



Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 048

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For General Use. This threat bulletin has been released to the Shipping Industry.

1. **Foreword.** This Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) has been written by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA. It is intended to help shipping operators who are responsible for merchant and large commercial fishing vessels that pass through or operate in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of an IRTB is to bring 3 specific events to the attention of the shipping industry that took place on the 2nd and 3rd November respectively.
3. **Incident.**
Event 1 – Suspicious Activity
Event 2 – No Maritime Security Event
Event 3 – Attempted boarding.
4. **Date/time.**
Event 1 – 02/11/2025 (1600hrs Somalia time).
Event 2 – 02/11/2025 (2000hrs Somalia time).
Event 3 – 03/11/2025 (0445hrs Somalia time).
5. **Location.**
Event 1 – Aprox. 360nm from Mogadishu (Pos 00-21S 050-58E)

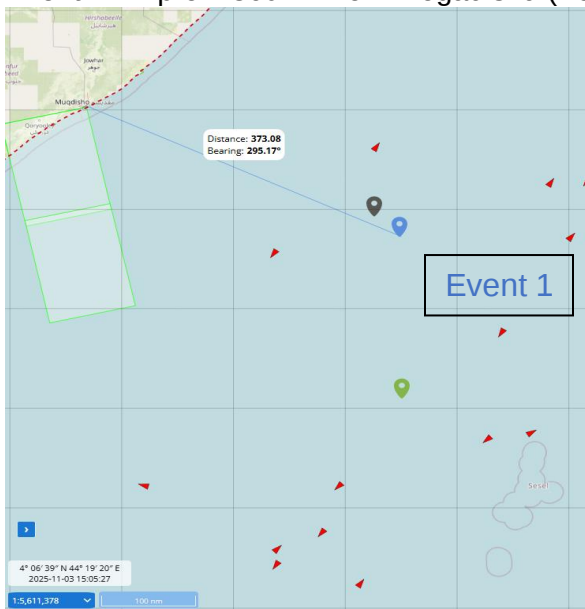


Figure 1. Event 1 position and distance from Mogadishu.

Event 2 – Aprox 446nm from Mogadishu (Pos 03-36S 051-01E)

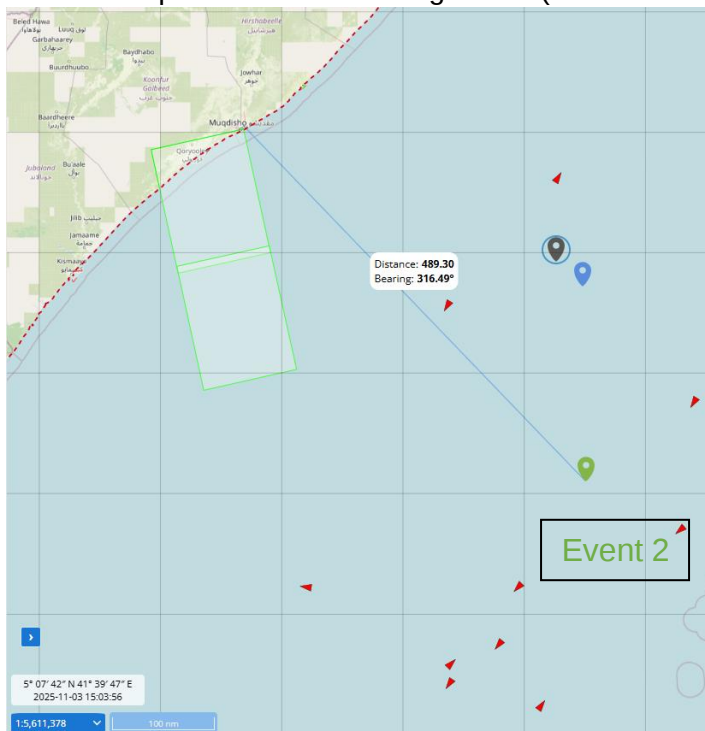


Figure 2. Event 2 position and distance from Mogadishu.

Event 3 – Aprox. 330nm from Mogadishu (Pos 00-03N 050-31E)

