



MSCIO ATALANTA
WEEKLY REPORT

13th Nov-20th Nov

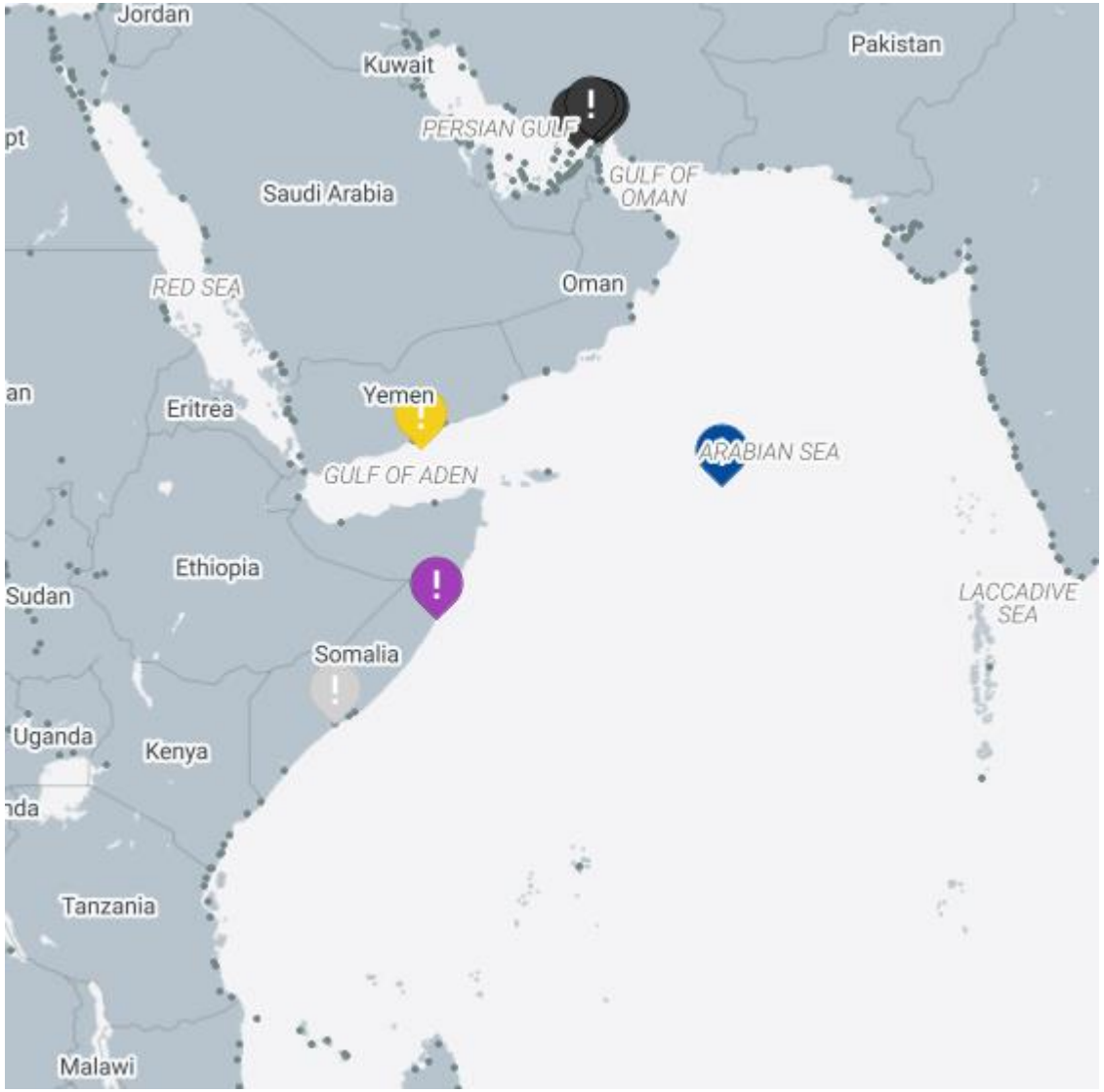
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)



CATEGORY	No.
Armed Robbery	1
Attack	6
Attempted Boarding	1
Boarding	Nil
Hijack	Nil
Kidnap	Nil
Piracy	1
Suspicious Activity	1
Other Maritime Crimes	Nil
Total Incidents	10

Strait of Hormuz and Arabian Gulf

- **ALERT 187/26 – Attack (18 November):** A tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile in the engine room while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz, approximately 6 NM north of Khasab, Oman. All crew members were reported safe and accounted for.

