



## Update on the piracy threat off the coast of Somalia

Piracy cases last 30 days

**3**  
VESSELS  
ASSAULTED

**2**  
SUSPICIOUS  
APPROACHES

**0**  
ONGOING  
CASES

For more information check below:



Piracy Threat Update



Piracy Cases Report







Information Flow

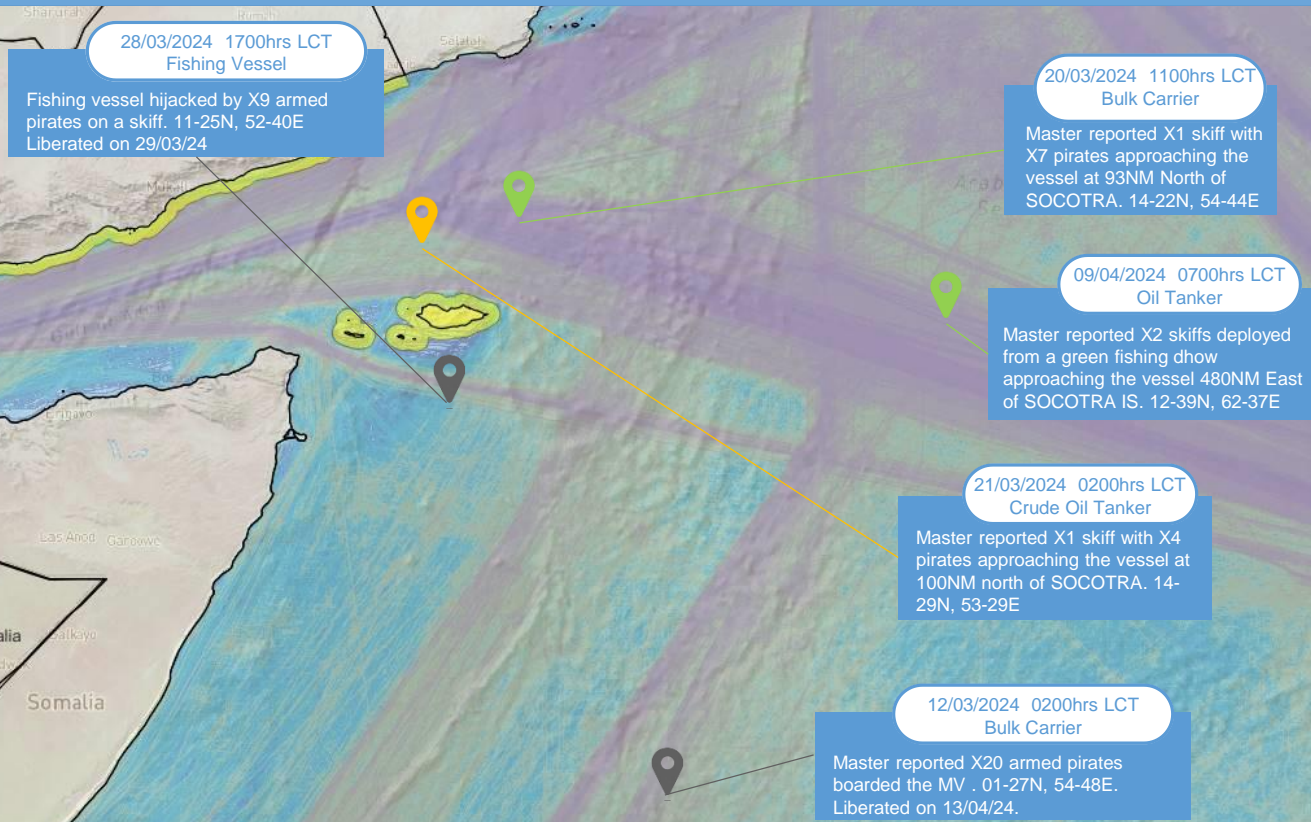
## SITUATION

**Threat evaluation:  
Moderate**

An attack is a realistic possibility. Since November 2023, notable surge in reported events that could potentially escalate into **piracy attacks** off the Somali coast.

**Map Legend**

-  Suspicious approach
-  Attempted attack
-  Hijack
-  Liberated



### Instructions for registration



Please check below the instructions to register a vessel movement with MSCHOA, to access the latest threat assessment, piracy alerts, and BMP advice.



