EU anti-piracy mission seizes Somali pirates Puntland: Regional home to Somali pirates Pirate bases Red Sea YEMEN **ERITREA** Gulf of Aden Aden 0 SUDAN Area of operation up to 930km from coast DJIBOUTI Bargaal Eyl ETHIOPIA Garacad ⋖ Hobyo SOMALIA Harardhere Mogadishu α KENYA Kismaayo 4 Mombasa Dar-es-TANZANIA Salaam OCEAI Somali Basin 2010: Attacks MOZAMBIQUE extend up to 1.800km from Mogadishu to MADAGASCA carrier with 25 crew Madagascar 14 crew taken in Gulf of Aden Mozambique Pirate attacks off Somalia Channel 111 flagged cargo ship with 17 crew 2009 500 miles 114 ships fired upon in 2009 800km Sources: International Maritime Bureau; Ecoterra Intl., Somali Marine & Coastal Monitor

European naval forces have captured more than 40 suspected pirates and seized four mother ships off Somalia. Pirates are currently holding 14 vessels and 245 crew members for ransom

Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151): Ships from 14 nations patrol Gulf of Aden. About 24,000 ships transit region each year

Operation Atalanta: European Union's first naval operation includes ships and reconnaissance aircraft from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and UK.

Ships currently held by Somali pirates

- AL KHALIQ: Seized Oct 22 west of Seychelles. Panamanian-registered ship with 26 crew
- LYNN RIVAL: Oct 23. British couple. Paul and Rachel Chandler, abducted from yacht between Seychelles and Tanzania. \$7m ransom demanded
- THERESA VIII: Nov 16. Kiribati-flagged chemical tanker with 28 crew. Captain shot dead
- NESEYA: Dec 18. Indian dhow with 13 crew
- SOCOTRA 1: Dec 25. Yemeni-owned ship with six crew seized in Gulf of Aden
- AL MAHMOUD 2: Dec 28. Yemeni-owned cargo vessel with 16 crew seized in Gulf of Aden
- ST JAMES PARK: Dec 28. UK-flagged chemical tanker with 26 crew captured in Gulf of Aden
- NAVIOS APOLLON: Dec 28. Panama-flagged Greek cargo vessel with 19 crew
- MV PRAMONI: Jan 1. Singaporean-flagged tanker with 24 crew hijacked in Gulf of Aden
- ASIAN GLORY: Jan 2. British-flagged vehicle
- AL NISR AL SAUDI: Jan 29. Saudi tanker with
- MV RIM: Feb 2. Libyan-owned, North Korean-
- AL-SHURA: Feb 20-25. Yemeni dhow, nine crew
- UBT OCEAN: Mar 5. Norwegian tanker with 21 crew seized off Madagascar, en route to Tanzania