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## **(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 2 - 8 May 2019**

2 May 2019

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### **1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. No piracy events were reported this past week. One suspicious approach was reported this past week.

#### **A. (U) Details:**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

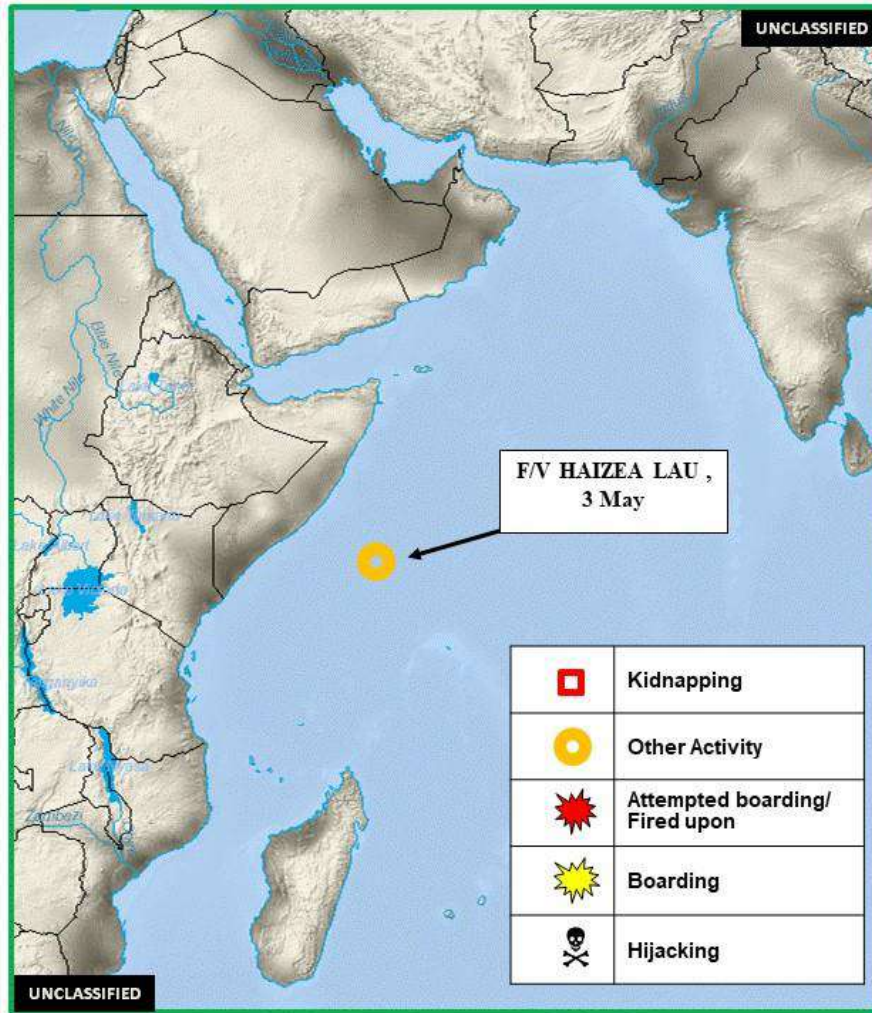
**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

#### **(U) Other Activity:**

1. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 3 May, the Seychelles-flagged fishing support ship HAIZEA LAU reported being approached by suspected pirates off the coast of Somalia. The vessel managed to flee at full speed from a skiff manned by a group of presumed pirates. The pirates could not keep up, which meant that the private security agents of the HAIZEA LAU did not have to fire warning shots. ([www.insurancemarineneews.com](http://www.insurancemarineneews.com))

(U) Incident Disposition:



(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity 2 - 8 May 2019

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1.									
(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	May 2019	Apr 2019	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	1	0
Total	0	0	0	2	2	2	6	1	0

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

## **2. (U) Weather Forecast for 9 - 15 May 2019 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities**

### **(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 9 - 15 May 2019**

**A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** Northwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with northwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Light and variable winds, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with light and variable winds, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**C. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**D. (U) SOMALI COAST:** Westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with south-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet.

