

Piracy monthly report December 2020
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	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	Cool Girl Refrigerated cargo carrier Panama 8507 9194921	03/12/2020 10:35 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 100nm SSW of Brass Nigeria 02° 50.00' N 005° 25.00' E	Duty watchman onboard the ship underway noticed two boats approaching at a distance of 3nm. Master alerted the onboard security team and increased speed. Two speed boats with six persons in each closed in to 0.5 cables and fired upon the ship. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The security team responded resulting in the boats aborting the approach and moving away. The ship continued her voyage.	Nil	Alarm raised, speed increased and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel	No	PRC received the incident report from Authorities	NA
2	Minerva Evropi Tanker Greece 81361 9785237	04/12/2020 09:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 200NM South West of Bayelsa Nigeria 02° 34.13' N 002° 53.70' E	While underway, a tanker was approached and fired upon by pirates in a skiff. General alarm sounded, PA announcement made, fire pumps activated, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced, SSAS activated and crew retreated into safe area. Due to the hardening measures and evasive manoeuvres taken by the Master, the skiff aborted the attack and moved away. Vessel and crews reported safe.	The pirates fired upon toward the tanker	Alarm sounded, SSAS activated, evasive manoeuvres conducted and all crew mustered in the citadel	Yes MDAT-GoG	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & Nimasa	NA
3	New Ranger Product tanker Malta 8499 9328326	06/12/2020 04:42 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 98nm SSW of Brass Nigeria 02° 42.00' N	Four pirates boarded a tanker underway. Master activated the alarm and all crew retreated into the citadel. The pirates were unable to reach the crew and left the vessel without stealing anything. Vessel and crew reported safe.	Nil	Alarm raised and all crew retreated into the citadel	Yes France Navy via Owner	PRC relayed the message to Italian Navy, Nigerian Navy HQ & Nimasa	NA
4	Bonny Island Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32377 9610731	08/12/2020 05:45 UTC	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Macapa Anchorage Brazil	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was reported to the local authorities.	Ship's properties stolen	Nil	Yes Local agent	PRC Relayed the message to MRCC Brazil	Terminal security guard boarded the vessel and a search was carried out
5	Name Withheld General cargo ship Cameroon 531	10/12/2020 08:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 51nm WSW Bayelsa Nigeria 04° 37.41' N 004° 38.12' E	An unknown numbers of pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. They kidnapped five crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port.	Five crew members kidnapped	NA	Yes NA	PRC received the incident report from Authorities	NA

* The position given should be as accurate as possible including latitude and longitude co-ordinates or as a bearing and distance from a conspicuous landmark

NOTE: SOUTH AMERICA: (A) - Atlantic; (C) - Caribbean; (P) - Pacific

6	Bridgewater 80 Tug Singapore 1705 9299848	12/12/2020 18:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN West of Kutubdia Bangladesh 21° 48.80' N 091° 42.50' E	While underway and dead towing a bulk carrier, 10 perpetrators armed with knives in two small boats approached the tug boat/supply vessel from starboard side. The perpetrators boarded the tug boat/supply vessel and stole two drums of hydraulic oil and hoses. The master immediately contacted the local Coast Guard when he discovered the perpetrators on board. Responding to the master's call, the local coast guard proceeded to the incident location. There was no reported damage to the tug boat/supply and the crew was not injured.	There was no reported damage to the tug boat/supply and the crew was not injured. Two drums of hydraulic oil and hoses were stolen.	The master immediately contacted the local Coast Guard when he discovered the perpetrators on board.	Yes Local Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Responding to the master's call, the local coast guard proceeded to the incident location.
7	Vantage Rider Liberia 18481 9613226	14/12/2020 21:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai, Indonesia 01° 44.67' N 101° 22.59' E	During routine rounds, duty officer on board the ship was taken hostage and tied up by four robbers armed with knives. The robbers stole ship's stores and spare parts and released the duty officer before escaping.	Ship's stores and spare parts were stolen	NA	Yes Local Authority through local agents	PRC relayed the message to Indonesian Marine Police HQ	NA
8	Maersk Cadiz Container ship Singapore 50869 9526459	19/12/2020 13:36 LT	WEST AFRICA 120 nm south of Onne Nigeria 02° 36.79' N 006° 12.19' E	While underway, the container ship was boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators. The crew proceeded to the citadel. The master contacted the company office/CSO via satellite phone. The CSO contacted the Marine Domain Awareness for Trade – Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GOG), as well as the local security service provider and requested for naval assets in the vicinity to render assistance. The local security service provider under the control of the Nigerian Navy responded by deploying a patrol craft, Defender VI and two utility vessels, Owho and Sirius, to the location of the container ship. The three ships arrived at the location at about 0150 hours (UTC) on 20 Dec. The Navy personnel from the Nigerian Navy ships boarded the container ship and did a sweep of the ship to ascertain that there were no perpetrators on board. After given the all clear, the crew came out from the citadel. All 21 crew were safe. The crew did a check on board the ship to determine if anything was stolen or damage. The ship resumed her voyage to Kribi, Cameroon under escort by one of the Nigerian Navy ships.	The crew was not injured. It is not known if there were any items stolen or damage to the ship at the time of reporting of the incident.	The crew proceeded to the citadel. The master was able to establish communication with the company office/CSO via satellite phone.	Yes MDAT-GOG and local security service provider	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The local security service provider responded to the CSO's request for assistance by deploying a patrol craft, Defender VI and two utility vessels, Owho and Sirius, to the location of the container ship. The Navy personnel from the Nigerian Navy ships boarded the container ship and did a sweep of the ship to ascertain that there were no perpetrators on board. One of the Nigerian Navy ships

escorted the container ship on her voyage to Kribi, Cameroon.

