

Counter Piracy Operations and Maritime Crime in the Indian Ocean



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Scope

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- ✓ Terrorist Threat
- ✓ Counter Narcotics Operations
- ✓ Migrant Smuggling
- ✓ Charcoal Smuggling
- ✓ IUU Fishing
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Combined Maritime Forces



**30 MEMBER STATES AND GROWING WITH NO
POLITICAL MANDATE OR OVERSIGHT**



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CTF 50
Carrier Strike
Group

CTF 51
Amphibious
Readiness Group/
Marine
Expeditionary Unit

CTF 52
Mine Warfare

CTF 53
Logistics

**CTF
150**

Arabian
Sea
Indian
Ocean
Red Sea



**CTF
152**
Arabian
Gulf



**CTF
151**
Counter
Piracy



CTF 54
Theater Anti-
submarine
Warfare

CTF 55
Surface Warfare

CTF 56
Expeditionary
Combat

CTF 57
Maritime Patrol &
Reconnaissance



CMF Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

- Improve overall security and stability in the area of operations,
- Assist in the development of maritime capacity building to help counter terrorist and piracy threats in the maritime area,
- If requested, respond to environmental and humanitarian crises.

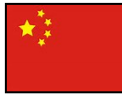


Counter Piracy Operations

BIG 3



IDs



Average daily total force flow:

- 5-8 surface vessels w/ helicopter
- Supported by maritime patrol aircraft

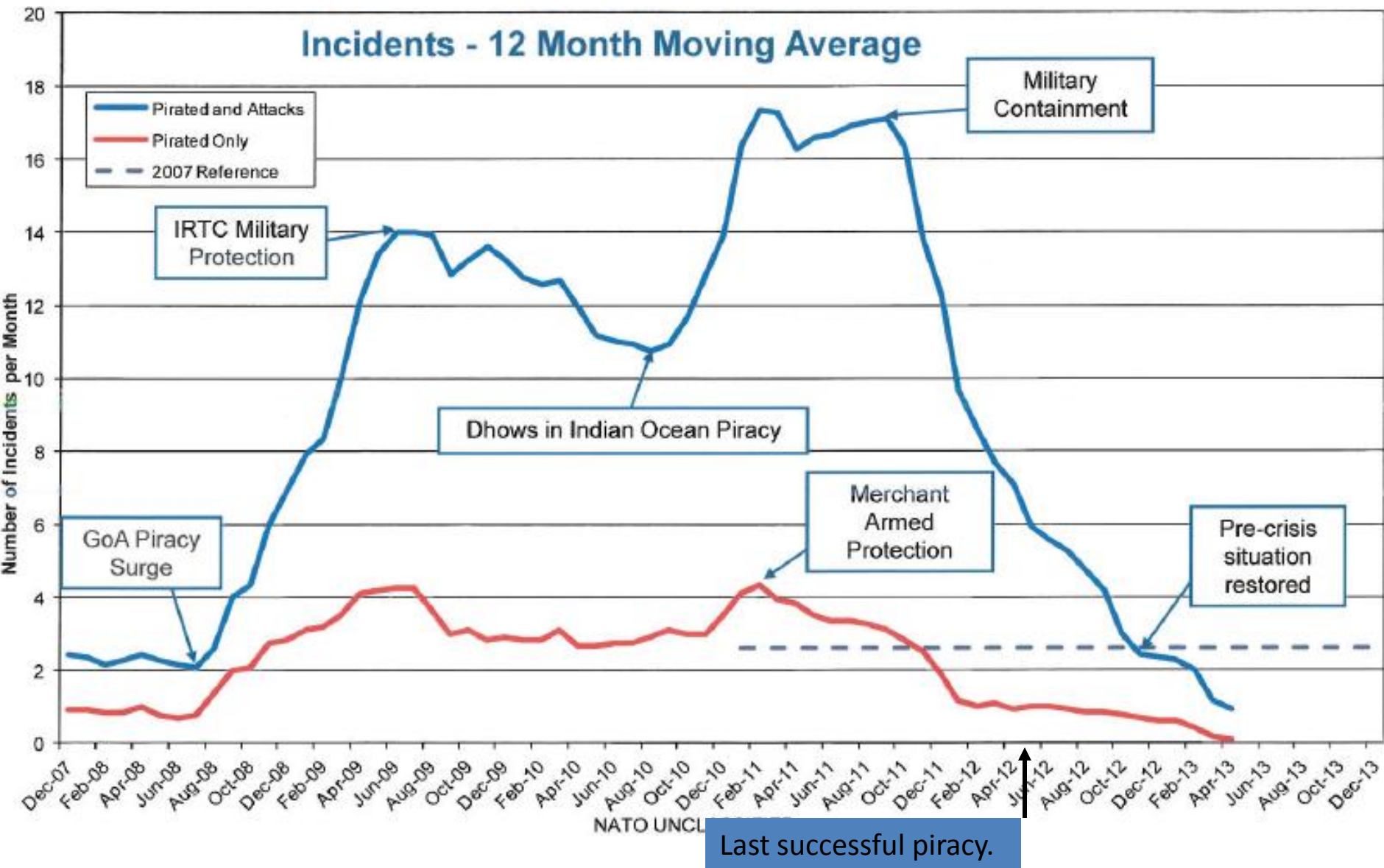
Operating mainly in Gulf of Aden (GOA) and the Somali Basin (SB)

