

# MARITIME SECURITY AND THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL INSTABILITY

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# MARITIME SECURITY – REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (RMI) ACTION

- Persistent focus on global security issues and events
- Persistent tracking of RMI-flagged vessels
- Set security levels for high-threat areas – disseminate alerts
- Coordinate daily with coalition forces to enhance maritime security and maritime domain awareness
- Collaborate with global shipping associations and security entities
- Information sharing with fusion centers and appropriate authorities
- Leverage diplomatic channels for client needs
- Active representation and advocacy at the IMO
- Advise owners / operators during the voyage of threat / risk assessment
- Ensure ship security plans address evolving tactics and trends
- Ensure seafarer welfare is properly addressed

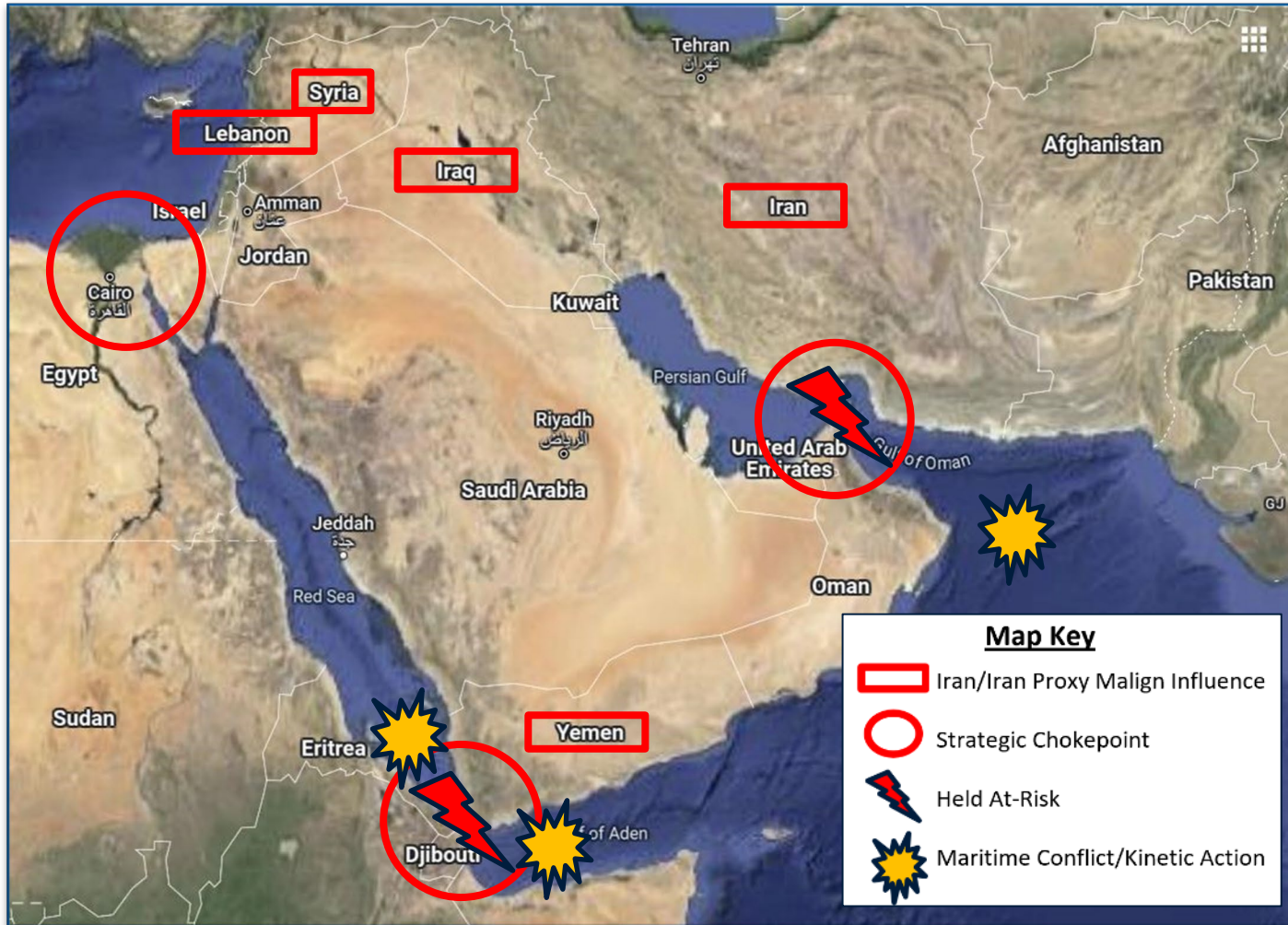


*The RMI Registry has a robust maritime security team possessing in-depth expertise and a proven track record with maritime operations, security risk mitigation, and crisis response.*

# GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICT AND INSTABILITY



# IRAN – HOUTHIS – MIDDLE EAST OVERVIEW



**Iran Malign Influence:** Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen

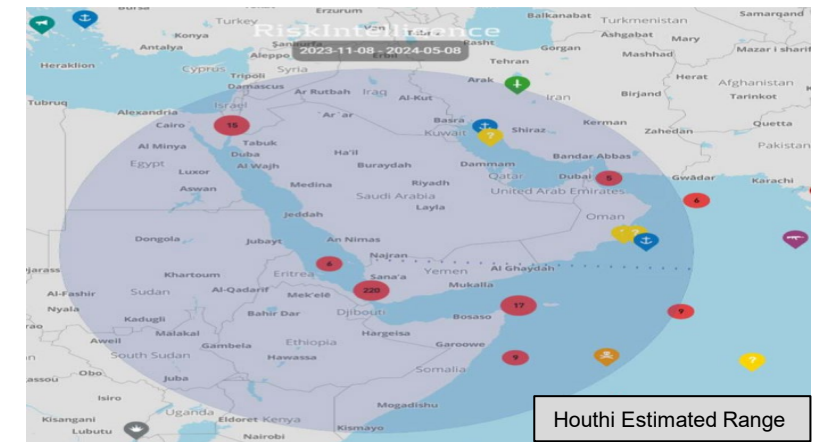
**Chokepoints Held At-risk by Iran / Iran Proxies**

- Directly: Strait of Hormuz and Bab-el-Mandeb
- Indirectly: Suez Canal

**Significant Coalition and International Response**

**Strategic Trade Significance and Impacts**

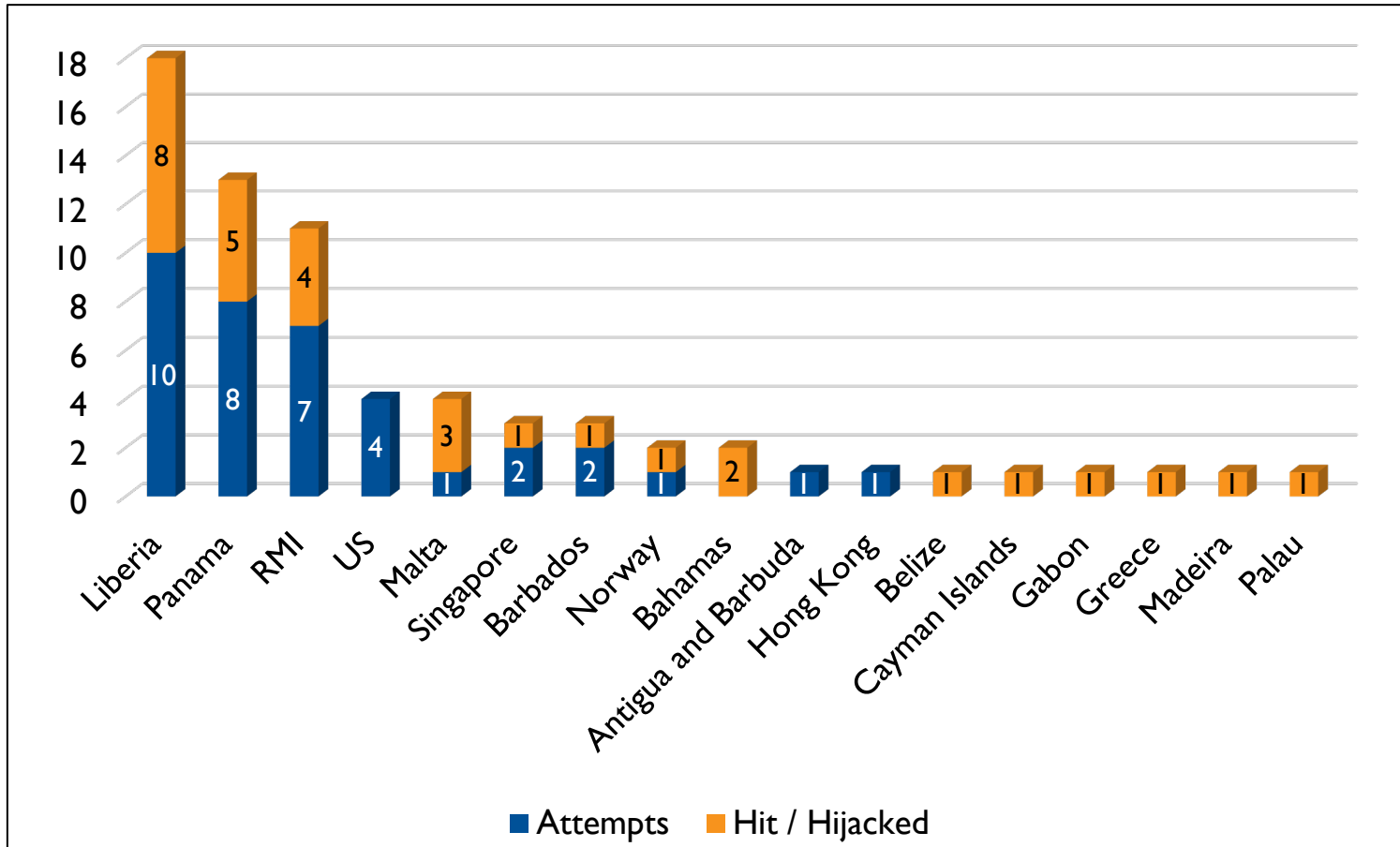
- Strait of Hormuz: 21 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil
- Red Sea Disruption: 15% global trade – Oil, Liquified Natural Gas (LNG), Grains, Containers



