

THE MARITIME SECURITY QUANDARY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA REGION: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND RESPONSES

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- **Introduction**

Aim: to discuss maritime security problems in the Horn of Africa region as well as possible responses

- **Causes of the Maritime Security Problems in the Region**
- **Consequences and Extent of Maritime Security Problems in the Region**
- **Actual and Potential Responses to the Maritime Security Problems**
- **Conclusion**



CAUSES OF THE MARITIME SECURITY PROBLEMS



- **Regional conflicts:**
 - Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia
- **Conflict in Somalia**
 - Overthrow of Barre Regime
 - UN interventions
 - 16 years, violence and anarchy, still not strong central government
 - Failed post-Cold War effort at conflict resolution
 - International community little more than bystanders
- **Naval forces**



CONSEQUENCES AND EXTENT OF MARITIME SECURITY PROBLEMS



- **Lack of Order at Sea (1)**
 - Maritime communications and transport



Hijacked ships, El Maan, Jul 06



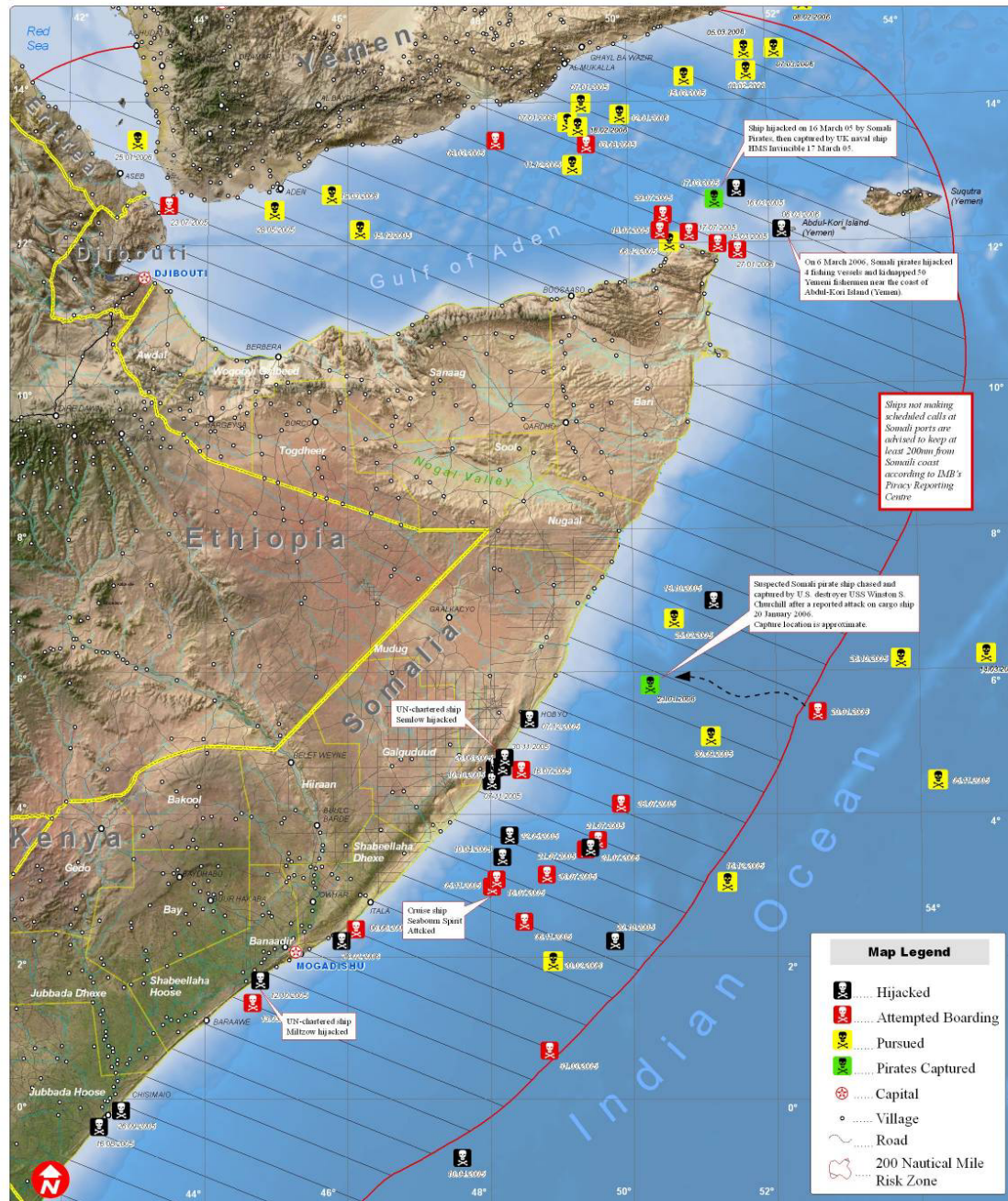
Attack on *Seabourn Spirit*, Nov 05



Reported Incidents of Pirate Attacks & Hijackings off the Coast of Somalia

January 2005 - March 2006

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- **Lack of Order at Sea (2)**

- Maritime resources
- Maritime sovereignty

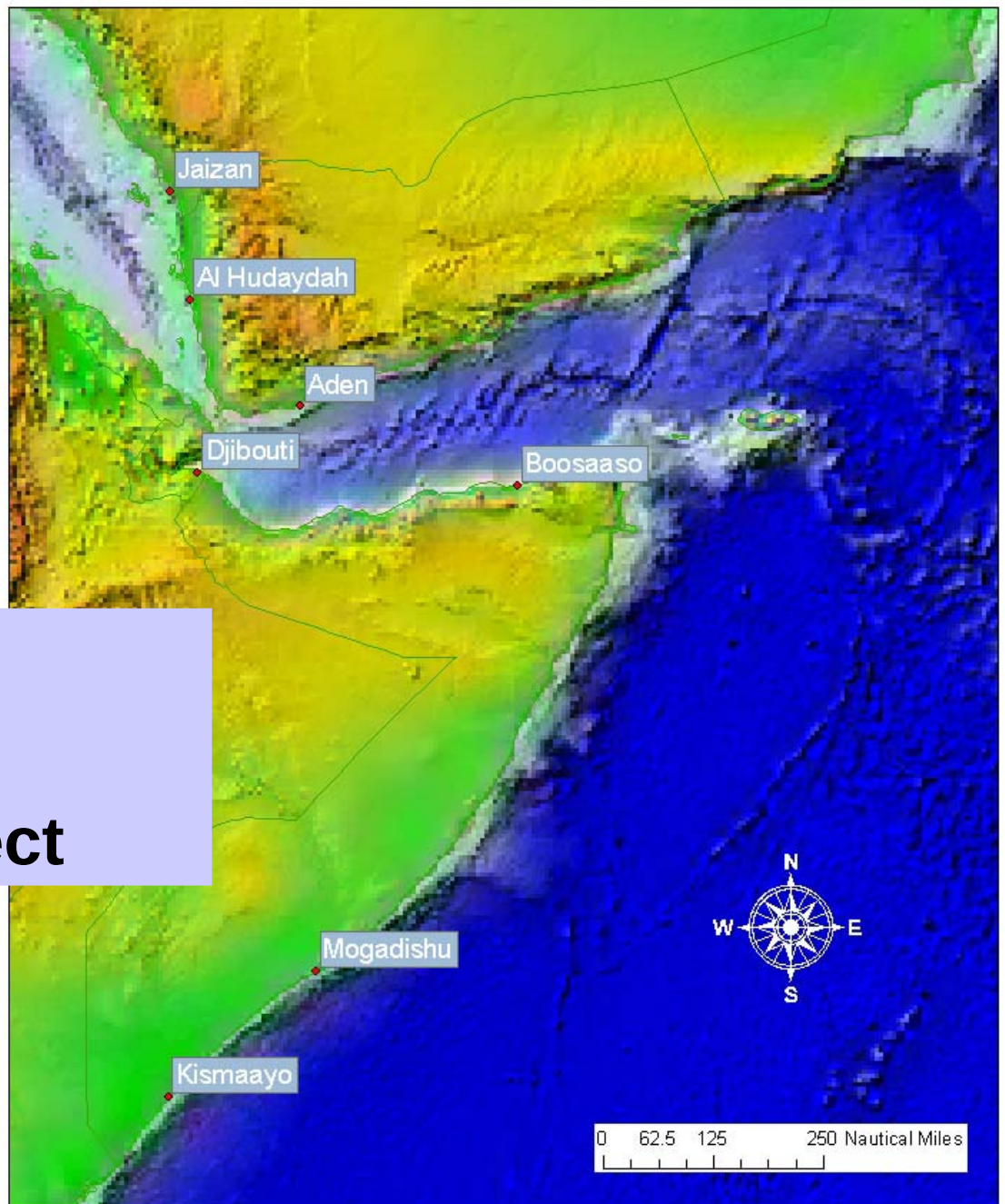


Hazardous waste container,
Somali coast, Jan 06



Illegal fishing: unflagged Yemeni
stern trawler, Feb 98

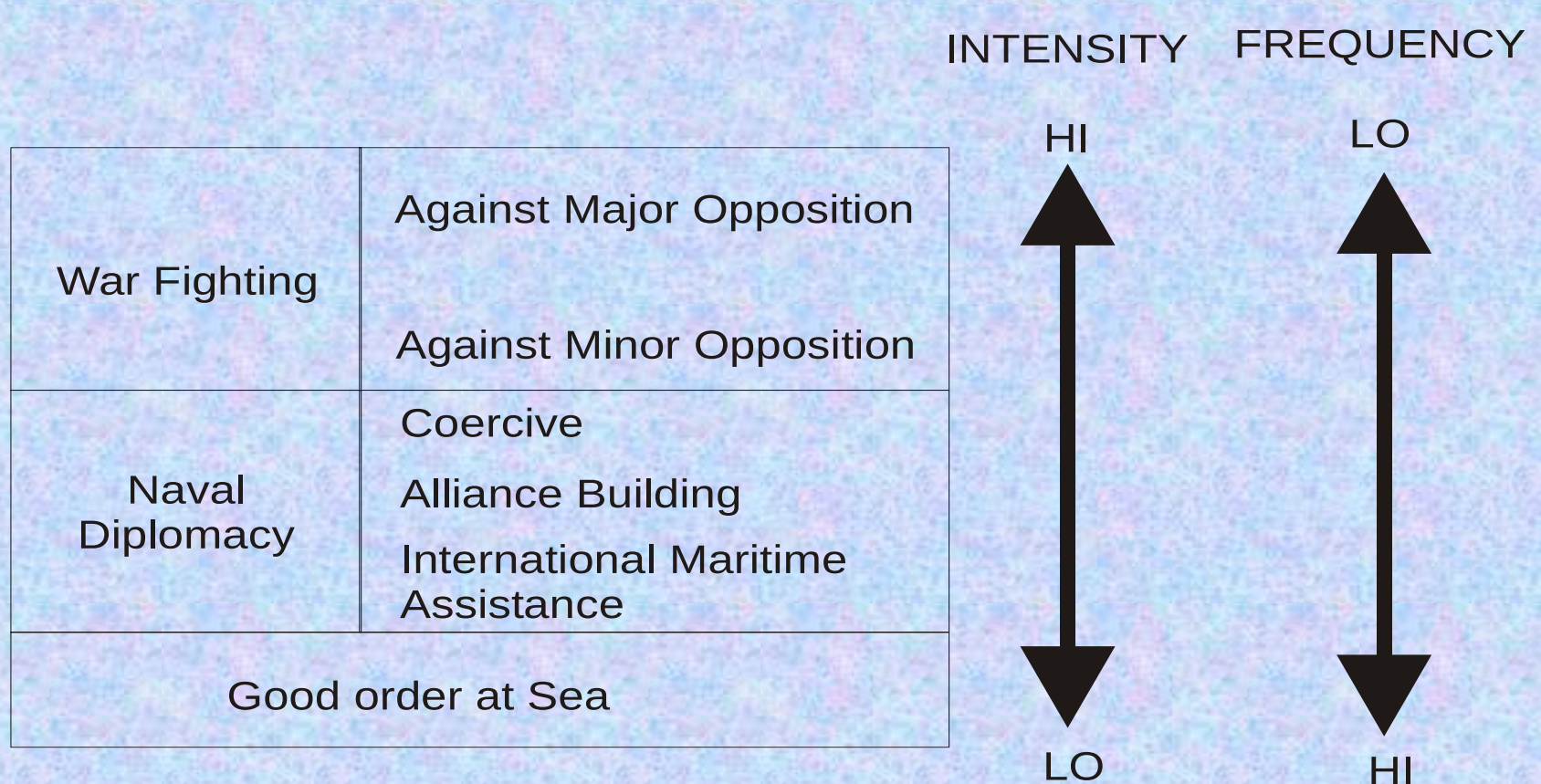
- **Humanitarian problems**
- **Economic effect**



ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL RESPONSES TO MARITIME SECURITY PROBLEMS



• Role of Navies



Source: G. Till



A suspected pirate vessel
burns after coming under fire
from two US warships, Mar 06



- **Role of Navies**
 - Good Order at Sea
 - Maritime Diplomacy





Armed guard onboard
a ship carrying food aid
to Somalia, Jul 2006

- **Cooperation**
- **Unilateral Actions by States**



- **Contribution
of
CTF 150**



Rear Admiral Alain Hinden (France) hand over command of CTF 150 to Commodore Khan Hasham Bin Saddique (Pakistan), 1 Aug 07



Ships assigned to CTF 150 in formation, Feb 06



- USA and AFRICOM
- Possible African Roles and Responsibilities
- Political Consent



CONCLUSION