**EUNAVFOR ATALANTA-EUNAVFOR ASPIDES**

**Along EUNAVFOR ATALANTA that fights against piracy  
and illicit maritime flows in the Indian Ocean, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES was launched on 19 Feb 2024  
to protect shipping along the sea lines of communication.**

**To allow both operations to effectively protect shipping in the Southern Red Sea, Bab Al Mandeb and Gulf of  
Aden, and in accordance with BMP registration recommendations:**

**Registration**

Merchant vessels are reminded that they should register on the MSCHOA vessel reporting scheme as per recommendation on maritime security chart Q6099 as soon as possible or, at latest, 72 hours before entering the reporting area:

**Data provided is protected and participation is anonymous**



**For registration in  
MSCHOA visit:**



<https://on-shore.mschoa.org>



**Via email can be  
requested 24/7 to:**

[postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org)

**Protection**

**In addition, companies  
requesting a protection  
for their ship:**

Company Security Officers (CSO) must contact MSCHOA via email to request for protection and provide additional data. Please add to the request the downloaded template "Protection Request" from this webpage filled with the required information.



**MSCHOA will then:**

- Broadcast the threats' level and give ASPIDES and ATALANTA's recommendations;
- Compile the list of eligible ships and/or companies;
- Coordinate with EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Headquarter/NCAGS (Naval Cooperation And Guidance for Shipping), who will decide and allocate assets to the appropriate kind of support.
- Inform the company of EUNAVFOR ASPIDES' decision regarding the requested protection.

<https://on-shore.mschoa.org>  
Email: [postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org) (24/7)  
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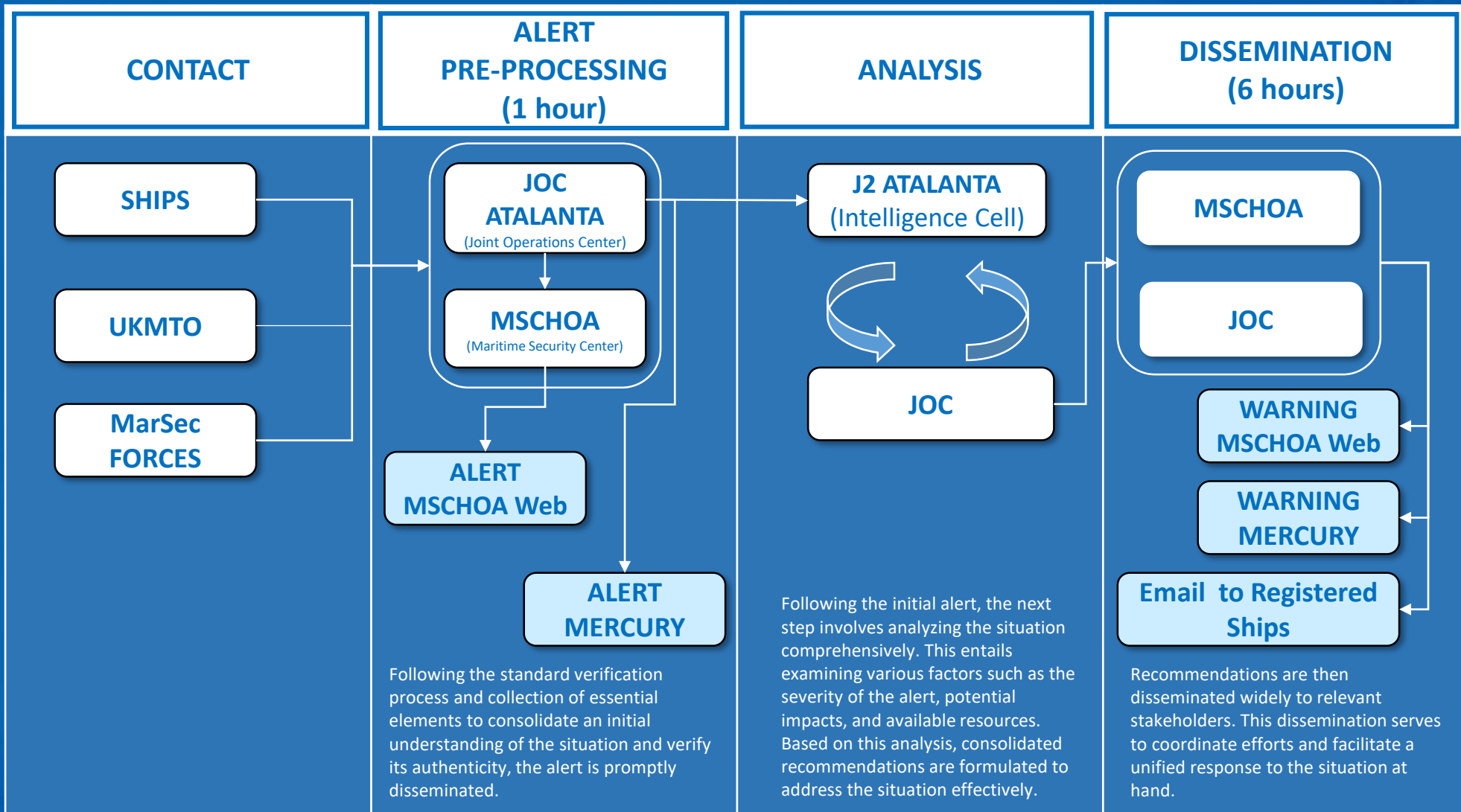
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# EUROPEAN UNION NAVAL FORCE OPERATION ATALANTA

