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Summary

In all, there were 19 reported incidents of global piracy and robbery at sea in July 2012. Of those, one hijack occurred, 16 attacks and/or robberies and 2 suspicious activities were recorded.

East Africa where there has been no successful hijack since June 19, when a fishing dhow was seized, and no ship has been fired upon or a boarding attempted since June 26, says IMB.

It marks the longest unbroken stretch of peaceful transit through the waters off Somalia, and has been attributed to the increased use of armed guards on ships, international naval patrols, and bad weather. The only activity has been 2 robberies, one suspicious event in the Red Sea and an approach in the Gulf of Aden.

West Africa, saw five incidents, but this month spread between Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo and Benin rather than just Nigeria. One suspicious incident occurred off Togo.

In Asia, a slight fall in the number of incidents to six, however, a hijack took place of a tug boat and barge with the crew being set adrift in a lifeboat by the pirates. The crew were later rescued. The vessels whereabouts have been unknown since 27 July.

South America moved up with 2 reported incidents occurring in July after no reported incidents in June.

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 – July 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	3 Jul	Stadt Sevilla	Antigua & Barbuda Container Ship	Dar es Salaam Port, Tanzania (Robbery)
2	18 Jul	Wehr Blankenese	Marshall Islands Container Ship	Beira Port, Mozambique (Robbery)
3	27 Jul	MAA Samuda Khatun	Bangladesh Bulk Carrier	Hanish Al Kubha Island; Red Sea
4	12 Jul	Spillani	Marshall Islands Bulk Carrier	IRTC, Gulf of Aden (Approach)
NS	23 Jul	King Hakan	Marshall Islands Bulk Carrier	El Dekheila anchorage, Egypt (Robbery)





West Africa

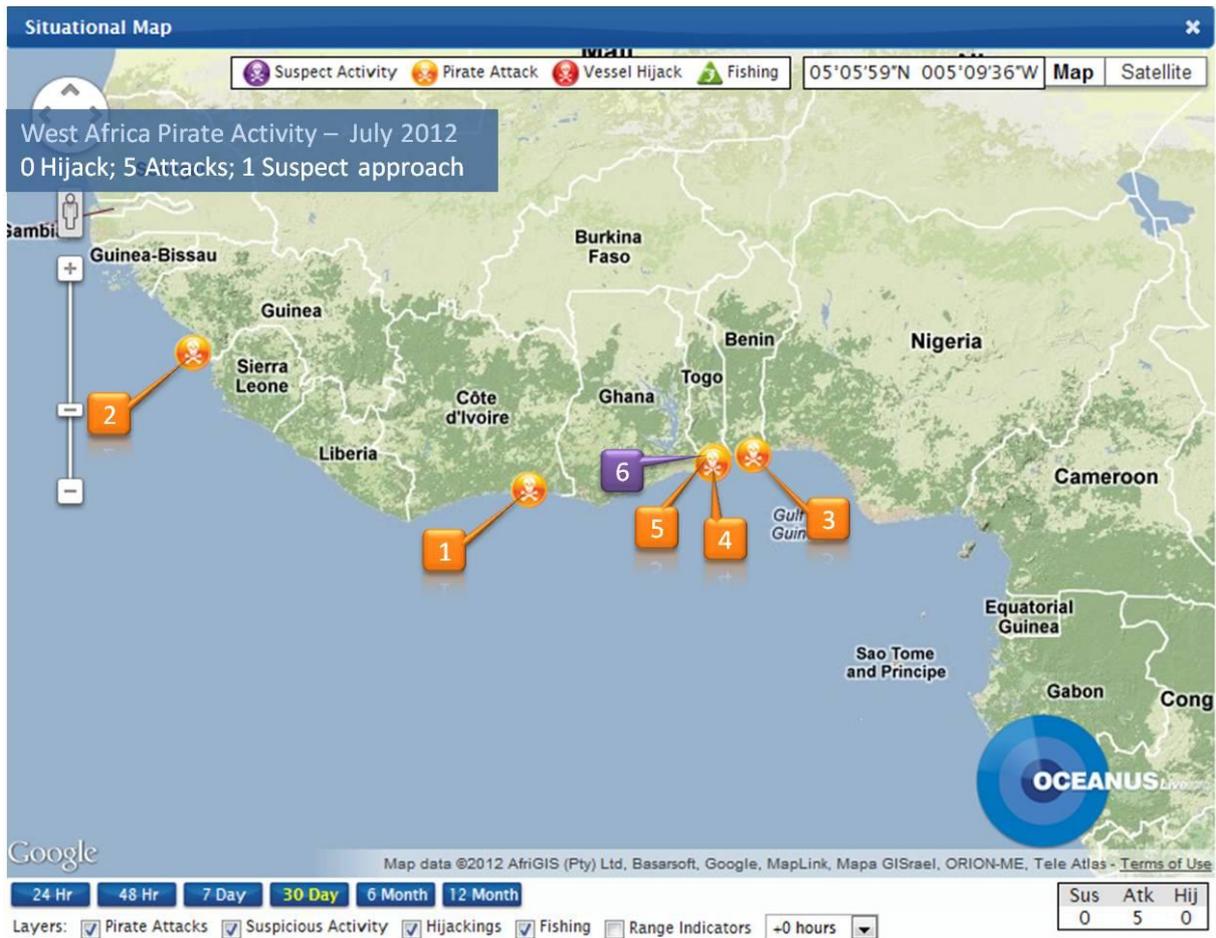


Fig 2: West Africa

West Africa Piracy and Robbery At Sea – July 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	9 Jul	Maersk Cubango	Hong Kong Container Ship	No11 Inner anchorage, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (Robbery)
2	13 Jul	Olivia	German Container Ship	Off Comarky, Guinea (Crew assaulted)
3	17 Jul	Argos	Marshall Island General Cargo	Fairway Buoy, Cotonou, Benin (Robbery)
4	27 Jul	Blue Sky 1	Marshall Island Tanker	Off Lome, Togo (Robbery)
5	27 Jul	Ursula	Singapore Chemical Tanker	Lome anchorage, Breakwater, Togo (Robbery)
6	30 Jul	EShips Dugon	Marshall Islands Chemical Tanker	Lome anchorage, Togo (Suspicious Approach)





Asia



Fig 3: South East Asia

South East Asia Piracy and Robbery At Sea – July 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	4 Jul	Maersk Visual	Singapore LPG Carrier	Visa Khampatnam anchorage, India (Robbery)
2	13 Jul	Confidence	Mongolia Tug	On passage in Malacca Strait (Robbery)
3	17 Jul	K Neptune	Panama Bulk Carrier	Dumai anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)
4	22 Jul	Eagle Auriga	Singapore Tanker	Karinum anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)
5	27 Jul	Woodman 38/39	Malaysia Tug/Barge	Off Balabac Island, Philippines (Hijacked unknown whereabouts)
6	28 Jul	Sichem Fumi	Panama Chemical Tanker	Tanjung Perak Port, Surabaya, Indonesia (Robbery)





South America



Fig 4. – South America

South America Piracy and Robbery At Sea – July 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	2 Jul	Lutetia	Liberia Container Ship	Off Guayaquil, Ecuador (Robbery)
2	31 Jul	Nord Aarhus	Singapore Bulk Carrier	Buenaventura anchorage, Colombia (Robbery)





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