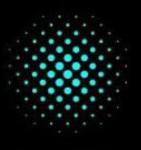




# **NOVEMBER PIRACY STATISTICS 2016**







# CLEARWATER

# INDIAN OCEAN

NO INCIDENTS TO REPORT





# **SOUTHEAST ASIA**





CW ALERT	06/11/16	0405 LT	ROBBERY	7° 20. 31 N	125° 20. 31 E
005					

It has been reported that a robbery occurred on a tanker whilst anchored in Davao Anchorage, Philippines. The robbers managed to board the tanker, steal ships property and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed when crew members were carrying out routine rounds. Port control have been informed of this incident.

CW ALERT	09/11/16	0450 LT	ROBBERY	1° 41. 30 N	101° 30. 12 E
007					

It has been reported that a robbery occurred on an anchored tanker in Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia. A total of ten robbers managed to board the tanker and enter the engine room. They took the duty oiler hostage, punching, threatening him with a knife and tying him up. The robbers escaped with engine spares. The duty oiler managed to until himself and raise the alarm. An investigation has been carried out along with the Port authorities being informed.

CW ALERT	10/11/16	2031 LT	PIRATE	6° 40. 45 N	122° 29. 45 E
800			ATTACK		

It has been reported that a merchant vessel was attacked and boarded by pirates approximately 10nm NNE of Basilan Island, Philippines. During this attack six crew members were kidnapped and one crew member has been injured.

**UPDATE:** Clearwater have been informed that the vessel involved in this incident was a general cargo ship. A total of ten pirates armed with guns boarded the cargo ship, along with kidnapping six crew members they also stole ship's property before escaping. The Master did manage to activate the SSAS. The Philippines Coast Guard were informed and a patrol boat is escorting the vessel to a safe port. Clearwater will continue to investigate this incident, upon receipt of confirmed information this alert will be updated.

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





CW ALERT	13/11/16	1620 LT	SUSPICIOUS	3° 40. 24 N	119° 51. 36 E
010			VESSELS		

A Chemical Tanker whilst underway was approached and chased by six speed boats all having at least one armed person on board. The Master immediately alerted all vessels in the vicinity and commenced evasive manoeuvring, after approximately 15 minutes the approaching speed boats aborted their attempt and moved away. The vessel and crew have been reported as safe.

CW ALERT	16/11/16	1100 LT	SUSPICIOUS	4° 23. 24 N	119° 37. 00 E
012			VESSELS		

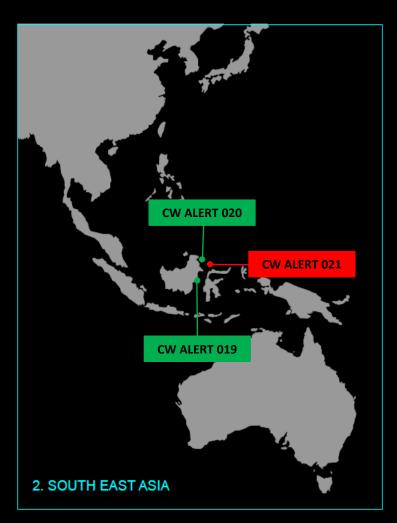
It has been reported that a vessel was approached by a speedboat whilst underway approximately 18nm SSE of Sibutu Island, Philippines. The speedboat which approached the stern of the vessel was described as being white in colour with two outboard engines. There were five persons onboard all wearing masks and believed to be carrying rifles. The crew were all alerted to the situation and acted accordingly, resulting in the speedboat aborting the approach and heading towards other vessels in the vicinity. The Master informed all vessels in the vicinity via VHF Ch16. This incident was reported to the Philippine Navy and a warship has arrived at the area of concern.

CW ALERT	20/11/16	0720 LT	SUSPICIOUS	5° 34. 48 N	119° 47. 54 E
015			VESSELS		

It has been reported that a vessel was approached whilst underway by persons armed with guns in a speedboat, approximately 13nm Southeast of Pearl Bank, Philippines. The suspect vessel approached at the stern. The Master was able to raise the alarm, increase speed and conduct evasive manoeuvres. The Philippines coast guard were alerted by the Master and updated continuously. The speedboat closed in to a distance of 100 meters where it aborted its approach due to the alertness of the crew and the hardening measures taken by the vessel.

