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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 31 March 2012 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly committed **in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25 paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and

¹ "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;
- (c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example, dates of release of hijacked ships. Given that the new functionality in GISIS allows for user-defined piracy reports, the Committee agreed that the practice of publishing quarterly summaries was no longer warranted and would be discontinued with effect from May 2011.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,363, an increase of 38 since 29 February 2012.

4 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous 12 months and up to 31 March 2012 being MSC.4/Circ.170, MSC.4/Circ.171, MSC.4/Circ.172, MSC.4/Circ.173, MSC.4/Circ.174, MSC.4/Circ.175, MSC.4/Circ.176, MSC.4/Circ.177, MSC.4/Circ.178, MSC.4/Circ.179, MSC.4/Circ.181 and MSC.4/Circ.182.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.183 ANNEX 1
									Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	GHAZAL HOWLF Dhow Yemen	02/03/2012	EAST AFRICA Around 95 NM South of Mukalla, Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 56.00' N 049° 10.00' E	Armed pirates attacked the dhow underway en route from Mukalla to Socotra Island. They took hostage 6 crew members, hijacked the dhow and sailed the ship towards Somalia.	The pirates took hostage six crew members and hijacked the dhow	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Oman CG & Yemen Coast Guard	-
2	ROYAL GRACE Chemical tanker Panama 4274 8410407	02/03/2012 12:19 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Approx 211 NM ENE of Masirah Island Oman 21° 27.00' N 062° 37.00' E	Armed pirates in a skiff hijacked a tanker underway. The hijackers took hostage 22 crew members and sailed the tanker towards the coast of Somalia.	Tanker hijacked and 22 crew members taken as hostage	-	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Oman CG, Yemen Coast Guard	-
3	V.L.6 Product tanker Thailand 1042 8816998	25/03/2012 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia 01° 50.10' N 104° 28.00' E	15 pirates armed with knives and guns boarded a tanker underway. They chased the duty crew and entered the accommodation. They mustered the crew, tied their hands, entered crew cabins and stole personal effects and escaped after 45 minutes. One crew member was injured in the incident.	Pirates boarded the vessel, took crew hostage and stole crew personal effects	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Putra Jaya.	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

4	NAHAM 3 Fishing vessel Oman 558	26/03/2012	EAST AFRICA 115 NM NE off Hobyo, Indian Ocean Somalia 06° 18.50' N 050° 13.04' E	Fishing vessel reported hijacked and 15 crew members taken hostage. The last known position of the vessel was reported as 06:18.50N – 050:13.04E, around 115 NM NE of Hobyo.	Pirates took hostage 15 crew members and hijacked the vessel	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Indian Coast Guard, Maldives Coast Guard	-
5	EGLANTINE Bulk carrier Bolivia (Plurinational State of) 39424 9193202	26/03/2012 03:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Approx 200 NM SW of Minicoy Island India 07° 00.00' N 069° 45.00' E	Armed pirates hijacked the ship underway. Pirates took hostage 23 crew members and sailed the ship towards the coast of Somalia.	Pirates took hostage 23 crew members and hijacked the ship	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Indian Naval Operations, Maldives Coast Guard	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	OCEAN 6 Barge carrier India 2589	03/02/2012 04:50 LT	ARABIAN SEA Approximately 2.6 nm southeast of Dolphin Lighthouse, Mumbai Anchorage India 18° 53.25' N 072° 52.33' E	While at anchor, approximately seven to eight robbers boarded the ship from a small rubber dinghy and held a duty watchman hostage. The robbers escaped with ship's stores.	Ship's stores were stolen. No crew were injured	The master informed the port authorities. The vessel enhanced security level/measures onboard	Yes Mumbai Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Port authorities alerted the coast guard and local police authorities in Mumbai. A patrol boat was diverted to investigate. VTMS initiated a broadcast to alert ships in the vicinity
2	PUFFIN BULKER Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33045 9441403	05/03/2012 05:50 UTC	Toboneo Anchorage, Borneo	Robbers boarded the forward part of the ship, perhaps via the starboard anchor. Seven to eight robbers were observed on the forecastle. Crew approached them and they jumped into the sea.	2 mooring lines stolen	The master called the agent	No	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	GERMANS Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 31552 8901858	14/03/2012 02:05 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 5.5 NM SW of Patenga light, Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 11.50' N 091° 42.18' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the vessel and escaped with three mooring ropes.	The crew did not sustain any injury	The master reported to Port Authorities	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	A coastguard patrol ship deployed a boarding team and carried out an extensive area search, however, the robbers could not be found
4	TINUS Liberia	15/03/2012 03:15 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 5 NM SSW of Patenga light, Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 09.50' N 091° 44.80' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the ship and escaped with three mooring ropes and two fire hoses	The crew did not sustain any injuries	The master reported to Port Authorities	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	A coastguard patrol ship was diverted to the scene and undertook an extensive search, but the robbers could not be located

