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PIRACY & ROBBERY AT SEA – JUNE 2012

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Summary

A clear reduction in piracy and robbery at sea is noted during June 2012, according to OCEANUSLive, 24 incidents took place in June. Whilst this is a reduction on the same period in 2011, which saw 32 incidents, authorities continue to caution the fact that it cannot be assumed that the threat has diminished.

East Africa continues to bear the brunt of pirate activity. Despite the onset of the southwest monsoon, the increased use of BMP4, carriage of armed/unarmed security teams, and improved military response, the pirates have continued to make their presence felt in the region. Dhow-based attacks, likely due to the high sea-state, have increased. One attack was alleged to have been attempted on a luxury motor yacht in the Gulf of Aden. Disruption activity by the naval forces has seen a step up in the release of hijacked dhows and their crews. Awareness of pirates being killed when attempting to attack vessels is growing as unconfirmed reports state 1-in-2 pirates do not return to land (died due to sea conditions or killed during attempted attacks).

West Africa again suffered five incidents, all of them taking place off Nigeria. Each incident saw the pirates firing weapons as they approached the vessels. One chemical tanker was hijacked with the crew mustered in the mess room whilst the Master and Chief Engineer remained in their respective posts. The pirates ordered the vessel sail to Togo and back. Cabins were raided with ships cash and crew personal belongings and cash stolen prior to the pirates disembarking after 45 hours. Two ships managed to evade the attack suffering some damage to the vessel; one ship with armed Nigerian Navy personnel was involved in a 15-minute gunfight[1]. One attack occurred at anchor off Lagos.

In Asia, eight incidents took place, one fewer than in May 2012, most of which were classified as robbery incidents in India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia. One late report via ReCAAP states that a tanker was hijacked but released when a law enforcement helicopter arrived on the scene.

South America saw no reported incidents occurring in June, a decrease by 3 from May 2012.

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

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[1] Certain companies are providing armed escorts for vessels in Nigeria under licenses issued by the Nigerian military and using serving military personnel. Agents are also placing local armed guards consisting of police and military personnel on board. These guards are hired through serving Nigerian officers against payment and are hired more for reassurance of the crew than to provide an effective fighting unit – Source: Gard P&I Club.
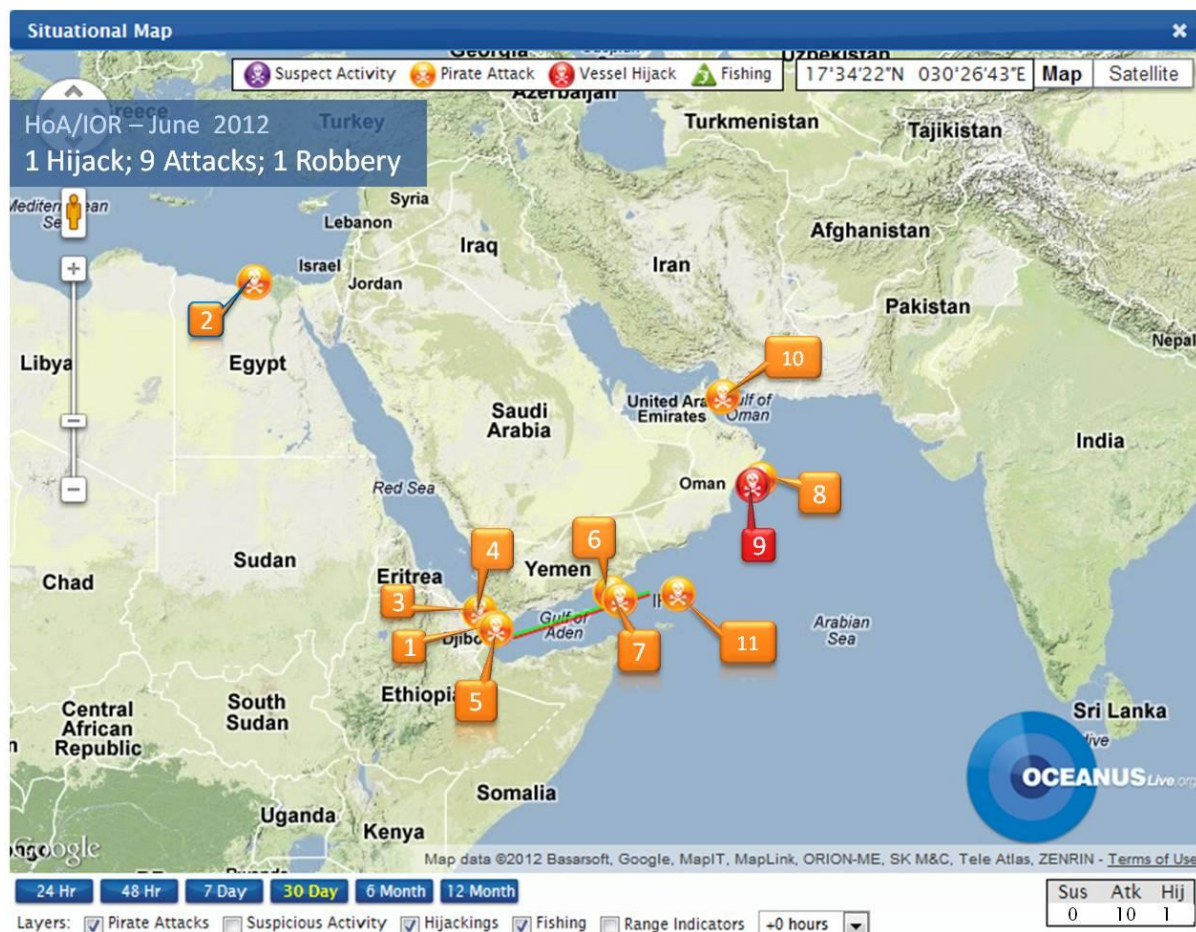
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Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean

Fig 1: Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean Region

HoA/IOR Piracy and Robbery At Sea – June 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	9 Jun	Hojin	Vanuatu Vehicle Carrier	Yemen, Gulf of Aden
2	10 Jun	Billion Trader II	Philippines Bulk Carrier	El Dekheila anchorage, Egypt (Robbery)
3	12 Jun	Pacific Galaxy	Panama Tanker	Off Eritrea; Red Sea
4	12 Jun	Neo Energy	Liberia LNG Tanker	Mauyyun Island; Red Sea
5	18 Jun	Marsi	Hong Kong Bulk Carrier	Al Mukalla, Yemen; Gulf of Aden
6	18 Jun	Lady Jane	Tog Container Ship	NW of Socotra Island; Gulf of Aden
7	19 Jun	Lauren L	Malta Cruise Ship Superyacht	Gulf of Aden
8	20 Jun	LNG Aries	Marshall Islands Tanker	NE of Masirah Island, Oman; Arabian Sea
9	**20 Jun**	**Nebarkad**	**Omani Dhow**	**Off Oman, Arabian Sea (Hijacked/Released by NATO CP)**
10	25 Jun	ETAGAS	Curacao (NL) LPG Tanker	E of Fujairah, Oman; Gulf of Oman
11	27 Jun	Namrun	Malta Bulk Carrier	N of Socotra Island; Arabian Sea
NS	*20 Jun*	*Shamsi*	*Omani Dhow*	*Off Oman, Arabian Sea (Hijacked)* *No additional confirmation – Serial 9 above.*