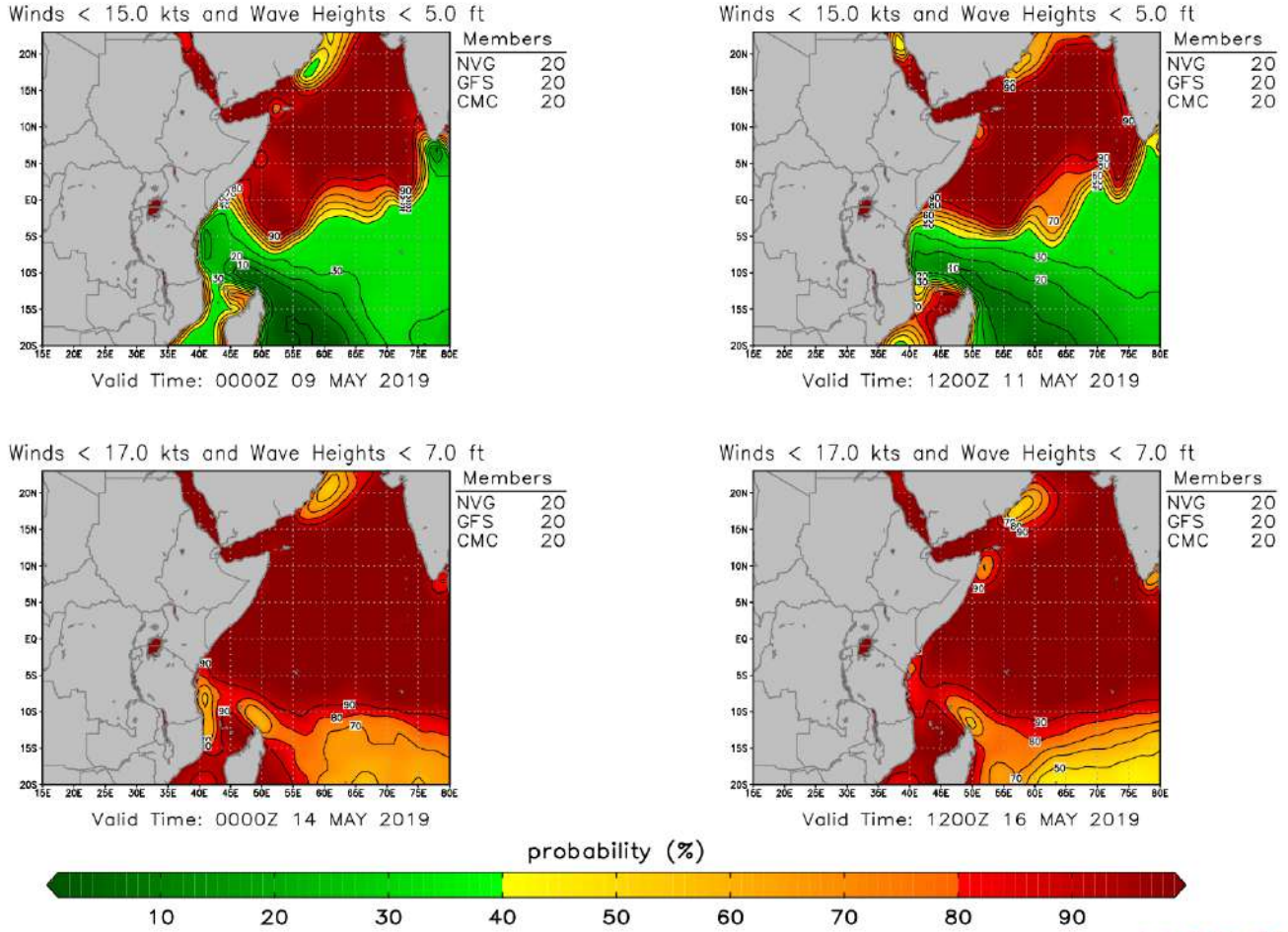
**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 9 - 12 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 9 - 12 feet in the southern Channel.

**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents' speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** High pressure dominates the weather pattern over the region producing mostly clear skies. Area of dissipating low pressure is affecting the southern Arabian Gulf and western Gulf of Oman with increasing winds and seas late in the week; then it will briefly abate and increase again soon after. Expect increased localized wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funneling effects.

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2019050612



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

**3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a high level. One hijacking, four boardings and one attempted boarding were reported this past week; with no further information available on one boarding event and the attempted boarding.

**A. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:**

1. (U) EQUATORIAL GUINEA: On 5 May, pirates hijacked a tug near position 03:04N - 007:59E, around 42 nm southwest of Luba, Equatorial Guinea. (IMB: [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com))

**(U) Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Boarded:**

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 7 May, two suspects boarded an offshore supply vessel berthed at the Federal Ocean Terminal in Onne Port. A duty crewman on watch saw the perpetrators and raised the alarm. Perpetrators escaped and port security was informed. ([www.lss-sapu.com](http://www.lss-sapu.com))

