Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 051
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For General Use. This threat bulletin has been released to the Shipping Industry.

1. **Foreword**. This Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) has been written in coordination between Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA. It is intended to help shipping operators who are responsible for merchant and large commercial fishing vessels that pass through or operate in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of an IRTB is to bring a specific incident or threat to the attention of the shipping industry.

3. **Incident.** Piracy.

4. **Date.** 24 Mar 2026.

5. **Location.** The incident took place at the Somali basin.

6. **Incident Description.** According to information received on March 24, since March 19, 2026, at 01:00 UTC a pirate action group (PAG), consisting of at least 10 Somali pirates, attacked and hijacked an Iranian type fishing vessel (dhow) (see figure 1), with at least 20 crewmembers, by the name AL WASEEMI 786 (see Figure 2). EUNAVFOR ATALANTA is closely monitoring the developments of the event.

7. **Vessel's Details**

Fishing vessel - Iranian type dhow named AL WASEEMI 786 (see Figure 2, dated on Oct 25).

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Figure 1. Illustrative picture of typical Iranian sambuq dhow

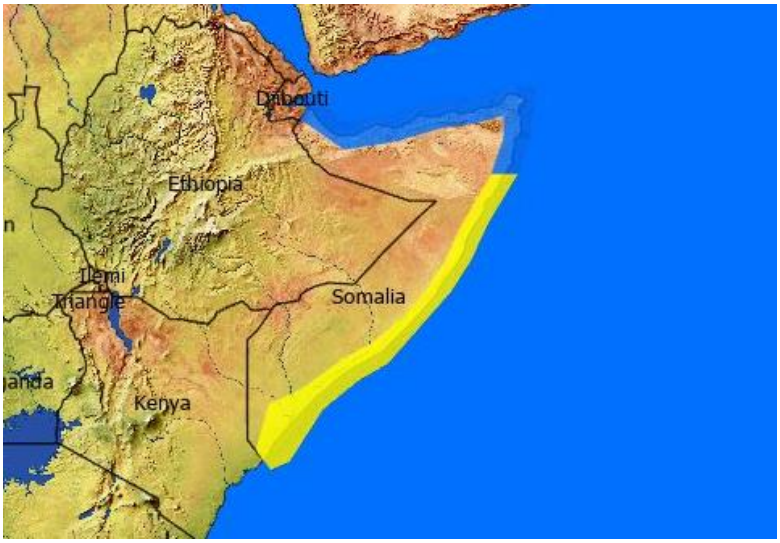
Figure 2. Last acquired picture of "AL WASEEMI 786" dhow, on OCT25.

8. **Assessment. This case no longer represents a threat to MV in the Indian Ocean as EUNAVFOR ATALANTA assets are closely monitoring the dhow**.

9. **Recommendations.** Vessels are requested to remain vigilant and to adhere to BMP Maritime Security when transiting the Western Indian Ocean and the Somali waters. While these waters are routinely patrolled by CMF, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and other warships, the timely and comprehensive reporting of incidents and suspicious activity

remains crucial to allow for a rapid incident response. We request that, where possible, and without endangering the vessel or crew, vessels obtain and report as much factual details as possible of incidents and suspicious activity to include logs, photographs, video, and radar footage. CSO's and masters are strongly recommended to register their vessels with MSCIO when entering the Voluntary Reporting Area and to report any incidents to UKMTO in accordance with BMP Maritime Security. This will enable a more rapid response to incidents and allow CMF and EUNAVFOR ATALANTA to monitor activity, enabling the most effective allocation of resources. CSOs are recommended to gather information on known Pattern of Life and Maritime Situational Awareness along the intended route and ports of call when conducting risk assessments for their fleets.

10. **Threat Assessment for Piracy**



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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%)