

**Piracy monthly report for December 2019**  
**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	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	Duke Product tanker Marshall Islands 11118 9262259	15/12/2019 08:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 118nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin Benin 04° 23.59' N 002° 03.15' E	Around six heavily armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members and destroyed some equipment resulting in the tanker going into a blackout condition. The remaining crew sent a distress and requested to be towed to a safe area. Upon receiving the information, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately notified and liaised with the Regional Authorities to provide assistance to the tanker. A Togo Navy ship was dispatched to the location of the tanker and made arrangements to tow the tanker. Twenty crew were reported missing.  Update 21/01/2020 from IMBKL: On 20 Jan 2020, the Owners confirmed that 19 kidnapped crew members were released safely on 18 Jan 2020, and one crew member died due to illness during the captive.	Pirates took hostage all crew members and destroyed some equipment. Twenty crew members were reported missing	-	Yes Togo Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Togo Navy Ops Centre, Benin Navy Ops Centre & Nigeria Navy HQ	A Togo Navy ship was dispatched to the location of the tanker and made arrangements to tow the tanker
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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	CANO Bulk carrier Malta 24086 9662332	03/12/2019 07:15 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Off Racon Sea Buoy TSS, Callao, Peru Peru 12° 01.40' S 077° 13.30' W	Two watchkeepers onboard an anchored bulk carrier on routine rounds noticed movement on the forecastle deck and notified the duty officer. Verifying the movement from the bridge, the duty officer reported one robber armed with a long knife and another throwing a mooring rope overboard. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew made their way forward. By the time the crew reached the forecastle deck they saw one boat moving away with the stolen mooring rope. Incident reported to VTS.	Mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew made their way forward	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Peru	-
2	NAVE CONSTELLATION Tanker Hong Kong, China 157039 9515929	03/12/2019 19:10 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Bonny, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 06.00' N 007° 07.00' E	Armed pirates attack and boarded an oil tanker underway. Nineteen crew were reported as kidnapped. The vessel owners notified the Nigerian Navy and MRCC for assistance. Remaining crew sailed the tanker to a safe area. On 22 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that the nineteen kidnapped crew members were released safely on 21 Dec 2019.	Nineteen crew were abducted. No damage to ship was reported.	The incident was reported to RMRCC Nigeria (NIMSA SAR) and Hong Kong MRCC.	Yes RMRCC Nigeria (NIMSA SAR) and Hong Kong MRCC	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong) and PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	Dispatched patrol boat to the location
3	KIM HOCK TUG 8 Tug Singapore	06/12/2019 11:32 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in the Singapore Strait Singapore	While the tug boat towing barge was underway, 10 to 15 small sampans came alongside LKH 7887 and boarded the barge to steal the scrap metal	The crew was not injured. Scrap metal was stolen.	Kim Hock Virgo, which was escorting Kim Hock Tug 8,	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System,	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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299 9557537		01° 10.59' N 103° 50.60' E	cargo on board. A Singapore registered tug boat, Kim Hock Virgo, was escorting Kim Hock Tug 8 when the boarding occurred and assisted to chase away the sampans.		assisted to chase away the sampans	IFC, Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy		
4 MAERSK TRADER Tug DIS (Denmark) 4678 9388596	17/12/2019 02:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo Congo 04° 45.90' S 011° 46.60' E	Two robbers in a canoe came alongside an anchored offshore tug. They boarded the vessel and stole ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Control.	Ship's properties stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Cresmac Pointe Noire, Republic of The Congo	-
5 JAG LALIT Tanker India 81396 9297905	20/12/2019 23:25 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.5 nm north of Pulau Nongsa, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 15.70' N 104° 04.80' E	While underway, six perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship. The 4th engineer was punched in the face while the chief engineer sustained bruises on the neck and had a gold chain stolen from him. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS; and deviated the ship to Singapore to ensure the safety of crew, before proceed on her voyage. Upon the ship's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ships for investigation and verified that all crew are safe.	Two crew sustained injuries. The personal property of the crew was stolen.	The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and arrived at the port of Singapore to ensure safety of crew before proceed on her voyage to next port of call.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy also notified. Singapore Police Coast Guard who boarded the ship when she arrived at Singapore port. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
6 AKIJ GLOBE Bulk carrier Bangladesh 30000 9293105	20/12/2019 23:38 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.5 nm northwest of Pulau Nongsa, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 15.34' N 104° 03.17' E	While underway, five armed perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators confronted three crew in the engine room. They stole some main engine and generator spares and escaped in a white small boat. The master reported the incident to the Singapore VTIS and resumed her passage to Singapore. The Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship upon arrival in Singapore. All crew was safe.	Three crew were confronted. Some main engine and generator spares were stolen.	The alarm was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard, POCC Singapore, MMEA Putrajaya, FOC RMN (Ops), Malaysian Marine Police, Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy notified Singapore Police Coast Guard who boarded the ship to investigate. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
7 JIAN FA Bulk carrier Panama 25074 9132868	21/12/2019 05:32 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3 nm northwest of Tanjung Sengkuang, Pulau Batam, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 13.95' N 103° 59.98' E	While underway, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship. The Singapore Police Coast Guard notified the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) about the boarding. The ship informed Singapore VTIS that a search on board the ship was conducted and there was no sighting of the perpetrators. Nothing	All crew was safe. Nothing was stolen.	The crew conducted search on board the ship.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore Police Coast Guard notified Singapore VTIS.

