

TOOLS AVAILABLE FROM INTERNATIONAL NAVAL FORCES TO HELP YOU PLAN A SAFE AND SECURE TRANSIT OF THE PIRACY HIGH RISK AREA

Since 2008, international naval forces have worked with the shipping industry and individual companies and vessels to combat piracy in the High Risk Area. Four specialist organizations work together to support merchant shipping on a day to day basis – the NATO Shipping Centre (NSC), Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa (MSCHOA), UK Maritime Trade Operations Dubai (UKMTO) and Maritime Liaison Office Bahrain (MARLO).

These organizations provide a range of products and services to companies, ships' masters and their service providers to assist them in planning and conducting a safe passage through the Piracy High Risk Area (HRA). This document describes these tools and how they support the various the stages of a transit.



All tools can be accessed online, principally from the NATO Shipping Centre and MSCHOA websites:



www.shipping.nato.int



www.mschoa.org








Product	Organization	Description	Available from
Company and Master planning stages: prior to commencing a voyage			
General information – understand the HRA			
Dhow and skiff recognition chart and guide		<p>The dhow and skiff recognition chart is a simple guide to quickly and easily identify the type of dhows and skiffs common in the region.</p> <p>The dhow and skiff recognition</p>	<p> NATO Shipping Centre website under Dhow Project – http://www.shipping.nato.int/Pages/Dhow-project.aspx</p> <p> MSCHOA Open Website – under Dhow Project/Coastal Fishery Protection</p>

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		is more comprehensive and covers vessels, traffic, routes and features in the area.	
Fishing templates		Short summaries of relevant information related to fishing off the coasts of states in the HRA. They cover fishing grounds, common vessel types and fishing equipment.	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Dhow Project - http://www.shipping.nato.int/Pages/Dhow-project.aspx  MSCHOA Open Website – under Dhow Project/Coastal Fishery Protection
General information – understand self protection measures			
Best Management Practices 4		Downloadable copy of BMP 4 publication	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Be Aware – http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/Guidance-and-advice.aspx  MSCHOA Protected website – under Advice to Masters/BMP
		Hard copy BMP 4	 UKMTO – distributes to ships in UAE
Overview of self-protection measures		Summary of key self-protection measures	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Be Safe - http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/Guidance-and-advice.aspx  MSCHOA Secure Website – under Protection

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Self protection measures DVD		DVD/Video explaining how to implement self-protection measures.	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Be Safe - http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/Guidance-and-advice.aspx
General information: working with international naval forces			
Why register and report		Reasons for registering with MSCHOA and reporting to UKMTO	 MSCHOA Secure website – under Guidance
MSCHOA registration		Forms to register with MSCHOA	 MSCHOA Secure website – Home Page
The IRTC		Coordinates of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor in the Gulf of Aden	 MSCHOA Secure Website – under Advice to Masters
Group transits		Group Transits are designed to put ships into different speed groups in order to exploit the additional protection and assurance of being in a group.	 MSCHOA Secure Website- under Advice to Masters
National convoys		Schedules of independent convoy escorts offered by some nations through the IRTC where	 MSCHOA Secure Website – under Advice to Masters/Live Advice

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		merchant vessels are escorted by a warship.	
General information: understand the piracy threat in general			
Pirate tactics and threats		Description of latest pirate tactics and threats	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Be Aware - http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/Guidance-and-advice.aspx  MSCHOA Secure Website – under Advice to Masters and Intelligence
Weekly piracy update		An assessment of the piracy situation produced each Wednesday.	 NATO Shipping Centre website under Weekly Piracy Update – http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/NSC-Weekly-Update.aspx
Weekly report		An email report highlighting current events	 Contact: 2IC@ukmto.mod.uk
Specific information – understand the current threat to a particular transit			
PAM		The Piracy Activity Map (PAM) showing incidents, areas where NATO suspects there is an active PAG and areas of concern. Updated at least twice daily	 NATO Shipping Centre website under PAM - http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/Daily-Piracy-Update.aspx
Alert map		Google map with an overview of Alerts issued by the NATO Shipping Centre	 NATO Shipping Centre website – Home Page http://www.shipping.nato.int/

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Current Piracy Alerts		Details of current and recent Alerts	 NATO Shipping Centre website under our Products/Piracy Alerts - http://www.shipping.nato.int/Pages/archives.aspx  MSCHOA Secure Website – under Intelligence
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Initial report response		An update on current piracy activity sent in response to an Initial Report	 Emailed by UKMTO
Dubai industry briefing		In person updates to company and other personnel in UKMTO Operations room	 Contact UKMTO
Jebel Ali ship briefing		In person update to masters and officers on board ship	 Contact UKMTO
Specific information – get the latest information in the event of an incident			
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MSCHOA Alert		The latest Alert plus RSS feed providing Alert information (registration required)	 MSCHOA Secure Website – under latest alert (RSS subscription available)
UKMTO Warning		Emailed Warnings to distribution list	 Contact: 2iC@ukmto.mod.uk
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UKMTO Warning		Emailed Warnings to distribution list	 Contact UKMTO

Representatives of all four organizations attend and speak at conference and seminars and organize workshops and are happy to answer questions through their contact addresses and emails.

REMEMBER!

NAVAL FORCES NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE – SO REGISTER AND REPORT!

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