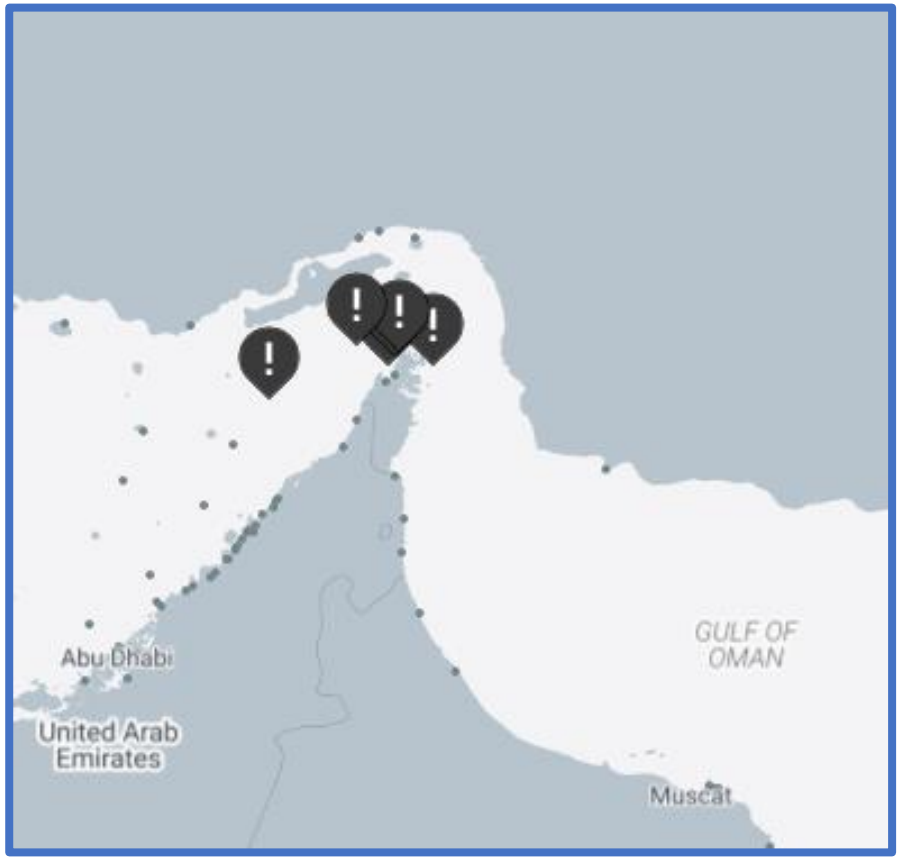
- **ALERT 186/26 – Attack (Time-late report):** A tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 13 NM north of Khasab, Oman, in the Strait of Hormuz. A fire broke out on board and was subsequently extinguished. One crew member was reported unaccounted for, and the vessel was under tow to port for damage assessment.

- **ALERT 184/26 – Attack (13 November):** A tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile while transiting eastbound through the Arabian Gulf, prior to entering the Strait of Hormuz. All crew members were reported safe and accounted for.

- **ALERT 183/26 – Attack (16 November):** A tanker was reportedly attacked approximately 7 NM north of Khasab, Oman, while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The incident resulted in loss of propulsion and a fire in the engine room. All crew members were reported safe.

- **ALERT 182/26 – Attack (16 November):** A tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz, resulting in a fire in the engine room. No casualties were reported, and all crew members were accounted for.

- **ALERT 180/26 – Attack (15 November):** A tanker was reportedly attacked while transiting eastbound through the Arabian Gulf, prior to entering the Strait of Hormuz, according to information provided by Indian Shipping Authorities. All crew members were reported safe and accounted for.



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Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea

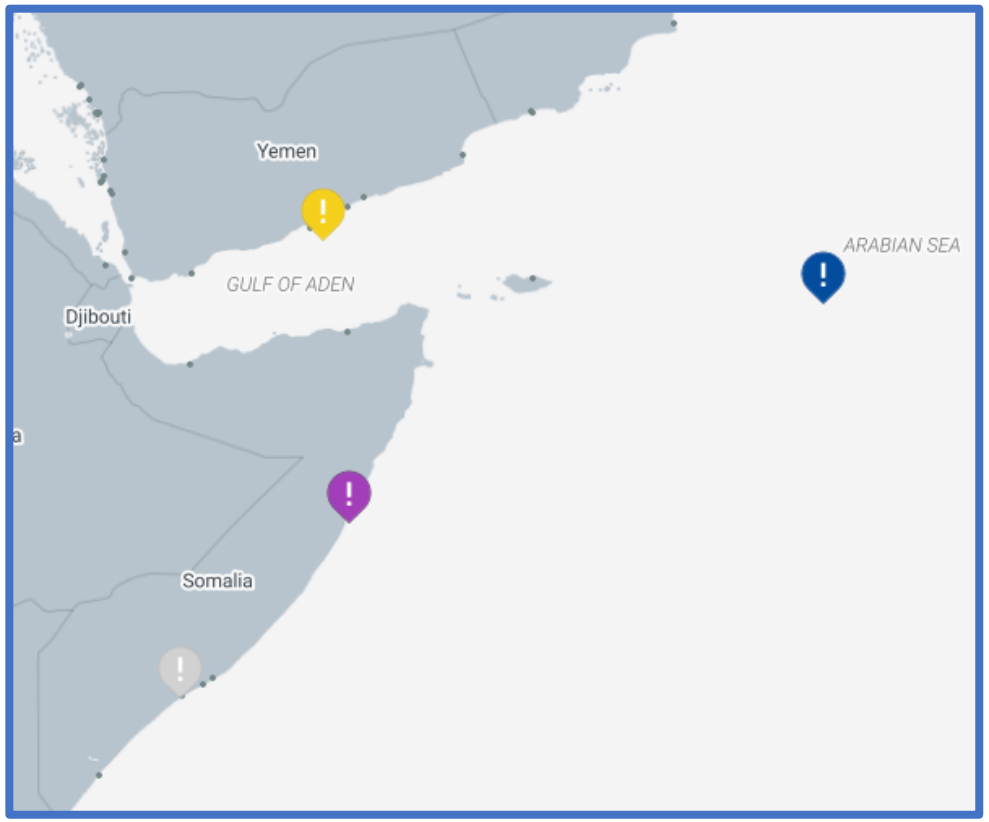
- **ALERT 185/26 – Attempted Boarding (17 November):** A vessel was reportedly approached by an armed skiff carrying ladders, approximately 50 NM southwest of Al Mukalla, Yemen. The vessel's armed security team reportedly fired a warning shot, causing the skiff to withdraw towards a reported mothership. Operation ATALANTA is investigating.

- **ALERT 181/26 – Suspicious Activity (16 November):** A merchant vessel was approached to approximately 0.5 NM by a skiff carrying four reportedly armed individuals and a ladder, approximately 450 NM east of Socotra Island. A possible mothership was observed 4 NM astern. The skiff reportedly withdrew after observing the vessel's armed security personnel.

Somali Coast

- **ALERT 179/26 – Armed Robbery (13 November):** A fishing vessel was reported hijacked and subsequently located within Somali territorial waters, approximately 67 NM northeast of Hobyo. Operation ATALANTA is investigating the incident as an armed robbery.

- **ALERT 78/26 – Piracy (UPDATE 02):** On 16 November, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA assets located and identified MT ASANA at position 01°40'N 044°44'E, following its previously reported hijacking by a Pirate Action Group.



ASSESSMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR AS/SoH/GoO

- The maritime security environment in the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman remains highly volatile. The regional threat level in the Strait of Hormuz is currently assessed as **SEVERE**, with deliberate hostile action considered highly likely under current conditions.

- Commercial traffic through the Strait of Hormuz remained at reduced levels, with vessels transiting via both the southern Omani corridor and the northern Iranian-controlled route. Operator caution persisted following previous attacks, and several companies continued to delay or reschedule passages.

- The risk of drifting or uncharted mines within and adjacent to the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) remains. Mine danger areas remain active, while GNSS interference and AIS anomalies continue to be consistently reported across the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Arabian Gulf.

- Merchant vessels should:

- Maintain heightened situational awareness throughout all approaches and transits.
- Expect increased VHF hails, surveillance activity and possible UAS overflights.
- Consider the operational implications of AIS transmission in accordance with company procedures and applicable regulations.
- Report suspicious activity or relevant information immediately to MSCIO and UKMTO.

ASSESSMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR RED SEA/BeM

• The maritime threat level in the Gulf of Aden, Bab el Mandeb and Southern Red Sea is currently assessed as **SUBSTANTIAL**, following the two confirmed Houthi attacks against a Saudi-flagged tanker. The incident demonstrated a renewed capability and willingness to target merchant shipping, and further attacks are assessed as a strong possibility.

