

ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE (MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY  
REPORT NO. 28

08 – 14 JULY 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.**

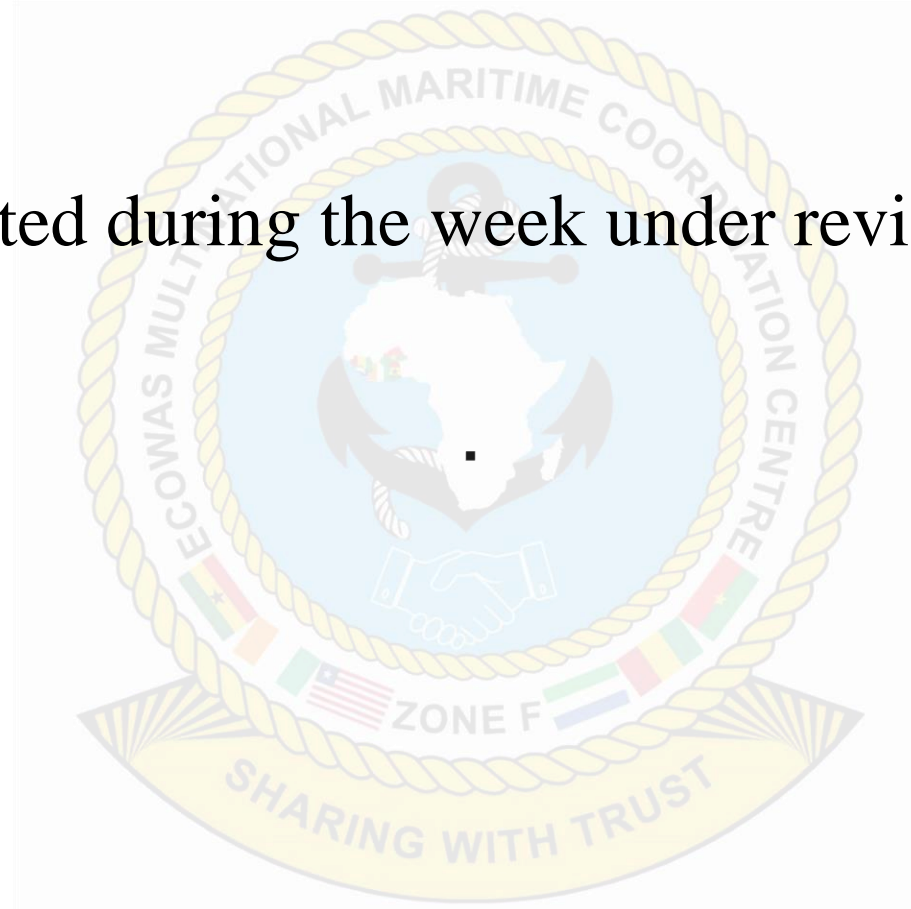
**SUSPICIOUS APPROACH:** All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

**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.

- No incident was reported during the week under review.



