



*Djibouti Code of Conduct – Jeddah Agreement
High-level Meeting, 28- 30 JUN 2022
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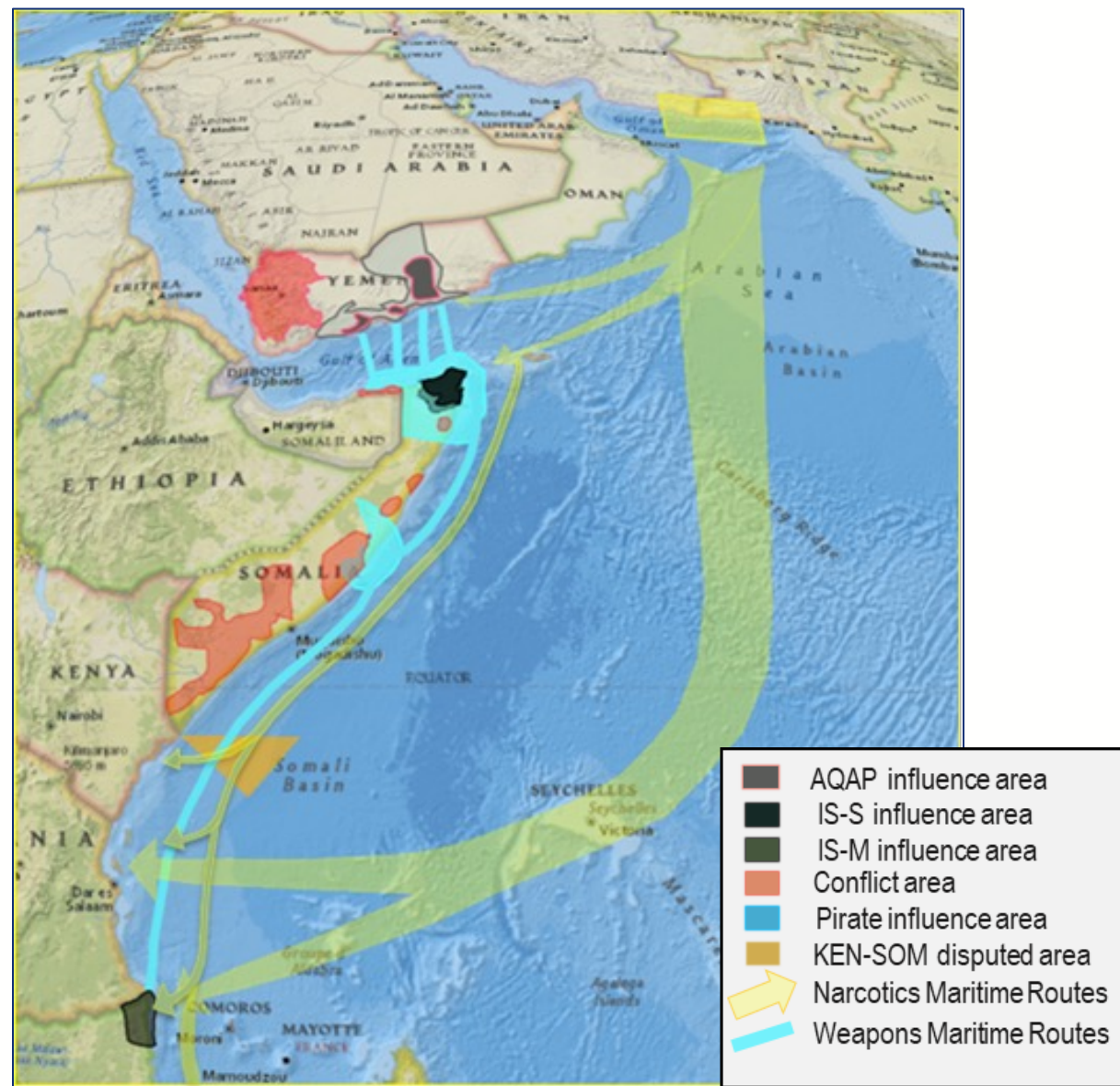
Understanding Evolving Threats in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden





Regional Threats

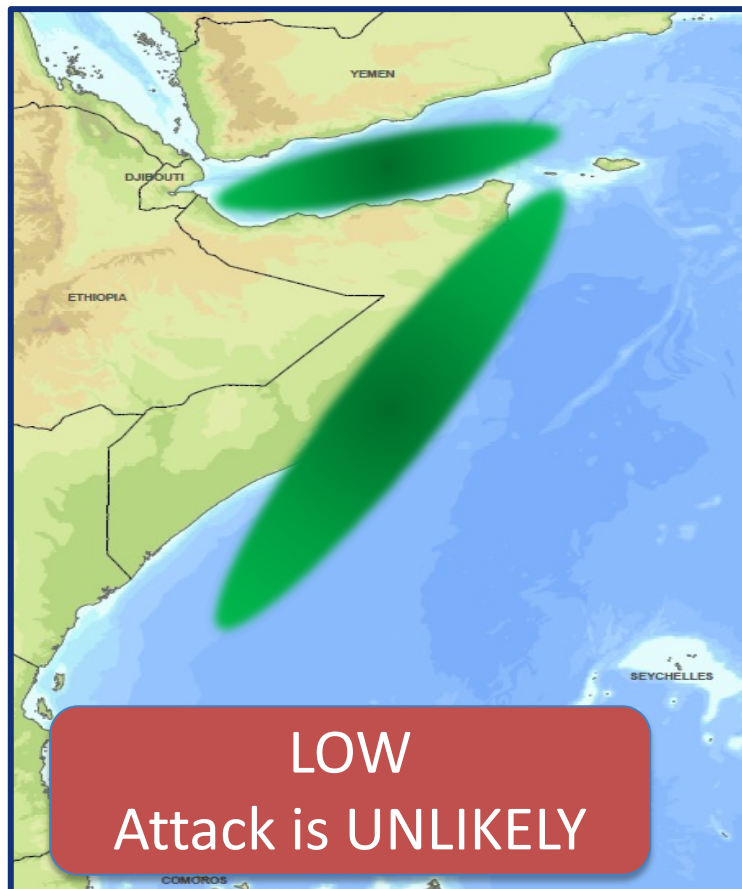
Group	Nature	Area of Operations	Maritime Tactics
Ansar Allah (Houthi Rebels)	Separatist Insurgency / Guerrilla Movement	Southern Red Sea Western Gulf of Aden	Missiles Mines WBIED
Al Qaeda Arabian Peninsula	Jihadist Globalist Terrorist Network	Southern Red Sea Gulf of Aden	(S)WBIED (?)
Islamic State (Affiliates)	Jihadist Terrorist Network	Northern Somalia	Logistic support Smuggling
Somali Pirate (Criminal) Networks	Criminal Network	Puntland Galmudug	Hijack / Ransom Smuggling
Al Shabaab	Jihadist Terrorist Nationalist Movement	Southern and Central Somalia	Logistic support Taxes collection Smuggling
ASWJ/ ISCAP	Jihadist Globalist Terrorist Movement	Cabo Delgado (Mozambique)	Logistic support Attacks from the sea



