

# RECAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2018 HONG KONG



# Scope

1. Threat Assessment

2. Maritime Security Definitions

3. EU NAVFOR Operational Activities

# IRTA / IRTB

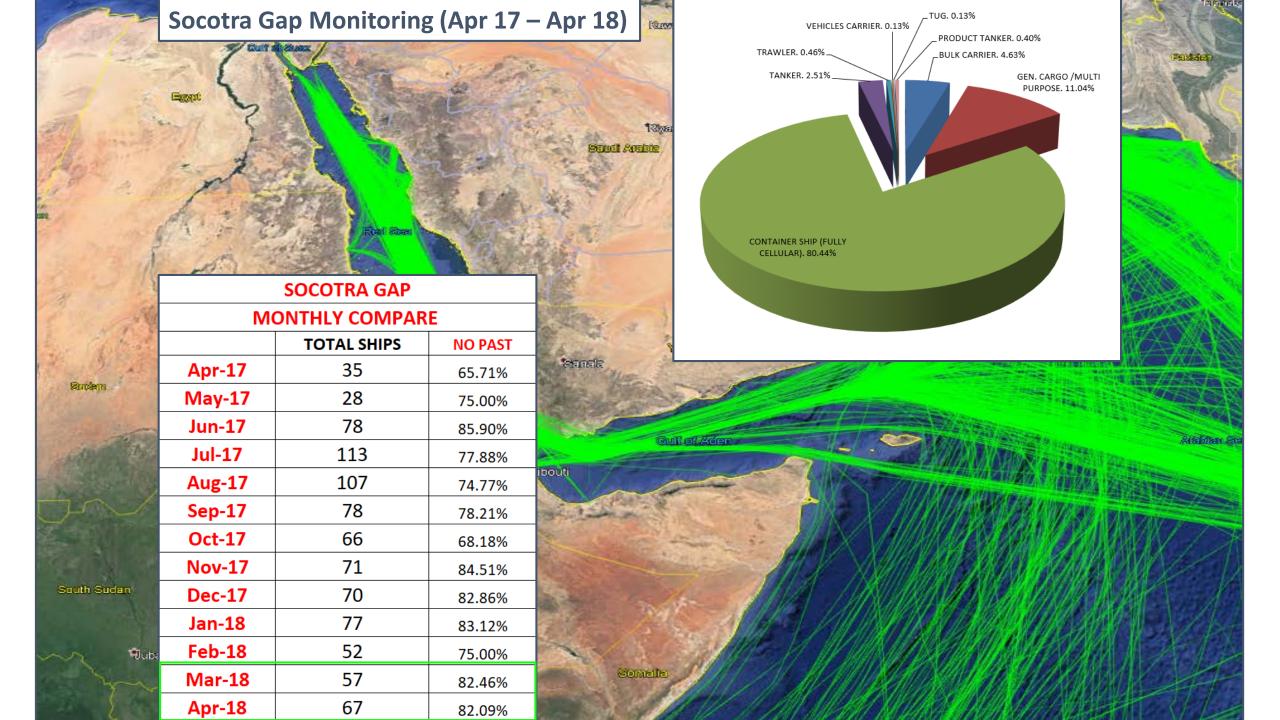
- Industry Releasable Threat Assessment (IRTA):
  - Next version issued 1 Jun 18
- Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB):
  - Introduction of new and previously unknown threats
  - Reminder of known threats







