




MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

28th Nov – 04th Dec

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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)



CATEGORY	No.	Page Ref.
 Armed Robbery	Nil	NSTR
 Attack	1	Page 2
 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	1	



ATTACK

1.1. TYPE OF INCIDENT: ATTACK.

1.2. PERIOD: 05 DEC 0330 UTC.

1.3. LOCATION: Bab El Mandeb Strait (BeM).

2. VESSELS DETAILS.

2.2. ATTACKING VESSEL.

Several skiffs with 3-4 people on board.

3. RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED WITH THE EVENT.

On 5th Dec, MSCIO received through UKMTO the report of a MV claiming to be under attack from a group of skiffs while she was transiting BeM Strait. The MV security team on board (PAST) had to open fire. The ship and the crew are safe and proceeding with their transit.

Investigations are ongoing regarding this event.



More information available in the following links:

MSCIO:

[MSC IO | Alerts](#)

UKMTO:

[UKMTO / Recent incidents](#)

[20251205-UKMTO WARNING 043_25](#)

[UKMTO WARNING 043-25 UPDATE 001](#)

Clarification note:

This event is mentioned in this weekly report to ensure maximum information sharing and awareness. As the event occurred after the weekly report cut-off time and investigations are still ongoing please take into account that it is not included in the statistics nor in the piracy assessment shown in pages [5](#) and [7](#), respectively.



MSCIO WEBSITE. USEFUL LINKS

To know more about different maritime security threats, please access to the following links:

[MSC IO | Useful Links](#)

1. General Maritime Security:

[MSC IO | General Maritime Security](#)

2. Maritime Terrorism:

[MSC IO | Maritime Terrorism](#)

3. Piracy Information:

[MSC IO | Piracy Information](#)

4. Illegal Traffic and Fishing

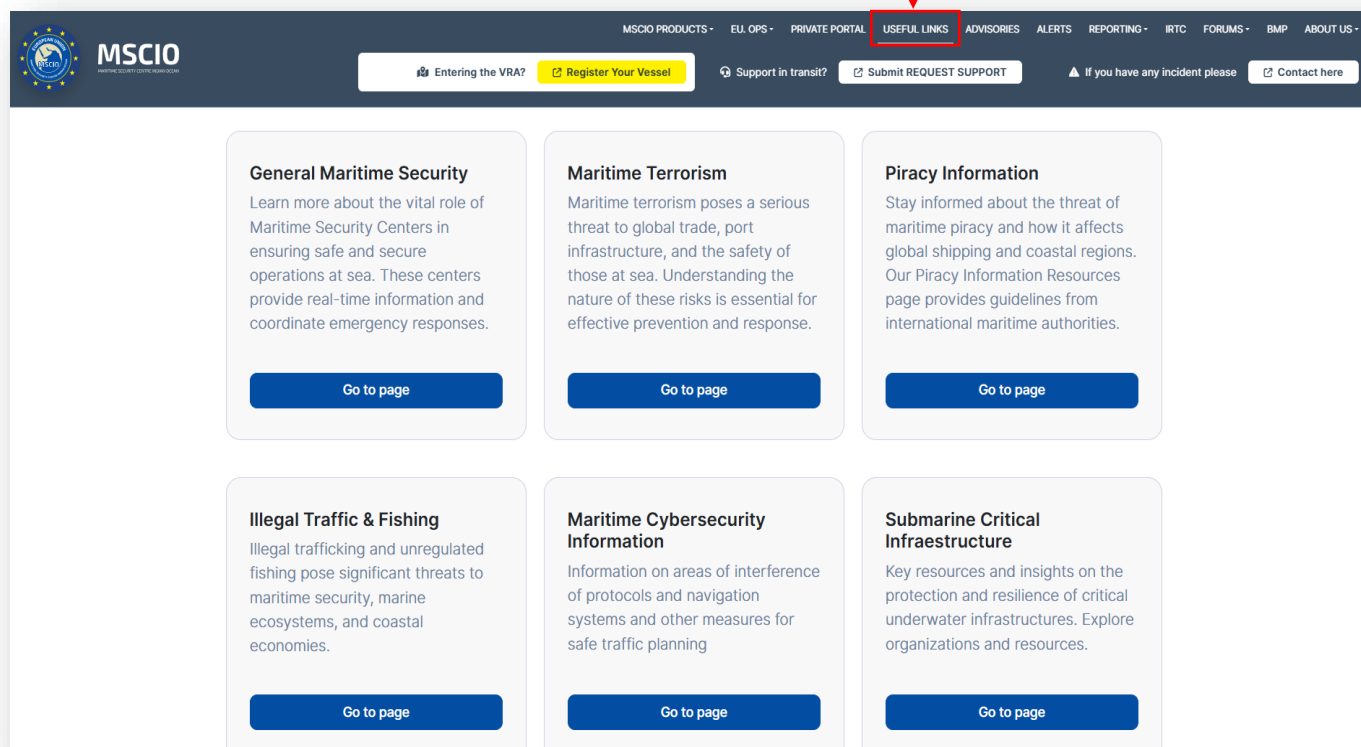
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5. Maritime Cybersecurity Information.