Special emphasis in International Recognized Transit Corridor (IRTC)

Maintain situational awareness using SHADE, MERCURY and face-to-face meetings



A History of Piracy in the Indian Ocean





Understanding Counter- Piracy Success

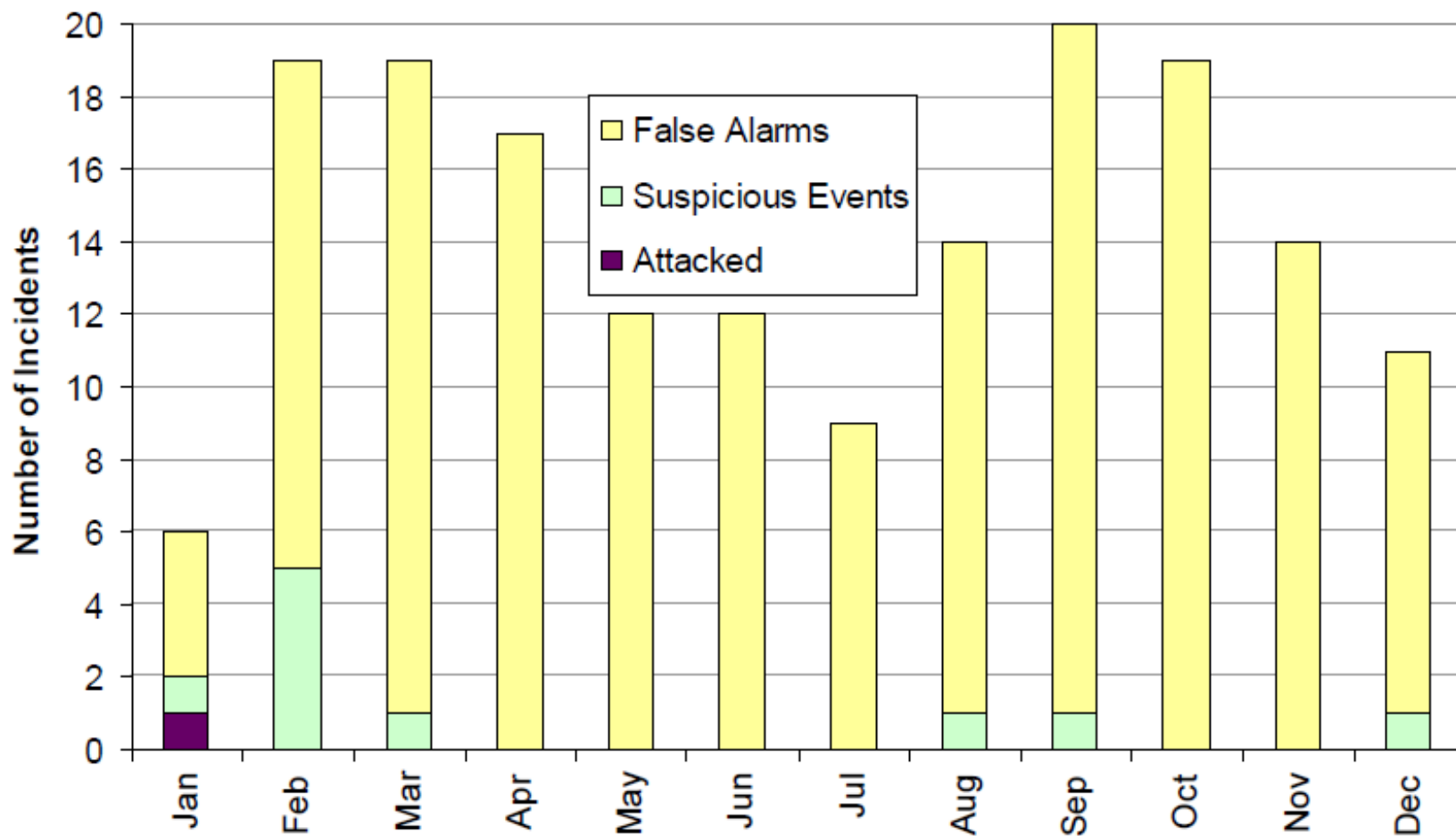
- ✓ Coordinated and robust military presence
- ✓ Effect of Best Management Practices
- ✓ Private Armed Security Teams
- ✓ Legal finish





