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Dear Ship owners, Operators, and Masters of Liberian Flagged Vessels

Subject: Security Incident, involving the kidnapping of ship's crew while vessel was at Owendo inner anchorage, Gabon on 02 May 2023.

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This bulletin is to inform about a security incident involving reported kidnapping of ship's crew while vessel was at a position 00⁰ 18.27'N, 009⁰:24.21E at Owendo inner anchorage, Gabon on 02 May 2023.

The vessel was boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators who reportedly kidnapped three crew members.

It was also further reported that the suspected perpetrators were not spotted by the rest of the remaining crew members onboard.

It is recommended that all Liberian vessels operating in the Gulf of Guinea extending as far west to the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire and as far south to the Republic of Congo implement all necessary security and anti-piracy measures equivalent to security level 2 in the approved Ship Security Plan, exercise extreme vigilance, and proceed with caution during transit/operation in this area. Owners, operators and Masters are urged to register with Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade-Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG) upon their vessel entering its voluntary reporting area and to report suspicious activity and incidents of piracy and armed robbery in a timely manner by contacting the MDAT-GoG by phone at +33 (02) 98 22 88 88, or by email to watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org.

Please refer to [Marine Security Advisory - 01/2022](#) for additional information on the Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom, and Reporting of Incidents.

Please keep LISCRC's Security Department informed of any security incidents at:

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