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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	Name Withheld	03/02/2019 05:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA 180NM off Bonny, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 33.49' N 004° 44.55' E	An MV(NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by pirates. A Nigerian Navy Launch Boat had been dispatched on the scene as well as a Beninese Patrol Boat.	Ship is safe	-	No	MDAT-GoG	-
2	Name Withheld Landing craft Marshall Islands 1409	03/02/2019 05:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 136nm SW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 32.59' N 004° 47.30' E	Five armed pirates attacked and boarded a ship underway, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. Remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. On 01.03.2019, received confirmation from the Owners that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely.	Three crew members kidnapped. On 01.03.2019, received confirmation from the Owners that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely.	-	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Dispatched naval boat to the location to assist the vessel and escort to the safe anchorage
3	EVER DIEM Container ship Singapore 52090 9134270	11/02/2019 10:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 145 nm of Mahe, Seychelles Seychelles 02° 29.60' S 054° 09.00' E	While the ship was en route to Mombasa, Kenya, the master noticed via the radar a suspicious vessel without approved identification system (AIS) at his vessel's port bow. The master monitored the suspicious vessel although it did not appear to show any signs of attempt to come near the ship. About 20 min later, the suspicious vessel started to move at small angle, followed by changing its course to starboard side and increased its speed and was sighted to approach the ship's route. The master immediately increased speed of ship, adjusted his course and closely monitored the suspicious vessel. The general alarm was sounded and all crew were notified. The crew closed all access to the accommodation, started fire pump and activated anti-piracy watch. The suspicious vessel subsequently stopped its pursuit. The suspicious vessel was believed to be the mother vessel as there was a small boat sighted near it. At about 1246 hrs (local time), the master reported sighting of a second suspicious vessel on its starboard bow. However, the vessel did not show signs of attempt to come near the ship. The crew checked the surrounding and four hours later, the ship was cleared of suspicious vessels.	none	The master increased speed of ship, adjusted course and closely monitored the suspicious vessel. The general alarm was sounded and all crew were notified. The crew closed all access to the accommodation, started fire pump and activated anti-piracy watch.	No	ReCAAP ISC	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	JIN HWA 43 Tug Malaysia 148 9689768	05/02/2019 17:09 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 1.3 nm southwest of the Western Boarding Ground Alpha, Singapore Singapore 01° 12.63' N 103° 34.79' E	While the tug boat towing barge was underway, the master of the tug boat reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and Singapore Police Coast Guard that some robbers were boarding the barge from a few small boats. The barge was laden with scrap iron. The master later reported that the robbers had left the barge with some scrap iron. The tug boat and barge continued her voyage to Penang, Malaysia.	The crew was not injured. Some scrap iron was stolen.	The master of the tug boat reported the incident to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and Singapore Police Coast Guard.	Yes Singapore Police Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC	Informed Singapore Police Coast Guard.
2	MAERSK CAPRI Tanker Singapore 29816 9786140	05/02/2019 22:05 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.40' N 098° 40.00' E	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber escaping via the hawse pipe and jumped into a wooden boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and on searching the vessel ships properties reported missing.	The crew was not injured. Fire hose nozzle was stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC	-
3	RTM DAMPIER Bulk carrier Singapore 106796 9591325	10/02/2019 18:40 UTC	YELLOW SEA Caofeidian Anchorage, China China 38° 52.50' N 118° 42.60' E	While at anchor, a robber boarded the ship. The 2nd Officer sighted from the port bridge wings that the port low sulphur diesel oil (LSDO) tank manhole was opened and there was a hose connected to the tank. Over the port ship side, he saw a small unlit barge. He immediately alerted the master and chief officer. The duty A/B who was making his security rounds was also alerted to check on the port side. The robber removed the hose from the tank immediately and jumped into the barge when his presence was discovered. Following the incident, a search on the ship was conducted. There were no other robbers found on board the ship. 67 metric tonnes of LSDO was reported stolen. Incident reported to VTS Caofeidian.	The crew was not injured. 67 metric tonnes of low sulphur diesel oil were stolen.	The 2nd Officer alerted the master and chief officer immediately. The duty A/B who was making his security rounds was also alerted to check on the port side. A search of the ship was conducted.	Yes VTS Caofeidian	ReCAAP ISC ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard are investigating the incident
4	ANNA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 11473 9501887	23/02/2019 04:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana Ghana 04° 54.60' N 001° 40.20' W	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.	Ship's store stolen	-	Yes Port Control and MDAT GoG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Takoradi Security team boarded the vessel to investigate
5	Name Withheld Bulk carrier Liberia 36332	25/02/2019 11:06 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage, South Kalimantan, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 43.10' S 114° 26.30' E	Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crews mustered. Seeing the crews alertness, the robbers retreated into their waiting skiff and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered. The master reported the incident to the local port authority.	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).	-
6	MAERSK JAMNAGAR Oil tanker Singapore 56326 9524982	27/02/2019 05:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Aboadze Anchorage, Ghana Ghana 04° 56.40' N 001° 34.30' W	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.	Ship's store stolen	-	Yes Sekondi Naval Base	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1 MAERSK ERIK
Product tanker
Singapore
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9316608

03/02/2019
16:30 UTC

INDIAN OCEAN
Oil Jetty No.4, Kandla
Port, India
India
23° 02.02' N
070° 13.39' E

The chief officer on routine rounds onboard a berthed tanker noticed a boat under the forecastle and notified the other deck crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away. On inspection, it was noticed that a store room had been broken into but nothing reported stolen. Port authorities notified.

