





MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

07 Mar – 13 Mar

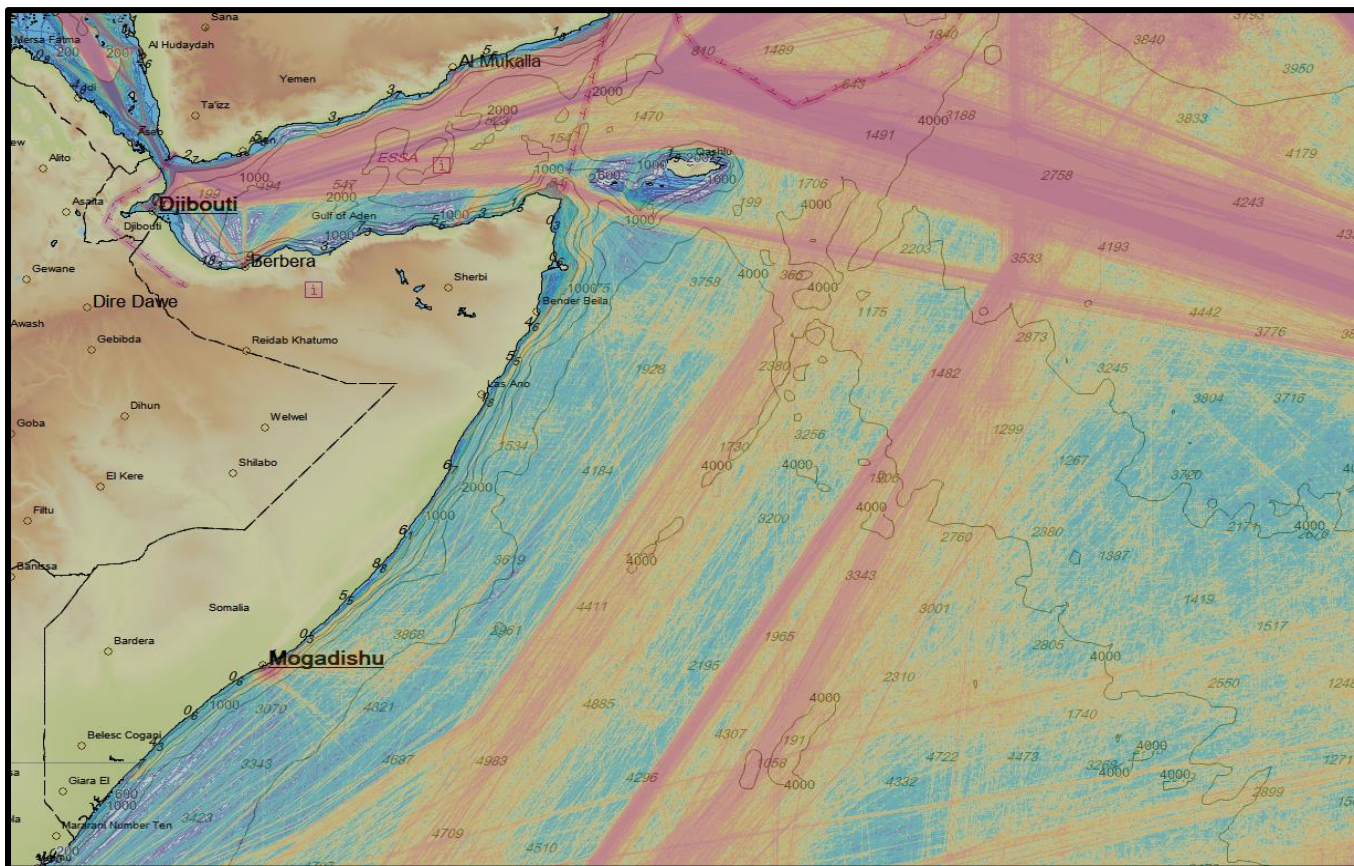
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)



CATEGORY	No.	Page Ref.
 Armed Robbery	Nil	NSTR
 Attack	Nil	NSTR
 Attempted Boarding	Nil	NSTR
 Boarding	Nil	NSTR
 Hijack	Nil	NSTR
 Kidnap	Nil	NSTR
 Piracy	Nil	NSTR
 Suspicious Activity	Nil	NSTR
 Other Maritime Crimes	Nil	NSTR
Total Incidents	0	



INCIDENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT RECENT INCIDENT

No significant maritime security incident occur in this reporting period.

On the evening of 11 March, Houthi Military Spokesperson announced that:

- The ban on the passage of all Israeli-linked ships has been reimposed in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Bab Al Mandeb Strait and the Arabian Sea.
 - Any Israeli-linked ship which violates the Houthi ban will be targeted in the areas mentioned above.
 - The ban will continue until border crossings in Gaza are reopened, and humanitarian aid is allowed into the Gaza strip by Israel.
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PIRACY THREAT UPDATE

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UPDATE ON THE PIRACY THREAT OFF THE
COAST OF SOMALIA

06 MAR 2025

Situation: No events to report.

Pirates' modus operandi: It is commonly known that the typical pirate strategy involves the seizure and hijacking of a dhow, which is subsequently utilized as a mother ship. The pirates then blend in with the usual traffic and deploy skiffs from the mother ship to attack vessels, navigating as far as 600 Nautical Miles or more, off the East Somali coast. The possibility of attacks in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) should not be ignored, especially in the Eastern side. After a vessel is seized, it is likely that this is taken to the Somali coast and held there whilst ransom negotiations are ongoing.

Threat evaluation: These recent armed robberies within Somali territorial waters demonstrate an active and evolving threat in the region. Despite routine patrols conducted by CMF, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and other warships in these waters, pirates continue to demonstrate advanced operational capabilities. These incidents highlight the existence of well-established coastal support infrastructure and the ability to conduct coordinated operations. The successful execution of recent attacks indicates that pirate action groups maintain the capability and intent to target vessels in this region. This assessment is supported by their demonstrated ability to operate within territorial waters, utilize multiple coastal locations, and sustain extended operations

Registration and reporting. CSO's and masters must register their vessels with both MSCIO (<https://mscio.eu/reporting/vessel-registration/>) and UKMTO (<https://www.ukmto.org/reporting-formats/initial-report>) upon entering the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area and report all incidents to UKMTO in accordance with BMP. 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 Domain 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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