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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 30 September 2019**

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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 organization 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 30 September 2019.

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 cargos 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 30 September 2019, received reports of 119 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*

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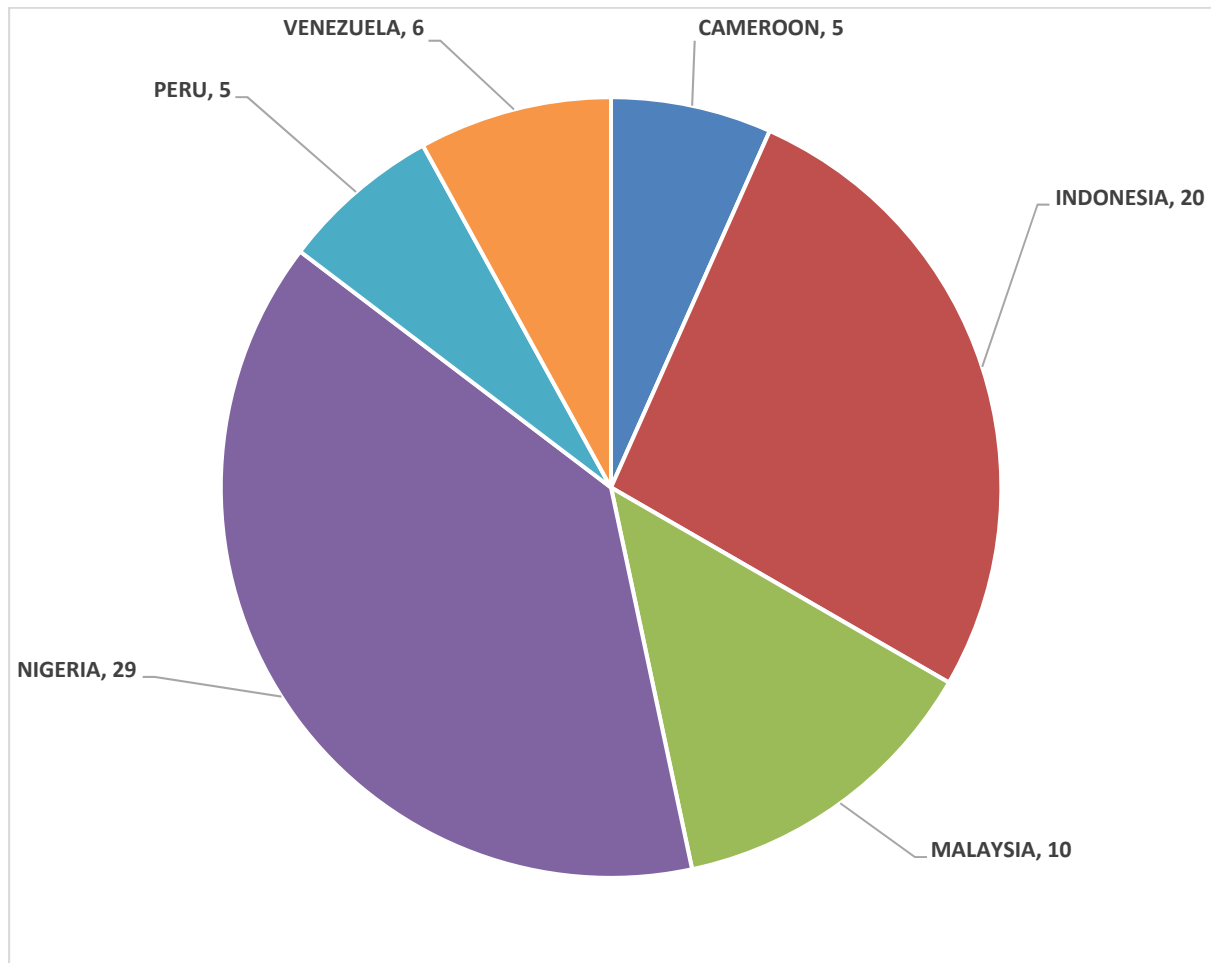
- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))
- CLS Maritime Intelligence platform powered by Orbcomm AIS data ( [www.cls.fr](http://www.cls.fr) and [www.orbcomm.com](http://www.orbcomm.com) )

