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WEST AFRICA

8 INCIDENTS TO REPORT

1. WEST AFRICA

CW ALERT 003	02/05/17	0820 LT	ROBBERY	5° 37. 44 N	00° 20. 15 E

The duty crew onboard an anchored container vessel discovered two robbers climbing up the port anchor chain. The Master raised the alarm and the robbers aborted their attempt. The Master informed Port Control of the incident by VHF and they advised they would send a security boat. Upon seeing the alerted crew and hearing the alarm the robbers escaped in their fishing boat with four persons on board. The Container vessel then raised her anchor and moved to the south. No crew were injured and the vessel is reported to be safe.

CW ALERT 009	06/05/17	0030 LT	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	5° 10. 31 N	004° 40. 26 W

Clearwater has received a report that a cargo vessel was approached whilst anchored at Abidjan Anchorage. The Master of the vessel has reported to the MDAT GoG, that a small, unlit boat with seven persons onboard, approached the cargo vessel from the stern before coming alongside the port quarter. The duty crew raised the alarm and the vessel's water jets were activated resulting in the small boat casting off. The suspect boat then circled the cargo vessel closely before moving away. The incident was reported to the Port Control via VHF channel 12.

CW ALERT 014	12/05/17	0325 LT	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	3° 58. 13 N	007° 33. 43 E

It has been reported that a Greek flagged tanker was approached whilst anchored approximately 4.3nm Southeast at Yoho Terminal. Two speed boats with approximately ten persons onboard, approached from the vessel's stern and proceeded along the starboard side. The alarm was raised, all anti-piracy measures were undertaken and the terminal security patrol boat was notified. One speed boat came to within three meters before both vessels aborted their approach. The terminal security patrol boat arrived approximately fifteen minutes later and conducted a search in the surrounding area but did not locate the speed boats.

PIRACY ATTACK · SUSPICIOUS VESSELS · ROBBERY · HIJACKING · GENERAL ALERT · CAUTION

1. WEST AFRICA

CW ALERT 016	12/05/17	2220 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 13. 19 N	007° 58. 30 E

Clearwater has received a report stating that a Marshall Islands flagged offshore supply vessel was boarded whilst anchored approximately 4.4nm Southwest of Kwa Ibo Terminal. Two speed boats containing a number of armed persons approached the vessel. The duty crew on-board the supply vessel spotted the speed boats, raised the alarm and were able to retreat to the citadel before the pirates boarded. A Nigerian security vessel arrived some time after to assist the supply vessel but the pirates had escaped.

CW ALERT 017	12/05/17	2000 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 23. 00 N	007° 50. 00 E

It has been reported that a Panamanian flagged offshore supply vessel was approached whilst anchored, approximately 1.3nm South-southeast of Okoro Terminal. One speed boat with six armed pirates on-board approached to within one cable of the vessel. The armed security team on-board the vessel fired a warning shot, which resulted in the pirates firing almost twenty rounds against the supply ship. The security personnel then opened fire directly at the speed boat resulting in the pirates aborting their attack and leaving the area. No casualties were reported during the incident.

CW ALERT 021	17/05/17	1120 UTC	PIRATE ATTACK	3° 59. 11 N	006° 46. 30 E

A warning has been released by MDAT-GoG that a Cargo vessel has been attacked whilst at anchor and the incident is ongoing.
UPDATE 1: *Confirmed reports have been received that at 12:00 UTC the Cargo vessel under attack was successfully boarded by pirates and six crew members including the Captain have been kidnapped. The Nigerian Navy have been informed of the incident.*
UPDATE 2: *The merchant vessel is now safe and berthed at Bonny, Nigeria.*
UPDATE 3: *The nationalities of the six kidnapped crew members have been confirmed as: German (Captain), Russian (Chief Engineer) and Filipino (the four crewmen).*

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

1. WEST AFRICA

CW ALERT 032	29/05/17	2140 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 43. 00 N	005° 35. 00 E

Clearwater has received a report that a vessel was attacked within the Forupa waterways near Ezeotu-Zion. Pirates onboard two, two-engined speedboats, boarded the vessel and kidnapped the crew members. As the pirates were making their escape, the speedboats capsized. A Government security patrol arrived in the area and recovered one of the crew members alive. The remaining crew members have been reported as dead.

CW ALERT 033	26/05/17	0200 LT	ROBBERY	8° 26. 19 N	013° 28. 90 W

It has been reported that a robbery took place on an anchored container vessel at Free Town Offroad Anchorage. Duty crew conducting routine rounds discovered that robbers had been able to board the vessel, steal items of ship's property and escape unnoticed.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

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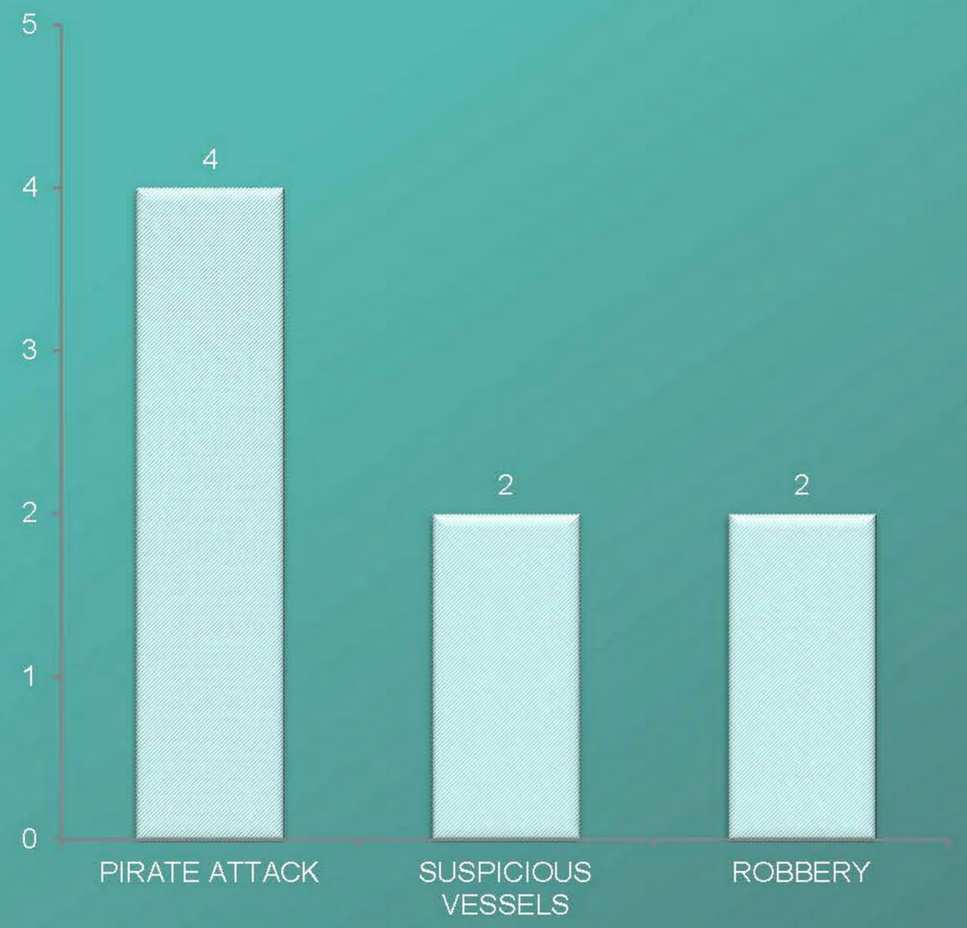

