



# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA

## HOW BEST TO PROTECT SEAFARERS

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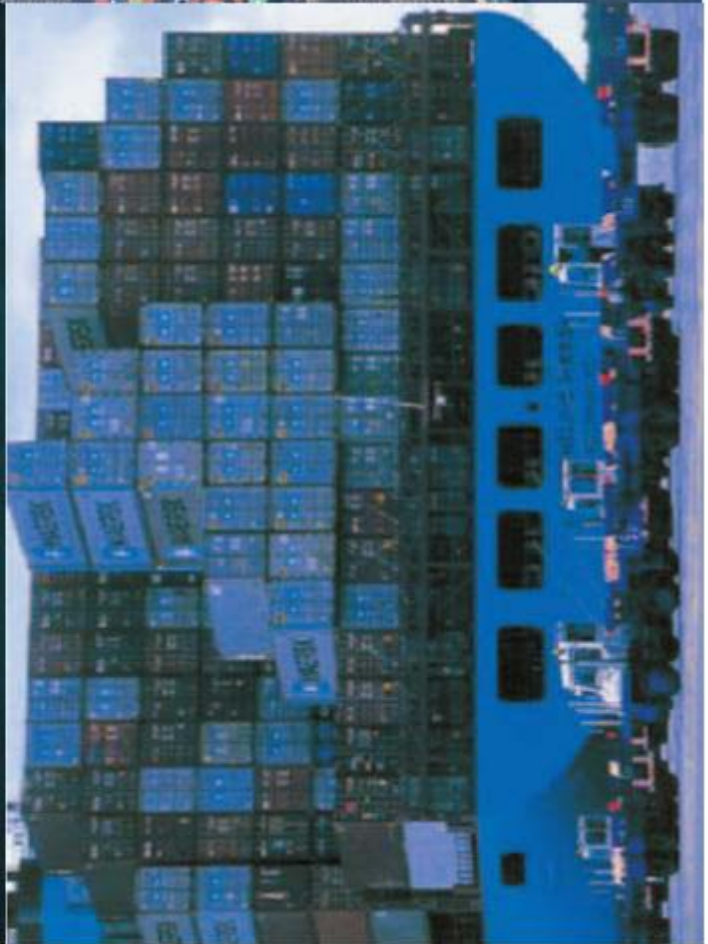
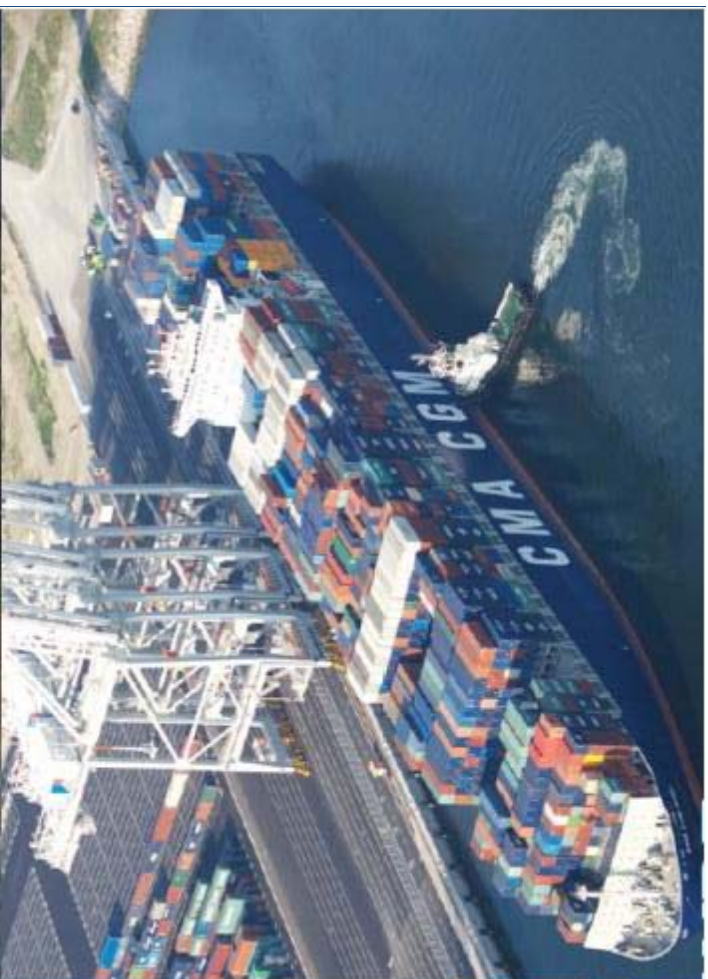
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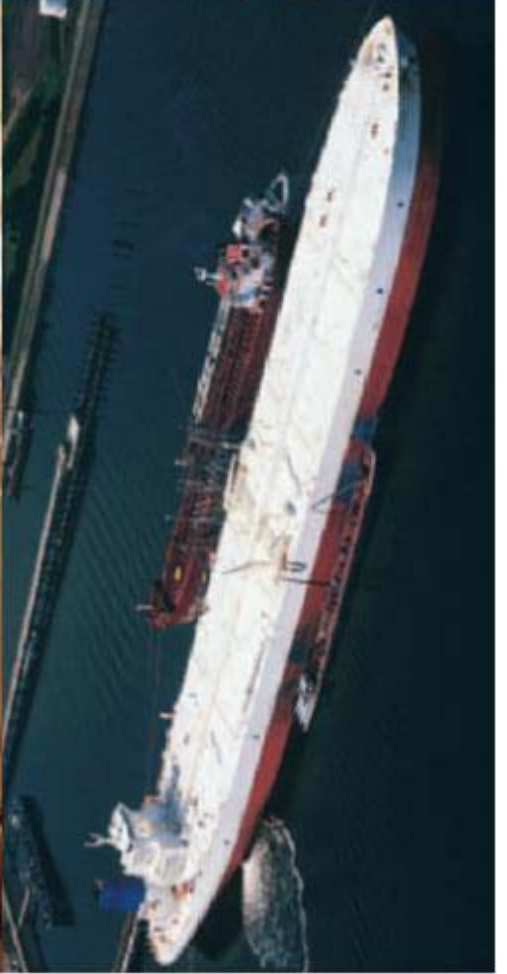
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# PIRACY AN ESCALATING PROBLEM



## IMB FIGURES GULF OF ADEN AND OFF SOMALIA 2009

- ☼ **TOTAL VESSELS ATTACKED BY SOMALI PIRATES IN 2009** **217**
- ☼ **TOTAL VESSELS HIJACKED IN SOMALIA IN 2009** **47**
- ☼ **TOTAL CREW HIJACKED IN 2009** **867**
- ☼ **CURRENTLY HELD IN SOMALIA**
  - **11 VESSELS 266 CREW**



# UNCLOS

**ALL STATES SHALL COOPERATE  
TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE  
EXTENT IN THE REPRESSION OF  
PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS OR IN  
ANY OTHER PLACE OUTSIDE THE  
JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE.**



# PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA & GULF OF ADEN



- ☼ **UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS  
1816/1846/1897: ALLOWING NAVAL FORCES  
TO ACT AGAINST PIRACY IN THE AREA**
- ☼ **SEPTEMBER 2008: CREATION OF EU COUNCIL  
NAVAL COORDINATION CELL**
- ☼ **DECEMBER 2008: CREATION OF EU NAVAL  
FORCE (EU NAVFOR) AND LAUNCHING OF  
ATALANTA MISSION**
- ☼ **WFP ESCORTS & ACTION AGAINST PIRACY**
- ☼ **FIRST EU AERO NAVAL OPERATION**

# PREVENTIVE MEASURES



## **PRACTICAL APPROACH**

**☀ REGISTRATION ON EU NAVFOR WEBSITE**

**☀ INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION**

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Thu, 10 Dec, 2009 18:16 UTC



# PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON THE SHIP



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# SEAFARERS

☼ **ISM CODE (INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT CODE FOR THE SAFE OPEARTION OF SHIPS AND FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION)**

☼ **SAFETY & SECURITY CULTURE:  
SHIPOWNER, MANAGEMENT, SEAFARERS**

# BMP

## Best Management Practices







# SEAFARERS

☼ **TRAINING**

☼ **EXPLAIN SELF PROTECTION METHODS**

☼ **AWARENESS**

☼ **ENSURE THAT COMPANY HAS  
SECURITY/PIRACY CRISIS POLICY  
INCLUDING RELEASE OF CREW.**

# BURNING QUESTIONS



☀ **ARMING SEAFARERS: DEFINITELY NO**

☀ **ARMED PRIVATE GUARDS: MIXED  
FEELINGS**

☀ **MILITARY ARMED GUARDS: TO BE  
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED**

# CONCLUSION



**☀ INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: GIVE  
FOLLOW UP TO UNCLOS**

**☀ MUCH MORE ACTION ESSENTIAL**





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