

**Piracy monthly report for May 2019**  
**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	CHARIS Tug Nigeria 298 9616254	05/05/2019 12:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 41nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea Nigeria 03° 04.00' N 007° 59.00' E	Armed pirates hijacked the tug underway and took its crew hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities and a Spanish and Equatorial Guinean Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released	-	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Equitorial Guinea Navy & Spanish Navy.	Spanish Navy and Equatorial Guinean Navy intercepted the tug and rescued all the crew. Both tugboat and ship had been freed and escorted to a safe port for further investigations.
2	BLUE MARLIN Heavy load carrier Malta 51821 9186338	05/05/2019 12:16 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 48NM SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea Equatorial Guinea 03° 03.20' N 007° 52.30' E	Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the Equatorial Guinean Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping and the crews released. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinean Navy to a safe port for further investigations.	-	Alarm raised, and crew mustered.	Yes Equitorial Guinea Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Equitorial Guinea Navy & Spanish Navy	Spanish Navy and Equatorial Guinean Navy intercepted the vessel and rescued all the crew. Both vessel and tugboat had been freed and escorted to a safe port for further investigations
3	SAFESEA NEHA II Bulk carrier Liberia 31144 9347918	31/05/2019 15:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 13nm ENE of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia 01° 35.83' N 104° 28.73' E	Duty Officers onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecastle and proceeded to investigate. As the officers arrived, the person threatened them with a knife and escaped with his accomplice who was waiting in a boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.	The person threatened the duty officers with a knife.	Duty Officers proceeded to forecastle to investigate.	Yes Local Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MMEA Putrajaya, FOC RMN & Malaysia Marine Police.	Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate.

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	Aqua Lobo Cayman Islands (United Kingdom)	02/05/2019 07:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 1.9nm ENE of San Ignacio De Tupile, Panama Panama	The IMB Piracy Reporting Center received a distress call from an anchored pleasure boat with a family of four onboard. The distress call indicated that the boat had been boarded by	One person shot and killed and another injured	-	Yes Panama Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed	A marine police boat was dispatched to
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		09° 16.40' N 078° 07.45' W	unknown persons and one family member had been shot and killed and another injured, while two other family members were unharmed. The IMB Piracy Reporting Center (PRC) immediately informed the Panamanian Authorities. A marine police boat was dispatched to the location to render assistance to the pleasure boat. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the authorities and the victim until the marine police boat arrived at location and boarded the pleasure boat. The injured person together with two other family members were taken ashore for medical treatment					message to SAR Panama	the location to render assistance to the pleasure boat. The injured person together with two other family members were taken ashore for medical treatment
2	PRINCESS PAULA Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 19885 9300207	11/05/2019 10:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai Port, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.76' N 101° 26.62' E	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with engine spare parts. The 3/E noticed the robbery when he went to the engine room and found the spare parts room broken into. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. The crew is unsure when and how the spare parts were lost.	Spare part room in the main engine room was broken into and some engine spares were stolen	Alarm raised and a search was carried out.	Yes Local port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to BAKAMLA, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).	-
3	G DONA I Chemical tanker Togo 992 8619285	12/05/2019 01:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lome Anchorage, Togo Togo	Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the owners that their tanker had been attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate. The tanker was intercepted 25nm from the anchorage area and forced to divert to Lome port. The crew were reported safe and the armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant authorities.	-	-	Yes Togo Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur received message from Togo Navy	Togo Navy dispatched patrol boats to investigate. The tanker was intercepted 25nm from the anchorage area and forced to divert to Lome port.
4	DA YANG BAI LI General cargo ship China 7216 9607978	12/05/2019 18:10 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 4nm East of Pulau Mapur, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 00.10' N 104° 54.80' E	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty AB and entered into the Master's cabin. They tied up the AB and the Master, escaped with their personal cash and effects, cut the Inmarsat Telephone line and escaped.	The robbers took hostage the duty AB and the Master, ransacked their cabins, tied them up and stole their personal cash and effects.	Alarm raised and an announcement made	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).	-

