



## PIRACY REPORT DECEMBER 2016

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### Piracy and Acts of Armed Robbery of Ships

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## Analysis

- ❑ There were a significant decrease in incidents of piracy and robbery of vessels in Southeast Asia in 2016 compared to 2015. More kidnappings were recorded however.
- ❑ The 2016 heat map indicates several areas with a high concentration of piracy and robbery of vessels. These areas are the coast of Bayelsa, Nigeria; the Sulu and Celebes Seas between Southern Sabah, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia; the Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh; and the Strait of Malacca and its eastern approaches.
- ❑ Anchorages with high reported robberies and attempted robberies in 2016 are:
  - Callao Anchorage, Peru – 10
  - Kandla Port and Anchorages in India – 10. Most of these incidents occurred in Jan and February 2016 and it seems that robberies are currently under control.
  - Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia – 9
  - Samarinda Anchorages, Indonesia – 9
  - Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam – 7
  - Lagos Port, Jetties and Anchorage Area, Nigeria – 7
  - Pointe Noire Anchorages, Congo – 7
  - Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia – 6
- ❑ Kidnappings off Nigeria, the Sulu and Celebes Seas off Malaysia and the Philippines and in the Sandarbans, Bangladesh were of great concern in 2016.
- ❑ 57 crew members were abducted off the Philippines and Malaysia by Abu Sayyaf (ASG) or associated groups in 2016. It is projected that kidnappings will continue in 2017. Several approaches on Bulk Carriers were also reported in the last three months of 2016, which is an indication of intent of kidnapping groups in the area.
- ❑ It is estimated that kidnapping of fishermen in the Sandarbans are highly underreported.
- ❑ An increase of robberies and attempted robberies in anchorages in South and Central America and the Caribbean were reported in 2016.

