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## REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

### Issued monthly – Acts reported during January 2013

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 31 January 2013 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

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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."

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.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,593, an increase of 24 since 31 December 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 January 2013 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.190, MSC.4/Circ.191 and MSC.4/Circ.192.

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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	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.194 ANNEX
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	DE HUI Tug China 4024 9609328	08/01/2013 17:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 11.50' N 103° 37.80' E	A speedboat with five pirates wearing camouflage uniforms approached the tug. Two pirates boarded the tug and took hostage the duty Bosun and held him face down at knife point. Master raised the alarm and all crew mustered. Seeing the alert crew, the pirates left the tug without stealing anything.	Two pirates boarded the tug and took hostage the duty Bosun and held him face down at knife point	Master raised the alarm and all crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ITRI Product tanker Panama 4094 8914192	16/01/2013 22:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast Côte d'Ivoire	Pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker and sailed her to an unknown location. They stole her cargo. The 16 crew members and tanker were released unharmed on the 22.01.2013. The vessel proceeded to Lagos port.	Pirates hijacked the tanker and took 16 crew hostage and stole the tanker's cargo	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MANYPLUS 12 Tug Malaysia 198 8996671	24/01/2013 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 20nm WNW of Pulau Merunding, Indonesia Indonesia 02° 08.33' N 108° 45.34' E	An unknown number of pirates from a fast moving fishing boat boarded a barge being towed by a tug. They forced open and stole goods from the containers on the barge and escaped.	Goods from containers stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HIGHLINE 22 Barge carrier Malaysia 2983	24/01/2013 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 20nm WNW of Pulau Merunding, Indonesia Indonesia 02° 08.33' N 108° 45.34' E	An unknown number of pirates from a fast moving fishing boat boarded a barge being towed by a tug. They forced open and stole goods from the containers on the barge and escaped.	Goods from containers stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	JADE SKY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 18011 8319548	03/01/2013 04:00 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla, India, Outer Anchorage India 22° 49.00' S 070° 03.00' E	Ship was boarded by robbers, while anchored at Kandla Outer Anchorage. The robbers broke into the forecandle, stole the vessel's stores and escaped unnoticed.	-	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	HAIYANGSHIYOU Barge carrier China 46471	08/01/2013 23:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 11.50' N 103° 37.80' E	About six robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded the barge under tow, stole barge properties and escaped.	Robbers boarded and stole barge properties	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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## IN PORT AREA

1	HISTRIA PRINCE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 25864 9436666	04/01/2013 22:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jetty No. 5C, Balikpapan Port, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 16.00' S 116° 49.00' E	Four robbers approached the tanker at berth while engaged in loading operations. One of the robbers boarded the tanker by climbing the forward fire wire, stole the ship's property and escaped. The incident was reported to the local agent and port authorities.	Ship's property were stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CANARY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 3777 9441271	07/01/2013 20:00 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Port Chittagong, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 17.50' N 091° 44.20' E	Robbers climbed the forecandle using rope with hook, while one boat drew crew watchman's attention to other side. Robbers struck the watchman on the back of the head and tied him up. The watchman had not had time to sound alarm. Fifteen to 17 robbers armed with long knives with broad blades (machetes) penetrated the forecandle. Ch/O and Bosun were attacked and tied up between No. 1 cargo hold and the forecandle. They were unable to sound the alarm. Other crew could not see due to open hatch cover of cargo hold. Robbers broke locks of forecandle and paint room and stole ship stores.	-	Robbers were detected by second ship's security watchman. Watchman immediately informed officer on watch and Master. Master raised alarm, called Chittagong Coast Guard, Chittagong Port Control and informed them about piracy attack. Crew switched on additional deck light, closed all doors of accommodations, parts of crew armed by special security sticks pushed to forecandle. Robbers left from vessel seeing actions of crew.	Yes Chittagong Coast Guard, Chittagong Port Control	Marshall Islands , ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CONISTON LPG tanker Bahamas 3847 9015759	09/01/2013 09:20 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) LPG berth, Guyana Guyana	Two robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the berthed LPG tanker from the waterside by using a grappling hook. They took the C/O and shore security guard hostage and proceeded to the master's cabin and stole the ship's cash and escaped. No injury to crew.	Two crew members were taken hostage, stole the ship's cash	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HUA HENG 167 Bulk carrier  32965 9604603	12/01/2013 01:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 11.10' S 116° 46.70' E	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and rushed to the forecandle. On seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed in their speed boat.	Robbers boarded the ship but escaped empty handed	Raised the alarm and crew rushed to the forecandle	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China)	-

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5	HELLESPONT CRUSADER Oil tanker Marshall Islands 90391 9436410	13/01/2013 18:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Buenaventura port, No. 3 inner anchorage Colombia 03° 52.00' N 077° 06.00' W	Duty A/B went inside to get his rain suit for security watch. After coming out and making security rounds, he found out that the fwd life raft was missing, including the portable CO2 fire extinguishers. During that time, it was observed that there were some small boats nearby the vicinity posing as fishing vessels. Duty A/B immediately reported to the Duty Officer on watch regarding the missing items. Master was informed accordingly regarding the incident. Prior arrival Buenaventura Port Control advised that incidents of robbery had been reported in the inner anchorage.	-	When vessel arrived at the inner anchorage, piracy watches were strictly observed and carried out from sundown to sunset by assigned duty deck crew (double watches.) Hourly reporting carried out by the duty deck crew to Port Control via VHF Ch. 16 regarding the vessel's security status at the anchorage	Yes Buenaventua Port Control	Marshall Islands , ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	GRAND Container ship Malta 9601 8901925	15/01/2013 00:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, Congo Congo 04° 43.90' S 011° 46.70' E	Two robbers armed with knives disguised as fishermen boarded the anchored container ship. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty-handed in their boat. Port control contacted but received no response.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	DIANA BOLTEN Bulk carrier Liberia 23264 9574042	16/01/2013 03:00	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 17.05' N 091° 43.35' E	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier via the anchor chain during cargo operations. 2nd Mate noticed the robbers and asked the deck watchman to check. While approaching the forecandle, the deck watchman was threatened by three robbers. The Master ordered the crew to enter inside the accommodation and lock the access. 2nd Mate directed the spotlight towards the robbers who escaped through the anchor chain. On inspection, it was found that the ship's properties were stolen. Port Control and the Coast Guard were informed. Navy and Coast Guard patrol vessels came to the location and searched for the robbers.	Robbers boarded and stole the ships's properties	Coast Guard and Navy patrol boats were deployed to the area	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard and Navy patrol boats were deployed to the area

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8	CAPE DURANGO Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 4097 9449467	16/01/2013 12:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 56.30' N 098° 47.00' E	Through the anchor chain, robbers passed the steel plates covering the hawse pipe, broke into one deck house and stole the ship's property.	-	All entries closed and padlocked – one way of ingress/egress to/from ship and patrols on deck	Yes Belawan Port Authorities	Marshall Islands , ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police conducted investigation
9	TORM OHIO Tanker Denmark 23235 9234678	17/01/2013 23:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 22.00' S 116° 56.40' E	Two robbers boarded the anchored tanker awaiting arrival of the pilot. OOW on bridge raised the alarm and sounded the fog horn upon noticing some movements at the forecandle deck. On hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On investigation, it was found that the forward rope hatch lock was broken and ship's stores stolen. Incident reported to port authority via local agent.	Robbers broke the forward rope hatch lock and stole ship's stores	OOW raised the alarm and sounded the fog horn	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP Focal Point (Denmark)	-
10	SIVA MUMBAI Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 19968 9565637	22/01/2013 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.30' N 101° 29.20' E	Robbers boarded the anchored tanker, stole engine spares and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered after departure from the port during maintenance work for generator engine. Some footprints were discovered on the floor.	Robbers stole engine spares	-	Yes Port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
11	OVERSEAS PEARLMAR Tanker Marshall Islands 40343 9232591	23/01/2013 06:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) MBM Terminal, Talara Port, Peru Peru	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker and escaped with ship's stores unnoticed. An investigation revealed that the robbers boarded via the hawse pipe by dismantling the anchor chain metal guard and then forced their way into the forecandle store by breaking the watertight door padlock hinge. The incident was reported to the authorities.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	-	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	CHAMPION TRUST Chemical tanker Norway 26218 9080493	27/01/2013 02:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Godavari Pt., Kakinada Anchorage, India India 17° 01.50' N 082° 24.80' E	While at anchor, the OOW saw some robbers at the bow during his routine deck patrol. He informed the Master immediately and sounded the general alarm. As the robbers were armed with long knives, the crew did not pursue when the robbers escaped with two ship's mooring lines.	No crew were injured. Two mooring lines were stolen	The general alarm was raised. Informed the agent and company informed all vessels at vicinity/ anchorage	Yes Port authorities	ReCAAP ISC via Focal Point (India)	Kakinada Port Control informed Kakinada Pilot Station