# INCIDENTS RECORDED

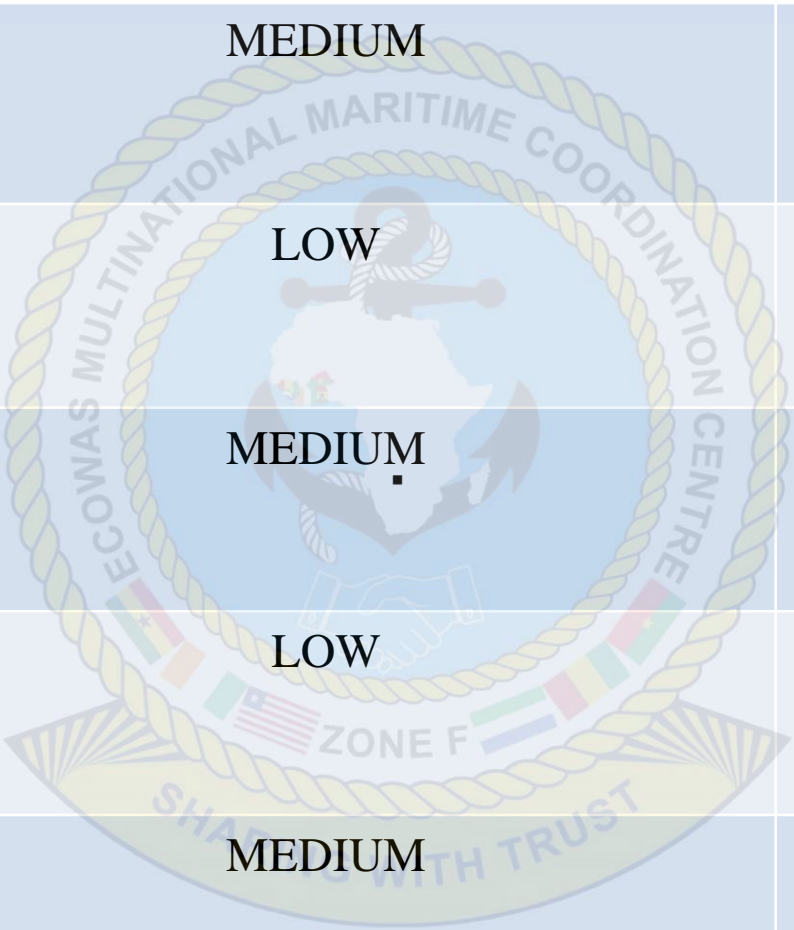
Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Zones					
		A	D	E	F	G	OUTSIDE EEZ
<b>TERRORISM</b>	Terrorism						
<b>PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB)</b>	Hijacking						
	Kidnapping						
	Armed Robbery						
	Fired Upon						
	Robbery/Attempt 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						

# 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

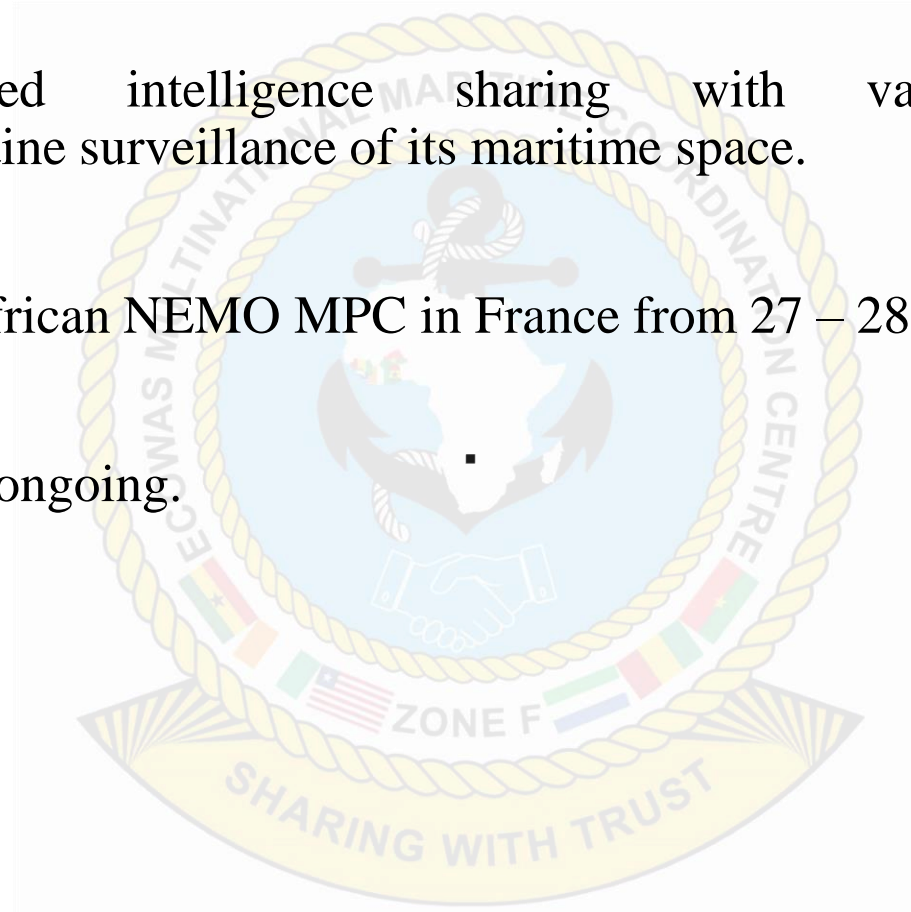
# MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS – ZONE F

