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(Piracy and armed robbery at lowest level since 1994; according to IMB)

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) received the lowest number of reported incidents for the first half of any year since 1994.

IMB's latest global piracy report details 58 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships – the lowest total since 1994 – down from 68 incidents during the same period last year. In the first six months of 2022, IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) reported 55 vessels boarded, 2 attempted attacks and one vessel hijacked. According to IMB Director; not only is this good news for the seafarers and the shipping industry it is positive news for trade, which promotes economic growth. However, the areas of risk shift and the shipping community must remain vigilant.



While the reduction in reported incidents is indeed encouraging, the IMB PRC continues to caution against complacency, as vessels were boarded in 96% of the reported incidents. Despite no crew kidnappings reported during this period, violence against and the threat to crews continues with 23 crew taken hostage and a further five crew threatened.

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IMB PIRACY REPORT

January - June 2022

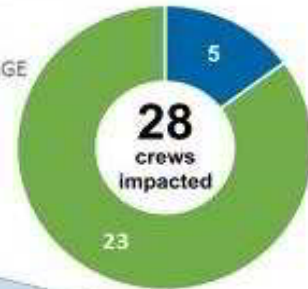


Number of Incidents reported:



Impact on crew:

- THREATENED
- TAKEN HOSTAGE



Gulf of Guinea Incidents:



H1 2018 H1 2019 H1 2020 H1 2021 H1 2022

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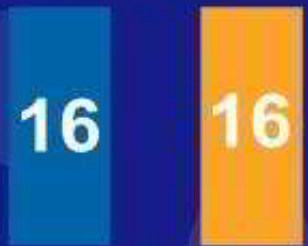
The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre urges the Coastal response agencies and independent international navies to continue their **positive efforts** to ensure this crime is permanently addressed in these waters.

Singapore Straits Reported incidents

Over 25% of all incidents reported globally in H1 2022 occurred in the **Singapore Straits**.

Perpetrators successfully boarded vessels in all 16 incidents reported in H1 2022.

Weapons utilised in six incidents.



H1 2021 H1 2022

Callao Anchorage

Knives reported in five incidents...



H1 2018 H1 2019 H1 2020 H1 2021 H1 2022

...Gun reported in one incident.

Four crew taken hostage.

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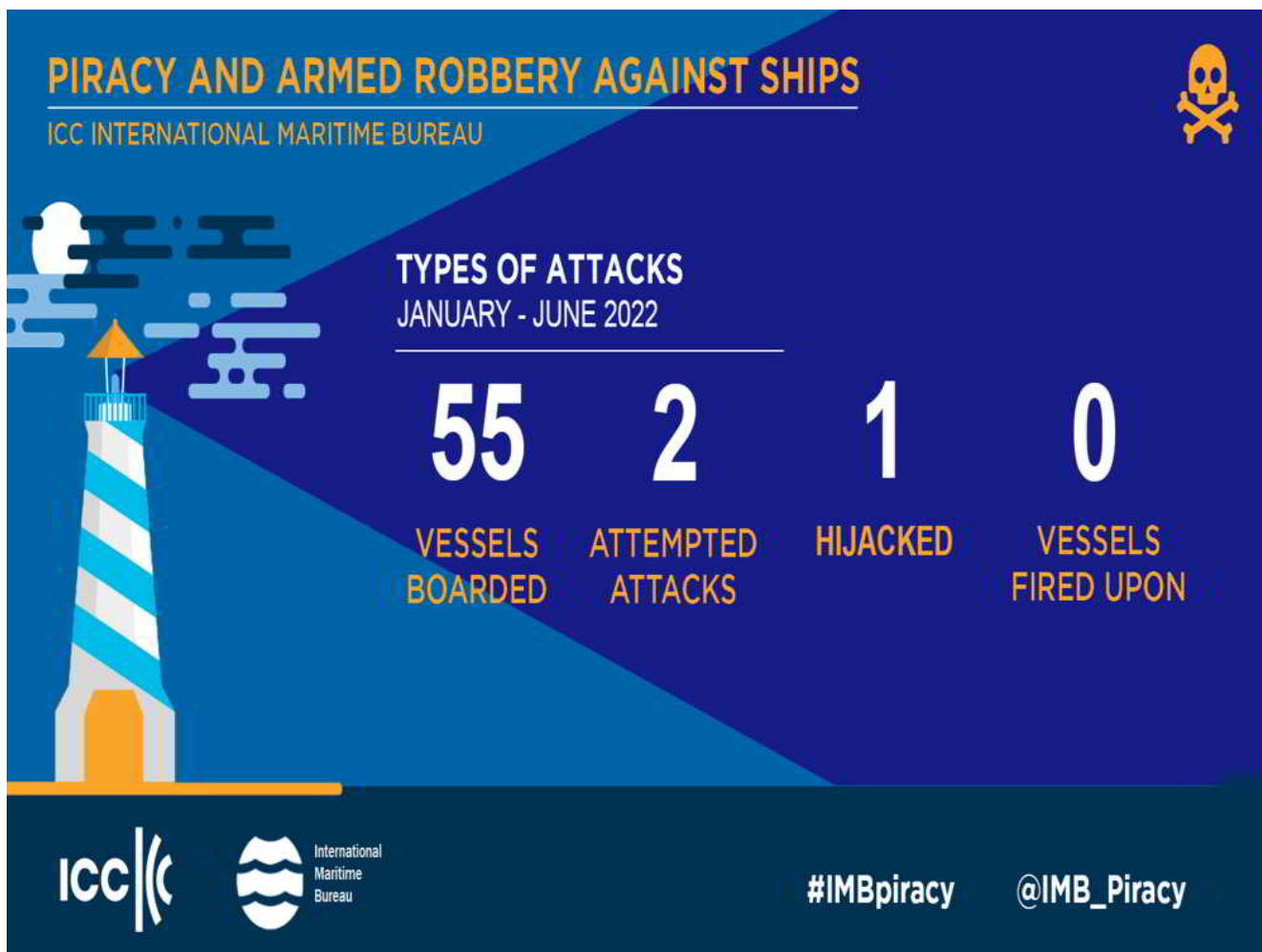
Cautious gains in the Gulf of Guinea:

