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Security Bulletin – Update information on the increasing piracy threat in the Gulf of Guinea, and a new tool to improve maritime security-related communications in the Western Indian Ocean.

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



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1. Introduction

This bulletin has been compiled to provide situational information regarding maritime security both in the Gulf of Guinea and the Western Indian Ocean. The bulletin is based on an amalgamation of information publicly available and information obtained by relevant state agencies.

2. Increased piracy threat

Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview, MISTO (See SMBU-2025-016: <https://www.smsr.sm/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Draft-250403-SMBU-2025-016.pdf>) already provided a background analysis and trends on the long-standing problem of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, predominantly off the coast of the Nigeria as the vast majority of attacks in the region have been reported as emanating from the Niger Delta.

Information recently gathered from corresponding maritime security state organization, highlighted an increased piracy threat also off the coasts of Benin, in the area between the following points:

- a) 06° 13'36N - 001° 51'24E
- b) 06° 16'22N - 002° 58'31E
- c) 04° 58'26N - 002° 25'10E
- d) 05° 05'31N - 003° 09'55E

3. Western Indian Ocean Maritime Emergency Contact Map

An innovative map has been designed, prepared and released as result of a project between maritime security experts and one of the naval forces present in the area of the Western Indian Ocean to enhance maritime security.

The map consolidates the complex network of the following maritime security-related stakeholders across the region:

- Regional Maritime Coordination Centers
- Naval Operations Centers
- Emergency Response Services
- Maritime Security Organizations
- National Maritime Authorities.



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The owner of this tool offered the possibility to download the map, in vectorized format, through the following website:

https://mscio.eu/documents/235/MSCIO_Western_Indian_Ocean_Maritime_Emergency_Contact_Map_High_Resolution_01_16.pdf