



# **MARSEC WORKSHOP– CMS**

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## **Recent developments in piracy in the Horn of Africa**

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# INTRODUCTION

## EUNAVFOR MANDATE

### Protection

World Food Programme  
& vulnerable shipping

### Deter, Prevent & Repress

piracy and armed robbery

### Monitoring

of fishing activities

### Support

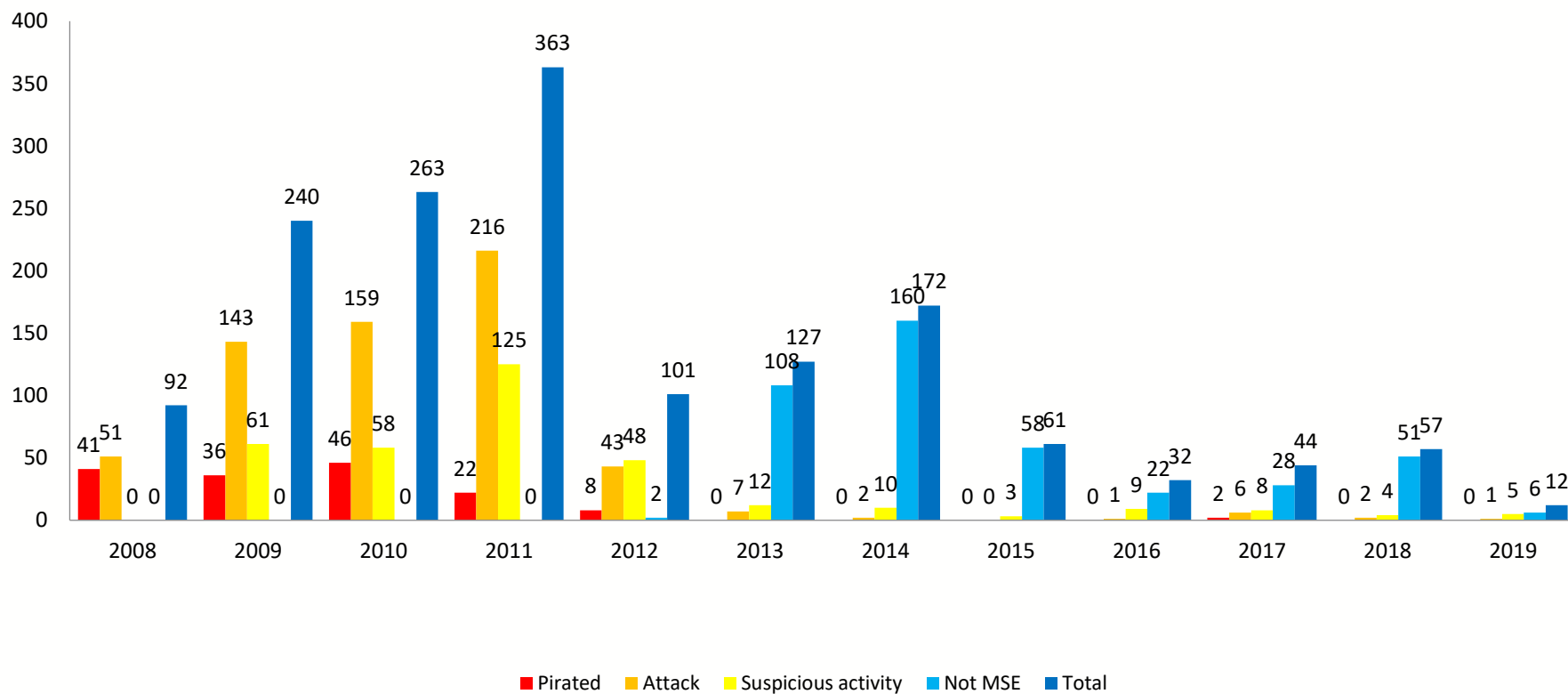
