

ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE (MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY  
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# 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.

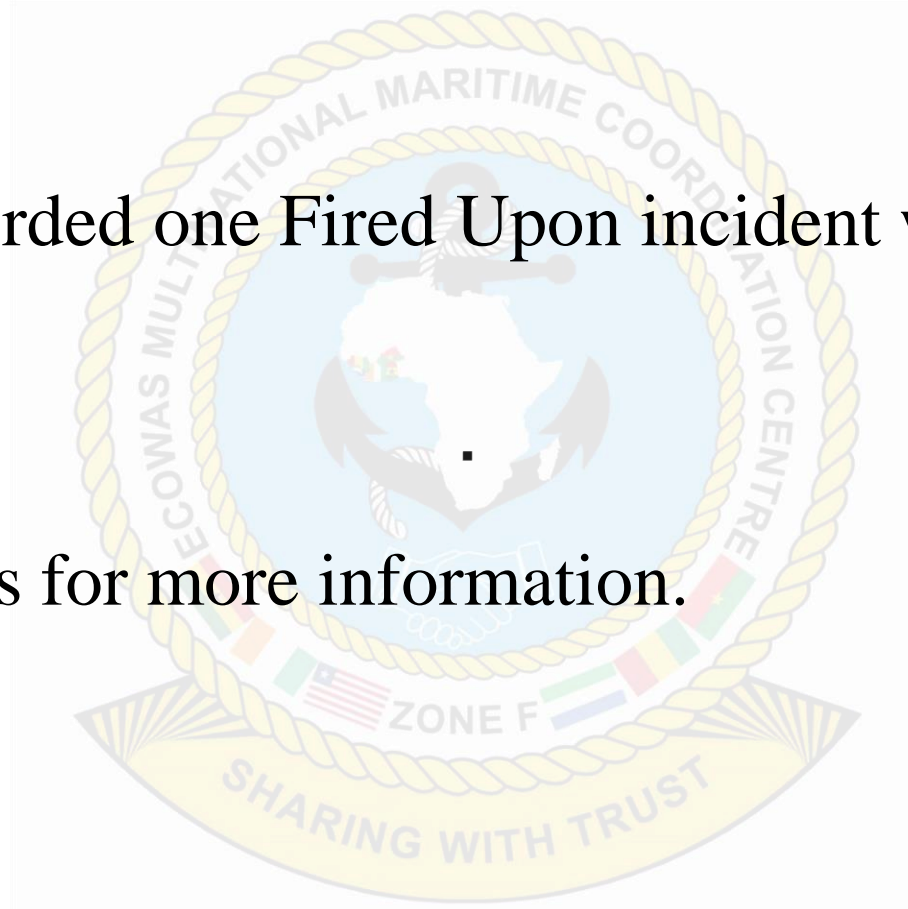
**SIGHTING AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY:** All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

# 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 one Fired Upon incident within Cameroon internal waters.

- See details of incidents for more information.



