

# Piracy Threat Analysis Report

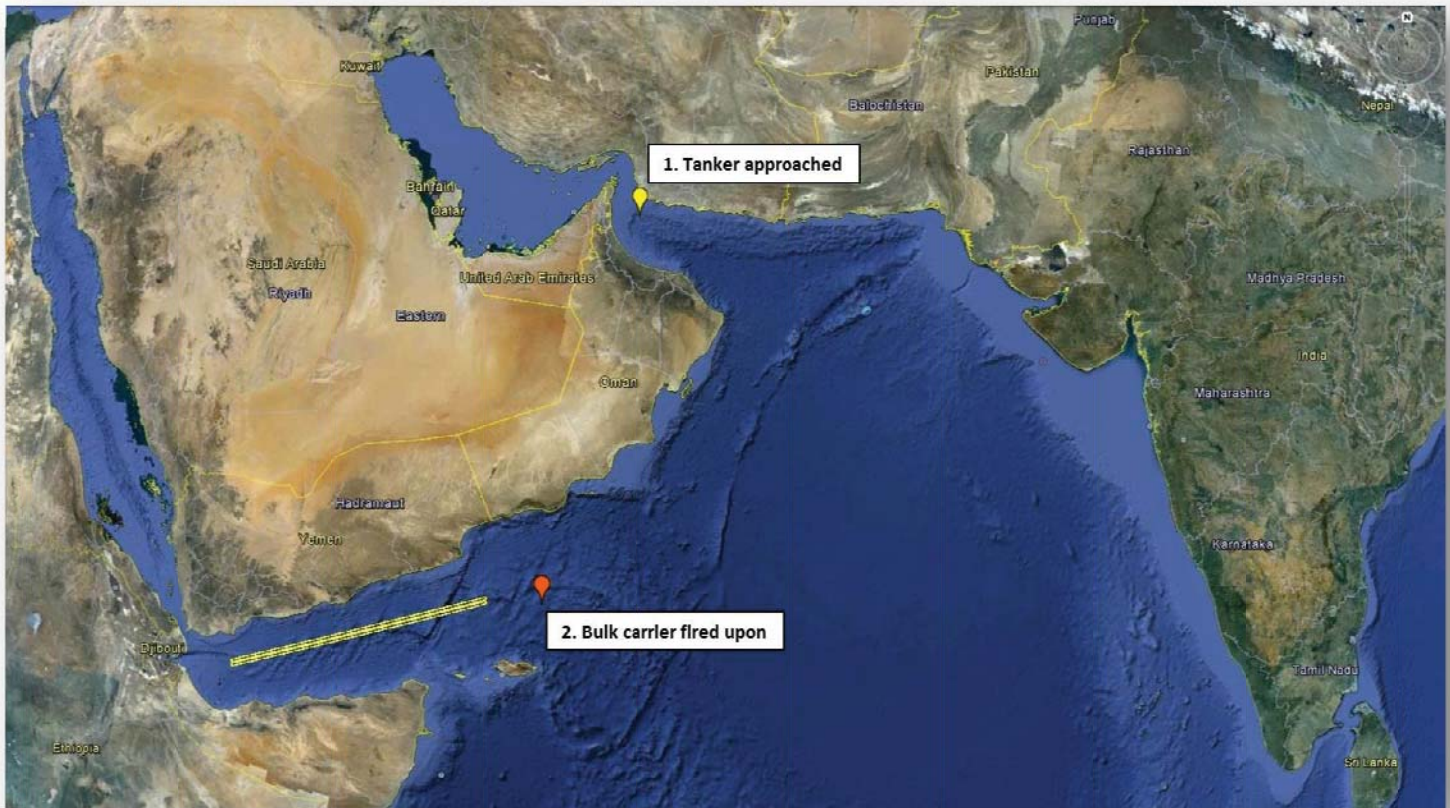
22 June 2012 – 28 June 2012



Threat Analysis Center

## Summary:

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



**1. Gulf of Oman:** LPG tanker was approached on 25 June at 25:15N - 057:16E, 48NM east of Fujairah, Oman. Suspects armed with guns in two skiffs approached the tanker underway and closed within 0.6NM. The master fired warning flares and pyrotechnics, increased speed, and maneuvered the vessel to keep the skiffs right astern. UKMTO and naval authorities in vicinity were informed. An Iranian naval warship responded and escorted the tanker until the skiffs were clear. The vessels crew was later reported safe. (IMB)