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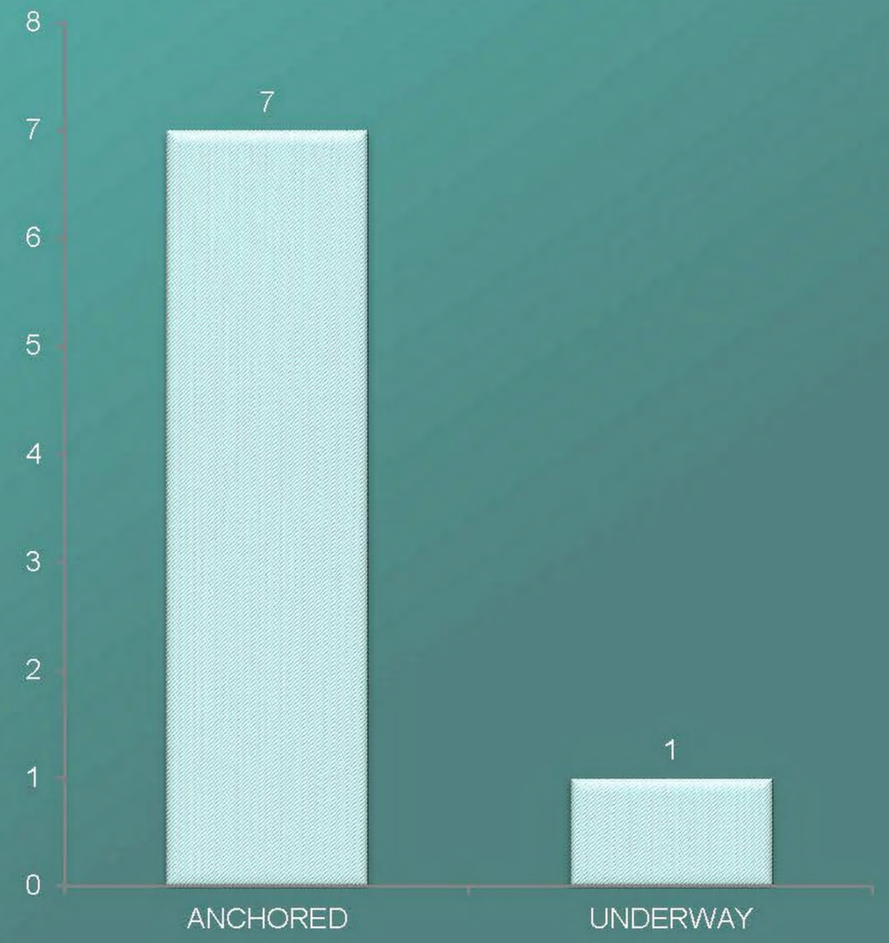

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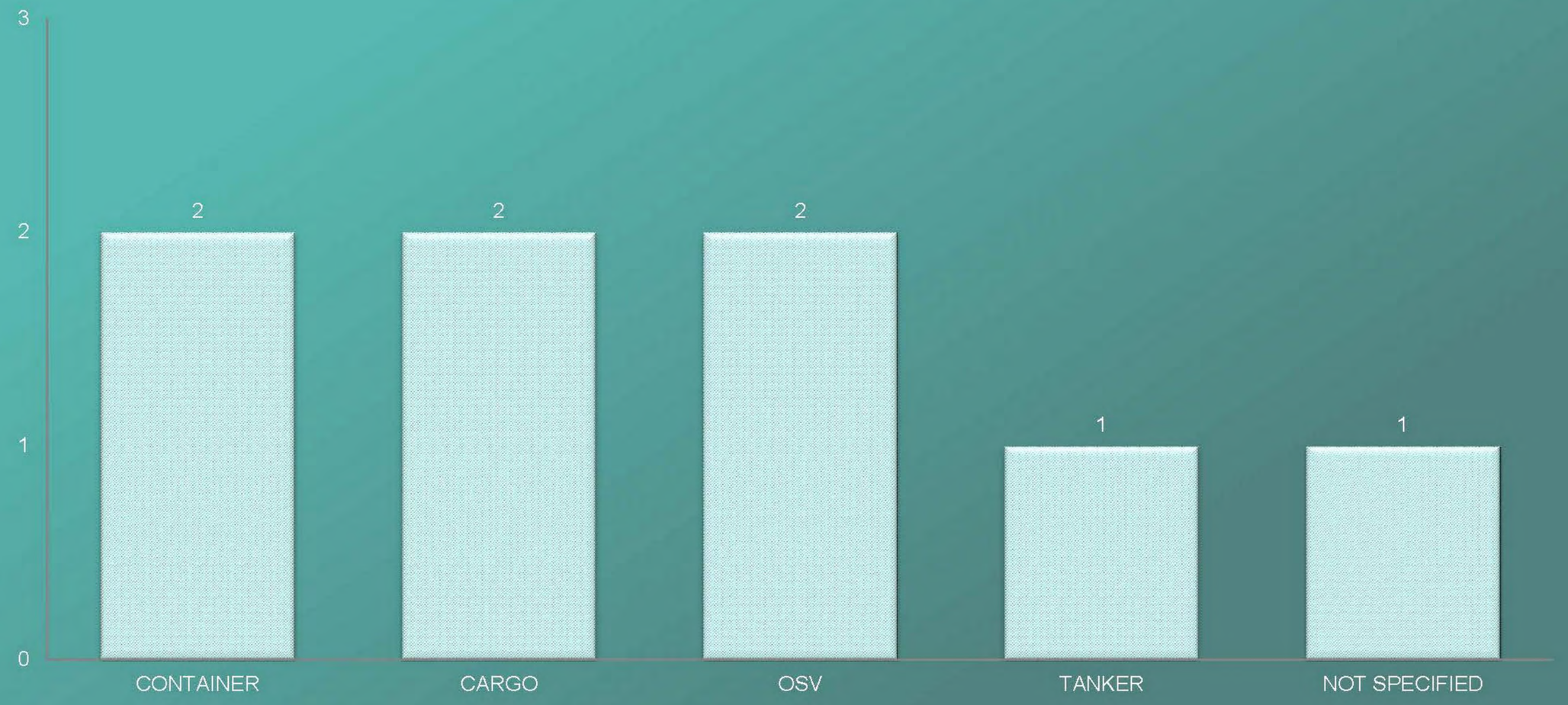

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

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2. SOUTH EAST ASIA

CW ALERT 006	02/05/17	1800 UTC	ROBBERY	05° 57. 50 S	005° 55. 60 E

It has been reported that three robbers managed to board a bulk carrier whilst at anchor and made their way into the engine room. They stole items of ships spares and escaped. The Duty AB noticed the robbers escaping in an unlit boat and raised the alarm. Port control was informed of the incident.

CW ALERT 007	02/05/17	1715 UTC	ROBBERY	22° 13. 90 N	091° 44. 10 E

A report has been issued stating that the duty crew on board an anchored product tanker noticed two robbers on the poop deck and informed the Duty Officer who raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed.

CW ALERT 008	03/05/17	1706 UTC	ROBBERY	13° 40. 30 N	121° 03. 06 E

Clearwater has received a report stating that five robbers were discovered onboard an underway oil tanker, approximately 7.8nm South-southwest of Pulau Kukup. The Second Engineer spotted the robbers attempting to steal items from the vessel's engine room. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed by jumping overboard. The crew are reported as safe.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

2. SOUTH EAST ASIA

CW ALERT 012	08/05/17	1530 UTC	GENERAL ALERT	5° 15. 00 N	119° 55. 00 E

It has been reported that Philippines Intelligence received credible information regarding the Abu Sayyaf group. The information states that a group; believed to be composed of approximately eight militants will conduct kidnapping activity along the borders of Sabah, Malaysia utilising an indigenous "Jungkong" 3-engine boat. The militant group will depart from the shores of Patikul, Sulu passing by Panguturan Island, Sulu and onward to Sabah, Malaysia. The intelligence reports that members of the group are already located in Sabah and are identifying potential targets. It is stated that either an unidentified wealthy Malaysian, foreign businessman or any foreign person onboard a yacht that is sailing in the area will be targeted. Local authorities have been instructed to increase patrols in these areas. All vessels are advised to avoid and monitor any "Jungkong" 3-engine boats, whilst maintaining strict anti-piracy measures.