# INCIDENTS RECORDED

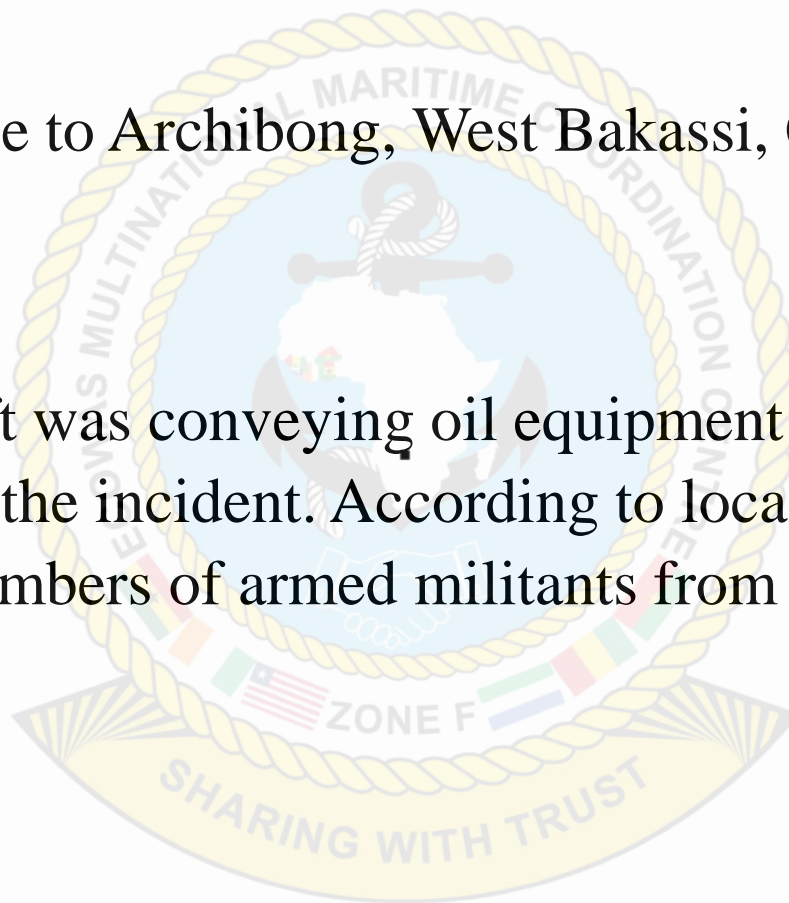
| Category  | Type of Incidents           | No of Incident in Zones |          |   |   |   |             |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|---|---|-------------|
|   |                             | A                       | D        | E | F | G | OUTSIDE EEZ |
| <b>TERRORISM</b>  | Terrorism                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)</b> | Hijacking                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Kidnapping                  |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Armed Robbery               |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Fired Upon                  |                         | <b>1</b> |   |   |   |             |
|   | Robbery/Attempt Robbery     |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Attempt Boarding            |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Boarding                    |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Theft                       |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Suspicious Approach         |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>ILLICIT TRAFIC</b>   | Human                       |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Drug                        |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Weapons/Ammunitions         |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Smuggling                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>I.U.U FISHING</b>  | Industrial Fishing          |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Craft Fishing               |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>POLLUTION</b>  |                             |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>ILLICIT MIGRATION</b>  | Organized Migration         |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Stowaways                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>ILLEGAL TRANSFER</b>   | Illegal Bunkering           |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Oil Robbery                 |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>CYBER CRIMINALITY</b>  |                             |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>MARITIME ACCIDENT</b>  | Shipwreck                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Collision                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Sinking                     |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Damage                      |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>SEARCH AND RESCUE</b>  | Men Overboard               |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Assistance And Towing       |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Sanitary Evacuation         |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
|   | Capsizing                   |                         |          |   |   |   |             |
| <b>OTHERS</b>   | WARNING/ ALERT AND ADVISORY |                         |          |   |   |   |             |

# DETAILS OF INCIDENT

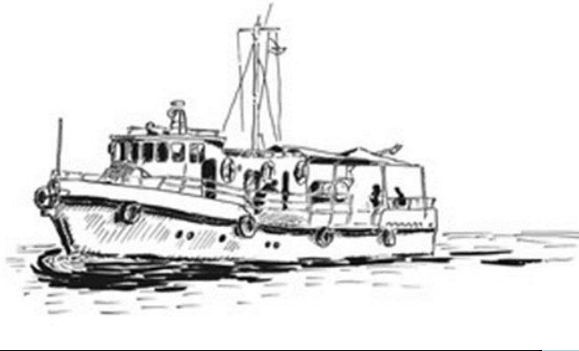
## **FIRED UPON – WEST BAKASSI, CAMEROON**

A supply craft was attacked close to Archibong, West Bakassi, Cameroon by an unknown perpetrators on 19 June 2022.

According to the report, the craft was conveying oil equipment when it was attacked. One crew member was killed during the incident. According to local security agencies, the attackers are suspected to be members of armed militants from the Biafra Nations League.