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





CW ALERT	19/11/16	0240 LT	ROBBERY	00° 15. 00 S	117° 34. 00 E
019					

It has been reported that whilst carrying out cargo operations on board an anchored bulk carrier, the duty crew on routine rounds noticed that the forecastle door was open and the padlock broken. As the duty crew approached the door several robbers with long knives were discovered stealing ships stores. The duty crew shouted at the robbers, raised the alarm and made towards the accommodation. Upon seeing the alerted crew the robbers made their escape with stolen ships stores. The incident was immediately reported to the security guards who informed the local police. The Master called the port authorities but did not receive a response. The Master then directed the 2/O to check the ID cards of the stevedores against the official list which revealed one unauthorised person. The unauthorised person attacked the 2/O with a knife but the 2/O and ships agent managed to deter the attacker which resulted in the attacker jumping over board and escaping.

CW ALERT	19/11/16	1930 LT	ROBBERY	4° 49. 15 N	118° 46. 22 E
020					

A report has been received stating that five armed robbers wearing masks boarded a fishing vessel from a small boat. Once on board the fishing vessel they stole crew personal belongings and an outboard engine. The robbers then made their escape kidnapping two crew members. Malaysian authorities are investigating the incident.

CW ALERT	23/11/16	0920 LT	PIRATE	6° 16. 00 N	119° 53. 00 E
021			ATTACK		

It has been reported that a vessel was approached whilst underway by eight persons wearing masks and armed with guns in a speedboat. The suspect vessel was seen approaching the stern, the Master raised the alarm, conducted evasive manoeuvres, and activated the fire hoses and SSAS alert. The pirates opened fire but failed to aboard the vessel. The pirates aborted their attempt to board. The Master warned other vessels in the vicinity via VHF Ch 16. No reports of injuries to the crew have been stated.

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





CW ALERT	23/11/16	0150 LT	ROBBERY	10° 15. 36 N	107° 00. 12 E
024					

It has been reported that a robbery has occurred on a bulk carrier whilst anchored in Vung Tau anchorage, Vietnam. Two duty crew members carrying out routine rounds spotted a small boat circling the bulk carrier and then stopping near the bow. One crew member went to investigate what the small boat was doing. Without the crew member noticing another small boat came alongside the bulk carrier and two robbers armed with knives managed to get onboard. The robbers managed to start stealing some ship's stores when they were confronted by the second crew member carrying out routine rounds. The robbers threatened the crew member with their knives causing him to retreat to the accommodation block and raise the alarm. The robbers managed to escape with ship's stores. This incident was reported to the port authorities via VHF.

CW ALERT	24/11/16	1040 LT	SUSPICIOUS	5° 47. 42 N	119° 51. 48 E
025			VESSELS		

It has been reported that a bulk carrier was approached whilst 6nm SW of Laparan Island, Philippines. The approaching vessel has been described as being a blue speedboat with ten persons onboard, heavily armed with guns in a black uniform and wearing a masks. The Master made contact with the Philippines Navy and carried out anti-piracy procedures. Upon seeing the crew alertness the speedboat aborted the approach.

CW ALERT	26/11/16	0722 LT	SUSPICIOUS	5° 55. 30 N	119° 50. 10 E
026			VESSELS		

Clearwater has received a report that a vessel was approached by a speedboat whilst underway approximately 6nm Southwest of Doc Can Island, Philippines. The suspect vessel approached at the stern and seven persons wearing black masks and armed with guns were seen onboard. The Master raised the alarm, conducted evasive manoeuvres and activated the ship's fire hoses. Upon seeing the hardening measures taken by the ship and the alerted crew, the speedboat aborted the approach. The Master warned other vessels in the vicinity via VHF Ch 16.

