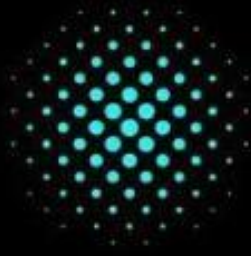




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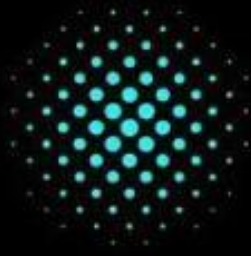


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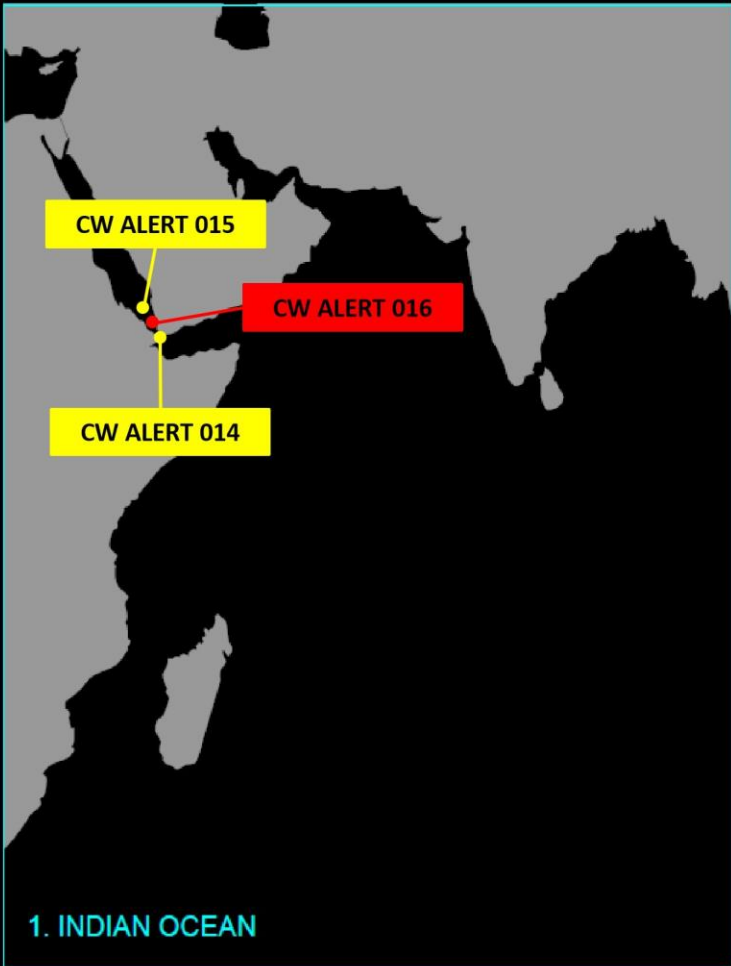
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CW ALERT 014	22/12/16	1025 UTC	GENERAL ALERT	12° 40. 48 N	043° 20. 18 E
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It has been reported that a vessel has been approached by two skiffs whilst underway in the Bab el Mandeb. The approaching skiffs each had five men onboard, one skiff approached the port quarter and the other skiff approached the starboard quarter. The closest they got to the vessel was 0.3nm. The vessel raised the alarm, increased the speed and activated the water hoses. The onboard armed security team displayed their weapons, resulting in the speedboats altering course and moving away.

CW ALERT 015	23/12/16	1905 UTC	GENERAL ALERT	15° 45. 42 N	041° 18. 06 E
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It has been reported that a vessel has been approached by three skiffs whilst underway in the Southern Red Sea. As the skiffs approached to within 100m the crew mustered in the citadel, evasive manoeuvres were carried out and the onboard armed security team fired warning shots. These actions resulted in the skiffs aborting their approach.

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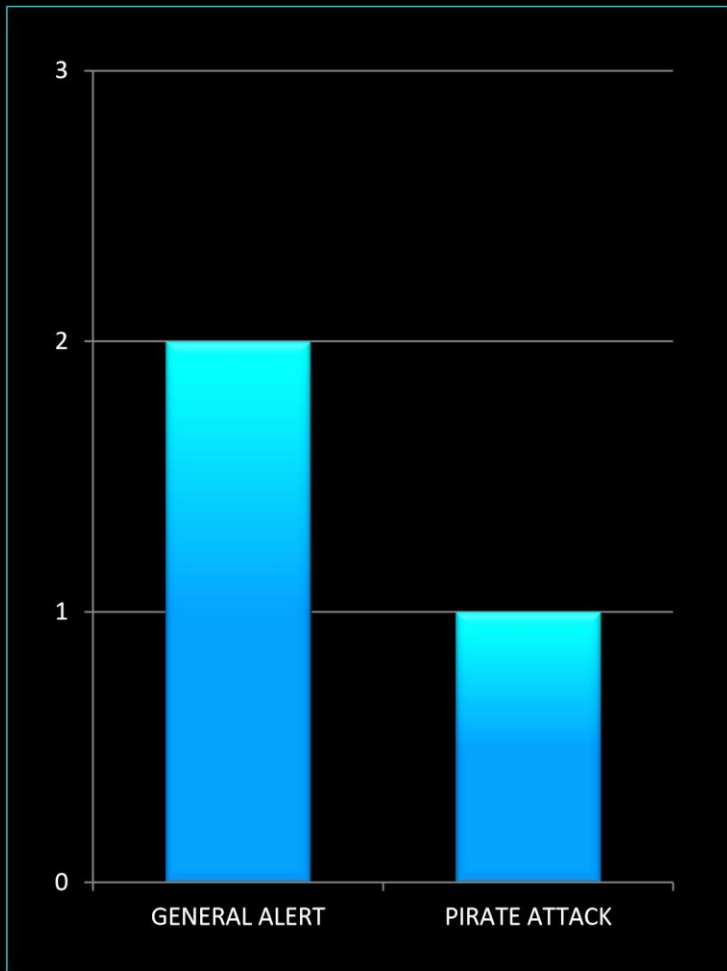
Exact location and time unknown. A warning has been issued by the IMB and confirmed by Iranian authorities that a merchant vessel has been attacked and hit by a RPG. The report states the RPG was launched by militants off the Yemeni Coast, Red Sea. Seven crew members are reported to have been killed in the attack whilst one crew members has been confirmed as safe, he manage to jump overboard and swim clear. The vessel caught on fire and sunk.

- Piracy Attack
- Suspicious Vessels
- Robbery
- Hijacking
- General Alert
- Caution

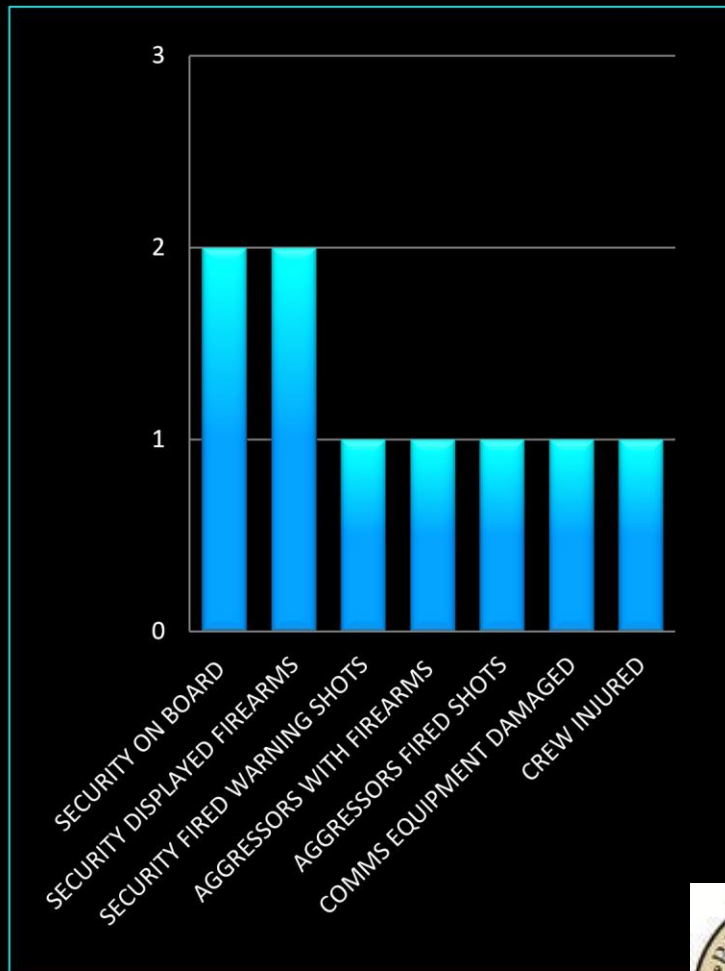




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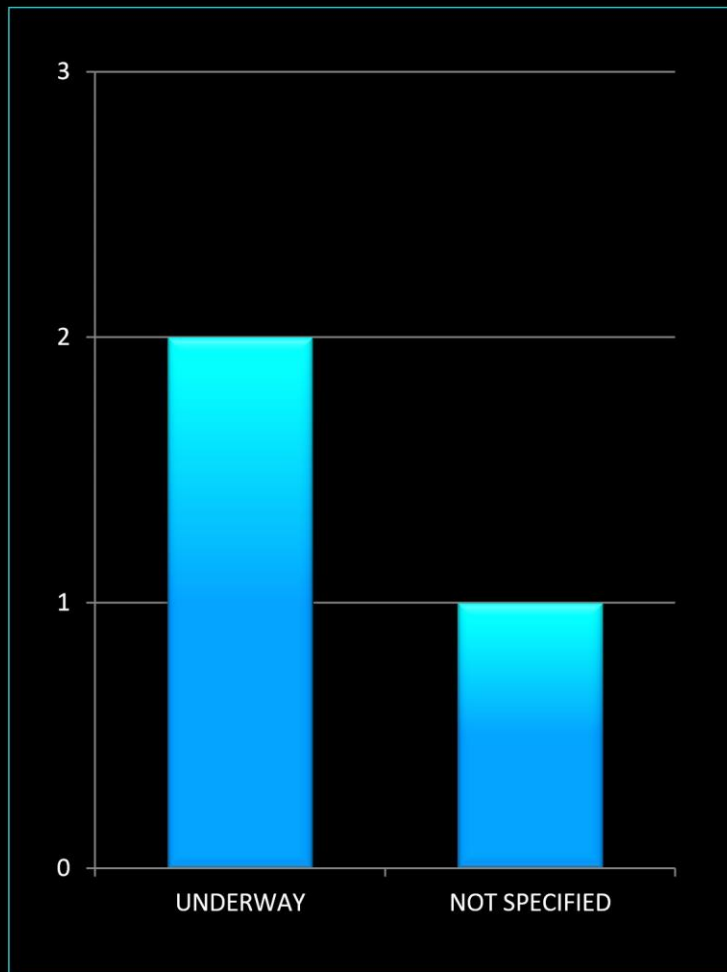


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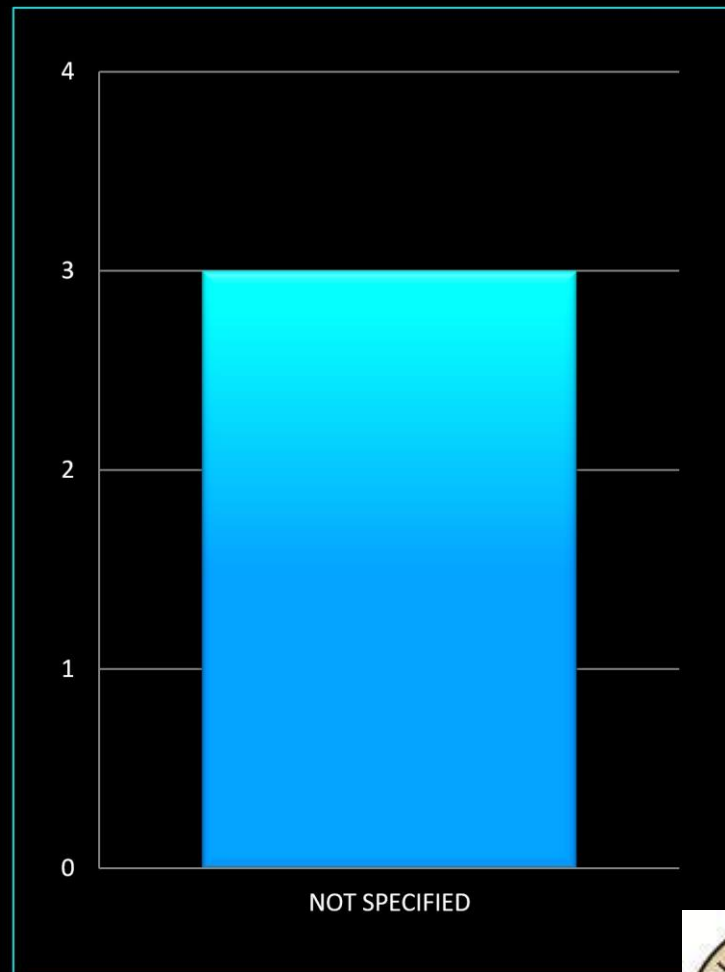




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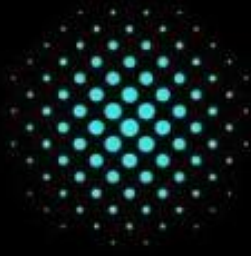


### VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS





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# SOUTHEAST ASIA





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**CW ALERT 01/12/16 1900 LT ROBBERY 3° 40. 18 S 114° 27. 12 E 002**

It has been reported that an attempted robbery occurred on a general cargo ship whilst anchored in Banjarmasin Anchorage, Indonesia. The duty AB was carrying out routine rounds when he noticed three robbers on the forecandle deck. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed via the hawse pipe. The port authorities were informed of this incident.

**CW ALERT 02/12/16 0330 LT ROBBERY 1° 05. 54 N 104° 10. 00 E 004**

An attempted robbery occurred on a heavy load carrier whilst anchored in Kabil Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia. The robbers were spotted by alert crew members who raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm the robbers escaped empty handed. The incident was reported to Batam VTS and Port control. The authorities boarded the vessel and carried out an investigation.

**CW ALERT 08/12/16 1140 LT SUSPICIOUS VESSELS 6° 40. 45 N 122° 29. 45 E 006**

It has been reported that a vessel was approached by a speed boat whilst underway approximately 17 nm South of Pearl Bank, Philippines. As the speedboat which had three persons on board approached the vessel the Master sounded the ship's whistle continuously, activated the fire hoses and made a PA announcement. The vessel's speed was increased and evasive manoeuvres were also carried out. Due to the crew alertness and the hardening measures taken, which included having razor wire in place, the suspects aborted their approach.

- Piracy Attack
- Suspicious Vessels
- Robbery
- Hijacking
- General Alert
- Caution







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CW ALERT 007	07/12/16	2200 LT	SUSPICIOUS VESSELS	0° 14. 24 S	117° 35. 05 E
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It has been reported that whilst conducting routine rounds, the Duty AB noticed the skylight of the forecandle store was open and that the anchor chain cover had been removed. He then saw two robbers escaping from the vessel in a small boat. The Duty AB informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. The crew mustered and a full search was conducted and it was found that ship's stores had been taken. The incident was reported to the Port Authorities through the local agents.

CW ALERT 013	19/12/16	1830 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	5° 45. 00 N	110° 01. 00 E
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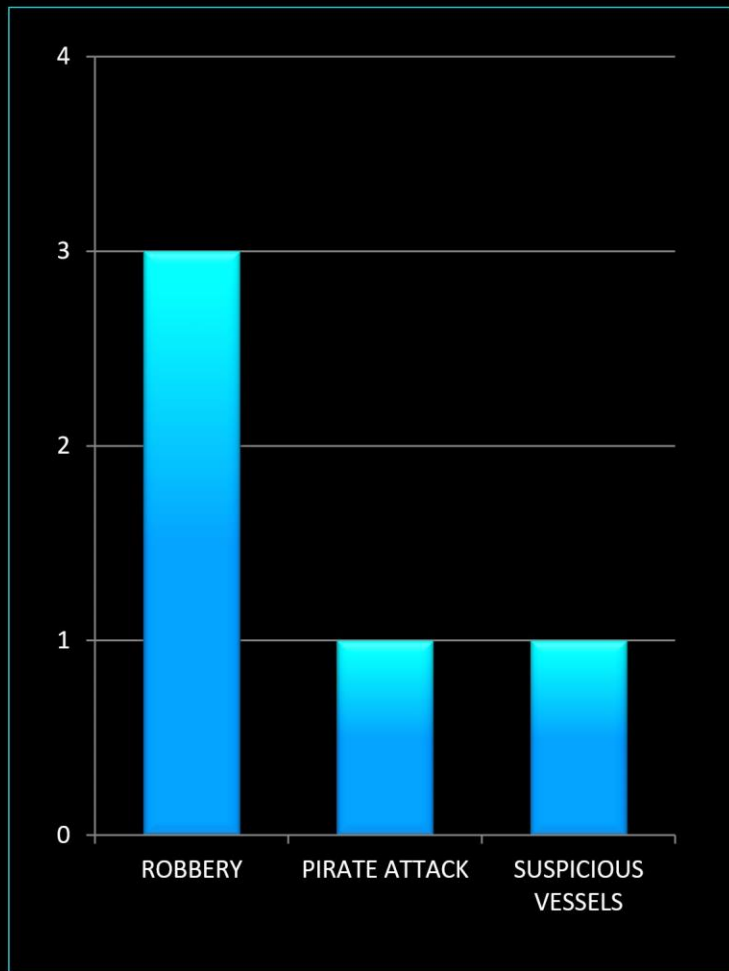
It has been reported that a fishing vessel was boarded by pirates and 4 crew members were kidnapped. The vessel's GPS system and radio were also taken. Contrary to local media reports, it has not been confirmed that the aggressors were members of the Abu Sayyaf militant group. Clearwater will continue to investigate this incident and will update as more information becomes available.

- Piracy Attack
- Suspicious Vessels
- Robbery
- Hijacking
- General Alert
- Caution

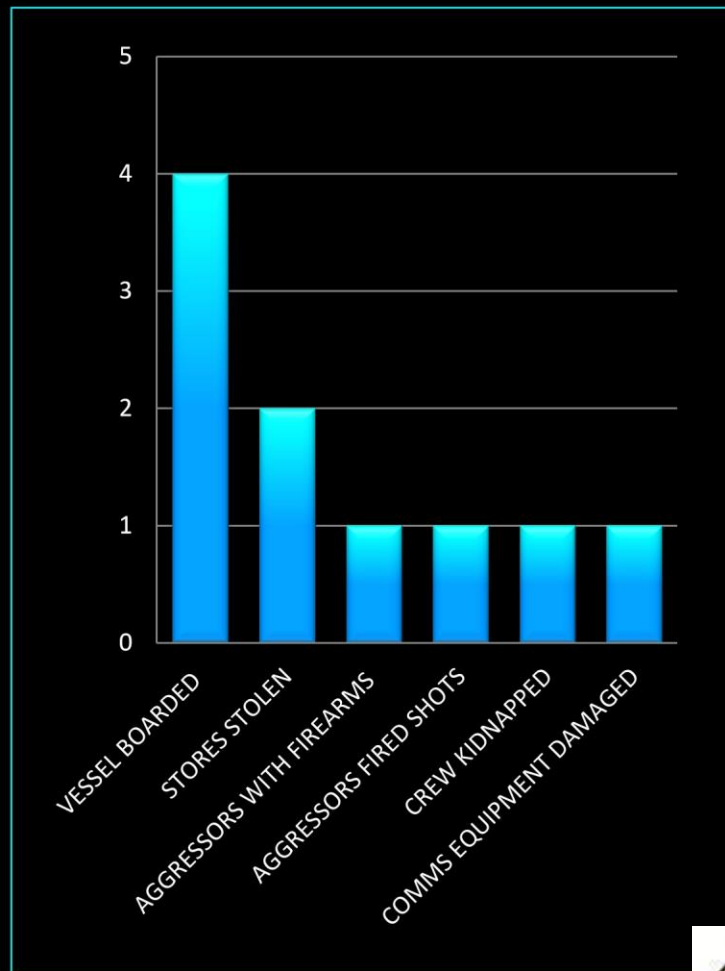




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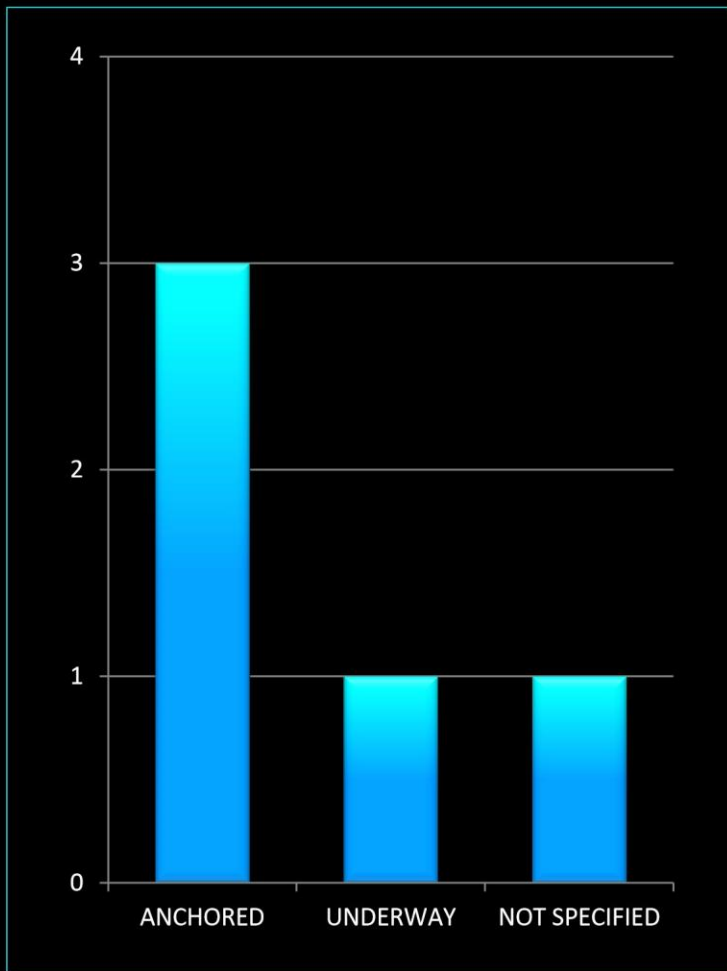


