## 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

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<th>N°</th>
<th>Ship Name</th>
<th>Type of Ship</th>
<th>Flag</th>
<th>Gross Tonnage</th>
<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Position of the incident*</th>
<th>Details of the incident</th>
<th>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</th>
<th>Action taken by the master and the crew</th>
<th>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or international organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Seaking</td>
<td>Oil tanker</td>
<td>Bahamas</td>
<td>161382</td>
<td>9292187</td>
<td>01/01/0001</td>
<td>UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Gabon Authorities</td>
<td></td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Gabon Authorities</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Duesseldorf Express</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Bermuda (United Kingdom)</td>
<td>53523</td>
<td>9143556</td>
<td>09/01/2021</td>
<td>08:55 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C)</td>
<td>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 coastguard 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.</td>
<td>Ship’s properties stolen</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Port Control and Coast Guard</td>
<td></td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Colombia Authorities</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Nord Hudson</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Denmark</td>
<td>34617</td>
<td>9696797</td>
<td>13/01/2021</td>
<td>04:00 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (A)</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Ship’s properties stolen</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Local Police</td>
<td></td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Brazil CISMAR &amp; MRCC Brazil</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Maersk Cardiff</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>50869</td>
<td>9529255</td>
<td>13/01/2021</td>
<td>19:20</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Ship was fired upon The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>MDAT-GoG &amp; MRCC Lagos, Nigeria</td>
<td></td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Nimasa / MRCC Lagos &amp; Nigeria Navy HQ (Ops room)</td>
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A 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.

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<td>5</td>
<td>Myrto</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>43012</td>
<td>9518086</td>
<td>14/01/2021 08:49 UTC</td>
<td>ARABIAN SEA 12° 06.10' N 044° 26.50' E</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Green Freezer</td>
<td>Refrigerated cargo carrier</td>
<td>Bahamas</td>
<td>5084</td>
<td>8819304</td>
<td>18/01/2021 03:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA 06° 02.00' S 012° 21.50' E</td>
<td>Three robbers in a small wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forecastle 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.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Ostría</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>25108</td>
<td>9302671</td>
<td>20/01/2021 22:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA 05° 23.43' N 003° 44.52' E</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Name Withheld</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>28616</td>
<td></td>
<td>23/01/2021 05:35 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 96nm NW of Sao Tome and Principe 01° 04.13' N 005° 04.21' E</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Ark Royal</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Barbados</td>
<td>27011</td>
<td>9219446</td>
<td>25/01/2021 03:25 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Approximately 7.1 nm north west of Tanjung Pargam, Pulau Brani, Indonesia 01° 16.58' N 104° 15.70' E</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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.

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.

10 Vantage Wave
General cargo ship
Liberia
22064
9506514
28/01/2021
18:20 UTC
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 5.8 nm southeast of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia in the Singapore
01° 16.87’ N
104° 18.70’ E

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.

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.

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.

11 Elvia
Bulk carrier
Liberia
50697
9570840
28/01/2021
22:32 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 6 nm northwest of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia
01° 16.15’ N
104° 16.70’ E

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 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 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 the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.

The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.

The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted with no sighting of the unauthorised persons.

The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.

The alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search on board the ship was conducted with no sighting of the unauthorised persons.

Yes
Singapore VTIS East
PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

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.
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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.

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.

The alarm was raised and all crew were informed, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.

ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) None

In Territorial Waters

1 Mozart Container ship Liberia 29816 9337274 23/01/2021 05:35 UTC WEST AFRICA Around 90nm 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 Benau 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 forecastle 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 Benau 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
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<td>04/01/2021</td>
<td>00:48</td>
<td>11° 34.30’ E</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Police HQ</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>05/01/2021</td>
<td>00:53</td>
<td>18° 38.00’ N 072° 37.00’ W</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Police National Haiti</td>
<td>The Coast Guard boarded the vessel to carry out a search and investigate</td>
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<tr>
<td>06/01/2021</td>
<td>00:40</td>
<td>18° 18.41’ N 075° 33.68’ W</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Colombia Authorities</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28/01/2021</td>
<td>00:40</td>
<td>10° 12.87’ N 07° 07.55’ E</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)</td>
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<td>30/01/2021</td>
<td>02:55</td>
<td>22° 47.79’ N 070° 05.16’ E</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)</td>
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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.

The crew was not injured. The ship’s stores were stolen. The master reported the incident to the local agent and the ship owner.

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Incident was reported to Belawan VTS

Yes

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ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)

The Indonesian Marine Police boarded the ship and conducted a search.

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
03° 56.20’ N 098° 45.60’ E

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.

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