CW ALERT 019	11/05/17	2012 LT	ROBBERY	00° 39. 18 S	117° 38. 45 E

It has been reported that a robber was able to board an anchored bulk carrier at Muara Berau Anchorage. The robber who was armed with a knife boarded the vessel by climbing the anchor chain. A Duty AB conducting routine rounds, spotted the robber and informed the Officer on watch. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robber made his escape by descending the anchor chain. A full search of the vessel was carried out but nothing was reported stolen.

CW ALERT 022	16/05/17	1803 LT	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	3° 32. 00 N	126° 23. 00 E

It has been reported that an offshore supply vessel was approached whilst underway, approximately 26nm Southwest of Kepulauan Talaud. A small speed boat was able to close to within 30m of the vessel. The crew on-board spotted the speedboat and raised the alarm. The crew mustered, and the vessels fire hoses were activated. Upon seeing the alerted crew and the measures taken by the vessel the speed boat aborted its approach and moved away.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

2. SOUTH EAST ASIA

CW ALERT 024	19/05/17	1930 LT	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	10° 58. 00 N	118° 15. 00 E

Clearwater has received a report that an offshore tug was approached and chased by two speed boats whilst underway, approximately 56.3nm Northwest of Boayan Island. The Master increased speed, activated the vessels fire hoses and carried out evasive manoeuvres resulting in the speed boats aborting their pursuit. The offshore tug and crew are reported as safe. The incident has been reported to the Philippines Authorities.

CW ALERT 025	21/05/17	0100 LT	ROBBERY	01° 43. 72 N	101° 23. 21 E

It has been reported that six robbers boarded a chemical tanker whilst anchored at MSSP Jetty, Lubuk Gaung Port. The robbers who were wearing face masks and armed with long knives, were spotted by the Duty crew. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers made their escape onto a small boat. After conducting a full search of the vessel it was discovered that the robbers had stolen items of ships property. The local police were informed.

CW ALERT 029	25/05/17	0515 LT	ROBBERY	01° 43. 10 N	101° 25. 80 E

Clearwater has received a report that two robbers were able to board an anchored tanker at Dumai Anchorage. The robbers who were armed with machetes were spotted by duty crew conducting routine rounds. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers made their escape with stolen items of ship's property.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

2. SOUTH EAST ASIA

CW ALERT 030	28/05/17	1600 UTC	ROBBERY	02° 49. 90 N	105° 17. 40 E

It has been reported that six robbers with weapons managed to board a chemical tanker whilst underway, 26nm south west of Anambas Island. The robbers stole cash and items of personal jewellery. Upon being discovered they escaped. No crew members were harmed during the incident.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

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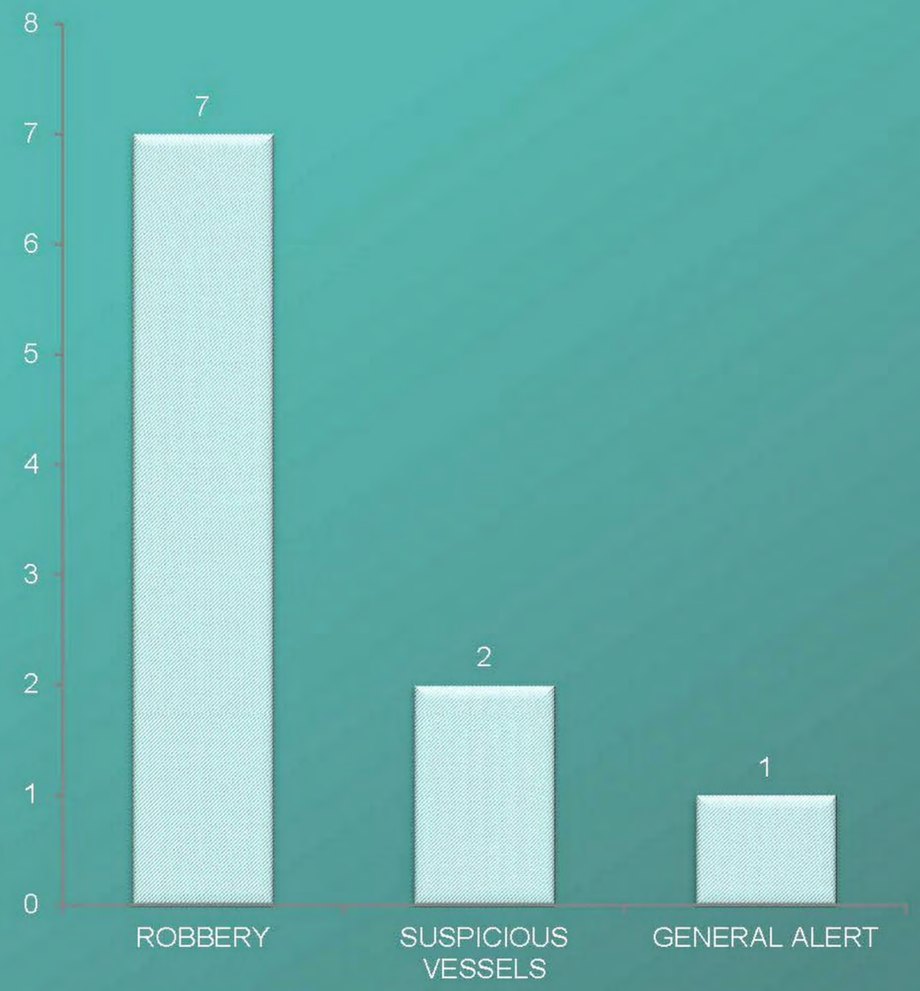

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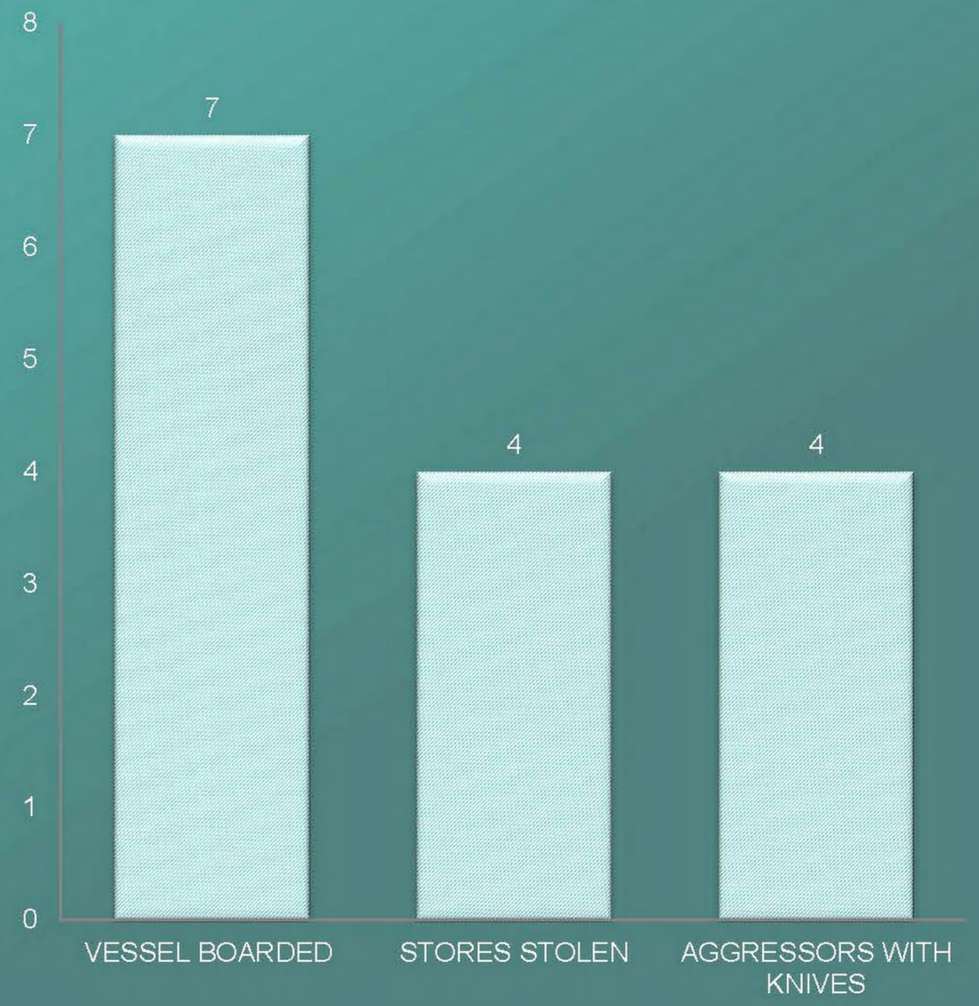

