

Somali Pirate

Network Regions and Holding Areas



Network Regions

Pirate Crews

- Somali origin
- Yemeni crews and mixed teams
 - ◆ Stronger tactics and more effective
 - ◆ New attack methods
 - ◆ New tactics emerging
 - ◆ Attacks from Yemeni coastline
 - ◆ Housing pirate crews and camps



Northern

Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb Straits, the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf [Most active pirate crews operating]

- 1 Boosaaso (Bosasso)
- 2 Qandala
- 3 Caluula
- 4 Baargaal (Bargal)
- 5 Eyl
- 6 Garacad (Mudug)
- 7 Hobyo (Anchorage/Holding Area)
- 8 Harardheere

Southern

Northern Somali Basin and the Indian Ocean

Somali Clans

Daarood Clan

Operate from the Northern region

- The Red Sea and the Bab el Mandeb Straits
- Gulf of Aden
- The Arabian Sea
- Gulf of Oman, mainly the Northern Basin

Key locations

- Djibouti (Bosasso), Caluula and Baargaal (Puntland)

Strategies and Operations

- Active crews at sea for 3 to 4 days using attack skiff
- at sea for 4 weeks, using mothership
- will deploy 4 to 5 attack skiffs from various key locations
- additional skiffs will be launched from the Yemeni coastline
- each skiff will contain 5 to 9 heavily armed pirates.



Hawiye Clan

Operate from the Southern region

- Arabian Sea
- Gulf of Oman
- The Indian Ocean

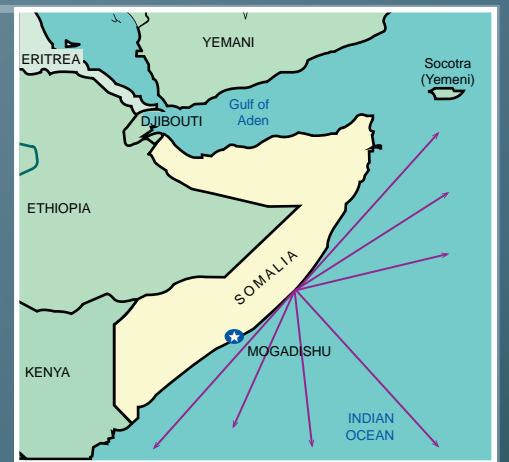
Key areas – Mogadishu, Kismaayo, Harardheere, Dhenane, Garacad, Galmudug, Eyl and Hobyo

Anchorage/holding area – Hobyo

Operating site – Somali coastline

Strategies and Operations

- Larger operations
- remain at sea for 3 to 4 weeks at a time
- operating further from the Somali coastline
- travelling distances of 900 NM at a time
- use larger motherships
- more attack skiffs in operation
- launch multiple attack skiffs from key locations along the coastline
- incidents usually last longer, pirate crews hunt target vessels for hours.



Holding Areas

Hot Spots and Key Areas

Garacad, Hobyo and Harardheere

Eyl is now a main holding point and anchorage area

The Mudug and Galmudug coastline

most of the vessels and ships that get hijacked are held here

area housing 85% of hijacked vessels

- Heavily guarded and well protected by large clan forces and militias
- hijacked vessels monitored from the coast, with regular patrols by active pirates in skiffs
- large armed presence on board
- notorious for clan on clan feuds and vicious sectarian violence as different crews fight to take full control over hijacked vessels
- additional checks are carried out by local fishermen.

