



International Maritime Bureau

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Maj Gen Charlie Stickland, OBE
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Dear Major General Stickland,

Many congratulations on the 10th anniversary of Operation ATALANTA.

During this period the industry has seen the rise and fall of Somali piracy, one of the most intense periods of pirate activity since we started compiling reports of attacks in 1991. According to our records 913 vessels were attacked, 194 vessels hijacked and 3643 crew taken hostage.

The efforts of EU NAVFOR and Operation ATALANTA to counter Somali piracy have been hugely valuable. The initiatives deployed and lessons learned from this exercise will continue to influence counterpiracy into the future.

We would like to thank you and your team for their support.

We look forward to working with Op Atalanta as it moves forward to the next ten years.

Yours sincerely,

P Mukundan
Director