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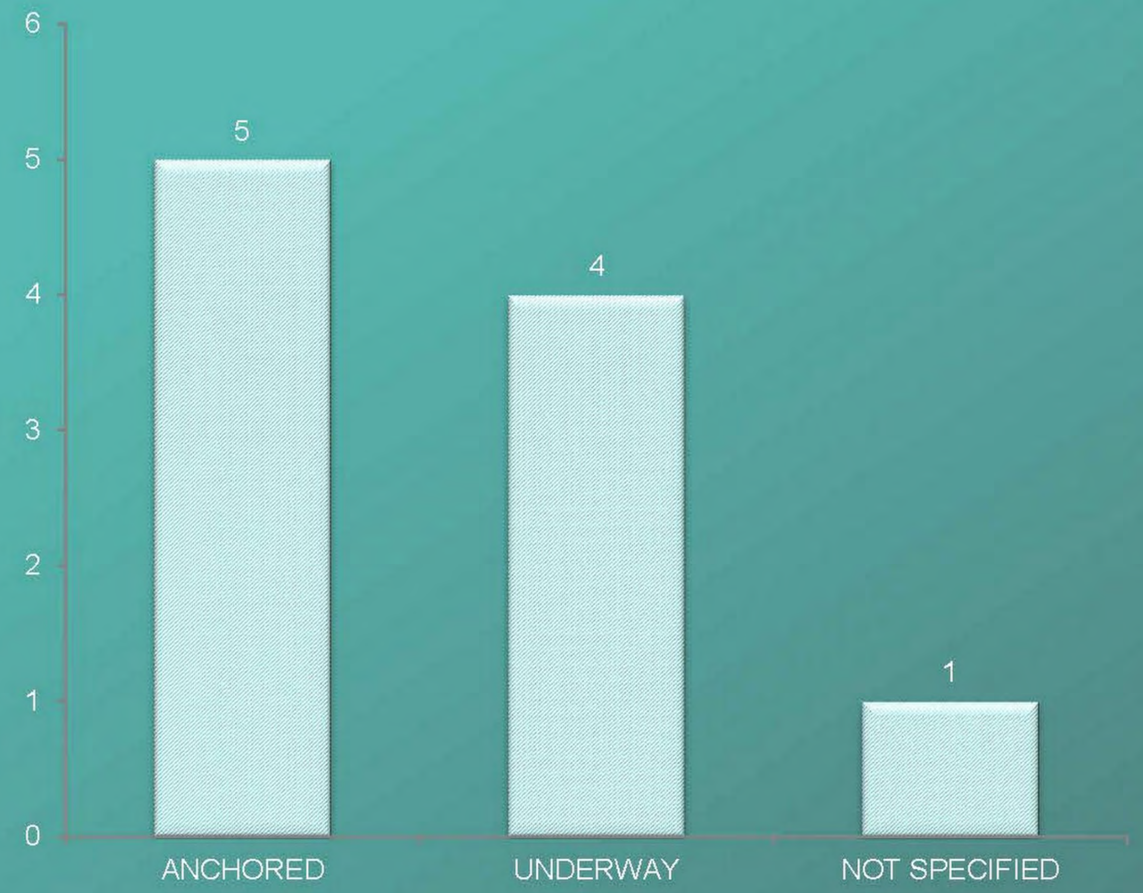

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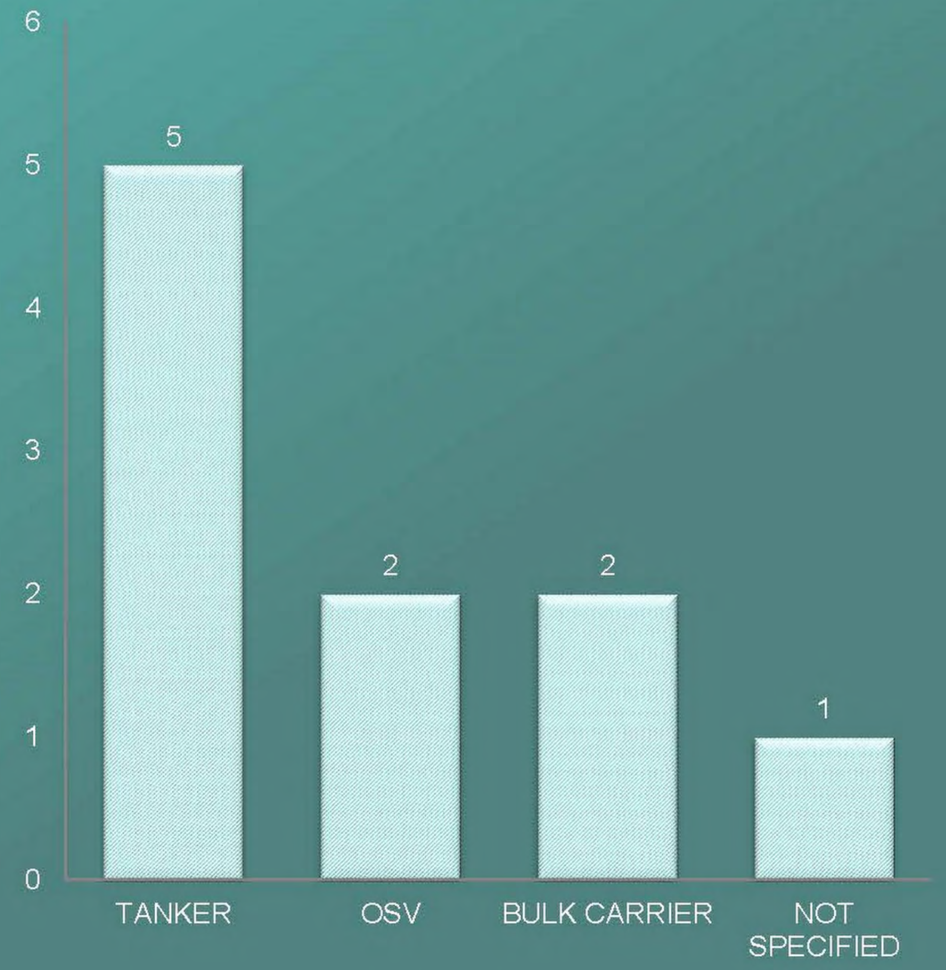

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INDIAN OCEAN

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3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 001	01/05/17	1300 UTC	SUSPICIOUS ALERT	12° 08. 00 N	044° 16. 00 E

A report has been issued by the UKMTO stating that a cargo vessel was approached by five skiffs with five persons embarked on each. Four of the skiffs approached on the port side at a speed of 25 knots and the other approached on the starboard side and closed to a distance of 0.2nm. The vessels on board security team fired warning shots which resulted in all five skiffs turning away. The vessel and crew are reported to be safe.

