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PIRACY REPORT

01.05.2013 - 15.05.2013

PIRACY ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

WITHIN THE MENTIONED PERIOD OF 01.05.2013 THROUGH 15.05.2013 THERE WERE THREE PIRACY-RELATED INCIDENTS IN THE AREA (3 APPROACHES). THE LOCATIONS OF THE INCIDENTS: GULF OF ADEN AND THE WATERS OFF SOMALIA (EAST COAST).

In spite of a few unsuccessful approaches attempted by the Somalia pirates in the first half of May, the Indian ocean region remains a source of concern for merchant shipping.

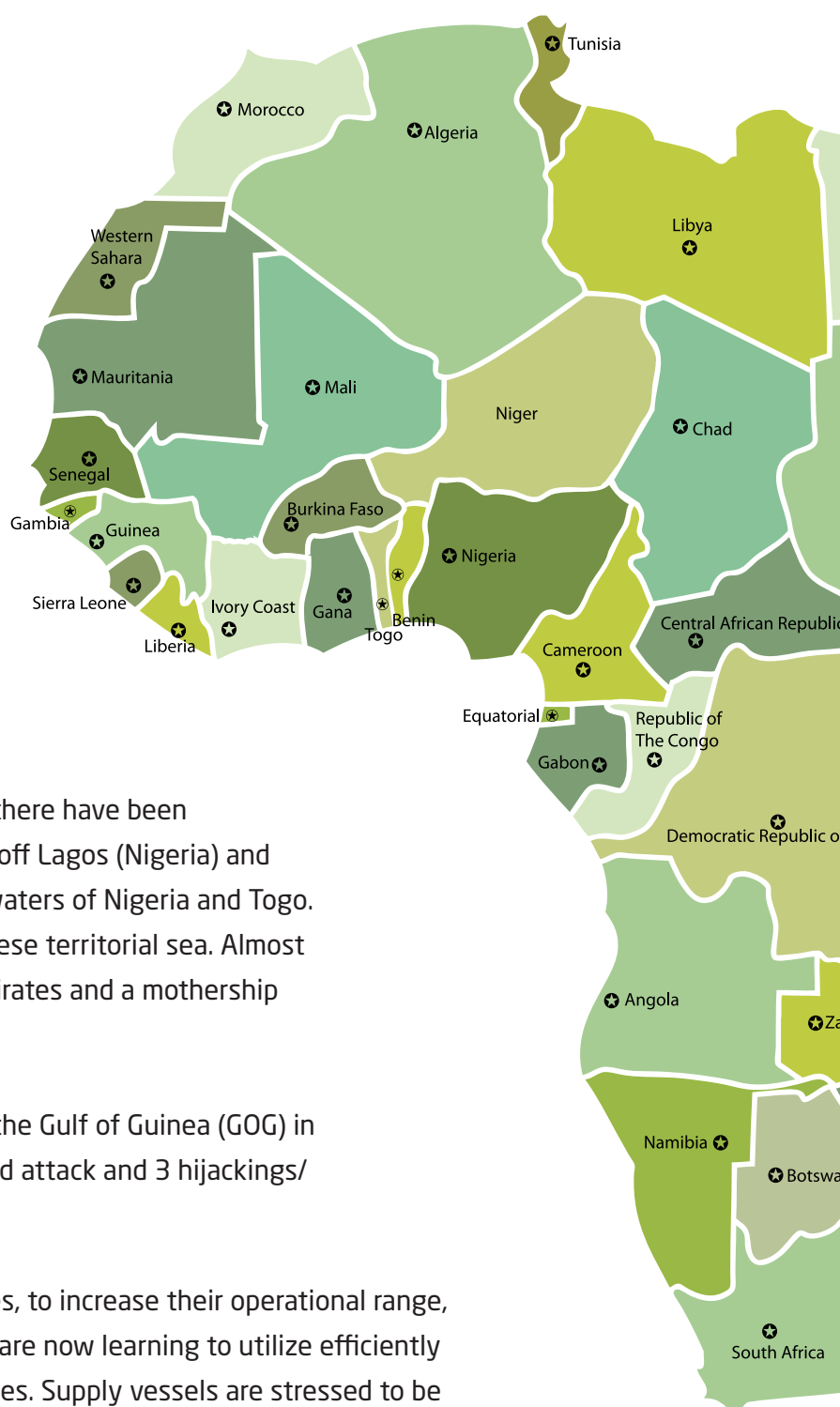
It should be noted that in two of three incidents armed security team have had to fire warning shots and demonstrate their presence onboard resulting in the pirates moved away. This fact stresses the importance of the security guards` employment as an effective deterrent for pirate operations.

