Piracy and armed robbery
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Introduction

• The numbers
• Types of attacks
• High risk areas
• IMB Piracy Reporting Centre
• Response & conclusions
Total number of attacks over the past 5 years:

- 2003: 444
- 2004: 329
- 2005: 276
- 2006: 236
- 2007: 249

Total Number of Ships Hijacked:

- 2003: 19
- 2004: 11
- 2005: 23
- 2006: 14
- 2007: 18
Total Number Of Crew Taken Hostage

Total Crew Kidnapped
HIJACKING - ONE OF MANY VICTIMS
Total number of Attacks 249

Total Attacks Somalia 31
The role of the IMB PRC

The only centre where ships can report attacks worldwide

- Collate & disseminate to I/e & industry
- Sends out daily msgs to shipping, weekly website reports, quarterly & annual reports
- Liaison between I/e & industry
- Post attack investigations & recovery
- Why a business sponsored centre is better
- The best independent source of primary information,

-vital that Masters report every attack

A comprehensive free service!
Conclusions - Piracy

• No. of attacks bottomed out? New hot spots
• Violence remains high
• Somalia – response in a failed state -
• Nigeria – politically motivated piracy?
• Malacca Straits attacks down – thanks to Indonesia & Malaysia
• It is not all bad - Hijacking of vessels for theft of the vessel and cargoes have dramatically reduced – better awareness & cooperation in Asia than ever before.
• The soft targets –crew abductions
• Collation of primary information on attacks should remain an independent function.

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