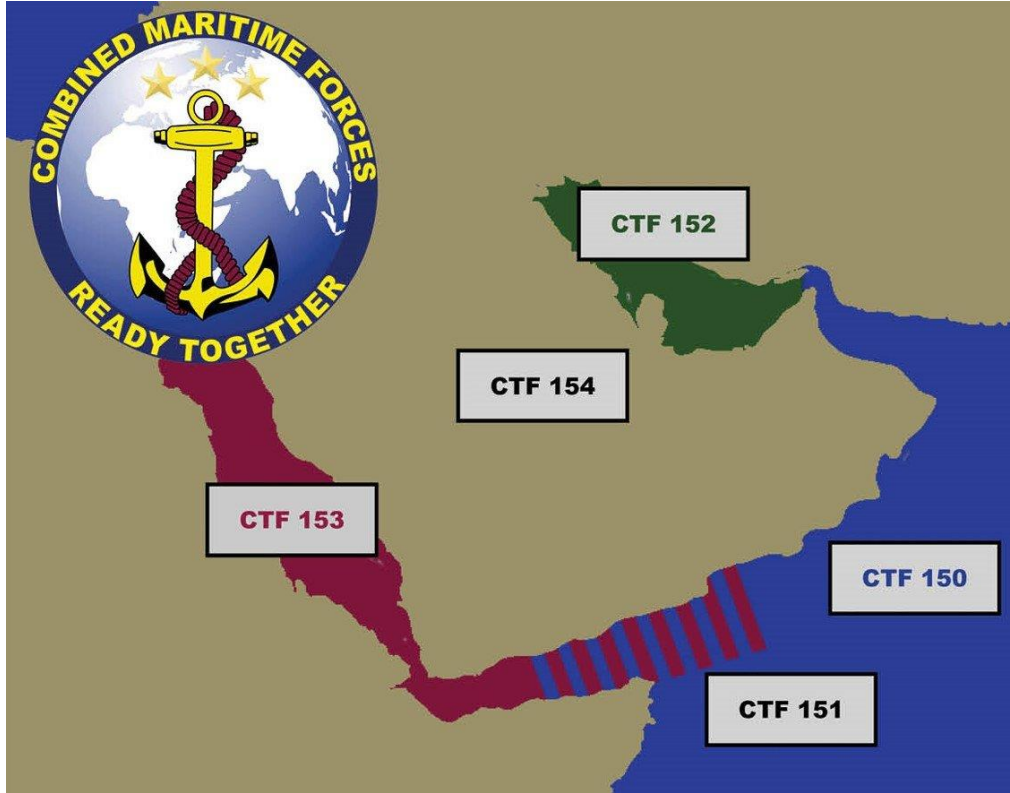




Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden



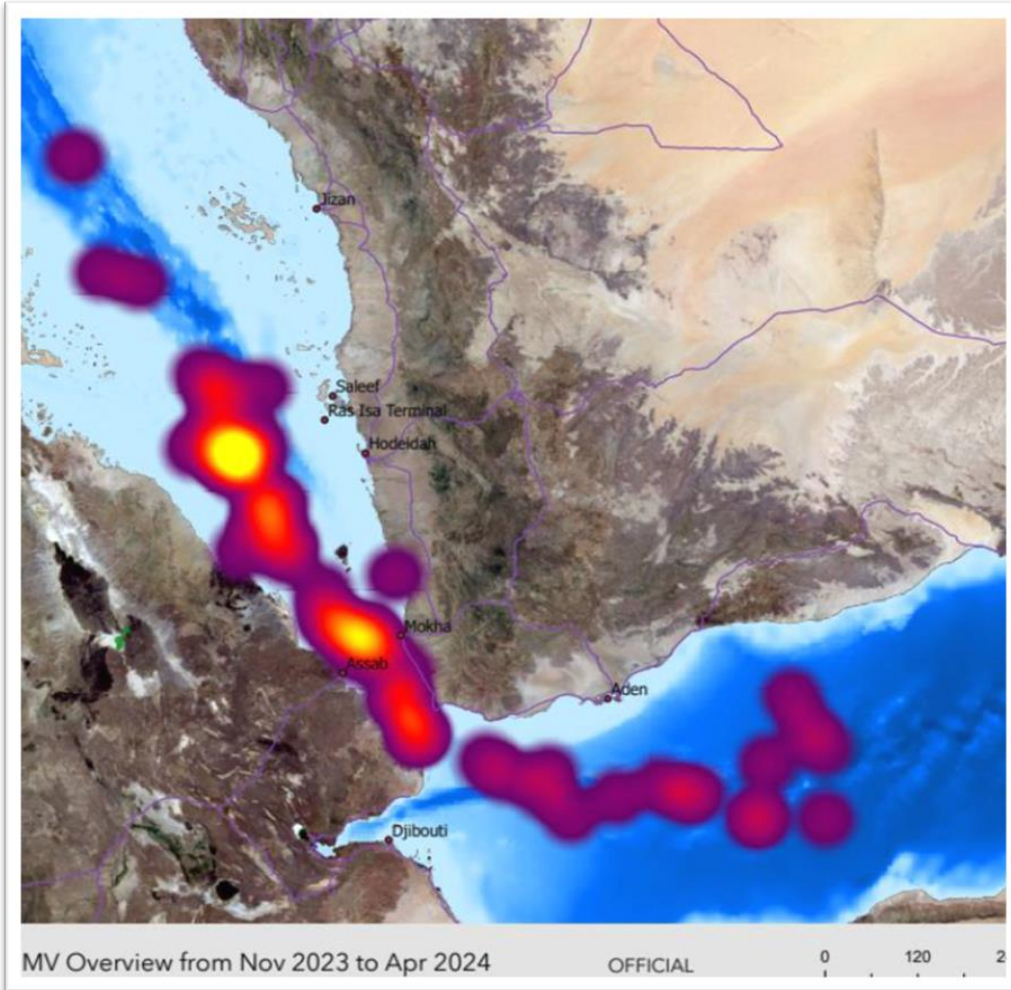
Combined Maritime Force (CMF)