CW ALERT 002	02/05/17	0800 UTC	SUSPICIOUS ALERT	12° 26. 48 N	043° 50. 42 E

It has been reported to the UKMTO by an email from the Master, that a cargo vessel was approached by a group of three to four skiffs each containing four to five persons onboard. The skiffs which are described as having green and white hulls, aborted their approach after the onboard armed security team displayed their weapons. The vessel is reported as safe.

CW ALERT 004	03/05/17	0930 LT	GENERAL ALERT	13° 10. 58 N	049° 18. 53 E

It has been reported that a vessel was approached whilst underway, in the IRTC, Gulf of Aden. A group of nine skiffs, each with three persons onboard surrounded the vessel at a distance of 0.6nm. The onboard security team fired two warning shots resulting in the skiffs departing the vicinity. The skiffs were described as having black and white coloured hulls. The vessel has been reported as safe.

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3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 010	07/05/17	1440 UTC	PIRATE ATTACK	25° 32. 00 N	057° 33. 00 E

A report has been issued stating that a Merchant vessel has been attacked.
UPDATE 1: *Clearwater has received confirmed information that a bulk carrier was approached by three to four skiffs which fired shots and then turned away. Vessel is reported to be safe.*
UPDATE 2: *Clearwater has received further information that the Master of the vessel sent out a VHF call asking for military assistance as they were under attack. It was reported that three skiffs approached the Starboard Bow to within 0.5nm and that a possible mother vessel was also approaching from Astern.*

CW ALERT 011	08/05/17	0805 UTC	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	25° 31. 14 N	057° 32. 28 E

Clearwater has received a report that a tanker has been approached whilst underway in the Gulf of Oman approximately 14.6nm Southwest of Jask. The Master of the vessel reported to the UKMTO that four skiffs approached the vessel, and that a long hook was seen onboard. No weapons were sighted. No further information is currently available.

CW ALERT 013	11/05/17	065 UTC	GENERAL ALERT	13° 21. 42 N	049° 23. 48 E

A Master of a Cargo vessel reported to UKMTO via Email that he was approached at speed by 3 skiffs to approximately 600m. The embarked security team fired a warning flare and the skiffs ceased their approach, altered course and returned to a Dhow in position 13°16.7N 049°15.2E. No weapons or ladders were sighted but the report states that each skiff had 5/6 persons onboard. Clearwater will continue to investigate to try and obtain any further descriptions of the skiffs and Dhow. Reporting vessel is confirmed as safe.

PIRACY ATTACK · SUSPICIOUS VESSELS · ROBBERY · HIJACKING · GENERAL ALERT · CAUTION

3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 018	16/05/17	UNKNOWN	GENERAL ALERT	14° 30. 00 N	051° 35. 00 E

It has been reported to the UKMTO that three Dhows have been stopped and boarded in the Gulf of Aden, 73.4nm South-southeast of Sayhut, Yemen. Following several reported sightings of the Dhows, Indian Naval patrol vessels in the area were able to locate and then board the suspicious vessels. A full search was conducted and a cache of various weapons was discovered and confiscated. No arrests were reported. Clearwater will continue to investigate to try and obtain any further descriptions Dhows involved.

CW ALERT 020	17/05/17	0530 LT	GENERAL ALERT	14° 41. 15 N	051° 03. 43 E

UKMTO have been informed by a Master that he was approached to within 1NM. The Master stated that 7 skiffs approached from both his port and starboard quarters and each skiff had 4 to 5 persons on board, they continued to follow the reporting vessel for 30 minutes before ceasing their attempts. The Master requested to UKMTO that no further information was shared. Vessel reported as safe.

CW ALERT 026	17/05/17	0200 LT	ROBBERY	12° 43. 30 N	048° 02. 00 E

It has been reported that a robbery has occurred on a tanker whilst berthed in Mbaraki North, Mombasa Port, Kenya. The on board security team noticed the robber onboard and raised the alarm, this resulted in the robbery escaping with 130m of rope. Port control were informed and a police patrol team embarked the tanker to carry out an investigation.

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3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 027	25/05/17	UNKNOWN	GENERAL ALERT	11° 57. 00 N	050° 35. 00 E

The UKMTO have reported that a dhow, currently located 2.5nm Northwest of Bolimoog, Somalia, is potentially being prepared to be used as a mother vessel for piracy acts. The dhow is described as having a blue and white wheelhouse, with a brown wooden superstructure and is an Iranian style fishing vessel. All vessels in the area are advised to exercise extreme caution and immediately report any suspicious activity.

CW ALERT 031	31/05/17	0715 UTC	PIRATE ATTACK	12° 33. 47 N	043° 29. 24 E

The UKMTO and EUNAVFOR have reported that a Marshall Islands flagged tanker has been attacked by one skiff whilst underway 5.6nm Southeast of Mayun. The vessel is reported as safe.
UPDATE 1: *EUNAVFOR have confirmed that the tanker was approached and fired upon by three men in a skiff. The Master of the vessel reported the perpetrators fired upon the tanker with three rocket-propelled grenades, before aborting their attack.*
UPDATE 2: *It has been confirmed that the armed security team onboard the vessel fired warning shots at the skiff which resulted in the pirates aborting their attack. The vessel sustained damage as a result of being fired upon, but was able to continue to its destination. Two warships in the vicinity were notified and proceeded to the area to provide assistance to the tanker.*

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

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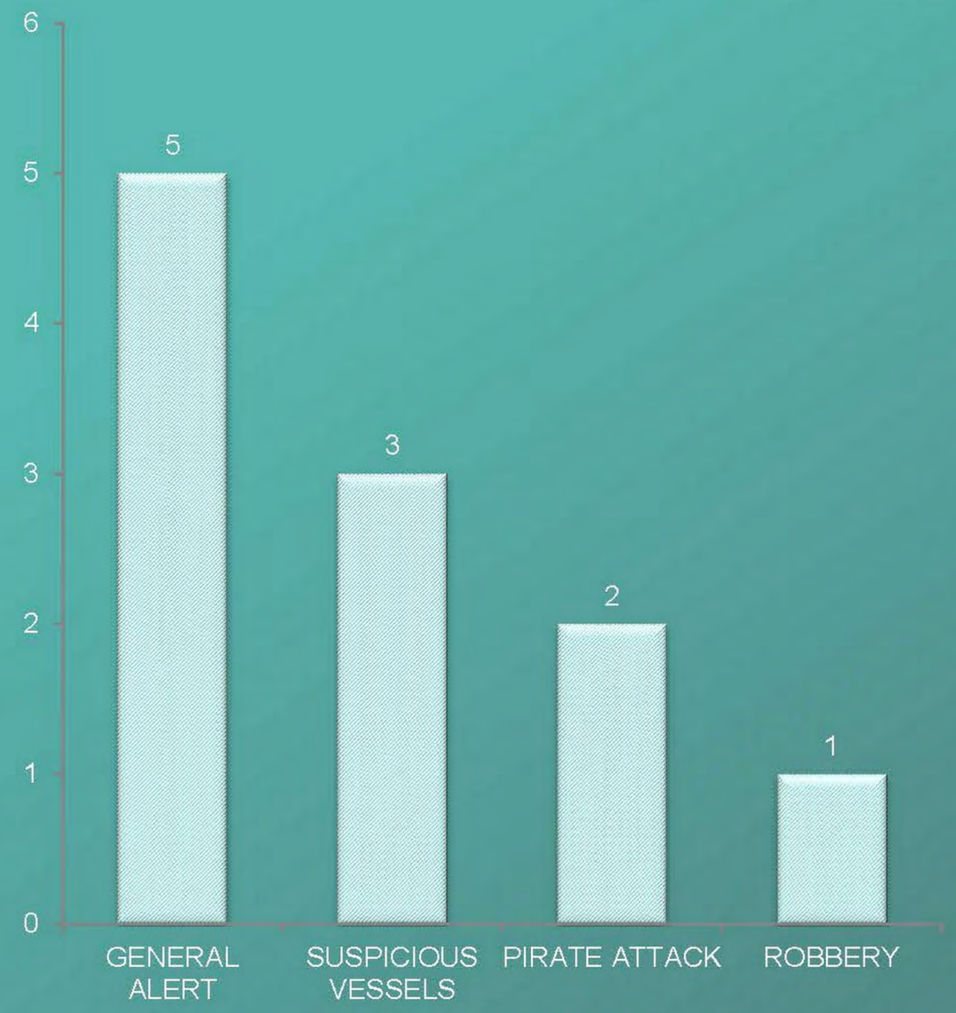

