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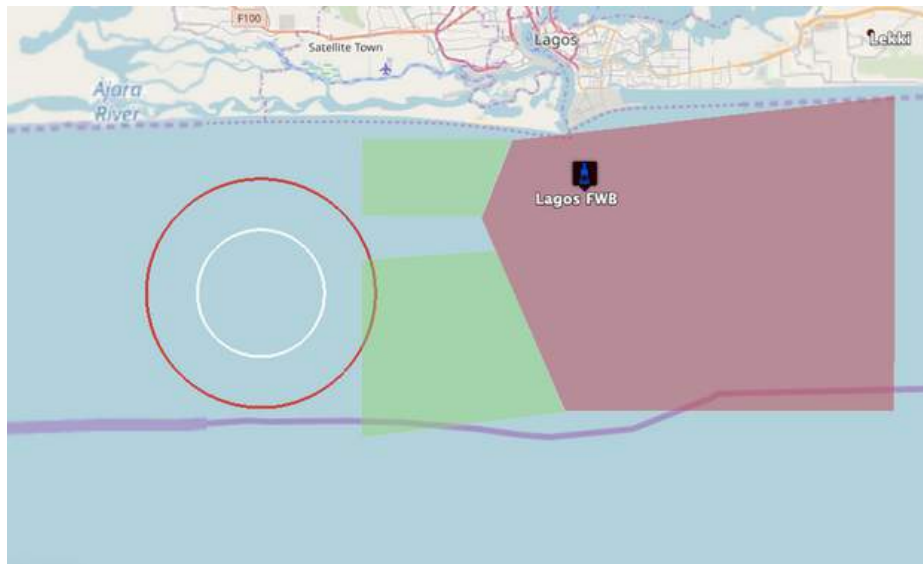
Headquartered in London, UK and with branch offices in Lomé, Togo, Cotonou, Benin and Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Risk Compliance Limited (ARC) was established to bring together a team of Africa experts to address challenges faced by those operating in Africa. With roots in the security sector, our key service 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 18-24 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**

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Nothing to report

Analysis

The pirate group that attacked the cargo vessel on 13 July 2019 and kidnapped 10 crew have made contact with the vessel owners.

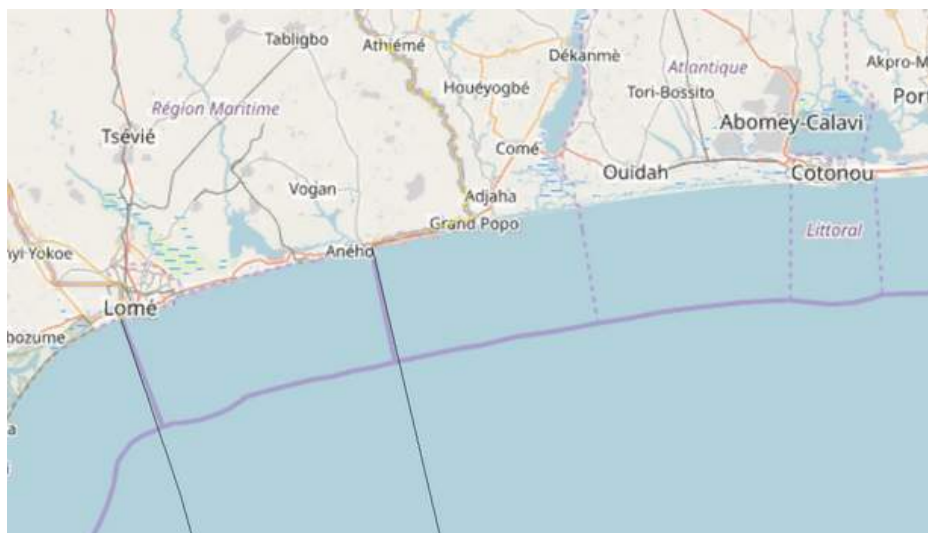
There have also been several reports of small boat activity with armed persons coming out of the creeks and into the coastal waters, resulting in high threat level across the area.

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

- **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.

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Current Threat Levels

Theft, Robbery & Stowaway

Lomé: **MEDIUM**

Cotonou: **MEDIUM**

Piracy & Kidnap for Ransom

Lomé: **LOW**

Cotonou: **LOW**

Reports 18-24 July 2019

Nothing to report

Analysis

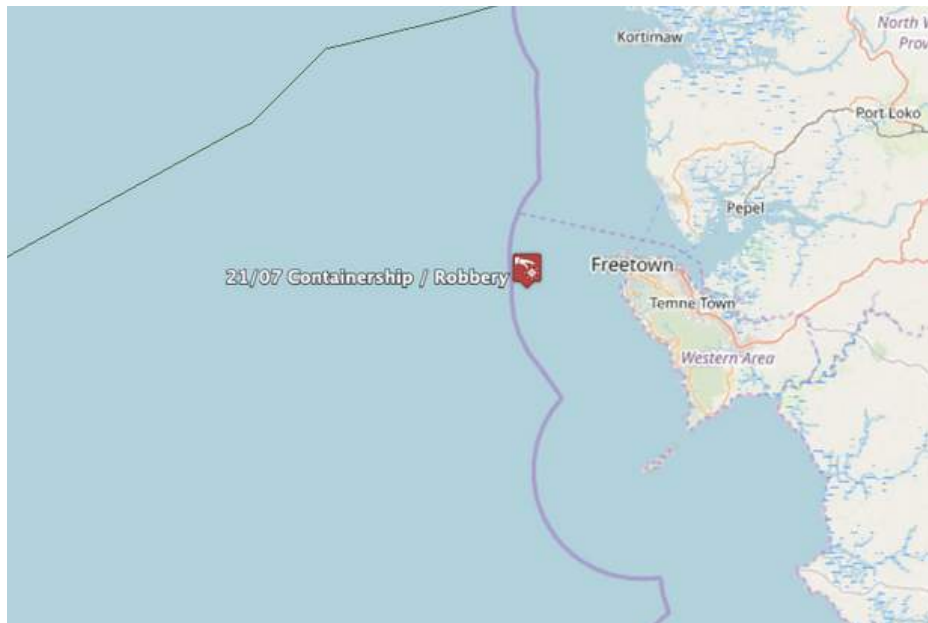
The threat of maritime crime in Togo and Benin waters is markedly lower than in Nigerian waters. However, Togo and Benin remain on the Lloyds Joint War Committee Listed Areas, and the threat does remain.