*Battlespace, kinetic action, and evolving weaponry have led to the most significant maritime conflict since the 1980's tanker war and the most significant trade disruption since COVID-19.*

# IRAN – HOUTHIS: ALL ATTACKS BY FLAG

Since Israel / Gaza War\*: 68 Attacks; 31 Successful



\*As of 8 May 2024

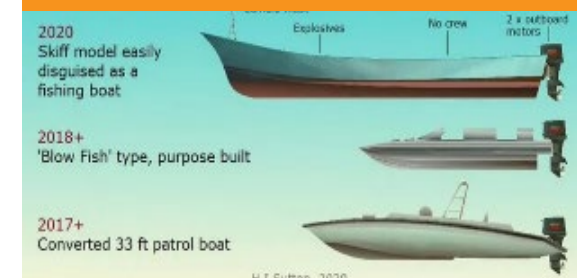
Houthi Airborne Assault  
GALAXY LEADER



Houthi Anti-ship Ballistic Missile



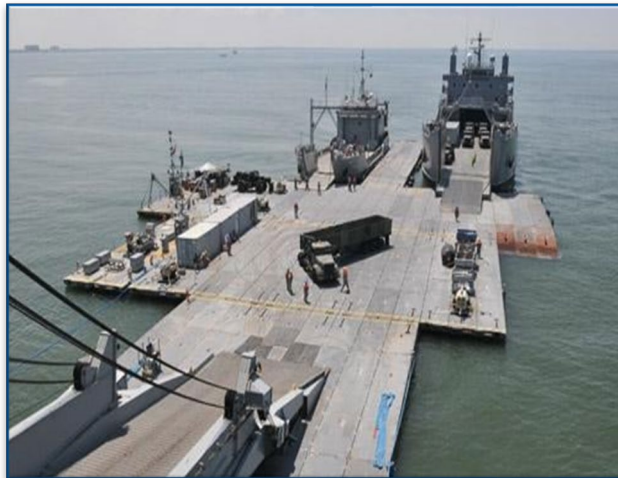
Houthi Drone Boats



# ISRAEL – HAMAS WAR

- Ship Security Level III set for Israeli ports of Ashdod and Ashkelon.
- Level II for other Israeli ports and territorial water.

## Gaza Aid Maritime Corridors



# RUSSIA – UKRAINE WAR

## Maritime Security Levels

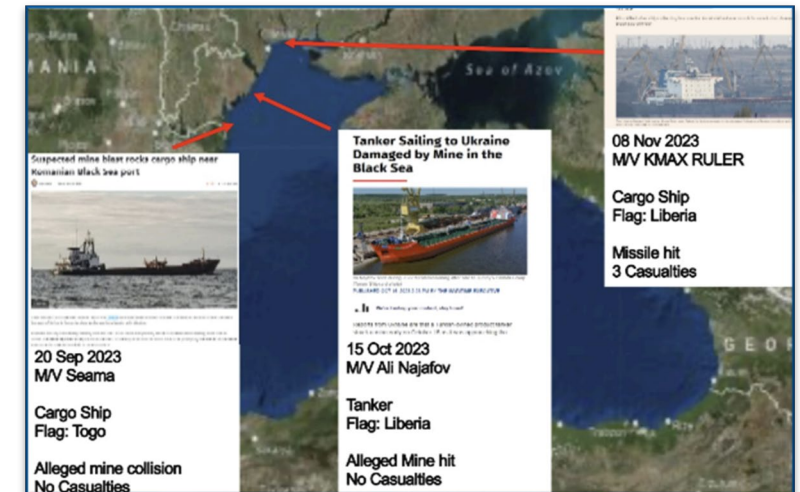
- Ukrainian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ): Security Level III
- Black Sea Russian EEZ: Security Level II

## Weaponry: Missiles, Drones, Mines

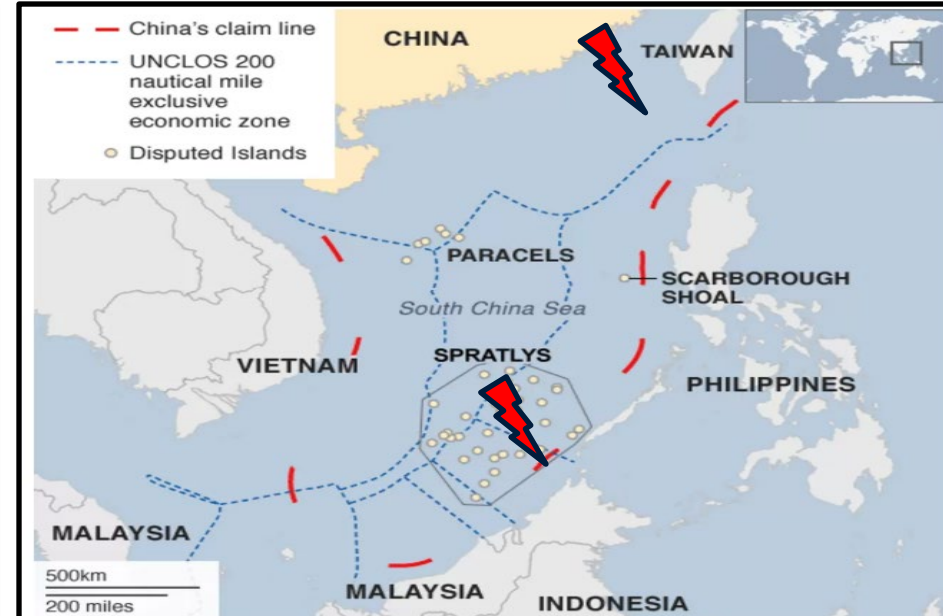
- At least 10 merchant ships have been hit by missiles or shelling at Ukrainian ports
- Sea mines remain a serious concern in the Black Sea

