

MSC.4/Circ.269  
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## **REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**

### **Annual Report – 2024**

#### **Background**

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's request for the Secretariat to issue composite reports of all incidents of piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> reported to the Organization accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation; an indication on whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing; and advising on any new feature or pattern of significance, the annexes hereto provide, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, a summary of reports on incidents received between 1 January and 31 December 2024, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further, and as requested by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, been classifying separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly committed in port areas, as well as attempted acts of armed robbery.

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<sup>1</sup> "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (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 inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b)."

<sup>2</sup> "Armed robbery" against ships is defined in the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships* (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
  - (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."
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2 At its sixty-sixth session in June 1996, the Committee further requested the Secretariat to prepare, after March of every year, an annual summary of all acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships which had occurred during the previous year and had been reported to the Organization, based on their actual date and time of occurrence.

3 Pursuant to this request, the annexes hereto provide information on reports of piracy and armed robbery against ships received by the Secretariat since 1984, when relevant statistics started being compiled and, in particular, those which occurred in the course of 2024 as well as a regional analysis thereof.

4 At its eighty-fifth session in December 2008, the Committee also requested the Secretariat, *inter alia*, to include in future issues of MSC.4 circulars additional and separate annexes listing incidents occurring in waters off the coast of Somalia (see annex 5).

### **Monthly reports**

5 At its ninety-ninth session in May 2018, the Committee agreed to discontinue the monthly circulars containing reports on incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships, while maintaining the annual reports as part of the series of MSC.4 circulars. However, the Secretariat continues to make monthly reports available at IMO's public website. Further, reports of actual and attempted attacks by pirates and armed robbers against ships are continuously promulgated via the Piracy and Armed Robbery module of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) as soon as they are received by the Secretariat from Member States and reporting organizations and entities. Users of the module can create and download customized reports, e.g. by geographical area or time period (guidance is available within the module).

### **Global and regional trends in 2024**

6 According to information received and made available in IMO's GISIS module on piracy and armed robbery, 146 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the Organization as having occurred or been attempted in 2024. In 2023, 150 incidents were reported, whereas the number was 131 incidents in 2022. This, therefore, constitutes a decrease of about 2.7% at the global level compared to last year.

7 From the data referred to above, it also emerges that the areas affected by acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships in 2024 were the Straits of Malacca and Singapore area (91 incidents), Indian Ocean (19 incidents), West Africa (17 incidents), South China Sea (10 incidents), Arabian Sea (7 incidents), followed by the South America (Caribbean) (1 incident) and South America (Atlantic) (1 incident).

8 The number of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore area increased to 91 from 85 incidents reported in 2023. This represents an increase of 7%. About 77% of the incidents reported in 2024 were targeting a steaming ship in this area, compared to approximately 58% of incidents worldwide in 2024 (see annex 2).

9 The number of incidents in the Indian Ocean increased to 19 from 5 incidents reported in 2023. 18 incidents, or about 95% of the total, occurred in port areas, while the remaining one occurred in international waters (see annex 3).

10 The number of incidents that took place in the Gulf of Guinea (West Africa) decreased in 2024 by 5 compared to 2023, when 22 incidents were reported. This constitutes a decrease of about 23%. The number of incidents involving hostage/kidnapped crew is 5, the same as 5

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in 2023, with a total of 42 crew members reported as hostage/kidnapped. Approximately 29% of incidents occurred in international waters and 71% occurred in port area.

11 The number of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported in the South China Sea decreased by 4 from 14 incidents reported to the Organization in 2023. This represents a decrease of approximately 29%.

12 The number of incidents in the Arabian Sea increased to 7 from 2 incidents reported in 2023. This constitutes an increase of about 250%. In all incidents, the ships were attacked while steaming in international waters.

13 The number of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the South American regions and the Caribbean region taken overall decreased by 17 from 19 incidents reported in 2023. This constitutes a decrease of about 89%. This total includes incidents in the Caribbean region which decreased to 1 from 4 incidents reported in 2023, whereas the South America Atlantic region was on par with 2023 when 1 incident was reported. No incidents were reported for the South America Pacific region, while 14 were reported in 2023.

