



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT



21 – 27 JAN 2022

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.

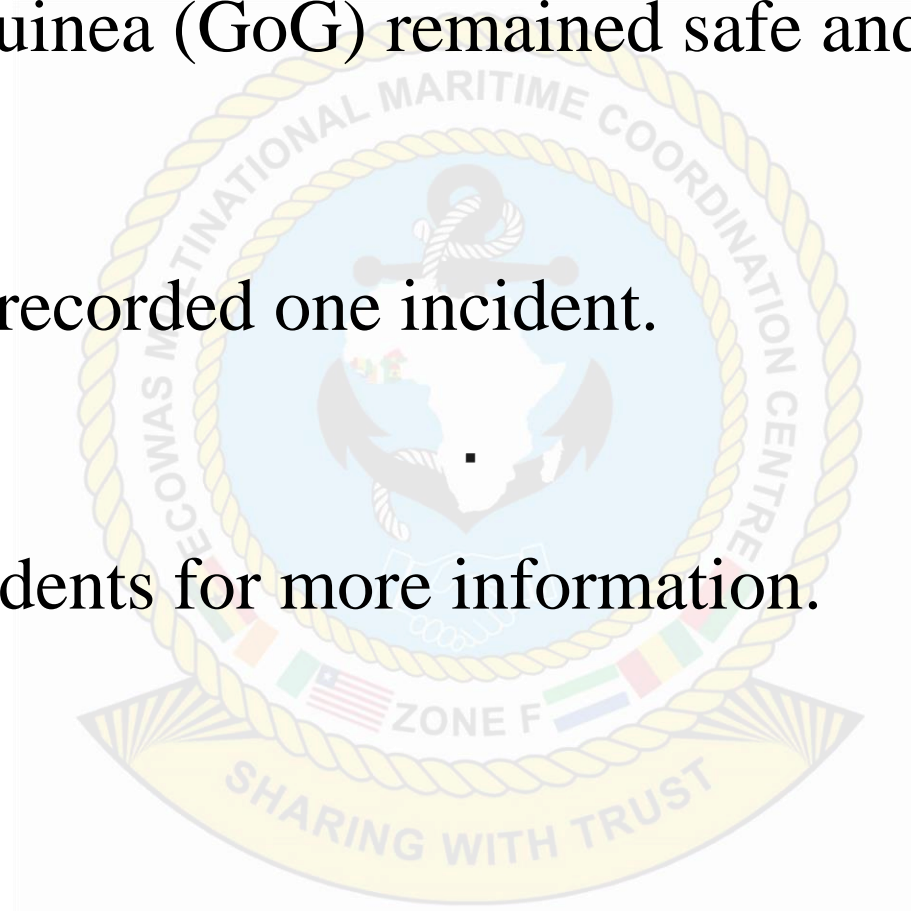
SIGHTING AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure.

- Maritime Zone F 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 | | | | | |
| POLLUTION | Craft Fishing | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | | |

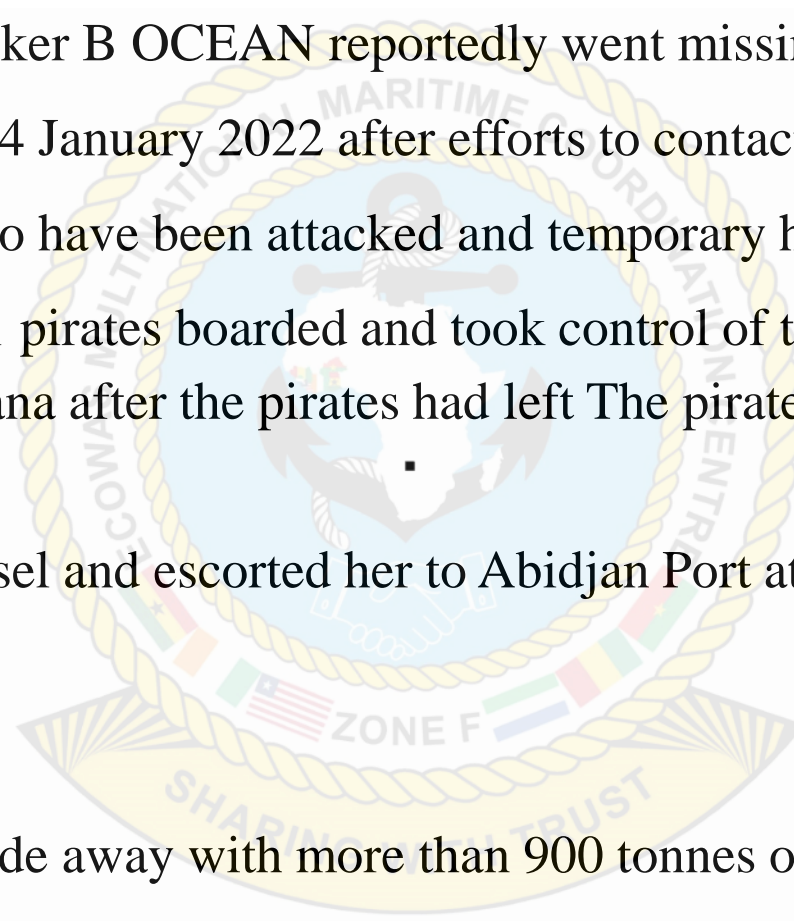
DETAILS OF INCIDENT

BOARDING - ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Marshall Islands flagged product tanker B OCEAN reportedly went missing about 56 nm offshore Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire at 2323 UTC on 24 January 2022 after efforts to contact her by the CSO proved futile. The vessel was subsequently confirmed to have been attacked and temporarily hijacked by a pirate action group. According to the report, about 9-11 pirates boarded and took control of the vessel. The vessel was finally released about 99 nm SSW of Axim, Ghana after the pirates had left. The pirates reportedly made away with ship's properties and some crew belongings.

The Ivorian Navy patrol boat RV the vessel and escorted her to Abidjan Port at about 1230 hours on 26 January 2022.

Initial report indicates that the pirates made away with more than 900 tonnes of fuel from the vessel out of a total of 4000 tonnes.



LOCATION OF INCIDENT



VESSEL DETAILS

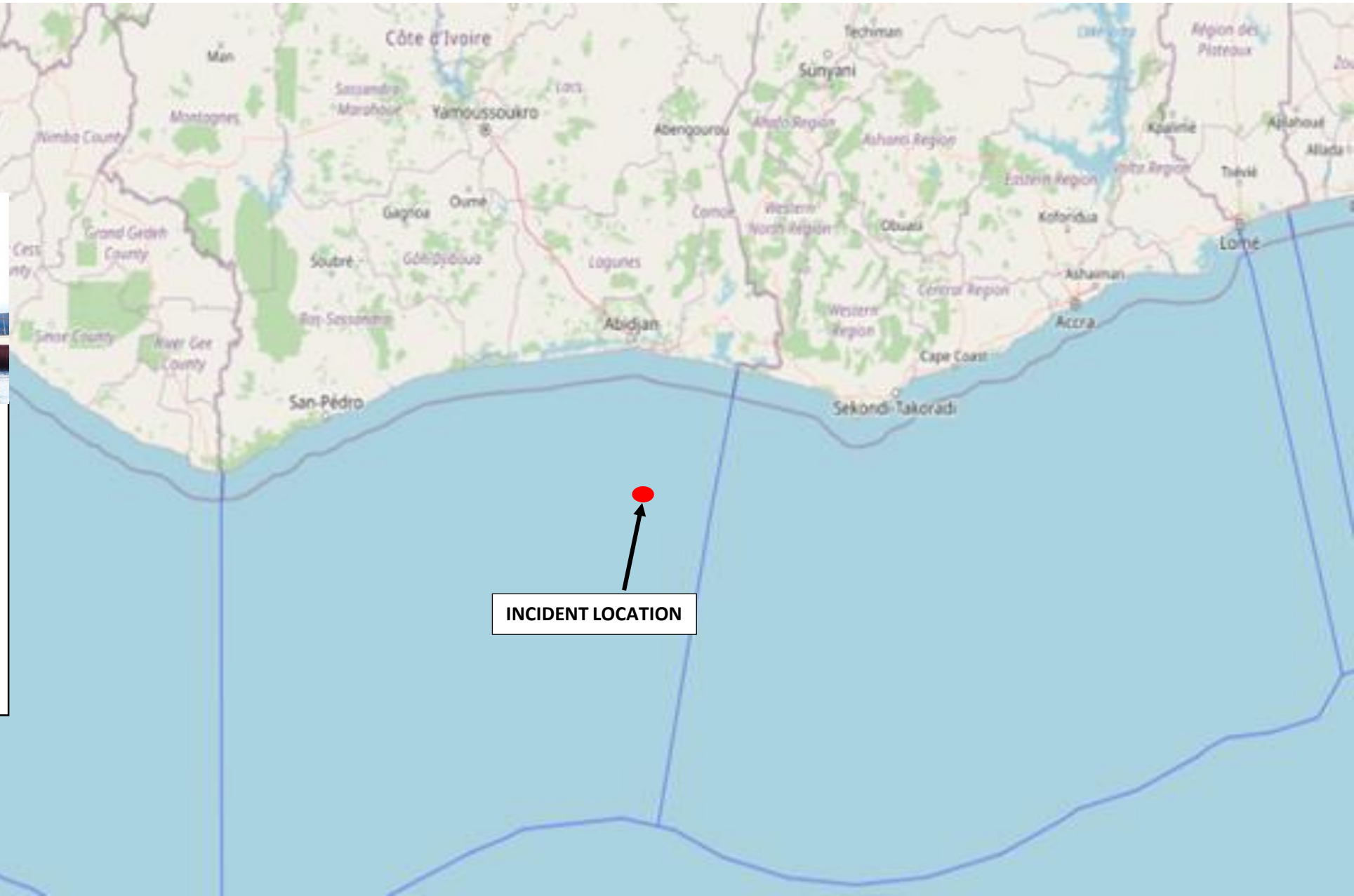
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IMO: 8869335

