

**Piracy monthly report April 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 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
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	REMAS Supply ship Italy 2600 9586459	10/04/2020 03:37 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 13nm NW of Puerto Dos Bocas, Mexico 18° 36.75' N 093° 19.39' W	Eight armed robbers boarded the drifting vessel. They fired several warning shots and later left the vessel. No injuries to crew members. Authorities have been informed.	Fired several warning shots	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Krelayed the message to MRCC Mexico	-
2	LEYLA K Tanker Marshall Islands 63304 9430313	11/04/2020 10:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 15 nm east of Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 42.50' N 104° 28.70' E	While at anchor, the master discovered the losses of a breathing apparatus air charging compressor and a M4 Weldon pump on 11 Apr 20 at about 1030 hrs. The crew did not see the boarding of the perpetrators. The crew was not injured.  The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) was informed of the incident via email by the master on 13 Apr 20. The Focal Point shared the information with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Singapore Police Coast Guard. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.	The crew was not injured. A breathing apparatus charging air compressor and a M4 Weldon pump were found stolen.	The master reported the incident to the company's head office. He was advised by the ship agent in Singapore to report incident to Singapore Focal Point.	Yes Singapore MPA via local agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre MMEA Putrajaya, MMEA Selatan, FOC RMN & Marine Police Malaysia and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Focal Point shared the information with the RSN and the Singapore Police Coast Guard. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.
3	ARAFURA Oil tanker Belgium 154163 9728708	16/04/2020 08:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approximately 40 nm southwest of Anambas Island, Indonesia Indonesia 02° 29.50' N 105° 05.80' E	While en route from port of Sungai Linggi, Malaysia to Qingdao, China, the master of the VLCC discovered that padlocks to restricted spaces were cut with heavy cutter. A breathing apparatus air compressor unit and various spare parts were found stolen. The master conducted a search on board the ship, but did not see the perpetrators. The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) via email. The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.	The crew was not injured. Padlocks to restricted spaces were cut with heavy cutter. A breathing apparatus air compressor unit and various spare parts were found stolen.	The master conducted a search on board the ship and reported the incident to ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) via email.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
4	Name withheld Product tanker Panama	30/04/2020 18:45 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 127nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria Nigeria	Armed pirates in a skiff attacked and boarded a product tanker underway. They kidnapped 10 crews and escaped. The Owners of the tanker	10 crews kidnapped.	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message	Patrol boat dispatched to the vessel

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informed the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who then liaised with relevant regional and international authorities in the region and requested for assistance. A Nigerian Navy Security Vessel was dispatched to the location and provided assistance to the tanker. The four remaining crew members onboard together with the assistance of another sister vessel managed to sail the tanker to a safe port. Nigerian Authorities are investigating.

