

Somali piracy – the challenge continues

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Introduction

- *Facts and figures – Somalia / GOA*
- *Trends*
- *Recent developments*
- *Conclusions*



Global incidents 2008



Nigeria 2008

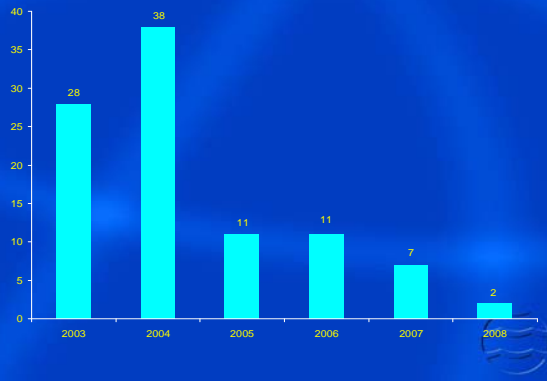


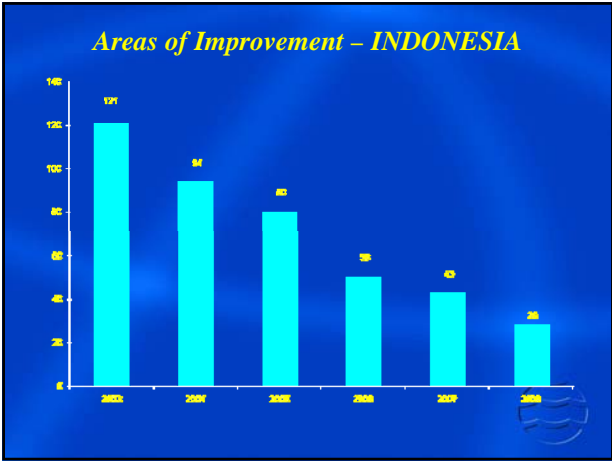
40 attacks, 5 vsls hijacked, 39 crew kidnapped

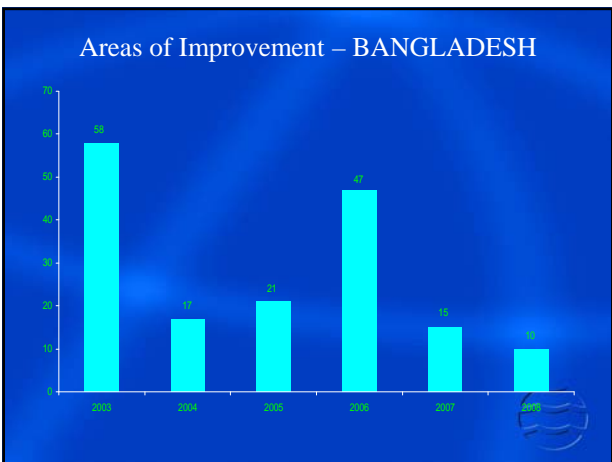
S E Asia 2008



Areas of Improvement – MALACCA STRAITS







The Somali Experience

	2009	2008	2007	2006
<i>Number of reports</i>	14	111	31	10
<i>Number of Hijackings</i>	2	42	12	5
<i>Crew taken hostage</i>	43	815	177	87

Gulf of Aden / Somalia

- 2008: 111 reported attacks
- 2008: 42 vessels hijacked (32/10)
- Hostages – 815
- Killed – 2
- Currently 11 vessels / 207 hostages held
- Oct/Nov: 1 attack in 3 hijacked
- Dec : 1 attack in 5 hijacked
- Jan 09, so far: 1 attack in 7 hijacked
- The naval presence is working - essential it is sustained, or else all that has been achieved will be lost.

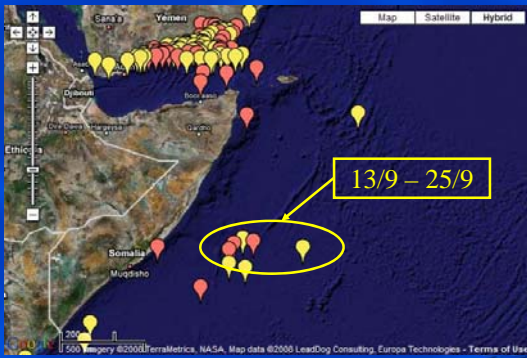
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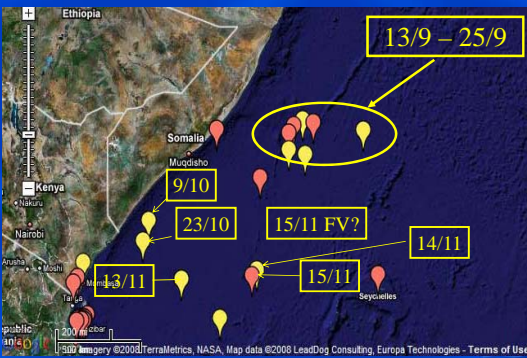
Gulf of Aden to 11 Jan 2009



IMB live piracy map 2008



E & S Somalia Q4 2008



MT Sirius Star 15.11.08, 0723 UTC



*Indian Ocean, 450 nm SE Mogadishu
2M barrels crude oil Arabian Gulf to Caribbean
ULCC - 25 Crew*

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*MSPA & EUNAVFOR
Operation Atalanta – Group Transit*



11 Nov '08 HMS Cumberland (GOA)



INS Mysore 13/12/08 (GOA)

- 12/12 Attempted attacks on general cargo ship and tanker
- 13/12 Ethiopian bulk carrier targeted
- Suspected Mother Ship seized in same position
 - Green, 8-10 metres in length
 - 23 persons on board
 - AK47s / RPGs + large quantities of ammo
 - One skiff tied alongside

..... and actions by French, Danish and other naval vessels inc EU vessels



Prevention

- Best Management Practice (BMP)
- Prevent access
 - early detection of attack skiffs
 - manoeuvre to prevent drawing up alongside
 - effect of the vessel's bow wave, wash
 - maintain, increase speed
 - head away from the mothership / coast
 - if practical, head into the swell



UNSCR 1851

Art 2: ...actively in the fight against piracy....seizure and disposition of vessels, boats, arms and equipment...reasonable grounds for suspecting such use

Art 3: ...countries willing to take action against pirates.... (shipriders)....investigation and prosecution of pirates...

Art 4: common point of contact between and among states, regional and international organizations



The Way Forward ?

- UNSCR 1851
- Targeting the Mother Ships
- Increased reporting to PRC of suspected Mother Ships
- MSCHOA – EUNAVFOR ATALANTA
- CTF 151?



The Response

The real deterrent – investigation, prosecution, punishment

- only Governments can do this..
- resources, optimum deployment

IMO – provides the legal framework

Reporting of attacks – Flag states, RCC and IMB PRC

- Single reporting point?
- independence of the agency receiving primary reports
- make it easy for Masters to report

Multi faceted response – focus on all response options – no single silver bullet.



The Role of IMB PRC

- *Only manned 24/7 Centre to receive worldwide reports of attacks*
- *Prompt dissemination to L/E*
- *Sends out daily msgs to ships / weekly website reports / Q'trly reports / Live Piracy Map*
- *Liaison Between L/E & industry*
- *Post attack investigations & recovery*
- *Transparency – Why business sponsored centre works*
- *The best independent source of primary information*
- *Imperative that Masters report all attacks*

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Conclusions

Somalia – response in a failed state –

- *Neighbouring countries have no resources*
- *Foreign naval units are the only effective response force*

Robust targeting of the Mother Ships

Violence remains high & potential for environmental disaster

The vessels that got away....

Thanks to the navies, recent trends are encouraging – vital that naval campaign continues.



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