

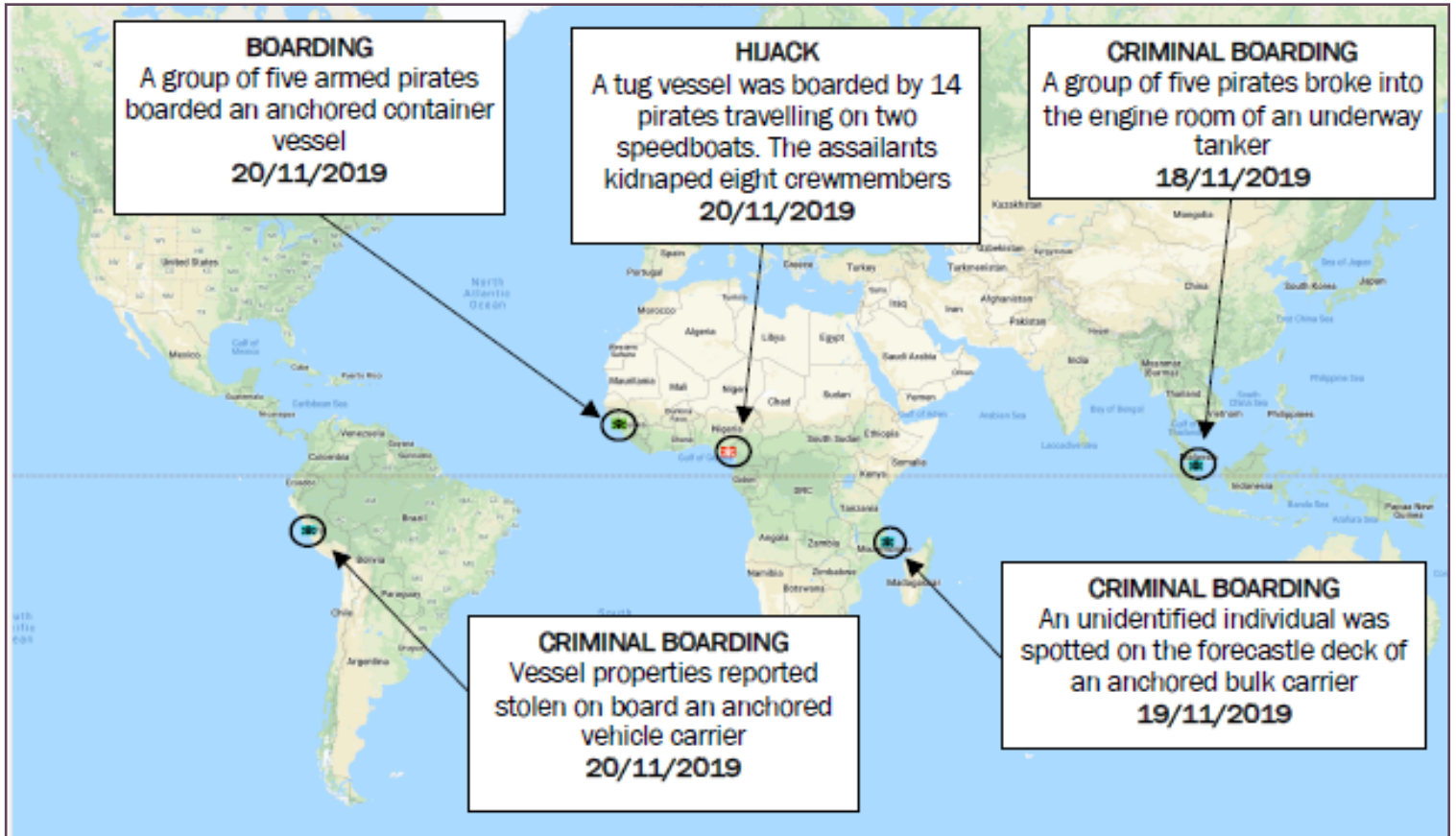


Executive Summary

- Five incidents were recorded globally during the reporting period
- East Africa HRA and Indian Ocean: One incident was recorded during the reporting period
- West Africa HRA: Two incidents were recorded during the reporting period
- South and Southeast Asia: One incident was recorded during the reporting period
- Americas: One incident was recorded during the reporting period

