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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 30 June 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.

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."

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.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,727, an increase of 23 since 31 May 2013.

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 May 2013 being MSC.4/Circ.186, MSC.4/Circ.187, MSC.4/Circ.188, MSC.4/Circ.189, MSC.4/Circ.190, MSC.4/Circ.191, MSC.4/Circ.192, MSC.4/Circ.194, MSC.4/Circ.195, MSC.4/Circ.196, MSC.4/Circ.197 and MSC.4/Circ.198.

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.199 ANNEX 1	
									Coastal State Action Taken	
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	BOURBON ARETHUSE Supply ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1969 9344227	04/06/2013 23:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Usari Field, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 14.90' N 007° 45.70' E	Pirates boarded the ship while on standby duties. Seeing the pirates, the crew raised the alarm, retreated into the citadel, alerted other ships and the shore-based office by VHF and waited until the pirates had left. On investigation it was found that ship's and crew belongings had been stolen. All crew were safe.	Pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's property and crew's belongings	Raised the alarm, alerted other ships and mustered all crew into citadel	Yes Shore-based office	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-	
2	SHAHE FAIZE NOORI Dhow India 764	05/06/2013 05:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 20nm North of Bosasso, Gulf of Aden Somalia 11° 36.00' N 049° 15.00' E	The dhow was hijacked and 14 crew members were taken hostage. Later the pirates released the dhow. The crew and dhow proceeded to a safe port.	The dhow was hijacked and 14 crew were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-	

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	PU2417 Tug Singapore 288 9570527	09/06/2013 20:15	SOUTH CHINA SEA About 6nm off Trengganu Malaysia 04° 18.00' N 103° 36.00' E	While underway from Thailand to Indonesia, six robbers armed with guns and choppers boarded the tug boat and forced the crew to pump out fuel oil from the tug boat to an unknown fishing boat. The robbers also took crew's belongings before leaving the tug boat. The ships continued passage to Indonesia.	None of the crew was injured. Fuel oil from the tug boat and crew's personal belongings were taken	-	Yes Coastal and flag states	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ADOUR Chemical tanker France 8602 9256652	13/06/2013 02:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Lome anchorage, Togo Togo 06° 01.00' N 001° 18.00' E	Armed robbers boarded the anchored chemical tanker and took the duty officer hostage in the Master's cabin. When the Master opened the cabin door, the robbers hit the Master in the face and ordered him to muster the crew on the bridge. Once the crew were mustered on the bridge, one of the robbers beat the crew and broke a glass on one of the crew's head. The robbers also fired their weapons in the air. The robbers asked the Master and the C/O about the cargo in the tanks and when the Master replied that the ship was in ballast, the robbers again beat the Master and asked him to weigh anchor and proceed South. At around 0315 LT, the robbers' speed boat returned with more people. At around 0500 LT, the tanker sailed towards Lagos and the robbers appeared to be negotiating on the satellite phone. They then ordered the Master to use the tanker to approach other ships in the area and asked the crew to make a ladder to facilitate the boarding. On 16.06.2013, on seeing a warship, the robbers took two crew members and disembarked from the tanker on to the rescue boat taking ship's cash, crew cash and personal belongings. The crew were released later.	Three crew members were injured during the incident	-	Yes Incident reported to Togo and French authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KING RIVER Product tanker Malaysia 378 8660167	17/06/2013 19:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 8nm WNM of Lutong, Sarawak Malaysia 04° 31.00' N 113° 52.00' E	About 8 to 10 robbers armed with long knives in a speed boat approached and boarded the product tanker underway. The robbers were aggressive and beat some of the crew and tied their hands. The Master's left palm was severely cut while the C/O and C/Eng also suffered minor cuts. The robbers cut the communication cables and ransacked the bridge and accommodation. They stole crew and ship's property and cash before leaving the ship after an hour. The ship diverted to Miri port to obtain medical assistance for the injured crew. A police report was lodged.	Crew and ship's property and cash were stolen. Four crew members injured. VHF communication cables were cut off	-	Yes Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MMEA Putra Jaya, MMEA Sarawak and the Royal Malaysian Navy