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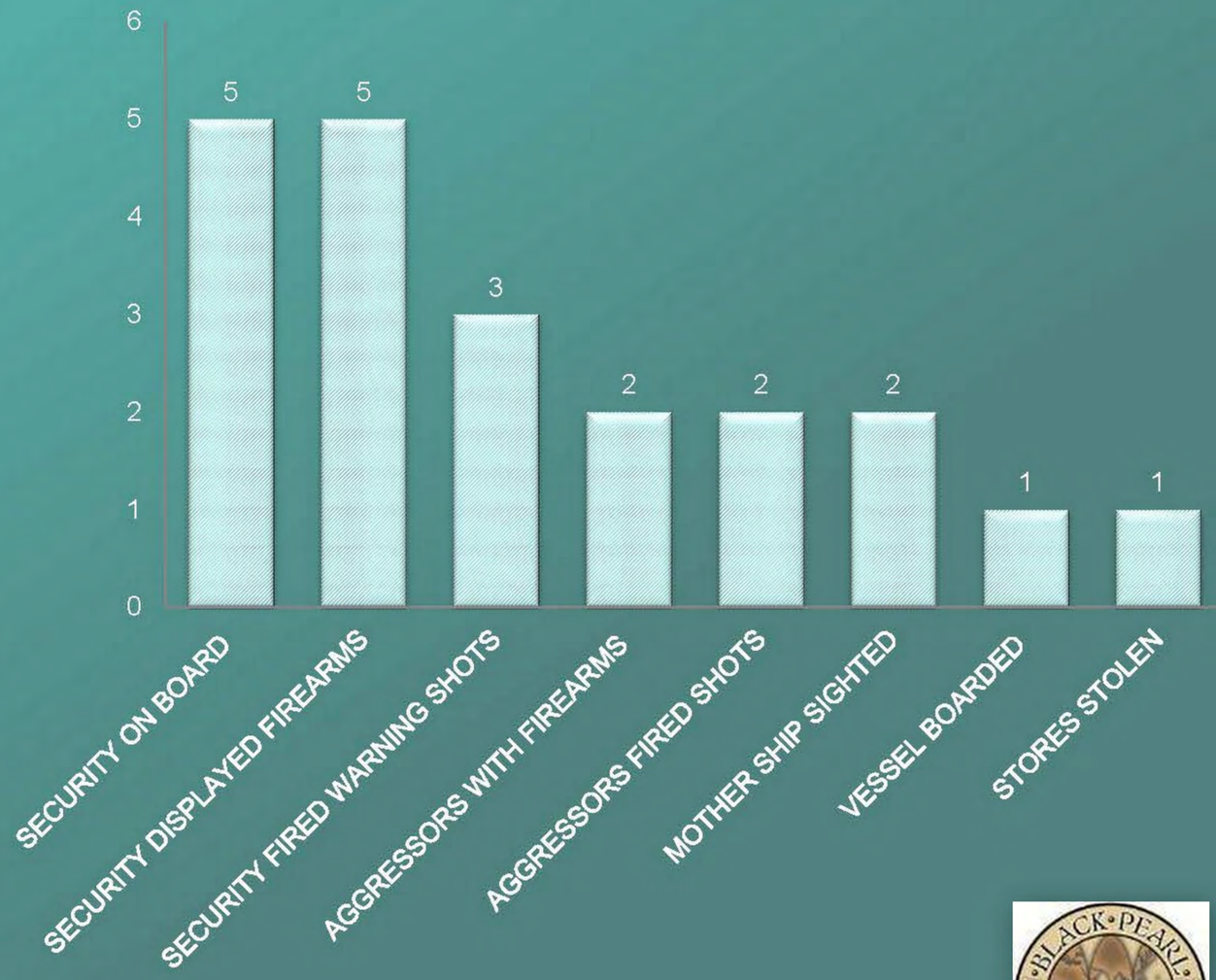

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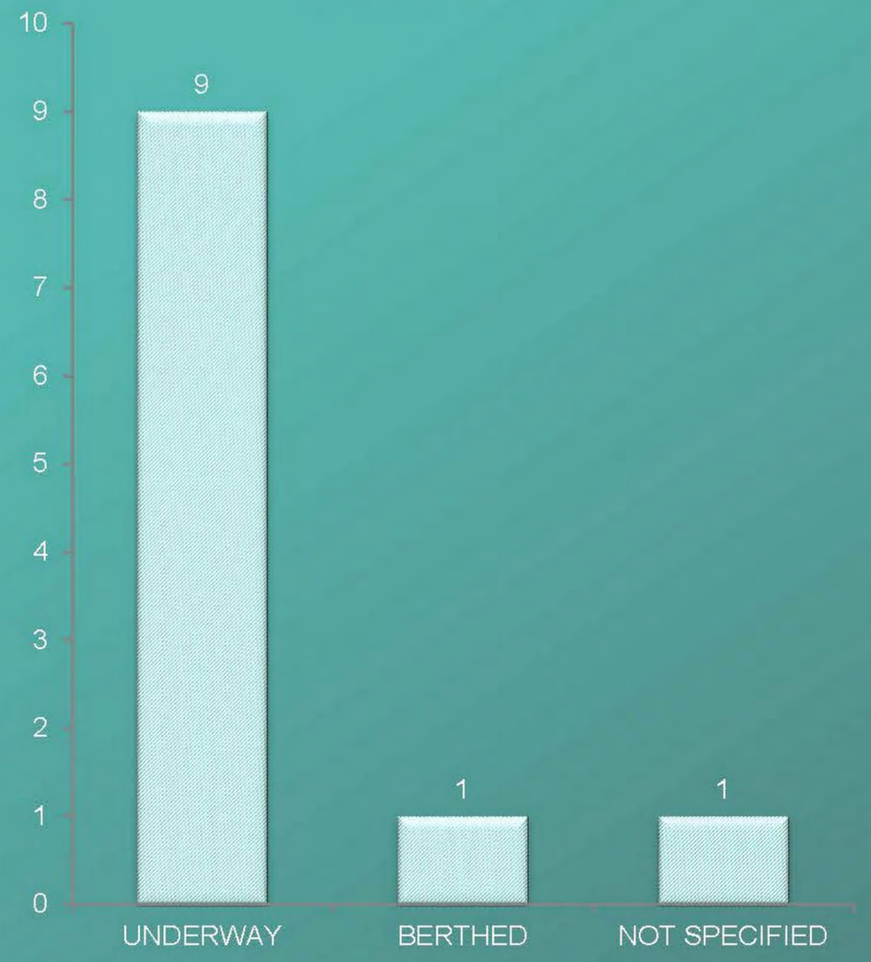

