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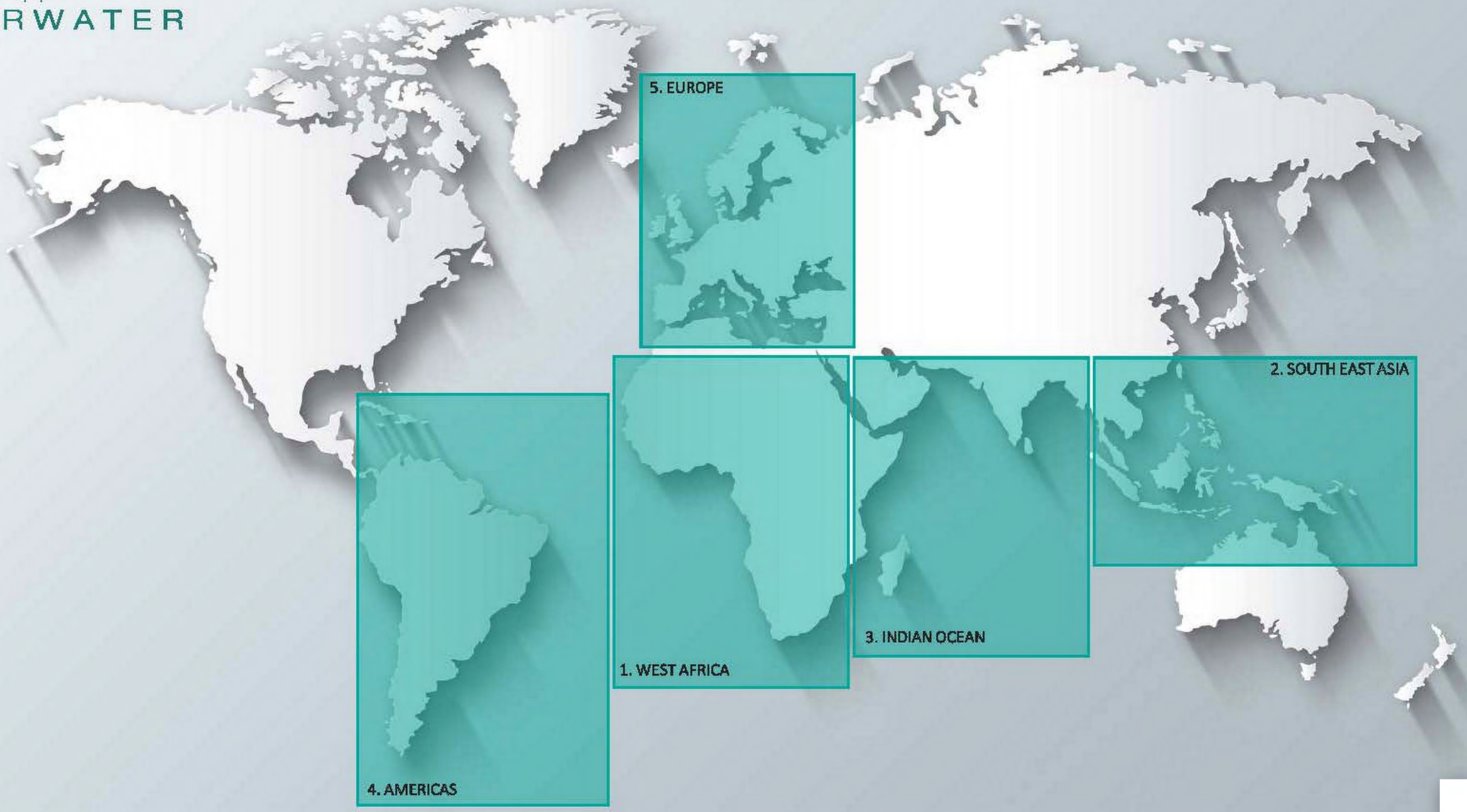

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WEST AFRICA

9 INCIDENTS TO REPORT

1. WEST AFRICA

CW ALERT 003	05/04/17	0450 LT	ROBBERY	5° 51. 39 S	013° 20. 34 E

It has been reported that a robbery occurred on a tanker whilst anchored at Boma Anchorage, Congo. The Duty AB was carrying out routine rounds when he spotted one robber on the poop deck, assisting another robber to board the vessel. The Duty AB informed the Duty Officer who raised the general alarm and mustered the crew. An attempt to liaise with the Port Control via VHF radio was unsuccessful. As soon as it was daylight a thorough search of the vessel was carried out, it was found that the robbers attempted to gain access to the accommodation through the poop deck hatches, but due to the hatched being locked from the inside they failed to enter. However one rescue boat engine and the ships heaving lines were stolen.

CW ALERT 007	12/04/17	1800 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 29. 03 N	006° 14. 05 E

It has been reported that a gun battle has taken place involving pirates and troops that were responding to a call of an attack at Creek 6 Houseboat, Cawthorne channel, Ijawkiri between Bayelsa and Rivers States. Two soldiers were killed and three injured during the incident.

CW ALERT 010	19/04/17	0900 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	3° 25. 00 N	005° 36. 00 E

It has been reported that a tanker has been attacked near Agbami Terminal, Nigeria. A small boat with eight armed pirates onboard approached and opened fire. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting their attack.
UPDATE: *The IMB have issued a report stating that the tanker was being escorted by a security vessel. It has also been confirmed that the speed boat had nine armed pirates onboard. The Nigerian Navy have been informed and the vessel and crew are reported as safe.*

1. WEST AFRICA

CW ALERT 011	19/04/17	0934 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	4° 06. 43 N	006° 15. 34 E

A report has been issued stating that an offshore tug has been boarded by armed pirates. The pirates kidnapped eight crew members before escaping. The Nigerian Navy have been informed and rescue operations are in progress. The report also states that one crew member was injured and evacuated by helicopter.