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



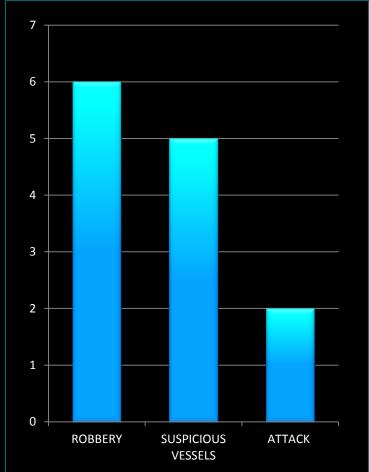




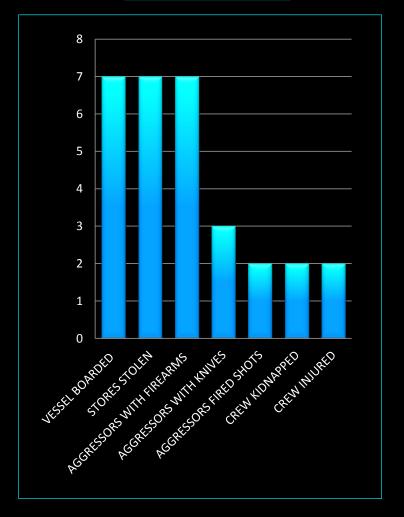
It has been reported that whilst conducting routine rounds, the vessel's 2/E noticed that ships's spares had been stolen. The OOW on the bridge was informed who raised the alarm mustered the crew. The incident was reported to the local authorities who boarded the LPG tanker to investigate.



### **TYPE OF INCIDENT**

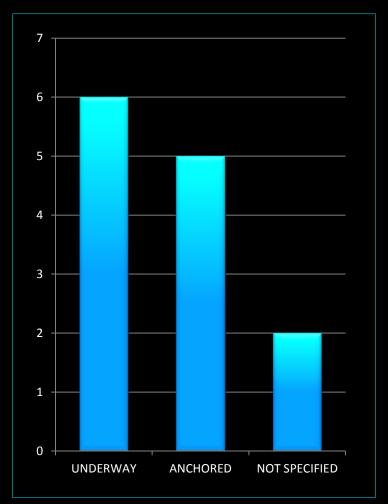


### **DETAILS OF INCIDENT**

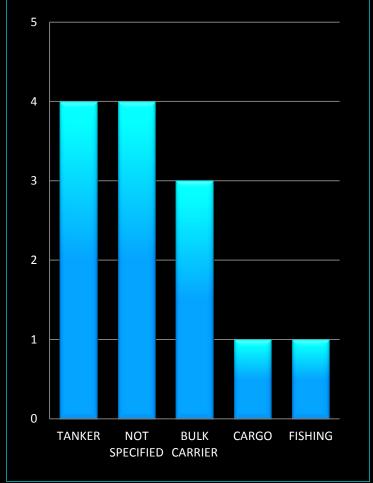




## **VESSELS STATUS AT TIME OF INCIDENT**



## **VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS**







# **AMERICAS**





CW ALERT 01/11/16 0410 LT ROBBERY 18° 34.21 S 072° 21. 36 W 004

Clearwater has received a report that an unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti. The robbers were able to board the vessel, steal ship's stores and escape unnoticed. The crew discovered the theft whilst conducting routine rounds and notified port control.

CW ALERT 07/11/16 0500 LT ROBBERY 6° 16. 28 N 057° 20. 30 W 006

It has been reported an attempted robbery occurred on a berthed cargo ship in Berbice Port Guyana. A robber was embarking the cargo ship from the stern using a pole with a hook when a duty officer confronted him. The officer threatened to call the police which resulted in the robber leaving the scene. No items were stolen in this incident.

CW ALERT 11/11/16 0145 LT ROBBERY 10° 19. 24 N 075° 31. 36 W 011

Clearwater has received a report that an anchored LPG tanker was boarded by four robbers armed with knives in Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Columbia. The Duty AB conducting routine rounds, discovered the robbers and alerted the bridge. The Duty 2/O raised the alarm and sounded the vessel's fog horn continuously. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers were able to make their escape after stealing ship's property. The crew mustered and conducted a full search of the vessel. The incident was reported to port control and a coast guard patrol was sent to the area.





