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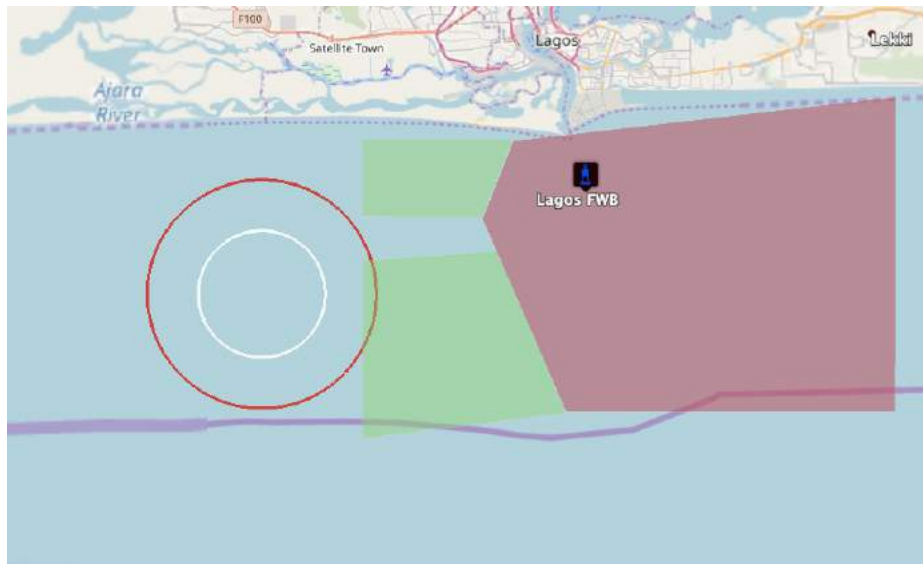
Headquartered in London, UK and with branch offices in Lomé, Togo, Cotonou, Benin and Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Risk Compliance Limited (ARC) was established to bring together a team of Africa experts to address challenges faced by those operating in Africa. With roots in the security sector, our key service offering is the management and arrangement of security in the complex jurisdictions of the nations around the Gulf of Guinea.

Our Services:

- Embarked Armed Navy Guards in Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Ghana and Guinea
- Armed Escort Vessels in Nigeria and Togo
- K9 Stowaway Searches in Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Guinea, and Senegal
- Underwater Dive and Cleaning Services in Togo, Benin and Guinea

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Current Threat Levels

Theft, Robbery & Stowaway

STS and NPA Anchorage:

MEDIUM

SAA: **MEDIUM**

Port Area: **MEDIUM**

Piracy & Kidnap for Ransom

STS and NPA Anchorage: **LOW**

SAA: **LOW**

Port Area: **LOW**

Reports 11-17 July 2019

Nothing to report.

Analysis

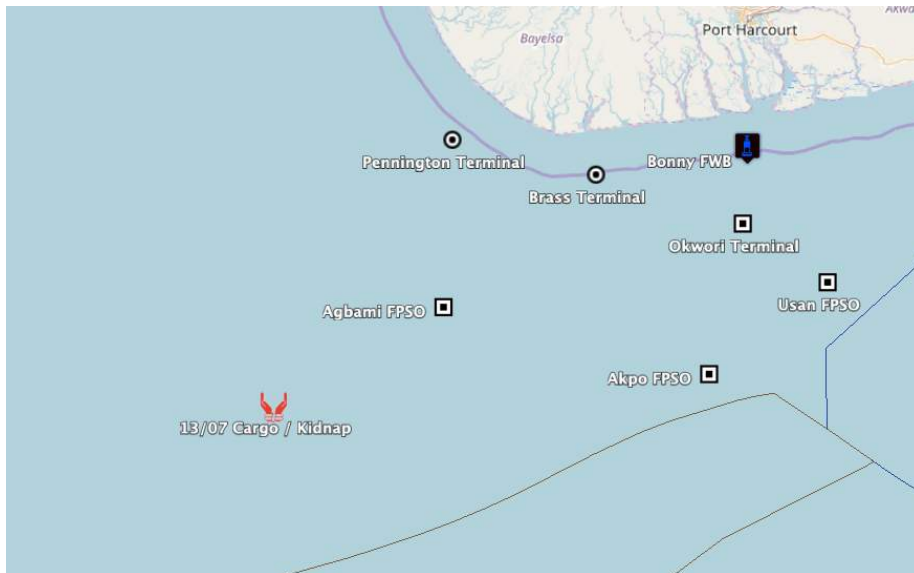
There is a consistent threat of armed robbery and theft at all Lagos anchorages and across the port area. If spotted by crew and alarm raised, thieves and robbers will usually flee without altercation or threat to crew.

