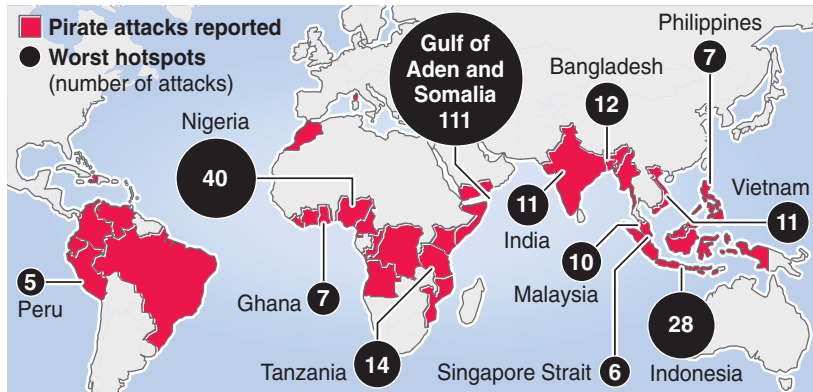


Ship hijackings hit record high in 2008

Pirates seized an unprecedented number of ships in 2008, mainly due to the surging number of attacks off the coast of Somalia



293
Attacks
(up 11%
on 2007)

49 ships
seized and
889 crew
held hostage

42 hijackings
off Somalia
with 815 crew
abducted

13 ships
and 242 crew
still held off
Somalia

139 attacks
using guns
(up from 72
in 2007)