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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 8 June – 6 July 2022**



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### 1. (U) **Scope Note**

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

### 2. (U) **Warnings and Advisories:**

#### **A. (U) U.S. Maritime Advisory 2022-007-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom.**

Issued on: 6 July 2022. This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2022-001. Issue: Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom (KFR) serve as a significant threat to U.S.-flagged vessels transiting or operating in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) as well as U.S. mariners onboard a vessel or transiting to or from a vessel in the GoG. Guidance: Mariners transiting this area should visit the Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade-Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG) website at <https://gog-mdat.org/home> and the NATO Shipping Centre website at <https://shipping.nato.int/nsc/operations/global-maritime-risk/west-africa-gulf-of-guinea> for additional information on threats and specific recommendations for their vessels. Additionally, the "Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security Off the Coast of West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea" (available under the Geography – Gulf of Guinea pull-down menu at <https://www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/>) provides additional guidance and resources for operating in this area. For any maritime industry questions about this advisory, contact [GMCC@uscg.mil](mailto:GMCC@uscg.mil). This Advisory will automatically expire on 2 January 2023.

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**3. (U) Summary:**

**A. (U) UKRAINE:** Prior to 5 July, two bulk carriers were seized by the separatist Donetsk Peoples Republic (DPR) berthed at the port of Mariupol.

**B. (U) INDONESIA:** On 4 July, six robbers armed with guns boarded a bulk carrier underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

**C. (U) DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:** On 23 June, four robbers boarded a container ship anchored in Banana Anchorage.

**D. (U) CAMEROON:** On 19 June, an underway offshore supply vessel (OSV) was fired upon by an unknown number of gunmen close to Archibong town in Bakassi waters.

**4. (U) Monthly Incidents by Region**

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the past 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event that double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

**A. (U) NORTH AMERICA:**

1. (U) MEXICO: On 14 June, at 1900 local time, 10 armed robbers boarded a Petroleos Mexicanos platform at the Rebombero pumping complex in the Bay of Campeche. According to press reports, the robbers were dressed in military-style attire and arrived at the offshore pumping complex in three boats. The perpetrators stayed onboard for about three hours, stealing sets of tools, self-contained breathing apparatuses, and other valuable equipment. Reports indicate that while crew members were forced to carry stolen items to the perpetrators' boats, no crew members were injured during the incident. (Mexico News Daily, Maritime Executive; Dryad Global; Splash 24/7)

**B. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA:**

1. (U) PERU: On 23 June, at 0245 local time, three robbers armed with long knives boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker EVERBRIGHT anchored in Callao Anchorage, near position 12:01S – 077:13W. The alarm was raised, and upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (vesseltracker.com; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

**C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

**D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

## E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA:



Figure 1. Mediterranean – Black Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) UKRAINE: Prior to 5 July, two bulk carriers, Liberia-flagged SMARTA and Panama-flagged BLUE STAR I, that had already berthed at the port of Mariupol, were seized by the Russian-backed separatist group, Donetsk Peoples Republic (DPR). According to press reports, DPR representatives sent letters to the two shipping companies stating that their ships were subjected to "forcible appropriation of movable property with forced conversion into state property," offering no compensation. The two ships have been stranded at the port since 24 February 2022 and their crews were reportedly evacuated on or before 11 April 2022. (Clearwater Dynamics; gCaptain; Reuters; Newsweek; Maritime Executive)