## Ukraine Grain Exports

- Prior to War: 60 million tons of grain / year – 10% global market
- February 2022 Invasion: Complete halt of shipments
- Black Sea Grain Initiative: July 2022 to July 2023 – 32 million tons exported
- Ukraine Humanitarian Corridor: Established August 2023



# TENSIONS IN THE PACIFIC

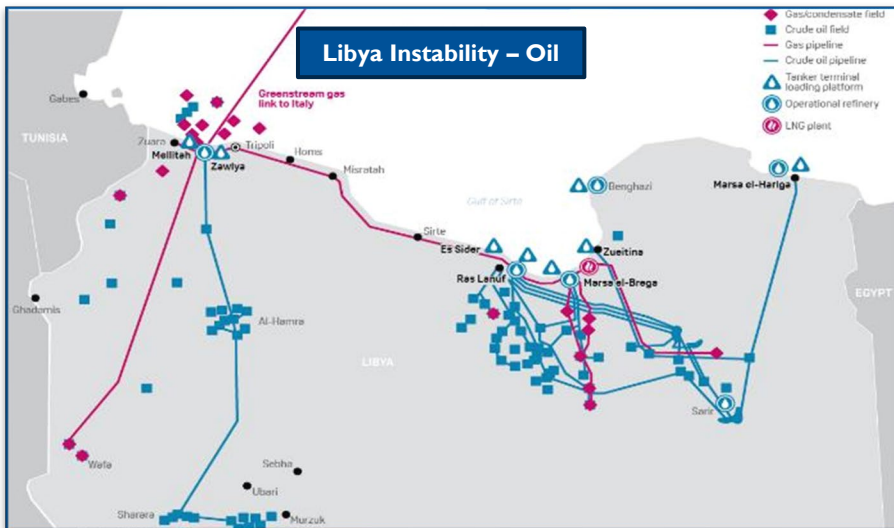




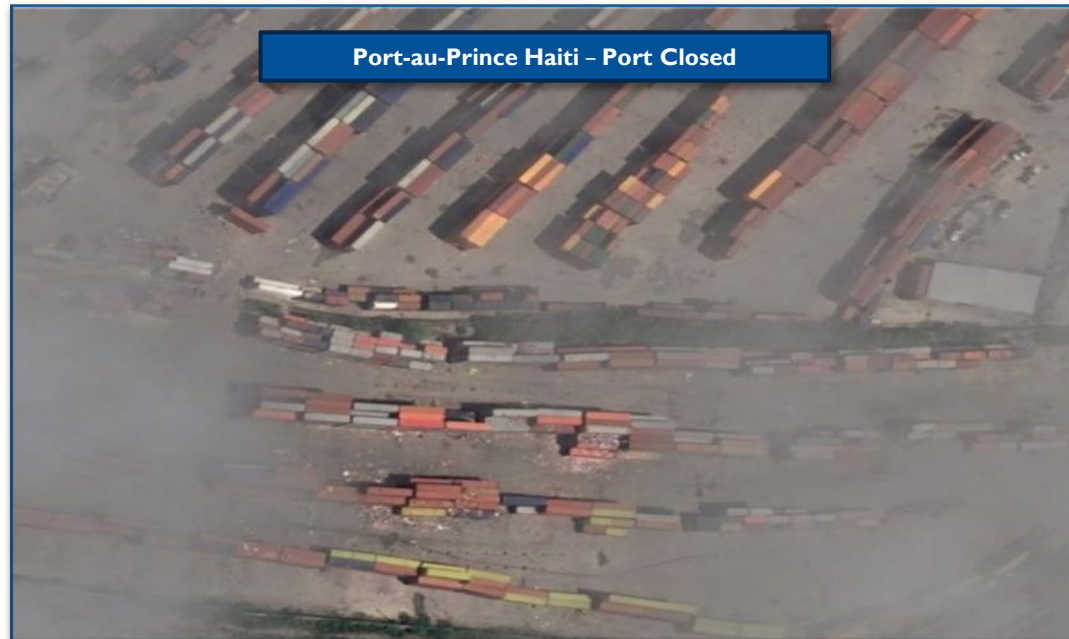
# OTHER AREAS OF GEOPOLITICAL INSTABILITY



