



**ALL AT SEA:  
RESCUE, INTERCEPTION AND POLICY  
RESPONSES TO MARITIME MIGRATION**

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# Migrants arriving on the island of Lesbos, Greece



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# FIVE CASE STUDIES

- **The Mediterranean**
- **The Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea**
- **The Caribbean**
- **The Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca**
- **The Maritime Approaches to Australia**

# A Disaster in the Mediterranean April, 2015



# Maritime Migration Routes to Europe



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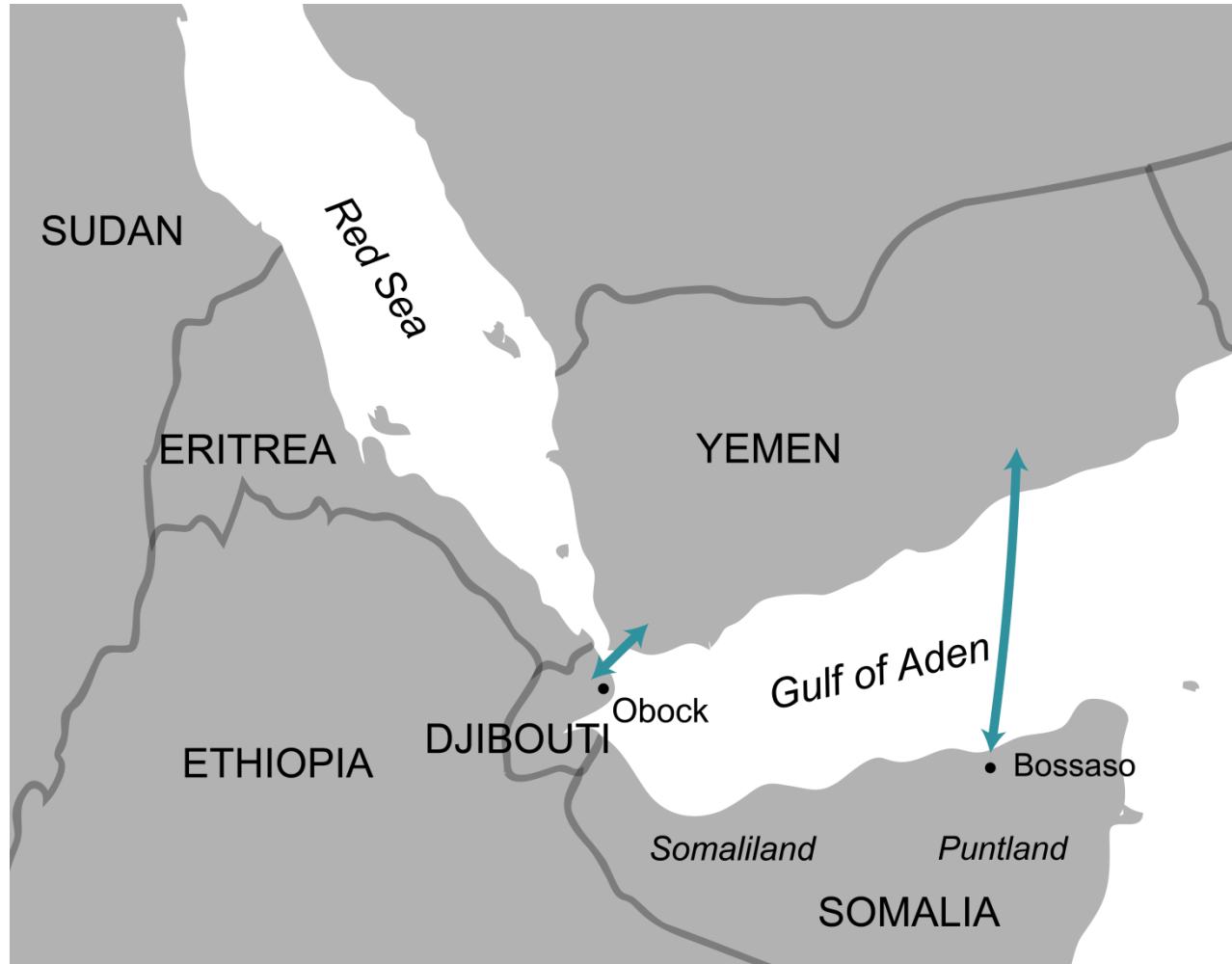