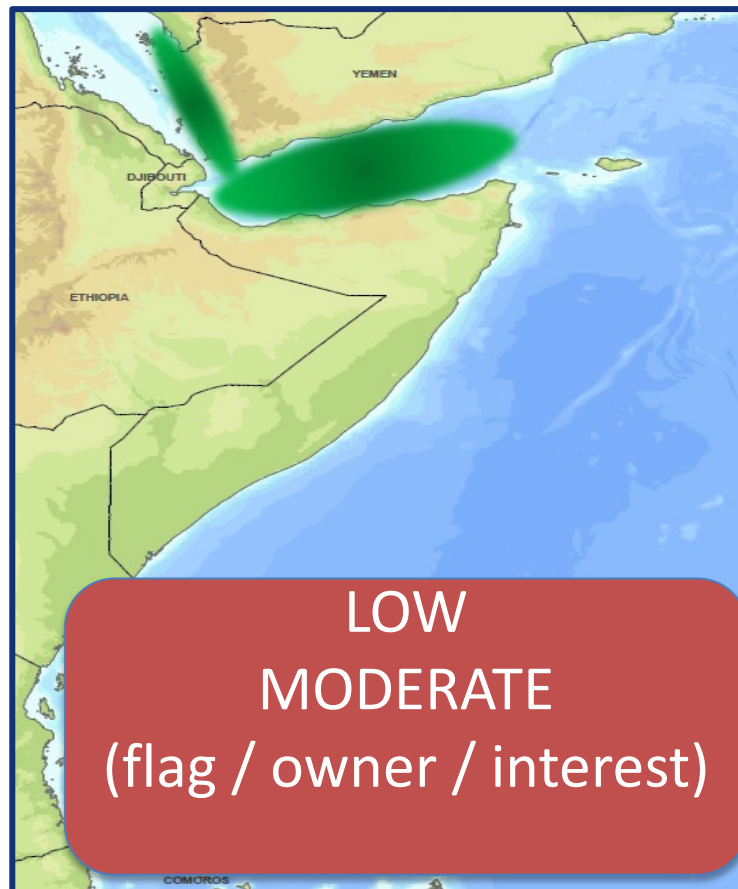


THREAT ASSESSMENTS

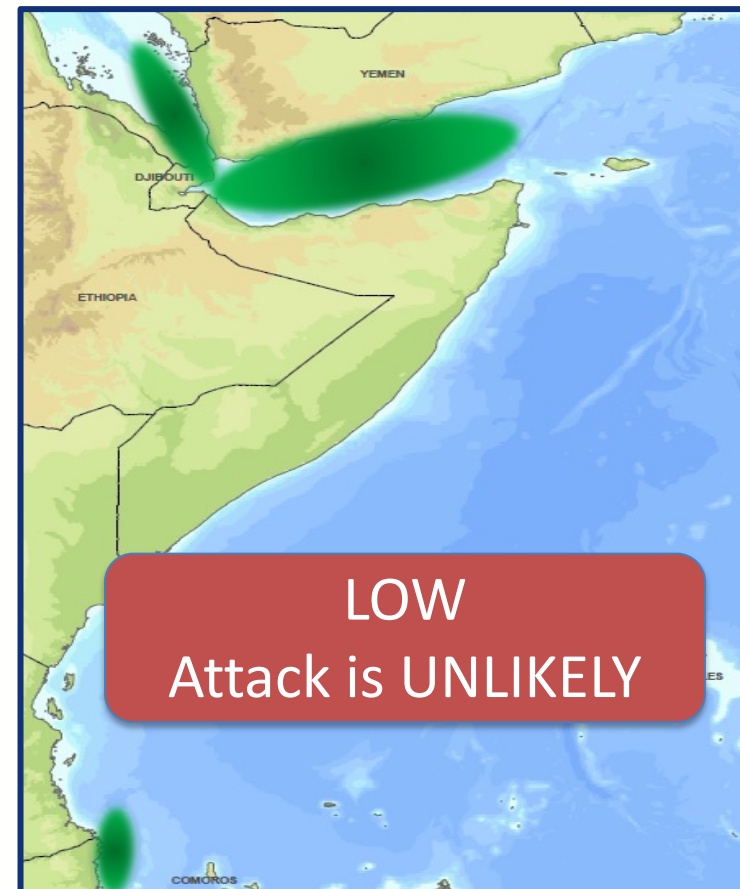
Piracy Related



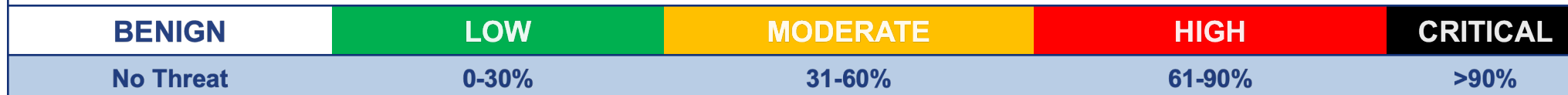
Conflict Related



Terrorism Related



Uncertainty yardstick



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Decades of Humanitarian Crisis:

