



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 9 – 15 May 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.

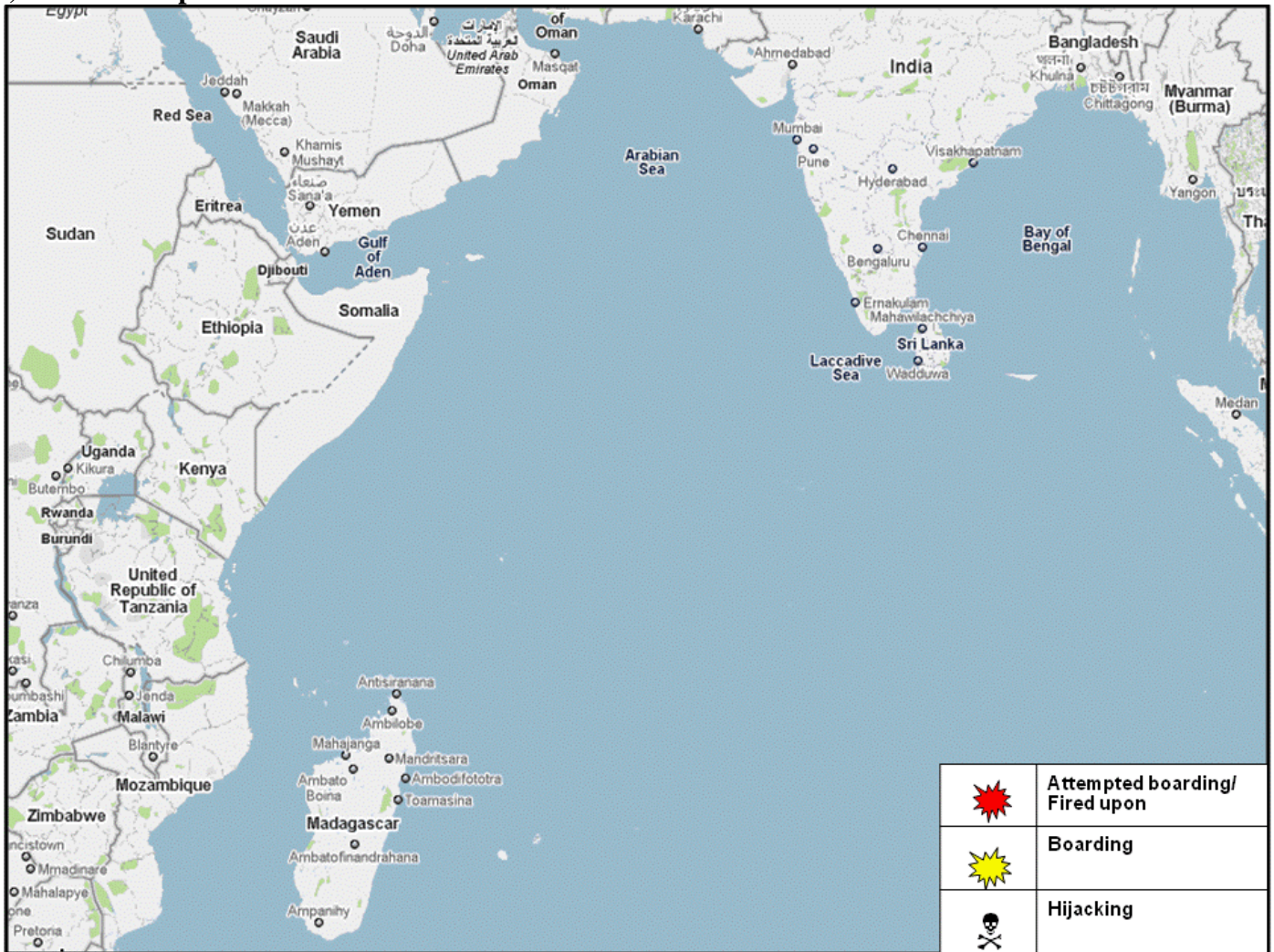
(U) Other Activity:

(U) GULF OF ADEN: On 11 May, a merchant ship experienced a suspicious approach by seven skiffs at 13:30 N – 050:01 E, approximately 78 nm southeast of Al Mukalla, Yemen. Each skiff had approximately 5-6 individuals onboard. In addition there was a possible mothership nearby towing 3 skiffs. When the group of skiffs saw the armed embarked security team, they stopped pursuing the merchant ship. The AEST reportedly observed ladders in four of the skiffs. (LSS)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Early last week, EU Naval Force warship ESPS RAYO intercepted a skiff with six

men onboard approximately 320 nm off the Somali coast. The six Somali men had no fishing gear and could not explain why they were so far from land. However, RAYO’s crew did find pirate paraphernalia onboard the small boat, but there was not enough evidence to turn them over for prosecution. The men were returned to the Somali coast where they would not pose any further potential risk to passing ships. (EUNAVFOR Press Release, 14 May 2013)