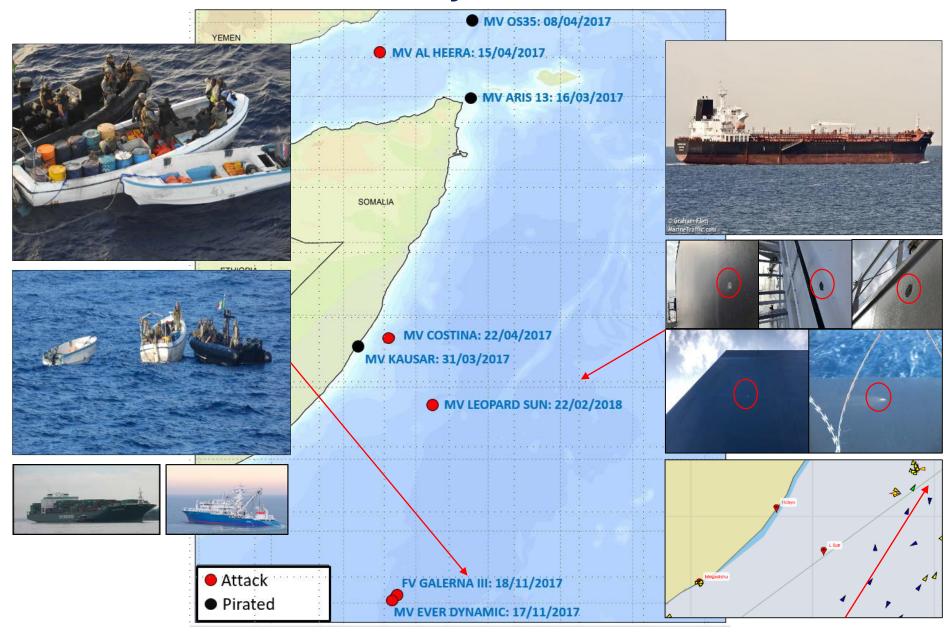
- IRTA released 1 Mar 18
- IRTB 001 issued 7 Dec 17: Possible naval mine drifted ashore in the Southern Red Sea (SRS)
- IRTB 002 issued 15 Dec 17: Piracy linked attack on the MV EVER DYNAMIC and GALERNA III Somali Basin (SB)
- IRTB 003 issued 8 Jan 18: Possible threat from explosive boats in the SRS
- IRTB 004 issued 28 Feb 18: Piracy attack against MT LEOPARD SUN
- IRTB 005 issued 26 Mar 18: Possible rocket fired in South Red Sea
- IRTB 006 issued 03 April 18: Reported attack against Tanker in South Red Sea
- IRTB 007 issued 12 Apr 18: Firing against Tanker in eastern Gulf of Aden
- IRTB 008 issued 16 May 18: Firing against Bulk carrier in Southern
- IRTA released 1st June 18



### **Incident Overview**



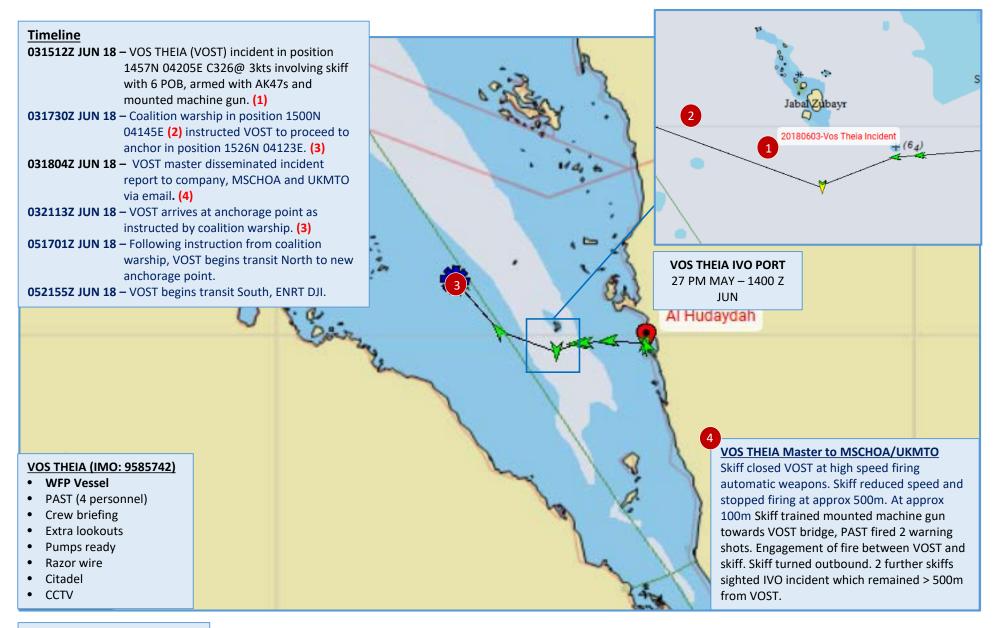
# **Piracy Incidents**



### **Southern Red Sea Incidents**



# Vos Theia Incident (03 JUN 2018)



SAT-AIS positional data displayed

#### **Outlook**

#### **PIRACY**

We assess that piracy attacks will LIKELY remain sporadic, ultimately unsuccessful, and at a low level.