**2. Indian Ocean:** Bulk carrier was fired upon on 27 June at 14:22N - 054:38E, 110NM north of Socotra Island, Yemen. Pirates in a dhow approached the bulk carrier underway. The master raised the alarm and took evasive maneuvers. As the dhow approached, the onboard security team fired warning shots. The dhow continued its approach and ignored the warning shots. Two individuals armed with guns hiding under a blanket fired upon the ship. There was a fire exchange between the security team and the pirates until the pirates aborted the attack. No injuries to crew were reported. The ships master reported the wind direction and force as SSW x 7.(IMB)



**3. Bangladesh:** Container ship robbed on 26 June at 22:10N - 091:42E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh. Two robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored container ship just after a heavy rain shower. One of the men attacked the deck watch-keeper at the aft station who then immediately reported the incident to the bridge and managed to run inside the accommodation. The alarm was later raised. The crew mustered and observed 15 men in the boat were leaving with stolen ship stores. The master informed the Coast Guard who responded immediately. (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 June 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](mailto:INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp) (MSCHOA).

Korean Navy convoy scheduled for June and July 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](mailto:rokcheonghae@gmail.com)) (MSCHOA).

Chinese convoy scheduled for June 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 June and 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 29 June – 6 July 2012**

**Gulf of Aden:** West-southwesterly winds of 8 – 12 knots with seas of 3 – 6 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-westerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet which may increase to 5 – 7 feet.

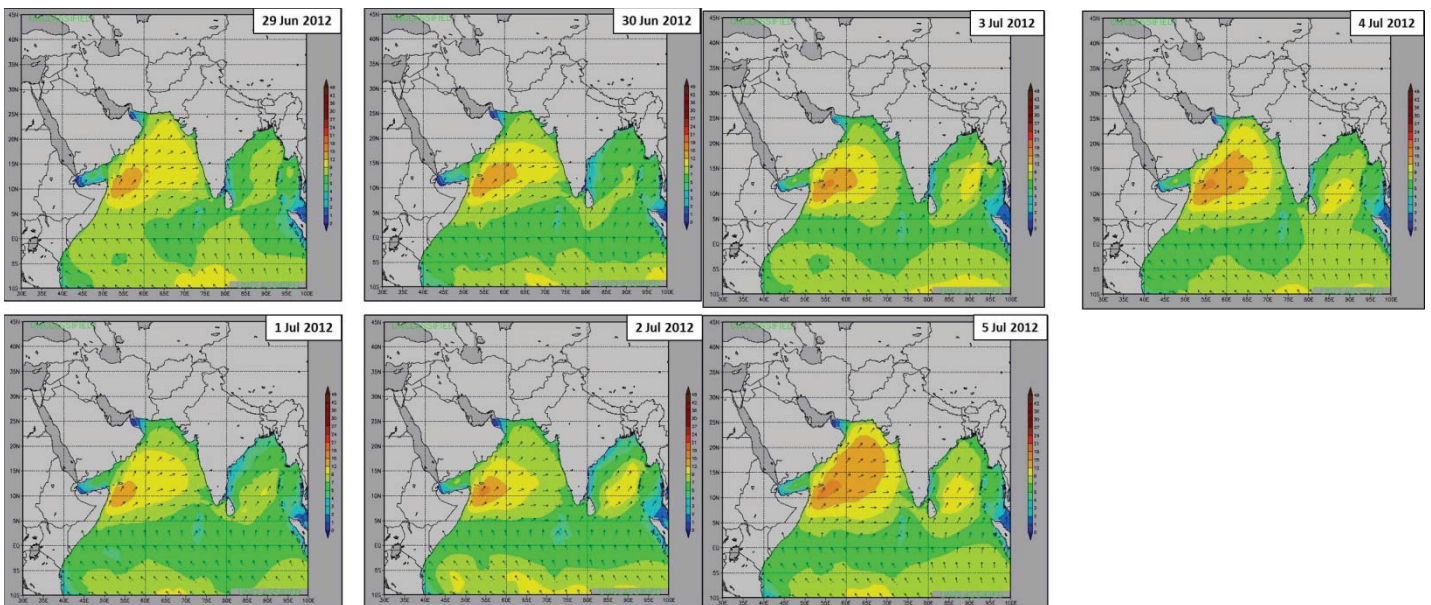
**Somali Coast:** Southwest Monsoon conditions continue to influence this area, with south-southwesterly winds of 20 – 25 knots and seas between 8 and 10 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-southwesterly winds of 20 – 25 knots with seas of 8 – 10 feet.

**Arabian Sea:** Westerly winds of 18 – 24 knots and seas of 9 - 12 feet. **Extended Forecast:** West-southwesterly winds of 18 – 24 knots with seas of 9 – 12 feet.

