

ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE (MMCC ZONE F)

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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.

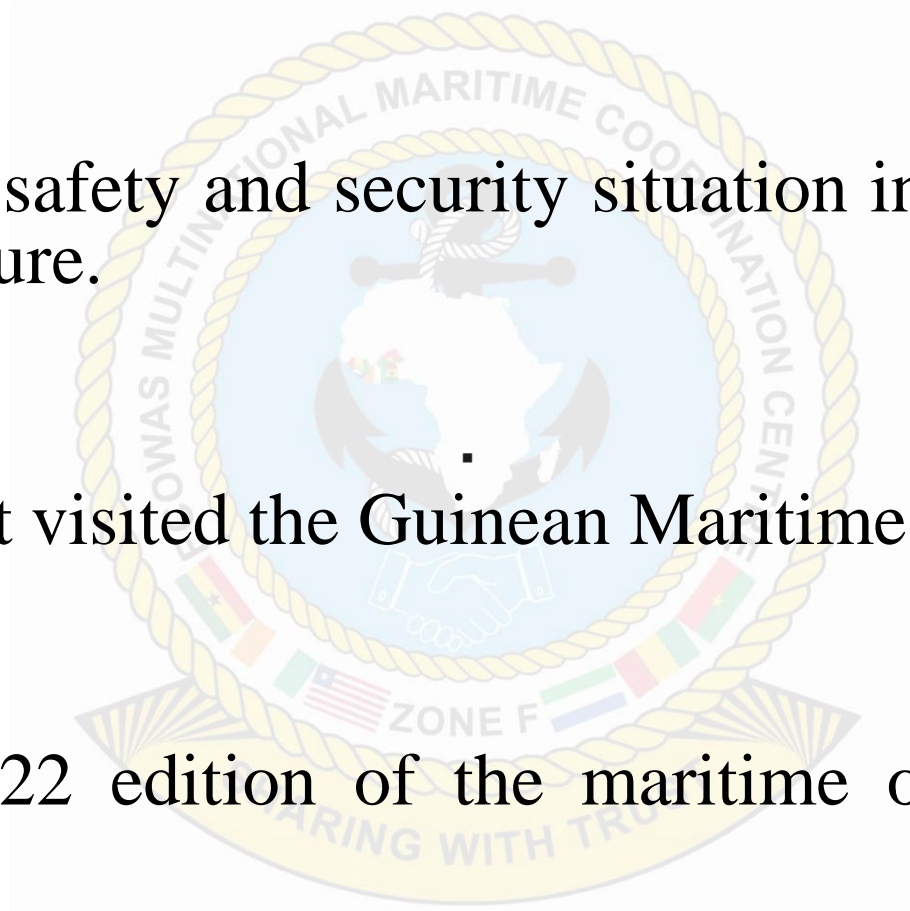
- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

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 MMCC Zone F weekly report highlights the general maritime safety and security issues observed and coordinated by the Centre.
- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure.
- The Guinean president visited the Guinean Maritime Operation Centre.
- Ghana hosted the 2022 edition of the maritime operation planning workshop.