Of the 58 incidents, 12 were reported in the Gulf of Guinea, ten of which defined as armed robberies and the remaining two as piracy. In early April, a Panamax bulk carrier was attacked and boarded by pirates 260NM off the coast of Ghana. This illustrates that despite a decrease in reported incidents, the threat of Gulf of Guinea piracy and crew kidnappings remains.

IMB PRC commends the prompt and positive actions of the Italian Navy which undoubtedly resulted in the crew and ship being saved. It urges the Coastal response agencies and independent international navies to continue their efforts to ensure this crime is permanently addressed in these waters which account for 74% of crew taken hostage globally.

Recently, the Government of Nigeria and a coalition of global shipping stakeholders launched a new strategy to end piracy, armed robbery, and kidnapping in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG).

The strategy establishes a mechanism to periodically assess the effectiveness of country-piracy initiatives and commitments in the GoG. Targeted at all stakeholders operating in the region, it will identify areas of improvement and reinforcement in order to eliminate piracy.



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Singapore Straits:

Vessels continue to be targeted and boarded by local perpetrators when transiting the Singapore Straits, which account for over 25% of all incidents reported globally since the start of the year. The perpetrators were successful in boarding the vessels in all 16 incidents reported. While considered low level opportunistic crimes, crews continue to be at risk with weapons reported in at least six incidents.

Outside the Singapore Straits, the Indonesian archipelagic has seen a slight increase in reported incidents for the first time since 2018, with seven incidents being reported compared to five over that same period last year. Five vessels were boarded at anchor and one each while the vessels were at berth and steaming. Weapons were reported in at least three incidents with one crew reported threatened.



Threat subsists in the Gulf of Aden:

Although no incidents were reported there since the start of the year, the threat of piracy still exists in the waters off the southern Red Sea and in the Gulf of Aden, which include the Yemeni and Somali coasts. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents, and all merchant ships are advised to adhere to the recommendations in the latest Best Management Practices, while transiting in these waters.

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Additional Info as reminder:

What is IMB?

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialized division of the International Chamber Of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organization, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has inter alia, urged governments, all interests and organizations to cooperate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud. The IMB has a MOU with the World Customs Organization (WCO) and has observer status with Interpol (ICPO).

One of the IMB's principal areas of expertise is in the suppression of piracy. Concerned at the alarming growth in the phenomenon, this led to the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in 1992. The Centre is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It maintains a round-the-clock watch on the shipping lanes, reporting pirate attacks to local law enforcement and issuing warnings about piracy hotspots to shipping.

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