5	HANZE GENDT Bulk carrier Netherlands 24210 9605176	14/05/2019 01:42 UTC	WEST AFRICA Conakry Anchorage, Guinea Guinea 09° 23.94' N 013° 41.26' W	Four robbers armed with automatic rifles and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the crew hostage, ransacked their cabins and stole ship and crew cash and properties before escaping. Master was injured during the incident. The incident was reported to Conakry Port Control and a patrol boat came for investigation.	Robbers took the crew hostage, ransacked their cabins and stole ship and crew cash and properties. Master was injured during the incident.	SSAS activated.	Yes Conakry Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Guinea Maritime Operation Centre.	A patrol boat came for investigation.
6	METHANE MICKIE HARPER Gas carrier - LNG Bermuda (United Kingdom) 109004 9520376	18/05/2019 05:55 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage, Peru Peru 11° 59.80' S 077° 11.90' W	Around four to five robbers wearing face masks boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. They took hostage the duty crew on routine rounds. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers took the duty crew's radio, pushed him and escaped in their boat. Incident was reported to Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.	The robbers took the duty crew's radio and pushed him down.	Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew mustered.	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Peru	A patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.
7	BARLIAN T1201  Niue 153 9433432	18/05/2019 16:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.3 nm southeast off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (westbound lane of TSS in Singapore Strait Malaysia 01° 13.27' N 103° 32.72' E	While the tug boat towing barge was underway, the master of the tug boat reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF that six robbers were boarding the barge from a small boat.  The master later reported that the robbers had left the barge with some tools stolen from the barge. The tug boat and barge continued her voyage to Port Klang, Malaysia.	The crew was not injured. Tools were stolen from the barge.	The master of the tug boat reported the incident to Singapore VTIS via VHF. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).  IMB-PRC relayed the message to MMEA HQ & Malaysia Marine Police.	Singapore VTIS initiated the safety navigational broadcast and notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Malaysian authority.
8	El Toro Yacht Austria 27	22/05/2019 14:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 0.18nm SE of Pulau Doom, Sorong, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 53.52' S 131° 14.36' E	A person in the fishing boat approached an anchored sailing vessel and attempted to steal the sailing vessel's dinghy. The skipper noticed the person and directed his hand lamp towards the person and shouted at the person. Seeing the alerted skipper the person let go of the dinghy and moved away. Incident reported to the local authorities.	No crew was injured / harmed  The perpetrator attempted to steal the dinghy boat	The skipper directed a lamp to the perpetrator and shouted at him	Yes The skipper of El Toro reported the incident to the local authority.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ.  ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
9	ODYSSEAS L Bulk carrier Liberia 44180 9597381	23/05/2019 13:30	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 43.00' S 114° 26.30' E	While at anchor, seven perpetrators armed with knives, boarded the bulk carrier. The duty watchman raised the alarm and the crew mustered. The perpetrators confronted the crew with their knives and stole ship stores before they escaped. The incident was reported to Taboneo Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate. All seven perpetrators were later arrested.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Taboneo Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ  ReCAAP ISC via	Taboneo Port Authorities dispatched a patrol boat to investigate.  All the perpetrators were arrested.

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10	D&K YUSUF I. AL-GHANIM Product tanker Marshall Islands 30952 9399624	26/05/2019 20:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Nacala Inner Anchorage, Mozambique Mozambique 14° 32.56' S 040° 39.16' E	Duty crew noticed the forward store broken into and reported same to the duty officer. Alarm raised. A search was carried out. Foot prints were noticed on the forecastle deck. Ship's stores reported stolen.	Ship's stores stolen.	Alarm raised, and a search was carried out	Yes Local Authorities	ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)  ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Mozambique.	-	
11	ASIA JAYA 28 Tug Malaysia 145 9517501	30/05/2019 22:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 3.4 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (westbound lane of TSS in Singapore Strait Malaysia 01° 13.25' N 103° 32.75' E	While the tug boat towing barge was en route from Tawau, Malaysia to Penang, Malaysia, the master of the tug boat reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF that an unknown number of robbers had boarded the barge on tow.  The robbers escaped in a small craft, with some small tools stolen from the barge.	The crew was not injured.  Some small tools were stolen from the barge.	The master of the tug boat reported the incident to Singapore VTIS via VHF and raised the alarm.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) .	Singapore VTIS initiated the safety navigational broadcast and notified the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Singapore Police Coast Guard and the Malaysian authority.	
12	CS SONOMA Bulk carrier Bahamas 32987 9569944	31/05/2019 05:25 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Macapa Anchorage, Brazil Brazil 00° 03.27' N 050° 58.93' W	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier through the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the Master, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, whistle sounded, and all crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's crew found the paint store room's lock broken and ship's stores reported stolen.	Ship's stores stole	Sounded ship's whistle, alarm raised and PA announcement made.	Yes Reported to port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Brazil	-	
<b>IN PORT AREA</b>										
1	ARIONAS Tanker Marshall Islands 23270 9315757	09/05/2019 22:10 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Deendayal Port (Kandla) outer anchorage, India India 22° 46.80' N 070° 02.80' E	While at anchor, seven unarmed perpetrators boarded the tanker from a red boat. They approached the midship starboard from the bow. They stole two pieces of 10 inches x 12 inches cargo reducers from midship starboard side manifold area. The master raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the ship's agent, Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Kandla port authority. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. Two pieces of cargo reducers (10" x 12") were stolen.	The master raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the ship's agent, Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority.	Yes Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	A joint investigation by the Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority is ongoing.	
2	CSK ENTERPRISE Bulk carrier Singapore 107449 9816555	28/05/2019 18:52 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA D6 Berth, Cigading Port, Indonesia Indonesia 05° 59.80' S 105° 57.80' E	Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers in the steering gear room during safety patrols and immediately informed the OOW who sounded the ship's whistle and PA announcement made. On searching the ship, ship's crew found the steering gear room's lock broken and ship's engine spares stolen.	The crew was not injured. The lock to the steering room was broken and some spare engine parts were stolen	The master raised the alarm and the crew conducted the searched. The master informed the CSO and local agents who later reported incident to the local authorities.	Yes Reported to local agent and PFSO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ. ReCAAP ISC via	Coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.	

ReCAAP Focal Point  
(Singapore).

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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	Name Withheld Liberia 11118	03/05/2019 20:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 98.54 nm SW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 58.25' N 005° 16.12' E	Armed persons in a speed boat chased and fired upon a tanker underway. Alarm raised, vessel increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. Vessel and crew reported safe.	-	General Alarm sounded, non-essential crews mustered in Citadel and the tanker conducted evasive manoeuvres	Yes Nigerian Navy and MDAT - GoG	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Lagos /Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops Room)	Continuous monitoring of the situation until the vessel is safe.
2	AREQUIPA QUEEN Bulk carrier Vanuatu 30598 9758765	03/05/2019 20:10 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Around 52nm WNW of Cabo Pasado, Ecuador Ecuador 00° 08.00' S 081° 19.90' W	Two speed boats with five persons in each boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The ship increase speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and started spraying the boats with pressurised fire hoses, resulting in the boats moving away. Crew and ship reported safe.	-	Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and started spraying the boats with charged fire hoses	Yes local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Ecuador Maritime Authorities	Authority established contact with the ship
3	ZHE HAI 169 Bulk carrier China 32962 9622784	10/05/2019 01:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 115nm East of Baganga, Philippines Philippines 07° 40.80' N 128° 29.30' E	Unidentified persons in a speedboat approached and closed in on the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire hoses pressurized. The persons were observed to be shouting towards the ship while holding steel hooks. After 30 mins of chasing, the boat aborted and moved away. The ship resumed her passage.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire hoses pressurized	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Philippines Coast Guard. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China).	-

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	MARLIN AMBER Product tanker Marshall Islands 29534 9697210	03/05/2019 00:10 UTC	WEST AFRICA Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 16.07' N 003° 13.11' E	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers near the cargo tank with a hose. Alarm raised, and PA announcement made. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with their hose. A patrol boat was informed which came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered and PA announcement made	Yes Nigeria Navy Patrol Boat	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MRCC Lagos / Nimasa & Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room)	A patrol boat came to the location and searched the area
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