



The Threats & Realities of Piracy Worldwide

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Threat of Global Piracy



BMP3 – Ship Protection Measures

- Bridge & Seafarer Protection
- Razor Wire
- Use of Water
- Safe Muster Point & Citadels



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BMP3 - Distribution

Achieving an increased level of distribution throughout the shipping industry, and in particular onboard ships, is an important step in increasing the level of compliance with BMP3 and thereby reducing the number pirate attacks resulting in hijackings of the ships and crews.

- Distribution Plan
 - Electronic copies
 - Industry has printed 50,000 copies of BMP3 Booklet
 - Copy provided with UKHO Somalia Piracy Chart
 - Targeted Bunker Suppliers/Port Agents/Seafarers Missions
- Translations

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Arming

- Oil, Chemical & Gas tankers do not provide a platform conducive for armed guards or gunfire. OCIMF does not support the use of private armed guards for a number of reasons:
 - Significantly increased risk of personnel injury, fire & explosion.
 - Risk of escalation of conflict – Arms race with pirates.
 - If armed team are not successful and pirates do board significant increase in risk of violence to the crew
 - Legal issues pertaining to use of arm force against Pirates.
 - Mistaken identity – many local fishermen carry weapons.
 - Master has command of the vessel and is responsible for all personnel onboard. Merchant vessels are not warships and it is very difficult for Masters to armed teams.
 - Flag issues surrounding carriage of arms on Merchant vessels – Not all Flag States allow arms onboard.

Use of military Vessel Protection Detachments (VPDs)



Merchant Navy Liaison Officers (MNLOs)

- MNLOs working with **EUNAVFOR** at Northwood (London) since December 2008
- Coordinated by the Chamber of Shipping
- Strong support from OCIMF & INTERTANKO
- MNLOs seconded for 3 – 6 months
- MNLO working with **UKMTO** since July 2010
- A model to used in other Piracy Areas



Partnerships: Improving Maritime Security – Industry Engagement

- **Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)** – established January 2009 to facilitate discussion and coordination among states and organisations to suppress piracy off the Coast of Somalia. Industry is a valued and active participant in the CGPCS and its Working Groups.
- **SHADE (Share Awareness And Deconfliction) Meeting** – Regular meeting of Naval forces to which Industry is invited and actively participates.
- **IMO – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC88)**
- **IMO / MOWCA** meeting in Accra Ghana December 2010 to discuss Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security and setting up of a Regional Coast Guard.



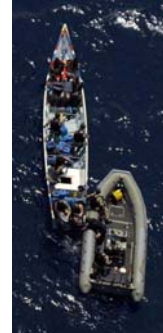
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- **Information Fusion Centre** – established in Singapore in 2009 to be the regional information sharing hub to strengthen maritime security in the region and beyond.
- **ReCAAP ISC – Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia - Information Sharing Centre** – ReCAAP initiative aims to enhance multilateral cooperation among sixteen regional countries.
- **Region Governments / Navies / Coast Guards / Ports**



Conclusion

- Ongoing Industry engagement essential
- Solutions must seek to protect Seafarers



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