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was stolen. All crew are safe and the ship resumed her voyage to China.

8	KIM HOCK TUG 9 Tug Singapore 4430 9767120	22/12/2019 14:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Eastbound lane of the TSS in the Singapore Strait Singapore 01° 14.90' N 104° 07.18' E	While underway, two sampans with unknown number of perpetrators came alongside barge LKH 2882 towed by Kim Hock Tug 9. They boarded the barge and stole some scrap metal on board. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and sailed into Singapore Territorial Waters (STW). The Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy assisted to chase away the sampans. The crew was safe.	The crew was not injured. Some scrap metal stolen	The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy assisted in chasing away the sampans.
9	BAMZI Tanker Panama 58088 9256468	23/12/2019 00:12 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 4.2 nm northeast of Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia 01° 15.51' N 104° 07.80' E	While underway, the chief engineer and duty engineer sighted three perpetrators in the engine room. One of the perpetrators was armed with a knife. The alarm was raised and the three perpetrators escaped immediately. Two motormen were later found tied up by the perpetrators. A search on board the ship was conducted, with no further sighting of the perpetrators. The crew was safe, nothing was stolen and the ship resumed her voyage	Two motormen were tied up. No property was reported stolen.	The alarm system was activated. The crew searched the ship and found no sightings on board. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS).	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard, POCC Singapore, MMEA Putrajaya, FOC RMN (Ops), Malaysian Marine Police, Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
10	TRUST STAR Bulk carrier Panama 21699 9610236	23/12/2019 01:54 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 4.2 nm northeast of Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia 01° 15.72' N 104° 08.33' E	While underway, six perpetrators were sighted at the engine room. They confronted and tied up two crew in the engine room who later untie themselves. The perpetrators escaped when the ship's alarm system was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and deviated to Singapore port. Upon the ship's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted a search on board. There was no further sighting of any perpetrator, the crew was safe and nothing was stolen.	Two crew were confronted and tied up. No property was reported stolen.	The ship's alarm was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and deviated back to Singapore port.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy was notified. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate and escorted her to the anchorage area together with Singapore Navy. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
11	STENA IMMORTAL Product tanker United Kingdom	24/12/2019 16:20 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 4.6 nm east of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded the tanker underway. Second Engineer noticed and shouted at the robbers. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Singapore VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message	Singapore coast guard personnel

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29666  
9685475

Indonesia  
01° 09.00' N  
103° 29.00' E

incident reported to Singapore VTS. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. The tanker anchored at Sudong Special anchorage where Singapore coast guard personnel boarded the tanker for inspection. All crew safe.

to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, POCC Singapore & Singapore Police Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

boarded the tanker for inspection. The Republic of Singapore Navy was informed and Indonesian authority was also notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.