2. (U) EQUATORIAL GUINEA: On 5 May, the semi-submersible heavy lift ship BLUE MARLIN was boarded by 7 pirates near position 03:00N - 007:50E, approximately 44 nm southwest of Luba Port, Bioko Island. As the attack started, master activated SSAS, all 20 crew mustered in citadel. Pirates boarded and demanded from crew via PA to surrender, and give the pirates all crew money and valuables. Crew remained in citadel, pirates found a hole and fired through it into citadel, without injuring anyone. During this time, the Spanish Navy's Operations and Surveillance Center (COVAM), alerted by ship's distress signal, ordered their patrol boat SERVIOLA (P-71), deployed in an international Navy security mission in Gulf of Guinea, to free the ship. On the morning of 6 May, teams from the Spanish Navy and the Equatorial Guinean Navy boarded and searched the ship. No pirates were found and the crew was freed from the citadel. All the crew members are in good health. The pirates shot several times during their time aboard the BLUE MARLIN and caused substantial material damage on the bridge, preventing the ship from being sailable. The ship's owners have arranged for a tow vessel to move the ship to a safe harbor. (MDAT-GoG; [www.lss-sapu.com](http://www.lss-sapu.com); [www.marinelink.com](http://www.marinelink.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))

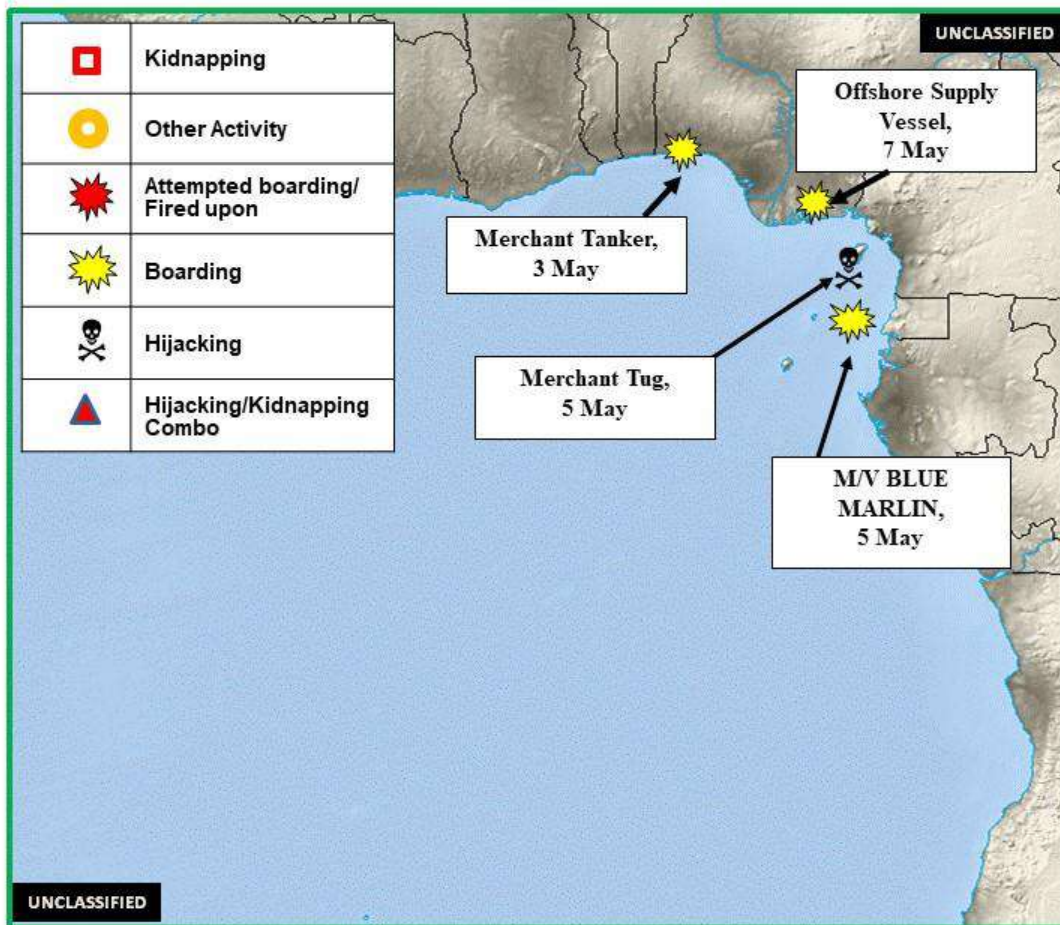
3. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 May, a duty crewman onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers near the cargo tank with a hose. The ship was anchored near position 06:16N - 003:13E, Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Lagos. Alarm was raised and PA announcement was made. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with their hose. A patrol boat was informed which came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.



B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 2 - 8 May 2019

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 2.									
(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events*									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	May 2019	Apr 2019	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Hijacked	1	0	1	1	2	6	2	0	2
Kidnapping	0	0	0	1	12	28	30	26	23
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0
Boarding	4	0	4	3	21	64	53	39	29
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	1	0	1	1	11	44	35	54	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>94</b>
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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. \* Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

## 4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 9 - 15 May 2019

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the West Africa coast.

