



PIRACY

Initiatives & Responses

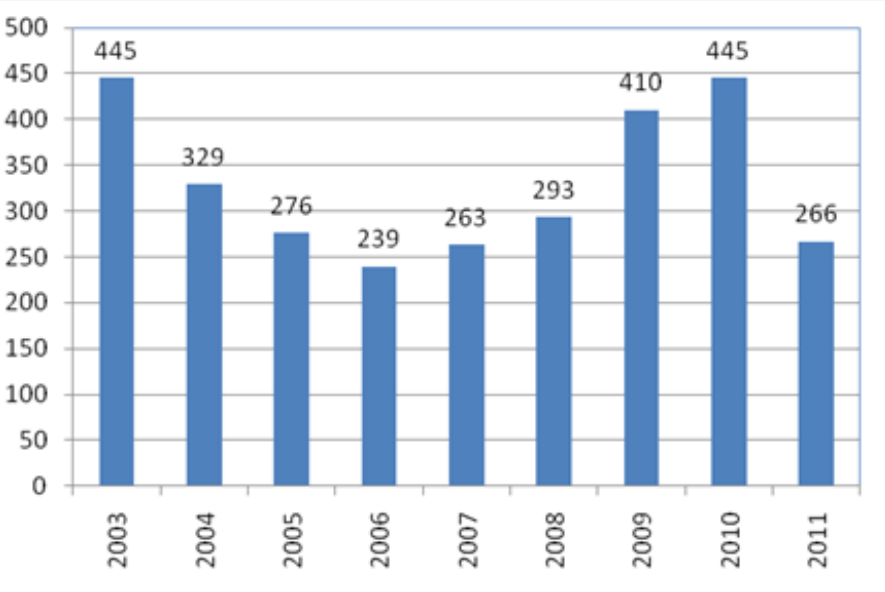
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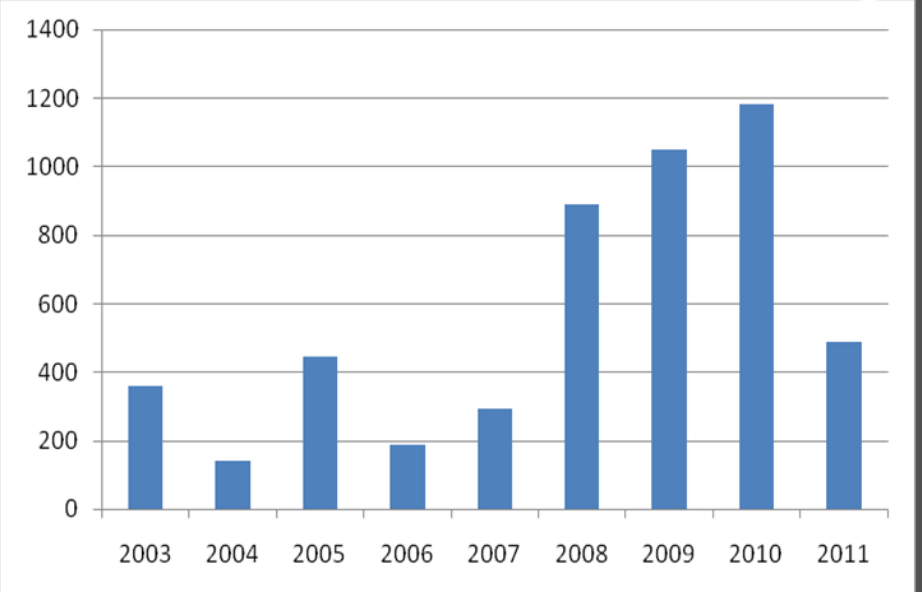


Piracy

Pirate attacks



Seafarers taken hostage



Source IMB – as at 31st June 2011



Piracy



Government & Industry Response

- 5 Security Council Resolutions
- Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (Produce BMP)
- IMO guidelines on prevention & suppression
- International Naval patrols
- Anti-piracy coordination centers
- Industry reporting and advisory center