• Commercial traffic continues to transit steadily through the Southern Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb.

• Houthi messaging continues to assert that the Bab el Mandeb is closed to Saudi-affiliated vessels, reinforcing hostile intent towards vessels perceived as linked to Saudi interests. Regional reporting indicates that missile and drone systems remain forward deployed near Bab el Mandeb, maintaining the capability to disrupt commercial shipping should regional tensions escalate.

• It is advised for merchant vessels to:
- Maintain navigation through international waters for as long as possible.
- Navigate closer to the African coastline where feasible and operationally appropriate.
- Maintain close coordination with MSCIO, UKMTO and relevant maritime security reporting centres.
- Conduct voyage-specific risk assessments and strictly adhere to BMP-MS.
- Review vessel affiliations, cargo exposure and ownership considerations prior to transit.
- Maintain enhanced vigilance and report suspicious activity immediately to MSCIO and UKMTO.

MARITIME SECURITY EVENTS RELATED TO PIRACY
(STATUS AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION FROM JAN 2026)

No	Date	Name	MSE Category	Last info.
53	03 FEB	FV AL-WALEED	Armed Robbery	Received a report from Yemen CG on 03 Feb, that a group of 4 armed men captured a Yemeni 8 meter boat (blue hull) on the coast of Hafun. One fisherman was on board during the capture but was later released. The boat is allegedly taken to Durdura coast. Boat size and engine are not coherent with piracy TTP.
54	24 MAR	AL WASEEMI 786	Pirated	Received a report that Iranian dhow "AL WASEEMI 786" with 19 crew members was pirated on the 19 of March approx 400nm from Mogadishu. The PAG group consisting of a number between 10 and 15pirates. No injuries reported. On 5th APR 26 the pirates disembarked the dhow and went inland to an UNKNOWN location. EUNAVOFOR ATALANTA conducted FA to ensure the crew safety and gather further information.

Solved or closed cases.
Active cases

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55	19 APR	FV ALKHAYR 2	Hijacked	PMPF informed via IORIS on 21 April that FV "ALKHAYR 2" was hijacked IVO Xaafuun on 19th April by 11 armed individuals (PAG). The FV was released on 21 Apr by the PAG.
56	21 APR (TBD)	MT HONOUR 25	Pirated	PMPF informed via IORIS on 21 April that FV "ALKHAYR 2" was hijacked IVO Xaafuun on 19th April by 11 armed individuals (PAG). On 21 Apr OHQ was informed that MT HONOUR 25 was pirated by the PAGAND and subsequently MT HONOUR 25 sailed ivo KULULE, SOMALIA where is currently anchored. ON 29 SEP 26 MT HONOUR 25 was released.5 crew members are reported dead and others injured.
57	22 APR	MV ELFRIEDE	Piracy attack	A small white fishing boat rapidly approach the MV. At approximately 600 metres warning shots were fired and the persons on-board the approaching boat returned fire. The craft then broke off, joined another FV and moved away both of them. The master of MV reports all crew is safe.
58	25 APR	CV FAHAD 4	Armed Robbery at Sea	EUNAVFOR ATALANTA received info from PMPF stating that it was hijacked by a PAG of 11 individuals IVO DHINOWDA (10NM off coast). ALMOST CERTAIN it has been involved in the suspicious approach towards the MT MINERVA PISCES on 28th APR. Released on 04 May 26 after ransom was paid.
59	26 APR	MV SWARD	Pirated	EUNAVFOR ATALANTA received a report from PMPF that MV SWARD was hijacked near GARACAD offshore area , outside TTW. Vessel owner informed PMPF. Subsequently the hijacked vessel sailed to SOMALIA where currently is anchored ivo CEEL DHAHANAAN, SOMALIA. On 11 SEP 26, ATALANTA was informed that MV SWARD has been released. All crew members are reported safe and well.
60	28 APR	MT MINERVA PISCES	Suspicious Approach/Activity	A suspicious Dhow crossed the MT from starboard to port at a CPA approx 1.2NM. A skiff was then sighted ahead and later approached from the starboard bow o a distance of approx 400m. All crew are safe and accounted for. MT continued sailing towards the next port of call.