West Africa

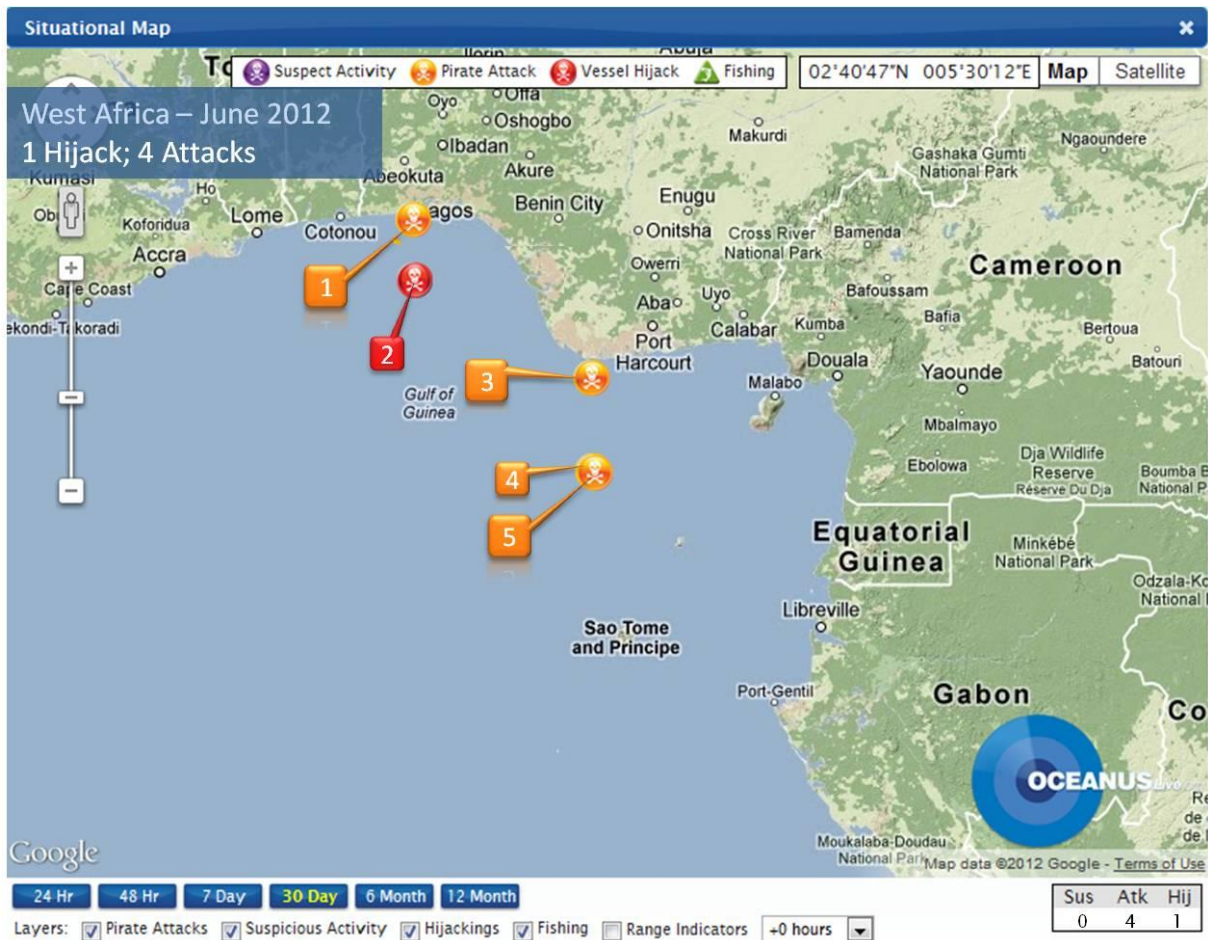*Fig 2: West Africa*

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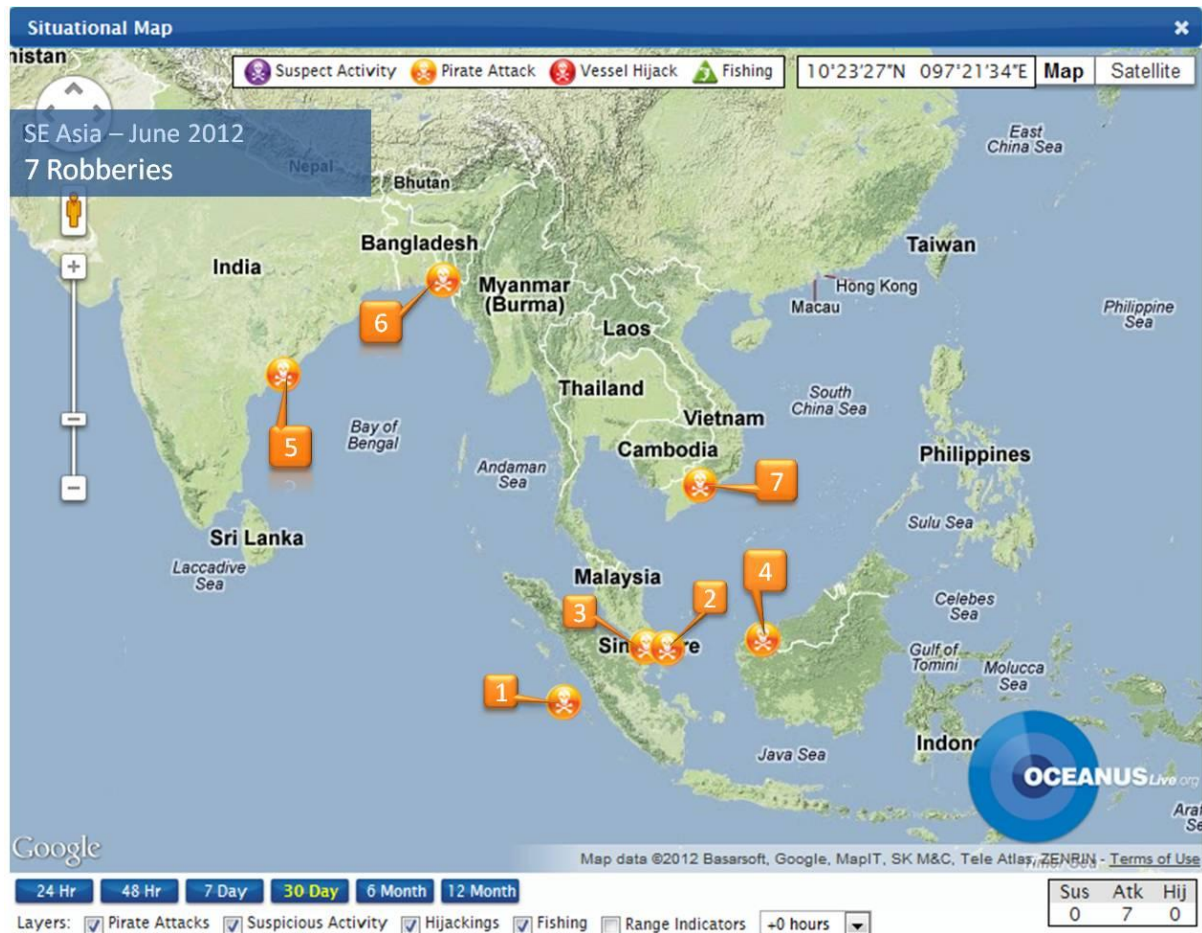| Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	1 Jun	Ermar	Liberia Tanker	Lagos anchorage, Nigeria
2	**25 Jun**	**Chemtrans Elbe**	**Liberia Chemical Tanker**	**SE off Lagos, Nigeria**
3	30 Jun	Fair Ermis	Liberia Product Tanker	SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
4	30 Jun	Cap Guillaume	Greece Oil Tanker	SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
5	30 Jun	Anglia	Liberia Container Ship	SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Asia

