

IMB SAYS PIRACY DOWN A LITTLE

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A rising trend of pirate attacks against vessels in East and West Africa accounted for the majority of world attacks in 2011 according to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB). Out of 439 attacks reported to the IMB in 2011, 275 attacks took place off Somalia on the east coast and in the Gulf of Guinea on the west coast of Africa. The IMB's 2011 report showed a slight drop in the total number of recorded incidents of piracy and armed robbery worldwide, comparing the 439 recorded incidents of piracy and armed robbery in 2011 to 445 in 2010. The falling numbers come after four consecutive years of increased piracy and armed robbery worldwide.