## Information Flow



ATALANTA

**UPDATE ON THE PIRACY THREAT OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA**

19 APRIL  
2024

**Ships sailing off the Somalian coasts, in the Somali basin are urged to maintain a heightened state of vigilance in light of the recent escalation in piracy threats. It is strongly recommended that all vessels adhere to the Best Management Practices Version 5 (BMP5), paying a special attention to the drill of security measures before sailing off Somali coasts.**

**Situation:** Since the end of November 2023, multiple incidents involving piracy and hijacking have taken place in the Somali basin. Recently, there has been a notable surge in reported events that could potentially escalate into piracy attacks off the Somali coast. Additionally, the conclusion of the monsoon period could further facilitate piracy activities in the region.

- Three merchant vessels have been assaulted, one of which became under pirate control for nearly a month (M/V Abdullah IMO 9745598, captured on 12 March, released on the 14 April). Additionally, several vessels have reported suspicious approaches.
- Up to 18 dhows have been hijacked. A number of them have been released, but up to six - seven may still be in the hands of their captors (no other info on them).
- ATALANTA's has identified several possible pirate camps on the Somali Coasts situated between Xaafuun and the village of Garacad, with a hot spot north of Eyl, where the M/V Ruen and the recently pirated M/V ABDULLAH had been at anchorage for several weeks.
- It is estimated that one (1) or more pirate action groups (PAGs) at least could be sailing off the Somali coast, at the area around Socotra Island.

**Pirates' modus operandi.** The typical pirate strategy involves the seizure and hijacking of a dhow, which is subsequently utilized as their mother ship. They then blend in with usual traffic and deploy skiffs from the mother ship to attack vessels navigating as far as 600 nautical miles or more, off the East Somali coast. The possibility of Attacks in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) cannot be dismissed. If the targeted vessel cannot repel the attack, pirates may opt to board the ship. After a vessel is seized, most probably is taken to the Somali coast and held there while ransom negotiations are ongoing. Recent piracy event of M/V ABDULLAH was ended with the ship freed.

**Threat evaluation.** Although there have been no piracy-related incidents in the past seven days, the payment of ransom could create a new wave of Dhow hijackings which in their turn they will create future skiff attacks on M/V etc. Considering the occurrence of previous significant attacks on merchant vessels within 12 days after reports of dhow hijackings, and the reports of multiple skiffs, each carrying armed individuals with the intent to capture dhows. ATALANTA continues to assess the threat as Moderate (where an attack is a **Realistic Possibility**) off the Somali coasts.

**Based on piracy-related incidents (suspicious approach, attempted attack -[click hear](#)-) reported seven days ago, it is estimated that:**

- **A PAG (Pirate Action Group) or more is active off the north of Socotra Island.**

This threat evaluation may undergo re-evaluation in the coming days.

**Registration and reporting.** It is crucial that vessels operating in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden, particularly those within 700 NM of the Somali coast adhere to the BMP5 recommendations. Any incidents should be promptly reported to MSCHOA and the UKMTO. Additionally, it is also worth highlighting that MSCHOA-registered ships receive near real-time information on security incidents in their vicinity.



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**MARITIME PIRACY RELATED CASES REPORT  
GULF OF ADEN/SOMALI BASIN**

19 APRIL 2024

The ATALANTA Piracy Related Cases Report is issued to keep the maritime industry informed about recent piracy related events in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) and Somali Basin (SB). It includes information of the events and updates on the situation.

For reporting mistakes or updates, please contact [jocwatchkeeper@mschoa.org](mailto:jocwatchkeeper@mschoa.org) or call  
Tel: +34 956 470 534, Mob: +34661442365.

NO	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	IMO	MMSI	FLAG	POSITION	TYPE OF ATTACK
1	24-Nov-23	ALMERAJ1	-	422170620	IRAN	PUNTLAND	HIJACK LIBERATED
2	27-Nov-23	MV CENTRAL PARK	-	-	-	12:10N 44:12E	PIRACY- ATTACK
3	29-Nov-23	AL ASHKAAN	-	422342018	IRAN	26-Feb-24: 07:49N 054:50E	HIJACK LIBERATED
4	14-Dec-23	MV RUEN	9754903	249517000	MALTA	06:40:41N 052:20:90E	BOARDED LIBERATED
5	22-Dec-23	AL EREMAT	-	-	-	IVO EYL	HIJACK LIBERATED
6	23-Dec-23	FATA AL KHAIR1	-	-	-	30NM FROM RAS HAFUN	HIJACKED LIBERATED
7	30-Dec-23	AL SAGER	-	-	-	IVO HAFUN	HIJACK
8	02-Jan-24	ALYOOS No.81	-	-	-	IVO QANDALA	HIJACK LIBERATED
9	03-Jan-24	UNKNOWN	-	-	-	IVO QANDALA	HIJACK
10	04-Jan-24	LILA NORFOLK	9281700	636023091	LIBERIA	05:54N 057:12E	BOARDED LIBERATED
11	13-Jan-24	2 fishing boats: AL ANDALUS & UNKNOWN	-	-	YEMEN	IVO MAREERO 08:19N 050:10E	HIJACK

<sup>1</sup> Unclear where the attack occurred: if it were 30 Nm south from Ras Hafun, it would belong to Armed Robbery.

NO	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	IMO	MMSI	FLAG	POSITION	TYPE OF ATTACK
12	18-Jan-24	AL JABAR	-	-	-	11:58:33N 45:07:00E	HIJACK
13	19-Jan-24	AL WAHEEB	-	-	-	20:48:00N 60:00:00E	HIJACK
14	27-Jan-24	LORENZO PUTHA 04	-	417259032	SRI LANKA	00:35N 061:19E	PIRACY/PIRATE D (Liberated)
15	27-Jan-24	FV WAIMEA	-	-	-	-	ATTEMPTED ATTACK
16	28-Jan-24	FV AL MECCA AL MAKKAH	-	-	-	12:03:10N 50:20:11E	HIJACK
17	29-Jan-24	FV IMAN	-	-	IRAN	12:26:50N 51:30:02E	HIJACK LIBERATED
18	29-Jan-24	FV AL NAEEMI	-	-	IRAN	09:51:44N 55:03:34E	HIJACK LIBERATED
19	03-Jan-24	MV YASA AYSEN	-	-	-	In the Indian Ocean	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
20	02-Feb-24	FV OMARI	-	-	-	North Somali Basin	HIJACK LIBERATED
21	03-Feb-24	MV HAFNIA TRITON	9800336	563069300	SINGAPORE	15:28:50N 60:11:80E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
22	07-Feb-24	FV AL AMIN	-	-	IRAN	North Somali Basin	PIRACY-ATTACK LIBERATED
23	02-Mar-24	UNK FV	-	-	IRAN	IVO Jiifle 07:27N 049:40E	HIJACK
24	12-Mar-24	M/V ABDULLAH	9745598	405000414	BANGLADESH	06:41:14N 049:19:00E	PIRATED LIBERATED
25	20-Mar-24	MV NEW LEONIDAS	9260641	636011789	LIBERIA	14:19.9N 054:43.9E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
26	21-Mar-24	YAMILAH III	9487263	636014944	LIBERIA	14:28.72N 053:29E	ATTEMPTED ATTACK
27	28-Mar-24	AL KAMBAR 786	-	422070301	IRAN	12:25N 052:40E	HIJACK LIBERATED

28	09-Apr-24	MV HAFNIA CATERINA	9688427	563099900	SINGAPORE	12:39:50N 62:37:70E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
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