Piracy Incidents 2014

Piracy-related Incidents (Jan - Dec 2014)

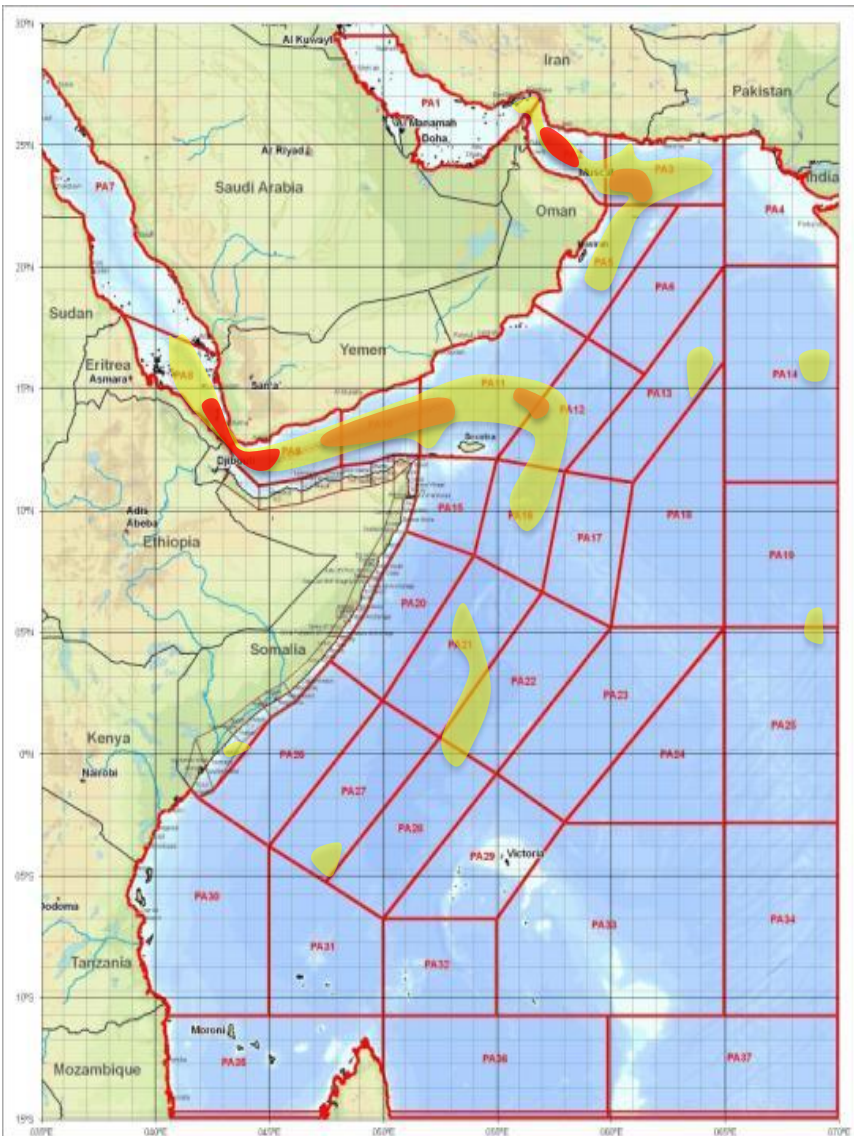




False Alarm Assessment

High rates of false alarms observed in BAM/ GOA & GOO mainly due to:

- ✓ Better weather conditions
- ✓ Higher shipping density
- ✓ Intersection of fishing areas and shipping lanes
- ✓ Increased presence of groups of dhows and skiffs fishing in these areas.
- ✓ Possibly PAGS conducting probes





Information Card

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)



CMF is a professional naval force that acts to protect legitimate maritime activities and secure freedom of navigation.

Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151)



CTF 151 is focused on the disruption of piracy and armed robbery at sea. In conjunction with NATO, EUNAVFOR and other nations such as China, India and Russia.

AVOID APPROACHING MV



Merchant Vessels (MVs) are suspicious that small boats might be pirates.

TURN AWAY FROM MV



Don't come close. Turn away from MV as early as possible and slow down so they know you not a threat.

ARMED SECURITY ONBOARD



MVs have armed security teams. If you approach the MV, you could be in danger.



