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- 1. Best Management Practices (BMP) Maritime Security (MS), Edition March 2025**
- 2. Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview (MISTO), Edition 31 March 2025**

TO: Recognised Security Organisations, Shipowners, Companies, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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1. Introduction

It is worth noting that industry as well as international, regional and national stakeholders, both public and private, organisations have recently released the publications Best Management Practices **(BMP)** Maritime Security **(MS)** and Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview **(MISTO)**. These publications should be read by ships flying the San Marino flag and their companies as a complement to the information provided in the following documents of the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority and the San Marino Ship Registry:

1. Directive No. 1/2023 SEC 1.1 on the 14 February 2023 – Setting security level 3 for ships while navigating in specific areas of the Black Sea, and of the Sea of Azov
2. Directive No. 4/2024 sec 2.6 on the 15 April 2024 – Setting security level 2 for ships flying the San Marino Flag while in Israeli ports or while navigating, being at anchor or being moored in sea areas large 100 (one hundred) nautical miles off the coasts of the State of Israel, and off the Gaza Strip
3. Directive No. 6/2024 SEC 3.3 on the 30 October 2024 – Setting security level 2 and other protective measures for ships flying the San Marino flag while navigating, being at anchor or being moored in the Red Sea (part of), the Strait of Bab el Mandeb, and the Gulf of Aden
4. Security Bulletin SAMBU – 2025 – 015 on the 03 February 2025 – Threat to merchant marine and ship's protection in the Red Sea, the Strait of Bab el Mandeb, the Gulf of Aden, and the northwestern Indian Ocean.

2. BMP MS

Best Management Practices (BMP) Maritime Security (MS)¹ - Edition March 2025, consolidates previously published regional BMP documents into a single comprehensive publication which provides guidance on:

¹ Produced and supported by: Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI), Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA), International Group of P&I Club (IGP&I), International Marine Contractors Association (MCA), International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC), International Association of Dry Cargo Association (INTERCARGO), InterManager, International Association of Independent Tanker (INTERTANKO), International Parcel Tanker Association (IPTA), International Transport Workers' Federations (ITF), Joint War Committee, Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operator (SIGTTO), World Shipping Council, Global Suicide Prevention, International Christian Maritime Association, International Seafarers Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), Maritime Wellbeing, The Mission to Seafarers, Sailors' Society, Seafarers Hospital Society, Stella Maris, Royal Australian Navy, Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities, Combined Maritime Forces (CRFIM, RMIFC, RCOC), Information Fusion Centre (IFC), International Maritime Bureau (ICB), INTERPOL, Indian Navy Fusion Centre, Joint Maritime Information Centre (JMIC), United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operation (UKMTO), Maritime Domain Awareness Trade – Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG), Maritime Information Cooperation & Awareness Centre (MICA CENTRE), Maritime Security Center Indian Ocean (MSCIO), EU



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1. Maritime security threats
2. Threat and risk assessment
3. Planning
4. Mitigation measures
5. Incident response
6. Post-incident procedures.

The BMP MS focuses on a threat and risk management process addressing globally applicable threats and mitigations as well as providing references to external sources for up-to-date regional information. It is intended as an aid to ships in planning their voyages and to detect, avoid, deter, delay and report attacks and incidents.

By following the BMP MS, both companies and seafarers can minimise the risk of maritime security incident, ensuring better protection against emerging threats and improving overall safety.

3. **MISTO**

Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview (MISTO) released on the 31 March 2025 focuses on physical threats to maritime shipping which include but are not limited to piracy, armed robbery, terrorism and war/armed conflict. It has been compiled by the authors² to provides general and situational information regarding the maritime domain.

MISTOs are based on an amalgamation of publicly available information as well as information obtained through networks of stakeholders in shipping, governments and academia. The information contained in the publication is based on data available as of the date of issuance and it is subject to change without notice.

MISTO is focusing the following geographical areas and topics:

Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA, EU Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) Operation ASPIDES, NATO Shipping Centre (MARCOM), Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia – Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP-ISC), Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCOC), and Royal Navy (RN).

² Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), International Association of Independent Tanker (INTERTANKO), International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO).



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1. Gulf of Guinea – predominantly Niger Delta based pirates
2. Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, northwest Indian Ocean – Houthi insurgents
3. Northwest Indian Ocean and adjacent waters – Somali pirates
4. Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) – pirates and armed robbers
5. Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Russia and Ukraine.

4. **Download of the publications**

The publications might be downloaded for free from the following websites:

1. BMP MS: https://www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/media/lx4jmieu/bmp-ms_final_hi_res_s.pdf
2. MISTO: <https://www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/media/hjcjxkc/2025-03-31-misto-final.pdf>