

## **Communication from the Secretary-General to the representatives of Member States (updated version 9 February 2024)**

1 This document provides information on the situation in the Red Sea region as at 9 February 2024. This is a revised version of the document of 26 January 2024. It has been prepared by the IMO Secretariat and is addressed to the contact points of the Member States registered in GISIS. Further information is also available on the IMO public website: [www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Red-Sea.aspx](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Red-Sea.aspx).

2 Since 19 November 2023, the IMO Secretariat has recorded 27 incidents, including acts of piracy against international shipping vessels transiting the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

These attacks concerned the following types of vessels:

- 1 Crude Oil Tanker
- 1 Ro-Ro Cargo
- 3 Tanker
- 4 Chemical tankers
- 6 Bulk Carrier
- 11 Container Ship
- 1 General Cargo

The flags of these ships were as follows:

- 2 Bahamas
- 1 Barbados
- 1 Cayman Islands (UK)
- 1 Gabon
- 1 Hong Kong China
- 5 Liberia
- 2 Malta
- 6 Marshall Islands
- 2 Norway
- 3 Panama
- 2 Singapore
- 1 United States

The distribution of these incidents over time is as follows:

- November 2023: 2
- December 2023: 16
- January 2024: 7
- February (until 9 February) 2024: 2

3 On 3 January 2024, the Secretary-General briefed the Security Council on the situation in the Red Sea. On 10 January 2024, the Security Council adopted Resolution [S/RES/2722\(2024\)](#).

4 On 15 January 2024, the Secretary-General met the signatory states of the Djibouti Code of Conduct. The meeting provided an opportunity to review activities and the need to finalize the action plan<sup>1</sup>.

5 On 16 January 2024, the Secretary-General met the First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff of the British Royal Navy. On this occasion the Secretary-General reiterated the importance of protecting seafarers and preserving freedom of navigation as mentioned in Security Council Resolution S/RES/2722(2024) and stressed the need for de-escalation.

6 On 18 January 2024, the Secretary-General met industry representatives. Participants highlighted the key focus on the safety of seafarers and freedom of navigation. The meeting also highlighted the issue of fuel availability for ships utilizing the Cape of Good Hope route, and the need to work on a revision of the guidelines pertaining to countering piracy.

7 On 2 February 2024, the Secretary-General met representatives of the States involved in “Operation Prosperity Guardian” underscoring the paramount importance of protecting seafarers’ lives. He continued to call for the de-escalation of tensions and the freedom of navigation of ships in the area.

8 On 9 February 2024, the Secretary-General met representatives of EU Member States involved in “Operation EUNAVFOR ASPIDES” underscoring the paramount importance of protecting seafarers’ lives. He also underlined the importance of supporting the action plans of the Member States of the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

9 Annex 1 contains the list of incidents recorded by the IMO Secretariat. Annex 2 shows the impact on maritime traffic in the region.

10 Information is also available on the Organization's website:  
<https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Red-Sea.aspx>




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<sup>1</sup> <https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/Report-of-DCoCJA-Extraordinary-Meeting-with-the-IMO-Secretary-General-on-Red-Sea-Threats.pdf>





### ANNEX 1






#### Incidents in the Red Sea<sup>2</sup> (since 19 November 2024) – Updated on 9 February 2024

No.	Date	Ship Name (IMO No.)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
1	19 Nov. 2023	<b>Galaxy Leader</b> (9237307)	Bahamas	Ro-Ro Cargo	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hijacked by Houthis' helicopter operation.</li> <li>Registered under a British company, which is reportedly partially owned by an Israeli.</li> <li>25 crew taken hostage (17 Filipino, 2 Bulgarian, 3 Ukrainian, 2 Mexican and 1 Romanian nationals)</li> </ul>	 
2	27 Nov. 2023	<b>Central Park</b> (9725823)	Liberia	Tanker	53nm south- west of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boarded by armed individuals but freed after a few hours.</li> <li>2 uncrewed aerial devices fired toward the general direction of the ship.</li> </ul>	





<sup>2</sup> Sourcing: Information in this document has been derived from Flag States, Coastal States, IMO Member States, Shipowners and regional organizations and their representation in the area.






No.	Date	Ship Name (IMO No.)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
3	3 Dec. 2023	<b>Unity Explorer</b> (9726035)	Bahamas	Bulk Carrier	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device that caused minor damage to the ship with no injuries.</li> <li>Owned by a British company founded by an Israeli.</li> </ul>	
4	3 Dec. 2023	<b>Number 9</b> (9340752)	Panama	Container Ship	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device that caused minor damage to the ship with no injuries.</li> </ul>	
5	3 Dec. 2023	<b>AOM Sophie II</b> (9881366)	Panama	Bulk Carrier	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device with no significant damage or injuries.</li> </ul>	
6	11 Dec. 2023	<b>Strinda</b> (9330771)	Norway	Tanker	15 nm west of Mokha, Yemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a fire on-board, but no casualties.</li> </ul>	

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7	13 Dec. 2023	<b>Ardmore Encounter</b> (9654579)	Marshall Islands	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by 2 uncrewed aerial devices, which both missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	
8	14 Dec. 2023	<b>Maersk Gibraltar</b> (9739692)	Hong Kong China	Container Ship	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	
9	15 Dec. 2023	<b>Al Jasrah</b> (9732321)	Liberia	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a fire on-board and one container overboard, but no casualties.</li> </ul>	
10	15 Dec. 2023	<b>MSC Alanya</b> (9785483)	Liberia	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approached by a small boat, demanding that it not enter the Red Sea.</li> <li>Continued toward the Red Sea, but not attacked.</li> </ul>	





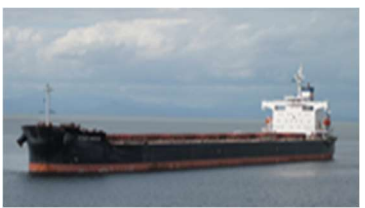
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11	15 Dec. 2023	<b>MSC Palatium III</b> (9336165)	Liberia	Container Ship	Bab el- Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a fire on-board, but no casualties.</li> </ul>	
12	18 Dec. 2023	<b>Swan Atlantic</b> (9790464)	Cayman Islands (UK)	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device that impacted the ship's water tanker, but no casualties.</li> </ul>	
13	18 Dec. 2023	<b>MSC Clara</b> (9708693)	Panama	Container ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	
14	23 Dec. 2023	<b>Blaa- manen</b> (9278662)	Norway	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	
15	23 Dec. 2023	<b>Sai Baba</b> (9321691)	Gabon	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries reported.</li> </ul>	



No.	Date	Ship Name (IMO No.)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
16	26 Dec. 2023	<b>MSC United VIII</b> (9302619)	Liberia	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries or damage reported.</li> </ul>	
17	30 Dec. 2023	<b>Maersk Hangzhou</b> (9784300)	Singapore	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device but seaworthy with no injuries reported.</li> </ul>	
18	31 Dec. 2023	<b>Maersk Hangzhou</b> (9784300)	Singapore	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by 4 small boats which attempted to board but were repelled by embarked security team.</li> <li>Helicopters from <b>USS Gravely</b> (DDG 107) and <b>USS Eisenhower</b> (CVN 69) responded to the distress call and sunk 3 of the boats, killing reportedly 10 crew.</li> </ul>	
19	2 Jan. 2024	<b>CMA CGM Tage</b> (9674555)	Malta	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	

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20	15 Jan. 2024	<b>Gibraltar Eagle</b> (9702508)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden (95 nm south-east of Aden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries or significant damage reported.</li> </ul>	
21	16 Jan. 2024	<b>Zografia</b> (9486013)	Malta	Bulk Carrier	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device in the cargo hold but seaworthy with no injuries reported.</li> </ul>	
22	17 Jan. 2024	<b>Genco Picardy</b> (9301720)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden (60 nm south-east of Aden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device but seaworthy with no injuries reported.</li> </ul>	 
23	18 Jan. 2024	<b>Chem Ranger</b> (9490296)	Marshall Islands	Tanker	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	



No.	Date	Ship Name (IMO No.)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
24	24 Jan. 2024	<b>Maersk Detroit</b> (9333034)	United States	Container ship	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by three uncrewed aerial devices with no injuries or damage.</li> </ul>	
25	26 Jan. 2024	<b>Marlin Luanda</b> (9829899)	Marshall Islands	Tanker	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a large fire on-board, but seaworthy with no casualties.</li> </ul>	 
26	6 Feb. 2024	<b>Morning Tide</b> (9320506)	Barbados	General Cargo Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device which impacted the water near the ship with no injuries or significant damage reported.</li> </ul>	
27	6 Feb. 2024	<b>Star Nasia</b> (9361237)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacked by uncrewed aerial devices causing an explosion near the ship with minor damage but no casualties.</li> </ul>	

**ANNEX 2**  
**Maritime traffic in the Red Sea region (updated on 5 February 2024)<sup>3</sup>**

## Red Sea Tracker: Vessel Activity – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Vessel arrivals in Gulf of Aden down 71% in last 7 days vs 1H Dec avg

	Sector	Unit	SIN ID <sup>A</sup>	Daily Average						Trend vs 1H Dec 2023 Avg				Comment
				2023*	1H Dec	2H Dec	1H Jan	2H Jan	Latest <sup>A</sup>	2H Dec	1H Jan	2H Jan	Latest <sup>A</sup>	
Gulf of Aden Arrivals	Total	m GT	551390	4.64	4.83	2.75	2.13	1.55	1.38	-43%	-56%	-68%	-71%	Impact increased through Jan and into Feb
	Containers	m GT	551440	1.91	1.75	0.32	0.16	0.15	0.14	-82%	-91%	-92%	-92%	Continued very limited arrivals
	Crude	m GT	551400	0.71	0.73	0.61	0.58	0.47	0.38	-16%	-21%	-36%	-47%	Lower drop than other sectors but impact increased over recent weeks
	Products	m GT	551405	0.41	0.44	0.34	0.25	0.22	0.19	-23%	-43%	-49%	-55%	Still more significant impacts than crude
	Bulkcarriers	m GT	551420	0.86	1.04	0.90	0.82	0.60	0.54	-14%	-21%	-42%	-48%	Impact increasing
	LNG	m GT	551435	0.27	0.36	0.22	0.13	0.01	0.00	-40%	-66%	-98%	-100%	No arrivals since 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan
	LPG	m GT	551430	0.08	0.15	0.09	0.04	0.00	0.01	-42%	-71%	-97%	-90%	Very few arrivals recorded in recent weeks
	Car Carriers	m GT	551460	0.21	0.18	0.13	0.07	0.02	0.02	-27%	-59%	-90%	-91%	Sharp drop off recorded through Jan
Suez Canal Transits	Total	m GT	11278831	4.44	4.40	3.32	2.27	1.80	1.68	-25%	-48%	-59%	-62%	Impact increasing
	Containers	m GT	11278942	1.87	1.72	0.78	0.45	0.33	0.36	-55%	-74%	-81%	-79%	Ongoing significant diversions via Cape
	Crude	m GT	11278863	0.63	0.53	0.58	0.46	0.43	0.35	10%	-12%	-19%	-35%	Lower drop than other sectors, but impact accelerating through Jan/into Feb
	Products	m GT	11278951	0.41	0.40	0.33	0.28	0.25	0.26	-18%	-31%	-36%	-36%	As above
	Bulkcarriers	m GT	11278922	0.85	0.98	1.01	0.76	0.63	0.57	3%	-23%	-36%	-42%	As above
	LNG	m GT	11278962	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.14	0.01	0.00	1%	-53%	-98%	-100%	No transits since 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan
	LPG	m GT	11279070	0.08	0.17	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.01	-48%	-79%	-89%	-94%	Very sharp drop off in recent weeks
	Car Carriers	m GT	11279063	0.17	0.14	0.13	0.06	0.04	0.03	-5%	-55%	-72%	-76%	Impact accelerated through Jan
Cape of Good Hope Arrivals	Total	m GT		4.05	4.15	5.27	6.78	6.72	7.23	27%	63%	62%	74%	Clear impacts from increasing re-routing

<sup>A</sup>Latest = cumulative total for vessel attacks, average across most recent 7-day period for Gulf of Aden arrivals and Suez Canal transits. Source: Clarksons Research

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