

Piracy monthly report February 2020
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	MAERSK TEMA Container ship Marshall Islands 51872 9698264	14/02/2020 07:59 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 102nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe Sao Tome and Principe 01° 33.00' N 005° 19.00' E	Armed pirates in two boats approached and boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, stopped the ship and all crew members mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) immediately alerted the Authorities in the Region and commenced liaising with the authorities and vessel operators. A security vessel with a Nigerian Navy team was dispatched to assist. The Sao Tome Navy / Authorities requested a nearby Portuguese patrol boat to assist as well. The crew emerged from the citadel after the Nigerian navy personnel boarded and searched the ship. Some ship's equipment was reported as damaged. Under the escort of the security vessel the ship proceeded to a safe port.	Ship's equipment was reported as damaged.	Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, stopped the ship and all crew members mustered in the citadel.	Yes Marshall Islands Flag State	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, Sao Tome Navy & Equatorial Guinea Navy.	A security vessel with a Nigerian Navy team and a Portuguese patrol boat were sent to assist the ship. The Nigerian navy personnel boarded and searched the ship.
2	Name withheld Product tanker Liberia 41696	20/02/2020 01:03 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 75NM SSW of Cotonou, Benin Benin 05° 08.31' N 002° 06.14' E	While underway pirates with armed attacked a tanker and kidnapped nine crew members. Vessel sailed to a safe port. Investigations are ongoing.	Nine crews members kidnapped	-	Yes MDAT-GOG & Flag Administrator	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Benin Navy, Nigerian Navy HQ, MRCC Lagos / NIMASA, Togo Navy, Spanish Navy Warship & French Navy Warship	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	CREST ONYX Tug Indonesia 1727 9655717	02/02/2020 21:20 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Batam Island, Indonesia Indonesia	Alert crew onboard a tug moored to a buoy noticed three robbers on deck and raised the alarm. The crew confronted the robbers who were able to escape with the assistance of two of their accomplices waiting in their boat. Incident reported to the police who boarded the tug for investigations. A search was carried out. It was noticed the padlock to the storeroom was damaged and ship's equipment stolen. All crew safe.	The padlock to the storeroom was damaged and ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy	-
2	SUNG FATT 27 Tug Malaysia	07/02/2020 12:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 9.4 nm east of Karimun Besar Island, Indonesia Indonesia	While the tug boat towing barge was en route from Port Klang, Malaysia to Kuching, East Malaysia, four small wooden boats approached the barge,	The crew was not injured. About 20kg of steel construction	-	Yes Malaysia Marine Police	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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139 8790871		01° 03.37' N 103° 34.87' E	which carried construction materials. Eight perpetrators boarded the barge, stole about 20kg of steel construction material and escaped. The crew was not injured	material was stolen from the barge.					
3 SWARNA JAYANTI Tanker India 57702 9467720	08/02/2020 18:30 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 6.2 nm from Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam Singapore 01° 15.67' N 104° 10.28' E	Duty crew onboard a product tanker underway noticed an unauthorised person in the engine room. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and incident reported to Singapore VTIS. On searching the vessel it was noticed that ship's properties were stolen.	The crew was not injured. Ship's properties were stolen	The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew and conducted search for the perpetrator.	Yes Singapore VTIS East	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard & MPA POCC and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-	
4 NEW SPIRIT Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 32287 9425801	09/02/2020 02:22 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 5.1 nm from Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia 01° 15.72' N 104° 08.47' E	While underway, six perpetrators armed with knives were seen in the engine room. The perpetrators ran onto the deck when they saw the crew. The master mustered and accounted for all crew in the bridge. He reported the incident to Singapore VTIS East and requested to go to Singapore to conduct further search. Upon arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship to conduct further search. No perpetrators were found and engine spares including 20 pieces circular brakes, 130m cables and 25 pieces magnetic contactors were stolen.	The crew was not injured. Engine spares including 20 pieces circular brakes, 130m cables and 25 pieces magnetic contactors were stolen.	The master mustered and accounted for all crew in the bridge.	Yes Singapore VTIS East	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard and POCC Singapore	Upon the bulk carrier's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship to conduct further search.	
5 MORBIUS Chemical tanker Comoros 58141 9165762	19/02/2020 07:20 LT	ARABIAN SEA 186 Nawabandar LT 08 nm, Off Gujarat, India India 20° 36.40' N 070° 03.96' E	While Morbius was underway and towed by tug boat, Allianz Titanium, nine perpetrators in a fishing boat approached the ship. Two of the perpetrators boarded Morbius while the remaining seven perpetrators waited in the fishing boat. The master reported the incident to India Coast Guard (ICG) on VHF Ch-16 and the local marine police. An ICG ship immediately rushed to the location of the incident and apprehended the seven perpetrators in the fishing boat. Thereafter, the ICG boarded Morbius and apprehended the remaining two perpetrators hiding in the ship. The ICG handed the nine perpetrators to Marine Police Station Pipavav.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	Reported the incident to the Indian Coast Guard via vhf ch-16	Yes ICG and local marine police	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and PRC	An ICG ship immediately rushed to the location of the incident and apprehended the seven perpetrators in a fishing boat. Thereafter, the ICG boarded Morbius and apprehended the remaining two perpetrators hiding in the ship. The ICG handed the nine perpetrators to Marine Police Station Pipavav.	
6 WESTERN SEATTLE Bulk carrier Philippines 32350 9660619	28/02/2020 00:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.5 nm east of Pulau Karimun Kecil Singapore 01° 08.60' N 103° 28.68' E	While en route to Singapore, four perpetrators boarded the bulk carrier. The crew informed the master who raised the alarm and mustered all crew in the wheelhouse. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information	There was no confrontation between the crew and perpetrators. Nothing was stolen.	The master raised the alarm and mustered all crew in the wheelhouse.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed message to the Singapore Police	The Republic of Singapore Navy escorted the ship into Singapore and	