# LOCATION OF INCIDENTS



## VESSEL DETAILS

**NAME:** UNKNOWN

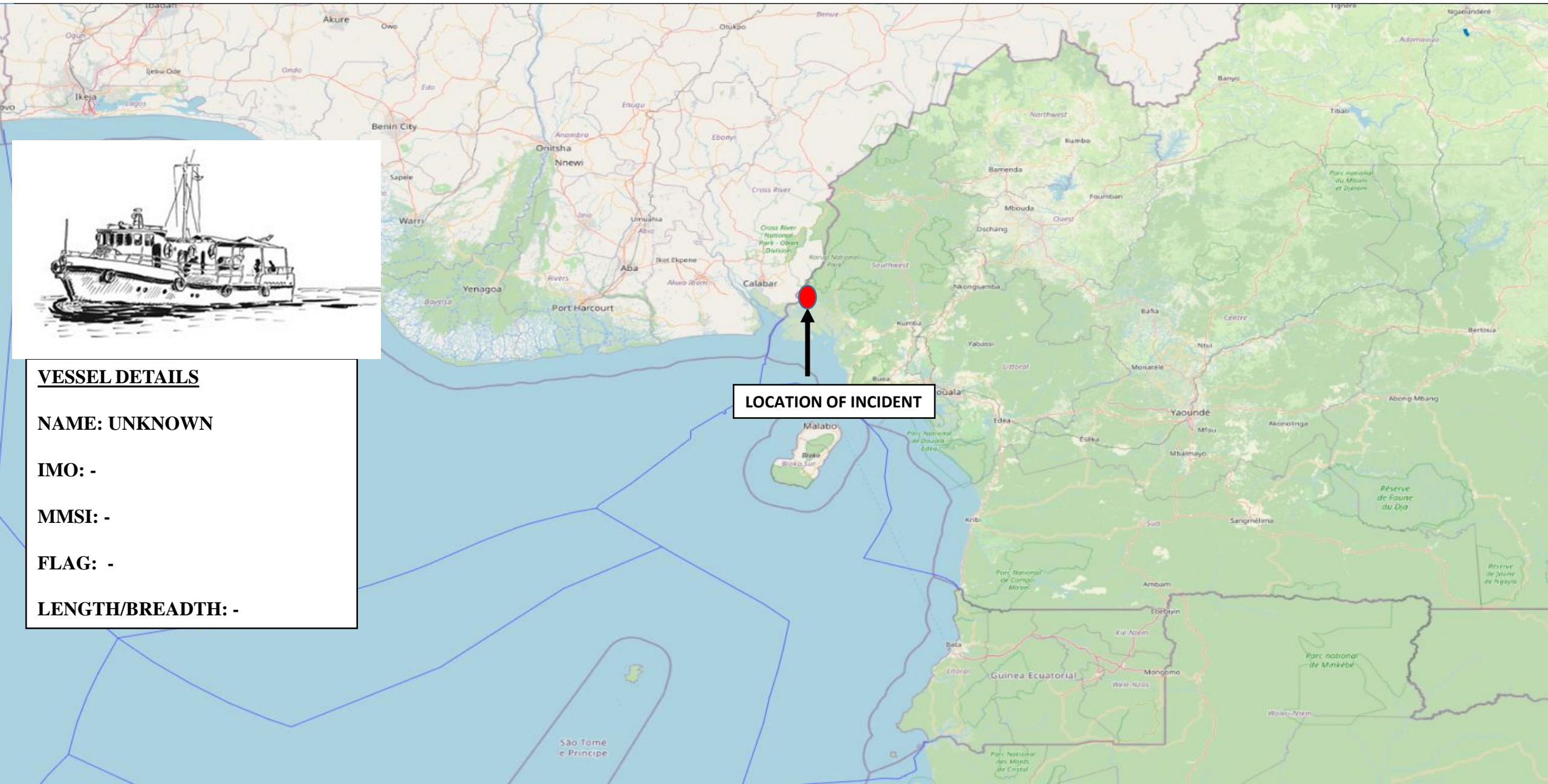
**IMO:** -

**MMSI:** -

**FLAG:** -

**LENGTH/BREADTH:** -

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT**

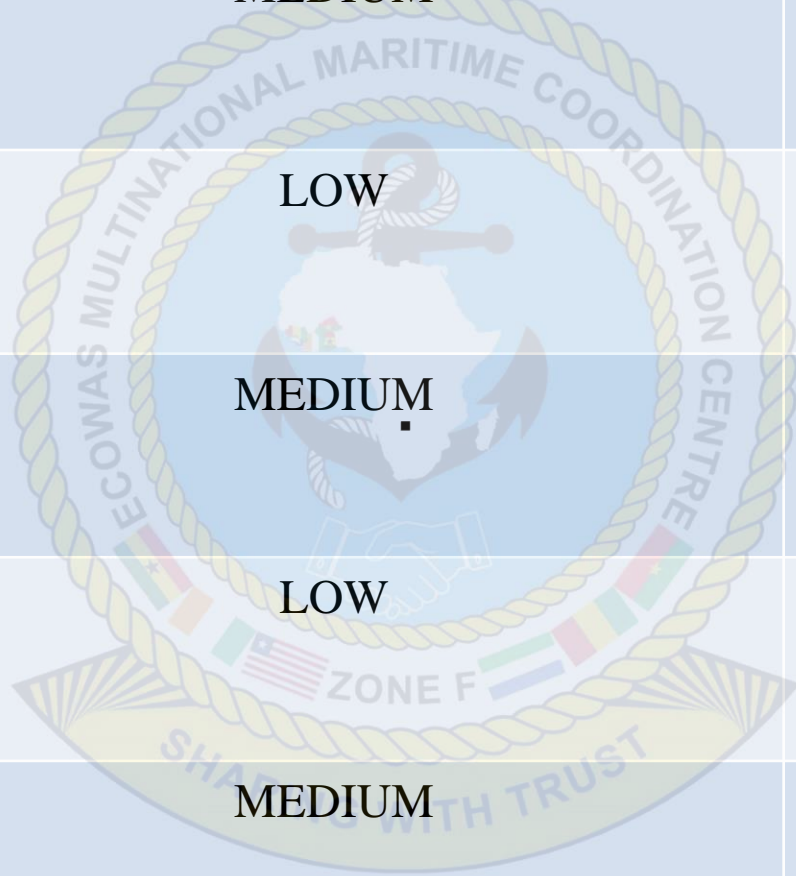


# OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

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

# MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS – ZONE F

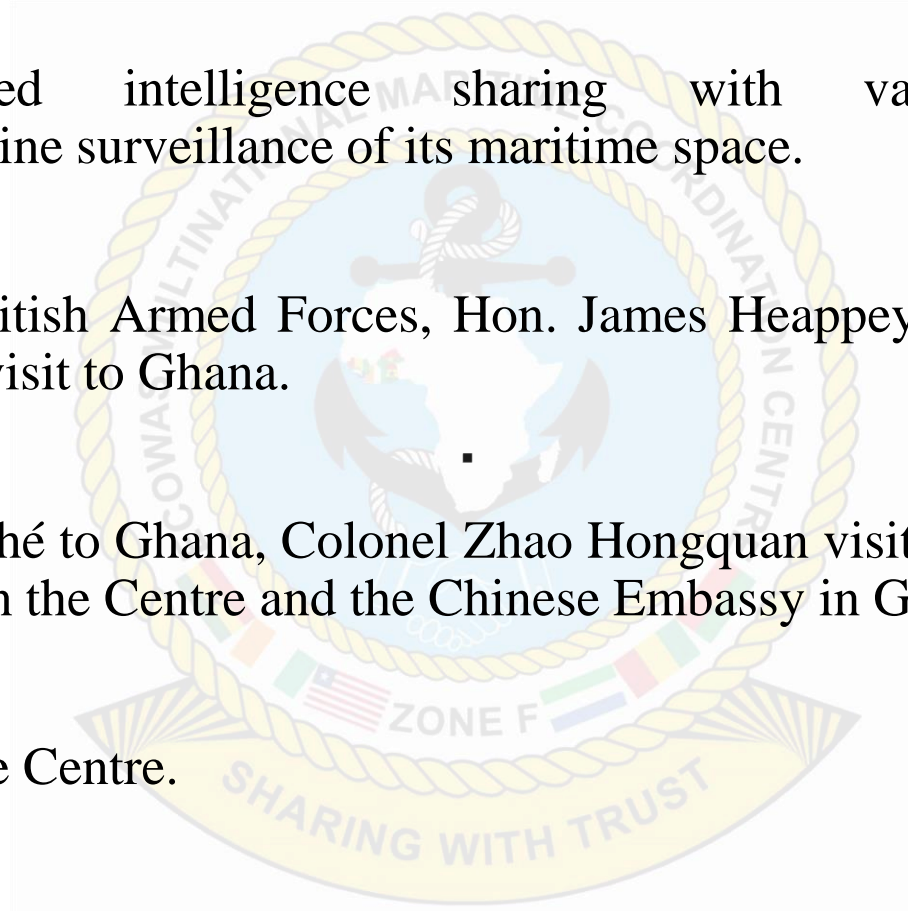
| COUNTRY       | PORTS/ANCHORAGES | EEZ    |
|---------------|------------------|--------|
| GHANA         | MEDIUM           | MEDIUM |
| COTE D'IVOIRE | LOW              | LOW    |
| LIBERIA       | MEDIUM           | LOW    |
| SIERRA LEONE  | LOW              | LOW    |
| GUINEA        | MEDIUM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





# ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- Checked communication with member states and other relevant agencies/stakeholders.
- The Centre coordinated intelligence sharing with various maritime actors in Zone F and maintained routine surveillance of its maritime space.
- Hosted the Minister for British Armed Forces, Hon. James Heapey (MP) at the Centre on 20 June 2022 as part of his official visit to Ghana.
- The Chinese Defence Attaché to Ghana, Colonel Zhao Hongquan visited the Centre on 22 June 2022 to deepen relationship between the Centre and the Chinese Embassy in Ghana.
- Repair works ongoing at the Centre.

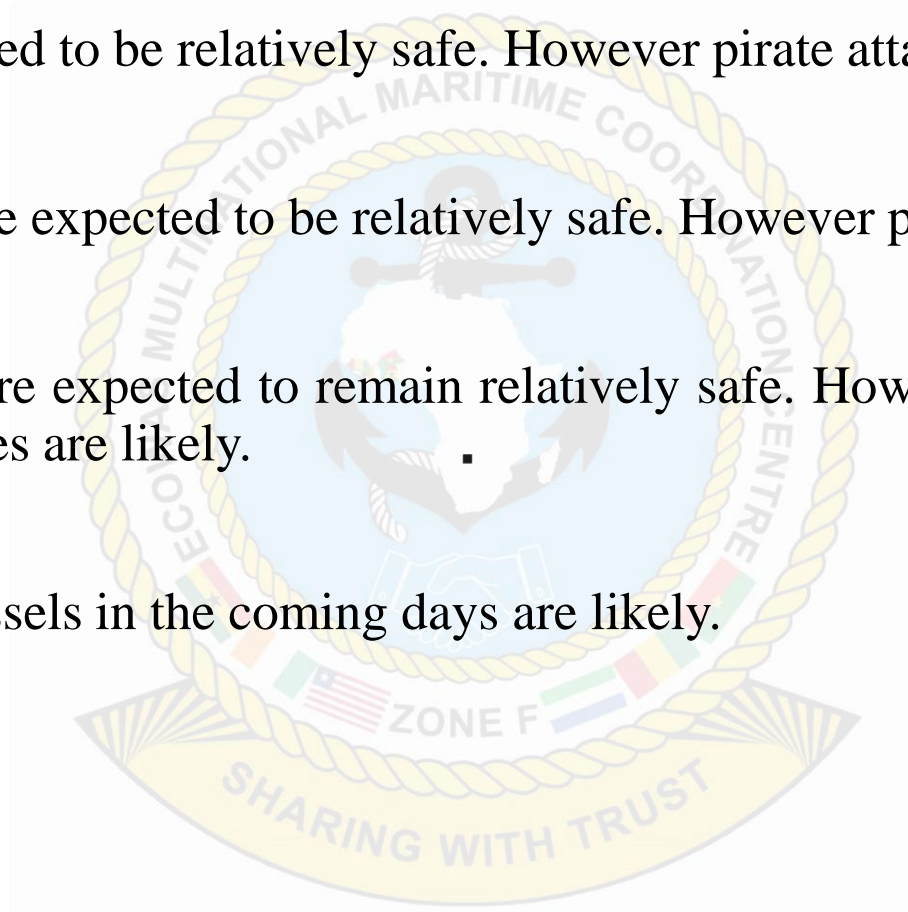


# GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

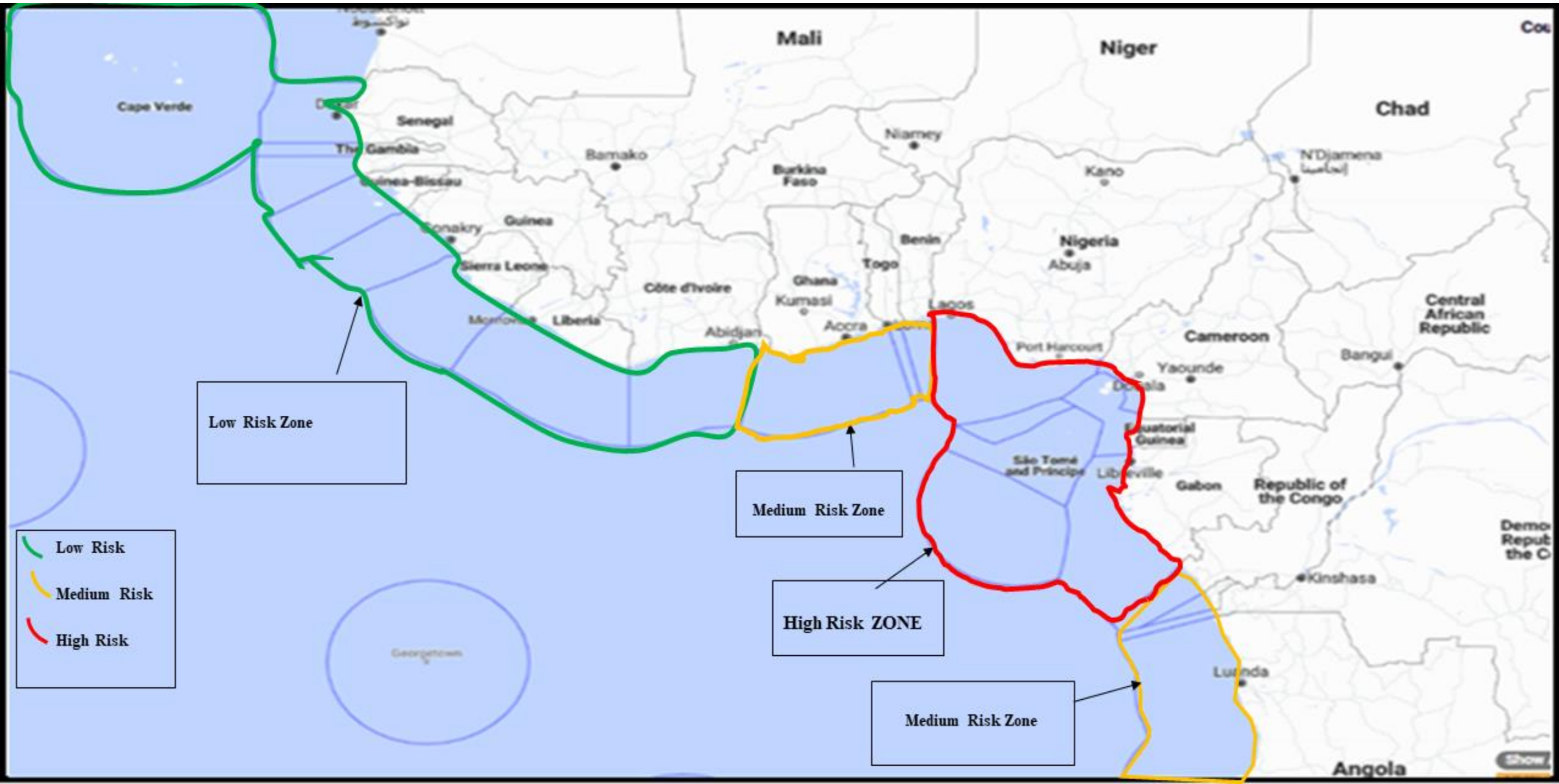
- The week under review remained calm and normal with no incident recorded. However, one incident was recorded in maritime Zone D
- The GoG has so far recorded about 25 maritime security incidents with only 3 incidents occurring offshore as compared over 45 incidents recorded within same period in 2021.
- No offshore kidnapping incident has been recorded so far in 2022 as compared to 6 kidnapping incidents recorded within same period in 2021 with 56 crew members kidnapped.
- The number of piracy incidents are expected to continue to decline further during the course of the year. However, PAGs are still potent offshore the GoG especially from Cote d'Ivoire to Gabon. Maritimes are therefore warned not to be complacent.
- All vessels transiting or operating in the GoG are therefore 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 maintain increased surveillance and patrols within the region 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



# MARITIME INFORMATION OF INTEREST

## ECOWAS WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST MARITIME INSECURITY

The President of the ECOWAS Commission, Jean-Claude Brou has said that the Sub-region is winning the fight against maritime insecurity following the removal of Nigeria from the piracy hotspot list. He said this while delivering reports of the ECOWAS Commission before the ECOWAS Parliament at the ongoing 2022 First Ordinary Session of the Parliament in Abuja.



