



MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

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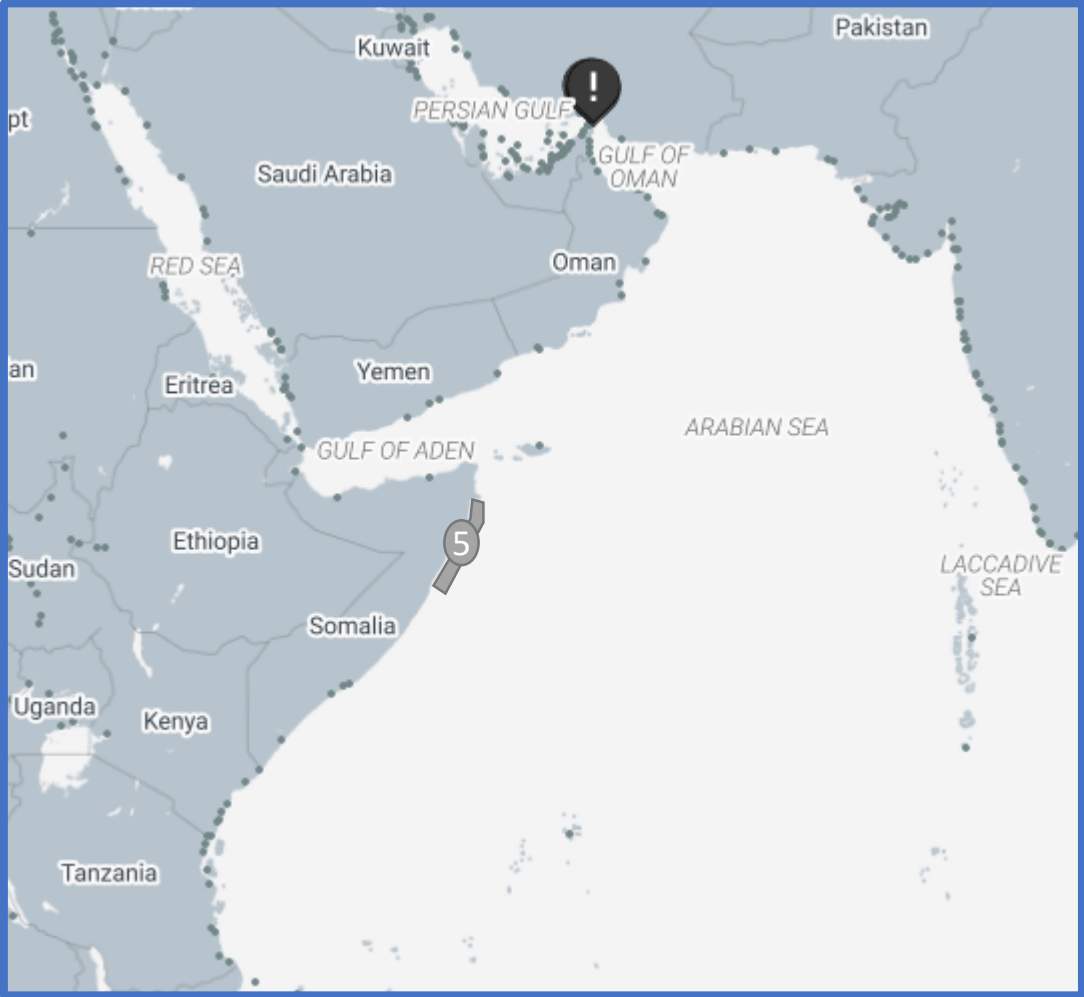
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)