- World's largest Maritime Coalition consisting of 46 contributing nations.
- CMF supports the free flow of commerce and freedom of navigation.
- Apolitical, CMF is a coalition of the willing, delivering a scalable, flexible, and responsive force countering illegal maritime activity.
- Delivers five Combined Task Forces (CTF); CTF 150-154.



Houthi Attacks on Merchant Shipping



- A variety of attack methods including, Ballistic and Cruise Missiles, One-Way-Attack Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (OWA UAVs) and, on one occasion, seizure of a vessel using a Helicopter.
- While Houthis have conducted no successful attacks south of the Horn of Africa, they have demonstrated intent to strike into the Indian Ocean (claimed to have attacked MV ST JOHN) and capability to strike vessels at range (attack on MV SARAH V) .



Houthi Attacks



- MV RUBYMAR - although the Houthis aren't very accurate with their missiles, they only need to be accurate once, against the right target, to have a potentially devastating effect on the local economies.

- MV SOUNION – Widely publicised as a major victory by Houthi media, the fires aboard the tanker SOUNION came close to breaking the ship apart and causing an oil spill of unprecedented scale.
- This is everyone's problem.





What are we doing about it?





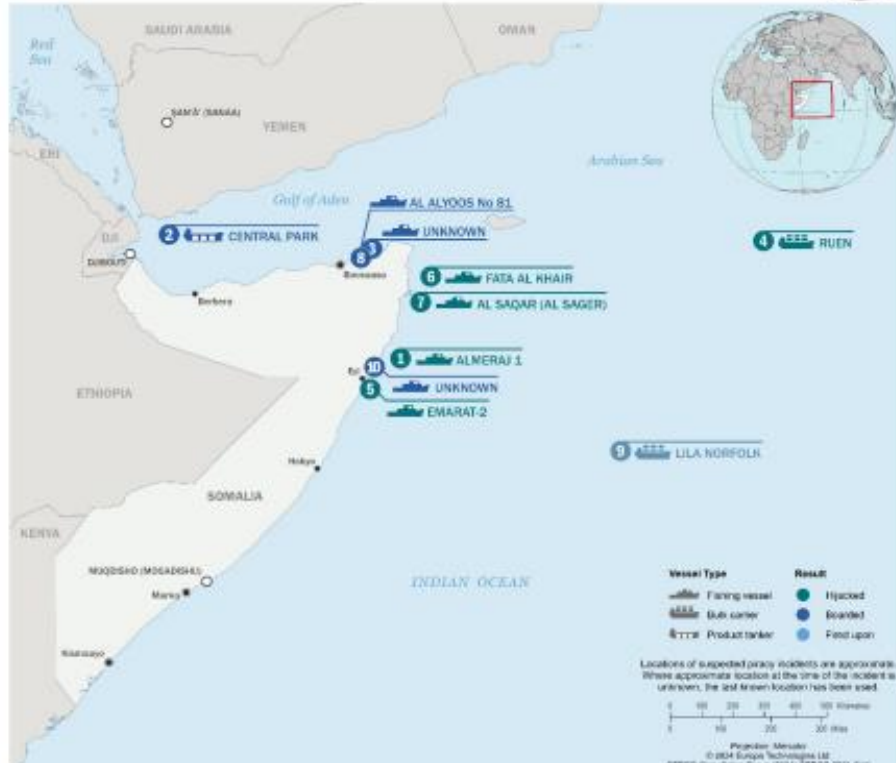
Piracy

National Centre for Geospatial Intelligence

Somalia: Suspected Piracy Incidents

Vessel Names and Locations

UK OFFICIAL SENSITIVE



Timeline of Incidents



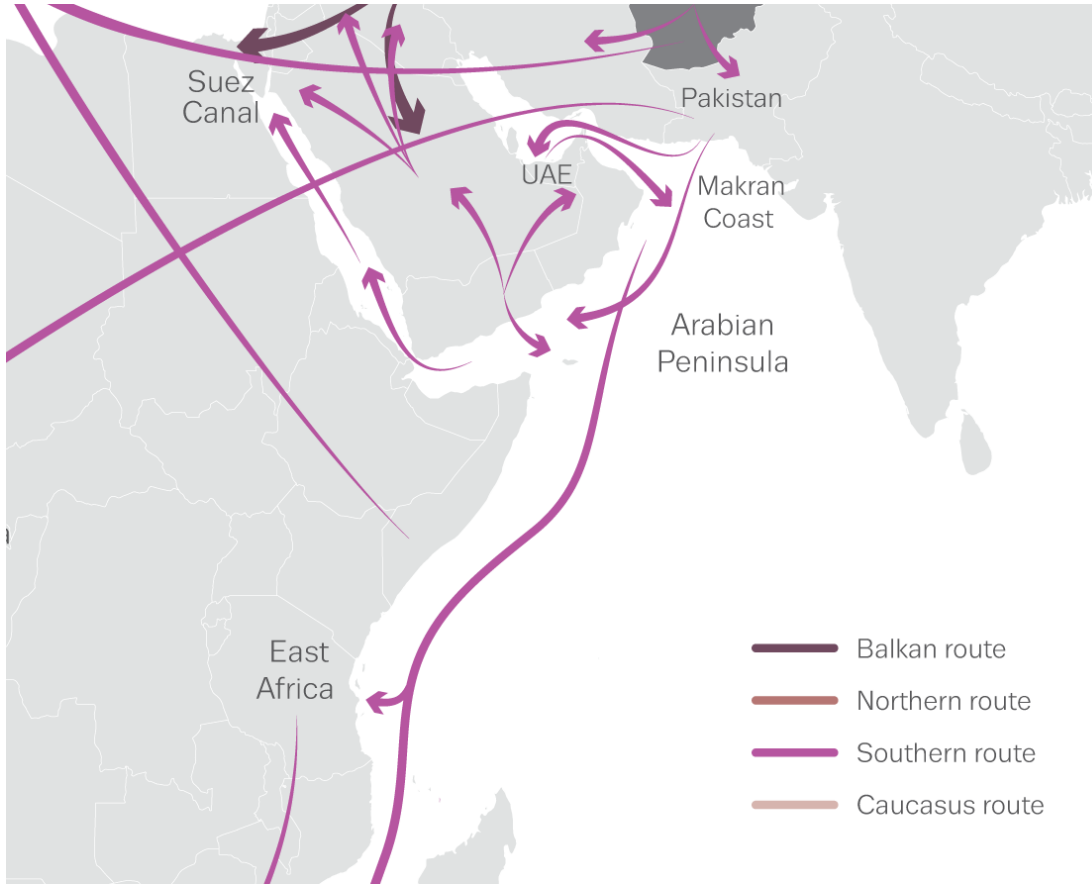
CTF-151 was established in 2009 to answer the piracy challenges in the area. This CTF is currently led by the military of the Republic of Türkiye.

CTF-151 mission is to; **deter, maintain suppression, and disrupt piracy** at sea throughout the region. CTF-151 is to conduct operations in coordination with EUNAVFOR (ATALANTA) where appropriate.

There are a number of planned focused operations during this period of weather suitable to piracy activity.



Narcotics Smuggling



- Opioid-based narcotics are smuggled from the Makran Coast through maritime routes (southern route) into Africa.
- Hashish smuggling uses much of the same routing but destinations vary.
- Seasonal variations impact this narcotics flow because of the size of vessels used.



Contemporary Challenges

- Conflation of Narratives
- Congestion of C2
- Coalesced political support



Questions?