

**Piracy monthly report for October 2018**  
**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	Pomerenia Sky Container ship Liberia 26435 9339583	27/10/2018 03:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 71nm SW of Bonny Island Nigeria 03° 21.00' N 006° 32.00' E	Pirates boarded a ship underway, kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a patrol boat and escorted the ship to a safe anchorage. On 19.12.2018, received confirmation from the Owners that the 11 kidnapped crew members have been released safely and are being repatriated.	11 crew members kidnapped	SSAS activated and crew mustered in citadel	Yes Nigerian Navy	Nigeria IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat and escorted the ship to a safe anchorage
2	Ark Tze Supply ship Singapore 2310 9418767	29/10/2018 03:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx 65nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo Congo 04° 57.50' S 010° 43.10' E	While at anchor, 10 attackers armed with guns boarded the ship, assaulted the crew, damaged the ship's radio equipment and abducted four crew members (the master, chief engineer, chief officer and AB). The abducted crew were taken to a Panama-flagged tanker and reportedly proceeding to Nigeria. The tanker was reported to be hijacked by pirates earlier. The company's Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated and the ship with the remaining 11 crew on board has been directed to proceed to the port of Pointe-Noire, Republic of the Congo. The company arranged for a medical team to board the ship to assess the crew's health condition and provide assistance and emotional support.  4 kidnapped crew members have been released safely on 03.01.2019.	The master, chief engineer, chief officer and AB were abducted. The 2nd engineer and oiler sustained minor injuries as a result of a scuffle with the attackers. The remaining crew was safe. No items were stolen from the ship, bridge equipment damaged. 4 kidnapped crew members have been released safely on 03.01.2019.	The 2nd officer reported the incident to the local authorities. The company's Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated. The company arranged for a medical team to assess the health condition of the remaining crew and provide assistance and emotional support when the ship arrived at the port of Pointe-Noire.	Yes Local pilot station	Congo ReCAAP, IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The local authorities had established contact with the ship. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore had contacted the relevant authorities and sought the assistance of the Nigerian Navy to keep a lookout for the tanker and the abducted crew.
3	ANUKET AMBER Product tanker Panama 6952 9395733	29/10/2018 12:12 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 102nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of The Congo Congo 04° 47.00' S 010° 08.00' E	Armed pirates in a speed boat attacked the tanker carrying out bunkering operations at sea. They took hostage the crew members and hijacked the tanker. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre received information from the Owners, and alerted the relevant authorities in the Gulf of Guinea. On 02 Nov 2018, the Owners confirmed the tanker was released around 50nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria. Eight crew members are reported missing. The remaining crew members sailed the tanker to a safe port. On 10.01.2019, received confirmation from the Owner that the eight kidnapped crew.	Eight kidnapped crew members were kidnapped and safely released on 07.01.2019.	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1 MAERSK NEWBURY Container ship Singapore 26582 9231470	02/10/2018 01:39 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Guayaquil river Ecuador 02° 37.10' S 080° 12.08' W	While transiting under pilot at Guayaquil River in Ecuador, a group of attackers boarded the ship. The master alerted the local authorities when he sighted the presence of unauthorized persons on board. One of the crew was assaulted by the perpetrators and sustained a small cut on his forehead. The crew managed to escape and hide in the forecastle store. The perpetrators left the ship when realized that they had been discovered. A search was conducted by the Ecuador Coast Guard (ECG) and no perpetrator was found. The injured crew was given first-aid treatment, and the ship resumed its voyage.	The crew was assaulted and sustained a small cut on his forehead. There was no injury to the remaining crew and no items were stolen.	The master notified the local authorities. The Ecuador Coast Guard (ECG) conducted a search and provided first-aid treatment to the injured crew.	Yes Local port control	Ecuador ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, (Singapore)	The Ecuador Coast Guard conducted a search of the ship and no perpetrator was found.
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## IN PORT AREA

1 MOUNT APO Bulk carrier Liberia 91792 9493755	03/10/2018 23:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tianjin Anchorage China 38° 49.20' N 118° 14.50' E	During morning routine rounds onboard an anchored ship, the Master noticed a diesel oil tank manhole opened and traces of oil leading towards the shipside. Investigations indicated that robbers had boarded the ship and stole oil from the tank and escaped unnoticed.	Oil stolen from tank	Crew mustered & search carried out	Yes Reported to local agent	India ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur. MRCC China	-
2 NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Switzerland 27011	09/10/2018 03:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takadori Anchorage Ghana 04° 54.28' N 001° 39.57' W	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a robber on the deck. He immediately informed 2/O, who informed the Master accordingly. Alarm raised, public announcement made, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed. A search was made and found the anchor chain grating cover was removed and forecastle padlock was broken into. Port control informed.	Forecastle padlock was broken into	Alarm raised, public announcement made, and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Ghana & Ghana Navy Ops Centre HQ	IMBKL, MDAT GoG	-
3 ELBHOFF Tanker Hong Kong, China 160462 9770646	09/10/2018 23:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose Anchorage Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 13.00' N 064° 50.00' W	While at anchor, five robbers with their faces covered and armed with large knives boarded the ship from the anchor chain and hawse pipe. They held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him up and threatened to kill him. They then escaped with some unsecured items.	Unsecured items were stolen. The robbers held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him up and threatened to killed him. The other crew was not injured	The master reported the incident to local port authorities, flag state, owners and other concerned parties. The master and crew took extra measures by fabricating the metal plate to fit in the existing metal grill to the hawse pipe to prevent further unlawful access.	Yes Local port control	ReCAAP ISC	The local authority assured ships that they would monitor the movement of small crafts and fishing vessels in the area.
4 GAS ODYSSEY Tanker Liberia 9160 9545211	11/10/2018 08:00 LT	ARABIAN SEA Approx 11NM off Tekra Light Kandla India 22° 49.00' N 070° 02.00' E	While at anchor, the watch crew found footprints on the main deck portside leading to forecastle and back to manifold area. Further investigation revealed that two scupper plugs and three cargo reducers were missing, believed to had been cut off with knife. The master suspected two perpetrators had boarded the ship with ladder and took away the items during early hours of 11 Oct 18. The master reported the incident to Indian	Two scupper plugs and three cargo reducers were missing.	The master reported the incident to Indian Coast Guard, Kandla Port Trust and agent of the ship.	Yes Indian Coast Guard and Kandla Port Trust (Gujarat, India)	India ReCaap ISC, IMBKL	The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is investigating the incident in coordination with the Marine Police and port authorities of Mundra. The ICG requested the port authorities to enhance patrolling and maintain

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extra vigilance of their respective anchorage areas, particularly during hours of darkness to deter such incidents.

5	SHI ZI SHAN Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32962 9617466	14/10/2018 00:20 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose terminal Anchorage Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.00' N 064° 51.00' W	While at anchor, four armed perpetrators in uniform with "national guard" markings boarded the ship from a boat through the ship's port gangway. One of the robbers stayed in the boat. The robbers shouted to the duty crew to allow them to board for an alleged anti-narcotic inspection. When boarded, they threatened the duty crew with handguns and ordered him to guide them to the master cabin. All crew was ordered by the robbers to gather in the common rest room and submit all their cash and valuable belongings for inspection. The crew followed as ordered and all their belongings were taken away by the robbers.	The crew was not injured but their cash and other personal belongings were taken.	The master reported the incident to the agent, local maritime authorities, Chinese Embassy in Venezuela, MRCC HK, HK Maritime Department (MARDEP) and P&I Club. The master enhanced security awareness and tightened security measures on board the ship. They urged the agents to contact the port authorities to investigate as soon as possible.	Yes Local port authorities and Chinese Embassy in Venezuela	ReCAAP ISC weekly	Local authorities boarded the ship and conducted investigation.
6	MAERSK TACOMA Product tanker Singapore 29445 9708617	14/10/2018 00:45 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos secure anchorage area Nigeria 06° 17.20' N 003° 13.87' E	Two robbers boarded the anchored tanker. Duty watchman noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and sounded ship's horn resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel. Upon investigation, nothing reported stolen.	-	Alarm raised and a search was carried out	Yes Local authority	Nigeria ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ, NIMASA & MRCC Lagos	Dispatched a patrol vessel
7	ALPHA BULKER Bulk carrier Panama 19885 9336763	17/10/2018 00:01 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Campha Anchorage Vietnam Viet Nam 20° 53.40' N 107° 16.80' E	Unnoticed, robbers pretending to be stevedores, boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds after departure. Incident reported to local agent.	Ship's store stolen	Crew mustered & search was carried out	No	Viet Nam IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SUPER CAROLINE Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 21192 9316983	17/10/2018 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 15.00' S 117° 35.80' E	While at anchor, two robbers armed with machetes boarded the ship through the anchor chain. Two other robbers were on standby onboard a motorized boat. The duty A/B, upon seeing the two perpetrators on the forward deck, immediately informed the duty officer who sounded the alarm and mustered the crew. The chief mate and other crew rushed to the scene. The duty officer informed the pilot station through VHF as well as the ship's agent.	The crew was not injured. Padlocks were damaged and three mooring ropes were stolen.	The duty officer sounded the alarm and informed the pilot station as well as the ship's agent. The chief mate and other crew rushed to the scene.	Yes Pilot station and local agent	Indonesia ReCAAP ISC, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, IFC	The local pilot station made initial inquiry about the incident.
9	MT SEARACER Oil tanker Malta	20/10/2018 17:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tabangao Customary Anchorage, Batangas Philippines	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forecandle deck. Duty officer notified,	The crew was not injured. Six scupper plugs, two fire hose	The duty officer sounded the ship's alarm.	Yes Philippine Coast	Philippines IMBKL, ReCAAP ISC	The Coast Guard Sub-Station Batangas City and personnel from Port

84598 9227443		13° 43.66' N 121° 01.84' E	alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their motor boat. On conducting a search, ship's properties were reported stolen.	nozzles and 15 hydrant caps were stolen		Guard Station, Batangas		State Control Centre Batangas boarded the ship and investigated the incident. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) advised the master to be extra vigilant and to take precautionary measures when at the anchorage area and to report any incident immediately to the nearest Coast Guard unit for immediate response
10 MERLIN III Landing craft Grenada 498 9325740	20/10/2018 23:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of The Congo Congo	Duty crew onboard an anchored landing craft noticed two robbers armed with long knives lowering mooring ropes to their accomplice in a wooden boat. Alarm raised and crew alerted, resulting in the robbers escaping in their boat. Master contacted port control via VHF to request for assistance. Upon checking, several mooring ropes were found missing from the poop deck.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised & crew alerted	Yes Port control	Congo IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11 NAME WITHHELD Oil product tanker Malta 84598 9227443	21/10/2018 01:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tabangao Customary Anchorage, Batangas Philippines 13° 43.66' N 121° 01.84' E	During the routine security patrol around the main deck by ship's personnel, two robbers were sighted at the forecastle, armed with knives. The Duty Officer was being informed immediately the general alarm raised. Crew mustered and the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a motor boat. After investigation, it was observed that the padlock of the forecastle entry was broken and six scupper plugs, two fire nozzles, and 15 hydrants caps were stolen. There was no physical confrontation and no injuries were reported.	The crew was not injured. Padlock broken, six scupper plugs, two fire hose nozzles and 15 hydrant caps were stolen.	The duty officer sounded the ship's alarm.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard Station, Batangas	IFC, ReCAAP ISC	Station Batangas City and personnel from Port State Control Centre Batangas boarded the ship and investigated the incident. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) advised the master to be extra vigilant and to take precautionary measures when at the anchorage area and to report any incident immediately to the nearest Coast Guard unit for immediate response
12 DHT LION Tanker Hong Kong, China 154180 9722895	22/10/2018 23:10 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of The Congo Congo 04° 46.70' S 011° 47.00' E	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed three armed robbers on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker and ship's properties were reported as missing. Incident reported to the port control who dispatched a police boat which searched the waters around the tanker	Stole ship's stores	Crew mustered	Yes Local authorities	Congo IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MDAT	Police patrol boat patrolled around the vessel
13 LOTUS GAS LPG tanker Panama 45811 9405887	24/10/2018 14:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas Philippines 13° 40.05' N 121° 03.00' E	Robbers in a small bamboo boat approached a berthed tanker during cargo operation. One robber manage to board the tanker. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping. Crew directed flashlights towards the	The crew was not injured. A fire hose coupling and a nozzle	Alarm raised, crew directed flashlights towards the boat	No	Philippines ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) was not able to conduct investigation of the incident because the

boat as it moved away. A search was carried out and ship's properties were reported stolen. were stolen.

Master of the tanker did not report the incident immediately to the PCG.

The PCG only knew of the incident on 29 Oct 18 when the local agent furnished a report of the incident to the Port State Control Southern Tagalog. But at that time, the ship had departed the terminal for its next port of call.

14	SKANDI SKANSEN Supply ship United Kingdom 8222 9459759	28/10/2018 02:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Sekondi Port Ghana	Unnoticed, a robber managed to board a berthed AHTS vessel and stole ship's properties and escaped. During routine rounds, crew noticed the padlock to the container was damaged and the theft was identified from the CCTV recording. Incident reported to local Authorities.	Stole ship's properties	-	Yes Local agent	Ghana IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Ghana & Ghana Navy Ops Centre HQ	-
15	NAME WITHHELD Tanker Singapore 43188	31/10/2018 19:00 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Merak Anchorage Indonesia 05° 53.20' S 105° 59.70' E	Unnoticed, robbers managed to board an anchored tanker, stole engine spare's and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds when the ship's crew noticed the store room door was opened and engine spares were missing.	Engine spares missing	-	No	IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	KSL SYDNEY Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 94528 9683269	16/10/2018 12:38 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Around 340NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia Somalia 00° 49.00' N 050° 53.00' E	Four armed pirates with AK-47 in a speed boat approached a bulk carrier underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS and all crew mustered in citadel. The armed guards onboard the vessel returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe.	-	Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS and all crew mustered in citadel	Yes UKMTO	IMBKL	-
2	BW FRIGG LPG tanker Marshall Islands 47384 9733337	29/10/2018 12:10 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 101nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo Congo 04° 46.70' S 010° 08.30' E	Pirates in a speed boat approached and fired upon a tanker carrying out bunkering operations at sea. During the attack, bunkering was stopped and cast off initiated and speed increased. The tanker made evasive maneuvers and escaped. All crew reported safe.	Bridge windscreen glass shattered	Increased vessel speed	No	IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN PORT AREA**

1	STI OSCEOLA Product tanker Marshall Islands 29785 9707807	17/10/2018 01:55 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos secure anchorage area, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 15.90' N 003° 13.30' E	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed a speed boat alongside the anchor chain. Around five persons armed with guns and hooks were noticed attempting to board the tanker. The AB shouted at the intruders and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and fire pump activated. Upon hearing the alarm, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel which searched the waters around the tanker. A search was made throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.	-	Alarm raised and fire pump activated	No	Nigeria IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos/NIMASA	Dispatched a patrol vessel which searched the waters around the tanker
2	UACC SOUND Product tanker Panama 28059 9272395	29/10/2018 18:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Nacala Outer Anchorage Mozambique Mozambique 14° 22.75' S 040° 42.05' E	During security rounds, duty crew onboard the anchored tanker noticed a boat tied to the anchor chain, a robber was seen trying to board the tanker via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen	-	-	Yes Port control	Mozambique IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-