CW ALERT 015	29/04/17	0410 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	3° 51. 00 N	006° 46. 00 E

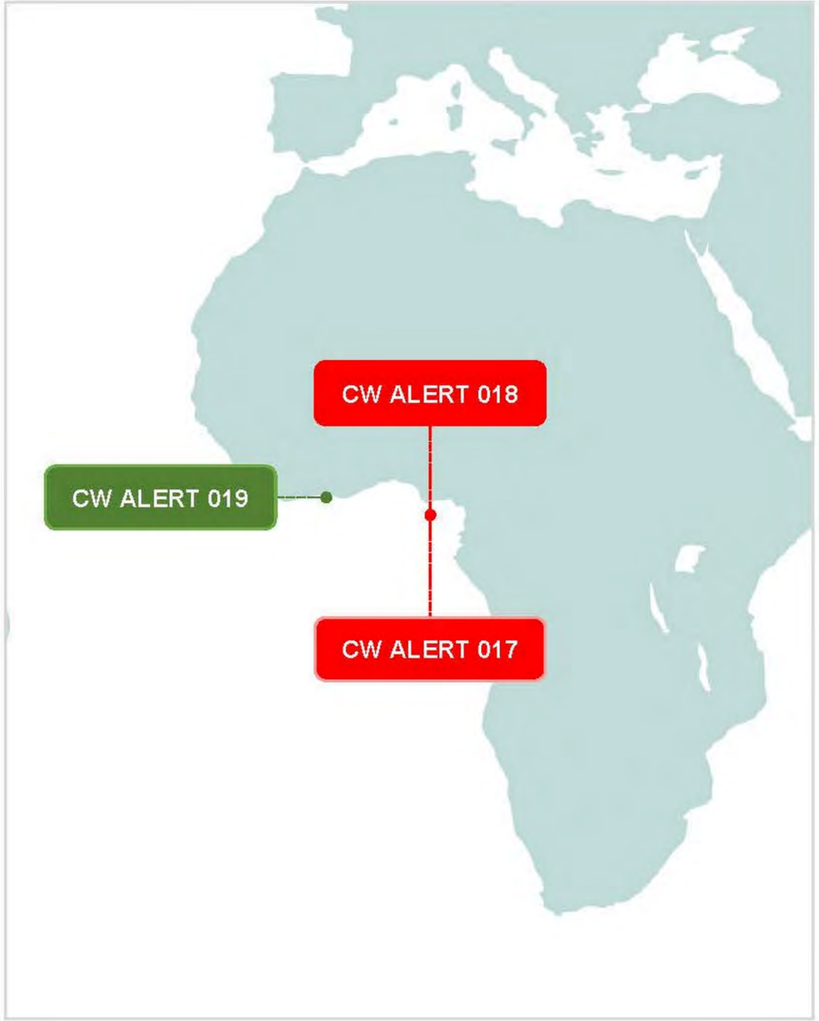
Clearwater has received a report that a Liberian flagged reefer cargo vessel was attacked whilst underway to Port Harcourt, approximately 13nm West of Okwori Terminal. One speedboat with armed pirates onboard approached and opened fire on the cargo ship. The pirates then attempted to board the vessel. The cargo ship undertook anti-piracy measures and was able to escape. The vessel and crew are reported as safe.

CW ALERT 016	29/04/17	0755 LT	HIJACKING	3° 41. 18 N	006° 46. 33 E

It has been reported that a United Kingdom flagged cargo vessel has been hijacked by pirates whilst underway, approximately 16nm Southwest of Okwori Terminal. The vessel was approached by one speedboat with armed pirates onboard. The cargo ship undertook anti-piracy measures however, according to initial reports, the pirates were able to board. MDAT-GoG have confirmed that the pirates have taken control of the vessel. The crew are reported to be mustered in the vessel's citadel and the Nigerian Navy have been contacted in order to send a nearby vessel to assist..
UPDATE: *MDAT-GoG have confirmed that the cargo vessel has been freed by the Nigerian Navy. Two small Naval vessels attended to the cargo vessel, however the pirates were able to escape before the Naval support arrived. All crew members are reported as safe and the cargo vessel is underway heading to Onne under naval escort.*

PIRACY ATTACK SUSPICIOUS VESSELS ROBBERY HIJACKING GENERAL ALERT CAUTION

1. WEST AFRICA



CW ALERT 017	28/04/17	UNKNOWN	PIRATE ATTACK	3° 45. 00 N	007° 04. 00 E

Clearwater has received a report that a Liberian flagged, refrigerated cargo vessel was attacked whilst underway to Pointe Noire approximately 12nm Southeast of Okwori Terminal. Four speed boats with armed pirates onboard approached and fired upon the cargo vessel and then attempted to board using hooks. The Master of the vessel increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres which resulted in the Pirates aborting their attack. The vessel and crew are reported as safe.

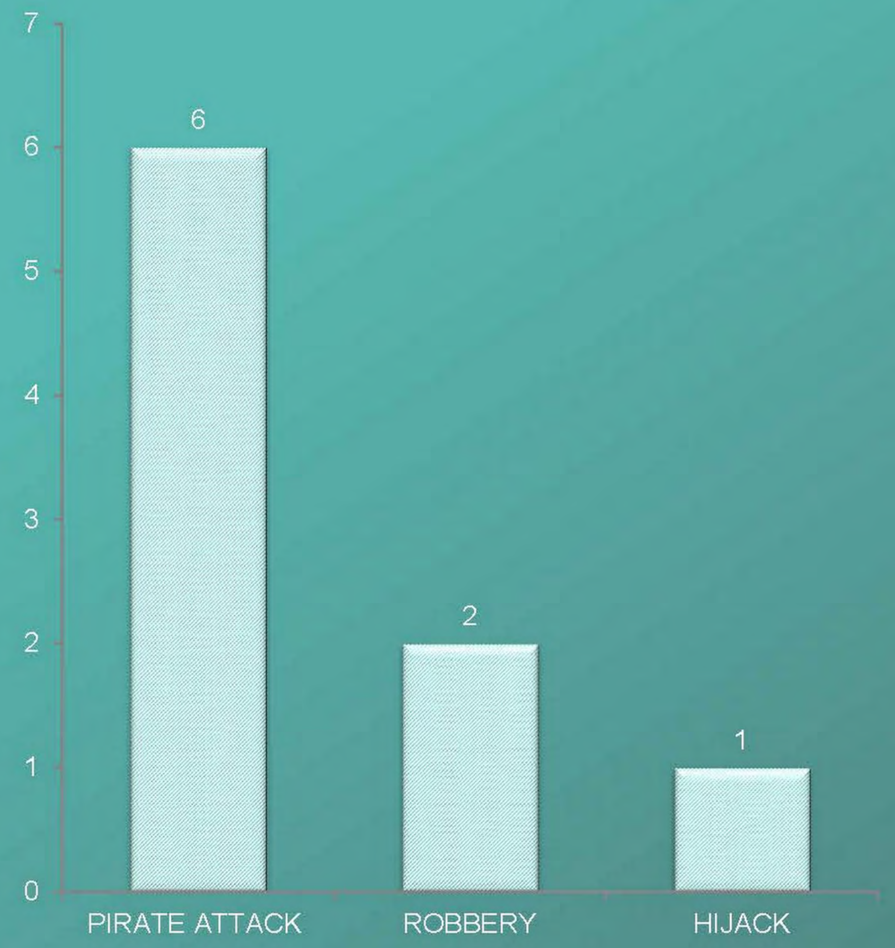
CW ALERT 018	29/04/17	1800 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	3° 47. 24 N	006° 44. 06 E

