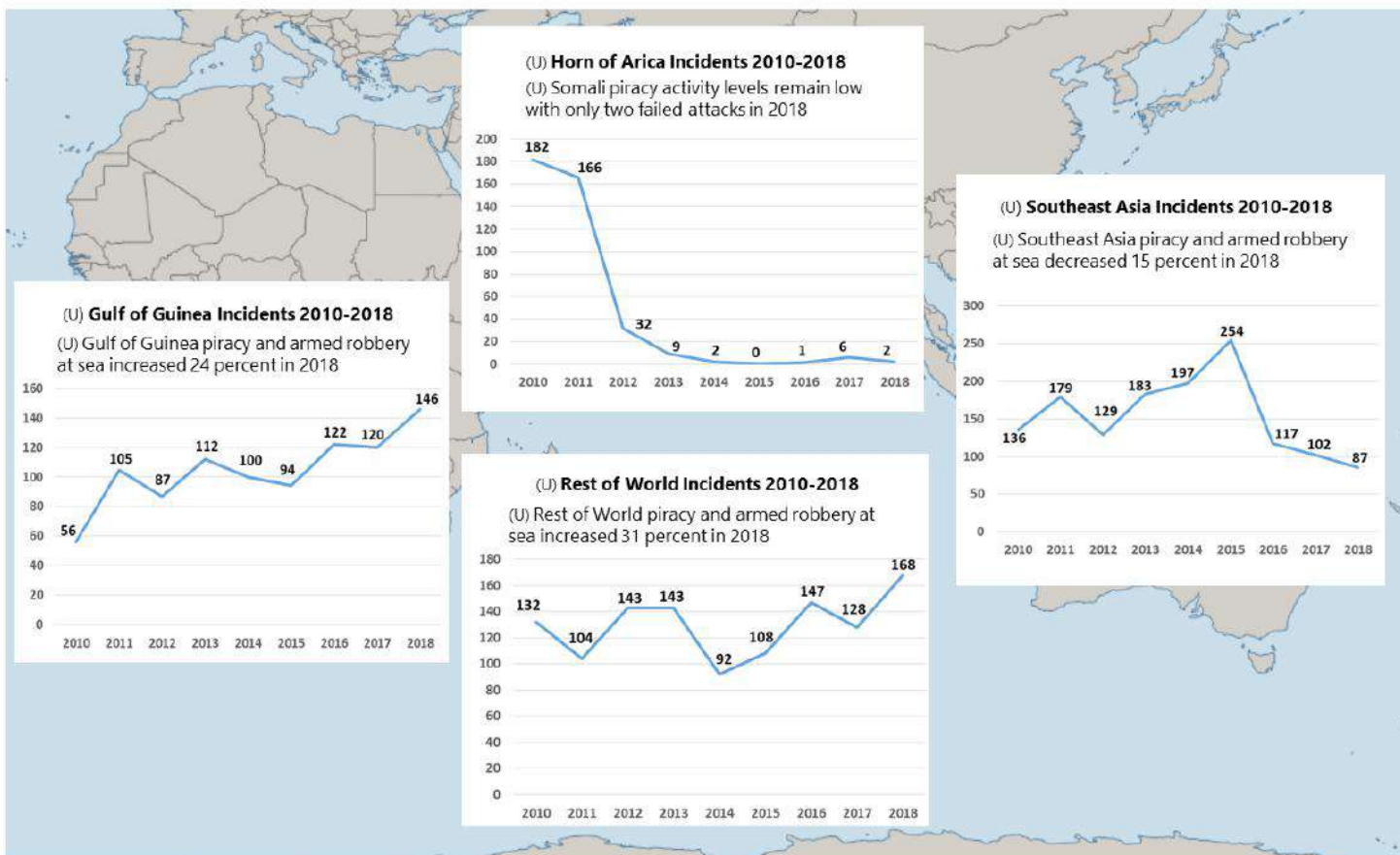




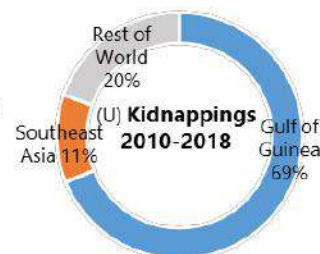
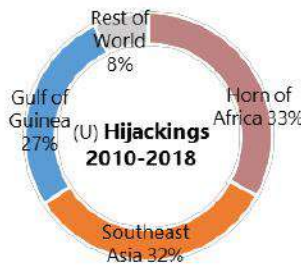
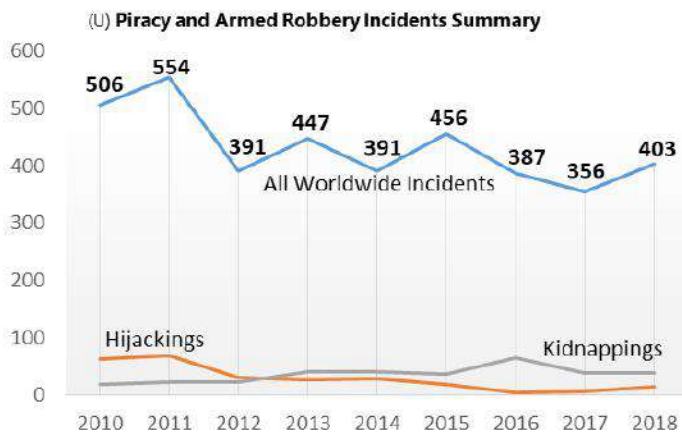
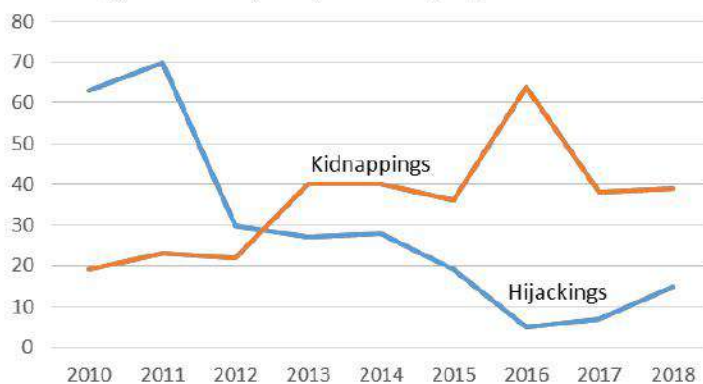
(U) Annual Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Summary 2018

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(U) Since 2010, there have been 3,891 incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea, an average of 432 incidents per year. Approximately 15 percent were hijackings or kidnappings. The remaining 85 percent of incidents were attempted boardings, attacks, and robberies. The vast majority of incidents involved robbers boarding vessels to steal ship stores, spare engine parts, and crewmember belongings. Many of these incidents go unreported due to the low value of the goods stolen or the perception that the culprits will not be apprehended. The number of reported worldwide incidents increased 13 percent from 2017 to 2018.¹

(U) Number of Hijackings and Kidnappings Worldwide*



*Note: Between 2016-2018 in the Gulf of Guinea there were six hijacking/kidnapping combinations where some crewmembers were taken off a hijacked vessel to be held for ransom.