A further decrease of the pirate activity in the High Risk Area is foreseen due to the harsh weather conditions of the Summer monsoon.

However a recent report from the Spanish Air Force Headquarter demonstrates that the Somalia pirates possess effective bases of operation on the Somali coasts. Indeed, a maritime patrol aircraft P-3 Orion that the Spanish Air Force has deployed to Djibouti as part of the EU Operation Atalanta has identified and monitored maintains a total of 50 bases of pirates off the coast of Somalia, from positions attacks are launched against fishing and cargo vessels plying the waters of this part of the Indian Ocean.

The primary areas of insecurity in the second part of May are expected to be the waters off Somalia, Eastern Omanese coast up to the Strait of Hormuz and the Southern Red Sea/Bab-El-Mandeb.

THE COAST OFF WEST AFRICA



During the period of this Piracy Report there have been 1 boarding of a merchant vessel 15 nm off Lagos (Nigeria) and 7 attempted attacks of pirates off the waters of Nigeria and Togo. One armed assault occurred in the Togolese territorial sea. Almost all the vessels were fired upon by the pirates and a mothership was used in one incident.

There is a double upsurge in attacks in the Gulf of Guinea (GOG) in comparison with May 2012 (1 attempted attack and 3 hijackings/boardings).

The use of motherships by GOG's pirates, to increase their operational range, remains sporadic, but the perpetrators are now learning to utilize efficiently this tactic copied from the Somalia pirates. Supply vessels are stressed to be usually used as pirate floating staging platforms.

Kidnapping and ransom attack is expected to grow, and will surely expand its area of operations far from the Nigerian coasts. Oil bunkering operations and thus oil tanker hijackings are presumed to rise as well.

The risks of attacks in Ghana's, Togo's, Benin's and Nigeria's waters are significant. The risk area has spread to 160 nm off the coast of Benin and Togo. Niger Delta, near Bonny, poses a special threat.

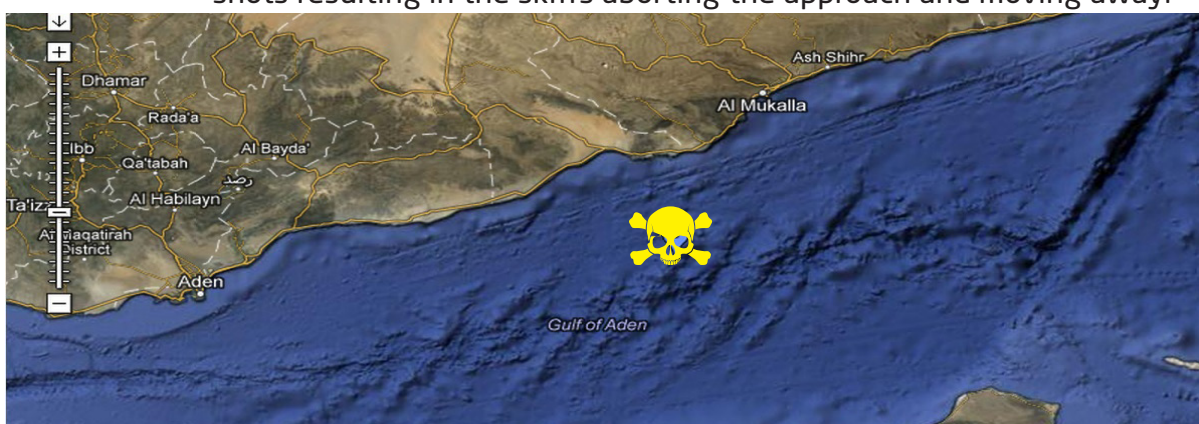
DETAILS OF THE INCIDENTS

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INDIAN OCEAN - GULF OF ADEN/RED SEA/ EAST COAST OF AFRICA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

05.05.2013 A tanker reported coming under attack at 03:00 UTC in position 13:04N
03:00 UTC - 048:30E, SSW of Al Mukalla, Yemen, in IRTC, GoA. Four skiffs with 3 pirates on board (POB) each approached the tanker underway in two groups from either side. Two skiffs closed to a distance of 200 meters from the tanker and the embarked armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs aborting the approach and moving away.