other EU missions  
in Somalia

## TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY



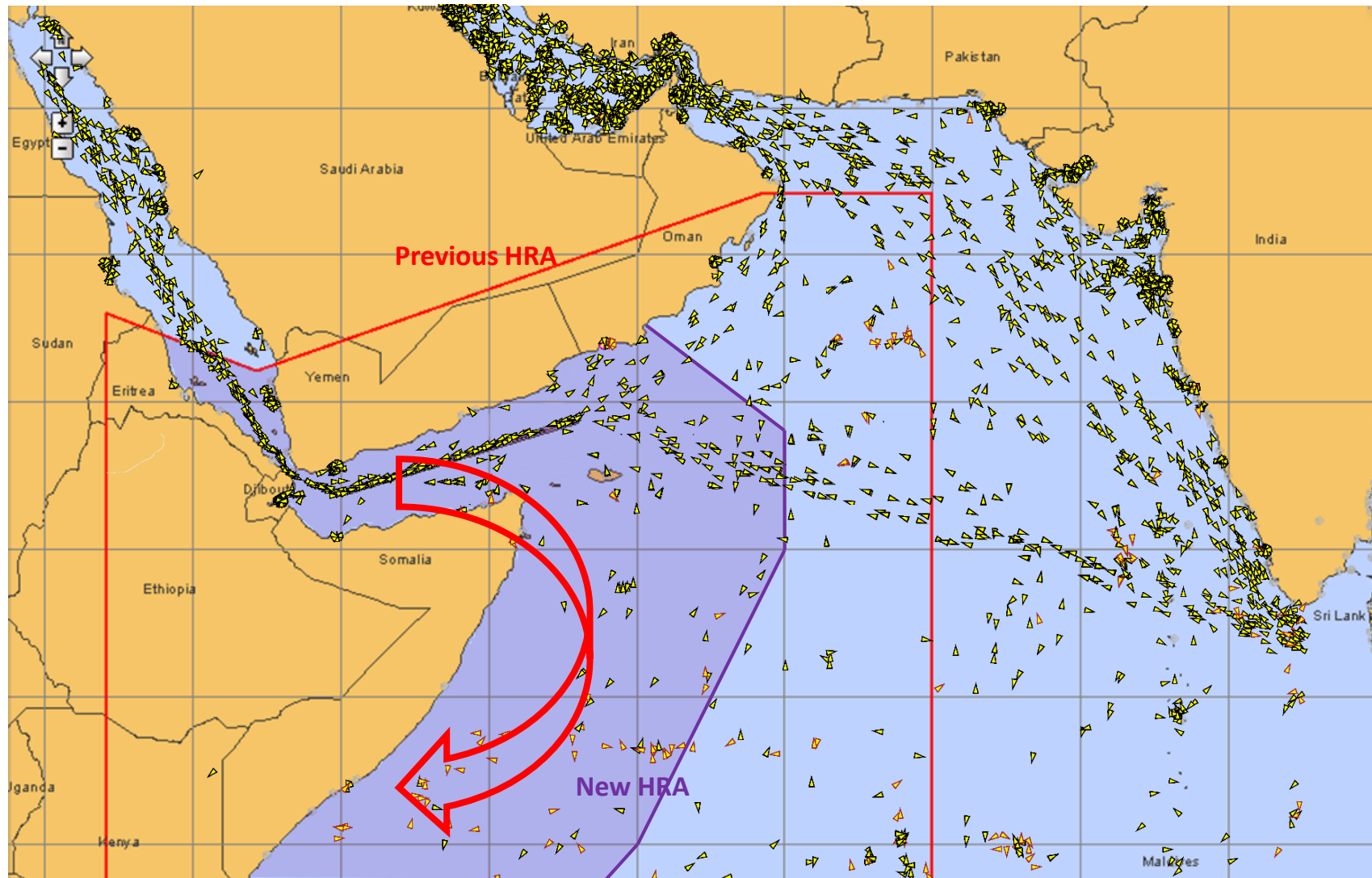


# Maritime Security Events





# High Risk Area / Area of Incidents





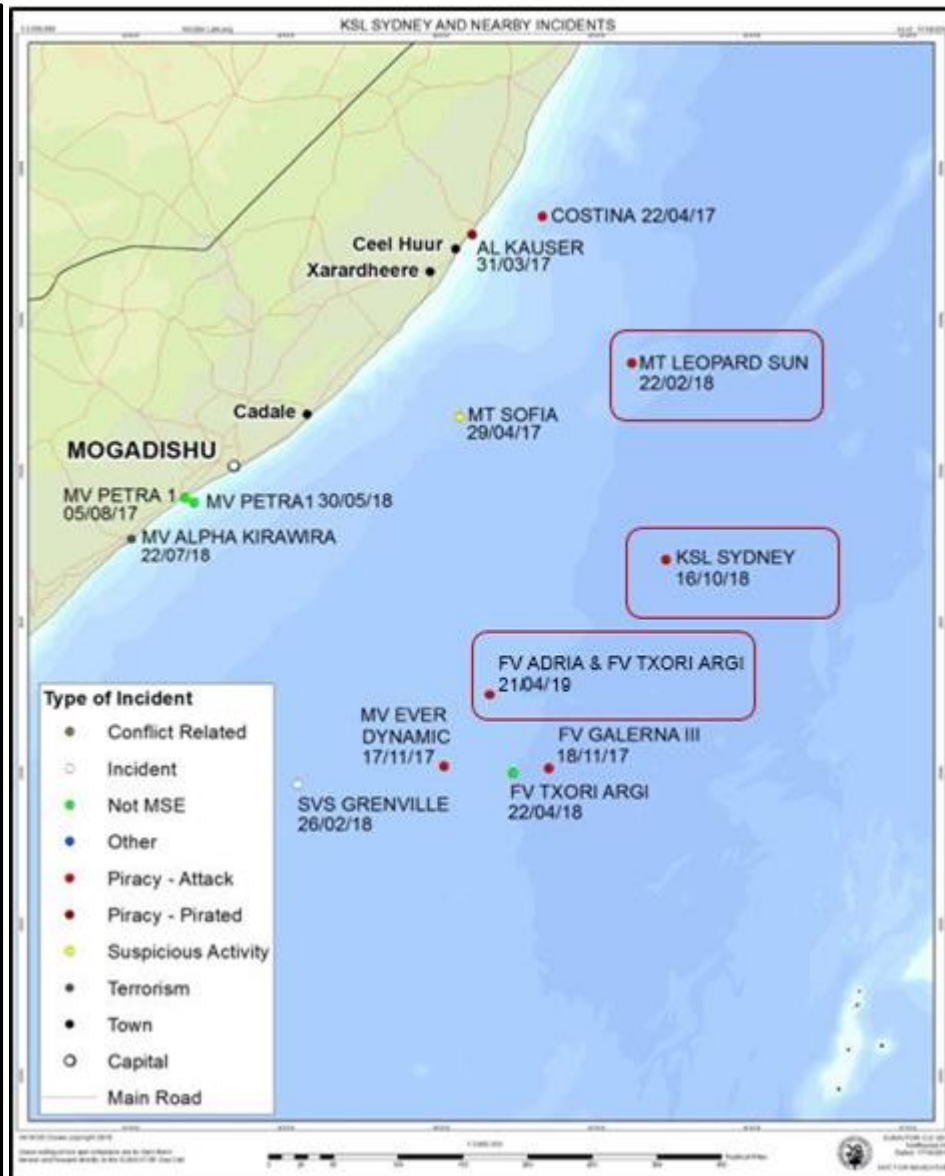
# PIRACY INCIDENTS

## Puntland Piracy Network (PPN)

- Assessed as DORMANT
- LIKELY due to PMPF and recent investments
- Freedoms and opportunities for piracy are reduced

## Hobyo Haradheree Network (HHN)

- Assessed as ACTIVE
- Attack against MT LEOPARD SUN originated from HARADHEERE
- Attack against KSL SYDNEY originated from HARADHEERE
- Attack against FV “ADRIA” and FV “TXORI ARGİ”
- Intent and Capability still present in GALMUDUG
- LIKELY conditions exist for launch of attacks and recovery of vessel





# Piracy Incidents in Somali Basin

Piracy attacks in the area:

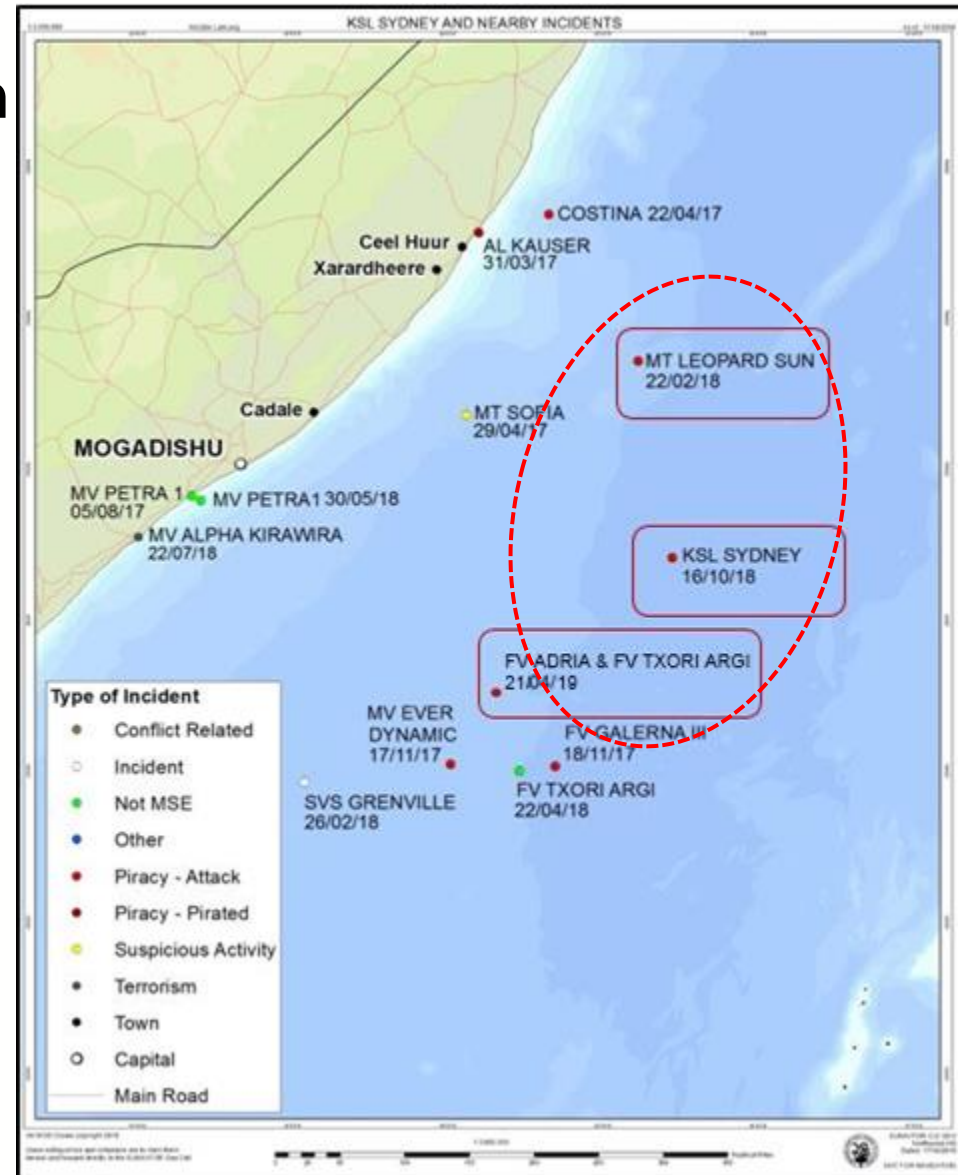
- MV "COSTINA" 22/04/17
- MV "EVER DYNAMIC" 17/11/17
- FV "GALERNA III" 18/11/17
- MT "LEOPARD SUN" 22/02/18
- MT "KSL SYDNEY" 16/10/18
- FV "ADRIA" and FV "TXORI ARG" 21/04/19

Pirated vessels in the area:

- DHOW "AL KAUSER" 31/03/17 (Released later)

Other approaches/incidents in the area:

- MT SOFIA 29/04/17 (suspicious approach)
- MV PETRA 1 05/08/17 (Not MSE)
- SVS GRENVILLE 26/02/18 (suspicious approach)

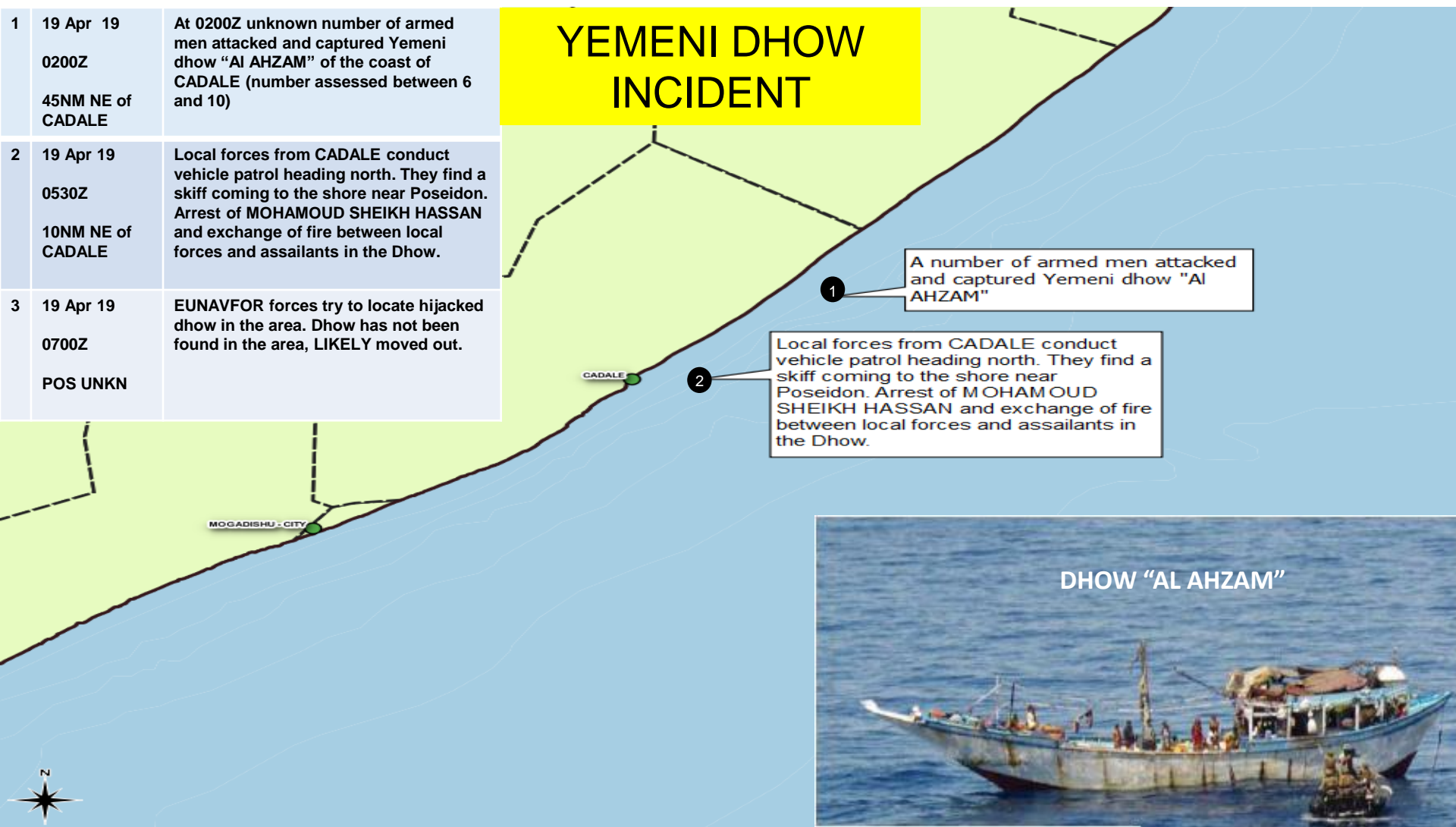




# DHOW "AL AZHAM"

1	19 Apr 19 0200Z  45NM NE of CADALE	At 0200Z unknown number of armed men attacked and captured Yemeni dhow "Al AHZAM" of the coast of CADALE (number assessed between 6 and 10)
2	19 Apr 19 0530Z  10NM NE of CADALE	Local forces from CADALE conduct vehicle patrol heading north. They find a skiff coming to the shore near Poseidon. Arrest of MOHAMOUD SHEIKH HASSAN and exchange of fire between local forces and assailants in the Dhow.
3	19 Apr 19 0700Z  POS UNKN	EUNAVFOR forces try to locate hijacked dhow in the area. Dhow has not been found in the area, LIKELY moved out.

## YEMENI DHOW INCIDENT



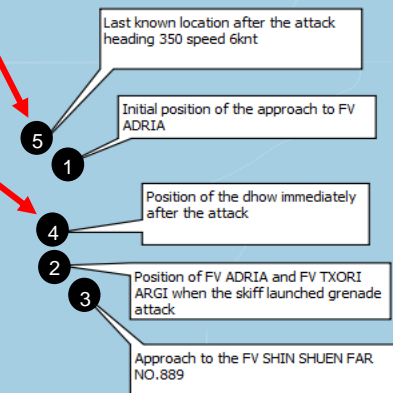
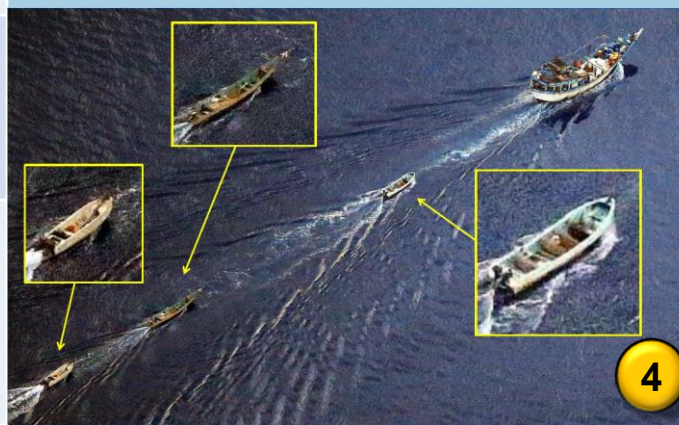


# FV "ADRIA" / FV "TXORI ARGİ"

1	21 Apr 19 0712Z  240NM SE of CADALE	At 0712Z, FV ADRIA reported being approached by 2 skiffs. Weapons sighted on board and a long ladder on one of the skiffs. Skiffs continue to follow the FV while it conducts evasive manoeuvres.
2	21 Apr 19 0830Z  261NM SE of CADALE	At 0830Z, FV TXORI ARGİ, which is near, come to assist FV ADRIA. One of the skiffs launches RPG attack against FV TXORI ARGİ, but the rocket misses both vessels. Private Security Teams on board FVs respond with weapons fire. The suspected pirates start throwing weapons and raising hands. FVs move away from the area, as well as the skiffs
3	21 Apr 19 0900Z  270NM SE of CADALE	At 0900Z, FV SHIN SHUEN FAR was approached by 2 skiffs. No attack or weapons fire was detected
4	21 Apr 19 1447Z  260NM SE of CADALE	At 1447Z, EUNAVFOR forces locate dhow "AL AHZAM" 10NM from the location of the attack, towing 3 skiffs and heading towards Somali coast at 6,5kts
5	21 Apr 19 1820Z  230NM SE of CADALE	At 1820Z, EUNAVFOR forces record last known position of the dhow, still on the same heading and speed



## PIRATE ATTACK



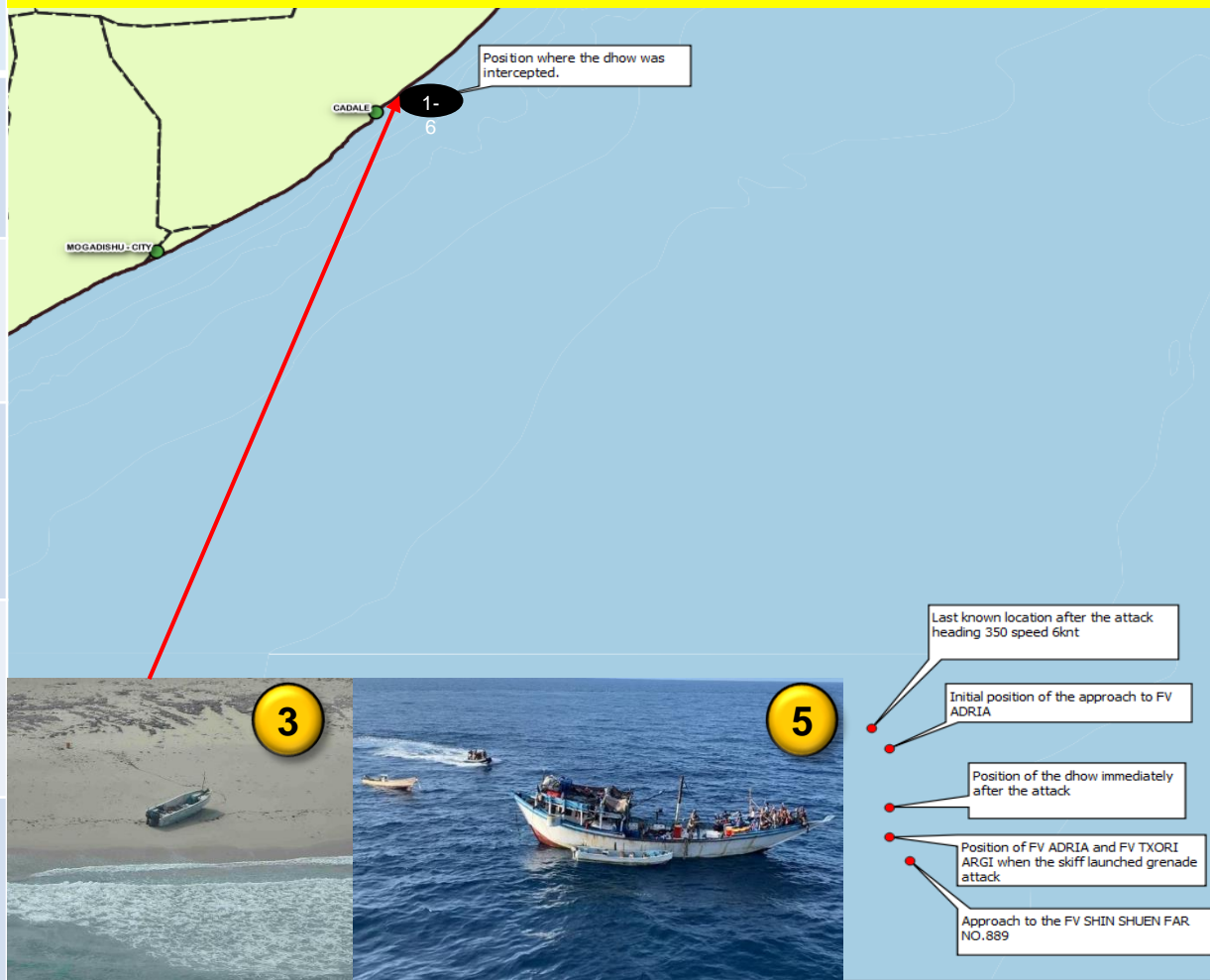




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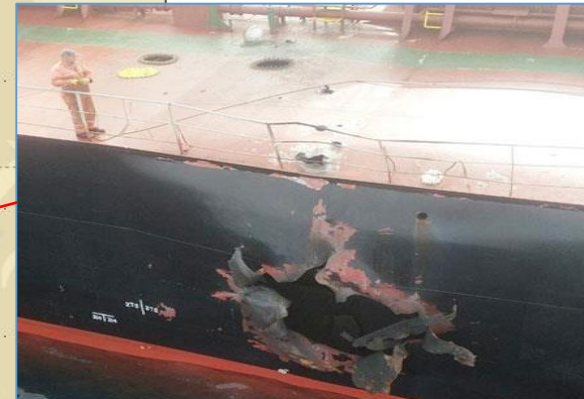
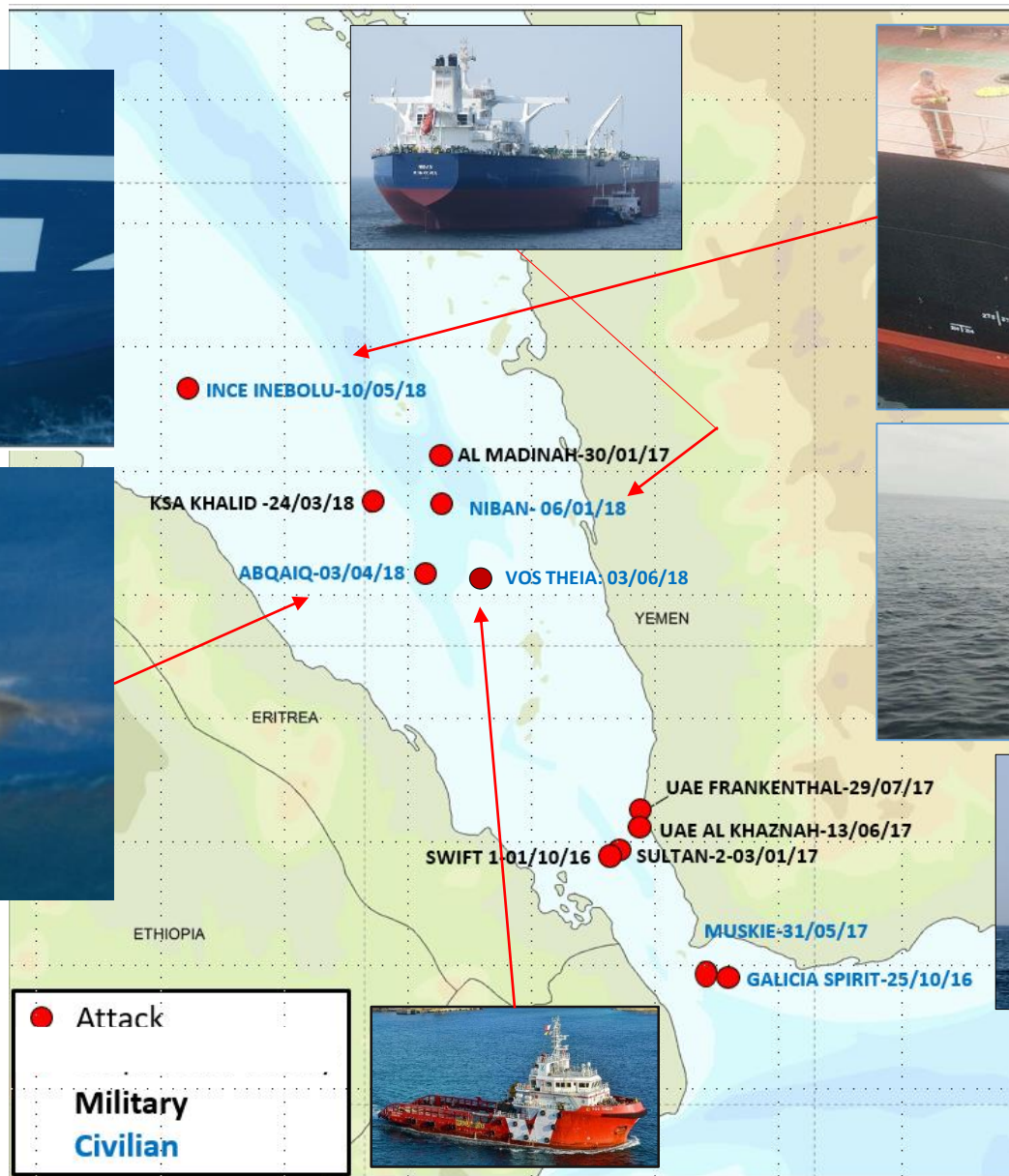
1	22 Apr 19  2035Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 2035Z, EUNAVFOR assets detected the Dhow close to the coast.
2	23 Apr 19  0338Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 0338Z, a skiff departs dhow carrying a number of suspected pirates towards the coast.
3	23 Apr 19  0353Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 0353Z, Dhow intercepted by EUNAVFOR forces
4	23 Apr 19  0418Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 0418Z, EUNAVFOR forces are on board the dhow. No piracy material detected on board (likely removed when EUNAVFOR forces were spotted). Navigation devices show dhow was in the vicinity of attacked FV at the time of the attack
5	23 Apr 19  0453Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 0453Z, EUNAVFOR forces finish checking the crew of the dhow. Total: 23 Yemeni and 7 Somali. 23 Yemeni and 2 Somali part of the crew of the dhow + security team boarded in Puntland. 5 suspected Somali pirates detained (4 of which are wounded)
6	23 Apr 19  1248Z 10NM SE of CADALE	At 1248Z, EUNAVFOR forces locate and recover the skiff that departed dhow earlier. Skiff found empty, with 2 engines and riddled with bullet holes. Skiff towed towards EUNAVFOR vessel as evidence.

