The Fight Against Piracy In African

Ghana’s Point Of View
Introduction

- What Is Piracy
- what has been the recent trend
- statistics of incidents across the coast
- Ghana efforts
Map Of West African Coast
What Is Piracy

- A strict definition of maritime piracy only includes attacks on shipping on the high seas –
  - That is, more than 12 nautical miles off the coastline
  - And not under the jurisdiction of any state
The Trend

- Has been on the increase in west Africa
- Nigeria recorded highest piracy attacks in 2018
- Hijacking was experienced in Ghana, Nigeria, Congo Brazzaville, Benin and Cameroon
Meeting held in Cameroun to develop interregional approach

Meeting in Yaoundé was held by ECOWAS, ECCAS and GGC leadership to help eliminate illicit activities in gulf of guinea.

Information sharing between states regarded as key
Statistics

- Oceans Beyond piracy 2018 report suggested
  - 1726 seafarers were affected by piracy attacks
  - 880 failed attacks or boarding occurred,
21 episodes of kidnapping took place and 100 seafarers were taken hostages.

97 piracy and robbery incidents involving weapons, 13 of those with guns and 2 with heavy machine guns.
The total estimated cost in the area due to stolen goods, contracted maritime security, insurance has been $818.1 million
Current Challenges

- Maritime domain awareness
- Response and preparedness
- Legal framework
- Capacity to safeguard assets
Steps Being Taken

- In the process of developing a national strategy to enhance security of the coast of Ghana

- GMA and National maritime security committee working towards the national security plan with the help of the IMO
• Interagency cooperation (harnessing logistics and expertise)

• Implementation of various regional treaties such as
   The United Nations Millennium Declaration 55/2

The decision of the 15th Ordinary Session of the Assembly Heads of States and Government of the AU held in Kampala, Uganda in July, 2010
Assembly of IMO at its 26th regular session, adopted on 12/12/2009 resolution A.1025 (26) on the Code of practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships

• Ghana is host for MMC zone F

• MMC zone F 260,060 sq nm

• Centre operates a 24/7 listening watch on ch16 and UHF ch. 143.5 for aircraft
MMC F role is to enhance safety and security through

- coordination and information sharing
- joint actions
- Coordination of state actions/ platform for multilateral engagement
conclusion

- An increase effort in coordination is necessary
- Legal Framework
- Building of asset base to fight the threat necessary
- Thank you