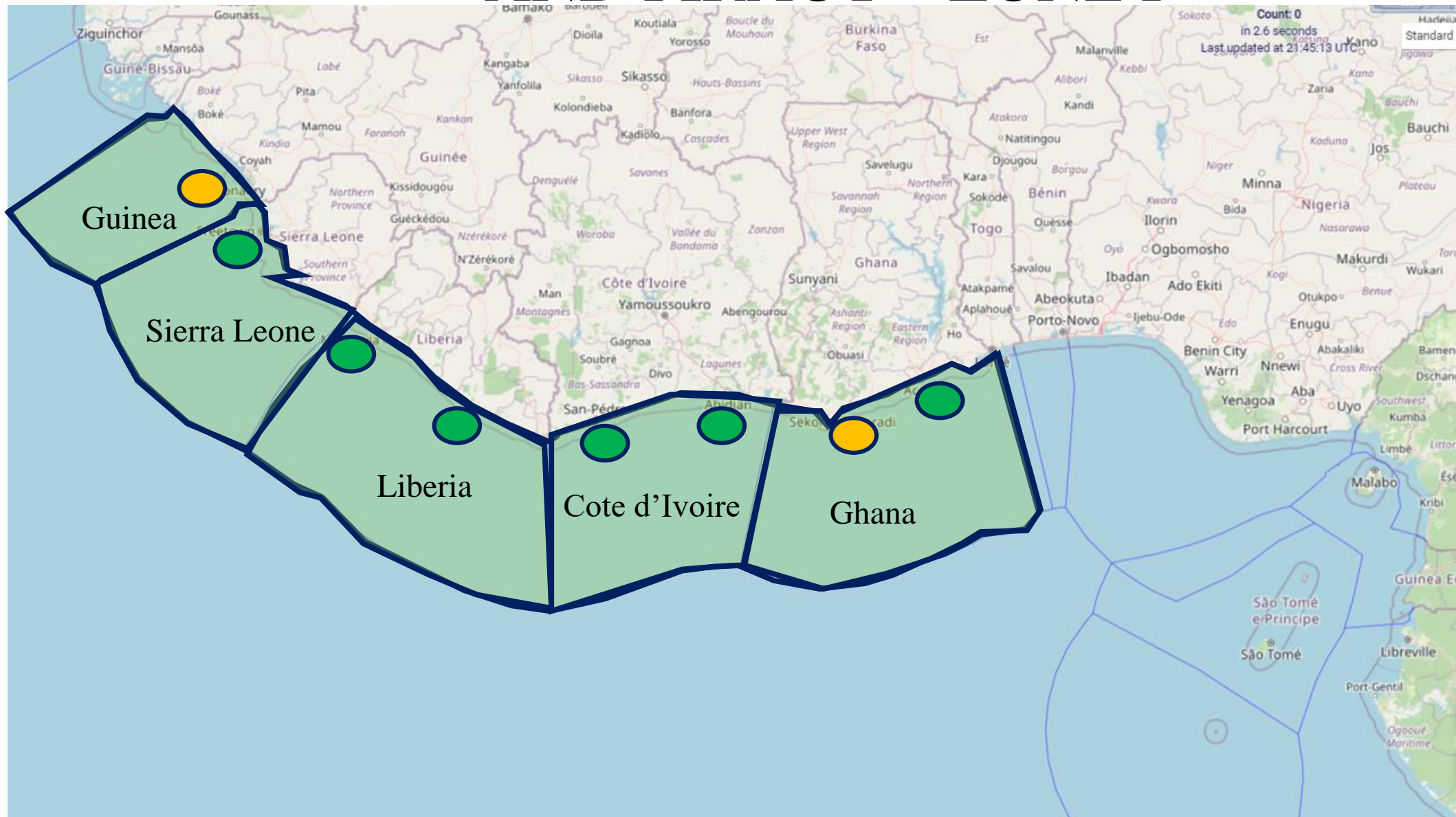
INCIDENTS RECORDED

| Category | Type of Incidents | No of Incident in Recorded | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|--------------|
| | | Ghana | Cote d'Ivoire | Liberia | Guinea | Sierra Leone |
| TERRORISM | Terrorism | | | | | |
| PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY | Hijacking | | | | | |
| | Kidnapping | | | | | |
| | Armed Robbery | | | | | |
| | Fired Upon | | | | | |
| | Robbery/Attempt Robbery | | | | | |
| | Attempt Boarding | | | | | |
| | Boarding | | | | | |
| | Theft | | | | | |
| | Suspicious Approach | | | | | |
| ILLCIT TRAFIC | Human | | | | | |
| | Drug | | | | | |
| | Weapons/Ammunitions | | | | | |
| | Smuggling | | | | | |
| IUU FISHING | Industrial Fishing | | | | | |
| | Craft Fishing | | | | | |
| POLLUTION | | | | | | |
| ILLCIT 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 | WARNING/ ALERT AND ADVISORY | | | | | |

OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

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

MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS ARMED ROBBERY AND PIRACY – ZONE F