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A search was
carried out

Yes
Kandla Port Control

ICC-IMB Piracy
Reporting Centre
Kuala Lumpur

An investigation by Indian Coast Guard jointly with Kandla Port revealed following:-

(i) No such incident was reported by the vessel or the agent to the Kandla Port. Whereas Master reported the incident to IMB PRC after 02 days of occurrence. Based on investigations, it was revealed that the Master did not initiate any actions in accordance with IMO Circular MSC 1333/Rev 1.

(ii) Port also intimated that they were operating at Maritime Security Level II (Two). Port had intensified water front patrolling in Oil Jetty area to prevent any incident. All the shipping agents were widely circulated with the security advisories regarding precautions to be taken by

ships at anchorages as well as at the berth by the Port.

2 HISTRIA IVORY Product tanker Malta 25804 9356244	09/02/2019 03:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Port of Monrovia, Liberia Liberia 06° 21.10' N 010° 47.80' W	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard a berthed tanker noticed a robber armed with a knife. Alarm sounded, resulting in the robber escaping. On searching the tanker, ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local agent and port control.	Ship's stores reported stolen	Alarm sounded and a search was carried out	Yes MRCC Monrovia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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1	KOTA SATRIA Container ship Singapore 41567 9645487	21/02/2019 00:16 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 80nm South of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 59.90' N 005° 56.60' E	Around four to six armed with guns pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon a container vessel underway. Two of the robbers attempted to hook a ladder to ship's hull but was not successful hence slowed down the pursuit. The perpetrators then fired two-gun shots toward the ship's bridge and subsequently to the ship's accommodation. The master-initiated security procedure, alarm raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel, and contacted company security officer via Shore Emergency Contact Number (SECN) as well as the company's armed escort vessel and the Nigerian Navy and carried out evasive manoeuvre as per company procedure. All the 27 crew and ship are safe, no injury reported, and the fast boat aborted the pursuit. The Master arranged to rendezvous with armed escort ship approximately 30 nm away. At 0330 hrs (local time), the ship met the escort and both ships proceeded to Port of Onne.	Bridge windows were cracked and holed due to the firing	The master did the following: 1. initiated security procedure; 2. contacted the company security officer via Shore Emergency Contact Number (SECN) and informed the company's armed escort vessel and the Nigerian Navy; and 3. carried out evasive manoeuvre as per company procedure.	Yes Nigerian Navy and Flag state(Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Called escort vessel to proceed to the vessel
2	Name Withheld Oil tanker Marshall Islands 83805	27/02/2019 08:54 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 69nm South of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 07.70' N 006° 12.40' E	Two skiffs with 16 armed persons chased, fired upon and attempted to board a tanker underway. General alarm raised, SSAS activated and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. A security vessel in the vicinity responded to the Master's call resulting in the skiffs aborting and moving away. Crew and vessel reported safe. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy.	Crew and vessel reported safe.	Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy.	Yes Nigerian Navy and Bonny Offshore Terminal	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	AFRICAN GEM Product tanker Panama 28326 9085390	27/02/2019 20:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 70nm South of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 08.00' N 006° 03.00' E	Duty officer onboard a tanker underway noticed on radar, two targets at a distance of 4nm. At 2nm the targets were seen to cross the stern, increase speed and approach at high speed. As the skiffs closed in to the tanker, they opened fire. The onboard Nigerian naval personnel returned fire. The skiffs retreated and followed the tanker for a short duration before moving away.	-	Alarm raised, non-essential crew mustered in citadel.	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Nigerian Navy patrol boat established contact with the tanker
4	BOURBON EXPLORER 502 Supply ship	28/02/2019 08:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 30nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria Nigeria	Two speed boats with 16-armed person chased and fired upon an offshore supply vessel underway. Alarm raised, vessel increased speed	Vessel sustain bullet damage on the bridge.	Alarm raised, vessel increased speed and commenced	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed	Nigerian Navy escorted the

* 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

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03° 52.80' N
007° 04.50' E

and commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The escorting security vessel intervened to repel the attack. Vessel sustain bullet damage on the bridge. All crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy escorted the vessel to a safe port.

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message to MRCC vessel to a
Lagos/Nimasa & safe port.
Nigerian Navy HQ
(Ops room).