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## **(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 16 - 22 August 2018**

23 August 2018

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### **1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. No events were reported this past week.

#### **A. (U) Details:**

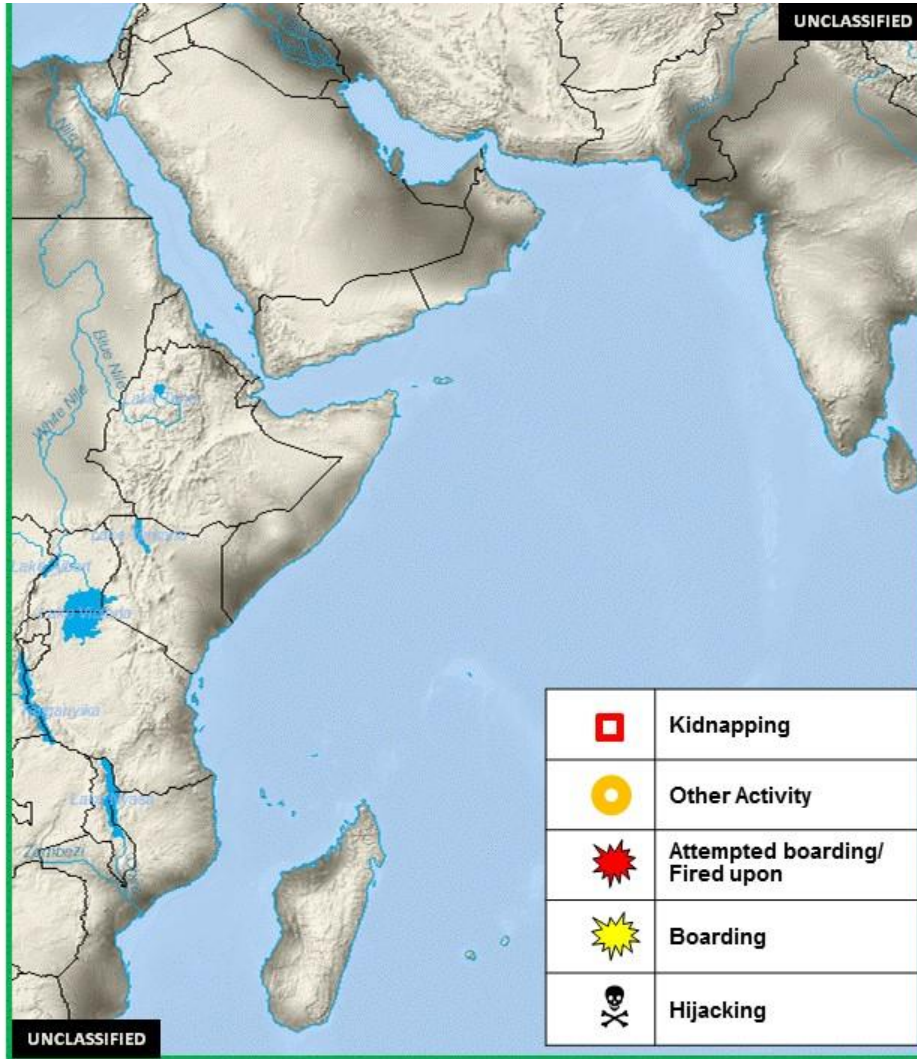
**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

**B. (U) Incident Disposition:**



(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 16 - 22 August 2018

**C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity**

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**(U) Table 1.**

**(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events**

Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Aug 2018	July 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

<b>Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	2
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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

## **2. (U) Weather Forecast for 23 - 29 August 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities**

### **(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 23 - 29 August 2018**

**A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA:** Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 12 - 15 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 7 - 9 feet.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** South-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with south-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**C. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with west-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**D. (U) SOMALI COAST:** Southwest winds of 25 - 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 12 - 15 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 25 - 30 knots, and seas of 10 - 12 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** South-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet.

**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** South-southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet, with 10 foot swells, in the southern Channel.

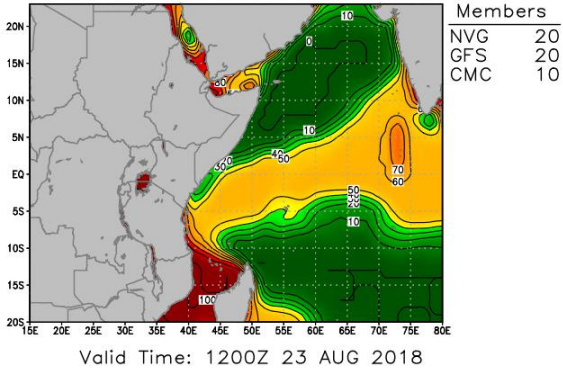
**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents' speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** High pressure continues to dominate the weather pattern over much of the region producing mostly clear skies with isolated areas of thunderstorm activity. Expect increased localized wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funneling effects and occasional shamal winds across the Arabian Gulf.

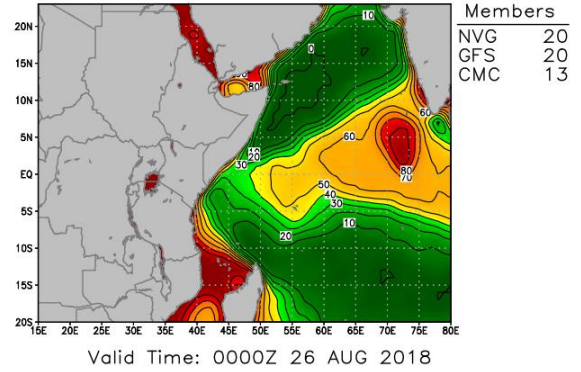
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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2018082100

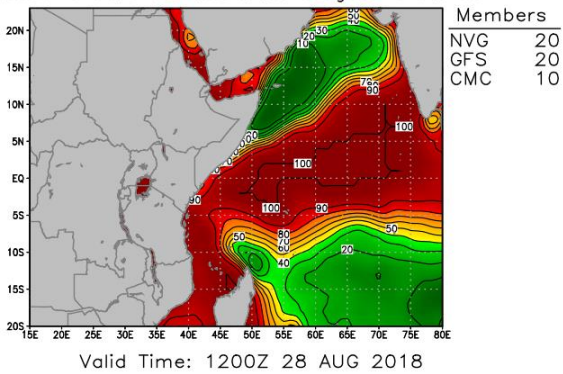
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



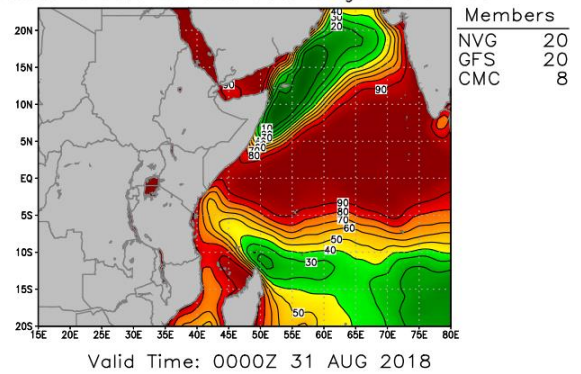
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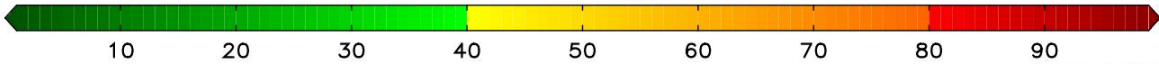
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

