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(U) WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report 25 June - 25 July 2018



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1. (U) Scope Note

1. (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) **UKMTO ADVISORY NOTICE 005/JUL/2018**: Incident Description: UKMTO received a report that an incident occurred to a MV on 24 July 2018 at 2130 UTC in position 14:47N - 041:44E. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise caution and adhere to BMP5. No further information is available at this time. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information. UKMTO Watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@ukmto.org, emergency tel: +971 5055 23215, tel: +442392222060, fax: +971(0)43094254.
- B. (U) **UKMTO ADVISORY NOTICE 004/JUL/2018**: Category: Attack. Description: On 22 July 2018 at 1422 UTC a MV in position 01:06N - 044:02E in vicinity of Baraawe Port, southwest of Mogadishu, reported being under attack. Attack has now ceased. The MV is now safe and in the port of Baraawe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution. Source: Reported to UKMTO via email. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information. This advisory is not classified as a Maritime Security Event and has not been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting. UKMTO Watchkeeper Email: watchkeepers@ukmto.org Emergency Tel: +971 5055 23215 Tel: +442392222060 Fax: +971(0)43094254.
- C. (U) **MDAT-GoG Advisory 002/JUL/2018**: Category: Suspicious approach. Description: On 22 July 2018 at 1350 UTC in position 01:30N - 001:15E, 274 nm southeast of Takoradi, Ghana, an MV was approached by a blue and white fishing vessel. Fishing vessel launched 2 skiffs which approached MV and attempted to board. MV conducted evasive maneuvers

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preventing skiffs getting within 0.5 nm. Vessel is safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution. Source: Reported to MDAT-GoG via phone. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0033 298 22 88 88 for further information. MDAT-GoG watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org, emergency tel: +33(0) 298 22 88 88.

3. (U) Summary:

A. (U) RED SEA: On 25 July, two Saudi Arabia-flagged oil tankers were attacked 70 nm west of Hodeidah, Yemen.

B. (U) UNITED STATES: On 25 July, China's COSCO Shipping Lines was hit by an apparent cyber-attack that caused a 'network breakdown' within its Americas region.

C. (U) VIETNAM: On 24 July, authorities discovered 35 kilograms of heroin hidden in a shipping container of imported scrap steel in the port of Cai Mep.

D. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: On 22 July, a merchant vessel was approached by a blue and white fishing vessel 274 nm south-east of Takoradi, Ghana.

E. (U) SOMALIA: On 22 July, a merchant vessel in the vicinity of Baraawe Port reported being under attack.

F. (U) GREAT BRITAIN: On 20 July, authorities intercepted S/Y MARCIA off the southwest coast of the country. A search of the vessel revealed two tons of cocaine.

G. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 19 July, authorities arrested two persons at the port of Samar, Visayas, while the two were attempting to smuggle firearms and ammunition.

H. (U) BANGLADESH: On 19 July, robbers boarded a Panama-flagged container ship anchored in Chittagong Outer Anchorage.

I. (U) CHILE: On 18 July, authorities intercepted two fishing vessels on the same day conducting illegal fishing activities in the Corral region.

J. (U) UNITED STATES: On 11 July, authorities intercepted a vessel near Miami, Florida. A search of the vessel revealed 496 pounds of marijuana.

K. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 11 June, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Salt Whistle Bay.

L. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 11 June, in a second incident, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Salt Whistle Bay.

M. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 4 June, a robber boarded a catamaran anchored in South Glossy Bay.

4. (U) Counter-Piracy and Maritime Crime Announcements

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for July and August 2018. To apply for JMSDF escort, visit http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932; Fax: +81-3-5253-1643. Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp. (MSCHOA)

B. (U) GULF OF ADEN: China Navy convoy schedule for July and August 2018. For further information, please email: planavy@navy.mil.cn or etg546cn@163.com, or call Tel 00870 773 120 772. (MSCHOA)

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: India Navy convoy escort schedule for July and August 2018. To register, email: gcommcentre-dgs@nic.in; or visit ww.dgshipping.com. Telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22-22613636. (MSCHOA)

5. (U) Details: 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 last 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event 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:

