



Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 060
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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 European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA and Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).

It is intended to help shipping operators who are responsible for merchant and large commercial fishing vessels that navigate or operate in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of an IRTB is to bring specific incidents or threats to the attention of the shipping industry.

3. **Incident.**

Armed robbery

4. **Date / Time.**

MV LUTUF – 171136Z AUG 26.

5. **Location.**

The incident occurred in position 08-12N 050-11E (Fig.1) at approximately 4.5NM South of Maraya (Eyl District), inside the territorial waters of Somalia.



Fig.1 08-12N 050-11E

6. Incident Description

On 171136Z AUG 26, MV LUTUF was boarded by unauthorized personnel inside the territorial waters of Somalia. MV LUTUF reportedly having been boarded by eight (8-) armed people using two (2) skiffs. MV LUTUF reported her transit close to Somali coast due to adverse weather conditions. Operation ATALANTA immediately shared this information with other relevant actors in the region. Operation ATALANTA is closely monitoring the situation.

UPDATE: On 29 August 2026, Operation ATALANTA confirmed that M/V LUTUF has been released and started sailing southbound. All crew are reported as safe.

7. Vessel's Details

Name LUTUF, General Cargo, flag Cameroon, IMO 9109134, MMSI 613371502, LOA 76m.



MV LUTUF Source: VesselFinder

8. Assessment.

Preliminary indicators suggest this incident was performed by a single group composed by eight people, using two skiffs. Considering that an unconfirmed amount of money may have been paid as ransom, which could potentially be used to finance further piracy-related activities, and bearing in mind that weather conditions are becoming increasingly favourable for PAG activities, the Threat Assessment (TA) for piracy has been updated as described in paragraph 10.

9. Recommendations.

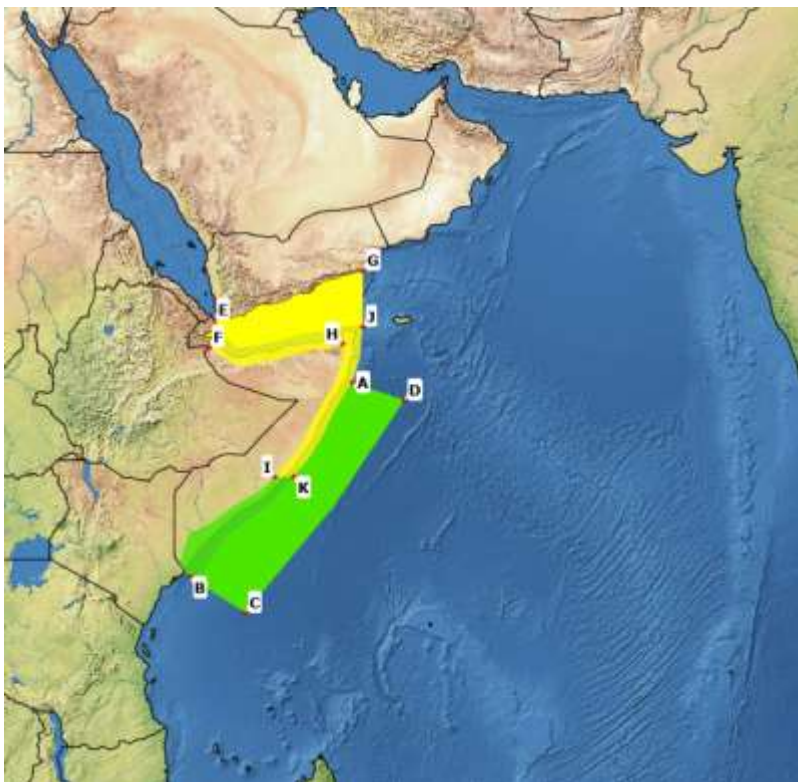
Vessels are requested to remain vigilant and to adhere to BMP – Maritime Security when transiting the Western Indian Ocean and the Somali waters. While these waters are routinely patrolled by EUNAVFOR ATALANTA, CMF and other warships, the timely and comprehensive reporting of incidents and suspicious activity remains crucial to allow for a rapid incident response.

Also requested to take into consideration the updated threat assessment condition to GoA.

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 MSCIO and UKMTO in accordance with BMP Maritime Security.

This will enable a more rapid response to incidents and allow EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and CMF 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	Ref Coordinates
A	09-00N 51-02E
B	02-00S 41-53E
C	03-59S 44-59E
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

11. Publication.

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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%)

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