

AFRICA: PIRACY – The Mozambique Channel

Assureds and their crew on board their vessels are advised to be vigilant when passing the waters off Mozambique.

Since 2017 there is local unrest in Mozambique caused by conflicts between insurgents and government forces. Regretfully this includes more than 800 separate attacks across northern Mozambique, resulting in 2,600 deaths and more than 600,000 people displaced. Armed clashes apparently sharply escalated in 2020 with attacks spilling over the boarder with Tanzania.

In August 2020 insurgents seized a key port in northern Mozambique from government forces. This raises strong concerns and is seen as a first step in insurgents venturing into piracy, similar as occurred in the Horn of Africa. It threatens security in the Mozambique Channel, a 1,000 nautical miles long waterway between Madagascar and East Africa. This area is the location of some of the world's largest gas reserves and carries approximately 30% of global tanker traffic.



We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide with further updates would the situation develop into the feared scenario of piracy activity in that area.

General information and guidance on piracy can be found at:

<https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Security/Pages/MaritimeSecurity.aspx> and <https://www.maritimelglobalsecurity.org/media/1046/bmp-westafrica.pdf>

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