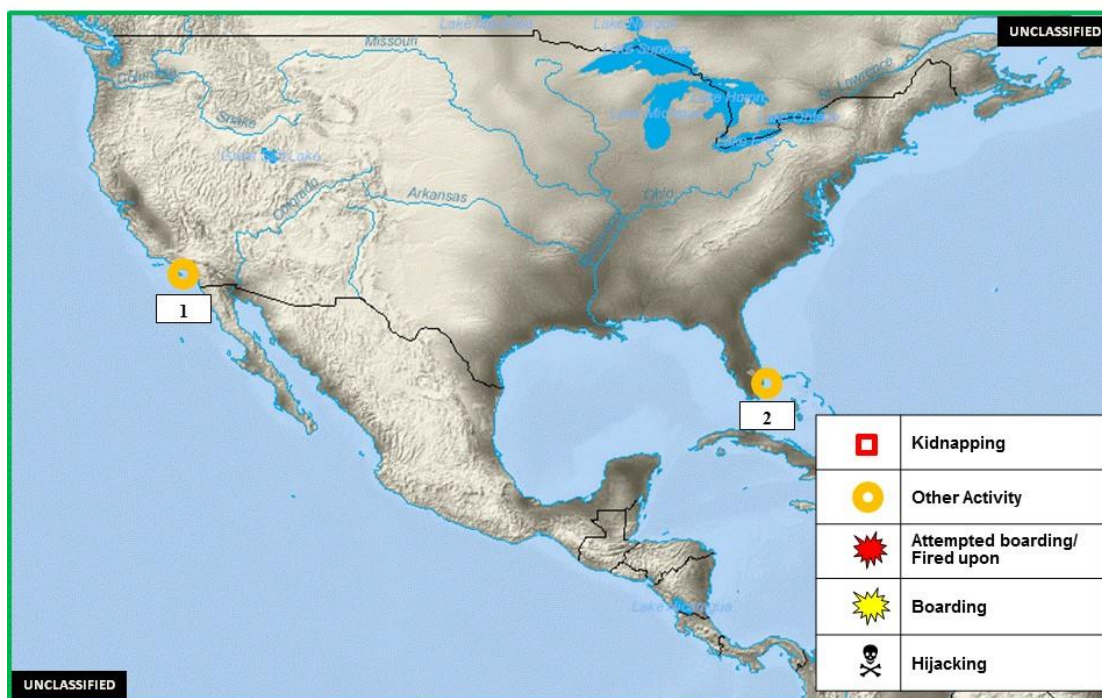


Figure 1. North America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) UNITED STATES: On 25 July, China's COSCO Shipping Lines was hit by an apparent cyber-attack that caused a 'network breakdown' within its Americas region, the shipping line confirmed in a social media post. "Due to the local network breakdown within our Americas region, local email and network telephone is not working properly at the moment. For safety precautions, we have shut down connections with other regions for further investigations," COSCO wrote in a customer advisory posting. Despite the breakdown, COSCO ensured that so far its vessel operations have not been impacted. The breakdown is believed to have started at COSCO Pier J terminal at the Port of Long Beach, California, on the U.S. west coast and has spread to its operations in the U.K. (www.gcaptain.com)

2. (U) UNITED STATES: On 11 July, authorities intercepted a vessel near Miami, Florida. A search of the vessel revealed 496 pounds of marijuana. (www.cbp.gov)

3. (U) MEXICO: On 9 July, Navy personnel seized 250 kilograms of cocaine and apprehended two men aboard a small boat traveling off the coast of Guerrero. Routine aerial surveillance spotted the vessel 370 kilometers south of Acapulco. A joint aerial and maritime operation resulted in the arrest of the two men found onboard a "go-fast" boat, popular for

smuggling drugs. The boat was carrying 71 plastic canisters, 10 of which contained small packets of cocaine amounting to a total of 250 kilograms. The other 61 containers held 3,000 liters of fuel. (www.mexiconewsdaily.com)

4. (U) UNITED STATES: On 6 July, a U.S. Coast Guard and a Jamaica Defence Force joint operation interdicted a boat attempting to smuggle 2,116 pounds of marijuana into Key West, Florida. (www.jamaica-gleaner.com)

B. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA - CARIBBEAN - SOUTH AMERICA:

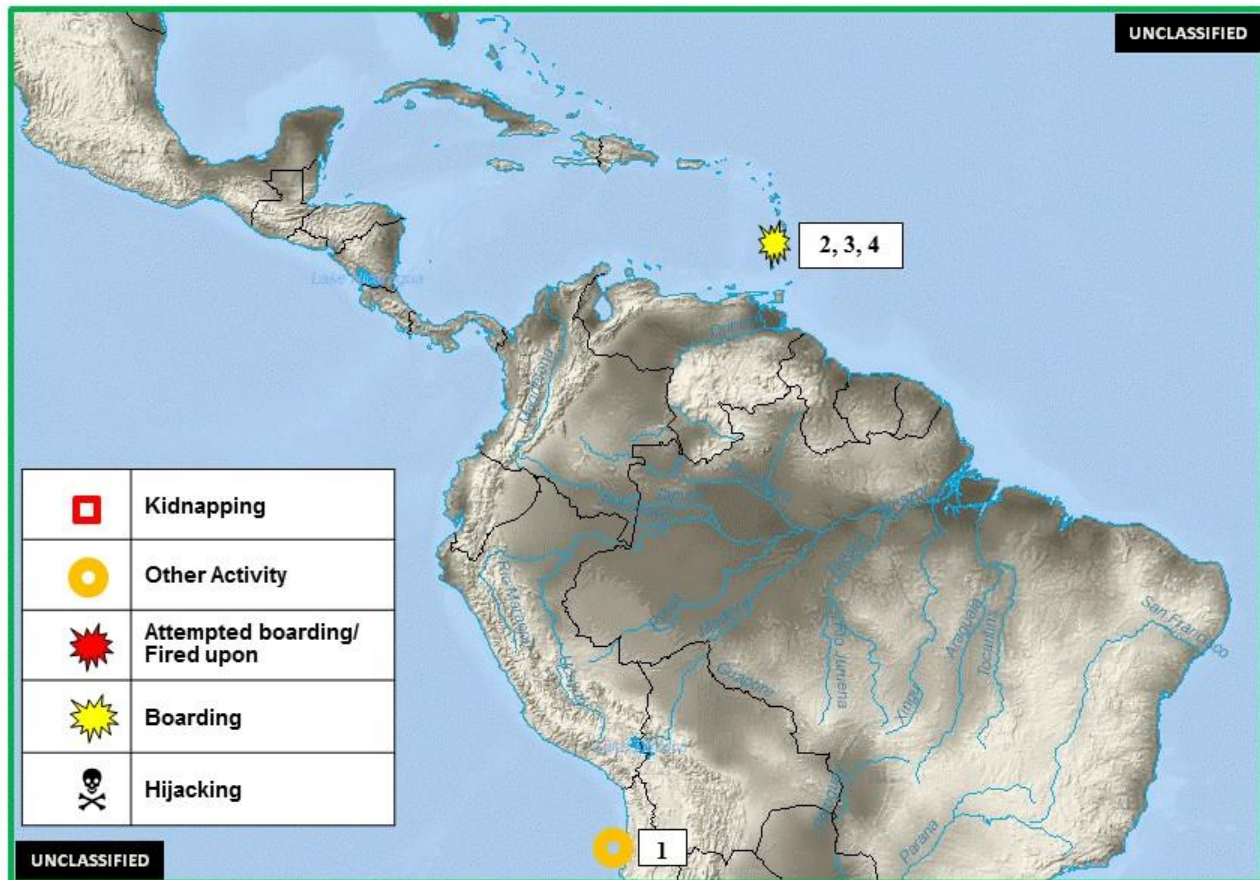


Figure 2. Central America - Caribbean - South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) CHILE: On 18 July, authorities intercepted two fishing vessels on the same day conducting illegal fishing activities in the Corral region. F/V DON FELIX II was found to be carrying 3.1 tons of illegally caught Pacific pomfret; while F/V DON CARLIN I was found to have 2 tons of the fish. (www.fis.com)

2. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 11 June, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Salt Whistle Bay. The thief entered thru a screened but unlocked deck hatch and had rifled the cabins and main salon, stealing cash. An interior but locked locker containing sails/ropes had been forced open, but none were taken. A police report was made in Mayreau the next morning, and later as requested in Union Island. (www.noonsite.com)

3. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 11 June, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Salt Whistle Bay. The cabins and salon were searched and cash stolen from various locations. The in-the-water dinghy/outboard was also stolen. A police report was made. (www.noonsite.com)

4. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 4 June, a robber boarded a catamaran anchored in South Glossy Bay. The owners were awoken when a swimmer tried to pry open a locked deck hatch. The thief, once discovered, ran forward and jumped overboard and swam away. Minor damage, but nothing taken. (www.noonsite.com)

5. (U) GUATEMALA: On 16 July, authorities from the National Police apprehended a small submarine, arresting 3 persons and confiscating 823 kilograms of cocaine. (www.101greatgoals.com)

6. (U) GUYANA: On 1 July, an anchored reefer was boarded by robbers, unnoticed, near position 06:59N - 058:02W, Georgetown Outer Anchorage. Upon completion of a search, some forward ship's store items were found missing. Vessel and crew are safe. Incident reported to local agent. (IMB)

7. (U) PERU: On 29 June, Peruvian Drug Enforcement agency officers searched the very large container ship CAP SAN SOUNIO at the Callao container terminal on arrival from Buenaventura, Colombia. They seized a 24-kilogram shipment of cocaine, hidden in a compartment under the cargo deck. One crewman was reportedly detained. (www.fleetmon.com)

C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:

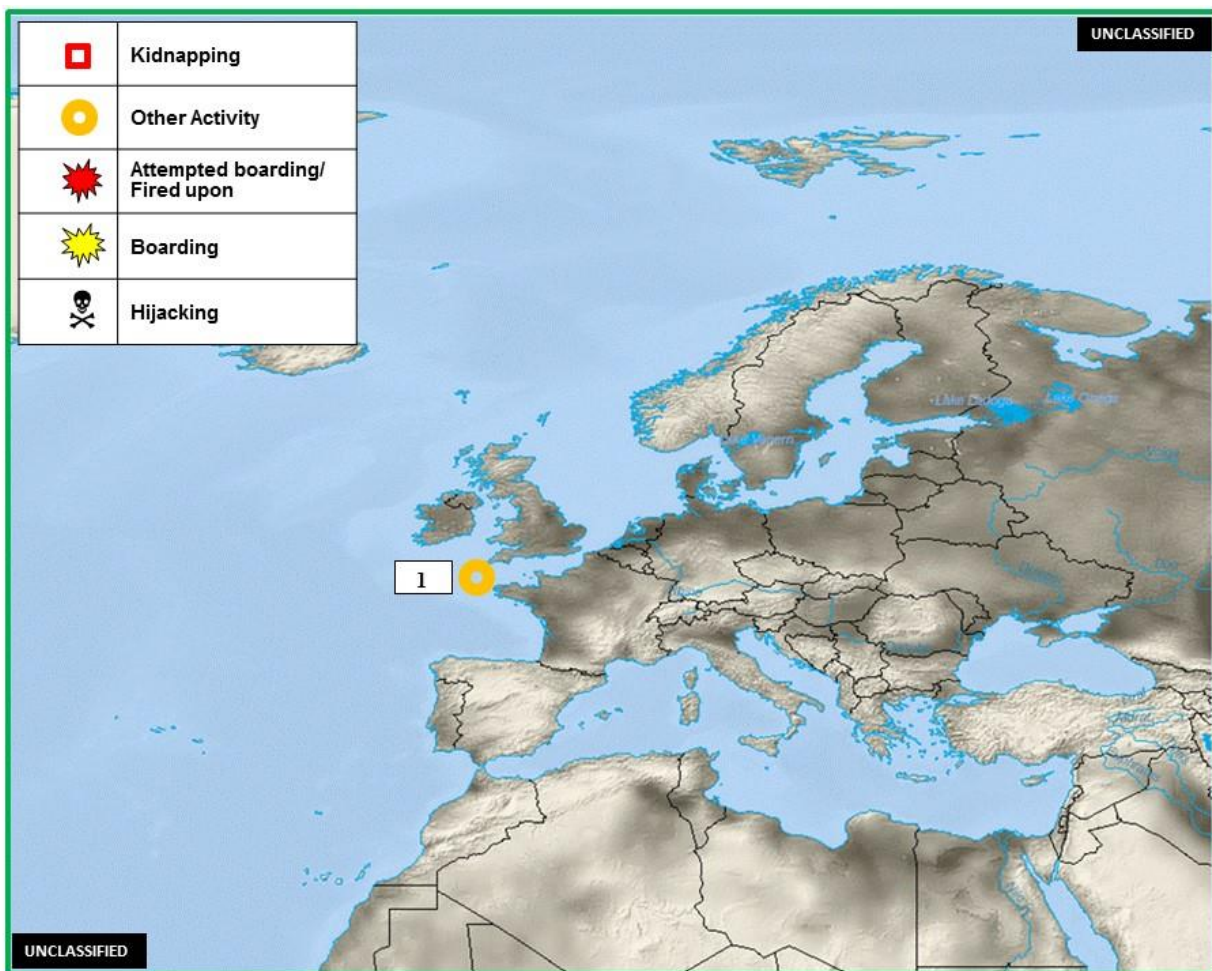


Figure 3. Atlantic Ocean Area Piracy and
Maritime Crime

1. (U) GREAT BRITAIN: On 20 July, authorities intercepted S/Y MARCIA off the southwest coast of the country. A search of the vessel revealed two tons of cocaine. Two Dutch nationals were arrested. The port of Newlyn Harbour was briefly closed while the yacht was escorted into the area for further investigation. (www.independent.co.uk)

2. (U) FRANCE: On 1 July, a young man was arrested by authorities in the port of St Malo. He swam across the harbor and boarded the ferry CONDOR RAPIDE in an attempt to stowaway to the island of Jersey. He was found in the stern section of the ship, hiding among mooring lines, by ship's crew conducting a routine security search of the ship. (www.jerseyeveningpost.com)

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

E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN - BLACK SEA:

1. (U) SPAIN: On 18 July, a group of possible migrants attacked the Great Britain-flagged general cargo ship CELTIC VENTURE as the ship bunkered in Cueta. The migrants threw a large number of stones at the ship and at personnel fueling the ship. Civil Guard forces intervened. (www.fleetmon.com)

2. (U) ITALY: On 12 July, the tug VOS THALASSA rescued 67 migrants off the coast of Libya. During the voyage, according to Italy's Interior Minister, a Sudanese man and a Ghanaian man allegedly tried to hijack the tug so it wouldn't return them to Libya. An Italian Coast Guard vessel brought the migrants back to Trapani, in western Sicily for further investigation. (www.abcnews.go.com; BBC)

3. (U) TURKEY: On 9 July, authorities in the port of Mersin confiscated 14.9-tons of acetic anhydride hidden in a truck traveling in a Turkey-flagged ro-ro ship from Italy, according to a statement from Turkey's Customs and Trade Ministry. The chemical is used in the production of heroin. (www.aa.com.tr)

4. (U) LEBANON: On 4 July, authorities in the Port of Beirut seized a consignment of 2 million captagon pills hidden in wood cutting equipment. The machines were destined for Oman and Saudi Arabia. (www.dailystar.com.lb)

5. (U) ITALY: On 3 July, authorities in the port of Crotona found a Ukraine-flagged sailing yacht carrying 71 migrants. The yacht had picked up the migrants in Turkey. (www.ukrinform.net)