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.
- Participated in Ex Grand African NEMO MPC in France from 27 – 28 June 2022.
- Repair works at the Centre ongoing.



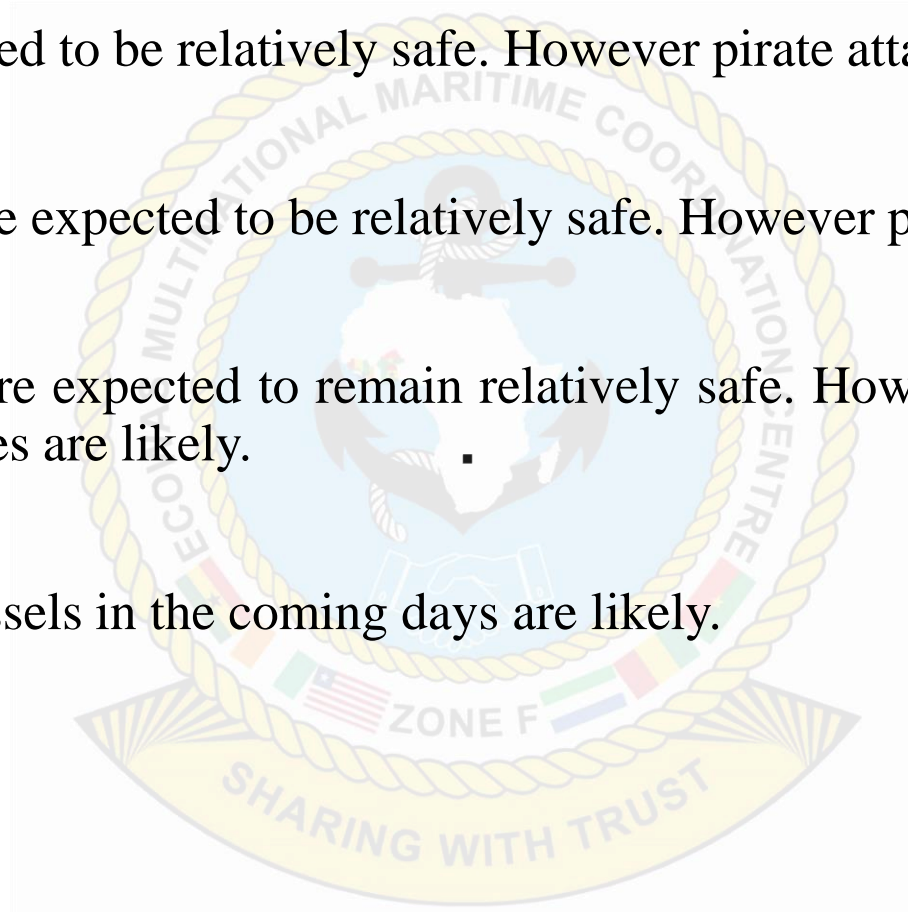
# GENERAL COMMENTS/ADVISORIES

- The week under review remained calm and normal with no incident recorded within the reporting period.
- 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 7 kidnapping incidents recorded within same period in 2021 with 59 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.

