



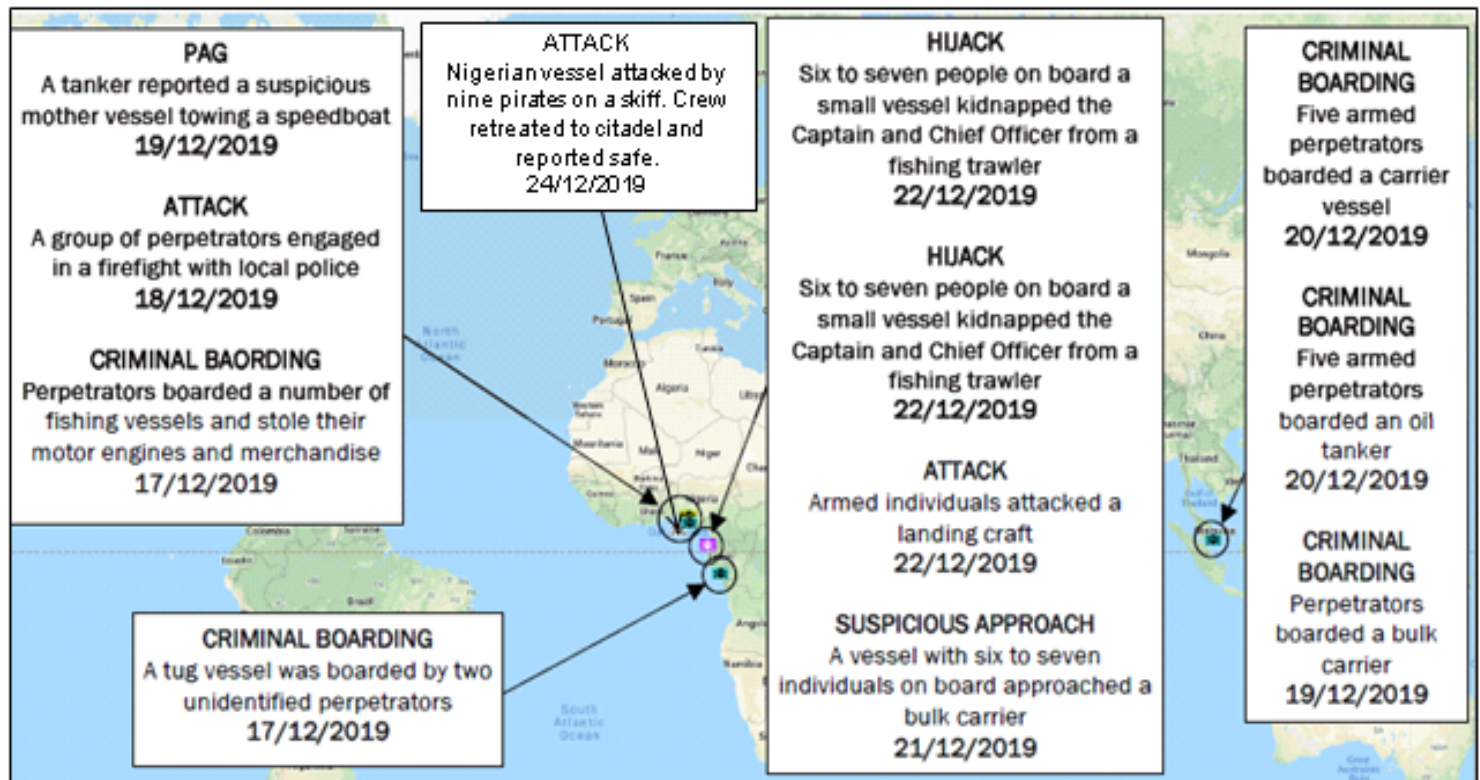
Executive Summary 23/12/2019

Twelve incidents were recorded globally during the reporting period.

- East Africa HRA and Indian Ocean: No incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
- West Africa HRA: Nine incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
- South and Southeast Asia: Three incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
- Americas: No incidents were recorded during the reporting period.

Advisories

- WEST AFRICA: Nigerian Senate calls for more navy funding to secure its territorial waters.
- NORTH AFRICA: Turkish-manned vessel seized by the Libyan National Army.