14 The data reveals that the total number of crew reported as taken hostage/kidnapped in 2024 remains at 132 crew members, and this is an increase from 92 crew members held hostage/kidnapped in 2023. The number of crew taken hostage/kidnapped in West Africa decreased to 42 from 68 crew members reported in 2023. However, in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, 9 and 44 crew members were reportedly taken hostage/kidnapped respectively in incidents in 2024, while no such incidents were reported in 2023.

15 The total number of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization as having occurred or having been attempted from 1984 to the end of December 2024 has risen to 9,014.

16 Information on each report of actual or attempted acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization is available in the piracy and armed robbery module in GISIS, as explained in paragraph 5.

17 The annexes to this document provide a breakdown of the information referred to above as follows:

- .1 annex 1 provides a list of all acts reported to have occurred or to have been attempted in 2024 in chronological order of occurrence per each geographical area;
- .2 annex 2 provides a regional analysis of acts reported to have been allegedly committed or attempted during 2024;
- .3 annex 3 provides a graphical presentation by area, on an annual basis, of the acts reported to have been allegedly committed or attempted during 2024;
- .4 annex 4 provides a graphical presentation by area, on an annual basis, of reports received between 1984 and 31 December 2024; and
- .5 annex 5 provides a list of all acts reported to have occurred or to have been attempted in waters off the coast of Somalia in 2024.



## ANNEX 1

### LIST OF ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS AND ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

Date	Ship Name	IMO No.
<b>ARABIAN SEA</b>		
04/01/2024	Lila Norfolk	9281700
24/01/2024	Adria	8919489
27/01/2024	Waimea	9513907
12/03/2024	Abdullah	9745598
10/05/2024	Chrystal Arctic	9332640
13/05/2024	ALFAJR	
23/05/2024	Basilisk	9539377
<b>INDIAN OCEAN</b>		
14/01/2024	Omera Legacy	9291236
24/01/2024	MT Regency	9258363
27/01/2024	White Peach	9328144
27/01/2024	Lorenzo Putha 4	
03/02/2024	Name Withheld	
16/02/2024	Maersk Hai Phong	9858735
19/02/2024	Gas Courage	9240419
03/03/2024	Era Star	9988061
27/03/2024	Viva Cosmos	9251327
30/03/2024	ASL Leban	9547178
08/04/2024	Maersk Chattogram	9761023
13/05/2024	Largo Eden	9935909
15/06/2024	Belatlantic	9744104
12/10/2024	MV YM Advance	9860685
12/10/2024	Name Withheld	
19/11/2024	Karlovasi	9951783
20/11/2024	Ceylon Princess	9734575
09/12/2024	Name Withheld	
28/12/2024	Oriole	9441374

## MALACCA AND SINGAPORE STRAITS AREA

03/01/2024	Name Withheld	
04/01/2024	Helga Oldendorff	9713040
04/01/2024	Crimson Queen	9465174
04/01/2024	Artin	9305221
09/01/2024	CMB Chikako	9701190
12/01/2024	Solar Roma	9887372
27/01/2024	Al Amerat	9405851
31/01/2024	Clipper I-Star	9660085
01/02/2024	Royal Tb 27	8773940
06/02/2024	Maria-Maria	9453767
19/02/2024	Globe Explorer	9675561
20/02/2024	Top Diligence	9767895
29/02/2024	African Halcyon	9343613
29/02/2024	Boka Vanguard	9618783
04/03/2024	Alpha Hope	9446582
06/03/2024	Apiradee Naree	9613410
06/03/2024	Yangtze Crown	9636905
26/03/2024	Dark Knight / Ambur	9172284
29/03/2024	George Island	9573749
03/04/2024	Shakespeare Bay	9542661
06/04/2024	Danum 53 / Linau 135	9414864
13/04/2024	Solar Roma	9887372
14/04/2024	Casanova	9454151
14/04/2024	Bongawan 9 / Hexagro 9	9515371
01/05/2024	Hafnia Pacific	9382061
03/05/2024	Apiradee Naree	9613410
15/05/2024	Murou	9539391
21/05/2024	GCL Leader	9902550
25/05/2024	Irvine Bay	9682928
27/05/2024	Ocean Dream	9860324
05/06/2024	Avatar Courage	9559028
10/06/2024	G.B. Corrado	9314624
11/06/2024	Santa Regina	9675274
15/06/2024	Ivestos 9	9349306
15/06/2024	Name Withheld	
15/06/2024	Fairchem Conquest	9798648

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25/06/2024	Dongbang Giant No.6	9593397
27/06/2024	IVESTOS 8	9357755
07/07/2024	Orihime	9621235
15/07/2024	HK Tug 9/LKH2882	9767120
16/07/2024	Wadi Feran	9460083
21/07/2024	Earth Harmony	9832470
23/07/2024	Corinna	9593842
29/07/2024	Berge Mauna Loa	9951941
29/07/2024	Thisseas	9493896
03/08/2024	Spec Nichole	9701126
05/08/2024	HK Tug 3/LKH 3883	9399686
06/08/2024	Ultra Colonsay	9448217
11/08/2024	Aphrodite L	9487615
23/08/2024	Jin Hwa 49/Jin Hwa 39	9373981
27/08/2024	Lucky Long	9122564
14/09/2024	Sea Voyager	9799707
14/09/2024	Target 10/Alam 281	9826926
14/09/2024	Atlantic Tiger	9874612
22/09/2024	Royal Tb 17	8798720
29/09/2024	Name Withheld	
30/09/2024	New Destiny	9557056
02/10/2024	Torex	9257814
16/10/2024	Name Withheld	
17/10/2024	BW Kestrel	9607203
18/10/2024	Nyon	9888039
18/10/2024	Aspasia Luck	9223485
18/10/2024	Maran Spirit	9721011
23/10/2024	Al Derwazah	9563410
24/10/2024	GL La Paz	9599183
26/10/2024	Aom Bianca	9728215
12/11/2024	Oshima Trader	9867580
13/11/2024	Metro Ionian	9973652
13/11/2024	Oshima Trader	9867580
14/11/2024	Dara	9250244
14/11/2024	Saga Fjord	9613862
14/11/2024	NUS	9002491
16/11/2024	Dokos	9941049
17/11/2024	Dokos	9941049
19/11/2024	Ammos	9573804

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20/11/2024	Genco Lion	9593464
23/11/2024	HTK Confidence	9412969
24/11/2024	Theodore JR	9739020
26/11/2024	Express	9461350
02/12/2024	Sakizaya Miracle	9768019
03/12/2024	PAC Alnath	9265926
07/12/2024	Genco Augustus	9361249
07/12/2024	Kyzikos	9343845
09/12/2024	Dalma	9322279
11/12/2024	Proteus Harvonne	9923401
13/12/2024	AM Ocean Pride	9427330
14/12/2024	Honor Star	9335991
17/12/2024	Cape Star	9509748
22/12/2024	Front Eagle	9855343
28/12/2024	Rostrum Hedonist	9955894
29/12/2024	Sandpiper Pacific	9648192

#### **SOUTH AMERICA (A)**

12/04/2024	Asian Trader	9245689
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#### **SOUTH AMERICA (C)**

28/08/2024	Happy Avocet	9694373
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#### **SOUTH CHINA SEA**

02/02/2024	MV Nordpuma	9626259
10/05/2024	ESL Dachan Bay	9535216
21/05/2024	Marvel 3 / Seronggong 8	5331703
29/05/2024	AAL Merkur	9509695
15/10/2024	Genco Constellation	9714678
19/10/2024	Name Withheld	
20/10/2024	Name withheld	
11/12/2024	HK Tug 9/LKH2882	9767120
18/12/2024	Nordmaas	9822736
21/12/2024	Seaspan Lumaco	9443487



## WEST AFRICA

01/01/2024	Hana I	9340398
03/01/2024	Bourbon Explorer 519	9654347
07/01/2024	Rathbone	9341380
14/01/2024	Name Withheld	
25/01/2024	Aurora Diamond	9648025
16/02/2024	Severn	9859234
14/05/2024	Lodur	9219381
17/05/2024	Fidan	9423736
29/05/2024	Name Withheld	
20/06/2024	Maersk Samia	9289946
13/08/2024	Bourbon Liberty 320	9619206
18/10/2024	Pearl Island	9801720
28/11/2024	Navios Destiny	9352418
05/12/2024	Name Withheld	
07/12/2024	Irene	9757931
20/12/2024	Name Withheld	
21/12/2024	Bourbon Liberty 234	9579602



