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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 31 December 2017**

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## INTRODUCTION

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, all interests and organizations to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargoes on a chargeable basis.

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks at [www.icc-ccs.org](http://www.icc-ccs.org). By posting the information on the internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions and assess associated risks with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the PRC after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The PRC has, as at 31 December 2017, received reports of 180 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these incident narrations are shown separately. Similarly, because of the vast area affected by Somali pirates, these incidents are grouped together with the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea in the narrations section.

## **DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY**

Piracy is defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26).

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

*Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:*

*a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-*

*(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;*

*(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;*

*(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;*

*(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).*

The IMO defines Armed Robbery in Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships” as:

*Armed robbery against ships” means any of the following acts:*

*.1 any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;*

*.2 any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above*

## **COMMUNITY of REPORTING for the Gulf of Guinea**

Piracy and Armed Robbery as a crime, continues to be a concern to the shipping industry. A structured response by governments and their response agencies is critical to address this crime. At the same time, however, the shipping industry needs to be comfortable to report incidents and be confident that their reports will be actioned. Unfortunately, the latter has not been forthcoming, especially from the Gulf of Guinea region for several years. To address this the IMB, along with Oceans Beyond Piracy, have conceptualised ‘Community of Reporting’. This endeavour encourages all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, response agencies, commercial operators, etc. to share reports available to them with the IMB – in confidence. The IMB has undertaken to collate and present these figures in its reports.

As different agencies define and categorise incidents differently the IMB proposes to collate these under three generic levels – I, II, III. The types of incidents which will fall under these headings, will be defined by the effect the incident has on the crew, vessel and cargo.

**Level I:** Any incident which has a direct impact on the crew. To include:

- a. Crew being taken hostage, injured, killed, kidnapped, missing, threatened;
- b. A hijacking where the command of the ship is taken over by those boarding;
- c. An incident where the crew retreats into the citadel.

**Level II:** To include a vessel being fired upon, security teams firing on approaching threat, robbers / pirates identified with weapons of any type (violence is offered) whether boarded or otherwise.

**Level III:** To include an incident that does not fall into either Level I or Level II

Table 10 shows the level of under reporting by comparing figures available from the Community of Reporting as compared with those reported directly to the IMB.

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- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))

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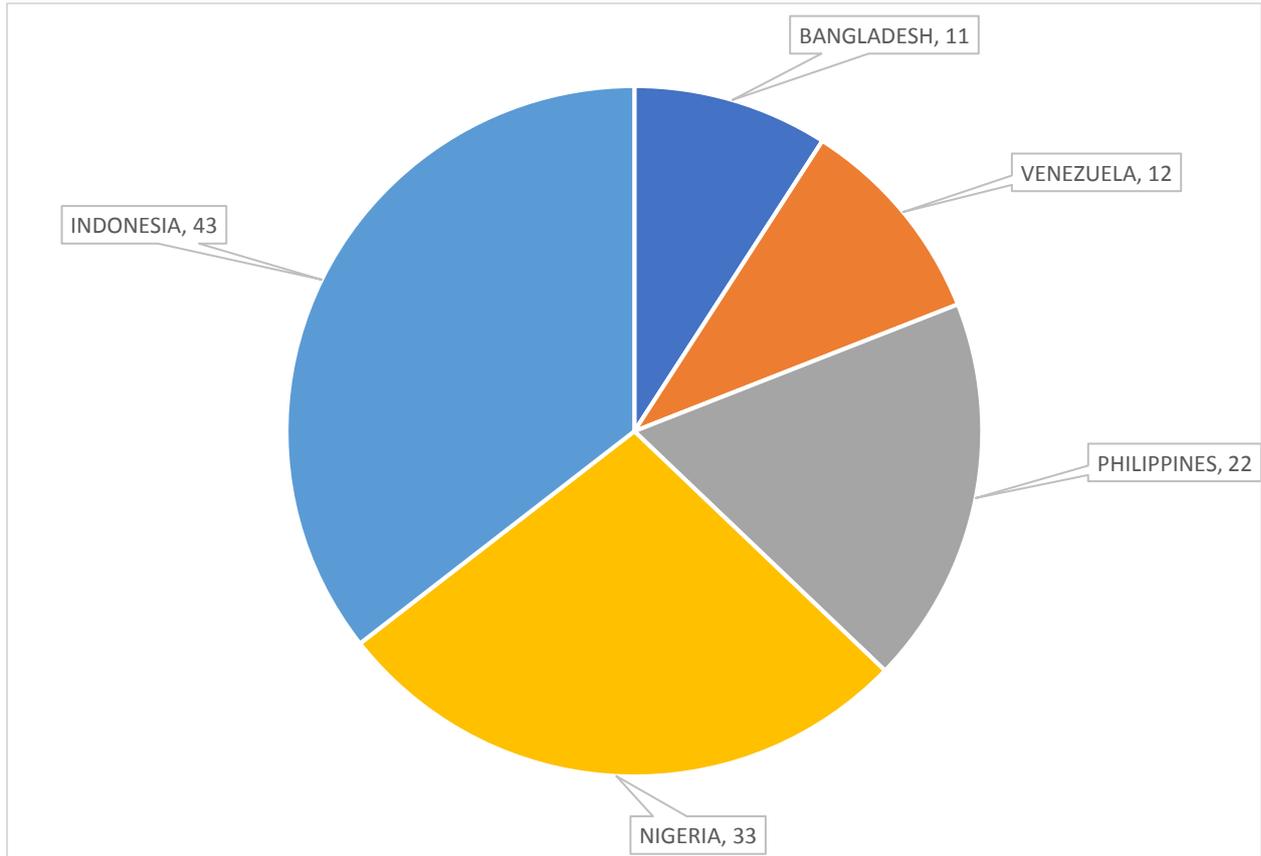
**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December: 2013 – 2017**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	106	100	108	49	43	
	Malacca Straits	1	1	5			
	Malaysia	9	24	13	7	7	
	Philippines	3	6	11	10	22	
	Singapore Straits	9	8	9	2	4	
	Thailand		2	1			
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China			4	7	2	
	South China Sea	4	1				
	Vietnam	9	7	27	9	2	
<b>INDIAN SUB</b>	Bangladesh	12	21	11	3	11	
<b>CONTINENT</b>	India	14	13	13	14	4	
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Brazil	1	1				
	Colombia	7	2	5	4	6	
	Dominican Republic	1					
	Ecuador	3				2	
	Guyana	2	1		2	1	
	Haiti			2	4	1	
	Mexico				1		
	Peru	4			11	2	
	Venezuela		1	1	5	12	
	<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola		1		2	1
		Benin				1	
Cameroon			1	1			
Dem. Republic of Congo			1	3	2		
Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe			1			1	
Egypt		7		1			
Gabon		2	1				
Ghana		1	4	2	3	1	
Guinea		1		3	3	2	
Gulf of Aden*		6	4		1	3	
Ivory Coast		4	3	1	1	1	
Kenya		1		2	2	1	
Liberia			1	2			
Mauritania		1					
Morocco		1	1		1		
Mozambique		2	1	1	1	2	
Nigeria		31	18	14	36	33	
Red Sea*		2	4			1	
Senegal						1	
Sierra Leone		2	1			4	
Somalia*		7	3		1	5	
South Africa				1			
Tanzania	1	1					
The Congo	3	7	5	6	1		
Togo	7	2		1			
<b>REST OF</b>	Oman		2			1	

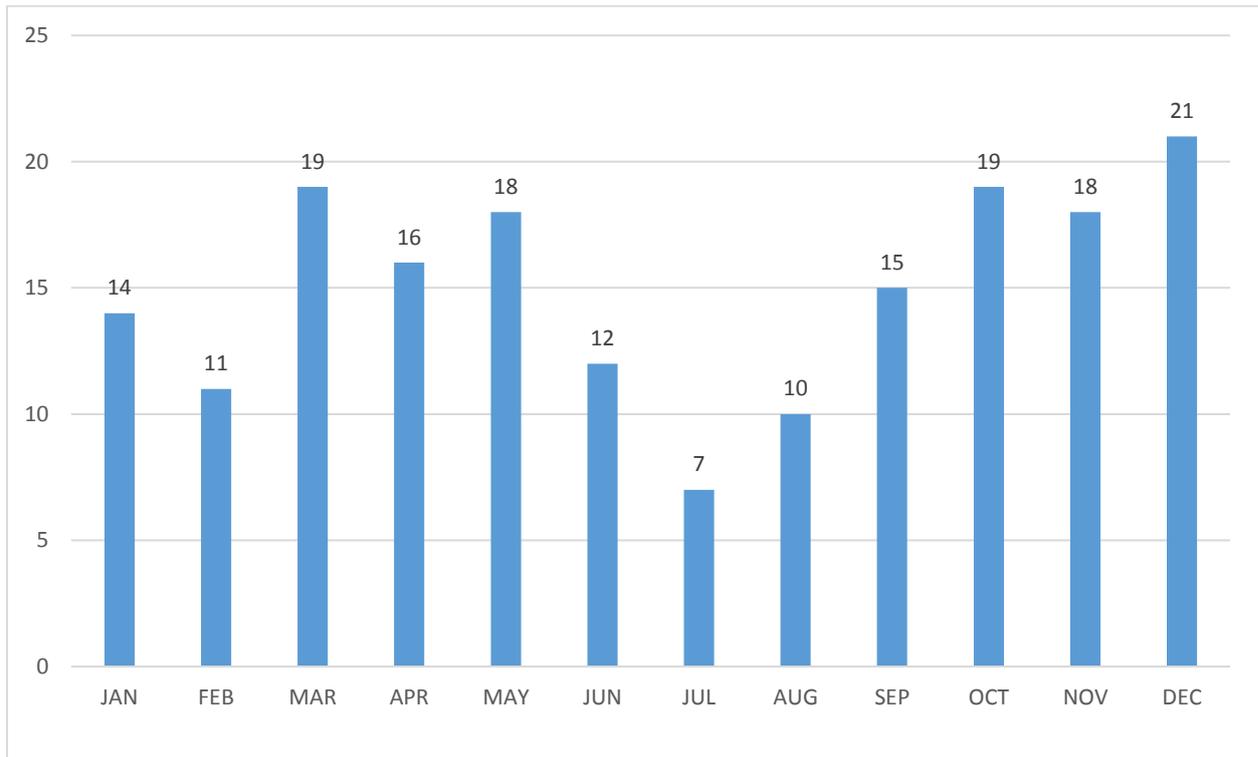
<b>WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea			1		
	Yemen				1	3
	<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>

All incidents with \* above are attributed to Somali pirates

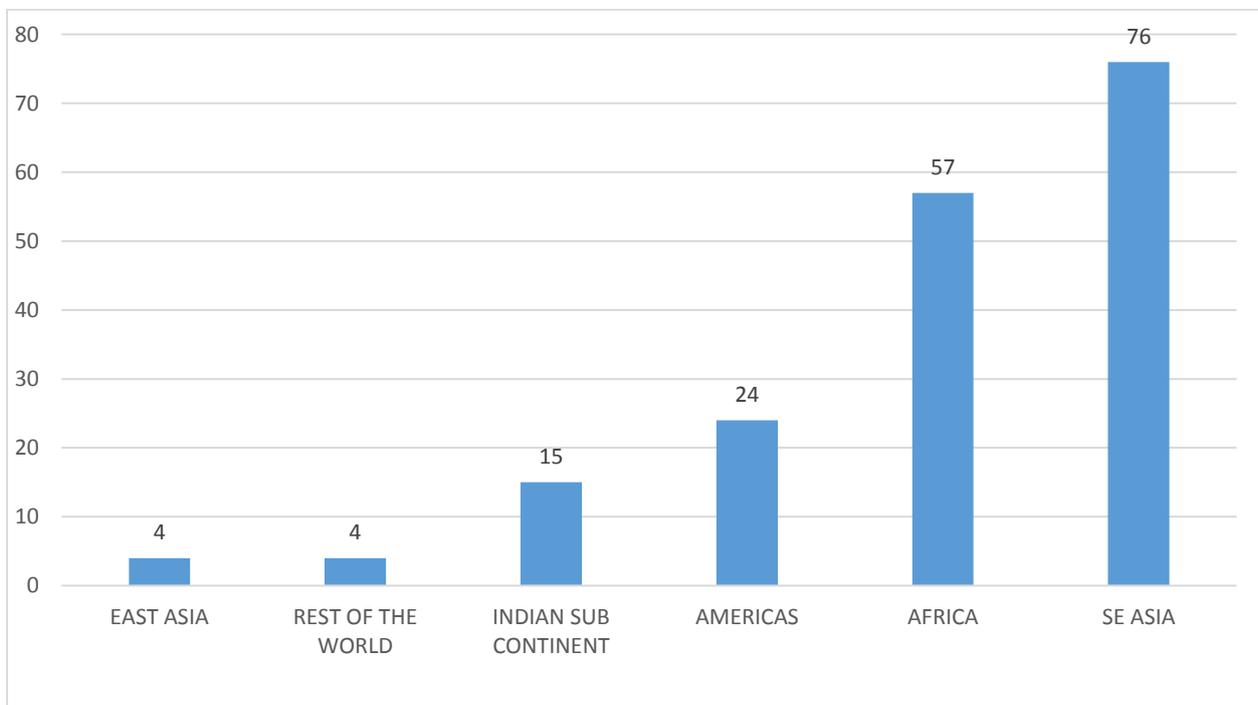
**CHART A: The following five locations recorded around 67% attacks from a total of 180 reported attacks for the period.**



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2017**



**Chart C: Total incidents as per region of the world January – December 2017**



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2017**

	Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS		
		Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted	
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	37	1		5	
	Malaysia	4	2		1	
	Philippines	19		1	2	
	Singapore Straits	3			1	
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China	2				
	Vietnam	2				
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh	11				
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India	3			1	
<b>SOUTH</b>	Colombia	6				
<b>AMERICA</b>	Ecuador	2				
	Guyana	1				
	Haiti				1	
	Peru	2				
	Venezuela	12				
	<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola	1			
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe					1
	Ghana	1				
	Guinea	2				
	Gulf of Aden	1		1	1	
	Ivory Coast				1	
	Kenya	1				
	Mozambique	1			1	
	Nigeria	20		7	6	
	Red Sea			1		
	Senegal				1	
	Sierra Leone	4				
	Somalia		3	2		
	The Congo	1				
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Oman			1		
	Yemen			3		
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>180</b>				

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.  
January – December 2017**

Country	Location	1.1.2017 to 31.12.2017
Bangladesh	Chittagong / Kutubdia Island	9
Colombia	Cartagena	4
Indonesia	Cilacap	4
Indonesia	Dumai / Lubuk Gaung	5
Indonesia	Galang	3
Indonesia	Muara Berau / Samarinda	7
Indonesia	Off Pulau Bintan	9
Nigeria	Lagos	6
Philippines	Batangas	6
Philippines	Manila	9
Sierra Leone	Freetown	3
Venezuela	Puerto Jose	5
Venezuela	Puerto La Cruz	5

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – December 2017**

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming	Not Stated
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	2	31	5	
	Malaysia	1		5	
	Philippines	2	14	3	
	Singapore Straits			3	
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China		2		
	Vietnam		2		
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh		6	5	
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India	1	2		
<b>SOUTH</b>	Colombia		6		
<b>AMERICA</b>	Ecuador	1	1		
	Guyana		1		
	Peru		2		
	Venezuela	1	11		
	<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola		1	
	Ghana		1		
	Guinea		2		
	Gulf of Aden			1	
	Kenya	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	1	3	16	
	Sierra Leone		4		
	Somalia			2	1
	The Congo		1		
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>142</b>		

**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2017**

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming	
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia		2	3	
	Malaysia	1			
	Philippines			3	
	Singapore Straits			1	
<b>INDIAN SUB CONTINENT</b>	India			1	
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Haiti		1		
<b>AFRICA</b>	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe			1	
	Gulf of Aden			2	
	Ivory Coast		1		
	Mozambique		1		
	Nigeria		2	11	
	Red Sea			1	
	Senegal			1	
	Somalia			2	
	<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Oman			1
		Yemen		1	2
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>38</b>		

**TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – December 2013 – 2017**

Types of Arms	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Guns	71	62	33	48	52
Knives	81	83	97	44	44
Not stated	109	93	108	96	80
Other weapons	3	7	8	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>

**TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – December 2013 – 2017**

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Attempted	28	28	27	22	22
Boarded	202	183	203	150	136
Fired upon	22	13	1	12	16
Hijack	12	21	15	7	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2013 – 2017**

Types of Violence	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Assaulted		1	14	5	6
Hostage	304	442	271	151	91
Injured	21	13	14	8	6
Kidnap/Ransom	36	9	19	62	75
Killed	1	4	1		3
Missing	1	1			
Threatened	10	9	14	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>191</b>

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2017**

	Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Kidnap	Killed	
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	13	7					
	Malaysia	32						
	Philippines		2			10	2	
	Singapore Straits			1				
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Peru	3						
	Venezuela	4		2	1			
<b>AFRICA</b>	Benin							
	Guinea			3				
	Nigeria				1	65		
	Sierra Leone		1					
	Somalia	39				1		
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Yemen				3		1	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>191</b>						

**TABLE 10: Total incidents received by IMB v/s Community of Reporting (CoR) incidents for Gulf of Guinea Region, January – December 2017**

Period	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total	% Underreporting
IMB 2017 (Jan – Dec)	18	7	11	36	62%
CoR 2017 (Jan – Dec)	34	14	47	95	

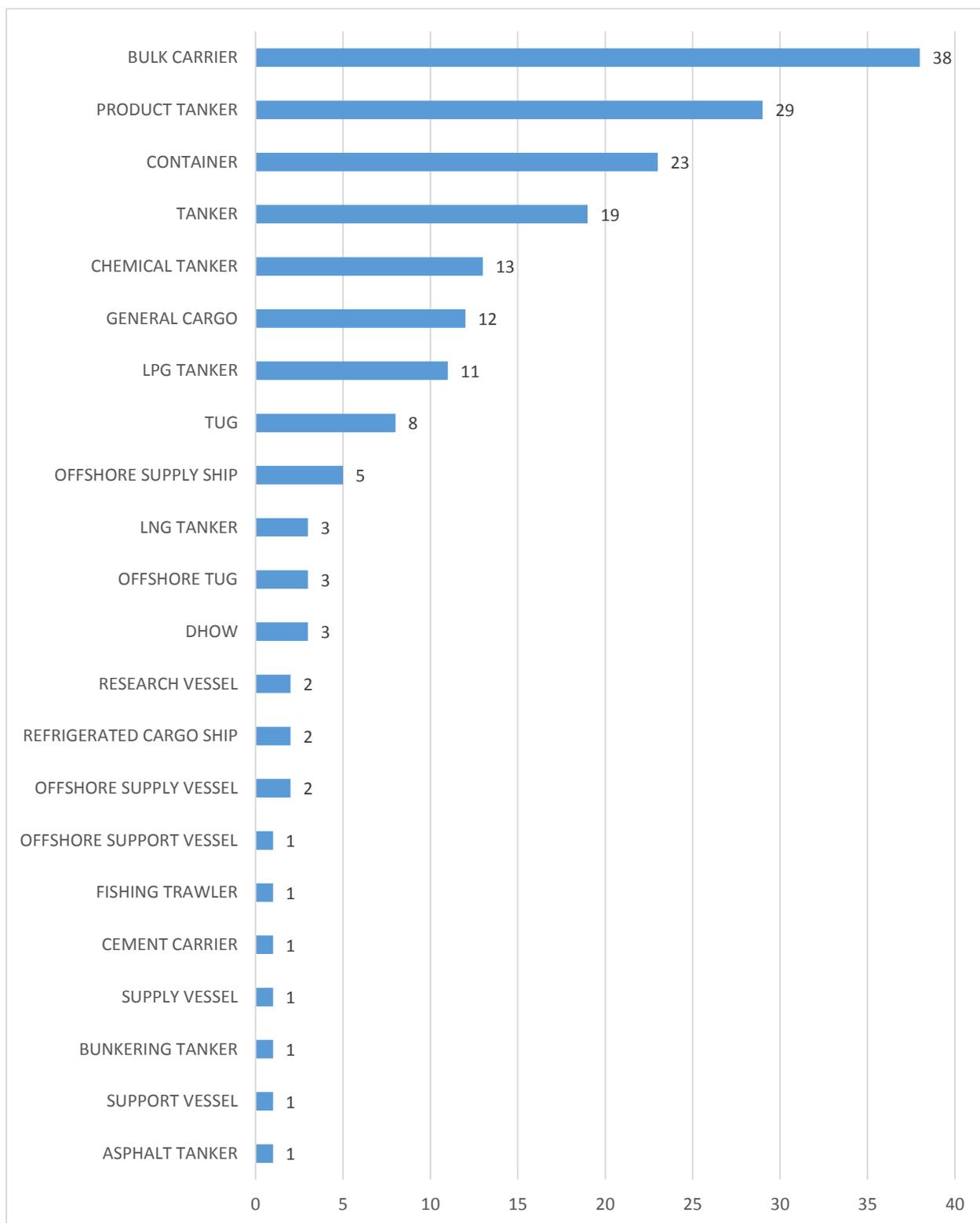
**TABLE 11: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2017**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Guns</b>	<b>Knives</b>	<b>Other Weapons</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>	
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	2	18	2	21	
	Malaysia	3	1		3	
	Philippines	4	4	2	12	
	Singapore Straits		2		2	
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China				2	
	Vietnam				2	
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh		6		5	
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India		1		3	
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Colombia	1			5	
	Ecuador		1		1	
	Guyana				1	
	Haiti				1	
	Peru	1	1			
	Venezuela	2	5		5	
	<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola		1		
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe					1
	Ghana				1	
	Guinea	1	1			
	Gulf of Aden	3				
	Ivory Coast				1	
	Kenya		1			
	Mozambique		1		1	
	Nigeria	25			8	
	Red Sea	1				
	Senegal				1	
	Sierra Leone		1		3	
	Somalia	5				
	The Congo				1	
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Oman	1				
	Yemen	3				
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>				

**TABLE 12: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2013 – 2017**

<b>Type</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Accommodation Barge				1	
Bulk Carrier	53	55	86	52	38
Cable Ship			1		
Cement Carrier		1			1
Container	30	20	30	10	23
Dhow	1				3
Dredger				1	
FPSO / FSO			2		
General Cargo	17	14	15	11	12
Heavy Lift Vessel				4	
Heavy Load Carrier		1		1	
Hopper Dredger			1		
Landing Craft	1				
Livestock Carrier	1	1			
Offshore Processing Ship		1			
Ore Carrier			1	1	
Passenger		1	1		
Pipe Layer Barge			1	4	
Pipe Layer Crane Vessel			1		
Refrigerated Cargo	2		3	1	2
Research Ship		2		2	2
RORO	1	2			
Supply Ship	5	3	2	4	8
Support Ship		1		1	2
Tanker Asphalt /Bitumen	3	4		1	1
Tanker Bunkering		2	1		1
Tanker Chem / Product	82	86	62	56	42
Tanker Crude Oil	39	24	20	13	19
Tanker LNG		1		1	3
Tanker LPG	9	13	4	10	11
Trawler/Fishing	2	3	2	1	1
Tug / Offshore Tug	18	7	10	14	11
Vehicle Carrier		2	1	2	
Water barge		1			
Wood Chips Carrier			2		
Yacht			1		
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>

**CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2017**

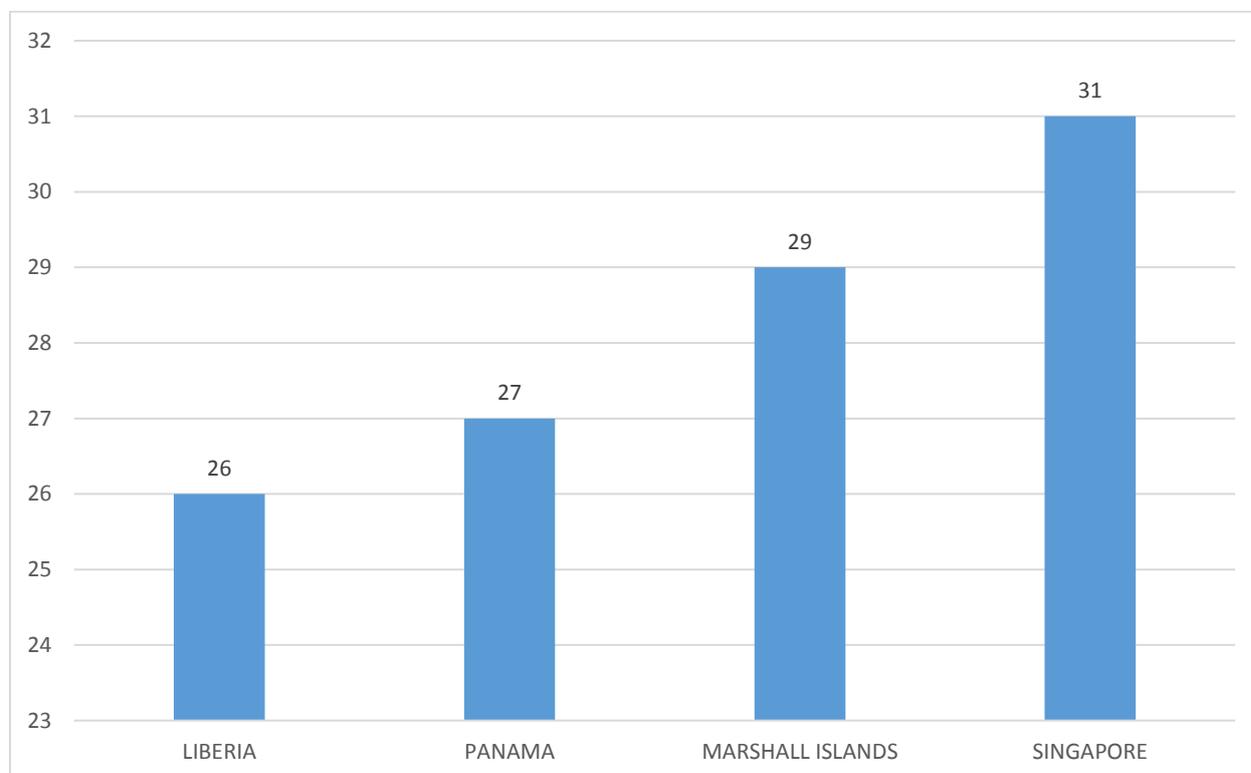


**TABLE 13: Nationalities of ships attacked, January – December 2013 – 2017**

<b>Flag State</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	7	5	9		3
Australia			1		
Bahamas	7	4	5	5	6
Bangladesh				1	
Barbados	1				
Belgium			3		
Belize			1	1	
Bermuda		1			1
Cayman Island	2				
Chile	1				
China	2	1			
Comoros	1		1		
Cook Islands			1	1	
Croatia	1			1	
Curacao			1	2	
Cyprus	1	2	7	3	4
Denmark	6	4	3	1	1
Dominica		1			
Egypt			1		
Ethiopia				1	
France	1		1		
Gabon	1				
Ghana		1	1		
Gibraltar	3	1		1	
Greece	3	4	3	2	
Honduras		2			
Hong Kong (SAR)	20	16	19	9	6
India	4	4	2	3	4
Indonesia		2	2	4	1
Iran	1		1		1
Isle of Man	2	3	3	3	3
Italy	4	7			
Japan				1	
Kiribati	1	1			
Korea South		1	1	1	
Liberia	43	20	28	17	26
Libya	1				
Luxemburg	2		2	1	
Madeira				1	
Malaysia	10	9	12	6	4
Malta	8	6	11	5	8
Marshall Islands	31	36	40	36	29
Mauritius				1	
Mongolia		2			
Netherlands	2	7	1	2	1
Nigeria	2	3	2	4	2

Norway	4	4	1	3	4
Panama	32	44	38	46	27
Papua New Guinea			1		
Philippines	2	3	1		2
Portugal			1		
Saudi Arabia		2	1	2	2
Sierra Leone	1	1			1
Singapore	39	32	32	21	31
Spain					1
Sri Lanka					1
St. Kitts & Nevis		1			
St. Vincent & Grenadines	4				
Switzerland	1	1			
Thailand	5	6	5		3
Turkey	2			1	
Tuvalu					1
United Kingdom	2		1	2	2
USA	2	2			
Vanuatu	1		2	1	1
Vietnam	1	5	1	2	3
Not Stated		1			1
<b>Total year end</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>

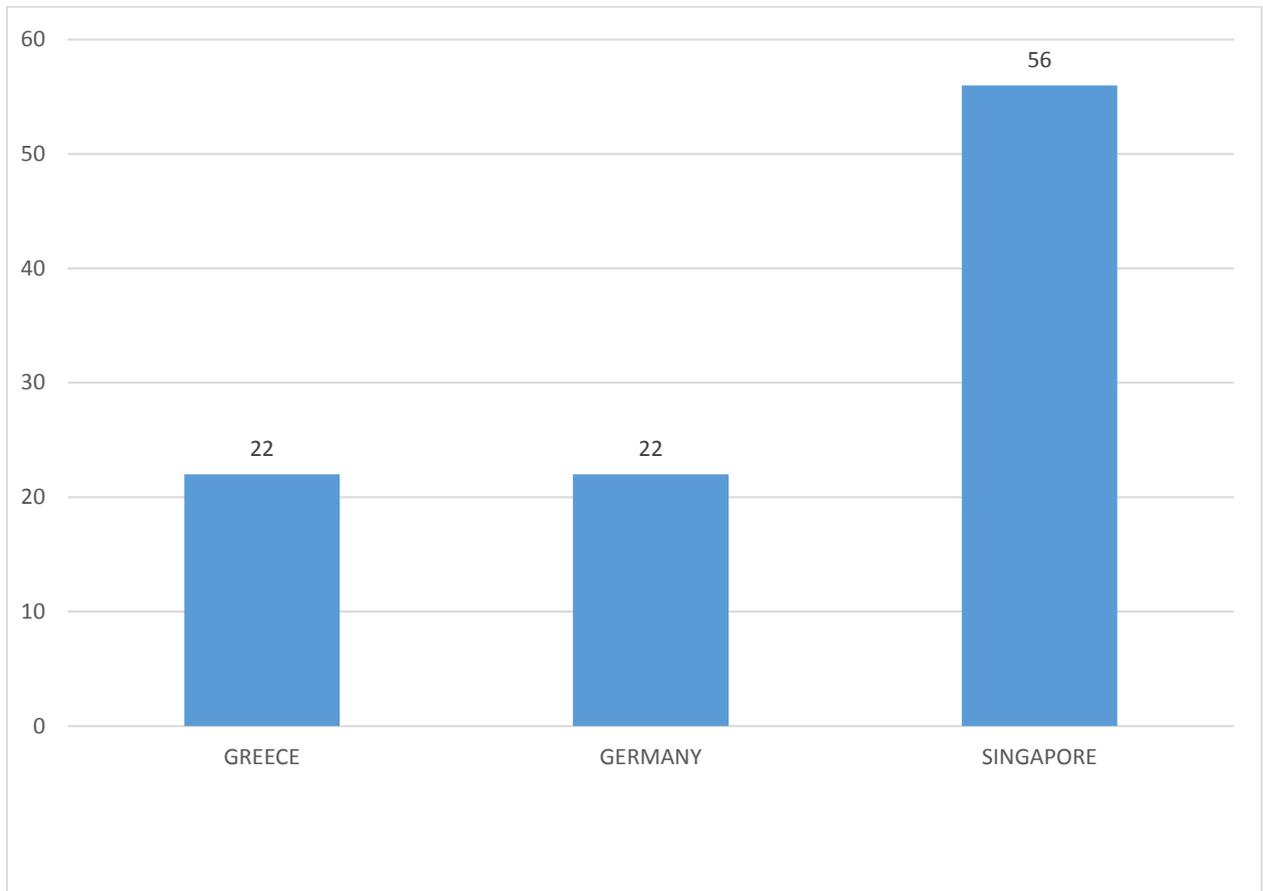
**CHART E: Flag States whose ships were attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2017**



**TABLE 14: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – December 2017**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Ships</b>
Australia	1
Bahamas	1
Bangladesh	1
China	2
Cuba	1
Cyprus	1
Denmark	5
Germany	22
Greece	22
Hong Kong	6
India	8
Indonesia	1
Iran	1
Ireland	1
Japan	3
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	3
Monaco	1
Netherlands	2
Nigeria	2
Norway	7
Philippines	3
Portugal	1
Singapore	56
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	2
Thailand	3
The Congo	1
UAE	9
United Kingdom	6
USA	2
Vietnam	3
Not Stated	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

**CHART F: Managing countries whose ships were attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2017**



***OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA ATTACK FIGURES  
UPDATE***

**From 1 January to 31 December 2017, the IMB PRC has received nine incidents including three vessels being hijacked.**

**The international navies are also patrolling these waters to understand the patterns of life, which will allow them to identify and deter any suspected pirate activity.**

**Merchant ships are advised and encouraged to adhere to the latest BMP4 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistake fishermen for pirates in some heavy fishing areas.**

**As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region, it cautions ship owners and Masters against complacency. Somali pirates still have the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.**

## **PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS**

*Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:*

### **SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT**

**Bangladesh:** Robbers usually target ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. However, attacks in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Dumai/Lubuk Gaung, Batu Ampar/Batam, Cilacap, Bintan Island, and Muara Berau anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew.

Recent meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which has so far brought incidents down.

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Berakit/Bintan: 01:23.30N - 104:42.30E
5. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
6. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
8. Adang Bay: 01:40.00S-116:40.00E
9. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E

The Indonesian Authorities have advised IMB officially that in accordance with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, prevention action of sea robbery / piracy in the above given ten locations in Indonesian waters will continue until 2019.

Ships are advised to implement anti-piracy measures and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB PRC, who will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

**Malacca Straits:** The number of attacks have dropped substantially (no attacks reported in 2016 & 2017) due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005. Ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits, as currently there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue.

**Malaysia:** Off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in several tugs / barges / fishing boats / ships being attacked and crews kidnapped. The kidnappings by militants has recently stopped due to the ongoing efforts of the Philippines military. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System.

**Philippines:** Pirates/Militants in the southern Philippines attacking tugs / barges/ fishing vessels / yachts / merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. The kidnappings by militants has recently

stopped due to the ongoing efforts of the Philippines military. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System.

Batangas and Manila – sudden rise in attacks/robberies.

**Singapore Straits:** Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watch and measures. Pirates / robbers attack ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night.

**South China Sea:** Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant especially during the night. In the past, several hijackings of small product tankers have occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014 but the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015 after the arrest of some of the criminals by the local Authorities in Malaysia and in Indonesia. The IMB is monitoring the situation.

### **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

**Benin:** Cotonou – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

**Guinea:** Conakry.

**Ivory Coast:** Abidjan – Attacks dropped but remains risky.

**Nigeria:** Lagos – Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have hijacked and robbed vessels and kidnapped and injured crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks have been reported up to 170nm from the coast. Vessels have usually been hijacked to steal cargo. During the hijack, the vessel is usually ransacked and communication equipment damaged.

Off Bayelsa / Brass/Bonny Island / Port Harcourt – Recently, there has been an increase in the number of reported attacks / hijackings / kidnapping of crews off these areas. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters.

Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported.

**The Congo:** Pointe Noire

**Togo:** Lome – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** Three vessels have been hijacked off Somalia taking the total, this year, to nine. Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. It appears that they may now be seeking the opportunity as well. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest BMP4 recommendations while transiting these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

The threat of these attacks still exists in the waters off southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the

eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique as well as in the Indian ocean and off the west and south coasts of India and west Maldives.

Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons and RPGs and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows, to conduct attacks far from the Somali coast. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP4 procedures and ensure that their vessel is hardened prior to entering the high-risk area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Early sightings / detection enables an accurate assessment, keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, allowing the Masters and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary take evasive actions and request assistance as needed.

Masters are reminded that fishermen in this region may try to protect their nets by attempting to aggressively approach merchant vessels. Some of the fishermen may be armed to protect their catch and they should not be confused with pirates.

### **SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS**

**Ecuador:** Guayaquil. Attacks stopped but ships advised to be vigilant.

**Peru:** Callao

**Venezuela:** Puerto Cruz / Puerto Jose

#### **Reporting of incidents**

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: [imbkl@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbkl@icc-ccs.org)**

**The Centre's 24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014**

#### ***IMB Maritime Security Hotline***

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also launched a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc. relating to maritime crime and security including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities.

All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours every day at:

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: [imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)

**REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.**

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 180 attacks for 01 January to 31 December 2017 are listed on pages 33 to 65. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Indonesia:**

On 22 November 2017, a Malaysian flagged Tugboat TB Ever Prosper and Barge Ever Omega were attacked and hijacked while underway at position Latitude 02:12.46 North and Longitude 107:06.33 East, around 59nm SE of Pulau Airabu, Indonesia at approximately 0400 LT. While underway, several persons armed with knives attacked and successfully boarded the tug towing a barge laden with a cargo of palm oil. They tied up the four crew members on the tug and thereafter detached the barge, took six crew members on the barge as hostage and escaped. The crew members on the tug managed to free themselves, sailed to a safe location and reported the incident. The next day, the barge and the six crew members were located by the Authorities. All crews reported safe. No cargo reported stolen.

### **Malaysia:**

On 23 June 2017, a Thai flagged Product Tanker C.P.41 was boarded and hijacked while underway in position Latitude 03:55.27 North and Longitude 103:52.8 East, around 33nm NNE of Kuantan, Malaysia. Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while enroute from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the diesel oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another boat. Before escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure, the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.

On 06 September 2017, a Thai flagged Product Tanker MT MGT 1 was attacked and hijacked while underway at position Latitude 05:38.3 North and Longitude 103:11.8 East, around 3nm east off Pulau Yu, Malaysia at approximately 0700 UTC. Around 10 persons attacked and boarded the tanker while underway and switched off its AIS equipment. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) was notified and they dispatched its patrol vessel and an aircraft to locate the tanker. The aircraft spotted the hijacked tanker with another unknown vessel alongside. As the MMEA approached, a speed boat with three persons was seen moving away from the tanker. A boarding team boarded the tanker and detained the 10 hijackers and thereafter escorted the tanker to a safe port.

### **Nigeria:**

On 05 February 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo Ship MV BBC Caribbean was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00.5 North and Longitude 005:29.3 East, around 31 nm SW of Bayelsa coast, Nigeria at approximately 1025 UTC. Armed pirates in three speed boats and one tug reportedly attacked the ship with 11 crew onboard. The pirates boarded the ship, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. After the pirates left the vessel, one crew emerged from hiding and activated the SSAS. The IMB PRC received the notification from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship and owners. The IMB PRC also liaised with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. A warship was dispatched to assist. Later, two more crew emerged from hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast before heading towards a safe port.

On 07 February 2017, a Panama flagged LPG Tanker MT Gaz Providence was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:22.0 North and Longitude 007:13.5 East, around 60 nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 1904 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker with 25 crew onboard. Alarm raised and most crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who then liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant Agencies. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval vessel intercepted the tanker and a team boarded the tanker and confirmed it to be free of pirates. The three crews who did not enter the citadel were reported

missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel then escorted the tanker to Bonny Anchorage for further investigation. On 28 February 2017, the three crew members were released safely.

On 30 March 2017, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Eleni M was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:01 North and Longitude 006:48 East, around 32 nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria in the early morning hours. As the Bulk Carrier approached the pilot boarding station the crew noticed a small boat approaching. Four armed pirates were seen in the boat who attacked and successfully boarded the ship, kidnapped six crew including the Captain and escaped.

On 19 April 2017, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Tug, Atlantic Mann was attacked by armed persons while underway in position Latitude 04:06.43 North and Longitude 006:15.34 East, around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria. The tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons who kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and later evacuated by helicopter.

On 29 April 2017, a Bermuda flagged LNG Tanker, LNG Lokoja, was attacked and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:37.6 North and Longitude 006:44.1 East, around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the LNG tanker. The Master raised the alarm and noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed to come alongside the tanker but, due to the hardening measures, the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.

On 29 April 2017, a Liberian flagged Reefer, was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:51.20 North and Longitude 006:46.00 East, around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two aluminum hulled motorized boats with three to five pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the refrigerated cargo ship. Master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and called the Nigerian navy on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates closed to the ship and attempted to board using a ladder. The Master fired three rocket flares and headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from their security vessels. Seeing this the boats aborted the attack and moved away. The Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.

On 17 May 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo ship was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:59 North and Longitude 006:46 East, around 30nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. The armed pirates boarded the ship and escaped with six kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to Bonny anchorage.

On 13 July 2017, a Netherlands flagged General Cargo ship UAL Houston was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:08.91 North and Longitude 006:59.83 East, around 16 nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 0652 UTC. Six armed persons in a skiff came alongside and boarded the ship. The alarm raised, SSAS activated and all 10 crews retreated into the citadel. The Nigerian Navy responded and boarded the ship. All crews were reported safe.

On 30 July 2017, a Panamanian flagged General Cargo ship MV Oya 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:10.12 North and Longitude 006:59.44 East, around 15 nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0900 UTC. Around six armed persons attacked and boarded the ship. They were violent and kidnapped five crewmembers and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. They located and boarded the ship and thereafter towed it to a safe port for investigations. On 19 August 2017, the kidnapped crew were safely released.

On 31 July 2017, a Nigerian flagged Tanker was attacked by pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:07.52 North and Longitude 007:00.04 East, around 21 nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 1750 UTC. Pirates attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They stole crew's personal belongings.

Three crew members were reported missing and believed kidnapped. Nigerian Navy responded and escorted the ship to Bonny anchorage for investigation.

On 21 October 2017, a Liberian flagged Container ship MV Demeter was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:47.07 North and Longitude 007:08.6 East, around 38nm south of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 0606 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the ship. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining 12 crew members then sailed the ship to a safe port. Owners confirmed that the six kidnapped crew members were released safely on 08 November 2017.

On 25 October 2017, a Marshall Islands flagged Tanker MT Front Cosmos was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:35.5 North and Longitude 006:49.2 East, around 51nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 2005 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. The pirates armed with AK47 and a shotgun fired at and damaged the bridge windows and entered the bridge. The 23 crews retreated into the citadel and contacted the Owners for help. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre received the message and immediately liaised with the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a warship which arrived at the location and went alongside the tanker. After the crews emerged from the citadel, a search was conducted. No pirates were found and the warship escorted the tanker to safety. The tanker continued her passage to the next port.

On 11 November 2017, an Isle of Man flagged Bulk Carrier MV Venus Bay was attacked by armed pirates while waiting near the pilot station at position Latitude 04:07.10 North and Longitude 006:59.57 East, around 17nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0822 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the drifting ship. They entered the bridge and fired their weapons damaging the bridge windows. The pirates stole ship's properties, crew personal belongings, kidnapped 10 crew members and escaped in their boat. Two Nigerian Navy vessels intercepted the pirates, rescued the crew members and apprehended five pirates. The ship was then escorted into the inner anchorage under naval escort and armed guards were placed onboard during the ship's stay. On 12 November 2017, the ship resumed her passage under naval escort to Port Harcourt and berthed.

On 16 November 2017, a Liberian flagged Bulk Carrier MV Fadelsia was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:08.0 North and Longitude 006:58.7 East, around 18nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 1110 UTC. Eight armed pirates in a speed boat approached the ship around 15 minutes after the Nigerian Navy security escort boat had moved away. Five pirates managed to board the ship and opened fire at the bridge. Master raised the alarm, sent "Mayday" message and crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates broke the bridge windows using a sledge hammer, entered the accommodation and ransacked the crew cabins, stole ship's cash, ship's properties and crew personal belongings. On receiving the "Mayday" message, the Nigerian Navy security boat returned to the ship and fired at the pirate boat resulting in the pirates escaping with the stolen items. Under the guidance of the Nigerian Navy, the crew members emerged from the citadel. The Nigerian Navy security boat then escorted the ship to Bonny Anchorage.

On 14 December 2017, a Marshall Islands flagged Bulk Carrier was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:46.4 North and Longitude 006:17.2 East, around 32nm south of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0830 UTC. About six pirates in a small boat attacked and successfully boarded the ship. They kidnapped 10 crew members and escaped. The remaining crew members sailed the ship to a safe port. Investigations ongoing.

### **Philippines:**

On 19 January 2017, a Malaysian flagged Fishing Trawler BN-838/4/F was attacked by armed persons while underway near Taganak Island, Philippines. The Fishing Trawler, with three crew had sailed from Sandakan Jetty on 18 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT. On 19 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT, the Owners received information from the Malaysian Marine Police in Sandakan that the Fishing

Trawler was found drifting off Taganak Island. Information received from the Taganak Authorities indicated that the trawler was found without any crew onboard. The Fishing Trawler was then towed to Taganak for investigations. The missing three crew are believed to have been kidnapped.

On 19 February 2017, a Vietnam flagged General Cargo ship MV Giang Hai was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:09.26 North and Longitude 119:39.18 East, around 17 nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines at approximately 1024 UTC. Armed persons in a speedboat attacked, fired upon and successfully boarded the ship with 17 crew. They then damaged the navigational equipment, kidnapped six crew and escaped. As the crew was transferred to the pirate boat one crew fell into the water, was not able to be rescued and is presumed dead. The pirates took the remaining five crew. Two crew killed during the incident. The remaining crew managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigations.

On 23 March 2017, a Philippines flagged Tugboat Super Shuttle Tug 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines at approximately 1159 LT. Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats attacked and boarded the tug with 11 crew. The tug was towing a Ro-Ro ship. They stole crew and tug's documents, kidnapped two crew and escaped. The incident was reported to the Philippines Authorities who conducted a rescue operation and successfully rescued the two kidnapped crew members.

#### **Somalia:**

On 14 March 2017, a Sri Lankan flagged Bunkering Tanker MT Aris 13 was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 11:59 North and Longitude 050:45 East, around one nm north of Aluula, Bari, North of Somalia at approximately 1830 UTC. All eight crew were taken hostage. On 16 March 2017, the crew and tanker were released safely. No further information available.

On 23 March 2017, a Dhow Casayr II – No. 30 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates near Eyl, Somalia in the morning hours. The pirates took hostage the dhow's 20 crew. The dhow also had three skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates then sailed the dhow to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26 March 2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel. No further information available.

On 01 April 2017, an Indian flagged Dhow, Al Kausar, was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while en route to Bosaso, off Somalia. The pirates hijacked the dhow with its 11 crew, and anchored inside Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12 April 2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members safe. A warship then escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

On 08 April 2017, a Tuvalu flagged Bulk Carrier, OS 35 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 14:02.9 North and Longitude 051:40.0 East, around 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09 April 2017, the vessel was boarded by the international navies and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the vessel and sailed to a safe port.

On 22 April 2017, a Sierra Leone flagged Product Tanker, was chased and fired upon by armed persons while underway in position 05:42 North and Longitude 048:53 East, around 30nm NE of Hobyo, Somalia. Master raised the alarm and sent distress message, which was responded to by a warship. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.

On 31 May 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Tanker, Muskie, was chased and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 12:35.0 North and Longitude 043:27.2 East, in the Bab el-Mandeb

Straits, Red Sea. Three pirates in a skiff fired upon the tanker with automatic weapons and RPGs. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the vessel which, had sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.

On 01 June 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Product Tanker, Navig8 Providence, was chased and fired upon by six armed persons while underway in position Latitude 23:32.4 North and Longitude 060:26.3 East, around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was reported in the vicinity.

On 17 November 2017, a Panamanian flagged Container Ship MV Ever Dynamic was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:55.95 North and Longitude 047:56.8 East, around 282nm SSE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0917 UTC. Lookouts onboard the ship noticed two skiffs approaching and notified the OOW who raised the alarm. As the skiffs closed in, weapons, RPGs and a ladder were sighted in the skiffs. Master increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates tried to come alongside to hook on the ladder but failed due to the evasive manoeuvres and swell caused by the wake. They then fired two RPG rockets towards the ship which missed. Due to the increase in the ship's speed, the skiffs aborted the attack. UKMTO notified.

**Yemen:**

On 24 October 2017, an Iranian Dhow, Sameer, was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 11:50 North and Longitude 054:30 East, around 37nm SE of Socotra Island, Yemen at approximately 0710 UTC. Armed pirates in two skiffs approached and fired upon and damaged the Dhow. One crew member was reported killed and three were injured because of the firing. The Coalition Navies responded and provided medical and damage control assistance to the Dhow.

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## **TRENDS**

A total of 180 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships have been reported to the IMB PRC in 2017. This is the lowest annual number since 1995 when 188 reports were received.

In 2017, 136 vessels were boarded, there were 22 attempted attacks, 16 vessels fired upon and six vessels hijacked. Whilst the continued decline in overall numbers is welcome, the effects on crew and their safety continues to be a cause for concern. Ninety-one crew were taken hostage in 15 separate incidents and 75 crew kidnapped from their vessels in 13 separate events. Three kidnapping incidents were recorded for Q4 – all off Nigeria with 26 crew kidnapped. Three crew were killed in 2017 with one fatality from an Iranian dhow reported in Q4.

Nigeria recorded 33 reports with no vessels hijacked. There were however ten kidnapping incidents involving 65 crew. Of the 16 vessels reported being fired upon globally, seven occurred in Nigeria – further evidencing the levels of violence and threats to seafarers in these waters.

Nine incidents were recorded off Somalia in 2017. This includes a container ship fired upon by armed pirates approximately 280 NM east of Mogadishu in November. Ladders were sighted on the attack skiff – a clear indication of piratical intent. Six pirates were subsequently detained by EU NAVFOR, transferred to Seychelles and charged with “committing an act of piracy” and “attempting an act of piracy”. If convicted the pirates could face up to 30 years’ imprisonment. This incident alone demonstrates that Somali pirates still have the capability and intent to launch attacks hundreds of miles from the coastline.

The prompt and robust actions of the navies and authorities in this area should be commended. Masters are urged to continue to maintain high levels of vigilance when transiting the high-risk area and to follow the latest version of the best management practices.

Indonesia recorded 43 reports – almost all mainly low-level incidents – and a continued year on year decrease. The patrols by the Indonesia Marine Police also show a modest yet continued decrease in incidents at the ten designated anchorages. A tug and barge was also hijacked in November although no cargo was reported missing and all crew reported safe.

There has been a noticeable increase in the Philippines – up from 10 in 2016 to 22 in 2017. The majority are low level incidents against anchored vessels mainly at Manila and Batangas. Vessels underway have also been targeted with ten crew kidnapped from three separate vessels in the first quarter of 2017 in the Sulu / Celebes Sea areas. Since then alerts provided by the Philippine authorities to the PRC and broadcast on their behalf to ships have helped to avoid further successful attacks.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC’s 24-hour manned centre, has provided the maritime industry, governments and response agencies with timely and transparent data on piracy and armed robbery incidents – received directly from the Master of the vessel or its owners. The IMB PRC’s prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via Inmarsat Safety Net Services and email alerts to CSOs, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB PRC. This first step in the response chain is vital to ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle piracy. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

## **PIRACY NEWS**

### **Seychelles Charges Somali Pirates Detained in November**

Six Somali nationals, who were apprehended in late November, have been charged with ‘committing an act of piracy’ and ‘attempting an act of piracy’ in the Indian Ocean.

The men were detained by the crew of EU NAVFOR’s flagship ITS Virginio Fasan following attacks on a 52,000 tonne containership MV Ever Dynamic and a fishing vessel Galerna III, which took place on November 17 and 18 in the Southern Somali Basin.

During the incidents, it was alleged that a number of rocket propelled grenades were fired against the container ship. The six Somalis formed the crew of a motor whaler, supposedly acting as mother ship.

EU NAVFOR informed, citing the Seychellois Attorney General, that the men will now face legal prosecution before the court and if convicted, the suspected pirates could face up to 30 years’ imprisonment in a Seychelles detention facility.

This case follows other piracy convictions such as the Tribal Kat case in 2016, when a French court sentenced six Somalis to between 6 and 15 years after they were found guilty of attacking the yacht and the murder of its French skipper, in an incident which took place back in September 2011.

### **G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea Group**

The second meeting of the G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea Group was held in Lagos, Nigeria, on December 11 and 12, 2017, the only event under the Italian G7 Presidency to take place out of Italy.

Piracy attacks and other crimes at sea in the region remain a major concern for global maritime security. The meeting contributed to identify threats and challenges and to define future joint initiatives by the countries concerned and by international donors for the creation of effective instruments allowing an improved collective maritime situational awareness.

The meeting, where the concerns and proposals of the private sector were also carefully considered, focused as well on ways to achieve progress in the African Maritime Security Architecture and it collected the commitments of the regional organisations, in particular ECOWAS and ECCAS, and the Yaoundé Inter-regional Coordination Center.

### **EU NAVFOR ninth anniversary**

Friday 8th December 2017 marked the 9th anniversary of EU Naval Force Somalia’s Operation Atalanta, the successful EU Naval Force counter-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin. This anniversary comes soon after EU NAVFOR successfully apprehended, detained and transferred suspected pirates for judicial process in the Seychelles.

During the past eight years, Operation Atalanta’s mission has four aspects. Firstly, to provide close escort protection by EU NAVFOR warships to the World Food Programme shipments of food from Mombasa into Somalia. Secondly, to deter and disrupt piracy within the Gulf of Aden and along the Somalia Coast. Thirdly, to protect a variety of vulnerable shipping that may transit through the precarious sea lanes. Finally EU NAVFOR continues to monitor fishing activities in the region.

Operation Atalanta has achieved much, including the establishment of the International Recognised Transit Corridor in the Gulf of Aden. Other positive developments include International agreements

that allow regional prosecution of pirates from Kenya and Seychelles and other states as well as the Shared Awareness and De-confliction Conferences (SHADE) that have been extremely successful in bringing together national navies not normally associated with the EU, NATO or the Combined Maritime Force (CMF).

EU NAVFOR plays a vital role in encouraging the international community to respond positively and proactively to the challenge of maritime piracy; recent engagements have included visits from a Chinese delegation at sea as part of Task Force ETG171.

### **Update on collaboration between Indonesia Marine Police (IMP) and IMB on safe designated areas**

The collaboration between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and IMB on the 10 designated areas continues to show positive results. Only Tanjung Berakit / Bintan Island area shows a significant increase from one attack in 2016 to eight in 2017. The (IMP) is investigating these attacks and will take appropriate actions.

All ships intending to anchor, waiting for berth or drift should do so at the designated areas where the IMP patrol boats would be stationed to enable them to maximize their resources and provide greater protection to ships.

Merchant ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities / IMP and also to the IMB PRC who would also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

Incidents reported at the 10 designated areas where IMP patrols are as follows January – December 2017

	<b>Locations</b>	<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>
1	Belawan 03:55.00N - 098:45.30E	9	15	1	1
2	Dumai / Lubuk Gaung 01:42.00N - 101:28.00E	1	5	8	5
3	Nipah 01:07.30N - 103:37.00E	-	26	-	2
4	Tanjung Berakit / Bintan Island 01:21.00N - 104:29.00E	35	1	1	8
5	Tanjung Priok /Jakarta 6:00.30S - 106:54.00E	9	4	6	1
6	Gresik 07:09.00S - 112:40.00E	1	-	-	-
7	Taboneo 03:41.30S - 114:28.00E	2	4	3	1
8	Adang Bay 01:40.00S - 116:40.00E	-	-	-	-
9	Muara Berau 00:17.00S - 117:36.00E	6	1	5	7
10	Balikpapan 01:22.00S - 116:53.00E	1	-	2	-

## NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2017

## ACTUAL ATTACKS

## SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2017 1450 UTC Anchored Boarded	Silver Express Product Tanker Panama 26900 9380099	13:44.0N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers in two boats approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out and ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the tanker for investigation.
2.	08.01.2017 1735 UTC Anchored Boarded	Alpha Bulker Bulk Carrier Panama 19885 9336763	00:15.2S – 117:34.0E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him at the fore mast. Another duty crew tried to contact the crew but received no response. As he approached the forecandle to investigate, he noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their speed boat with the stolen ship's stores.
3.	16.01.2017 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Malta 30000 -	05:47.2N – 118:01.5E, Mowtas Oil Terminal (MOT), Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	During cargo operations, crew onboard the berthed tanker observed a robber on the forecandle. Alarm raised. Seeing the alert crew approaching the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores.
4.	19.01.2017 - Steaming Boarded	BN-838/4/F Fishing Trawler Malaysia - -	Vicinity of Taganak Island, Philippines	A fishing trawler with three crew onboard sailed from Sandakan Jetty on <u>18.01.2017</u> at around 1500 LT for fishing activities. On 19.01.2017 at around 1500 LT, the Owners received information from the Marine Police of Sandakan that the fishing vessel was found drifting at Taganak Island. Information from Taganak Authorities indicated that the vessel was found without the crew. The vessel was towed to Taganak for investigation. The missing three crew members are believed to have been kidnapped.

5.	19.02.2017 1024 UTC Steaming Boarded	Giang Hai General Cargo Vietnam 2875 9557329	06:09.26N – 119:39.18E, Around 17nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines	Five persons armed with rifles in a speedboat approached, fired upon and boarded the ship underway. One crew member tried to stop the persons from entering the bridge was shot dead. They damaged the navigation equipment, took hostage all crew members and stole ship's properties. The persons intended to kidnap six crew members by taking them into their boat. However, while moving the six crews into their boat, one crew fell into the sea and was reported dead. The body of the crew was not found. The persons escaped with the stolen ship's properties along with the five kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew members managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigation. On 21 Nov 2017, the Owners confirmed that two crew members died while in captivity due to sickness and three crew members were rescued by the Authorities on 10 Nov 2017 during rescue operations.
6.	23.02.2017 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Tug Indonesia 6641 -	01:10.9N – 103:59.2E, Batu Ampar Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a knife boarded an anchored offshore tug. Alert crew noticed the robbers on the CCTV cameras and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
7.	09.03.2017 1906 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Norway 42835 -	05:52.9S – 105:59.6E, Merak Anchorage OPL, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a boat close to the stern and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, one robber was seen jumping overboard and escaping with two others waiting in the boat. Nothing stolen.
8.	11.03.2017 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Aegean Chemical Tanker Singapore 23297 9636644	01:42.80N – 101:26.04E, Lubuk Gaung Inner Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents.
9.	13.03.2017 1750 – 1820 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nancy P Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29225 9702194	13:44.9N – 121:01.5E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed that the forepeak store lock was broken and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen.

10.	21.03.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	Global Phenix LPG Tanker Panama 5917 9552719	13:40.48N – 121:03.10E, JG Summit Berth, Batangas, Philippines	During loading operations, duty crew on board a LPG carrier, noticed a robber hiding near the starboard winches and threatened the crew with a long knife. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped in a waiting boat with his accomplice. On searching the tanker after the incident, the crew reported ship's properties were stolen. Authorities and agents informed.
11.	23.03.2017 1159 LT Steaming Boarded	Super Shuttle Tug 1 Tug Philippines 225 8609709	Around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines	Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats approached the tug towing a ro-ro ship. They boarded the tug, stole crew and vessel's documents, kidnapped two crew members and escaped with stolen properties. Philippine Authorities notified and rescue operation launched, resulting in the two crew being rescued.
12.	26.03.2017 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Ambition Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 44855 9717709	03:43.08S – 114:25.08E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecandle store door lock was broken. Further checks made on the forecandle indicated that the hawse pipe cover securing arrangements were cut through. The AB immediately informed the bridge and alarm raised. Crew mustered and went to the forecandle and found ship's stores were stolen. Port Control informed.
13.	26.03.2017 1730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Overseas Andromar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9265885	13:43.7N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber on the forecandle as he approached during routine rounds. The robber threatened the crew with a knife, resulting in the duty crew raising the alarm and retreating. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escape in a boat. On conducting a thorough security check, ship's properties found missing. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard and Port Authority.
14.	19.04.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Arpeggio Bulk Carrier Panama 42608 9636278	00:15.7S – 117:34.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
15.	21.04.2017 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Lucina Providence LPG Tanker Panama 46025 9349784	13:40.5N – 121:03.1E, JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded a berthed LPG tanker, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.

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16.	22.04.2017 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ballenita Container Marshall Islands 26412 9603609	07:10.9N – 122:39.9E, Around 10nm SW of Olutanga Coast, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the anchor chain and the hawse pipe cover opened and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. Two robbers were seen escaping from the ship. Upon inspection, no stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to Davao coast guard and pilot station via VHF CH. 16.
17.	02.05.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Maru Bulk Carrier Singapore 30684 9284491	05:57.5S – 106:55.6E, <u>Tanjung Priok</u> <u>Anchorage,</u> <u>Jakarta,</u> <u>Indonesia</u>	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered into the engine room. They stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Duty AB noticed the robbers escaping in an unlit boat and raised the alarm. Port Control informed.
18.	03.05.2017 1706 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nave Buena Suerte Tanker Hong Kong 152727 9514561	01:16.6N – 103:17.6E, Around 7.8nm SSW of Pulau Kukup, Johor, Malaysia	Second Engineer onboard the tanker underway noticed five robbers in the engine room. Alarm raised. Seeing alerted crew, the robbers escaped. All crew safe.
19.	11.05.2017 1212 UTC Anchored Boarded	Prabhu Lal Bulk Carrier India 30057 9263124	Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	A robber, armed with a knife boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robber and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped via the anchor chain. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
20.	20.05.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	SC Dalian Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 8539 9430454	01:43.72N – 101:23.21E, MSSP Jetty, Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai, Indonesia	Six robbers wearing face masks and armed with long knives boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers stole ship's property and escaped in their boat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Local police informed.
21.	24.05.2017 2215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29165 -	01:43.1N – 101:25.8E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with a machete boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
22.	28.05.2017 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Alice Product Tanker Marshall Islands 4202 9520273	02:49.9N – 105:17.4E, Around 24nm West of Pulau Jemaja, Indonesia	While underway, six persons armed with guns boarded the tanker using a rope. They tied up the crew, threatened them with their weapons, stole ship's cash and Master's personal belongings and escaped. Incident reported to the CSO, who notified the authorities.
23.	31.05.2017 2100 UTC	Uni Challenge Bulk Carrier	07:45.65S – 109:04.25E,	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship's properties and

	Anchored Boarded	Singapore 18465 9606546	Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agents.
24.	02.06.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Harvester Bulk Carrier Liberia 23651 9777711	03:55.7N – 098:45.5E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They held a knife to the duty watchman's neck and took him hostage. At the same time, the OOW called the watchman, who was forced to reply and indicate all clear. The robbers then tied up the watchman, removed the hawse pipe cover and let another robber onboard. They broke into the paint locker and bosun stores and stole ship's stores. The OOW noticed some abnormal movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. The robbers stole the personal belongings of the watchman before escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
25.	07.06.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Akrotiri Product Tanker Singapore 25190 9007752	01:21N – 104:36E, Around 8nm North of Tg. Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia	While at anchor, two robbers boarded the tanker. They threatened the duty AB with a knife, took his walkie talkie and held him hostage. They then entered the engine room through the steering flat door. When the AB failed to report to the bridge the duty officer raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's property.
26.	12.06.2017 1849 UTC Anchored Boarded	Duke Research Vessel Bahamas 2031 8200838	00:45.40N – 104:08.70E, Galang Layup Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers boarded an anchored vessel, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered in the morning during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents and Port Authorities.
27.	13.06.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Loch Seaforth Offshore Supply Vessel Singapore 10835 9594949	01:00.09N – 104:14.58E, Singatac Anchorage, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard an anchored vessel noticed four robbers near the stern. He immediately informed the duty officer, switched on the search lights, sounded the ship's whistle and shouted at the robbers. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
28.	14.06.2017 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	MS Sophie Chemical Tanker Liberia 25400 9241798	13:44.01 N – 121:01.09 E, Batangas Inner Anchorage, Philippines	A robber boarded an anchored tanker through the hawse pipe, stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
29.	21.06.2017 2030 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:04.39N – 104:08.35E, Jetty No. 3, CPO Kabil Port, Batam, Indonesia	While carrying out pre-departure checks the duty AB noticed wet footsteps on the poop deck. On carrying out further checks he noticed the padlocks to the steering gear and engine room were removed and engine spares missing. Alarm raised, crew mustered

				and a search was carried out. Incident was reported to Port VTS and local agents. No intruders found on board.
30.	23.06.2017 1300 UTC Steaming Hijacked	C.P. 41 Product Tanker Thailand 2752 9186455	03:55.2 N – 103:52.8 E, Around 33nm ENE of Kuantan, Malaysia	Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while enroute from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the gas oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another vessel. Before escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure, the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.
31.	10.07.2017 1750 UTC Anchored Boarded	E.R. Martinique Container Liberia 28927 9314985	14:33.8N – 120:54.9E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the Coast Guard.
32.	14.07.2017 1130 UTC Anchored Boarded	COSCO Fukuyama Container Panama 40165 9400306	14:33.3N – 120:55.2E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship via the hawse pipe. Duty watch keeper informed the Chief Officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and moved forward. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. Manila VTMS informed. The coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.
33.	02.08.2017 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 42750 -	01:24N – 104:33E, Around 10nm North of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was discovered the next day by the deck crew.
34.	09.08.2017 1740 UTC Anchored Boarded	RHL Aqua Container Liberia 18480 9373498	14:32.79N – 120:55.35E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered the forecandle store. Security guard on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
35.	15.08.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Warnow Master Container Cyprus 17068 9449833	14:33.9N – 120:55.59E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Alert duty crew on security rounds, onboard an anchored ship noticed two persons inside the starboard hawse pipe trying to open the cover and gain access onto the ship. Crew alerted and alarm raised. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat along with their three accomplices. Incident reported to VTMS Manila via VHF.

36.	20.08.2017 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Star Lily Bulk Carrier Panama 21192 9370422	01:04.20N – 103:41.70E, Around 4.7nm SSE of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded a ship underway and entered the steering gear room. They threatened the duty oiler with a knife. Once the robbers left the steering gear room the oiler immediately informed the 3/E who notified the bridge. Master noticed on the radar two small boats heading towards Indonesia. Alarm raised and crew mustered. VTS Central Traffic Control informed. A warship responded and assisted the ship to the its anchorage. The Chief Officer made checks and found all crew safe. The ship anchored in Singapore where the Coast Guard and Customs boarded for investigations.
37.	06.09.2017 0700 UTC Steaming Hijacked	MGT 1 Product Tanker Thailand 983 9019975	05:38.30N – 103:11.80E, Around 3nm East of Pulau Yu, Malaysia	About 10 persons boarded and hijacked a tanker underway and switched off its AIS. The MMEA was notified. A patrol vessel and an aircraft were dispatched to locate the tanker. The aircraft spotted the hijacked tanker with another one alongside. A speed boat with three persons was seen moving away from the ship. A MMEA boarding team boarded the tanker and detained the hijackers and escorted the ship to a safe port.
38.	07.09.2017 1910 UTC Steaming Boarded	Senna 3 LPG Tanker Thailand 3499 9179270	02:03.55N – 104:59.28E, Around 35nm SSE of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Four persons armed with a gun and knives boarded a LPG tanker underway. They stole crew and ship's properties and escaped. All crew safe.
39.	11.09.2017 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Amazing Bulk Carrier Singapore 25967 9162942	00:13.3S – 117:33.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	During cargo operations, duty crew on routine rounds noticed the forecandle hatch opened and two mooring ropes missing. Local agents informed.
40.	30.09.2017 0600 – 1515 UTC Anchored Boarded	MS Eagle Container Marshall Islands 28927 9314997	Manila South Port Anchorage, Philippines	While approaching an anchored ship, a port authority service boat noticed a small boat with four persons near the bow. As the service boat approached the bow two robbers were seen jumping overboard and escaping. On searching, ship's properties were reported stolen. Later, while on routine deck rounds, duty AB noticed a rope secured to the shipside and notified the OOW who sounded the ship's horn and alarm. Three robbers were then noticed jumping overboard and escaping. On searching the ship, it was again reported

				that ship's properties were stolen. Coast Guard notified.
41.	03.10.2017 1650 UTC Anchored Boarded	Botany Bay Container Liberia 28270 9334519	14:33.4N – 120:54.6E, Manila South Port Anchorage, Philippines	Around six to eight robbers boarded an anchored ship. They were noticed by the duty crew who raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
42.	12.10.2017 0020 UTC Steaming Boarded	MMA Crystal Tug Singapore 2763 9594212	01:11.1N – 103:33.6E, Singapore Straits	Five persons in two wooden crafts approached and boarded an unmanned rig under tow. The tug Master raised the alarm and notified the local authorities. MMEA dispatched its assets to assist, however the persons had escaped. Vessel and crew safe.
43.	13.10.2017 1705 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 34507 -	00:13.71S – 117:35.38E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Two robbers in a wooden craft boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. They stole ship's properties and threatened duty AB with knives. As the robbers were escaping, with stolen ship's properties, the duty AB raised the alarm and crew alerted. Local agent informed.
44.	17.10.2017 1550 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jutta Bulk Carrier Liberia 93742 9730402	01:16.1N – 104:12.7E, Around 9nm NW of Todang, Bintan Island, Indonesia	While underway, duty crew onboard the ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the aft deck. OOW notified and alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped in their waiting boat. On carrying out a search, engine spares were reported missing.
45.	25.10.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Linda Kosan LPG Tanker Isle of Man 3728 9525209	07:44.1S – 109:04.0E, Around 3.77nm of Cilacap Port, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. The duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers on the main deck. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Local Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation.
46.	27.10.2017 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	African Spirit Tanker Bahamas 79668 9250737	07:51S – 109:04E, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watch on board an anchored tanker spotted a robber near the emergency generator room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber along with three others were seen escaping from the emergency generator room. On carrying out a search, nothing reported stolen. Port control informed through local agents.
47.	27.10.2017 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Myna Product Tanker Singapore 29562 9708083	01:27.2N – 104:38.4E, Around 13nm NNE of Tanjung Berakit,	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew

			Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. All crew safe.
48.	29.10.2017 1742 UTC Steaming Boarded	GP T2 Tanker Panama 57943 9169536	01:16.17N – 104:13.18E, Around 4nm SSE of Kampung Sungai Buntu Coast, Johor, Malaysia	Five armed robbers boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room, threatened the duty oiler with a knife and tied him up. As the robbers moved away the duty oiler retreated into the control room and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's spares and properties. A search was then carried out. Incident reported to Singapore port operations. Singapore Coast Guard later called the Master to ensure the tanker was safe.
49.	31.10.2017 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Haima Product Tanker Panama 59705 9397896	01:29.0N – 104:43.5E, Around 17.7nm NNE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	During routine rounds, duty engineer on board an anchored tanker noticed footprints in the Engine Room. On carrying out a search, engine spares were reported missing. Review of the CCTV recording confirmed that the tanker was boarded by five robbers.
50.	03.11.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Port Belmonte Bulk Carrier Liberia 35832 9759678	00:15.73S – 117:34.50E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives and sticks boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain during cargo operations. They threatened the duty AB and OOW with knives, stole ship's properties and escaped with their accomplices in a waiting boat. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Master was unsuccessful in contacting port control.
51.	03.11.2017 1909 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pacific Liberty Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 5179 9648398	01:11.1N – 103:59.7E, Batu Ampar Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives, in a small wooden boat with outboard engine boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and shouted at them resulting in the robbers threatening him with their knives. The AB immediately informed the bridge and the alarm was raised. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out and ship's properties reported stolen.
52.	07.11.2017 2145 UTC Steaming Boarded	Andromeda Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33997 9426714	02:53N – 105:17E, Around 21nm SW of Pulau Mangkai, Kepulauan Anambas, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They threatened the crew with knives, stole ship's properties, cash and crew personal belongings, damaged ship's communication equipment and escaped in a boat. All crew safe.
53.	10.11.2017 2215 UTC	Name Withheld LNG Tanker	01:28.21N – 104:38.78E,	Crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed three

	Anchored Boarded	Panama 101094 -	Around 14nm NNE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	unauthorised persons on the poop deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried throughout the tanker. The pad lock of a mooring hatch cover was found broken. Nothing reported stolen.
54.	17.11.2017 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Boraq Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29576 9247065	01:25.64N – 104:35.29E, Around 12nm North of Tg. Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with pistols and knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. A search was carried out. Incident reported to MPA Singapore.
55.	22.11.2017 0400 LT Steaming Hijacked	Ever Prosper Tug Malaysia 136 -  Ever Omega Barge Malaysia 2083 -	02:12.46N – 107:06.33E, Around 59nm SE of Pulau Airabu, Indonesia	While steaming, several persons armed with knives boarded the tug towing a barge laden with palm oil cargo and tied up the four tug crew members. They detached the barge, took the six crew members on the barge as hostage and escaped. The crew on the tug managed to free themselves and sailed to a safe location. The next day, the barge and the six crew members were located by the Authorities. All crew reported safe. No cargo reported stolen.
56.	26.11.2017 1700 – 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	SKS Doyles Product Tanker Norway 65830 9429003	01:25.4N – 104:41.4E, Around 13nm NNE of Tg. Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two damaged padlocks and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Authorities informed.
57.	03.12.2017 1610 UTC Anchored Boarded	CPO Norfolk Container Liberia 41358 9440813	14:33.72N – 120:55.25E, Manila Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines	During routine security rounds, crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the securing cables for the forward lifesaving appliances cut and the life rafts and immersion suites missing. On inspecting the area, it was noticed that the robbers had boarded the ship via the anchor chain and hawse pipe. VTS Manila and the coast guard carried out a security search around the ship.
58.	07.12.2017 1738 UTC Anchored Boarded	Hansa Fresenburg Container Liberia 18296 9535101	14:35.78N – 120:51.02E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Duty watchmen onboard the ship noticed three robbers near the forecastle and immediately notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. Coast guard notified.
59.	07.12.2017 2155 UTC Anchored	Island Performer Offshore Support Vessel	00:44.4N – 104:08.1E,	Crew onboard an anchored offshore support vessel noticed robbers armed with crow bars and raised the alarm.

	Boarded	Vanuatu 12983 9682045	Galang Lay Up Anchorage, Indonesia	Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Local authorities contacted. A security team boarded the vessel for investigations.
60.	07.12.2017 1839 UTC Anchored Boarded	Far Strait Offshore Supply Vessel Singapore 3069 9344863	00:43.50N – 104:10.54E, Galang Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers, armed with knives, boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. Duty watchman spotted the robbers and inform the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
61.	07.12.2017 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jupiter Sun Tanker Liberia 59164 9332834	01:28N – 104:39E, Around 15nm NE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They threatened the Duty Engineer with knives and tied him up. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares.
62.	09.12.2017 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Lobivia Container Liberia 23652 9228564	14:35.6N – 120:55.2E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain, cut through the forecastle store padlock, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was noticed and reported by the bosun after berthing. Local authorities informed and the coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.
63.	13.12.2017 1200 UTC Steaming Boarded	Koro Sea Tanker Liberia 56355 9395379	01:14.6N – 104:02.3E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. As they entered the engine room they came across the duty oiler and assaulted him. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spare parts.
64.	20.12.2017 1605 UTC Anchored Boarded	GH Northern Dancer Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36396 9724764	00:13.7S – 117:34.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	During cargo operations, crew on board an anchored ship noticed the forepeak store lock broken and mooring ropes missing. A small boat was seen moving away from the ship. A few hours later the duty crew noticed four robbers on the forecastle. Seeing the crew, the robbers threatened them with knives. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping. Incident reported to port control and agents.
65.	25.12.2017 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Liberia 57920 -	07:46.9S – 109:04.0E, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watch on board an anchored tanker spotted four robbers near the poop deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares.
66.	28.12.2017 1430 UTC	Fame Bulk Carrier	01:16.0N – 104:02.8E,	Four robbers boarded the ship awaiting Pilot boarding. They entered the engine

	Steaming Boarded	Marshall Islands 40030 9287132	Singapore Straits	room and threatened the duty engineer with a knife. The engineer managed to escape and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS East Singapore.
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**EAST ASIA**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.02.2017 1710 UTC Anchored Boarded	Skythia Bulk Carrier Malta 89990 9423920	38:52.6N – 119:10.0E, Jingtang Anchorage, China	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship and tried to open the port side Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) manhole. Duty officer raised the alarm and SSAS Alert was activated. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to the port authorities and the local agents.
2.	19.09.2017 1700 – 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	SBI Echo Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34835 9714692	20:54.3N – 107:16.3E, Campha Inner Anchorage, Vietnam	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the paint store padlock broken. Incident reported to Port Authorities through local agents. It was reported that ship's stores had been stolen.
3.	16.12.2017 1630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tron Legacy Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33044 9618513	20:53.8N – 107:16.6E, Hon Net Anchorage, Campha, Vietnam	During cargo operations, around 10 to 12 robbers boarded an anchored ship via the mooring ropes of the cargo barge alongside. Duty AB noticed the robbers stealing paint drums and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
4.	29.12.2017 1805 UTC Anchored Boarded	Berge Atlas Bulk Carrier Panama 90092 9439113	38:46.2N – 118:30.7E Anchorage, Caofedian, China	Duty AB onboard noticed suspicious movements on the main deck. Upon checking, he noticed two unauthorized persons standing near the emergency generator room. The AB informed the duty officer who immediately directed the ALDIS lamp and noticed two persons pulling out a hose from the D.O tank sounding pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the persons pulled out the hose from the sounding pipe and escaped in a small boat. On sounding the D.O tanks it was reported that D.O had been stolen.

## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.01.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Container Marshall Islands 16986 -	22:06.6N – 091:44.4E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers, armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. The duty crew on security watch noticed the robbers and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and mustered the crew. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
2.	18.01.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Santa Fiorenza Container Liberia 21583 9162253	22:05.8N – 091:48.8E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached with a rope. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the aft mooring station and raised the alarm, made an announcement on PA system and mustered the crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Port Control and Chittagong Coast Guard. After a few hours, the Coast Guard notified the ship that two suspicious boats were stopped and searched but the stolen stores were not recovered.
3.	23.01.2017 0400 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jaya Crystal Tug Singapore 2763 9594212  El Hadjr Bulk Carrier St. Kitts & Nevis 37327 8103585	21:12N – 091:43E, Around 19nm SW of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	A tug towing a bulk carrier to the scrap yard was approached by numerous small boats. The tug made zig-zag manoeuvres to try and deter the boats from approaching the tow. The Master contacted the authorities for assistance. The pirates boarded the tow and set fire to the wheel house and accommodation. When the pirates noticed the approaching patrol, they escaped.
4.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Norway 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel at anchor. They attempted to enter the accommodation but were unsuccessful as the crew had secured all doors.
5.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Bahamas 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. They broke into the paint locker and escaped with a large amount of paint. The theft was noticed by crew when they commenced work in the morning. Authorities informed.

6.	17.02.2017 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	MMA Pinnacle Support Vessel Singapore 5138 9696187	18:54N – 072:52E, 6.3nm West of JNPT Port, Mumbai, India	Two robbers boarded an offshore support vessel from an unlit wooden boat, stole ship's equipment and escaped. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the vessel to investigate and to collect evidence.
7.	02.05.2017 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Unique Developer Product Tanker Hong Kong 26914 9402809	22:13.9N – 091:44.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two robbers on the poop deck and informed the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
8.	29.08.2017 2100 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Panama 12247 -	North Berth, Kakinada Port, India	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker during cargo operations. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.
9.	02.09.2017 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Panama 34187 -	22:14.08N – 091:44.53E, Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. The watchmen and duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecastle and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Port control and coast guard informed.
10.	17.10.2017 1630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Paradise Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 30002 9350070	22:47.3N – 070:01.8E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty officer spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
11.	03.11.2017 1330 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maritime Raja Tug Singapore 476 9348132	22:02.99N – 091:48.44E, Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh	A robber armed with a knife boarded the barge under tow. The tug Master switched on the search light and directed it towards the barge and notified port control and the Coast Guard. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with stolen barge properties. Coast Guard came onboard for investigation.
12.	05.12.2017 2130 UTC Steaming Boarded	Crest Gold 1 Tug Singapore 472 9468267  Crest 258C Barge Indonesia 2306 -	21:52.35N – 091:45.20E, Around 4.47nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the barge under tow, stole barge properties and escaped. No injury to crews. Incident reported to the authorities.

13.	16.12.2017 0850 UTC Steaming Boarded	Crest Spartan 8 Tug Singapore 595 9596894  Crest 252 Barge Indonesia 2306 -	21:14.7N – 091:47.5E, Around 14nm West of Nidania, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the barge under tow, stole barge's properties and escaped. All crew safe.
14.	31.12.2017 0400 LT Steaming Boarded	Crest Spartan 8 Tug Singapore 595 -  Crest 252 Barge Indonesia 2306 -	21:49.96N – 091:34.06E, Around 16nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the barge under tow, stole barge's properties and escaped. All crew safe.

#### AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2017 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nijinsky LPG Tanker Singapore 16804 9364966	10:12.0N – 064:47.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. The robbers took hostage the duty AB on the forecastle, tied him up and threatened him with a knife. They then removed the hawse pipe cover and four more robbers boarded the tanker. The robbers took the AB's mobile phone, stole ship's properties and escaped. The AB managed to free himself and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Port Control informed.
2.	19.01.2017 0755 UTC Anchored Boarded	Imabari Logger Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23452 9663855	02:43.0S – 080:24.0W, Guayaquil Outer Anchorage, Ecuador	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident was reported to the local agents.
3.	24.01.2017 1750 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Malta 29658 -	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W, Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole the ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.
4.	07.02.2017 0630 UTC	Jumeirah Beach Bulk Carrier	12:01.2S – 077:12.0W,	Four robbers in a small boat came alongside and boarded an anchored ship

	Anchored Boarded	Hong Kong 20969 9642045	Callao Anchorage, Peru	using a rope. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up. The robbers then stole ship's stores and escaped. Duty officer raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities and the local agents.
5.	01.03.2017 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	Adamas I Chemical Tanker Panama 29924 9428683	10:16.9N – 064:42.8W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
6.	28.03.2017 0845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Angelica Schulte Tanker Liberia 56163 9296822	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Port Control notified.
7.	28.04.2017 0620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mainport Cedar Research Vessel Marshall Islands 1659 9659323	06:49.4N – 058:10.2W, Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard the seismic support vessel noticed a boat alongside the vessel and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, five robbers were seen escaping with stolen ship's properties.
8.	02.05.2017 0650 UTC Berthed Boarded	Glory Ocean Cement Carrier Singapore 10337 9116448	10:14.75N – 064:33.44W, Berth No.5, Pertigalete, Venezuela	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
9.	04.05.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kota Lukis Container Singapore 39906 9439747	12:01.02S – 077:12.06W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and the shore security watchman and tied them up. The robbers then broke into the forecandle store and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The duty AB and watchman managed to free themselves and informed the bridge who raised the alarm. Incident reported to the local agent and Port Authority.
10.	18.05.2017 0001 – 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	TRF Marquette Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 23676 9732785	10:11.31N – 064:46.16W, Around 4nm West of Lecheria, Venezuela	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's equipment, stores and escaped unnoticed. Theft noticed by crew on routine rounds.
11.	24.05.2017 0420 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vectis Eagle General Cargo United Kingdom 6190 9594286	10:17.22N – 064:42.79W, Around 1.05nm East of Isla Boraccha, Pozuelos Bay Anchorage, Venezuela	Six robbers boarded an anchored ship during the hours of darkness. They opened and entered the forecandle store room. Deck watchman discovered the robbers and informed duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped immediately. A search was carried out and it was reported that ship's property was stolen. Master tried to

				contact Port Authorities by VHF but received no response.
12.	24.06.2017 0424 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seletar Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	10:12N – 064:46W, Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	Eight robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They assaulted the duty AB on security rounds. Another crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and injured himself as he fled from the robbers. The duty officer sounded the general alarm and ship's whistle resulting in the robbers escaping. The injured crew was sent ashore for medical attention. No loss of property reported. Coast Guard informed.
13.	30.06.2017 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Malaga Chemical Tanker Singapore 29669 9447768	10:16N – 064:42W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Around four to five robbers boarded an anchored tanker and entered the forepeak store. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
14.	05.08.2017 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Container Liberia 26435 -	Esmeraldas Port, Ecuador	Unnoticed by crew, robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole brass sounding pipe covers and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine rounds.
15.	01.09.2017 0315 UTC Anchored Boarded	Petion Tanker Panama 41503 9295098	10:14.3N – 064:44.0W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Five robbers in a small fishing boat armed with pistols, knives and sticks boarded an anchored tanker. They assaulted the aft duty watchman, tied him up and took him hostage. When the watchman failed to report, the OOW sent another duty crew to investigate. The OOW was notified about the robbers and the alarm was raised. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out and the watchman was found with minor injuries. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Port control was informed through local agents.
16.	02.09.2017 0620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Norgas Pan LPG Tanker Singapore 8331 9378266	10:19.26N – 075:32.20W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Duty officer onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat approaching near the bow and asked the duty watch crew to investigate. Upon checking, the duty crew reported that the padlock to the forepeak store and paint locker were broken and ship's stores and properties stolen.
17.	07.09.2017 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kyriakoula Tanker Liberia 40680 9265720	10:12.25N – 064:47.54W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. They attacked the watchman and tied him up. When the watchman did not report to the bridge, the OOW sent another crew to investigate. Master was informed and alarm raised. On noticing

				the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Terminal authorities notified.
18.	22.09.2017 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Bahamas 19972 -	10:09.27N – 064:47.63W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship raised the alarm when the duty AB did not respond to a call on the walkie talkie. Crew mustered and carried out a search for the duty AB who was found tied up on the forecastle. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers were seen escaping. Upon inspecting the bosun store it was found large quantity of ship's stores stolen. Authorities notified.
19.	29.09.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seaways Josefa Camejo Tanker Marshall Islands 62385 9213301	10:16.6N – 064:42.3W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty AB on board an anchored tanker spotted two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mastered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to port authorities and the local agents.
20.	20.10.2017 0320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nashwan LPG Tanker Singapore 16804 9394208	10:11.3N – 064:46.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed five robbers on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.
21.	29.10.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Stina Kosan LPG Tanker Singapore 9175 9374569	10:19.5N – 075:31.7W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Duty officers onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat near the anchor chain. Alarm raised. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers were seen escaping with stolen ship's properties. Port control was informed and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.
22.	16.11.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Arctic Breeze Chemical Tanker Malta 30053 9350850	10:19N – 075:31W, Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. A search was carried out and port control notified. All crew safe.
23.	29.12.2017 0815 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jacqueline C General Cargo United Kingdom 9530 9429754	10:19.4N – 075:31.7W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Three robbers in wooden boat boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to port control.

**AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.04.2017 1310 UTC Steaming Boarded	OS 35 Bulk Carrier Tuvalu 20947 9172399	14:02.9N – 051:40.0E, 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	While underway armed pirates in a skiff came alongside and boarded the ship. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09.04.2017 the ship was boarded by authorities and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the ship and sailed to a safe port.

**AFRICA (SOMALIA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.03.2017 1830 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Aris 13 Bunkering Tanker Sri Lanka 1188 9012501	11:59N – 050:45E, 1nm North of Aluula, Bari, North of Somalia	Armed pirates hijacked the tanker and took hostage it's eight crew members. On 16.03.2017 the crew and the tanker were released. All crew safe.
2.	23.03.2017 Morning Hrs Not Stated Hijacked	Casayr II – No.30 Dhow - - -	Vicinity of Eyl, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the dhow and took hostage its 20 crew members. The dhow had three skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew members in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates sailed to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26.03.2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel.
3.	01.04.2017 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Kausar Dhow India - -	Enroute to Bosaso, Off Somalia	A dhow with 11 crew onboard was boarded and hijacked by pirates while enroute to Bosaso. The dhow was anchored in Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12.04.2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members are in good health. A warship escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

**AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2017 0035 UTC Anchored Boarded	Charlotte Selmer Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 92079 9435064	08:27.1N – 013:21.2W, Pepel Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Three robbers with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the forecandle and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm. Robbers threatened the duty AB with knives and escaped with stolen ship's properties.
2.	30.01.2017 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	JPO Gemini Container Liberia 25672 9294020	08:27.3N – 013:26.4W, Freetown Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Duty deck crew onboard an anchored ship informed the OOW that two robbers were sighted on the forecandle. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
3.	05.02.2017 1025 UTC Steaming Boarded	BBC Caribbean General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 5261 9378242	04:00.5N – 005:29.3E, Around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. One crew came out from hiding and raised the SSAS. The IMB PRC received information from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship, Owners and liaised with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. Later, two more crew members came out of hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast, before heading towards a safe port. On 05.03.2017, the eight-kidnapped crew were released safely.
4.	07.02.2017 1904 UTC Steaming Boarded	Gaz Providence LPG Tanker Panama 16777 9448504	03:22.0N – 007:13.5E, Around 60nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and most crew members managed to retreat into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant parties. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval boarding team reported the tanker to be free of pirates before the crew emerged from the citadel. Three crew members were reported missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel escorted the tanker to Bonny anchorage for investigation. On 28.02.2017, the three crew members were released safely.
5.	09.02.2017 2130 UTC Anchored	Far Starling Supply Vessel Norway	04:45.2S – 011:49.2E,	Duty crew onboard an anchored vessel noticed a boat alongside near the bow and informed the OOW. Alarm raised

	Boarded	3527 9629017	Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
6.	19.02.2017 0709 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Asphalt Tanker Malta 4703 -	05:12.66N – 004:48.57E, Around 33nm WSW of Forcados, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated to the citadel. The IMB PRC received the information from the Nigerian Navy and contacted the Owners for further details and liaised with all parties. Two naval vessels were dispatched to assist the tanker. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole ship's properties and crew personal belongings and escaped before the naval teams boarded the tanker to rescue the crew. All crew were reported safe.
7.	22.03.2017 2115 UTC Berthed Boarded	Zita Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38237 9760043	<u>19:48.85S –</u> <u>034:50.06E,</u> <u>Berth 6/7,</u> <u>Beira Port,</u> <u>Mozambique</u>	During cargo operations, duty crew on routine rounds onboard the ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck. Chief Officer informed via walkie talkie. Crew mustered and then proceeded to the poop deck. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
8.	30.03.2017 Early Morning Hours Steaming Boarded	Eleni M Bulk Carrier Malta 28718 9228033	04:01N – 006:48E, Around 32nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria	Four persons in a small boat approached, came alongside and boarded the ship as it approached the pilot boarding station. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. On 20.04.2017, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.
9.	07.04.2017 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Blue Balance Bulk Carrier Panama 26058 9168491	05:52.11S – 013:02.49E, Congo River, Angola	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers on the forecastle and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. Alarm and ship's whistle sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen ship's properties.
10.	19.04.2017 0934 UTC Steaming Boarded	Atlantic Mann Offshore Tug Nigeria 804 8305494	04:06.43N – 006:15.34E, Around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria	An offshore tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons. They kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and evacuated by helicopter.
11.	29.04.2017 0737 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vectis Progress General Cargo Isle of Man 7227	03:41N – 006:46E,	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated into the

		9626144	Around 47nm SW of Bonny Islands, Nigeria	citadel. The Owners notified the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the ship. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole crew cash and belongings and escaped before the naval team boarded the ship to rescue the crew. All crew reported safe.
12.	17.05.2017 - Steaming Boarded	Glory General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6393 9378254	03:59N – 006:46E, Around 21nm South of Nigerian Coast, Nigeria	While underway, armed pirates boarded the ship. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Bonny anchorage. The Nigerian Navy is investigating the case. On 07.06.2017, the six kidnapped crew were released safely.
13.	26.05.2017 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordatlantic Container Cyprus 25407 9241451	08:26.33N – 013:28.16W, Freetown Offroads Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
14.	06.06.2017 0303 UTC Anchored Boarded	Annou Max Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 91374 9423073	08:28.3N – 013:22.9W, Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship. The security watchman noticed the robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber escaping empty handed.
15.	19.06.2017 2300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Eagle Express Product Tanker Panama 28051 9414280	04:04.0S – 039:39.0E, Mbaraki Terminal, Mombasa, Kenya	Duty crew on anti-piracy watch onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber attempting to board via the poop deck, using a hook attached with rope. OOW in the cargo control room informed. As the robber approached the ship's railing the duty crew shouted at him resulting in the robber escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. No theft notified.
16.	13.07.2017 0652 UTC Steaming Boarded	UAL Houston General Cargo Netherlands 5925 9542348	04:08.91N – 006:59.83E, Around 16nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Six persons in a skiff boarded the ship underway. Alarm and SSAS activated. All crew retreated into the Citadel. Nigerian Navy boarded the ship and found all crew safe.
17.	30.07.2017 0900 UTC Steaming Boarded	Oya 1 General Cargo Panama 851 8512126	04:10.12N – 006:59.44E, Around 15nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the ship underway. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy who responded and located the ship. It was reported that five crew members were kidnapped. The Nigerian navy vessel towed the ship to a safe port for investigation. On 19.08.2017, the five kidnapped crew members were released safely.
18.	31.07.2017 1750 UTC	Name Withheld Tanker	04:07.52N – 007:00.04E,	Pirates attacked the tanker and stole the crews' personal belongings. Three crew

	Steaming Boarded	Nigeria - -	Around 21nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	members were reported missing. Nigerian navy escorted the tanker to Bonny anchorage.
19.	04.08.2017 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	Norgas Shasta LPG Tanker Singapore 9691 9254941	04:54.35N – 001:39.69W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Deck watch keepers onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber near the Stbd side poop deck and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplice waiting in a boat. On carrying out a thorough search, it was reported that ship's properties were stolen.
20.	07.08.2017 2240 UTC Berthed Boarded	BW Lioness Chemical Tanker Singapore 29737 9675509	Folawiyo Terminal, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard the berthed tanker noticed two robbers trying to insert a flexible hose into 1P/ 1S cargo tank. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the flexible hose. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. Port control informed.
21.	19.08.2017 0250 UTC Anchored Boarded	GSW Forward Product Tanker Singapore 11261 9421271	06:20.7N – 003:18.2E, Lagos General Purpose Anchorage, Nigeria	Alert duty watch keepers onboard the bridge of an anchored tanker spotted a floating object near the Stbd Bow and informed the armed security guard who fired warning shots. One robber was seen jumping overboard from the forecastle. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. All crew except watch keepers were directed to the citadel. After the security guards checked the deck areas to ensure no unauthorised persons on board, the crew emerged from the citadel and carried out a thorough search on board the tanker. The crew noticed a flexible hose pipe inserted into a Butterworth pocket of No. 1S COT. One robber was noticed hiding in the hawse pipe. He was apprehended and tied up by the security guard and later handed over to the local agents. It was reported that the robbers had managed to steal some oil from the tanker.
22.	08.09.2017 0316 UTC Anchored Boarded	Fortis Amalthea Bulk Carrier Liberia 25955 9200342	09:21.96N – 013:44.48W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Seven robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded an anchored ship. They stole Master and ship's properties and escaped. All crew safe.
23.	15.09.2017 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Thomas Maersk Container Denmark 18859	09:24.22N – 013:44.89W, Conakry Anchorage,	Around seven robbers armed with a gun, knives and iron bars boarded an anchored ship. They assaulted three

		9064267	Guinea	crew members, stole ship's properties and escaped. Authorities informed.
24.	20.09.2017 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Singapore 28539 -	06:19N – 003:22E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	A robber boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber escaping empty handed. Incident reported to the local authorities.
25.	21.10.2017 0606 UTC Steaming Boarded	Demeter Container Liberia 35881 9298636	03:47.07N – 007:08.6E, Around 38nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	While underway, pirates attacked the ship and kidnapped six crew. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port. The six-kidnapped crew were released safely on 08 Nov 2017.
26.	25.10.2017 2005 UTC Steaming Boarded	Front Cosmos Tanker Marshall Islands 82515 9769817	03:35.5N – 006:49.2E, Around 51nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	While underway, armed pirates from a speed boat boarded the tanker. The 23-crew retreated into the citadel and contacted the owners for help. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre received the message and immediately liaised with the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a warship which arrived at the location and went alongside the tanker. After the crew emerged from the citadel a search was conducted. No pirates were found onboard the tanker. The warship escorted the tanker until she was out of the HRA. The tanker continued her passage to the next port.
27.	11.11.2017 0822 UTC Steaming Boarded	Venus Bay Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 19999 9414450	04:07.10N – 006:59.57E, Around 17nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the drifting ship. They entered the bridge and fired their weapons damaging the bridge windows. The pirates stole ship's properties, crew personal belongings, kidnapped 10 crew and escaped in their boat. Two Nigerian navy vessels intercepted the pirates, rescued the crew and apprehended five pirates. The ship was escorted into the inner anchorage under naval escort and armed guards were placed onboard during the ship's stay. On 12 Nov 2017, the ship resumed passage under naval escort to Port Harcourt and berthed.
28.	16.11.2017 1110 UTC Steaming Boarded	Fadelsia Bulk Carrier Liberia 23460 9481099	04:08.0N – 006:58.7E, Around 18nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Eight pirates in a speed boat, armed with rifles, approached the ship underway around 15 minutes after its Nigerian Navy security escort boat had moved away. Five pirates managed to board the ship and opened fire at the bridge. Master raised the alarm, sent "Mayday" message and crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates broke the bridge window using a sledge hammer. They entered into the accommodation and ransacked the crew cabins, stole ship's

				cash, properties and crew personal belongings. On receiving the “Mayday” message, the Nigerian Navy security boat returned to the ship and fired upon the pirate boat resulting in the pirates escaping with the stolen items. Under the guidance of the Nigerian Navy, the crew members emerged from the citadel. The Nigerian Navy security boat then escorted the ship to Bonny Anchorage.
29.	10.12.2017 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 24066 -	06:19N – 003:17E, Around 5nm South of Lagos, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the main deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
30.	14.12.2017 0830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33042 -	03:46.4N – 006:17.2E, Around 32nm South of Brass, Nigeria	A ship underway was attacked and boarded by six pirates from a small boat. Ten crew members are reported missing. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port.
31.	24.12.2017 0730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Kota Sejarah Container Singapore 41567 9681247	03:47.1N – 006:49.8E, Around 39nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Seven pirates armed with guns approached and came alongside the ship underway. One pirate boarded the ship using a long ladder and opened fire towards the bridge. The Master contacted the Nigerian Navy and proceeded at full speed towards a security boat. Seeing the security boat, the pirates aborted the attack.

### ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2017

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2017 1524 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Kingdom General Cargo Philippines 7541 9202091	06:36.0N – 122:41.0E, Around 21.6nm East of Basilan Island, Philippines	Six persons in two speed boats, armed with automatic rifles, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised and increased speed. Ship’s distress message was relayed by Zamboanga radio station to the local authorities who dispatched patrol boats to assist the ship. Due to the firing, the ship sustained multiple gunshot damage on the port and starboard sides. Ship however, managed to evade the attack. All crew safe.

2.	05.01.2017 1630 UTC Steaming Attempted	Great Sailor Chemical Tanker Vietnam 9419 9183477	01:15.1N – 104:03.4E, Singapore Straits	A tanker underway was chased by a speed boat. Master raised the alarm, contacted the VTS, commenced evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and directed the spot light towards the speed boat. Seeing the alerted crew, the speed boat aborted and moved away.
3.	05.03.2017 0800 - 1030 UTC Steaming Attempted	Phu An 268 General Cargo Vietnam 1599 9549293	06:20.5N – 118:08.0E, Around 4.43nm NE of Lihiman Island, Philippines	A skiff with around six persons onboard approached and followed the ship for around 1.5 hours. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Malaysian authorities. A patrol vessel rendezvoused with the ship and escorted her to Sandakan port. All crew safe.
4.	19.03.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:42N – 101:28E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed one person attempting to climb onboard by using a bamboo stick attached to a hook. The duty AB informed the DO who raised alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders aborted and moved away.
5.	25.03.2017 1815 UTC Anchored Attempted	Ping An Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11438 9495856	01:43N – 101:26E, Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	Alert crew noticed a robber attempting to board and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped in a boat with three accomplices. The robbers were apprehended by the IMP who were patrolling in the vicinity.
6.	16.05.2017 1803 UTC Steaming Attempted	Posh Conquest Offshore Supply Ship Panama 2736 9451654	03:32N – 126:23E, Around 26nm SW of Kepulauan Talaud, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	A small speed boat approached an offshore supply ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away.
7.	19.05.2017 1130 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sapurakencana Samudra Offshore Supply Ship Malaysia 1061 7396692	10:58N – 118:15E, Around 56nm NW of Cacunpa Island, Philippines	An offshore tug underway was chased by two speed boats. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Philippines Authorities. Vessel and crew safe.
8.	12.08.2017 2155 UTC Berthed Attempted	Aquabelle Chemical Tanker Malaysia 5256 9410193	05:48N – 118:04E, Sandakan Port, Malaysia	Two robbers attempted to board the berthed tanker but failed. Port authorities informed.
9.	25.10.2017 2012 UTC Steaming Attempted	HR Endeavour General Cargo Liberia 9611 9261073	01:03.7N – 103:41.5E, Around 1.8nm NW of Pulau Cula,	Alert crew onboard the ship underway, noticed three to four persons onboard a small wooden craft closing in to the stern of the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the

			Indonesia	boat moved away. Master reported the attempted boarding to Singapore VTIS via VHF.
10.	20.11.2017 1930 UTC Steaming Attempted	Nordmosel Bulk Carrier Malta 25546 9741877	01:02.4N – 103:39.2E, Around 6nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	An unlit boat approached the ship underway and came alongside the STBD quarter. Crew on deck watch noticed the boat and informed the duty officer. Deck lights and search lights switched on and directed towards the boat. Duty officer noticed around eight robbers in the boat. A ladder was seen hooked onto the ship's rail. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers unhooked the ladder and moved away. VTIS informed. When the ship arrived at the anchorage, Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.

#### INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.10.2017 1238 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lady Sandra Offshore Tug India 2599 9172284  Iron Mong Tanker Palau 57450 8818922	20:43.5N – 071:29.1E, Around 10nm South of Pipavav, India	Robbers attempted to board an unmanned tanker under tow. Alarm raised, crew mustered and evasive manoeuvres initiated. Due to alerted crew, the robbers only managed to steal the buoys attached to the tow wire. Incident reported to the local Authorities.

#### AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	26.09.2017 0230 UTC Anchored Attempted	Prime Express Product Tanker Panama 28725 9459242	18:34.0N – 072:24.0W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Three robbers attempted to board an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.

**AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.04.2017 1306 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Alheera Product Tanker Panama 6519 9221803	12:53.77N – 048:02.52E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a white coloured skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted UKMTO and the non-essential crew withdrew into the citadel. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. Crew and tanker safe. Warship notified.
2.	31.05.2017 0647 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Muskie Tanker Marshall Islands 42771 9256638	12:35.0N – 043:27.2E, Bab el-Mandeb, Red Sea	Three pirates in a skiff armed with guns and RPG chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the tanker. The tanker sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.
3.	06.10.2017 0700 UTC Steaming Attempted	Jag Amar Bulk Carrier India 44127 9723851	13:30N – 050:03E, Gulf of Aden	Master onboard the ship underway observed a boat with two skiffs approaching. Naval vessel notified. As the boat closed in, ladders were sighted. Master raised the alarm and all crew mustered. The Naval vessel chased the boat and later boarded it and confiscated weapons and ladders. Ship and crew safe.

**AFRICA (SOMALIA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	22.04.2017 1442 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Sierra Leone 4462 -	05:42N – 048:53E, Around 5.7nm East of Somali Coast, Somalia	Six armed persons in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm and broadcast a distress message, to which a warship responded. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.
2.	17.11.2017 0917 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Ever Dynamic Container Panama 52090	01:55.9S – 047:56.8E,	Lookout on board the ship underway noticed two skiffs approaching and notified the OOW, who raised the alarm. As the skiffs closed in, weapons, RPG

		9142198	Around 282nm SSE of Mogadishu, Somalia	and a ladder were sighted in the skiffs. Master, increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates tried to come alongside to hook on the ladder but due to the evasive manoeuvres and swell caused by the wake they failed. They then fired two RPG rockets towards the ship, which missed. Due to the increase in the ship's speed, the skiffs aborted the attack. UKMTO notified.
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**AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.03.2017 0800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sofia Bulk Carrier Liberia 32983 9472086	03:20.0N – 004:28.9E, Around 106nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Seven persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the ship underway. Ship increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvre. All non-essential crew retreated to the Citadel. After 40 minutes, the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away. All crews reported safe.
2.	10.03.2017 0518 UTC Steaming Fired upon	La Mancha Knutsen LNG Tanker Spain 116246 9721724	03:03N – 006:57E, 84nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	A speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, activated the water spray, commenced evasive manoeuvres, activated the SSAS, broadcast a distress message via VHF and mustered non-essential crew in the citadel. The boat managed to come alongside near the mid-ship manifold and attempted to hook on a ladder, which was unsuccessful due to the evasive manoeuvring. A security boat in the vicinity contacted the tanker via VHF and indicated that they were proceeding to assist, and the small boat moved away. The tanker continued her voyage. All crew safe.
3.	29.03.2017 1200 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cora A Product Tanker Panama 8251 9357638	04:05.89N – 004:42.03E, Around 64nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. The onboard armed naval security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her voyage to her next port.
4.	19.04.2017 0845 UTC Steaming	Axel Spirit Tanker Bahamas	03:25N – 005:46E,	Nine pirates in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, fire pumps started and non-

	Fired upon	62929 9282041	Around 59nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria	essential crew retreated to the citadel. The tanker increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. While the Master communicated with the escort vessel, the skiff was seen aborting and moving away. Crew and tanker reported safe.
5.	28.04.2017 1850 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 5100 -	03:49.00N – 007:04.00E, Around 32nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Four boats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. The pirates aborted the attack after they failed to board the ship. Incident reported to the local authorities.
6.	29.04.2017 0408 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 6363 -	03:51.20N – 006:46.00E, Around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two aluminium hulled motorized boats with pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and Nigerian navy called on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates came close and attempted to board the ship using a ladder. Three rocket flares were fired. The Master headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from the security vessels but, seeing the boats aborting and moving away, the Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.
7.	29.04.2017 1740 UTC Steaming Fired upon	LNG Lokoja LNG Tanker Bermuda 98798 9269960	03:37.6N – 006:44.1E, Around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and anti-piracy preventive measures applied. Master noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed to come alongside the tanker but due to the hardening measures the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.
8.	06.05.2017 0030 UTC Anchored Attempted	MOL Dedication Container Marshall Islands 39906 9352391	05:10.88N – 004:04.72W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	While at anchor, duty officer noticed a suspicious boat approaching the ship from astern and alerted the duty crew on deck. As the boat came alongside, alarm and ship's whistle sounded and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat slowly moved away, circled the ship once and then departed. Port Control informed.
9.	02.07.2017 0010 UTC Anchored Attempted	CMA CGM Utrillo Container Cyprus 25803	14:22.46S – 040:42.42E, Nacala Anchorage,	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers attempting to board. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing

		9192430	Mozambique	the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
10.	22.07.2017 0249 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lowlands Phoenix Bulk Carrier Singapore 89543 9303845	15:31.9N – 018:10.0W, Around 65nm NW of Dakar, Senegal	A fishing boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised, all crew mustered, Master increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvre. Due to bad weather, ship managed to evade the boarding. All crew safe.
11.	27.10.2017 1120 UTC Steaming Attempted	Hellas Gladiator LPG Tanker Malta 48022 9732503	00:41.8N – 006:03.6E, Around 35nm NW of Sao Tome & Principe Coast	Five skiffs approached the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the bad weather and the evasive manoeuvres the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away.
12.	01.11.2017 1006 UTC Steaming Attempted	Interim Tanker Panama 25060 9039121	04:02.7N – 007:03.5E, Around 21nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Lookout onboard the tanker underway noticed two speed boats approaching at high speed. OOW immediately raised the emergency alarm and Master notified the terminal who relayed the information to a Nigerian naval ship. As the speed boats closed in to the tanker, guns and ladders were sighted. The Master ordered the crew to secure all access to the tanker and retreat into the citadel. The bridge team commenced evasive manoeuvre to prevent the pirates from boarding. On seeing the approaching naval ship, the pirates aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. The tanker continued her passage. All crew safe.
13.	16.11.2017 0945 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sabine Tanker Marshall Islands 81341 9594755	03:30.6N – 006:45.9E, Around 56nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Seven pirates in a speed boat chased the tanker underway. As the boat closed in to 300 meters the crew noticed a long ladder. Alarm raised, Master increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and the crew mustered in a safe place. After chasing the tanker for a while the boat stopped its approach and then once again attempted to close in to the ship to board. Due to the hardening measures employed by the tanker the boat aborted and moved away. Nigerian Navy HQ notified.
14.	21.11.2017 0050 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 29735 -	06:19.45N – 003:11.68E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Ten robbers in two boats attempted to board an anchored tanker. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding. Incident reported to local agent.
15.	22.11.2017 0231 UTC	Strauss Container	03:17.5N – 006:52.5E,	A speed boat approached and chased the ship underway. Alarm raised, evasive

	Steaming Attempted	Cyprus 25406 9306471	Around 66nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	manoeuvres commenced, SSAS activated, local authorities notified and crew mustered in the citadel. A Nigerian navy vessel was dispatched to assist the ship, however after around 20 minutes, the speed boat aborted the chase and moved away. Ship and crew safe.
16.	14.12.2017 0110 UTC Steaming Attempted	Thorco Cougar General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 7769 9294953	03:58.3N – 006:12.4E, Around 19nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Four to five persons in a wooden boat approached and tried to board the ship underway. Master increased speed and took anti-piracy measures resulting in the ship being able to evade the boarding.
17.	24.12.2017 0118 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 24120 -	06:17.42N – 003:13.81E, SSA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty watchmen onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers attempting to board the tanker and immediately notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.

**REST OF THE WORLD**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.04.2017 0700 UTC Anchored Fired upon	Safe Sino Product Tanker Panama 27526 9149251	15:55.56N – 052:20.75E, Around 10nm NE of Nishtun, Yemen	Six persons armed with rifles in a small boat approached and fired upon an anchored tanker. They attempted to board the tanker several times but failed and moved away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her passage.
2.	01.06.2017 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Navig8 Providence Product Tanker 43142 9737759	23:32.4N – 060:26.3E, Around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman	Six persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Speed increased, evasive manoeuvres conducted and onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was seen in the vicinity. Tanker is safe.
3.	24.10.2017 0710 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sameer Dhow Iran - -	11:50N – 054:30E, Around 37nm SE of Socotra Island, Yemen	Armed pirates in two skiffs approached, fired upon and damaged the dhow underway. One crew was reported killed and three injured, because of the firing. The coalition navies responded and assisted the fishing dhow. Medical and damage control assistance were provided by the coalition navies resulting in the fishing dhow being able to continue her journey.

4.	21.11.2017 1830 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Great Star Product Tanker Panama 14332 8912508	14:03.25N – 048:48.92E, Around 33nm SW of Mukalla, Yemen	Armed persons in a speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced and all non-essential crew mustered in the engine room. Due to the hardening measures and the presence of the AST, the boarding was averted. All crew safe.
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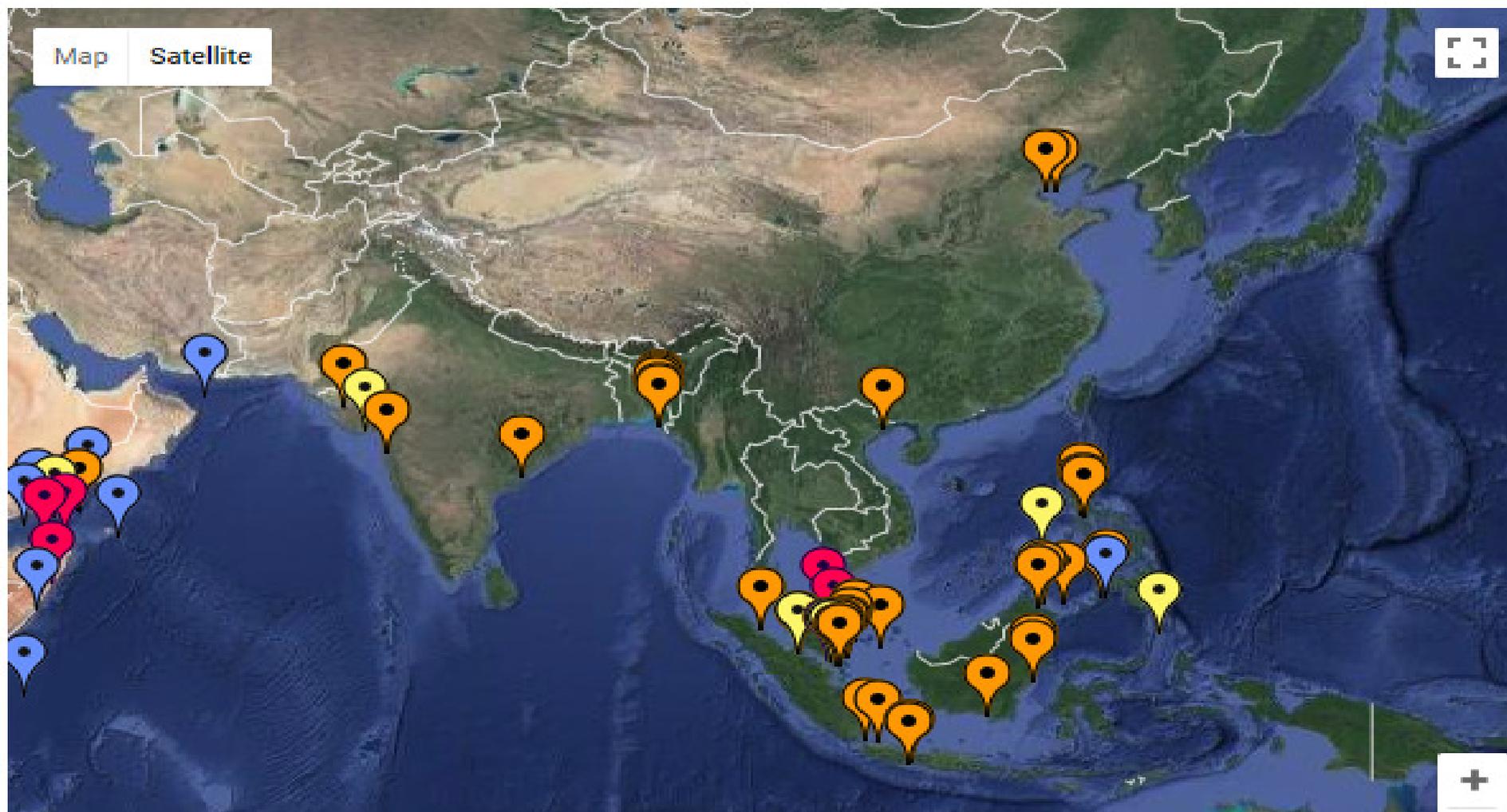


**Total number of attacks - 180**



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**Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 15**

**Total attacks East Asia & SE Asia – 80**



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**Total attacks Gulf of Aden, southern Red Sea, Yemen – 4**

**Total attacks east coast Africa & Indian Ocean - 8**



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**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 36**