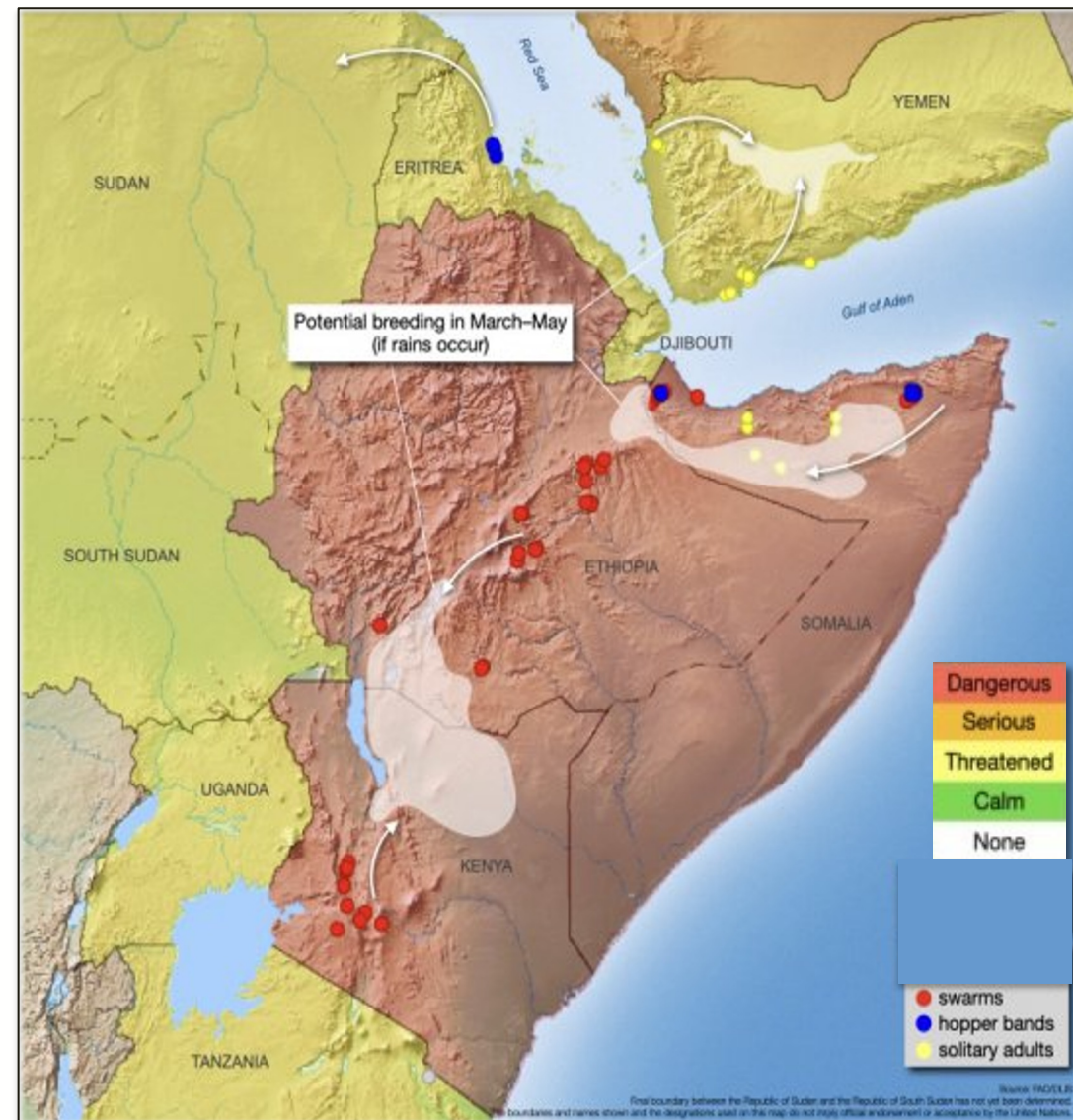
- Conflicts and Jihadist threat
- Climate Crisis
- Lack of government structures

Converging with:

- Locust plague
- COVID-19

In a Context of:

- Political Crisis
- Economical Crisis
- End of AMISOM / start of ATMIS





Categorization of events (I)

Initial Notification – Reported Maritime Security Event (RMSE)	MSE Category	Definition	Notes
	MSE: Attack	<p>Terrorism. The threat of or the use of violence in the pursuit of political, religious, ideological or social aims or objectives.</p>	<p>Claimed by an organization</p>
		<p>Unknown.</p>	<p>Not claimed by any organization/non state actor. Nature of the attack unknown but assessed to be other than Terrorism, Conflict related or Piracy.</p>
		<p>Conflict related. The threat of or the use of violence related to conflict or conflict spillover.</p>	<p>Related to declared conflict</p>
	MSE: Suspicious Approach	<p>Sudden changes in course towards the ship and aggressive behavior. Approaches by vessels with a CPA inside a specific range (i.e. less than 1 nm) unless obviously involved in fishing, with a clear intention to attack and/or weapons clearly displayed as a show of force/threat against a merchant vessel (seen but not fired).</p>	<p>Categorization related to BMP/IMO Code of Practice</p>
	MSE: Attempted Boarding	<p>An act where the suspected pirates failed to get onboard and gain control of the vessel or members of the crew. Boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approach boat, weapons showing in the direction of the vessel in order to coerce compliance (weapons seen but not fired) coming alongside or a determined approach by a vessel previously observed as being involved in piracy but thwarted by BMP measures, PCASP, weather, or lack of equipment etc.</p>	
MSE: Boarding	<p>A boarding in which the attackers have boarded the ship but have NOT taken control.</p>		