MMSI: 377061000

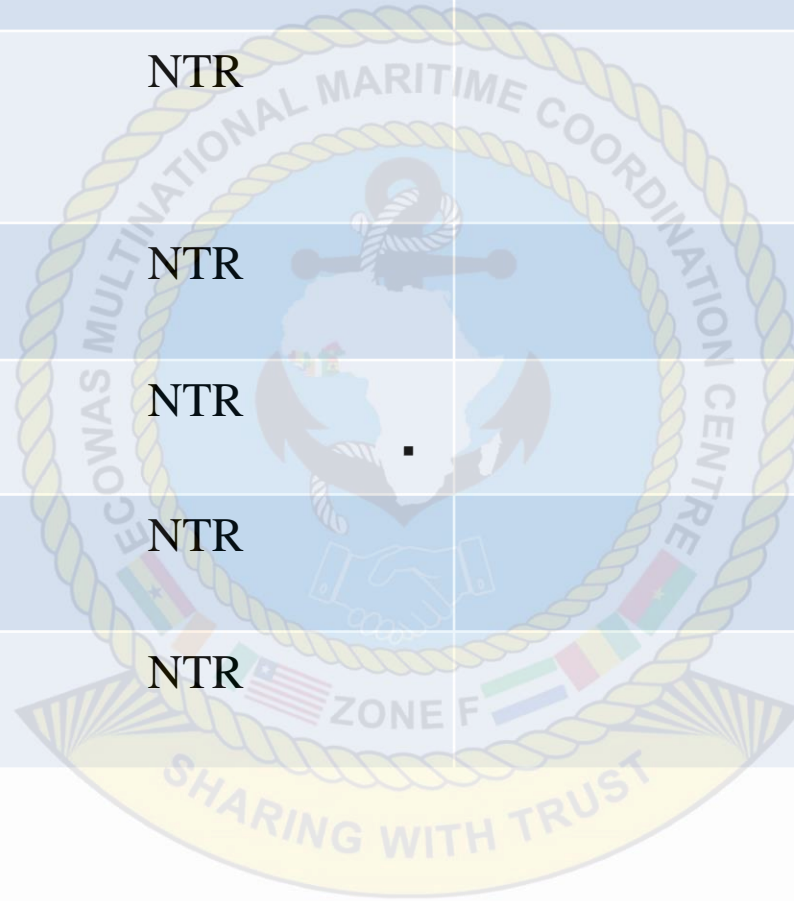
FLAG: St Vincent Grenadines

LENGTH/BREADTH: 80 x 12 m



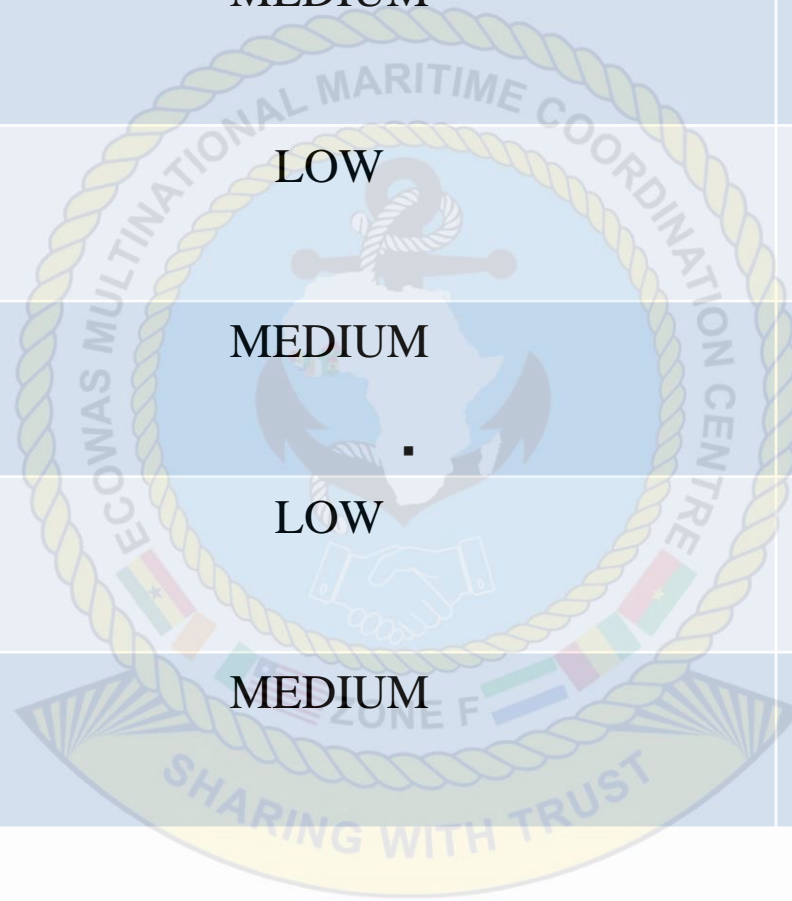
OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

