OCEANUSLIVE   PIRACY & ROBBERY AT SEA – AUGUST 2012

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Summary

Recent claims of a significant reduction in piracy has hit the headlines over the past month, however, with warnings that it is a trend that is still reversible and that continued vigilance is still required. 17 incidents of global piracy and robbery at sea occurred in August 2012. Of those, four hijacks took place, one of which is assumed following its involvement in the hijack of another vessel.

East Africa has again seen little overall activity as the southwest monsoon has been particularly severe. Suspicious activity has been reported in the Southern Red Sea and Bab El Mandeb strait. Two hijacks occurred, one close to the port of Bosaaso, which was subsequently released following it being used to hijack a Somali dhow.

One incident that does not appear on the records is that of a false alarm report of an alleged pirate attack. An attack was reported 350nm NE of the Seychelles, however, following a report by reconnaissance aircraft despatched by Seychelles Marine Office, it was found that two fishing vessels had mistaken each other for a pirate vessel and had fired warning shots before realising the error.

West Africa, saw six incidents, a rise from July figures with 2 hijacks, and saw more violence against seafarers, including kidnapping of 4 foreign workers from an accommodation barge. Although all hijacked vessels and personnel were later released, 2 Nigeria Navy personnel were killed in the attack on the accommodation barge.

In Asia, nine attacks took place with tugs towing barges being targeted on two occasions. ReCAAP reports six incidents occurring (See report HERE) in August, which does not include incidents reported off Bangladesh. All incidents were cases of robbery.

South America saw no activity officially reported during August.

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

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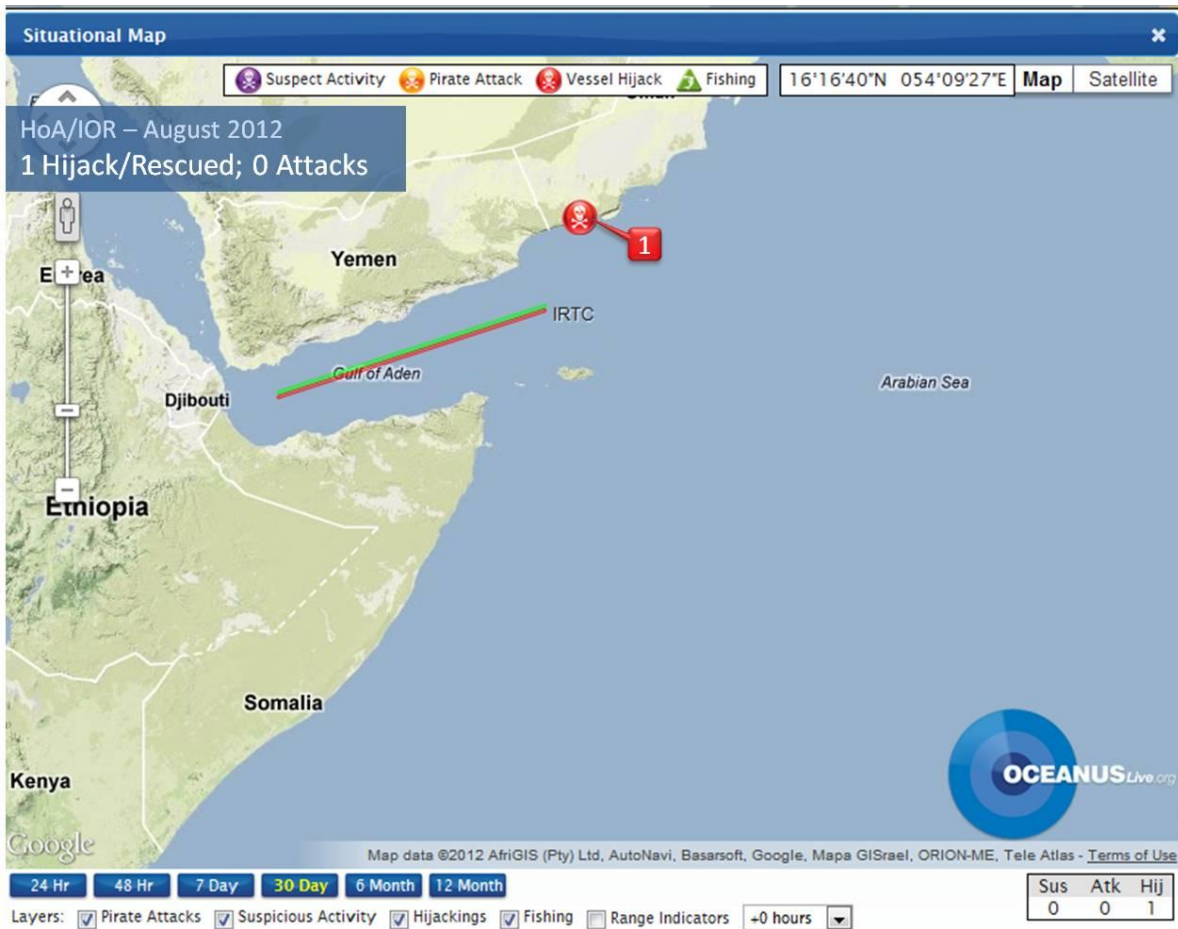
Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean

Fig 1: Horn of Africa/Indian Ocean Region

HoA/IOR Piracy and Robbery At Sea – August 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	11 Aug	Bourhan Nour	Somali Dhow	Off Salalah, Oman (Hijack/Rescued) Link
NS	9 Aug	Unknown	Unknown	Off Bosaso, Somalia (Hijack/Released)

West Africa

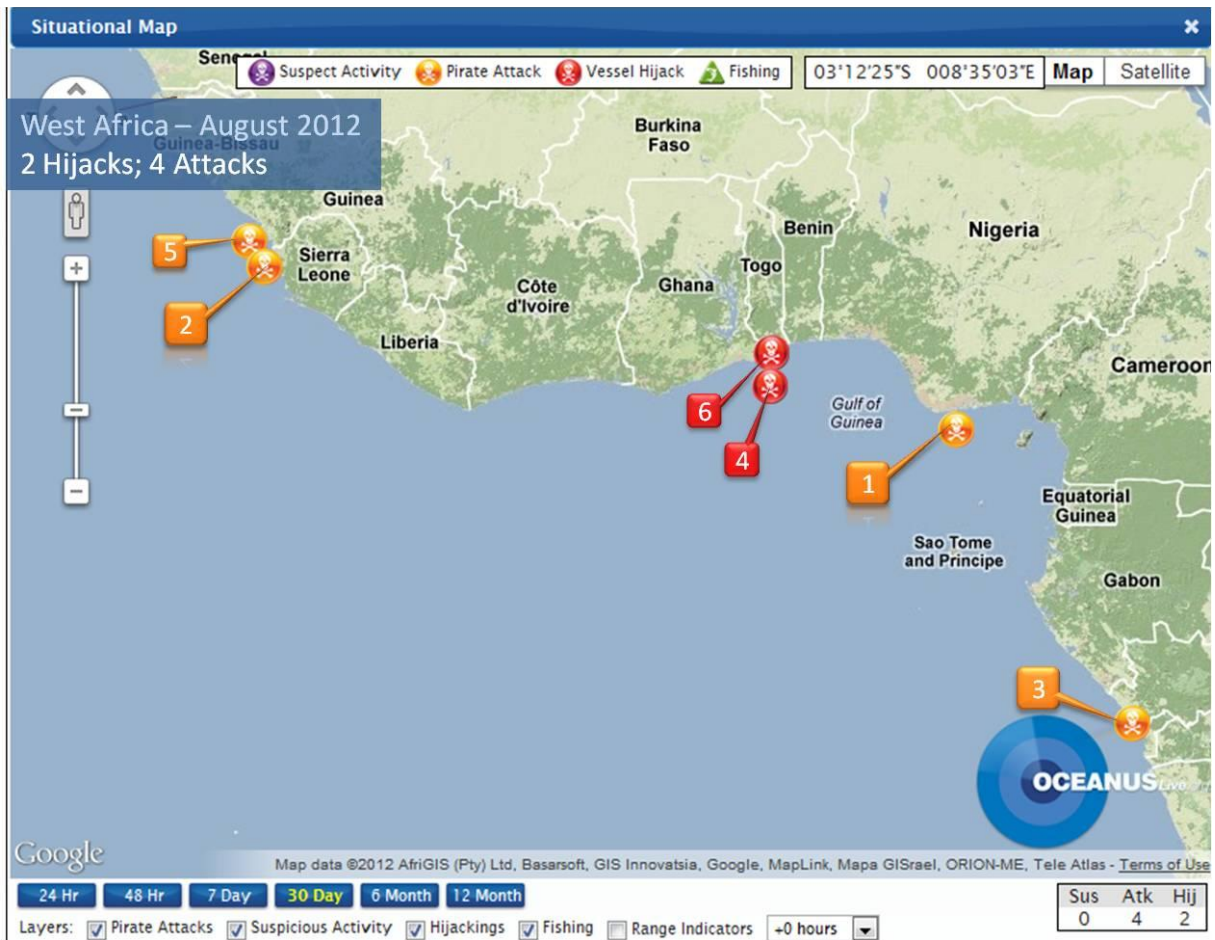*Fig 2: West Africa*

West Africa Piracy and Robbery At Sea – August 2012

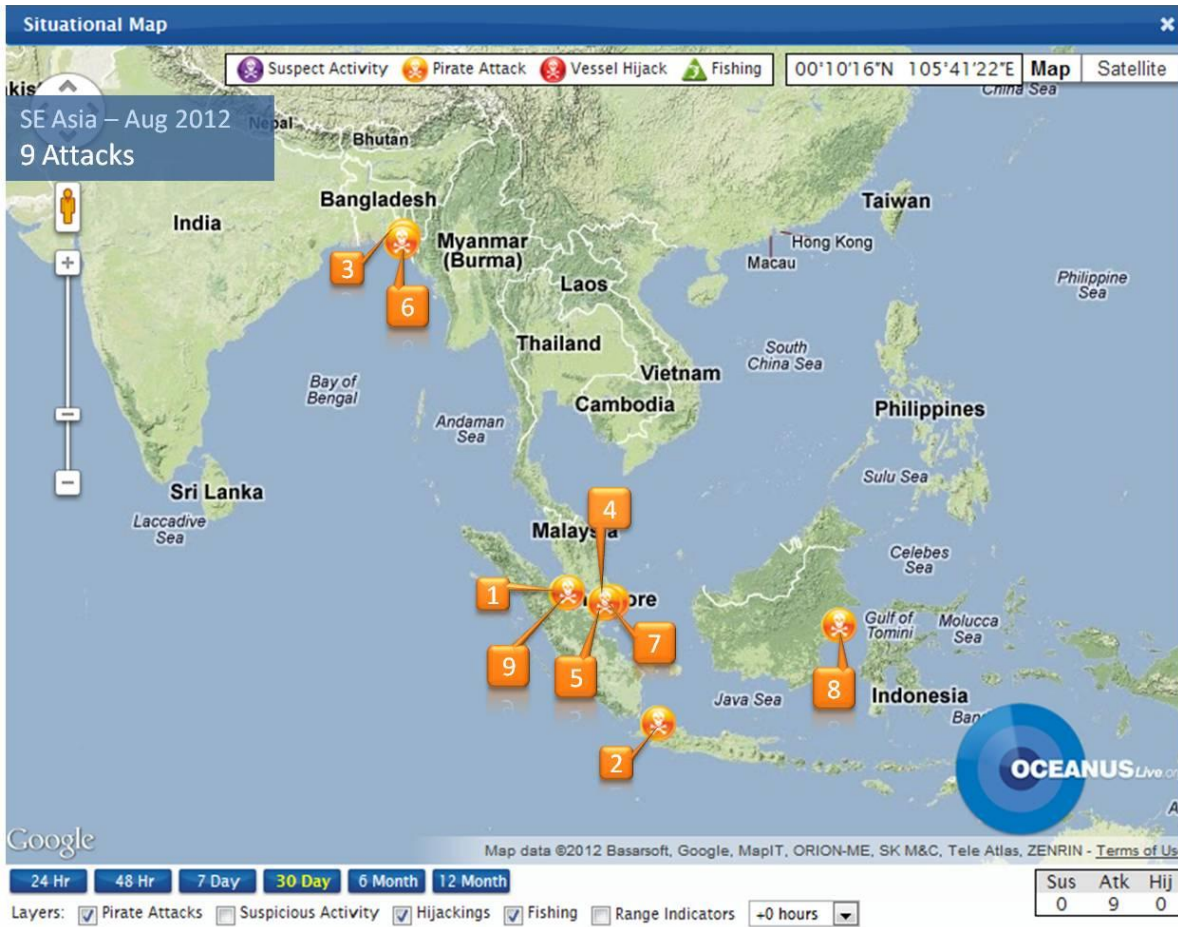| Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	3 Aug	Jascon 33	St Vincent & Grenadines Accom Barge	Off Fairway Buoy, Bonny, Nigeria (Robbery) 2 killed, 4 kidnapped/released.
2	10 Aug	Nord Sincere	Panama Bulk Carrier	Freetown Outer anchorage, Sierra Leone (Robbery)
3	16 Aug	Pacific Retriever	Singapore Supply Ship	Pointe Noire anchorage, Congo (Robbery)
4	**18 Aug**	**Anuket Emerald**	**Panama Tanker**	**Off Lome, Togo (Hijack/Released 23 Aug)**
5	21 Aug	Costanza	Malta General Cargo Ship	SW Conakry Port, Guinea (Robbery)
6	**28 Aug**	**Energy Centurion**	**UK Product Tanker**	**Lome anchorage, Togo (Hijack/Released)**

Asia

Fig 3: South East Asia

South East Asia Piracy and Robbery At Sea – August 2012