**3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a low level. One merchant vessel was boarded this past week.

**A. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

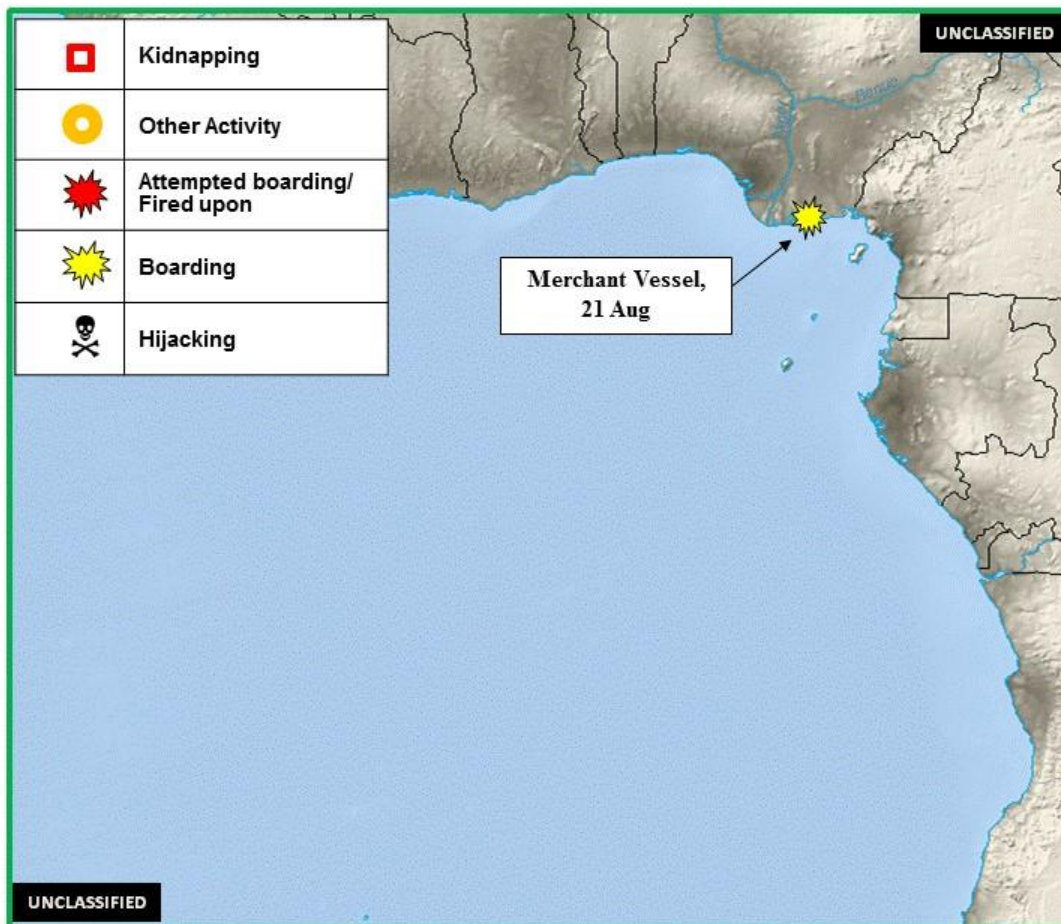
**(U) Vessels Boarded:**

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 21 August, a vessel was boarded at Onne Port Anchorage, near position 04:40N - 007:09E. Four intruders boarded the vessel with weapons. Cans of oil were stolen and the intruders left without entering the ship. Vessel and crew are safe. (MDAT-GoG)

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:**

1. (U) GABON: On 13 August, Panama-flagged tanker PANTELENA was reported missing. The PANTELENA has a crew of 17 Georgia citizens and 2 Russians. The tanker's last known position was 00:32N – 008:48E, approximately 40 nm west of Libreville on 13 August at 2100 UTC. (www.fleetmon) **UPDATE:** On 23 August, reports indicate that the vessel has been located. Unconfirmed report that all crew and vessel are safe. (MDAT-GoG)

**B. (U) Incident Disposition**

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 16 - 22 August 2018

**C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity**

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(U) Table 2.									
(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events*									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Aug 2018	July 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	7	2	3	2	9
Boarding	1	0	1	3	44	53	39	29	33
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	2	31	35	54	41	32
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	12	30	26	22	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>
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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. \* Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

**4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 23 - 29 August 2018**

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the West Africa coast.

**5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. One kidnapping was reported this past week.

**A. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Kidnapping:**

1. (U) MALAYSIA: On 19 August, 12 pirates from Thailand boarded 2 small fishing boats near Pulau Langgun, in the Strait of Malacca. The fishermen were able to send a distress signal and local police rushed to the scene. Police successfully intercepted one of the boats used by the suspects, arresting 4 suspects and rescuing 7