Current Situation

- Piracy Threat = Capability + Opportunity + Intent
 - Intent and Capability remain
- Opportunity checked by:
 - Naval presence
 - BMP
 - PAST
- Risk of resurgence of piracy
 - Fewer maritime forces
 - Less adherence to BMP





Naval Force Flow



2016



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All missions undergo continual review



“Enduring commitment”

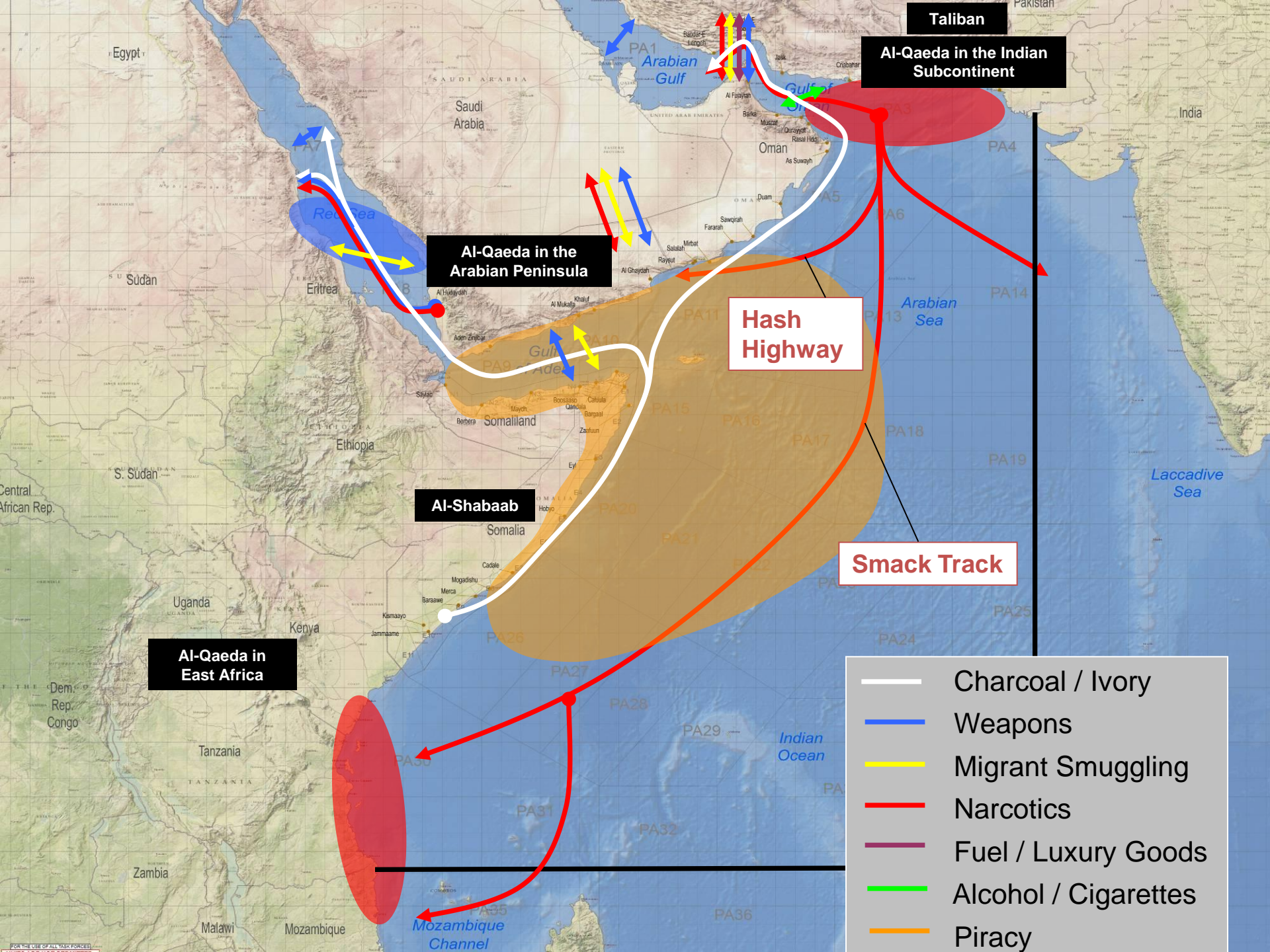
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2016

2017

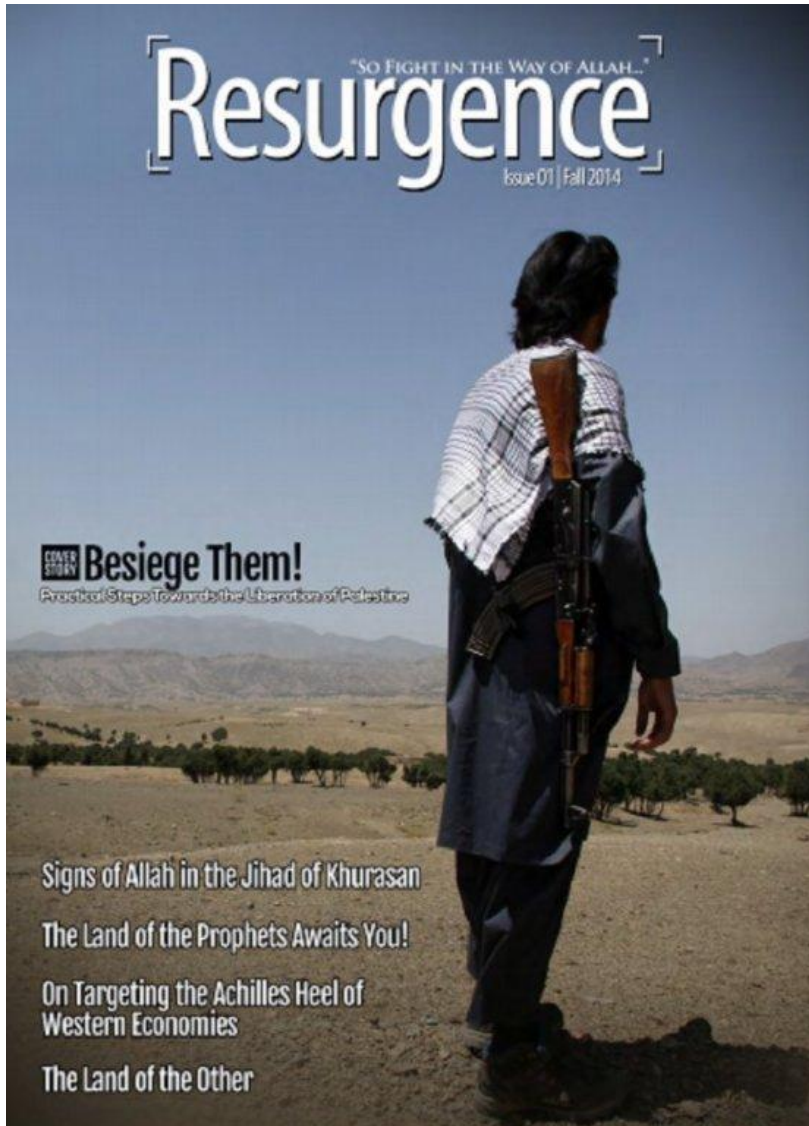
CTF151
Command
periods







Al Quaeda



“Paralyse international trade”

“Any of their ships are legitimate targets”

“Simultaneous attack on western shipping or western oil tankers”

“Create a crisis in the energy market”



9 September 2014 Last updated at 11:45 GMT



Pakistan navy repels militant attack at Karachi dockyard



This was not an attack on the Naval Dockyard...
It was a takeover of ships of the Pakistani Naval Fleet!
And the Targets were the American and the Indian Navies!

Read the details about the operation carried by the mujahedeen in Al-Qaeda Subcontinent on forces of kufr in the sea



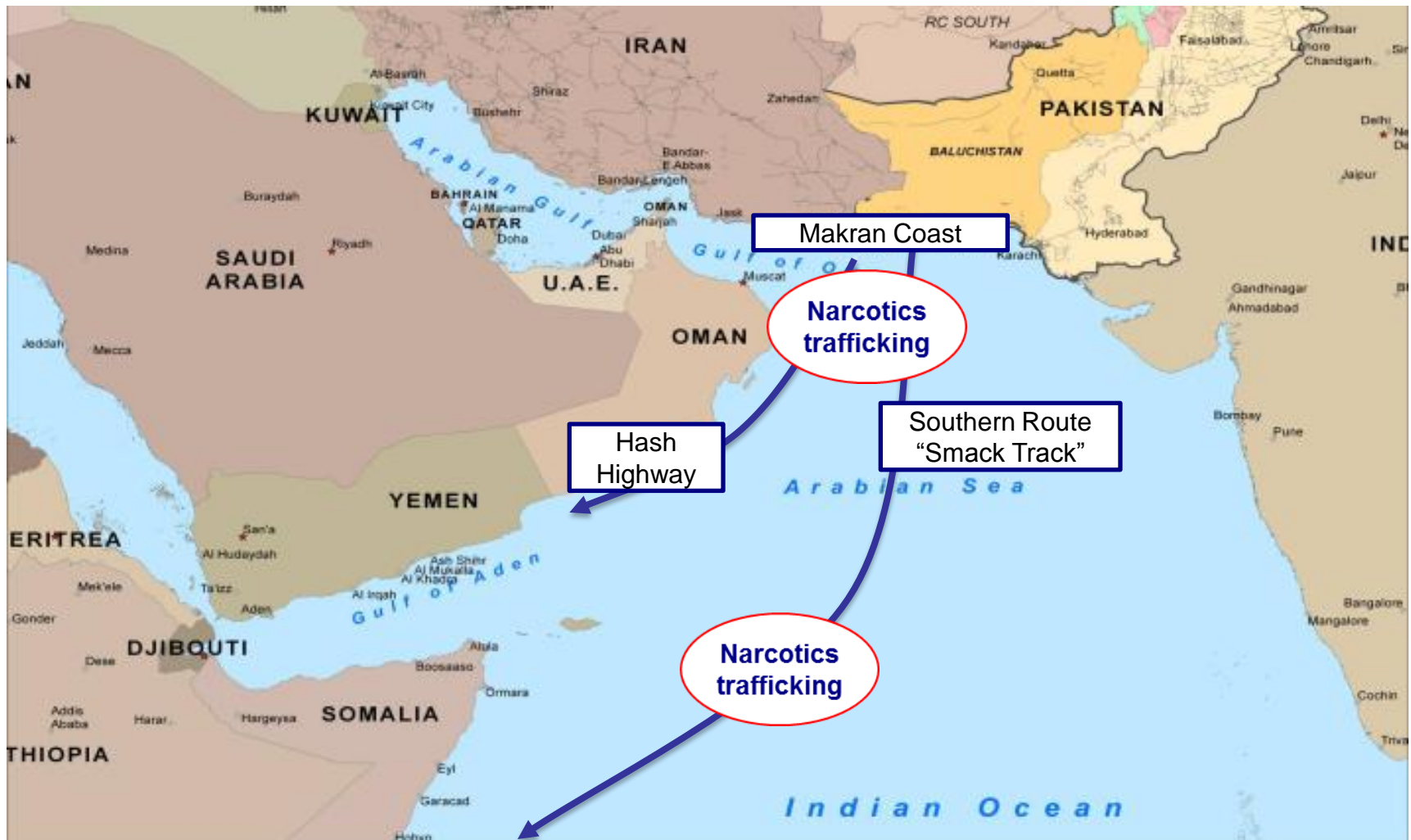
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Combined Task Force 150

Mission: Conduct MSO in order to counter terrorism

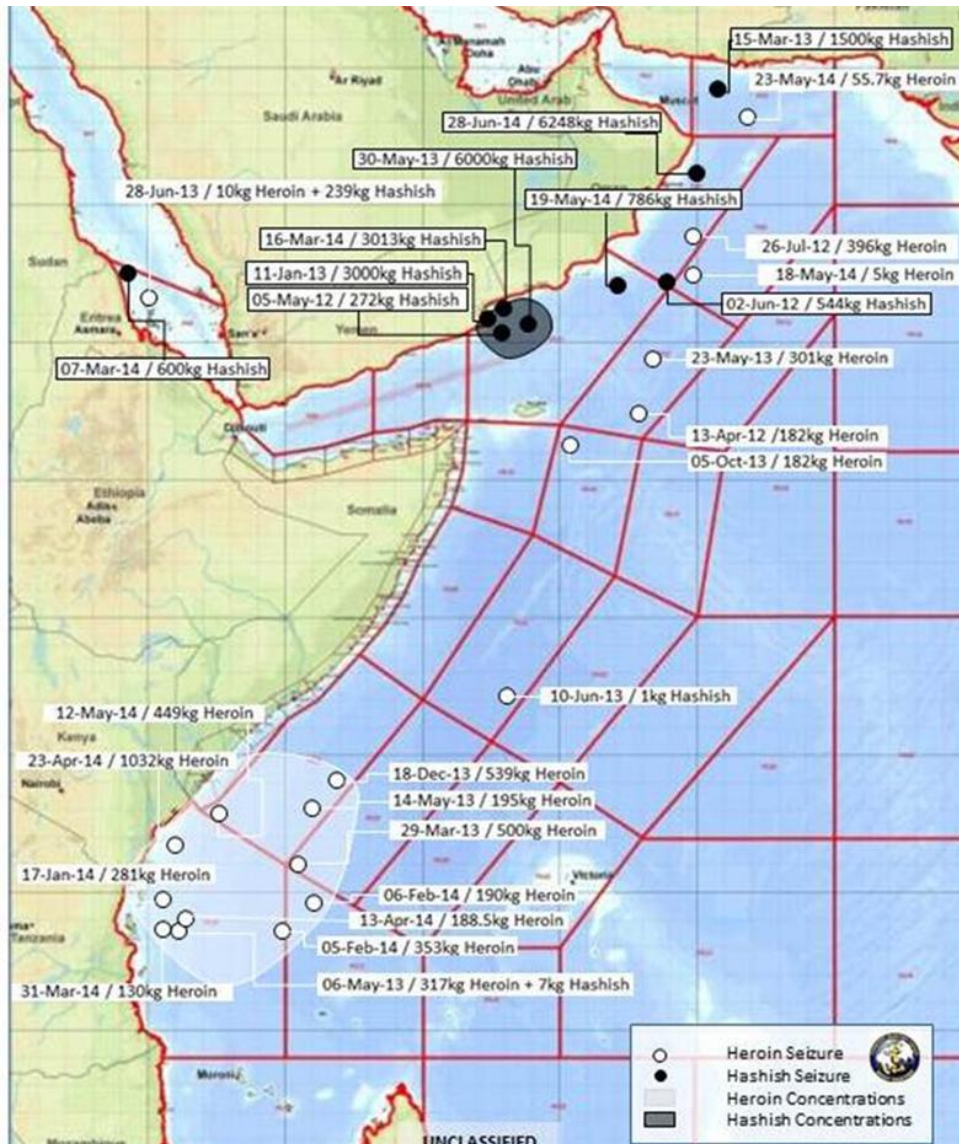




CMF Drug Seizure 2012-2014

CMF seizures for 2014:

- 3400 kg of Heroin
- 18490 kg of Hash



CMF captures \$280 million in drugs

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Another successful haul for multinational force.