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6. Submarine Critical Infrastructure.

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LAST PIRACY RELATED EVENTS (STATUS AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION)

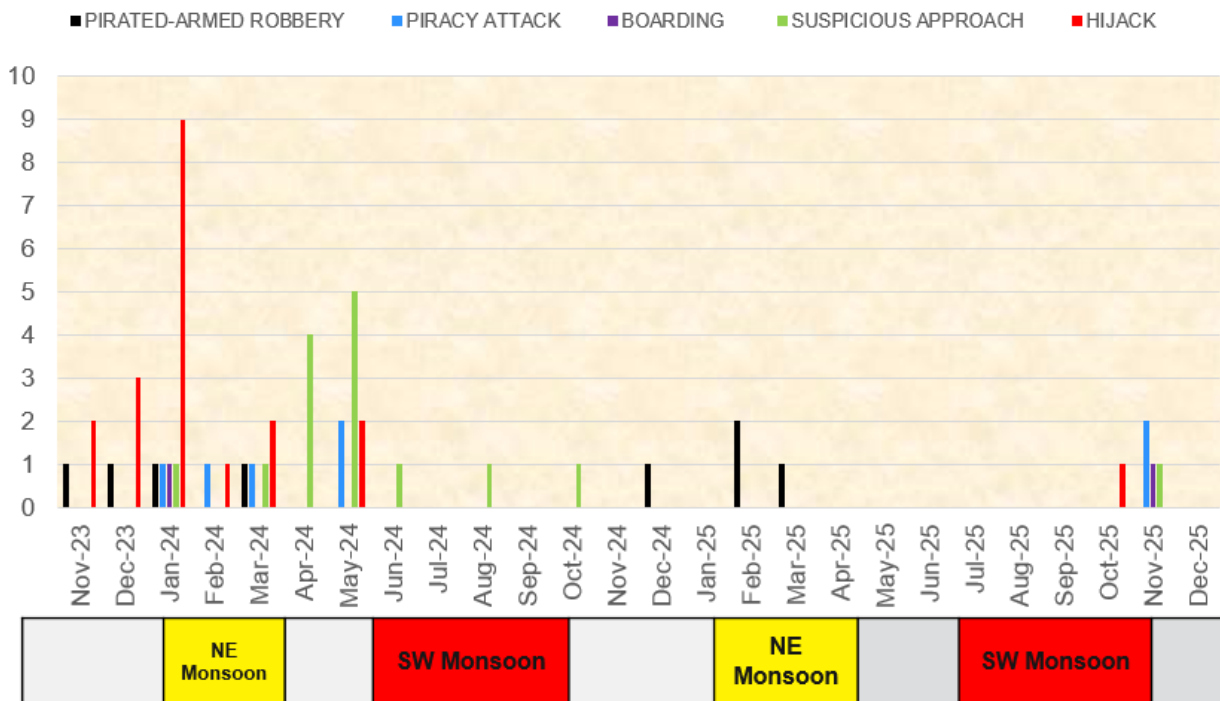
No	Date	Name	MSE Category	Last info.
45	7 FEB	FV AL NAJMA	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked dhow ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 12 Feb, the hijackers left the dhow. No information of any ransom paid was confirmed.
46	15 FEB	FV SAYTUUN 2	Armed Robbery	Reported hijacked vessel ivo EYL. 6 hijackers. On 22 Feb, the hijackers, after stealing the crew's belongings, abandoned the dhow. A ransom has been paid.
47	16 MAR	FV AL-HIDAYA	Armed Robbery	Hijack reported off the coast of "DURDURA" South of XAFUN, Somalia - 5 hijackers. After 5 days it was reported that the hijackers left the vessel. According to Yemeni authorities no ransom has been paid.
48	28 OCT	FV 314055ISSAMOHAMDI	Armed Robbery	Hijack reported off the coast of Garacad. This event is linked to events 49, 50, 51 and 52 below.
49	02 NOV	FV INTERTUNA TRES	Piracy Attack	362nm East of Mogadishu, Master reports 4 unauthorized persons attempted to board his vessel using a skiff. The boarding was repelled by the PAST onboard who shot 2 warning shots.
50	03 NOV	MV STOLT SAGALAND	Piracy Attack	332nm East of Mogadishu, Master reports 4 unauthorized persons attempted to board his vessel using a skiff. The boarding was repelled by the PAST onboard which exchanged fire with the PAG.
51	06 NOV	MT HELLAS APHRODITE	Boarding	760nm East of Mogadishu. MT was boarded by PAG. Op Atalanta liberated the vessel on 07 NOV 25.
52	07 NOV	MT AL THUMAMA	Suspicious approach	714nm NE of Mogadishu (120NM North of event 51) Master reports being approached by a skiff with 3 POB. The MT managed to outrun the skiff.