Advisories

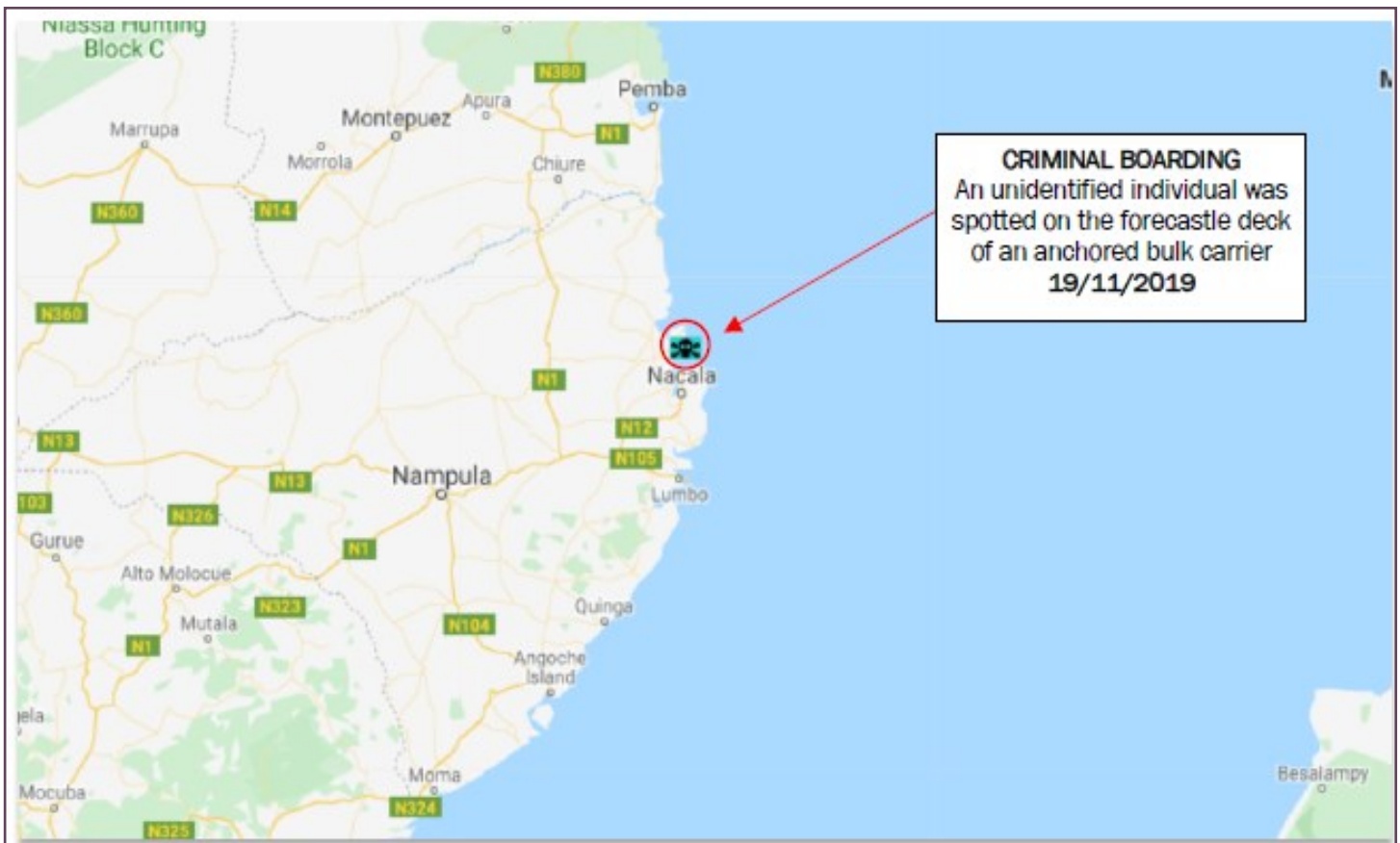
- WEST AFRICA: President of Togo calls for increased regional anti-piracy coordination
- SOUTHEAST ASIA: US donates patrol vessel to Vietnam



