

# Piracy Threat Analysis Report

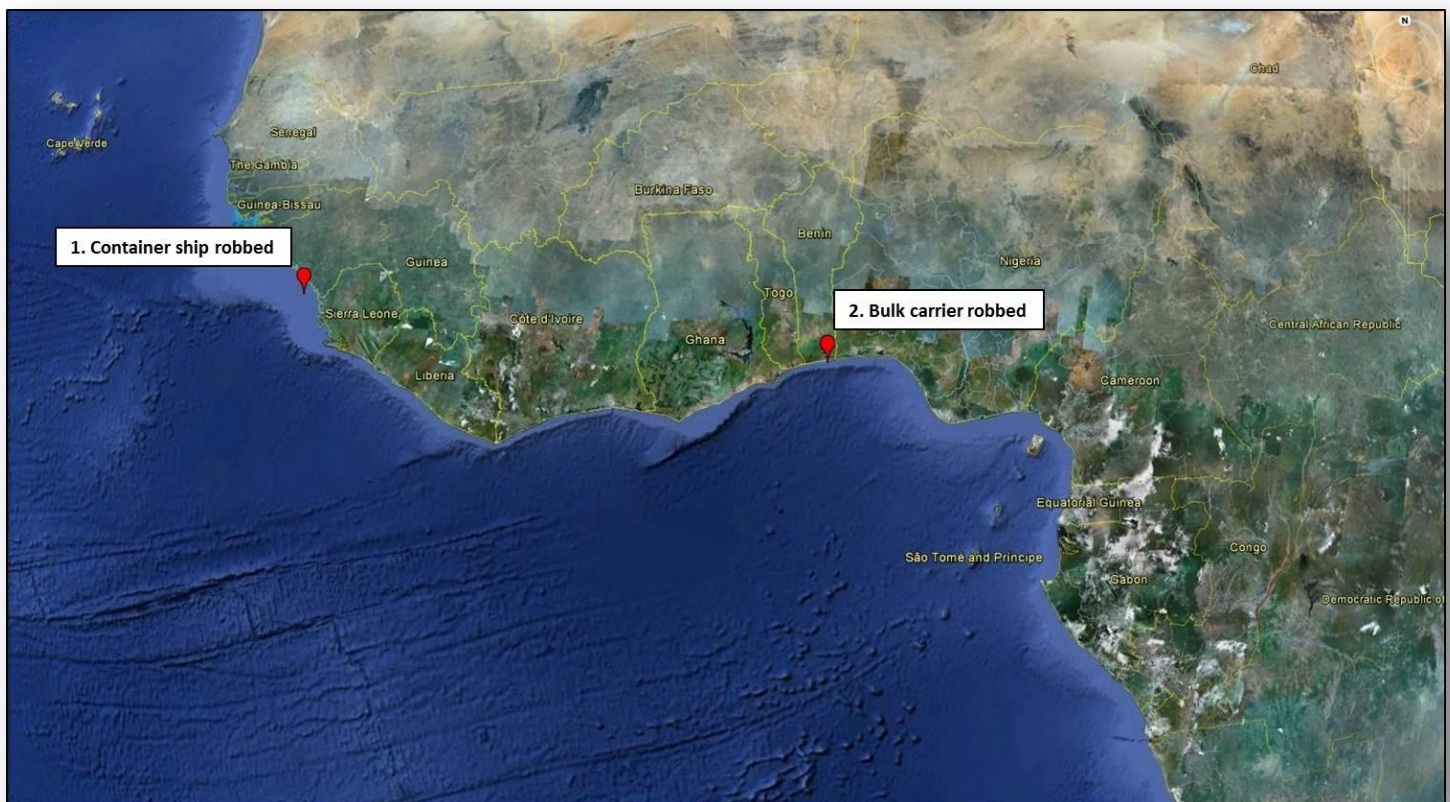
13 June 2012 – 19 July 2012



Threat Analysis Center

## Summary

There were three reported incidents worldwide this week. Somali pirate activity continues to remain at low levels.



**1. Guinea:** Container ship was robbed on 15 July at 09:13N – 013:47W, approximately 22NM southwest of Conakry, Guinea. Seven men armed with guns and knives boarded the drifting ship while it awaited berthing instructions. The men entered the bridge and took the 2/O and C/O hostage and tied their hands behind their backs. Two of the men took the 2/O and knocked on the Master's cabin. When the Master opened the door, the robbers slammed it into his face. They stole the ship's cash and crewmembers' belongings. They then reassembled on the bridge and took the crew hostage until they disembarked into their waiting boat. Port control and ships in the vicinity of the ship were informed. (IMB)

**2. Benin:** Bulk carrier was robbed on 17 July at 06:17N – 002:28E, approximately 1NM off fairway buoy, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin. Two robbers armed with guns boarded the anchored carrier. They entered the Master's cabin and

stole the ship's cash. The robbers escaped in a fast small wooden boat. No injuries to the crew were reported and authorities arrived onboard to investigate. (IMB)



