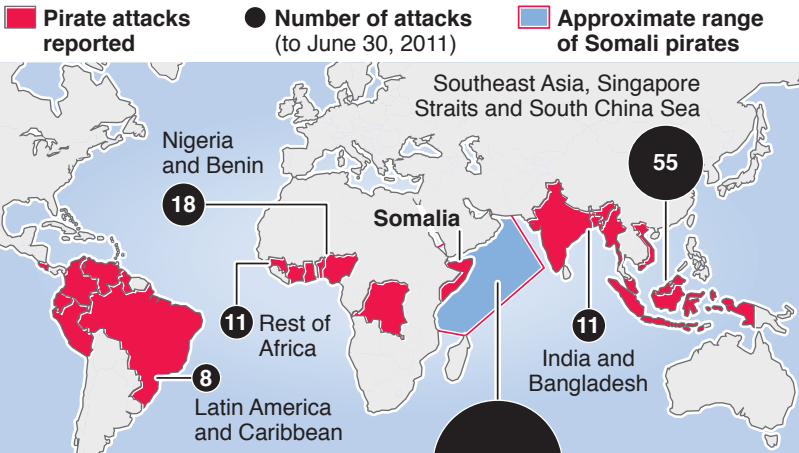


# Pirates increase scale and scope of attacks

Sea piracy worldwide surged by more than a third in the first six months of 2011, with pirates seizing more vessels and becoming bolder and more heavily armed, according to a global maritime watchdog



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## Somali pirates

Responsible for 61% of all incidents.

Despite increase in attacks, successful ship hijackings were down due to improved vigilance and international naval patrols off East Africa

**266**  
attacks  
(up 36%  
on 2010)

**99** ships  
boarded,  
76 fired  
upon

**495**  
crew taken  
hostage, 7  
sailors killed

**160**  
attacks used  
guns, 35  
used knives

**20** ships and  
420 crew held by  
Somali pirates  
as of June 30