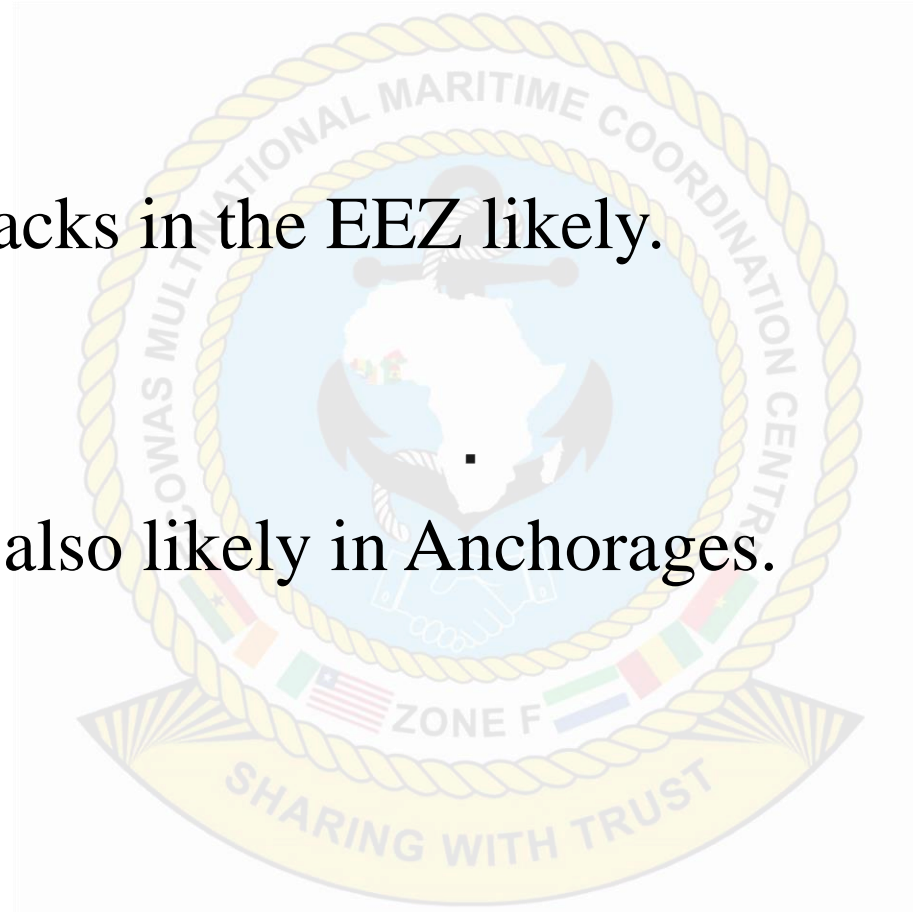
- Anchorage
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk
- EEZ
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Maritime Zone F is expected to be relatively safe.

- However pirate attacks in the EEZ likely.

- Armed Robbery is also likely in Anchorages.