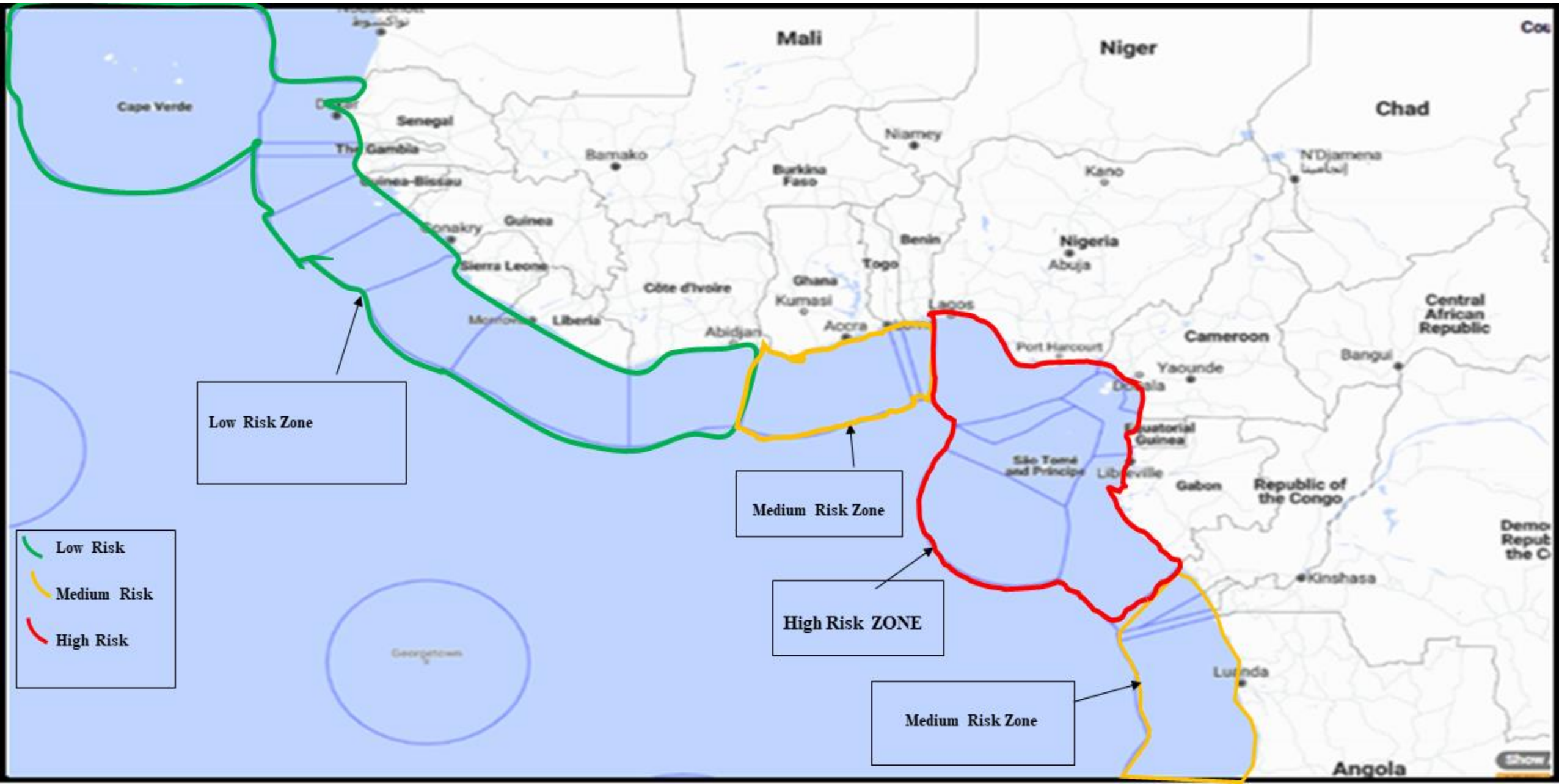


# FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

- 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

## BUILDING MARITIME CAPACITY IN GOG

### IMB Says Half Year Global Piracy, Armed Robbery Lowest In Decades

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) says it received the lowest number of reported piracy incidents for the first half of any year since 1994, which is a testament to its pivotal role in raising awareness to make waters safer. The IMB's latest global piracy report details 58 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships; the lowest total since 1994 and down from 68 incidents during the same period last year.