## 2015 Incidents



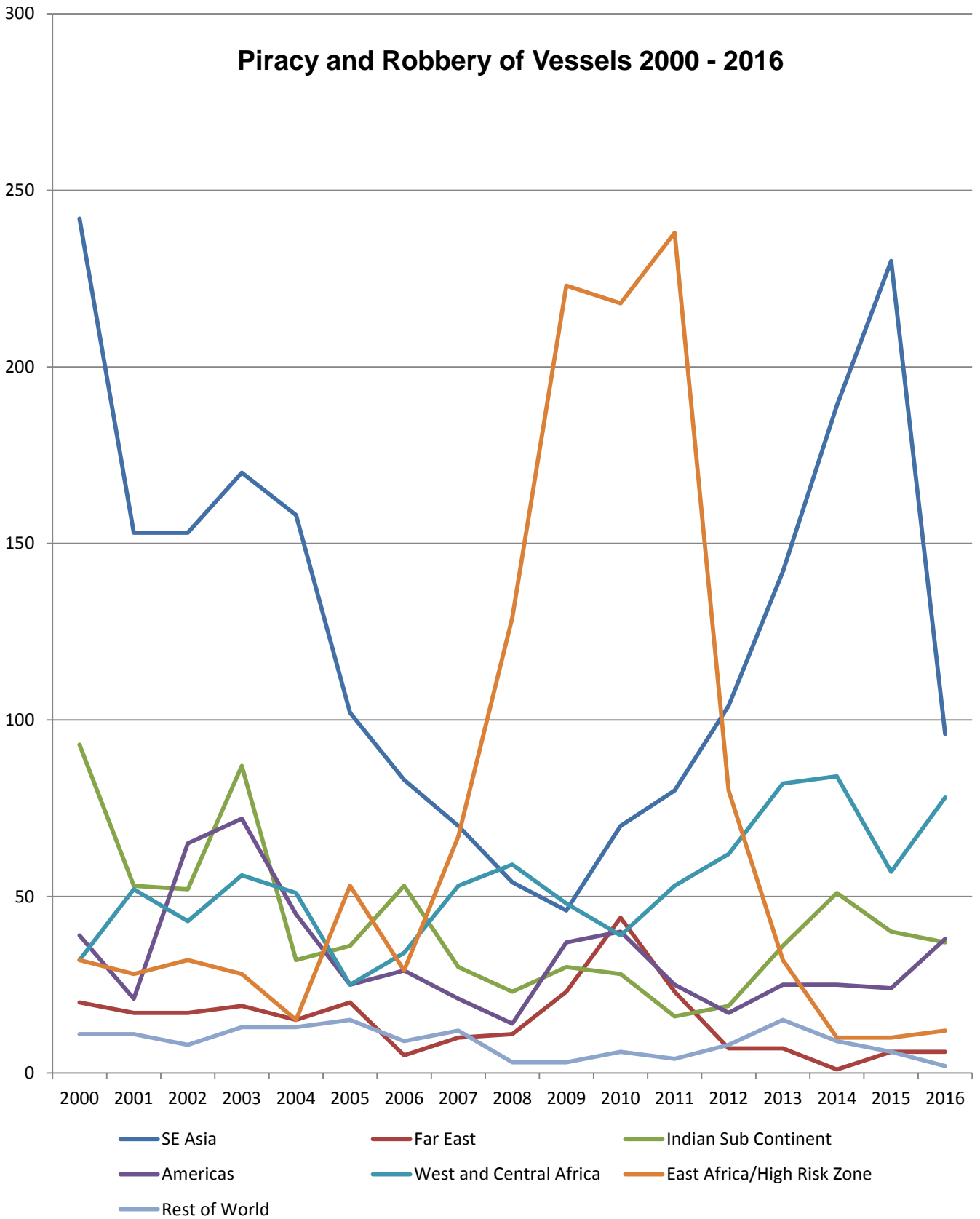
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