## DHOW INTERCEPTION





# SOUTHERN RED SEA INCIDENTS





# MLCOA TO MDCOA TRIGGERS

## MLCOA

Pirate networks will continue to conduct sporadic attacks when possible

Networks will remain responsive to changes in maritime security environment

Any successes by pirate networks are likely to be responded to by other pirate groups

## PIRACY

Reduction in quality or use of PAST

Reduction in ships defensive measures

**CHANGE** in military presence

Collapse of local security forces or local economies

Rise of strong pirate leaders

## MDCOA

Pirate networks will increase aggression of attacks to force success

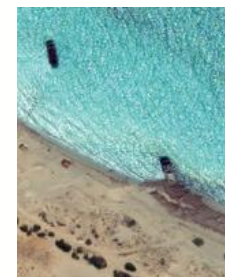
Networks will become responsive to current maritime security environment and adopt new tactics

Pirate networks increase activity levels in order to improve probability of successful hijackings



# CONCLUSION AND POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Shift in the area of operations of pirates, now in Somali Basin.
- Incidents in brown Waters, 200-300 nm.
- Use of a mother ship, previously pirated.
- Observed an increased of activity since 2017.
- Pirates' WILL and CAPACITY



**CONTRIBUTION TO A ROBUST MSA, INTEL AND SUPPORT IN INCIDENT RESPONSE**





# QUESTIONS?

