





MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

21st Nov – 27th Nov

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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	1	Page 2
Other Maritime Crimes	Nil	NSTR
Total Incidents	1	



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

MSCIO received two separate reports of suspicious activity on **21st NOV**, approximately 550 NM southeast of Mogadishu, Somalia.

The first report stated that a vessel with no navigation lights was observed following a tanker and continued to do so even after the tanker increased speed; eventually, the vessel increased its distance and the tanker reported the situation as safe.

The second report stated that a vessel was detected on radar proceeding at high speed with no AIS transmission and navigation lights switched off. The high speed vessel later altered course to approach, prompting the MV general alarm and the crew to proceed to the citadel. After being illuminated by the ship's searchlight, the vessel reduced speed, altered course, increased the CPA, and passed astern at approximately 6 NM.

Following these reports, **MSCIO issued an alert advising vessels transiting the area to maintain enhanced vigilance.**



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MSCIO:
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OTHER REPORTS

The following report was received by MSCIO and was subjected to a thorough assessment. The analysis concluded that the event was not piracy-related. It is shared in this report for information and awareness purposes.

REPORT 1. 23 NOV.

A boat without AIS was detected by a MV and initially assessed to pass at close range. After the reporting ship altered course to increase separation, the boat approached again up to 1.6NM and was observed towing four skiffs, with possible crew transfer to one of them. The activity was eventually aborted and the vessel moved away, allowing the ship to resume her original course.



MSCIO ENCOURAGES MASTERS TO KEEP REPORTING ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OBSERVED WHILE TRANSITING THROUGH THE VRA TO MSCIO AND UKMTO.



MISSING DHOW LOCATED

On **24 November**, the Yemen Coast Guard reported a dhow missing during its transit to Socotra.

On **27 November**, **Operation ATALANTA** assets located the vessel while patrolling the area and conducted an assessment, finding the dhow without neither propulsion nor steering; however, the crew was reported to be safe.

Following coordination with the relevant authorities, **EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA**, under its mandate to protect vulnerable vessels, is providing assistance to support the dhow's arrival at a safe location.



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[MSC IO | General Maritime Security](#)

2. Maritime Terrorism:

[MSC IO | Maritime Terrorism](#)

3. Piracy Information:

[MSC IO | Piracy Information](#)

4. Illegal Traffic and Fishing

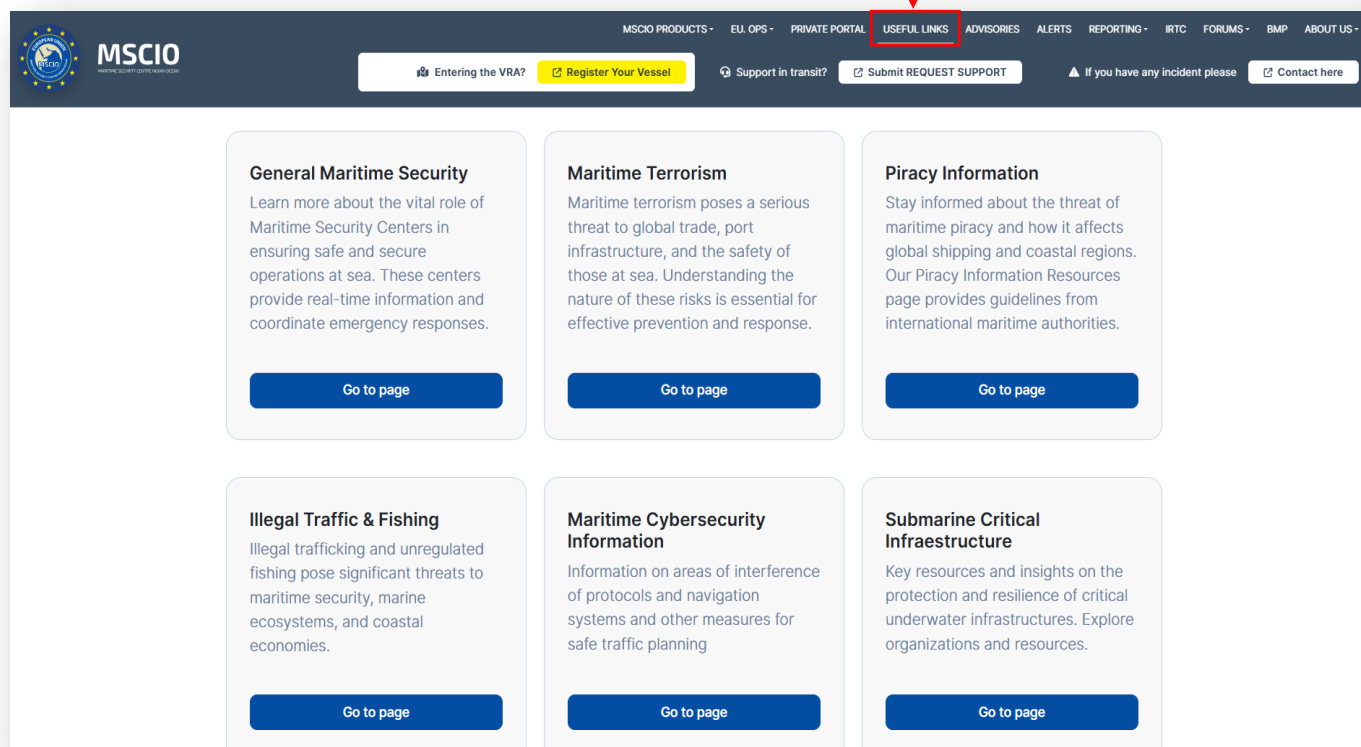
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5. Maritime Cybersecurity Information.