Venezuela Threatening Guyana

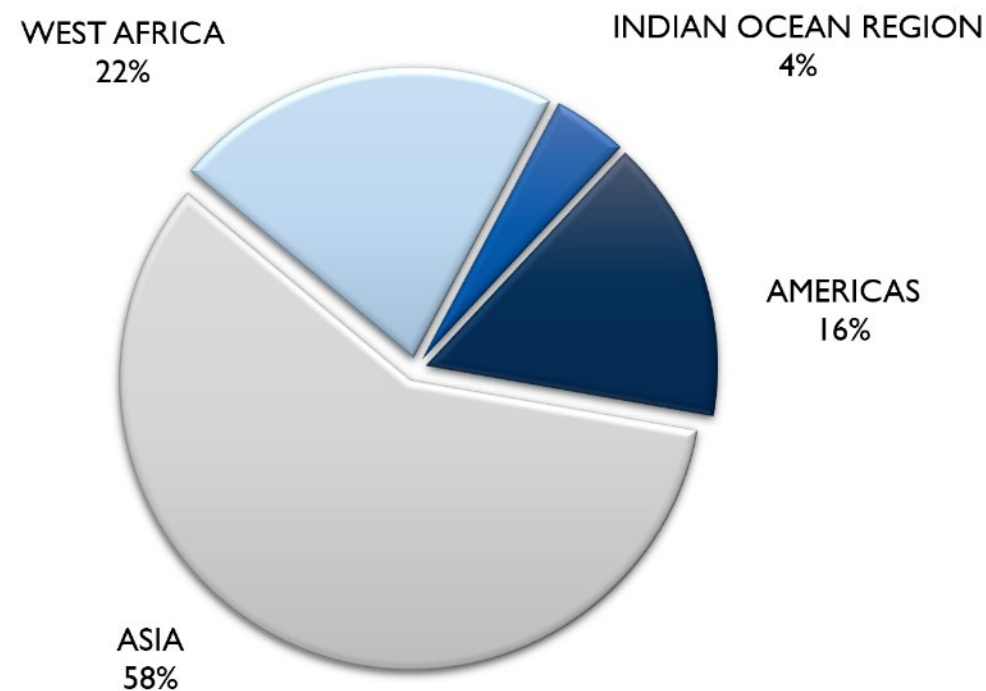
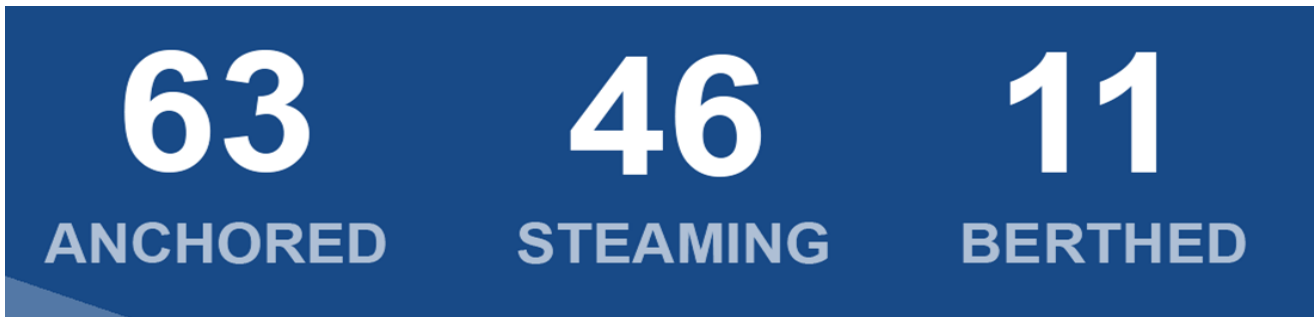
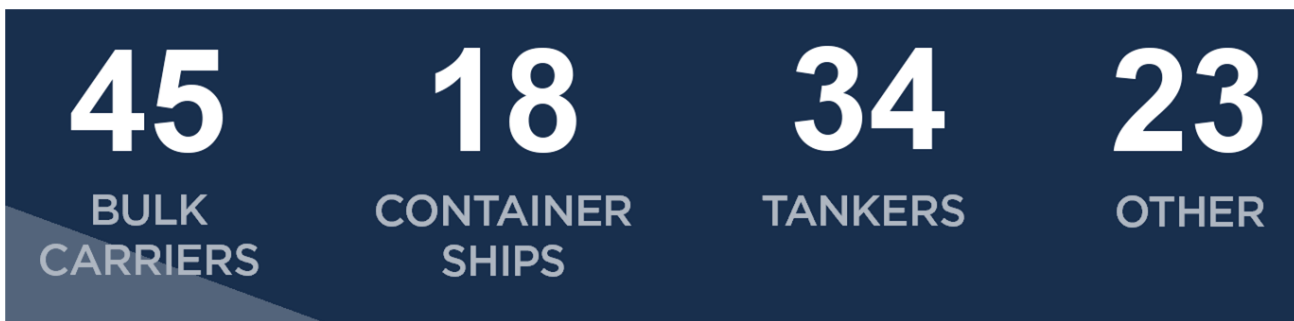