**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2015 – 2019**

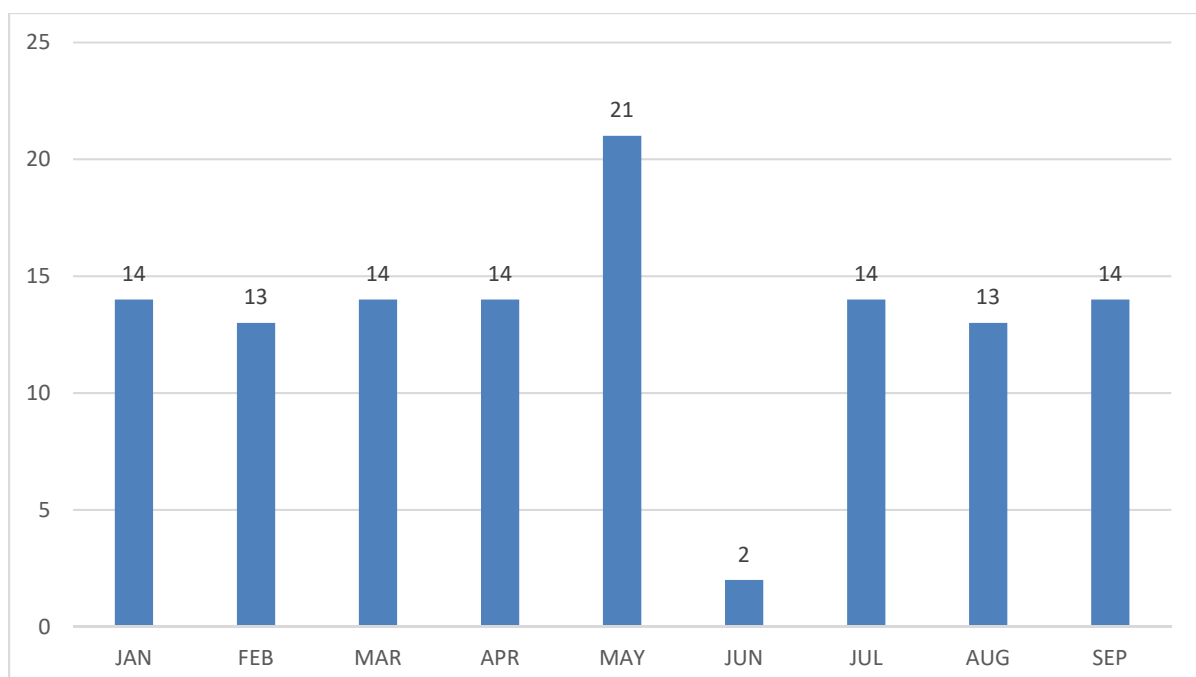
|                                 | <b>Locations</b>         | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>S E ASIA</b>                 | Indonesia                | 86          | 33          | 23          | 31          | 20          |
|                                 | Malacca Straits          | 5           |             |             |             |             |
|                                 | Malaysia                 | 11          | 5           | 6           | 9           | 10          |
|                                 | Philippines              | 8           | 5           | 17          | 6           | 4           |
|                                 | Singapore Straits        | 9           | 1           | 1           | 3           | 1           |
|                                 | Thailand                 | 1           |             |             |             |             |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b>                | China                    |             | 5           | 1           | 2           | 3           |
|                                 | Vietnam                  | 19          | 6           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| <b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b>          | Bangladesh               | 11          | 3           | 7           | 11          |             |
|                                 | India                    | 7           | 14          | 2           | 3           | 3           |
| <b>AMERICAS</b>                 | Brazil                   |             |             |             | 4           | 2           |
|                                 | Colombia                 | 4           | 3           | 3           | 1           | 3           |
|                                 | Dominican Republic       |             |             |             |             | 1           |
|                                 | Ecuador                  |             |             | 2           | 4           | 3           |
|                                 | Guyana                   |             | 1           | 1           | 2           |             |
|                                 | Haiti                    | 1           | 2           | 1           | 3           | 1           |
|                                 | Mexico                   |             |             |             |             | 1           |
|                                 | Panama                   |             |             |             |             | 1           |
|                                 | Peru                     |             | 7           | 2           | 3           | 5           |
|                                 | Venezuela                | 1           | 3           | 11          | 8           | 6           |
| <b>AFRICA</b>                   | Angola                   |             | 1           | 1           |             |             |
|                                 | Benin                    |             |             |             | 5           | 1           |
|                                 | Cameroon                 |             |             |             | 2           | 5           |
|                                 | Democratic Rep. of Congo | 2           | 2           |             | 1           | 1           |
|                                 | Equatorial Guinea        |             |             |             |             | 2           |
|                                 | Ghana                    | 2           | 2           | 1           | 8           | 3           |
|                                 | Guinea                   | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
|                                 | Gulf of Aden*            |             | 1           | 2           | 1           |             |
|                                 | Ivory Coast              | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
|                                 | Kenya                    | 2           | 2           | 1           |             | 1           |
|                                 | Liberia                  | 1           |             |             |             | 2           |
|                                 | Morocco                  |             | 1           |             |             | 1           |
|                                 | Mozambique               | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 2           |
|                                 | Nigeria                  | 12          | 31          | 20          | 41          | 29          |
|                                 | Red Sea*                 |             |             | 1           |             |             |
|                                 | Senegal                  |             |             | 1           |             |             |
|                                 | Sierra Leone             |             |             | 4           |             | 1           |
|                                 | Somalia                  |             |             | 4           | 1           |             |
|                                 | South Africa             |             | 1           |             |             |             |
|                                 | The Congo                | 2           | 5           | 1           |             |             |
|                                 | Togo                     |             | 1           |             | 1           | 2           |
| <b>REST OF WORLD</b>            | Oman                     |             |             | 1           |             |             |
|                                 | Papua New Guinea         | 1           |             |             |             |             |
|                                 | Yemen                    |             | 1           | 1           |             |             |
| <b>Subtotal for nine months</b> |                          | <b>190</b>  | <b>141</b>  | <b>121</b>  | <b>156</b>  | <b>119</b>  |
| <b>Total at year end</b>        |                          | <b>246</b>  | <b>191</b>  | <b>179</b>  | <b>201</b>  |             |

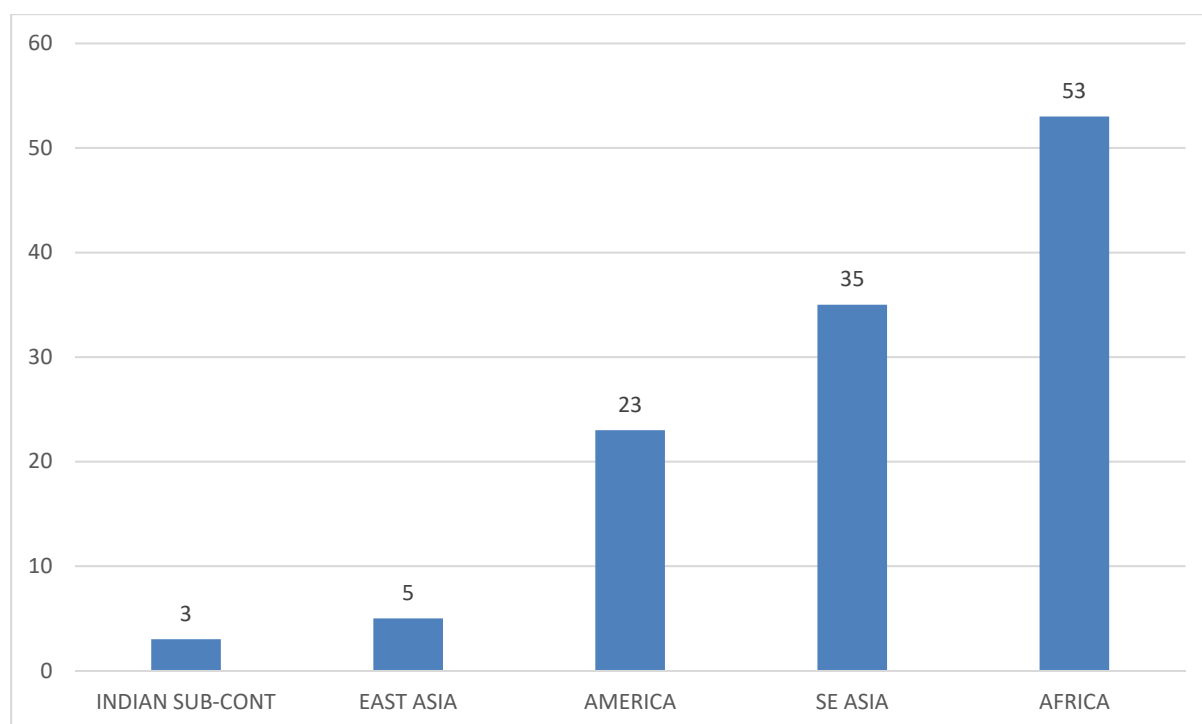
All incidents for countries with \* above are attributed to Somali pirates

