

MARITIME PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY ON SHIPS

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

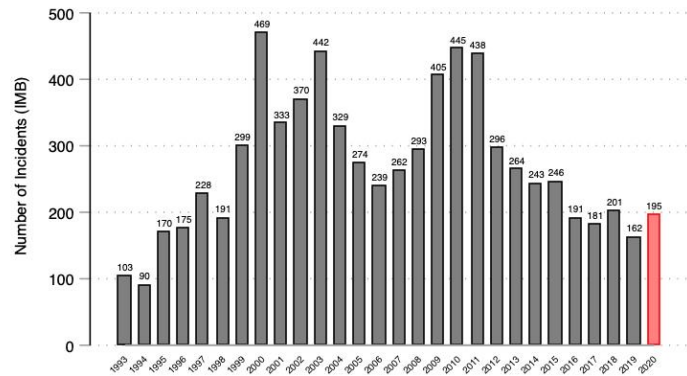
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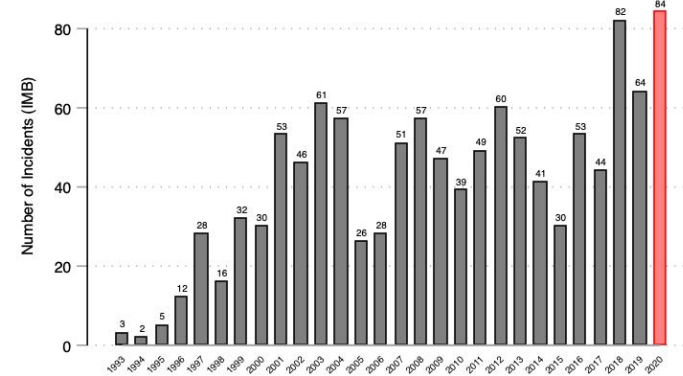


TRENDS IN MARITIME PIRACY

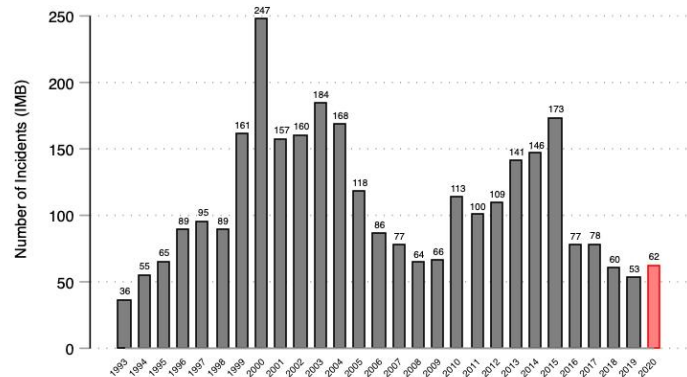
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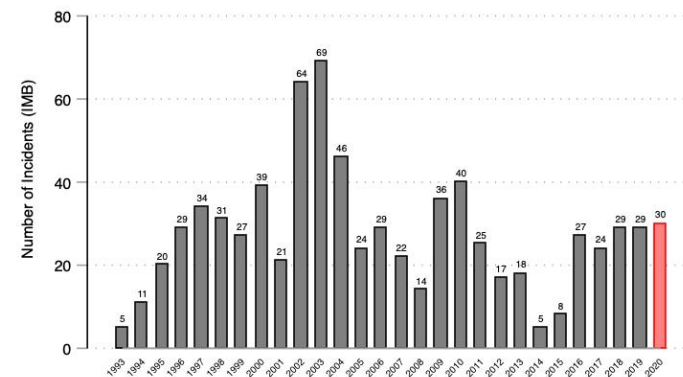
West Africa



