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The UN Security Council has issued ten resolutions dealing specifically with piracy off the coast of Somalia. There has since been a growing concern among international, regional and maritime actors about the potential threats posed by the phenomenon of piracy as long as Somali waters remain in a state of lawlessness. Academics and international maritime actors have analysed the several dimensions of the threat to the global economy and global security that piracy off the Horn of Africa constitutes. However, there is a considerable gap in analysing the implications of piracy within Somalia and the broader local consequences. The present thesis addresses this gap and offers a Somali perspective on the dynamic challenges of piracy. Such analysis will inform the debate on prospects for long-term eradication of Somali piracy and propose pragmatic local solutions to confront the piracy problem within Somalia.

The main body of this thesis is divided into three parts: Part I analyses the political and social context of piracy to understand why it has flourished practically unfettered; Part II investigates its core characteristics to identify internal stakeholders; Part III proposes to re-think the counter-piracy approach to allow Somali people themselves to be at the forefront of tackling and eradicating piracy.
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BMP  Best Management Practice
CMF  Combined Maritime Force
CGPCS Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia
CTF 151 Combined Task Force 151
EEZ  Exclusive Economic Zones
EU  European Union
EUNAVFOR European Union Naval Force Somalia
EUCAP NESTOR EU Maritime Capacity Building Mission in Horn of Africa
EUROPOL European Law Enforcement Organisation
HIIPN Hobyo-Harradherre Piracy Network
ICC-IMB International Chamber Commerce-International Maritime Bureau
ICU Islamic Courts Union
IMO International Maritime Organisation
INTERPOL International Criminal Police Organisation
IRTC Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor
IUUF Illegal Unregulated Unreported Fishing
MARSIC Maritime Security and Safety
MoU Memorandum of Understanding
MSC-HOA Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
PPN Puntland Piracy Network
ROLS UNDP Rule of Law and Security programme
SEMG Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group
SHADE Shared Awareness and De-confliction
TFG Transitional Federal Government
UAE United Arab Emirates
UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UN United Nations
UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
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