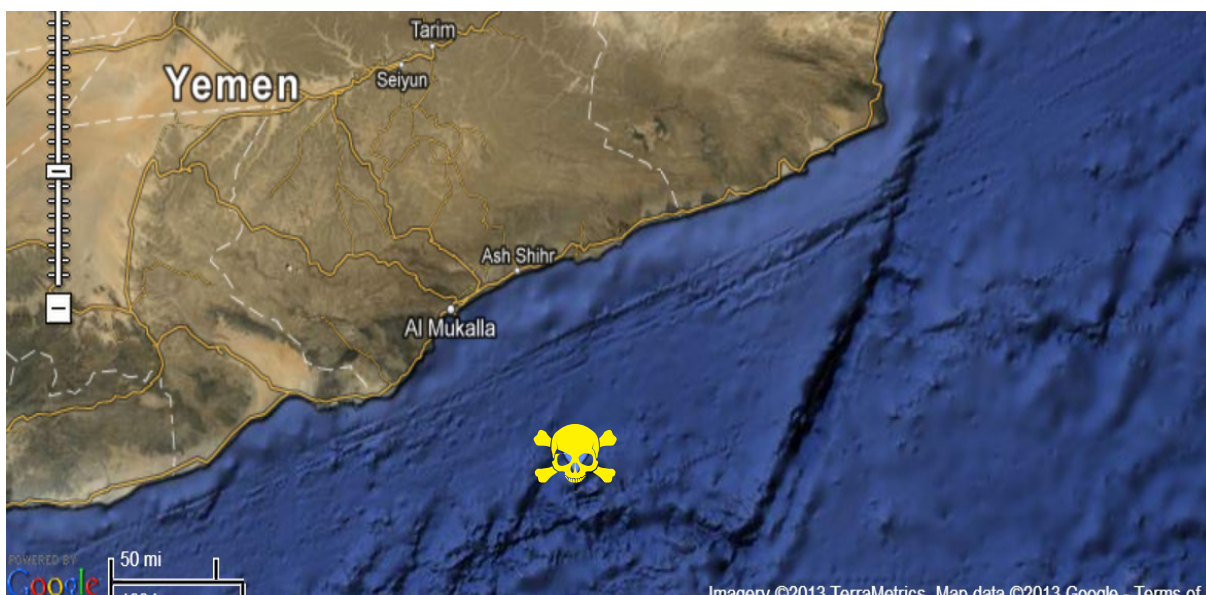
07.05.2013 Spanish FV observed a skiff approach another FV in the vicinity at
10:31 UTC 10:31 UTC in position 01:53N - 051:13E, in the Indian Ocean. The skiff had 8 POB. The Spanish warship intervened and detained the suspected pirates on 7 May. 6 men were found 320 nm off Somali coast, could not explain why they had sailed so far from land, there was no evidence of trade or legal activity and Spanish warship crew found equipment on board that is commonly related to piracy. Not enough evidence on this occasion that could have guaranteed a legal prosecution, the decision was taken to return the men to the Somali coast.



INDIAN OCEAN - GULF OF ADEN/RED SEA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

11.05.2013 Reports indicated that a Pirate Action Group (PAG), comprising of a possible mothership and seven skiffs, approached a yet-to-be identified vessel in the Gulf of Aden at 12:00 hours UTC on Saturday, 11 May. Ladders were sighted on four of the skiffs, and the position of the vessel was given as 13:30N - 050:01E, some 80 nm southeast of al-Mukalla, Yemen. As the suspected pirates approached, the security team on board the targeted vessel demonstrated that they were armed and the PAG maintained its distance. The UKMTO was alerted and a plane was deployed for reconnaissance of the area.

12:00 UTC



WATERS OFF WEST AFRICA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

04.05.2013
11:35 UTC

The Vanuatu-flagged reefer «Frio Athens» attacked by six to eight pirates in a speed boat. The pirates chased and fired at the ship underway at 11:35 UTC in position 03:49.50N - 006:41.20E, approximately 33 nm SW of Bonny River, Fairway Buoy, Nigeria. The Master enforced anti-piracy measures and managed to move away. All crew were safe but the ship sustained damage due to the firing.



04.05.2013,
11:30 LT

A French boxship reported attacked by pirates at around 11:30 LT in position 03:35N - 006:40E, approx 55 nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria. The vessel issued a distress message via VHF, managed to avoid the hijacking by increasing speed and evasive manoeuvring. The vessel safely reached Onne, Nigeria.



