IUMI Piracy Workshop: An Update on the Global Piracy Situation

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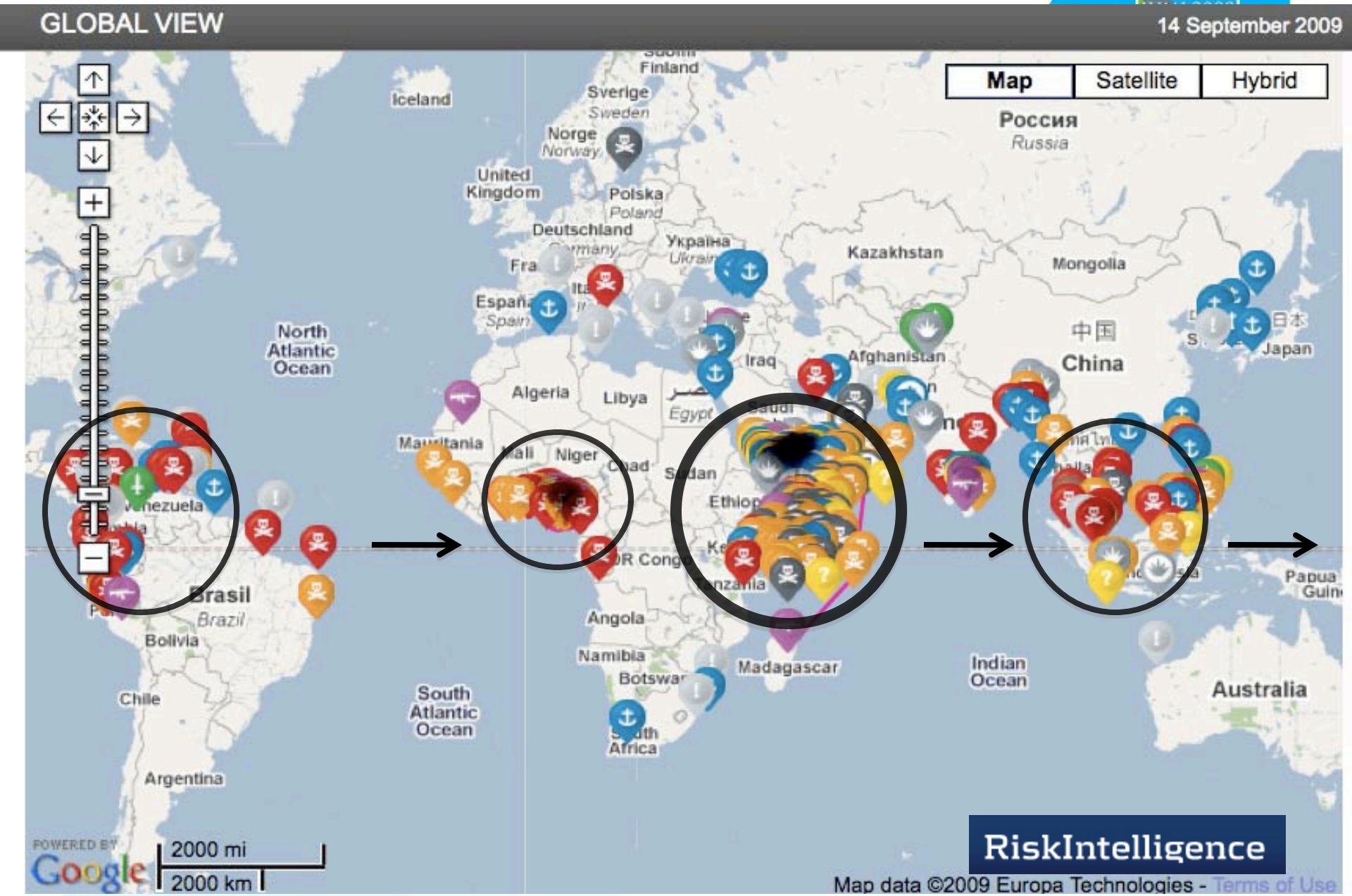

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Government offically claims victory over rebels

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United States of America 16 May 2009

19 Illegal migrants drown as vessel capsizes

A vessel operated by a human trafficking syndicate that left Bimini on Tuesday morning, capsized 24...

Grenada 15 May 2009

MARY JANE robbed and crewmember assaulted

While anchored near the mangroves at Mt. Harman Bay at 14:45 local time on 15 May, two men boarded...

Nigeria

MEND claims atta camps

According to MEND, the organisation attacked two JTF camps in Delta State at 02:00 14 May 2009....

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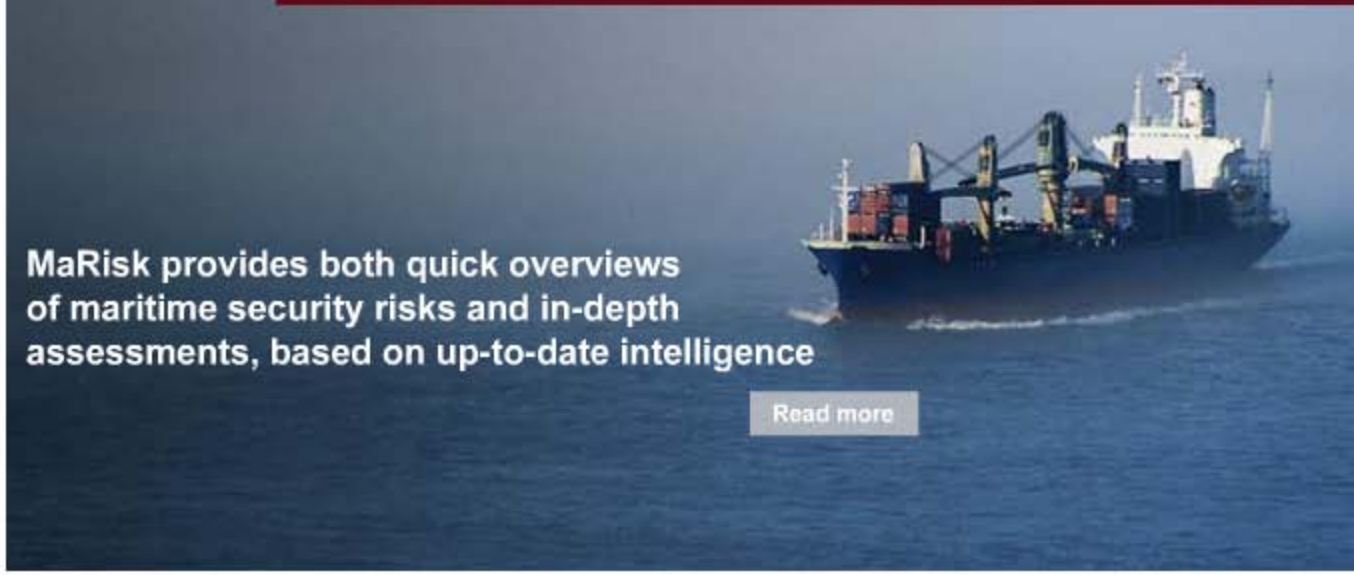

