



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 14 – 20 June 2012**

Maritime Crime/Piracy

21 June 2012

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1. (U) Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent Somali piracy incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

2. (U) Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Somali piracy incidents are occurring at low levels. There were two reported vessels attack during this one week period. There were no vessels reported as hijacked during this one week period.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No current incidents to report.

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

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

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Liquefied Natural Gas Tanker LNG ARIES attacked on 20 June while underway near position 2059 N – 05930 E, approximately 35 nm northeast of Masirah Island, Oman. Pirates armed with guns and RPG in a single skiff fired upon a LNG tanker underway. The skiff closed to within 50 meters of the ship and fired shots, with three rounds striking the vessel. Ship's Master increased speed, used evasive maneuvering and other anti-piracy measures and managed to evade the pirates. No injuries to the (IMB)

(U) GULF OF ADEN: General cargo ship attacked on 18 June while underway near position 12:19 N - 043:57 E, approximately 95 nm east of al Mukalla, Yemen. Six skiffs with 4-6 pirates in each skiff approached the ship at 25 knots from the starboard bow. Ship's Master raised the alarm, increased speed, altered course and sent a distress message. The skiffs attempted to close onto the vessel from the starboard beam and starboard quarter, while one skiff tried to approach from the port bow. The onboard armed security team fired eight

warning flares but the pirates continued their attempts. Weapons and ladders were identified in the skiff. After nearly 40 minutes the security team fired six warning shots and the pirates aborted and moved away. A naval ship came for assistance. No injuries or damage to the ship were reported. (IMB)

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 14– 20 June

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data

	This Week	Last Week	June 2012	May 2012	2012	2011	2010	2009
Vessels Hijacked	0	0	0	1	7	27	51	52
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	17	16	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	2	0	3	2	22	122	119	129

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

3. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
ICEBERG I	Panama	RoRo	29 March 2010
ALBEDO	Malaysia	Container Cargo	25 November 2010
ORNA	Panama	Bulk Cargo	20 December 2010
SHIUH FU NO.1	Taiwan	Fishing Vessel	25 December 2010
FREE GODDESS	Liberia	Bulk Cargo	7 February 2012
ROYAL GRACE	Panama	Chemical Tanker	2 March 2012
NAHAM 3	Oman	Fishing Vessel	26 March 2012
SMYRNI	Liberia	Crude Oil Tanker	10 May 2012

4. Weather Forecast for 21 - 27 June

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: West-southwesterly winds of 10 – 15 knots, with seas of 2 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwesterly winds of 10 – 15 knots, with seas of 2 – 4 feet, temporally increasing to 5 – 7 feet after 25 June.

B. (U) SOMALI COAST: The Somali Coastal area remains under the influence of the Southwest Monsoon, with south-southwesterly winds of 25 – 30 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** south-southwesterly winds of 25 – 30 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet.

C. (U) ARABIAN SEA: Westerly winds of 18 – 24 knots and seas of 9 - 12 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwesterly winds of 18 – 24 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet.

D. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: South-southeasterly winds of 18 – 22 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southeasterly winds of 12 – 16 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet, decreasing to between 4 – 6 feet.

E. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: The normal high and low pressure interaction around 40 degrees South latitude continues to influence the area. Expect south-southeasterly winds in the northern channel of 15 – 18 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. In the southern channel, there will be south-southeasterly winds of 12 – 15 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** In the northern channel, expect east-southeasterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet. In the southern channel, expect south-southeasterly winds of 8 – 12 knots, becoming variable at 4 – 6 knots, with seas of 5 – 7 feet.

F. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The currents within the Gulf of Aden average around 0.5 – 1 knot. Currents speeds along the Somali basin, continuing south off the northern Kenya coastline until about 10°S will average around 2 – 3 knots. The Mozambique Channel has an average current of 0.25 – 1.25 knots.

