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According to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) of 1982, piracy consists of any criminal act of violence, detention, or depredation committed for private ends by the crew or passengers of a private ship or aircraft that is directed on the high seas against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board a ship or aircraft. In recent years the increasing threat of maritime piracy has become a significant hazard to all who use the sea. The Horn of Africa region has become a particular problem area with a large number of ships attacked in recent years. As a result countries are developing strategies to deal with this threat with deployments of warships and coalition operations to protect shipping such as the Royal Navy contribution to Combined Maritime Forces.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Maritime Piracy. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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