REGIONAL SUMMARY

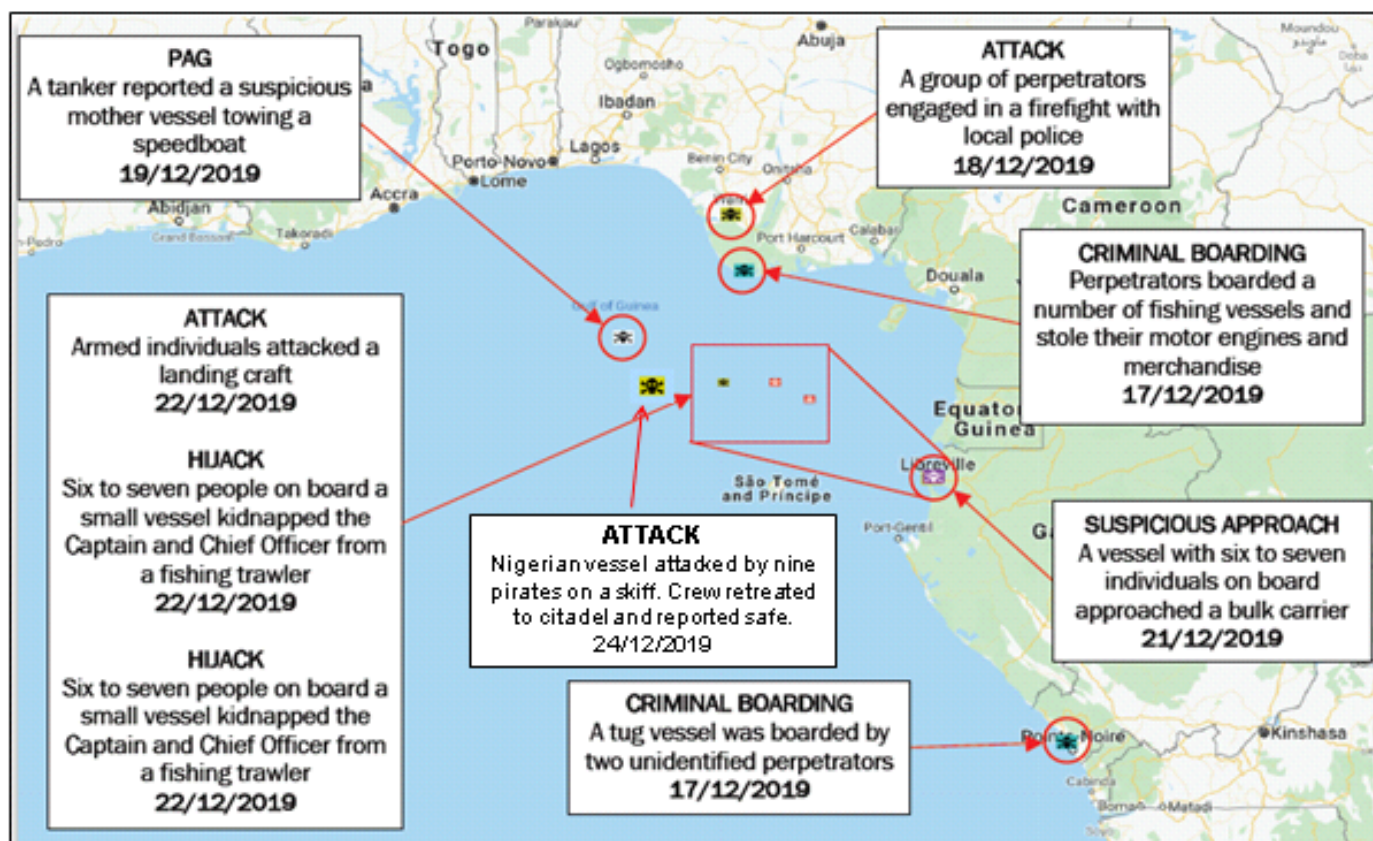
- No incidents were recorded during the reporting period
- Continuous piracy threat off the Somali coast and extending to the Gulf of Aden and Gulf of Oman. Actors involved in the ongoing conflict in Yemen have targeted vessels transiting the Bab-el-Mandeb. Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS); increased vigilance is advised during daylight hours
- High pressure dominates the weather pattern over the region producing mostly clear skies. Be aware of high winds from low intensity hurricanes forming within the Arabian Sea. Expect increased localised wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funnelling effects. (Source: US ONI)