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Authorities**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	SAPURA 3500 Special purpose ship Panama 40845 9651204	09/04/2020 02:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Hokchi Field, Offshore Puerto Dos Bocas, Mexico Mexico 18° 29.25' N 093° 17.70' W	Duty crew onboard a dynamic positioning pipelaying vessel noticed two boats with seven armed persons approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered in the citadel. Three persons managed to board the vessel. Master activated SSAS, increased speed and commenced manoeuvres resulting in the persons escaping. Port Control notified and a patrol boat was dispatched to assist the vessel. After the crew emerged from the citadel a security search was carried out. Crew and vessel reported safe.	-	Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated SSAS, increased speed and commenced manoeuvres.	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Mexico.	A patrol boat was dispatched to assist the vessel. A security search was carried out.
2	FOUMA Container ship Cyprus 15375 9395082	09/04/2020 03:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) River Passage, Guayaquil, Ecuador Ecuador 02° 34.05' S 080° 06.68' W	Eight armed robbers in two speed boats approached a container ship underway. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS. The robbers fired warning shots, managed to board the ship, and opened 15 containers. When the search lights were directed towards the robbers, they opened fire towards the bridge. Port Control and Coast Guard notified. The robbers stole part of the cargo and escaped. Later, the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. No injuries to crew.	Cargo stolen	Alarm raised, all crew mustered. Master increased speed and evasive manoeuvring.	Yes Coast Guard & Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Ecuador Coast Guard, Ecuador Maritime Authority, Ecuador MRCC & Ecuador Navy	Coast Guard boarded the vessel for investigation
3	Name withheld Container ship Germany 118945	11/04/2020 04:35 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Around 7nm West of Isla Puna, Ecuador Ecuador 02° 52.60' S 080° 23.20' W	Six armed robbers boarded the ship under pilotage. They took hostage two duty crew members and tied them up. Seeing the robbers, the Master raised the alarm, crew mustered and pilot notified the coast guard. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fired warning shots and escaped. On searching the ship, some containers were noticed broken into. The crew and ship are safe.	Some containers were broken into	Alarm raised crew mustered	Yes Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre the message to Ecuador Coast Guard, Ecuador Maritime Authority, Ecuador MRCC & Ecuador Navy	Coast Guard came for investigation
4	TELFORD 28 Barge carrier Gibraltar (United Kingdom) 13062 8769638	15/04/2020 03:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 12nm North of Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico Mexico 18° 51.94' N 091° 52.56' W	Around six persons armed with automatic weapons and pistols boarded an anchored barge. They attempted to enter into the accommodation without success and opened fire towards the superstructure causing damage to three windows. Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, informed CSO and crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Marine Control via VHF ch.16 and a naval boat was dispatched to the location. The persons stole the barge's high	The armed persons opened fire towards the superstructure causing damage to three windows. High value project equipment stolen.	Alarm raised, distress message sent, informed CSO and crew mustered in citadel	Yes Marine Control via VHF ch.16	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Mexico	A naval boat was dispatched to the location

value project equipment and escaped. One crew was injured during the incident.

5 PALAIS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 41605 9646649	15/04/2020 17:00 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.2 nm north of Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia Singapore 01° 14.70' N 104° 02.00' E	Three robbers armed with long knives in an unlit boat approached and boarded the ship underway. Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Master made PA announcement, crew mustered and made a search. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares and properties. VTIS informed.	The crew was safe.  Engine spares and ship's properties stolen	Alarm raised, PA announcement made, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Singapore VTIS East	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Singapore Police Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Singapore Police Coast Guard and RSN were informed; and the Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.
6 HORIZON II Bulk carrier Panama 63993 9537563	22/04/2020 23:09 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 2.9 nm north of Pulau Nongsa, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 15.11' N 104° 04.83' E	While the bulk carrier was en route from Singapore to Vietnam, two perpetrators were sighted at the stern deck of the ship. One of the perpetrators was armed with a knife. The general alarm was raised and the crew mustered at the bridge. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF), Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) and the Indonesian authorities were notified.	The crew was not injured.  Nothing was stolen.	The general alarm was raised and the crew mustered at the bridge.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Singapore Police Coast Guard	A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.  The RSN's MSTF, Singapore PCG and the Indonesian authorities were notified.  MSTF's RSS Justice escorted the bulk carrier back to the port of Singapore. Upon her arrival, the Singapore PCG officers boarded the ship and conducted a search. There was no sighting of the perpetrators on board.
7 CHEM RANGER Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 16411 9490296	29/04/2020 21:15 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 16.70' N 104° 16.90' E	Duty crew in the engine room noticed three unauthorized persons entering the engine room. The duty crew shouted at the persons who then escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and Singapore VTIS notified. Singapore Police boarded the vessel for inspection. On searching the vessel, nothing was reported stolen.	The crew was not injured.  Nothing was stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the vessel.

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conduct search on  
board for the  
perpetrators.

## IN PORT AREA

1	JASMINE Bulk carrier Liberia 31756 9514327	12/04/2020	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 41.40' S 114° 27.10' E	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forward store room door security padlock broken. Further investigation revealed ship's stores were stolen.	Forward store room door security padlock broken, and ship's stores were stolen.	A search was made throughout the ship.	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP FocalPoint (Singapore)	The local port control, Navy and Police boarded the ship for investigation.
2	NYK JOANNA Container ship Singapore 27003 9387449	13/04/2020 19:10 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila Anchorage, Philippines Philippines 14° 36.06' N 120° 52.16' E	While at anchor, the duty roving noticed an unlit small motor banca near the starboard quarter of the ship. He reported to the duty officer who raised the alarm and made an announcement through the PA system. One of the crew was directed to proceed to the forward station; and he heard the banging of door and people talking. The Chief Officer together with two crew proceeded to the forward station to verify the situation. They noticed one perpetrator with a knife standing at the hawse pipe area of the ship (port side) and one perpetrator running from the bosun store and escaped through the port hawse pipe in the unlit small motor banca.  The crew was mustered and a search and check of the inventory of the ship's property were conducted. A set of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), a piece of flashlight and three sets of chain blocks were stolen. The crew was not injured. The master of the ship reported the incident to VTMS Manila and Coast Guard Station Manila. The Philippine Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted an inquiry of the incident	The crew was not injured.  Ship's properties stolen. A set of SCBA, a piece of flashlight and three sets of chain blocks were stolen.	The duty officer raised the alarm and made an announcement through the PA system.  One of the crew was directed to proceed to the forward station. The Chief Officer together with two crew also proceeded to the forward station to verify the situation.  The crew was mustered and a search and check of the inventory of the ship's property were conducted.	Yes VTMS Manila and Coast Guard Station Manil	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Philippines Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Philippine Coast Guard from Coast Guard Station Manila boarded the ship and conducted an inquiry of the incident
3	Name withheld Container ship Portugal 48338	18/04/2020 23:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Cotonou anchorage, Benin Benin 06° 16.79' N 002° 32.40' E	Armed persons boarded an anchored container ship. Alarm raised and crew took shelter in the citadel. Incident reported to the Benin Authorities. A patrol boat in the vicinity was diverted to the location to rescue the crew members and to provide assistance to the ship. Eight crew reported missing from the ship.	-	Alarm raised and crew retreated to Citadel	Yes Benin Navy via local agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MOC Benin	Patrol boat dispatched
4	SEAFROST Tanker Palau 11013 8517061	18/04/2020 23:54 LT	ARABIAN SEA Off Alang Anchorage, India India 21° 25.90' N 072° 19.79' E	While Seafrost towed by tug boat, Atlantis was waiting for demolition, some perpetrators boarded the unmanned Seafrost from a dinghy boat. Some ship property was stolen. The master of the tug boat reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, who relayed the message to the Indian Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Station Pipavav requested	The crew was not injured.  Some ship property was stolen.	-	Yes VTS Khambhat	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	VTS Khambhat relayed the message to the Indian Coast Guard. The Coast

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5	MASAGANA Chemical tanker Bermuda (United Kingdom) 8627 9404895	19/04/2020 18:45 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau anchorage, Vietnam Viet Nam 10° 21.00' N 107° 02.00' E	Four robbers in a wooden boat boarded an anchored chemical tanker. Duty watchman on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to Port Control	The crew was not injured.  80 litres of deck red paint were stolen from the forward store.	Alarm raised, ship whistle sounded, crew mustered and a search was carried out.	Yes Vung Tau Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Vietnam Maritime Security Centre and Vietnam Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	-
6	SEAMAX DARIEN Container ship Hong Kong, China 89097 9243394	26/04/2020 23:00 UTC	PERSIAN GULF Umm Qasr Port, Iraq Iraq 30° 03.16' N 047° 56.13' E	Unauthorised persons disguised as stevedores boarded a berthed ship. They broke into the forepeak store and started stealing ship's properties by passing them to their accomplices on the jetty. Alert crew noticed the persons and raised the alarm resulting in them escaping. Port Authorities responded and were able to recover and return the stolen items.	Ship's properties were stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nato Shipping Centre & UKMTO	Port Authorities responded and were able to recover and return the stolen items.

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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

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