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Coast Guard

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7 Teras Caesar Tug Singapore 883 9625982	28/02/2020 08:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kutubdia Channel, Bangladesh Bangladesh 21° 27.50' N 091° 44.00' E	While tug boat Teras Caesar towing barge Maritime Faith was underway, about 20 perpetrators boarded the barge from three fishing boats. The master of the tug boat sounded the alarm and all crew were on standby for possible boarding of the tug boat by the perpetrators. The perpetrators eventually escaped with stolen items including lashing equipment, rope, manhole cover and steel stopper from the barge. The incident was reported to the Bangladesh Navy and Singapore Port Operations Control Centre.	Lashing equipment, rope, manhole cover and steel stopper were stolen from the barge.	The master of the tug boat sounded the alarm and all crew were on standby for possible boarding of the tug boat by the perpetrators. The master also reported the incident to Singapore Port Operations Control Centre.	Yes Bangladesh navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
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IN PORT AREA

1 PALAWAN STAR Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9401233	01/02/2020 01:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 15.70' N 003° 19.10' E	Two robbers in a boat boarded an anchored tanker. They tried to seize the duty AB on routine rounds, who managed to escape. Alarm raised. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy. A patrol boat was dispatched to the location.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	A patrol boat was dispatched to the location.
2 ASL AMBER Tug Singapore 977 9430301	07/02/2020 19:10 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Martabari Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 21° 41.72' N 091° 50.34' E	While at anchor, the duty A/B sighted two suspicious fishing boats approaching the tug boat. He saw several perpetrators armed with knives boarding the tug boat. He reported to the OOW, who immediately activated the general alarm. The perpetrators escaped from the tug boat when they realised their presence was discovered. The crew conducted a search and found some mooring ropes and shackles were stolen. The crew was not injured and there was no damage to the tug boat.	The crew was not injured. Some mooring ropes and shackles were stolen.	The general alarm was activated and a search was conducted on board the tug boat.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The security forces and Bangladesh Coast Guard went on board to investigate.
3 EVIMERIA Supply ship Niue 3665 9366653	11/02/2020 05:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada Anchorage, India India 16° 58.00' N 082° 18.00' E	While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship from a blue and yellow craft via the starboard quarter through the ship's tyre fender. The master raised the alarm and the perpetrators escaped with 20m of mooring rope. The master reported the incident to Kakinada Port Control, who informed the coastal security police. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. 20m of mooring rope was stolen	The master raised the alarm	Yes Kakinada Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Kakinada Port Control informed the coastal security police.
4 SANCO SEA Tug Gibraltar (United Kingdom)	15/02/2020 03:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Luanda Anchorage, Angola Angola 08° 43.40' S 013° 17.50' E	Duty crew onboard an anchored vessel noticed the paint store broken into and ship's stores stolen.	Ship's stores were stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Angola MRCC	-