There are Nigerian Navy patrol vessels in the main STS and the NPA anchorage that will respond to VHF calls for assistance. It is recommended that vessels maintain a vigilant watch, especially at night and dawn and dusk, when visibility is poor. Ships should also stow and lock away any tools, ropes and valuables on deck.

Last Incident

- **30 June 2019. Theft (successful). Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria.** A crew member on duty saw a canoe alongside with 3 people inside. Alarm was raised and nearby Nigerian Navy patrol boat hailed. A search confirmed that two ropes were stolen. All crew and vessel safe.

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Current Threat Levels

Delta Creeks and Rivers: **HIGH**
Bonny River: **HIGH**
Escravos/Forcados: **HIGH**
Calabar River: **HIGH**
Offshore Brass: **HIGH**
Offshore Bonny: **HIGH**
Deep Offshore Bonny: **HIGH**

Reports 11-17 July 2019

- **13 July 2019. Kidnap for Ransom. 65nm SW of Agbami Terminal, Nigeria EEZ.** Cargo vessel sailing from Douala to Abidjan was attacked by 2 speedboats with 5 in one boat, 7 in the other, and shooting in the air. 6 armed men boarded the vessel with a ladder. The pirates shot at navigation equipment and then departed the vessel at 2300hrs, taking 10 Turkish crew members with them. They did not take any money or valuables from the vessel. Vessel AIS came back on 15th July and vessel proceeded towards Tema port in Ghana..

Analysis

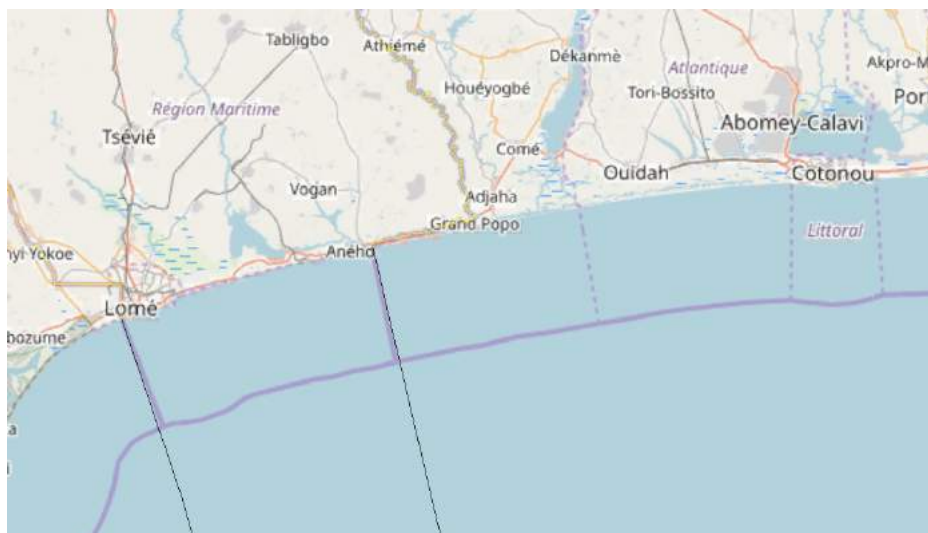
The kidnapping deep offshore the Niger Delta highlights the consistently high level of risk that exists to merchant shipping in Nigerian waters throughout the year, despite the usual "quiet period" from June to August. It has been suggested from some sources that the pirates that carried out this attack are using a larger mother vessel, which will increase the threat of attack over the coming months. There have also been reports of small boat activity with armed persons coming out of the creeks and into the coastal waters, resulting in high threat level across the area.

There is a high threat of violent armed robbery in the rivers and creeks of the Niger Delta, with multiple recent incidents on the Bonny River, Port Harcourt and Calabar areas. Most at risk in these areas are local passenger craft which are targeted for cash, valuables and the outboard motors.

Last Incident

- **8 July 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). Bille, New Calabar River, Nigeria.** Passenger boat attacked by gunmen. All passengers robbed and one young male shot dead.

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Current Threat Levels

Theft, Robbery & Stowaway

Lomé: **MEDIUM**

Cotonou: **MEDIUM**

Piracy & Kidnap for Ransom

Lomé: **LOW**

Cotonou: **LOW**

Reports 11-17 July 2019

Nothing to report

Analysis

The threat of maritime crime in Togo and Benin waters is markedly lower than in Nigerian waters. However, Togo and Benin remain on the Lloyds Joint War Committee Listed Areas, and the threat does remain.