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61	01 MAY	MV NEW VENTURE	Suspicious Approach/Activity	MSCIO received a report of an incident involving a MV, while sailing towards the IRTC. A suspicious skiff carrying approximately 7 armed people approached the vessel, closing to a distance of 10 meters approx. and reportedly demonstrating clear intent to board. After MV increased the speed and carried out defensive measures, the skiff aborted their approach.
62	02 MAY	MT EUREKA	Pirated	MSCIO received a report of a possible hijacking involving MT EUREKA, while at anchorage off QANA Port, SHABWA, YEMEN. Armed individuals boarded the vessel and took control. The vessel sailed to the Somalian coast and is currently anchored ivo FUNDHUC DULE, SOMALIA. ON 29 SEP26, MT EUREKA was reported as abandoned in COMANCHE Beach and all crew are reported safe on land.
63	23 MAY	EVENT 65 (MT)	Attempted Boarding	On 23 May 0215Z (86NM NNW of CAALULA), EVENT 65 (MT) reported that they were approached and followed by 1 skiff with 5 POB (after photo received, the actual number was found to be 7). The MT implemented BMP and PAST and attackers aborted their approach.
64	23 MAY	EVENT 66 (MT)	Attempted Boarding	On 23 May 0325Z (close posn to EVENT 65), EVENT 66 (MT)reported that they were approached by a skiff matching the same description from the previous report of EVENT 65. The MT implemented BMP and PAST and attackers aborted their approach.
65	23 MAY	EVENT 67 (MT)	Attempted Boarding	On 23 May 0728Z (close posn to events Nr 65 and 66), EVENT 67 (MT)reported that they were being approached by a skiff. The MT implemented BMP and PAST and attackers aborted their approach.
66	23 MAY	CD MASHA ALLAH 1 152	Attempted Boarding	On 23 May 1634Z (close posn to events Nr 65 5,66 and 67), the skiff approached this cargo dhow . Indian Navy intercepted the skiff which escaped back to Somalian coast.
67	10 JUN	MV MARIA F	Suspicious Approach/Activity	On 10 Jun 0342Z, a small craft with 6 armed POB approached the vessel and there was an exchange of fire between the small craft and vessel. No persons were reported injured, small craft turned away and MV MARIA F continued their destination to next Port of Call.

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68	15 JUN 26	MT VST AMARA	Piracy Attack	On 15 Jun 1335Z, MSCIO received a report of an incident involving a MT, while sailing towards the IRTC. A suspicious skiff carrying approximately 3 -5 armed people approached the vessel, and reportedly opened fire on the vessel using an RPG. The vessel implemented defensive measures and the attack was unsuccessful. No injuries or damages were reported.MT continued with its journey to its next Port of Call.
69	17 JUN 26	MT FAREEDA 5	Piracy Attack	On 17 Jun 1610Z, MSCIO received a report of an incident involving a MT, while sailing towards the IRTC. Two skiffs carrying unknown number of armed POB approached the vessel, and reportedly opened fire. The vessel implemented defensive measures and the attack was unsuccessful.MT continued with its journey to its next Port of Call , according to YCG one person of the crew was injured.
70	1 JUL 26	MV GOLDEN ARSENAL	BOARDING	On 01 JUL 26 0715Z, the MV reported that she was approached by a skiff carrying armed persons on board and possible RPG. Unconfirmed reports have been received from a nearby vessel about shots being fired upon the vessel. The crew entered the citadel, the POB the skiff using ladders boarded the MV but as they did not take control of the ship , they made some damages and they abandon the MV. The master of the MV exited from the citadel inspected the MV and send photos of the ship. INS warship approached but did not board. CMF warship approached the area but left.
71	1 JUL 26	MT JAL KISAN	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	On 01 JUL 26 1147Z, an MT reported that she was approached by a skiff carrying 4 armed persons on board. The vessel implemented defensive measures and the attack was unsuccessful. MT continued with its journey to its next Port of Call.