**F. (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA:**

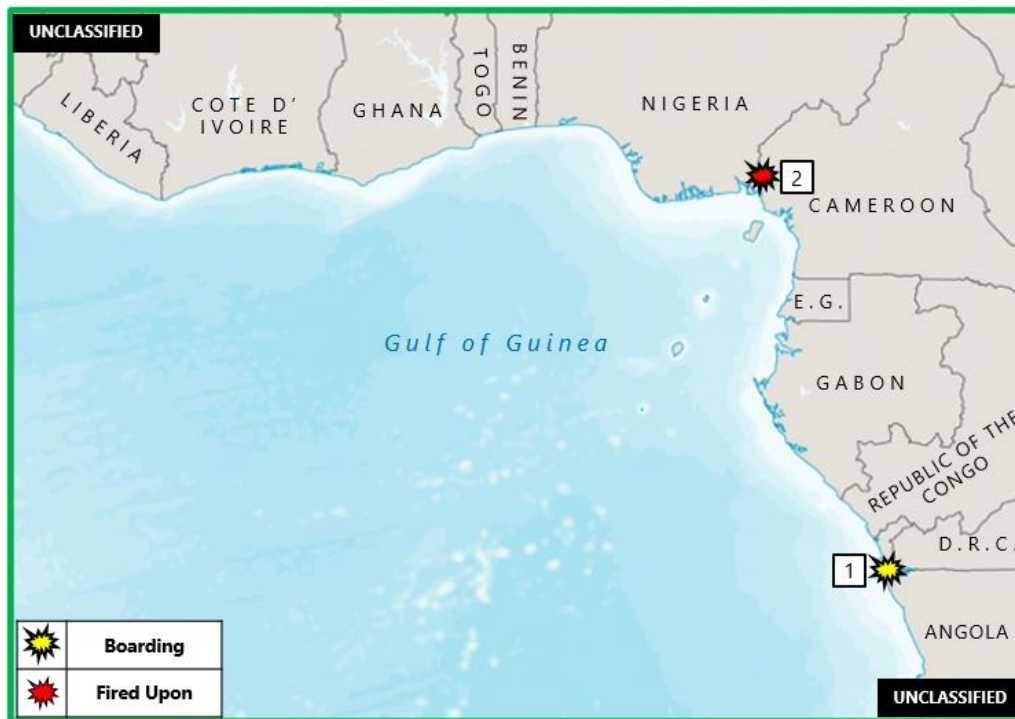


Figure 2. West Africa – Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: On 23 June, at 0435 local time, four robbers boarded a container ship anchored in Banana Anchorage, near position 06:03S – 012:29E. A duty crew member spotted the robbers trying to steal items from a container. Two of the robbers armed with long knives attacked one of the crew members, who suffered minor injuries. The robbers escaped empty-handed. (Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) CAMEROON: On 19 June, an underway offshore supply vessel (OSV) was fired upon by an unknown number of gunmen close to Archibong town in Bakassi waters near position 04:49N – 008:36E. According to press reports, the OSV was on its way to Nigeria when it was attacked. The security personnel escorting the vessel fled when the attackers opened fire on the vessel. One of the OSV crew members was reportedly hit by a stray bullet. (Daily Post; nairaland.com)

3. (U) NIGERIA: On 14 June, an unknown number of pirates intercepted and boarded a passenger boat with 15 persons onboard while traveling along waterways in the Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, near position 04:27N – 006:21E. Eight passengers were reported kidnapped while six passengers and the boat's skipper were left near the site of the incident, and were later rescued by the Marine Police. (mangrovepen.ng; Clearwater Dynamics)

**G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:** No current incidents to report.

**H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA:**

1. (U) YEMEN: On 18 June, at 1310 local time, an underway tanker reported a suspicious approach by a boat with five persons onboard approximately 4.5 NM west of Perim Island, near position 12:38N – 043:18E. When the boat came within 0.4 NM, the security team onboard the tanker raised the alarm, after which the boat aborted its approach. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

**I. (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA:**

Figure 3. East Asia – Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 July, at 0410 local time, six robbers armed with guns boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier NEMRUT BAY underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), near position 01:17N – 104:19E. The robbers were sighted in the engine room, and restrained one of the duty crew members. After the robbers escaped, the restrained crew member managed to free himself and immediately raised the alarm. The crew mustered, and the vessel was searched. The master later reported that the six robbers had stolen engine spare parts, and all crew were safe. The vessel did not require any assistance and continued its voyage. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (vesseltracker.com; ReCAAP; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 June, at 0230 local time, two robbers boarded the Singapore-flagged tanker MAERSK BERING while berthed in Port Belawan. A duty crew member sighted the two robbers leaving the vessel in an open boat. The vessel was searched, and it was discovered that fire hydrant caps, hydrant couplings, and fire hose

nozzles were stolen from the ship's stores. All crew members were reported safe and the incident was reported to the local authorities. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 23 June, at 0420 local time, a perpetrator holding a gun-like object boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier TOMINI UNITY underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:20N – 104:23E. The master reported the incident to the local authorities and requested assistance. All crew were reported safe, and the Singapore Police Coast Guard were tasked to search the vessel. (vesseltracker.com; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 June, members of the Indonesian Maritime Security Agency onboard the patrol vessel KN LAUT 403 detained the general cargo vessel KM REMUNG and the vessel's eight crew members on suspicion of coal theft in Samarinda, East Kalimantan, near position 00:32S – 117:47E. According to press reports, the authorities conducted the operation based on a tip-off from local fishermen about coal theft activity. KM REMUNG was loaded with 25 tons of stolen coal. The Balikpapan Maritime Security Agency detained the vessel and suspects for further investigation. (The Maritime Security Agency of the Republic of Indonesia; jppn.com)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 June, at 0130 local time, two perpetrators boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier DREAM STAR underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:17N – 104:15E. The perpetrators were sighted inside the steering gear room by duty crew members. The alarm was raised, the crew mustered, and the vessel was searched. The master later reported that the two perpetrators escaped, and that the vessel did not require any assistance and continued its voyage. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (ReCAAP; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