F. (U) WEST AFRICA:

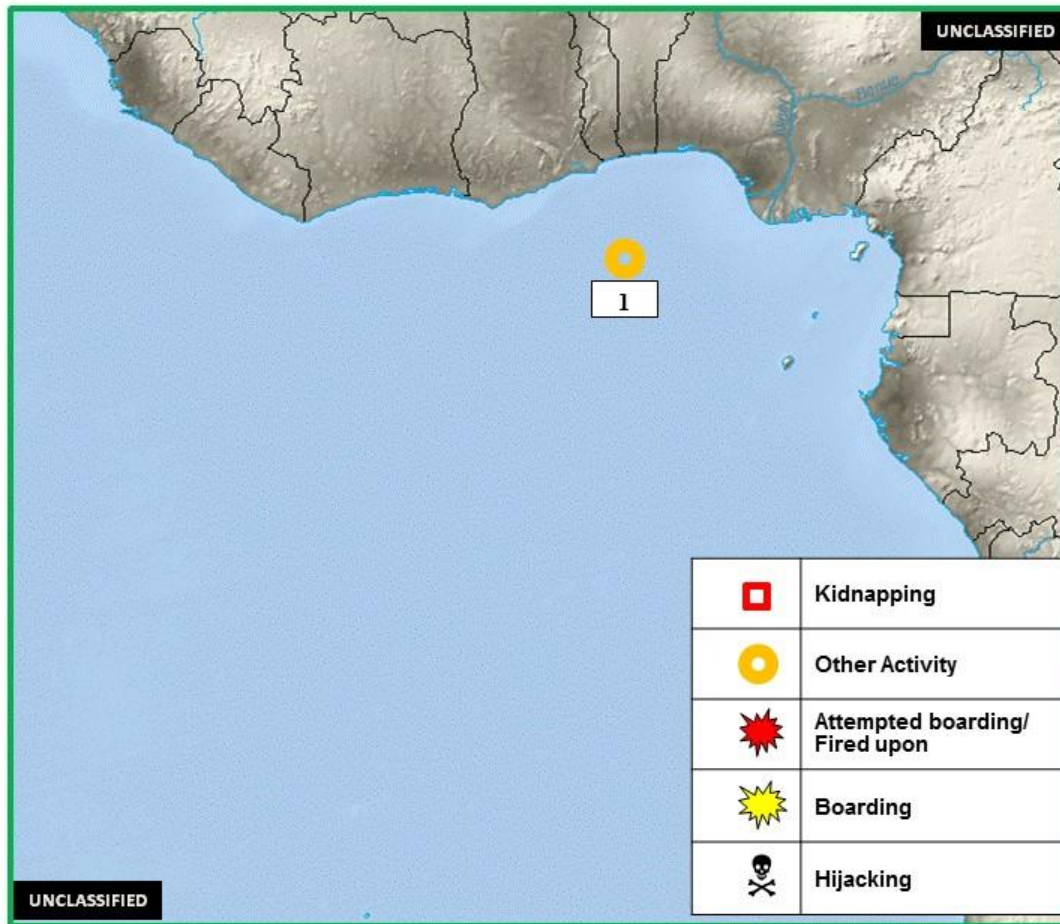


Figure 4. West Africa Piracy and Maritime
Crime

1. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: On 22 July, a merchant vessel was approached by a blue and white fishing vessel near position 01:30N - 001:15E, 274 nm southeast of Takoradi, Ghana. The fishing vessel launched two skiffs which approached the merchant vessel. The vessel conducted evasive maneuvers preventing skiffs getting within 0.5 nm. (MDAT-GoG, www.pviktd.com)

2. (U) GABON: On 17 July, the government of Gabon announced that one week after the announcement of Operation Albacore II, a joint operation between an environmental NGO and the Gabonese government to tackle illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing in central West Africa, the crew of the NGO's ship assisted Gabonese authorities in the arrest of two illegal fishing trawlers. The two vessels, the China-flagged trawlers HAIXIN 23 and HAIXIN 28, were intercepted after five fishing vessels were observed on radar crossing the border between the Republic of Gabon and the Republic of Congo under the cover of darkness. Armed Gabonese marines boarded and secured the two trawlers without injury or incident as Fisheries Enforcement officers inspected the vessels. The other three trawlers escaped across the border into Congolese waters. Upon inspection, it was discovered that neither vessel was licensed to fish in Gabonese waters, and one of the trawlers did not even have a license to fish in Congolese waters. (www.maritime-executive.com)

3. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 July, the duty officer onboard a tug near position 01:49N - 003:12E, 220 nm southwest of Bayelsa State, noticed a fishing boat lowering a long skiff into the water. The skiff with four to five persons onboard started approaching the tug and closed to a distance of 0.5 nm. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and headed into the swell. Several attempts were made by the skiff to get closer to the tug, but failed due to the rough weather. After following the tug for over five hours, the skiff moved away. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 July, duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a product tanker anchored near position 06:16N - 003:11E, Lagos Secure Anchorage saw a boat tied up to the anchor chain and alerted the bridge. The crewman sighted a robber approaching him and retreated into the accommodation and secured the doors. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated, distress message sent, patrol boats informed via VHF, crew mustered and ship's whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped. Two patrol boats responded to the calls and searched the area. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; www.sguardian.com; www.pvilttd.com)

5. (U) NIGERIA: On 1 July, vessel reported being attacked near position 04:08N - 006:57E, 20 nm southwest of Bonny. (MDAT-GoG)

G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:

1. (U) DUBAI: On 8 July, Dubai police announced the arrest of four gangs planning to steal and smuggle 46 luxury cars out of the country in shipping containers. Police forces from across the country, including from Dubai, Sharjah, and Ajman formed a joint task force, which nabbed the gang members. They seized the thieves at a sea port as the cars were about to be smuggled out on a cargo ship. While 17 vehicles were found at the port, 13 were located at a warehouse in the area, 12 vehicles were seized in various emirates, and four cars were being used by the thieves to travel in the country. The vehicles included Bentley, Mercedes, Lexus and Rolls Royce cars, among others. (www.gulfbusiness.com)