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**

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- **21 July 2019. Armed Robbery (unsuccessful). Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone.** Container vessel was boarded by 5 men armed with knives. Crew members raised the alarm and the Sierra Leonean Navy responded. One crew member was injured

Analysis

Violent incidents are rare in Sierra Leone, although there is a general risk of robbery and theft at all ports in West Africa. 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.

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 18-24 July 2019

Nothing to report.

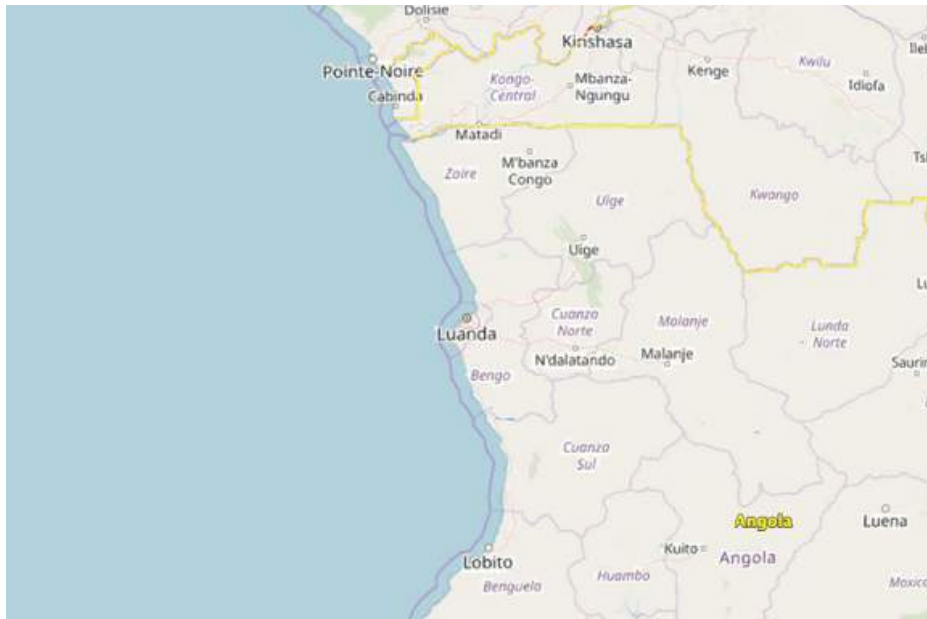
Analysis

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**

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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
Freetown	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
Freetown 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	86
Since start of 2018	237

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

18 July 2019. A group calling themselves the Niger Delta Expendable Group has issued a 14-day ultimatum to Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) to leave the E.A. Field in OML 79. The warning was issued in a letter signed by the group's spokesperson, a General Torunanawei (aka Turubebe-lke). The group boasted that it "controls the riverine in the whole Niger Delta" in the region, and that the group is "tired of...unwanted practices in the riverine especially the "Sea eagle" the E.A. field".

Attacks

22 July 2019. **Azagbene Area, Beyelsa State, Nigeria.** Militants attacked a speed boat with 3 Nigerian Navy JTF personnel on board, which were guarding a pipeline. Two of the Navy personnel were killed and the third is reported as missing. The militants also stole the military personnels' rifles and the speed boat. This attack may be linked to the threat issued against SPDC 4 days earlier.

Community Conflict

Nothing to report.

Industrial Action

Nothing to report.

Current Militant Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: MEDIUM

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Ghana has commenced construction of phase 2 of MPS Terminal 3 at Tema Port. The new entrance channel to the port is one of the deepest in Africa, allowing the world's biggest vessels to enter, and the harbor basin provides the space to dredge deeper and build additional wharves if required. It can currently accommodate up to 20 berths depending on vessel size with MPS operating on 4 berths.

NNPC, Nigeria's state oil firm said that it had suspended cash call repayments to Eni for three months, and did not plan to renew some of the Italian firm's asset licences. Among the issues raised by NNPC are that Eni's licences for some oil assets have expired, but Nigeria's government does not plan to renew them as it wants the state oil firm to take over.

Lawyers representing farmers and communities in the Niger Delta have received permission to take the case against Shell for pollution to the UK Supreme Court.

The West Africa Container Terminal (WACT) yesterday launched two new Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs) \$10 million (about N3.6 billion) for the discharge of cargoes at the terminal. The Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs), are expected to improve the turnaround time of vessels at the terminal.

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) says it will supply 10 per cent of its crude oil export to India to help resolve a growing energy crisis in the country.

The EU and Senegal have signed an agreement on sustainable fishing which will allow EU vessels to fish for tuna and hake.



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