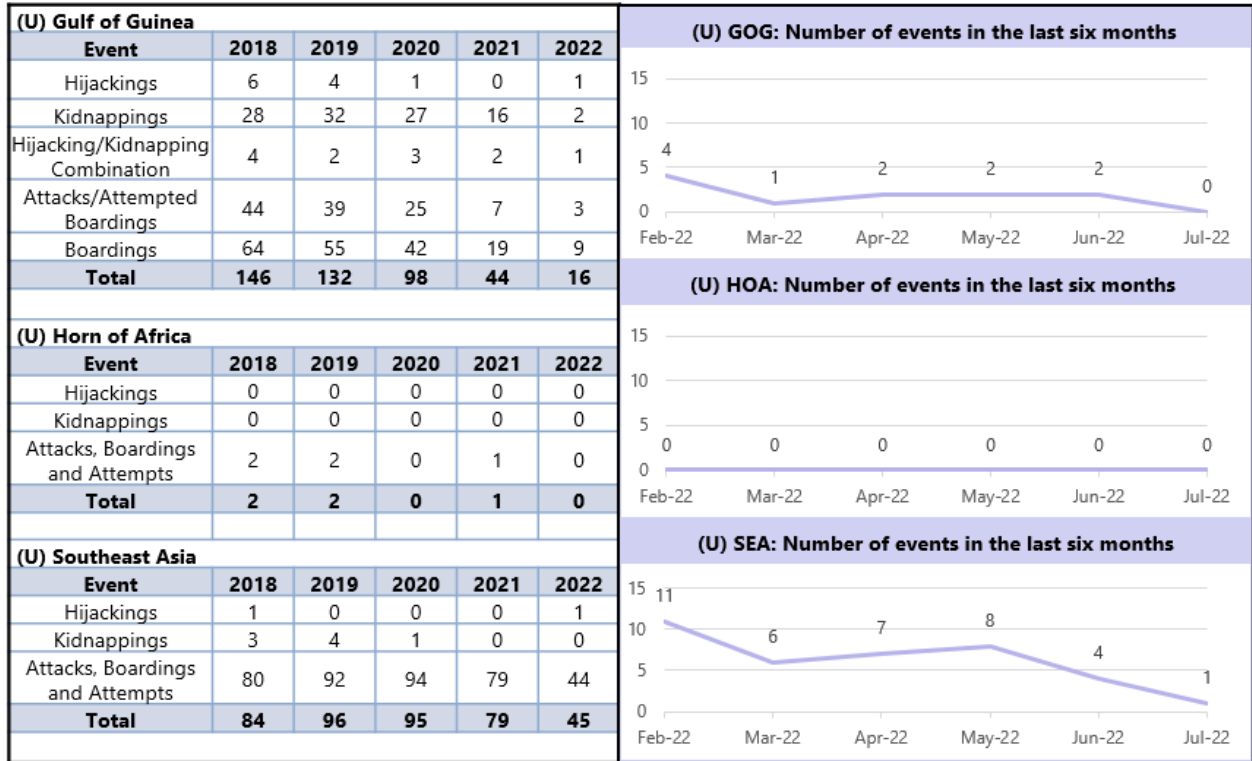
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 13 June, at 0330 local time, a robber boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged chemical tanker SILVER EBURNA anchored in Belawan Anchorage, near position 03:56N – 098:44E. The duty officer sighted the robber at the ship's forecandle area, the alarm was raised, and the crew mustered, which resulted in the perpetrator escaping empty-handed. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

#### **J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:**

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 28 June, at 0330 local time, three robbers boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship KOTA RANCAK anchored in Chittagong Anchorage, near position 22:08N – 091:43E. The duty crew member sighted the robbers at the ship's forward store, the alarm was raised, and the crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen high pressure water blasting equipment, a scaling machine, reefer extension plugs, fire hydrant caps, fire hose nozzles, and fire hose spanners from the ship's stores. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

**K. (U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

5. (U) **Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends**



6. (U) **Appendix B: Definitions and Sourcing**

**A. (U) Definitions:** In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping 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 embarkation 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) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

**B. (U) Sourcing:** ONI derives information in this report primarily from government agencies, piracy reporting centers, maritime security companies, and open press.

**7. (U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories**

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
<a href="#">2022-007-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	6 JUL 22	2 JAN 23
<a href="#">2022-006-Global-Overview of the U.S. Maritime Advisory System</a>	15 JUN 22	12 DEC 22
<a href="#">2022-005-Various-GPS Interference &amp; AIS Spoofing</a>	14 MAR 22	10 SEP 22
<a href="#">2022-004-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations</a>	8 MAR 22	4 SEP 22
<a href="#">2022-003-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, and Western Indian Ocean-Threats to Commercial Vessels</a>	28 FEB 22	27 AUG 22

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