Serial	Date	Vessel Name	Flag/Type	Location (Type of Incident)
1	2 Aug	Highbury Park	Liberia Chemical Tanker	Dumai anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)
2	6 Aug	Ruby Indah	Singapore Bulk Carrier	Tanjung Priok, Jakarta, Indonesia (Robbery)
3	9 Aug	Otto Schulte	Liberia Container Ship	Chittagong Inner anchorage, Bangladesh (Robbery)
4	17 Aug	Bina Marine 16	Singapore Tug	Pulau Tekong, Kecil Lt, Indonesia (Robbery)
5	17 Aug	Pacific Buccanner	Singapore Supply Ship	Kabil anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)
6	17 Aug	Triton Stork	Panama Bulk Carrier	Kutubdia anchorage, Bangladesh (Robbery)
7	19 Aug	Marco Polo 17 (Marco Polo 268)	Indonesia Tug (Indonesia Barge)	Pulau Tekong, Kecil Lt, Indonesia (Robbery)
8	28 Aug	Miletus	Marshall Island Bulk Carrier	Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia (Robbery)
9	31 Aug	Taiho Maru	Panama Bulk Carrier	Dumai anchorage, Indonesia (Robbery)

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Fig 4. – South America

South America Piracy and Robbery At Sea – August 2012

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

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