**Skiff carrying 85 Somali and Ethiopian Migrants in the Gulf of Aden, 2010**

Sixty-one were rescued, but 24 were missing or drowned

# Maritime Migration between the Horn of Africa and Yemen



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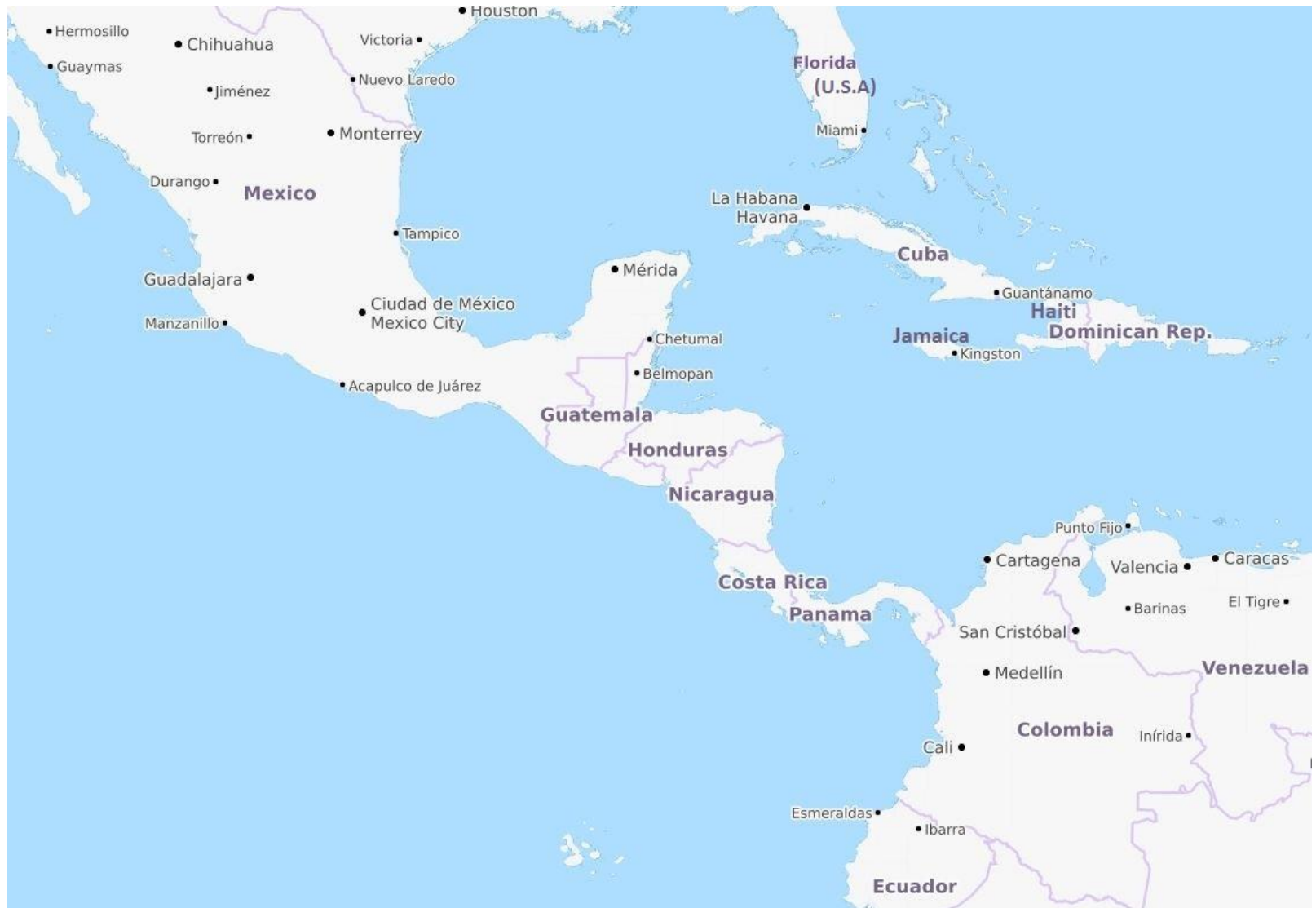
**A sailing boat carrying Haitian migrants in the Caribbean, 2004**





**Cuban migrants converted a 1959  
Buick into a raft, 2004**

# Central America and the Caribbean



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**Migrants packed into an old commercial vessel used by smugglers in the Bay of Bengal**

# Maritime Migration Routes in SE Asia



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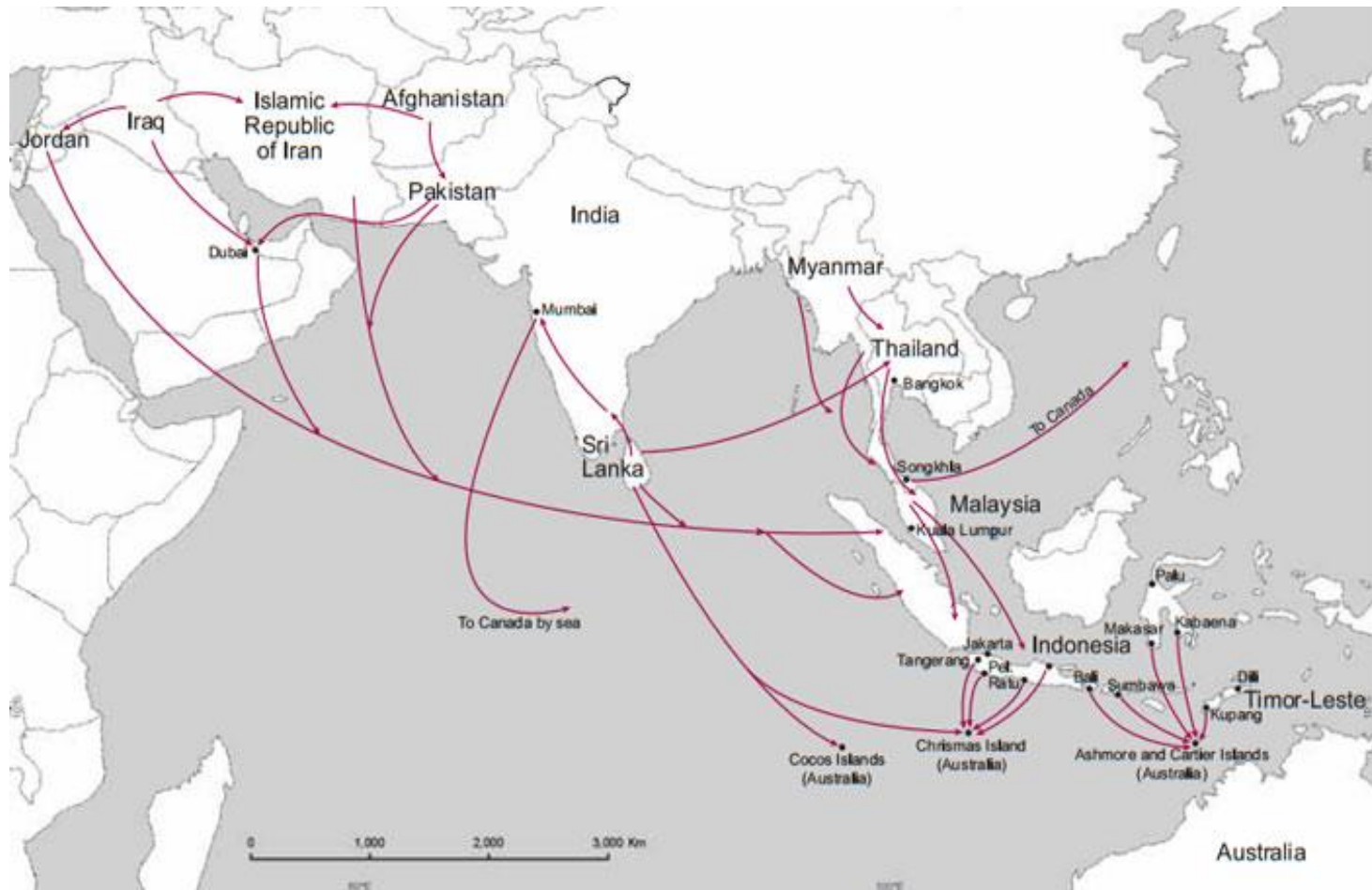


# The Australian Navy prepares to return a migrant boat





# Maritime Smuggling Routes to Australia





# Commonalities

- **Unintended consequences**
- **Engineered helplessness**
- **Blind men and elephants**
- **Squeezing balloons**
- **Wicked problems**



# Policy responses (I)

## RESCUE

- Humanitarian response
- Refugee protection

The pictures of Alan Kurdi's body  
generated a new wave of  
humanitarian polices...but not for long





# Policy Responses (II)

## INTERCEPTION

- Border Protection
- National Security
- Organized Crime



# Zero-tolerance Enforcement





# Migrant detention center on Nauru





# International Cooperation

## (Unilateral

- Only works for remote and/or island states)

## Regional

- European Union
- Southeast Asia
- Caribbean

## International

- Bilateral
- Global



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