CW ALERT 16/11/16 1940 LT ROBBERY 12° 20.45 S 077° 09. 00 W 018

A report has been issued stating that two robbers armed with knives and wearing masks managed to board a bulk carrier whilst berthed. They threatened the duty crew with their knives but the alarm was raised and the rest of the vessels crew alerted. Upon seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ships property. The incident was reported to PFSO who boarded the vessel to investigate.

CW ALERT 23/11/16 0145 LT ROBBERY 10° 11. 24 N 064° 45. 24 W 030

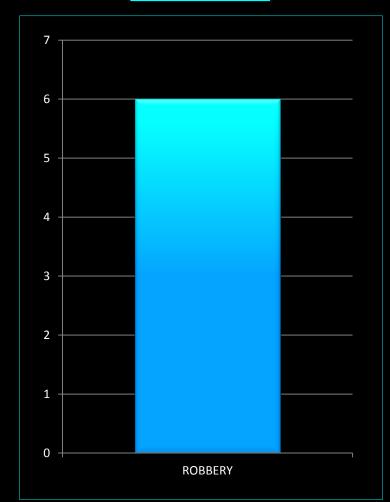
Clearwater has received a report that the duty crew onboard an anchored bulk carrier, noticed that the bosun's store door was open. As they approached the store, they saw two robbers armed with knives stealing ship's stores. Upon confronting the robbers, the crew were threatened. The alarm was raised and upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. The incident was reported to the Port Authority.

CW ALERT 27/11/16 2210 LT ROBBERY 18° 34. 10 N 072° 23. 42 W 031

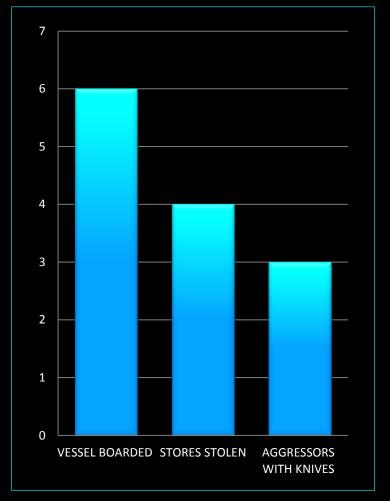
It has been reported that robbers attempted to board an anchored tanker by scaling the hawse pipe. Crew conducting routine rounds spotted the robbers and raised the alarm which resulted in the robbers escaping. The crew mustered and conducted a search of the vessel. Nothing was reported stolen and Port control were informed.



# **TYPE OF INCIDENT**

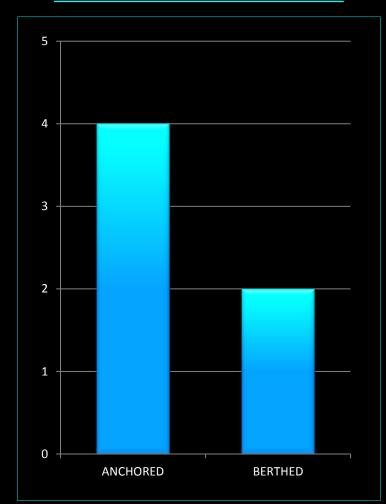


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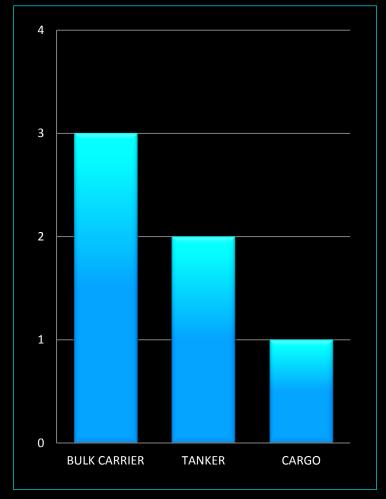




