

**Piracy monthly report March 2020**  
**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
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	Minerva Virgo Product tanker Greece 28960 9307827	05/03/2020 12:46 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 45nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin Benin 05° 36.09' N 002° 20.37' E	Six armed persons boarded the tanker underway. Distress signal activated and regional authorities notified. All non-essential crew mustered in citadel. The Benin Navy responded, boarded the tanker and rescued the crew. One crew reported missing.  On 30 Mar 2020, the Owners confirmed that the kidnapped crew was released safely on 28.03.2020.	One crew was reported kidnapped	Distress signal activated and non-essential crew mustered in citadel	Yes Benin MRCC via JRCC Piraeus, Greece	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to the Benin Navy Ops Centre	A patrol boat responded, boarded the tanker and rescued the crew. A French Navy Aircraft was sent for assistance
2	HUANGHAI GLORY  Hong Kong, China 20682 9458432	06/03/2020 02:27 LT	WEST AFRICA 85 nm south of Port Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Nigeria 04° 57.00' S 003° 21.00' E	While sailing, about six pirates armed with sophisticated weapons (e.g. machine guns) boarded the ship from one craft. They broke two glasses on the bridge and stole cash. The master and crew sent SSAS and hid in the cabin. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. Two glasses on the bridge were broken; and cash stolen.	The master and crew sent SSAS and hid in the cabin.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-
3	Name withheld Container ship Portugal 9981	22/03/2020 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 62nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon Gabon 00° 33.21' N 008° 25.21' E	Pirates boarded the ship underway. Most crew managed to retreat into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified and assistance was dispatched to the ship. When the crew emerged from the citadel seven crew were reported missing.	Seven crew members were reported missing	Crew members mustered in citadel	Yes Gabon Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Libreville MOC	A patrol boat was dispatched to the location

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	SAM JAGUAR Bulk carrier Liberia 31760 9637428	15/03/2020 20:30 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 10.90' N 103° 26.00' E	Three robbers armed with crowbar and pipes boarded the ship underway. The engine crew noticed the robbers and managed to lock them inside the engine room workshop. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Two accomplices in a skiff tried to approach the ship but were repelled by the crew. Singaporean and Indonesian Authorities notified. Two Indonesian Authority armed guards boarded the ship and arrested the three robbers.	The crew managed to detain the perpetrators and handed them over to the Indonesian Navy. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured.	Raised alarm and crew mustered. The engine crew managed to lock the robbers inside the engine room workshop.  The master reported incident to the Singapore VTIS and Batam VTIS. He handed the three perpetrators to the Indonesian Navy	Yes Singapore and Indonesian Authorities and Batam VTIS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard, Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesia Navy HQ and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).	The Indonesian Authority sent two armed guards in a pilot boat to the ship and arrested the three robbers
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1	UAL LOBITO General cargo ship Netherlands 3153 9265653	04/03/2020 03:45 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana Ghana 04° 54.10' N 001° 41.70' W	Robbers in two wooden boats approached and boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. Alarm raised and extra lookouts posted. Incident reported to Port Control and the Ghana Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.	Ship's properties stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control & Ghana Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Ghana Authorities	Ghana Authorities boarded the ship for investigation
2	Antara Koh 18 Barge carrier Singapore 927	06/03/2020 14:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 06.21' N 091° 40.66' E	While at anchor, a group of perpetrators boarded the barge, Antara Koh 18 which was towed by tug boat Capitol T2001. The barge was installed with a crane. The perpetrators boarded the barge from some boats, cut the safety system wiring, and stole the crane data logger display, portable batteries (for machineries such as crane, generators, and hydraulic power pack), diesel and hydraulic oil. The crew of the tug boat contacted a passing Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) ship via VHF. The BCG apprehended the perpetrators and escorted the barge to Chittagong Anchorage. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. The perpetrators cut the safety system wiring, and stole the crane data logger display, portable batteries for machineries, diesel and hydraulic oil.	The crew of the tug boat contacted a passing Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) ship via VHF.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) via VHF.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The BCG apprehended the perpetrators and escorted the barge to Chittagong Anchorage.
3	INGRID K Supply ship Marshall Islands 1731 9444132	07/03/2020 01:50 UTC	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast Côte d'Ivoire 05° 16.00' N 004° 02.20' W	A robber in a canoe approached and boarded an anchored vessel. The alert crew noticed the presence of the robber and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a security search was carried out throughout the vessel. Port Control informed and a security boat was sent to the location. It was reported that a mobile phone was stolen from the vessel.	A mobile phone stolen	Raised alarm, crew mustered, and a security search was carried out throughout the vessel	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Abidjan & MOC Abidjan, Ivory Coast	A security boat was sent to the location
4	TRINIDAD TRADER Container ship Singapore 9932 9675808	08/03/2020 20:40 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port-au-Prince Anchorage, Haiti Haiti 18° 34.20' N 072° 24.20' W	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship and attacked the duty ordinary seaman who did not suffer any injury. The general alarm was sounded, and all crew mustered in the accommodation area. The Port-auPrince port control and Haiti Coast Guard were informed. After about 20 mins, the Chief Officer of the ship conducted a search, but did not find the perpetrators. The search party found four mooring ropes and one metal wire with hook missing.	The crew was not injured.  Four mooring ropes and one metal wire with hook missing.	The general alarm was sounded, and all crew mustered in the accommodation area.	Yes The Port-au-Prince port control and Haiti Coast Guard were informed.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
5	ENDEAVOUR II Product tanker Singapore 29671 9835056	11/03/2020 21:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA General Santos Harbour Anchorage, Philippines Philippines 06° 04.94' N 125° 11.96' E	Duty officer and duty A/B on board an anchored tanker noticed some movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped. Incident reported to Port Control. A search was carried out. The padlock to the Bosun store was reported broken. Nothing reported stolen.	The padlock to the Bosun store was reported broken	The duty officer immediately informed the master who activated the general alarm. A ship security search was conducted and a padlock to the bosun store was found broken.	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Philippines Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
6	STAR SPIRIT Refrigerated cargo carrier Panama	13/03/2020 08:15 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru Peru 12° 01.60' S 077° 16.40' W	Nine robbers, in three small boats, came alongside and boarded an anchored reefer ship. They took hostage three crew members, tied them up and assaulted them. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted	Ship's stores stolen and two crew members were injured	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Peru	The authorities provided medical

17164 9765847			crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. During the incident, two crew members received injuries. The incident reported to Port Authorities.					assistance to the injured crew
7 KOTA ANGERIK Container ship Singapore 17652 9175597	13/03/2020 20:10	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.50' N 098° 46.30' E	While at anchor, the duty able bodied (AB) at the forecandle deck alerted the bridge when he discovered an unknown person trying to open the bolt of portside hawse pipe gate. The perpetrator was wearing a face mask and armed with a metallic object. The duty officer upon alerted by the AB immediately sounded the whistle. The perpetrator fled the scene and escaped through a hawse pipe into a waiting unlit wooden boat. A second perpetrator was spotted jumping into the water from the anchor chain. A ship security search was conducted. There was no damage to the ship's property and nothing was stolen. The incident was reported to the local authority.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The AB alerted the duty officer who immediately sounded the whistle. A ship security search was conducted.	Yes Local authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesia Navy HQ	-
8 Name withheld Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 30421	17/03/2020 03:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Macapa Anchorage, Brazil Brazil	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the bow and notified the OOW. As he headed forward to check, three robbers intercepted him and took him hostage. The OOW raised the alarm when he noticed some movements near the forecandle and the AB did not respond to his calls on the walkie-talkie. Crew mustered and moved forward. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers released the captured AB and escaped with the AB's walkie-talkie and ship's stores.	One crew taken hostage, ship's properties and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Brazil	-
9 ARCHON Product tanker Liberia 29770 9724611	19/03/2020 00:45 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 18.79' N 003° 21.30' E	A robber boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with stolen cargo. Port control and Nigerian navy notified. A patrol boat was dispatched and Nigerian Naval personnel boarded the vessel for investigations.	Stolen cargo	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Nigerian Navy & Port Control	A patrol boat was dispatched and Nigeria Naval personnel boarded the vessel for investigations
10 MAERSK TAASINGE Container ship Hong Kong, China 20842 9064384	20/03/2020 01:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Northern Anchorage, Congo Congo	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored container vessel via the anchor chain, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to local port control.	Ship's properties stolen	Search was carried out.	Yes Pointe Noire Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Pointe Noire MOC	Patrol boat sent to the vessel
11 AU LIBRA Product tanker Panama 7092 9236339	22/03/2020 18:55 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Batangas Port, Philippines Philippines 13° 45.11' N 121° 02.21' E	Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber with a long knife near the forecandle and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Vessel and crew safe	Nothing was stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.  An inventory of the ship's properties was conducted, and nothing was stolen.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Philippines Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	-

<p>12 NAASHI Barge carrier Panama 2910 8762898</p>	<p>25/03/2020 20:20 LT</p>	<p>ARABIAN SEA Off Alang Anchorage, India India 21° 24.10' N 072° 20.20' E</p>	<p>The tug boat, Bateleur towing barge, Naashi was bound for demolition at Alang when about four perpetrators boarded the unmanned barge from a dinghy boat. The master of the tug boat noticed the perpetrators with torches on board Naashi and raised the alarm. He also reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, who informed the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The ICG Station Pipavav directed the Marine Police, Alang to despatch their boats to the location of the incident for investigation. Investigation is currently ongoing and the loss of items is still being ascertained by the investigating agencies and local agent.</p>	<p>The crew was not injured.  Loss of items is still being ascertained by the investigating agencies and local agent.</p>	<p>The master raised the alarm and reported the incident to VTS Khambhat.</p>	<p>Yes VTS Khambhat</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and PRC relayed the message to Indian Coast Guard &amp; MRCC Mumbai</p>	<p>VTS Khambhat informed ICG; and the ICG Station Pipavav directed the Marine Police, Alang to despatch their boats to the location of the incident for investigation. Investigation is currently ongoing</p>
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1	Name withheld Product tanker Marshall Islands 29738	05/03/2020 07:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 49nm SE of Lome, Togo Togo 05° 22.20' N 001° 36.00' E	Master onboard the tanker underway noticed a skiff on a parallel course. On altering her course, the skiff was seen altering course also and approaching the tanker. Alarm raised and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. As the skiff closed in, ten persons were noticed in the skiff. A weapon was observed in the skiff as well. The Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the approach. Tanker and crew safe.	-	Alarm raised and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the approach	Yes MDAT-GOG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Togo Navy	-
2	SCARABE Bulk carrier Greece 34553 9712967	25/03/2020	WEST AFRICA Around 75nm SSW of Bayelsa, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 07.70' N 005° 35.80' E	Seven armed pirates in a black speed boat approached and attempted to board a ship underway. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated SSAS alert, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the approach. Vessel and crew safe.	-	Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated SSAS alert, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres.	Yes Reported to a close by patrol vessel.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos/Nimasa	-

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3	PYXIS THETA Product tanker Malta 30159 9657064	26/03/2020 08:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 21nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin Benin 05° 59.80' N 002° 21.20' E	Around five persons in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. PA announcement was made, accommodation locked down and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the persons aborting the approach and moving away. The tanker and crew safe.	-	Alarm raised, PA announcement made, accommodation locked down and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres.	Yes Cotonou VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Benin Authorities.	Cotonou VTS contacted the tanker and took the details of the incident.
4	LANA Container ship Liberia 42112 9484522	27/03/2020 17:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 97nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 45.60' N 006° 54.90' E	About ten pirates armed with AK-47 in a skiff doing 21 knots, chased and fired upon a container ship underway. Master raised the alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack and moving away. The crew and ship are safe.	-	Master raised the alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos/NIMASA	-

### IN PORT AREA

1	GLOBAL TOMORROW Bulk carrier Panama 29847 9495947	01/03/2020 05:40 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru Peru 12° 01.80' S 077° 12.30' W	Duty crew on routine safety rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two small boats secured near the bow and three persons climbing the anchor chain. One person was seen waiting in the boat. Alarm raised and all crew moved towards the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons retreated and escaped in their boats.	-	Alarm raised and all crew moved towards the forecastle	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	relayed message to MRCC Peru
2	BOURBON HORUS Supply ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2537 9507025	15/03/2020 16:05 UTC	WEST AFRICA Soyo Anchorage, Angola Angola	OOW onboard an anchored offshore supply vessel noticed 12 armed persons in a wooden boat attempting to board. Alarm activated and the persons aborted the attempt and moved away. Port Authorities notified and a security boat was dispatched to the location.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Angola	Dispatched security boat to the location