Port-au-Prince Haiti - Port Closed



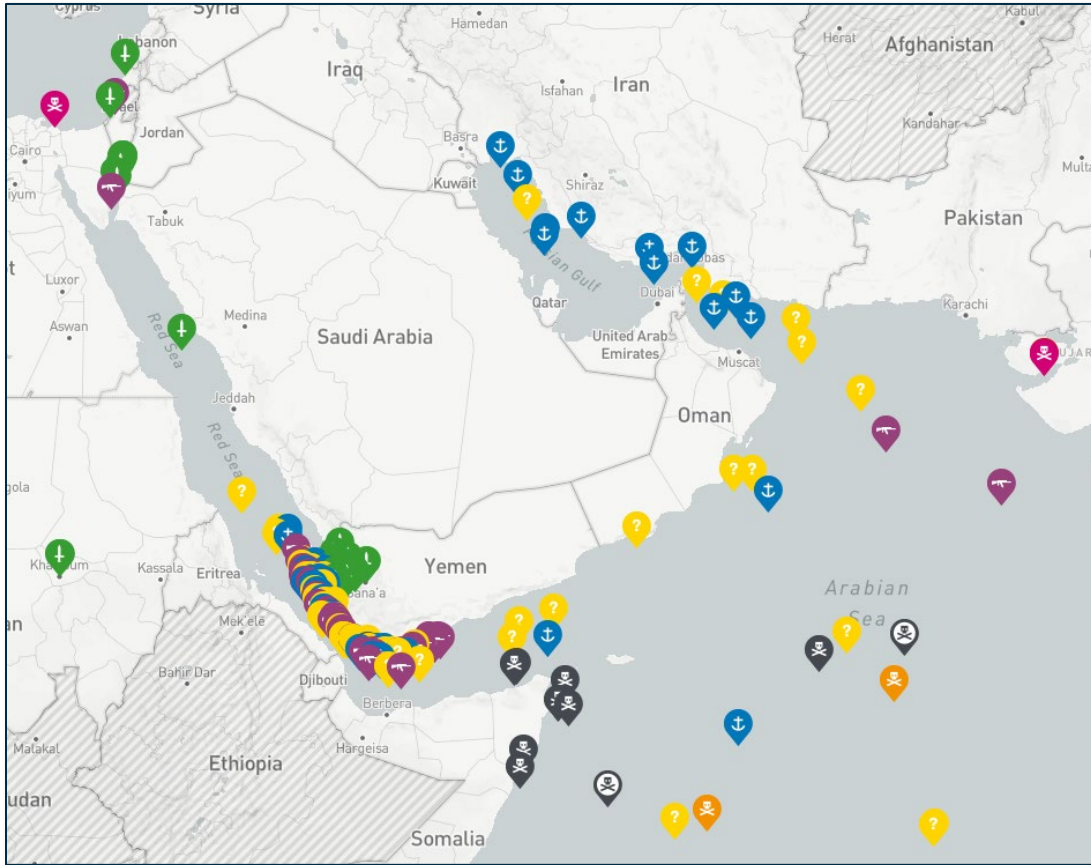
# GLOBAL PIRACY INCIDENTS BY REGION

## | JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2023



Source: International Maritime Bureau (IMB) Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships – 2023 Annual Report