## **VESSELS STATUS AT TIME OF INCIDENT**



# **VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS**

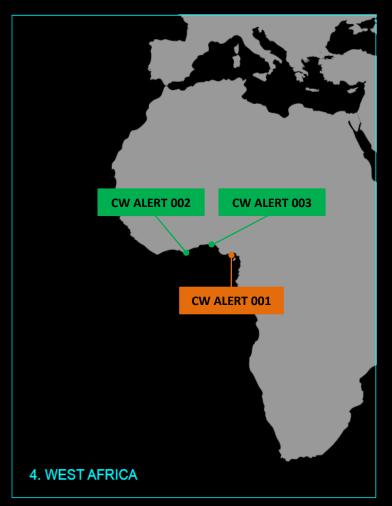






# **WEST AFRICA**





CW ALERT	01/11/16	1840 LT	SUSPICIOUS	4° 31. 00 N	007° 43. 00 E
001			VESSELS		

A report has been released stating that a green speedboat with a 75hp engine and 6 armed men embarked was sighted. The boat was reported heading through the Edowik channel towards the Atlantic Ocean. Clearwater will continue to monitor the situation and update upon receipt of further information.

CW ALERT	01/11/16	0441 LT	ROBBERY	04° 52. 07 N	001° 39. 21 W
002					

It has been reported that a robber managed to board a tanker whilst anchored in Takoradi anchorage, Ghana. The robber was spotted by an on duty crew member who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm the robber jumped over board and escaped in a small boat. On further investigation a number of locks were found to be broken but nothing has been reported as stolen. This incident was reported to the MDAT - GoG and the port authorities.

CW ALERT	04/11/16	0220 LT	ROBBERY	06° 21. 00 N	003° 19. 00 E
003					

It has been reported that a pirate attack is currently ongoing in Lagos Anchorage. The vessel involved in this incident is a Hong Kong flagged Bulk carrier, the report states that between 5-7 armed men have boarded the vessel. The crew raised the alarm and have retreated to the Citadel. Port authorities have been informed of this situation. **UPDATE:** Clearwater have received a report from MDAT GoG stating that after further investigation this incident has been classified as a robbery. It is reported that at 0120 UTC, a group of robbers were spotted on-board the vessel and the alarm was sounded, resulting in the crew mustering in the citadel. The local navy attended and detained up to 16 robbers.





CW ALERT	11/11/16	1420 LT	PIRATE	02° 49. 00 N	005° 22. 36 E
009			ATTACK		

It has been reported that an offshore supply vessel was attacked and hijacked with shots fired by 7 pirates embarked on a high speed craft. They boarded the vessel, kidnapped 5 crew members and stole vessel's equipment before escaping.

CW ALERT	19/11/16	0945 LT	PIRATE	04° 10. 00 N	007° 30. 00 E
013			ATTACK		

Clearwater has received a report that one speed boat carrying several pirates on board, was sighted by a supply vessel that was part of a convoy transiting to Onne. A security boat that formed part of the convoy was notified and approached the suspect vessel. As the security boat neared, the pirates on board the speed boat opened fire at the security vessel. The security personnel returned fire and pursued the speedboat. The suspect vessel was able to escape and the security vessel stopped the pursuit and returned to the convoy. No injuries were reported.

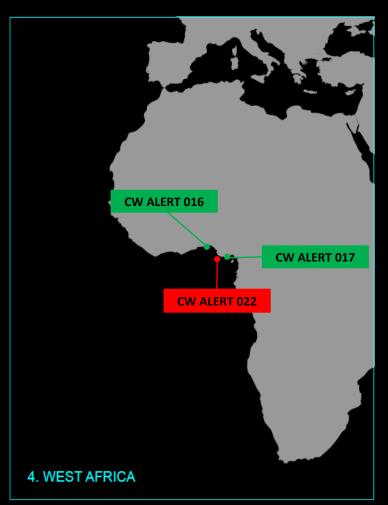
CW ALERT	19/11/16	1330 LT	SUSPICIOUS	04° 10. 00 N	007° 10. 00 E
014			VESSELS		

It has been reported that a container ship was approached whilst underway by a blue hulled speedboat with 8 men on board. The container ship applied it's counter piracy measures and the suspect vessel headed away. The report states that this approach could have been performed by the same group who attacked a security vessel earlier today.