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72	17 JUL 26	MT ASANA	PIRATED	On 17th JUL 26 at 0630Z, MT ASANA was hijacked by a PAG of 5 armed persons at 65NM SW of MUKULLA, YEMEN. Afterwards, MT ASANA kept on sailing and the last known position on 19 JUL 26 was approx 19NM from BEREEDA, SOMALIA, while continuing to proceed towards SOMALI TTW. Operation Atalanta assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.
73	16 JUL 26	FD MAKRAN	PIRATED	On 16 JUL26, FD MAKRAN was possibly hijacked in east of Mogadishu. The details are unknown, however she was detected close to pirated MVs ivo Kulule, Somalia. Information has been received that this DHOW was released few days after a ransom was paid. On 23rd of July AIS was on and the dhow was sailing in GoA
74	16 JUL 26	UNKNOWN DHOW	PIRATED	On 16 JUL26, UNKNOWN DHOW was possibly hijacked in east of Mogadishu. The details are unknown, however she was detected close to pirated MVs ivo Kulule, Somalia. Information has been received that this DHOW was released few days after ransom was paid.
75	17 AUG 26	MV LUTUF	ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA	On 17 AUG 26 at 1136Z, MV LUTUF was hijacked by a PAG of at least 8 armed persons, 4.5NM South of MARAYA (EYL DISTRICT). On 29 AUG 26 MV LUTUF has been released, currently bound for expected NPOC as scheduled. All crew are reported to be safe.
76	20 AUG 26	MT SIBU 1	PIRATED	On 20 AUG 26 at 0600Z, MT SIBU 1 was hijacked by a PAG of 6 armed persons in posn 14-41N 051-27E. Operation Atalanta assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation. ON 25 SEP 26 MT SIBU1 was released. All crew are reported to be safe.

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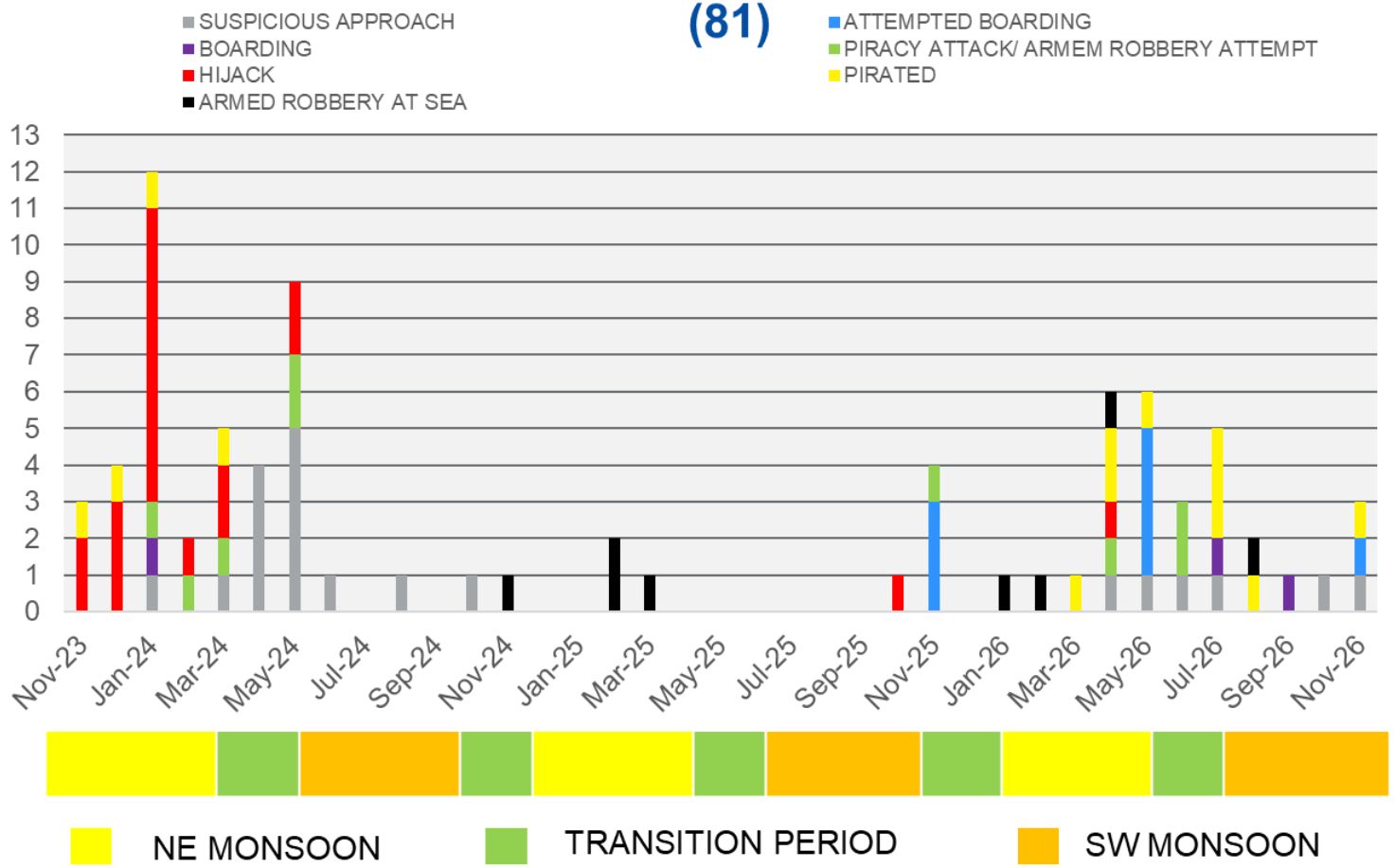
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77	10 SEP 26	MV GLAMOR	BOARDING	10 SEP 26 0900Z, MV GLAMOR was approached by a boat with approximately 6 armed persons on board, 38 NM Southwest of Balhaf, YEMEN. Crew proceeded to citadel MV GLAMOR confirmed armed persons on board, but armed personnel were unable to gain access to the citadel/engine room. After following checks, MV GLAMOR crew confirmed that unauthorized persons have disembarked. MV GLAMOR continued with its journey to NPOC. Crew is reported safe.
78	17 OCT 26	MT AL KHARSAAH	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	On 17 OCT 26 1147Z, MT AL KHARSAAH reported that she was approached by a skiff carrying 7 armed persons on board and fired 2 shots but no confirmations if they were aimed at the vessel/ The vessel implemented defensive measures and skiff altered course to North.. MT continued with its journey to its next Port of Call. All crew reported safe. No damages to the vessel were reported and no environmental impact.
79	29 OCT 26	FV AZINI	PIRATED	On 29 OCT 26, FV AZINI was hijacked by at least 10 pirates, 105NM East of Haafuun. On 02 NOV 26, ATALANTA confirmed that FV AZINI has been liberated by anti-piracy military forces. All 20 crew members reported safe.
80	16 NOV 26	MT CE BERMUDA	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	On 16 NOV 26, MT CE BERMUDA reported that she was approached by a light green coloured Mothership and a Skiff with 3/ 4 armed POB, along with a ladder. The vessel implemented defensive measures, and both Mothership and Skiff altered course. No damages to the vessel and continued with its journey.
81	17 NOV 26	Cargo Ship	ATTEMPTED BOARDING	On 17 Nov 26 1250Z, a Cargo Ship was approached by a blue/green skiff 25Nm off the coast of Yemen. Five suspected armed pirates were observed, together with weapons and a ladder. Warning shots were fired by the vessel armed security, and the skiff left the area. The suspects were observed to board another vessel. The Cargo Ship was later subjected to repeated approaches and pursuit by the skiff. No damages to the vessel were reported and continued with its journey.