Southeast Asia

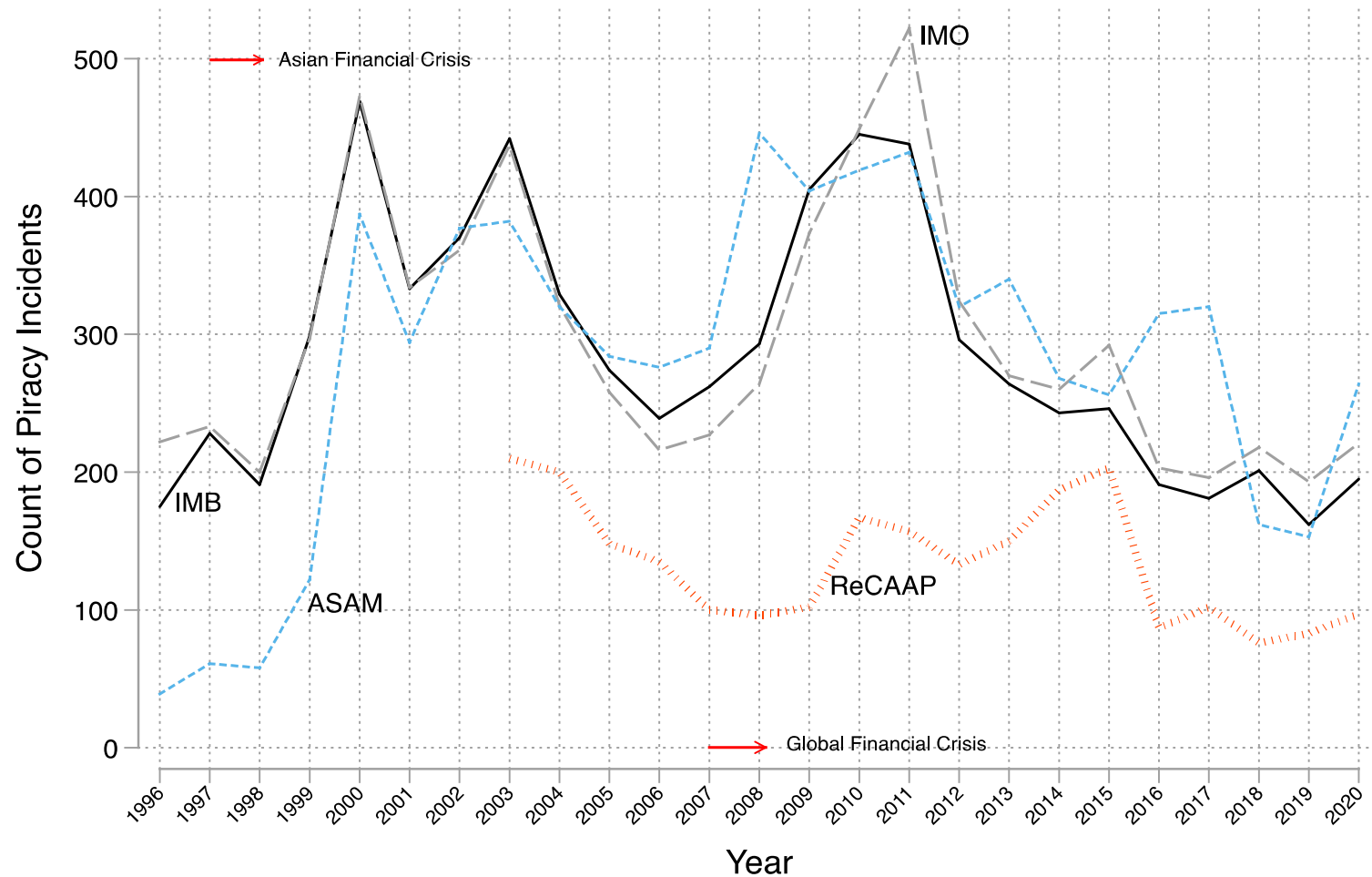


Americas



- Sea-piracy is up globally and in nearly every region
- Undercounting expected, so the number of attacks and attempted attacks likely higher
- Poverty, joblessness, political violence, and weak/corrupt institutions associate with sea-piracy

