



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly  
(PAWW) Report  
(Horn of Africa) for 14 - 20 March 2013**

21 March 2013

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

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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 pirate activity is at low levels. There were no reported vessel attacks 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.

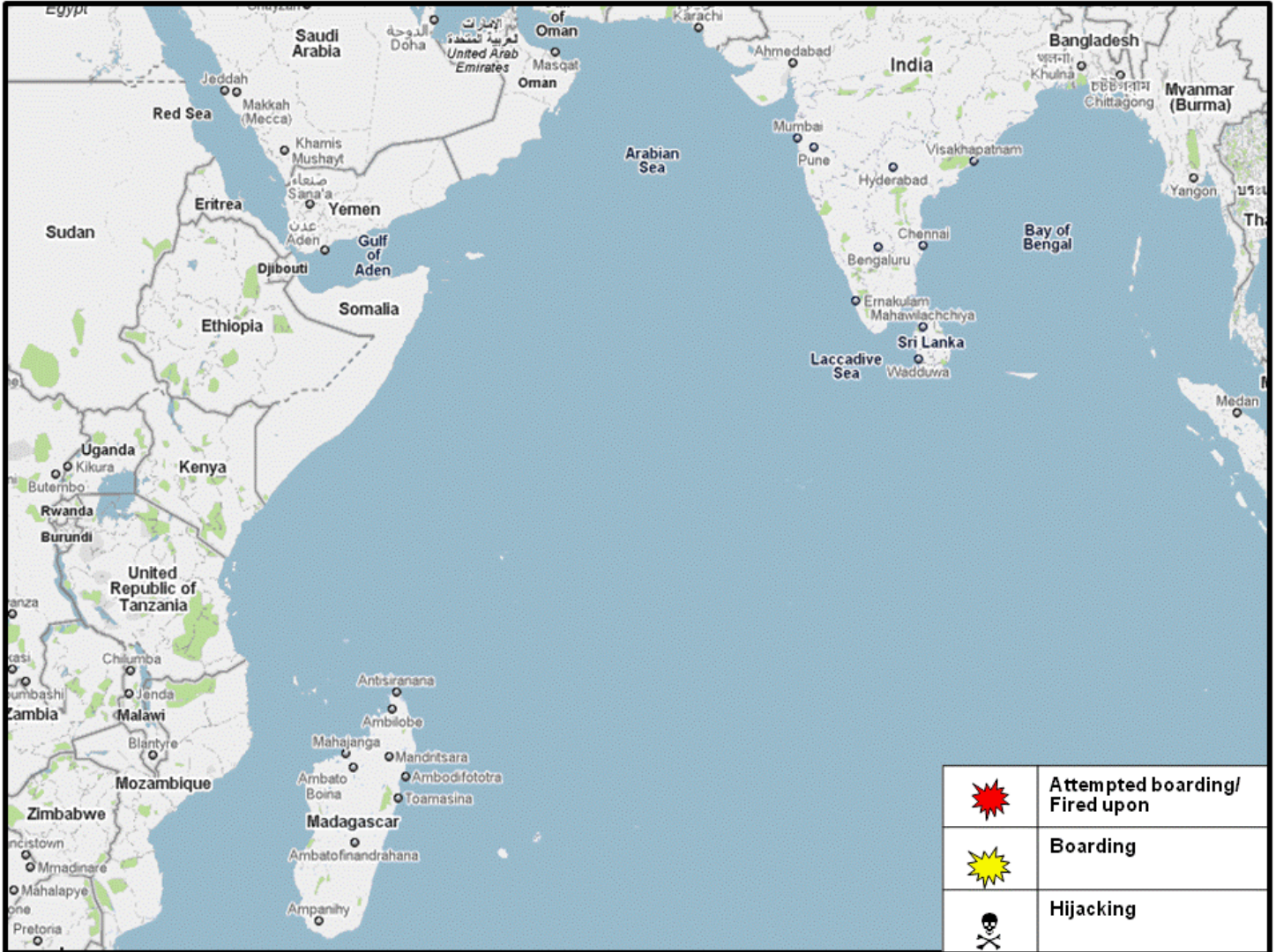
**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No current incidents to report.