Clearwater has received a report that a Bermudan flagged tanker was attacked whilst underway approximately 15nm Southwest of Okwori Terminal. Two inflatable skiffs described as military in appearance and black in colour, approached either side of the tanker. Four to five armed pirates onboard each skiff opened fire at the vessels accommodation block and attempted to board. The crew mustered in the citadel and the Master of the vessel undertook evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and activated the water sprays onboard, which resulted in the Pirates aborting their attack. No casualties have been reported. The vessel is reported as safe and is heading towards her destination.

CW ALERT 019	30/04/17	2345 UTC	ROBBERY	5° 13. 10 N	004° 02. 03 W

It has been reported that a robbery has occurred on a bulk carrier whilst anchored in Abidjan anchorage, Ivory Coast. A crew member spotted a robber on the forecastle, the robber threw a mooring line into the water and then jumped overboard. The robber escaped in a small wooden boat with two other accomplices.

TYPE OF INCIDENT



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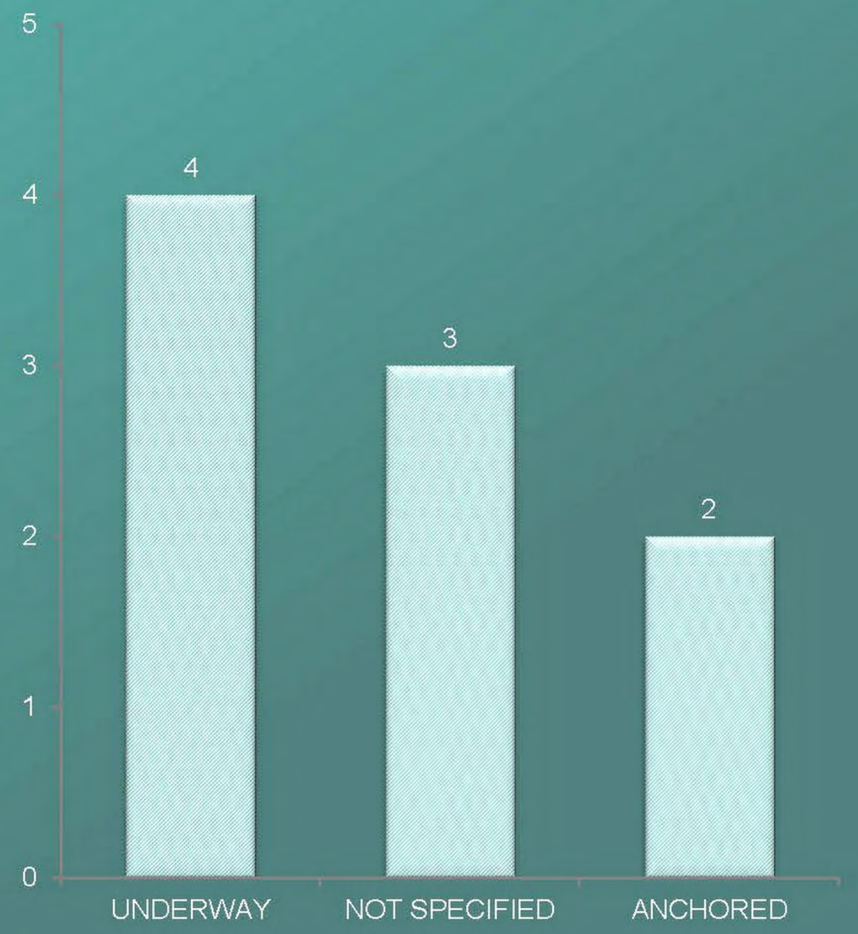