**UPDATE:** MDAT GoG have reported that the men on board the suspect speedboat were armed but that no shots were fired. The men attempted to board by hooking a ladder onto the container ship. The vessel raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and performed evasive manoeuvers. After 20 minutes the speedboat aborted it's attempt.

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





CW ALERT	20/11/16	0420 LT	ROBBERY	06° 19. 10 N	003° 18. 25 E
016					

It has been reported that an attempted boarding took place on an anchored tanker in Lagos Anchorage. The OOW and watchmen were able to raise the alarm, take evasive action and the intruders escaped. The vessel has been reported safe.

CW ALERT	18/11/16	1230 LT	ROBBERY	04° 20. 00 N	007° 50. 00 E
017					

Clearwater has received a report that armed robbers boarded and robbed an inbound small speedboat in the Ngerebama area near yellow platform. The robbers stole the passenger's belongings and stole the speedboat abandoning all the occupants at a mangrove area nearby. Approximately one hour later, the victims were rescued and transported to Bonny beach.

CW ALERT	23/11/16	0700 LT	PIRATE	03° 30. 00 N	005° 30. 00 E
022			ATTACK		

It has been reported that a supply vessel was attacked by pirates whilst underway approximately 70nm from shore in the Agbami field vicinity. The supply vessel was transiting from OYO Field to Onne Port. No more information has been released, upon further confirmed information being received Clearwater will update this alert.

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





CW ALERT	23/11/16	0700 LT	PIRATE	03° 50. 00 N	005° 00. 00 E
023			ATTACK		

It has been confirmed that a tanker was attacked by an unknown number of pirates whilst underway approximately 60nm offshore Bayelsa, Nigeria. The tanker had departed from Port Harcourt and underway to Lagos when the attack took place. **UPDATE:** On sighting the pirates the ships alarm was immediately raised and the SSAS was activated. The on board security team manned their positions and returned fire, reportedly killing one Pirate. The pirates managed to board the tanker using a ladder and all crew retreated to the citadel. After two hours, the pirates left the tanker. Vessel sustained some damage to the superstructure due to the firing. All crew are reported as safe and no injuries reported.

CW ALERT	24/11/16	2056 LT	ROBBERY	04° 44. 14 N	011° 47. 07 E
027					

It has been reported that an attempted robbery has occurred on a container ship whilst anchored at Pointe Noire, Congo. A small boat with three persons on board was spotted approaching the container ship, the robbers climbed up the anchor chain. The Master raised the alarm resulting in the robbers retreating back to their boat and escaping empty handed.





CW ALERT 28/11/16 0942 LT HIJACK 05° 40. 90 N 002° 37. 22 W 028

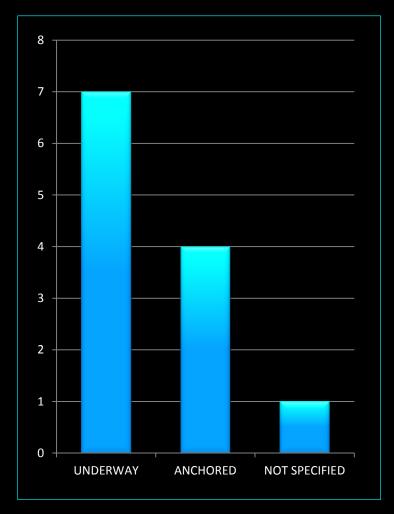
It has been reported by MDAT-GoG and the IMB that the owners of MV Saronic Breeze have lost contact with their vessel. The last communication received from the vessel was on 27.11.2016 at position 05°04.09N - 002°37.22E. The Refrigerated Cargo vessel was carrying a cargo of fish and is thought to have been boarded by Pirates whist at Cotonou Anchorage, she sent 3 distress signals via her SSAS at 09:42 UTC on the 28.11.2016. All coastal authorities have been informed. The vessel has a crew of twenty Ukrainian and Russians on board. UPDATE 1: The latest position that has been received was at 20:00UTC on 28.11.2016 was 04°41.50N 003°30.15E, there has still be no contact with crew on onboard or any updates on the status of the vessel or crew. UPDATE 2: Further information has been released stating the vessel has been sighted at 09:20 UTC on 29.11.2016 at 04°37.20N 003°40.20E, it has also been stated that two armed pirates were sighted onboard the Saronic Breeze. UPDATE 3: MDAT-GoG have released a formal warning that the MV Saronic Breeze is confirmed as Hijacked and at present all crew are reported to be unharmed. UPDATE 4: It has been reported that the Saronic Breeze has been released by the pirates in the late hours of the 29.11.2016. Three crew members are believed to have been kidnapped by the pirates. The remaining crew are unharmed and are currently taking the vessel back to Cotonou.