In 2018, small product tankers were targeted and hijacked at Cotonou anchorage, which precipitated attacks on other small product tankers at anchorages across the West Africa region later in the year. The hijack and subsequent rescue by the Togolese Navy of a small local tanker in Lomé demonstrated that the area is still within the sights of pirates. Navy authorities have increased patrols in both ports, but both nations are restricted by the lack of patrol craft and personnel.

Last Incident

- **1 July 2019. False Alarm, Lomé Anchorage, Togo.** A vessel claimed that they had spotted a small craft with armed men in it who tried to board the vessel. The merchant vessel raised the alarm and a Togo Navy vessel arrived at the scene. It was confirmed that it was a false alarm caused by local boat activity.

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Current Threat Levels

Senegal: **LOW**

Guinea: **MEDIUM**

Sierra Leone: **LOW**

Liberia: **MEDIUM**

Cote d'Ivoire: **LOW**

Ghana: **LOW**

Reports 1-17 July 2019

Nothing to report.

Analysis

At the ports in the western part of the region, there is a much lower threat of Nigeria-based piracy, with no major attacks in the area since an attack in February 2016 in Ivory Coast waters.

There is a consistent threat of theft or armed robbery at some ports, including Tema and Takoradi, Ghana. Conakry port in Guinea is considered to be the most "at risk" port due to a number of violent robberies against merchant vessels in the anchorage.

Stowaways are also an issue, particularly at Dakar, Conakry, Abidjan and Ghanaian ports.

Last Incident

- **14 May 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). Conakry Anchorage, Guinea.** Bulk carrier boarded by 4 robbers armed with AK47-style weapons. Robbers approached via speed boat and boarded with a ladder. Once onboard, they stole crew members belongings and then escaped. The Captain was wounded during the incident.

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Maritime Security - Cameroon to Gabon



Current Threat Levels

Theft, Robbery & Stowaway

Cameroon: **MEDIUM**

Eq Guinea: **LOW**

Sao Tome & Principe: **LOW**

Gabon: **LOW**

Piracy & Kidnap for Ransom

Cameroon: **MEDIUM**

Eq Guinea: **MEDIUM**

Sao Tome & Principe: **LOW**

Gabon: **LOW**

Reports 11-17 July 2019

Nothing to report.

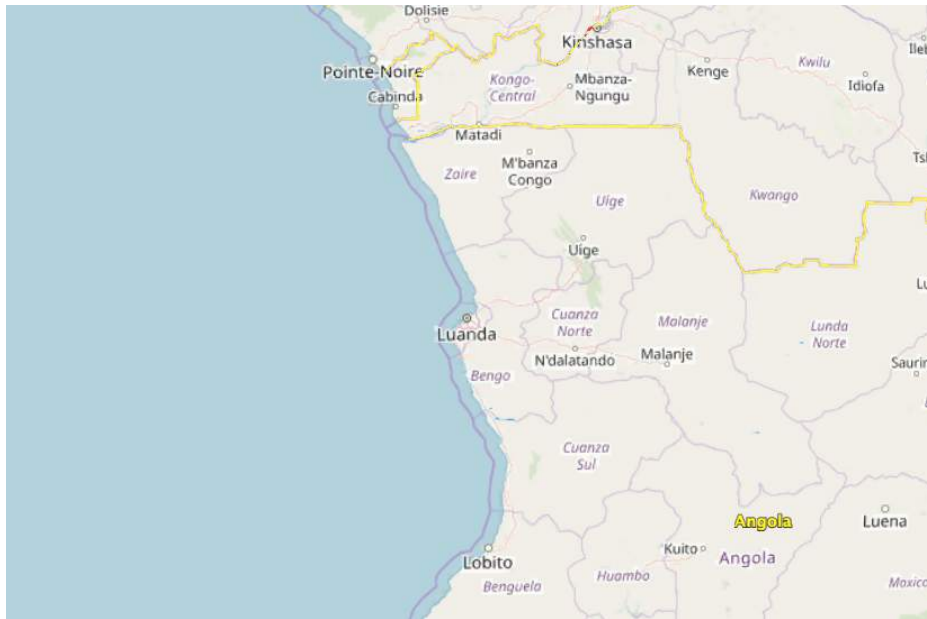
Analysis

There has been a sharp increase in incidents in Cameroonian waters over the last 9 months. This reflects the worsening of the unrest in the English-speaking area of Cameroon that borders Nigeria. Multiple fishing and local passenger vessels have been attacked, and international merchant shipping has also come under attack. Elsewhere, Equatorial Guinean Navy forces in May were involved with the Spanish Navy in the rescue of two vessels that had been hijacked by pirates in its EEZ.