● Solved or closed cases
 ● Active cases
 ● Unsolved cases

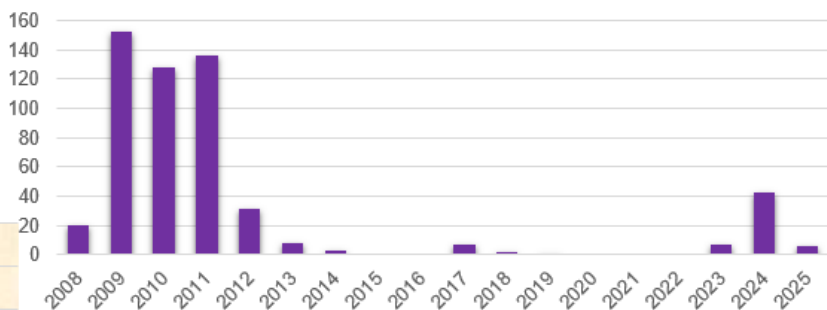


PIRACY STATISTICS (NOV 2023 – DEC 2025)

52 Events



PIRACY RELATED EVENTS



Pirated (Outside TTW) / Armed Robbery at sea (Inside TTW)

- PAG takes control of the ship and requests a ransom

Piracy Attack

- PAG unsuccessful attack on ship

Hijack

- Attackers boarded and taken control of a ship against the crew's will

Boarding

- Successful attack but pirates do not take control

Suspicious Approach

- Suspicious maneuvering with clear intentions to attack. (weapons clearly displayed)



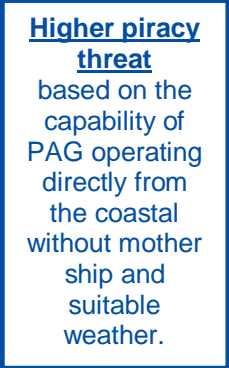
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PIRACY SITUATION (NOV 2023 – DEC 2025)



PIRACY ASSESSMENT

Nevertheless, from November 2024 it is becoming increasingly common for a group of people to organise themselves, identify a vulnerable ship close to the coast and use skiffs to carry out an attack. These attacks typically target Yemeni fishing dhows. While there is no confirmed information, it is **HIGHLY LIKELY** that ransoms would have been paid.