12 Name withheld  
Product tanker  
Greece  
30201

30/12/2019  
22:30 UTC

WEST AFRICA  
Limboh Anchorage,  
Cameroon  
Cameroon  
03° 58.50' N  
009° 05.40' E

Around six persons armed with guns boarded an anchored tanker. A distress message was sent by the tanker. The persons stole ship's cash and properties and kidnapped eight crew members before escaping. One crew was reported injured. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately notified and liaised with the Authorities. A security boat was sent by the Authorities to provide assistance. Investigation is on-going.

Ship's cash and properties were stolen, and eight crew members were kidnapped, and one crew injured

A distress message was sent

Yes  
Flag State and Port Authorities

PRC relayed the message to Cameroon Navy & MOC Douala

A patrol boat was dispatched to the location to render assistance

## IN PORT AREA

1 LUNITA  
Bulk carrier  
NIS (Norway)  
32402  
9685621

07/12/2019  
06:10 UTC

SOUTH AMERICA (P)  
Callao Anchorage, Peru  
Peru

Three robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain and hawse pipe. They tied up the duty OS, took his radio, watch and flashlight and entered the forecandle store. The duty OS managed to escape and raised the alarm resulting in the crew mustering. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a waiting motorboat. Upon investigation, ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR Port Control.

Robbers tied up the duty OS, took his radio, watch and flashlight and stole ship's properties

Raised alarm and crew mustered

Yes  
TRAMAR Port Control

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre to MRCC Peru

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2 BERGE ASAHIDAKE  
Bulk carrier  
Isle of Man (United Kingdom)  
21530  
9713181

10/12/2019  
20:25 UTC

INDIAN OCEAN  
Panjang Anchorage,  
Indonesia  
Indonesia  
05° 30.30' S  
105° 17.50' E

Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They broke into the engine room workshop, stole auxiliary engine spares and escaped. Authorities notified.

Auxiliary engine spares stolen

Crew mustered

Yes  
Local agent

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ

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3 KOWLOON BAY  
Container ship  
Liberia  
53453  
9280861

23/12/2019  
15:23 LT

SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Manila International Container Terminal (MICT), Philippines  
Philippines  
14° 35.40' N  
120° 56.40' E

While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship through the hawse pipe and broke the padlock of the forecandle store. They stole three pieces of the cleaning apparatus for storage area and one compressed air breathing apparatus. The crew only realised the theft incident when he was cleaning the tank. The incident was reported to the Coast Guard Station Manila whose personnel boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and investigate. The crew was safe

The crew was not injured.

The padlock of the forecandle store was broken.

Three cleaning apparatus for storage area and one compressed air

The incident was reported to Coast Guard Station Manila.

Yes  
Coast Guard Station Manila

ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)

The Coast Guard Station Manila personnel boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and investigate.