Aussies and Kiwis Unite Under Pakistan-led CTF-150 to Strike a Blow Against Drug Traffickers

A ROYAL Australian Navy warship operating under command of Pakistan Navy-led Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150), part of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), supported by a Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) maritime patrol aircraft, coordinated their efforts this week to strike a blow against hashish traffickers off the coast of Somalia to the tune of \$280 million (AUD).



Warship in huge heroin haul

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HMAS Toowoomba in second big drugs bust.

Combined Maritime Forces Ship Swoops in on Narcotics Smugglers

A Royal Australian Navy warship operating under the Pakistan-led Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150) has achieved her second successful drugs haul off East Africa, stopping narcotics worth \$134million reaching the streets.

Anzac-class frigate HMAS Toowoomba is currently providing direct support to CTF-150, the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Task Group responsible for promoting safety and security at sea. The warship was on a routine patrol when it intercepted the dhow in international waters off East Africa. After boarding, an exhaustive search led to the discovery of 388kg of heroin in hessian bags.





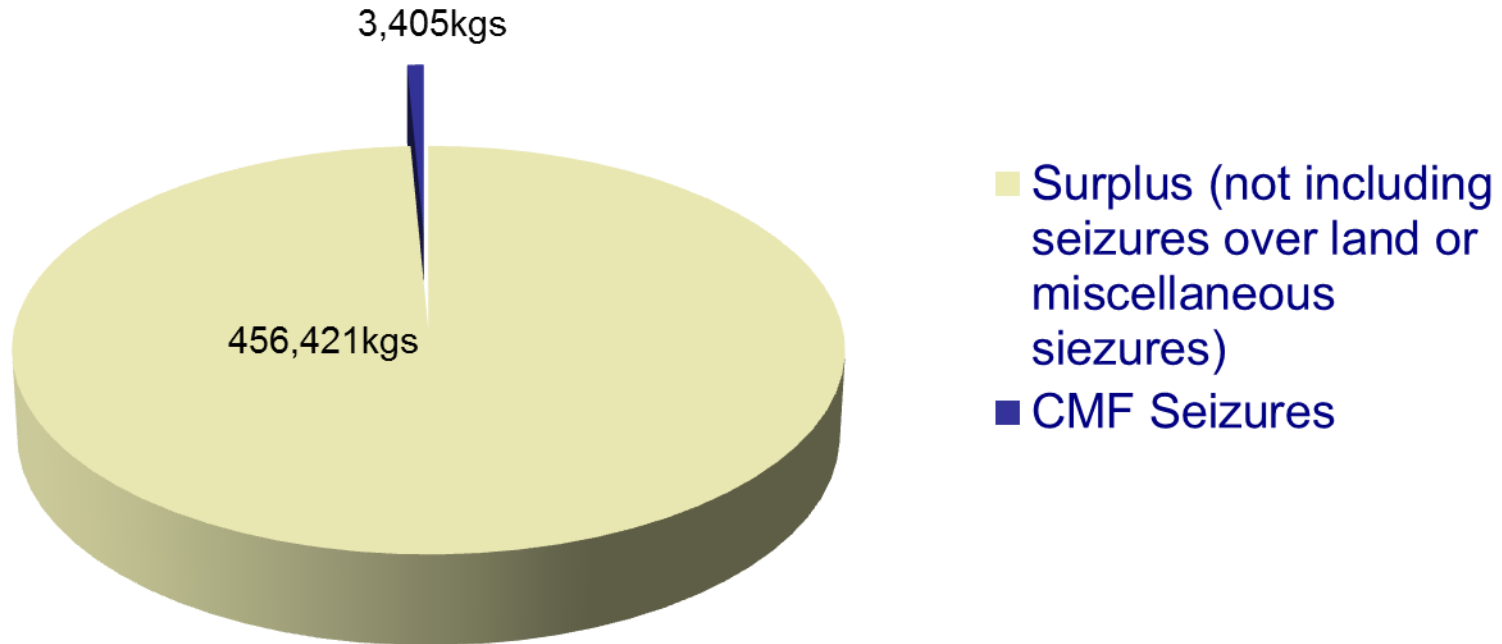
Successes

	2012	2013	2014	Total (kg)
Hashish	816	~10 750	~18 500	~30 000
Heroin	758	~2000	~3500	~6250
Meth	0	24	12	36





