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## Africa Risk Compliance

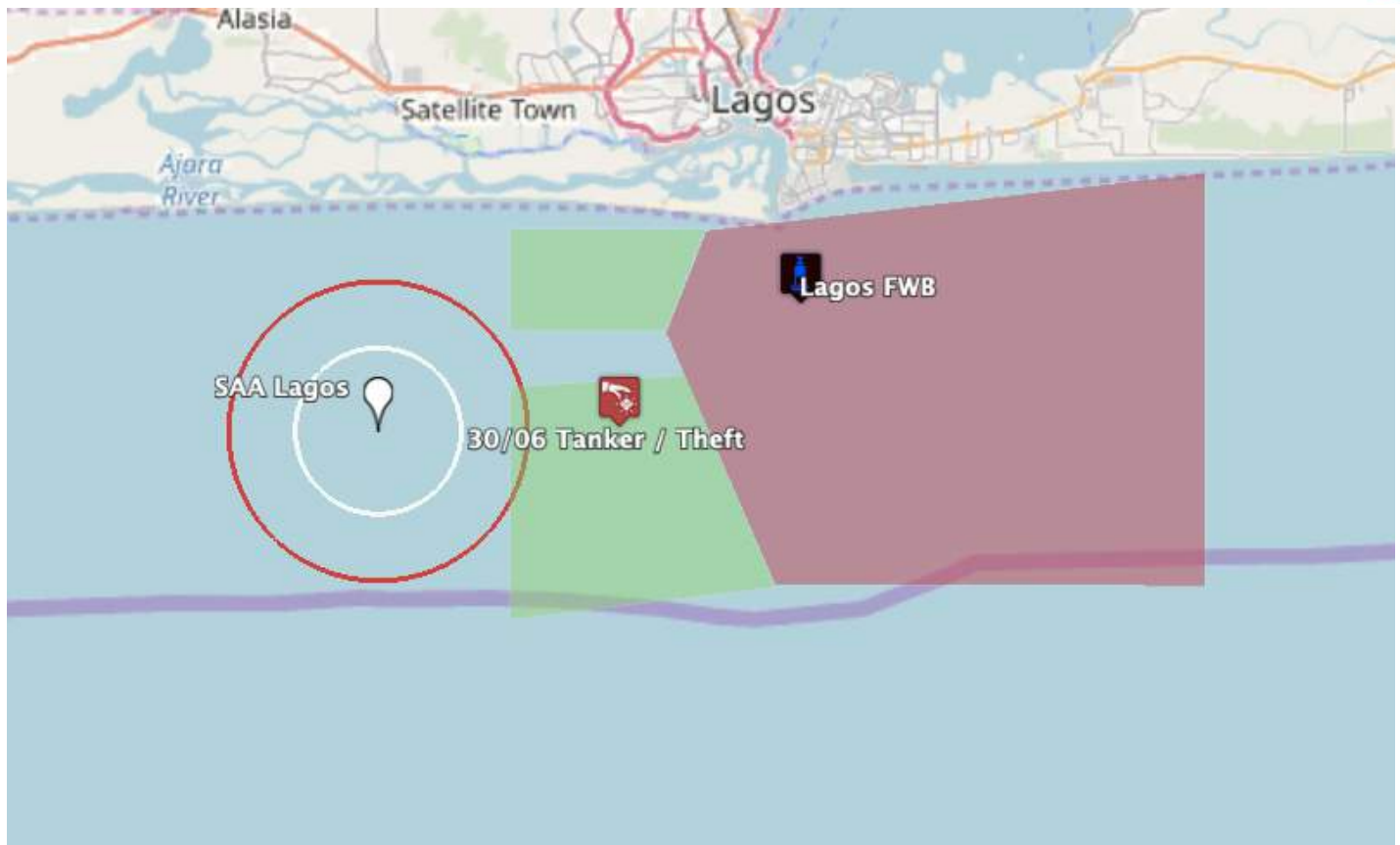
Headquartered in London, UK and with branch offices in Lomé, Togo, Cotonou, Benin and Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Risk Compliance Limited (ARC) was established to bring together a team of Africa experts to address challenges faced by those operating in Africa. With roots in the security sector, our key service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

