



The Effect of Habitat-Destroying Fishing Techniques on Piracy in Proximate Coastal Regions

Current media interest regarding piracy issues generally focuses on the act of piracy itself and maritime industry responses, including international strategies to combat these crimes. The root causes of maritime piracy have received less attention; however, a thorough review of this topic is required for a complete understanding of this ongoing issue. This lecture will explore the casualty between high bycatch, overfishing, and other habitat-destroying fishing techniques and the link to the growth of maritime piracy.

Our speaker **Ed Gardner** has over thirty years in local and federal law enforcement, and recently retired as a Special Agent from the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Serving in assignments across the United States and overseas, including multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria, Gardner has become recognized as a subject matter expert in several forensic disciplines. Most recently, he has provided Maritime Piracy Crime Scene Site Exploitation training to host nations in West Africa, East Africa and the western Indian Ocean, for Interpol. A published author in forensic journals, Gardner has taught and lectured to law enforcement agencies from around the globe.

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