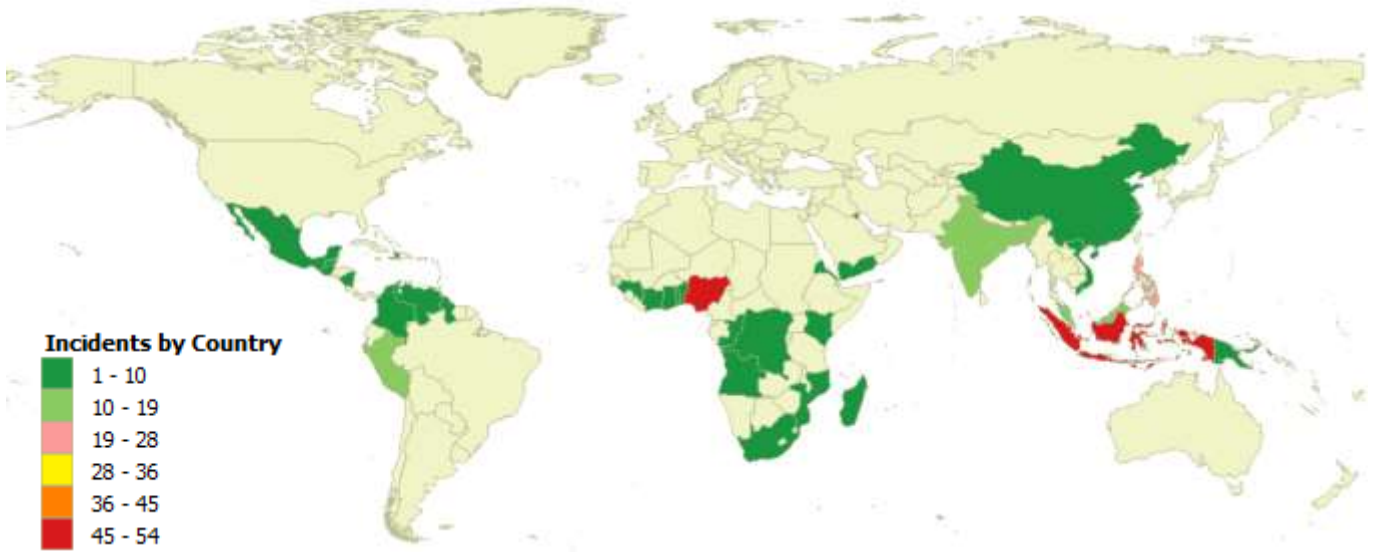
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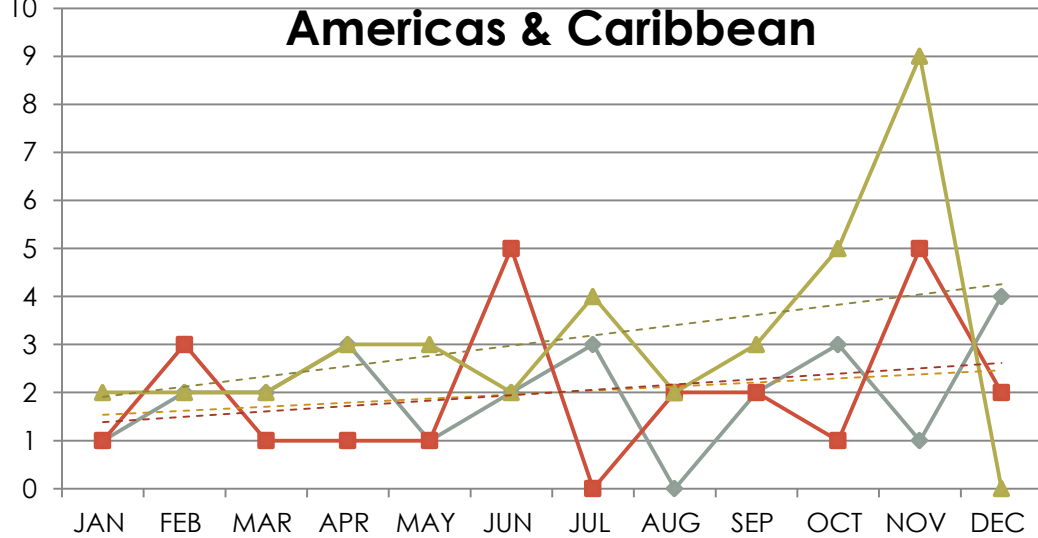
