



**GLOBAL MARSEC THREATS AND BEST
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

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AMBREY

BLACK SEA – SEA MINE

(23/01/2023)

- A floating sea mine seen by a cargo vessel offshore Bulgaria. The Bulgarian Navy disposed of it 21hrs later
- Two YaM-type sea mines discovered in Bulgarian waters. One reported by merchant vessel (23/01/02023)
- Bulgarian authorities dispatched a helicopter and the mine warfare vessel PRIBOY
- Sea mine was 11nm east of Burgas/Varna TSS
- Ambrey identified that five merchant vessels passed by the reported location before the mine was destroyed
- JCC grain corridor was potentially going to have a reporting function, but funding was never fulfilled

Best Management Practice

- Primary – Theatre level situational awareness (Intelligence preparation)
- Secondary – Local level situational awareness (Operational)
- Tertiary – Crisis preparedness and mitigation (Crew and shoreside)



Pictured: YaM sea mine
neutralised by the Bulgari
navy

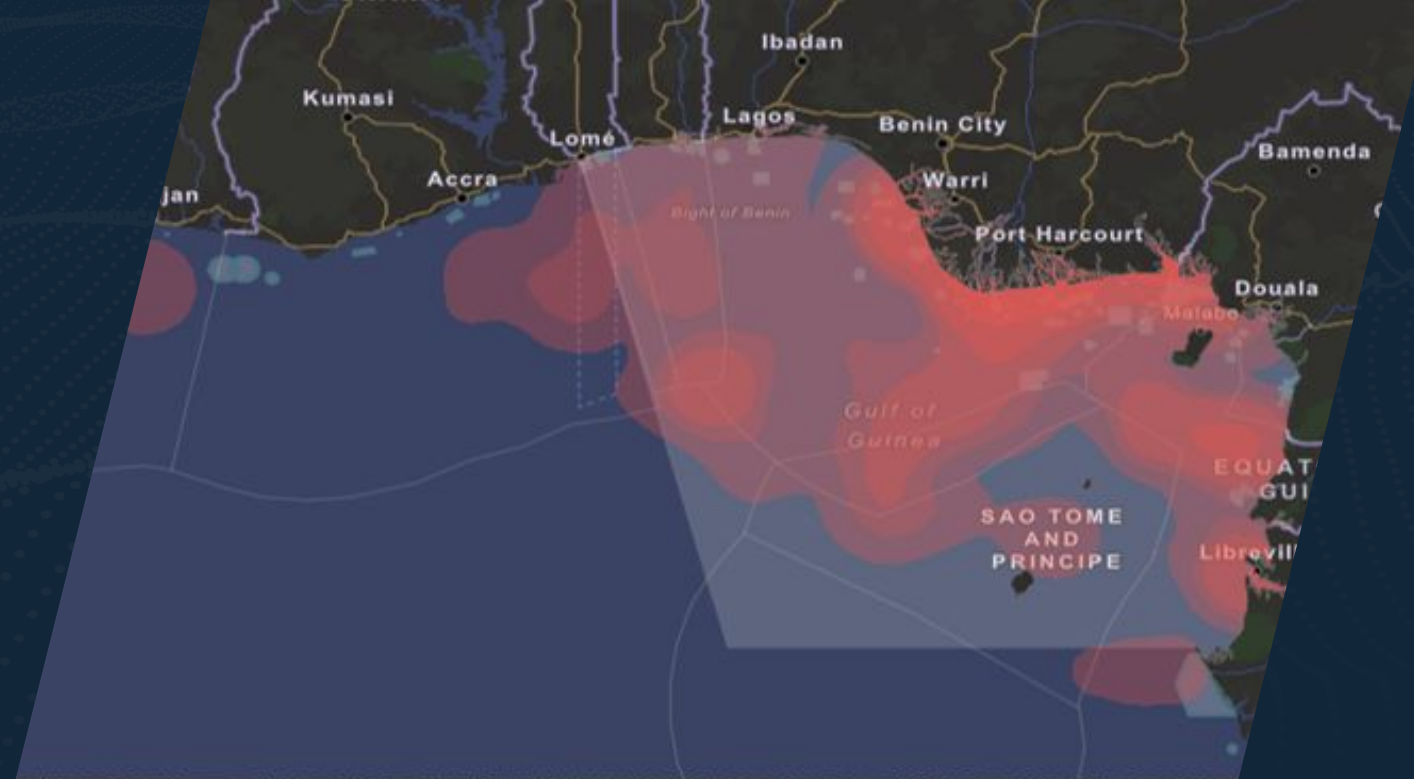
WEST AFRICA – KIDNAPPING

(13/12/2022)

- Crew boat was involved in an EDR that resulted in two Cameroonian nationals being kidnapped and one crew member being left onboard
- 24 hours prior to the kidnapping, a bulk carrier had been engaged by small arms during an attempted boarding
- Highlighting the vulnerabilities when vessels have low regional situational awareness and are unable to employ armed security
- Cameroonians were held by the PAG for a month before released on receipt of payment

Best Management Practices

- Primary – Situational awareness and understanding regulatory limitations
- Secondary – Hardening and denial of access
- Tertiary – Crisis mitigation



Pictured top: Ambrey's
elevated threat areas GoG
Pictured bottom: Force of
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GULF OF ADEN & RED SEA – RC-WBIED (17/05/2020)

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- Two Yemeni-skiffs were involved and conducted an exchange prior to the attack. One skiff remained in a standoff position. The approaching skiff carried a large number of blue drums
- PAST issued warning shots as it approached and skiff returned fire.
- The skiff detonated 200m from the ship's stern

Best Management Practices

- Primary – Threat awareness (possible / probable evolutions and limitations of mitigation)
- Secondary – Implementing the correct mitigation
- Tertiary – Continual investigation / intelligence collection



Pictured: View following the explosion



THE PRIVATE SECTOR – ITS LEGACY AND FUTURE

- Borne out of necessity to counter piracy in the IOR
- THREATS TO SHIPPING HAVE SINCE EXPANDED BUT LICENSING ARCHITECTURE HAS PROVEN TO BE SLOWER TO DEVELOP
- Somali piracy has been suppressed but not indicative of a decline in threat to shipping industry
- Private sector has contributed to the mitigation of threats to seafarers.

