Piracy monthly report November 2020
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

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<td>1</td>
<td>Nefeli II</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>6501</td>
<td>9291638</td>
<td>04/11/2020</td>
<td>05:49 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 96nm SSW of Brass Nigeria 02° 43.92’ N 006° 02.81’ E</td>
<td>Around six to seven pirates armed with rifles attacked and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Local authorities notified. A security vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. Once the pirates had left the tanker, the crew emerged and noticed the bridge equipment damaged. Ship’s item were also reported stolen. Under the escort of the security vessel the ship proceeded to a safe port. The tanker and crew are safe.</td>
<td>All crew took shelter in the citadel. Pirates damaged the bridge equipment and stole ship’s item</td>
<td>Took shelter in the citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes. MDAT-GoG</td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops room) &amp; Nimasa</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Torm Alexandra</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>30302</td>
<td>9466001</td>
<td>07/11/2020</td>
<td>06:15 LT</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA South of Cotonou Benin 03° 31.23’ N 002° 33.54’ E</td>
<td>While underway, perpetrators boarded the tanker. The crew retreated to the citadel and the master was able to establish communication with the company office / CSO via satellite phone. At about 0855 hrs (UTC), the Italian Navy informed that the Italian frigate “Federico Martinengo (F596)” was responding and proceeding towards the ship. The Italian frigate subsequently sent its helicopter to the location of Torm Alexandra at about 1100 hrs (UTC). Upon seeing the helicopter, the perpetrators escaped from the ship. The Italian frigate arrived at the location of the ship at about 1600 hrs (UTC). The Navy personnel from the Italian frigate boarded the ship and did a sweep to ascertain that the perpetrators had left the ship. The crew came out from the citadel when the all clear was given.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.</td>
<td>The crew retreated to the citadel and the master was able to establish communication with the company office / CSO via satellite phone.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Lagos MRCC, and MDAT-GOG</td>
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Pirates armed with rifles boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, main engine stopped, SSAS activated, CSO informed and all crew mustered in the citadel. Benin Navy dispatched a patrol boat. An Italian Navy frigate and its helicopter responded. A naval boarding team boarded the tanker and once clearance was given, the crew emerged from the citadel and regained control of the tanker. All crew members are reported safe.

Seven armed pirates in a boat chased the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered in citadel, and activated the fire pump. As the boat approached the tanker, the armed team fired warning shots resulting in the boat moving away. The tanker and crew are safe. The Incident was reported to local agent.

While underway, three perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was immediately raised and a search on board the ship was conducted. There was no confrontation between the crew and the perpetrators. At about 2305 hrs, the master updated Singapore VTIS via VHF that there was no further sighting of the perpetrators on board. Some ship equipment including a sounding rod, an oil sampling rod, a portable breathing apparatus, portable instruments for measuring ullage and a portable spray painter were stolen from the engine room. The crew was not injured. The RSN’s MSTF and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.

While underway, two perpetrators were sighted in the vicinity of engine room locker. The alarm was raised, crew mustered and a search on board the ship was conducted. There was no confrontation between the crew and the perpetrators. At about 0340 hrs, the master updated Singapore VTIS that there was no further sighting of the perpetrators on board. The oil spill equipment locker was found unlocked and a lifebuoy was stolen. The crew was not injured. The RSN’s MSTF and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.
While underway, one perpetrator was sighted in the vicinity of the steering gear flat. The alarm was raised, crew mustered and a search on board the ship was conducted. There was no confrontation between the crew and the perpetrator. At about 0755 hrs, the master updated Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that there was no further sighting of the perpetrator on board. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)’s Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.

The crew was not injured. The alarm was raised, crew mustered and a search on board the ship was conducted.

Duty officer onboard the ship noticed a speed boat approaching and raised the alarm. Master transmitted a distress alert and fired a rocket flare resulting in the boat moving away temporarily and then commenced the approach again. Eight armed persons were identified in the approaching boat. All crew retreated into the citadel. The onboard Benin Navy personnel fired warning shots which resulted in the boat aborting and moving away. All crew safe.