## 5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. No piracy events were reported this past week.

## A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

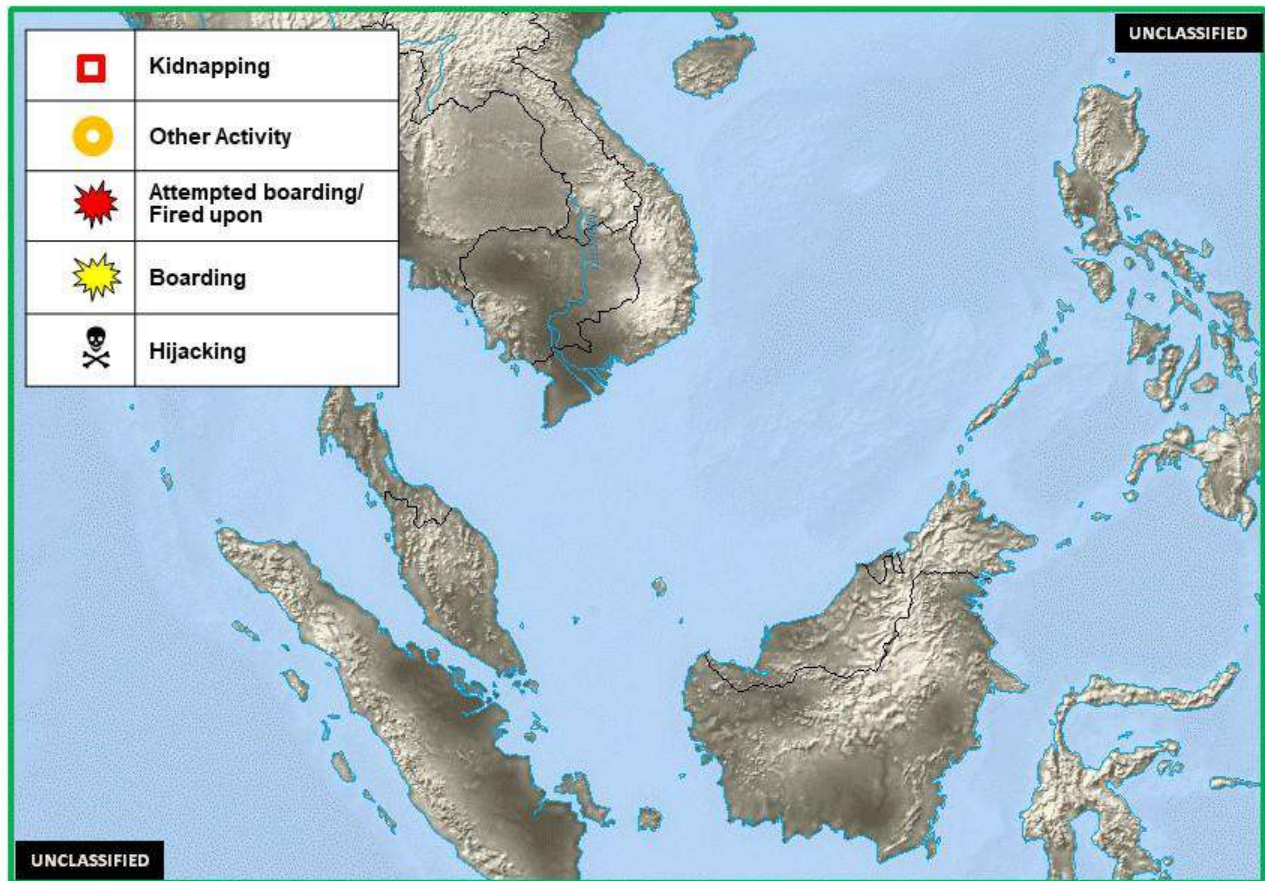
(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

**B. (U) Incident Disposition**



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 2 - 8 May 2019



## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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(U) Table 3.									
(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	May 2019	Apr 2019	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Attacks, Boardings, Attempted Boardings	0	2	0	3	14	81	90	96	238
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	16
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	19	0
<b>Total</b>	0	2	0	3	14	85	97	117	254
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

## 6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 9 - 15 May 2019

**A. (U) SOUTHERN SOUTH CHINA SEA:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**B. (U) MALACCA STRAIT:** Light and variable, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with light and variable winds, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Light and variable, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with light and variable winds, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait.

**C. (U) ANDAMAN SEA:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**D. (U) SOUTHERN SULU SEA - NORTHERN CELEBES SEA:** Light and variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Light and variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet.

**E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

**F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** Expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.

**(U) Appendix****(U) Terminology and References**

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authority.

**(U) Terms of Reference**

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

**(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

**(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.

**(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.

**(U) Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.

**(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.

**(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

**(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

**(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

**(U) Piracy Levels**

(U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) Moderate: 2 - 4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) Low: 0 - 1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

**(U) Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- DNK Intelligence & Operations Centre (DNK IOC)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur

- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Lloyd's
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT- GoG)
- Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) Ltd
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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