4	MTM PENANG Tanker Singapore 13122 9712591	24/12/2019 03:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Panjang Customary Anchorage, Lampung, Sumatra, Indonesia Indonesia 05° 30.10' S 105° 18.29' E	While at anchor, while the 3rd engineer was doing safety round at the engine room, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship and attempted to attack the duty oiler. The 3rd engineer immediately ran to the engine control room and raised the general alarm. The perpetrators escaped from the starboard side by a rope attached to the ship's railings. A search was conducted on board the ship. The master reported the incident to Panjang Vessel Traffic System (VTS) through VHF Channel 16/10 and to the Company Security Officer (CSO). The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.	The crew was not injured Nothing was stolen.	The ship's general alarm was raised and a security search of the ship was conducted. The incident was reported to Panjang VTS through VHF Channel 16/10. The CSO was also informed	Yes Panjang VTS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	DROGBA Bulk carrier Singapore 36449 9724001	30/12/2019 01:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Approximately 20 nm southwest of Okrowi Oil Production Terminal, Gulf of Guinea, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 46.00' N 006° 43.43' E	The Company Security Officer (CSO) reported that while the ship was underway to Port Harcourt, she was pursued by a suspected pirate skiff. The master and the crew went to the citadel except for the chief engineer who hid in his cabin. As the skiff came closer to the ship, there was an exchange of gunfire between the seven Nigerian armed guards on board the ship and the pirates on board the skiff. The pirates eventually aborted the pursuit and fled. The ship resumed operation and proceeded to Bonny, Nigeria with all 21 crew and 7 armed guards on board.	All crew and the armed guards on board were safe	The master and crew went to the citadel upon discovering that the ship was being pursued. The CSO was also informed.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	BW LOYALTY Tug Singapore 160 9492622	02/12/2019 02:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Off Pulau Sambu, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 10.95' N 103° 56.63' E	While underway, a suspicious boat with five to seven perpetrators approached the tug boat. One of the perpetrators attempted to secure a rope at port side but failed due to choppy water conditions and strong winds. The duty officer sounded the	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The duty officer sounded the general alarm.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and IMB PRC	-
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general alarm and the suspicious boat aborted the attempt to board the ship.

**IN PORT AREA**

<p>1 DIONE Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 40622 9213363</p>	<p>01/12/2019 06:05 LT</p>	<p>INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam Anchorage Area, India India 17° 36.89' N 083° 21.98' E</p>	<p>Around 15 to 18 persons in three skiffs approached an anchored ship. They attempted to board the ship using a rope attached to a hook. The master reported the incident to Visakhapatnam Port Control, who advised the master to contact Indian Coast Guard (ICG). An ICG ship was then directed to assist the ship. Before the arrival of the ICG ship, one Indian Naval vessel came close to the bulk carrier. On seeing the Naval ship approaching the bulk carrier, the perpetrators cut off the rope and escaped.</p>	<p>The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen</p>	<p>Master reported the incident to Visakhapatnam Port Control</p>	<p>Yes Visakhapatnam Port Control</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and PRC relayed the message to India Coast Guard &amp; MRCC Mumbai.</p>	<p>Master was advised by the Port Control to contact ICG. An ICG Ship was then directed to assist the ship. Before the arrival of the ICG Ship, one Indian naval ship came close to the bulk carrier. Upon seeing the naval ship, the perpetrators cut off the rope and escaped.</p>
<p>2 NIJINSKY LPG tanker Singapore 16804 9364966</p>	<p>13/12/2019 04:30 UTC</p>	<p>MEDITERRANEAN SEA Berth N37/2, Port of Algiers, Algeria Algeria</p>	<p>Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed three unauthorised persons attempting to board via the forward mooring ropes. Alarm raised resulting in the persons escaping. Incident reported to PFSO. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Alarm raised and a search was carried out</p>	<p>Yes Port Control</p>	<p>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Algeria and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>3 AFRICAN KALMIA Bulk carrier Liberia 19213 9666431</p>	<p>21/12/2019 22:30 UTC</p>	<p>WEST AFRICA Owendo Anchorage, Gabon Gabon 00° 19.50' N 009° 23.70' E</p>	<p>Around six armed persons in a skiff came alongside an anchored ship and attempted to hook on a ladder to board the vessel. The persons threatened the crew with their weapons. Alarm raised and port authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the armed persons aborted the attempted boarding. Vessel and crew are safe</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Alarm raised and crew mustered</p>	<p>Yes Port Control and Pilot Station</p>	<p>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Gabon Navy and Libreville MOC</p>	<p>-</p>



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