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IN PORT AREA

1	ESHIPS LIWA Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29266 9374284	01/06/2013 21:55 LT	EAST AFRICA Beira Port, Mozambique Mozambique	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at berth during cargo operations using the forward fire wire. Alert shore and deck watchmen and agents noticed them and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping via the anchor chain. Nothing was stolen. Port authorities and local police were notified.	Robbers boarded the tanker at berth	Raised the alarm and alerted ships in the vicinity	Yes Local police via agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	Local police boarded the tanker for investigation
2	RHINO Chemical tanker Singapore 25432 9444508	03/06/2013	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 16.50' N 003° 20.70' E	Unknown number of robbers attempted to board the anchored ship through the hawse pipe via chain locker and exchanged gunshots with the Nigerian naval personnel onboard. The general alarm was activated and the crew mustered at the designated muster station. The robbers' boat eventually left after 20 minutes. No crew was injured and nothing was stolen.	No crew were reported injured. There were six bullet hole marks on the forward hull plate but nothing was stolen	The Master raised the alarm and crew were mustered at the designated muster station	Yes Coastal and flag states.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	The Nigerian naval personnel onboard exchanged gunshots with the pirates
3	SPAR LIBRA Bulk carrier Norway 32474 9328534	03/06/2013 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 10.70' S 117° 15.90' E	Two robbers boarded the anchored bulk carrier using a hook attached to a rope and attempted to enter the forecandle store. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty-handed. Port control was informed.	-	Raised the alarm	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	BANDAI V Chemical tanker Panama 2826 9540170	08/06/2013 11:54 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 54.70' N 098° 46.60' E	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the chemical tanker using a hook attached to a long pole. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers attempting to enter the paint store and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers aborted their attempt and escaped in their boat.	Robbers boarded the tanker and attempted to enter the paint store	Raised the alarm and mustered all crew	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	-
5	ANNA-BARBARA Bulk carrier Liberia 30811 9407500	10/06/2013 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 42.30' S 114° 28.50' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship waiting for loading operations. They broke into the forecandle store, stole ship's stores and escaped without being noticed. The robbery was reported to port authorities through the local agent who was on board the ship during the incident.	Ship's stores were stolen	-	Yes Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SENTOSA RIVER Oil tanker Singapore 59258 9392822	12/06/2013 23:45	SOUTH CHINA SEA Senipah Anchorage Indonesia Indonesia 01° 05.00' S 117° 14.00' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship and attempted to break and open the forepeak store hatch but were unsuccessful. They then attempted to break the lock and additional lashing of the forepeak store door, resulting in the activation of the alarm on the wheelhouse. One robber was sighted escaping the ship on hearing the alarm.	No crew was injured and there was no damage to the ship	Robbers boarded and broke the forecandle store padlock	Yes Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ	-