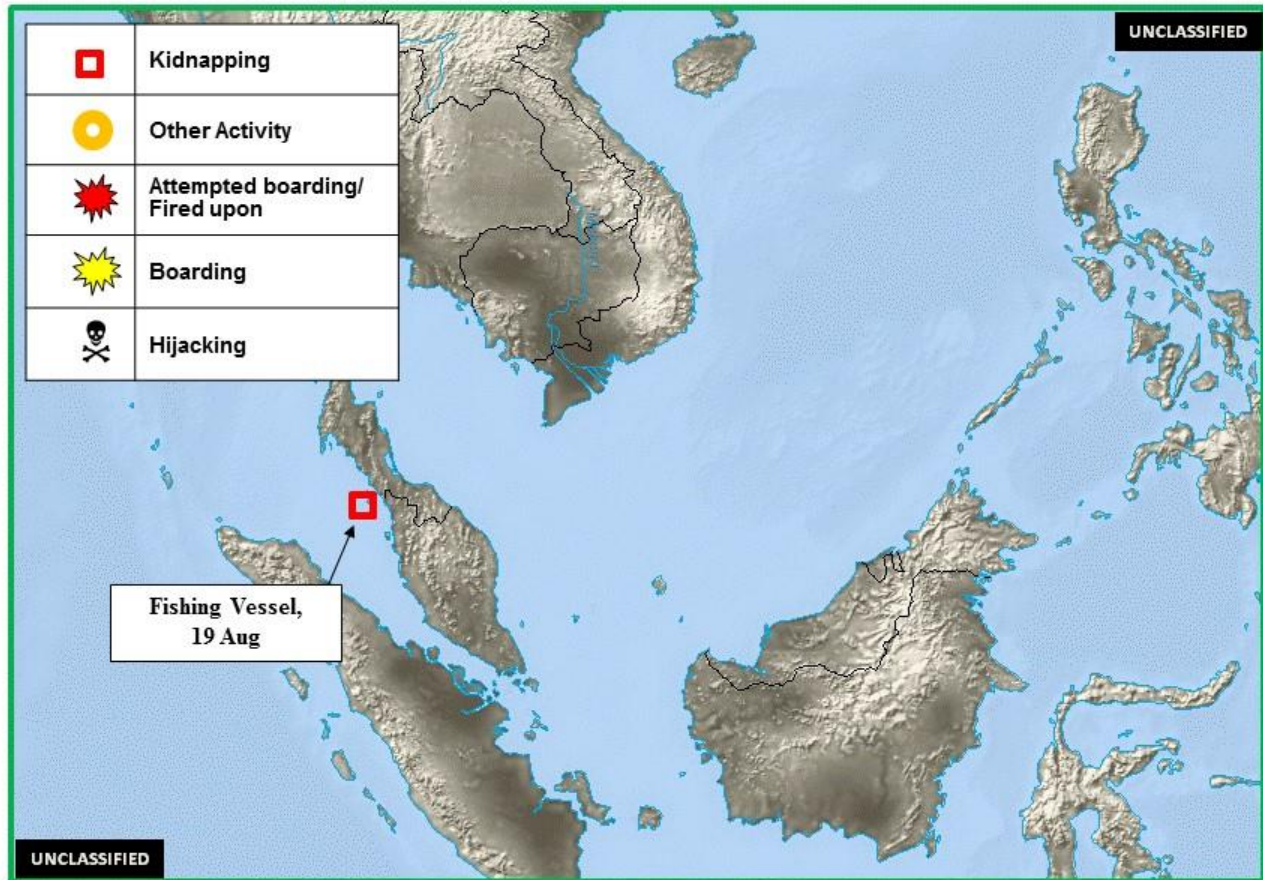
fishermen. Efforts to rescue the four other Malaysians, who are believed to have been taken to Thailand, are underway, as is the hunt for the remaining eight suspects, according to police. (www.thestar.com.my)

**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

**B. (U) Incident Disposition**



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 16 - 22 August 2018

**C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity**

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(U) Table 3.									
(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Aug 2018	July 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Attacks, Boardings, Attempted Boardings	0	1	3	6	56	90	96	238	177
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	16	16
Kidnappings	1	0	1	6	1	4	19	0	4
<b>Total</b>	1	1	4	6	58	97	117	254	197
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

**6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 23 - 29 August 2018**

**A. (U) SOUTHERN SOUTH CHINA SEA:** Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**B. (U) MALACCA STRAIT:** Westerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Strait; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

**C. (U) ANDAMAN SEA:** West-southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern section; with west-southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern section. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the northern section; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern section.

**D. (U) SOUTHERN SULU SEA - NORTHERN CELEBES SEA:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet.

**E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

**F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** Low pressure over Sea of Japan and associated front has increased winds and seas from Sea of Japan through the northern portion of the South China Sea; expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.



Forecaster's Note: The west Pacific Ocean's Tropical Cyclone Season runs from April to October. Expect numerous tropical cyclones to impact the region during this timeframe that could change the forecast.

## (U) Appendix

### (U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

#### (U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

**(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

**(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.

**(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 aboard the vessel.

**(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

#### (U) 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.

#### (U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News

- DNK Intelligence & Operations Centre (DNK IOC)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Lloyd's
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT- GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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