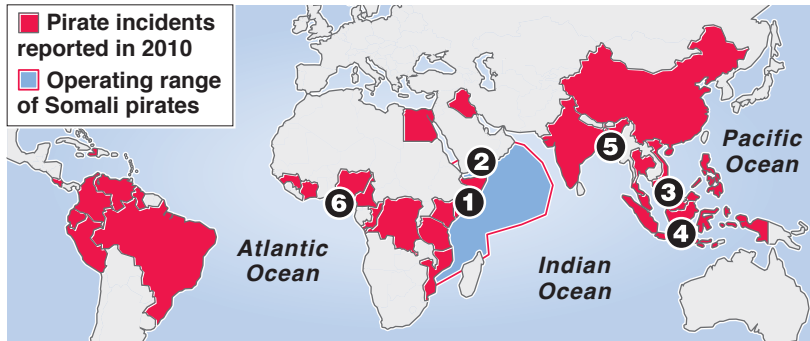


Pirate kidnappings reach record high in 2010

Pirates seized a record number of hostages and ships in 2010, according to a global maritime watchdog, despite increased patrolling of the seas

■ Pirate incidents reported in 2010

■ Operating range of Somali pirates



1 Somali pirates: Carried out 219 attacks – almost half of global total. Somali attacks accounted for over 86 percent of kidnappings for ransom

2 Gulf of Aden: Incidents more than halved to 53, due to presence of international naval forces. Somali pirates responded by ranging much further across Indian Ocean

3 South China Sea: 31 incidents, more than double 2009 figure

4 Indonesia: 30 vessels boarded by pirates, one hijacked

5 Bangladesh: 21 vessels boarded, almost all in port of Chittagong

6 Nigeria: 13 vessels boarded, mostly near port of Lagos

445
attacks
(up 10%
on 2009)

1,181
hostages
taken, eight
sailors killed

53 ships
seized, 49
of them off
Somalia

28 ships and
638 crew held by
Somali pirates
as of Dec 31

\$12 billion
– estimated
annual cost
of piracy*