#### **CONFLICT RELATED**

We assess that attacks linked to the ongoing conflict in Yemen are HIGHLY LIKELY to continue, however we assess that the maritime shipping industry (not directly linked to the Saudi-led coalition) are UNLIKELY to be deliberately targeted. There is however a clear risk of misidentification and collateral damage, particularly when transiting the Southern Red Sea.

#### **MARITIME CRIME**

We assess that maritime crime, such as the smuggling of people, weapons or narcotics, is HIGHLY LIKELY to continue, however due to the nature of these activities they are UNLIKELY to pose a threat to other mariners.





# **Maritime Security Definitions**



#### **Previous Piracy Classifications**



MSE Category	Description / Factors
Pirated	A pirated vessel is defined as a vessel that has been subject to an act that falls under the definition of piracy.
Attack	<ul> <li>When on the high seas a vessel is subject to an act of violence, detention or depredation, where pirates fail to gain control of the vessel. An attack may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:</li> <li>Pirates discharging weapons in the direction of the vessel in order to coerce compliance</li> <li>Pirates coming alongside the vessel and obviously attempting to board the vessel but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc</li> <li>Pirates successfully boarding the vessel but do not gain control of the vessel or crew.</li> </ul>
Suspicious Activity	Any observed activity that could potentially be leading to a piracy act. Such activity may be related to observed movement and behaviour as well as intelligence. This may include, but is not limited to one or more of the following:  • Sudden changes in course towards a vessel and aggressive behaviour  • Activity inconsistent with known patterns and behaviour adopted by the local maritime community  • Vessel observed as previously being linked with piracy activities.
False Alarm	Any reported suspicious activity that is subsequently discounted as a piracy act following further analysis or reporting. False alarms may be recorded for analytical purposes in order to provide trends in potential pirate activity.



Not MSE

inaccurate / false.

