MARITIME SECURITY CENTRE INDIAN OCEAN (MSCIO)

Weekly Report 01/2025

Period 24th-30th Jan 25

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All reports to be found on **www.mscio.eu,** clicking **"Reporting"** menu.

Ships operating within the **UKMTO* Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA)** are strongly encouraged to submit reports to both UKMTO and MSCIO when entering the VRA, while transiting, or when alongside or at anchor.

In the event of an incident, we kindly request you to provide **Incident Reports and Ship After-Action Reports** to both UKMTO and MSCIO. These reports are invaluable in enhancing the accuracy and effectiveness of our assessments.

For support from **EUNAVFOR operations**, please complete the Support Request Form available on the MSCIO website.

Contact Details (24/7):

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All relevant details can be accessed at **www.mscio.eu**

UKMTO* Voluntary Registration Area (VRA)

WEEKLY THREAT ASSESMENT

Red Sea:
Piracy: LOW

Gulf of Aden:
Piracy: LOW

Somali Basin:
Piracy: MODERATE

Arabian Peninsula and Strait of Hormuz:
Piracy: LOW

CHRONOLOGY OF INCIDENTS AND EVENTS

- **30/11/2024**

  FV "LIAO DING YU 578"

  Chinese flag
  Armed robbery
  Ship released as of 15/01/2025.
  All crew safe.

  ### Type of Threat - Map Legend*

  - Attack
  - Attempted boarding
  - Boarding
  - Hijack
  - Kidnap
  - Piracy
  - Armed robbery
  - Suspicious activity
  - Maritime Crimes

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* According to Best Management Practices, see next page

**Heat Map Source:
Marine Traffic**

Best Management Practices Definitions and abbreviations
Maritime agreed LEXICON

Category	BMP Definition	EUNAVFOR ATALANTA Additional Considerations
Attack	Aggressive approach with weapons discharged.	Does not require weapons discharge; considers violence-related actions. Subcategorizes attacks into: 1. Suspected Terrorism: Violence for political/religious/ideological aims (claimed) 2. Suspected Conflict-related: Violence linked to declared conflict 3. Suspected Armed Robbery/Piracy Attack: Violence for private ends, typically involving use of weapons and/or piracy-related equipment. 4. Unknown: Unclaimed, nature unclear
Attempted Boarding	Close approach with visible boarding paraphernalia, thwarted by defensive measures.	No additional categorization
Boarding	Boarding with intent to steal or harm without taking control.	No additional categorization
Hijack	Attackers take control of a ship against the crew's will for purposes such as robbery, cargo theft, or kidnapping.	No additional categorization
Kidnap	Unauthorized forcible removal of persons from the vessel.	No additional categorization
Piracy	As per UNCLOS Article 101: Illegal acts on high seas, Against ship/persons outside state jurisdiction, Operating pirate vessel, Facilitating such acts	No additional categorization
Armed Robbery	As per IMO Resolution A.1025(26): Acts within state waters, including violence/detention/depredation.	No additional categorization
Suspicious Activity	Unaccountable actions including: Unusual crew numbers, CPA considerations, Unusual equipment, Multiple skiffs, Unusual vessel type, High-speed operations, Unmanned appearance	No additional categorization
Maritime Crimes	Basic categorization: 1. Sea theft (without violence) 2. Sea robbery (with violence/arms)	Expands categories to include: 1. Kidnap/Human Trafficking 2. Sea Theft/Robbery 3. Smuggling (Human, weapons, narcotics, cargo). 4. IUU Fishing. 5. Maritime Pollution 6. Sabotage. 7. Cyber Attacks. 8. Underwater Cable Tampering. 9. Other (disputes, harassment)

NEW MSCIO RUNNING PROCEDURES (I)

We have **changed our old mschoa registration form**. Now ships should follow this process:

Initial Report: By **clicking on** MSC IO | Initial Report you send

the **initial registration** details

throughout our secure mscio website

Initial Report

Please, complete the following Ship Initial VRA Report Form.

Also, you can send the following document to the e-mail address   postmaster@mscio.eu

Support Request: By clicking on MSC IO | Support Request you send

the support request with details

if you need protection or

monitoring during your **VRA transit**

Support Request

Please, complete the following EU NAVFOR Support Request Form.

Also, you can send the following document to the e-mail address postmaster@mscio.eu.

NEW MSCIO RUNNING PROCEDURES (II)

Incident Report: By **clicking on** MSC IO | Incident Report you send

details if you have a remarkable

incident, approach or attack

during your **VRA transit**

Incident Report

Please, complete the following Ship Incident Report Form.

Also, you can send the following document to the e-mail address   postmaster@mscio.eu

Final Report: By **clicking on** MSC IO | Final Report you send

the report that you are exiting

or about to **exit the VRA**

Final Report

Please, complete the following Final VRA Report web Form.

In the meantime, you can send the following document to the e-mail address   postmaster@mscio.eu