(U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. No suspicious events were reported this previous week.

A. (U) Details:

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 3 - 9 May 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

(U) Table 1.

(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events

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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

2. (U) Weather Forecast for 10 - 16 May 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 10 - 16 May 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. EXTENDED FORECAST: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. EXTENDED FORECAST: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas 9 - 11 feet in the southern Channel.

G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents’ speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure will continue to dominate the weather pattern over the much of the AOR producing mostly clear skies with isolated area of thunderstorm activity. Expect isolated areas of dust from Iraq through central Saudi Arabia.
(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a moderate level. One boarding, an attempted boarding and an attack were reported this past week; with no further information available on the attack. One boarding from the previous week was reported.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.
(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) GHANA: On 3 May, two robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel anchored near position 04:54N - 001:42W, Takoradi Anchorage. Duty watchman saw the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The crew noticed the padlock for the paint locker broken but no items stolen. Port control informed. (IMB)

2. (U) GHANA: On 29 April, crew onboard a bulk carrier anchored near position 04:54N - 001:41W, Takoradi anchorage, noticed a robber on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped without stealing anything. (IMB)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 5 May, six pirates in a speedboat came alongside and attacked a bulk carrier underway near position 03:37N - 006:16E, 41 nm south of Brass. They hooked a ladder on the ship’s railing and attempted to board. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, took evasive maneuvers and non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. Due to the hardening measures taken by the master, the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away leaving their ladder hanging on the ship’s side. (IMB)

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 3 - 9 May 2018
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. * Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 10 - 16 May 2018


B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the West Africa coast.

5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a moderate level. One attempted boarding and one attack were reported this past week; with late reporting on a boarding and a suspicious approach.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 April, while at anchor near position 05:30.13S - 105:18.13E, Panjang Anchorage, a duty officer aboard a cargo vessel saw a fishing boat approaching the vessel. Duty crewman sent to check the fishing
boat’s activity. The duty crewman saw three robbers onboard the vessel and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm and alerted all crew via the PA system. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat. (IMB)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:

1. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 7 May, four members of a suspected Filipino kidnap-for-ransom group were shot and killed in the waters off Lahad Datu. The authorities are investigating whether they belonged to a pro-Islamic State militant group in the southern Philippines. Sabah Police Commissioner Ramli Din said a team, consisting of members of the Eastern Sabah Security Command (Esscom), VAT 69 special forces units as well as marine police, detected a boat carrying five to six men behaving suspiciously. “The speedboat was heading towards a group of fishing boats. Our boat intercepted them and flashed our blue strobe lights, ”said Ramli during a press conference in Lahad Datu. “The suspects fired on the team, forcing them to return fire in self-defense. “Ramli said the team was unharmed but a bullet had hit the left side of their boat’s bow. (www.freemalaysiatoday.com)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 6 May, a duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a bulk carrier anchored near position 00:13S - 117:33E, Muara Berau Anchorage, heard noise coming from the hawse pipe and saw somebody trying to remove the hawse pipe protection cover. Duty officer immediately informed, alarm raised and ship’s whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted their attempted boarding and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Duty officer tried to call the port control on VHF but received no response. (IMB)

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 24 April, two high speed craft approached an ore carrier underway near position 04:58N - 119:37E, 6 nm west-southwest of Bongao Island. As the boats closed to the ship, the crew could see a blue colored boat with two persons wearing face masks and a white colored boat with one person wearing a face mask. Two Philippine naval patrol vessels contacted the ore carrier via VHF channel 16. The high-speed boats closed to three cables from the ship, noticed the hardening, crossed the ship’s stern and moved away. The ship had received cautionary information from the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard Coast Watch as they were transiting the Sibutu passage. (IMB)
B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 3 - 9 May 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

(U) Table 3.

(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events

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Total  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 12  | 36  | 97  | 117  | 254  | 197  

(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 10 - 15 May 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet.

B. (U) Malacca Strait: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern section.

D. (U) Southern Sulu Sea - Northern Celebes Sea: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet.

E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: Low pressure over Sea of Japan and associated front has increased winds and seas from Sea of Japan through the northern portion of the South China Sea; expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:
(U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

(U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.

(U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.

(U) **Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.

(U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.

(U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

(U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

(U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

(U) **Piracy Levels**

(U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) Moderate: 2 - 4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) Low: 0 - 1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) **Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Lloyd’s
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT- GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
The Maritime Executive (website)
United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
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