| 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 |



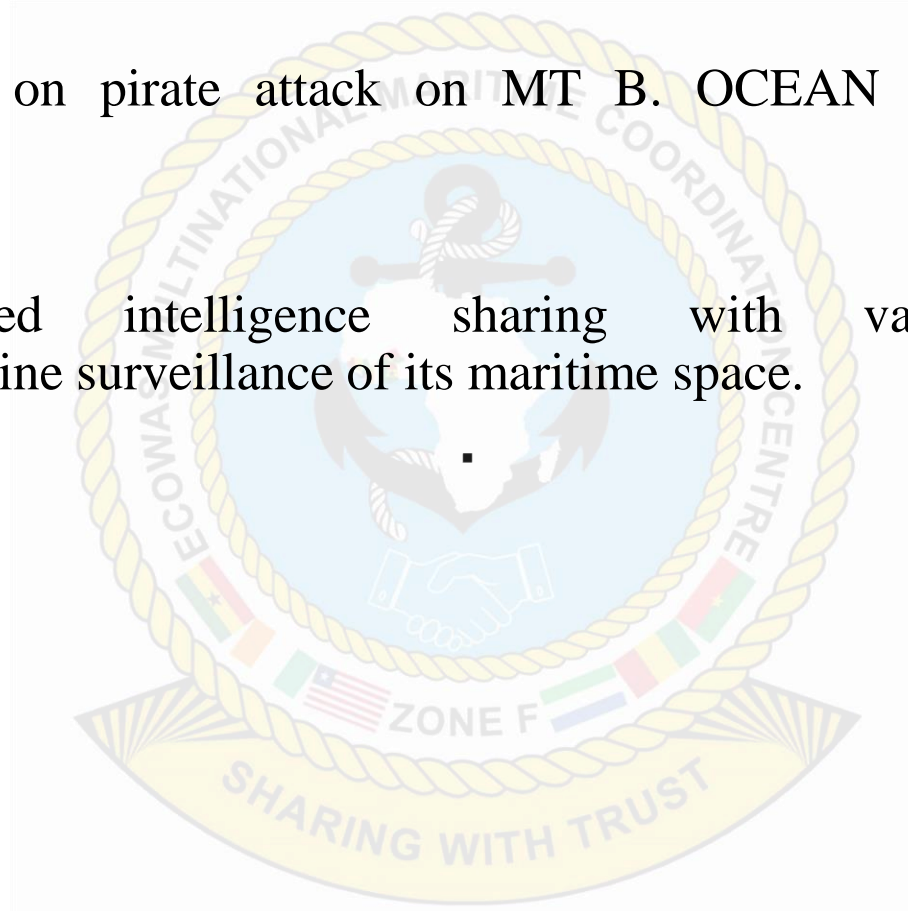
MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS – ZONE F