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

**(U) Other Activity:**

(U) GULF OF ADEN: On 14 March, the underway tanker ORANGE STARS experienced a suspicious pass at position 03:39 N – 050:48 E, approximately 107 nm south-southeast of Al Mukalla, Yemen. Four suspicious dhows along with skiffs were noticed by a tanker underway. From this group one skiff approached the tanker at high speed. Alarm sounded and non essential crew retreated in the citadel. As the skiff approached weapons and a ladder were sighted in the skiff. Onboard armed security team fired one warning shot resulting in the skiff stopping and turning back to regroup with the rest. (IMB, IMO)

**B. (U) Incident Disposition**



**(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 14 – 20 March 2013**

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

**C. (U) Tabulated Data**

	This Week	Last Week	Mar. 2013	Feb. 2013	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	0	7	27	51
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	16
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	1	3	24	122	119

(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
ALBEDO	Malaysia	Container Cargo	25 November 2010
NAHAM 3	Oman	Fishing Vessel	26 March 2012

### 4. Weather Forecast for 20 – 27 March 2013

**A. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

**EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** South-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with south-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 in the eastern portion of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-northwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with west-northwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

**C. (U) SOMALI COAST:** East-northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

**D. (U) ARABIAN SEA:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

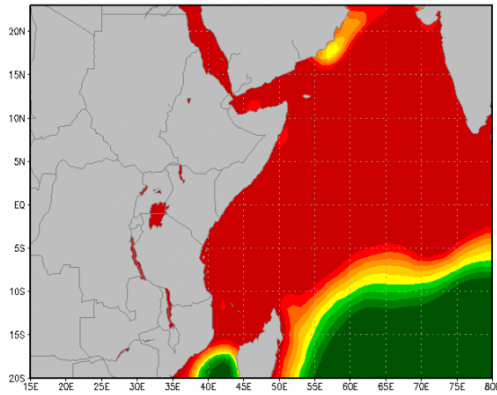
**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** South-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; with winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel.

**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The Northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are northeasterly with most areas having average speeds of 1 - 2 knots. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable, having average speeds of 2 - 3 knots. Current speeds in the Somali Basin average between 1 - 2 knots.

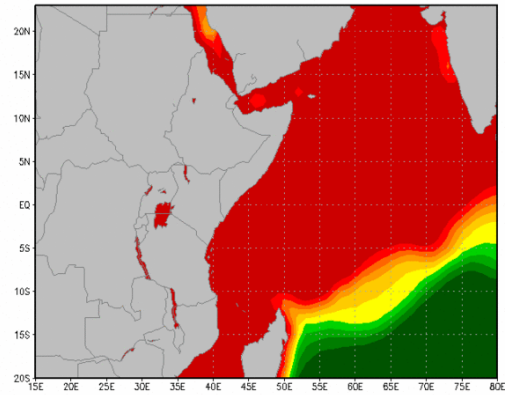
5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

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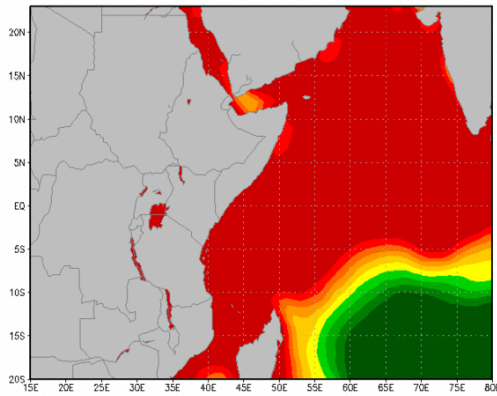
10 Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast



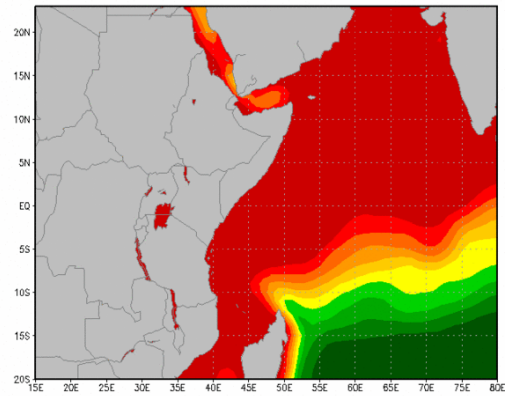
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Winds < 15 kts and Wave Heights < 5 ft



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(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 activity in close proximity by 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](http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm)