



## Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 056

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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 specific incidents or threats to the attention of the shipping industry.
3. **Incident.**
  - Piracy Attack
4. **Date.**
  - MT VST AMARA - 151335ZJUN 26
5. **Location (See Fig.1)**
  - The incident took place in 12-24N 46-46E.
6. **Incident Description**

Event 1 – On 15 Jun 26 1335Z, MT VST AMARA reported that she was approached by a skiff carrying 3-5 armed persons on board and reportedly opened fire on the vessel using an RPG. The MT implemented BMP and PAST and attackers aborted their approach.

## 7. Vessel's Details

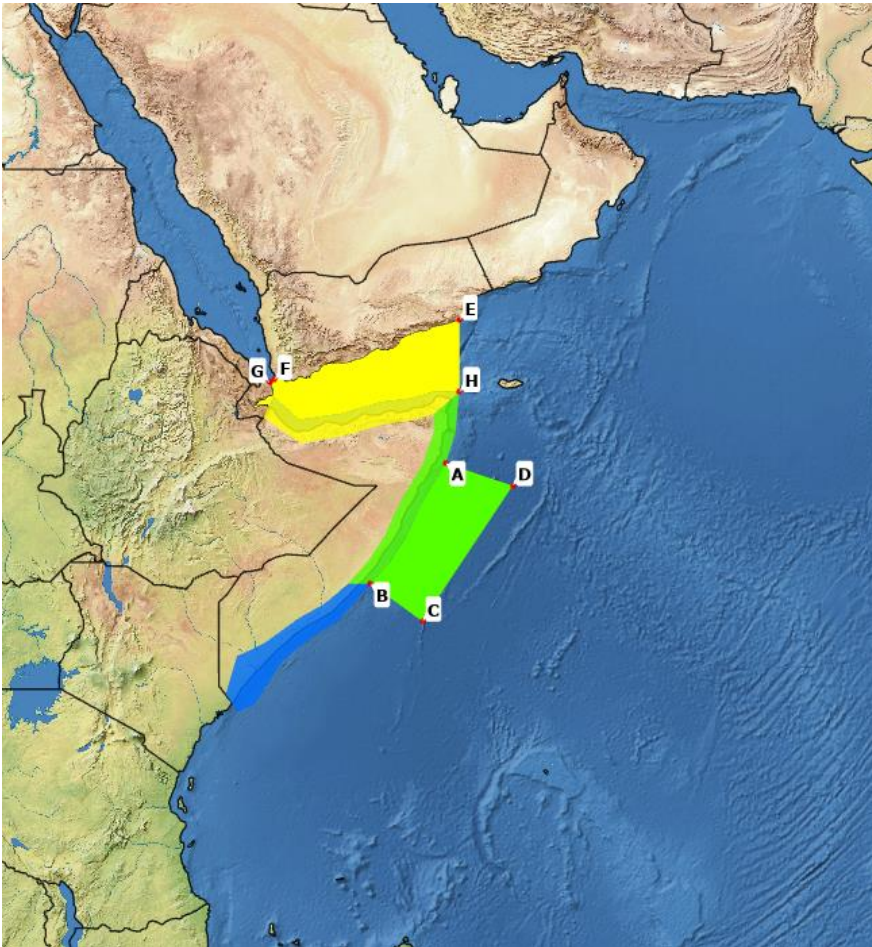
Event 1 – Oil Products Tanker VST AMARA, Panama Flag (IMO 9742211)



Fig 1.

8. **Assessment.** Preliminary indicators suggest this incident was performed by a single Pirate Action Group (PAG) stemming from the North coasts of Somalia focusing against a loaded oil tanker in the IRTC. As the attempt was unsuccessful, there is a **REALISTIC POSSIBILITY** that this PAG is currently hunting for another target. Similar events may occur in the area, due to the favorable weather conditions.
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 Situation Awareness along the intended route and ports of call when conducting risk assessments for their fleets.

## 10. Threat Assessment for Piracy



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	12-09E 51-39E

THREAT ASSESSMENT	BENIGN	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE	CRITICAL
YARDSTICK	An attack is <b>HIGHLY UNLIKELY</b> (10% – 20%)	An attack is <b>UNLIKELY</b> (>25% – 35%)	An attack is a <b>REALISTIC POSSIBILITY</b> (40% – <50%)	An attack is <b>LIKELY / PROBABLE</b> (55% – <75%)	An attack is <b>HIGHLY LIKELY</b> (80% – 90%)	An attack is <b>ALMOST CERTAIN</b> (>95%)

## 11. Publication.

- a. Produced by CMF and EUNAVFOR ATALANTA.
- b. Published by MSCIO.

## 12. Feedback.

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