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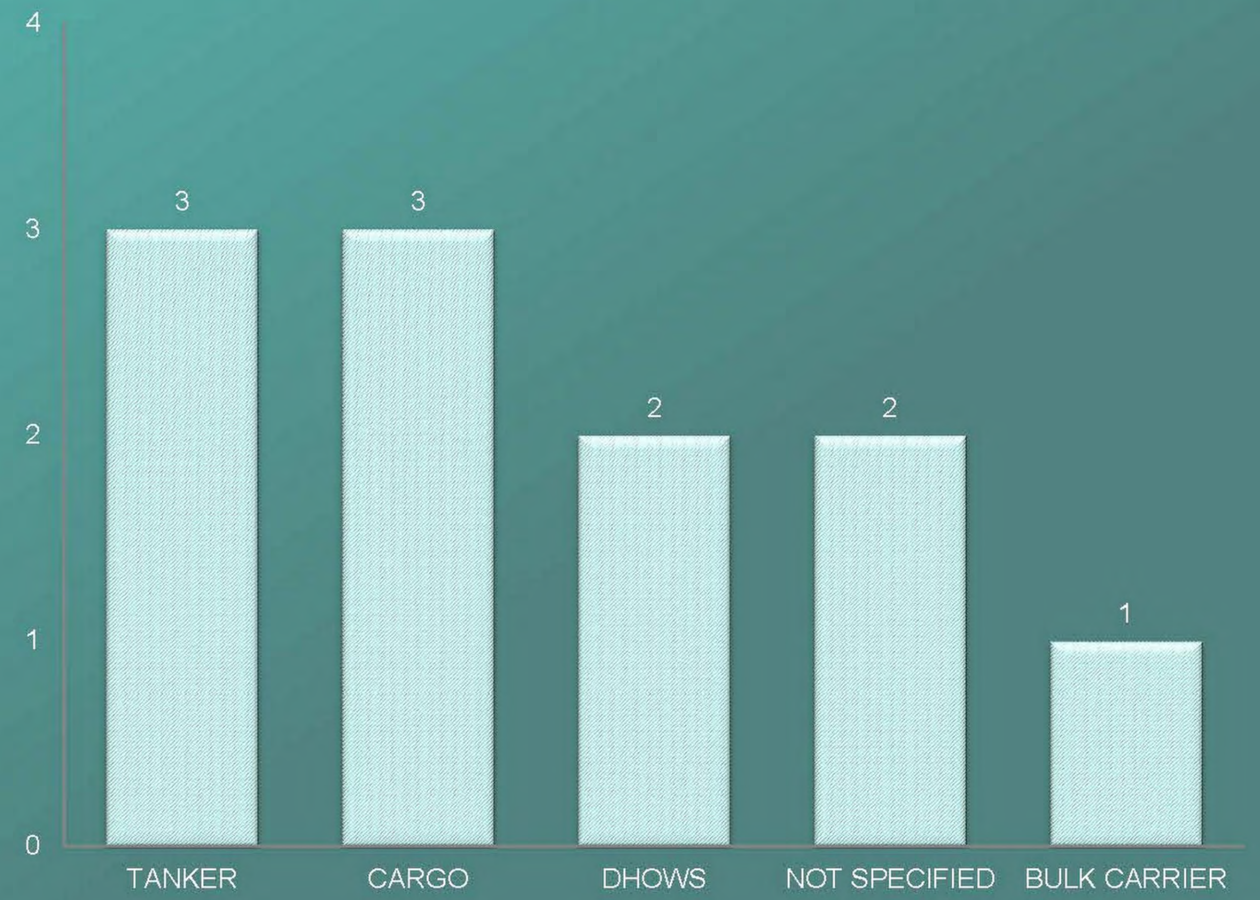

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AMERICAS

4 INCIDENTS TO REPORT

BLACK PEARL MARITIME SECURITY MANAGEMENT

3. AMERICAS

CW ALERT 005	02/05/17	0650 UTC	ROBBERY	7° 20. 31 N	125° 20. 31 E

It has been reported that three armed robbers were able to board a berthed cement carrier at berth number five, Pertigalete Port, Venezuela. The robbers armed with knives were spotted by duty crew members who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed.

CW ALERT 015	04/05/17	0030 LT	ROBBERY	12° 01. 02 S	077° 12. 06 W

It has been reported that six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored container vessel at Callao Anchorage, Peru. The duty AB and the shore security watchmen were caught and tied up by the robbers. The robbers managed to break into the forecastle store and escaped with stolen items from the ship stores. The duty AB and watchmen were able to free themselves and informed the bridge to raise the alarm. The incident was reported to the Local Agent and Port Authority.

CW ALERT 023	18/05/17	0530 LT	ROBBERY	10° 11. 18 N	064° 46. 90 E

It has been reported that robbers boarded a chemical tanker whilst anchored, approximately 4nm West of Lecheria. The robbers boarded unnoticed and were able to escape with items of ship's property. Duty crew conducting routine rounds discovered the theft.

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

3. AMERICAS

CW ALERT 028	24/05/17	0020 LT	ROBBERY	10° 17. 13 N	064° 42. 47 W

It has been reported that six robbers were able to board an anchored cargo vessel at Pozuelos Bay Anchorage, off Isla Boraccha. The robbers were spotted by duty crew after breaking into the forecastle store. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers made their escape with items of ship's property. The Master attempted to inform the Port Authorities via VHF but did not receive any response.

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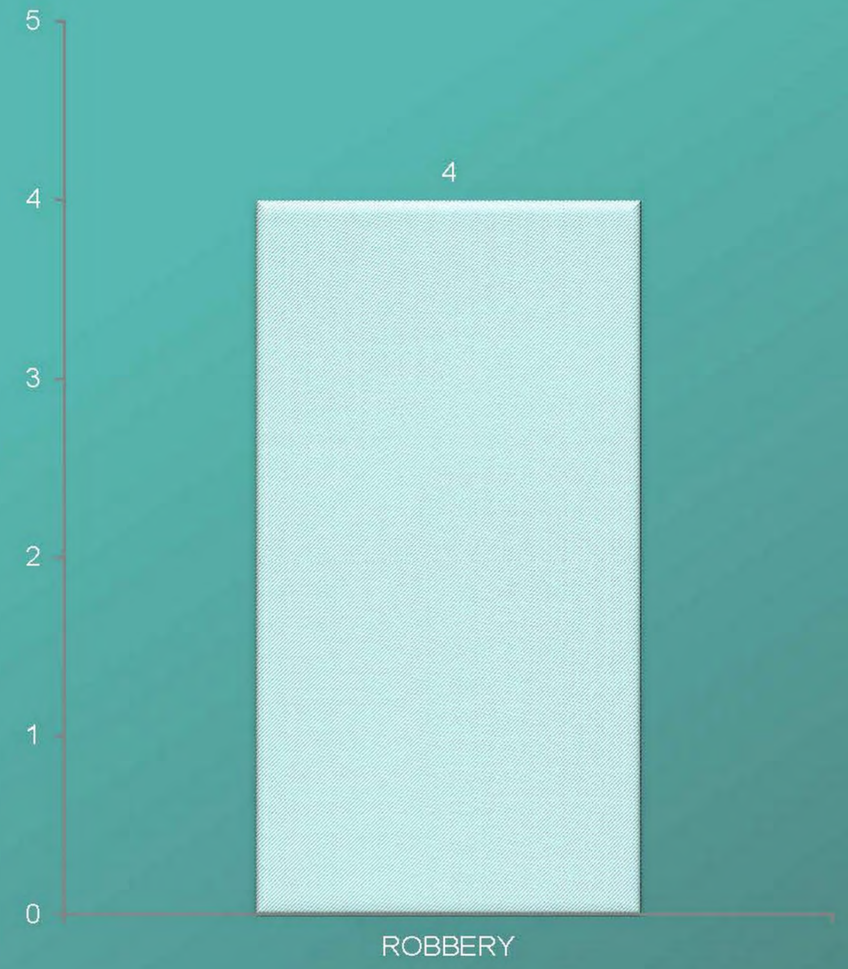