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



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- Checked communication with member states and other relevant agencies/stakeholders.
- Disseminated information on pirate attack on MT B. OCEAN with member states and other stakeholders.
- The Centre coordinated intelligence sharing with various maritime actors in Zone F and maintained routine surveillance of its maritime space.

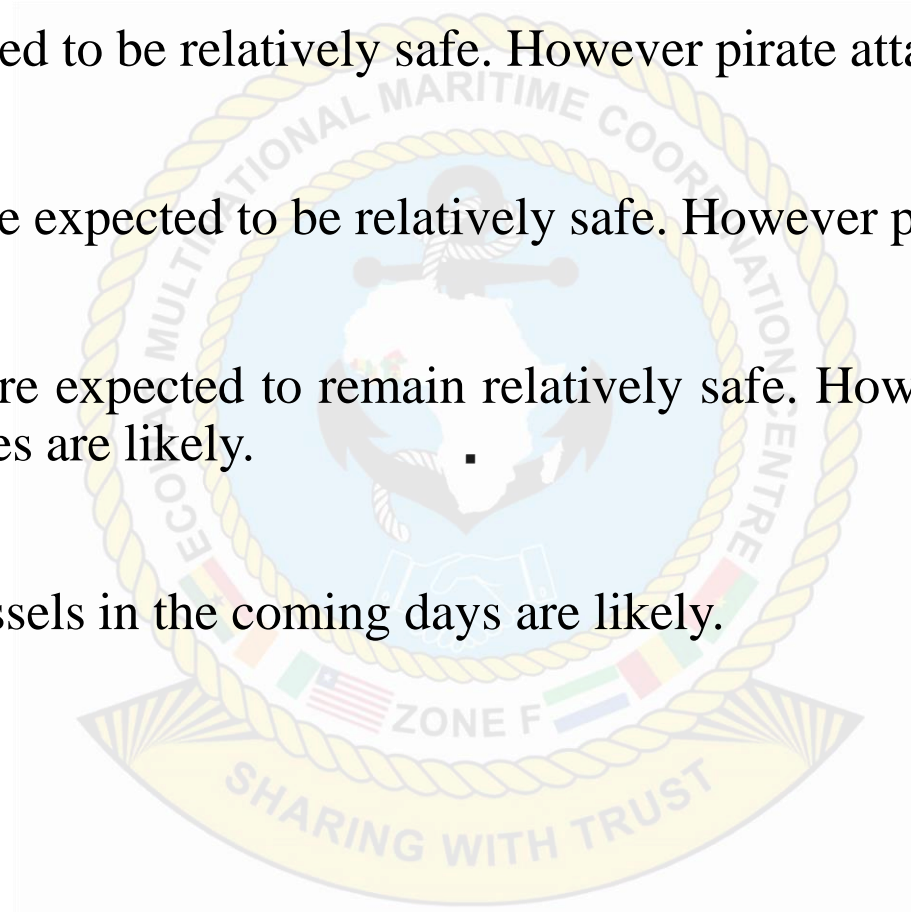


GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

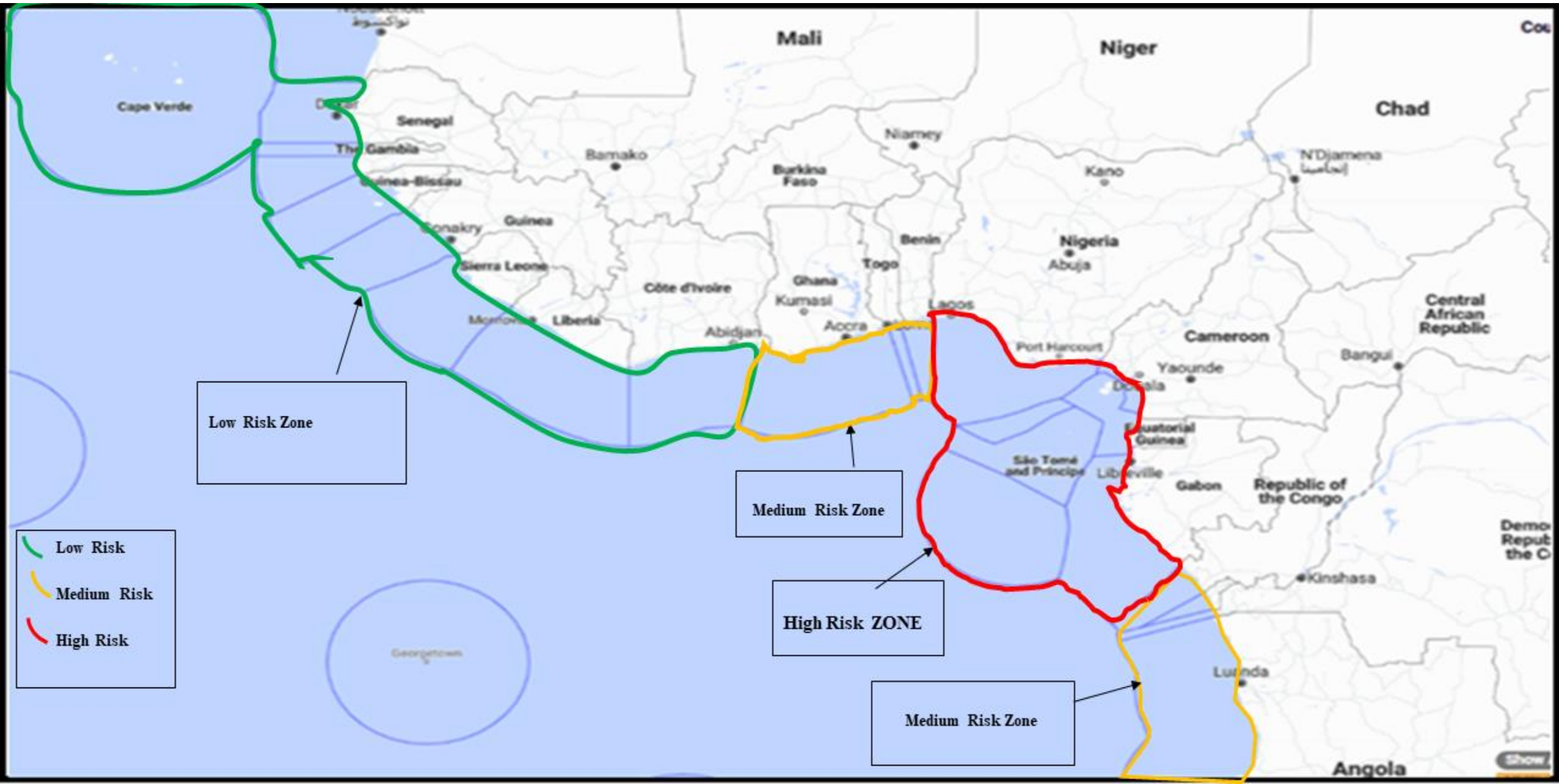
- The week under review recorded one boarding incident offshore Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
- This is the first offshore maritime incident in the GoG in 2022 as compared to 7 offshore incidents involving suspicious approach, attempted boarding, fired upon and kidnapping within same period in 2021. It is also the first offshore incident in Cote d'Ivoire waters since the hijacking of HAI LU FENG II in May 2020 offshore Abidjan.
- The intentions of the PAG remain unclear in this attack. However, with the siphoning of over 900 tonnes of oil from the vessel, the attack could signal the beginning of PAGs intent of reverting to petro-piracy.
- All vessels especially tankers transiting or operating in the GoG particularly offshore Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana EEZs 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 not to relent in their surveillance and patrols within the GoG to deter and arrest pirate action groups.

