

Somalia's Seaborne Insurgents

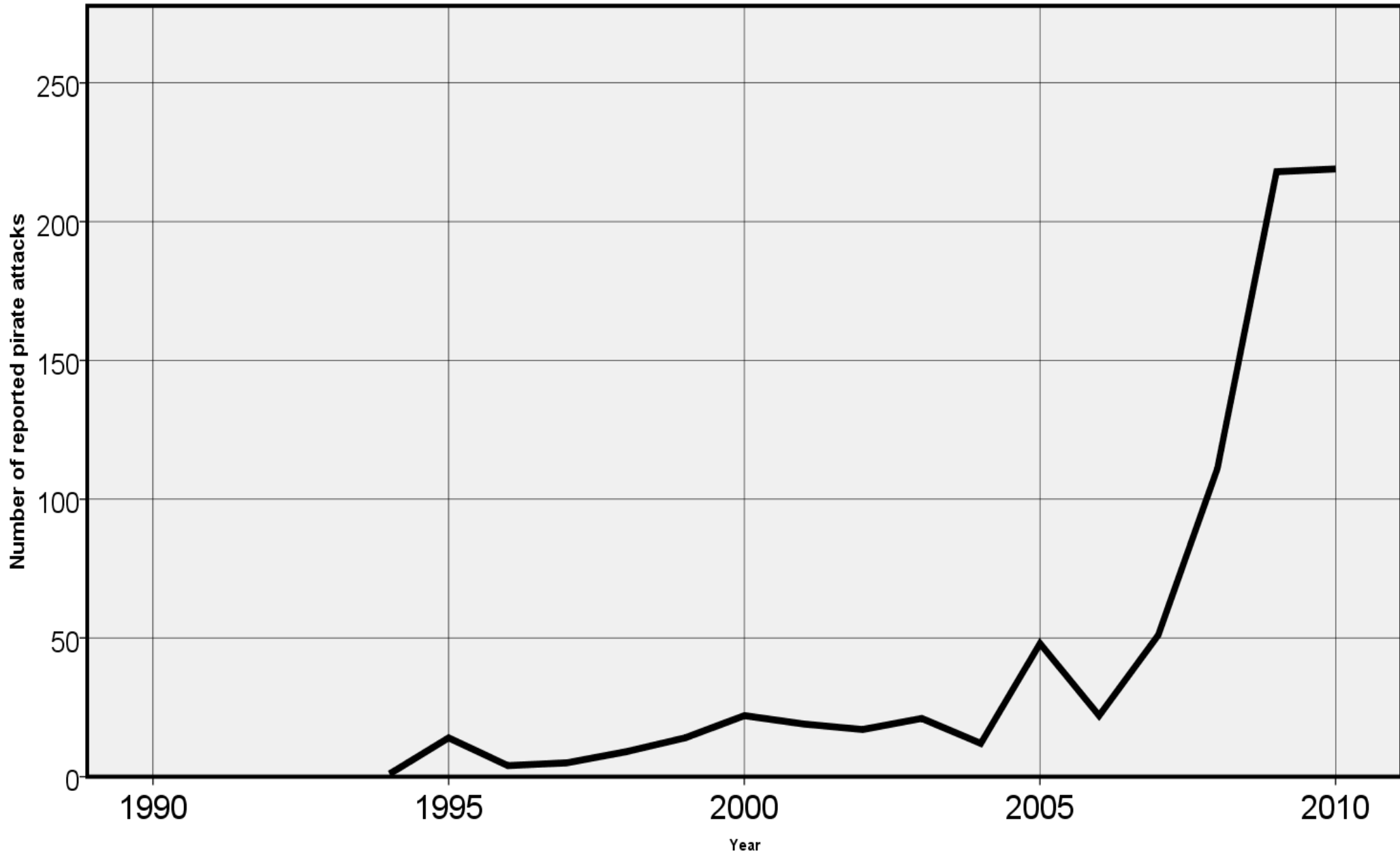


Source: DND (Canada)

Number of Pirate Attacks - Somalia

1994-2010

Source: IMB



Three Phases of Somali Piracy

- Phase 1: 1990s to 2004
- Phase 2: 2005 to mid-2006
- Phase 3: 2007 to present

Phase 1

1990s - 2004

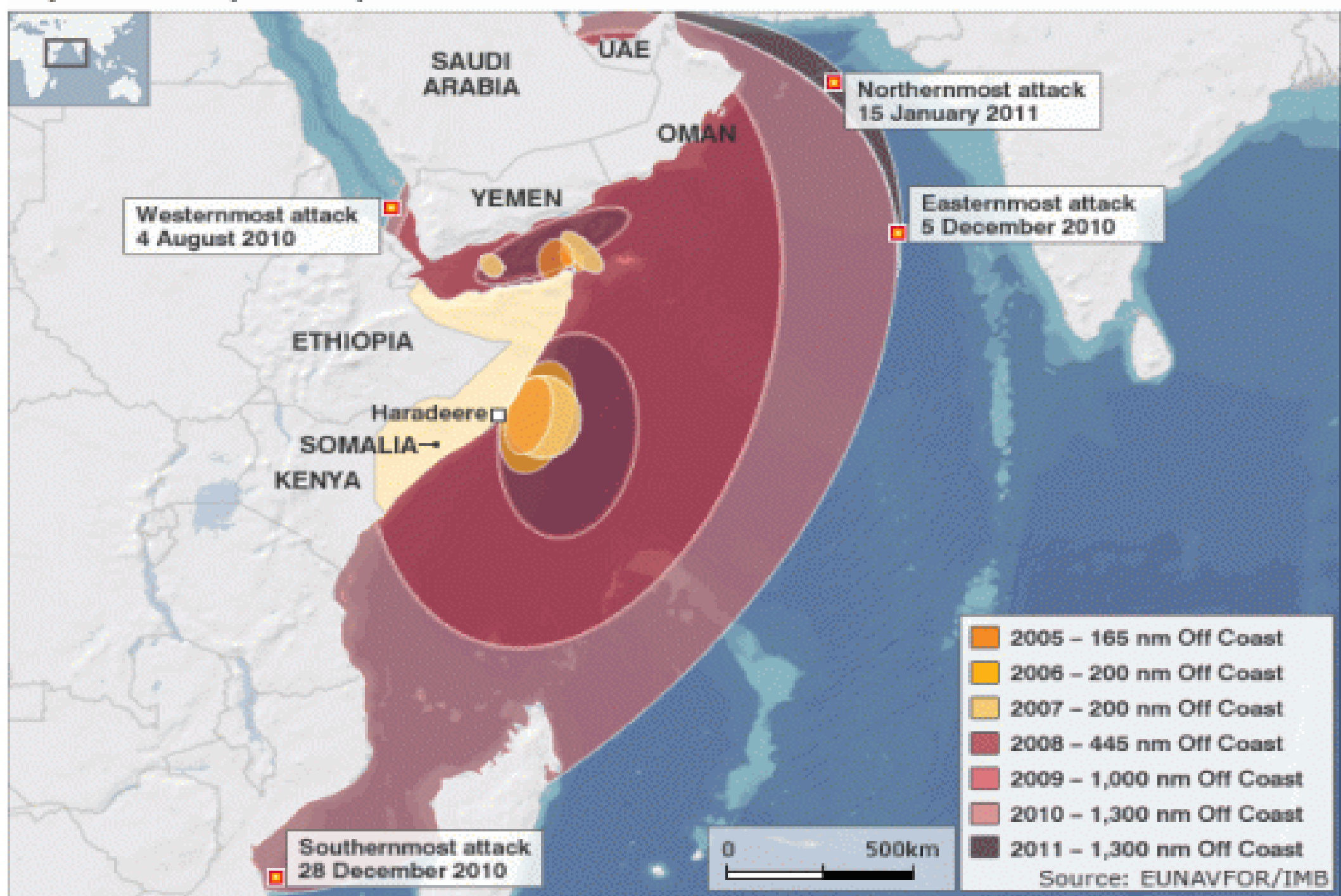
- Number of Attacks in the low 20s
- “Subsistence Pirates” (Scholfield)
- Equilibrium

Phase 2

2005 – mid-2006

- July 2005: 10 attacks in one two week period
- More Sophisticated Tactics
- Exogenous Forces Disrupt the Equilibrium
- *Intermediate Period – mid-2006 to 2007*
 - *ICU control*

Expansion of pirate operations



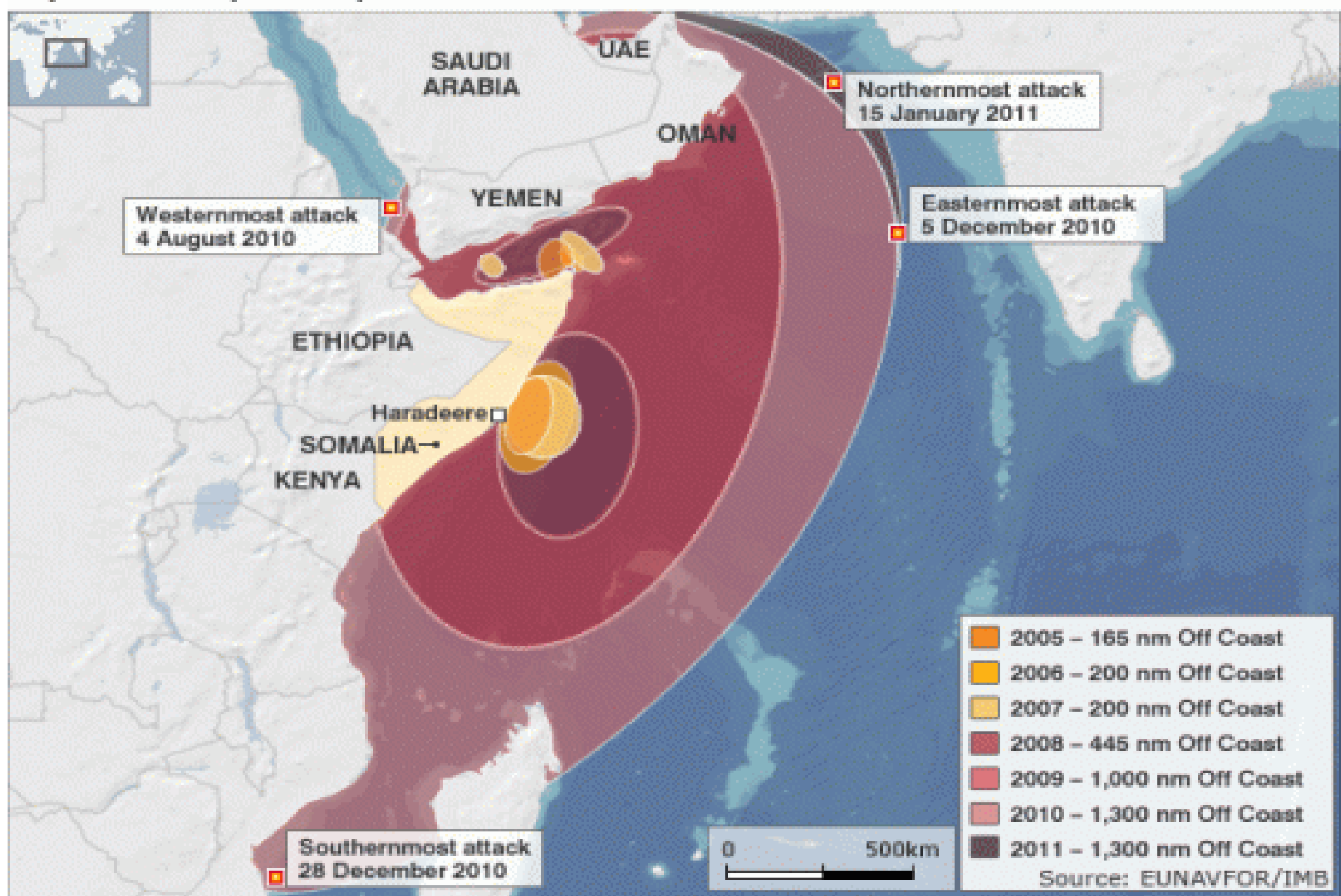
Phase 3

2007 – Present

- 2007: 44 Attacks
- 2008: 111 Attacks
- 2009: 218 Attacks
- 2010: 219 Attacks
- 2011: 163 Attacks (Jan-Jun)

- Further improved tactics and greater range

Expansion of pirate operations



Piracy as an Insurgency

- “Commercialist” Insurgency (O’Neill from Metz)
- Ships represent a “lootable” resource (Collier)
- New Wars Theory (Kaldor)

Piracy as an Insurgency

How can examining pirates as insurgents help produce more effective counter-piracy policies?