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- Nine incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
- Continuous threat off Nigeria, Benin, Togo and Ghana in addition to the coastlines of Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Republic of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

RECORDED INCIDENTS



1. **22/12/2019. 0000 UTC. ATTACK. 00:19:05N – 009:23:007E. NYA. Owendo Anchorage, Gabon.** A small vessel with six to seven individuals on board attacked a landing craft. The Captain was killed during this attack. No further information is available at this time. Time approximate.
2. **22/12/2019. 0000 UTC. HIJACK. 00:19:05N – 009:23:010E. NYA. Owendo Anchorage, Gabon.** A small vessel with six to seven individuals on board attacked a fishing trawler. The perpetrators kidnapped the Captain and Chief Officer. No further information is available at this time. Time and location approximate.
3. **22/12/2019. 0000 UTC. HIJACK. 00:19:04N – 009:23:012E. NYA. Owendo Anchorage, Gabon.** A small vessel with six to seven individuals on board attacked a fishing trawler. The perpetrators kidnapped the Captain and Chief Officer. No further information is available at this time. Time and location approximate.

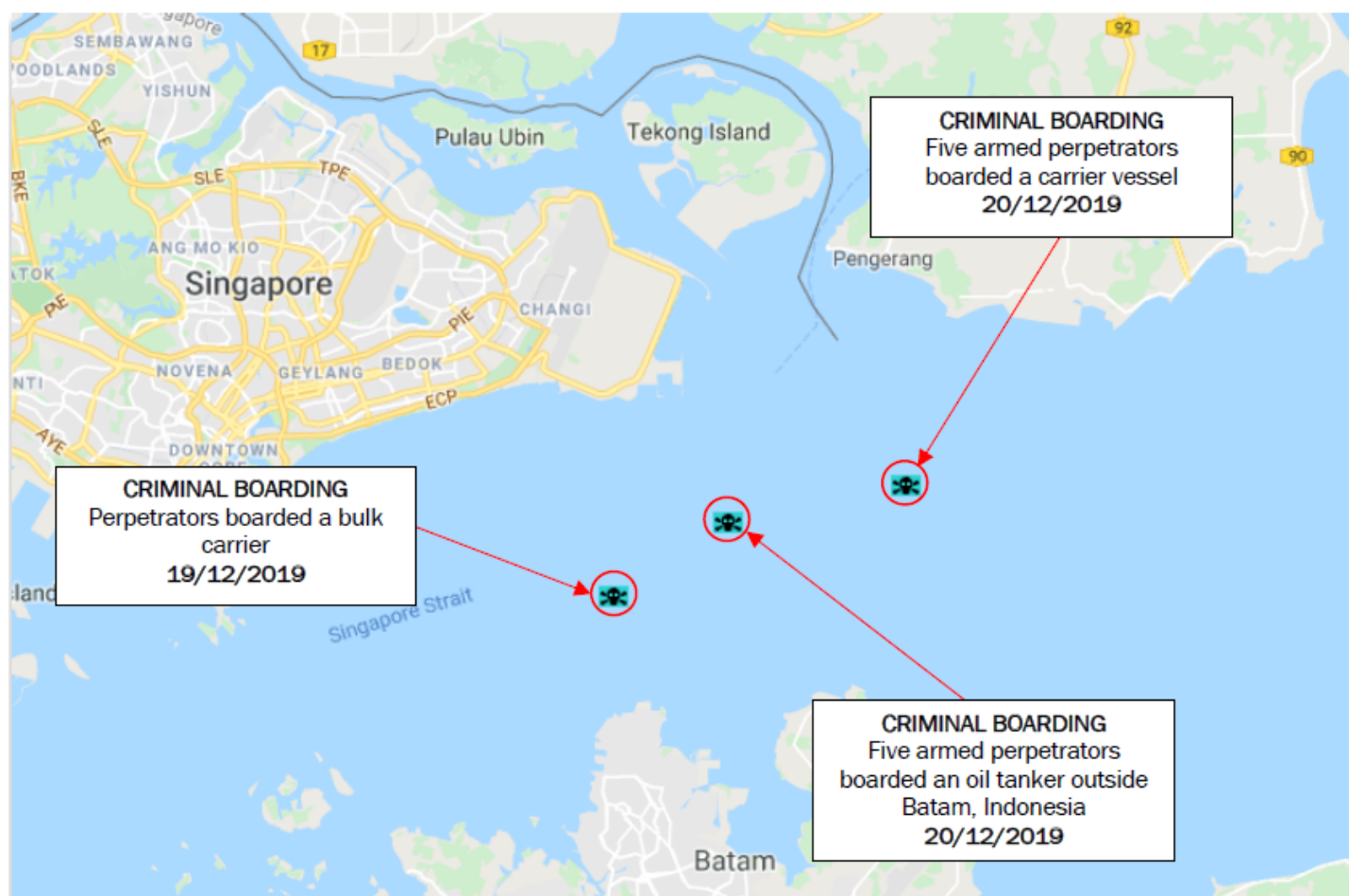
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4. **21/12/2019. 2230 UTC. SUSPICIOUS APPROACH. 00:19:30N – 009:23:42E. MDAT-GoG. Owendo Anchorage, Gabon.** A small vessel with six to seven people on board approached an anchored bulk carrier. The bulk carrier vessel raised the alarm, causing the small vessel to flee. The crew and the vessel are reported safe.
5. **19/12/2019. 0930 UTC. PAG. 03:00:00N – 003:52:60E. MDAT-GoG. 103NM WSW of Agbami FPSO, Nigeria.** A tanker vessel, en route to Equatorial Guinea, reported a suspicious mother ship towing speedboat. The crewmembers changed the tanker's heading in order to create safe distance from the suspicious vessels.