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13	BW YANGTZE Product tanker Singapore 43797 9393096	29/01/2013 00:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Haldia Anchorage, India  India 20° 56.60' N 088° 10.10' E	Robbers armed with knives and a gun boarded the product tanker at anchor and started lowering mooring ropes. OOW spotted the robbers and immediately raised the alarm and informed the Master. The robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. VTIS and Coast Guard were informed.	Stole mooring ropes	Raised the alarm, crew mustered	Yes VITS and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur  ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
14	DAMACO FRANZIA Refrigerated cargo carrier Liberia 5476 8813623	31/01/2013 04:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Nouadhibou Anchorage, Mauritania Mauritania 20° 53.10' N 016° 59.70' E	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship while the remaining six robbers remained in the boat. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty-handed. Port control was contacted but no response was received.	-	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	AAL NANJING General cargo ship Singapore 14053 9521552	31/01/2013 13:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila South Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines Philippines 14° 33.00' N 120° 54.80' E	Three robbers in a boat approached and boarded the anchored general cargo ship. Alert crew saw the robbers near the forecastle store and raised alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen ship stores. Incident reported to VTMS and Coast Guard who advised to double watches and maintain proper look out.	Stole ship's stores	Raised alarm, crew alerted	Yes Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur  ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Port State Control team boarded the ship on receiving the information about the incident

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

1	MSC JASMINE Container ship Panama 31430 8420907	05/01/2013 11:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 400 nm ENE of Mogadishu, Somalia Somalia 03° 07.20' N 051° 51.10' E	Six pirates in a skiff chased and fired on the ship using automatic weapons and RPG. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered in the citadel and armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. A warship and a naval helicopter were dispatched to the location. Crew and the ship are safe.	Pirates fired on the ship	Raised the alarm, crew mustered in citadel and the armed security team fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A helicopter and a warship were despatched to the location
2	OLIVIA II Tanker Liberia 10298 9156486	31/01/2013 20:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 45nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 46.30' N 005° 49.10' E	A tanker under way noticed three skiffs approaching her at high speed. A suspected mother vessel was observed on radar at a distance of around 1.2nm. As the skiffs closed in, the duty officer raised alarm and non essential crew mustered in the citadel. The tanker commenced evasive manoeuvres and headed towards a nearby oil terminal to seek assistance from the naval guard vessels. A further two skiffs were noticed approaching the tanker and all skiffs fired towards the bridge and accommodation. A RPG was also fired but missed the tanker. The attack lasted for nearly one hour before the skiffs broke off. Crew safe but the tanker sustained some damages due to the firing.	The skiffs chased and fired on the tanker causing some damages to the tanker	The duty officer raised alarm and non essential crew mustered in the citadel. The tanker commenced evasive manoeuvres and headed towards a nearby oil terminal to seek assistance from the naval vessels	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	RICKMERS ANTWERP Multi purpose ship Marshall Islands 90152 9253143	27/01/2013 11:40 UTC	ARABIAN SEA  Oman 20° 26.22' N 059° 23.14' E	Vessel was transiting on a course of 340° at 17.8 knots when three suspicious skiffs approached at a speed of 30 knots, bearing of 100°. Two of the skiffs turned to port and proceeded behind the vessel, the other skiff turned to starboard and closed in. The onboard security team then fired 3 red parachute flares in the direction of the skiff. On the 3rd flare the skiff turned hard to starboard and reduced speed. The vessel continued the journey without further being pursued.	-	When the skiff approached within 1.2 cables the ship's horn was sounded and the onboard security team tried to contact the skiff by VHF but the skiff did not alter course and maintained speed. The onboard security team then fired 3 red parachute flares in the direction of the skiff	No	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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