WATERS OFF WEST AFRICA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

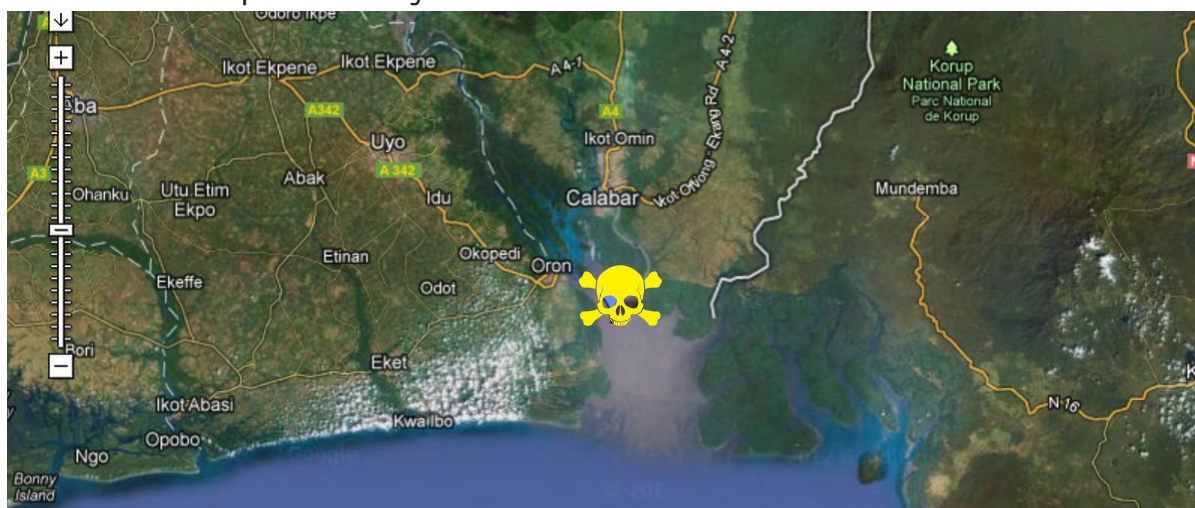
04.05.2013
09:40 UTC

Posn: 04:02.3N - 006:54.9E, Around 28 nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria. Seven armed pirates in a speed boat approached a container ship underway. The Master raised alarm, increased speed, sent a distress message, activated SSAS and non essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The pirates closed in to a distance of 60-70 metres and fired at the ship using automatic guns. At 09:53 UTC, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away as the distance between ship and boat increased. No injuries to crew.



07.05.2013,
14:58 UTC

Seven armed pirates in a speed boat approached and fired upon bulk carrier underway with pilot on board at 14:58 UTC in position 04:43.3N - 008:20.7E, Calabar River, Nigeria. Master raised alarm, increased speed, sent distress message, activated SSAS and non essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The pirates aborted the attack and moved away when they heard the ship's alarm. No injuries to crew. Reported 7 May.



WATERS OFF WEST AFRICA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

06.05.2013
22:45 LT

During STS operations the mother vessel saw armed pirates on the deck of the daughter vessel at 22:45 LT in position 05:41.7N - 001:20.2E, approximately 27 nm SSE off Lome, Togo. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew on the mother vessel mustered. The on board Togo navy guards exchanged fire with the pirates. Later a large skiff with eight to ten armed pirates was spotted leaving the daughter vessel and approaching the mother vessel. Seeing this, the Master instructed all crew members to retreat into the citadel and informed the Togo navy. The on board guards took the necessary action to prevent the pirates from boarding the vessel and in the meantime the Togo navy sent out two patrol boats for assistance which then escorted the vessel back to the anchorage. All crew reported safe.



WATERS OFF WEST AFRICA ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

09.05.2013
22:30 UTC

Eight persons in a boat came alongside and attempted to board an anchored crude tanker at 22:30 UTC in position 06:04N - 001:15.9E, around 3.5 nm SE of Lome, Togo. The alert duty crew spotted the approach and sounded alarm, informing Togo navy, identified the boat using the ship spotlight and activated fire hoses to water deck. The boat was observed attempting to come along side from various directions but the water from the fire hoses flooded the boat resulting in the attempt being aborted. The Togo navy boat immediately responded and a navy boat arrived at the location within 20 minutes .