# INDIAN OCEAN PIRACY / MARITIME CRIME



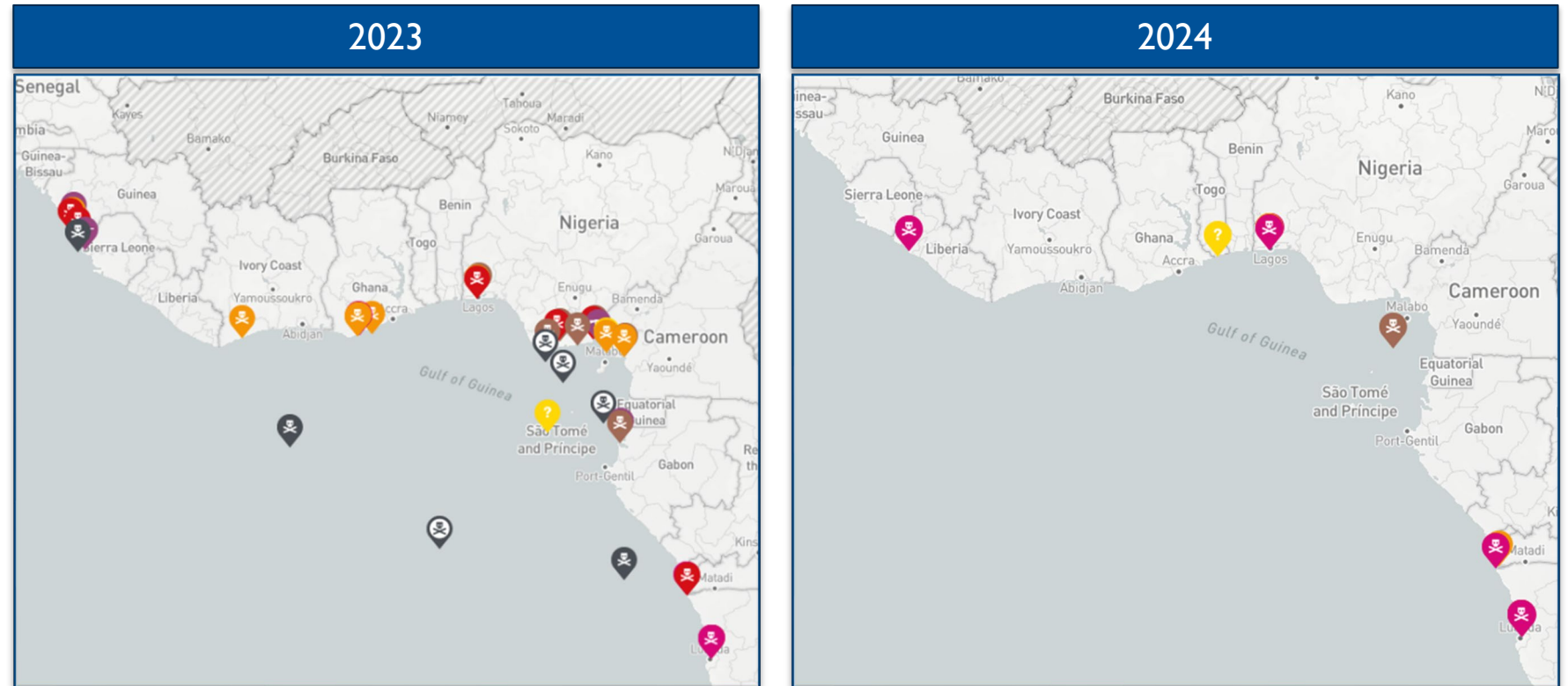
**M/V RUEN: First Somali piracy hijacking since 2017**

- ☠ Hijacking at sea
- ☠ Armed robbery
- ☠ Theft
- ☠ Kidnap/Ransom
- ☠ Failed attack
- ⚓ Anti-piracy/Naval operation
- ⚓ Counter-insurgency/Military operation
- ⚓ Insurgency and hybrid operation
- ⚓ Terrorist attack
- ⚓ Activism
- ❓ Suspicious activity
- ⦿ Other maritime risk
- 📄 Notice



Source: Risk Intelligence

# WEST AFRICA PIRACY / MARITIME CRIME



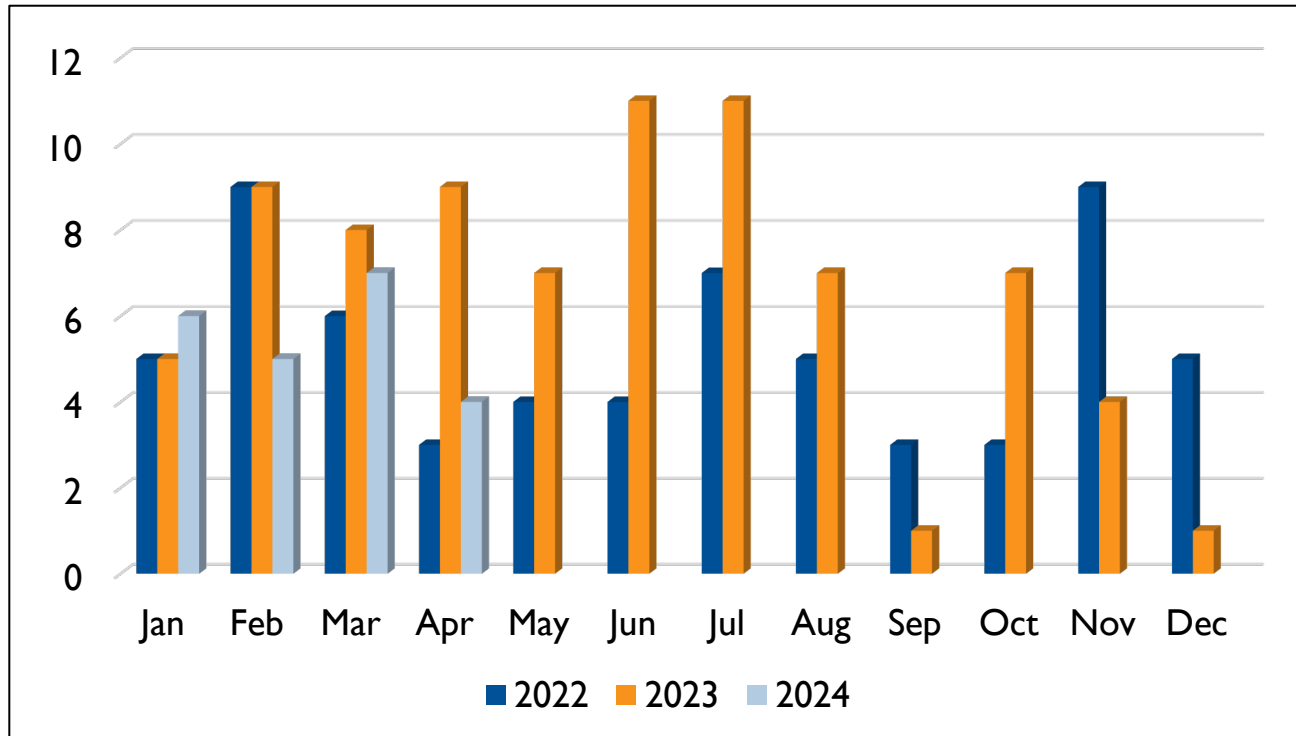
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**Remains dangerous waters for seafarers**