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5	AL BARRAH LPG tanker Saudi Arabia 23999 9332030	19/02/2020 18:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada Anchorage, India 17° 03.50' N 082° 24.60' E	During routine rounds, crew noticed ship's stores missing. On investigating, it was noticed that a robber had boarded the tanker, stolen ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to Regional Authorities.	Ship's stores were stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authorities and MRCC Chennai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation
6	AL BARRAH Tanker Saudi Arabia 23999 9332030	20/02/2020 05:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada Anchorage, India 17° 03.70' N 082° 24.80' E	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the tanker, stole two mooring ropes and eight paint drums, and escaped. The master reported the incident to pilot station Kakinada. The incident was also informed to the local agent, local police, India Coast Guard (ICG), Kakinada Port Control and other authorities. The ICG reported the incident to the coastal security police for investigation.	The crew was not injured. Two mooring ropes and eight paint drums were stolen.	The master reported the incident to pilot station Kakinada.	Yes Pilot station Kakinada	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The ICG reported the incident to the coastal security police for investigation.
7	IVER AMBASSADOR Tanker Marshall Islands 7009 9768514	25/02/2020 07:07 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Echo Anchorage, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti. Haiti. 18° 34.00' N 072° 32.20' W	Two robbers armed with a gun boarded an anchored tanker. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. All crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship properties in a wooden boat along with another accomplice. The incident was reported to the CSO and Port Control.	Ship's properties were stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to Haiti Police	-
8	PACIFIC GOSLING Supply ship Singapore 3585 9666900	26/02/2020 00:56 LT	WEST AFRICA Luanda Inner Anchorage, Angola Angola 08° 45.00' S 013° 16.00' E	While at anchor, four perpetrators boarded the ship, broke the padlock to the paint locker room, stole paint and escaped.	The crew was not injured. Paint was stolen.	-	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
9	MALAVIYA TEN Supply ship India 2180 9202596	28/02/2020 04:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN North Anchorage Kakinada, India India 16° 58.08' N 082° 18.91' E	While at anchor, seven perpetrators in a dinghy boat approached and boarded the offshore supply ship from the stern. They stole lube oil drums and escaped. The crew was not injured. Two Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ships were deployed to investigate all the fishing boats entering Kakinada fisheries harbour. Further, ICG Station Kakinada informed to Coastal Security Police Station Vakalapudi for investigation.	The crew was not injured. Lube oil drums were stolen.	-	Yes Kakinada Sea Port Limited (KSPL) and Indian Coast Guard Station Kakinada	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Two Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ships were deployed to investigate all the fishing boats entering Kakinada fisheries harbour. Further, ICG Station Kakinada informed to Coastal Security Police Station Vakalapudi for investigation.

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1	BW PARIS Gas carrier - LNG Singapore 103670 9368302	10/02/2020 10:15 LT	ARABIAN SEA Arabian Sea Oman 16° 24.00' N 055° 29.00' E	While underway, three perpetrators in a skiff was pursuing the liquefied gas carrier. The perpetrators were not armed and there was no boarding or fishing equipment sighted on board the skiff. The master activated the SSAS and adopted counter-piracy procedures.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The master activated the SSAS and adopted counter-piracy procedures.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
2	Name withheld Container ship Liberia 40085	21/02/2020 02:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 130nm SW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 49.30' N 004° 40.50' E	Duty officer onboard the ship underway noticed a speed boat approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, speed increased, all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and CSO notified. As the boat closed in, the Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. The approaching boat called the ship over VHF Ch 16 and demanded the ship to be stopped. Shots were heard being fired towards the ship. After around one hour the boat aborted and moved away. All crew safe.	Bullets holes in the ship's accommodation	Alarm raised, speed increased, all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and took evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	SEA EMPEROR Product tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9383601	27/02/2020 08:24 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 48.24NM NNW of Luanda, Angola Angola 08° 10.40' S 012° 41.60' E	Eight Pirates in a small boat approached and attempted to board a product tanker underway. All non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and CSO notified. Master commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the approach. Vessel and crew safe	-	Evasive manoeuvres made, Distress message sent via VHF 16, Crew retreated into Citadel.	Yes Reported via CH 16 to vessels in vicinity and Coastal authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to MRCC and Navy	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	Name withheld Tanker Panama 62350	18/02/2020 00:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 17.53' N 003° 14.16' E	Three persons in a small boat approached an anchored tanker and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the attempted boarding and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the boarding and escaped in their boat. The incident reported to Port Control.	-	Ship's horn sounded and accommodation locked down	Yes Port Control & Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	-
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