**Piracy and armed robbery against ships**

**Monthly brief on key figures (December 2021)**

**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY**

 **Number of piracy and armed robbery incidents, globally**

* 21 incidents were reported globally in December 2021.
* Same as 21 incidents in 2020 during the same period

 **Gulf of Guinea**

* 4 incidents were reported in December 2021.
* Decreased by 13 incidents, compared to 17 incidents in 2020 during the same period
* 6 crew were taken hostage.(**Tonsberg**(Liberian flagged container ship) case on 13th December 2021)
* The number of being taken hostage is decreased by 4, compared to 10 in 2020 during the same period.

**Malacca straits and the South China Sea**

* 12 incidents were reported in December 2021.
* Increased by 11, compared to 1 incident in 2020 during the same period
* No kidnapped case was reported.

**West Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden**

* 0 incident was reported in December 2021.
* Decreased by 1, compared to 1 incident in 2020 during the same period
* No kidnapped case was reported.