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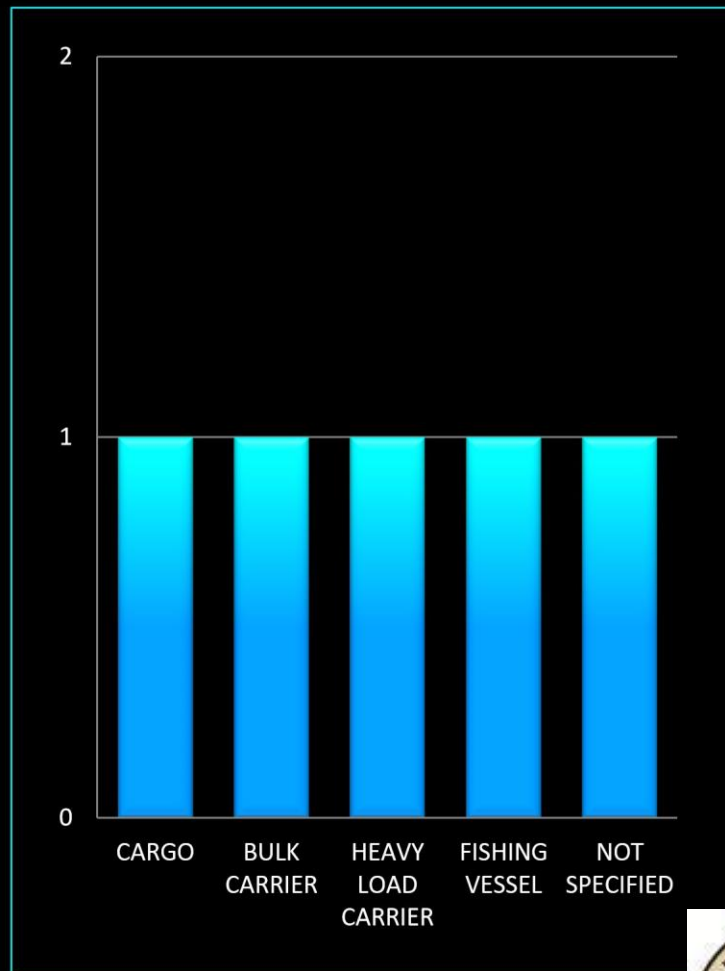




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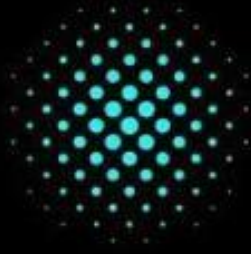


### VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS





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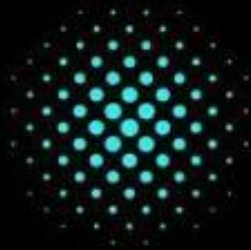
# AMERICAS

NO INCIDENTS TO REPORT





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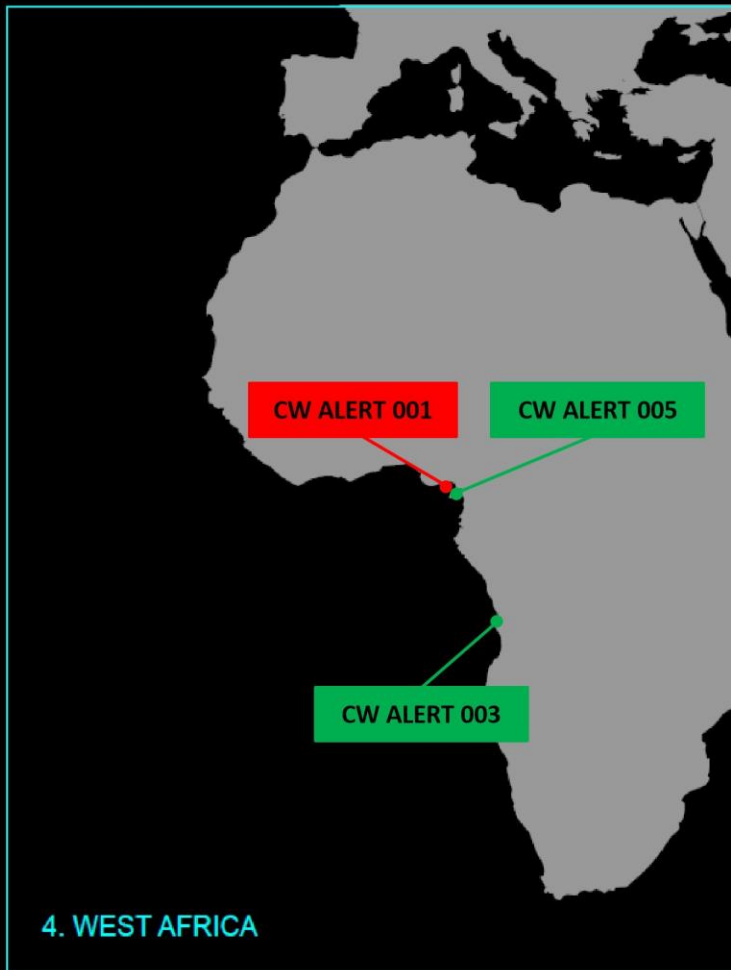
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# WEST AFRICA





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CW ALERT 001	01/12/16	0800 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 30.00 N	008° 15.00 E
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A report has been released stating Nigerian Forces engaged in cross fire with pirates offshore Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. The pirates opened fire towards the Nigerian Forces resulting in them returning fire. The pirates managed to board the Nigerian Forces gunboat and then escaped in the gunboat whilst shooting sporadically into the air.

CW ALERT 003	02/12/16	0030 LT	ROBBERY	08° 44.54 S	013° 17.30 E
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It has been reported that a robbery has occurred on a product tanker whilst anchored in Luanda Anchorage, Angola. Two robbers were spotted onboard the tanker, the alarm was raised and the crew were mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's property.

CW ALERT 005	07/12/16	UNKNOWN	ROBBERY	04° 32.00 N	008° 18.00 E
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Exact time unknown. Clearwater has received a report stating that armed robbers have stolen two 40hp outboard motors and two speedboats from Ghanaian fishermen in the Akwa Ibom state. The armed robbers arrived in the area in two speedboats with 200hp outboard motors onboard. The robbers fired shots into the air as they departed.