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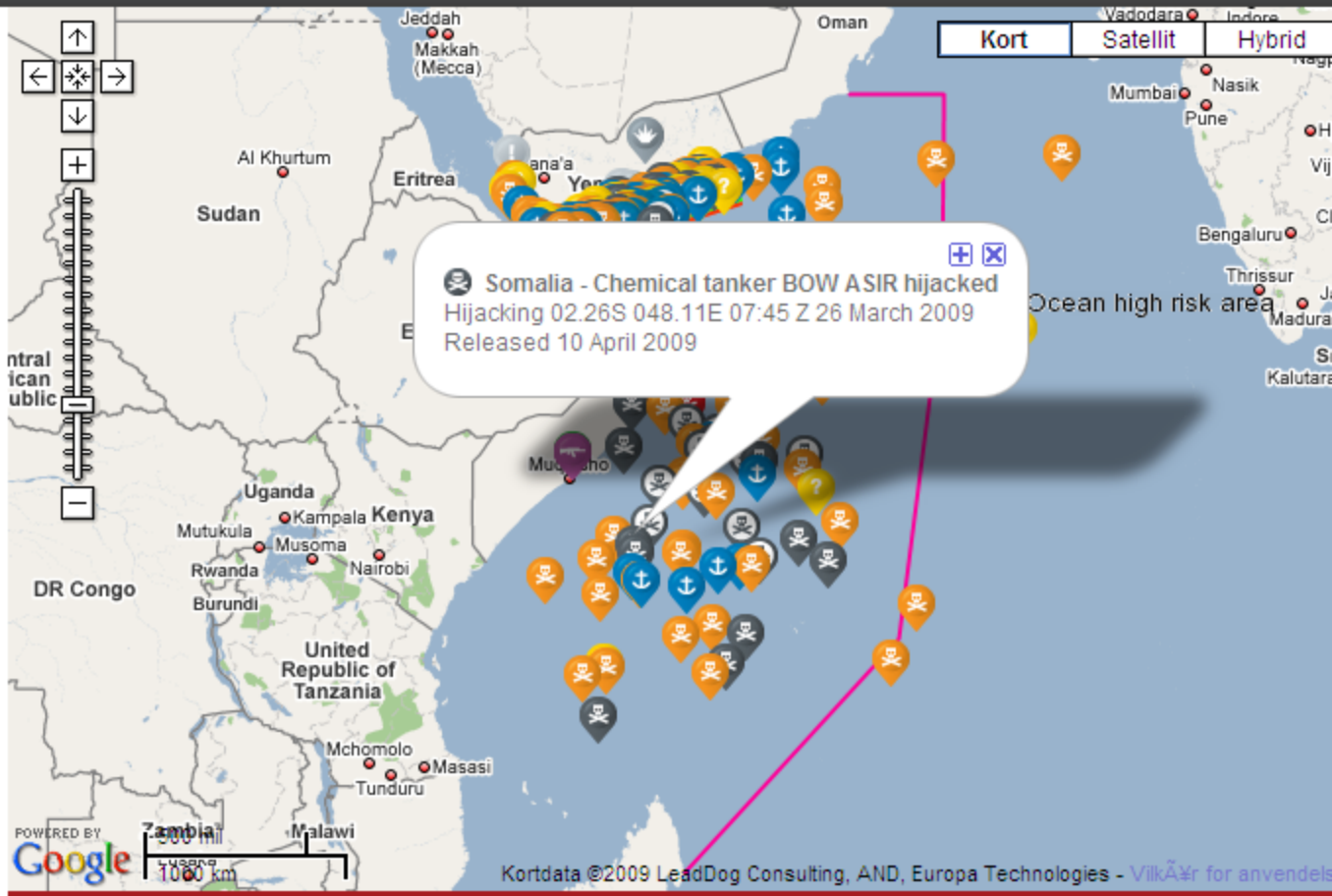

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26 March 2009 - Somalia - Chemical tanker BOW ASIR hijacked

The Bahamas-registered chemical tanker BOW ASIR was hijacked about 310 NM east of Somalia on the morning of Thursday 26 March 2009.

The tanker was hijacked in position 02.26S 048.11E 07:45 UTC on Thursday 26 March 2009. The tanker was attacked by two skiffs with 16-18 pirates.

The tanker has a Norwegian master and a total crew of 27.

The BOW ASIR was released Friday 10 April 2009 after a ransom payment of alledgedly 2.4 mil USD was paid.

The 14,627 GRT chemical tanker BOW ASIR is operated by Salhus Shipping AS, Haugesund, Norway.

IMO: 7926306
Call Sign: C6TW9

Bow Asir in pre-March 2009 colours (Shipspotting)

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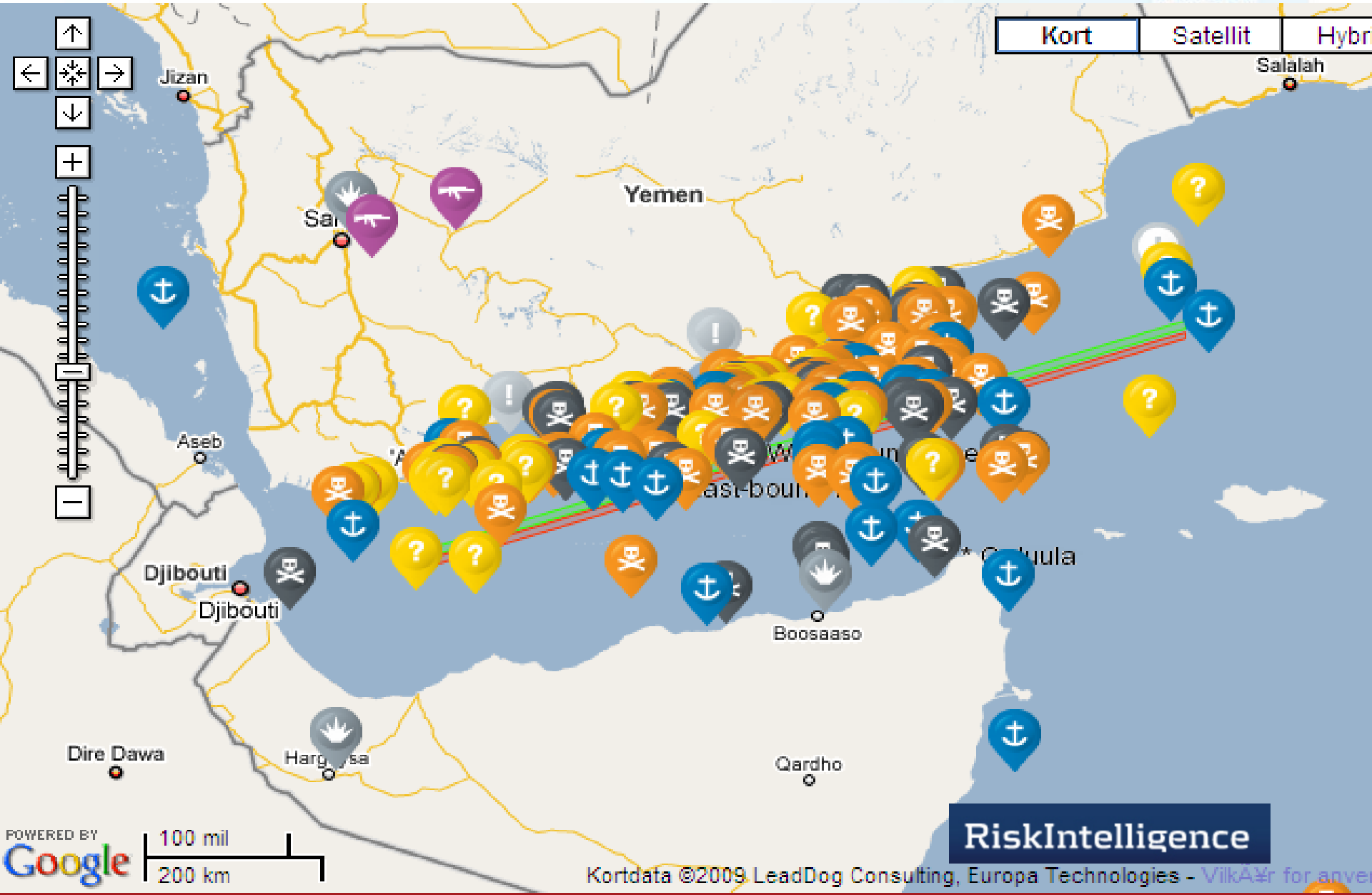
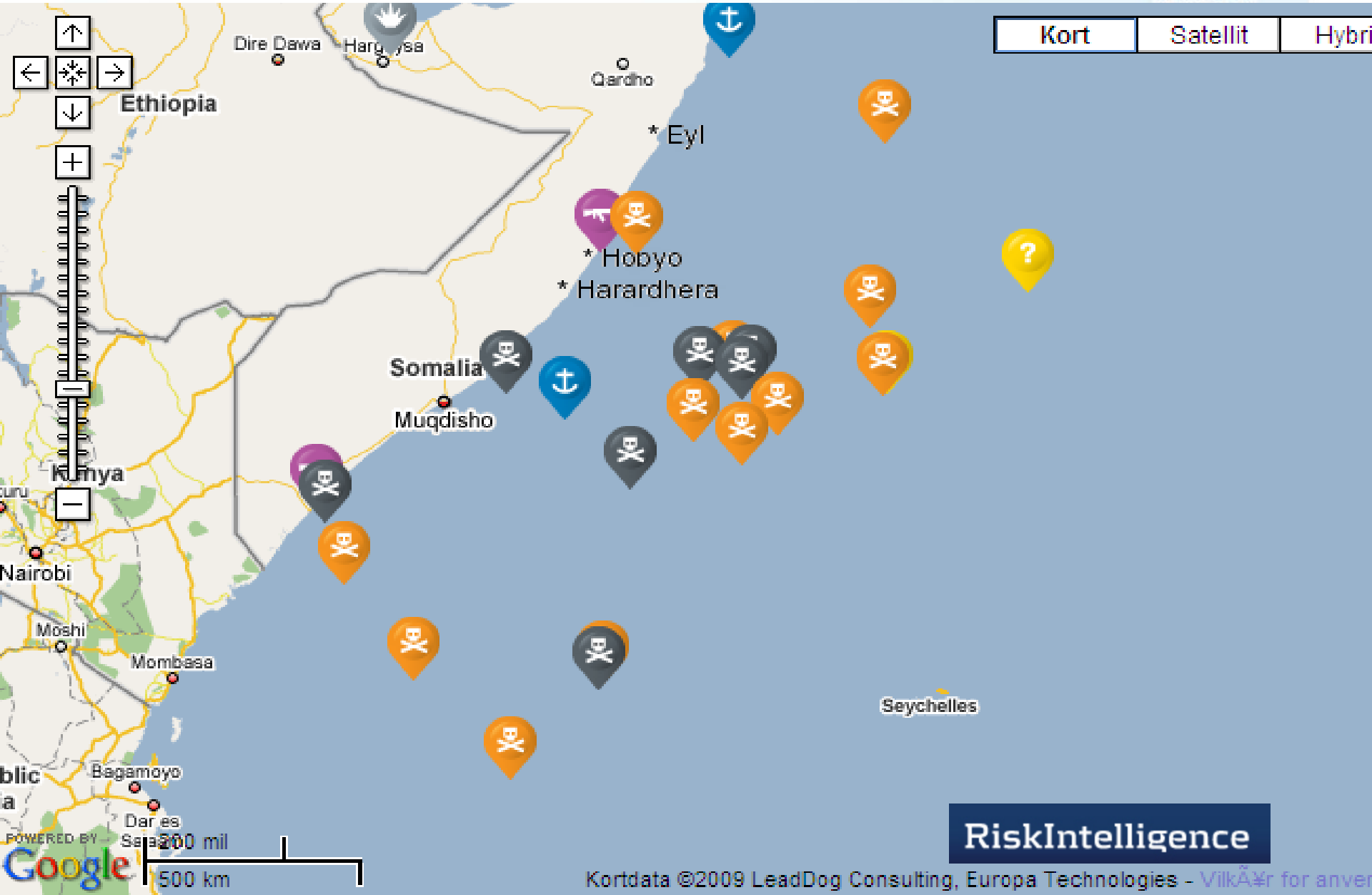
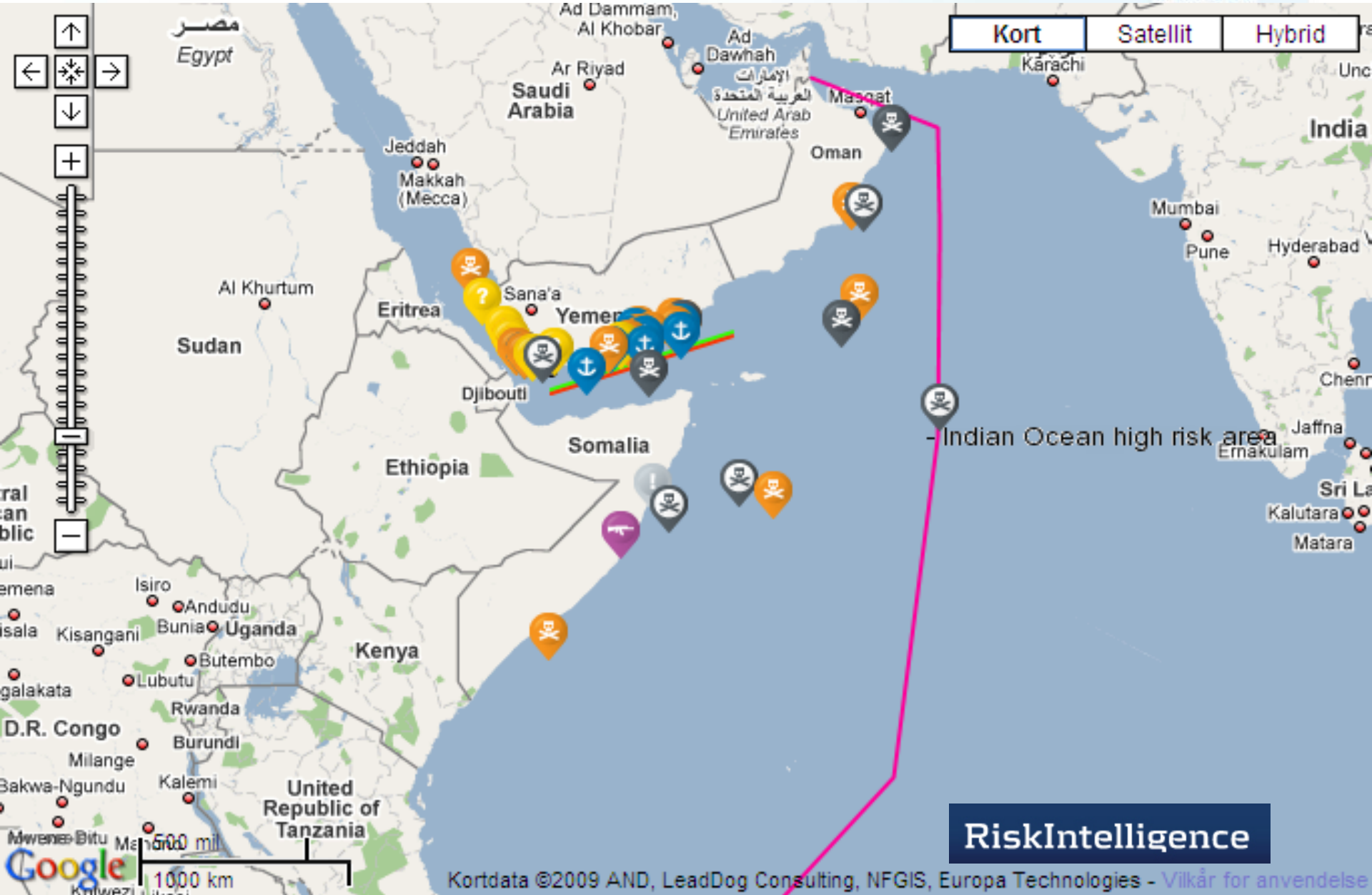


Somali Basin 2008



Horn of Africa 2009

Horn of Africa 3 months

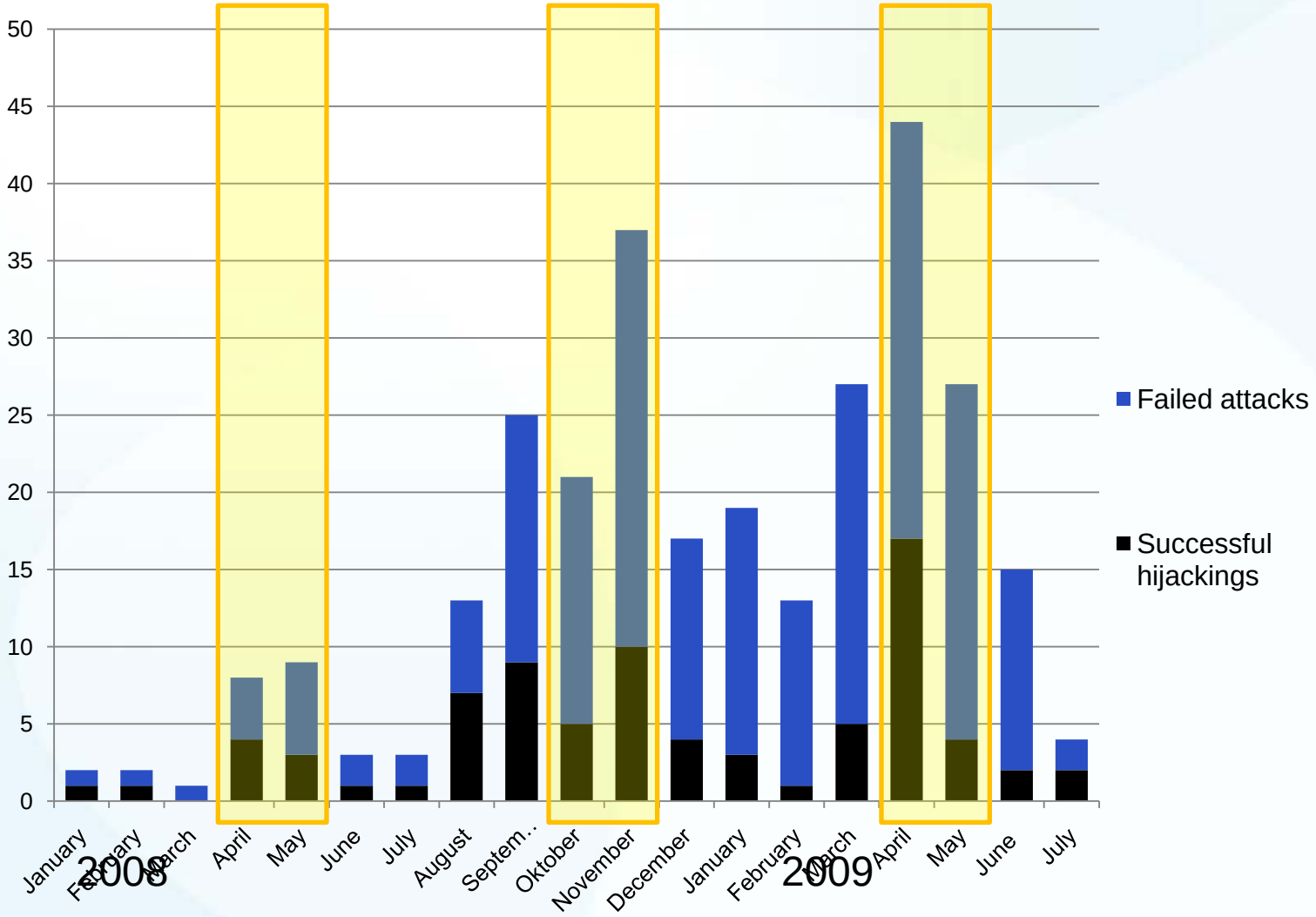


Horn of Africa 1 month

Today's Weather:
SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT (FT):
EASTERN: WIND DRIVEN 03-05
WESTERN: WIND DRIVEN 01-03

2008 and 2009

The weather factor – transitional periods between monsoons



Horizon 1 from Eyl Aug 2009

A Global Piracy Update: Somali Hijacking Status

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MaRisk - Status of hijackings in Gulf of Aden and in the Indian Ocean off Somalia
14-09-2009

Hijacking	Date	Status date	Days	Vessel type	Flag State	Crew	Killed	Position*
Win Far 161	06-04-2009	14-09-2009	158	Fishing vessel	Taiwan	30	0	Garacaad
Ariana	02-05-2009	14-09-2009	132	Bulk carrier	Malta	24	0	Garacaad
Charelle	12-06-2009	14-09-2009	92	General cargo ship	Antigua	10	0	Garacaad
Horizon 1	08-07-2009	14-09-2009	66	Bulk carrier	Turkey	23	0	Eyl
4						87	0	

Total number of hijacked crew members 87

Recently released:

Nafeya	10-07-2009	15-07-2009	5	Dhow	UAE	14	0	Abandoned by pirates
Victoria	05-05-2009	18-07-2009	73	Container ship	Antigua	11	0	Released after ransom
Masindra 7	17-12-2008	02-08-2009	225	Tug	Malaysia	11	0	(Banderbeyla) released after ransom
Hansa Stavanger	04-04-2009	03-08-2009	119	Container ship	Germany	24	0	Released after ransom (Garacaad)
Buccaneer	11-04-2009	09-08-2009	118	Tug	Italy	16	0	Released after ransom (Laas Qoray)
Samarah Ahmedimo	10-04-2009	13-08-2009	123	Fishing vessel	Egypt	17	0	Freed (Laas Qoray)
Momtaz 1	10-04-2009	13-08-2009	123	Fishing vessel	Egypt	17	0	Freed (Laas Qoray)
Serenity	01-03-2009	06-09-2009	185	Catamaran yacht	Seychelles	3	0	Crew released after ransom/exchange
Irene E.M.	14-04-2009	14-09-2009	150	Bulk carrier	St.Vincent	22	0	Released after ransom (Garacaad)

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Horn of Africa 2009: Attack/Success Rates

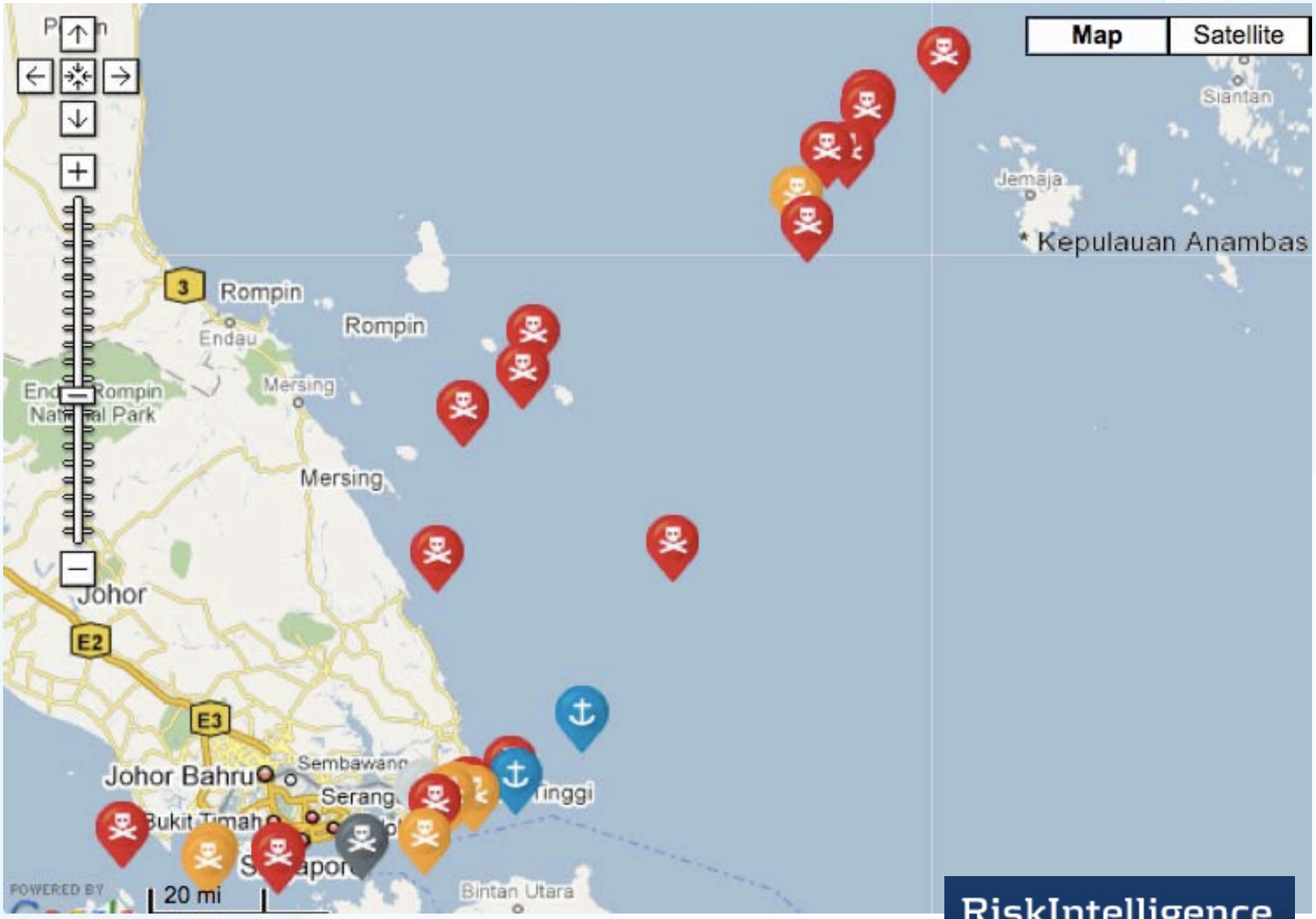
	Hijacking	Failed	Robbery	Total	Suc.rate
January	3	16	0	19	16%
February	1	11	0	12	8%
March	5	22	1	28	18%
April	17	27	0	44	39%
May	4	23	0	27	15%
June	2	13	0	15	13%
July	2	2	0	4	50%
August	0	7	0	7	0%
Total	**34**	**121**	**1**	**156**	**22%**

South East Asia: 2009-Present

South East Asia: Characteristics

- The Modus Operandi of piracy/armed sea robbery remains the same albeit with refined skill in certain areas (Anambas Archipelago) – *Riu Islands to follow!*
- Criminal Syndicates (large) are mostly responsible for incidents in the Singapore Straits, Johor, and Vung Tau (Vietnam)
- Opportunistic Syndicates (small) remain responsible low-level robberies in Indonesian ports (Belawan, Jakarta, Balikpapan)
- Standard Anti-Piracy measures are a successful deterrent to South East Asian Piracy/Armed Sea Robbery

South East Asia: Notable Areas



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South America: 2009 Present

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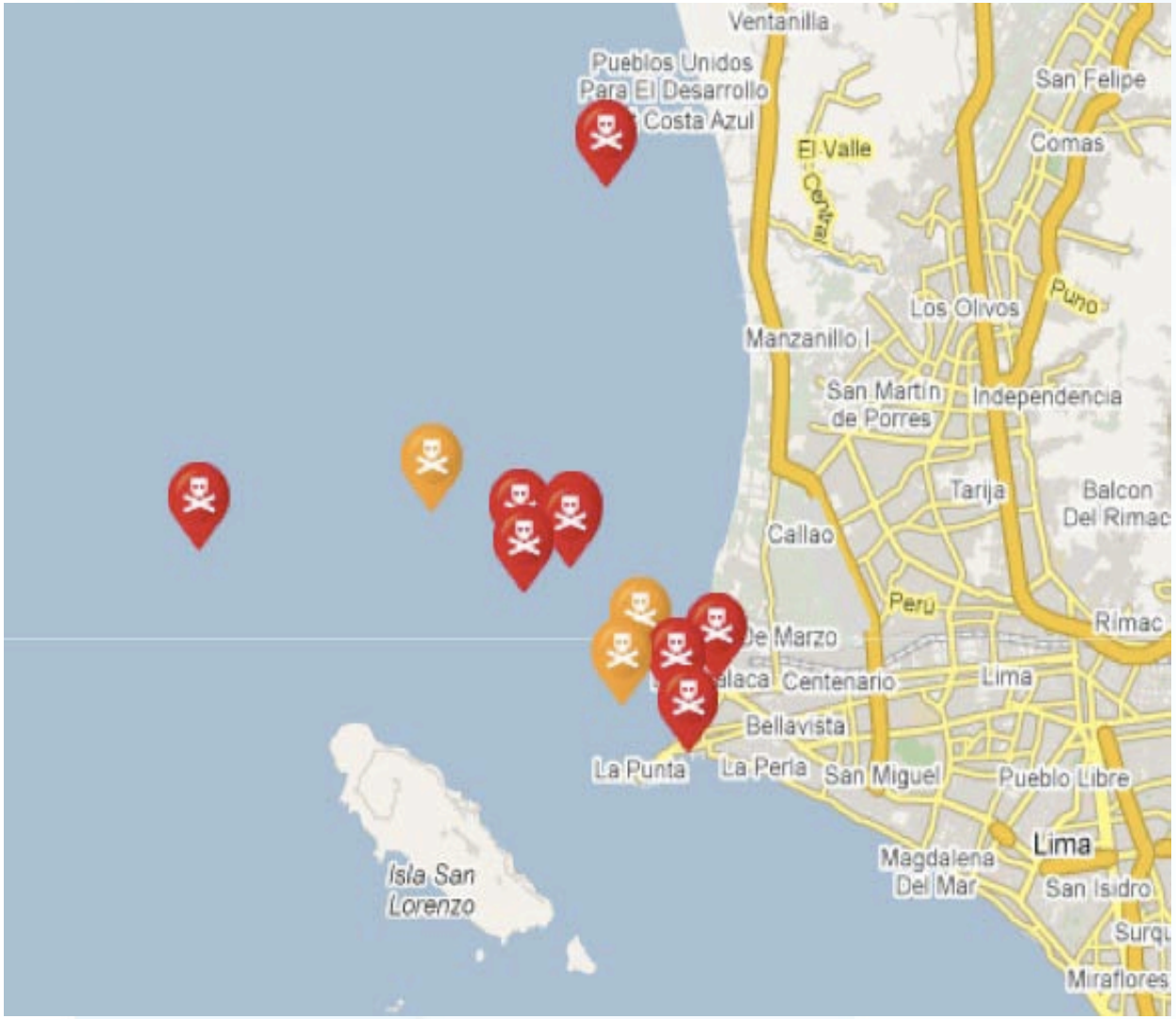
South America: Characteristics

- Venezuela: Recent War Risk Inclusion namely with reference to radical nationalization procedures and ships' seizures.
- Incidents along South America's North Coast have witnessed a rise in levels of violence, however, mostly against private vessels.
- Brazil continues to witness increased incidents against private vessels and no longer reportedly high levels of robbery in its ports (Santos)
- The predominant region where economic recession has led to an increase in reported incidents (Venezuela, Colombia, & Peru)

South America: Callao



-Callao incidents have risen sharply in the past 12 months.

- Violence within incidents also increasing

-Suspected collusion with port officials and possibly law enforcement

- Deployment of armed security has become more common for vessels at anchorage

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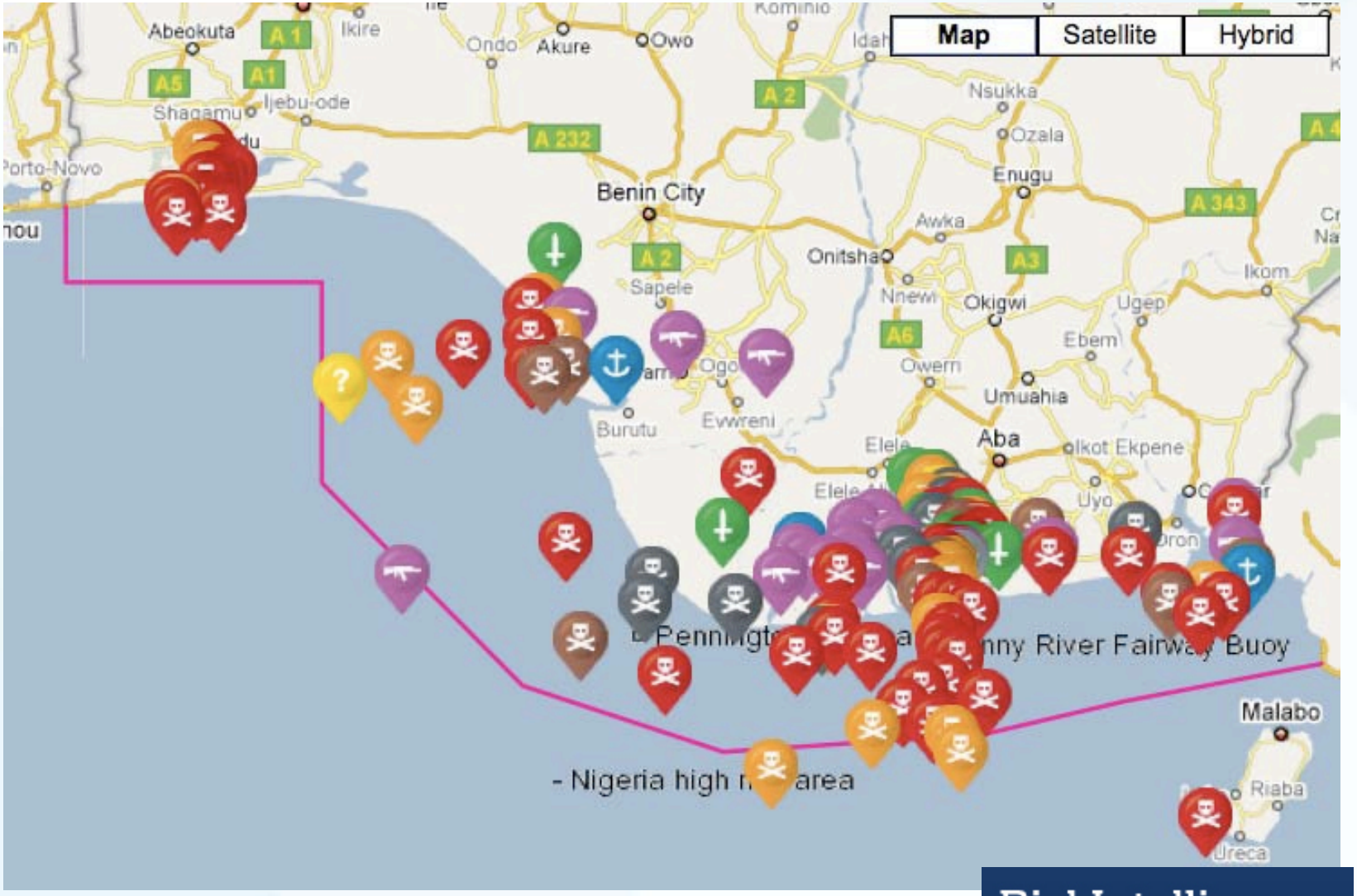
Niger Delta: 2008



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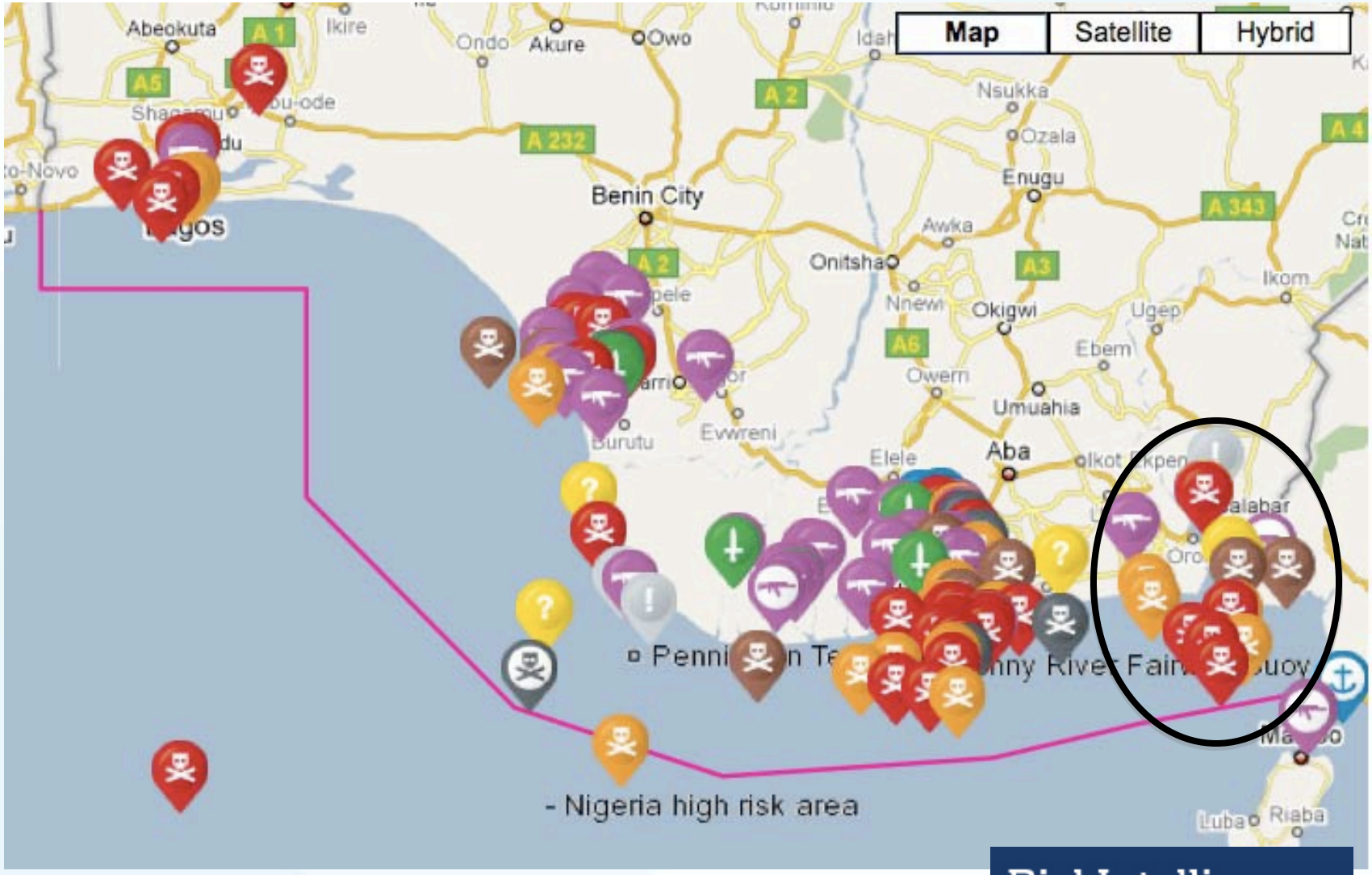

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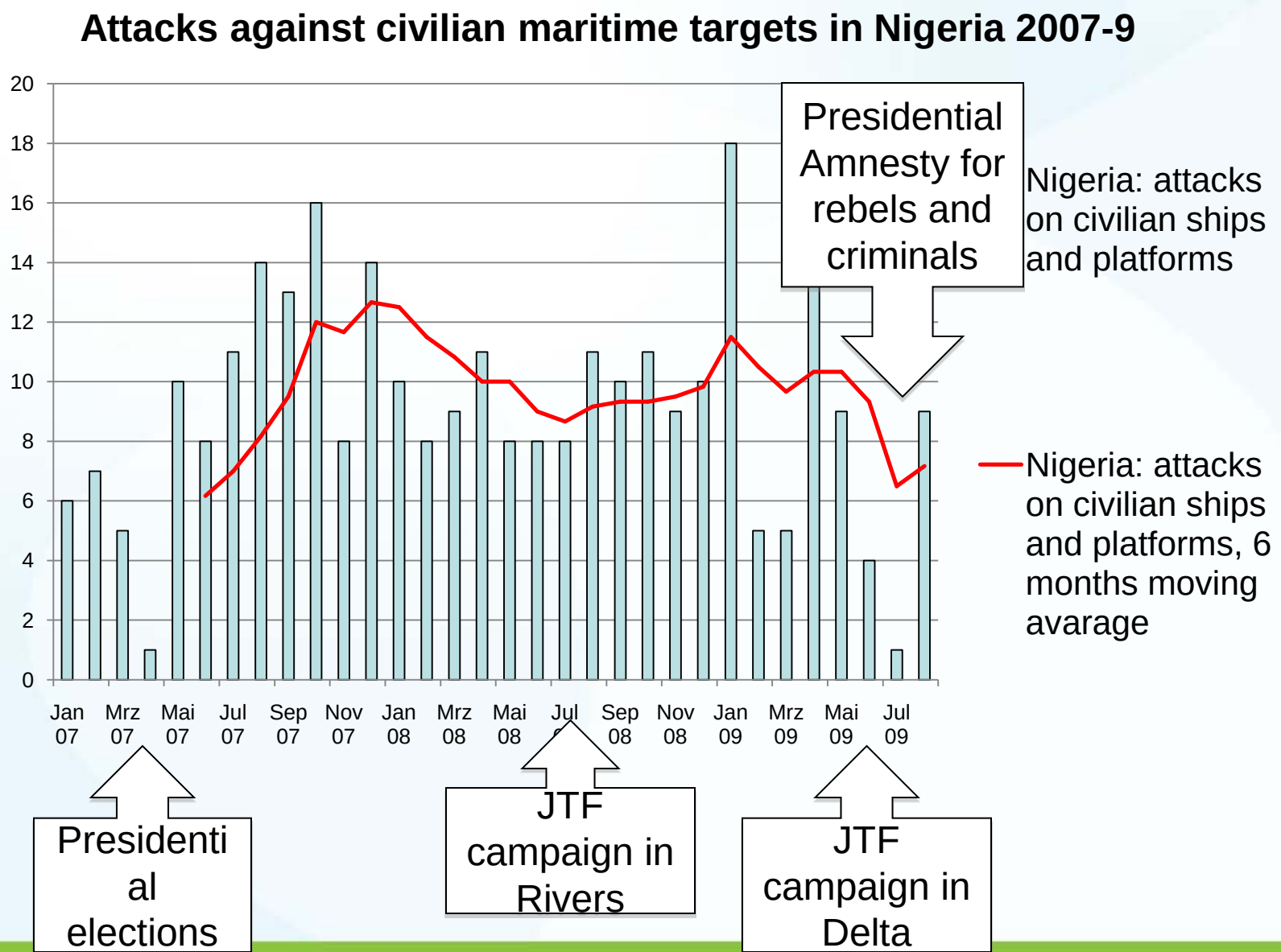
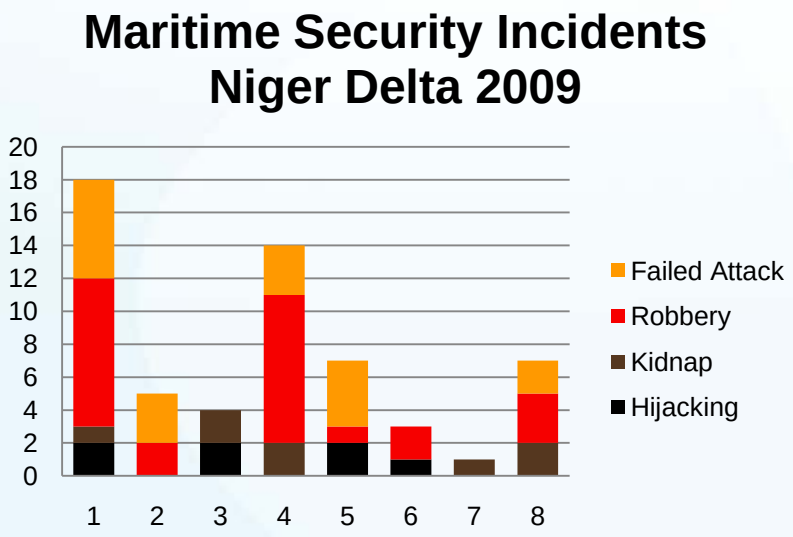
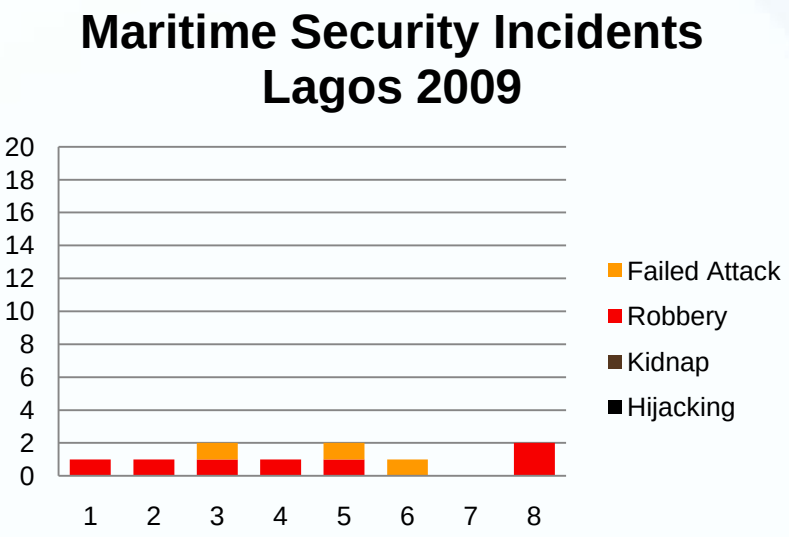
Nigeria: Long-Term Development



Niger Delta: Regional Distribution

- Majority of the attacks in the Niger Delta
- K & R, hijackings only in the Niger Delta – can be political (without ransom) or commercial.





Current Situation

Global Piracy Update: General Conclusions

- The global recession has yet to have any significant impact on piracy (globally)

- Piracy, Armed Robbery, and Hijackings are predominantly regionalized possessing unique localized characteristics and dependent on regional conditions (coastal state stability, weather, patrol presence, etc)

- Therefore tailored anti-piracy measures are required for the transit (Gulf of Aden), anchorage (South East Asia/South America), and whilst in operation (Nigeria)

Thank You!

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