## ANNEX 2

### REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS DURING 2024

All reported incidents

	South China Sea	Malacca, Singapore Straits area	Indian Ocean	Arabian Sea	South America (C)	South America (A)	West Africa
<b>Location of incident</b>							
In international waters	0	8	1	7	0	0	5
In territorial waters	2	62	0	0	0	0	0
In port area	8	21	18	0	1	1	12
<b>Status of ship when attacked</b>							
Steaming	2	70	1	7	0	0	5
At anchor	8	20	18	0	1	1	12
Not stated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Number of persons involved in the attack</b>							
1-4 persons	6	48	7	0	1	1	4
5-10 persons	1	32	7	4	0	0	6
More than 10 persons	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
Not stated	2	9	2	3	0	0	6
<b>Consequences to the crew</b>							
Actual violence against the crew	0	3	1	0	0	0	2
Threat of violence against the crew	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Ship missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ship hijacked	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
None/not stated	2	8	2	0	0	0	1

<b>Weapons used by attackers</b>							
Guns	2	14	0	5	0	0	3
Knives	0	35	4	0	0	1	2
Rocket-propelled grenades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
None/not stated	8	35	14	2	1	0	12
<b>Parts of ship raided</b>							
Master and crew accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cargo area	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Store rooms	1	1	4	0	0	0	1
Engine room	1	45	0	0	0	0	0
Main deck	4	9	4	1	0	0	2
Not boarded	0	8	3	3	0	0	2
Not stated	2	16	7	3	0	1	9
<b>Other</b>							
Lives lost (unit: people)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded crew (unit: people)	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Missing crew (unit: people)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crew hostage/kidnapping (unit: people)	0	37	9	44	0	0	42
Assaulted (unit: people)	0	2	4	0	0	0	3
Ransom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total number of incidents reported per area</b>	10	91	19	7	1	1	17
<b>Total number of incidents reported</b>	146						

Incidents reported to have been allegedly committed

	South China Sea	Malacca, Singapore Straits area	Indian Ocean	Arabian Sea	South America (C)	South America (A)	West Africa
<b>Location of incident</b>							
In international waters	0	8	1	4	0	0	4
In territorial waters	2	57	0	0	0	0	0
In port area	8	18	15	0	1	1	11
<b>Status of ship when attacked</b>							
Steaming	2	65	1	4	0	0	4
At anchor	8	17	15	0	1	1	11
Not stated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Number of persons involved in the attack</b>							
1-4 persons	6	44	6	0	1	1	4
5-10 persons	1	31	7	2	0	0	6
More than 10 persons	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
Not stated	2	6	0	2	0	0	4
<b>Consequences to the crew</b>							
Actual violence against the crew	0	3	1	0	0	0	2
Threat of violence against the crew	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Ship missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ship hijacked	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
None/not stated	2	6	2	0	0	0	1
<b>Weapons used by attackers</b>							
Guns	2	14	0	3	0	0	3
Knives	0	35	4	0	0	1	2
Rocket-propelled grenades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Other	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
None/not stated	8	28	11	1	1	0	10
<b>Parts of ship raided</b>							
Master and crew accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cargo area	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Store rooms	1	1	4	0	0	0	1
Engine room	1	45	0	0	0	0	0
Main deck	4	9	4	1	0	0	2
Not boarded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated	2	16	7	3	0	1	9
<b>Other</b>							
Lives lost (unit: people)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded crew (unit: people)	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Missing crew (unit: people)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crew hostage/kidnapping (unit: people)	0	37	9	44	0	0	42
Assaulted (unit: people)	0	2	4	0	0	0	3
Ransom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total number of incidents reported per area</b>	10	83	16	4	1	1	15
<b>Total number of incidents reported</b>	130						