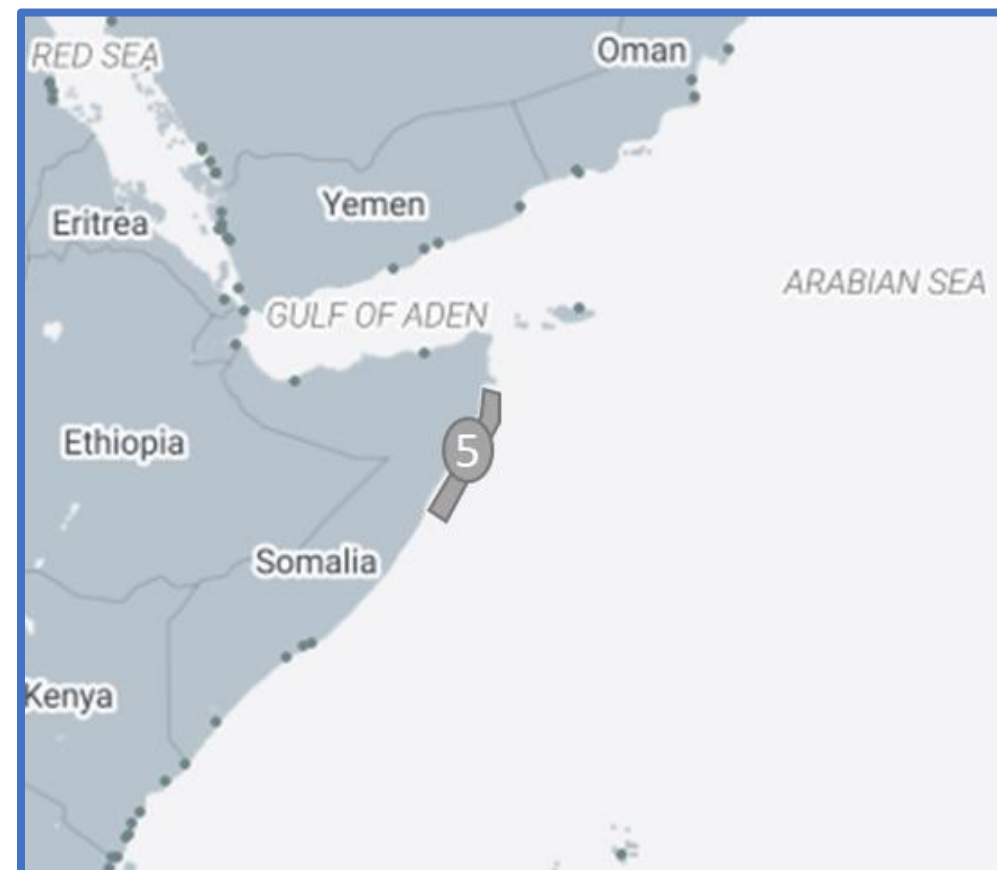


CATEGORY		No.
	Armed Robbery	Nil
	Attack	3
	Attempted Boarding	Nil
	Boarding	Nil
	Hijack	Nil
	Kidnap	Nil
	Piracy	5
	Suspicious Activity	Nil
	Other Maritime Crimes	Nil
Total Incidents		8

PIRACY

- **TYPE OF INCIDENT:** PIRACY.
- **LOCATION:** Horn of Africa, Somalia.
- **RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED WITH THE EVENT:**

Operation ATALANTA continues to monitor the hijacked tanker MT HONOUR 25, hijacked on 21 April, followed by the merchant vessel MV SWARD, hijacked on 26 April, and the tanker MT EUREKA, hijacked off Qana Port, Yemen, on 2 May. On 17 July, tanker MT ASANA was hijacked approximately 65NM southwest of Mukalla, Yemen, while proceeding towards the Somali coast. On 20 August, tanker MT SIBU I was also reportedly hijacked by a Pirate Action Group east of Yemen while bound for Port Sudan. Regarding MV LUTUF, hijacked on 17 August approximately 4.5NM south of Maraya (Eyl District), Operation ATALANTA has confirmed that the vessel has been released and the incident is considered closed. Operation ATALANTA assets continue to closely monitor all ongoing piracy incidents in coordination with regional partners. Merchant vessels operating in the area are strongly advised to maintain heightened vigilance, adhere to BMP-MS, particularly within 150NM off the Somali coast between Mogadishu and Hafun where feasible, and report immediately any suspicious activity or relevant information to MSCIO and UKMTO.