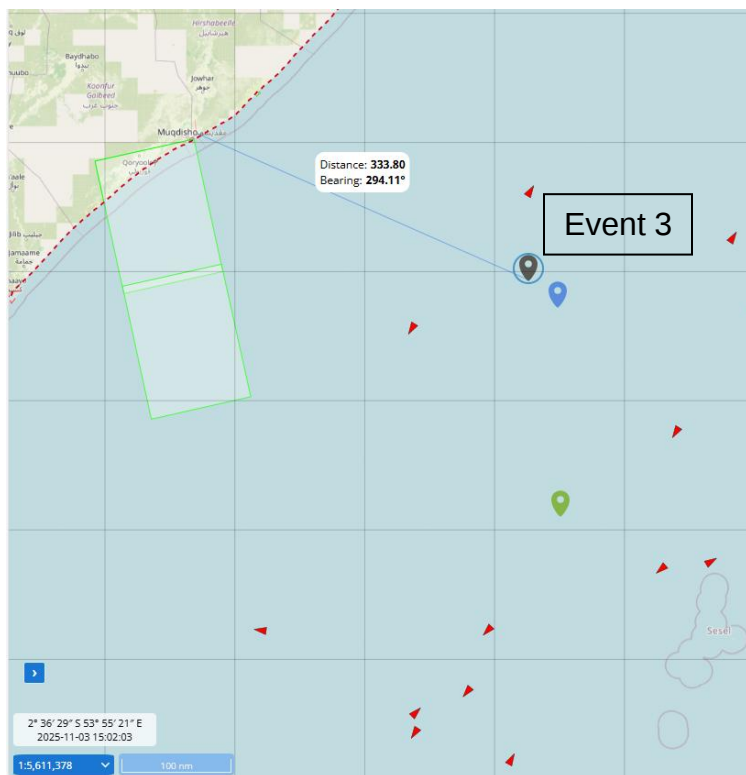


Figure 3. Event 3 position and distance from Mogadishu.

6. Incident Description.

Event 1 – 02/11/2025 (1600hrs Somalia time). FV INTERTUNA TRES (Flag Seychelles) reported that a high speed skiff was approaching their stern. The skiff came from a mother vessel with AIS 'ISSAMOHAMADI2'. FV INTERTUNA TRES sounded warning burst and the skiff immediately turned around to the mother ship.

Event 2 – 02/11/2025 (2000hrs Somalia time). MV SPAR APUS (Flag Norway) reported a boat that approached them with 15kts. Boat had no AIS and were not answering to VHF calls. MV SPAR APUS changed course to 170 and increased speed to 30kts to increase her distance from the suspicious vessel.

Event 3 – 03/11/2025 (0445hrs Somalia time). MV STOLT SAGALAND (Flag Cayman Islands) reported that 4 unauthorised persons attempted to board his vessel from a small craft. There was a mother ship 5nm from their position. Persons on board the small craft shoot several rounds from AK47 type weapon towards the MV. The PAST (security forces) on board MV STOLT SAGALAND started to shoot back and the small craft abandoned the attempt of boarding.

7. Vessel's Details

Vessel name	Vessel Flag
FV INTERTUNA TRES	Seychelles
MV SPAR APUS	Norway
MV STOLT SAGALAND	Cayman Islands

8. Assessment.

Event 1 – Under investigation. There are not enough data to support there was a PAG activity.

Event 2 – The data collected indicating **no** PAG activity

Event 3 – The data collected indicating PAG activity. Specifically attempted boarding. It is HIGHLY LIKELY that the Iranian Hijacked Dhow reported on 28/10/25 (see IRTB 047) was used as the mother vessel for this event. The Iranian dhow is probably named ISSAMOHAMADI and is not shining AIS.

9. **Recommendations. Vessels are advised to avoid area depicted in figure 4 below (100nm radius from event 3, as a PAG is considered active in that area).** Vessels are requested to remain vigilant and to adhere to BMP Maritime Security when transiting the Western Indian Ocean and the Somali waters. While these waters are routinely patrolled by CMF, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and other warships, the timely and comprehensive reporting of incidents and suspicious activity remains crucial to allow for a rapid incident response. We request that, where possible, and without endangering the vessel or crew, vessels obtain and report as much factual details as possible of incidents and suspicious activity to include logs, photographs, video, and radar footage. CSO's and masters are strongly recommended to register their vessels with MSCIO when entering the Voluntary Reporting Area and to report any incidents to

UKMTO in accordance with BMP Maritime Security. This will enable a more rapid response to incidents and allow CMF and EUNAVFOR ATALANTA to monitor activity, enabling the most effective allocation of resources. CSOs are recommended to gather information on known Pattern of Life and Maritime Domain Awareness along the intended route and ports of call when conducting risk assessments for their fleets.

