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Piracy cases last 30 days

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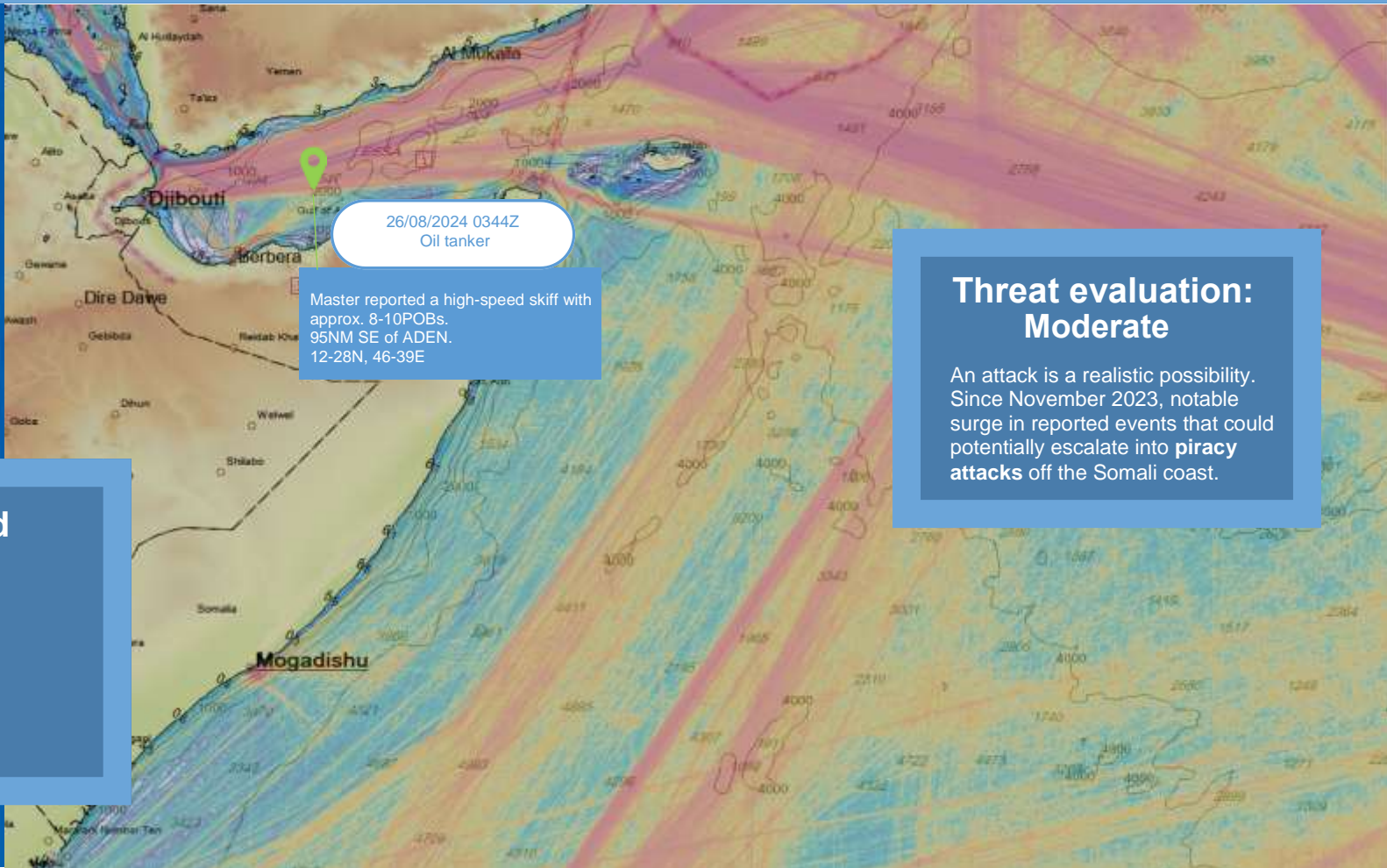
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SUSPICIOUS
APPROACH

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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.