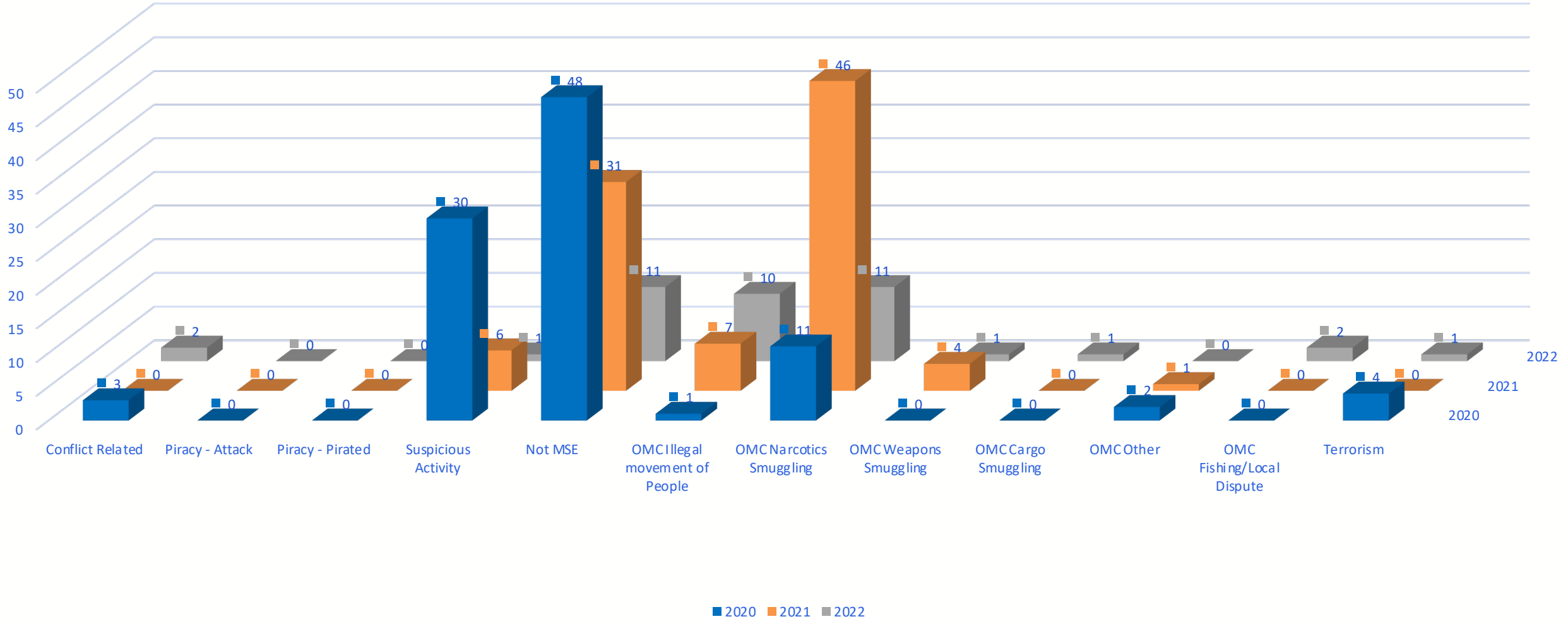


Categorization of events (II)