- **TYPE OF INCIDENT:** ATTACK.

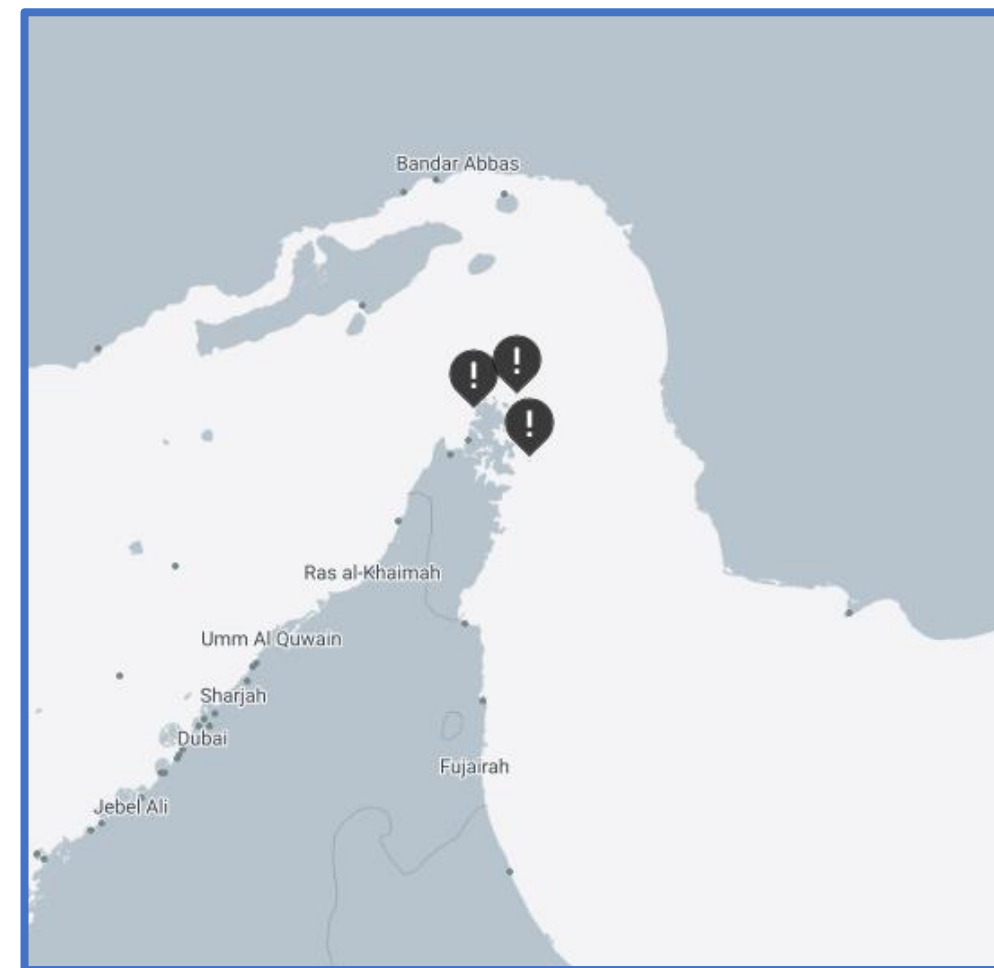
- **LOCATION:** SoH.

- **RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED WITH THE EVENT:**

On 31 August, MSCIO issued ALERT 102/26 following information received regarding an incident that occurred on 29 August in the Strait of Hormuz, approximately 12NM north of Khasab, Oman. A tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile while conducting an inbound transit. No casualties or environmental impact were reported.