9	Port Gdynia Container ship	21/12/2020 04:09 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 107nm SSW of Brass Nigeria 02° 37.00' N 005° 37.00' E	An unknown number of pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. Crew mustered in the citadel. After a few hours, the ship and crew were reported safe.	Nil	Crew mustered in the citadel	Yes MDAT-GoG	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room), & NIMASA	NA
10	BW Pavilion Leeara LPG tanker	22/12/2020 11:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Gulf of Guinea Guinea 02° 26.50' N 005° 24.90' E	While underway, the master of the tanker reported the sighting of a suspicious craft approaching the ship's port quarter. He immediately increased the speed of the ship and altered course. The suspicious craft followed by changing its course, increased speed and continued to pursue the ship. The general alarm was raised and all crew mustered to the citadel except the master, duty officer and watchmen. The master continued to increase speed, altered course and alerted his company and the Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade – Gulf of Guinea (MDATGOG). The suspicious craft stopped its pursuit after 45 mins. The crew was not injured, and ship not damaged.	The crew was not injured, and the ship not damaged	The master increased the speed of the ship and altered course. The crew was mustered to the citadel except the master, duty officer and watchmen.	No	MDAT-GoG and shipping company	NA
11	Diyala Tanker	29/12/2020 16:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 94nm South of Brass Nigeria 02° 44.00' N 006° 24.00' E	Five armed pirates in a skiff with a ladder approached and attempted to board a tanker underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres resulting in the attempt being aborted. The tanker and crew safe.	Nil	Master took evasive manoeuvres	No	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room) & Nimasa	NA

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	Name Withheld Product tanker Liberia 11118	02/12/2020 13:03 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 85NM South West of Brass, Nigeria 03° 11.00' N 005° 01.00' E	While underway, a tanker was approached and fired upon by pirates in two skiffs. Alarm sounded, SSAS activated, evasive manoeuvres conducted and all crew mustered in the citadel. After chasing the tanker for some time, the pirates aborted and moved away.	The pirates fired upon toward the tanker	Alarm sounded, SSAS activated, evasive manoeuvres conducted and all crew mustered in the citadel	No	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & Nimasa	NA
2	Name Withheld General cargo ship Ghana 999	16/12/2020 03:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 45NM SSW of Brass Nigeria 03° 32.70' N 006° 09.39' E	Eight pirates armed with assault rifles in a speed boat boarded the ship underway. The pirates stole ship and crew properties and kidnapped five crew members before escaping. Remaining crew onboard sailed the ship to a safe port.	Ship and crew properties stolen. Five crew members kidnapped	Nil	Yes Nigerian Navy	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & Nimasa	NA
3	Name Withheld General cargo ship Cameroon	16/12/2020 07:06 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 27nm SSW of Brass Nigeria	Armed persons attacked and boarded the ship	Eight crew members were kidnapped	Master transmitted a distress alert	No	PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ & Nimasa	Nigerian Navy patrol vessel was deployed

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underway, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. Nigerian Authorities notified and a security vessel and Nigerian Navy patrol boat escorted the ship to a safe port.

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IN PORT AREA

1 Boracay Island General cargo ship Panama 23887 9760641	05/12/2020 06:25 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru 12° 19.00' S 077° 11.50' W	Two unauthorised persons attempted to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alert duty watchmen heard some unusual noise and noticed the attempted boarding and responded. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. A coast guard boat arrived at location and conducted an investigation.	Nil	Duty watchmen reported to OOW who reported to Master	Yes VTS who reported to Peruvian Coast Guard	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Peru	Peruvian Coast Guard boarded for investigation
2 Name Withheld Tug Singapore 2332	08/12/2020 03:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Carena Shipyard, Abidjan Yellow Yard Buoy, Côte d'Ivoire 05° 19.90' N 004° 01.80' W	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded unseen from port quarter and stole a mooring line and a dockyard wilden pump. The perpetrators escaped in a small skiff dragging the mooring line. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. A mooring line and a dockyard wilden pump were stolen	No information available	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
3 Pacific Wizard Tug Singapore 2332 9270610	08/12/2020 03:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Carena Shipyard Mooring Buoy Côte d'Ivoire	Robbers boarded the vessel moored to a buoy, stole ship's stores, and escaped unnoticed. Local Authorities informed.	Ship's stores stolen	NA	Yes Local authority	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Authorities are investigating
4 Blue Ivy General cargo ship Panama 6806 9245263	26/12/2020 01:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage Ghana 04° 53.51' N 001° 41.87' W	Duty OOW onboard an anchored ship noticed one robber on the forecastle, stealing ship's stores and properties. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with the stolen items in a boat.	Ship's stores and properties stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Ghana Navy & Takoradi Port Control	PRC relayed the message to Ghana Navy HQ (Ops room), & MRCC Ghana	Ghana Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location