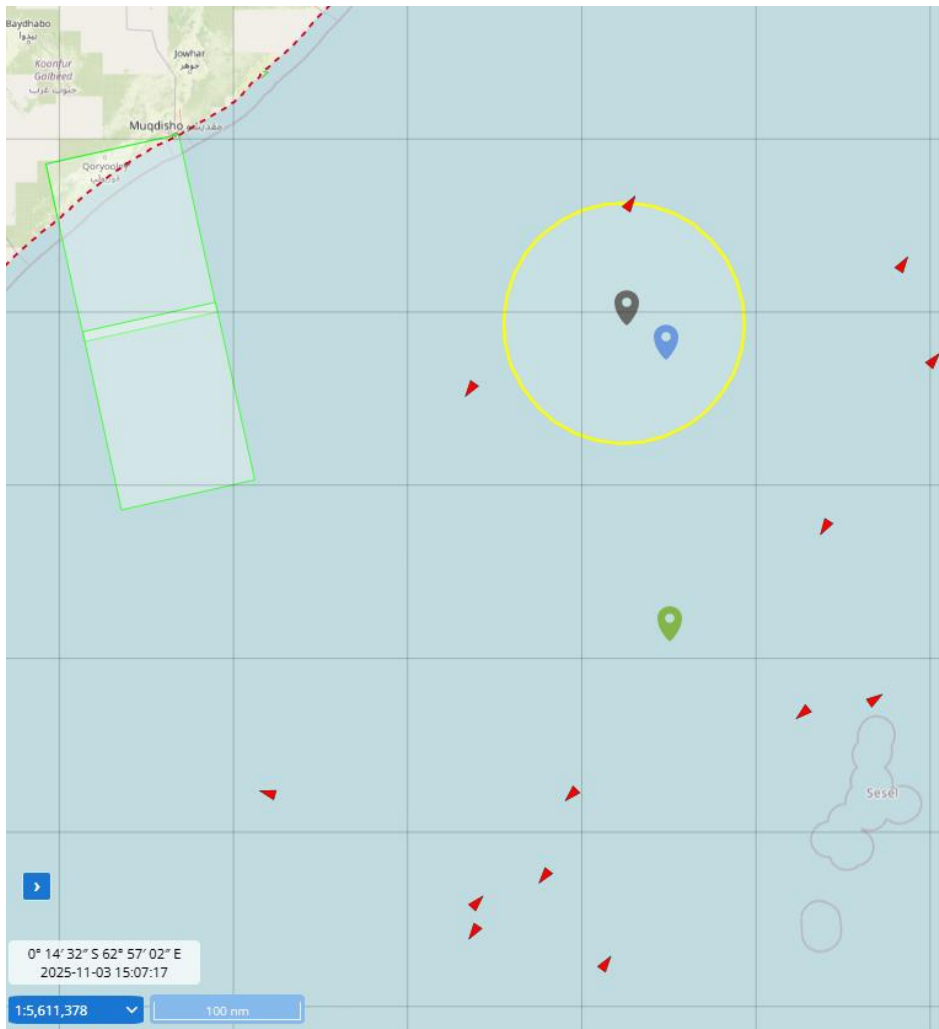


Figure 4. 100nm Radius from Event 3 Pos 00-03N 050-31E.

10. Threat Assessment for Piracy, as per Figure 5.

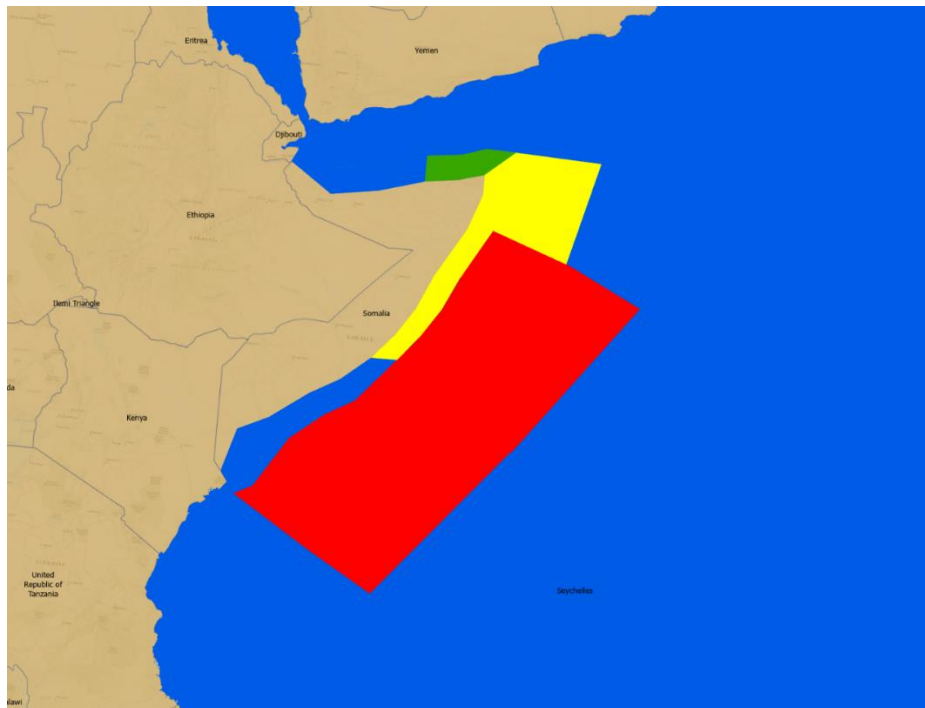


Figure 5. Piracy threat assessment Map

THREAT ASSESSMENT	BENIGN	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE	CRITICAL
YARDSTICK	An attack is HIGHLY UNLIKELY (10% – 20%)	An attack is UNLIKELY (>25% – 35%)	An attack is a REALISTIC POSSIBILITY (40% – <50%)	An attack is LIKELY / PROBABLE (55% – <75%)	An attack is HIGHLY LIKELY (80% – 90%)	An attack is ALMOST CERTAIN (>95%)

11. Publication.

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- b. Published by MSCIO.

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