



**ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION  
CENTRE (MMCC) ZONE F**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT  
OCTOBER 2022**

## MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

### OVERVIEW

1. Maritime Zone F remained safe and secured and did not record any piracy or armed robbery-related incident during the month under review.
2. The Centre participated in Exercise Grand Nemo.

### ACTIVITIES

2. The MMCC Zone F and its member states undertook various activities during the month under review. The activities conducted during the period are outlined below:

- a. MMCC Zone F. The MMCC Zone F undertook activities that included monitoring vessels, sharing maritime information, participating in training seminars and hosting delegates.

- (1) Monitoring of Vessels. The Centre monitored, tracked vessels, and observed suspicious activities within Zone F AoR.

- (2) Sharing of Maritime Information. The MMCC Zone F shared maritime information with maritime law enforcement agencies and other relevant stakeholders and coordinated response activities at sea.

- (3) Participation in Exercise Grand Nemo. The MMCC Zone F participated in exercise Grand Nemo. The annual maritime exercise used the YARIS platform to share information during the exercise.

- (5) Hosting of Delegations. The Centre hosted a Defence Attaché working in Ghana. The purpose of the visit was to obtain first-hand information about the activities of the Centre.

- b. Ghana Navy. The Ghana Navy conducted the following activities:

- (1) Monitoring. Ghana Navy and other maritime agencies used the MDA tools available to monitor and track vessel activity in Ghanaian waters.

- (2) Patrols. Patrols were conducted to dominate Ghana's AoR and enforce maritime regulations.

- (3) Exercises. Personnel from the Ghana navy participated in exercise GANO 22.

- c. Cote d'Ivoire Navy. The Cote d'Ivoire Navy conducted patrols to dominate its AoR and enforced maritime regulations. It also participated in exercise GANO.

d. Liberia Coast Guard. The Liberian Coast Guard participated in exercise GANO and undertook the following activities:

(1) Patrols. Conducted rigorous patrols to dominate its AoR and enforced maritime regulations.

(2) Fisheries Law Enforcement Patrols. Conducted fisheries law enforcement patrols and Search and Rescue activities over the period.

e. Sierra Leone Navy. The Sierra Leone Navy conducted the following activities.

(1) Fisheries Monitoring and Surveillance. The Sierra Leone Joint Operations Centre monitored and coordinated activities within their AoR, including monitoring fisheries activities.

(2) Patrols. Patrols were conducted to dominate the AoR and enforce maritime regulations, including IUU fishing.

(3) Search and Rescue. Sierra Leonean Navy conducted SAR during exercise GANO.

f. Guinea Navy. The Guinean Navy conducted the following:

(1) Monitoring. Maritime prefecture, Guinea Navy and other maritime agencies used the MDA tools available to monitor and track vessel activity in Guinean waters.

(2) Patrols. Patrols were conducted to dominate Guinea's AoR and enforce maritime regulations.

(3) Exercise. Guinea participated in GANO 22. Several scenarios were executed by the Guinean Navy in collaboration with the other agencies involved in the action of the State at sea under the coordination of the MOC of the maritime prefecture

(4) Training. Ten officers from agencies involved in State action at sea were trained in VBSS techniques at the Ghana Navy Training Command.

MARITIME INCIDENTS RECORDED

Category	Type of Incidents	No Incident in the Recorded				
		Ghana	Cote d'Ivoire	Liberia	Guinea	Sierra Leone
Terrorism	Terrorism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Piracy/Armed Robbery	Hijacking	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Kidnapping	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Armed Robbery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Fired Upon	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Boarding	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Theft	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Illicit Trafficking	Human	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Drug	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Weapons/Ammunitions	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Smuggling	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IUU Fishing	Industrial Fishing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Craft Fishing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pollution		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Illicit Migration	Organised Migration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Stowaways	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Illegal Transfer	Illegal Bunkering	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Oil Robbery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cyber Criminality		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Maritime Accident	Shipwreck	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Collision	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sinking	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Damage	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Men Overboard	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Search and Rescue	Assistance and Towing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sanitary Evacuation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Capsizing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Others	Loss of Contact	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## PIRACY THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

4. The piracy risk assessment for November 2022 is as follows:
  - a. The threat of pirate attacks in Maritime Zone F is likely for November 2022.
  - b. Attack on fishing vessels operating in Maritime Zone F remains likely following the history of these events.
  - c. Maritime Zone F is expected to be relatively safe. However, the possibility of unauthorised boarding and theft within ports/anchorages, especially the Takoradi and Conakry anchorage areas, remains likely.

## ILLEGAL FISHING THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

5. Illegal fishing assessment for November 2022 is as follows:
  - a. Illegal fishing will persist since coastal states within Maritime Zone F are not able to implement measures to deal with the situation adequately
  - b. Both local and foreign vessels will conduct activities at the blind sides of maritime law enforcement agencies.

## ILLEGAL TRANSFERS THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

6. Illegal transfers assessment for November 2022 is as follows:
  - a. The likelihood of illegal transfers, including drugs, oil and other contraband goods, remains likely following their history of occurrence.
  - b. Both local and foreign vessels may engage in these activities without being spotted by maritime law enforcement agencies.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The following are recommended:
  - a. All vessels transiting the Maritime Zone F, the sea area from Guinea to Ghana, are advised to remain vigilant, maintain a sharp lookout, apply the BMP West Africa, and report any suspicious activities to the relevant authorities.
  - b. Vessels within ports and anchorages, especially Takoradi and Conakry ports/anchorages, are advised to remain vigilant and rotate crew on watch regularly, especially at night, to prevent petty theft and robberies.
  - c. Vessels are advised to desist from loitering around or drifting unnecessarily offshore to prevent them from being vulnerable to pirate attacks.

d. Coastal law enforcement agencies are encouraged to monitor maritime activities such as IUU, marine pollution, Stowaways, illegal ship-to-ship transfers and drug and weapon trafficking.

9. The MMCC Zone F maintains a 24-hour operations centre. Shipowners and maritime stakeholders can contact the Centre via hotlines at +233 547976523/+233 302736804 or via email at [zonefmmcc@gmail.com](mailto:zonefmmcc@gmail.com)/[zonefmoc@gmail.com](mailto:zonefmoc@gmail.com) to access or report any incidents. The information received from vessels, shipping agents, Company Security Officers (CSOs) and other partners is treated with the utmost confidentiality and shared promptly on a need-to-know basis to coordinate responses.

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