





MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

05th Dec – 11th Dec

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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)



CATEGORY	No.	Page Ref.
Armed Robbery	Nil	NSTR
Attack	Nil	NSTR
Attempted Boarding	Nil	NSTR
Boarding	Nil	NSTR
Hijack	Nil	NSTR
Kidnap	Nil	NSTR
Piracy	Nil	NSTR
Suspicious Activity	2	Page 2⁽¹⁾ Page 3
Other Maritime Crimes	Nil	NSTR
Total Incidents	2	

¹ This event has finally not been considered as related to maritime security, therefore alert in MSCIO website has been deactivated.



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

1.1. TYPE OF INCIDENT: Event was downgraded from ATTACK to SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY and finally classified as non-maritime security event.

1.2. PERIOD: 05 DEC 0330 UTC.

1.3. LOCATION: Bab El Mandeb Strait (BeM).

2. VESSELS DETAILS.

2.2. ATTACKING VESSEL.

Several skiffs with 3-4 people on board.

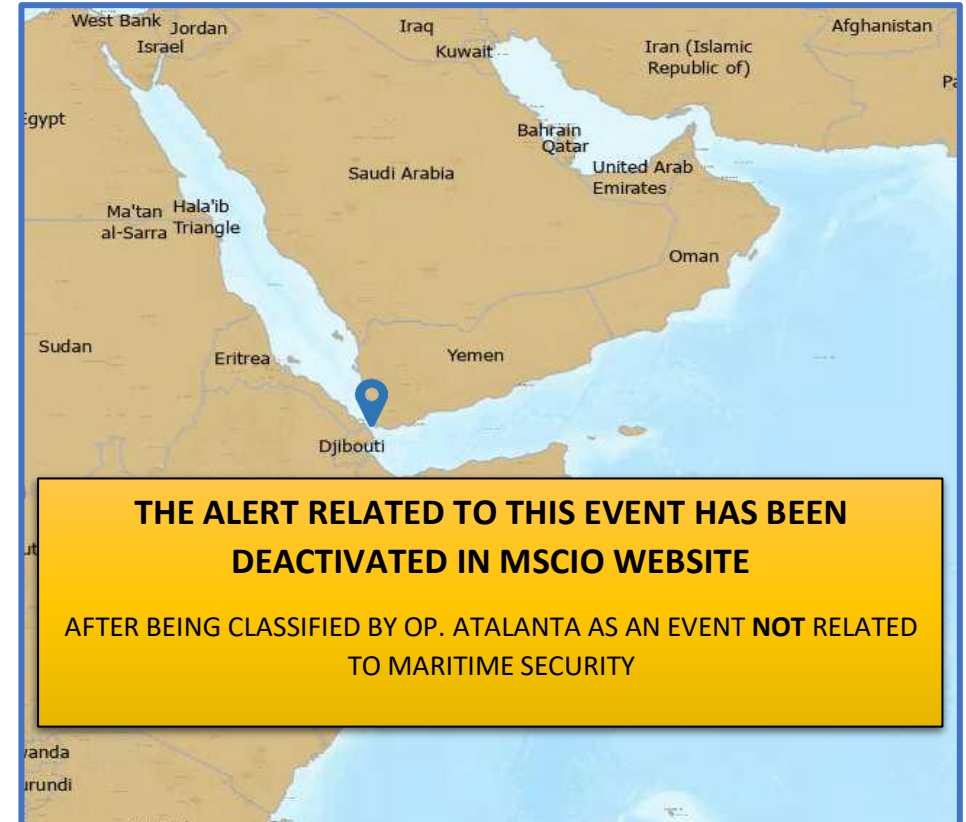
3. RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE EVENT.

On 5th Dec, MSCIO received the report of a MV claiming to be under attack from a group of skiffs while she was transiting BeM Strait and that her security team on board (PAST) had opened fire. The ship and the crew were reported to be safe and proceeding with their transit.

After further investigation, this event was downgraded to suspicious activity.