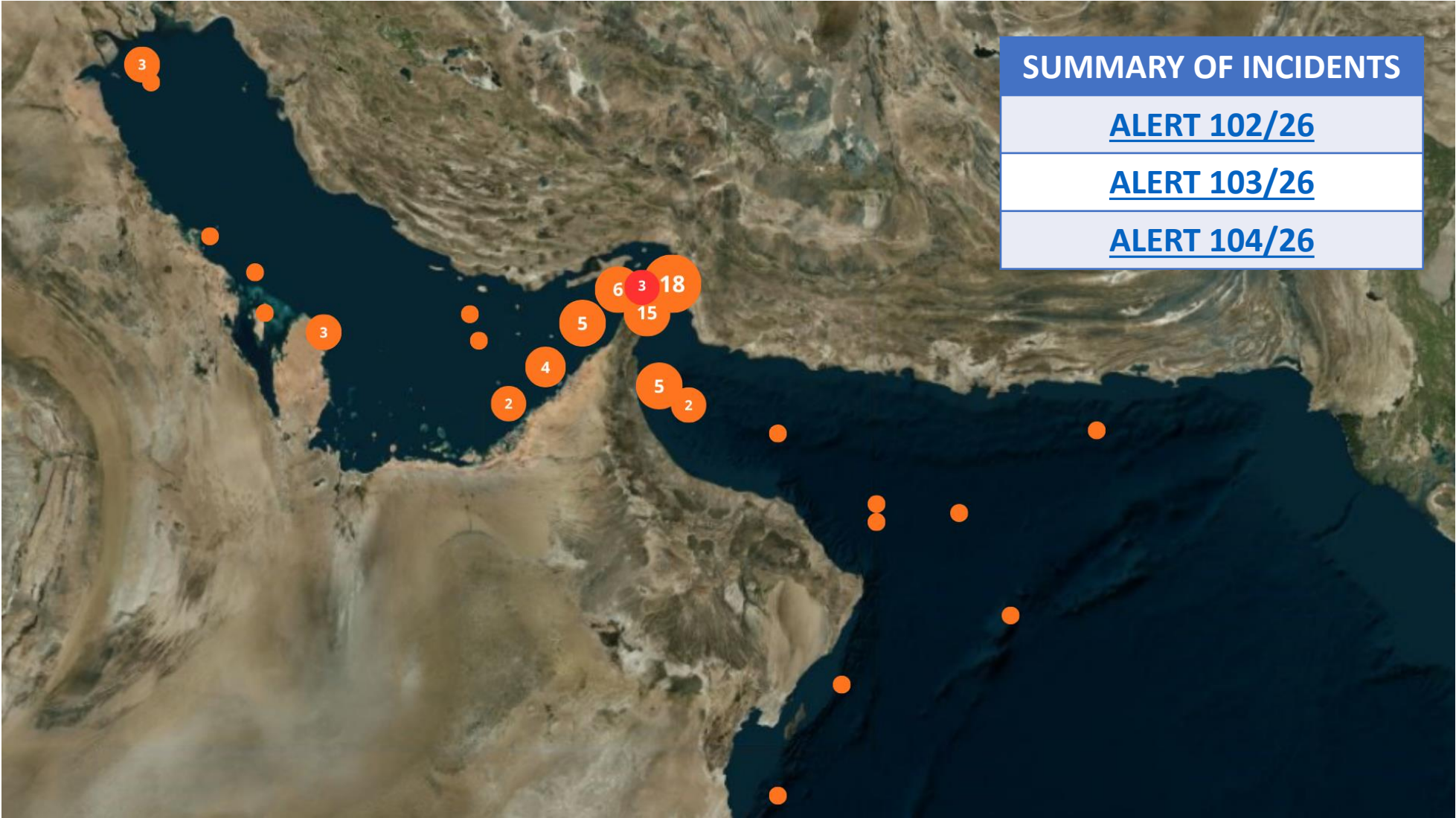
On 1 September, MSCIO issued ALERT 103/26 following information received regarding an incident that occurred on 31 August in the Strait of Hormuz. A vessel was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile while conducting a transit. The impact caused damage to the port side of the vessel. All crew were reported safe, with no casualties.

