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Maritime Security

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Africa's Maritime Environment

- Abundant natural resources:
 - Significant fishing grounds
 - Growing interest in petroleum sector
- Accelerating foreign investment
- Growing commercial shipping
- Significant tourism potential

Yet...

- Growing evidence of **weak port security**
- Poor policy and operational **coordination**
- Recent increase in **maritime crime**
- Significant losses to **illegal fishing**
- Maritime **pollution** at ports and harbors

Securing Africa's Maritime Environment



Comparing Maritime Crime

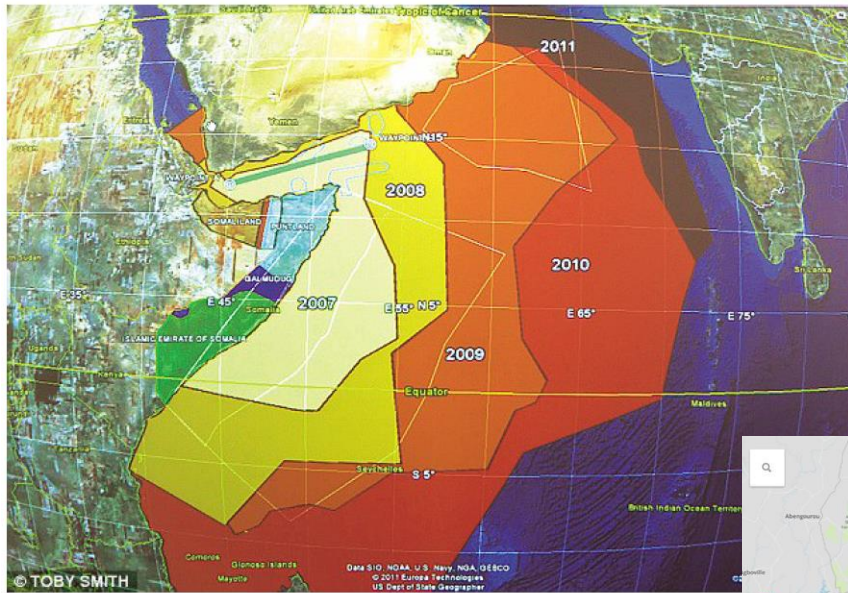
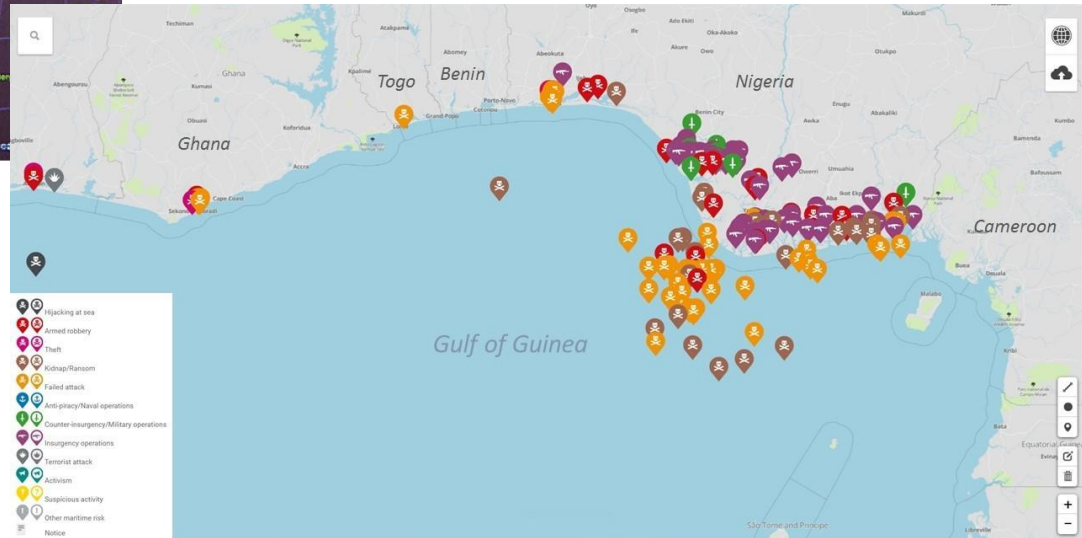


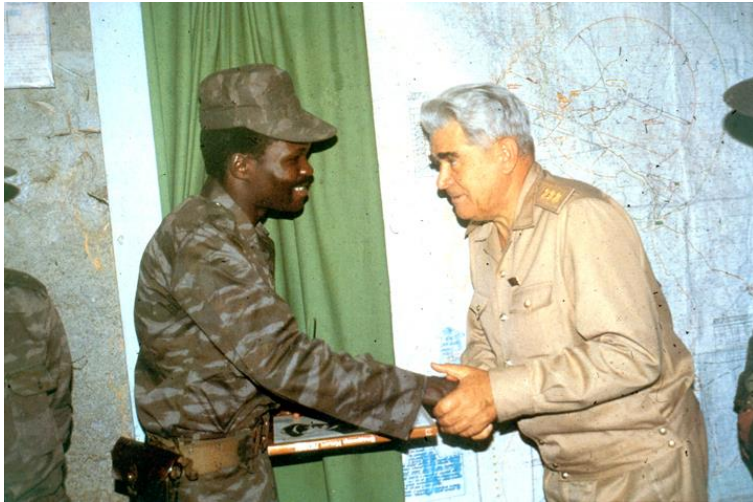
Figure 1: The Expansion of Maritime Hijacking in East Africa (Daily Mail)¹⁰



Piracy and maritime security incidents in the Gulf of Guinea (Ivory Coast to Gabon) in 2016. (MaRisk by Risk Intelligence)

The Burden of Legacies

Inherited relationships from earlier patrons are often not well suited to contemporary needs



Also true of more recent patrons!

The “Patron” Problem

The **Patron** offers what he wants to give. . .



. . .the **Partner** brings what is needed.

Key Elements of Strategy

1. Political Dimension

- Strong **political will** and national ownership.
- Willingness to cede sovereignty concerns to advance **regional solutions**.
- Inclusive and participatory **long-term engagement**.

2. Operational Dimension

- **Appropriate equipment and technology** for maritime domain awareness.
- Communication and **information sharing** (domestic and sub-regional).
- Monitoring, detection, apprehension and **enforcement**.

Key Elements (contd.)

3. Resource Dimension

- Commitment of **adequate domestic resources** in national budgets.
- **Leveraging and coordinating appropriate assistance** from bilateral and multilateral partners.

4. Regional Dimension

- Promoting **regional initiatives** to strengthen maritime capabilities.
- **Harmonize** regulations and legislation.
- Yaoundé Declaration; Djibouti Code of Conduct



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