Finally, available information indicated that the event was likely the result of a misperception between local fishing activity and the vessel's onboard security team, with no evidence linking the incident to piracy or any organized hostile group. Therefore, the event has been eventually classified as non-related to maritime security.

For additional information regarding seasonal fishing in this area refer to [014 JMIC Advisory Note Seasonal fishing in GoA BAM and Red Sea.](#)



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JMIC:

[JMIC Information Note 127](#)

[JMIC Week 49 Dashboard 1 - 7 Dec 25](#)



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

1.1. TYPE OF INCIDENT: Event downgraded from ATTACK to SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

1.2. PERIOD: 06 DEC 0745 UTC.

1.3. LOCATION: Eyl Coast, Somalia.

2. VESSELS DETAILS.

2.2. ATTACKING VESSEL.

Skiff with 6 people on board.

2.3. ATTACKED VESSEL.

Dhow "AL SAFA".

3. RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE EVENT.

On 6th Dec, MSCIO received a report stating that a dhow was being attacked by a skiff with 6 persons on board (POB) and armed with AK47s, off the Eyl Coast (Somalia), while en route from Kismayo to Berbera.

After further investigation event has been downgraded to **suspicious activity**. Available information indicates that the incident was likely a tense interaction from local fishermen towards the dhow with no evidence linking the incident to piracy.



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MSCIO WEBSITE. USEFUL LINKS

To know more about different maritime security threats, please access to the following links:

[MSC IO | Useful Links](#)

1. General Maritime Security:

[MSC IO | General Maritime Security](#)

2. Maritime Terrorism:

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3. Piracy Information:

[MSC IO | Piracy Information](#)

4. Illegal Traffic and Fishing

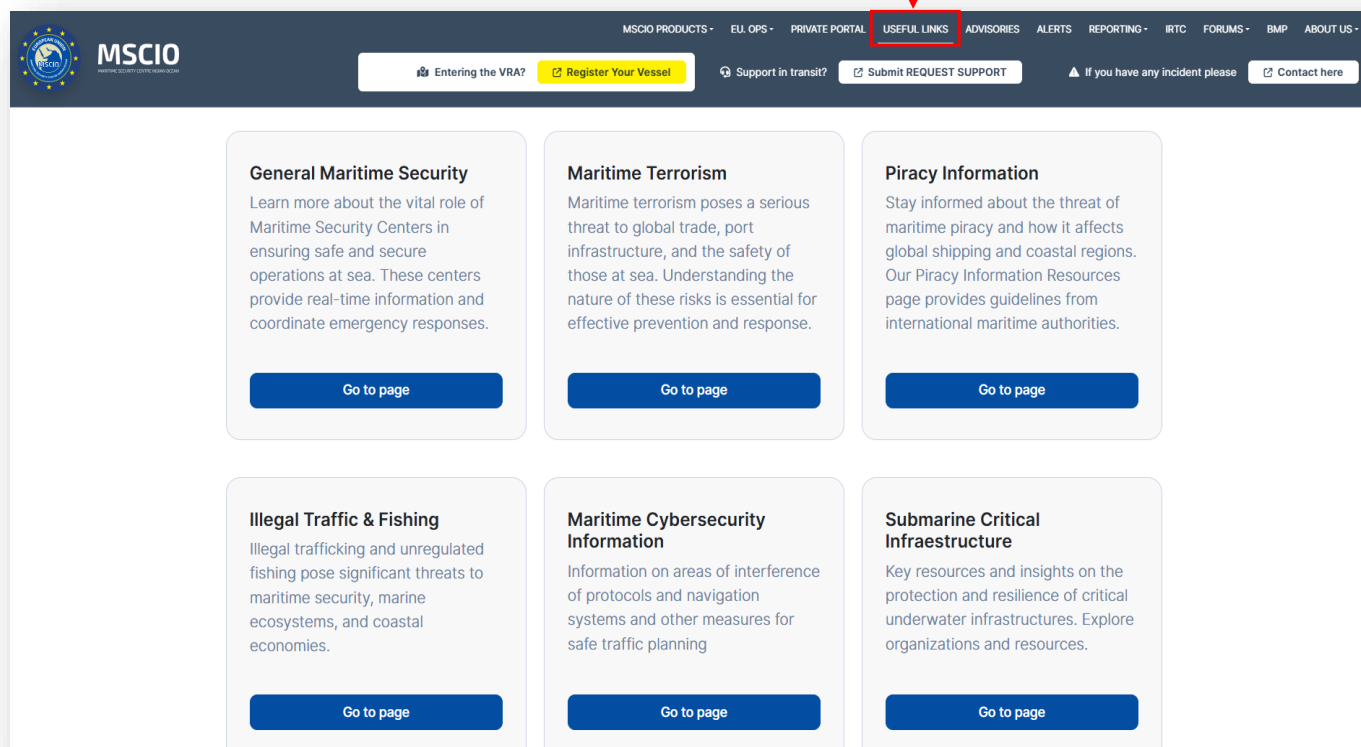
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5. Maritime Cybersecurity Information.