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6. Submarine Critical Infrastructure.

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LAST PIRACY RELATED EVENTS (STATUS AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION)

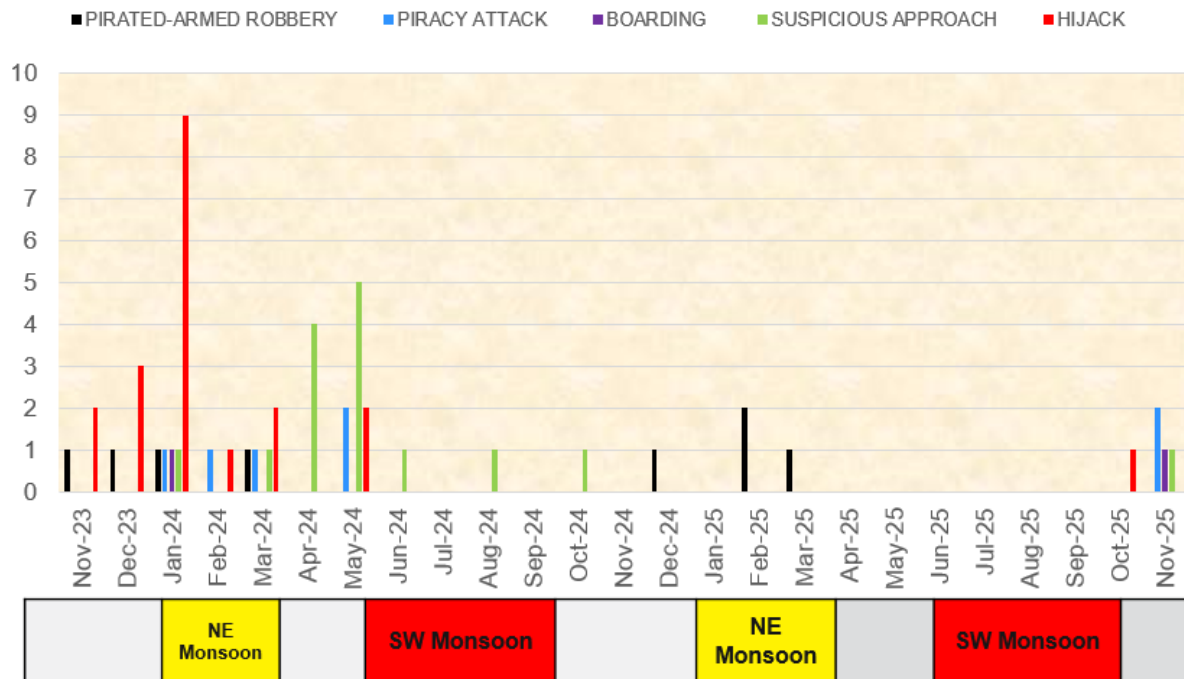
No	Date	Name	MSE Category	Last info.
45	7 FEB	FV AL NAJMA	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked dhow ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 12 Feb, the hijackers left the dhow. No information of any ransom paid was confirmed.
46	15 FEB	FV SAYTUUN 2	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked vessel ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 22 Feb, the hijackers, after stealing the crew's belongings, abandoned the dhow. 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 has been paid.
48	28 OCT	FV 314055ISSAMOHAMDI	Armed Robbery	Hijack reported off the coast of Garacad.
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	Piracy Attack	760nm East of Mogadishu. MT was boarded by PAG. Op Atalanta currently (07/11/25) Liberating the vessel.
52	11 NOV	MT AL THUMAMA	Piracy Attack	714nm NE of Mogadishu (120NM North of event 51) Master reports being approached by a skiff with 3 PAGs. The MT managed to outrun the skiff.