REGIONAL SUMMARY

- One incident was 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. Southwest monsoon conditions resume after and will continue until September. Expect increased localised wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funnelling effects (Source: US ONI)

RECORDED INCIDENTS

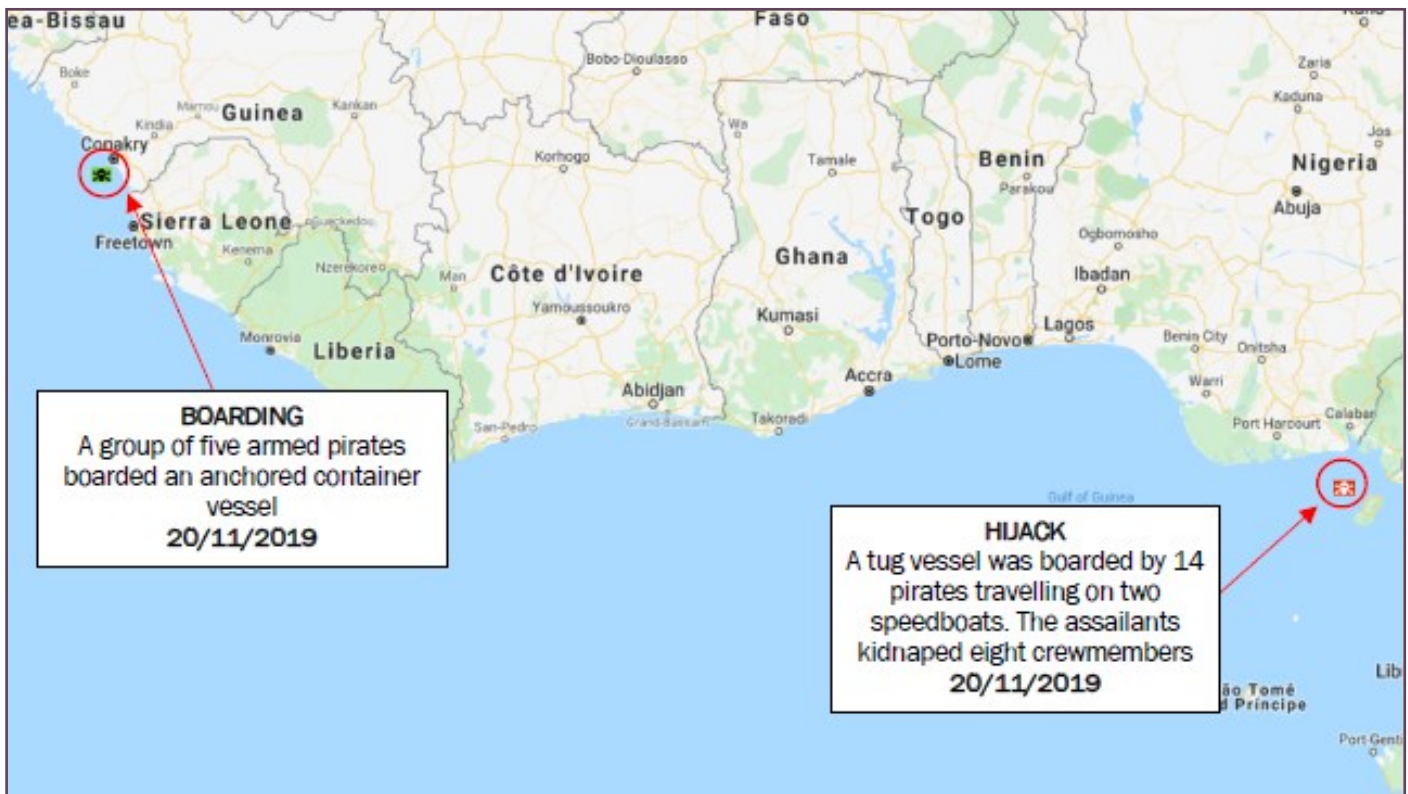


1. 19/11/2019. 2155 UTC. **CRIMINAL BOARDING**. 14:22:51S - 040:43:07E. ICC-IMB. Nacala Outer Anchorage, Mozambique. Duty crew on board an anchored bulk carrier noticed an unidentified individual on the forecastle deck. The alarm was raised, the crew mustered, and a search carried out. The perpetrator escaped, and nothing was reported stolen. The incident was reported to Port Control.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