Incidents reported to have been allegedly attempted

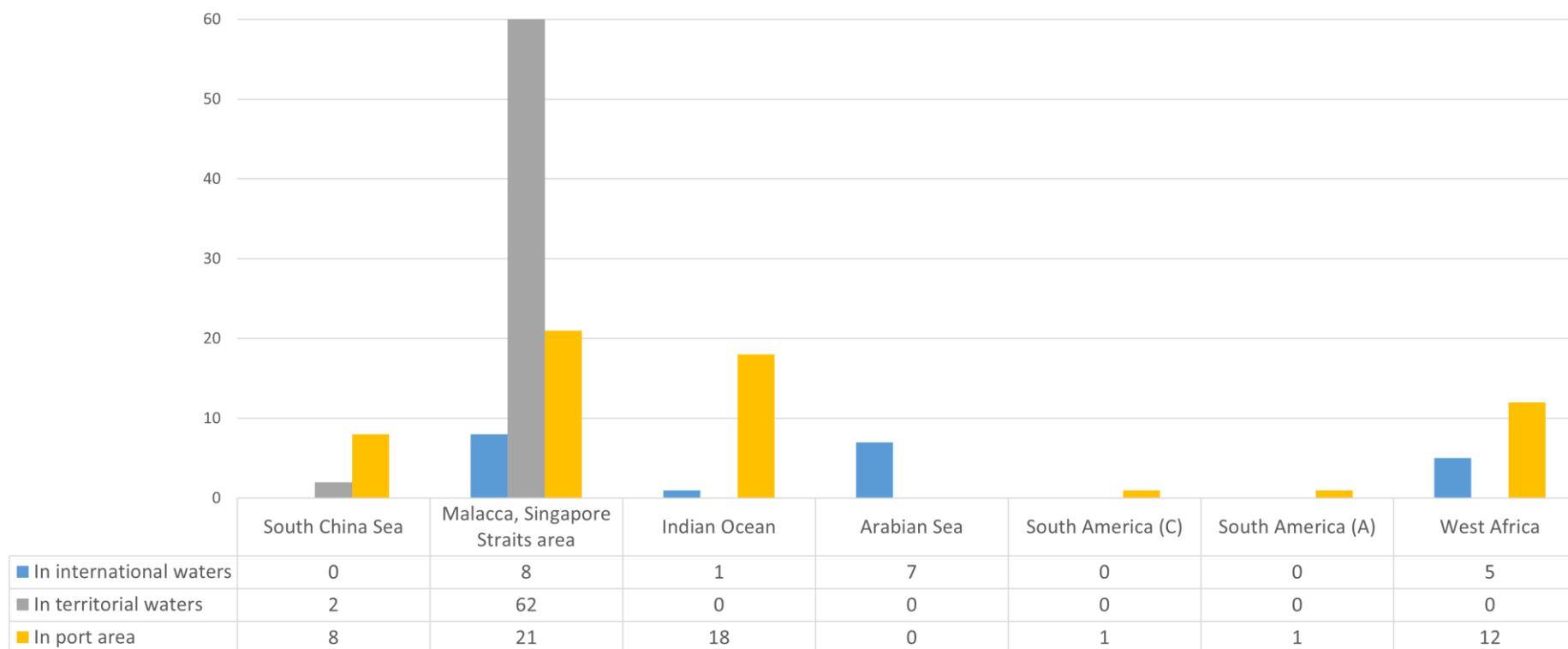
	Malacca, Singapore Straits area	Indian Ocean	Arabian Sea	West Africa
<b>Location of incident</b>				
In international waters	0	0	3	1
In territorial waters	5	0	0	0
In port area	3	3	0	1
<b>Status of ship when attacked</b>				
Steaming	5	0	3	1
At anchor	3	3	0	1
Not stated	0	0	0	0
<b>Number of persons involved in the attack</b>				
1-4 persons	4	1	0	0
5-10 persons	1	0	2	0
More than 10 persons	0	0	0	0
Not stated	3	0	1	2
<b>Consequences to the crew</b>				
Actual violence against the crew	0	0	0	0
Threat of violence against the crew	0	0	0	0
Ship missing	0	0	0	0
Ship hijacked	0	0	0	0
None/not stated	2	0	0	0
<b>Weapons used by attackers</b>				
Guns	0	0	2	0
Knives	0	0	0	0
Rocket-propelled grenades	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
None/not stated	7	3	1	2

<b>Parts of ship raided</b>				
Master and crew accommodation	0	0	0	0
Cargo area	0	0	0	0
Store rooms	0	0	0	0
Engine room	0	0	0	0
Main deck	0	0	0	0
Not boarded	8	3	3	2
Not stated	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>				
Lives lost (unit: people)	0	0	0	0
Wounded crew (unit: people)	0	0	0	0
Missing crew (unit: people)	0	0	0	0
Crew hostage/kidnapping (unit: people)	0	0	0	0
Assaulted (unit: people)	0	0	0	0
Ransom	0	0	0	0
<b>Total number of incidents reported per area</b>	8	3	3	2
<b>Total number of incidents reported</b>	16			

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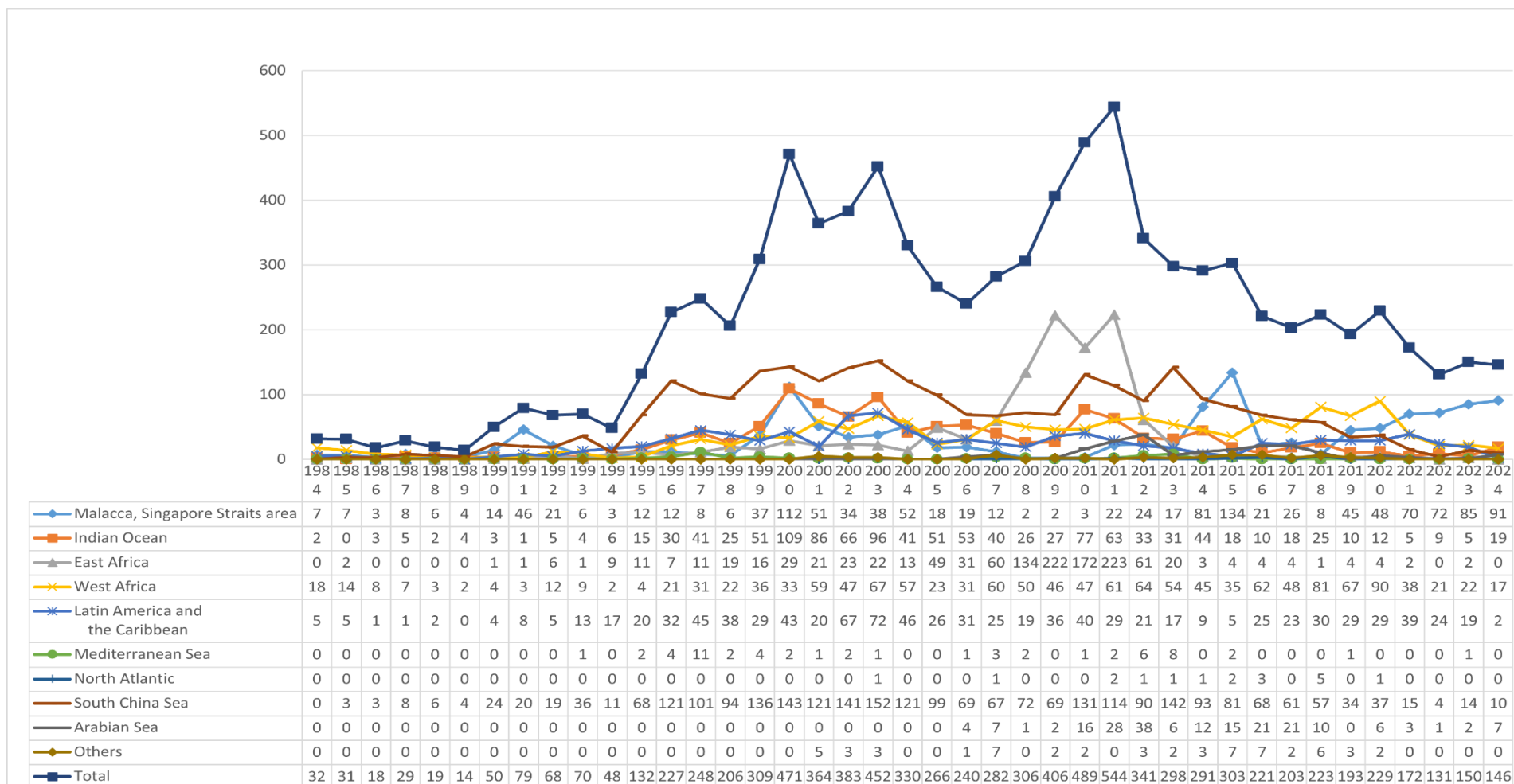
**ANNEX 3**  
**REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**  
**WHICH WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED OR ATTEMPTED DURING 2024**



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# **ANNEX 4** **YEARLY STATISTICS OF INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED SINCE 1984 (REGIONALLY AND GLOBALLY)**



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**ANNEX 5**

**LIST OF ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST  
SHIPS AND ATTEMPTED ATTACKS IN 2024 OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA**

Date	Ship Name	IMO No.
04/01/2024	Lila Norfolk	9281700
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27/01/2024	Lorenzo Putha 4	
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