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6. Submarine Critical Infrastructure.

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LAST PIRACY RELATED EVENTS (STATUS AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION)

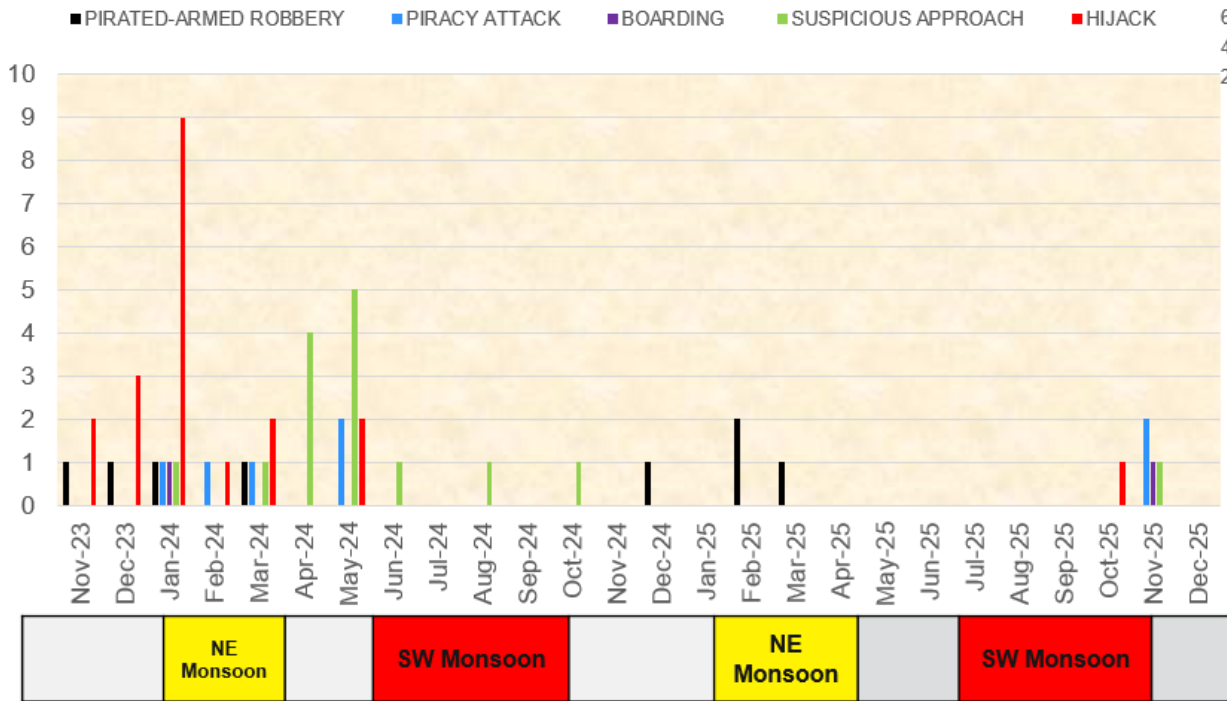
No	Date	Name	MSE Category	Last info.
45	7 FEB	FV AL NAJMA	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked dhow ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 12 Feb, the hijackers left the dhow. No information of any ransom paid was confirmed.
46	15 FEB	FV SAYTUUN 2	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked vessel ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 22 Feb, the hijackers, after stealing the crew's belongings, abandoned the dhow. According to the owner, a ransom has been paid.
47	16 MAR	FV AL-HIDAYA	Armed Robbery	Hijack reported off the coast of "DURDURA" South of XAFUN, Somalia - 5 hijackers. After 5 days it was reported that the hijackers left the vessel. According to Yemeni authorities no ransom was paid. According to HUMINT, a ransom was paid.
48	28 OCT	FV 314055ISSAMOHAMDI	Armed Robbery	Hijack reported off the coast of Garacad. This event is linked to events 49, 50, 51 and 52 below.
49	02 NOV	FV INTERTUNA TRES	Piracy Attack	362nm East of Mogadishu, Master reports 4 unauthorized persons attempted to board his vessel using a skiff. The boarding was repelled by the PAST onboard who shot 2 warning shots.
50	03 NOV	MV STOLT SAGALAND	Piracy Attack	332nm East of Mogadishu, Master reports 4 unauthorized persons attempted to board his vessel using a skiff. The boarding was repelled by the PAST onboard which exchanged fire with the PAG.
51	06 NOV	MT HELLAS APHRODITE	Boarding	760nm East of Mogadishu. MT was boarded by PAG. Op Atalanta liberated the vessel on 07 NOV 25.
52	07 NOV	MT AL THUMAMA	Suspicious approach	714nm NE of Mogadishu (120NM North of event 51) Master reports being approached by a skiff with 3 POB. The MT managed to outrun the skiff.