14.05.2013
02:00 LT

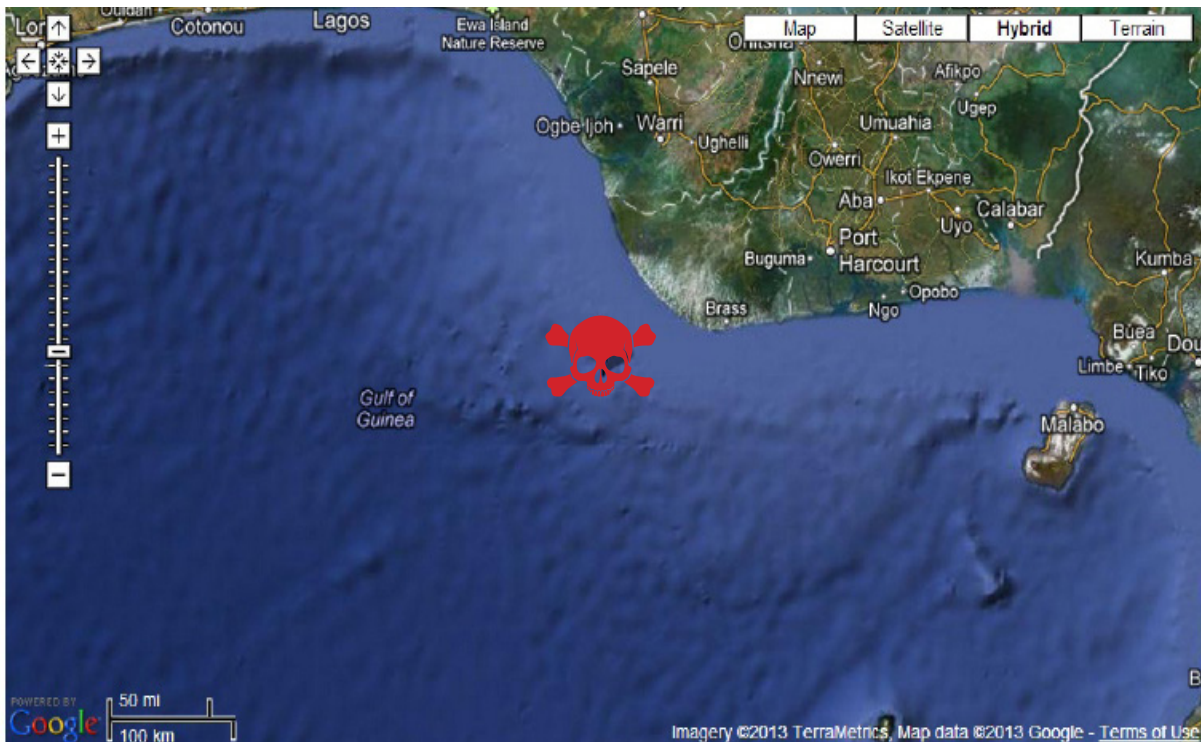
Initial report states two vessels attacked at around 02:00 LT in position 04:25N - 007:58E approximately 8 nm off Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Pirates stated to have attacked Saint Vincent and Grenadines-flagged accommodation/diving support vessel. Reported 14 May.



WATERS OFF WEST AFRICA BOARDINGS/HIJACKINGS

13.05.2013
02:13 LT

Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker at 02:13 LT in position 06:20.7N - 003:19.8E, approximately 15 nm SSW of Lagos, Nigeria, in the main anchorage area, reported to the authorities via VHF Channel 16 that two persons had boarded and were seen on the deck. During the communication, the vessel stated that the two people had jumped off. Reported 13 May.



THE STATISTICS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BUREAU (IMB)

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THE STATISTICS OF THE IMB

UPDATED 14 MAY 2013

PLEASE REFER FIGURES BELOW FOR PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY INCIDENTS,
AS REPORTED TO THE IMB PIRACY REPORTING CENTRE IN 2013.

Worldwide Incidents:

Total Attacks Worldwide: 100

Total Hijackings Worldwide: 4

Incidents Reported for Somalia:

Total Incidents: 6

Total Hijackings: 1

Current vessels held by Somali pirates:

Vessels: 5 Hostages: 71

Nigeria related Incidents

Total Attacks: 19

Total Hijackings: 1

VESSELS IN THE HIGH RISK AREA



Vyacheslav Tikhonov

Route: Sikka - waters off India 29/03/13 — May of 2013



SCF Tobolsk

Route: Suez - Galle 04.05.13 — 11.05.13 **Mission completed**



Laptev Sea

Route: Mombasa - Fujairah 10.05.13 — May of 2013



SCF Pioneer

Route: Sikka - Sokhar 12.05.13 — 14.05.13



Barents Sea

Route: Aden - Galle 13.05.13 — 21.05.13



Aleksey Chirikov

Route: Suez - Galle 13.05.13 — 22.05.13