

Piracy monthly report January 2021
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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	Seaking Oil tanker Bahamas 161382 9292187	01/01/0001 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 75nm WSW of Port Gentil Gabon 00° 59.80' S 007° 32.30' E	Crew onboard a drifting tanker noticed a mother vessel launching a skiff with four persons, which approached at high speed. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The skiff managed to come alongside the vessel but due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the boarding was avoided. Crew and tanker reported safe.		Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel	Yes Gabon Authorities	PRC relayed the message to Gabon Authorities	NA
2	Duesseldorf Express Container ship Bermuda (United Kingdom) 53523 9143556	09/01/2021 08:55 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 45nm West of Cartagena Sea Buoy Pilot Boarding Ground Colombia 10° 15.70' N 076° 22.90' W	Around ten persons in a small craft approached and boarded a drifting ship. Alarm activated, public announcement made, crew mustered, and security messages sent. Port Control instructed the ship to proceed to pilot station. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. The search party also noticed that some intruders were still onboard, and all crew immediately retreated into the accommodation. Upon arriving at the pilot station, a coast guard boat arrived and escorted the ship to the inner anchorage, where the police and coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Five intruders were found and detained.	Ship's properties stolen	Alarm activated, public announcement made, crew mustered, and security messages sent. The crew conducted a search	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	PRC relayed the message to Colombia Authorities	Police and coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Five intruders were found and detained
3	Nord Hudson Bulk carrier Denmark 34617 9696797	13/01/2021 04:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Santana Port, Brazil	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local police who boarded the ship for investigation.	Ship's properties stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local Police	PRC relayed the message to Brazil CISMAR & MRCC Brazil	Police boarded the ship for investigation
4	Maersk Cardiff Container ship Singapore 50869 9529255	13/01/2021 19:20	WEST AFRICA Around 120nm SSW of Brass South of Port Harcourt, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 23.58' N 005° 31.00' E	While underway, a container ship was approached and fired upon by pirates in a small craft. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Regional Authorities. Ship and crew reported safe.	Ship was fired upon The crew was not injured.	Alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel	Yes MDAT-GoG & MRCC Lagos, Nigeria	PRC relayed the message to Nimasa / MRCC Lagos & Nigeria Navy HQ (Ops room)	NA
				The Company Security Officer (CSO) of the					
					ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point				

* 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

			container ship reported that an unknown number of perpetrators were suspected to have boarded the ship, and the crew were gathered in the citadel. The master was communicating with the CSO via satellite phone and reported that all crew was safe. The CSO contacted the Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade, Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GOG), the local security service provider and requested for naval assets in the vicinity to render assistance. On 14 Jan, a security vessel engaged by the company arrived at the location of Maersk Cardiff. After receiving confirmation from the security vessel that there was no sign of pirates on board, the crew came out of the citadel and resumed control of the ship.				(Singapore)		
5	Myrto Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 43012 9518086	14/01/2021 08:49 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Gulf of Aden 12° 06.10' N 044° 26.50' E	While underway, the ship noticed a skiff approaching. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered. At a distance of 0.2nm weapons and ladders were noticed in the skiff. The onboard armed team fired warning shots, resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.	Nil	Alarm sounded and all crew mustered	Yes UKMTO	PRC relayed the message to Regional Authorities	NA
6	Green Freezer Refrigerated cargo carrier Bahamas 5084 8819304	18/01/2021 03:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Banana Anchorage Democratic Republic of the Congo 06° 02.00' S 012° 21.50' E	Three robbers in a small wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forecandle store and retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Port Control contacted through VHF Ch.16. No response received.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control contacted through VHF Ch.16, but received no response	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo IMBKL	NA
7	Ostria Product tanker Liberia 25108 9302671	20/01/2021 22:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 63nm SE of Lagos, Nigeria 05° 23.43' N 003° 44.52' E	Armed persons in a speedboat, approached and attempted to board a tanker underway. Master raised the alarm and commenced evasive manoeuvres resulting in the approach being aborted.	Nil	Alarm raised and evasive manoeuvres commenced	No	PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room) & Nimasa	NA
8	Name Withheld Container ship Liberia 28616	23/01/2021 05:35 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 98nm NW of Sao Tome and Principe Sao Tome and Principe 01° 04.13' N 005° 04.21' E	While underway, a ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. One crew killed and fifteen crews kidnapped. Remaining three crews managed to navigate to a safe port.	One crew killed, 15 crew kidnapped	Crew mustered in Citadel	Yes Regional Authority	PRC relayed the message to Sao Tome and Principe Coastguard and Navy	NA
9	Ark Royal Bulk carrier Barbados 27011 9219446	25/01/2021 03:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approximately 7.1 nm north west of Tanjung Pergam, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia 01° 16.58' N 104° 15.70' E	While underway, five unauthorised persons were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted. At 0506 hrs, the master updated Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that the search on board was completed with no further sighting of the unauthorized	The crew was safe and accounted for. Nothing was stolen	Ship alarm raised and crew mustered. A search onboard was conducted.	Yes Singapore VTIS via VHF	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN)