Pastoral care needed because of

- Terror
- Beatings
- Psychological stress
- Murder
- Sexual abuse
- Torture
- Confinement
- fear



Obstacles to ministry



1. Scale of problem
2. 3rd Party negotiators
3. Non disclosure because of -
 - Media intrusions & insensitivities
 - Media fuels success
 - Protection of family & friends
4. Emotional Blackmail
5. Competitive advantage
6. Release = job done
7. Piracy Industry



Obstacles to ministry



1. Lack of experience
 - Hostage Taking
 - Criminal mind
2. Education & training
 - PTSD
 - Counselling



Seafarers' needs



“I strongly believe that many of those crewmembers who are released are suffering from post dramatic traumas and/or shocks. [Post traumatic stress disorder] They really need to be taken care of.”

Capt. Christer Lindvall, International Federation of Shipmasters' Association (IFSM) January 2009, EU Seminar.



Theology informs moral choices



- Theology of 'just war' in the context of legitimate defence and pre-emptive action
- Passive and /or active protection of seafarers
- Negotiating with and ransom payments to criminals
- Placement of private armed security guards
- Private navies

October 2008 ICMA Resolution

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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

ICMA Resolution on Seafarer Victims of Piracy

Submitted by the International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA)

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The annex of this document is provided in support of revisions to MSC/Circ.623/Rev.3 for the long-term care of seafarers and fisher victims of acts of piracy and armed robbery.
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	6
<i>High-level action:</i>	6.2.1, 6.3.2
<i>Planned output:</i>	6.2.1.2, 6.3.2.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 7
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 86/18/1 and MSC 86/9/2

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.10.5 of the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2) and provides comments on document MSC 86/18/1.

2 The International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) supports the work of the correspondence group to review and update the IMO guidance to States and the industry and the Code of practice for the investigation of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships, yet it remains concerned about the long-term effects of piracy on its seafarer victims.

Post-incident care

3 The correspondence group provided excellent guidance on preventing pirate attacks and advice to seafarers, fishers, and other mariners while they are kidnapped or held hostage. However, additional guidance could be provided to seafarers, ship operators, and States on dealing with the long-term effects of piracy on its seafarer victims.

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1. Undertake a comprehensive study on the effects of piracy on seafarers and families;
2. Develop international guidelines on caring for seafarers affected by piracy;
3. Establish a piracy resource and assistance center for seafarer and shipowners.

ICMA Members Responses



- ICMA crisis preparedness training
- MTS 'PACE' Programme
- ICMA Southern Africa Regional first responder training
- AOS Philippines counseling for seafarers and families
- GSM training and awareness raising
- SCI clinical study



MtS PACE Programme

To ensure that the MtS maintains a momentum in the anti piracy arena we have embarked upon our PACE programme.

Policy - focused on protection of seafarers

Advocacy – based on theology of justice

Care – pastoral and specialised

Education – benchmark standard ICISF



MtS PACE Programme

Policy (Protection)

- Knowledge of BMP
- Ship hardening measures
- Passive counter attack measures
- Personal behaviour during hostage situation and post release



MtS PACE Programme

Policy (Negotiation & Ransom)

- a ransom may be paid to facilitate the release of seafarers
- the individual authorising payment should not be prosecuted

Policy (Care)

- Based on Matthew 28:34 - 40



MtS PACE Programme

Advocacy

Engagement with industry

- SAMI
- MPHRP
- shipping companies

Engagement with regulators

- with ICMA at IMO
- NATO/EUNAVFOR
- UK Government and parliament



MtS PACE Programme

Care

- Chaplains care of seafarers and their families in Africa, India, UK, Ukraine, etc.



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Piracy as big business

- ☠ Crew ransom
- ☠ Ship ransom
- ☠ Sale of cargo
- ☠ Sale of ship

Therefore

- ☠ Warlord takeover
- ☠ Organised crime
- ☠ Political power
- ☠ Political expediency & collusion

Therefore no end in sight!





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