

Piracy Threat Analysis Report

8 June 2012 – 14 June 2012



Threat Analysis Center

Summary:

There were no reported incidents worldwide and none reported off the Horn of Africa for the week of 8 - 14 June. Somali incidents continue to remain at low levels.

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 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 June 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 June 2012. For further information, please e-mail cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn, cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn, or call Tel: 86-10-652-92221 Fax: 86-10-652-92245 (MSCHOA).

Weather Forecast 15 June – 21 June 2012

Gulf of Aden: West-southwesterly winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 2 – 4 feet. **Extended Forecast:** West-southwesterly winds of 5 – 10 knots, becoming variable at 4 – 6 knots, with seas of 2 – 4 feet.

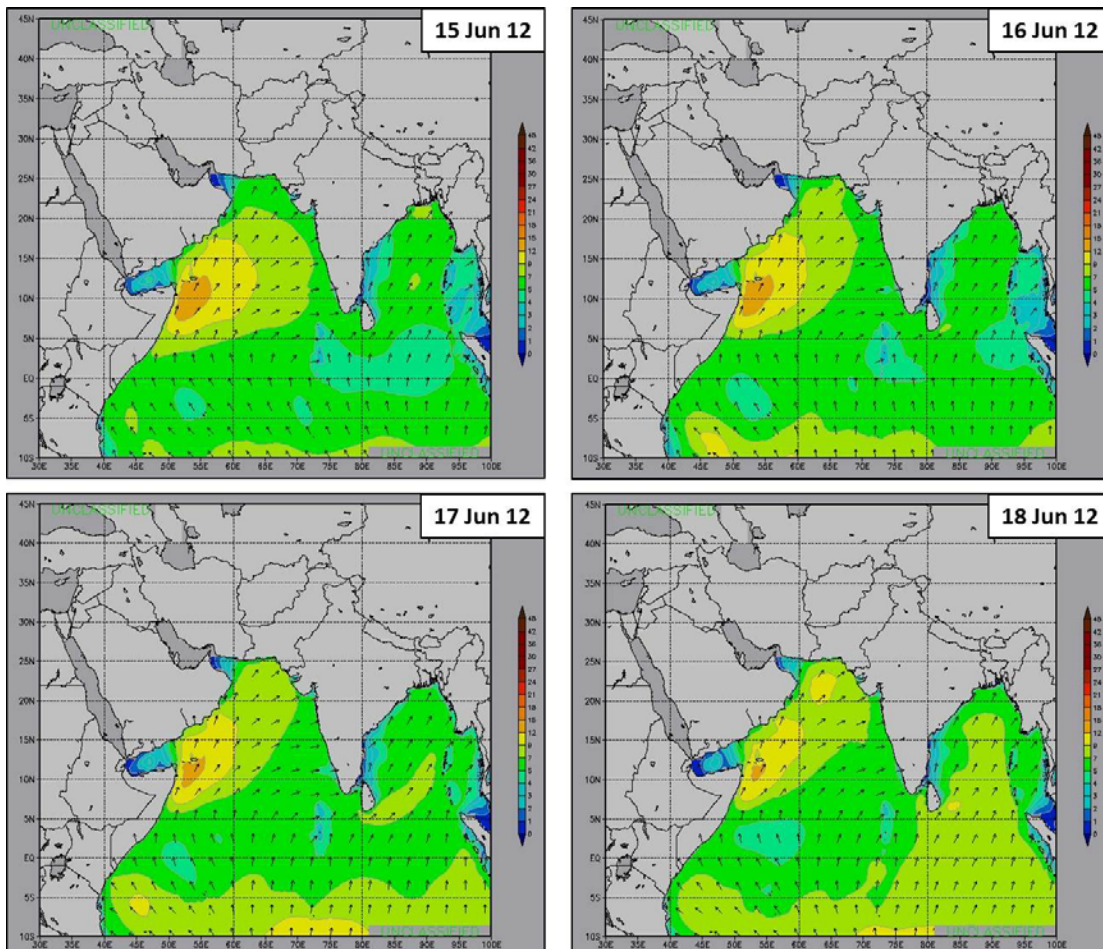
Somali Coast: The Somali Coastal area remains under the influence of the Southwest Monsoon, with south-southwesterly winds of 25 – 30 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-southwesterly winds of 25 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots in or near thunderstorms with seas of 9 – 12 feet.