On the other hand, that risk could be amplified if local fishermen turn into pirates as a consequence that no effective action is being taken from the authorities to safeguard Somali TTW from IUUF.

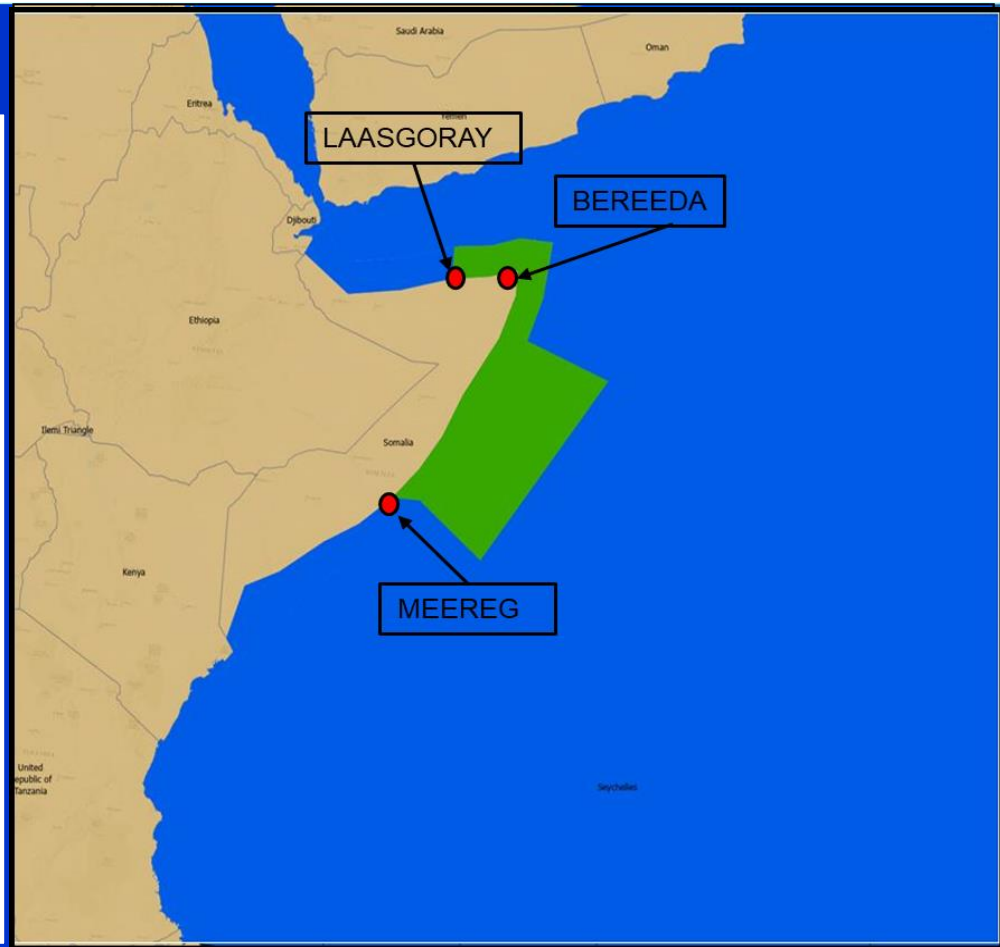


ATALANTA PIRACY THREAT UPDATE

PIRACY ASSESSMENT

The PIRACY Threat Assessment (TA) is determined as **LOW** in the GULF OF ADEN.

From LAASGORAY to BEREEDA and from BEREEDA to MEEREG remain **MODERATE**.



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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REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

Registration and reporting.

CSO's and Masters are encouraged to register their vessels upon entering the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area with both:

- MSCIO (<https://mscio.eu/reporting/vessel-registration/>)
- UKMTO (<https://www.ukmto.org/reporting-formats/initial-report>)

And report all incidents to UKMTO and MSCIO.

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 Situational 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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