ARC's range of services in West Africa include Security, Underwater Services, Operational Support and Agency Services, acting on behalf of our clients to advise and guide on the options available, allowing improved and informed decision making. Our depth of knowledge and experience in West Africa has resulted in the development of our business offerings that go far beyond basic security, meaning that our clients can rest assured that their assets and people are safe when ARC are engaged. We take pride in the fact that on so many occasions and with any range of problems encountered, from maritime security to immigration, from hull cleaning to marine equipment procurement, we have always been positioned to support our clients need.

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# Maritime Security Incidents - Nigeria



## Reports

- **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.

## Analysis

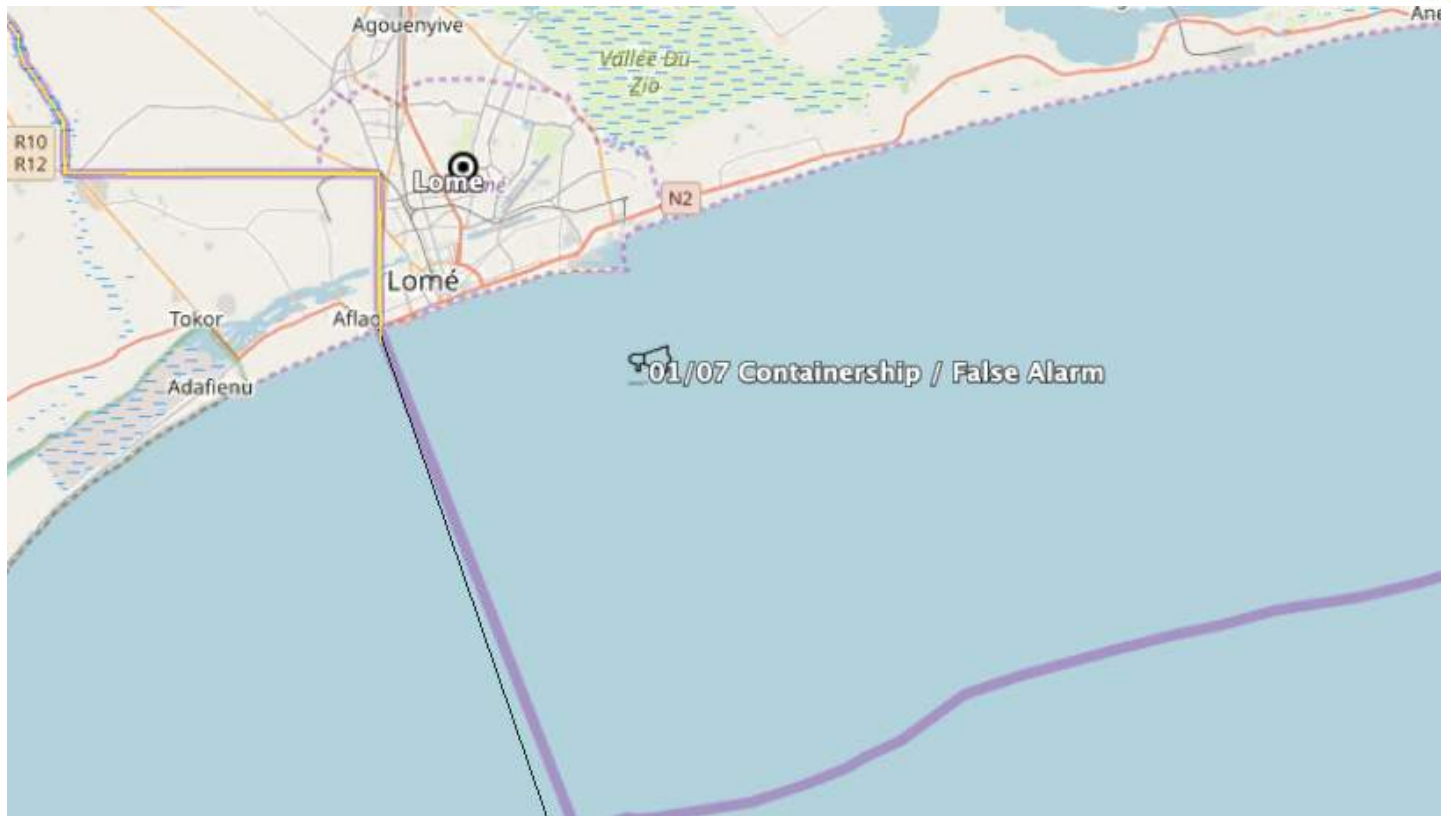
There is a consistent threat of armed robbery and theft at all Lagos anchorages and across the port area. If spotted by crew and alarm raised, thieves and robbers will usually flee without altercation or threat to crew.

