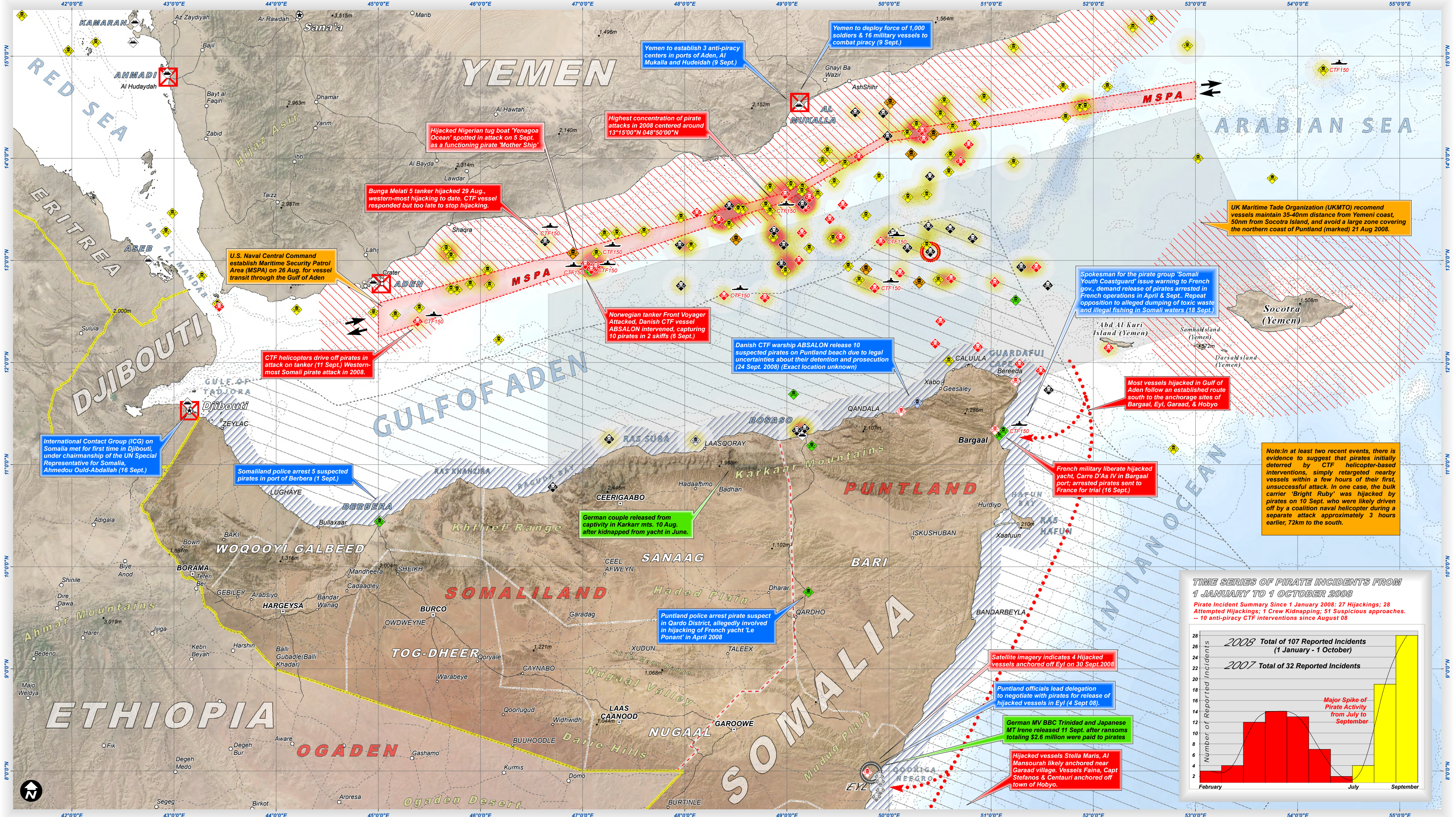


# REPORTED INCIDENTS OF SOMALI PIRATE ATTACKS & HIJACKINGS IN THE GULF OF ADEN



This map illustrates reported incidents of piracy in the Gulf of Aden, and IMO resolution adopted 29 Nov 2007 calling for Aden from January to 30 September 2008, and was produced by UNOSAT in support of the ongoing humanitarian operations across the Horn of Africa, and in response to the hijacked vessel locations between the villages of Eyl & UN Security Council Resolution 1816 (2008) adopted 2 June 2008. All piracy incident data has been obtained from public media sources. Reported incidents in 2008 are highlighted with an intensity color scale. Previous incidents from 2005 to 2007 are also shown. Incidents are classified into 10 types: 'Hijacking Land Base' where pirates concentrate ashore, 'Suspected Mother Ship' where a vessel has taken control of a ship, 'Attempted Hijacking' where pirates have deployed weapons & attempted to board a vessel but failed, 'Suspicious Approach' where a vessel has followed or chased another ship, 'Pirates Captured', 'Pirates Released' where captured pirates have been released, 'Pirate Land Base' where pirates concentrate ashore, 'Satellite-Detected Hijacked Vessel', the location of hijacked vessel identified in satellite imagery, 'Suspected Mother Ship', the location of a vessel used to launch multiple attacks with smaller high speed boats in deep water, and 'Military Strike Against Pirates' where a foreign military power has deployed weapons against either pirate vessels or their associated resources on land. Note, a majority of reported 'Suspicious Approach' incidents may represent accidental vessel approaches misperceived as a pirate threat. This is an initial assessment and has not been independently verified. Please send additions/corrections to UNOSAT.

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**Map Scale for A2: 1:2,750,000**  
 Projection: UTM Zone 39 North - WGS-84 Datum

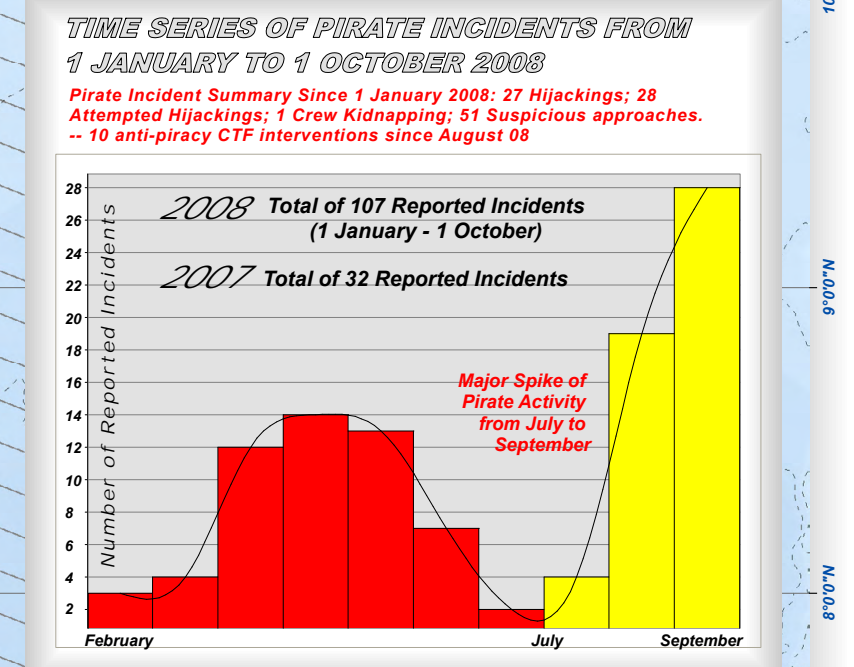
Scale: 0 to 225 Kilometers / 0 to 150 Nautical Miles

**Projection & Distances**

Projection: Transverse Mercator Datum: WGS 1984

**Data Sources**

Satellite Data: QuickBird-02  
 Resolution: 60 cm  
 Imagery Dates: 14-30 September 2008  
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 GIS Data: GEBCO, NGA, GIST, UNOSAT  
 Piracy Data: ICC-IMB, IMO, ONI, Garowe, SMN  
 Security Analysis: UNOSAT 2008



**Yemen to establish 3 anti-piracy centers in ports of Aden, Al Mukalla and Hudaydah (9 Sept.)**

**Yemen to deploy force of 1,000 soldiers & 16 military vessels to combat piracy (9 Sept.)**

**Hijacked Nigerian tug boat 'Yenagoa Ocean' spotted in attack on 5 Sept. as a functioning pirate 'Mother Ship'**

**Highest concentration of pirate attacks in 2008 centered around 13°15'00"N 048°50'00"E**

**Bunga Melati 5 tanker hijacked 29 Aug., western-most hijacking to date. CTF vessel responded but too late to stop hijacking.**

**U.S. Naval Central Command establish Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA) on 26 Aug. for vessel transit through the Gulf of Aden**

**CTF helicopters drive off pirates in attack on tanker (11 Sept.) Western-most Somali pirate attack in 2008.**

**Norwegian tanker Front Voyager attacked, Danish CTF vessel ABSALON intervened, capturing 10 pirates in 2 skiffs (6 Sept.)**

**Danish CTF warship ABSALON release 10 suspected pirates on Puntland beach due to legal uncertainties about their detention and prosecution (24 Sept. 2008) (Exact location unknown)**

**Spokesman for the pirate group 'Somali Youth Coastguard' issue warning to French gov. demand release of pirates arrested in French operations in April & Sept. Repeat opposition to alleged dumping of toxic waste and illegal fishing in Somali waters (18 Sept.)**

**'Abd Al Kuri Island (Yemen)**

**Samhah Island (Yemen)**

**Darsah Island (Yemen)**

**UK Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO) recommend vessels maintain 35-40nm distance from Yemen coast, 50nm from Socotra Island, and avoid a large zone covering the northern coast of Puntland (marked) 21 Aug 2008.**

**Most vessels hijacked in Gulf of Aden follow an established route south to the anchorage sites of Bargaal, Eyl, Garaad, & Hobyo**

**French military liberate hijacked yacht, Carre D'As IV in Bargaal port; arrested pirates sent to France for trial (16 Sept.)**

**Note: In at least two recent events, there is evidence to suggest that pirates initially deterred by CTF helicopter-based interventions, simply retargeted nearby vessels within a few hours of their first, unsuccessful attack. In one case, the bulk carrier 'Bright Ruby' was hijacked by pirates on 10 Sept. who were likely driven off by a coalition naval helicopter during a separate attack approximately 3 hours earlier, 72km to the south.**

**International Contact Group (ICG) on Somalia met for first time in Djibouti, under chairmanship of the UN Special Representative for Somalia, Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah (16 Sept.)**

**Somaliland police arrest 5 suspected pirates in port of Berbera (1 Sept.)**

**German couple released from captivity in Karkarr mts. 10 Aug. after kidnapped from yacht in June.**

**Puntland police arrest pirate suspect in Qardo District, allegedly involved in hijacking of French yacht 'Le Ponant' in April 2008**

**Satellite imagery indicates 4 hijacked vessels anchored off Eyl on 30 Sept 2008.**

**Puntland officials lead delegation to negotiate with pirates for release of hijacked vessels in Eyl (4 Sept 08).**

**German MV BBC Trinidad and Japanese MT Iron released 11 Sept. after ransoms totaling \$2.6 million were paid to pirates**

**Hijacked vessels Stella Maris, Al Mansourah likely anchored near Garaad village. Vessels Faina, Capt Stefanos & Centauri anchored off town of Hobyo.**