			<p>persons. The master reported that nothing was stolen, and all crew was safe and accounted for. He added that no assistance was required, and the ship would continue its voyage. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. Information of the incident was shared with the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities.</p> <p>Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to CSO and VTS.</p>					<p>Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. Information of the incident was shared with the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities.</p>	
10	Vantage Wave General cargo ship Liberia 22064 9506514	28/01/2021 18:20 UTC	<p>MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 5.8 nm southeast of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia in the Singapore 01° 16.87' N 104° 18.70' E</p>	<p>Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.</p> <p>While underway, three unauthorised persons armed with knives were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted. At about 0322hrs, the master updated Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) East that the search was completed with no further sighting of the three unauthorised persons. All crew was safe and accounted for. The ship did not require assistance, and continued its voyage to China.</p> <p>A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.</p>	<p>The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.</p>	<p>Alarm raised and crew mustered</p> <p>The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted and no further sighting of the unauthorized persons.</p>	<p>Yes Singapore VTIS East</p>	<p>PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</p>	<p>A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) were informed, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified</p>
11	Elvia Bulk carrier Liberia 50697 9570840	28/01/2021 22:32 LT	<p>MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 6 nm northwest of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia 01° 16.15' N 104° 16.70' E</p>	<p>While underway, 10 unauthorised persons armed with knives were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted. At about 2338hrs, the master updated VTIS East that the search on board was completed with no further sighting of unauthorised persons. All crew was safe and nothing was stolen. The ship did not require assistance and proceeded on its voyage .A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed, and</p>	<p>The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.</p>	<p>The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted with no sighting of the unauthorized persons.</p>	<p>Yes Singapore VTIS East</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</p>	<p>A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG)</p>

the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.

Ten robbers armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier underway. General alarm sounded and all crew mustered. Incident reported to VTS. All crew reported safe.

were informed, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.

12	Kota Nebula Container ship Singapore 20902 9494632	30/01/2021 03:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Makar Wharf Berth No. 5 to 7, General Santos City, Philippines 06° 05.60' N 125° 09.39' E	While at berth, the watchkeeping crew sighted two perpetrators on the starboard lifeboat deck. The general alarm was raised. All crew was notified of the perpetrators and their location via the PA system. The crew proceeded to the starboard lifeboat deck. The perpetrators jumped into the water and fled in a small motor banca upon discovered that they had been sighted. The crew was not injured. A search was conducted, and two units each of the fire nozzles and the fire hydrant caps were reported missing. The master reported the incident to the flag administration and local authorities.	The crew was not injured. Two fire hydrant caps and two fire nozzles were stolen.	The alarm was raised and all crew was informed of the unauthorized persons on board and their locations via the PA system. A search was conducted on board the ship.	Yes Reported to flag administration and local authorities.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	None
13	Rowayton Eagle Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 35812 9575216	30/01/2021 04:24 UTC	WEST AFRICA 200nm SE of Accra, Ghana Ghana 02° 55.00' N 001° 56.60' E	Crew onboard a vessel underway noticed pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Ghanaian Navy patrol boat was dispatched but was unable to assist due to technical difficulties. Owners advised the Master to sail towards Nigerian waters to rendezvous with a Nigerian security team, which allowed the crew to emerge from the citadel and sail, under escort, to a safe port. All crew reported safe	Nil	Alarm raised and crew retreated into the citadel	Yes Regional Authority	PRC relayed the message to Ghana Navy, NIMASA/ MRCC Lagos, Nigeria Navy HQ (ops Room	NA

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	Mozart Container ship Liberia 28616 9337274	23/01/2021 05:35 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 98nm NW of Sao Tome and Principe Sao Tome and Principe 01° 04.13' N 005° 04.21' E	While underway, the ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. One crew killed and fifteen crews kidnapped. Remaining three crews managed to navigate to a safe port. On 05.04.2021, the Owners confirmed that the 15 kidnapped crew members were released safely.	One crew killed, 15 crew kidnapped	Crew mustered in Citadel	Yes Regional Authority	PRC relayed the message to Sao Tome and Principe Coastguard and Navy	NA
---	---	-------------------------	---	---	------------------------------------	--------------------------	---------------------------	--	----