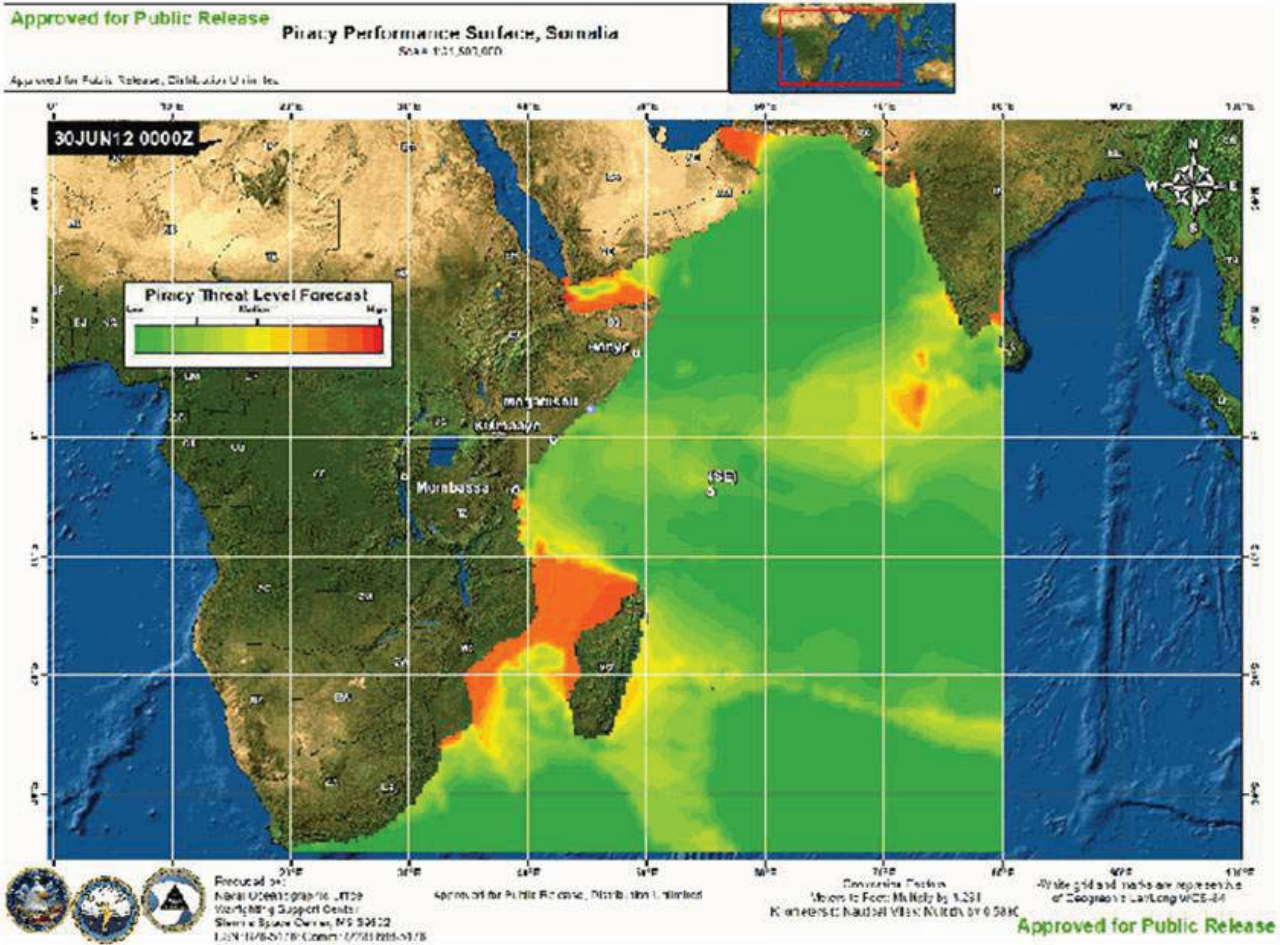
**Central African Coast/Indian Ocean:** South-southeasterly winds of 16 – 20 knots with seas of 5 – 7 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-southeasterly winds of 14 – 18 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.

**Mozambique Channel:** The normal high and low pressure interaction around 40 degrees South will continue to influence the area, with east-southeasterly winds in the northern channel of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. In the southern channel, there will be south-southeasterly winds of 12 – 15 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet. **Extended Forecast:** In the northern channel, east-southeasterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet. In the southern channel winds, expect south-southeasterly winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.

**Surface Currents:** The currents within the Gulf of Aden average around 0.5 – 1 knot. Current speeds along the Somali basin, continuing south off the northern Kenya coastline until about 10 degrees South will average approximately 2 – 3 knots. The Mozambique Channel has an average current of 0.25 – 1.25 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: 29 June 2012