

West Asia

» 307 maritime security and safety incidents monitored, a 16% decrease compared to 2022 (364 incidents).

» Significant increase recorded in hybrid maritime security threats incidents (43 incidents compared to 11 in 2022). Irregular human migration incidents saw a 32 % rise compared to the previous year.

» Contraband smuggling, IUU fishing and piracy and armed robbery witnessed a decrease of 36%, 32% and 31%, respectively, compared to last year.

» There was an upsurge of conflict-related incidents involving aerial attacks on ships using drones/missiles in the Red Sea and Western Indian Ocean in the last two months of 2023



Gulf of Guinea

» 33 incidents of piracy and armed robbery monitored, similar to incidents in 2022 (34 incidents).

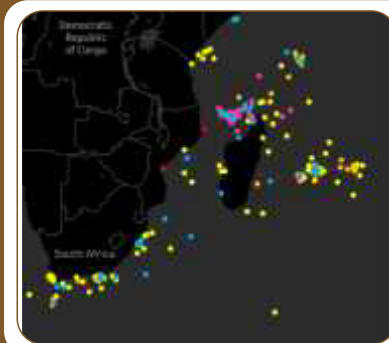
» The perpetrators were armed in nearly 60% of the incidents.

» Majority (64%) of the incidents were reported within territorial waters. However, one incident was reported even beyond 200 nm.

» The region continues to witness higher degree of violence associated with piracy and armed robbery. In the incidents, one fisherman lost his life and two crew members sustained severe injuries.



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East Africa

» 486 maritime security and safety incidents monitored, a 34% increase compared to 2022 (362 incidents).

» Significant increase recorded in piracy and armed robbery (37 incidents compared to 12 in 2022). Contraband smuggling, IUU fishing and maritime incidents saw a rise of 70%, 65% and 27% respectively, compared to the previous year.

» Irregular human migration witnessed a 7% decrease compared to 2022.

» The incidents monitored in the last quarter of 2023 may indicate the resurgence of piracy and armed robbery, especially off Somalia.

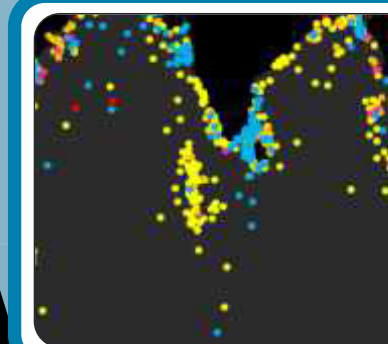


South East Asia

» 2,310 maritime security and safety incidents monitored, an 32% increase compared to 2022 (1,760 incidents).

» Maritime incidents, IUU fishing, piracy and armed robbery and contraband smuggling witnessed an increase of 45%, 34%, 20% and 16% respectively compared to 2022. Marine environment pollution saw a significant increase - 21 incidents compared to 08 in 2022.

» Irregular human migration witnessed a 10% decrease compared to 2022. However, coercing of migrants to consume drugs/ crystal meth (shabu) to endure hardship on overcrowded boats (reported in a few incidents) is a development of concern.



South Asia

» 896 maritime security and safety incidents monitored, a 15% increase compared to 2022 (780 incidents).

» Contraband smuggling and IUU fishing incidents recorded 60% and 35% upsurge compared to 2022.

» Irregular human migration and piracy and armed robbery witnessed a decrease of 71% and 23% respectively compared to 2022.

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