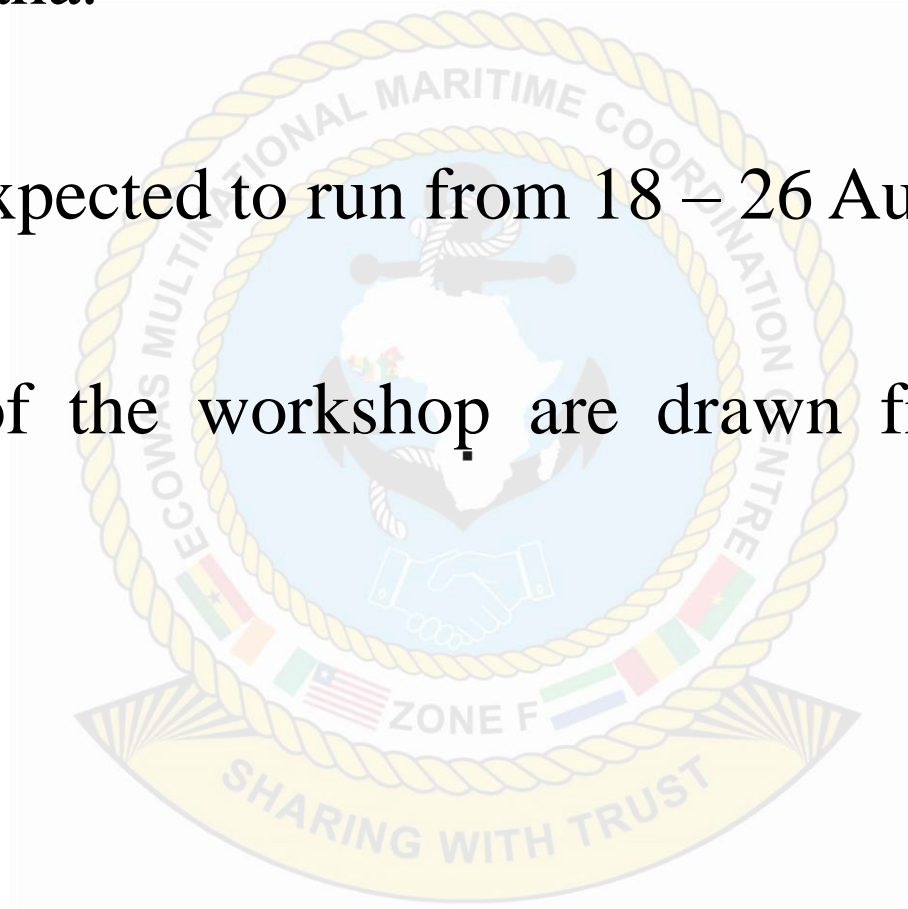


MARITIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Category of Event | Ghana | Cote d'Ivoire | Liberia | Guinea | Sierra Leone | MMCC ZONE F |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Conference/ Seminars | Maritime Operation Planning Workshop | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |
| Training | Maritime Operation Planning Workshop | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |
| Others | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |

MARITIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (CONT)

- The 2022 edition of Maritime Operation Planning Workshop commenced in Ghana.
- The workshop is expected to run from 18 – 26 August 2022.
- The participants of the workshop are drawn from Gulf of Guinea states.



MARITIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (CONT)