6. **18/12/2019. 0000 UTC. ATTACK. 05:21:24N – 005:48:14E. NYA. Forcados River, Delta state, Nigeria.** A group of four perpetrators were engaged in a firefight with Delta State marine police within the Izon-Burutu waterways and were subsequently killed in the exchange. The perpetrators had previously robbed from local traders. The police recovered ammunitions, an unspecified vessel and other stolen items. Time and location are approximate.
7. **17/12/2019. 1230 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. 04:16:55N – 006:02:22E. NYA. 11NM W of Brass Onshore Oil Terminal, Bayelsa State, Nigeria.** Gunmen on board unidentified vessels attacked an undetermined number of local fishing vessels at the mouth of the Nun River. The perpetrators boarded the fishermen's vessels, stole their motor engines and escaped, leaving the fishermen stranded. The pirates also stole several bags of dried fish that were being packaged for sale. Time and location approximate.
8. **17/12/2019. 0230 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. 04:46:00S – 011:46:50E. NYA. Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of the Congo.** Whilst at anchor, a tug vessel was boarded by two unidentified perpetrators who stole three ropes and some grinding and welding machines. Crewmembers are reported safe. No further information is available.
9. **24/12/2019. 0655 UTC. ATTACK. 01:46:60 N - 004:028:00 E—MDAT-GoG. 119NM SW of Agbami Terminal.** A vessel was attacked by nine unidentified assailants on board a skiff. The 21 Turkish crewmembers have retreated to the citadel. The crew was later reported safe after two unsuccessful pirate boarding attempts. The assailant retreated to a nearby mother ship.

