Refugee Protection at Sea

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Mixed Movements by Sea 2014

Over 378,000 took to the sea. Over 4,500 dead/missing

Gulf of Aden
- Over 91,500 arrivals in Yemen
- 246 reported deaths

Europe
- Over 218,000 arrivals
- Over 3,500 estimated deaths

The Caribbean
- Over 5,200 involved in incidents
- 73 casualties/missing

South-East Asia
- Estimated 63,000 departures
- Estimated 750 deaths
½ of those arriving on the Central Mediterranean Route are Persons of Concern to UNHCR

An issue bigger than UNHCR

Strengthened traditional and non-traditional partnerships required
UNHCR Global Initiative on Protection at Sea

- Catalyse and support action to prevent further loss of life
- Ensure comprehensive and protection-sensitive responses
- Develop consensus on rescue-at-sea issues, safe and predictable disembarkation and responsibility sharing.

The High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection at Sea

December 2014, Over 450 participants (governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, academia, shipping industry, other stakeholders)

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Key documents

Selected Reference Materials:


Regional Reports:

• Europe: So Close, Yet So far From Safety, December 2014, http://www.refworld.org/docid/547c31934.html