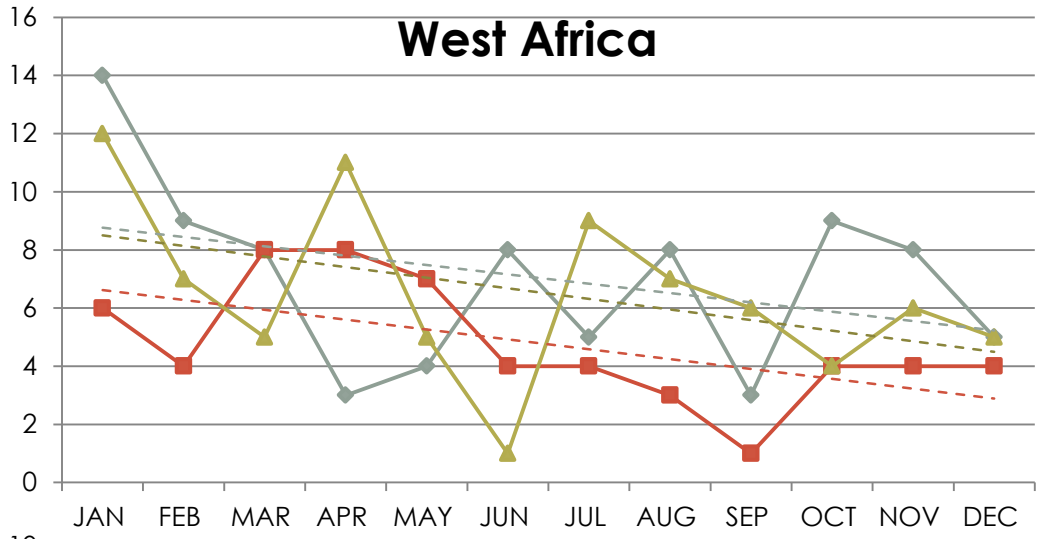
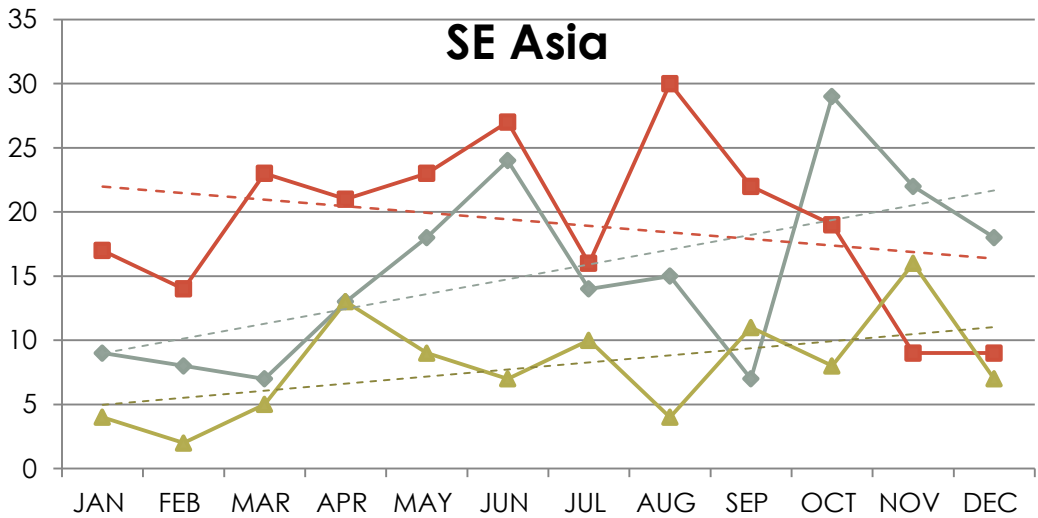
## Piracy and Robbery of Vessels 2000 - 2016