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CW ALERT 008	09/12/16	0900 LT	SUSPICIOUS VESSELS	03° 36. 18 N	006° 15. 18 E
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It has been reported that a tanker has been approached by one speedboat whilst underway, 40nm South of Brass, Nigeria. The speedboat which had five persons on board, approached to within 3-5 cables, boarding equipment was also seen onboard the speedboat. The approach was aborted and the tanker is continuing on her voyage.

**UPDATE:** MDAT GoG have now confirmed that a helicopter conducting routine exercises in the area, caused the suspicious vessel to abort it's approach and was able to track the speedboat for 30 minutes.

CW ALERT 009	09/12/16	1000 LT	SUSPICIOUS VESSELS	03° 40. 00 N	006° 10. 00 E
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It has been reported that a tanker was approached by one speedboat whilst underway 40nm south of Brass, Nigeria. The personnel onboard the speedboat attempted to board the tanker but were unsuccessful due to the presence of an onboard armed navy team. It is believed this is the same PAG who approach another tanker in the vicinity, CW Alert 008- (Dec 16).

CW ALERT 010	12/12/16	0533 LT	ROBBERY	06° 20. 00 N	003° 20. 00 E
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A report has been issued stating that three robbers in a small speed boat made an approach towards an anchored product tanker. The robbers were spotted by the tanker's crew and the alarm was raised. The report also states that the embarked armed security guards fired warning shots which resulted in the robbers aborting their attempt to board and they moved away. The incident was reported to the local port authorities.





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CW ALERT 15/12/16 2350 LT SUSPICIOUS 04° 12.00 N 008° 03.00 E  
011 VESSELS

It has been reported that a tanker has been approached whilst anchored at QIT terminal, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria. A crew member spotted a speedboat with eight armed men onboard approach and attempt to board the tanker using a long ladder. The alarm was raised, crew were mustered and the Master requested assistance from a nearby naval patrol boat. Upon seeing the patrol boat approaching the assailants aborted their attempt to board and vacated the area.

CW ALERT 21/12/16 1743 LT PIRATE 03° 22.00 N 005° 14.30 E  
012 ATTACK

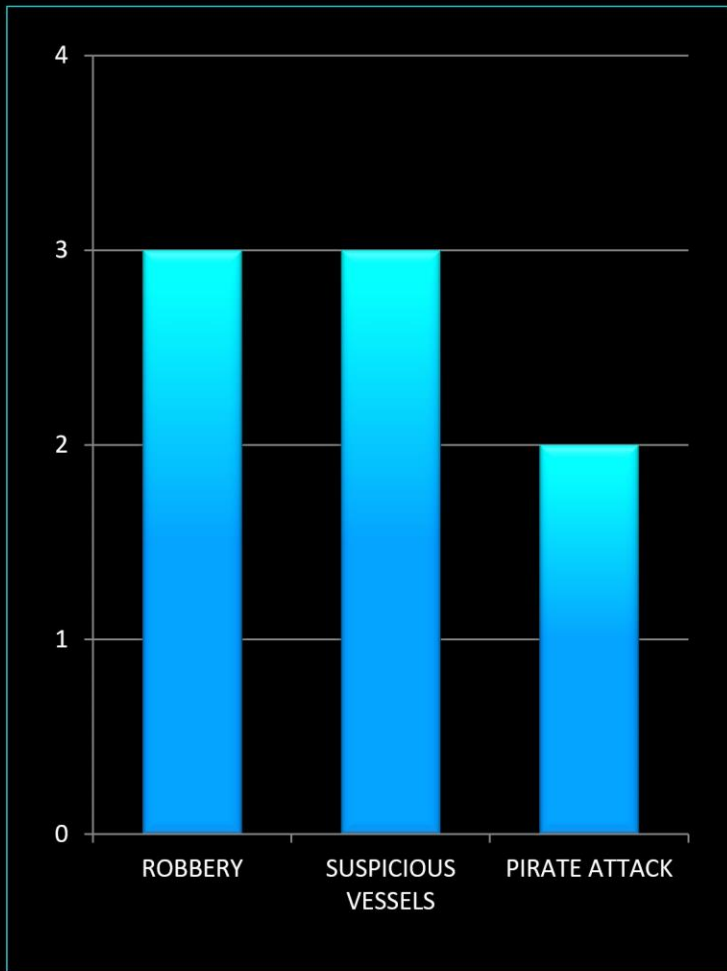
Clearwater has received a report that a container ship was attacked by two skiffs, each containing six armed pirates, whilst underway approximately 20nm Southeast of Agbami Terminal, Nigeria. As the skiffs reached within 1nm of the vessel, the pirates opened fire at the container ship. The Master immediately increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres which resulted in the pirates aborting their attack. Both the container ship and crew are reported as safe. **UPDATE:** Only one speed boat was used in the attempted boarding which was flying a red flag. The pursuit lasted about one hour and several attempts at boarding on both sides of the vessel were made which included shooting during each attempt. No mother vessel was seen either visually or by radar.