MARITIME OPERATION PLANNING WORKSHOP



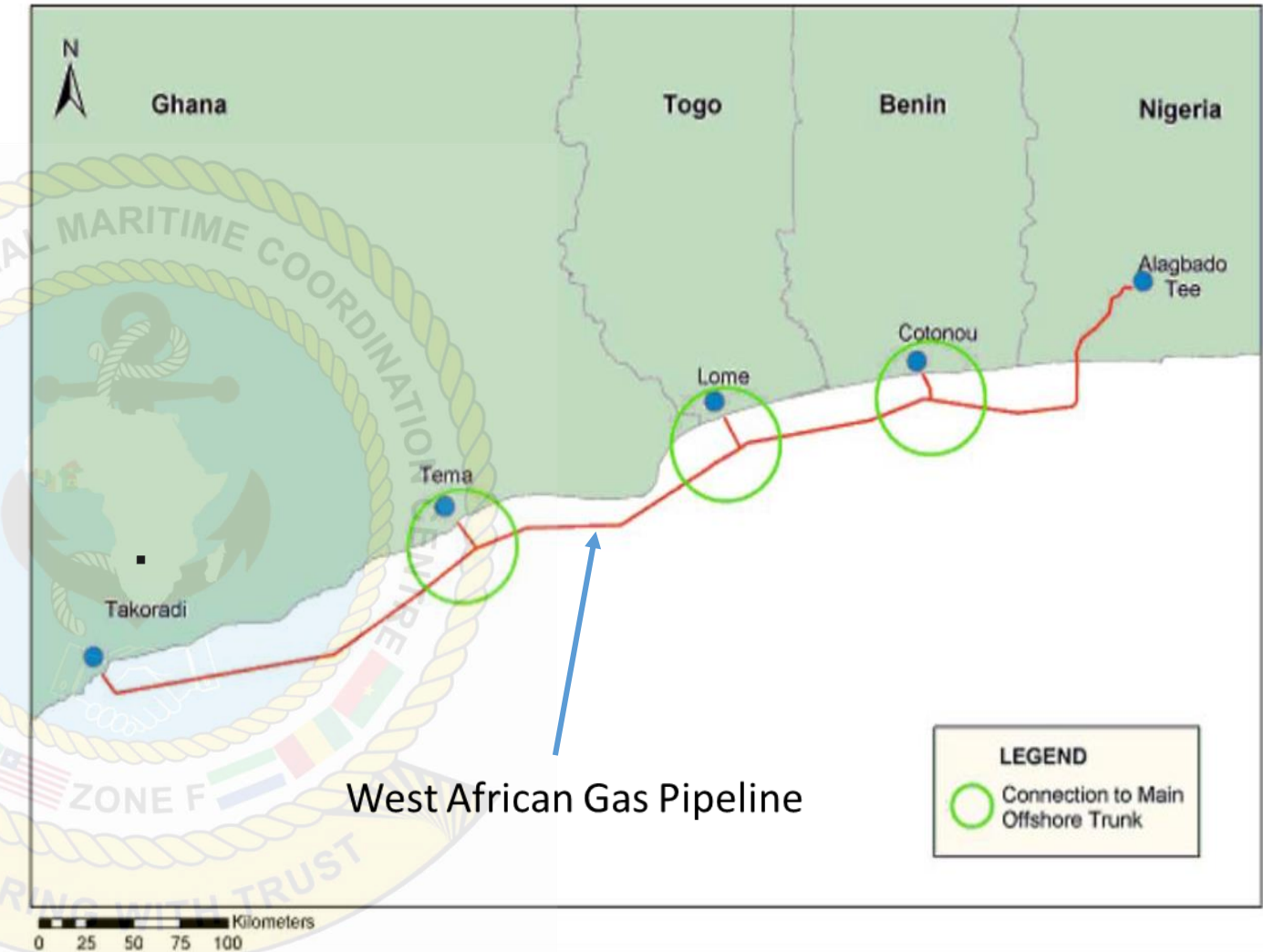
NOTICES

Oil Fields

- All vessels transiting close to the oilfields are to observe the promulgated maritime safety and security zones around the oil fields.

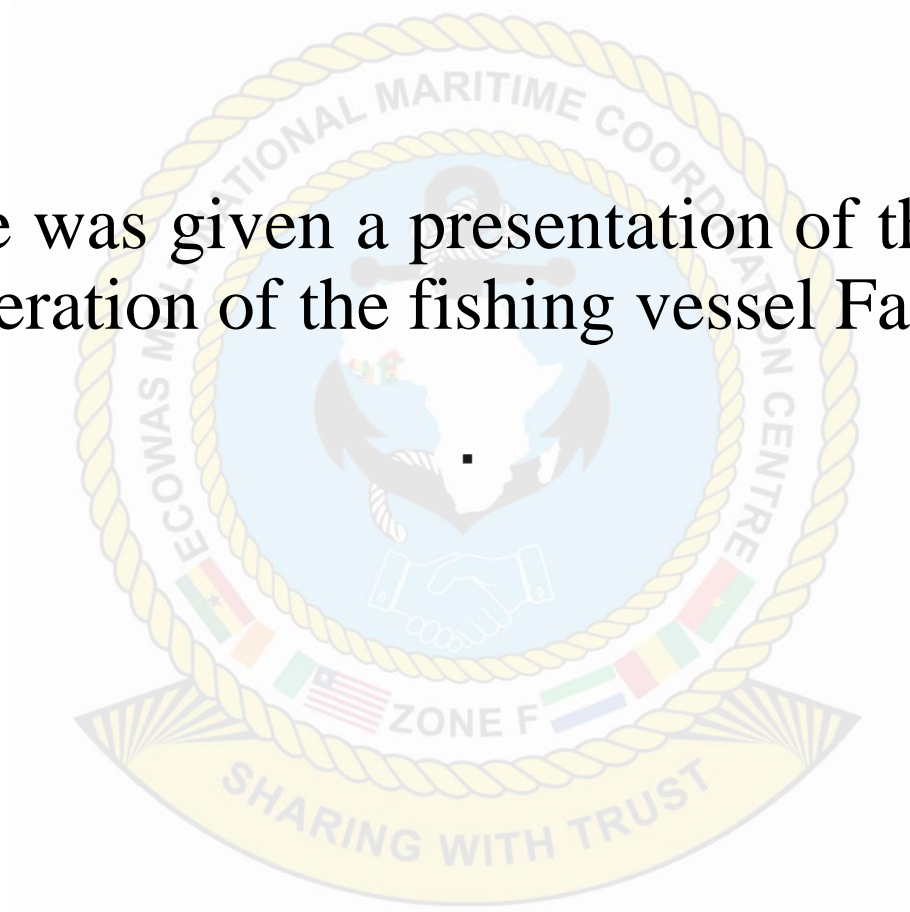
West African Gas Pipeline

- 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 NEWS OF INTEREST (CONT)

- The President of Guinea visited the Guinean maritime operation centre on 9 August 2022
- During the visit, he was given a presentation of the center and a report on the boarding operation of the fishing vessel Fadh Aleslam.



MARITIME NEWS OF INTERST

PRESIDENT OF GUINEA VISITS GUINEAN MARITIME OPERATION CENTRE



MARITIME NEWS OF INTEREST

The Nigerian Navy (NN) on Wednesday said that supertanker, MV HEROIC IDUN which was arrested by the Equatorial Guinea navy over alleged crude oil theft in Nigeria, actually raised false alarm that it was under attack in Nigeria, to escape arrest.



Source: <https://shippingposition.com.ng/alleged-illegal-operations-mv-heroic-idun-raised-false-piracy-alarm-to-evade-arrest-in-nigeria-navy/>

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