# SOUTHEAST ASIA PIRACY / MARITIME CRIME

- Number of maritime security incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore per month in 2022, 2023, and 2024 to date.

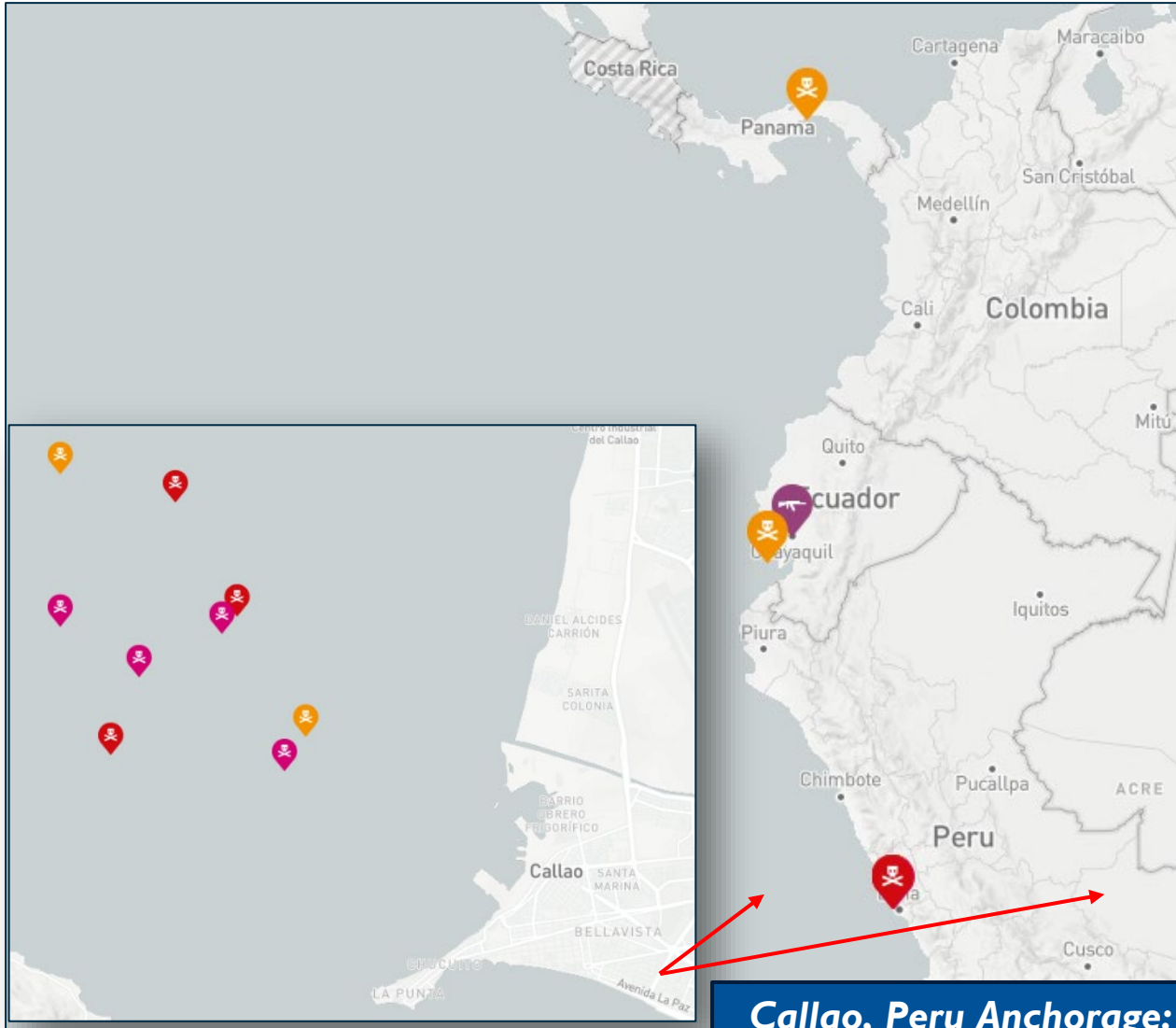


Source: Risk Intelligence System



**Singapore Straits remain an area of concern – while considered low level opportunistic crimes, most incidents are successful.**

# AMERICAS PIRACY / MARITIME CRIME



**Haiti: Two hijackings since April 2024**

Source: Risk Intelligence

**Callao, Peru Anchorage:  
Significant increase in activity**

Source: Risk Intelligence



**THANK YOU**