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

5	MAPLE EXPRESS Tanker Hong Kong, China 27969 9258351	20/03/2012 03:05 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 5 NM SSW of Patenga light, Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 08.70' N 091° 46.70' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the vessel and escaped with one mooring rope and one messenger line	The crew did not sustain any injuries	The master reported to Port Authorities	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP via ISC ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	A coastguard patrol ship deployed a boarding team and carried out an extensive search, however the robbers could not be located. Coastguard reported the ship had no watchman during this time
6	ANDAKINI Tanker Comoros	22/03/2012 00:03 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 4 NM West of Patenga light, Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 15.70' N 091° 44.55' E	While at anchor, six robbers armed with knives approached the ship from a small wooden boat and escaped with one mooring rope. The incident was reported to the coast guard, who immediately dispatched high speed boats. They caught three robbers and recovered the ship's stores within 2.5 hours	Robbers stole ship's stores. The crew did not sustain any injuries	The master reported to Port Authorities	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCCAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	A coastguard patrol ship was diverted to the scene and carried out an extensive search. They located the boat, apprehended three robbers and recovered the mooring rope

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IN PORT AREA

1	KIMTRANS LAUT Tug Malaysia 270 9398503	29/02/2012 12:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Pulau Batam Indonesia 01° 14.23' N 104° 02.59' E	While the tug boat was towing a barge Toll 3310 from Singapore to Pasir Gudang (Malaysia), eight small boats came alongside the barge. An unknown number of robbers boarded the barge and escaped with some scrap iron. A few boats continued to remain in the vicinity of the tug boat. The crew on the tug boat maintained vigilance and continued the voyage to Pasir Gudang	The robbers escaped with some scrap iron. The crew did not suffer any injuries	The crew on the tug boat maintained vigilance and continued the voyage to Pasir Gudang	Yes POCC Singapore, MSTF Singapore, Singapore VTIS, Singapore Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police, MRCC Putrajaya Malaysia, Royal Malaysia Navy, MPA Singapore & IFC Singapore	Singapore POCC advised all vessels in the vicinity to maintain vigilance and informed MRCC Putra Jaya (Malaysia) and MRCC Jakarta (Indonesia)
2	TEN YOSHI MARU Bulk carrier Panama 32305 9520912	03/03/2012 23:55 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada Anchorage India 17° 02.00' N 082° 25.00' E	While at anchor, 10 robbers armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier from two motor boats via the forecastle. The duty watchman saw the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped in two boats with stolen ship's stores. The master informed the Port Control and the local agent. No injuries or damage to ship	The robbers escaped in two boats with stolen ship's stores. No crew were injured	The master raised the alarm and informed the Port Control and the local agent	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India), PRC relayed message to CG and Navy India	-
3	GEO ENDEAVOUR Supply ship Panama 514 8409927	04/03/2012 20:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Outer Anchorage Ghana 04° 54.00' N 001° 42.50' W	Duty deck crew onboard an anchored offshore supply ship was attacked and injured by a robber armed with a knife. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed. Injured crew member was given first aid. Coast guard and port authorities informed.	The duty deck crew was attacked and sustained injuries	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Coast Guard and Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to RCC Ghana	-
4	MARE ITALICUM Tanker Italy 59611 9346859	08/03/2012 00:35 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Inner Anchorage, Dumai Indonesia 01° 42.00' N 101° 29.00' E	Duty watchman saw one robber climbing using a thin hooked line on the tanker at anchor. The duty A/B informed bridge who raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and the crew mustered. On noticing the crew's alertness, the robber jumped into the water and escaped with two other accomplices waiting in a boat. Nothing was stolen and there were no casualties.	Robber boarded the tanker at anchor	The master raised the alarm and mustered all crew	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police, Indonesian Navy	-

