

Communication from the Secretary-General to Member States' Representatives (Updated version - 8 May 2024)

- 1 This document provides an update on the situation in the Red Sea region as 8 May 2024. It has been prepared by the IMO Secretariat.
- 2 Since 19 November 2023, the IMO Secretariat has recorded 43 incidents, including acts of piracy against international shipping vessels transiting the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
- 3 The Secretary-General submits a monthly report to the UN Security Council in accordance with Resolution S/RES/2722(2024).
<https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15561.doc.htm>
- 4 On the 18 February the **M/V RUBYMAR** (9138898), a cargo ship carrying 41,000 tons of fertilizer, 200 MT of Heavy Fuel Oil and 90 MT of Marine Diesel was struck by uncrewed aerial device. It was reported to have leaked oil, creating an 18-mile-long oil slick in the Red Sea, and with the crew abandoning ship. The ship subsequently sank on 2 March 2024.
- 5 On 6 March 2024, the bulk carrier vessel **M/V True Confidence** (IMO 9460784) was attacked at 54 nautical miles southwest of Aden. The attack resulted in the tragic loss of three crew members, with four others sustaining injuries, three of whom are in critical condition. The attack caused significant damage to the ship, prompting the crew to abandon it shortly after the attack. At the time of the attack, the vessel was manned by a crew of 20 individuals, supplemented by three armed guards. The crew composition included 15 Filipinos, four Vietnamese and one Indian, while the armed guards consisted of two Sri Lankans and one Nepali. Among the fatalities were two Filipinos and one Vietnamese national.
- 6 On 12 March, the Bangladesh-flagged bulk carrier **M/V Abdullah** (IMO 9745598) was reported under attack by 22 armed assailants from two craft at approximately 425nm east of Mogadishu, Somalia. All 23 crew members are Bangladeshi. The vessel was sailing from Mozambique's capital Maputo to the United Arab Emirates carrying cargo coal when it was attacked. On 14 April, the ship along with her crew were released.
- 7 On 26 April, the Portuguese flagged container vessel **MSC Orion** (IMO 9857157) was struck in the Indian Ocean by an uncrewed aerial device found lying on the deck of the vessel with no injuries or significant damage reported. This is the first attack to take place at such a distance from the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

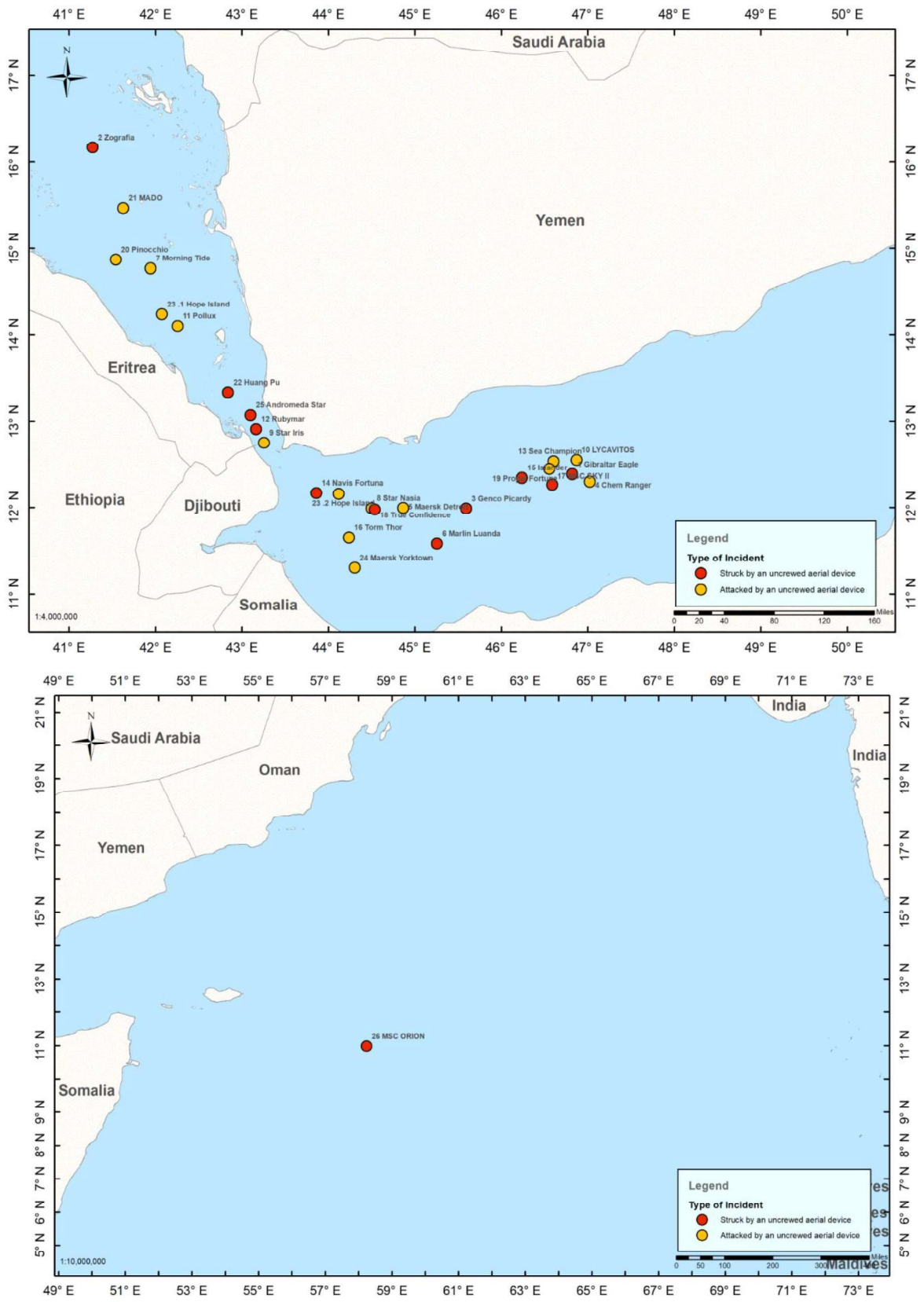


Figure 1. Incidents since 10 January.

These attacks concerned the following types of vessels:

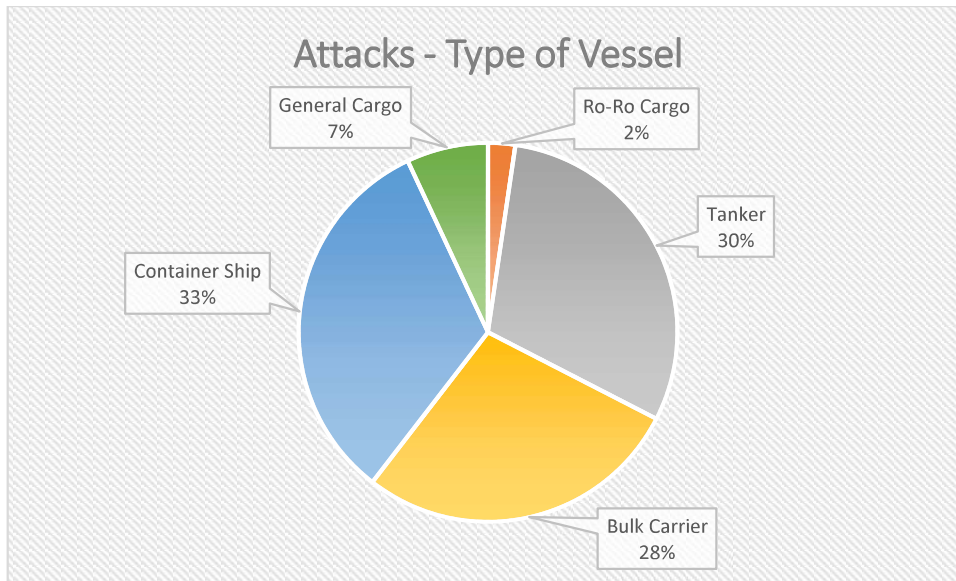


Figure 2. Incidents by Type of Vessel.

The flags of these ships are as follows:

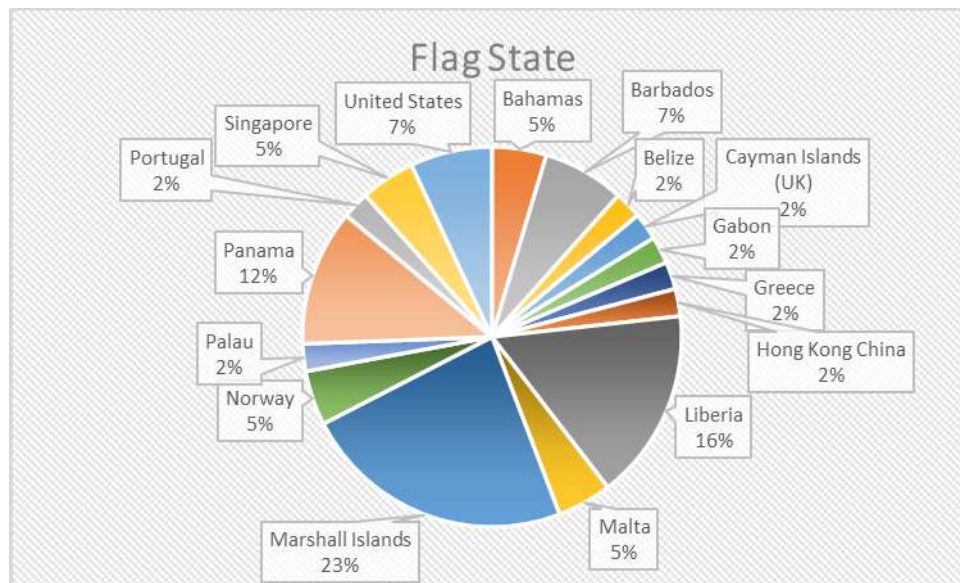


Figure 2. Incidents by Flag State

The distribution of these incidents over time is as follows:

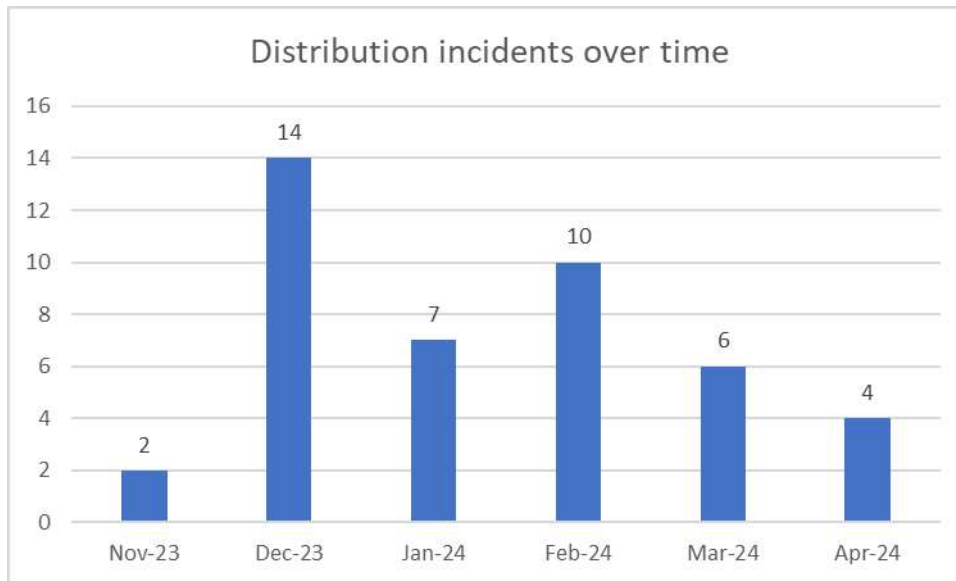





Figure 3. Distribution incidents over time. *(until 8 May)





- 8 Annex 1 contains the list of incidents recorded by the IMO Secretariat.
- 9 Annex 2 shows the impact on maritime traffic.
- 10 Information is also available on the Organization's website:
<https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Red-Sea.aspx>


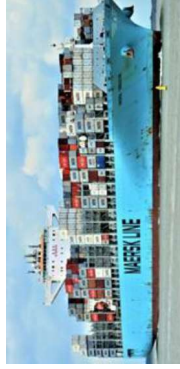
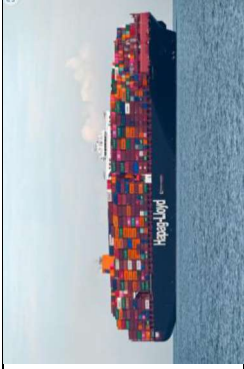

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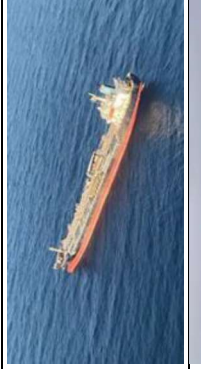

Incidents in the Red Sea¹ (since 19 November 2024) – Updated on 8 May 2024





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





¹ 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.



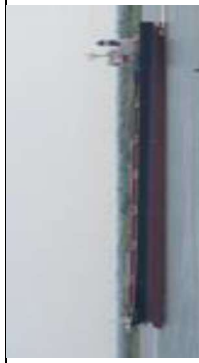


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3	3 Dec. 2023	Unity Explorer (9726035)	Bahamas	Bulk Carrier	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device that caused minor damage to the ship with no injuries. Owned by a British company founded by an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




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




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11	15 Dec. 2023	MSC Palatium III (9336165)	Liberia	Container Ship	Bab el- Mandeb Strait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a fire on-board, but no casualties. 	
12	18 Dec. 2023	Swan Atlantic (9790464)	Cayman Islands (UK)	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device that impacted the ship's water tanker, but no casualties. 	
13	23 Dec. 2023	Blaa-manen (9278662)	Norway	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage. 	
14	23 Dec. 2023	Sai Baba (9321691)	Gabon	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries reported. 	
15	26 Dec. 2023	MSC United VIII (9302619)	Liberia	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries or damage reported. 	



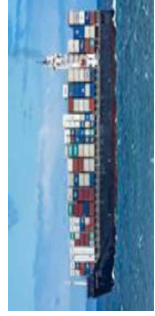
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16	30-31 Dec. 2023	Maersk Hangzhou (9784300)	Singa- pore	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struck by an uncrewed aerial device but seaworthy with no injuries reported. • Attacked by 4 small boats which attempted to board but were repelled by embarked security team. • Helicopters from USS Gravely (DDG 107) and USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) responded to the distress call and sunk 3 of the boats, killing reportedly 10 crew. 	
17	2 Jan. 2024	CMA CGM Tage (9674555)	Malta	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage. 	
18	15 Jan. 2024	Gibraltar Eagle (9702508)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden (95 nm south-east of Aden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struck by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries or significant damage reported. 	
19	16 Jan. 2024	Zografia (9486013)	Malta	Bulk Carrier	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struck by an uncrewed aerial device in the cargo hold but seaworthy with no injuries reported. 	



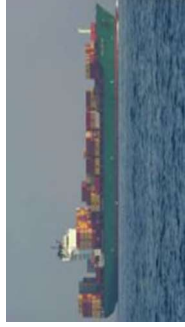

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20	17 Jan. 2024	Genco Picardy (9301720)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden (60 nm south-east of Aden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device but seaworthy with no injuries reported. 	
21	18 Jan. 2024	Chem Ranger (9490296)	Marshall Islands	Tanker	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device, which missed with no injuries or damage. 	
22	24 Jan. 2024	Maersk Detroit (9333034)	United States	Container ship	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by three uncrewed aerial devices with no injuries or damage. 	
23	26 Jan. 2024	Marlin Luanda (9829899)	Marshall Islands	Tanker	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a large fire on-board, but seaworthy with no casualties. 	


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24	6 Feb. 2024	Morning Tide (9320506)	Barbados	General Cargo Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device which impacted the water near the ship with no injuries or significant damage reported. 	
25	6 Feb. 2024	Star Nasia (9361237)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by uncrewed aerial devices causing an explosion near the ship with minor damage but no casualties. 	
26	12 Feb. 2024	Star Iris (9284910)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device causing an explosion near the ship with minor damage on its starboard side, but no injuries reported. 	
27	15 Feb. 2024	Lycavitos (9368857)	Barbados	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device causing an explosion near the ship with minor damage from shrapnel, but no injuries reported. 	
28	16 Feb. 2024	Pollux (9243320)	Panama	Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device with no injuries or damage. 	

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29	19 Feb. 2024	Rubymar (9138898)	Belize	General Cargo Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by two uncrewed aerial devices (one in the engine room and the other in the forward section) causing the crew to abandon the ship. All crew members were rescued by another ship with no injuries. Request for assistance to the IMO from Yemen (26/02) to respond to oil pollution. The M/V RUBYMAR sank on Saturday, 2 March 2024, 16 miles west of the port of Mocha, in the eastern part of Yemen. 	
30	19 Feb. 2024	Sea Champion (9299915)	Greece	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device causing an explosion near the ship with minor damage from shrapnel, but no injuries reported. 	
31	19 Feb. 2024	Navis Fortuna (9404455)	Marshall Islands	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing minor damage and no injuries. 	

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32	22 Feb. 2024	Islander (9136565)	Palau	General Cargo Ship	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by two uncrewed aerial devices causing damage to the vessel and possibly to the cargo with one seaman injured by small fragment in his ankle. 	
33	24 Feb. 2024	Torm Thor (9712292)	United States	Tanker	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device which impacted the water with no injuries or damage. 	
34	4 Mar. 2024	MSC Sky II (9162277)	Liberia	Container Ship	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by two uncrewed aerial devices causing damage to the vessel, one container was on fire and no injuries. 	

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35	6 Mar. 2024	True Confidence (9460784)	Barbados	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing a fire onboard and the crew to abandon the ship with 3 fatalities and 4 injuries. The crew were rescued from their life raft by a navy ship. 	
36	8 Mar. 2024	Propel Fortune (9500699)	Singapore	Bulk Carrier	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device which impacted the water with no injuries or damage. 	
37	11 Mar. 2024	Pinocchio (9400112)	Liberia	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device which impacted the water with no injuries or damage. 	

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38	15 Mar. 2024	Mado (9694622)	Marshall Islands	LPG Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by uncrewed aerial devices which impacted the water three times a day with no injuries or damage. 	
39	23 Mar. 2024	Huang Pu (9402469)	Panama	Crude Oil Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device causing minor damage to the ship, but no casualties. 	
40	6-7 April 2024	Hope Island (9263320)	Marshall Islands	Container Ship	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by three separate uncrewed aerial devices, two of which impacted the water and one was intercepted by a warship near the vessel, with no injuries or damage. 	
41	24 April 2024	Maersk Yorktown (9289192)	United States	Container Ship	Gulf of Aden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacked by an uncrewed aerial device intercepted by a warship near the vessel with no injuries or damage. 	

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42	26 April 2024	Andromeda Star (9402471)	Panama	Crude Oil Tanker	Southern Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by several uncrewed aerial devices causing severe vibration and sparks with no injuries or significant damage reported. 	
43	26 April 2024	MSC Orion (9857157)	Portugal	Container Ship	Indian Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struck by an uncrewed aerial device found lying on the deck of the vessel with no injuries or significant damage reported. 	