

# Pirate networks in the Indian Ocean

Some reflections

# The western littoral and the western Indian Ocean



# Segments: the southward and the northward

- The Konkan and a prehistory of piracy
- Kathiawad-Cutch and Sind
- Geographical features
- Political economy of littoral societies

# Who is a pirate?

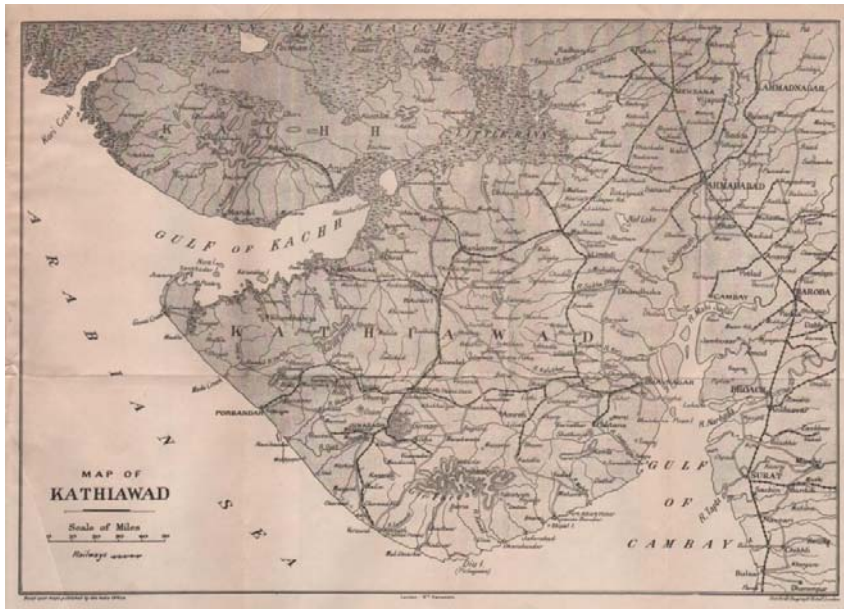
- Problems of definition
- Nature of Piracy and explanation for predation.
- Episodic, structural, systematic?
- Subaltern resistance?

# A historical excursus

- The Portuguese and militarisation of coastal society
- The Angrias and the English in the Konkan
- The shift to the north – the Cooley rovers of Kathiawad and the Juckoos of Cutch

# Political landscape of the Northward

- Urban centres
- Warrior lineages
- Maratha politics
- The Company offensive
- Coastal states and privateers
- States of Okhamandal
- Rise of Bhuj and mandvie
- Circulatory regiiemes of Wadellas and Sanghaners



# Principal Nodes in the Pirates network

## Political

- Okhamandal- Bhavnagar- Junagadh circuit
- Mandvie-Koteseer-Lakhpat (Sind)

## Market

- Mandvie
- Bombay

## Labour Recruitment

- Bombay
- Junagadh
- Mandvie