


**ICC-IMB International Meeting on Piracy,  
Armed Robbery and Maritime Security**

**Session 2 – Overview of high risk areas  
A report from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre**

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**In this presentation.....**

- Definitions
- Global statistics & regional focus
- Role of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre
- Way forward.....



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**Definitions**

Piracy defined under UNCLOS article 101 as

- a) Any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:-
  - i) On the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft
  - ii) Against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State
- b) Any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft.
- c) Any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)

**Armed Robbery defined under IMO resolution A.1025 (26)**

- a) Any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation or theft thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property onboard such a ship, within a states internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- b) Any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above.



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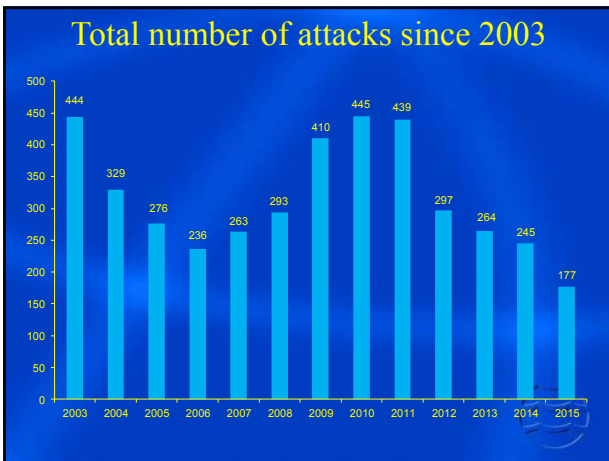
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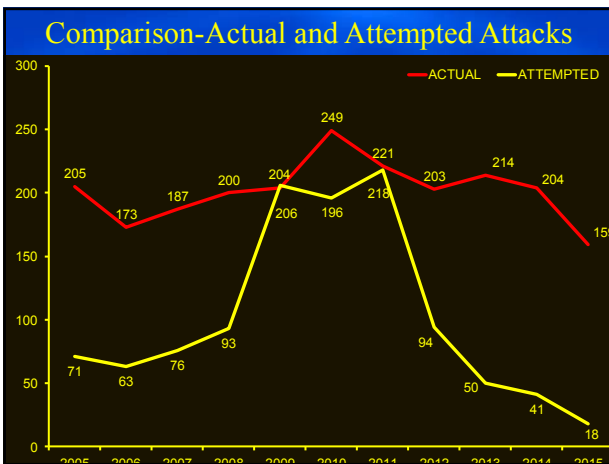
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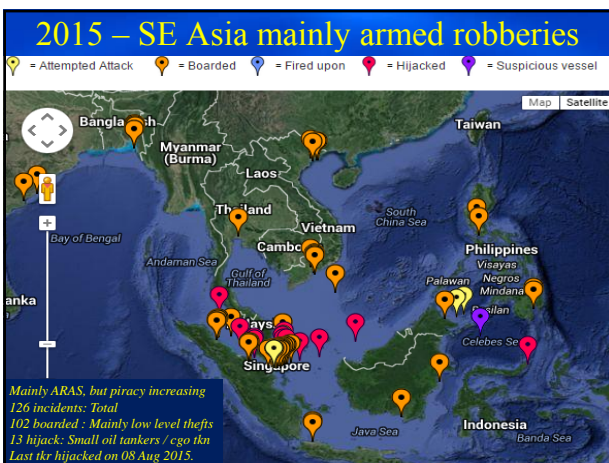
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### Hijacking of pdt tankers – SE Asia

2014:  
16 vsl hijacked / 205 crew hostage / 4 injuries  
Majority small coastal tkrs (dwt < 5000)  
Nav & comms damaged in most cases

On average one hijack every  
two weeks

2015:  
13 vsl hijacked / 187 crew hostage / 2 injuries  
Majority small coastal tkrs (dwt < 5000)  
Nav & comms damaged in most cases

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### RMN forms rapid deployment team to thwart pirate attacks

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Royal Malaysian Navy has formed a rapid deployment team with the cooperation of its Indonesian counterparts to curb sea crime, especially piracy, said Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaufar.

The RMN chief said a helicopter had been placed under the team at its base in Tanjung Pengelih, Johor, while the Indonesian navy had stationed its team on Batam Island, near Singapore.

He added that the team was formed on Aug 21 following the *MT Joaquim* oil tanker robbery on Aug 8.

It was the third tanker to be forcefully taken in the Straits of Malacca this year, after two cases on March 2 and Feb 15.

Before the *MT Joaquim* incident, there were already 12 similar cases in South-East Asian waters this year, of which six involved Malaysian-registered tankers. They included the *MT Oriskán Harmony*, which was carrying petrol worth RM21ml and was hijacked off Johor's east coast on June 11.

Last year, there were 15 reported ship hijackings, eight of which involved fuel tankers. Most hijackings involved small groups of armed pirates moving in smaller and faster boats.

Meanwhile, Admiral Abdul Aziz said RMN would not hesitate to hand over to the authorities navy personnel suspected to be involved in the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

He said this in response to the arrest of five Armed Forces personnel on Aug 19. They were among 10 individuals detained for alleged IS involvement.

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### 2015 – Gulf of Guinea

● = Attempted Attack   
 ● = Boarded   
 ● = Fired upon   
 ● = Hijacked   
 ● = Suspicious vessel

**Mix of Piracy and ARAS**  
20 incidents / 2 hijacked / 1 killed / 7 kidnapped  
Underreporting / associated violence  
No incident reported after 18 May 2015

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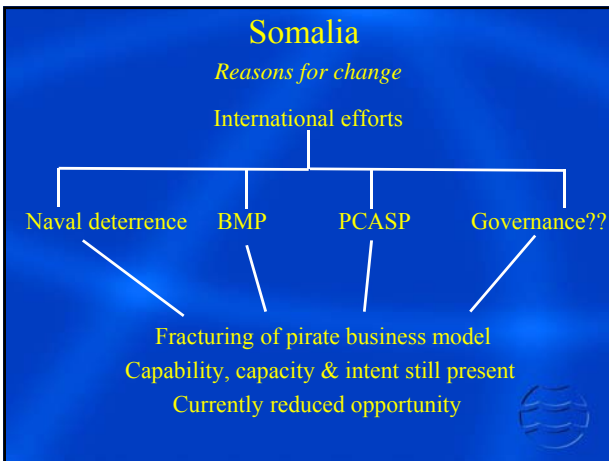
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### Current Hostage Stats (Somalia)

26 (29) crew being held. Negotiations??

Somali numbers	Total
Ships attacked	913
Ships hijacked	194
Hostages	3643

*What about the families?*

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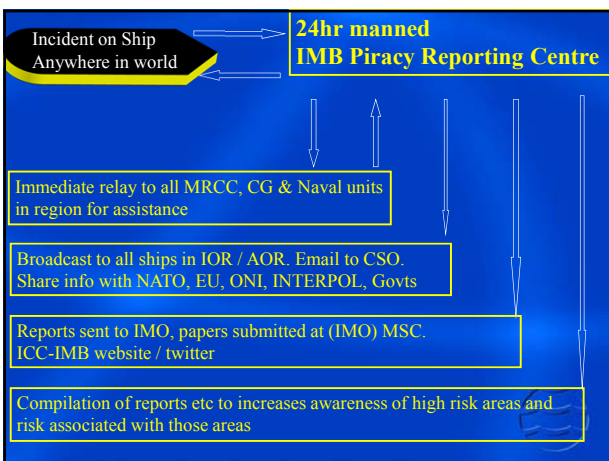
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### Way forward.....

- Crime of piracy different – needs unique solutions
- Reporting detached from response – good governance
- Ease of reporting for ship masters (hub & spoke)
- Encouraging response from law enforcement / govt
- Universal classification / definitions of reported incidents



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### Thank You

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