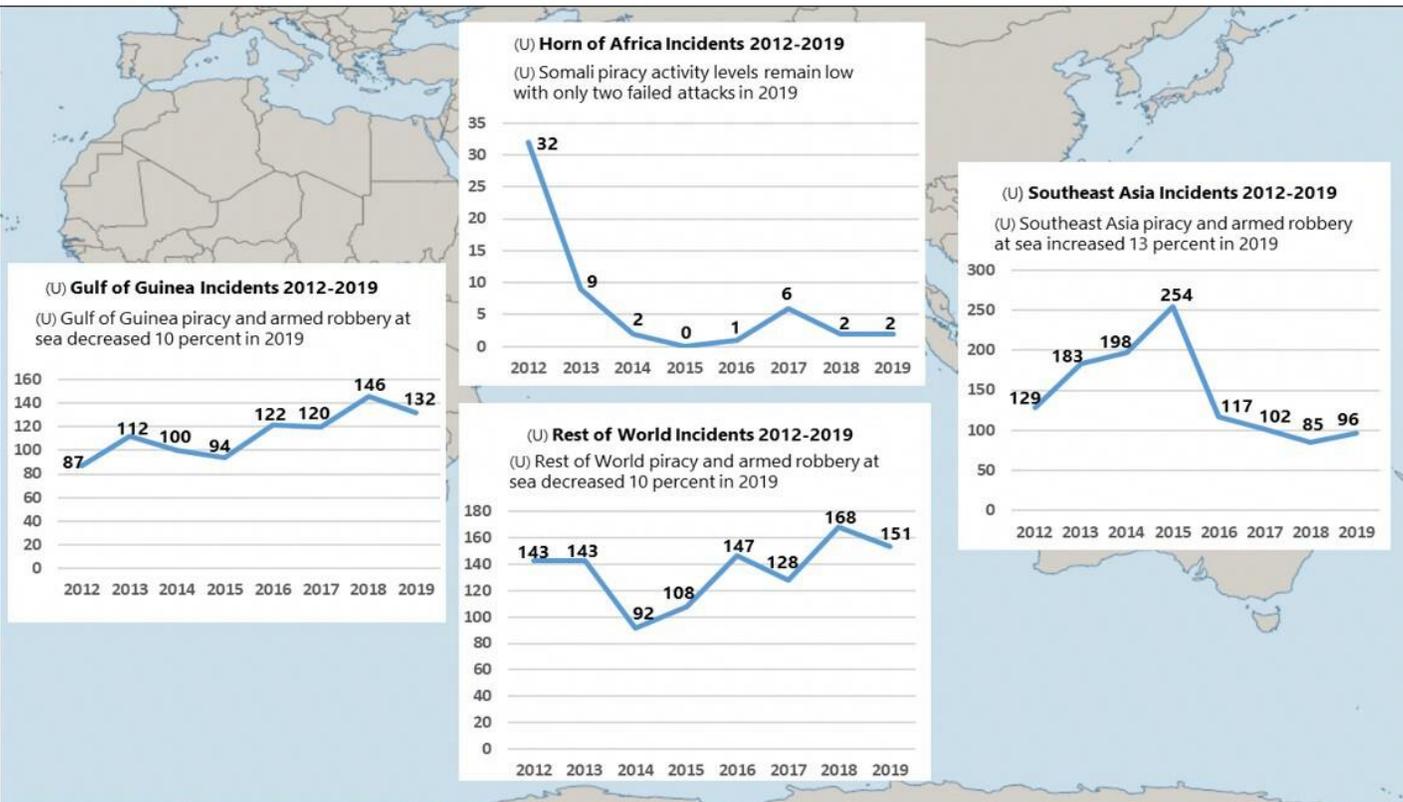




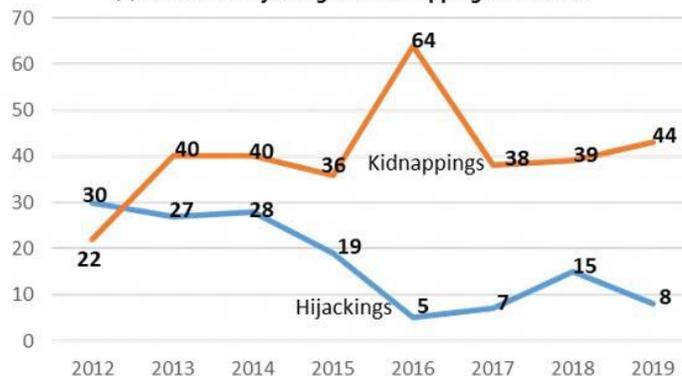
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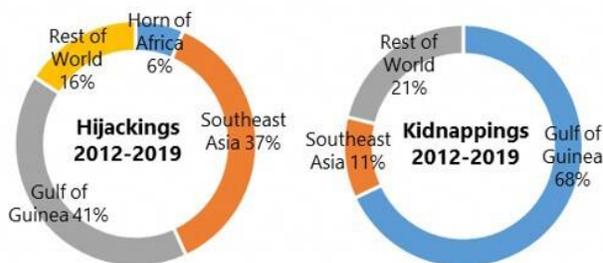
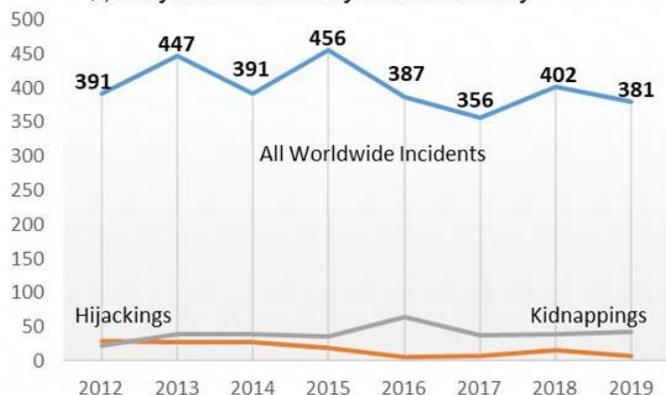


(U) Since 2012, there have been 3,210 incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea, an average of 401 incidents per year. Approximately 15 percent were hijackings or kidnappings. The remaining 85 percent of incidents were attempted boardings, attacks, and robberies. The vast majority of incidents involved robbers boarding vessels to steal ship stores, spare engine parts, and crew member belongings. Many of these incidents go unreported due to the low value of the goods stolen or the perception that the culprits will not be apprehended. The number of reported worldwide incidents decreased 5 percent from 2018 to 2019.¹

(U) Number of Hijackings and Kidnappings Worldwide*



(U) Piracy and Armed Robbery Incidents Summary



* (U) Note: Between 2016-2019 in the Gulf of Guinea there were nine hijacking/ kidnapping combinations where some crew members were taken off a hijacked vessel to be held for ransom.