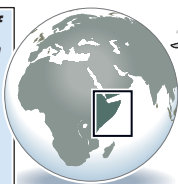


Countering the threat from Somali pirates

Faced with ever-increasing attacks by pirates off the coast of Somalia, ship-owners are ramping up measures to protect their valuable cargoes



Military help

Warships on patrol. Helicopters can reach ship in distress in 30 mins

Long-range acoustic device

Directs warning message or ear-splitting siren at targets up to 300 metres away



Control room

Fortified to delay hijack attempt

Lookouts

Use binoculars or night-vision devices to give advanced warning of attack



Counter-piracy net

Fouls outboard motor of pirate speedboat

Fire hoses

Can knock pirates off as they scale sides of ship

Armed guards

Use controversial as they could escalate conflict



Speed: Moving at 16+ knots creates large wake, making it hard to board

Razor wire: Coils hung around hull to protect vulnerable areas of ship