**CHART A: The following six locations contributed to 63% of the total attacks reported in the period January – September 2019**



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2019**



**CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – September 2019****TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – September 2019**

|                 |                          | Actual attacks |          | Attempted attacks |            |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Location        |                          | Boarded        | Hijacked | Attempted         | Fired Upon |
| SE ASIA         | Indonesia                | 17             |          | 3                 |            |
|                 | Malaysia                 | 10             |          |                   |            |
|                 | Philippines              | 2              |          | 2                 |            |
|                 | Singapore Straits        | 1              |          |                   |            |
| EAST ASIA       | China                    | 3              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Vietnam                  | 2              |          |                   |            |
| INDIAN SUB CONT | India                    | 3              |          |                   |            |
| AMERICAS        | Brazil                   | 2              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Colombia                 | 2              |          | 1                 |            |
|                 | Dominican Republic       | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Ecuador                  | 1              |          | 1                 | 1          |
|                 | Haiti                    | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Mexico                   | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Panama                   | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Peru                     | 4              |          | 1                 |            |
|                 | Venezuela                | 5              |          | 1                 |            |
| AFRICA          | Benin                    | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Cameroon                 | 5              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Democratic Rep. of Congo | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Equatorial Guinea        | 1              | 1        |                   |            |
|                 | Ghana                    | 3              |          |                   |            |
|                 | Guinea                   | 2              |          |                   |            |

|                  |            |          |           |           |
|------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ivory Coast      | 1          |          |           |           |
| Kenya            | 1          |          |           |           |
| Liberia          | 2          |          |           |           |
| Morocco          | 1          |          |           |           |
| Mozambique       | 2          |          |           |           |
| Nigeria          | 17         | 2        | 1         | 9         |
| Sierra Leone     | 1          |          |           |           |
| Togo             | 1          | 1        |           |           |
| <b>Sub total</b> | <b>95</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>119</b> |          |           |           |

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2019**

| Country   | Location            | 01.01.2019 to 30.09.2019 |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Cameroon  | Douala              | 4                        |
| Indonesia | Belawan             | 3                        |
| Indonesia | Taboneo             | 3                        |
| Indonesia | Tg. Priok / Jakarta | 3                        |
| Malaysia  | Bandar Penawar      | 4                        |
| Nigeria   | Lagos               | 11                       |
| Peru      | Callao              | 5                        |
| Venezuela | Puerto Jose         | 4                        |

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – September 2019**

| Location                     | Anchored | Berthed | Steaming |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia     | 8        | 6       | 3        |
| Malaysia                     | 5        | 1       | 4        |
| Philippines                  | 2        |         |          |
| Singapore Straits            |          |         | 1        |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> China       | 3        |         |          |
| Vietnam                      |          | 2       |          |
| <b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b> India | 2        | 1       |          |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil       | 2        |         |          |
| Colombia                     | 2        |         |          |
| Dominican Republic           | 1        |         |          |
| Ecuador                      |          |         | 1        |
| Haiti                        |          | 1       |          |
| Mexico                       | 1        |         |          |
| Panama                       | 1        |         |          |
| Peru                         | 4        |         |          |
| Venezuela                    | 5        |         |          |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin          |          |         | 1        |
| Cameroon                     | 3        | 1       | 1        |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo     | 1        |         |          |
| Equatorial Guinea            |          |         | 2        |



|                  |           |           |           |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ghana            | 3         |           |           |
| Guinea           | 2         |           |           |
| Ivory Coast      | 1         |           |           |
| Kenya            |           | 1         |           |
| Liberia          | 1         | 1         |           |
| Morocco          |           | 1         |           |
| Mozambique       | 2         |           |           |
| Nigeria          | 10        | 3         | 6         |
| Sierra Leone     | 1         |           |           |
| Togo             | 1         |           | 1         |
| <b>Sub total</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>99</b> |           |           |

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2019

| Location         |             | