

Learning from Piracy: Futures Challenges of Maritime Security Governance



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Overview

- A note on the decline of Piracy
- Some Lessons from (Somali) Piracy
- Challenges of Maritime Security Governance

- Some Concluding Questions

The 7 Drivers of (Somali) Piracy

- **Geography:** easy targets
- **Weak law enforcement / Corruption**
- **High degree of maritime insecurity:** illegal fishing / other crimes
- **Economic dislocation:** marginalized communities
- **Cultural acceptability:** „coast guard narrative“
- **Skills:** e.g. Boarding, negotiating
- **Entrepreneurs:** criminal minds

The Decline of (Somali) Piracy

Success can be explained by:

- Higher risk of getting caught (or shot):
law enforcement
- Piracy is now longer supported by
communities: acceptability
- 2 drivers have been addressed, what
about the other 5?

Lessons from (Somali) Piracy

Maritime security threats are...

- **sticky** → prevention is crucial
- **quickly escalate** → early warning and reaction
- **assymmetric** → firepower doesn't help
- **local**, but can have **global** effects

Lessons from (Somali) Piracy II

- **Remote control** development policy is problematic
- **Functional cooperation** works (DCoC, SHADE)
- **Technology** (surveillance) is only one part of the solution
- **Good law** doesn't mean **good law enforcement**
- **Private/public coordination** is crucial

Lessons from (Somali) Piracy III

- Strong international consensus
- A new recognition for maritime security

→ A window of opportunity

Challenges

- Coordinating the **political and functional level** (strategy and action)
- **Mainstreaming maritime security** in development policy
- **Maritime Security Sector Reform (MSSR)** at home and abroad.
- **Inter-agency** coordination (transport, fisheries, development security)
- **Transparency / legitimacy**
- Public/Private (**maritime industry**)
- Public/Private (**security providers**)

Questions

- To which degree should we **securitize** maritime security governance?
(urgency, terrorism)
- Or prioritize its **economic** dimension?
- How can we ensure effective **ownership** and **sustainability**?
- What **knowledge** do we need to improve maritime security governance?