<p>MSE: Piracy Attack / Armed Robbery Attempt (depending the incident took place in or out of the TTW)</p>	<p>Ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft AND weapons have been discharged. Also, paraphernalia/ tripwires related to piracy, hooks, ladders, etc. have been reported.</p>	
<p>Hijack</p>	<p>Attackers have illegally boarded and taken control of a vessel against the crew's will.</p>	
<p>MSE: Pirated</p>	<p>A pirated vessel is a vessel subject to an act that falls under the UNCLOS Article 101 definition of piracy.</p>	<p>Piracy should be understood as defined by article 101 of UNCLOS, as well as categories included in BMP5</p>
<p>MSE: Armed Robbery at Sea</p>	<p>Any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed by private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea.</p>	<p>Armed robbery at sea should be understood as defined by as defined by Resolution A.1025 (26) (Annex paragraph 2.2) on IMO's Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships.</p>
<p>MSE: Other Maritime Crime</p>	<p>Weapon Smuggling</p>	
	<p>Narcotics Smuggling</p>	
	<p>Cargo Smuggling (to include charcoal and sugar)</p>	
	<p>Illegal Movement of People (both smuggling and trafficking)</p>	
	<p>Theft</p>	
	<p>Illegal, Unreported or Unregulated Fishing</p>	
	<p>Local / Fishing Dispute</p>	
<p>MSE: Suspicious/Irregular Activity</p>	<p>Activity inconsistent with known patterns of behavior adopted in the area, or circumstances prevailing in the area, which cannot be definitively classified in other categories, but still has an impact on maritime security.</p>	
<p>Not MSE</p>	<p>Any reported event that is subsequently deemed lawful or the reporting is assessed to be inaccurate / false. Conforms to assessed Pattern of Life (PoL).</p>	

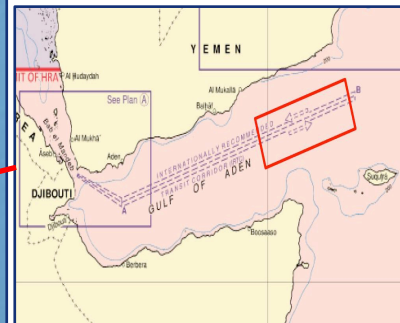
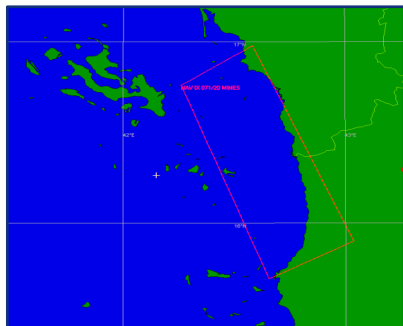


