Regional Coordination Operations Centre Threats in the Red Sea



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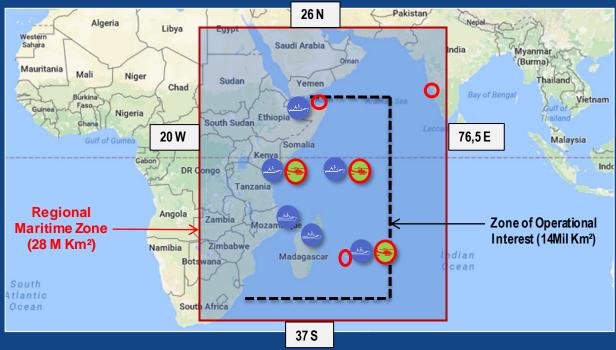








	Surface	Aerial
COMOROS	04	00
DJIBOUTI	04	00
MADAGASCAR	02	00
KENYA	01	01
MAURITIUS	04	02
SEYCHELLES	04	02
TOTAL	19	05









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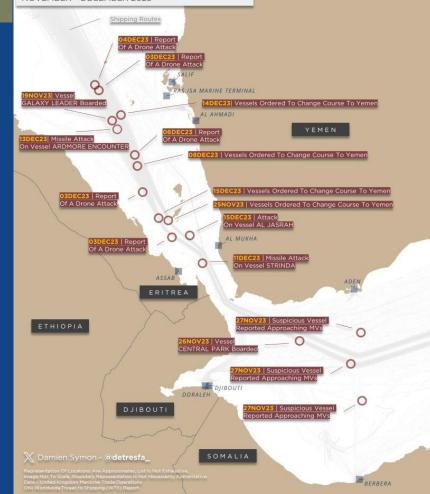




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RED SEA - BAB-EL-MANDEB REGION NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023



Red Sea Update 18/12/2023



- BACKGROUND: - Oct 7th: terrorist attack on Israel soil

- Oct 13th: IDF launches operation against Hamas in Gaza

- Nov 14th Houthis leader to target vessels of Israeli interest within reach

- Nov 18th Hijacking of MV Galaxy Leader - Dec 18th: 13 ships targeted and counting

- COURSES OF ACTION : - Hijacking

=> Galaxy Leader

- Drones (Shaed 136) / Missiles (C802mod ?)

=> Symi, Strinda

- Diversion attempts (several)

- ASSESSMENT: - Ships targeted are still those linked with Israel

- Direct interests Vs Indirect Vs Mistakes

- **MITIGATION**: - Extensive use of BMP's

- Fleet swap

- re-routing of ships (partial / total) : CMA-CGM, MSC, Maersk, Hapag Lloyd, ZIM...

- Independent deployers: US (Mason, Carney) / FR (Languedoc) / UK (Diamond)

=> towards coordination / coalition ?

- CONSEQUENCES: - Fewer port calls in the area (Djibouti) / Congestion of other harbours

- Significant drop in Suez Canal revenue for Egypt

- Higher operating costs (insurance, petrol), delays, shortages

- Increased maritime circulation in SWIO

- Increased risks of accidents, oil spills ... for the region

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LIST OF ATTACKED VESSELS



	Date of incident	Ship Name (IMO Number) and Flag type	Locatio n
1	19 Oct.2023	USS Carney (DDG-64) US,Warship	Red Sea
2	8 Nov.2023		Southern Red Sea
3	15 Nov.2023	USS Thomas Hudner (DDG-116).US,Warship	Red Sea
4	19 Nov.2023	Galaxy Leader (9237307) Bahamas, RO-RO Cargo	Southern Red Sea
5	23 Nov.2023	USS Thomas Hudner (DDG-116) US Warship	Red Sea
6	27 Nov.2023	Central Park (9725823) Liberial, Tanker	53nm south- west of Aden
7	29 Nov.2023	USS Carney (DDG-64) US, Warship	Southern Red Sea
8	3 Dec.2023	Unity Explorer (9726035) Bahamas, Bulk Carrier	Bab el- Mandeb Strait
9	3 Dec.2023	Number 9 (9340752). Panama, Container ship	Bab el- Mandeb Strait
10	3 Dec.2023	AOM Sophie II (9881366).Panama, Bulk Carrier	Bab el- Mandeb Strait
11	11 Dec.2023	Strinda (9330771).Norway Tanker	15 NM west of Mokha, Yemen

RCOC Coordination Actions & Proposals



- The RCOC completed its first joint operation with the Djibouti Coast Guard and Navy and the EUNAVFOR Atalanta.
- 2. Discussions are in process with CTF for more information sharing.
- 3. A new exchange of intel on seavision has been set up between the EUNAVFOR OHQ and the RCOC/RMIFC
- Member states are increasing their asset contribution to the program.
- The posting of an Indian ILO to the RCOC in January will help with the coordinated operations with the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.
- 6. Improve Domain Awareness
- 7. Identify and Develop Legal and Policy Frameworks
- 8. Prioritize Cooperation and Collaboration
- 9. Strengthen Capacity Building



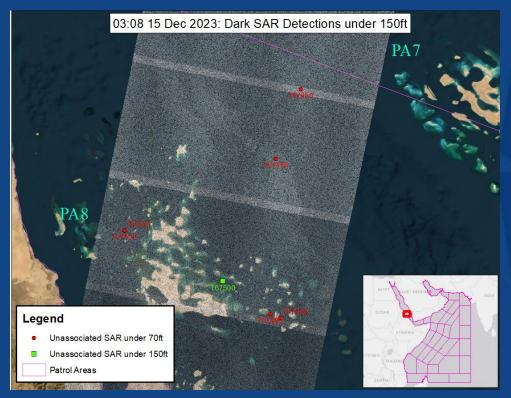






The RCOC receives daily satellite images that are passed on to the RMIFC to analyze and share with concerned parties

RCOC Daily satellite images.









Any Questions/ Comments/ Clarifications/ Inputs

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