● Solved or closed cases ● Active cases ● Unsolved cases

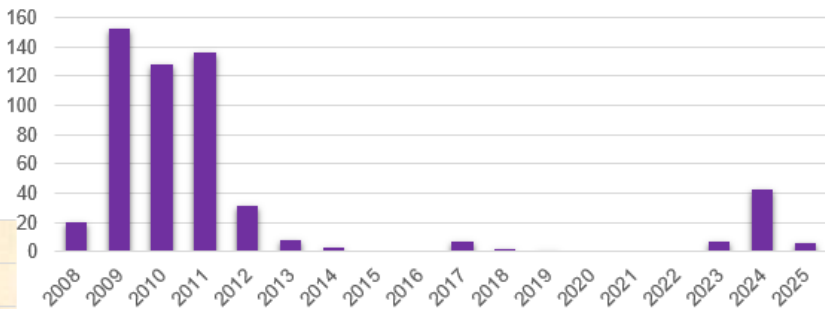


PIRACY STATISTICS (NOV 2023 – DEC 2025)

52 Events



PIRACY RELATED EVENTS



Pirated (Outside TTW) / Armed Robbery at sea (Inside TTW)

•PAG takes control of the ship and requests a ransom

Piracy Attack

•PAG unsuccessful attack on ship

Hijack

•Attackers boarded and taken control of a ship against the crew's will

Boarding

•Successful attack but pirates do not take control

Suspicious Approach

•Suspicious maneuvering with clear intentions to attack. (weapons clearly displayed)