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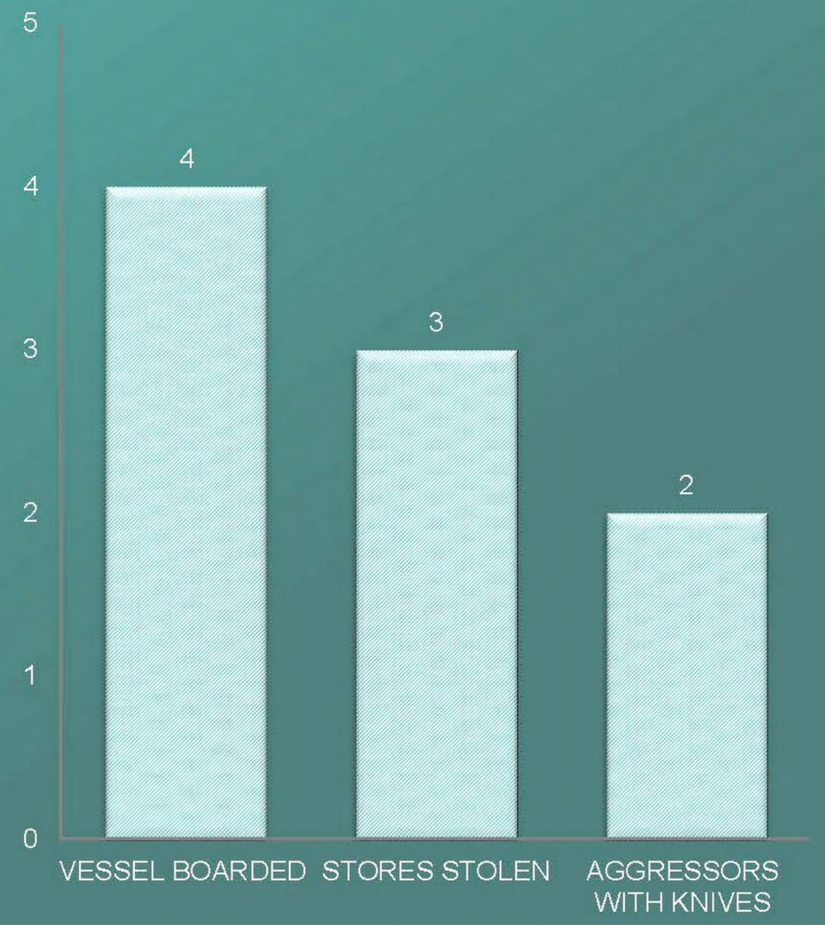

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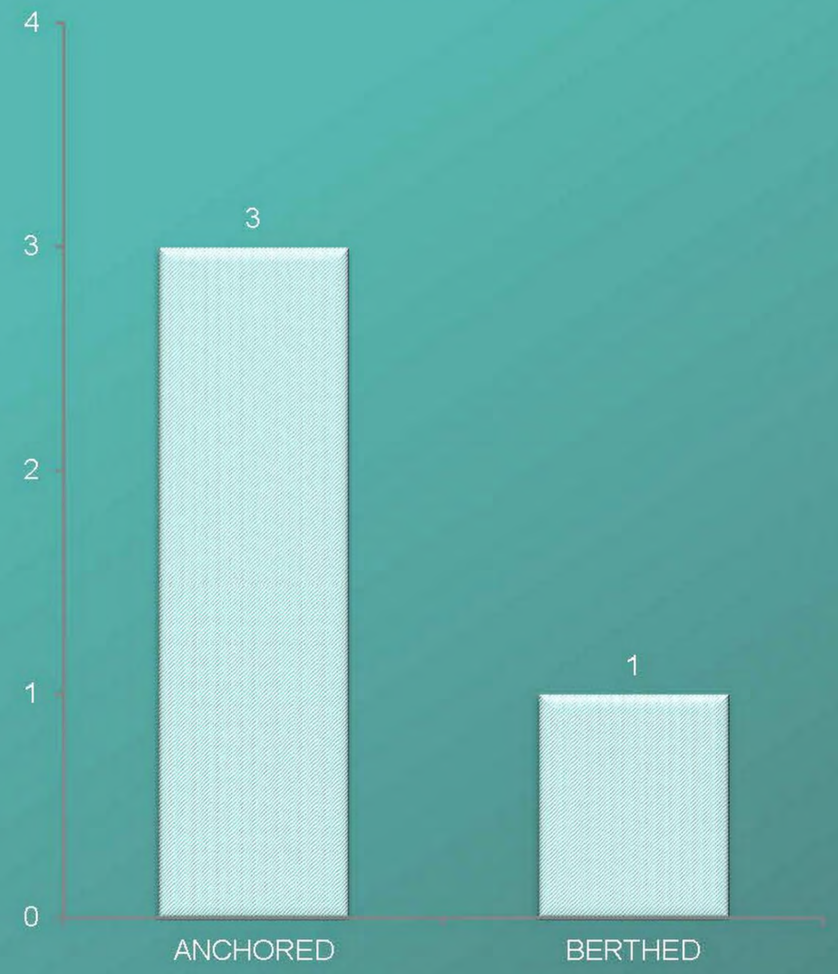

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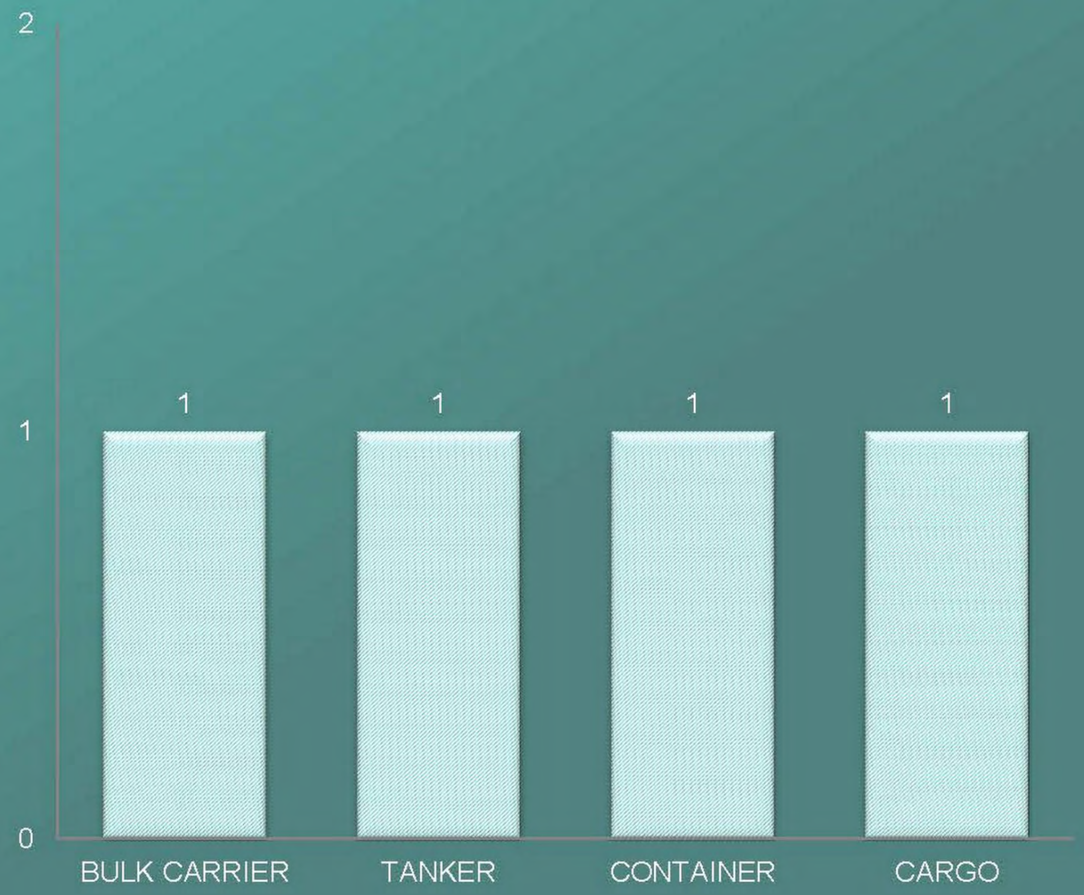

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EUROPE

NO INCIDENTS TO REPORT