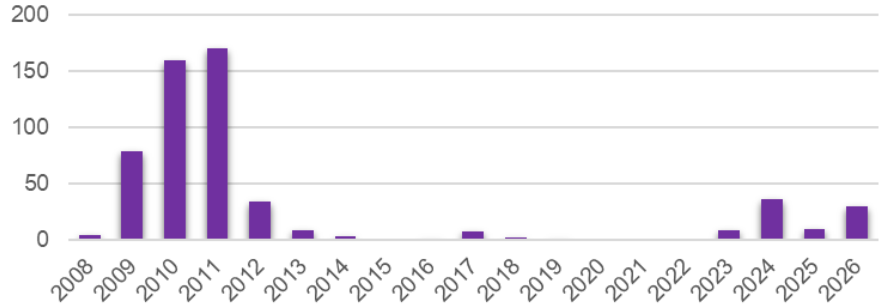
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PIRACY STATISTICS

PIRACY RELATED EVENTS FROM NOV 2023 (81)



PIRACY RELATED EVENTS FROM 2008



SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/ ACTIVITY

- Sudden changes of course towards the ship and aggressive behavior. CPA inside 1nm with clear intention to attack and/or weapons clearly displayed.

ATTEMPTED BOARDING

- An Act where the PAG failed to get onboard and gain control of the vessel or members of the crew. Boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approach.

BOARDING

- A boarding in which the attackers have boarded the ship but have NOT taken control.

PIRACY ATTACK/ ARMED ROBERY ATTEMPT

- Ship has been subject to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged. Also, paraphernalia/ tripwires related to piracy, hooks, ladders ect have been reported.

HIJACK

- Attackers have illegally boarded and taken control of a vessel at the high seas against the crew's will.

PIRATED

- A pirated vessel is a vessel subject to an act that falls under the UNCLOS Article 101 definition of piracy.

ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA

- Any illegal act of violence or detention within a state's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial seas.