Heroin Trafficking Total production 460,000kgs Previous 12 months



***Source UNODC - total production from Afghanistan**



Counter Terrorism / Narcotics Challenges

- Links between Violent Extremist Organisations and illicit cargo trafficking not widely appreciated or recognised
- Proliferation of narcotics trafficking at sea not appreciated
- Many countries (including many of those in CMF) see present counter narcotics operations as a constabulary vice a naval role
- Regional Countries do not have the capacity to patrol their own maritime zones
- Existing legal framework for countering narcotics operations on the high seas are not tailored to support practical legal outcomes:
 - to conduct initial boarding
 - to seize and/or detain if narcotics are discovered



Migrant Smuggling

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70 Ethiopians drown as smugglers boat to Yemen sinks in the Red Sea

IN [AFRICA](#) / BY [KAYODE AREMU](#) / ON DECEMBER 7, 2014 AT 9:52 PM /



At least 70 Ethiopians drowned when a boat used by smugglers to transport illegal migrants to [Yemen](#) sank in the Red Sea in rough weather, security authorities in the western part of the country said on Sunday.

Human traffickers often use unseaworthy boats to smuggle African migrants to [Yemen](#), seen as a gateway to wealthier parts of the Middle East such as Saudi Arabia and Oman, and the West.



Charcoal

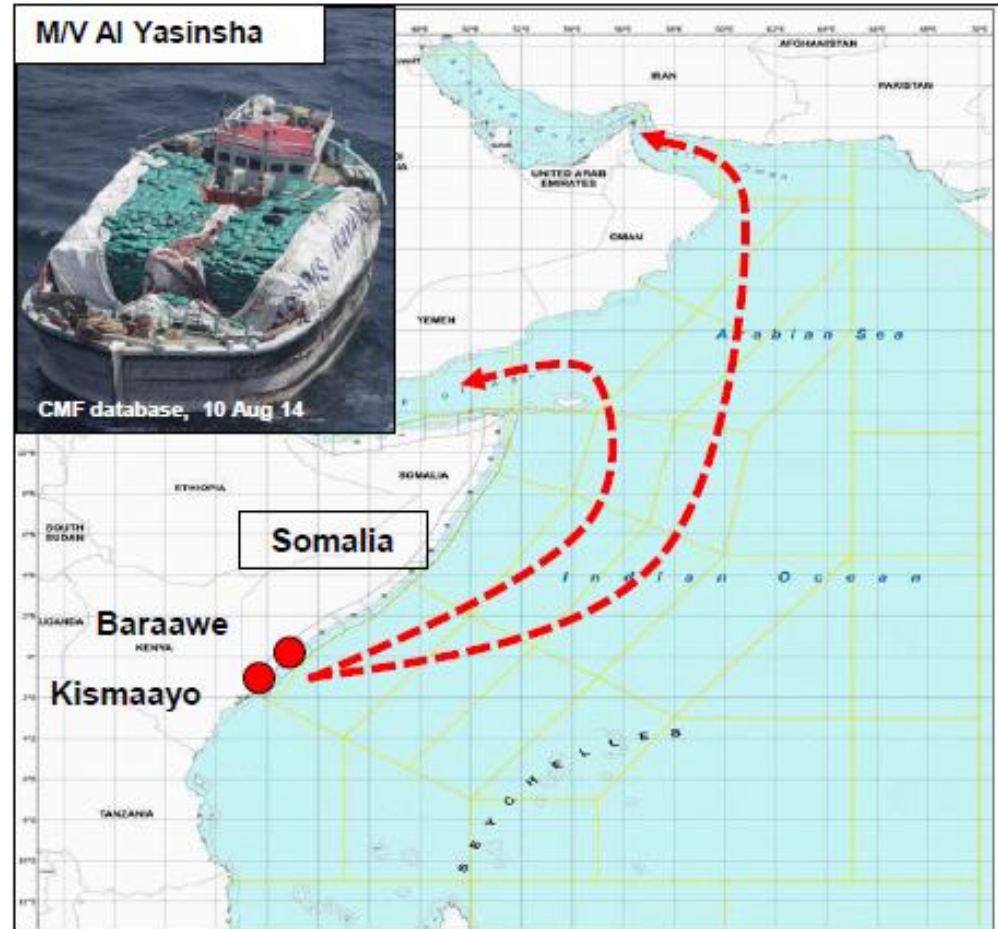
- Popular in KSA and UAE
- Provides income to Al-Shabab
- Environmental devastation in Somalia
- Export banned by UN





Smuggling Ports/Routes/Destinations

- Primarily exported from Kismaayo and Baraawe and other coastal towns in southern Somalia
- Kismaayo and Baraawe charcoal stockpiles continue to be replenished as trafficking remains vibrant
- The use of cargo dhows for the shipment of charcoal has increased indicating a desire to conceal their cargos
- Principal destinations for Somali charcoal are states within the Arabian Gulf region





Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing





Summary





Questions