**3. Indonesia:** Bulk carrier was boarded on 17 July at 01:43N – 101:27E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia. Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored carrier. They threatened the ship's crew with knives; broke the pad locks to three stores; and attempted to steal ship property. The crew mustered, raised the alarm, and informed the authorities. The robbers were not successful in stealing anything from the vessel. All crew was reported safe. (IMB)

### **Convoy Schedules**

Escort services are provided by the following countries during the month of June for vessels transiting the Gulf of Aden:

Government of Japan convoy scheduled for July and August 2012. Merchant vessels that wish to apply for JMSDF escort operation should visit [http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime\\_fr2\\_000000.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html) and follow the application procedure. For further information, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MILT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932 Fax: +81-3-5253-1643 Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp (MSCHOA).

Korean Navy convoy scheduled for July and August 2012. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at (INMARSAT: 870-773-110-374), (Email: rokcheonghae@gmail.com) (MSCHOA).

Chinese convoy scheduled for July 2012. For further information, please e-mail [cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn](mailto:cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn), [cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn](mailto:cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn), or call Tel: 86-10-652-92221 Fax: 86- 10-652-92245 (MSCHOA).



Russian Navy convoy escort schedule for July 2012. For further information e-mail [smb@msecurity.ru](mailto:smb@msecurity.ru) Fax: +7 (495) 607-01-95 (MSCHOA).

Indian Navy convoy schedule available on the Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa internet site: <http://www.mschoa.org/on-shore/home> (MSCHOA).

### **Weather Forecast 20 July – 26 July 2012**

**Gulf of Aden:** West-southwesterly winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet. **Extended Forecast:** West-southwesterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas 3 – 5 feet, abating to between 2 and 4 feet.

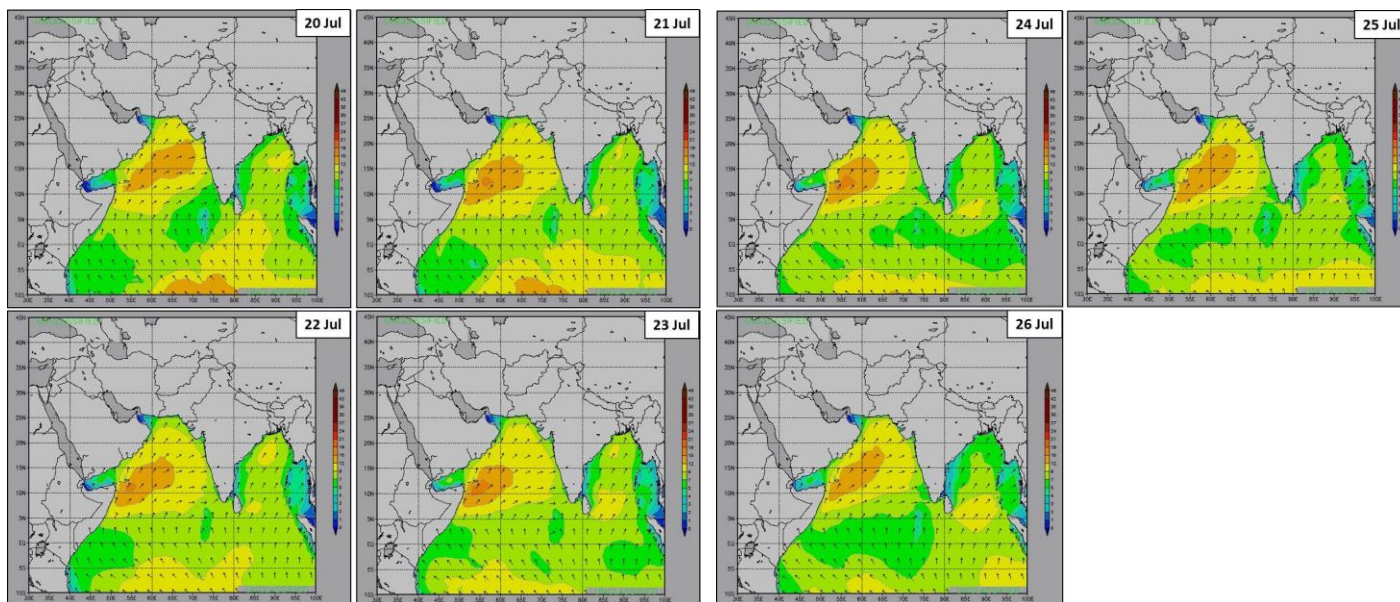
**Somali Coast:** Southwesterly winds of 20 – 25 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet, with occasional swells of 9 – 12 feet. **Extended Forecast:** Southwesterly winds of 24 – 28 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet.

**Arabian Sea:** Southwesterly winds of 24 – 28 knots and seas of 7 - 9 feet. **Extended Forecast:** Southwesterly winds of 24 – 28 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet.

