

Piracy monthly report March 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	MV Akij Pearl Bulk carrier Bangladesh 31260 9291080	03/03/2021 10:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 9.2 nm south west of Sicolan Island, Sibutu, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines 04° 29.70' S 119° 36.91' E	While underway, a white/red single OBM speedboat with three unidentified persons was heading towards the ship and attempted to throw a line at her port side beam. The crew noticed the speedboat and its activity; and immediately departed from the location. The ship master reported the incident via VHF radio to the Philippine Coast Guard Search and Rescue Base, Sibutu and the Philippine Navy Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) – Bongao. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) immediately coordinated with other law enforcement agencies and alerted all Coast Guard stations and sub-stations about the incident. The PCG and Philippine Navy advised the ship master to maintain its speed and be vigilant when transiting the area.	There was no confrontation between the unidentified persons and the crew. The crew was safe. Nothing was stolen.	The crew noticed the speedboat and its activity, and immediately departed from the location. The ship master reported the incident via VHF radio to the Philippine Coast Guard Search and Rescue Base, Sibutu and the Philippines Navy LMS - Bongao.	Yes Philippines Coast Guard Search and Rescue Base, Sibutu and Philippines Navy LMS - Bongao.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The PCG immediately coordinated with other law enforcement agencies and alerted all Coast Guards stations and sub-stations about the said incident. The PCG and Philippines Navy advised the ship master to maintain its speed and be vigilant at all times when transiting the area.
2	Pacora Container ship Jamaica 7464 9404821	06/03/2021 23:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 10nm South of Guayaquil, Ecuador 02° 20.00' S 079° 58.00' W	Six armed robbers in two fast boats approached and boarded the ship under pilotage. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and contacted Guayaquil Authorities. The robbers took hostage one crew member and stole cargoes from the containers. Before escaping, they released the crew without any injury. It was reported that nine containers were opened and cargo damaged.	Nine containers were opened, cargoes stolen and damaged	Alarm raised and SSAS activated	Yes Guayaquil Port Authority & Guayaquil Navy	PRC relayed the message to Ecuador MRCC, Ecuador Navy & Ecuador Coast Guard	NA
3	Name Withheld Chemical tanker Malta 14034	11/03/2021 15:12 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 212nm South of Cotonou Benin 02° 48.00' N 002° 36.00' E	Nine armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the security vessel arrived at the location the pirates kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The tanker and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port.	15 crew kidnapped	Alarm raised and distress messages activated	Yes Regional Authority, PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, Nimasa, Benin Navy & Italian Navy	IMB	A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker

* 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

4	Name Withheld Luxembourg 6146	14/03/2021 07:31 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 208nm South of Lagos, Nigeria 02° 58.00' N 002° 53.00' E	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified, and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded to provide assistance. The pirates managed to escape before the arrival of the Security Vessel. The crew members reported safe but there were some damages to the ship. The ship proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel.	Ship's sustained some damage	Alarm raised, Authorities notified, and all crew members retreated into the citadel	Yes PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, Nimasa & Italian Navy	IMB	A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist and escort the ship
5	Nord Peak Bulk carrier Singapore 34060 9566564	22/03/2021 13:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Persian Gulf, off Harf Ghabi Peninsula Oman 26° 20.00' N 056° 01.00' E	While underway, the 2nd officer observed a 17m grey-hulled skiff with three armed perpetrators onboard approaching from the vessel's port side. The general alarm was raised. An emergency broadcast via Ch 16 was made. The ship horn was blown continuously and evasive measures were taken. The skiff then steered away at about 1320 hrs. The emergency broadcast was picked up by a nearby European Missionary Warship which escorted the ship safely to Mina Saqr Anchorage, UAE.	The crew was not injured.	The general alarm was raised and emergency broadcast via Ch 16 was made. The ship horn was blown continuously and evasive measures were taken. The vessel's CSO was informed.	Yes Flag state, UKMTO, European Missionary Warship.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
6	African Queen Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 30936 9389930	24/03/2021 19:25 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT 6.1 nm north west of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia in eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Singapore 01° 17.00' N 104° 18.10' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded a ship underway. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS. While underway, the master reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that five perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The duty oiler spotted one of the perpetrators with a knife, who ordered him to keep quiet before the perpetrators left the engine room. The ship's alarm was raised and crew mustered. A search onboard was conducted. At 0405 hrs, the master updated Singapore VTIS that the search was completed with no further sighting of the perpetrators onboard. Engine spares including valve rotator, valve seat exhaust, valve seat suction, valve guide, suction valve, exhaust valve chrome plating and plunger assembly were stolen. The crew was safe. The master did not require any assistance, and continued the 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 notified. Information of the incident was	The crew was not injured. Engine spares comprising valve rotator, valve seat exhaust, valve seat suction, valve guide, suction valve, exhaust valve chrome plating, and plunger assembly were stolen. The alarm was raised and a search onboard was conducted.	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Singapore VTIS	PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Broadcast Warning to vessels in vicinity The master reported the incident to VTIS. The ship alarm was raised and a search onboard was conducted. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF)

shared with the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities.

and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) were notified. Information of the incident was shared with Malaysian and Indonesian authorities.

7	Scarabeo 7 Mobile offshore drilling unit Bahamas 23595 8758861	30/03/2021 02:30 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Strait Singapore 01° 12.47' N 103° 32.71' E	Robbers in two small boats approached the stern of unmanned rig under tow. They detached and stole the towline pickup buoy which is attached to the emergency towing line floating behind the rig and escaped. Incident reported to VTIS. Vessel and crew safe.	Rig's properties stolen	Alarm raised to alerted crew	Yes VTIS	PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard	Acknowledge and relay to relevant Authorities
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	Posh Falcon Tug Singapore 3513 9624586	30/03/2021 10:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 4 nm south of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia in the westbound lane of the Traffic Separation S Malaysia 01° 12.47' N 103° 32.71' E	While the tug boat towing the unmanned rig was underway, two small boats approached the stern of the rig and stole a Norwegian marker buoy that was floating 100m behind the rig. The buoy was connected to a messenger line used as an emergency tow line. The crew was not injured. The incident was reported to VTIS and the Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) issued a navigational safety advisory to warn ships in the vicinity to be more vigilant.	The crew was not injured. Ship stores comprising one Norwegian marker buoy was stolen. The alarm was raised and a search onboard was conducted.	The ship increased its security measures on board as per the Ship Security Plan (SSP). Alarm raised to alerted crew	Yes Singapore VTIS and the Flag State	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Singapore POCC issued a navigational safety advisory to warn vessels in the vicinity to be more vigilant.
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IN PORT AREA

1	Name Withheld Supply ship Luxembourg 1733	01/01/0001 UTC	WEST AFRICA Douala Anchorage, Cameroon	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Search conducted and several ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to local port authorities.	Ship's properties stolen	A search conducted	Yes Local port authorities	PRC relayed the message to Cameroon Navy	NA
2	Name Withheld Supply ship Luxembourg 1733	06/03/2021 07:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Douala Anchorage, Cameroon	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Search conducted and several ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to	Ship's properties stolen	A search conducted	Yes Local port authorities, PRC relayed the message to Cameroon Navy	IMB	NA

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3	Flensburg Container ship Cyprus 9990 9252773	10/03/2021 07:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Luanda Anchorage Angola 08° 44.50' S 013° 15.10' E	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the duty Bosun during routine rounds. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. Incident reported to local agent.	Ship's properties stolen	NA	Yes . Local Agent, Port Authorities	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Angola and MOC Luanda	NA
4	Maersk Venturer Mobile offshore drilling unit Singapore 60683 9633563	11/03/2021 01:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage Ghana 04° 44.10' N 001° 35.59' W	While at anchor, the duty watchman sighted perpetrators on deck, and informed the bridge. The perpetrators attempted to steal a mooring rope but was unsuccessful. Upon being spotted, the perpetrators escaped in a wooden boat. The crew was safe and there was no damage to the ship.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The duty watchman alerted the bridge	Yes Port Authorities	PRC relayed the message to MRCC GHANA and GHANA NAVY ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Security Patrol Team was dispatched
5	Nordic Seoul Bulk carrier Liberia 22860 9649861	11/03/2021 02:10 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru 11° 59.57' S 077° 14.10' W	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forward mooring station and notified the duty officer. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to local VTS and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered	Yes VTS Tramar	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Peru	A Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship
6	Name Withheld Bulk carrier Liberia 36421	15/03/2021 00:01 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Campha Port Viet Nam 20° 54.90' N 107° 16.70' E	Unnoticed, robbers boarded a moored ship. They broke into two crew cabins, stole ship's and crew cash and escaped. Local authorities informed and an investigation was carried out. While at anchor, the master 's and 2nd officer's cabins were damaged and some cash was stolen. A search was conducted and no perpetrator was found. The crew was safe. The incident was assessed to have occurred between 0001 hrs and 0600 hrs. The master reported the incident to the local authorities and the Company Security Officer (CSO). The local immigration police boarded the ship and investigated the incident.	Ship's cash and crew cash were stolen The crew was not injured. Some cash was stolen.	A search was carried out	Yes Local authorities and CSO	PRC relayed the message to Vietnam Maritime Security Centre ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	The local immigration police boarded the ship and investigated the incident.
7	Baker River Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 31336 9284269	16/03/2021 01:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Area "1", Peru Peru 12° 00.92' S 077° 11.99' W	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB was taken hostage, tied up and later released by the robbers before escaping with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to local port authorities and a Coast	Duty AB was taken hostage, tied up and later released by the	The crew had gathered and locked themselves inside accommodation. After the	Yes Tramar Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Patrol boat was dispatched and assist

			Guard patrol boat was dispatched to assist.	robbers	perpetrators had left the ship, a search was carried out and the crew who was tied to the forward coaming was released.			Callao VTS "TRAMAR" dispatched a Coast Guard boat to the location. The officers boarded the ship and a search was conducted but no perpetrators were found.	
			While at anchor, about 7-8 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier unnoticed from the forward part of the ship. The perpetrators held hostage a crew who was on patrol, tied him to the forward coaming, threatened him with a knife and ordered him to maintain silence. The perpetrators took the crew's radio, switched it off and also took the key to the fore store. They stole the ship's equipment including mooring ropes, descaling machine, pumps, cable, extension cord etc. and escaped. The crew had gathered and locked themselves inside the accommodation. After the perpetrators had left the ship, a search was carried out and the crew who was tied to the forward coaming was released. The incident was reported to Callao VTS "TRAMAR", who dispatched a Coast Guard boat to the location. The officers boarded the ship and a search was conducted but no perpetrators were found.	A crew on patrol was held hostage, tied to the forward coaming, threatened with a knife and ordered to maintain silence. Ship's equipment including mooring ropes, descaling machine, pumps, cable, extension cord etc. were stolen					
8	Port Osaka Bulk carrier Liberia 35207 9838541	16/03/2021 22:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forecandle store, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds.	Ship's properties stolen	NA	Yes IMBKL	PRC relayed the message to MRCC Peru & Coast Guard Peru	NA
9	Christoph Schulte LPG tanker Singapore 9110 9368778	24/03/2021 00:45 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Alpha Anchorage, Cartagena Colombia 10° 19.20' N 075° 31.40' W	While at anchor, an able-bodied seaman (AB) during his routine rounds, spotted three perpetrators armed with knives at the ship's forward during. The general alarm was raised, the ship whistle was sounded and emergency broadcast via Ch 14 to the harbour master was made. The three perpetrators left the ship by lowering the mooring ropes and escaping via a blue-hulled motorboat. There was no reported damage to the ship and the crew was not injured. One six-person life raft, two lifebuoys, boiler suits and safety shoes were stolen. Three Coast Guard personnel boarded the ship for investigation	The crew was not injured. One six-person life raft, two lifebuoys, boiler suits and safety shoes were stolen.	The general alarm was raised, ship whistle was sounded and emergency broadcast via Ch 14 was made. The vessel's Company Security Officer was informed.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Three Coast Guard personnel boarded the ship for investigation.
10	Baltic North Container ship Marshall Islands 44234 9463310	30/03/2021 01:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Jakarta Anchorage Zone "F" Indonesia 06° 02.00' S 106° 48.00' E	While at anchor, the duty crew sighted two perpetrators on the poop deck with two sacks. The duty crew shouted and flashed light at the perpetrators, who escaped immediately. Upon investigation, it was found that the perpetrators broke into the ship through a cut on the watertight door alarm switch wire and lock. Items from the engine room central store were stolen. The crew was not injured. The local authorities were informed and the Indonesia Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.	The crew was not injured. Items from the engine room central store were stolen.	The crew shouted and flashed light at the robbers upon sighting them.	Yes Indonesian Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Indonesian Coast Guard boarded the ship and investigated the incident.