# **TYPE OF INCIDENT**

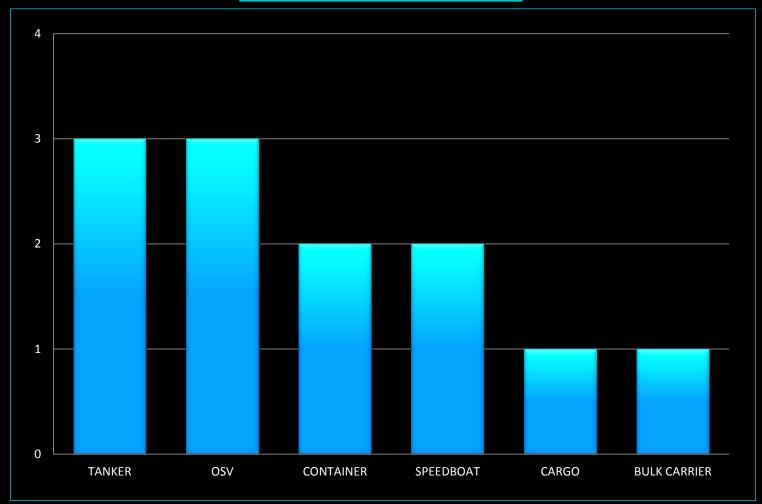
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## **VESSELS STATUS AT TIME OF INCIDENT**





# **VESSEL TYPE INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS**



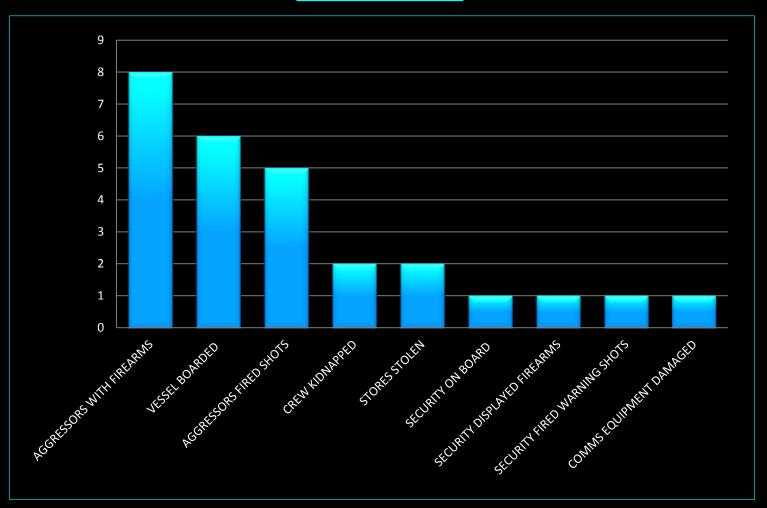
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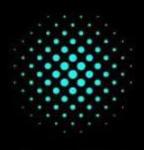
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### **DETAILS OF INCIDENT**







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# **EUROPE**

**NO INCIDENTS TO REPORT** 



## **Dhow and Skiff Recognition Chart**



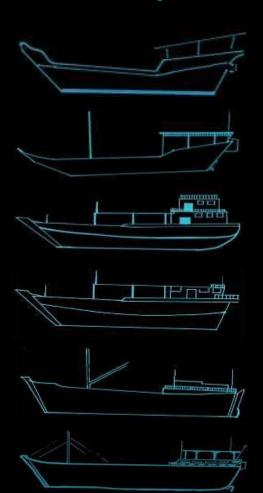












### 1. Shu'ai Dhow

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 yoketype 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.



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