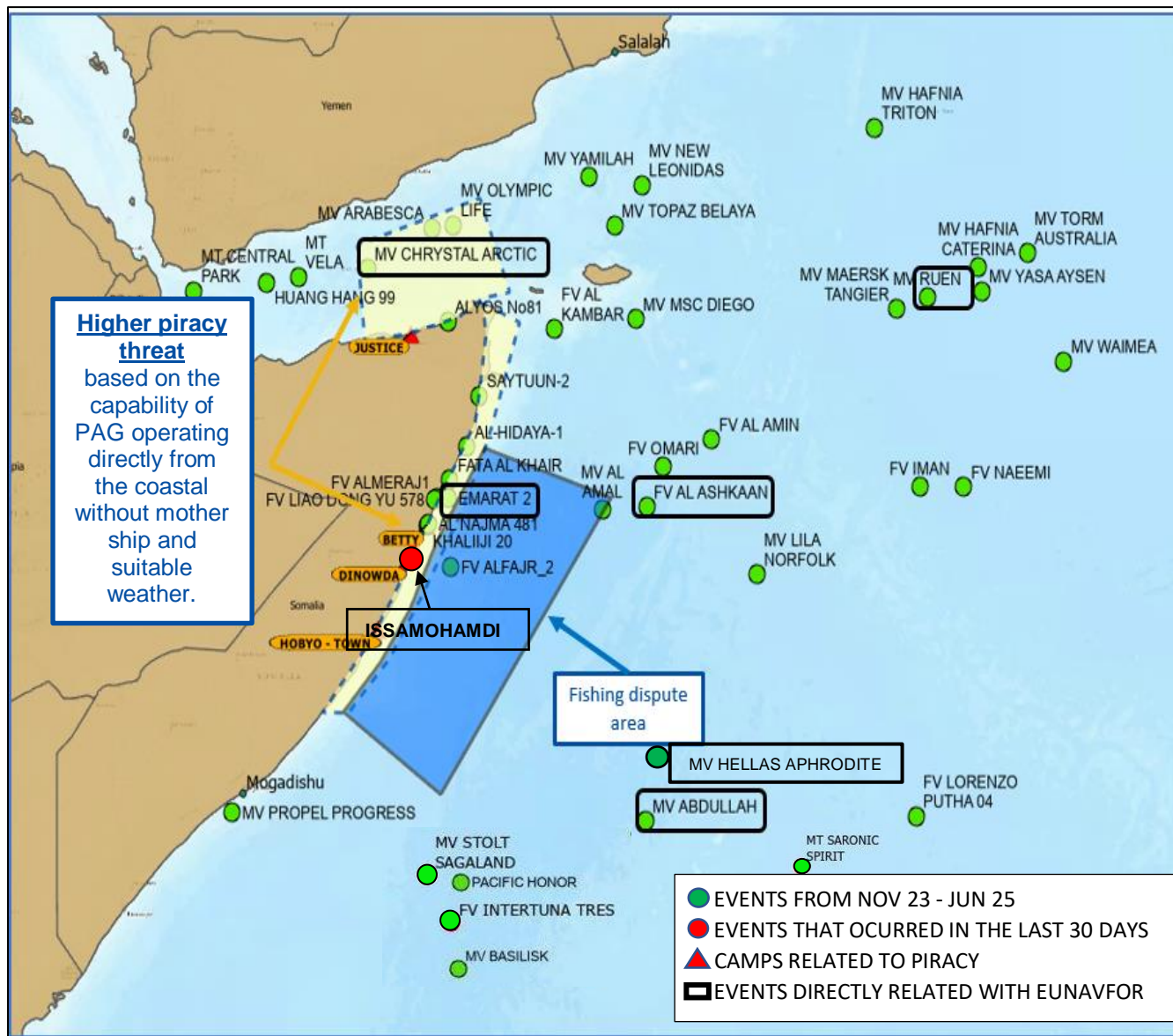
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PIRACY SITUATION (NOV 2023 – DEC 2025)



PIRACY ASSESSMENT

It is **ALMOST CERTAIN** that the PAG's tactics for conducting piracy on the high seas involve hijacking a dhow and using it as a mother ship. The pirates then blend in with the usual traffic and deploy skiffs from the mother ship to attack vessels. They are able to navigate to the high seas, with evidence of events up to up to 600 nautical miles off the East Somali coast.

Nevertheless, from November 2024 it is becoming increasingly common for a group of people to organise themselves, identify a vulnerable ship close to the coast and use skiffs to carry out an attack. These attacks typically target Yemeni fishing dhows. While there is no confirmed information, it is **HIGHLY LIKELY** that ransoms would have been paid.

On the other hand, that risk could be amplified if local fishermen turn into pirates as a consequence that no effective action is being taken from the authorities to safeguard Somali TTW from IUUF.