Some bridge and accommodation damage were reported. Alarm raised, fire pump activated, commenced evasive maneuvers, and SSAS activated.

Around eight armed pirates in a skiff chased and attempted to board a tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive maneuvers and activated the distress alert. As the skiff closed in, the pirates opened fire towards the bridge and accommodation. A Nigerian Navy patrol vessel responded to the distress alert. Due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the skiff aborted the attack. The patrol boat rendezvoused with the tanker and escorted her to a safe port. Some bridge and accommodation damage were reported due to the firing.

Ship and crew properties stolen. 14 crew members kidnapped. Alarm raised, and SSAS alert activated.

Pirates armed with rifles in a small boat approached the ship underway. They boarded the ship, opened fire and injured one crew. Before escaping, the pirates stole ship and crew properties and kidnapped 14 crew members. The Owners of the ship notified the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who then liaised with relevant regional and international authorities in the region and requested for assistance. Italian, Spanish and Portuguese Navy Vessels arrived at the location and aided the ship. The injured crew was transported on an Italian Aircraft to the hospital in Sao Tome and Principe. The ship and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port.
While underway, three perpetrators were sighted on the main deck. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The perpetrators escaped from the stern of the ship. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. The ship did not require assistance and proceeded on her passage to China. The RSN’s Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.

The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and ship lights switched on Yes Singapore VTIS

The pirates damaged ships property and equipment and stole cash and belongings All crew mustered in the citadel Yes Nigerian authority, MDAT-GoG

Three robbers armed with a crowbar boarded an anchored tanker. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Port control.

10 crew members were kidnapped NA Yes MDAT - GoG

Armed persons attacked and boarded the ship underway. They kidnapped 10 crew members and left the ship drifting. Upon receiving the information

Principe. The ship and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port.

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from the Owners, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed the relevant authorities, including the Italian navy. Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to investigate and assist the remaining crew and vessel. On 21 Dec 2020, the Owners confirmed that the 10 kidnapped crew members were released safely.

A tanker underway noticed a possible pirate mother vessel approaching and raised the alarm. SSAS activated, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced and non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. The bridge team kept a lookout towards the mother vessel. A skiff with four armed persons was noticed approaching from a different direction. As the skiff approached, it opened fire towards the bridge. The pirates boarded the tanker using a ladder with hooks. Once onboard, the pirates damaged the communication equipment and stole ship and crew cash and properties. Before escaping, they kidnapped four crew members. The Master was reported injured during the incident. The tanker sailed to a safe anchorage.

Unnoticed, robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship’s spares and escaped. Incident reported to VTIS. While underway, two perpetrators were sighted in the vicinity of the steering gear room. The alarm was raised and a search on board was conducted. At about 0835 hrs, the master updated that there was no further sighting of the perpetrators on board. Some engine spares were declared stolen. All crew are safe and no assistance required. The ship continued her voyage to China. The Republic of Singapore Navy’s Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated to alert mariners.

Eight pirates armed with assault rifles in a speed boat boarded the ship underway. The pirates stole ship and crew properties and kidnapped five crew members before escaping. Remaining crew onboard sailed the ship to a safe port. On 30 Dec 2020, the Owners confirmed that the five kidnapped crew members were released safely on 23 Dec 2020.

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<td>Cape Martin</td>
<td>03/11/2020 01:30 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau Anchorage (on “H19” Vietnam) 10°14.80’ N 103°50.90’ E</td>
<td>While at anchor, the duty crew noticed seven or eight perpetrators had boarded the ship. The alarm was raised immediately. The perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped in a small boat. The crew conducted a search on board the ship and discovered 12 cans of paint were stolen from the paint store. Twelve cans of paint were stolen from the paint store.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>Yes Vung Tau Port Control</td>
<td>CHECK - ReCAAP or IMB</td>
<td>The alarm was raised immediately and a search was conducted. If the ship was</td>
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the paint store. The crew was not injured. The incident was reported to Vung Tau Port Control; and the Vietnam authorities and Vietnam Coast Guard were notified.

3 Nord Biscay
Bulk carrier
Singapore
35332
9799795

04/11/2020
04:00 UTC
SOUTH AMERICA (A)
Santana Port
Brazil
00° 03.70' S
051° 10.00' W

Unnoticed, robbers boarded a berthed ship, broke into the forecastle store, stole ship’s stores and escaped. Incident noticed during routine rounds.

The crew was not injured.
A search was carried out
No
ReCAAP ISC via
ReCAAP Focal Point
(Singapore)
NA

Ship stores were stolen.

4 BSL Cape Town
Container ship
Liberia
26833
9275048

13/11/2020
02:12 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Takoradi Anchorage
Ghana
04° 53.20' N
001° 42.60' W

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forecastle store, stole ship’s stores and escaped. Incident noticed during routine rounds and reported to the port authorities.

Ship’s stores stolen
A search was made throughout the ship
Yes
Port Authority
PRC relayed the message to Ghana MRCC, Ghana Navy & Ghana MOC
Sent patrol boat to the area
NA

5 Asia Emerald III
Bulk carrier
Singapore
33045
9530682

19/11/2020
10:30 UTC
SOUTH CHINA SEA
Inner Anchorage,
Campina Anchorage
Viet Nam
20° 55.79' N
107° 18.06' W

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship’s stores and escaped. Incident noticed during routine rounds and reported to the port authorities.

While at anchor and discharging cargo, ship stores (paint) were found stolen from the bulk carrier. The incident was suspected to have taken place on 19 Nov 20 between 1730 hrs and 2030 hrs when the crew was involved in the repair of the ship’s equipment. The ship was not damaged and crew not injured.

Ship’s store stolen
Nil
Yes
Port Authorities
PRC relayed the message to Vietnam Coast Guard & Vietnam Maritime Security Centre
NA

6 Fairchem Sword
Product tanker
Marshall Islands
11752
9673678

24/11/2020
21:15 UTC
MALACCA STRAIT
Dumai anchorage
Indonesia
01° 42.93' N
101° 26.48' E

Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty oiler on routine rounds was threatened by the robbers before they escaped with stolen engine spares. Incident reported to local authorities through local agent.

Duty oiler on routine rounds was threatened and engine spares stolen
NA
Yes
Local authorities through local agent
PRC relayed the message to Indonesian Marine Police
Investigation carried out
ReCAAP ISC via
ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
NA

7 Name Withheld
Bulk carrier
Liberia
36336

25/11/2020
03:30 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Motovia
Liberia
06° 20.65' N
010° 47.75' W

A robber boarded a berthed bulk carrier and stole ship’s properties. Upon noticing the robber, the vessel crew chased the robber who managed to escape. Incident reported to the Port Authority.

Ship’s properties stolen
A search was carried out
Yes
Port authority, agent and CSO
PRC relayed the message to MRCC Monrovia
NA

8 Resilience
Bulk carrier
Italy
91971
9511454

27/11/2020
01:40 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Takoradi port Anchorage
Ghana
04° 53.27' N
001° 41.61' W

Duty watchmen onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the forecastle deck and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Port control.

nil
Alarm raised and crew mustered.
Yes
Port Control
PRC relayed the message to Ghana MRCC, Ghana Navy & Ghana MOC
NA
Six robbers armed with guns boarded the anchored ship. The robbers stole ship’s properties, cash and crew personal belongings before escaping. All crew safe. Incident reported to the Port Authority.

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<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>42684</td>
<td>9314167</td>
<td>09/11/2020</td>
<td>20:28 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 95nm South of Cotonou Benin 04° 43.42' N 002° 26.83' E</td>
<td>A product tanker underway was approached by two skiffs. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The Master increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres, activated the fire pump and notified the regional authorities. The skiffs attempted to close in and fired upon the vessel. The vessel hardening and evasive manoeuvres resulted in the skiff aborting the attack and moving away. Vessel and crew reported safe.</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>Alarm raised, fire pump activated, commenced evasive manoeuvres, SSAS activated and all crew mustered in the citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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