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.

**Current Inland Waters Threat Level: HIGH**

**Current Offshore Threat Level: MEDIUM**

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## Reports

- **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.

## Analysis

Whilst Togo does see maritime security incidents, and is considered a "high risk" area for shipping, there is a much lower prevalence of maritime crime compared to Nigeria. First reports of this incident indicated that it was likely a false alarm, due to the type of merchant vessel. Hijackings of merchant vessels in anchorages outside of Nigeria are predominantly against small oil product tankers, not containerships.

**Current Togo Offshore Threat Level: MEDIUM**

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## Port Security Statistics

### Number of incidents in last 6 months

Lagos	10
Onne	6
Takoradi	3
Lomé	2
Conakry	1
Douala	1
Abidjan	1

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

STS and Main Anchorage, Lagos	6
Secure Anchorage Area, Lagos	3
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)	9
Since start of 2019	81
Since start of 2018	232

### Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month (last 30 days)	7
Since start of 2019	57
Since start of 2018	252

### 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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## Militant Activity

### Statements & Threats

Nothing to report.

### Attacks

Nothing to report.

## Community Conflict

Shell Petroleum Development Company and the communities of OML25 have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to reopen the flowstation and for payment of the outstanding funds that the communities are owed, following protests by the communities against SPDC.

## Industrial Action

Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria, MWUN, has directed its members to withdraw services and shut down ports across the country on 3rd July 2019 over unpaid wages from international oil companies following the expiry of their ultimatum on 25th June 2019. MWUN stated that the industrial action would continue “until all demands were met”

**Current Militant Threat Level: LOW**

**Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM**

**Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: HIGH**

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A subsidiary of Sahara Group, Asharami Energy, has said the oil industry needs to increase exploration in Africa to ensure reserve replacement and meet global demand.

Samsung's Egina Project has won "Project of the Year award at the Africa Assembly, organised by the Oil and Gas Council.

The Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) has called for sanctions, including jail-terms for operators who discriminate against or abuse female workforce on board ships in Nigeria. Commodore Duja Effedua (rtd), rector of MAN, also charged ship-owners to employ more females in their workforce in line with the theme of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2019 Day of the Seafarers which states, "On-board with gender equality".

Nigerian Shipping Council has stated that Nigeria is losing \$9 billion a year due to the lack of Nigerian ships that move cargo internationally.

Chevron Nigeria Limited has extinguished a fire at Ojumole Well No 1 that had been burning since the 18 April 2019.

Nigeria has supported a nine-month extension of oil production cuts by OPEC in an effort to shore up prices as global demand slows.

The Nigerian Navy have arrested the vessel MT Apecus. The vessel came into the news following the kidnap of 5 Indian sailors from the vessel, allegedly due to a business disagreement between groups involved in crude oil theft.



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