5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

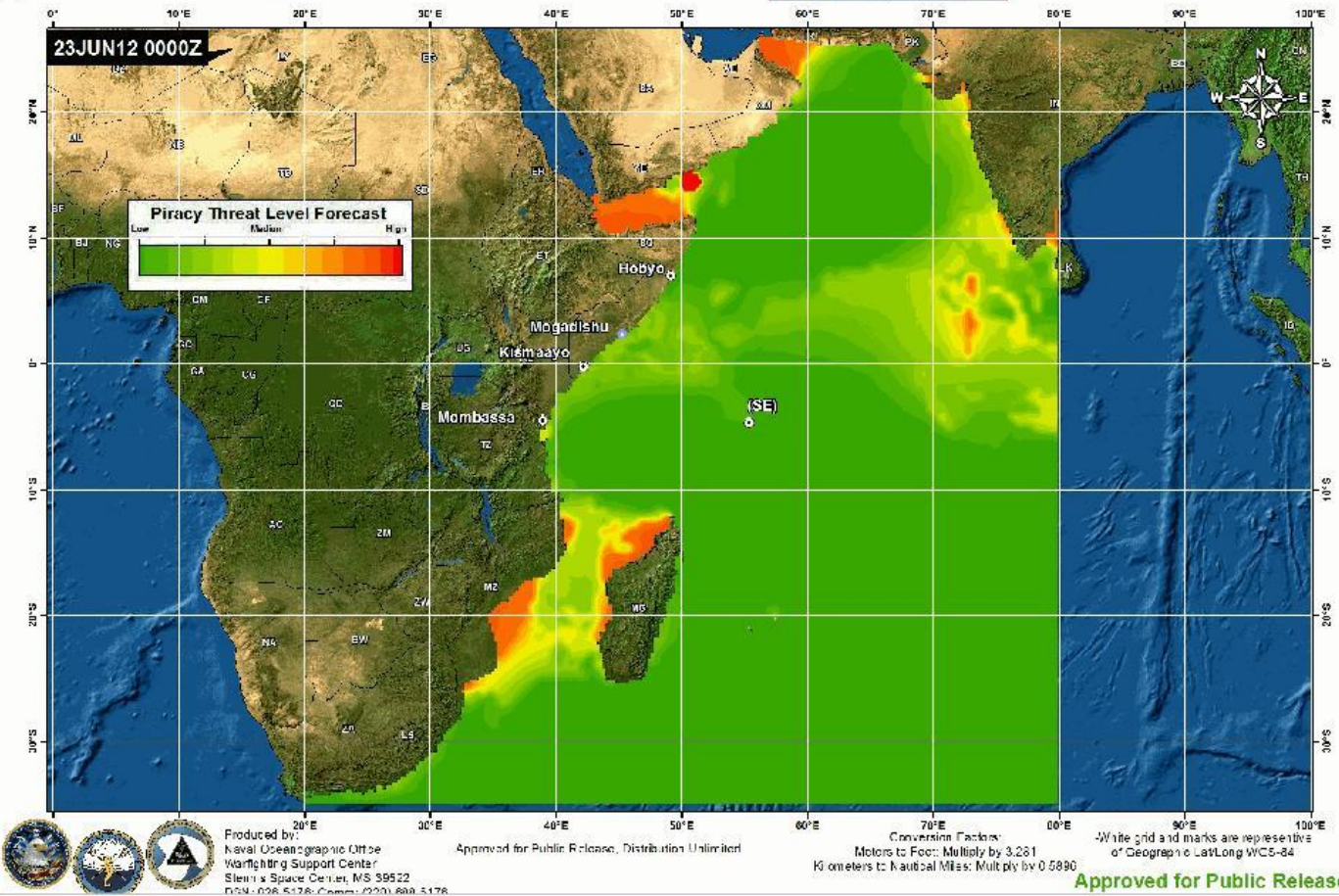
(U) These include the environmental performance surface for Somalia and a 10 day weather forecast to provide better situational awareness to mariners.

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Piracy Performance Surface, Somalia
Scale 1:31,500,000

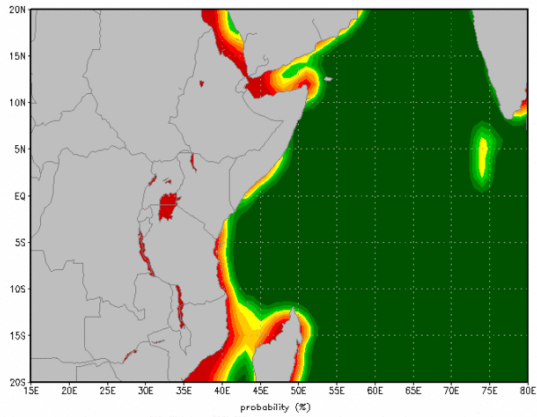


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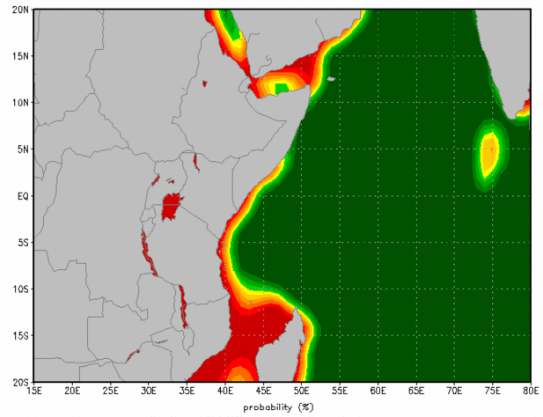


(U) Figure 2. Pirate Skiff Capability (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center)

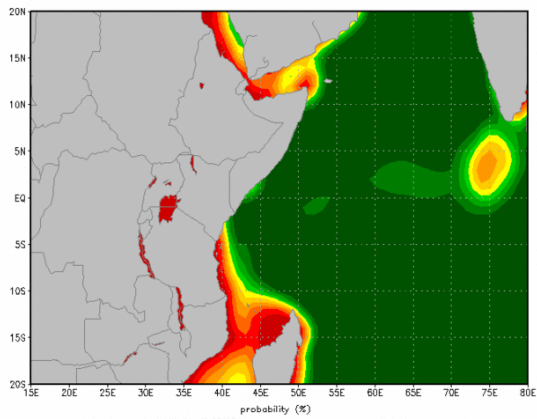
10 Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast



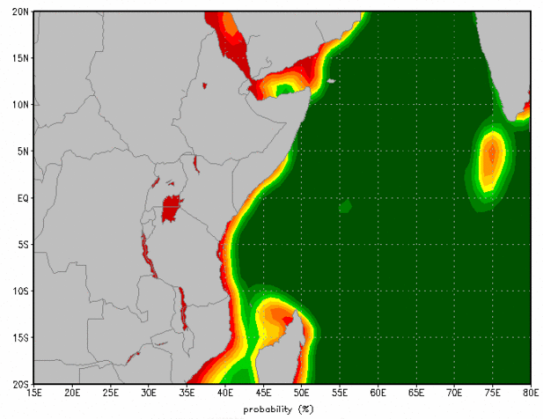
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Winds < 15 kts and Wave Heights < 5 ft



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Winds < 15 kts and Wave Heights < 5 ft



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Winds < 17 kts and Wave Heights < 7 ft



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Winds < 17 kts and Wave Heights < 7 ft

(U) Figure 3. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center)

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

(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) **Firing 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 close proximity of an unknown vessel.

(U) Piracy levels

- (U) **High:** More than 7 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- (U) **Moderate:** 3–6 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- (U) **Low:** 1–2 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)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark

- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- 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)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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(U) The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at:

http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm