

Piracy monthly report for July 2019
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
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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	Name withheld General cargo ship Turkey 8929	13/07/2019 22:50 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 124nm SW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 58.00' N 004° 40.00' E	Armed pirates in two speed boats boarded and hijacked the ship underway. The Owners were unable to contact the ship and immediately informed the Nigerian Authorities. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) received the information from the Nigerian Authorities and made contact with the Owners. The IMB PRC notified all the Regional Authorities and the Ghana Navy Maritime Ops Centre dispatched a patrol boat to intercept the ship. On 15.07.2019, the Ghana Navy Patrol Boat located the ship and escorted her to a safe port for investigation. It was reported that several crew members were missing from the ship. Further investigation are on-going.	Pirates hijacked the ship. Several crew members were reported missing	-	Yes Nigerian Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, MRCC Lagos / NIMASA & Ghana Navy Maritime Ops Centre	Ghana Navy deployed a patrol boat and intercepted the ship and escorted her to a safe port
2	CK BLUEBELL Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 44132 9595876	21/07/2019 19:25 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 16nm NW of Pulau Damar, Indonesia Indonesia 02° 55.80' N 105° 10.80' E	Seven pirates armed with a pistol and knives in a small speed boat boarded the ship underway using a ladder attached with a hook. Master and the second officer taken hostage, tied up and assaulted by the pirates. The pirates stole cash and crew personal belongings before escaping. Incident reported to Korean Authorities.	The crew members were threatened. Two crew sustained minor injury.	The master reported the incident to Korea's Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries.	Yes Korean Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Korea) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Korea authorities informed the Singapore's Port and Operation Control Centre (POCC) who notified the Singapore Navy, Singapore Police Coast Guard and initiated the safety navigational broadcast. The Indonesian authority was also notified.

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	Modalwan No.11 Tug Malaysia 91	11/07/2019 02:30 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Around 2.9nm South of Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 13.00' N 103° 31.00' E	Six small wooden boats approached a tug and barge underway. The unauthorised persons boarded the barge, stole its cargo of scrap metal and escaped. The Master contacted the local	A cargo of scrap metal was stolen	The Master contacted the local authorities who dispatched a patrol	Yes Singapore Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MMEA HQ / Selatan, Malaysia	The Malaysian Marine Police dispatched a patrol vessel
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			authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel to investigate.		vessel to investigate.		Marine Police HQ & Malaysia Navy and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	to investigate the incident.	
2	SUNG FATT 31 Tug Malaysia 133 8984446	16/07/2019 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Westbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of the Singapore Strait Indonesia 103° 39.09' E	The tug boat and barge were carrying scrap metal bound for Penang, Malaysia. While underway in the westbound lane of the TSS of the Singapore Strait, the master of tug boat, Sung Fatt 31 reported to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that his crew spotted some perpetrators boarding the barge, Sung Fatt 36 from an unknown number of sampans. The perpetrators stole some scrap metal and escaped via the sampans. There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and the crew.	All crew members were safe.	The master of the tug boat reported the incident to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). The vessel alarm was raised.	Yes Singapore VTIS via VHF	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Singapore VTIS notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy. The Malaysian counterparts and Indonesian authorities were also notified, and the safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
3	VIRGO 29 Tug Malaysia 149 9576612	25/07/2019 07:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 2.6 nm south east of Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 13.50' N 103° 31.63' E	While underway, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the barge, Victory 9 which was loaded with scrap metal on board. The Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) contacted the master of tug boat, Virgo 29 via VHF and told him that some sampans were approaching the barge. The master raised the alarm, and the perpetrators escaped. No item was stolen from the barge. The ship proceeded to the next port of call in Penang, Malaysia.	The crew was safe.	The master raised the alarm.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Singapore Navy informed the VTIS who communicated with the master via VHF about some sampans approaching the barge. The Singapore's Police Coast Guard and the Malaysian authorities were notified, and a safety navigational broadcast was initiated.
4	SICHEM RIO Chemical tanker Malta 8562 9322073	30/07/2019 22:20 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 5nm North of Tanjung Priok, Jakarta, Indonesia Indonesia 06° 01.10' S 106° 52.80' E	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker waiting for pilot. They injured the Chief Engineer on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the VTS.	The Chief Engineer was slightly injured	Alarm raised and a search was carried out	Yes VTS Tanjung Priok	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Investigation was being carried out by the local authorities

