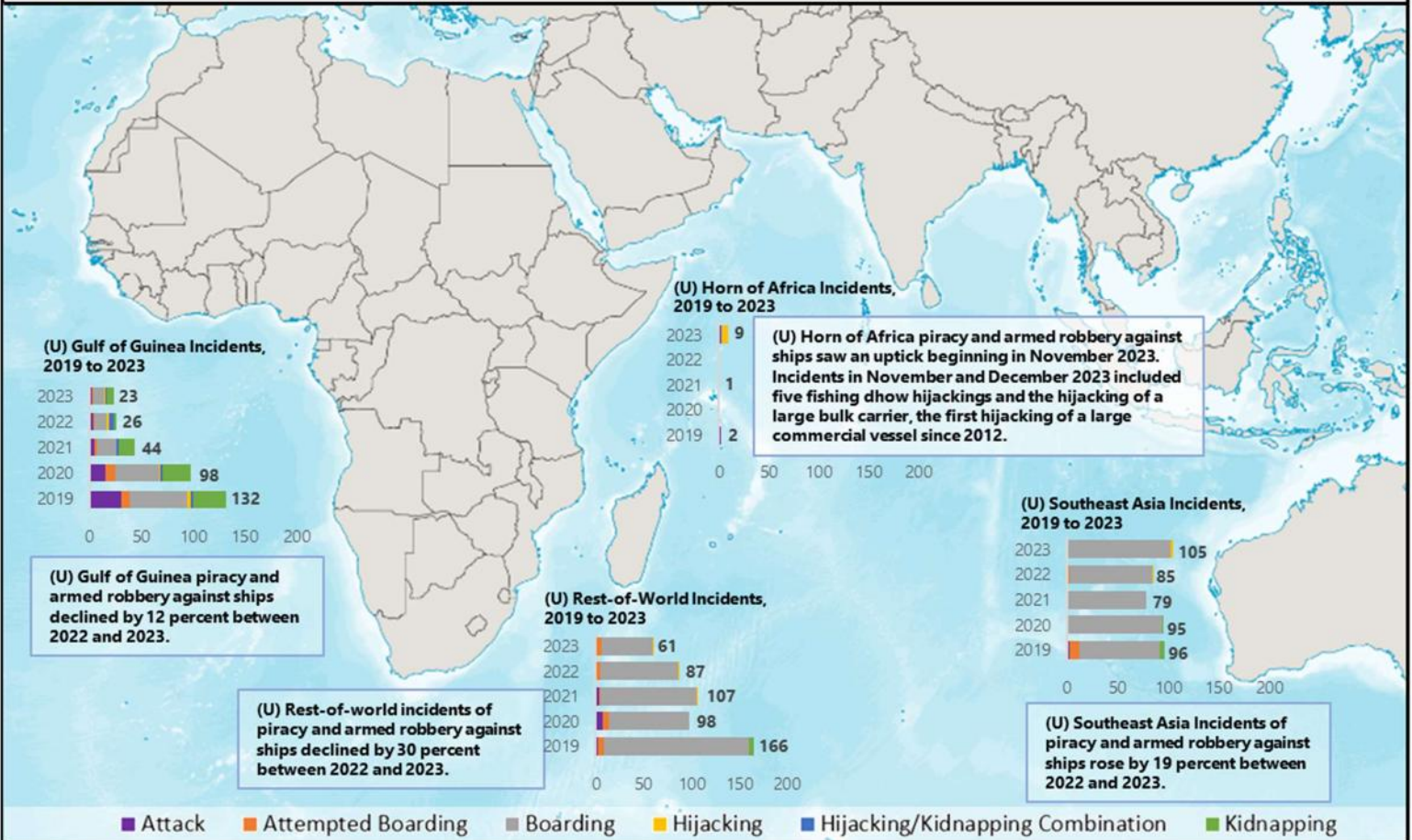




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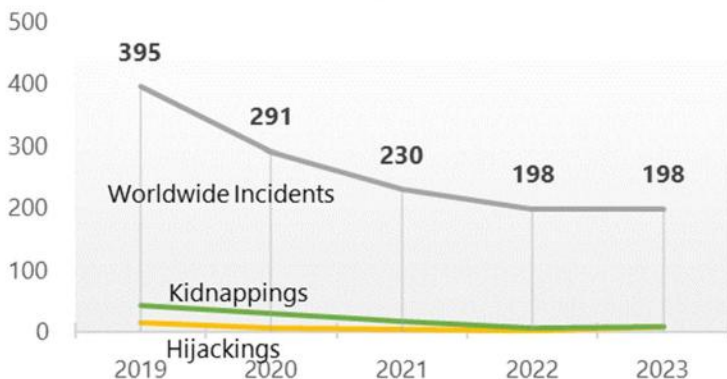
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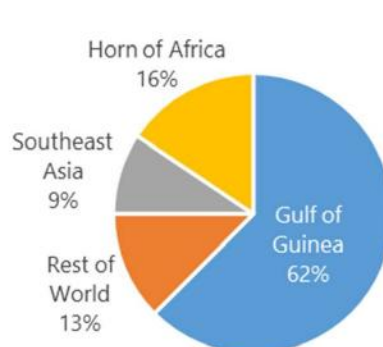
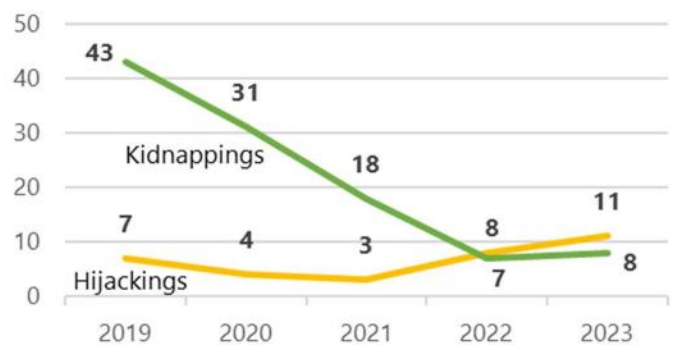
(U) In 2023, there were 198 reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships, matching the number of incidents in 2022. Approximately 9 percent were hijackings or kidnappings. The remaining 91 percent were attempted boardings, attacks, and robberies. The vast majority of incidents involved robbers boarding vessels to steal ship stores, spare engine parts, and crew member belongings. The level of such incidents is likely higher, as many incidents go unreported due to the low value of the goods stolen or the perception that culprits will not be apprehended. The number of reported worldwide incidents decreased 50 percent from 2019 to 2023.

* (U) Note: Between 2019 and 2023 in the Gulf of Guinea, there were 12 hijacking/kidnapping combinations during which some crew members were taken off a hijacked vessel to be held for ransom.

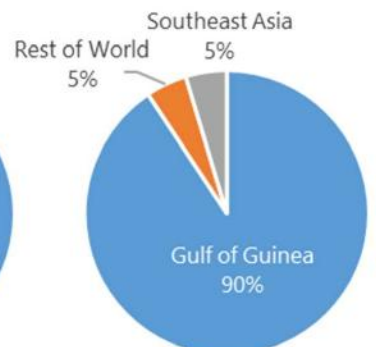
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