● Solved or closed cases ● Active cases ● Unsolved cases

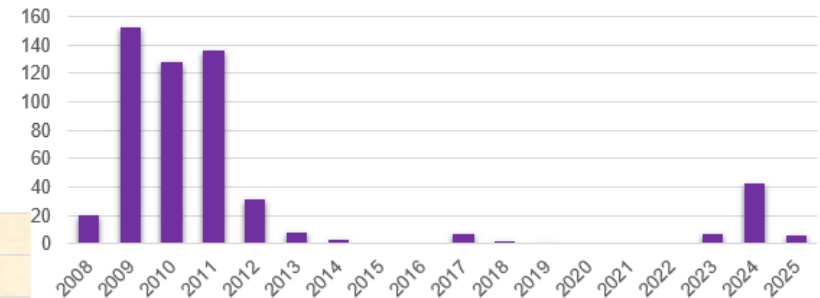


PIRACY STATISTICS (NOV 2023 – NOV 2025)

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)



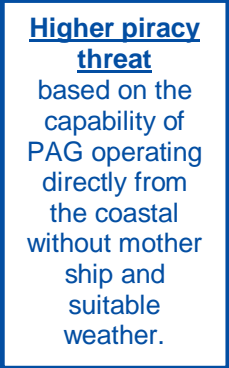
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PIRACY SITUATION (NOV 2023 – NOV 2025)



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.

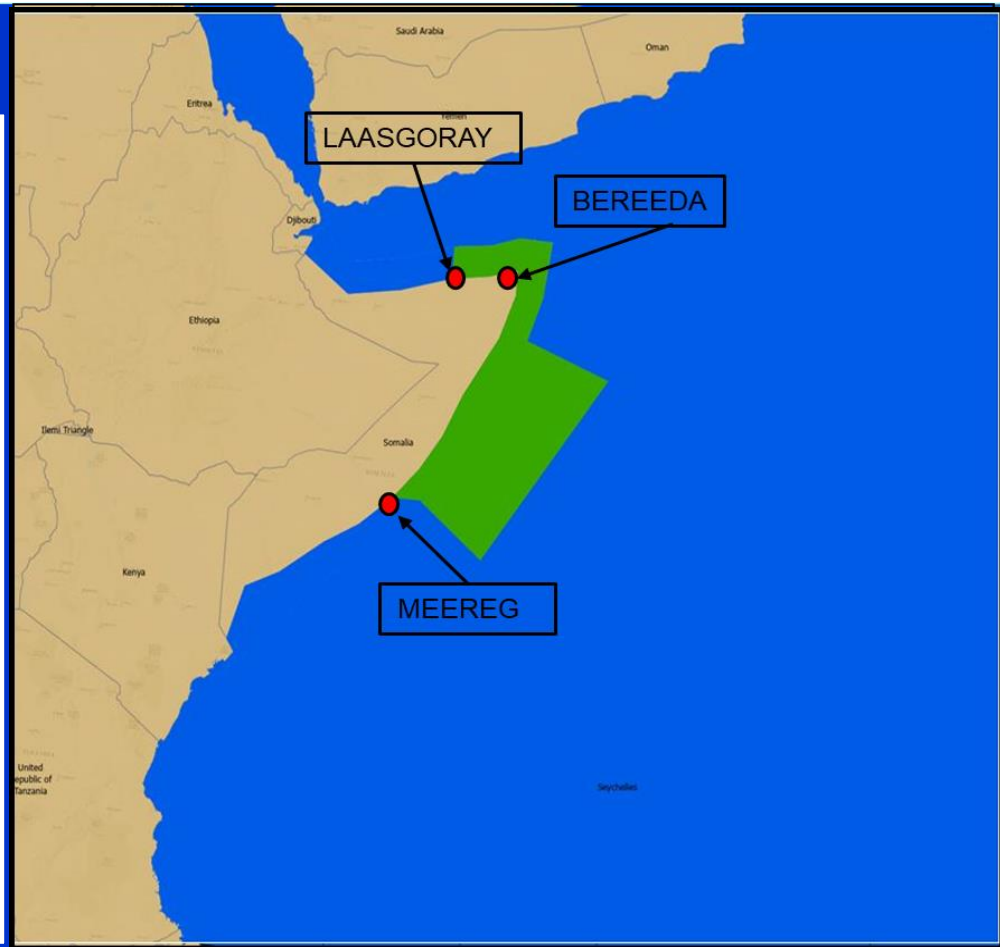


ATALANTA PIRACY THREAT UPDATE

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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