

Geollect Comment:

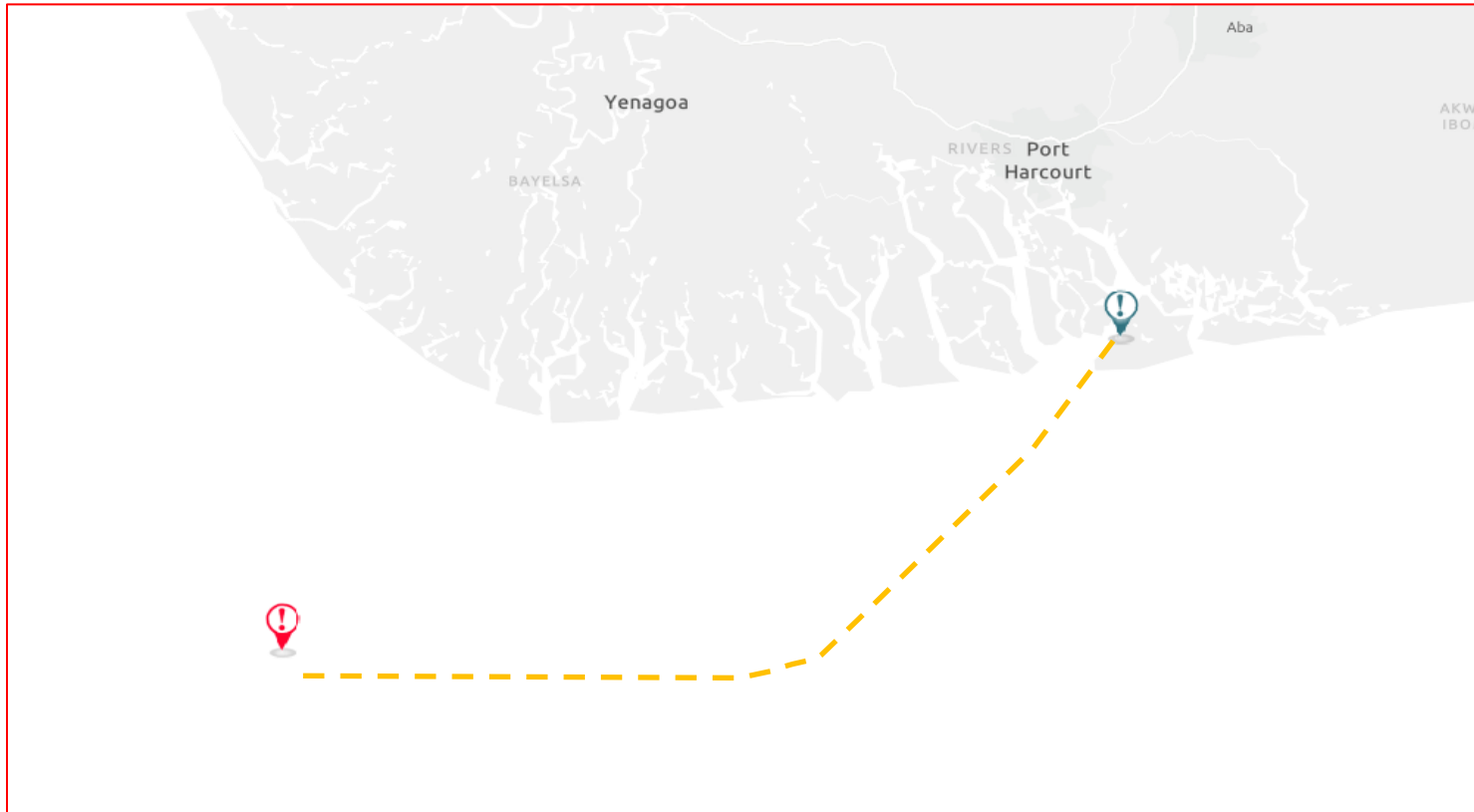
A container ship has reportedly been attacked whilst underway in a position approximately 75nm WSW of Bonny, Nigeria in the Gulf of Guinea. Initial reports suggest a black speedboat with a white flag and 15 armed pirates onboard fired upon the vessel before moving away. The Nigerian authorities are aware and further reporting suggests the vessel has an onboard security team who returned fire resulting in the attack dissipating. **Geollect Comment Ends.**

Geollect Assessment:




The vessel remains unidentified, however, an assessment was carried out on vessels in the vicinity and based on time and position in relation to container vessels in the area; it is assessed to likely be the MSC GRACE, a container vessel en-route to Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

The vessel has been conducting a container service connecting Gulf of Guinea states, which highly likely explains the use of an armed security team to carry out this task effectively.

The vessel was last associated with a position 2nm NNE of Bonny, tracking towards Port Harcourt at 1030 UTC 22 Jan. **Geollect Assessment Ends.**



Legend

-  **Approximate position of Attack**
-  **Current Position of MSC GRACE**
-  **AIS Track of MSC GRACE**

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