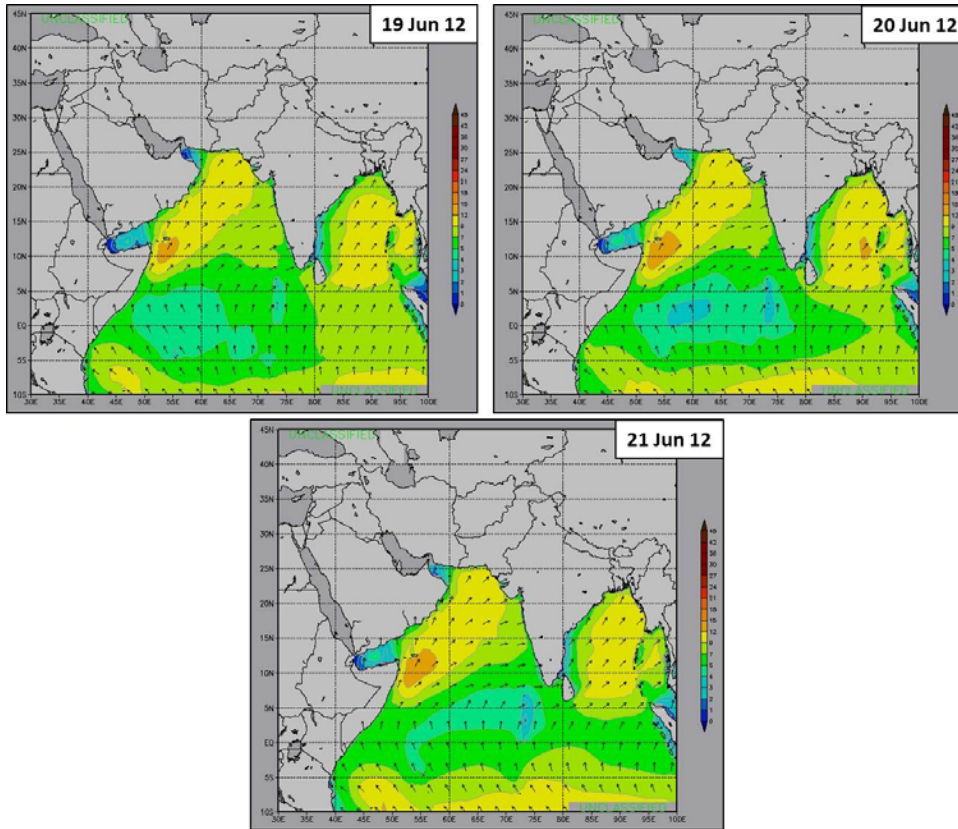
Arabian Sea: Westerly winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet. **Extended Forecast:** West-southwesterly winds of 15 – 20 knots, becoming west-southwesterly at 20 – 25 knots, with seas of 7 - 9 feet, increasing to 9 – 12 feet after 18 June.

Central African Coast/Indian Ocean: Tanzania and Kenyan coastal regions will remain under the influence of the Southwest Monsoon pattern, with south-southeasterly winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 35 knots in or near thunderstorms, with seas of 5 – 7 feet. **Extended Forecast:** South-southeasterly winds of 25 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots in or near thunderstorms with seas of 5 – 7 feet and occasional swells of 7 – 9 feet.

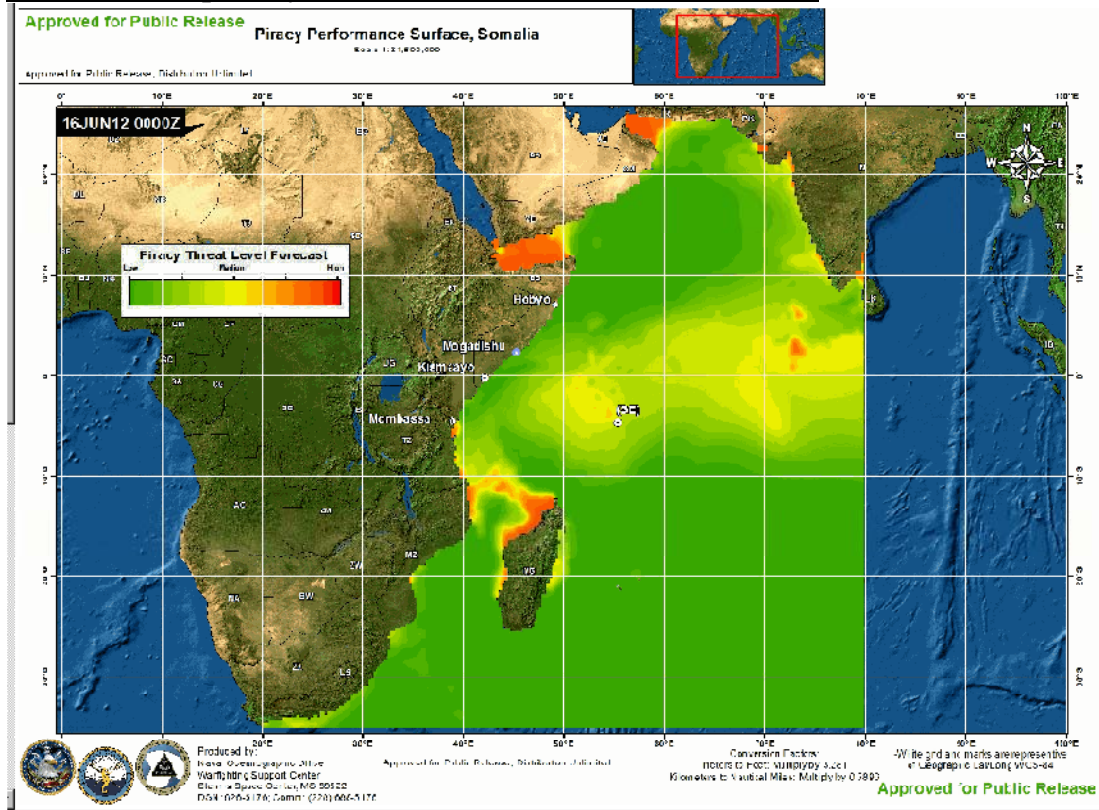
Mozambique Channel: South-southeast winds of 8 – 12 knots in the northern channel, with seas of 6 – 8 feet. In the southern channel, south-southeasterly winds of 24 – 28 knots, with seas of 10 – 14 feet. **Extended Forecast:** In the northern channel, south-southeasterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet, decreasing to 3 – 5 feet. In the southern channel, expect southeasterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 10 – 14 feet until 15 June, then decreasing to between 3 – 5 feet.

Surface Currents: Currents within the Somali Basin and the Gulf of Aden average approximately 1 - 1.5 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali coast, continuing south off the northern Kenya coastline until about 10 degrees South will average 2 – 3 knots. The Mozambique Channel has an average current of 1 - 2 knots, though the current speed along the northwestern portion of the channel will average 2-3 knots.





Pirate Skiff Capability for Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden



Source: Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center

Terminology

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: 14 June 2012