Heat Map: Marine Traffic

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



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:

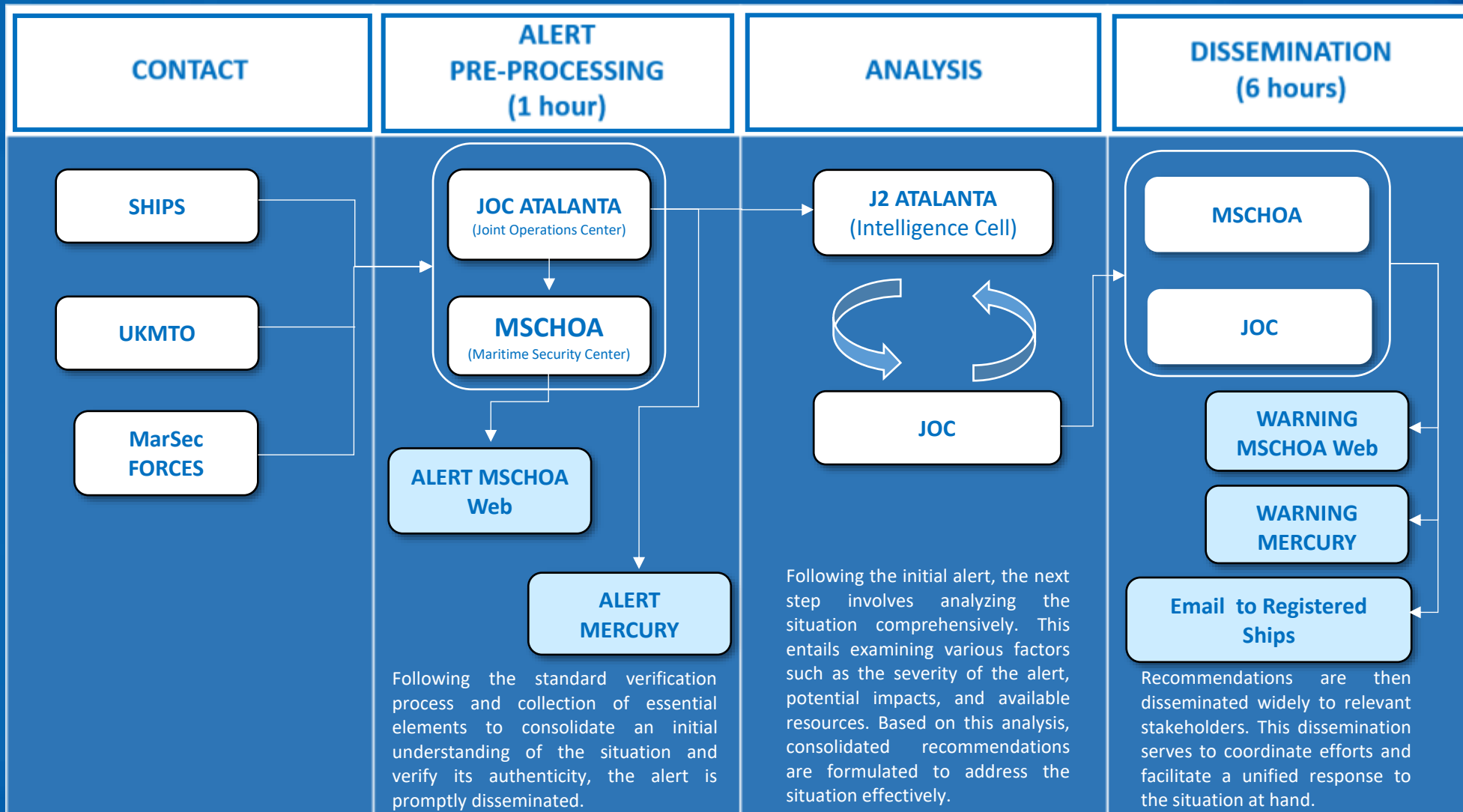
- Broadcast the threats' level and give ASPIDES and ATALANTA's recommendations;
- Compile the list of eligible ships and/or companies;
- Coordinate with EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Headquarter/NCAGS (Naval Cooperation And Guidance for Shipping), who will decide and allocate assets to the appropriate kind of support.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

<https://on-shore.mschoa.org>
Email: postmaster@mschoa.org (24/7)
Phone: +33 298 220 220 / +33 298 220 170
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**UPDATE ON THE PIRACY THREAT OFF THE
COAST OF SOMALIA**