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

- 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



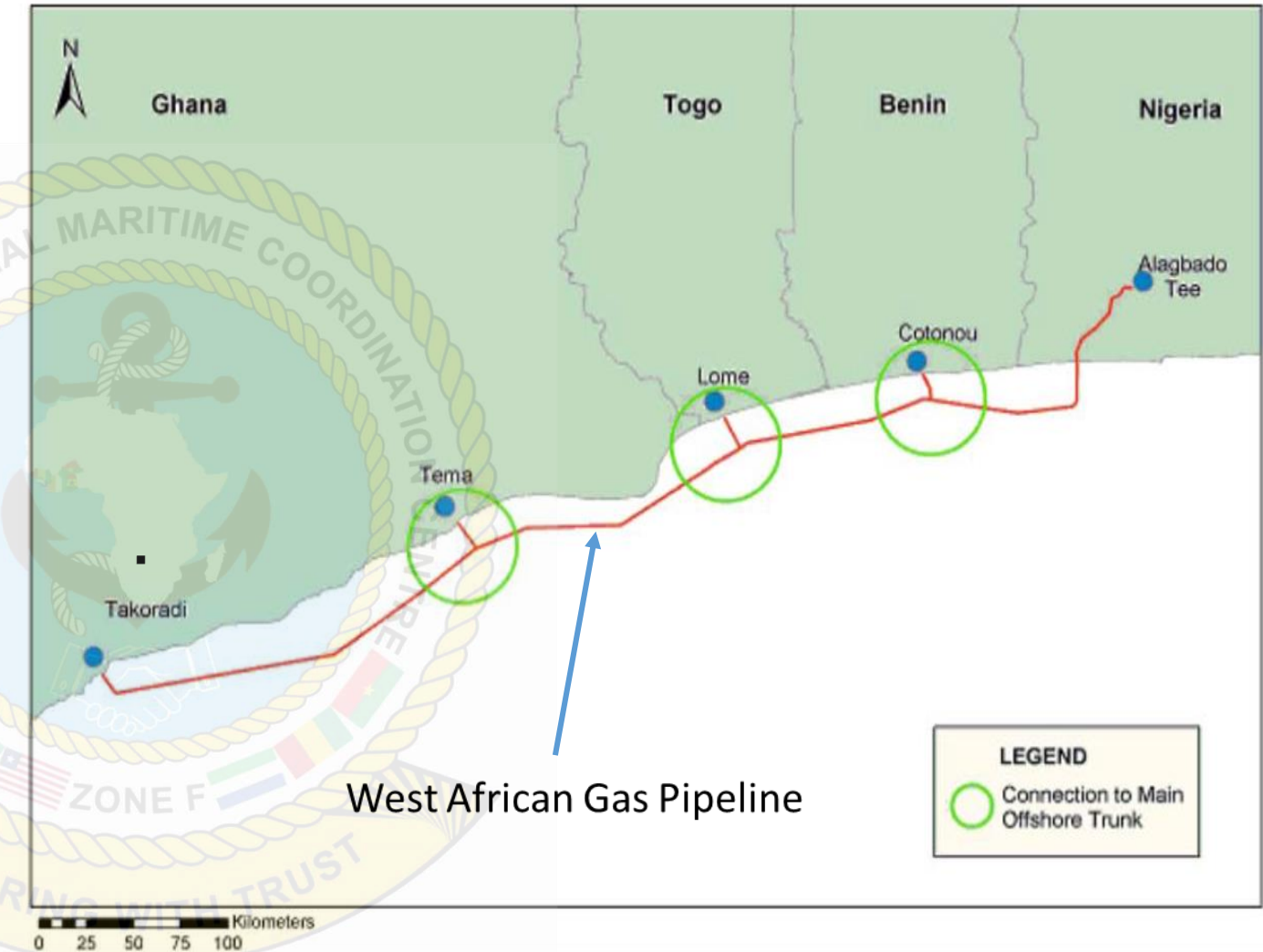
NOTICES

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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