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MARITIME PIRACY - THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PROGRAMME

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2010: IMO Year of the Seafarer

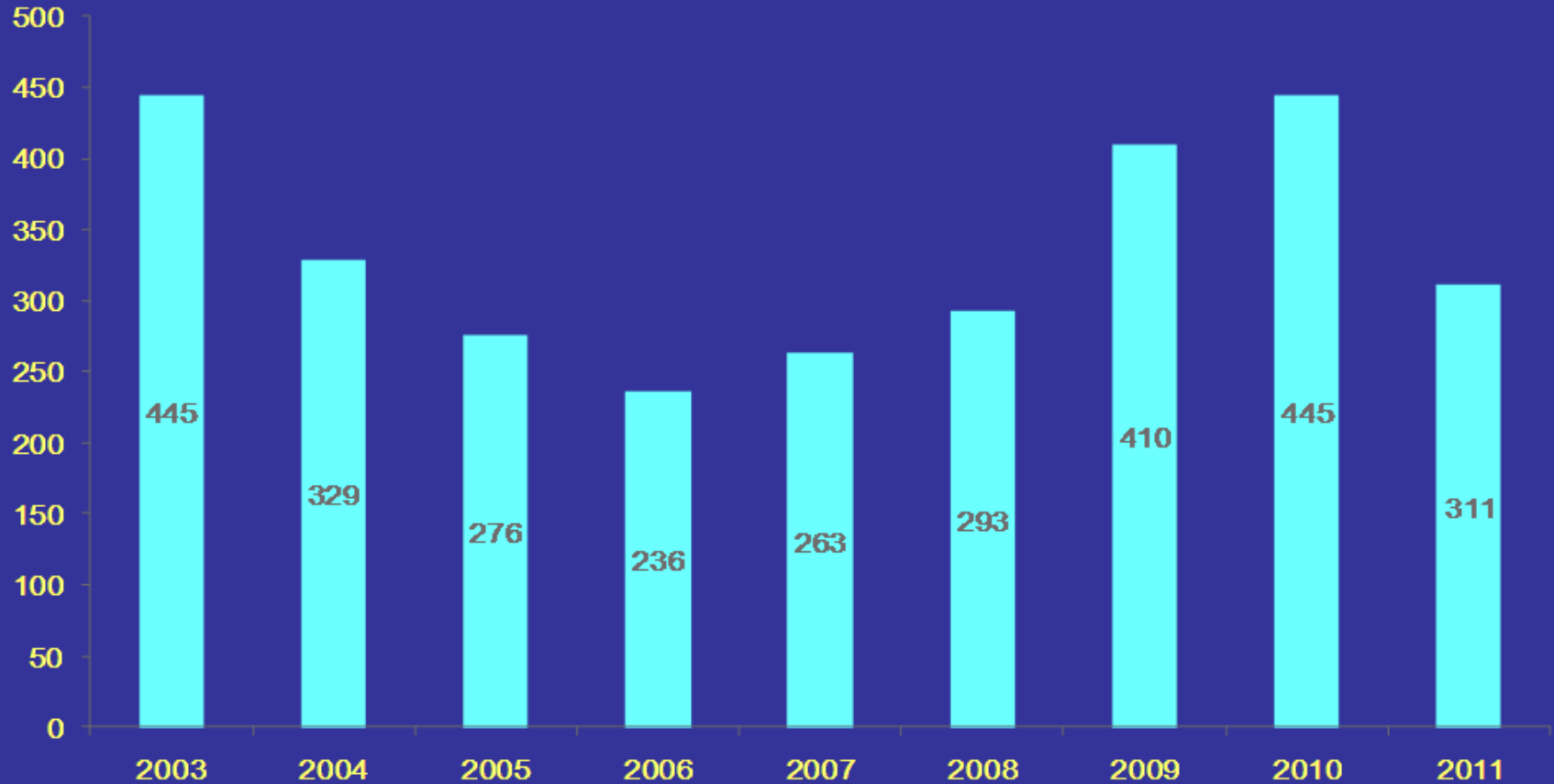


Objectives of the Year to:

- pay tribute to seafarers for their unique contribution to society and the vital role they play in the facilitation of global trade,
- add impetus to the ongoing IMO/Industry's "Go To Sea" campaign,
- reassure those working at the "sharp end" of the maritime community's genuine sympathy for the work that seafarers carry out,
- convey to the 1.5 million seafarers of the world a clear message that the entire shipping community understands and cares for them – ..to ensure that seafarers are fairly treated ..., are looked after when abandoned, ...are not refused shore leave for security purposes;..... **are protected when their work takes them into piracy-infested areas**; and ... are not left alone when in distress at sea.



Total number of piracy/armed robbery attacks since 2003



Source: IMB



World Maritime Day Theme 2011

“Piracy – IMO Orchestrating the Response”

IMO Action Plan to:

- Increase **pressure at the political level to secure the release** of all hostages being held by pirates;
- Review and **improve the IMO guidelines** to administrations and seafarers and **promote compliance with industry best management practices** and the recommended preventive, evasive and defensive measures ships should follow;
- Promote **greater levels of support from, and coordination with, navies**;
- Promote **anti-piracy coordination and co-operation** procedures between and among States, regions, organizations and industry;
- Assist States to **build capacity** in piracy-infested regions of the world, and elsewhere, **to deter, interdict and bring to justice** those who commit acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships; and
- Provide **care for those attacked or hijacked by pirates and for their families**.



Somali Piracy – No improvement in the situation !

- Increased use of Motherships extending range of pirates
- Increased number of attacks
- New tactics – swarm attacks
- Challenge to sustain military assets and governments' commitment
- Increased levels of violence
- Hostages being used as Human Shields



More Ship Damage



Source: IMB et al

More Violence and More fatalities





A pan-industry alliance of ship owners, unions, managers, manning agents, insurers and welfare associations, working together with one aim – “to assist seafarers and their families with the humanitarian aspects of a traumatic incident caused by a piracy attack, armed robbery or being taken hostage”



Partners in the Programme



plus Member Companies and Associations,
and supported by the IMO and ILO



MPHRP Objective

The objective of the programme is to implement a model of assisting seafarers and their families with the humanitarian aspects of a traumatic incident caused by a piracy attack, armed robbery or being taken hostage to be offered as an integral part of the emergency response procedures of shipping companies and manning agencies in cooperation with partners involved in seafarers' welfare (maritime, union, faith or secular based agencies), company representatives and other bodies as appropriate.



MPHRP Focus is on people

- Seafarers
- Their Families
- Their Colleagues



IMAGINE !



Apprehension !






Joining instructions

- Which ship ?
- Which voyages?