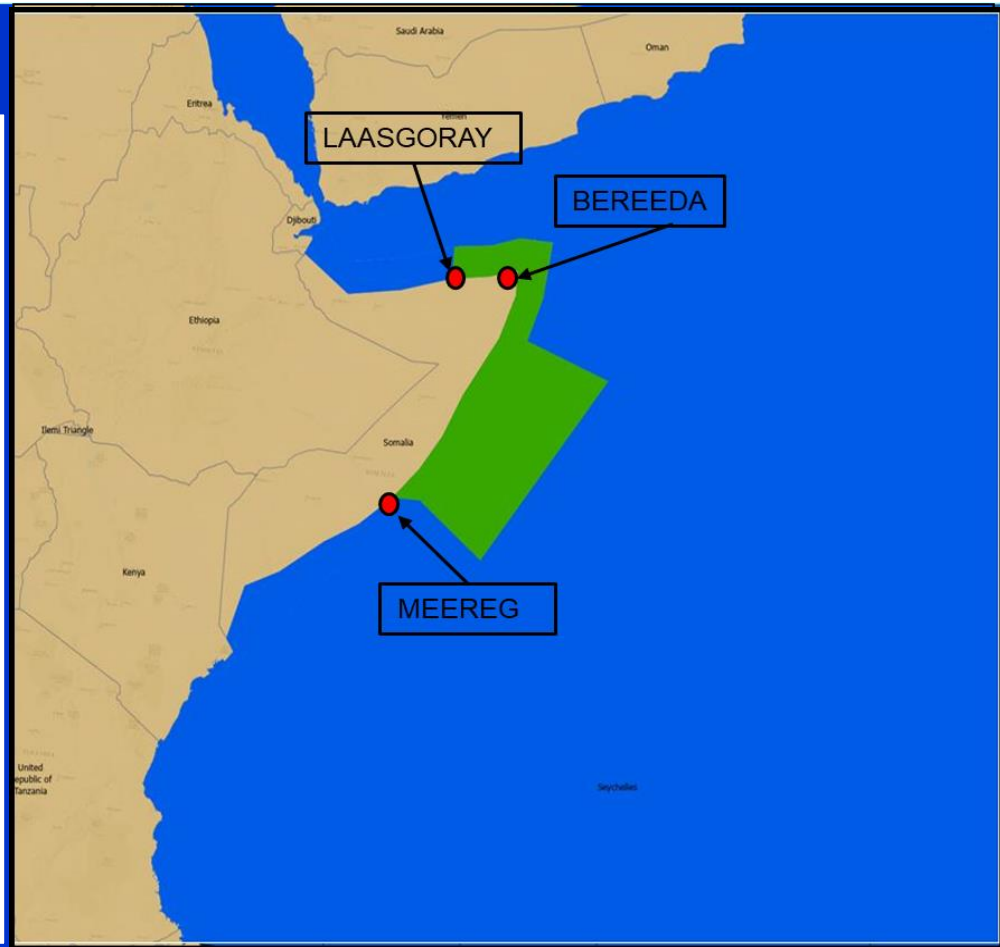


ATALANTA PIRACY THREAT UPDATE

PIRACY ASSESSMENT

The PIRACY Threat Assessment (TA) is determined as **LOW** in the GULF OF ADEN.

From LAASGORAY to BEREEDA and from BEREEDA to MEEREG remain **MODERATE**.



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%)



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REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

Registration and reporting.

CSO's and Masters are encouraged to register their vessels upon entering the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area with both:

- MSCIO (<https://mscio.eu/reporting/vessel-registration/>)
- UKMTO (<https://www.ukmto.org/reporting-formats/initial-report>)

And report all incidents to UKMTO and MSCIO.

When safe to do so, vessels should document incidents and suspicious activity through logs, photographs, video, and radar footage. CSOs should gather information on Pattern of Life and Maritime Situational Awareness for their planned routes and ports of call to support risk assessments. These procedures enable effective monitoring and resource allocation by CMF and EUNAVFOR ATALANTA.

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