

Piracy monthly report for March 2019
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	CAP THEODORA Tanker Greece 81324 9380740	02/03/2019 12:33 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 105nm South of Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 38.00' N 003° 14.10' E	Armed pirates in a speed boat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, and all crew mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving information on the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) immediately informed the Nigerian Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed all crew safe. The tanker later resumed her intended passage to the next port.	Damages to windows and accommodation door due to the firing	Alarm raised, and all crew mustered in the citadel	Yes MRCC Greece and MRCC Lagos, Nigeria	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to MRCC Lagos/Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room).	The Nigerian Navy dispatched a naval patrol boat to assist the tanker. The naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed all crew safe.
2	HISTRIA IVORY Tanker Malta 25804 9356244	03/03/2019 19:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 17nm SSE of Lome, Togo Togo 05° 52.00' N 001° 24.00' E	Armed pirates attack and boarded a tanker underway. Alarm raised and crews mustered in the citadel. On taking the headcount, four crews were identified as missing. Upon receiving a MAYDAY message from the Master, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) immediately informed the Togo Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval patrol boat arrived at the location of the tanker and the crews emerged from the citadel. On searching the ship one crew was found hiding in a compartment. The tanker was escorted to Lome anchorage for further investigations. Three crews remain missing. On 11 Apr 2019, the Owners confirmed that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely.	Three crew members kidnapped. On 11 Apr 2019, the Owners confirmed that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely.	All crew mustered in the citadel	Yes Togo Navy, MRCC Monrovia, and MDAT GoG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Dispatched a naval patrol boat to assist the tanker and escort to the safe anchorage.
3	Name Withheld Nigeria 2645	09/03/2019 11:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 32nm SE of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 57.20' N 006° 39.00' E	Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats approached an offshore support vessel underway. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security boat which maneuvered to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow, while the other speed boat exchanged fire with the security boat. Alarm raised, crew proceeded to the engine room and all power was shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the engine room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining	Five men kidnapped	Alarm raised, crew proceeded to the engine room and all power was shut down	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

* 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

crews sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard reported killed in the exchange of fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations ongoing.

4	Name Withheld Container ship Liberia 9957	30/03/2019 21:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 15nm SW of Douala, Cameroon 03° 53.00' N 009° 30.00' E	Armed persons boarded an anchored ship. They kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Douala port. Investigation are ongoing.	Armed persons boarded the ship. 4 crew members were kidnapped.	-	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message Cameroon Navy	Authorities boarded the ship for investigation
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	HUB III Tug Malaysia 270 9434008	05/03/2019 11:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Straits of Malacca and Singapore Singapore 01° 12.08' N 103° 34.62' E	While sailing, the ship's crew spotted 11 robbers boarding the barge that was being towed by the tug boat from two small crafts. The tug boat and barge were carrying scrap iron, bound for Penang, Malaysia. At about 1145 hrs, the master reported that the 11 perpetrators have escaped in their small crafts with some scrap iron being stolen. There was no confrontation with the crew. All crew are safe.	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) via VHF.	Yes Coastal State	ReCAAP ISC	Singapore VTIS initiated the safety navigational broadcast and notified the Police Coast Guard and the Navy.
2	PILION Bulk carrier Barbados 32210 9425825	10/03/2019 04:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Macapa Anchorage, Brazil Brazil 00° 03.50' N 050° 57.80' W	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship by using a rope with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made and all crews mustered. Seeing the alerted crews, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident was reported to Port Authorities.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authorities and Agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CABO FUJI Tanker Panama 42791 9730878	21/03/2019 04:35 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.20' N 064° 47.40' W	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Deck watch on routine rounds spotted the robbers and notified the OOW just before the robbers threatened him with a knife and stole his radio. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping with their accomplices in a waiting boat. Incident reported to port authorities.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Venezuela	-
4	NAVIGATOR VIRGO LPG tanker Liberia 18311 9404819	21/03/2019 09:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) San Pedro de Macoris Anchorage, Dominican Republic Dominican Republic 18° 24.80' N 069° 19.10' W	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was noticed during routine rounds.	Ship's properties stolen.	Increased security measures.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Dominican Republic Navy.	-
5	NORD STEADY Product tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	24/03/2019 22:35 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 15.20' N 003° 12.30' E	Two robbers managed to board an anchored product tanker and started stealing the oil cargo using a hose pipe. Duty watch keeper noticed the hose and immediately informed Master. Incident reported to a Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. Gun shots were heard. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. All crew and vessel are safe. It was reported that the Navy patrol boat managed to intercept the boat and apprehend the robbers.	Around 70 MT of cargo was stolen from one port and one starboard tank. The crew was not injured.	Reported the incident to a Navy patrol boat in the vicinity.	Yes Nigeria Navy patrol boat in vicinity	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Nigeria Navy HQ, MRCC Lagos & Nimasa. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	Navy patrol boat managed to intercept the boat and apprehend the robbers.

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6 NAKHAL SILVER Product tanker Marshall Islands 29354 9718765	26/03/2019 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Batangas Anchorage Alpha, Philippines Philippines 13° 44.00' N 121° 02.01' E	While at anchor, a robbers boarded the ship through the anchor chain by breaking the padlock of the anchor chain pipe securing arrangement. The duty A/B sighted the robber and informed the OOW. The general alarm was raised, and crew mustered. The crew went to the forecandle to investigate and the robber jumped overboard.	The crew was not injured. The ship's bell was stolen.	The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The master reported the incident to the local port authority.	Yes Local Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	-
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IN PORT AREA

1 TRF KAYA Container ship Liberia 28616 9330549	26/03/2019 20:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila South Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines Philippines 14° 33.30' N 120° 54.10' E	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by duty watchman during routine rounds. It was reported that the razor wire installed at the hawse pipe was removed, footprints were found on the deck and the bosun store was broken into. VTMS Manila and local agent informed. Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.	Ship's properties stolen.	-	Yes VTMS Manila and Local Agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Philippines Coast Guard.	Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
2 DIAMONDWAY Tanker Liberia 81545 9742895	28/03/2019 04:10 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.40' N 064° 52.10' W	Five robbers armed with knives and a pipe wrench boarded an anchored tanker. They tied up the aft watch keeper and broke into the paint store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.	Stolen ship's stores.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Venezuela.	-
3 ANUKET PEARL Product tanker Malta 5581 9395886	29/03/2019 02:36 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana Ghana 04° 52.86' N 001° 41.42' W	OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed the paint room door opened and spotted robbers on the forecandle. He immediately directed the search light towards the robbers and sounded the ship's horn. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Takoradi Port Control informed and the Takoradi Marine Police boarded the tanker for investigation.	Ship's stores stolen.	The OOW raised the alarm and directed search light towards the robbers.	Yes Takoradi Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Ghana & Ghana Navy HQ.	Takoradi Marine Police boarded the tanker for investigation.

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1	NORD STEADY Product tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	30/03/2019 04:10 LT	WEST AFRICA STS Area, Lagos, Nigeria Singapore 06° 18.90' N 003° 17.40' E	While the ship was at anchor carrying out a ship-to-ship operation, the duty watch keeper saw two robbers near the vessel cargo tank. The robbers escaped into a waiting boat when their presence was discovered.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	Alarm raised	Yes Nigerian Navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). ICC-IMB PRC relayed message MRCC Lagos, Nimasa and Nigerian Navy HQ.	A search was carried out by Nigerian Navy patrol boat.
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IN PORT AREA

1	Name Withheld Vehicle carrier Malta 61106	19/03/2019 07:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru Peru 12° 01.66' S 077° 12.03' W	Four robbers wearing jackets and caps in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor cable. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded and crew directed flash lights towards the robbers. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. VTS Tramar and local agents informed. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the anchorage area.	-	Alarm raised	Yes VTS Tramar	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Peru	Patrol boat was dispatched to search the anchorage area
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