27 AUG
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Ships sailing off the Somali 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. Previously to the monsoon period, there has been a notable surge in reported events that could have potentially escalated into piracy attacks off the Somali coast. Additionally, the start of the monsoon period affected the piracy activities in all regions. The successful event of the MV ABDULLAH (13th APR) may have had a strong positive impact for the rise of piracy cases

- During the monsoon period, no new activity was reported in the GOA or IO. Before such period, three vessels have reported attempted attacks and hijacks near the IRTC in GOA, near Garacad and 400NM SE of Mogadishu, where two small crafts boarded the merchant vessel.
- Due to the extended period without any piracy activity and the significant impact of the monsoon weather in the IO, it is assessed that no PAG's may be active in the maritime domain although there is still a REALISTIC POSSIBILITY of a piracy attack in the East Gulf of Aden and South Somali Basin due to improving weather conditions in the short term, which may facilitate easy deployment from the coast reaching any vessel within the IRTC, as demonstrated by an incident in the area on 27 August.
- Since the end of November, up to 19 dhows have been hijacked. Whilst most have been released, there have been no further updates on the current situation or whereabouts of several of them.
- ATALANTA has identified several possible pirate logistic locations 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 pirated M/V ABDULLAH had been at anchorage for several weeks. Also, a several possible pirate logistic locations in the North Somali Coasts situated between Bossaso and Qandala where the pirates departed in the M/V CRYSTAL ARTIC event.

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) should not be ignored, mainly in the Eastern Side. After a vessel is seized, most probably this is taken to the Somali coast and held there while ransom negotiations are ongoing. The piracy event of M/V ABDULLAH ended up with the ship being released after the ransom was paid.

Threat evaluation. The payment of a ransom could create a new wave of Dhow hijackings, used as mother ships, which in turn would increase the autonomy to conduct attacks on the high seas. 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 - an attack is a Realistic Possibility off the Somali coasts.

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.

Based on the recent piracy-related incidents reported, it is estimated that:

- **Due to good weather conditions and upcoming inter-monsoon period, it is a REALISTIC POSSIBILITY that a PAG could be deployed, and carry out an attack in the GOA (LIKELY in the EAST than WEST) and SOUTH SOMALI BASIN.**

*The following document will be revised depending on recent events.

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

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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 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 KHAIR ¹	-	-	-	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
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/PIRATED

*New Updates are highlighted in **YELLOW**.

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	31-Jan-24	MV YASA AYSEN2	-	-		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
29	20-Apr-24	MV TORM AUSTRALIA	9443140	219253000	DENMARK	12:57:00N 63:46:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
30	21-Apr-24	MV MSC DIEGO	9202649	357106000	PANAMA	11:36:57N 54:35:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
31	28-Apr-24	MV TOPAZ BELAYA	9811579	538007325	MARSHALL IS	13:24:00N 54:11:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
32	08-May-24	MAERSK TANGIER	9726451	219182000	DENMARK	11:49:36N 60:32:24E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
33	10-May-24	CHRYSTAL ARCTIC	9332640	538010487	MARSHALL IS	12:37:45N 48:16:45E	PIRACY ATTACK
34	13-May-24	AL FAJR.2	-	-	IRAN	06:35:68N 50:13:72E	HIJACK (LIBERATED)
35	13-May-24	MV PROPEL PROGRESS	9152234	352077000	PANAMA	01:37:45N 45:05:27E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

36	23-May-24	MV BASILISK	9539377	636022571	LIBERIA	01:17:00S 51:06:00E	HIJACK (LIBERATED)
37	23-May-24	MV AL AMAL	9178094	352003074	PANAMA	08:07:00N 53:35:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
38	25-May-24	MV OLYMPIC LIFE	9844277	538008215	MARSHALL IS	13:13:00N 49:57:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
39	31-May-24	MV ARABESCA	9288734	518999121	COOK IS	13:27:20N 49:47:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
40	07-Jun-24	MV PACIFIC HONOR	9552317	538004431	MARSHALL IS	00:27:08N 51:07:06E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
41	26 Aug 24	MT VELA	9682461	477698300	HONK KONG	12:28:00N 46:39:00E	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

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