## Piracy and Robbery of Vessels by Country: 2016

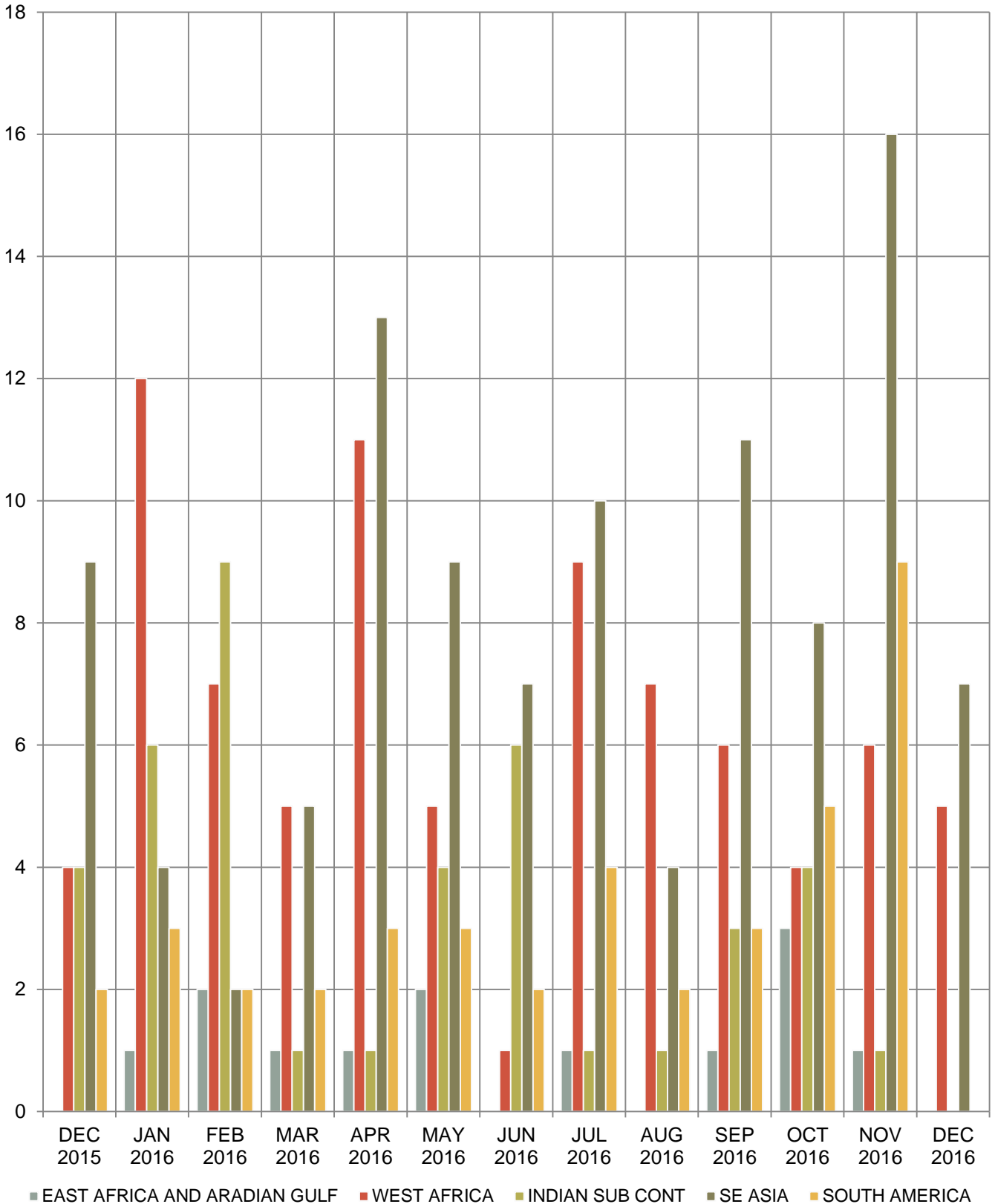


# Incidents of Piracy and Robbery of Vessels: 2014 to 2016

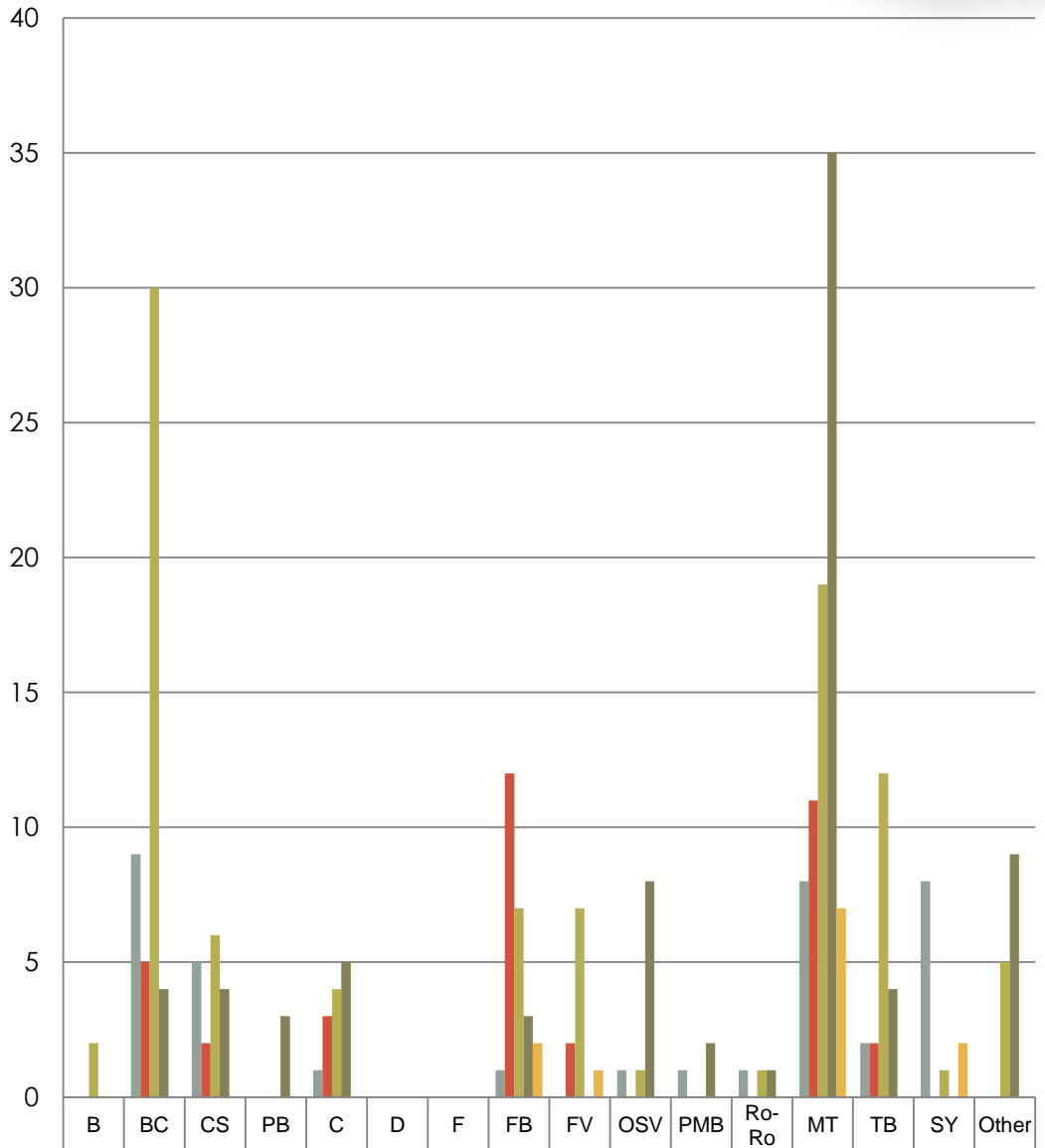
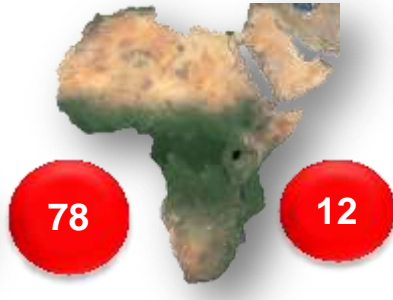