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IN PORT AREA

5	OCEAN AMAZING Bulk carrier Singapore 25967 9162942	11/03/2012 01:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Tanjung Priok Outer Anchorage Indonesia 06° 01.00' S 106° 53.00' E	Two robbers in a fishing boat boarded an anchored bulk carrier during heavy rain. They entered the engine store room. The duty oiler on routine rounds spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with some engine spares. Port control was informed.	The robbers stole some engine spares. No crew were injured	The master raised the alarm and informed Port Control	Yes Indonesian Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police, Indonesian Navy	-
6	SEASON TRADER Refrigerated cargo carrier Philippines 7627 9179402	14/03/2012 01:10 UTC	WEST AFRICA Boma Anchorage Democratic Rep. of the Congo 05° 51.95' S 013° 03.11' E	Ten robbers in two boats boarded the ship while at anchor. They took duty A/B as hostage and attempted to enter the forward cargo hold by breaking the entrance hatch seal. Robbers escaped after 30 minutes with ship's cargo and stores. The A/B was slightly injured after being kicked in the back. Port control was contacted but there was no response.	Robbers boarded the ship, stole ship's property and injured the duty crew	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Congo - Direction Générale de la Marine Marchande and Congo - Ministeres des Transports et Voices de Communication	-
7	MAERSK HARMONY LPG tanker Singapore 18311 9403774	17/03/2012 22:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.00' N 004° 02.00' W	Some robbers boarded an anchored tanker during heavy rain and in between security rounds. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during the next security round by the duty A/B. Port control and ships in the vicinity informed.	The robbers stole ship's stores	The master informed ships in the vicinity and port authorities	Yes Port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Abidjan Port Control, Ivory Coast, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Singapore	-
8	INA-LOTTE Bulk carrier Liberia 23268 9574030	18/03/2012 21:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 18.00' S 116° 47.00' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. They broke into the forward store and stole ship's stores. Duty A/B and 3/E spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their waiting boat. The port authorities were informed.	The robbers stole ship's stores	The master raised the alarm	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy	-

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9	GINGA TIGER Chemical tanker Panama 16232 9278715	22/03/2012 09:35 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Dumai Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 42.00' N 101° 27.00' E	While at anchor, six robbers armed with knives boarded the vessel from the poop deck. On boarding, the robbers held a crew member hostage and entered the accommodation area. The crew member managed to escape and raised the alarm. As the crew was mustered, the robbers escaped with some engine spares.	The ship was not damaged and no crew were injured. The robbers escaped with some engine spares	The master raised the alarm	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Japan	-
10	NORD PRINCESS Product tanker Denmark 24048 9303728	24/03/2012 22:15 LT	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Port Au Prince H- Anchorage Haiti	Two boats approached an anchored product tanker during heavy rain. Duty crew noticed there were two to three armed robbers in each boat and one robber threatened him by waving a hand gun. One of the robbers armed with a machete managed to board the tanker and was seen cutting the mooring rope on the poop deck. OOW raised the alarm and contacted pilot station for assistance. On hearing the alarm, the robber jumped into the water with the stolen stores and escaped by boat. A coast guard boat came to the location and manoeuvred around the tanker. Master heaved up the anchor and proceeded to drift outside the anchorage area.	The robber threatened duty crew with hand gun and escaped with ship's stores	The master raised the alarm and contacted the pilot station for assistance	Yes Pilot station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Embassy The Republic of Haiti, France	A Coast Guard boat came to the location and manoeuvred around the tanker
11	UNIQUE HARMONY Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29411 9609914	25/03/2012 02:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Lubuk Gaung, Dumai Anchorage Indonesia 01° 43.00' N 101° 26.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker. They entered the engine room and stole engine spares before escaping unnoticed. Local agents reported the incident to the authorities.	Stole engine spares	-	Yes Local authorities through agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur. PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police.	-
12	NAME WITHHELD Chemical tanker Denmark 23332	29/03/2012 20:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Beira Port Mozambique 19° 48.00' S 034° 49.70' E	A robber armed with a knife boarded the tanker at berth. The crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm. On seeing crew alertness, the robber escaped with the stolen stores and with another accomplice waiting in the canoe.	Ship's stores were stolen	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Maputo, Mozambique	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	OVERSEAS EQUATORIAL Oil tanker Marshall Islands 156880 9116400	14/02/2012 10:55 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Indian Ocean 08° 53.29' N 075° 58.84' E	Ship was approaching an area congested with fishing vessels. The ship was approached by three skiffs. Armed security fired a warning shot, which caused the skiffs to leave.	-	The master sounded general alarm. The crew mustered to safe room. The accommodation was secured. The security team manned bridge wings and fired a warning shot	No	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ADVANCE VICTORIA Tanker Bahamas 40964 9321160	06/03/2012 07:21 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 14° 20.00' N 052° 34.00' E	While sailing, the ship was pursued by approximately four to six pirates in a skiff. Pirates approached and fired on the ship.	The ship did not sustain any damage and no crew was injured	The armed guards were authorized by the master to fire a warning shot	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	-
3	HATEF Tanker Cyprus 163660 9357183	10/03/2012 08:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea Yemen 12° 32.50' N 043° 26.80' E	One skiff approached and chased a tanker underway. The master raised the alarm, activated anti-piracy measures and contacted an Iranian warship for assistance. On seeing the warship, the pirates aborted the attempted attack.	The pirates chased and attempted to board	The master raised the alarm and activated anti-piracy measures	No	Iran (Islamic Republic of) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Oman CG & Yemen Coast Guard	An Iranian warship assisted in aborting the attempted attack