- Two 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

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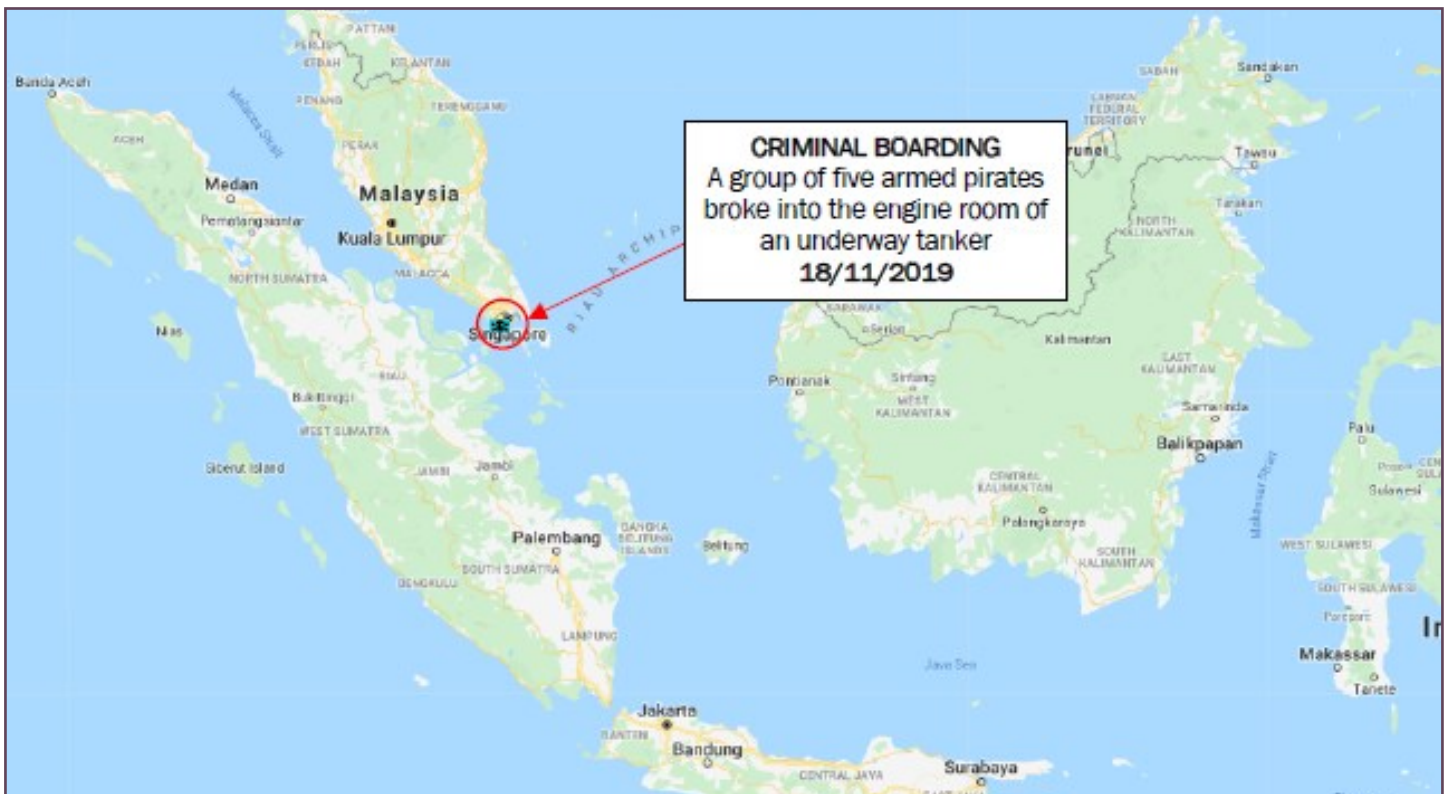
1. 20/11/2019. 0420 UTC. HIJACKING. 03:45:56N - 008:14:01E. NYA. 30NM NNW of Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. A tug vessel transiting to Serpentina FPSO was boarded by 14 armed pirates travelling on two speedboats. The assailants kidnapped eight crewmembers, including the captain. Equatorial Guinea naval vessels were dispatched to the area and escorted the vessel and the remainder of its crew to Malabo port for further investigation. Time is approximate.