Fig 3: South East Asia

South East Asia Piracy and Robbery At Sea – June 2012

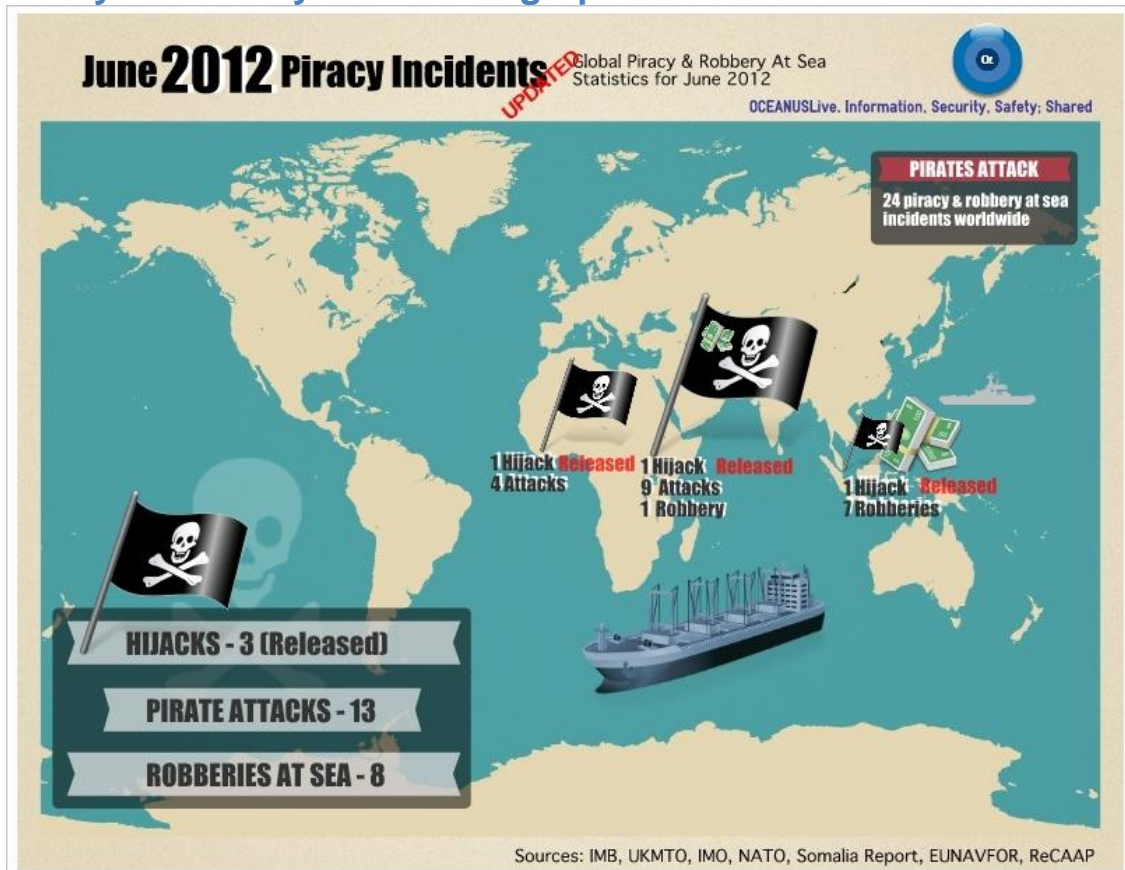| Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	4 Jun	DD Vanguard	Panama Bulk Carrier	Balawan outer anchorage; Indonesia (Robbery)
2	5 Jun	Magellan 2	Singapore Special Purpose Ship	E Bintan Island; Indonesia (Robbery)
NS	5 Jun	Al Maru	Honduras Product Tanker	ESE of Horsburgh Lt Hse, Singapore
3	6 Jun	Bino Keladi	Indonesia Tug	Raffles Lt House, Singapore/Malacca (Robbery)
4	17 Jun	CS Manatee	Bahamas Bulk Carrier	Kakinada anchorage, India (Robbery)
5	17 Jun	Highline 26	Malaysia Tug	Kuelung anchorage, Malaysia (Robbery)
6	26 Jun	Cape Frio	Marshall Islands Container Ship	Chittagong anchorage 'B', Bangladesh (Robbery)
7	27 Jun	Overseas Kimolos	Marshall Islands Chemical Tanker	Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam (Robbery)

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South America

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Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
None				

Piracy & Robbery At Sea Infographic – June 2012

(Updated from Infographic appearing in OCEANUSLive Weekly Piracy report – Click to enlarge)

Fig 4. – Global Piracy Infographic

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