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7	EAGLE SAN JUAN Oil product tanker Singapore 80783 9594846	13/06/2013 03:24	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nica Anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.40' N 103° 36.70' E	While at anchor and engaged in ship-to-ship transfer operations, four robbers boarded the ship and stole two bearing shells. They escaped when the ship's alarm was activated.	No crew was injured and two bearing shells were stolen	The master sounded the alarm	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	-
8	NAME WITHHELD Tanker Singapore 80783	13/06/2013 03:42 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 36.00' E	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker engaged in STS transfer operations, stole engine spares and escaped. Duty crew raised the alarm and a search was carried out. Master reported the incident to the local authorities, who boarded and carried out an investigation at 1000 LT.	Robbers stole engine spares	Raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	CSK BRILLIANCE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 94051 9528665	13/06/2013 23:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda Indonesia 01° 12.30' S 117° 13.30' E	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage two crew members, tied them with ropes and stole their personal belongings. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. One crew was injured slightly.	Robbers took hostage two crew members, tied them up and stole their personal belongings and ship's stores	-	Yes Local Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-
10	GOLDEN AVENUE Chemical tanker Liberia 6149 9408360	15/06/2013 01:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 09.00' N 091° 47.00' E	About 20 robbers armed with axes and machetes in three wooden boats approached and boarded the tanker during anchoring operations. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Master informed Port Control and Coast Guard, who sent out two patrol boats to investigate. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. All crew were safe.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coastal Guard sent two patrol boats to investigate
11	CMA CGM KAILAS Container ship Panama 21971 9339545	16/06/2013 00:33 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Cargo Anchorage Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored ship and attempted to force their way to the engine room by breaking the padlock. Alert duty watchman sighted the robbers, who threatened and chased him. Luckily, the duty watchman was able to enter the accommodation and alert the bridge officer who raised the alarm. Later, a thorough search of the ship was conducted by the crew. Port control was informed.	-	Raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	OCEAN GARNET Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 51209 9477244	19/06/2013 02:55 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Jawa Anchorage Indonesia 01° 11.00' S 117° 12.00' E	Deck watch keepers on board the ship noticed three to five robbers with long knives near the forecastle store. They raised the alarm and retreated to the accommodation. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their waiting boat. On investigation it was discovered that ship's stores had been stolen.	Robbers boarded the ship and stole ship's stores	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-

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13	LANGENES General cargo ship Norway 4043 8208919	19/06/2013 21:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 2Nm SW of Conakry, Guinea Guinea 09° 14.20' N 013° 57.30' E	Five robbers armed with machine guns boarded the ship at anchor. They threatened the crew, stole ship's cash and crew's personal belongings and escaped. All crew were safe.	Robbers boarded the ship, threatened the crew, stole ship's cash and crew's personal belongings	-	Yes Guinea Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	SENNA JUMBO LPG tanker Thailand 42286 9006679	20/06/2013 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Transit Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 09.30' N 103° 38.40' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor. Two robbers entered the engine room while the others tried to break into the provision stores. One of the robbers threatened the mess man entering the provision store area with a knife. The robbers escaped after the alarm was sounded. On investigation, it was found that engine spares had been stolen. All crew were safe.	Robbers threatened the mess man and stole engine spares	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Indonesian Navy boarded the tanker for investigation

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	TONGBAO WORLD General cargo ship Singapore 3096 9570967	03/06/2013	EAST AFRICA Red Sea, Gulf of Aden 15° 16.10' N 041° 48.00' E	While underway, the ship was pursued alternately by two skiffs launched from a suspected mother ship. The armed guards fired about 20 warning shots and flares when the skiff closed in within one cable from the ship. The skiffs abandoned their pursuit and headed back to their mother ship.	No crew was injured and there was no damage to the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres and armed guards on board fired flares and warning shots	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	-
2	BLUEGREEN TIGRE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 5083 9514494	03/06/2013 14:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Calabar River, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 42.00' N 008° 19.80' E	Ten armed pirates in two speed boats approached and fired at the chemical tanker underway with pilot on board. Master raised the alarm, mustered all the crew and reported to Nigerian authorities. The armed pirates aborted the attack and moved away when the Nigerian Marine Police arrived at the location. All crew were safe although the ship sustained minor damage due to the firing.	The tanker sustained minor damage due to gunfire from the pirates	Raised the alarm, mustered all crew	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Nigerian Marine Police proceeded to the location to conduct investigation

IN PORT AREA

1	ATLANTIC CANYON Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 23342 9383974	03/06/2013 13:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.47' N 098° 46.93' E	Robbers in a small boat attempted to board the anchored chemical tanker via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers aborting the attempt. Port control informed.	-	Raised the alarm	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	EMERALD STAR Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 33205 9449261	15/06/2013 20:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage Indonesia 03° 41.00' N 114° 25.00' E	Alert duty crew on board the anchored ship noticed robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in an unlit boat.	-	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-

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