Last Incident

- **8 July 2019. Kidnap for Ransom, 50nm NW of Douala entrance, Cameroon.** A fishing vessel was attacked by armed men in a speed boat. 4 crew members (Greek Captain, 2 Ghanaian, 1 Cameroonian) have been reported as kidnapped. BIR (Cameroon Rapid Intervention Battalion) has been deployed to the area and all oil fields in the region are on alert..

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Current Threat Levels

Theft, Robbery & Stowaway

Rep of Congo: **MEDIUM**

DR of Congo: **MEDIUM**

Angola: **LOW**

Piracy & Kidnap for Ransom

Rep of Congo: **LOW**

DR of Congo: **LOW**

Angola: **LOW**

Reports 11-17 July 2019

Nothing to report

Analysis

The threat of piracy is low in the countries in the south of west Africa, due to the distance from the Niger Delta area.

There is a threat of theft and armed robbery at ports and anchorages in the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Angola and its ports are generally considered safe from piracy and armed robbery.

Last Incidents

- **7 July 2019. Theft (successful). Pointe Noire Anchorage, Rep of Congo.** Crew members saw two thieves fleeing in a white skiff with ship's items. No crew injured and vessel safe.

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Maritime Security - Recent History and Trends



Port Security Statistics

Number of incidents in last 6 months

Lagos	6
Onne	6
Takoradi	3
Lomé	2
Conakry	1
Douala	1
Pointe Noire	1

Terminals and Anchorages with highest number of incidents in last 6 months

STS and Main Anchorage, Lagos	3
Secure Anchorage Area, Lagos	2
Takoradi Anchorage	3
Federal Lighter Terminal, Onne	3
Federal Ocean Terminal, Onne	3
Lomé Anchorage	2
Douala Anchorage	1

Stowaway Statistics - Number of Incidents

	Last 3 months	Last 6 months	Last 12 months
Lagos	0	1	4
Takoradi	0	1	1
Conakry	0	2	2
Abidjan	0	1	1
Cotonou	1	2	3
Dakar	1	1	1
Lomé	1	1	1
Freetown	1	1	1

Piracy Statistics

Vessels Attacked

This month (last 30 days)	6
Since start of 2019	85
Since start of 2018	236

Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month (last 30 days)	14
Since start of 2019	78
Since start of 2018	273

Incidents involving security forces and merchant vessels since start of 2018

Embarked Navy Guards	25
Armed Escort Vessel	8

Success rate since start of 2018 (no crew kidnapped and vessel not hijacked)

Embarked Navy Guards	100%
Armed Escort Vessel	85%

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Niger Delta Militancy, Community Conflict and Industrial Action



Militant Activity

Statements & Threats

Reformed Niger-Delta militants have threatened to resume attacks on oil facilities in the region over claims of delays in the Presidential Amnesty training programme.

Attacks

14 July 2019. Gunmen assassinated the Chairman, Community Development Committee, CDC, of Choba Community in Obio-Akpor Local Government, Rivers State, Lawrence Igwe and another prominent member of the community. The Paramount ruler of Choba community, Eze Raymond Okocha, said the assassins also threw an item suspected to be dynamite at the gate as they tried to gain entrance into the Palace.

Community Conflict

Host communities to Oil Mining Lease (OML)-25 in Kula Kingdom of Akuku-Toru local government area of Rivers State, have declared that they will not vacate the Belema Flow Station, which they had occupied since August 2017. The host communities, including Belema, Offoinama and Ngeje, have vowed not only to continue to occupy the flow station, but to sack SPDC from operating in the area. A spokesman of the OML-25 host communities, Alabo Fiala Okoye-Davies, said their decision to shut the flow station was based on historical breaches of GMoUs, poor observation of corporate responsibilities and deliberate under development of the people

Protesters from Ugbokodo-Okpe community have given the oil companies Heritage Oil Ltd and Seplat Petroleum a seven day ultimatum to meet their demands or have their operations shut down. The protesters' demands include greater local employment, scholarships and greater opportunities for local women. Protest is remaining peaceful, with protesters chanting songs outside the company offices.

Industrial Action

Nothing to report.

Current Militant Threat Level: LOW

Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: MEDIUM

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Two containers of electricity transmission equipment have gone missing from the Lagos port, the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has disclosed.

Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) has said security remains a major challenge due to continuing crude oil theft and vandalism of oil and gas facilities in parts of the Niger Delta. SPDC's General Manager, External Relations, Igo Weli, stated that the illegal activities result in the loss of 11,000 barrels per day of crude oil.

Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, has concluded plans to flag off a response team, known as Marine Rescue Unit, in order to ensure prompt response to emergencies, surveillance, as well as provide adequate safety of the commuting populace on Lagos waterways.



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