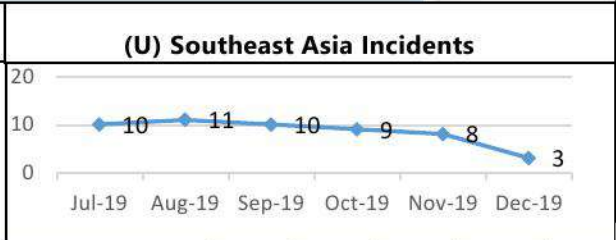
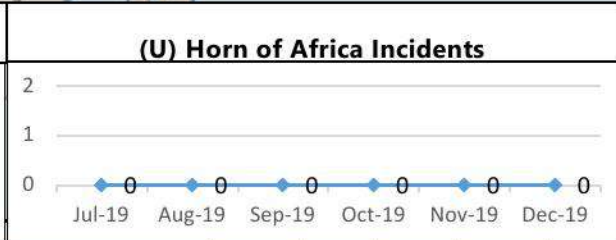
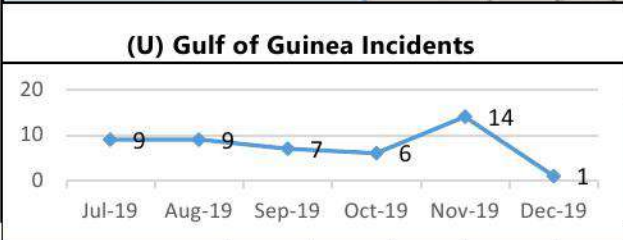




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## (U) Piracy and Armed Robbery Activity Levels: Gulf of Guinea: Low / Horn of Africa: Low / Southeast Asia: Low



Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	2	0	2	6	4
Kidnappings	23	26	30	28	28
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	0	3	0	4	2
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	40	54	35	44	32
Boardings	29	39	53	64	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>119</b>

Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	0	0	2	0	0
Boardings	0	0	1	0	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	0	1	3	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	16	2	3	1	0
Kidnappings	0	19	4	3	4
Attacks, Boardings and Attempts	238	96	95	82	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>

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### Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **KIDNAPPING** - (U) TOGO: On 15 December, six heavily armed pirates boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged product tanker DUKE underway near position 04:23.59N - 002:03.15E, 113 NM southeast of Lome, Togo. They kidnapped 20 of the 21 crewmembers and destroyed some equipment resulting in the tanker going into a blackout condition. The remaining crewman sent a distress signal and requested to be towed to a safe area. Upon receiving the information, the IMB Piracy Reporting Center liaised with regional authorities to provide assistance to the tanker. A Togo Navy ship was dispatched to the location of the tanker and made arrangements to tow the tanker. Twenty crewmen from India were reported kidnapped.2 (IMB; www.gcaptain.com; www.maritime-executive.com; www.arxmaritime.com)
2. (U) **CREW RELEASED** – TOGO: On 12 December, authorities in Lome announced the release of three seafarers kidnapped on 4 November from the Greece-flagged tanker ELKA ARISTOTLE. The crewmen, one from the Philippines, one from Greece, and one from Georgia, were reportedly being checked at a local hospital before being released to go home. An additional crewman from the Philippines reportedly died during captivity from an illness. (www.safety4sea.com)

### Horn of Africa

3. (U) **SUSPICIOUS APPROACH** - RED SEA: On 3 December, a merchant vessel reported a suspicious approach by one skiff near position 12:32N – 04326E, Bab el Mandeb Strait. (UKMTO)

### 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.