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The IMCA HSSE Security Committee continues to work to raise awareness of security issues that can potentially harm member companies. The HSSE Security Committee concerns itself with two main areas. The first and main focus is 'traditional' maritime security, the threat posed to our members' crews and ships, from piracy, criminality or terrorism. The second is the more general threat of cyber security, which potentially affects us all - all individuals and all organisations.

Information provided in this regular Security Bulletin is intended to be used by members to either directly pass on to employees or use the material it contains as part of an existing company security awareness programme.

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## IMCA Security Committee Bulletin

For this briefing we have provided a short update on developments in Mozambique, as well in as the Gulf of Guinea.

### Mozambique

Members will be aware of the deteriorating security situation in the Cabo Delgado of northern Mozambique, offshore of which a number of IMCA members are known to have operations. Just before Easter there was a significant worsening of this situation when a number of people were killed by Islamist insurgents in an assault on Palma, close to Total's LNG site in the Cabo Delgado Province.

The continuing insurgency in Cabo Delgado Province poses a significant security, economic, and humanitarian threat to Mozambique. IMCA understands that the security situation remains uncertain. The fighting has resulted in dozens of casualties. Evacuations have continued, by boat, helicopter and road convoy, and at least one convoy transporting civilians out of the area has been ambushed.

IMCA understands that the situation is not likely to improve in the next six months, with consequent further security risk nearby, risk of robbery, kidnapping, and hijacking of small vessels in local territorial waters, and continued clashes between insurgents and the Mozambican military, which, it is understood, lacks the capabilities to deal with the insurgency.

The insurgency poses a significant threat to Mozambique's natural gas industry, blocking multiple major construction projects for LNG facilities. Three of Africa's largest natural gas projects are located in Cabo Delgado province with a total value equalling approximately \$60 billion. Total has suspended construction operations locally because of the deteriorating security situation.

### Gulf of Guinea

Piracy, particularly kidnap-and-ransom attacks, in the Gulf of Guinea remains a serious concern. IMCA understands that the root causes of piracy in the area, particularly in the Niger Delta, is unlikely to change any time soon. Effective counter-piracy efforts from Nigeria may be seen as very important in dealing with the threat in the area.

The ever-increasing threat faced by those operating in the Gulf of Guinea has led the OCIMF Maritime Security Committee to produce a set of **Gulf of Guinea Bridge Cards** intended as a quick reference during time of tension. These can be found here: <https://www.ocimf.org/news/news-articles/gulf-of-guinea-bridge-cards>. For further information please contact OCIMF's Security Adviser, Russell Pegg at [russell.pegg@ocimf.org](mailto:russell.pegg@ocimf.org).

Intelligence and information shareable within the IMCA membership since the last bulletin includes the following:

Date	Source	Information
08-Jan	MICA (France)	<i>Piraterie et brigandage maritimes dans le monde</i>
18-Jan	OCIMF	GoG Bridge Cards
31-Jan	DNK IOC	MONTHLY THREAT ASSESSMENT – February 2021
09-Feb	IMO	IMO Circular 4381 relating to Mexico
10-Feb	DNK IOC	CW 16 Hormuz alert
10-Feb	DNK IOC	CW 17 Gabon threat level raised
10-Feb	DNK IOC	Capo Delgado, Mozambique
19-Feb	DNK IOC	Gulf of Guinea piracy threat the next five to ten years
25-Feb	Clearwater Dynamics	Gulf of Oman vehicle carrier explosion
28-Feb	DNK IOC	MONTHLY THREAT ASSESSMENT – MARCH 2021
01-Mar	IRTA	IRTA Arabian waters as of 1 March 2021
01-Mar	IoM Registry	Security Advisory Information recent events in the Gulf of Oman
02-Mar	OCIMF/IMO	A.871(20) GUIDELINES ON...SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF STOWAWAYS
02-Mar	ICS/IMO/UNHCR	A GUIDE TO PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE AS APPLIED TO REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
05-Mar	DNK IOC	The ABU SAYYAF GROUP in the SULU SEA
12-Mar	DNK IOC	The Mozart K&R Attack
30-Mar	industry	Various information relating to the situation at Palma, Mozambique
31-Mar	DNK IOC	Monthly Threat Assessment April 2021

Committee members can find this information on SharePoint.

The IMCA Security Committee meets quarterly and consists of security and safety professionals from a range of IMCA members, as well as representatives from other industry organisations. The Committee is a sub-committee of the IMCA Health, Safety, Security & Environment (HSSE) Core Committee. Further information on the security committee including a list of members, can be found at <https://www.imca-int.com/committees/hsse/security/>.

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