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**(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/
SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning
Weekly (PAWW) Report for 31 December 2014 – 7
January 2015**

8 January 2015

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1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Horn of Africa.

2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East African waters is at a low level. There was late reporting concerning one suspicious approach during the previous one-week period.

A. (U) Details:

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

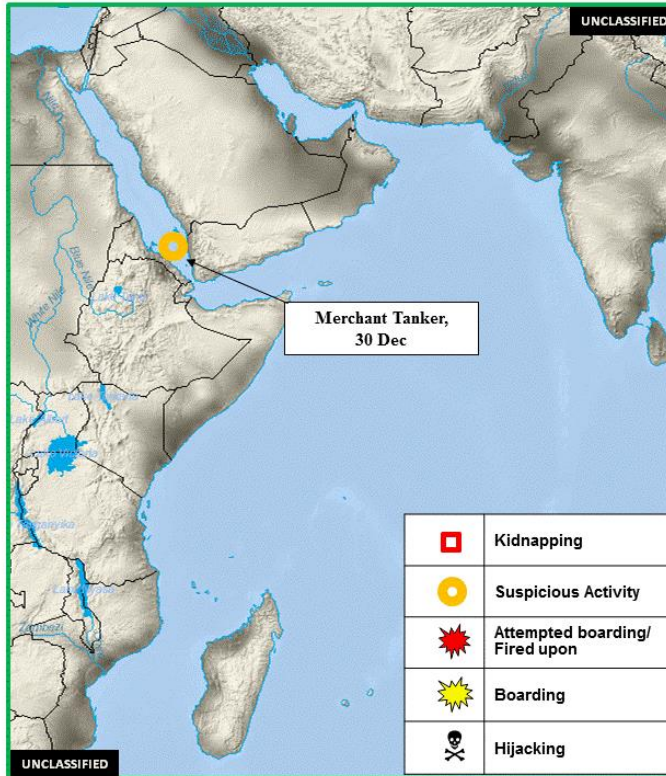
(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

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

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) RED SEA: On 30 December 2014, two skiffs, one with six possible pirates and the other with three possible pirates approached an underway tanker near position 15:06N – 042:00E, approximately 6.5 nm west of the Zubair Island Group. Bridge crew raised the alarm and the crew proceeded to the citadel. The armed guards on board the tanker fired flares as a warning. The skiffs continued their approach and as they closed weapons and a long ladder were sighted. The armed guards fired warning shots which were initially ignored by the skiffs. As the guards fired their second round of warning shots the skiffs aborted their approach. The vessel continued passage. (IMB)

B. (U) Incident Disposition:



(U) Figure 1. HoA Maritime Crime Activity, 31 December 2014 – 7 January 2015

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1. (U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2015	Dec 2014	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	27
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	24	122
Total	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	32	166

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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

3. (U) Horn of Africa – Currently Hijacked Vessels

(U) Pirates are no longer holding any hijacked vessels off the coast of Somalia.

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(U) Table 2. (U) Currently Hijacked Vessels			
Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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(U) Table 2 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

4. (U) Weather Forecast for 7 - 14 January 2015 and Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 7 - 14 January 2015

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots with seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 9 - 12 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 9 - 12 feet.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: North-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** North-northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 9 - 12 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Northwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 15 - 18 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 15 - 18 feet in the southern Channel.

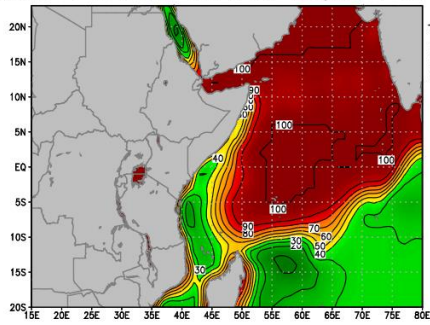
G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: As the Northeast Monsoon becomes the dominant feature in the region; expect in the Arabian Gulf increasing winds with reduced visibility due to heavy dust and early morning coastal fog with mist, and increased cloud cover and rain showers in the Gulf of Aden.

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2015010600

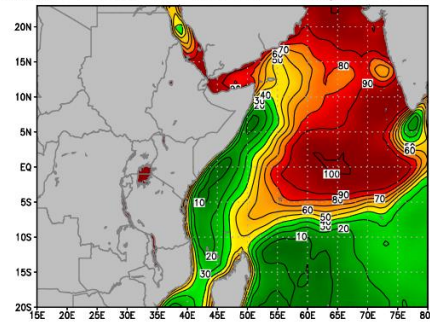
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



Members	
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GFS	20
CMC	18

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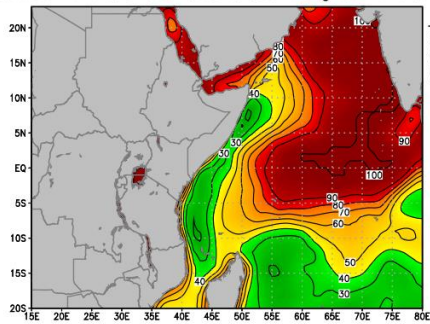
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GFS	20
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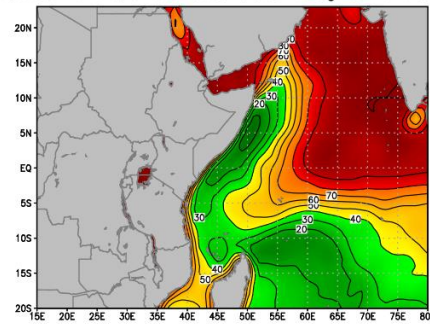
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Members	
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GFS	20
CMC	18

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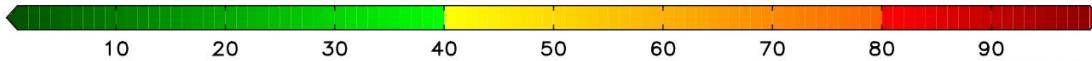
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Members	
NVG	20
GFS	20
CMC	18

Valid Time: 0000Z 16 JAN 2015

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.

5. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

6. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a low level. There was one kidnapping reported during this one week period, and late reporting concerning another kidnapping in December 2014.

A. (U) Details

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

(U) Kidnapping:

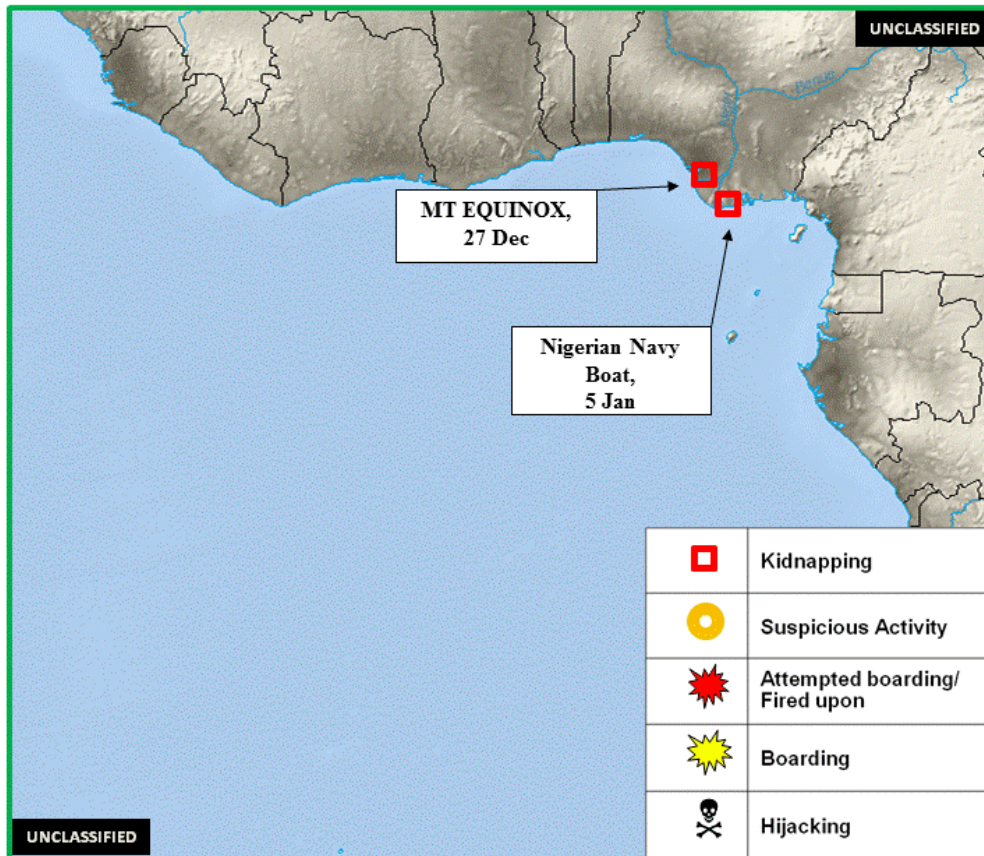
1. (U) NIGERIA: On 5 January, unidentified gunmen attacked a house boat belonging to Nigeria's Joint Task Force. The gunmen were said to have carried out the attack at Kula community in Akuku Toru local government area of Rivers state. They were said to have kidnapped a Sergeant and stolen weapons and ammunition. (newsafrikanow.com)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 27 December, Nigerian Naval personnel rescued the captain and chief engineer of MT EQUINOX, a Panamanian-flagged tanker, after they were kidnapped and held for ransom for more than two weeks in a hotel in Warri, Delta State. The ship's captain is reportedly from Romania while the nationality of the engineer is unknown. Of note, a German and a Belgian employee of a local oil company were arrested for perpetrating the crime. (www.tribune.com.ng)

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

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

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 31 December 2014 – 7 January 2015

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 3. (U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2015	Dec 2014	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Hijacked	0	0	0	1	0	9	11	14	19
Boarding	0	0	0	3	0	32	26	31	41
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	2	0	31	43	30	26
Kidnapping	1	0	1	2	1	26	32	14	18
Total	1	0	1	8	1	98	112	89	104
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

7. Currently Hijacked Vessels

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(U) Table 4. (U) Currently Hijacked Vessels			
Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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(U) Table 4 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

8. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 7 - 14 January 2015

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: West-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

9. (U) Southeast Asia Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Southeast Asia.

10. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. There were no reported incidents during this one week period.

A. (U) Details

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

(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

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

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

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity, 31 December 2014 – 7 January 2015

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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(U) Table 5. (U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2015	Dec 2014	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Attacks, Boardings, Kidnappings	0	5	0	17	0	172	176	123	155
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	0	16	7	6	24
Total	0	5	0	17	0	188	183	129	179

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(U) Table 5 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

11. (U) Southeast Asia - Currently Hijacked Vessels

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(U) Table 6. (U) Currently Hijacked Vessels			
Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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(U) Table 6 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

12. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 7 - 14 January 2015

A. (U) South China Sea: Northeast winds of 15 – 20 and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 15 – 20 and seas of 9 - 12 feet.

B. (U) Malacca Strait: Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Strait; with northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Strait; with northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

D. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the South China Sea, Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 to 2 knots.

E. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The Northeast Monsoon season influences the region. Expect increasing cloud conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

(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) Fired 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:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Medium:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 0–1 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
- gCaptain
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- The Maritime Executive
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre – Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- NASDAQ.COM
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL)
- 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