Maritime Events 2020 until 2022





AOO Main INCIDENTS 2020 until 2022

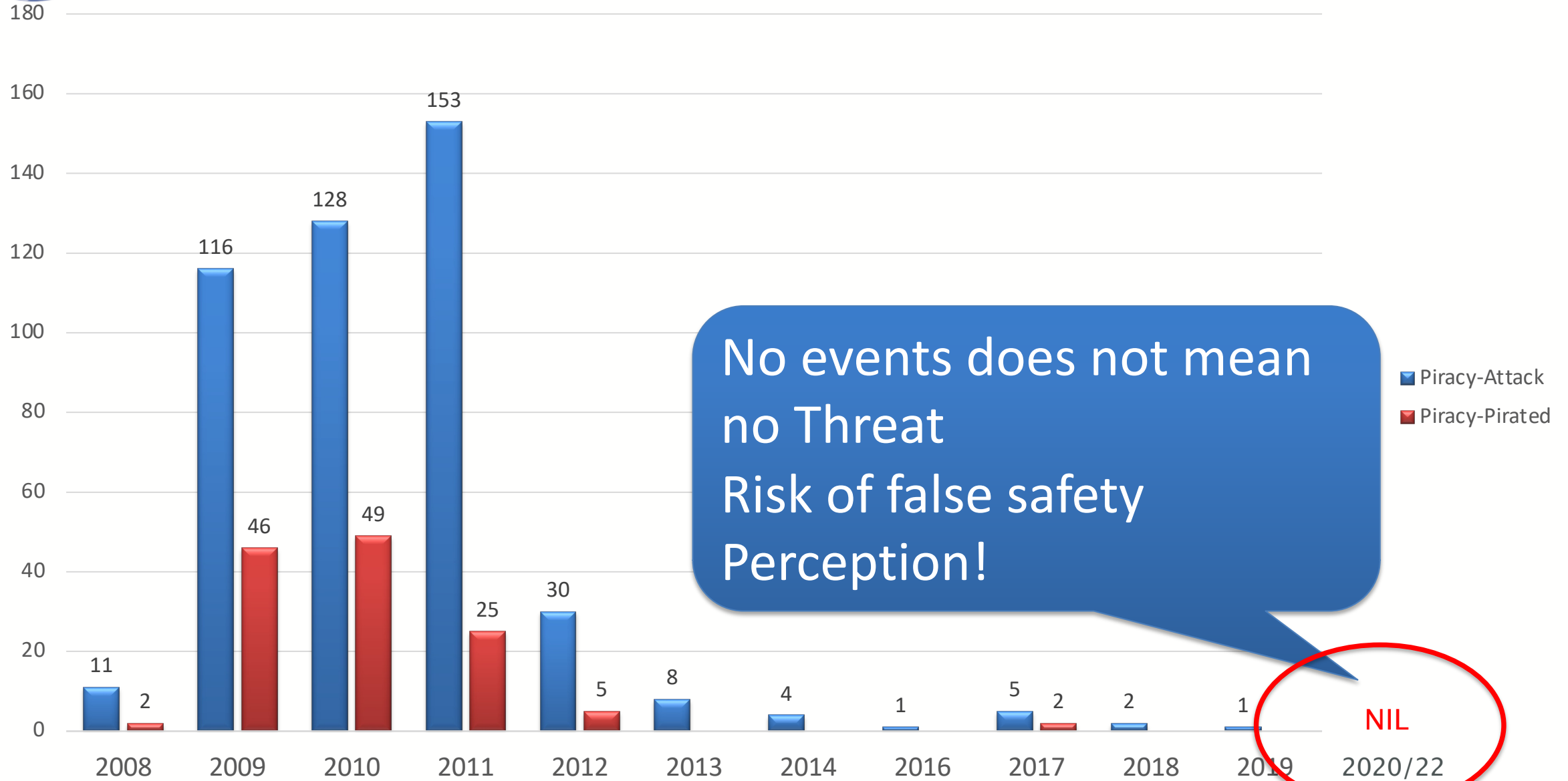


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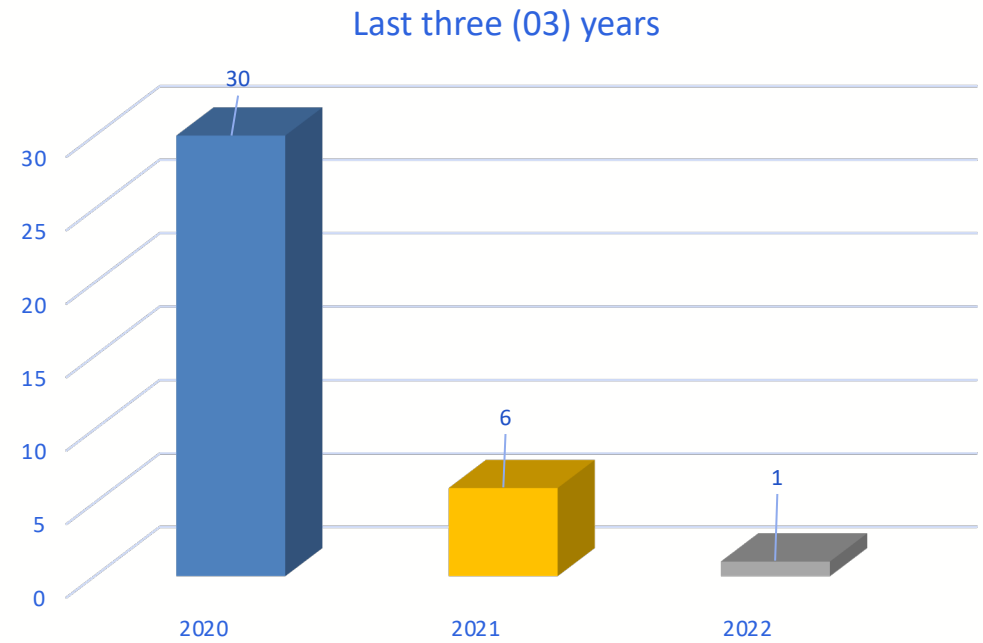