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

4	ESTELLE MAERSK Container ship Denmark 170794 9321495	11/03/2012 07:15 UTC	EAST AFRICA Socotra Island Yemen 13° 09.00' N 057° 56.00' E	Five pirates in a skiff doing 22 knots chased and fired on a container ship underway at 21 knots. The pirates closed to the port quarter of the ship and fired a RPG towards the bridge. The master increased speed, enforced anti-piracy measures and crew mustered in a safe area. After chasing for about 20 minutes, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away.	The pirates chased and fired on the ship	The master raised the alarm, mustered all crew in a safe area and enforced anti-piracy measures	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Oman CG & Yemen Coast Guard	-
5	AL SAHLA Gas carrier - non- specified Marshall Islands 136355 9360855	11/03/2012 10:00 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Arabian Sea Yemen 14° 05.00' N 052° 03.00' E	While underway, a white hulled boat (appearing to be a fishing vessel) was sighted towing three to four skiffs. CPA was 2.5NM.	-	-	Yes UKMTO, MARLO	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	TRANS CATALONIA Chemical tanker Singapore 13005 9176694	17/03/2012 06:33 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 13° 09.00' N 048° 52.00' E	A skiff was noticed approaching the tanker underway. The D/O raised alarm, informed the master and security team. The master increased speed, altered course and contacted warship for assistance. About five to six pirates armed with guns and RPG in the skiff closed in to four to five cables and fired on the tanker. The onboard armed security team returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. A warship dispatched a helicopter to the location to assist. No injuries to the crew.	The pirates fired upon the tanker. The ship did not sustain any damage and no crew were injured	The master initiated evasive manoeuvres, increased speed, altered course and the armed security team onboard returned fire	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Oman CG & Yemen Coast Guard	A warship dispatched a helicopter to the location

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

7	MSC ANAFI Container ship Liberia 30526 9003304	19/03/2012 03:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 520 NM NE of Mogadishu Somalia 05° 40.00' N 053° 23.00' E	About six pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and fired on the ship underway. The master raised the alarm, increased speed and crew mustered in a safe place. The onboard armed security team returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. No injuries to the crew.	Pirates fired on the ship	The master raised the alarm and increased speed, the crew mustered and the onboard security team returned fire	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	-
8	ALPINE LEGEND Tanker Marshall Islands 50275 9478705	19/03/2012 06:12 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Somalia 04° 00.00' N 051° 35.00' E	Three suspicious boats sighted by radar, in receipt of a message that an attack was previously reported.	-	-	No	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, UKMTO	-
9	ZOUZOU TANKER Tanker Liberia 30075 9412775	22/03/2012 08:25 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 100NM SW off Bonny Island Nigeria 02° 57.20' N 006° 12.45' E	Armed pirates in two boats chased a chemical tanker underway. The master raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and instructed the crew to proceed to the safe room. Nearby US warship responded to the alert and offered assistance. Later, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away. All crew reported safe.	-	The master raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert, and instructed the crew to proceed to the safe room	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to RCC Lagos, Nigerian Navy	Nearby US warship responded to the alert and offered assistance

