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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 piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> 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 30 November 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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)."

<sup>2</sup> "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."

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 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 6,550, an increase of 22 since 31 October 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 twelve months and up to 30 November 2012 being MSC.4/Circ.178, MSC.4/Circ.179, MSC.4/Circ.181, MSC.4/Circ.182, MSC.4/Circ.183, MSC.4/Circ.184, MSC.4/Circ.185, MSC.4/Circ.186, MSC.4/Circ.187, MSC.4/Circ.188, MSC.4/Circ.189, and MSC.4/Circ.190.

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**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.191 ANNEX 1
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	HIGHLINE 66 Tug Malaysia 281 9492969	06/11/2012 19:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 58 nm South of Pulau Airabu, Anambas Islands, Indonesia 01° 44.58' N 106° 11.42' E	Ten pirates armed with long knives boarded the tugboat towing a barge sailing from Port Klang to Kuching. The pirates assaulted one of the crew members, stole crew members' personal belongings, the ship's cash and documents and certificates and then escaped. The incident was reported to the owners and the master lodged a police report on arrival at Kuching, Malaysia, on 08.11.2012.	The pirates boarded the tug and barge, assaulted one of the crew, stole the crew's cash and personal belongings, as well as the ship's documents and certificates	-	Yes Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency and Royal Malaysian Police, Kuching, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ZAFIRAH Tanker Malaysia 496 9016387	18/11/2012 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia Malaysia 03° 17.02' N 109° 05.38' E	A gang of 11 pirates boarded and hijacked the laden tanker sailing from Pasir Gudang to Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. The crew were set adrift in a life raft and the tanker was diverted towards Vietnam. When the owners could not get in touch with the tanker, they contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre which immediately relayed the message to all authorities in the vicinity and broadcast the message to all ships in the area. The IMB PRC then liaised with the owners and the Vietnamese and Malaysian authorities. The Vietnamese Marine Police intercepted the tanker, detained all the pirates and escorted the tanker to a port for further investigation. The crew of the tanker were rescued by passing fishing vessels and safely landed ashore at Vung Tau.	Pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker and set crew adrift in a life raft	-	Yes Malaysian Police and Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Vietnamese Marine Police intercepted the tanker and detained all the pirates. They escorted the tanker to a port for further investigations
3	HISPANIC G Bulk carrier Italy 51255 9457842	28/11/2012 04:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 18.52' S 117° 40.00' E	Pirates armed with long knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier. Duty watchman noticed the pirates who threatened him with a long knife and warned him not to approach any closer. The duty watchman alerted the chief officer who raised the alarm and alerted the crew. On seeing the alert crew, the pirates escaped with the ship's stores.	Ship's stores were stolen and crew members were threatened	The chief officer raised the alarm and the crew were alerted	Yes Port Authority of Samarinda, Indonesia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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## IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	YUNITA Tanker Singapore 1893 9257242	11/11/2012 02:00	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 2 nm south of Pulau Mungging Light, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 19.42' N 104° 17.85' E	While at anchor, eight robbers armed with long knives and pistols boarded the tanker. On boarding, the robbers forced the crew to pump out 80 MT of the marine gas oil cargo and seized the crew's personal belongings.	The crew did not sustain any injuries but were robbed of their personal belongings	-	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC Singapore	-
2	MADELEINE Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 4454 9196943	13/11/2012 20:40 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Guayaquil, Ecuador Ecuador 02° 31.20' S 080° 05.20' W	10-12 robbers armed with guns and knives in two boats approached and came alongside the ship underway during a river passage. The robbers boarded the ship, tied up the shore security guard and broke into four containers on deck.	Robbers managed to steal the shore security guard's personal property and some cargo from the containers before they escaped	Duty crew at aft station noticed the boats and reported to the Master on the bridge who raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and mustered all crew inside the accommodation	Yes Pilot reported the incident to Guayaquil Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	HUA AN Tug Liberia 2057 7522136	30/11/2012 01:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 12nm North of Bintan Island, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 26.24' N 104° 34.05' E	Nine robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored tug from astern and took hostage the duty watchman. The robbers then went to the bridge and stole the crew's cash and personal belongings, as well as the ship's navigational equipment and escaped. During the incident, two crew members were slightly injured.	Robbers took hostage the duty crew, stole the ship's navigational equipment and the crew's cash and personal belongings	-	Yes The Master reported to IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who relayed the message to the Information Fusion Centre of the Singapore Navy, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency, Putrajaya; Bakorkamla, Indonesia Navy HQ and Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ALIOTH Container ship Singapore 16162 9339600	30/11/2012 03:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Guayaquil River, abeam to buoy no 62, Ecuador Ecuador 02° 23.80' S 080° 01.40' W	While sailing, the ship was boarded by five robbers armed with guns. The ship raised the alarm and notified Ecuadorian authorities. The crew also heard firing of gunshots before the robbers left the container ship.	No items were stolen and the crew was not injured	All crew mustered, sounded the alarm and reported to Ecuador port authorities	No	ReCAAP Focal Point Singapore	-