<https://shippingposition.com.ng/ecowas-winning-the-fight-against-maritime-insecurity-brou-2/>

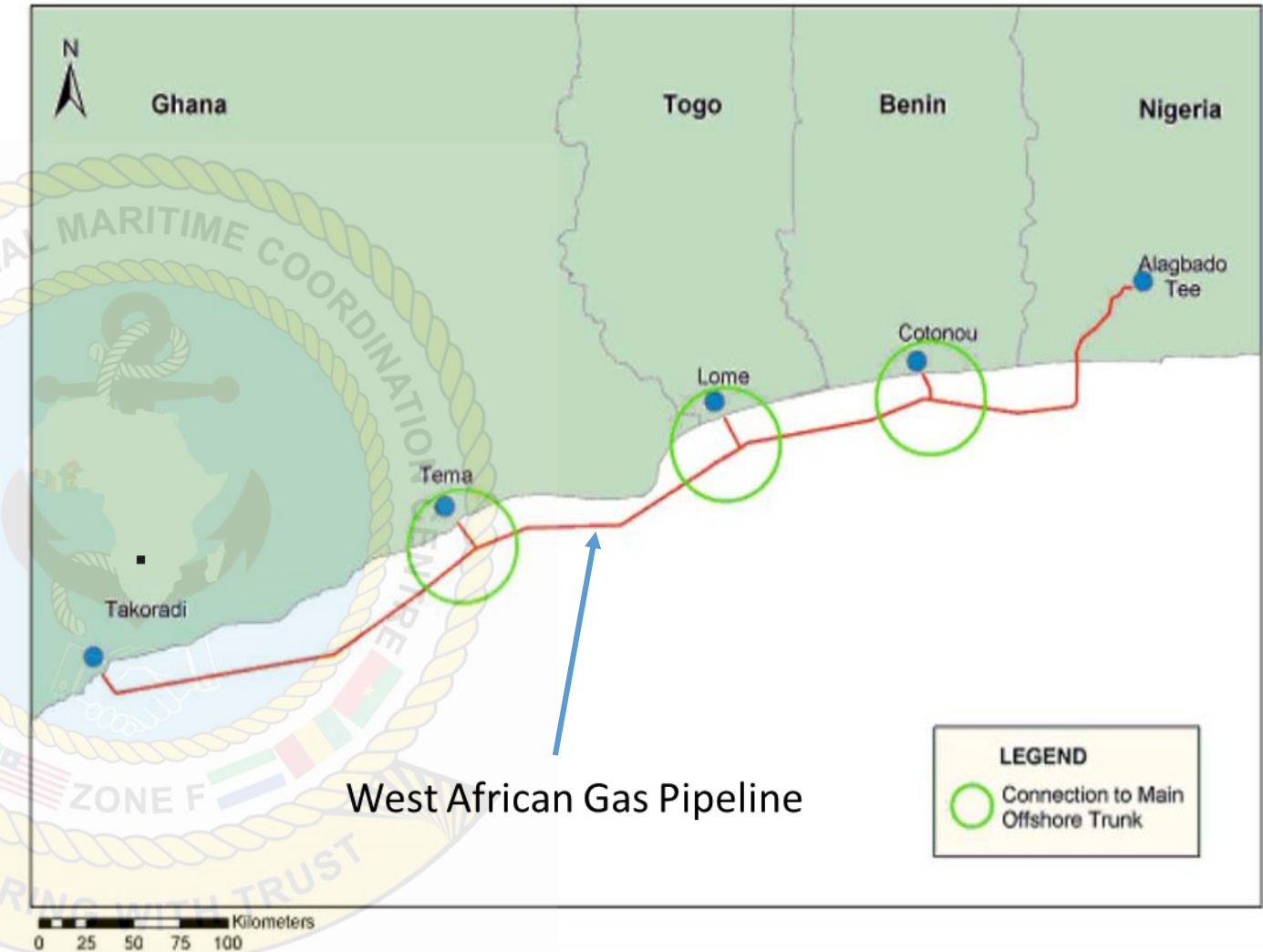
# NOTICES

## 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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