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## PIRACY & ROBBERY AT SEA – MAY 2012



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## Summary

Reports have indicated a reduction in piracy and robbery incidents at sea recently, however, May 2012, according to OCEANUSLive records, show that 31 incidents took place in May 2012, the same amount as seen in April 2012, although this is a reduction on the same period in 2011.

East Africa, particularly the Horn of Africa and Indian Ocean regions, saw a slight decrease in overall attacks (2 fewer hijacks) than in April 2012. Although there is some debate on the reporting of incidents in the Gulf of Oman, and more robberies have been carried out at anchorages off Egypt.

West Africa suffered four incidents, including a robbery off Sierra Leone, with one hijack off Nigeria where the vessel was later released the same day.

In Asia, overall nine incidents took place, one more than in April 2012, however, two more than stated in the latest report by ReCAAP, the Information Sharing Centre based in Singapore. One hijack incident resulted in a Malaysian fishing vessel being taken but released before naval forces arrived. This number does not include the incident featuring North Korea and China dispute following the taking of Chinese fishing boats and fishermen, who were later released.

South America maintained a low level of incidents with the same amount of incidents, three, as in April. This does not include, however, the piracy incident involving a fishing vessel taken by 4 men (later arrested) in Guyana.

Situational mapping in the following pages indicate the approximated positions of recorded incidents, wherever possible. (Note: NS = Not Shown).

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## Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean



Fig 1: Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean Region

### HoA/IOR Piracy and Robbery At Sea – May 2012

1	7 May	Julie Delmas	Bahamas Container Ship	Arabian Sea;
2	9 May	Super Lady	Malta Tanker	Socotra Island, Arabian Sea (7 RPG attack);
3	10 May	Smyrni	Liberia Tanker	SE of Oman, Arabian Sea - Hijack
4	10 May	Moyra	Gibraltar (UK) Tanker	SE of Socotra Island, Arabian Sea;
5	12 May	Aquamarine Progress	Singapore LPG Tanker	Strait of Hormuz;
6	12 May	Unnamed	LPG Tanker	Red Sea;
7	14 May	Louise	Liberia Product Tanker	Port Suez anchorage, Egypt, (Robbery);
8	15 May	Torm Laura	Denmark Product Tanker	Suez anchorage, Egypt (Robbery);
9	18 May	Aquarius Wing	Panama Tanker	S of Ras e Jask, Iran, Gulf of Oman (also attacked 26 May in Gulf of Oman);
10	20 May	Rosita	Norway Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Oman;





11	23 May	Maersk Texas	US General Cargo Ship	Gulf of Oman;
12	23 May	MBA Rosaria	Italy Bulk Carrier	BAM, Red Sea;
13	24 May	Elisabeth Schulte	Isle of Man (UK) Chemical Tanker	Mombasa, Kenya (Robbery);
14	25 May	Joanna A	Panama Bulk Carrier	El Dekheila Outer anchorage, Egypt (Robbery);
NS	30 May	Falcon Trader	Liberia Bulk Carrier	Port of Alger, Algeria (Robbery).





## West Africa

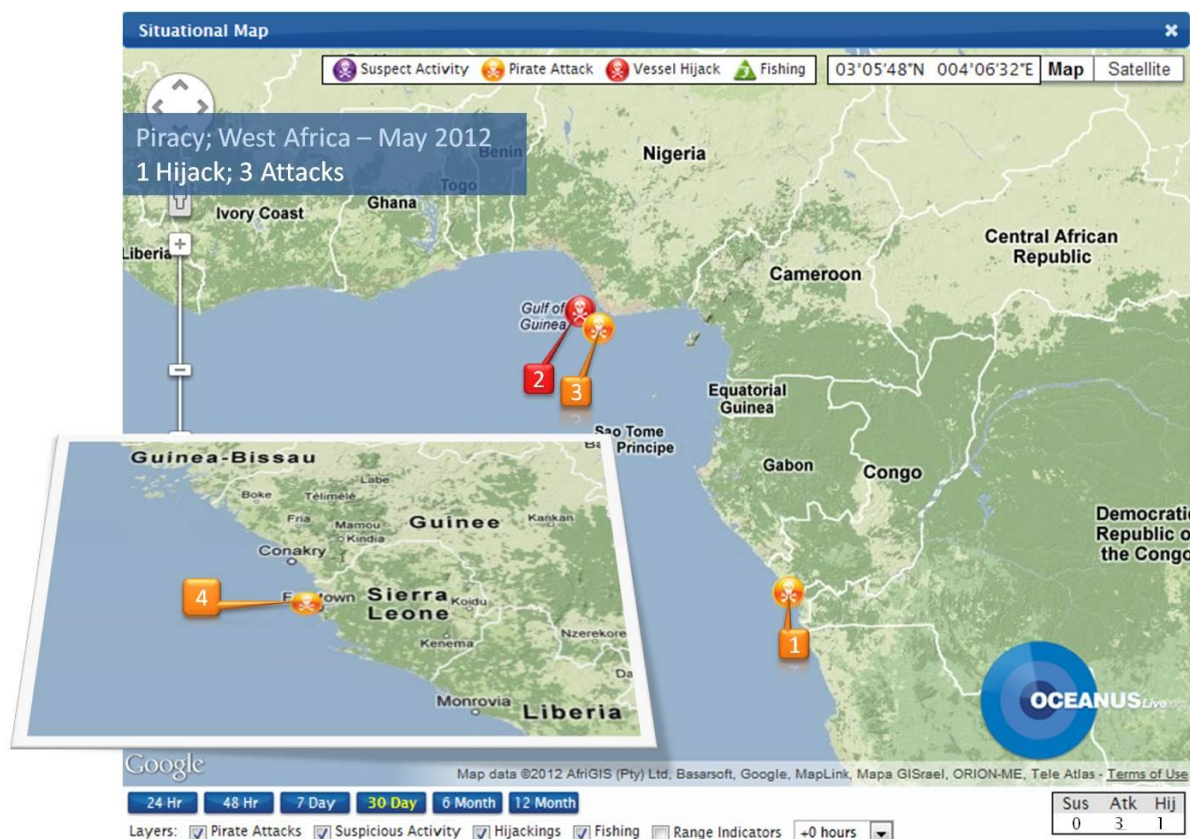


Fig 2: West Africa

### West Africa Piracy and Robbery At Sea – May 2012

1	3 May	Pacific Raider	Singapore Supply Ship	Pointe Noire, Congo
2	7 May	Ark Charly	Singapore Supply Ship	Nigeria Hijacked/Released
3	8 May	King of Calabar	Singapore Supply Ship	Penington Oil Terminal, Nigeria (FV Mothership)
4	23 May	Faruk Kaan	Marshall Island Multi-purpose Ship	Sierra Leone







## Asia



Fig 3: South East Asia

### South East Asia Piracy and Robbery At Sea – May 2012

1	9 May	Savvy	Singapore Product Tanker	Bintan Island, Indonesia
2	10 May	Nord Express	Singapore Bulk Carrier	Taboneo anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia
3	12 May	BS Pacific (Barge Swissco 57)	Singapore Barge Carrier	Eastbound Lane. Malacca Strait
4	15 May	Budget 19	Malaysia Tug Boat	Raffles Lighthouse, Singapore, South China Sea
5	17 May	Manyplus 18	Malaysia Tug Boat	Talicud Island, Philippines
6	18 May	MP Panamax 4	Singapore Bulk Carrier	Taboneo anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia
7	22 May	Bow Wictor	Norway Tanker	Surabaya anchorage, Indonesia
8	23 May	PKFB 1340	Malaysia Fishing Vessel	Malacca Strait – Hijacked/Released
NS	12 May	Greta	Bahamas Bulk Carrier	Muara Jawa anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia





## South America

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1	12 May	Steven C	Marshall Island Bulk Carrier	Isla La Palma, Buenaventura, Columbia (Robbery)
2	17 May	Hansa Ronneburg	Liberia Container Ship	Puerto Limon Anchorage, Costa Rica (Robbery);
3	27 May	Maersk Niamey	Hong kong (China) Container Ship	Concepcion Guayquil, Ecuador (Robbery)

*No Situational Map.*







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