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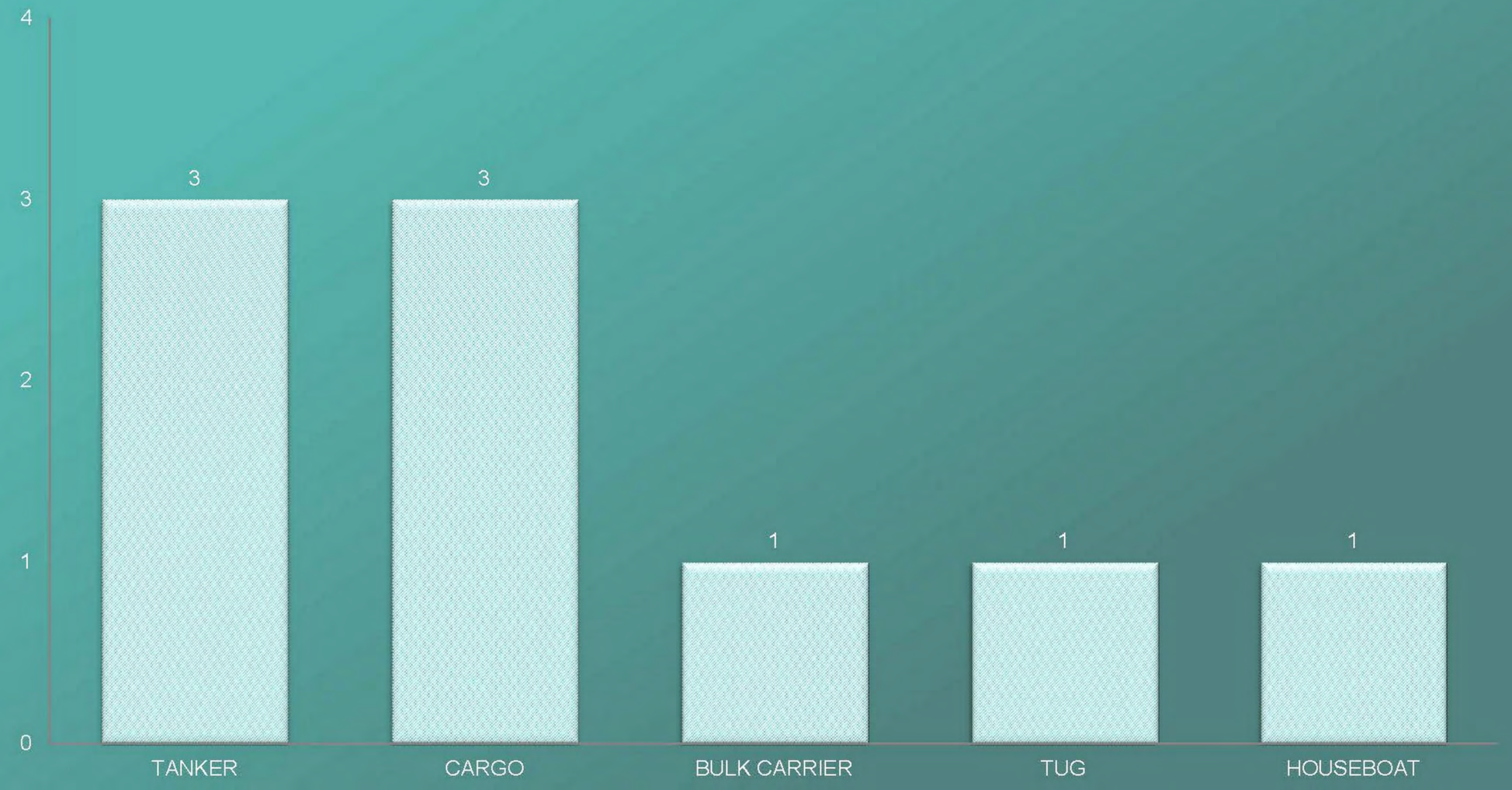

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

2 INCIDENTS TO REPORT

2. SOUTH EAST ASIA

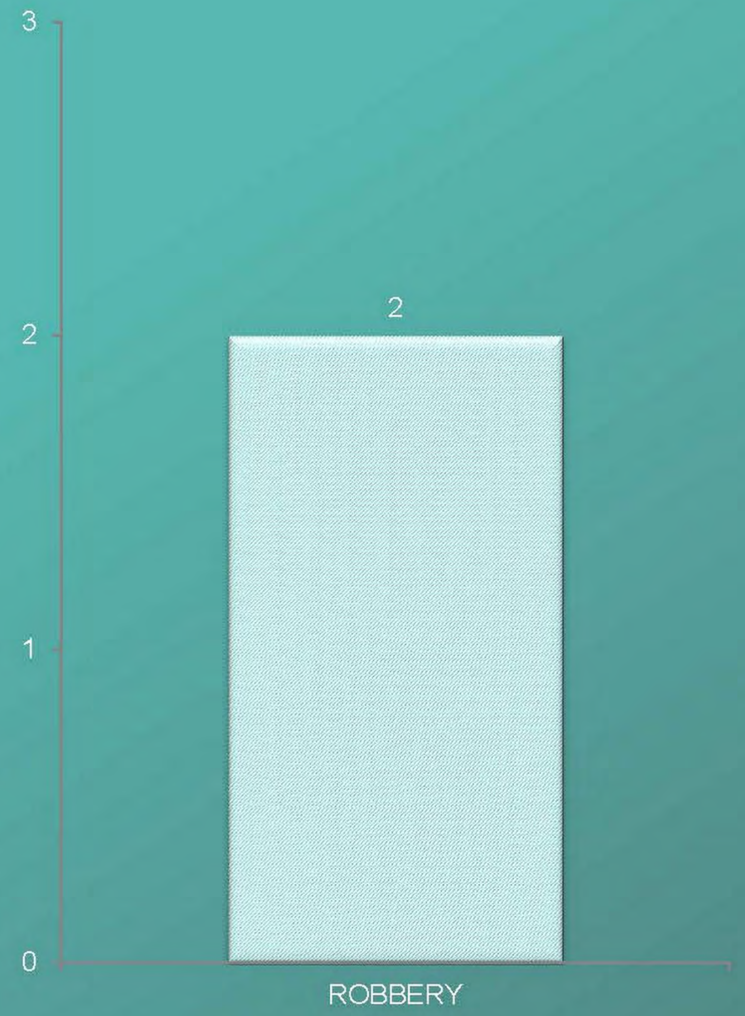
CW ALERT 012	20/04/17	0200 LT	ROBBERY	00° 15. 42 S	117° 34. 30 E

It has been reported that three robbers were able to board an anchored bulk carrier at Samarinda anchorage, Indonesia. Duty crew spotted the robbers, raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers made their escape empty handed.

CW ALERT 014	22/04/17	0300 LT	ROBBERY	13° 40. 30 N	121° 03. 06 E

It has been reported that robbers were able to board a berthed LPG tanker at JG Summit Terminal, Jetty One, Batangas, Philippines. The robbers boarded unnoticed and were able to escape with items of ship's property. Duty crew conducting routine rounds discovered the theft.

TYPE OF INCIDENT



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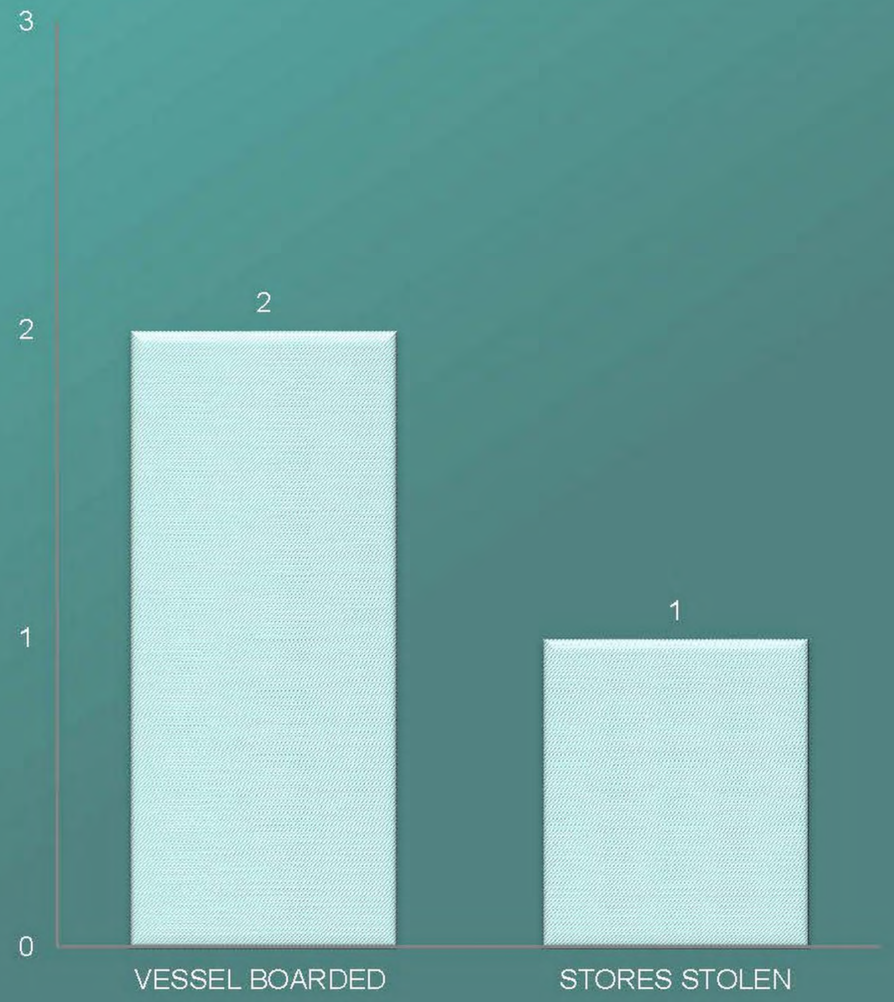

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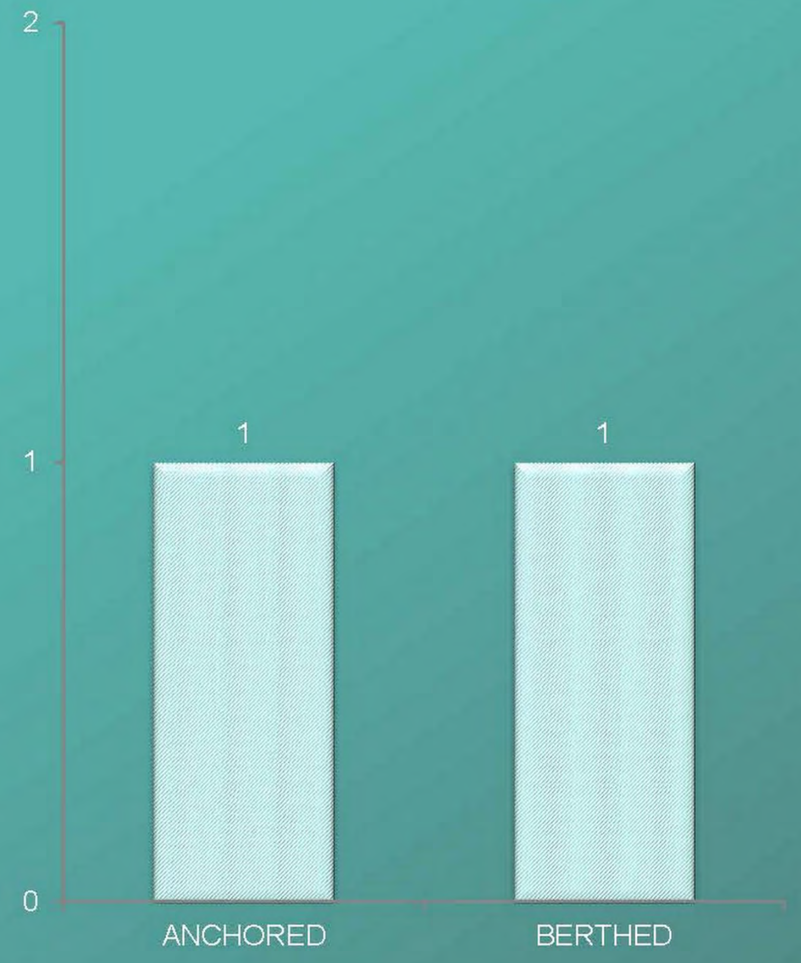

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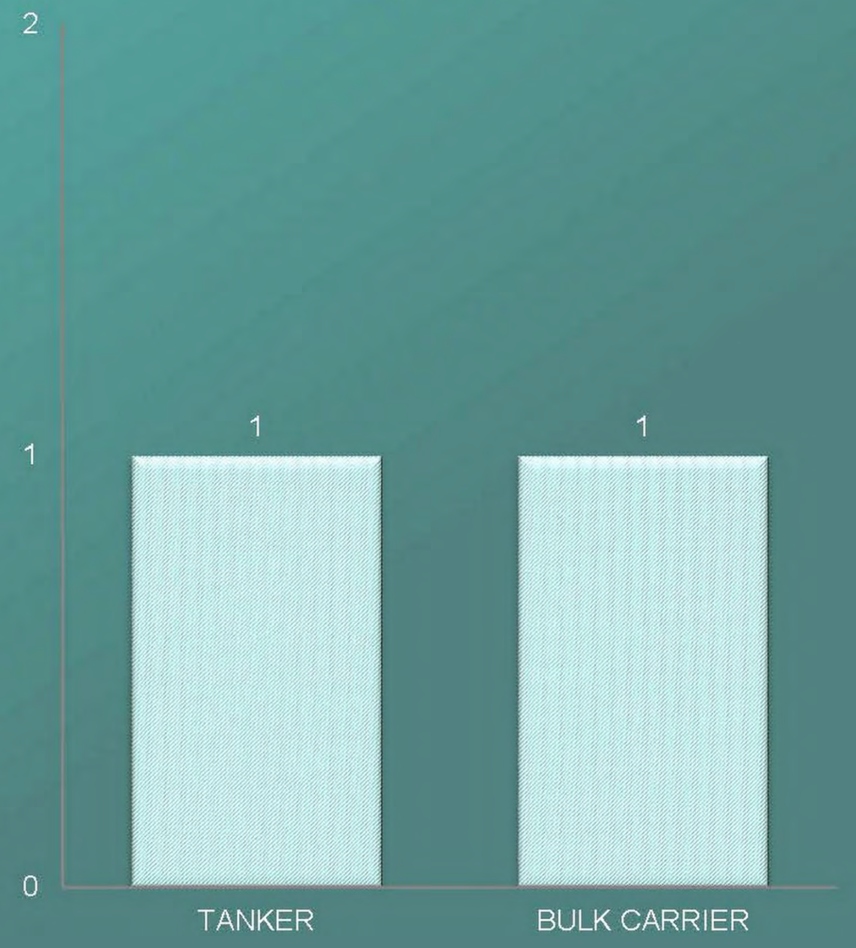

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INDIAN OCEAN

8 INCIDENTS TO REPORT

3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 001	01/04/17	UNKNOWN	HIJACKING	13° 37. 00 N	053° 36. 00 E

Exact position and time of the incident is unknown. It has been reported that a Dhow has been hijacked whilst underway near Socotra Island, Gulf of Aden. The Dhow was transiting from Dubai to Bosaso when armed pirates managed to board. The Dhow has been taken to the area of Eyl, the pirates are still onboard and they have demanded a ransom.
UPDATE 1: *UKMTO have released a statement with information that the Dhow, which has eleven crew onboard, has been located between Hobyo and El Hur.*
UPDATE 2: *It has been confirmed that the Dhow has been located by Somalian security forces south of Hobyo. They have stated that two crew members were located within the vicinity of the Dhow, however the whereabouts of the remaining nine crew members and the pirates is unknown.*

CW ALERT 002	03/04/17	0530 LT	GENERAL ALERT	13° 10. 00 N	043° 03. 00 E

A Master has sent an email to UKMTO reporting he was approached by six suspicious skiffs at 05:30 UTC. The report states that the skiffs were light blue in colour and had five persons on board each. Ladders and hooks were sighted. The armed security team made their presence aware and the vessels alarm was raised. After two to three minutes the skiffs ceased their approach and the reporting vessel continued on her passage.

CW ALERT 004	08/04/17	1310 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	14° 01. 42 N	051° 36. 30 E

Clearwater has received a report that a bulk carrier has been attacked and boarded close to Point 'B' of the Eastern IRTC. The UKMTO received a report from the vessel under attack and have received confirmation from a nearby vessel that pirates have been sighted onboard with one skiff reported to be alongside the bulk carrier.
UPDATE: *It has been reported by the UKMTO that when the vessel was attacked, the Master and crew located themselves to the citadel and stopped engines, leaving the vessel drifting. The UKMTO also report that the vessel is now back in control of the Company and Master and is being escorted to her next port of call.*

3. INDIAN OCEAN

CW ALERT 005	09/04/17	0315 LT	GENERAL ALERT	14° 20. 00 N	053° 11. 00 E

It has been reported that a cargo ship was approached whilst underway in the Gulf of Aden. One vessel approached to within 1nm of the cargo ship's bow whilst additional skiffs were seen on the starboard beam at a distance of 0.5 nm. Four armed persons were sighted on each skiff. The cargo ship's armed security team showed their presence resulting in the approach being aborted. The vessel is reported as safe.

CW ALERT 006	14/04/17	0652 LT	GENERAL ALERT	15° 55. 30 N	052° 20. 42 E

Clearwater has received a report that a tanker has been attacked whilst 10nm off Yemen. The tanker was approached and fired upon. No further information is available at this time.
UPDATE: *It has been reported that the tanker was approached by a small boat with six to seven armed persons onboard who made several unsuccessful attempts to board. Shots were fired from the small boat towards the tanker and then the small boat departed from the scene. No casualties or damage has been reported and the crew of the vessel are all safe.*

CW ALERT 008	15/04/17	1316 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	12° 43. 30 N	048° 02. 00 E

It has been reported that a tanker has been attacked whilst underway in the IRTC, Gulf of Aden. One skiff, with seven armed pirates onboard approached and fired upon the tanker. The onboard security team returned fire resulting in the pirates departing the vicinity. The skiff was last sighted at 12°41.20 North 048°07.00 East. The vessel has been reported as safe.

3. INDIAN OCEAN

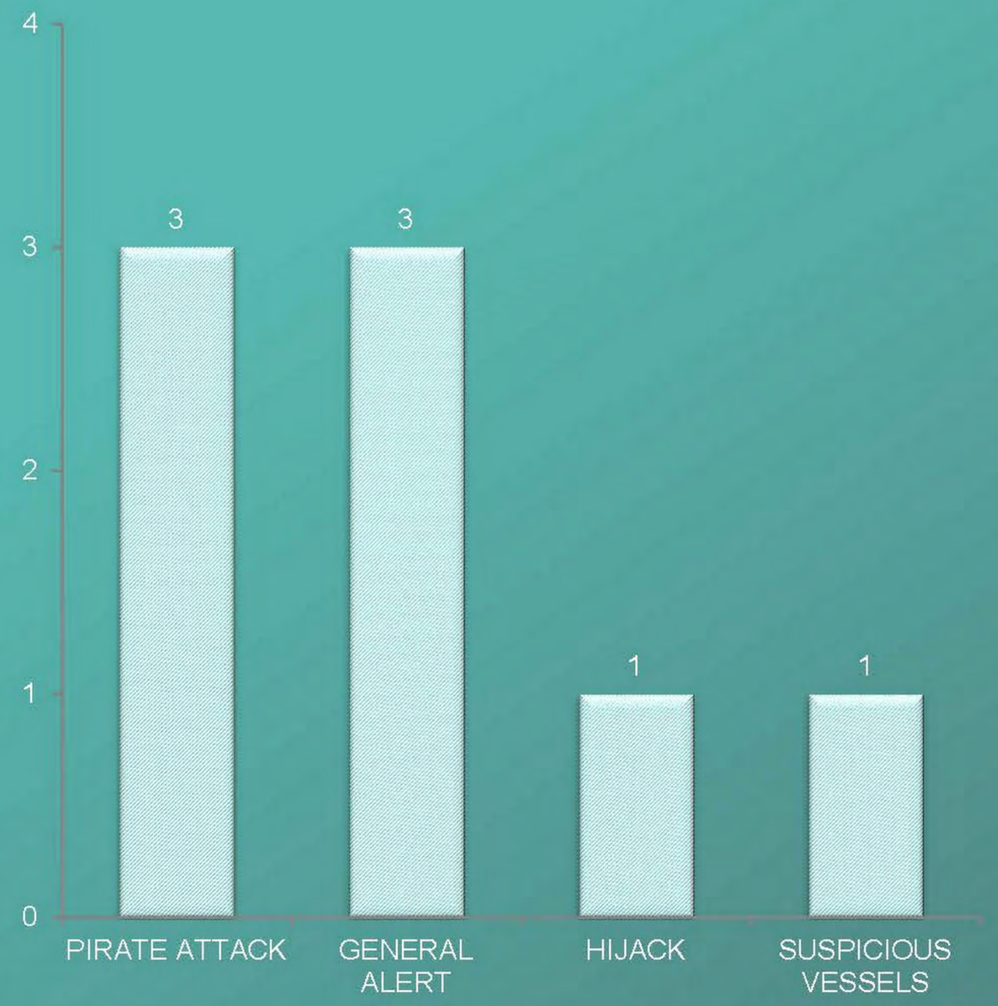
CW ALERT 009	16/04/17	1222 LT	SUSPICIOUS VESSELS	12° 49. 01 N	043° 16. 00 E

It has been reported that a container ship was approached whilst underway in the Bab el Mandeb. Three blue hulled skiffs, each with five persons onboard approached the vessel, the Master raised the alarm and all non-essential crew moved to the citadel. The Master then informed a coalition warship of the approaching skiffs and the armed security team displayed their weapons. As the skiffs were approximately 1nm from the vessel the armed security team fired a rocket flare resulting in the skiffs aborting their approach. At 1235 LT a white hulled skiff with six persons embarked approached the vessel and the security team fired another rocket flare resulting in the skiff moving away across the vessels bow. At 1250 LT two more skiffs approached and when they were 0.7nm from the container vessel, the security team displayed their weapons. The skiffs aborted their approach and were seen heading towards Mayyun, Yemen. All crew are safe and the vessel has continued on her passage.

CW ALERT 013	22/04/17	1530 LT	PIRATE ATTACK	5° 39. 00 N	048° 57. 00 E

It has been reported that a vessel has come under attack from between four to ten skiffs. A military vessel has been informed and is making its way to give assistance.
UPDATE 1: *A further report has been received confirming that the vessel and crew are all safe.*
UPDATE 2: *The IMB have released a final report confirming that after further investigation, one skiff was involved in the attack and that the target vessel was a tanker. The tanker was approached by a skiff with six armed pirates on board who opened fire upon the tanker, whilst underway approximately 31nm Northeast of Hobyo. The Master of the vessel raised the alarm and sent a distress signal which was received by a nearby warship. The tanker was chased by the skiff for almost two hours but the pursuit was eventually aborted due to the vessel continuously taking evasive manoeuvres. One crew member has been reported as injured.*

TYPE OF INCIDENT



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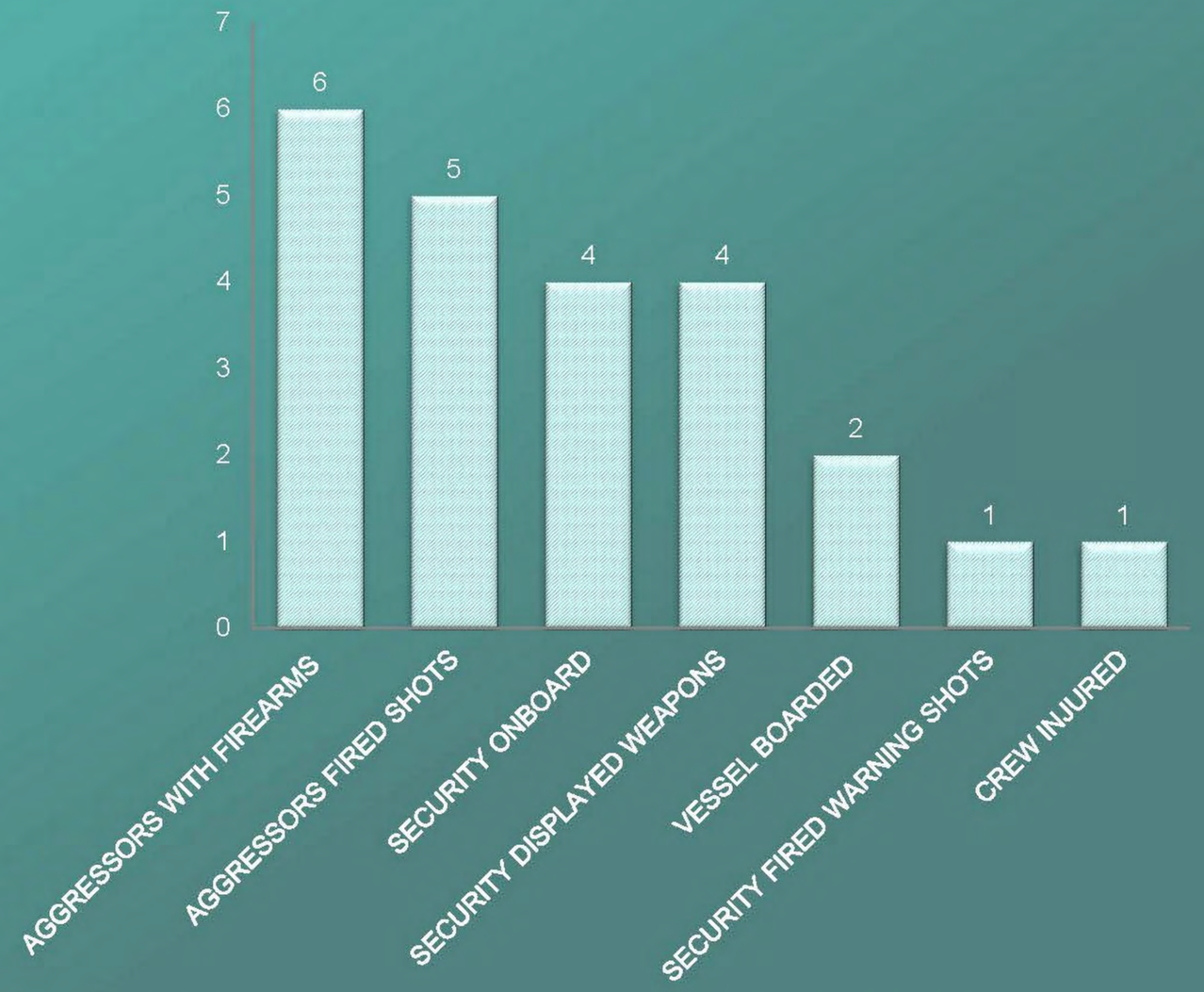

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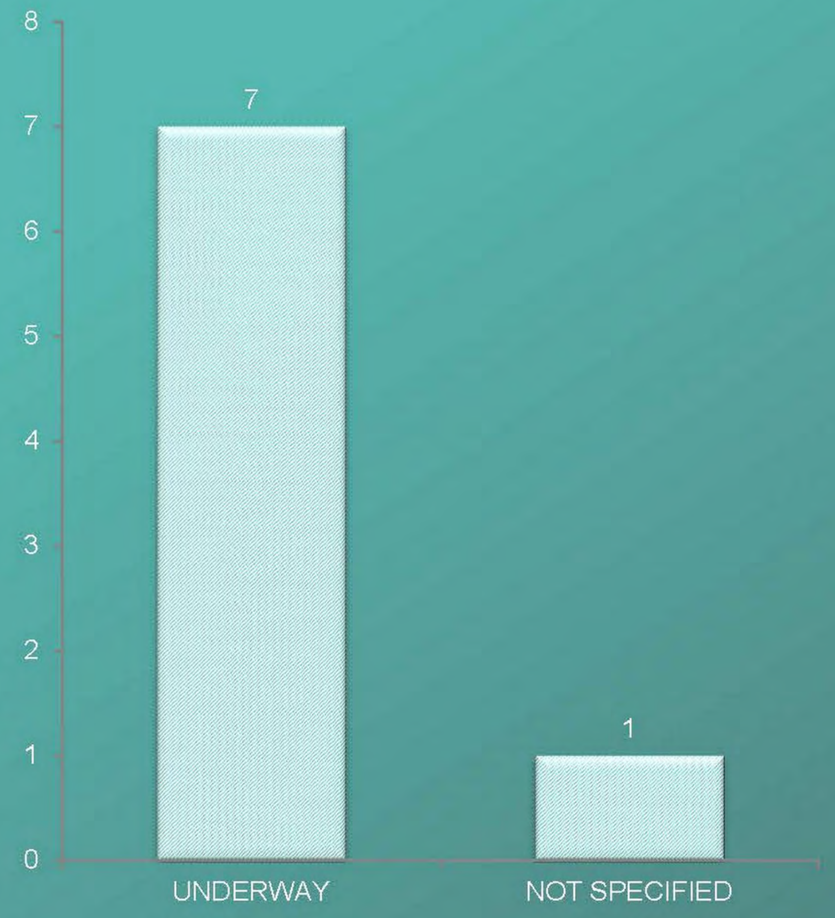

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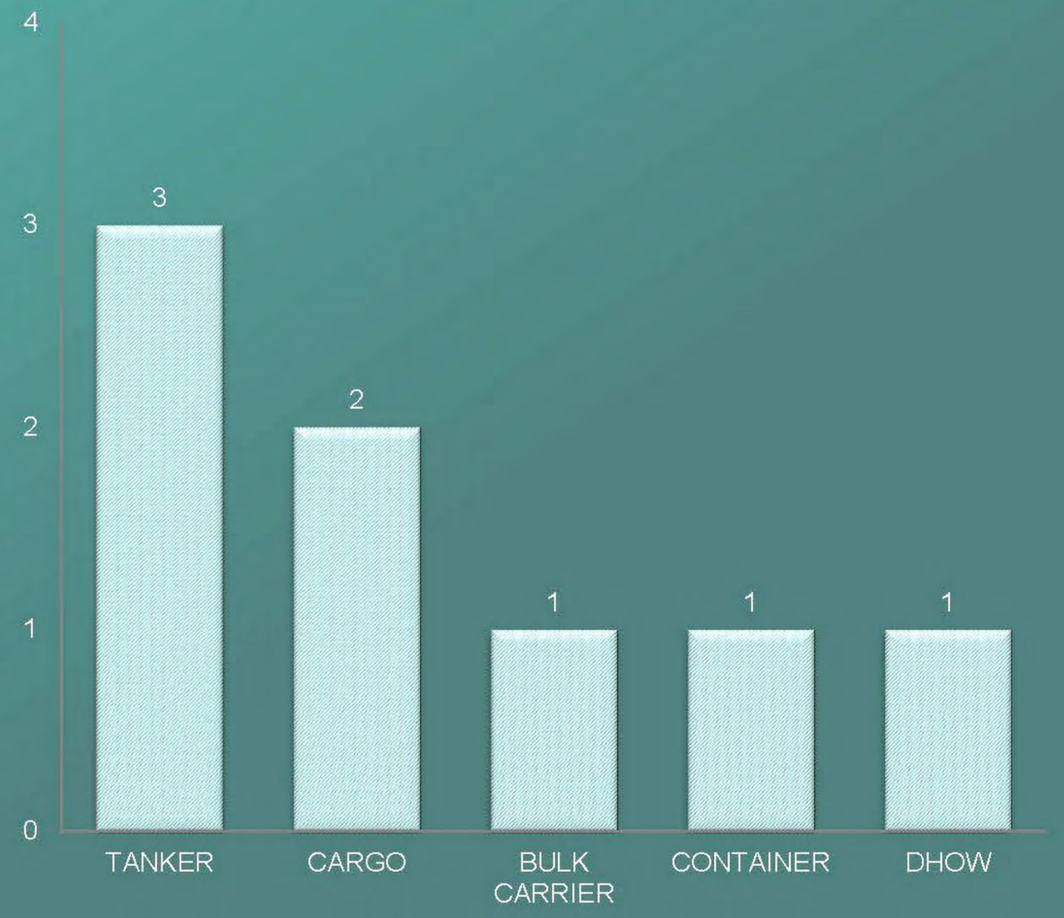

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AMERICAS

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