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

10	ANDINET General cargo ship Ethiopia 11731 8318544	23/03/2012 17:20 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Around 220 NM East of Sur Oman 22° 37.50' N 063° 31.80' E	The master onboard the ship noticed three skiffs approaching at high speed. The skiffs were observed following the ship as she altered course to move away. Seeing this, the master alerted the security team, who fired warning shots when the skiffs were observed 15-20 feet away from the ship. Afterwards, the skiffs moved away.	-	The master altered course and the security team fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	Maritime Affairs Authority of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Oman Coast Guard & Indian Coast Guard HQ	-
11	COSMIC JEWEL Tanker Liberia 163720 9133850	24/03/2012 11:00 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Approx 175 NM ESE of Ras Al Hadd Oman 20° 49.00' N 062° 27.00' E	The duty officer onboard the tanker underway noticed a suspected pirate mothership at a distance of 6NM. At a distance of 4NM the mothership was noticed launching a skiff. The master alerted the onboard security team. The skiff approached the tanker at a speed of around 25-30 knots. The master raised the alarm, sent a distress message and altered course. As the skiff closed to around 1 km, the onboard security team launched a rocket flare and fired two warning shots, resulting in the skiffs stopping and moving towards the tanker's stern. The skiff with six to seven pirates maintained a distance of 1NM and continued to chase the tanker. Only when the armed security team fired more warning shots did the skiff stop, abort the attack and return to the mothership. A warship responded to the distress message and sent a surveillance aircraft to the location.	-	The master raised the alarm, altered course, sent a distress message and the security team launched a rocket flare and fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Oman Coast Guard, Indian Coast Guard HQ	A warship responded to the distress message and sent a surveillance aircraft to the location

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12	BLUE DIAMOND Bulk carrier Liberia 32578 9330654	25/03/2012 13:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 170 NM NE of Socotra Island Yemen 14° 18.50' N 056° 49.20' E	Two skiffs approached the ship underway. As the skiffs closed in, the onboard security team fired warning shots. At a distance of around 0.8NM one skiff fired a RPG towards the ship. The security team returned fire, resulting in the skiffs aborting and moving away.	The pirates fired a RPG towards the ship	The master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and the onboard security team fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Oman Coast Guard & Indian Coast Guard HQ	-
13	LR2 POLARIS Tanker Hong Kong, China 59172 9378620	26/03/2012 02:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 370 NM West of Victoria Seychelles 05° 21.00' S 049° 18.00' E	Four armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired 30 rounds on the tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti-piracy measures and the onboard security team returned fire, resulting in the skiff aborting the attack and moving away. The crew and ship were safe.	The pirates fired on the tanker	The master raised the alarm and the onboard security team returned fire	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, MRCC Capt Town, MRCC Dar Es Salaam, MRCC Kenya, MRCC Mozambique, Madagascar Maritime Operations Centre & Seychelles Coast Guard	-

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14	ALEX CHALLENGER Research ship Panama 878 8131386	26/03/2012 21:55 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx 370 NM NE of Socotra Island Yemen 16° 32.00' N 059° 25.00' E	A research vessel underway was approached by armed pirates in a speed boat. At a distance of 0.5NM the onboard security team fired warning shots, resulting in the pirates aborting and moving away. The crew and ship were safe.	-	The onboard security team fired warning shots	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard	-
15	CARPATHIA Container ship Liberia 27779 9253038	27/03/2012 12:10 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Around 20 Nm SW of Kollam India 08° 30.60' N 076° 31.80' E	While underway a container ship noticed around seven skiffs off the starboard bow. A dhow was also noticed approximately 1NM from the skiffs. As the ship approached, five skiffs crossed to the port side. One skiff each from the port and starboard sides were seen approaching the ship. Alarm was raised and security guards alerted. As the skiffs closed to approximately 700 metres from the ship, the security guards fired warning flares and showed their weapons resulting in the skiffs stopping. The skiffs were observed to follow the ship for nearly 1NM before aborting. The suspected pirates appeared to have binoculars.	Ship approached by skiffs	The master raised the alarm, increased speed, crew members mustered and security team posted	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur; PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	SP ATLANTA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 5256 9498951	07/03/2012 10:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx 5.8NM off Port Harcourt, fairway buoy Nigeria 04° 12.50' N 006° 54.60' E	Seven heavily armed persons in a speed boat approached a chemical tanker underway. The tanker raised the alarm, increased speed and set course away from land. The armed naval guards onboard the vessel made their presence known. Later, the persons in the speed boat aborted the attempted attack and moved away.	-	The master raised the alarm, increased speed and set course away from land. The armed naval guards onboard the vessel made their presence known	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to RCC Lagos, Nigerian Navy	-
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