On 2 September, MSCIO issued ALERT 104/26 following information received regarding a security incident that occurred on 31 August in the Strait of Hormuz. A tanker was reportedly involved in the incident, resulting in two casualties. No environmental impact was reported.





OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE AS/SoH/GoO





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.
52	31 DEC	FV LIAO DONG YU 578	Armed Robbery	Armed robbery reported off the coast of Banderbeyla (Bari Region). PSP has informed that the Vessel has been released the 3 MAR 26 near Ceel Dhidar, Bandarbeyla district. According to local credible sources, 2 pirates were apprehended and a ransom of 1.2 USD was paid.
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 15 pirates. No injuries reported. On 5 th 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 19 th 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 19 th 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. Operation Atalanta assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.
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 28 th 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. Operation Atalanta assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.
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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No	Date	Name	MSE Category	Last info.
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. Operation Atalanta assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.
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 MASHAALLAH 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 17 th 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 23 rd 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.

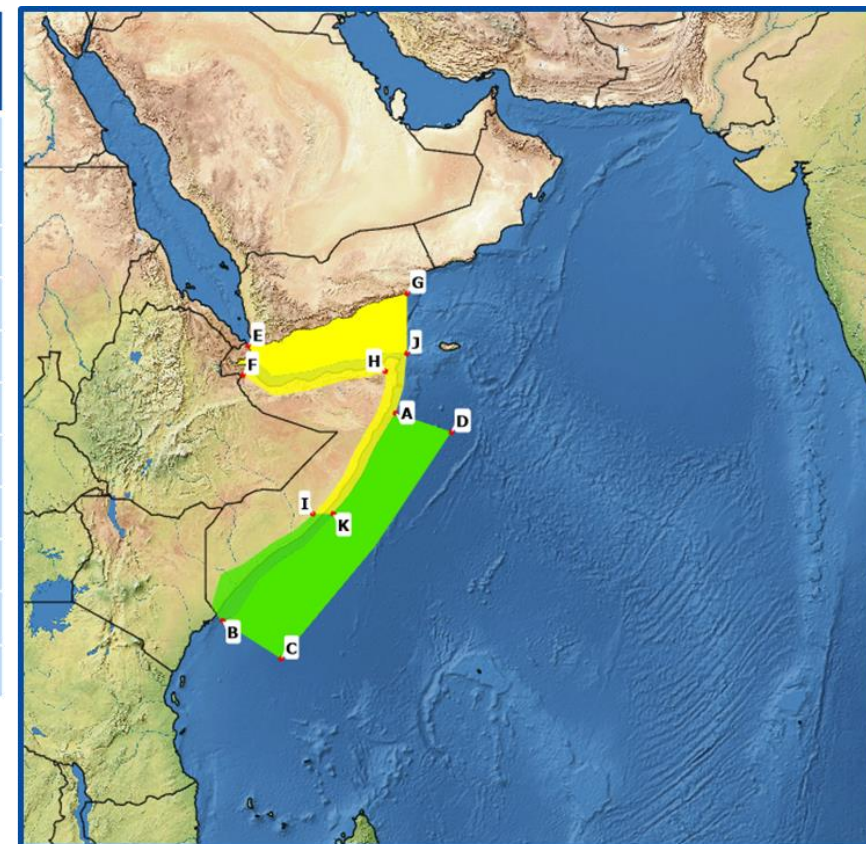
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PIRACY ASSESSMENT

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

- **SUBSTANTIAL** from area E- H and area H – K
- **MODERATE** in area A – D
- **LOW** in the remaining areas.

Point	Coordinates
A	09-00N 51-02E
B	03-40N 47-43E
C	02-00N 50-00E
D	08-00N 54-00E
E	15-20N 51-38E
F	12-41N 43-27E
G	12-33N 43-13E
H	12-09N 51-39E
I	03-38N 46-41E
J	12-09N 51-39E
K	03-39N 47-44E



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% – 100%)



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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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 -

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