

Piracy Threat Analysis Report

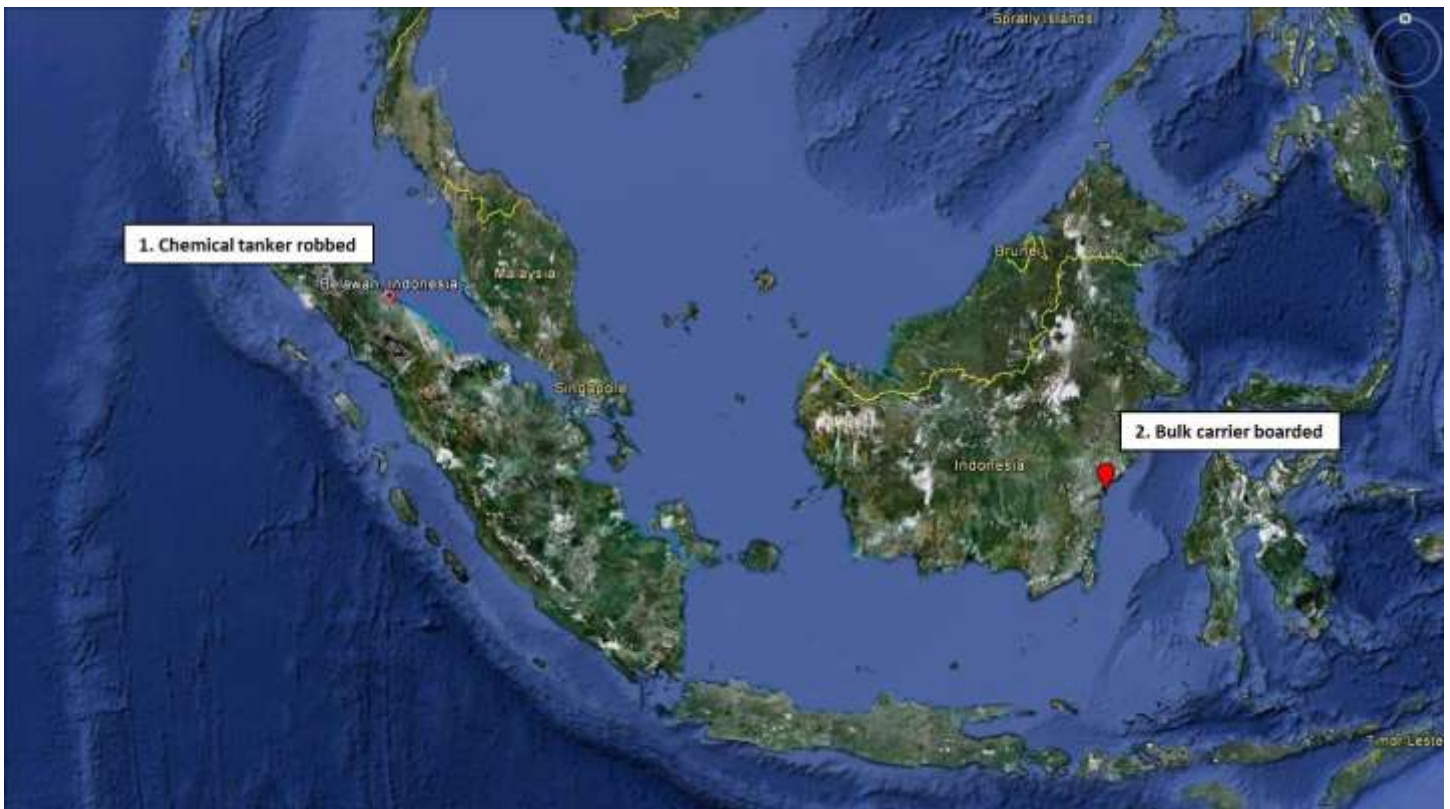
8 March 2013 – 14 March 2013



Threat Analysis Center

Summary

There were two incidents reported worldwide this week and no incidents reported in the Indian Ocean and off the Horn of Africa. Threat level in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden remains moderate, but weather conditions this week remain calm with sea states conducive to pirate activity. With the winter monsoon season over, sea states will be much easier to navigate through.



1. Indonesia: Chemical tanker robbed 12 March while anchored at Belawan anchorage. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed.

2. Indonesia: Bulk carrier boarded 14 March while in position 01:40S – 116:39E, approximately 25NM south-southwest of Balikpapan port. Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the vessel. The alert duty seaman spotted the robbers attempting to enter the forecast store and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and sounded the forward fog horn. Seeing the alert crew muster proceeding towards the forecandle, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Pilot station and all vessels at Adang Bay alerted. Nothing was stolen and no injuries to crew were reported.

Sources: Office of Naval Intelligence, International Maritime Bureau

Convoy Schedules

Escort services are provided by the following countries during the month of March for vessels transiting the Gulf of Aden:

Government of Japan convoy scheduled for March 2013. Merchant vessels that wish to apply for JMSDF escort operation should visit http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html and follow the application procedure. For further information, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MILT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932 Fax: +81-3-5253-1643 Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp.

Korean Navy convoy scheduled for March 2013. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at (INMARSAT: 870-773-110-299), (Email: rokcheonghae@gmail.com).

Chinese Navy convoy scheduled for March 2013. For further information, please e-mail cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn, cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn, or call Tel: 86-10-652-92221 Fax: 86-10-652-92245.

Indian Navy convoy escort schedule for March 2013. To register with the Indian convoy, visit www.dgshipping.com, or email antipiracyescort@dgshipping.com, or dgcommcentre@satyammaail.net; telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22-22613636.

Russian Navy convoy escort schedule for March 2013. For further information e-mail smb@msecurity.ru or Fax: +7 (495) 607-01-95

Source: Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa

Weather Forecast 15 Mar 2013 – 21 Mar 2013: Indian Ocean

Gulf of Aden: East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the Eastern portion of the Gulf. **Extended Forecast:** East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the Eastern portion of the Gulf.

Gulf of Oman: Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf. **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

Somali Coast: Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet. **Extended Forecast:** Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

Arabian Sea: Northerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **Extended Forecast:** Northwesterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

Central African Coast/Indian Ocean: East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **Extended Forecast:** East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

Mozambique Channel: South-southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet in the southern Channel. **Extended Forecast:**

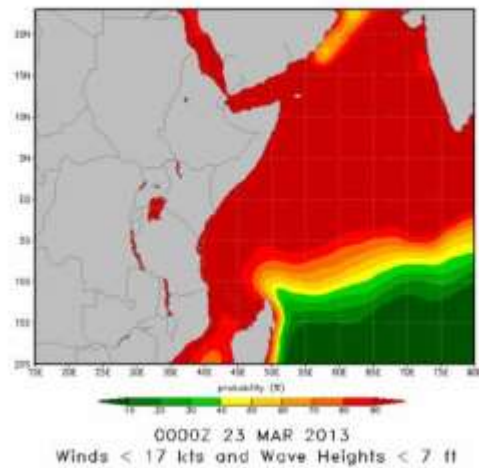
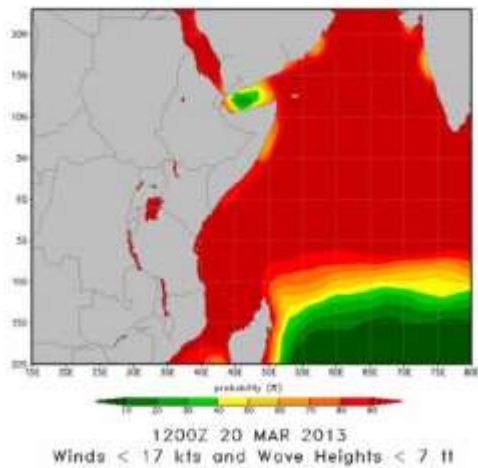
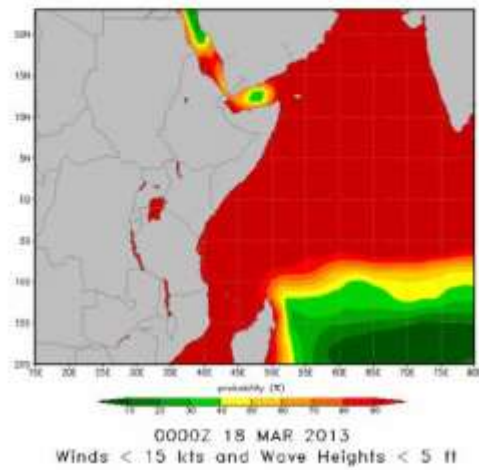
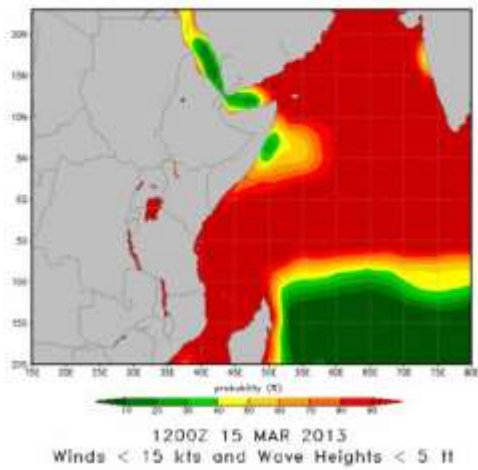
Southerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet In the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the southern Channel.

Surface Currents: The Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are northeasterly with most areas having average speed of 1 - 2 knots. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speeds of 1 - 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin average between 1 - 2 knots

10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities for Indian Ocean

In the graphic below, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

10 Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast



Courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office
Warfighting Support Center and the Office of Naval
Intelligence

Information Cut-off Date: 14 Mar 2013