

'Q Card' BMP West Africa – 4

Threat and Risk Assessment

A threat is formed of capability, intent and opportunity.



All voyages in this region require thorough advanced planning using all available information. The maritime threats are dynamic, and it is therefore essential that a detailed threat and risk assessment is completed for each voyage and activity within the region.

The risk assessment MUST consider but may not be limited to:

- The threat assessment and geographical areas of increased risk.
- Requirements of the Flag State, company, charterers and insurers.
- Secure Anchorage Areas (SAA), Security Escort Vessels (SEV) and or Vessel Protection Detachments (VPDs).
- The ship's characteristics, vulnerabilities and inherent capabilities, including citadel and/or safe muster points to withstand the threat (freeboard, speed, general arrangement, etc.).
- The ship's and company's procedures (drills, watch rosters, chain of command, decision making processes, etc.).
- Background factors shaping the situation, e.g. traffic patterns and local patterns of life, including fishing vessel activity.
- Cooperation with military.