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

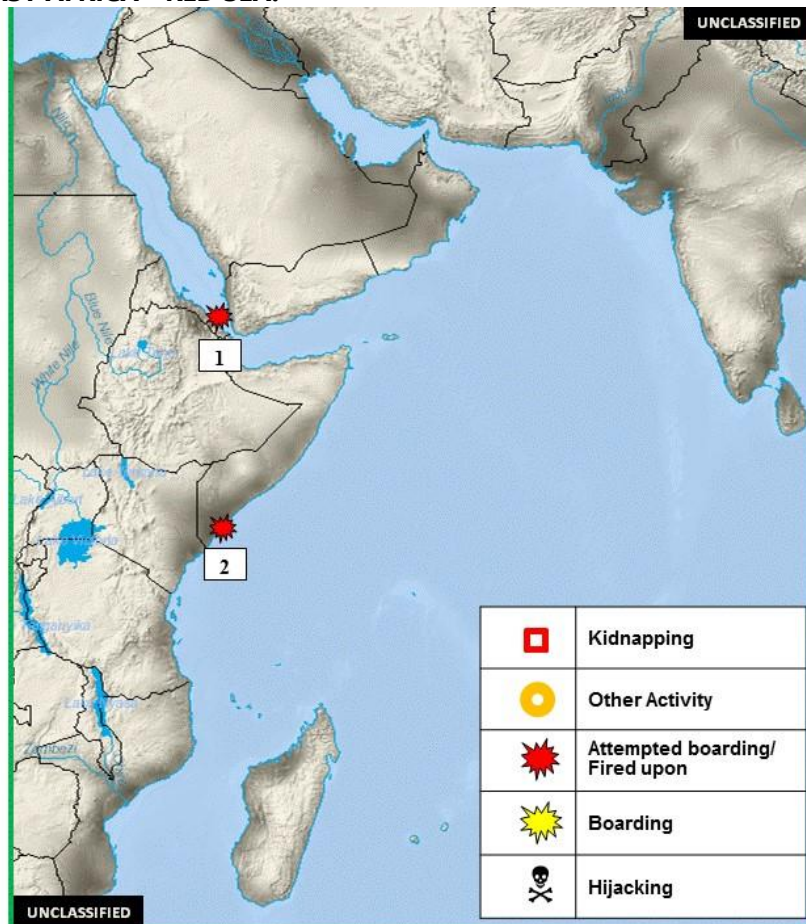


Figure 5. Indian Ocean - East Africa - Red Sea
Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) RED SEA: On 26 July, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said that yesterday, on 25 July, two Saudi Arabia-flagged oil tankers were attacked by Houthis near position 14:47N - 041:44E, 70 nm west of Hodeidah, Yemen. One of the tankers sustained minimal damage. "Saudi Arabia is temporarily halting all oil shipments through Bab al-Mandeb Strait immediately until the situation becomes clearer and the maritime transit through Bab al-Mandeb is safe," the statement said. (UKMTO; www.pvilttd.com; Reuters)

2. (U) SOMALIA: On 22 July, a merchant vessel near position 01:062N - 044:02E, in the vicinity of Baraawe port reported being under attack. The ship subsequently reported that the attack had ended and the ship is safe in the port. (UKMTO; www.pviktd.com)

3. (U) RED SEA: On 11 July, a merchant vessel transiting near position 13:22N - 042:45E, 15 nm south of the Hanish Islands, reported that a group of skiffs approached the vessel. One skiff approached the vessel to within 0.2 nm. The embarked security team showed their weapons and the skiff departed. A ladder was reportedly sighted. (UKMTO)

4. (U) RED SEA: On 4 July, a merchant vessel in position: 13:33N - 042:40E, approximately 5 nm south of Hanish Islands, Yemen, reported being approached at speed by three white and blue hulled skiffs. Each skiff had 7 - 8 persons onboard. The skiffs fired at the vessel, embarked security team returned fire. The crew and vessel are safe. (UKMTO; www.sguardian.com; www.pvilttd.com)

5. (U) GULF OF OMAN: On 4 July, a merchant vessel in position 24:02N - 059:55E, 77 nm northeast of Muscat, reported being approached at speed by two white hulled small craft with four persons onboard each skiff. The closest point of approach on the merchant vessel was 500 meters. (UKMTO; www.sguardian.com; www.pvilttd.com)

6. (U) RED SEA: On 26 June, a merchant vessel in transit reported a suspicious approach by 2 speedboats near position 13:30N - 042:43E, 10 nm south of Jazirat al Hanish al Jabir Island, approximately 31 nm west of Yemeni coast. Vessel reported speedboats with 8-10 persons in each boat. Embarked security team showed weapons and speedboats departed. Speedboats had previously approached two other MVs in the vicinity. Vessel is safe. (UKMTO; www.pvilttd.com; www.sguardian.com)

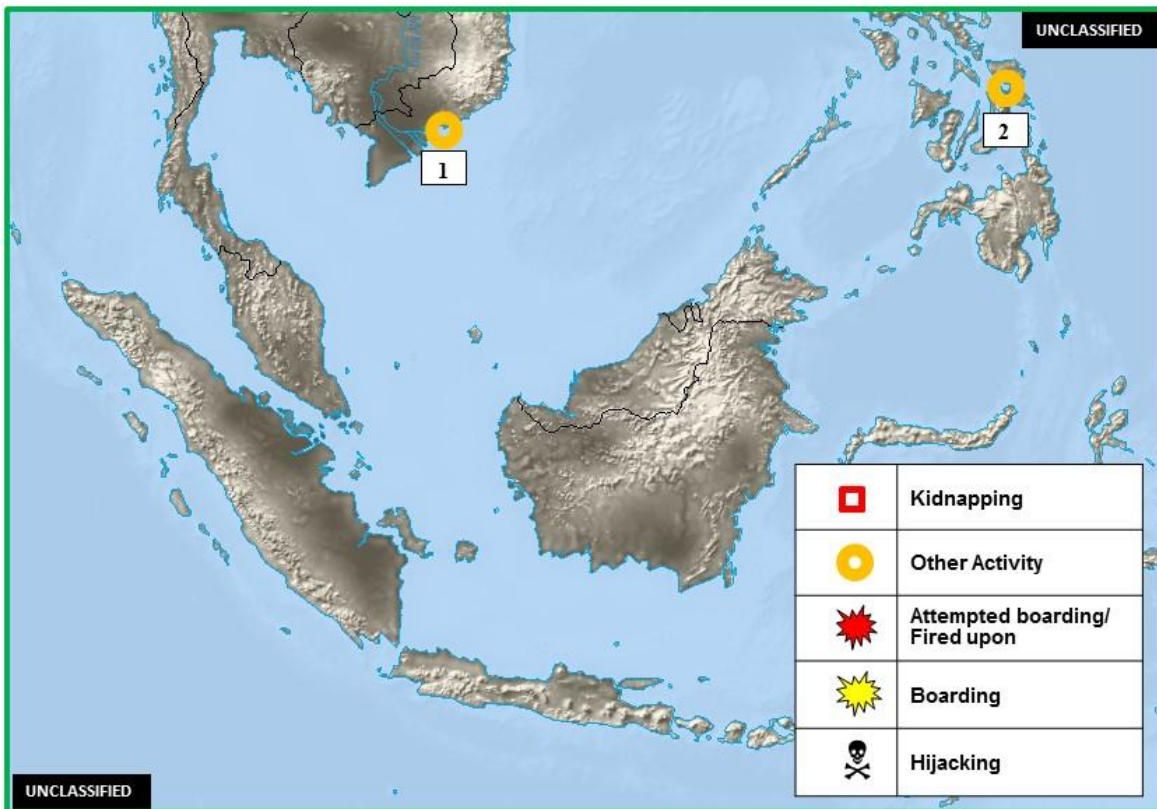
I. (U) EAST ASIA - SOUTHEAST ASIA - INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:

Figure 6. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

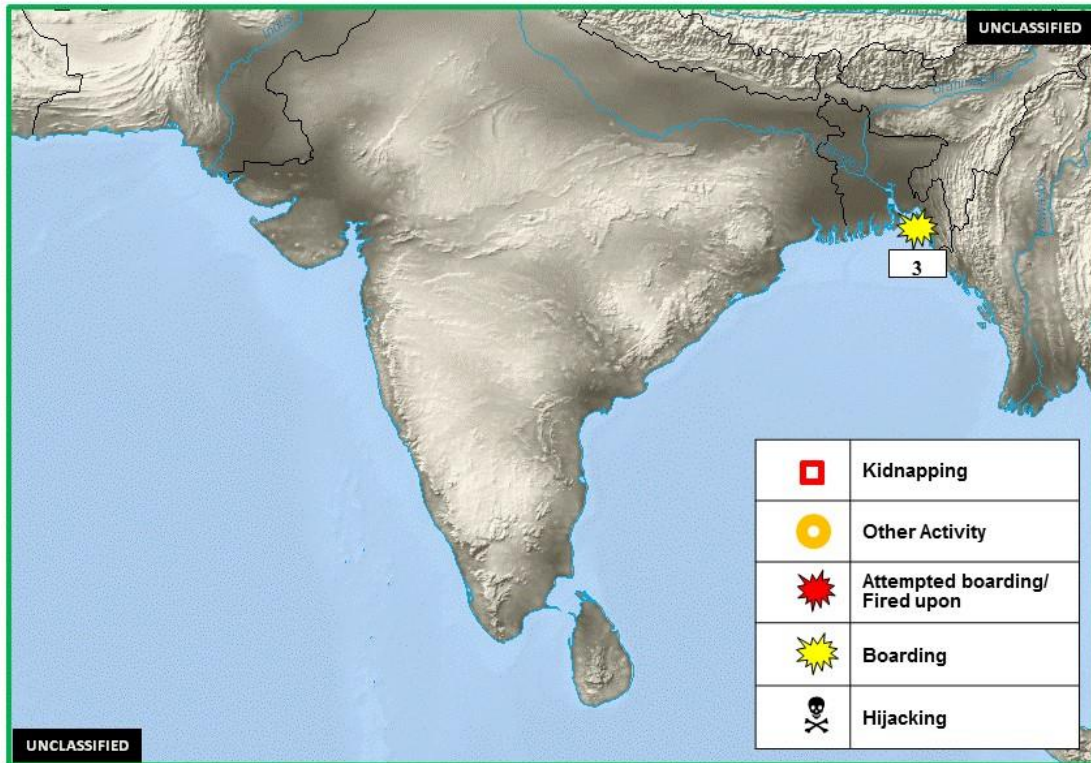


Figure 7. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) VIETNAM: On 24 July, authorities discovered 35 kilograms of heroin hidden in a shipping container of imported scrap steel in the port of Cai Mep. (www.talkvietnam.org)

2. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 19 July, authorities arrested two persons at the port of Samar, Visayas, while the two were attempting to smuggle firearms and ammunition. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) in Central Visayas said ten .38-caliber revolvers and four .45-caliber pistols with various types of ammunition were recovered. The suspects, who were in a bus on a roll-on roll-off ferry bound for Ormoc, Leyte, at the Marabut port, failed to present the necessary documents, the PCG said. (www.philstar.com)

3. (U) BANGLADESH: On 19 July, robbers boarded a Panama-flagged container ship anchored near position 22:19N - 091:43E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage and stole three mooring ropes. The robbers escaped unnoticed although upon uncovering the theft, crew notified the Bangladesh Coast Guard who dispatched a patrol boat to the area and apprehended the assailants, who were still near the vessel. (www.pvilttd.com)

4. (U) MALAYSIA: On 10 July, robbers boarded a tanker berthed near position 05:48N - 118:03E, Sandakan Port, Sabah State, stole ship's properties and escaped unseen. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agent who informed the port police. Local police boarded the tanker for investigation. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)

5. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 5 July, a duty crew during routine rounds onboard an Isle of Man-flagged LNG tanker anchored near position 13:45N - 121:00E, Batangas Anchorage, saw an unauthorized person on the forecastle deck. He immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm was raised, crew was mustered and a search was carried out. Upon checking, ship's stores were reported as missing. No unauthorized person found onboard. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)

6. (U) BANGLADESH: On 3 July, eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier using ropes attached to hooks near position 22:19N - 091:43E, Chittagong Anchorage. The robbers took desk watchman hostage and tied him up, stole the aft mooring ropes, and escaped. Incident reported to local agent. (IMB)

J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:

1. (U) HONG KONG: On 8 July, authorities seized about 8,700-kilograms of suspected Thailand rosewood from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound. Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Cambodia. (www.7thspace.com)

2. (U) EAST CHINA SEA: On 29 June, a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force vessel spotted the North Korea-flagged tanker AN SAN 1 alongside a ship of unknown nationality in waters 350 kilometers south-southeast of Shanghai, China. Since the two vessels were seen connected with hoses, the Japanese government suspects they conducted ship-to-ship product transfers banned by the United Nations. AN SAN 1 has been designated as a vessel subject to an asset freeze and banned from entering any foreign port under a U.N. Security Council resolution. (www.english.kyodonews.net)

3. (U) HONG KONG: On 27 June, Hong Kong Customs seized about 29,000-kilograms of suspected Guatemalan rosewood from a container at the Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound. Through risk assessment, customs officers inspected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Honduras and found the suspected Guatemalan rosewood. (www.hspace.com)

4. (U) EAST CHINA SEA: On 27 June, Japan's Defence Ministry reported to the United Nations of the suspected ship-to-ship goods transfers involving a North Korean tanker on the high seas in violation of UN sanctions. The North Korea-flagged tanker YU PHYONG 5 was first spotted beside a small vessel of unknown nationality on 21 June in waters around 400 kilometers off Shanghai in the East China Sea. On the next day, the North Korean tanker was seen beside a similar vessel around 450 kilometers off Shanghai. The vessel, carrying a flag similar to that of China, may have been the same as the one seen the previous day, according to the ministry. In each case a hose was connected between the North Korean tanker and the other vessel, leading the government to "strongly suspect" that they were engaged in ship-to-ship transfers banned by the United Nations. The YU PHYONG 5 has been designated as a vessel subject to an asset freeze and prohibited from entering any foreign port under a UN resolution. (www3.nhk.or.jp; Kyodo)

K. (U) AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:

1. (U) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: On 28 June, five men armed with knives boarded a small boat with a crew of 3 men near Lae. The robbers attacked the men, cutting one man's left hand off. The robbers then stole a 75-hp outboard motor and fled. By 2 July, all five suspects had been arrested. (www.thenational.com.pg)

6. (U) Appendix A: Further Contact Information and Resources

(U) This appendix provides contact information for the author of the WTS as well as other entities that can be contacted with maritime crime reports. It also lists other resources where the WTS is posted and where piracy and maritime crime incident information can be found.

(U) Contact

(U) Originator of this WTS report requests consumer feedback. Originator will incorporate all anti-shipping events and violence against the maritime industry into this weekly message where appropriate. To aid in our reporting, please add the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to your normal corporate and organizational reporting requirements. The 24-hour watch can be reached at +1 (301) 669-4053.

(U) Other Resources

(U) This Worldwide Threat to Shipping Report is posted at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Maritime Safety site: <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) also publishes a live piracy report based on reporting from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, listing all piracy and armed robbery incidents in the last ten days: <http://www.icc-ccs.org/>. The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intel Portal: http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm.

7. (U) Appendix B: Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. ONI welcomes comment and suggestions for addition or amendment.

(U) Terminology

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, the following have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities:

(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) 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.

(U) Sourcing

(U) ONI derives information in this report from direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources.

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- DNK Intelligence & Operations Centre (DNK IOC)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur

- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Lloyd's
- 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)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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