<https://shippingposition.com.ng/imb-says-half-year-global-piracy-armed-robbery-lowest-in-decades/>

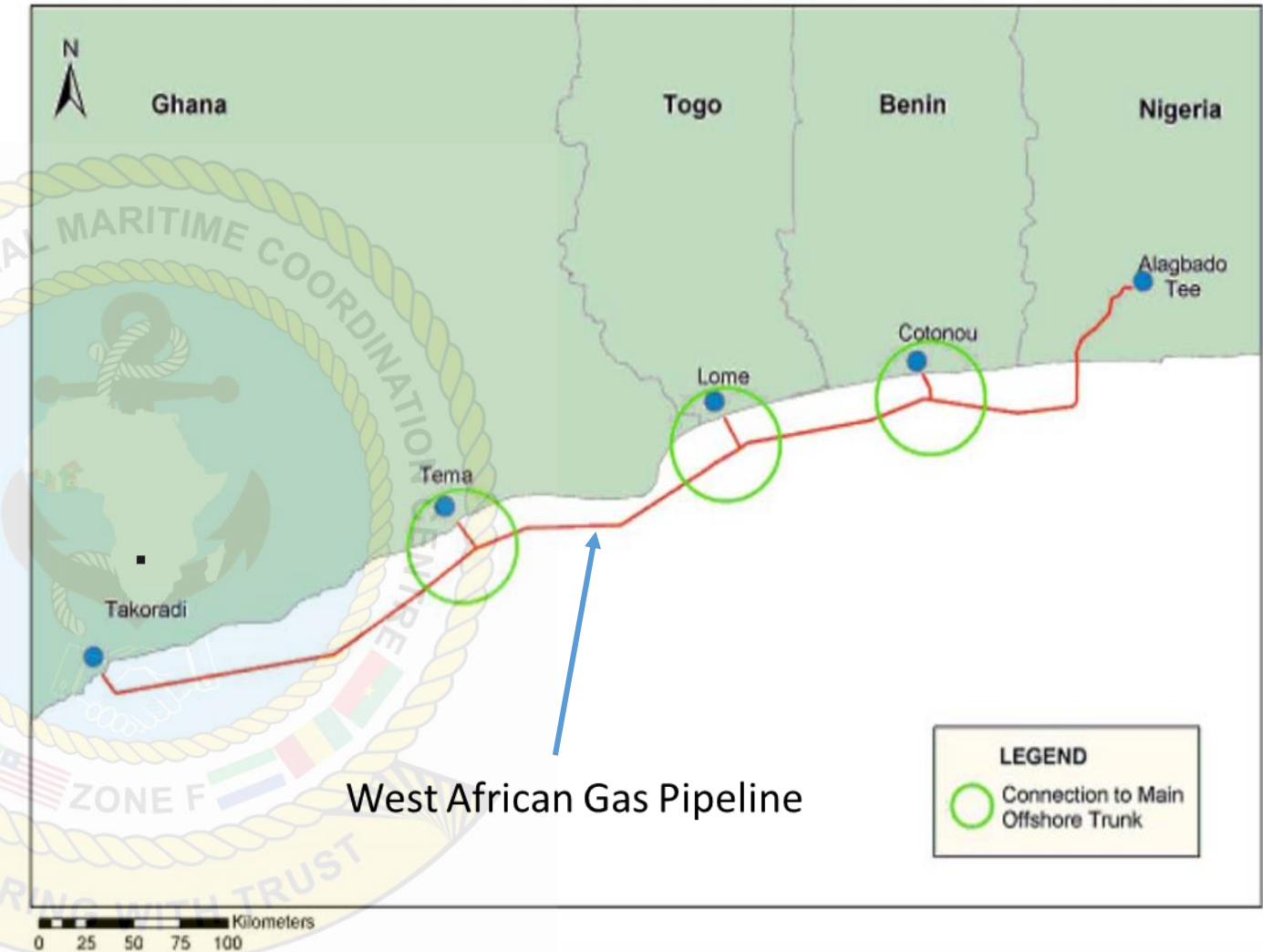
# NOTICES

## 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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