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 9 – 15 May 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	May. 2013	Apr. 2013	2013	2012	2011	2010
Vessels Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	7	27	51
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	16
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	1	4	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 15 – 22 May 2013

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the in the eastern portion of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

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

C. (U) SOMALI COAST: Southwest winds of 20 – 25 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 7 feet.

D. (U) ARABIAN SEA: Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern Channel; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet In the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 10 – 15

knots and seas of 6 – 8 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.

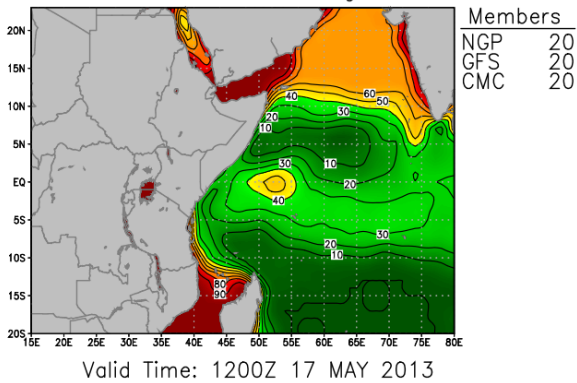
H. SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The northern and western Indian Ocean areas are under the influence of the onset of the Southwest Monsoon season. The Mozambique Channel will be under the influence of a low pressure system. Expect cloudy to mostly cloudy conditions with thunderstorms and rain showers throughout eastern African coastal areas.

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

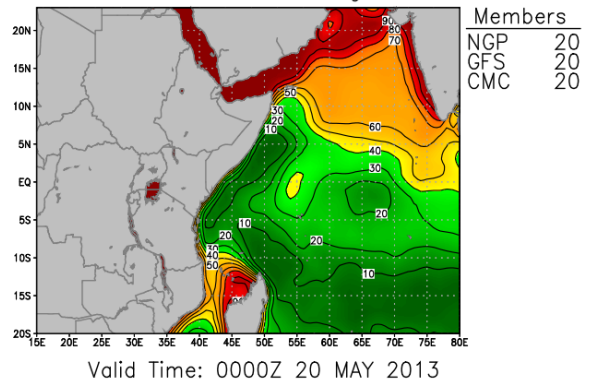
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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2013051500

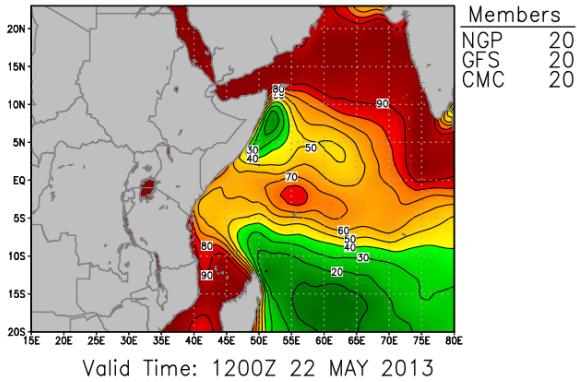
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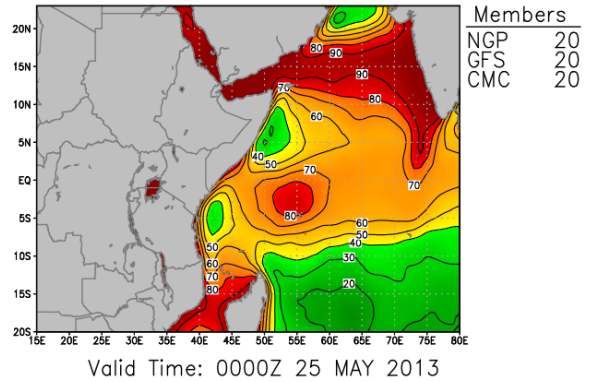
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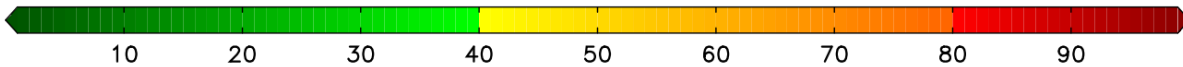
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probability (%)



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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)
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- 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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http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm