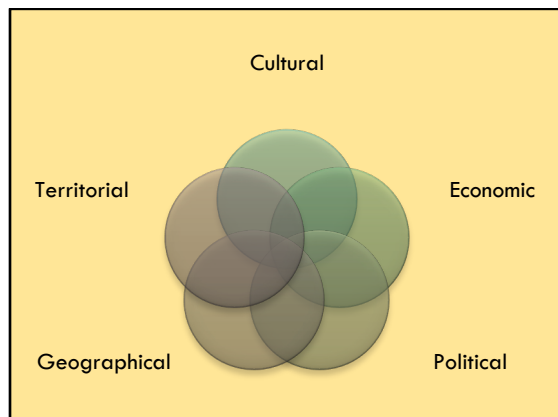


Causes of Piracy

Acts of piracy ranges from simple armed attack to internationally organised crime.

Key Drivers

The underlying causes for the increase in piracy over the last twenty years is considered to fall into five main groups. Not all the groups are the sole domain of the pirate, ship owners, flag and coastal states have also contributed to the problem. Key drivers are economic, geographical, political, territorial and cultural.



In theory if we can eliminate or at least reduce some of these key drivers then it should impact on the problem.

Economics

- Poverty
- Inequality
- Inadequate Training
- Unsafe Manning
- Fatigue

Political

- Instability
- Lack of priority
- Corruption
- Diversity

Geographical

- Complexity
- Bottlenecks
- Chokepoints
- Delta Areas (Nigeria)
- Island Areas (Indonesia)

Territorial

- Jurisdiction
- FoCs
- Enforcement Deficiencies
- Non Compliance
- Prosecution

Cultural

- Religious Instability
- Fundamentalism
- Custom and Practice