IN PORT AREA

1	SBI Orion Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36421 9705330	03/01/2021 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, East Kalimantan Indonesia 00° 15.80' S 117° 34.30' E	While at anchor, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators at forecandle store, before they escaped with ship ropes. The crew was not injured. The incident was reported to the local authorities.	The crew was not injured. Ship ropes were stolen.	No information available	Yes Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
2	Name Withheld Bulk carrier Marshall Islands	03/01/2021 19:40 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage Indonesia 00° 15.80' S	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew spotted the robbers near	Ship's stores stolen	All crew mustered and searched the ship. Damaged	Yes Local agent	PRC relayed the message to Indonesian Marine	NA

36421		117° 34.30' E	the forecandle store escaping with ship's stores. Incident reported to local authorities.		hawsepipe cover re-secured			Police HQ	
3	Niledutch Breda Container ship Cyprus 39106 9612765	04/01/2021 00:48 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire North Anchorage, Congo 04° 42.93' S 011° 44.21' E	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. General alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The robbers stole ships stores and escaped. The incident was reported to Port Control. All crew reported safe.	Ships stores were stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered in citadel	Yes Port Control	PRC relayed the message to Pointe Noire CMC, Cresmac Zone A & MMCC Zone F	NA
4	Sagittarius Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 17025 9550254	05/01/2021 00:53 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Bay Haiti 18° 38.00' N 072° 37.00' W	Duty officer onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed a suspicious echo on the radar and asked the security patrol to investigate. The security patrol noticed a boat with around six robbers armed with a gun boarding using a ladder with hooks. Alarm raised and crew retreated into the accommodation. The robbers threatened the Chief Engineer who was attempting to secure an open accommodation door. Incident reported to the coast guard and PFSO. The Coast Guard responded and boarded the vessel to carry out a search and investigate. Ship's properties reported stolen. Crew and vessel safe.	Ship's properties stolen	Nil	Yes Coast guard and PFSO	PRC relayed the message to Police National Haiti	The Coast Guard boarded the vessel to carry out a search and investigate
5	Prague Express Container ship Germany 93750 9450399	06/01/2021	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Charlie Anchorage Colombia 10° 18.41' N 075° 33.66' W	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. Onboard investigation revealed that the hawse pipe protection device was destroyed and the bosun store's padlock was damaged. The Authorities were informed through local agent.	Ship's properties stolen	Crew mustered and made a search	Yes Coast Guard and Police through the local agent	PRC relayed the message to Colombia Authorities	NA
6	CSCL Lima Container ship Hong Kong, China 26404 9386005	28/01/2021 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau Anchorage Viet Nam 10° 12.87' N 107° 07.55' E	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship. The duty AB during the security round discovered damaged padlock and open door in the paint store. No unauthorized person was sighted on board the ship. Some cans of paint were discovered missing from the paint locker.	The crew was not injured. Some cans of paint were stolen from the paint locker	The crew doubled anti-pilferage watches. They rigged lights around the bow and stern areas, using searching lights at night to detect any approaching boats	Yes The incident was reported to the port control, Port Facility Security Officer and the Coastal State.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information available
7	Sea Harvest Tanker Hong Kong, China 11676 9358644	30/01/2021 02:55 LT	ARABIAN SEA Kandla Outer Anchorage India 22° 47.79' N 070° 05.16' E	While at anchor, the deck duty AB heard some sound and discovered a small boat close to the ship's port bow. He went to the forward deck, and saw two perpetrators on board the ship. The duty AB reported the incident to the second officer. The lock of the main deck store near the mid-ship was broken. The perpetrators escaped in a small boat with some	The crew was not injured. Ship stores were stolen, including 6U-pieces connecting cargo line to common line, 6U-pieces connecting vapor return line to tank and one tank cleaning	The master reported the incident to the local agent and the ship owner. He did not inform the local authorities.	Yes Incident was reported to the local agent and ship owner. The local agent in turn, reported the incident to IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Upon notified about the incident, the Indian Coast Guard boarded the ship at Mumbai

			ship's stores. The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to the local agent and the ship owner.	circulation connection.		Region) and the flag State	Anchorage to conduct investigation of the incident. The ship master was advised to report the incident to the local authorities and maintain vigilance while at anchorages.	
8 Suruya Aki Gas carrier - LNG Bahamas 20519 9060534	31/01/2021 05:35 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Anchorage at Belawan, off North West of Sumatra, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 56.20' N 098° 45.60' E	While at anchor, two perpetrators boarded the ship. One of them was armed with a knife. All the crew took refuge in the citadel, and reported the incident to Belawan VTS and their ship company. The Indonesian Marine Police boarded the ship and conducted a search. No perpetrator was found. The crew was safe and some of the ship's stores were stolen.	The crew was not injured. Ship stores were stolen, including ropes, cap of service valve, coupling of extinguishment and nozzle, wing nut and emergency hand light of life raft.	The crew alerted the SSAS when they sighted the two perpetrators on board the ship. All crew took refuge in the citadel.	Yes Incident was reported to Belawan VTS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	The Indonesian Marine Police boarded the ship and conducted a search.



* 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