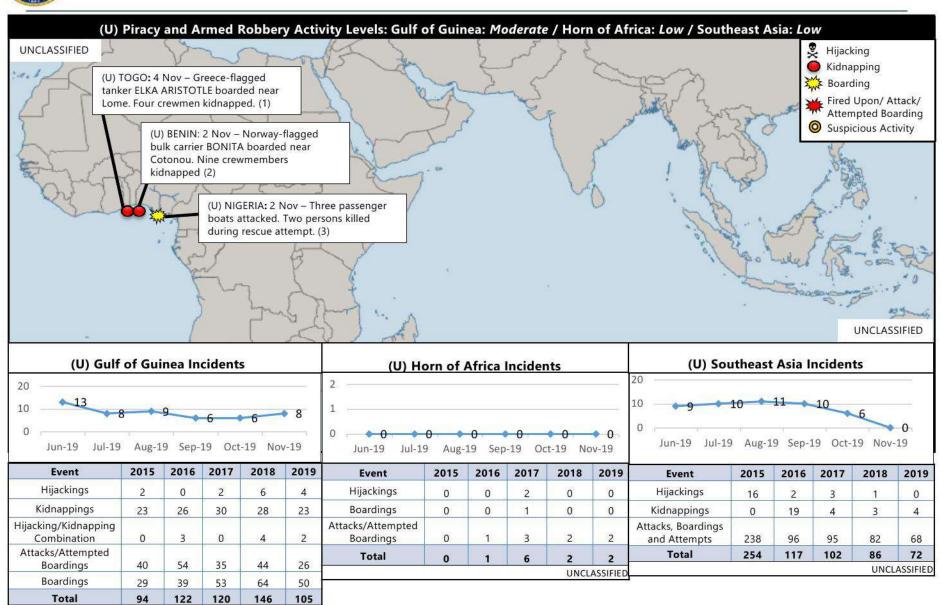


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### **Gulf of Guinea**

- 1. (U) TOGO: On 4 November, pirates boarded the Greece-flagged tanker ELKA ARISTOTLE near position 05:58N 001:15E, 9 nm south of Lome. The pirates kidnapped two Filipinos, one Greek, and one Georgian. One security guard was also shot and wounded in the attack. (IMB; www.marinelink.com; www.gcaptain.com; www.fleetmon.com)
- 2. (U) BENIN: On 2 November, pirates boarded the Norway-flagged bulk carrier BONITA near position 06:14N 002:32E, 9 nm southeast of Cotonou. Nine Filipino crewmembers were kidnapped. (IMB; BBC; www.marinelink.com; www.gcaptain.com; www.fleetmon.com)
- 3. (U) NIGERIA: On 2 November, robbers attacked three passenger boats taking a group of people to a wedding in Degama Local Government Area of Rivers State. The robbers stole personal valuable and their boats, forcing the people to swim ashore. When a rescue boat was sent to retrieve the passengers, the robbers attacked it, killing two people. When a second rescue boat subsequently arrived on the scene, the robbers fired upon it and sank it. (www.punchng.com)
- 4. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: One attack reported this past week; no further information available.

#### Horn of Africa

(U) No incidents to report.

## **Southeast Asia**

(U) No incidents to report.

## **Terms of Reference**

- (U) Attempted Boarding Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (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 a board the vessel.
- (U) Suspicious Approach All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

## **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.