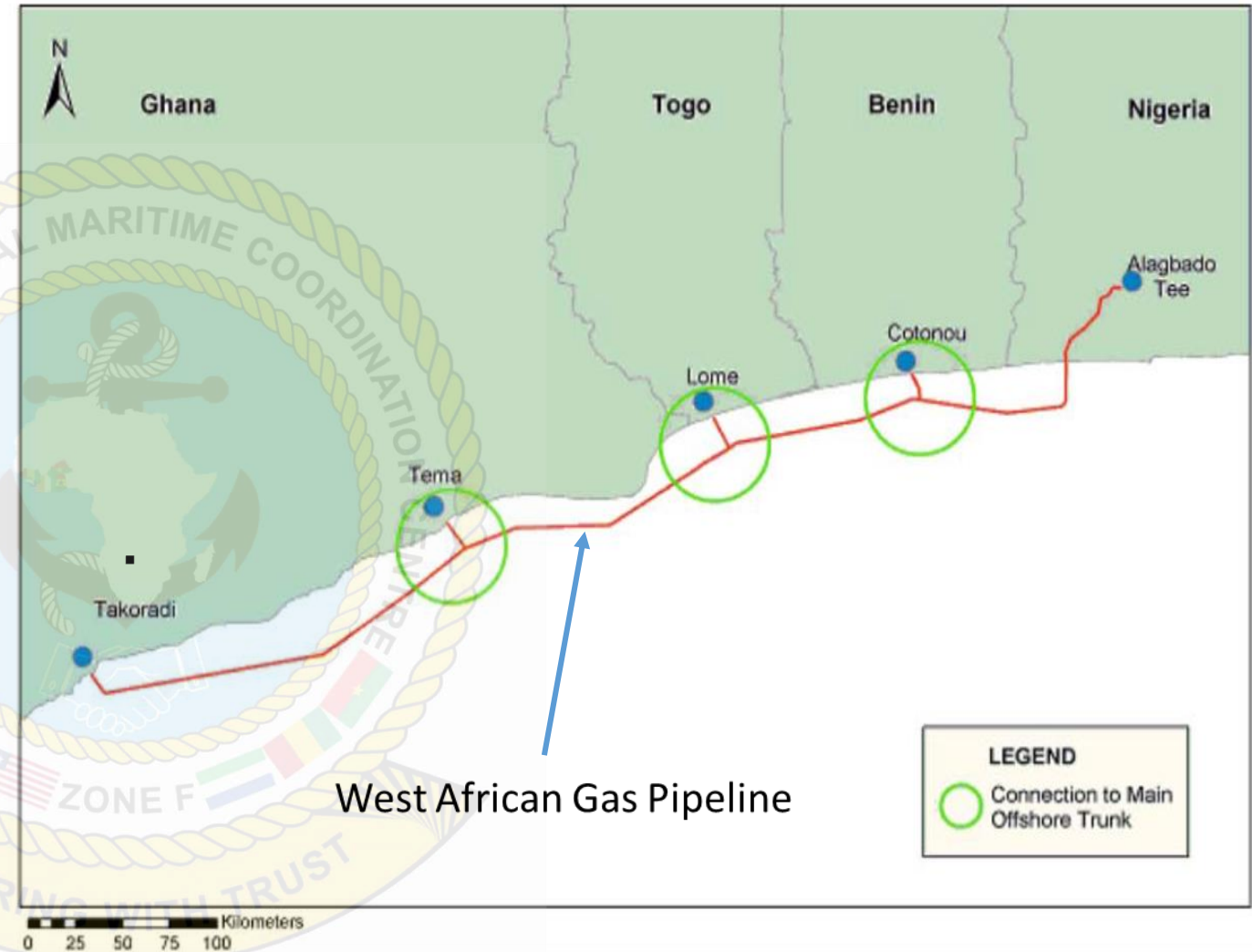
NOTICES

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.



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