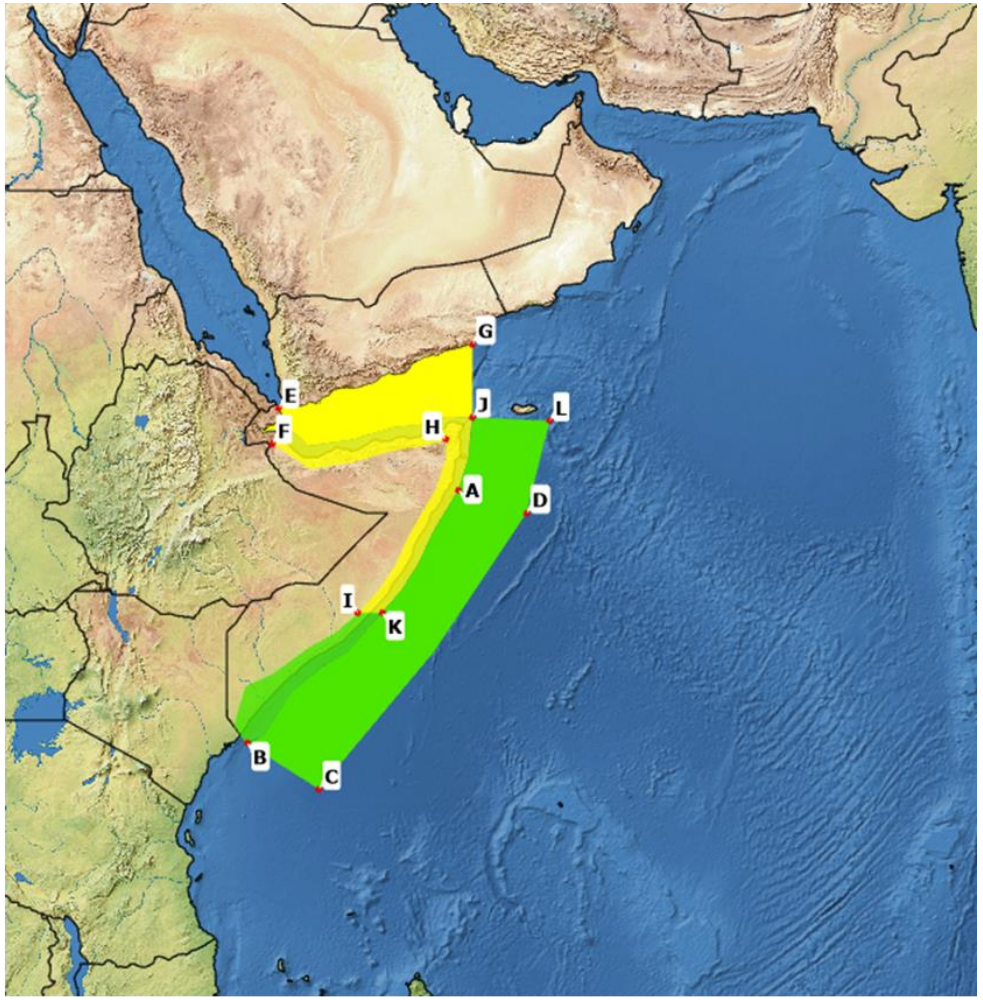
PIRACY THREAT ASSESSMENT

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(EU L) The PIRACY Threat Assessment (TA) is determined as:

- **SUBSTANTIAL** in areas E - H and H - K
- MODERATE in area BCJL
- **LOW** in the remaining areas.

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%)



REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

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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 to 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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MARITIME SECURITY CENTRE INDIAN OCEAN (MSCIO)

VOLUNTARY REPORTING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

WHY TO REPORT

- Improve Maritime Situational Awareness (MSA)
- Enable rapid information-sharing and coordination.
- Support vessels in High Risk Areas.
- Contribute to collective maritime security efforts.

WHAT TO REPORT

- Entry into the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).
- Daily position updates.
- Exit from the VRA or arrival at a safe port.
- Suspicious activity or incidents.
- Attacks, attempted or successful.

HOW TO REPORT

- Online: www.mscio.eu
- Email: postmaster@mscio.eu
- Copy UKMTO: watchkeepers@ukmto.com

BENEFITS OF REPORTING

- IMPROVED MONITORING AND PROTECTION DURING TRANSIT -

- ACCESS TO TIMELY THREAT ASSESSMENTS AND SECURITY ALERTS -

- ENHANCED COORDINATION WITH NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN THE REGION -

Your report strengthens maritime security across the Indian Ocean and Red Sea