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## ABSTRACT

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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

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

<b>UNCLOS</b>	United Nation Convention on the Law of Sea
<b>US</b>	Unites States
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Programme

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