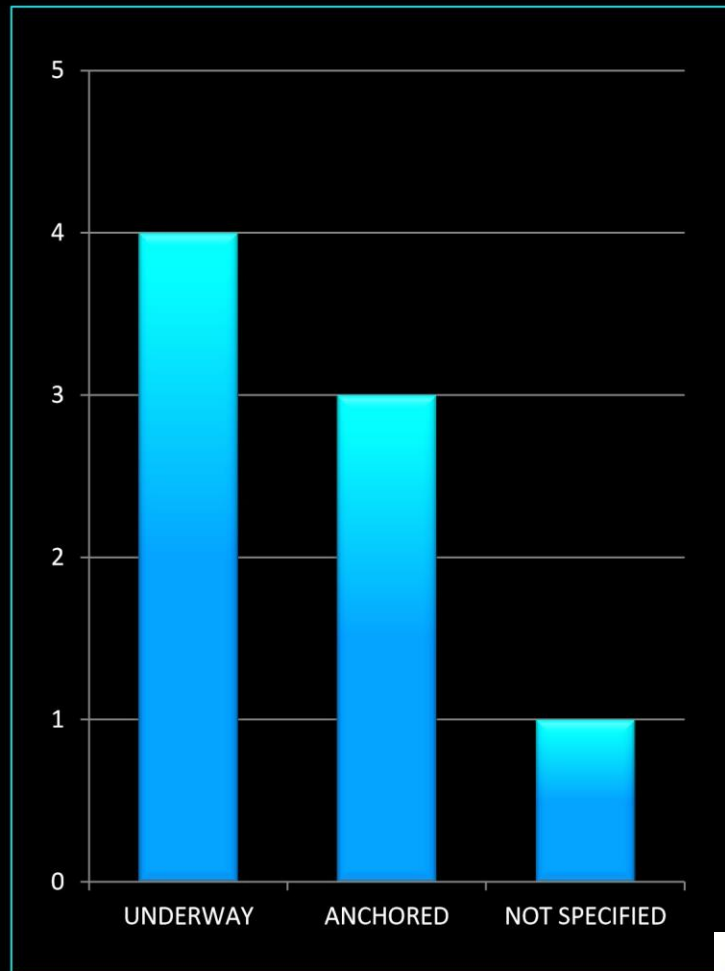




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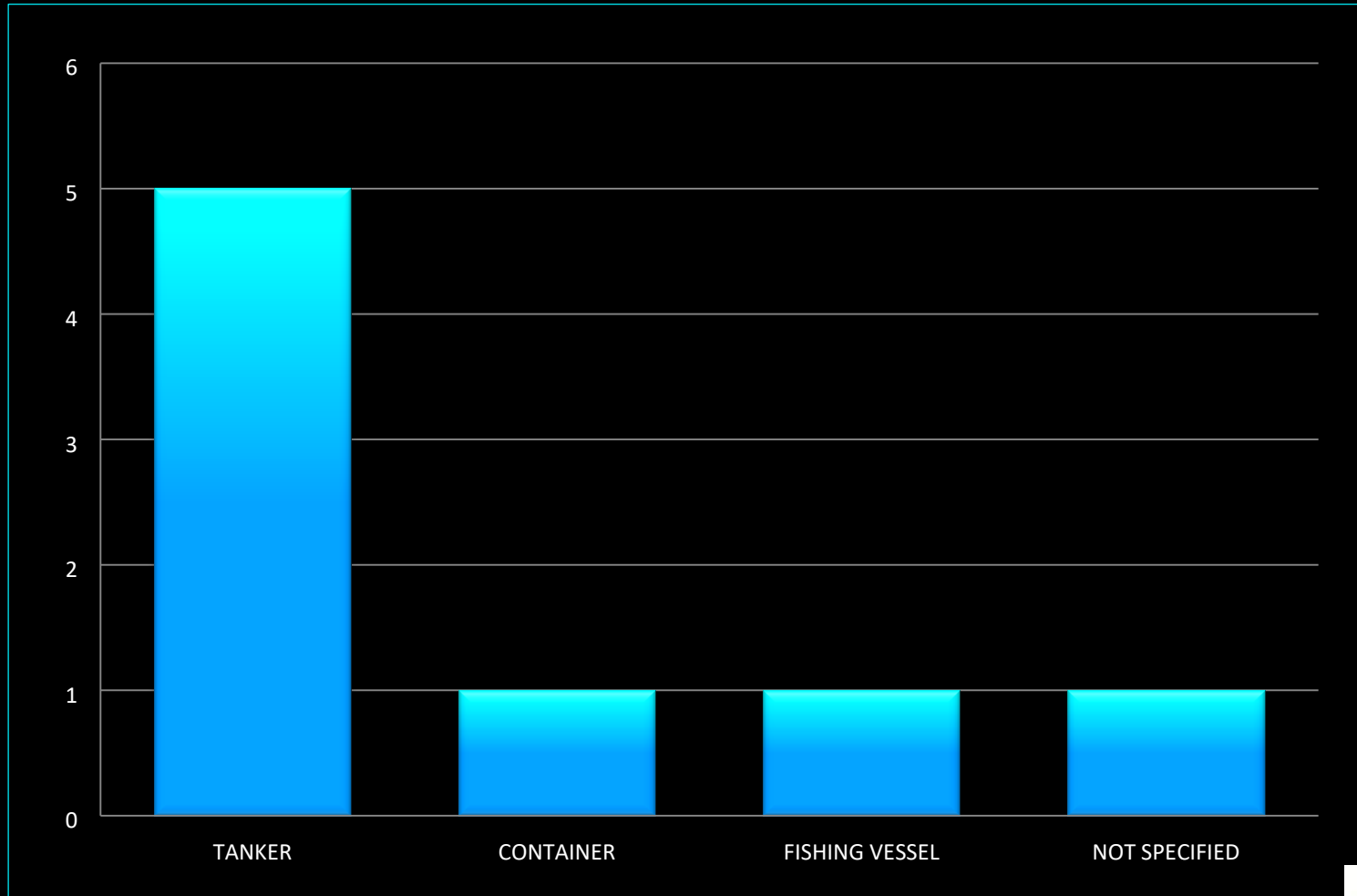
### VESSELS STATUS AT TIME OF INCIDENT





