

**Piracy monthly report for April 2019**  
**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by**  
**Member States or international organizations in consultative status**

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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	MARIA SOLTIN Tanker Nigeria 805 7203699	05/04/2019 21:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Offshore, Nigeria Nigeria 05° 49.10' N 003° 49.00' E	<p>Nine pirates armed with automatic weapons and a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) boarded a tanker underway undergoing sea trials. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew took shelter. The pirates took hostage the duty officer and instructed all the crew members to come out of hiding. They damaged the navigation and all communication equipment, stole crew and ship's property, locked all the crew in one cabin and took the Master as hostage.</p> <p>On 09 Apr 2019, a Spanish Navy Warship tried to establish communication with the tanker. On receiving no response, the warship approached the tanker, resulting in the pirates escaping. The Master told the naval boarding team that they had been held hostage for four days. After investigations, the naval boarding team disembarked. While continuing on her voyage, the main engines had to be shut down due to overheating. The C/E noticed ingress of water into the engine room, which was later fixed. Without any communication equipment that is still working, the tanker was adrift for 12 days before being able to hail a fishing boat for assistance. The master then established contact with the owners who then arranged for the tanker to be towed to Ghana. The tanker arrived at Ghana anchorage on 22 April 2019.</p>	The pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker. They damaged the navigation and all communication equipment, stole crew and ship's property.	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Lagos / Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room)	Spanish Naval Warship boarded the tanker for inspection.
2	SONANGOL NAMIBE Tanker Bahamas 83469 9325049	13/04/2019 10:06 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam SPM Anchorage, India India 17° 37.09' N 083° 19.20' E	<p>Five boats with eleven persons approached a tanker during anchoring operations. Upon anchoring the boats came alongside, threw a hook attached to a rope end onto the ships rails and commenced boarding the tanker. The master sounded the ship's whistle, raised the alarm and made an announcement on the PA system. The accommodation and other spaces of the ship were secured and guarded by the crew. The master also reported the incident to Vizag Port Control and Indian Coast Guard (ICG), requesting for assistance. The robbers subsequently boarded the ship via the main deck. The crew did not offer resistance but monitored the robbers and managed to restrict their movement to deck. Upon receiving the information from the master,</p>	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The master sounded the ship's whistle, raised the alarm and made announcement on the PA system. The accommodation and other spaces of the ship were secured and guarded by the crew. The crew monitored the perpetrators on board the ship and managed to restrict	Yes Vizag Port Control and ICG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Chennai MRCC, Coast Guard HQ, MRCC Mumbai, Indian Navy Ops, DG Comcentre ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Port Control informed CISF / (VPT), CSP, PFSO and Dy PFSO. CISF / VPT and ICG crafts were despatched to the location. The Director General of Shipping, India has requested the Port Authorities and Mercantile

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			the Port Control informed Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) / Vizag Port Trust (VPT), Coastal Security Police (CSP) and ICG along with the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and Dy PFSO. CISF / VPT and ICG crafts were despatched to the location. Upon seeing the authorities' crafts approaching, the robbers escaped in their boats. The crew was not injured and no items were stolen.		their movement to deck.			Marine Department (MMD) of Visakhapatnam to conduct investigation and provide details of action taken to prevent recurrence of such incident.	
3	PORT IMABARI Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 35825 9846263	14/04/2019 06:45 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru 12° 02.90' S 077° 11.20' W	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds was attacked, threatened and beaten. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the duty AB's personal belongings. Incident reported to local Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation.	Duty AB was attacked, threatened and beaten. The robbers stole the duty AB's personal belongings.	Alarm raised, and crew mustered.	Yes Tramar Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Peru.	Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
4	SAN PADRE PIO Product tanker Switzerland 5422 9610339	15/04/2019 20:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Bonny River Inner Anchorage, Nigeria 04° 28.10' N 007° 10.10' E	Four persons in a speed boat armed with automatic weapons approached an anchored tanker. Two persons managed to board the tanker and opened fire towards the accommodation. The onboard Nigerian naval guards returned fire resulting in the persons retreating into their boat and escaping. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered in the citadel. Bonny Signal Station and Nigerian Navy notified. One guard was injured during the shooting and was given first aid by the crew. Two security boats responded and approached the tanker. The injured guard was transferred to a security boat and taken ashore for medical assistance. Remaining crew safe.	Pirates opened fire towards the accommodation.	Crew retreated into Citadel, PA Announce-ment made, Contacted DPA/CSO.	Yes Signal station, Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ.	Security vessels came alongside tanker and provided assistance.
5	Name Withheld Product tanker Palau 2055	19/04/2019 13:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Bonny Outer Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria	An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crew and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian navy notified, and investigations are ongoing.	6 crew kidnapped	-	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB PRC relayed message to MRCC Lagos / Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room)	Nigerian navy boarded the vessel for investigation
6	UNION TOPAZ Tug Cyprus 493 9406427	24/04/2019 05:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 5 nm west-north-west of Nipa island (westbound lane of TSS in Singapore Strait) Indonesia 01° 10.63' N 103° 34.30' E	While the tug boat towing a backhoe dredger was underway, two robbers boarded the dredger. Two wooden boats were sighted alongside the backhoe dredger. The master shone light at the backhoe dredger, and the two robbers escaped via the wooden boats. The crew was safe and no items were stolen.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The master shone light at the backhoe dredger. The pilot on board the tug boat reported the incident to Singapore VTIS.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore VTIS initiated the safety navigational broadcast and notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the

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7	OCEAN GLADIATOR Product tanker Marshall Islands 25382 9241827	25/04/2019 02:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 20.29' N 003° 20.50' E	Three robbers in a small craft approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the cargo tank and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard along with their hose and escaped in their boat. The incident was reported to a naval patrol boat. Nothing reported stolen.	-	Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered	Yes Naval Patrol Boat	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Lagos / Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room).	- Indonesian authority.
8	TAURUS Bulk carrier Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 93196 9403530	25/04/2019 03:40 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto Bolivar Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 12° 17.90' N 072° 01.20' W	Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Coast guard informed.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Colombia Maritime Authorities	Authorities established contact with ship
9	Vector 1 Tug Malaysia 106	25/04/2019 05:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (westbound lane of TSS in Singapore Strait) Malaysia 01° 13.33' N 103° 31.02' E	While the tug boat towing barge was underway, three to four perpetrators boarded the barge. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS who informed the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). The crew was safe and no items were stolen.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen	The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore VTIS informed MMEA.
10	TORM HILDE Oil tanker Singapore 64459 9798014	25/04/2019 22:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 12.30' N 064° 45.90' W	While at anchor, the duty AB spotted six perpetrators on board the ship during his round on bridge wing. The alarm was raised and the perpetrators escaped. A search on board the ship was later conducted. All seals and doors were found secured. The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The alarm was raised and a search on board the ship was later conducted. The master reported the incident to CSO and local agents, who informed the local authorities.	Yes Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
11	Name Withheld Singapore 64459	26/04/2019 02:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 12.30' N 064° 45.90' W	Six persons in a small boat with an outboard motor approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Coast Guard through the local agents.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Local agenc	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Venezuela MRCC	-
12	SELETAR SPIRIT Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	26/04/2019 03:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 17.00' N 064° 42.20' W	Duty Officer noticed on the CCTV one unauthorised person on the forecastle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. A security search of the tanker showed ship's properties stolen from the forecastle store.	Ship's properties stolen.	Raised alarm, crew mustered, and a security search was carried out	Yes Coast Guard and Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Venezuela	Authorities increased security patrol in the area.
13	CS JOLA Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 23269 9791896	26/04/2019 07:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru Peru 12° 01.00' S 077° 13.00' W	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port Control informed.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and called all crew for search	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Peru.	-

14 SIVIU Product tanker Marshall Islands 11290 9541289	28/04/2019 05:04 UTC	WEST AFRICA Ango-Ango Inner Anchorage, Port Matadi, Democratic Republic of the Congo Congo 05° 50.50' S 013° 25.50' E	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored product tanker and broke into the forecastle store. Duty watch keeper spotted the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.	Ship's stores stolen.	Alarm raised, and crew mustered.	Yes Reported to local authorities and MDAT GoG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to the Congo authorities.	-
<b>IN PORT AREA</b>								
1 SILVER LAKE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 20987 9377963	01/04/2019 06:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Berth T36, Casablanca port. Morocco Morocco	Duty officer onboard a berthed ship, heard noises from the boat deck. As he approached the area, he noticed the life raft cover was opened and two robbers stealing the equipment. Seeing the duty officer, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Incident reported to the port authority. Subsequently, the harbour master, port police and PSC inspector boarded the vessel to investigate.	Stolen life raft equipment	Notified the authority	Yes Local police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Morocco	The harbour master, port police and PSC inspector boarded the vessel to investigate.
2 JACKSON BAY Container ship Liberia 39912 9322358	26/04/2019 21:05 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Container Terminal Indonesia	Two robbers boarded the berthed ship. Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered, and a security search was carried out.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to BAKAMLA, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-

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1	Name Withheld  Germany 46009	01/04/2019 07:45 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Around 3.6nm WNW of Isla Escalante Island, Guayas, Ecuador Ecuador 02° 31.80' S 080° 05.40' W	Duty officer onboard the ship under pilotage noticed a fast-moving target on the radar approaching from astern. Crew alerted, and both searchlights were directed towards the approaching boat. A second boat was noticed. One boat, with around 10 persons with grappling hooks followed the ship, the other, approached the ship from the starboard side and attempted to hook on a telescopic ladder to the ship's rails. The pilot notified port control and the coast guard. The persons fired a few shots towards the search lights resulting in all crew retreating into the bridge and accommodation. Later the boats aborted their approach and moved away. All crew safe.	The persons fired a few shots	Raised alarm and crew directed searchlights towards the boat	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Ecuador Navy & Ecuador Coast Guard	-
2	NYK LYRA Container ship Panama 75201 9229336	19/04/2019 05:35 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Buenaventura Channel, Near Buoy No.13, Colombia Cambodia 03° 47.60' N 077° 14.30' W	A boat with around eight to 10 persons approached the ship under pilotage and attempted to board via the rigged pilot ladder. Duty lookout noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered near the pilot ladder resulting in the boat aborting and moving away. The pilot notified the coast guard and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.	-	Alarm raised, and crew mustered near the pilot ladder	Yes Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Colombia Maritime Authorities	A patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.

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