

Possible Norway-Japan Cooperation for Securing Sea Lanes



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Piracy Incidents in 2009

The number of the incidents: 406
actual attack 202 =hijacking 49 +boarding
153

+
attempted attack 204

Significant increased compared with
2008 293 of

Sea areas of Piracy Incidents

The Gulf of Aden : 116

Off Somalia : 80

Nigeria : 28

Bangladesh : 17

Off Malaysia : 16

The Red Sea : 15

Indonesia : 15

*Somali pirates= total 217

(+Off Oman 4+the Arabian Sea 1+Indian Ocean 1)

*Successful hijacking rate was decreased

➡ resulted by navies presence

A New International Cooperation

Maritime Security Centre, Horn of Africa
(MSCHOA) run by EU

established the International
Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC)

Multinational Naval assets deploy within
the area to protect.

Somali Pirates : Increasing areas

In 2008, most of incidents were
in the Gulf of Aden in 2008

In 2009, incident areas were expanding
into the Indian Ocean
Some of these took place 1,000 nm
far from Somali coast.

EU Nations extended naval operations
as far as the Seychelles

Types of vessels attacked

In the case of Somali pirates;

Bulk carriers : 109

Containers : 63

General cargo

Chemical/product tanker

Crude oil tanker

Tug and Trawler

Fishing boat

Low dry deck with full load, slow speed,
small crew are vulnerable

JMSDF Contribution

Surface Escort Mission

The First Surface Escort Force: March 30-July 22
by two ships, escorted 121 vessels
The Second Surface Escort Force : July 28-November 2
by two ships, escorted 248 vessels
The Third Surface Escort Force : November 7-
by two JMSDF ships, escorted 193
The Forth Surface Escort Force will be taking over the mission

Air Patrol Mission

The First Air Patrol Force : July 11- October 3
by two P-3C Patrol Aircrafts
generated 590 h operation flight and confirmed 5,000 vessels
The Second Air Patrol Force will be taking over the mission.

Surface Escort



Norway-Japan Possible Cooperation

- a. Information Sharing
- b. Joint Study on anti-Piracy Operation
- c. Sea lanes Defense in the Arctic Ocean

To realize the possible cooperation,
a project “Norway – Japan Maritime Security
Dialogue” should be recommended.