2. 20/11/2019. 0243 UTC. BOARDING. 09:13:00N - 013:48:00W. NYA. Conakry Anchorage, Guinea. Five perpetrators armed with knives and assault rifles boarded an anchored container vessel. The perpetrators stole personal belongings and vessel equipment. The vessel and crew were reportedly unharmed during the incident.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

- One incident was 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 west Pacific Ocean's Tropical Cyclone Season runs from April to October. Expect numerous Tropical Cyclones to impact the region during this timeframe that could change the forecast (Source: US ONI)

RECORDED INCIDENTS



1. 18/11/2019 1507 UTC. CRIMINAL BOARDING. 01:05:01N – 103:42:03E. ICC-IMB. 5NM NW ofKapalajernih Island, Indonesia. Five assailants armed with knives and crowbars boarded an underway tanker and broke into its engine room. Duty engine crew noticed the perpetrators and raised the alarm. The assailants escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to Singapore VTIS.

WEST AFRICA: PRESIDENT OF TOGO CALLS FOR INCREASED REGIONAL ANTIPIRACY COORDINATION

On 18 November Togolese President Faure Gnassingbe stated that sustained piracy activity in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) was the result of poor maritime security coordination. While speaking to Bloomberg Television in Lomé, Gnassingbe claimed that regional states needed to allow neighbouring navies to pursue pirates across maritime borders to prevent an ‘interrupted’ security response.

NYA Analysis: The GoG remains the highest worldwide piracy threat location for commercial vessels, with NYA MarTrackTM data recording a total of 36 incidents between 25 August - 25 November, including nine criminal boardings (25%), two suspicious approaches (6%), one PAG sighting (3%), one boarding (3%), 11 attacks (30%) and 12 hijacks (33%). Of these, only 12 (33%) occurred outside the Nigerian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). However, despite an already encompassing anti-piracy agreement – signed by regional leaders under the 2013 Yaoundé Declaration – obstacles relating to territorial enforcement remain a persistent deterrent to maritime security. According to President Gnassingbe, regional security forces in the GoG are only authorised to operate within their own territorial waters, meaning naval vessels must consult with their neighbouring counterparts if they wish to pursue assailants across maritime boundaries. As a result, commercial vessels transiting GoG waters are likely to face a delayed security response if targeted in border areas. Therefore, crewmembers are advised to continue to adhere to existing maritime security measures.

SOUTHEAST ASIA: US DONATES PATROL VESSEL TO VIETNAM

On 20 November US Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced that Washington will donate a US Coast Guard cutter to Vietnam– a security patrol vessel intended to bolster Hanoi’s ability to enforce maritime boundaries in the South China Sea. It is the second US patrol vessel provided to Vietnam since 2017, when a Hamilton-Class cutter was also donated.

NYA Analysis: Chinese expansion in the South China Sea continues to threaten US economic and political objectives in Southeast Asia. By gradually bolstering the maritime security capabilities of its regional allies – including Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam – the White House will likely aim to deter ‘aggressive’ maritime coercion techniques allegedly employed by Beijing in neighbouring waters. Although unconfirmed, such tactics have included the ‘probing’ of regional states by sending small, unmarked vessels into their respective EEZ’s to solicit a response. However, despite accusatory rhetoric between the US and China, the threat to commercial vessels in Southeast Asia is unlikely to change in the 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 crewmember(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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