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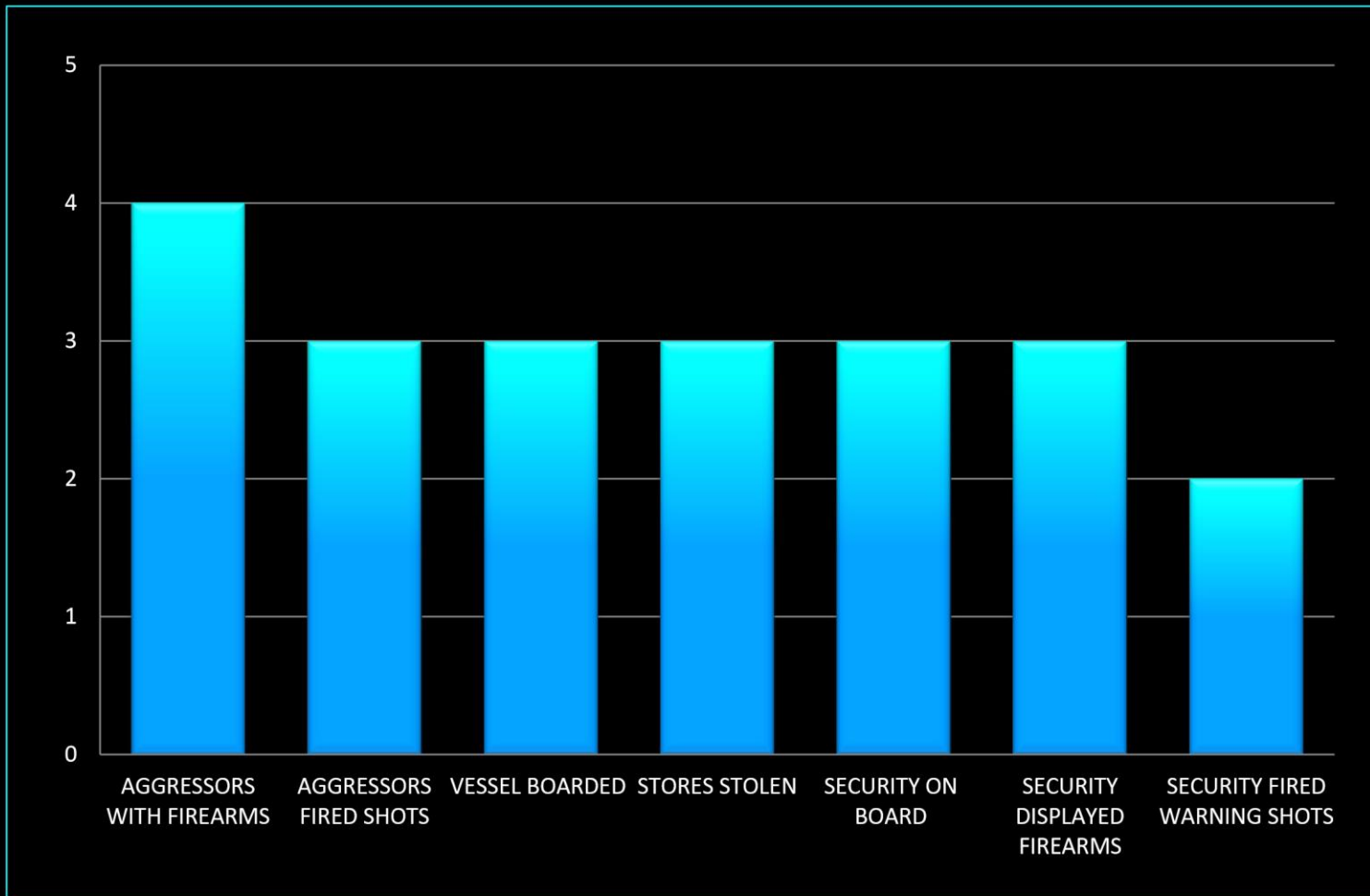
### VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS





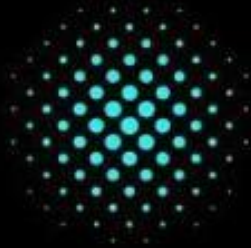
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### DETAILS OF INCIDENT





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# EUROPE

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## Dhow and Skiff Recognition Chart



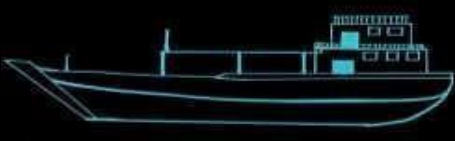
### 1. Shu'ai Dhow

5 – 15 metres long, High and square at the stern and Rises to a pointed prow



### 2. Yemeni Dhow

Approx 15 metres long, Either a transom type or high rising stern, High rising and very pointed bow (but no prow)



### 3. Jelbut Dhow, round stern

Up to 15 metres long, Short prow stem rising from the waterline and Rounded stern



### 4. Jelbut Dhow, square stern

Up to 15 metres long, Transom stern, Short prow stem rising from the waterline and Rectangular bow profile



### 5. Boum Dhow

15 – 35 metres long, Tapered stern and bow High/imposing prow, Stern post with a yoke-type steering gear and Fairly symmetrical shape



### 6. Sambuq Dhow

Approx 38 metres long, High/imposing prow and Rounded stern





## Dhow and Skiff Recognition Chart



### 1. Yemeni Skiff

Long and narrow fastgoing skiff, Usually fitted with 2 outboard engines, Rises to a pointed prow, Used throughout the Gulf of Aden and Somali Basin

### 2. Somali Skiff

Wider planing hull skiff, Not as fast, more seaworthy than the narrower Yemeni skiff.

### 3. Somali Skiff

Wide, short, fast planning skiff, Shorter than a small whaler.

### 4. Whaler

Larger and broader than regular skiffs, Up to 10 metres in length, Traditionally used to collect fish from or replenish fishing skiffs with fuel/food.

### 5. Huri

Small dug-out canoe between 10 – 20 feet long, Generally used for fishing and short haul transport, The most common small boat in Omani waters.

### 6. Shashah

Small primitive fishing craft made from palm Sticks and about 10 feet long.