- ◆ 2014
- 2015
- ▲ 2016
- Linear (2014)
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- Linear (2016)

## Incidents by Region December 2015 to December 2016

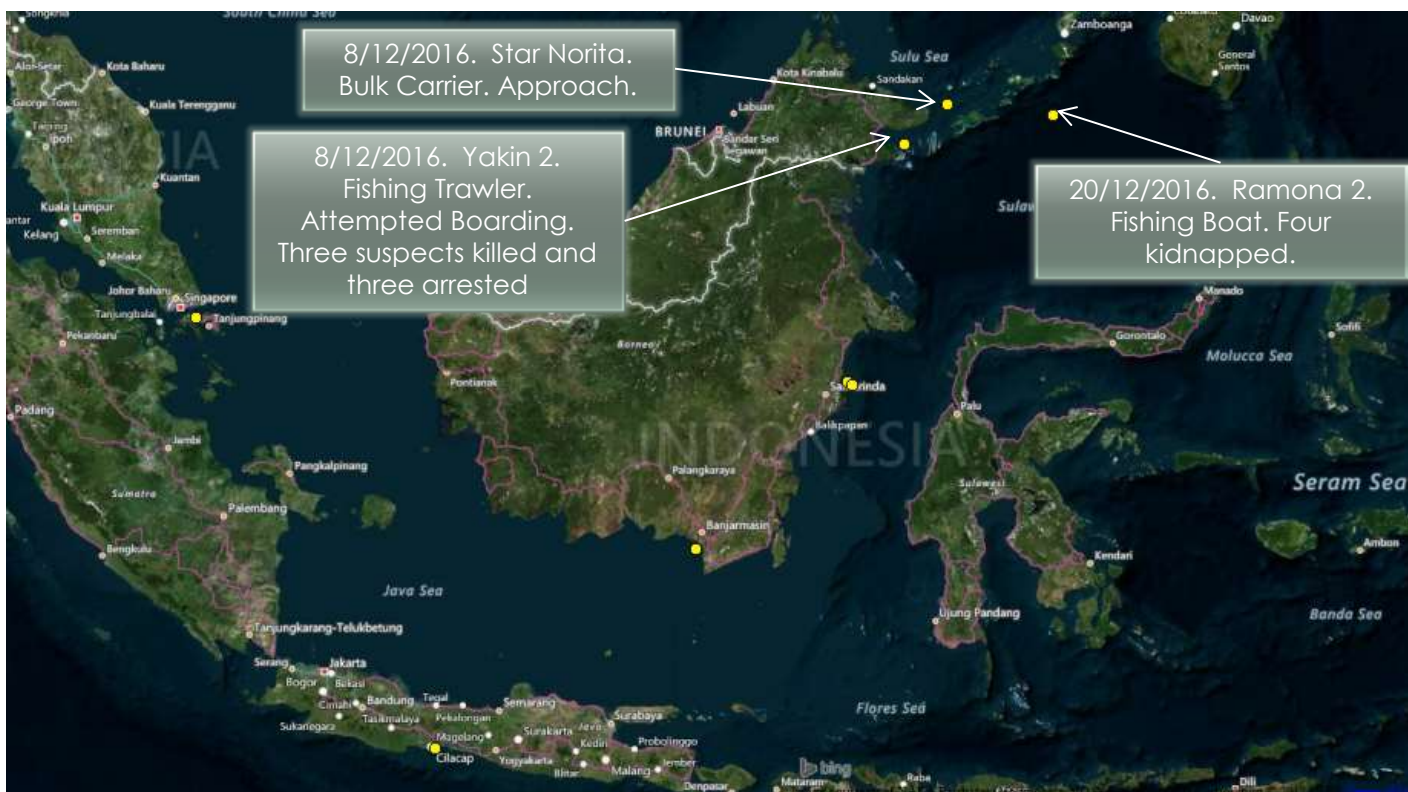


# Incidents 2016: Type of Ship Attacked



Type Vessel	Code	Americas	Indian Sub Continent	SE Asia	West Africa	East Africa/Arabian Gulf
Barge	B	0	0	2	0	0
Bulk Carrier	BC	9	5	30	4	0
Cargo ship	CS	5	2	6	4	0
Coast Guard/ Patrol Boat	PB	0	0	0	3	0
Container	C	1	3	4	5	0
Dhow	D	0	0	0	0	0
Ferry	F	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing Boat	FB	1	12	7	3	2
Fishing Trawler	FV	0	2	7	0	1
Offshore Supply Vessel	OSV	1	0	1	8	0
Passenger Boat	PMB	1	0	0	2	0
Roll-on-Roll-off Cargo Ship	Ro-Ro	1	0	1	1	0
Tanker	MT	8	11	19	35	7
Tug	TB	2	2	12	4	0
Yacht	SY	8	0	1	0	2
Other	Other	0	0	5	9	0

# Southeast Asia



Seven incidents of piracy and robbery of vessels, including maritime kidnapping, were reported in Southeast Asia in December 2016. Three robberies and two attempted robberies were recorded at anchorages in Indonesia. Two robberies were reported at Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda and one at Cilacap Anchorage. Attempted robberies occurred at Banjarmasin and Kabil anchorages.

One kidnapping was reported in the Celebes Sea, Philippines. Four fishermen were kidnapped during this incident.

**8 December 2016** – The Bulk Carrier, Star Norita, was approached by three suspects in a blue and white speed boat approximately 17 nm south of Pearl Bank, Philippines. The boat moved away after the crew implemented anti-piracy measures.<sup>1</sup>

**8 December 2016** – The Fishing Trawler, Yakin 2, was approached at 21:40LT by eight gunmen in a blue twin engine 80 HP speed boat off Pulau Bodgaya, Semporna, Malaysia. The vessel was used as bait by the Royal Malaysia Police's Tiger Platoon as part of the Eastern Sabah Security Command's (Esscom) Operation Coral to foil cross border kidnappings. The suspects were engaged by the Tiger Platoon as they attempted to board the Yakin 2. In the ensuing firefight three suspects were killed and three surrendered. Two others escaped.<sup>2</sup>

**20 December 2016** – Four fishermen were kidnapped from the fishing boat, Ramona 2 in the Celebes Sea, Philippines. Radio equipment and the GPS system were also taken. The Ramona 2 failed to respond to radio messages from their sister boat FB Melissa 2, after which the vessel was discovered.<sup>3</sup>



## Feedback : ASG Hijackings of Vessels and Kidnapping Incidents in the Philippines

- **12 December 2016** – The remaining two hostages kidnapped from the tugboat Charles 001 were released by ASG to Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) commander Tahir Sali in Indanan, Sulu. The hostages, Mohammad Nazer and Robin Peter were handed over to Sulu Vice Governor Tan. The hostages were kidnapped on 20 June 2016.<sup>4</sup>

## West Africa



Five incidents of piracy and armed robbery of vessels were reported in the Gulf of Guinea in December 2016. A robbery took place at the Luanda Anchorage, Angola and two attempted robberies at Lagos and Qua Iboe Anchorages, Nigeria. Two boarding attempts were also reported off Brass, Nigeria.

# The Red Sea and Gulf of Aden



On 18 December 2016 a small cargo ship, MV Jouya 8 was allegedly sank in a rocket attack near the port of Al-Hodeidah, Yemen. The vessel caught fire and sank. Only one crew member managed to escape and swam to a nearby island. Photos posted with the original report on Facebook are from an earlier missile attack on an Egyptian patrol boat in the Med in mid 2015.<sup>5</sup>

## End Notes

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