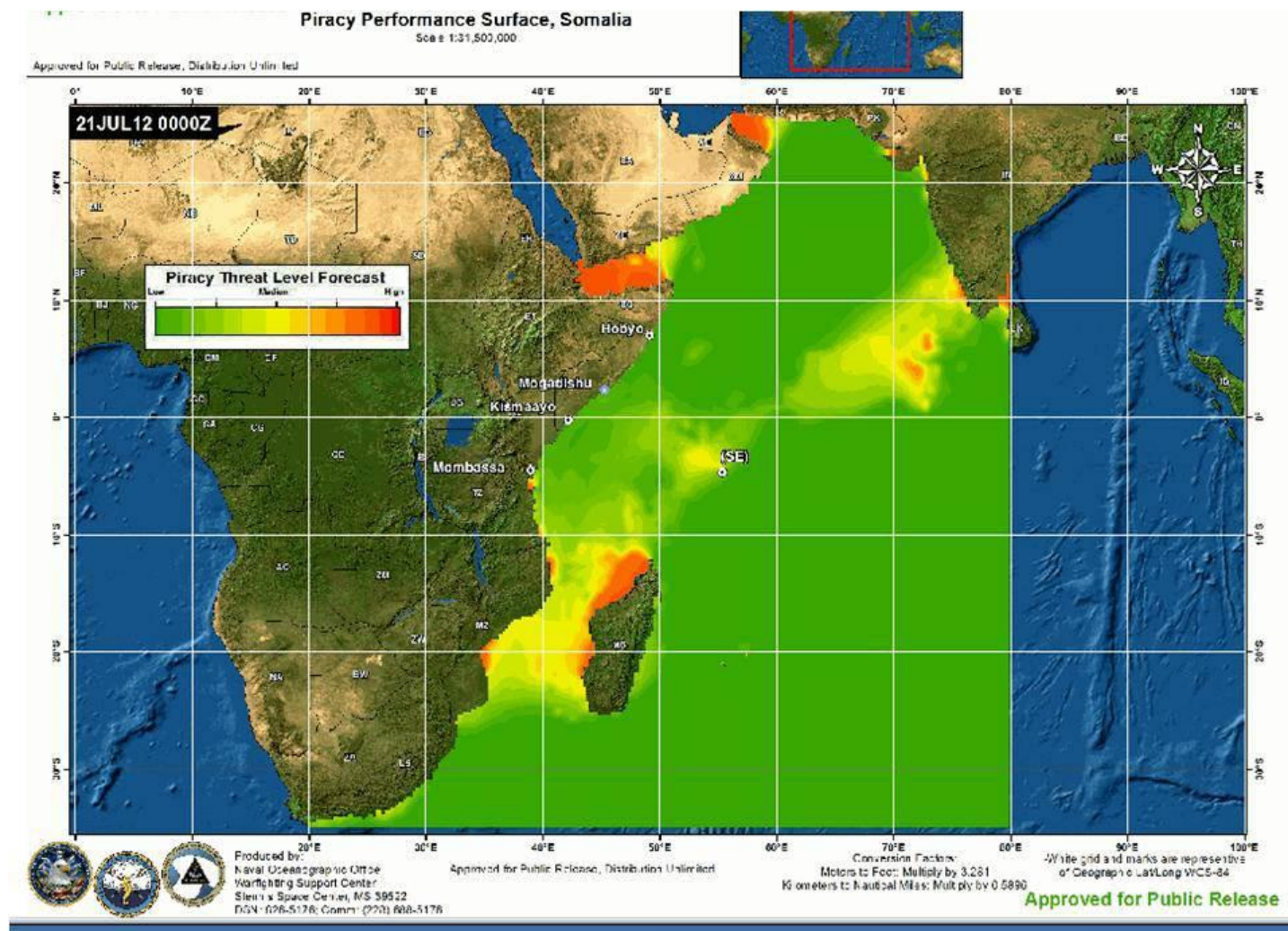
**Central African Coast/Indian Ocean:** Southerly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-southeasterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.

**Mozambique Channel:** South-southeasterly winds in the northern channel of 10 – 15 knots, with seas of 8 – 10 feet. In the southern channel, expect west-southwesterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet. **Extended Forecast:** Southwesterly winds of 10 – 15 knots in the northern channel, with seas of 6 – 8 feet, abating to between 3 – 5 feet. In the southern channel, expect south-southeasterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.

**Surface Currents:** Currents within the Gulf of Aden, the Northern Arabian Sea, and the Mozambique Channel are variable with most areas having average speeds of less than 1 knot. Currents speeds along the Somali basin, continuing south off the northern Kenya coastline until about 5 degrees South will average 2 – 3 knots.



## Pirate Skiff Capability for Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden



### Terminology

Source: Naval Oceanographic  
Office Warfighting Support Center

**Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with reporting that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

**Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.

**Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.

**Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.

**Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

**Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

**Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

Information Cut-off Date: 19 July 2012