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- Three incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
- Criminal boardings remain the primary threat to the region. However, the threat from Extended Duration Cargo Theft (EDCT) is present across the Malacca Strait and South China Sea.
- Expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funnelling effects and daytime heating. The region will continue to be subject to weather formations as a result of the back end of the west Pacific Ocean's Tropical Cyclone Season that ran from April to October. Smaller-scale tropical cyclones could change forecasts at short notice (Source: US ONI).

RECORDED INCIDENTS



1. **20/12/2019. 1425 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. IFC. 01:16:19N – 104:07:12E. 7NM NNE of Batam, Indonesia.** Five perpetrators armed with knives boarded an oil tanker whilst transiting the Singapore Strait. At approximately 0000 LT the vessel's Master reported that all perpetrators had departed the vessel. Two crewmembers had reportedly sustained minor injuries although no medical assistance was required. Time approximate.

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- 2. 20/12/2019. 1438 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. IFC. 01:15:29N – 104:03:04E. 3NM S of Changi Bay, Singapore.** Five perpetrators armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier whilst transiting the Singapore Strait. A unit from the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the vessel to conduct a search. No unauthorised persons were found on board the vessel following the search. However, some engine parts were reported stolen.
- 3. 19/12/2019. 2130 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. ReCAAP. 01:13:45N – 104:00:22E. 9NM SE of Sentosa, Singapore.** An unknown number of perpetrators boarded a bulk carrier transiting the Singapore Strait bound for China. The Singapore Police Coast Guard notified the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) about the boarding, a search on board the vessel was conducted which resulted in no sighting of the perpetrators. Nothing was reported stolen. The crew and vessel reported safe. Location approximate.

WEST AFRICA: NIGERIAN SENATE CALLS FOR MORE NAVY FUNDING IN A BID TO SECURE ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS

On 18 December the Nigerian senate called for additional funding for the procurement of at least 150 vessels to the Nigerian Navy (NN). This comes after the Joint Committee on Navy, Marine Transport and Finance concluded in its investigative report on illegal activities in the Secured Anchorage Area (SAA), that the navy is insufficiently resourced and therefore lacks the capacity to control its territorial waters.

NYA Analysis: The security environment in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) continues to be affected by piracy. Nigeria, like other countries in the GoG, has had mixed results in ensuring regional maritime security as current naval capacities are limited. Vessels transiting the Gulf often employ additional onboard security and / or naval escort by private security companies such as the SSA-based Ocean Marine Solutions Limited (OMSL). Equally, the government has signed deals with private security companies to complement official naval resources. The senate's call for increased naval funding is unlikely to have an immediate impact on security conditions in the gulf, likely meaning that the security conditions in the GoG will remain the same in the short to medium term. However, the additional 150 vessels will increase the NN's operational capacity to patrol and intercept criminal activities occurring in ports and along or proximate to the Nigerian coastline in the long term. Commercial trading routes are then less likely to experience the current rate of piracy.

NORTH AFRICA: TURKISH-MANNED VESSEL SEIZED BY THE LIBYAN NATIONAL ARMY

On 21 December the Libyan National Army (LNA) allegedly seized a Turkish-manned vessel off the coastal city of Derna. The vessel has reportedly been towed to Ras El Hilal Port for further inspection of its cargo with the Turkish crew still on board.

NYA Analysis: It is highly likely that the incident is in retaliation for the two Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was signed by Turkey and the Libyan Government of the National Accord (GNA) on 27 November. The terms of the MoUs included; the expansion of the Turkish EEZ to encompass waters proximate to east Libya, and increased security cooperation between the two nations which likely exacerbated existing LNA hostilities towards Turkey and the GNA. These sentiments were emphasised on 11 December when the LNA Chief of Staff, Farag Al-Mahdawi, stated that Turkish vessels will be targeted if detected along the Libyan coast. However, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on 22 December that Turkey will increase its military support for the GNA. This will likely mean more shipments containing ammunitions and weapons to GNA-controlled areas in Libya which will directly lead to an elevated threat to international shipping as the LNA will look to continue its maritime operations to intercept, search and / or target unidentified vessels operating in the region in the short to medium term.

The report's findings are predictive and estimative. To communicate these findings clearly and in order to accurately compare threat levels, the report uses a variation of terminology used by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

TERMINOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
Critical	The likelihood of an incident is certain
Severe	The likelihood of an incident is almost certain
Substantial	The likelihood of an incident is probable
Moderate	The chances of an incident are about even
Low	The likelihood of an incident is improbable

Piracy: CV/NYA uses a modified version of the definition of piracy adopted by BMP5. For the purposes of this report, the term 'piracy' includes all violent and non-violent acts against vessels, her crew and cargo occurring either in internal waterways, territorial waters or deep offshore. Based on this definition, CV/NYA classifies piracy incidents into six categories:

Hijacking – Crew lost control of the vessel and / or pirates kidnapped at least one crewmember and / or passenger (s)

Boarding – Pirates successfully board a vessel with the intent to hijack it but their attempt to take control of the vessel or kidnap crew member(s) and / or passenger(s) failed

Attack – Vessel was attacked with gunfire or RPG fire, no boarding was successfully completed

Pirate Action Group (PAG) – Sighting or reporting of firearms and boarding equipment on board a suspicious vessel or sighting of a confirmed pirate mother ship

Criminal boarding – Vessel boarded with criminal intent, theft does not have to occur

Suspicious approach – Suspicious activity reported (i.e. a vessel was approached by unidentified skiff(s) with one or more persons on board).

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