

**Piracy monthly report for December 2018**  
**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 INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	SAAVEDRA TIDE Supply ship Vanuatu 3927 9697090	04/12/2018 18:00 UTC	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Around 70nm South of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 08.00' N 006° 20.00' E	Nine attackers in a speedboat chased and successfully boarded a supply vessel underway. All crews mustered in the citadel. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to intercept the supply vessel. Upon arriving at the vessel's location, the navy opened fire, resulting in the attackers escaping with stolen personal belongings. The vessel was escorted to a safe port. All crew reported safe.	Crew's personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to intercept the supply vessel
2	NAVIOS AMARILLO Container ship Marshall Islands 39906 9324849	09/12/2018 23:10 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjong Priok Anchorage Area "ECHO", Indonesia Indonesia 06° 55.00' S 106° 54.00' E	Duty watchman on board an anchored ship noticed three robbers on the aft deck and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, announcement on PA system made and all crew mustered on the bridge. Master contacted the pilot station and agents. Authorities boarded the vessel to render assistance and investigate.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Bakamla, Marine Police, Indonesian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Authorities boarded the vessel to render assistance and investigate

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	MAGTRANS II Tug Malaysia 363	05/12/2018 12:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 12nm NE of Sabah Malaysia Malaysia 05° 38.00' N 118° 57.00' E	Four attackers armed with M16s in a black speed boat approached and fired upon a tug towing an unladen barge resulting in the Master being shot in the left thigh. Alarm raised, and distress message sent on VHF Ch 16. The Malaysian Authorities responded and intercepted the tug and rescued the crews. They took the injured Master to hospital. Investigations are ongoing.	Master was shot in the left thigh	-	Yes Malaysian Authority	Malaysia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, IFC	Malaysian Authorities Investigate
2	MAGTRANS II Tug Malaysia 363 9594652	05/12/2018 19:23 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 12nm NE of Sabah, Malaysia Malaysia 05° 38.00' N 118° 57.00' E	While the tug boat was underway from Bintulu, Sabah to Papua New Guinea, four robbers armed with M-16 machine guns boarded the tug boat from a small black boat equipped with four outboard engines. The tug boat had 13 crew (two Malaysians and 11 Indonesians) on board. The master was shot in the left thigh and the crew retaliated by firing a flare gun to defend themselves, causing the robbers to escape from the tug boat. The incident was reported by a nearby tug boat, April Dragon, to the local authorities at about 1932 hrs. The authorities recovered the wounded master and arrived at Tambisan Jetty, Sabah. Meanwhile, the tug boat was escorted safely and arrived at Lahad Datu	The master was injured from the shot in the left thigh. No items were stolen	-	Yes Malaysian Authorities	Malaysia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC	Malaysian Authorities Investigate. The local authorities recovered the wounded master and brought him to Tambisan Jetty. They also escorted the tug boat to Lahad Datu Marine Jetty

Marine Jetty on 6 Dec 18 at about 0055 hrs.

3	BLACKCOMB SPIRIT Tanker Bahamas 60185 9417335	14/12/2018 08:10 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.86' N 064° 46.90' W	Four robbers were sighted on the forecandle deck of an anchored tanker. The ship's crew then searched the entire tanker. Nothing was reported stolen. Incident reported to Puerto Jose VTS through the ship's agent resulting in a patrol boat responding by carrying out a check of the surrounding waters.	-	A search was made throughout the tanker	Yes Puerto Jose VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A patrol boat was dispatched to carry out check of the surrounding waters
4	OCEAN PROMISE Container ship United Kingdom 26718 9215892	22/12/2018 00:59 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of The Congo Congo 04° 44.90' S 011° 45.40' E	Four armed robbers boarded the anchored ship via the anchor chain. General alarm raised, crew mustered in citadel and rocket flares were fired. The robbers escaped. Upon investigation, ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to Pointe Noire Port Control via VHF.	Ship's stores were reported stolen	General alarm raised, crew mustered in citadel and rocket flares were fired	Yes Pointe Noire Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN PORT AREA**

1	KLARA Tanker Panama 29433 9405904	01/12/2018 06:30 UTC	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Two robbers boarded the anchored tanker and attempted to open the forward store. Duty watch keeper spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to local authorities.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Local authority	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ECO LUCIDITY LPG tanker Marshall Islands 3992 9733624	03/12/2018 19:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Merak Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 05° 52.10' S 106° 04.88' E	Three robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. The robbers took hostage two crew members and tied them up. They then entered the engine room, stole engine spare parts and escaped.	Two crew taken hostage and engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Local authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	GLOVIS MAPLE Bulk carrier Bahamas 32545 9607019	09/12/2018 23:10 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Cam Pha Anchorage Viet Nam 20° 55.12' N 107° 17.41' E	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard the anchored ship noticed robbers armed with knives and bamboo stick on the forward deck. Duty officer notified, alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in a wooden boat. Upon investigation, ship's stores were reported stolen. Local agents and authorities informed.	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Vietnam Coast Guard & MRCC Vietnam	Viet Nam ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	NORD LAVENDER Oil tanker Philippines 42791 9729233	13/12/2018 11:45 LT	ARABIAN SEA Southeast of Bab Al Mendeb Strait, Arabian Sea  11° 57.08' N 045° 00.08' E	While sailing, about 15-20 skiffs approached the tanker at high speed and surrounded her. There were about four to five persons in each skiff. The tanker fired warning shots and the skiffs dispersed.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	-	Yes UKMTO	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (United Kingdom)	-
2	CAMDEN Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9435557	14/12/2018 23:35 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 93nm West of Bayelsa, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 39.90' N 004° 01.00' E	Seven armed pirates, in a speed boat, approached and fired upon a tanker underway. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security guard returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe.	Damaged ship port hole, bullets marking on starboard bridge wing	Alarm raised, crew mustered in citadel	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Six Nigerian Navy personnel onboard returned fire

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