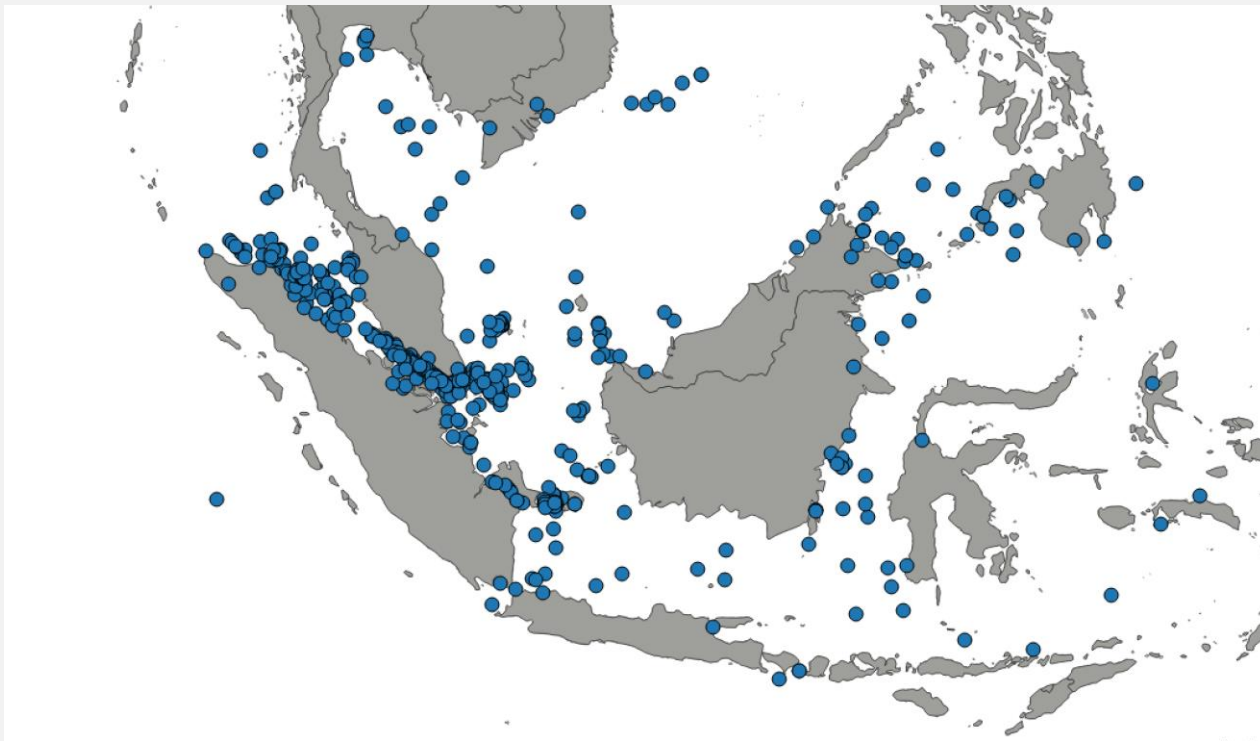
FINANCIAL CRISES AND PIRACY SURGES



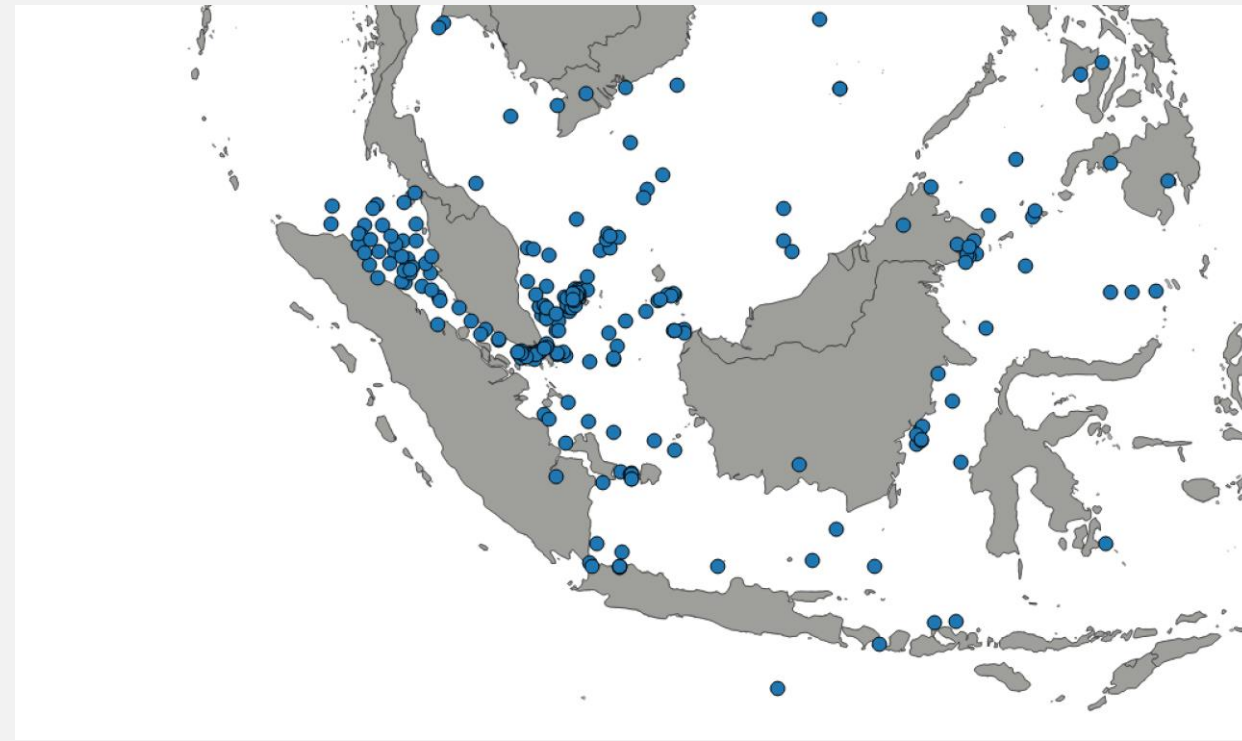
- Global financial crises have also driven up sea-piracy, such as Asian financial crisis in 1997-8 and global financial crisis in 2007-8
- Early 2000s saw spike mostly in Southeast Asia – Malacca and Singapore Straits
- Spike beginning in 2009 driven by both global financial crisis and Somali outlier
- Both spikes dealt with by active multi-national counter-piracy efforts
- Unclear if COVID pandemic will have similar effects to financial crises

SEA-PIRACY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Steaming incidents (597) 1999-2004



Steaming incidents (269) 2005-2010



Conflict in Aceh ended

Eyes in the Sky 2005

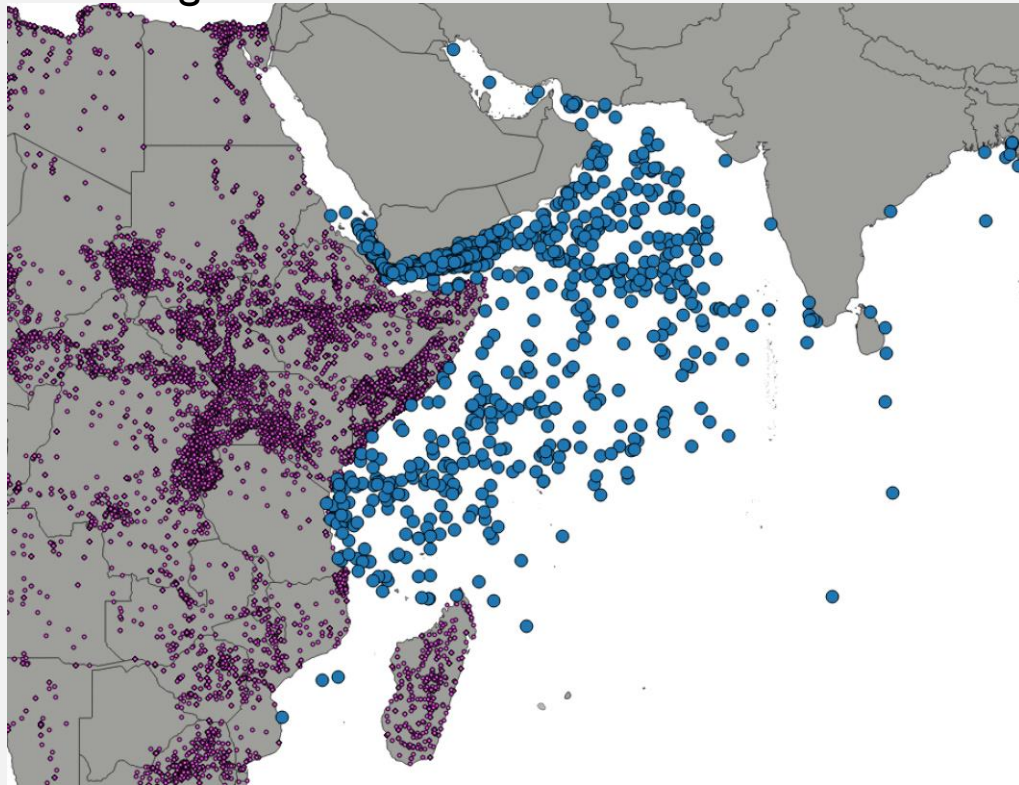
100% decrease in piracy

MSSP Patrol 2004

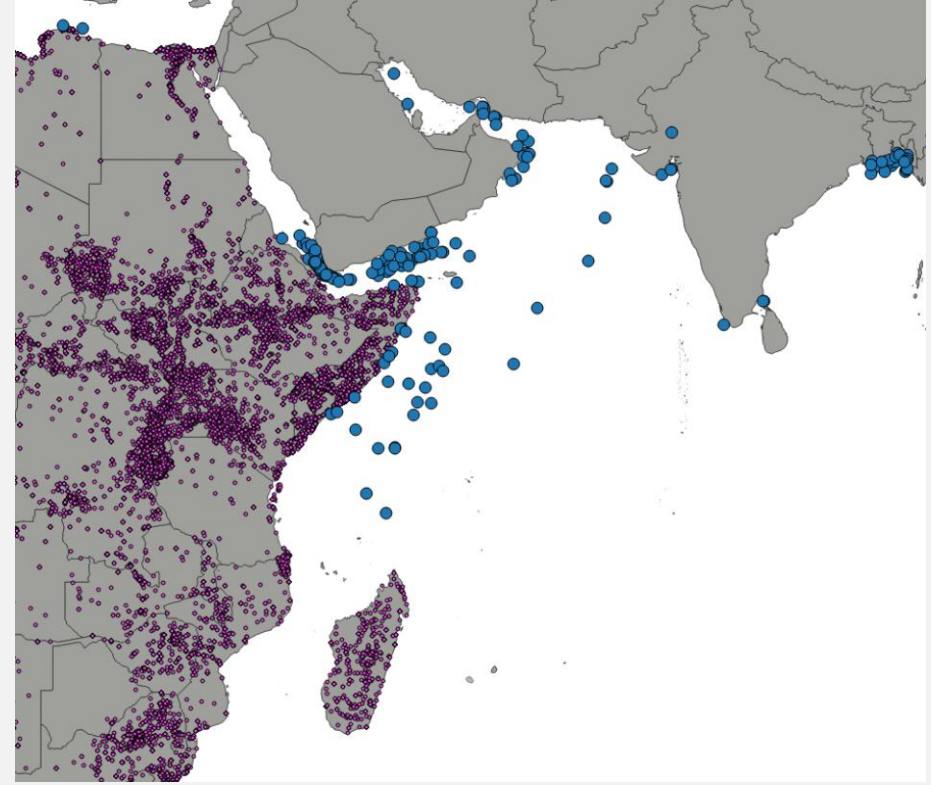
Thailand joins MSSP 2009

SEA-PIRACY IN THE GREATER GULF OF ADEN

Steaming incidents 2008-2012



Steaming incidents 2013-2020



EU Operation Atalanta (December 2008 to present)

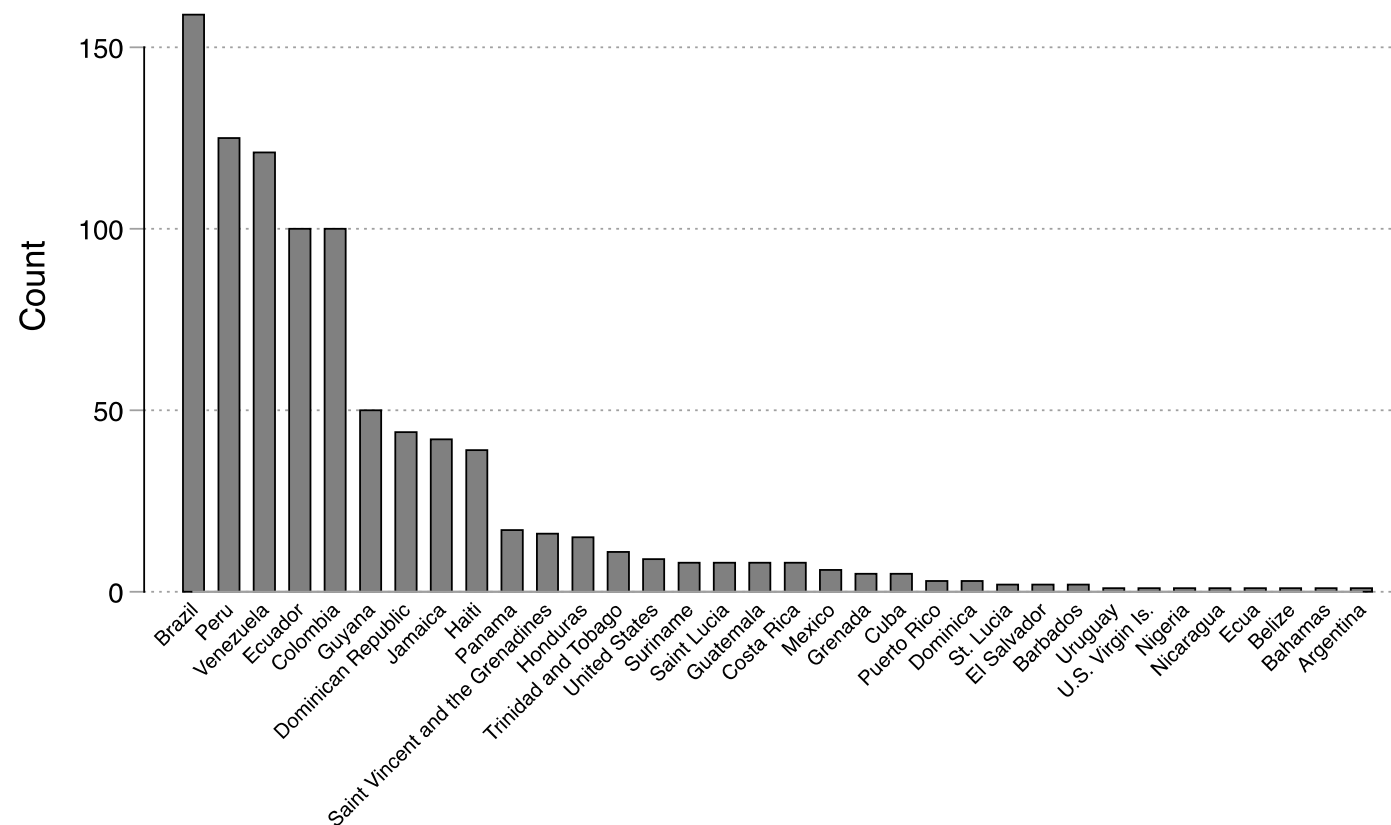
CTF 151 (January 2009-present)

NATO Ocean Shield (August 2009- November 2016)

Piracy-specific BMP (version 2 August 2009)

PIRACY PRONE COUNTRIES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

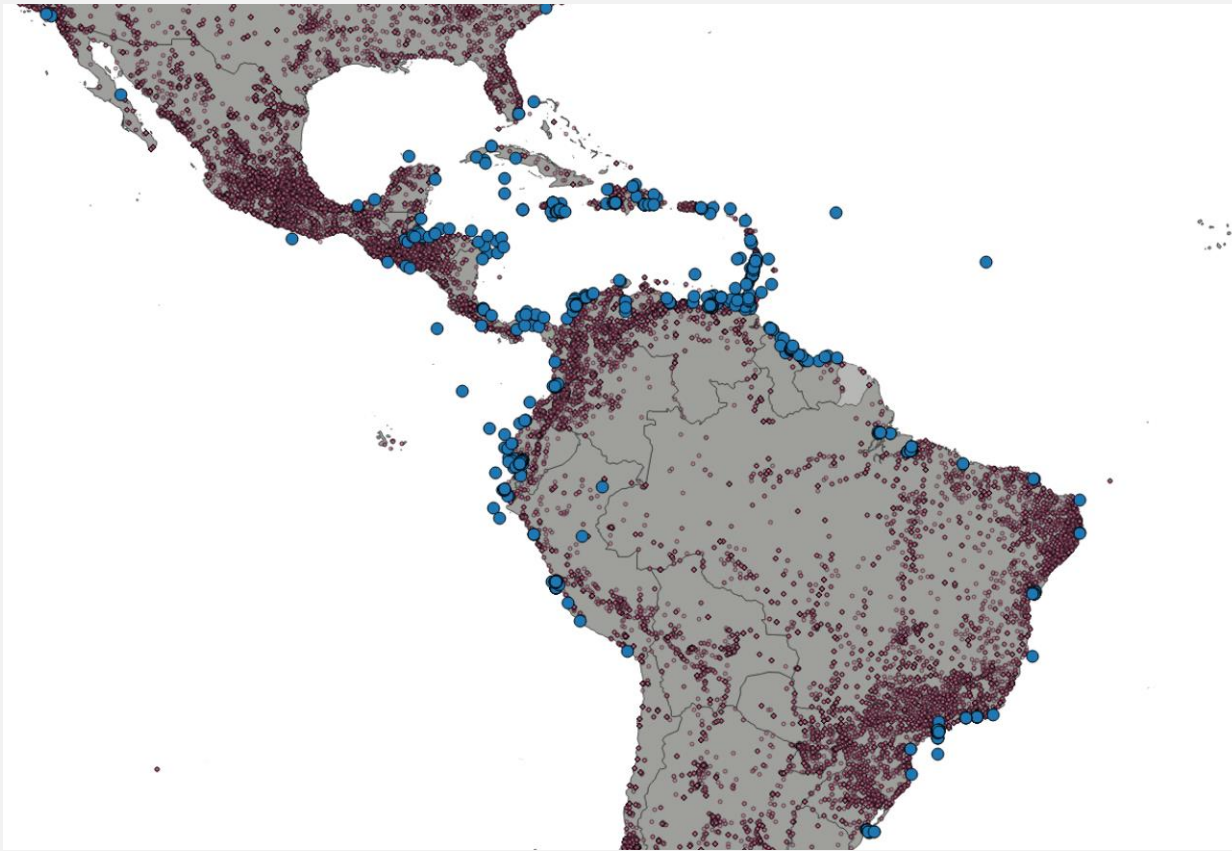
Sea-Piracy Attacks & Attempted Attacks, 1995-2020



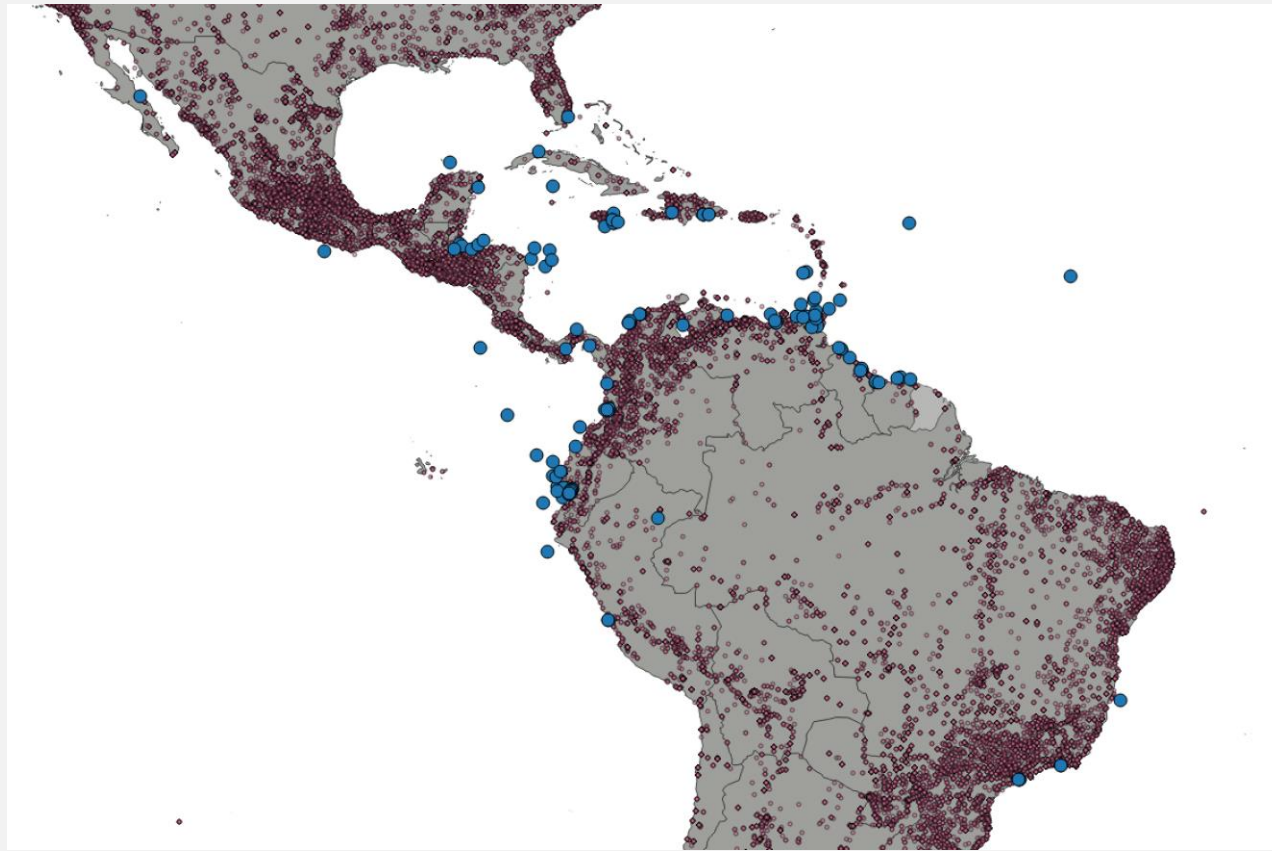
- South America is the location of most piracy and armed robbery on ships in the western hemisphere.
- 6 of the 10 most pirated countries in the western hemisphere are located in South America
- Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and Panama are the other countries experiencing piracy.
- But fairly large decrease in piracy incidence going from top 5 to bottom 5

THE GEOGRAPHY OF SEA-PIRACY IN THE AMERICAS

All Incidents (1,185), 1995-2020



Steaming Incidents (188), 1995-2020



Note: In comparison, there were ~3,364 incidents and 1,146 steaming incidents in SE Asia over same time period

TOP PIRACY-PRONE PORTS IN THE AMERICAS SINCE 2015

Callao, Peru

Puerto Jose, Venezuela

Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela

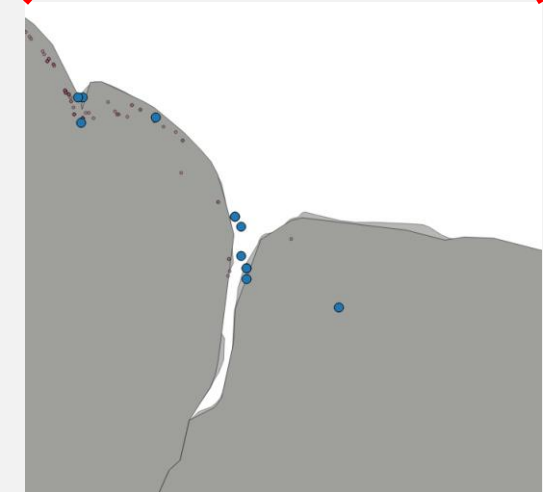
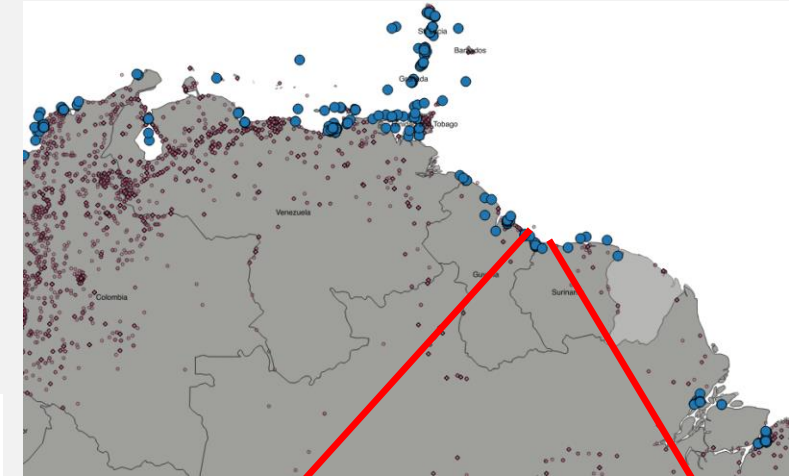
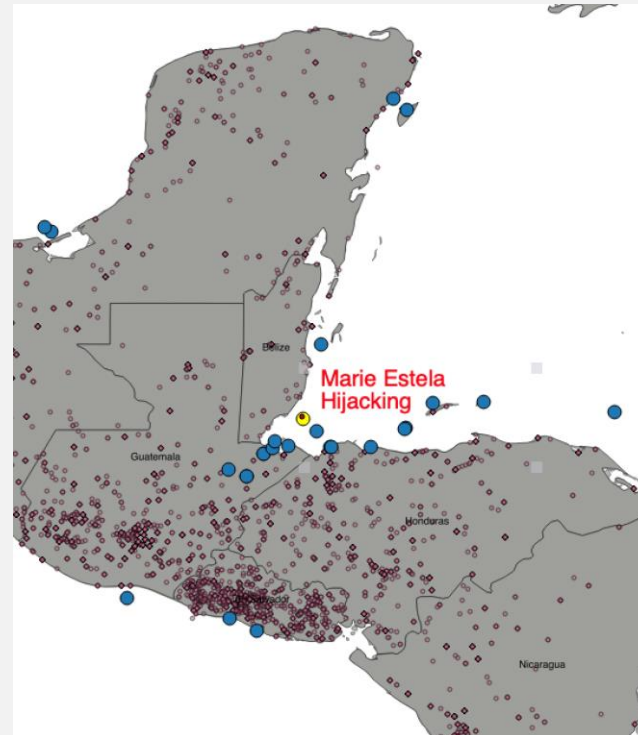
Macapa, Brazil

Guayaquil, Ecuador

Port Au Prince, Haiti

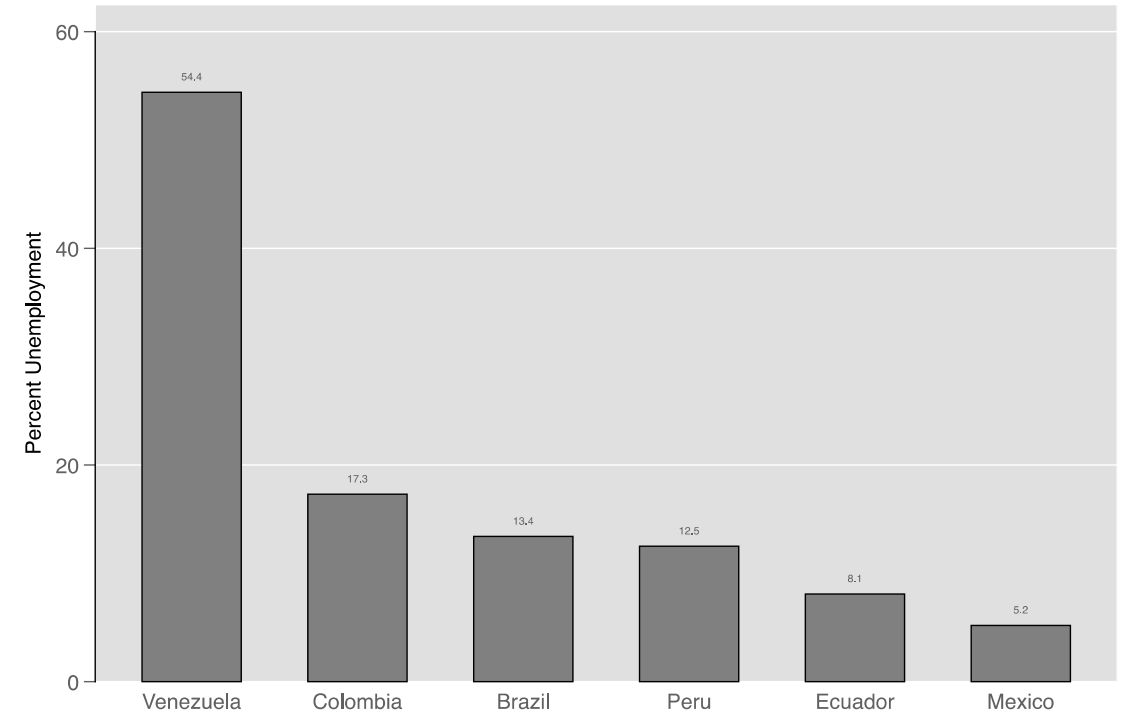
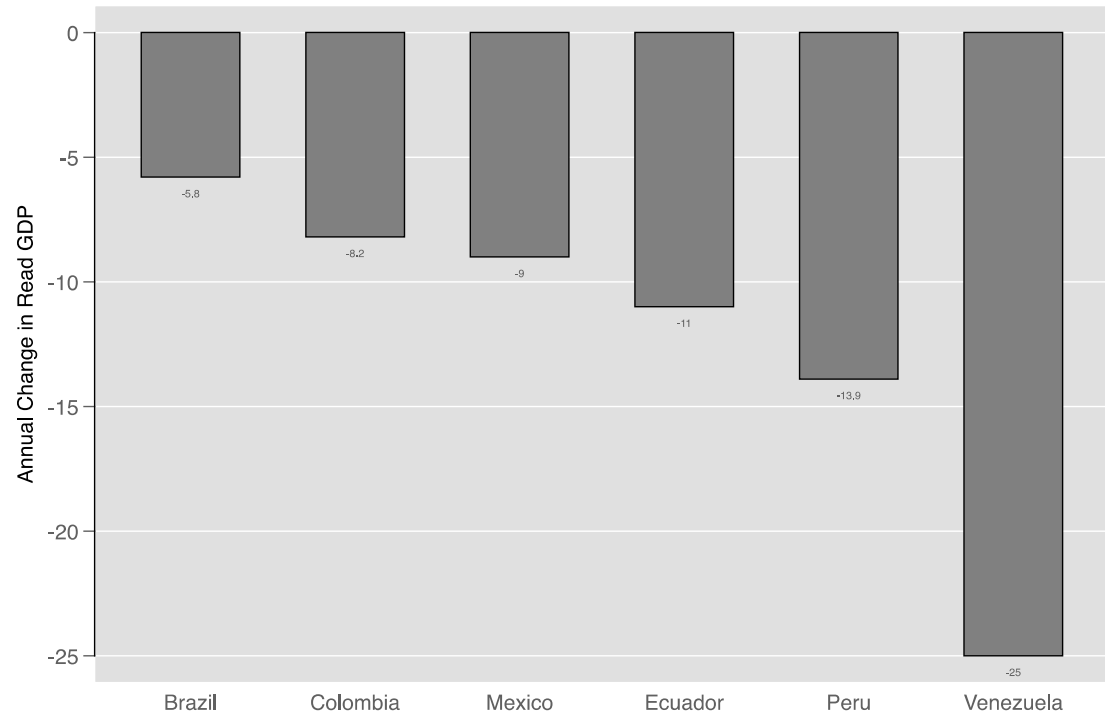
HIGH-PROFILE ATTACKS IN THE AMERICAS

- 11 hijackings since 1995
- 3 kidnappings
- Examples:
 - Three gunmen hijacked the commuter ferry (MARIA ESTELA) 30 May 2000 on a routine voyage across the Gulf of Honduras from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala to Punta Gorda, Belize. Five passengers and crew were shot and their bodies later recovered from the water. Three survivors were rescued by fishermen after 17 hours in the water. The boat was recovered 2 Jun abandoned in the Sarstoon River in Guatemala near the border. No motive has been suggested for the hijack (LLP-press).
 - Kidnappings and murders of fishermen in Suriname



Corentyne River

ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF COVID 2020 PROJECTIONS



Source: [WTO](https://www.wto.org/)

IUU FISHING A RECURRENT CONCERN

- Fishing is \$400 billion global industry
- Important source of protein for half the world's population
- 93% of fish stocks are fully exploited, over-exploited, or depleted
- China has largest fishing fleet
- China's boats are globally everywhere
 - Near Galapagos Islands and Ecuador unable to respond – requested US assistance to protect its EEZ
 - Fishing vessels then simply moved south in Chile's EEZ
- Need multinational effort
- Need to prosecute ship captains and hold companies responsible
- Need greater management of resources in EEZs

Thank-you

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