PIRACY RELATED INCIDENTS – 2008 till now





Suspicious Activities 2020 until 2022





UPDATED PIRACY THREAT TRIANGLE

Self protection, BMP's, Military presence

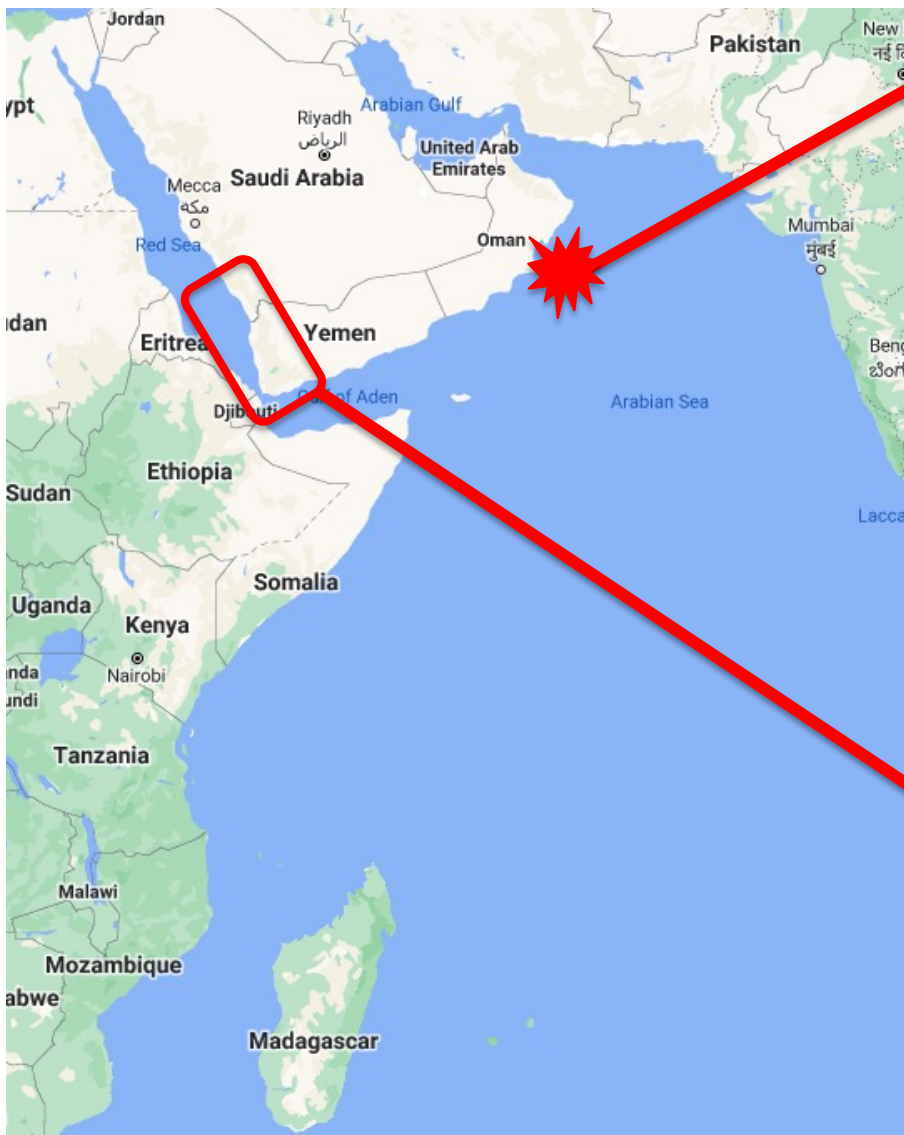


Kingpins still in Somalia.
"Business" just swiftd

Smuggling
Arms / Human /
Narcotics /Charcoal
trafficking

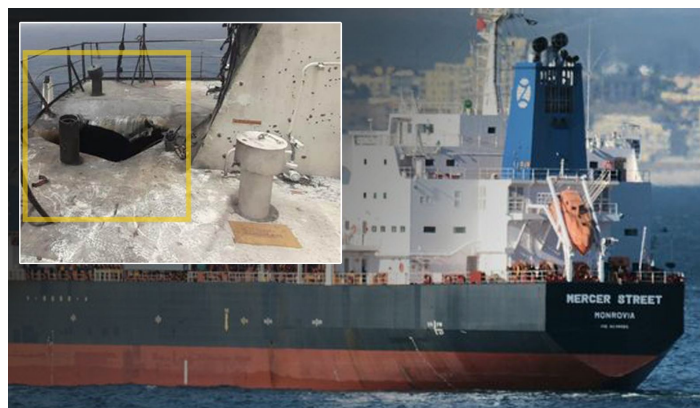


Evolving THREAT SCENARIO



MT MERCER STREET ATTACK 29 JUL 21

- Suicide Drone Attack
- 2 persons killed



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- Overspill from conflict in YEMEN
- Increased sightings of skiffs & Drones





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Thank you

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