## IN PORT AREA

1	VISHVA NIDHI Bulk carrier India 33170 9464742	02/11/2012 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 41.80' S 116° 38.10' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship unnoticed and stole the ship's stores from the forward store and escaped. The theft was noticed while handing over watch and was reported to the authorities.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	The master raised the alarm	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	WESTERDICK Container ship Liberia 32060 9316361	03/11/2012 21:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 06° 00.40' S 106° 54.60' E	Four robbers in a small boat approached the stern of the anchored container ship. One robber boarded the ship using a hook attached to a rope while the other three robbers remained in their boat. Deck watchmen spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robber escaped empty-handed.	-	The master raised the alarm	Yes Coast Guard, Harbour Master	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	OVERSEAS JADEMAR Product tanker Marshall Islands 40343 9232606	11/11/2012 05:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Talara Anchorage, Peru Peru 04° 34.16' S 081° 19.18' W	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored tanker. When they were spotted, they jumped overboard with the stolen stores and escaped with three more accomplices waiting in a boat.	The crew did not sustain any injuries. The robbers escaped with the ship's stores	The master raised the alarm and mustered all crew	Yes Talara Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	MOOR Tanker Singapore 8450 9359595	16/11/2012 01:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Nipahlarangan, Belawan, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.90' N 098° 48.40' E	Three robbers armed with knives and iron bars boarded the anchored tanker. They stole the ship's stores and escaped.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	The master raised the alarm, the crew mustered and contacted port authorities	Yes Port Authority of Belawan, Indonesia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	JBU SCHELDE LPG tanker Panama 9735 9374911	16/11/2012 15:30 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 10° 19.00' N 075° 31.42' W	Robbers boarded the anchored LPG tanker and stole the ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the ship's crew during routine day work.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	The master raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Cartagena Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	CPO NORWAY Product tanker United Kingdom 23353 9353113	20/11/2012 12:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) San Pedro de Macoris Port, Dominican Republic Dominican Republic	Robbers boarded the berthed product tanker unnoticed. They stole the ship's property and escaped. The theft was noticed by crew doing a routine ship search after departure.	Robbers stole the ship's property	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	APJ KAIS Bulk carrier India 32957 9491381	21/11/2012 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.92' S 116° 38.04' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship loading from a barge. The robbers attacked and tied up the bosun who was on his routine rounds at the forecastle. They stole the bosun's personal effects, broke into and stole the ship's stores from the forward locker. The robbers were noticed by the Master and crew on the bridge who raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping.	Robbers tied up the bosun, stole the ship's stores and the bosun's personal effects	The Master raised the alarm and the crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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8	CMB MAXIME Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32296 9425875	21/11/2012 22:23 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA East Cargo Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia Indonesia 06° 01.00' S 106° 55.00' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship via the poop deck. They attacked and took hostage the duty A/B and stole engine spares. When the A/B failed to respond to the radio calls, the duty officer raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping.	Robbers took hostage the duty A/B and stole engine spares	Alarm was raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	FREJA ANDROMEDA Chemical tanker United Kingdom 30241 9461661	25/11/2012 05:10 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 10° 18.40' N 075° 33.60' W	Robbers boarded the anchored tanker, stole the ship's stores from the forward store and escaped unnoticed. The crew on duty noticed the theft and reported the incident to the Port Control and Coast Guard.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	The Master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	TORM HELVIG Chemical tanker Denmark 30018 9288021	27/11/2012 19:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.90' N 098° 45.80' E	Four armed robbers boarded the anchored chemical tanker via the anchor chain. They attempted to attack the duty A/B who managed to escape and informed the OOW. By the time the crew mustered, the robbers had escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Attempts to contact and report the incident to port authority were unsuccessful. All crew were safe.	The robbers stole the ship's stores	The crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	KASUGTA Chemical tanker Liberia 11580 9286542	29/11/2012 22:35 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 06° 01.50' S 106° 54.00' E	Three robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Robbers were sighted on poop deck, the alarm was raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. All crew were safe.	The robbers stole the ship's stores	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authority but received no response	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	PECOS Tanker Marshall Islands 81341 9594743	30/11/2012 01:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Cochin Outer Anchorage, India India 10° 00.00' N 076° 03.00' E	Three robbers in a wooden boat approached and boarded the anchored tanker. They broke into the forecastle store and stole the stores. Duty crew heard some noises in the fore peak store, checked and found the door's lock broken and informed OOW who raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Coast Guard and Port Control were informed.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	The Master raised the alarm and the crew mustered	Yes Indian Coast Guard and Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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**ANNEX 2**  
**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by**  
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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	ZHU JIANG Tanker Singapore 30964 9428865	01/11/2012 08:45	EAST AFRICA Red Sea Saudi Arabia 16° 35.80' N 041° 28.50' E	While sailing, the tanker was pursued by a suspect boat with three armed robbers onboard. The high speed boat closed in on the tanker and the robbers discharged their weapons.	The crew did not sustain any injuries	The Master increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres and successfully evaded the pursuit	No	ReCAAP ISC Singapore	-
2	SEA CHALLENGER Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9322114	22/11/2012 08:50	ARABIAN SEA Gulf of Oman Oman 24° 49.00' N 061° 16.50' E	Attackers from small boat attempted to embark the ship.	-	-	Yes UKMTO	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Presence of naval vessel averted the attack

**IN PORT AREA**

1	ATLANTIC LILY Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29266 9354894	30/11/2012 22:50 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lome Anchorage, Togo Togo 06° 02.30' N 001° 18.30' E	Four robbers in a blue and white coloured skiff approached the anchored tanker. Armed guards onboard the tanker found the actions of the skiff aggressive and fired a warning shot. The skiff aborted the approach and moved away. The Master attempted to contact the Togo Navy but was unsuccessful. At 2305 UTC, the skiff, along with three similar skiffs, approached the tanker at high speed from the bow, mid-ship and stern. The armed guards fired two warning shots in the air which were ignored by the skiffs. The skiffs closed to the ship side and then moved along the ship side towards the stern. Only when the armed team fired more warning shots did the skiffs move away. The Master heaved up the anchor and sailed further away from the anchorage area to drift. At 2320 UTC, the Togo Navy responded and the master reported the incident to the navy.	-	-	Yes Togo Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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