#### **Revised Maritime Security Event Classifications**

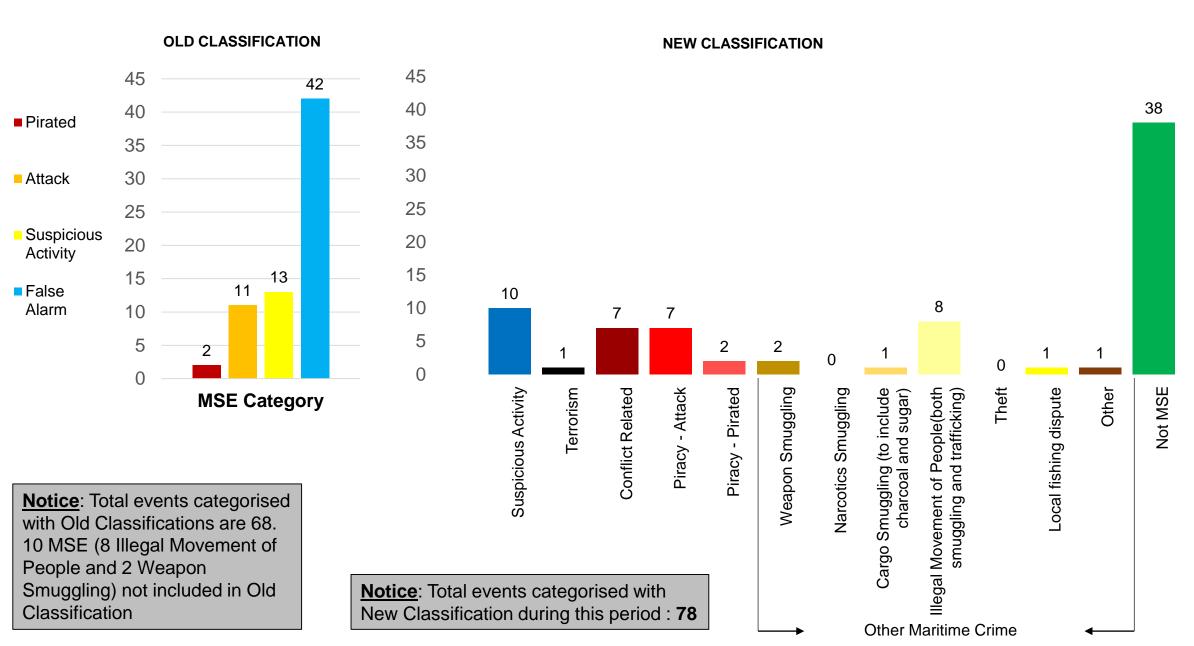


STEP 3: Consolidation STEP 2: MSE Category Notes Detailed classification [requires LEGAD input] Requires an understanding of actor and The use or threat of the use of force for political means by Non-State Actors. MSE: Terrorism motive. A distinction between actors should be considered: ie Security Forces or other MSE: Conflict Related Activity related to Conflict spillover. threat groups. Attack. An act where the suspected pirates failed to gain control of the vessel. Includes: pirates discharging weapons in the direction of the vessel in order to coerce compliance; Relates to acts on the high seas (piracy) coming alongside or a determined approach by a vessel previously observed as being or within territorial waters (armed robbery MSE: Piracy involved in piracy but thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather, lack of equipment at sea), which fall under the UNCLOS (including Armed Robbery at etc. Sea) Article 101 definition. Pirated. A pirated vessel is a vessel subject to an act that falls under the UNCLOS Article 101 definition of piracy. □ Weapon Smuggling □ Narcotics Smuggling □ Cargo Smuggling (to include charcoal and sugar) MSE: Other Maritime Crime Illegal Movement of People (both smuggling and trafficking) □ Theft ☐ Local / Fishing Dispute □ Other If required an additional sub-category of A reported event that cannot be definitively categorized but still has an impact on maritime Terrorism, Conflict, Piracy or Other MSE: Suspicious Activity security. Maritime Crime can be added Any reported event that is subsequently deemed lawful or the reporting is assessed to be



#### **Definitions Comparisons; 01/01/2017 to 23/03/2018**





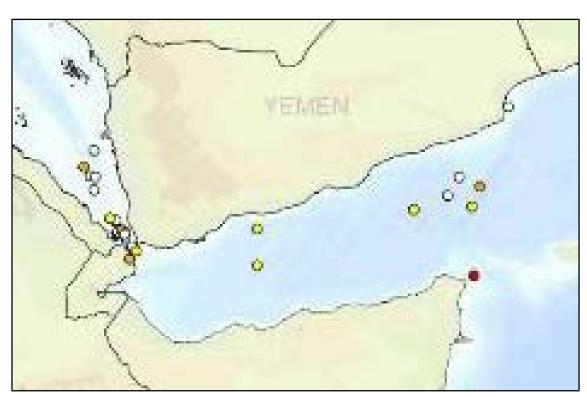


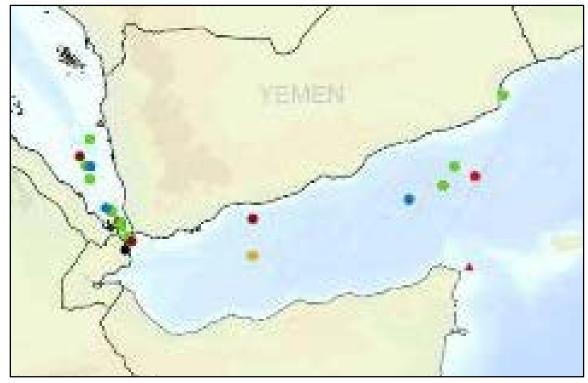
#### Geographical Representation of Incidents; 01/01/2017 to 23/03/2018

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#### **OLD DEFINITIONS**

#### **NEW DEFINITIONS**





- Pirated
- Attack
- Suspicious Activity
- False Alarm

- MSE Suspicious Activity
- MSE Terrorism
- MSE Conflict Related
- MSE Piracy-Attack
- MSE Piracy-Pirated
- MSE Other Maritime Crime
- Not MSE









## **Questions?**