Piracy and Armed Robbery Incidents 2011

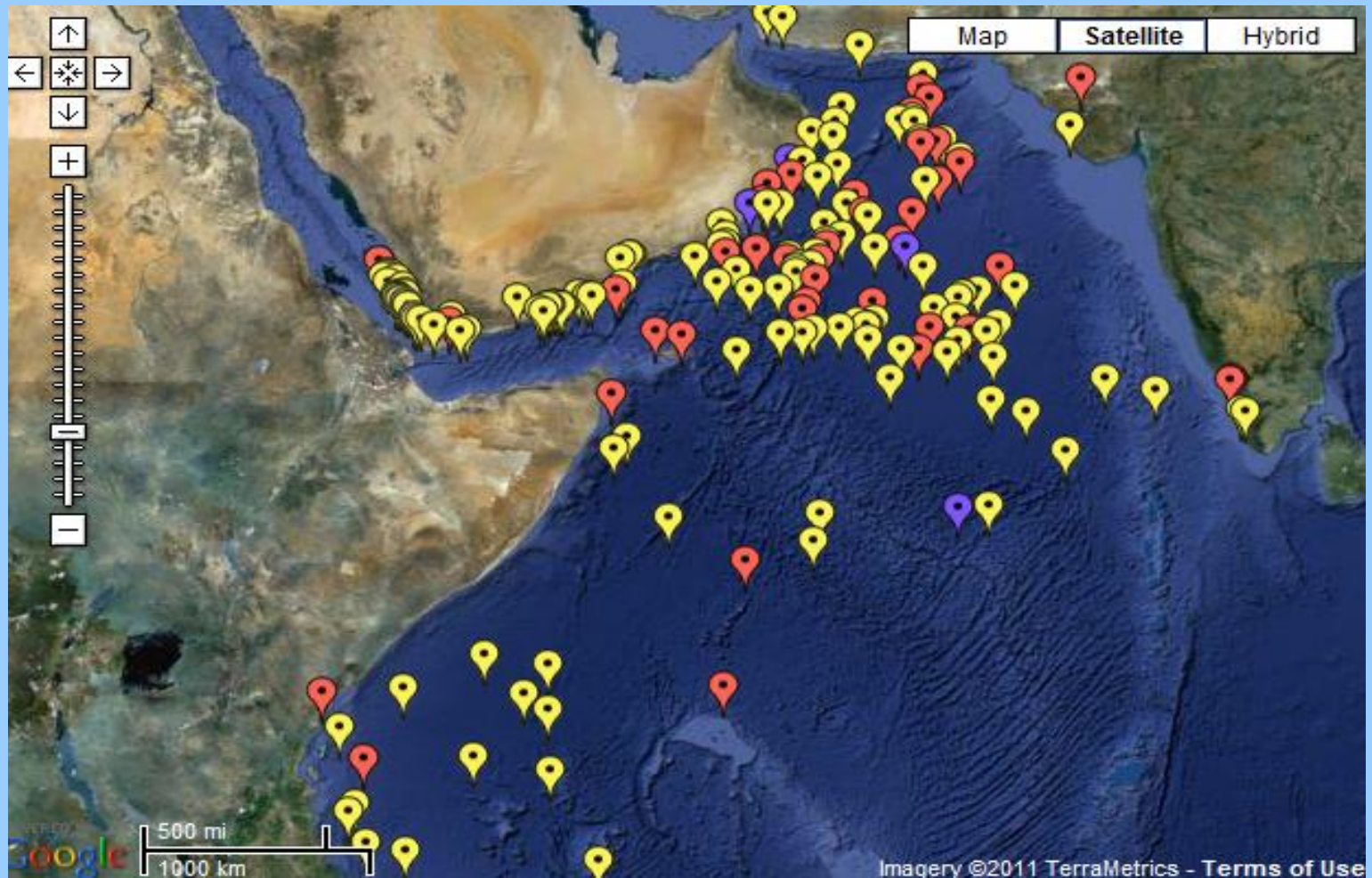


-  = Actual Attack
-  = Attempted Attack
-  = Suspicious Vessel

Source: IMB

<http://www.icc-ccs.org/piracy-reporting-centre/imb-live-piracy-map>

2011 – Somali based piracy



Source: IMB

2011 – West African armed robbery & piracy



Source: IMB

Apprehension !



THE SHIPPING COMPANY !



- Responsible ? Good or bad reputation ?
- Have they adopted the latest Best Management Practices ?
- Will there be any counter-piracy training ?
- Will we have Armed Guards?



Apprehension !

– Anxiety and Personal Concerns



- How would my family manage IF ?
- Who will take care of them ?
- How would I cope IF..... ?
- What personal belongings should I take – *my laptop, a better cell phone, additional photos ?*
- Who should I talk to – should I share my concerns ?

IMAGINE !



Apprehension !



- Is this a good company ?
- Do they have a means of contacting me
- will they keep us informed ?
- Will the ship have Armed Guards ?
- How dangerous has it become ?



Apprehension !



“ They say those from Nigeria have also been more willing to use violence, beating crew members with rifle butts and electric cables and shooting and stabbing those who get in the way, while pirates from Benin have tended to steal oil cargo and then release the ship. “

Apprehension !

- Personal Issues



- Do we talk openly about this or not ?
- What do I/we tell the children ?
- How would we cope IF... ?
- Should I pack anything extra for him – *special medicines* ?

MPHRP Organisation of work

- **Task group meetings of multi-disciplined, international experts, *including psychosocial, social and pastoral consultants and advisers***
- **Meetings and interviews with seafarers and families worldwide, *including many with first hand experience of attacks***
- **Advisory groups on industry practices and procedures, and pre-piracy training**
- **Project steering group *to advise and assist with the coordination***



***MPHRP* Activities**

Listening to experiences, sharing concerns and learning of good practices to:

- **identify the needs of seafarers and their families before, during and after piracy incidents**
- **highlight the requirements in the “continuum” of care**



The three R's

- **Resistance**-may be thought of as a form of psychological/behaviour *immunity* to the impact of distress
- **Resilience**- the ability of an individual, a group, an organisation or a population to *cope with and to rapidly and effectively rebound* from a traumatic incident
- **Recovery**- the ability to *recover and adaptively function in* the post traumatic situation



RESILIENCE

RECOVERY

Pre Crisis

CRISIS

Immediate
Post Crisis

Short-term
Post Crisis

Long Term
Post Crisis

RESISTANCE

Shock

Realisation

Acknowledgement

Adaptation



MPHRP deliverables

- “good practice” guides for use by shipping companies, manning agents and welfare associations (i) for seafarers and (ii) their families through the three phases of a piracy incident from pre-departure, during the crisis and post release/post incident,
- the development of associated training modules,
- the development of an international network of trained first-responders with appropriate skills within Partner and associated organisations,
- access to a network of professional aftercare,
- the availability of a seafarer’s telephone helpline, and
- a resource to collect appropriate research/information & to make this available where further advice or assistance is sought.



**If you can help, would like more information or to contact anyone in the programme please email:
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Maritime Piracy
Humanitarian Response Programme
Caring for seafarers, their families and colleagues



Thank you