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5	STRATEGIC UNITY Bulk carrier Singapore 24641 9648099	30/07/2019 23:20 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 56.80' N 098° 48.70' E	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Port Control.	-	Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-	
IN PORT AREA										
1	POMERENIA SKY Container ship Liberia 26435 9339583	21/07/2019 02:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone Sierra Leone 08° 28.00' N 013° 28.10' W	Five robbers armed with knives in a small wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. The robbers took hostage the duty crew and stole his personal belongings and ship's properties. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All doors locked and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Port control informed. During the incident the duty crew sustained injuries.	Ship's properties and crew's belongings were stolen	Alarm raised, all doors locked, and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Sierra Leone Joint Operations & Sierra Leone MRCC	-	
2	CREST ONYX Tug Indonesia 1727 9655717	22/07/2019 23:00 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT PT Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Batam, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 04.15' N 103° 54.20' E	Four robbers in a boat approached and boarded the berthed offshore tug. Second mate on routine rounds noticed footprints on the main deck. Further checks revealed a storeroom padlock broken. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Vessel's properties were reported stolen. The following day at 2100 UTC, a suspicious boat came alongside the tug with two persons onboard. One of them was armed with a knife. Alert crew raised the alarm resulting in the boat moving away. Incident reported to PFSO and Yard Manager.	Vessel's properties were stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes PFSO and Yard Manager	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ & ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-	
3	SPRING RAINBOW Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 36467 9666041	25/07/2019 04:42 UTC	WEST AFRICA Berth No. TC09, Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 25.76' N 003° 20.52' E	Ten robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. They assaulted and took hostage the duty AB on routine rounds. The robbers stole ship's stores from the paint locker. They released the duty AB and escaped in their boat. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. The AB received minor injuries during the incident. Port Control and PFSO informed.	Duty AB was slightly injured and ship's stores were stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Port Control and PFSO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	-	
4	MOLENGRACHT General cargo ship Netherlands 9524 9571533	25/07/2019 12:40 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Lotus Port, Pu My Bridge, Vietnam Viet Nam 10° 44.00' N 106° 44.00' E	Third officer on routine rounds onboard a berthed ship noticed an unauthorised person on deck throwing items over the shipside. On checking, the duty officer noticed two boats collecting the items. Alarm raised. Seeing the approaching officer, the unauthorised person escaped. Upon checking it was found that the padlock of the forward store was broken and ship properties were stolen. Local authorities notified.	Ship properties were stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Local Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Vietnam Coast Guard & ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	Authorities boarded the ship for investigation	
5	TORM THOR Chemical tanker Singapore 29484 9712292	26/07/2019 03:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 18.06' N 003° 23.35' E	During routine rounds, duty crew, getting a strong smell of cargo, approached the forward cargo tanks and noticed one unauthorized person jumping overboard with a hose. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Investigations indicated that the	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Nigerian Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos /	A patrol boat in the vicinity searched the surrounding waters	

			person was trying to steal cargo. Incident reported to the Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. A search of the surrounding waters conducted. Nothing reported stolen.					NIMASA & ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	
6	NEW CENTURY Oil tanker Marshall Islands 41994 9298272	26/07/2019 21:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Mbaraki Wharf, Mombasa, Kenya 04° 04.60' S 039° 39.80' E	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard a berthed tanker noticed a person climbing the mooring rope. Alarm sounded, crew mustered, and port control informed. Before a patrol boat could respond, the person had cut two mooring ropes and escaped.	Ship's properties stolen	Alarm sounded and crew mustered	Yes Local port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Mombasa and MRCC Kenya	A patrol boat was sent to the site
7	BRIGHT DAWN Product tanker Panama 30042 9362372	27/07/2019 19:55 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT SDS Terminal St 1, Lubuk Gaung, Indonesia Indonesia	Four armed robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. Alert crew noticed the robbers near the engine room and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped through the steering gear room. A search was carried out. Incident reported to the PFSO.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PFSO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-
8	BURGUNDY Container ship Liberia 36087 9372872	29/07/2019 03:01 UTC	WEST AFRICA Tin Can Island Terminal, Port of Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria	Three robbers armed with metal sticks in a small boat approached and boarded the berthed ship. They attacked the duty AB on routine rounds, stole his personal belongings and escaped. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. The duty AB was slightly injured during the incident and further medical checkup was initiated. The incident was reported to the PFSO and Harbour Master.	The duty AB was slightly injured and his personal belonging was stolen	Alarm raised and a search was carried out	Yes PFSO and Harbour Master	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos / NIMASA	Authorities are investigating on the incident
9	BLISS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 21059 9370331	29/07/2019 03:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Monrovia Roads, Liberia Liberia 06° 19.79' N 010° 51.40' W	Armed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. Master tried to call Port Control but received no response.	Ship's properties stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Master tried to call Port Control but received no response	Yes Master tried to call Port Control but received no response	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Monrovia, Liberia	-

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No incident was reported.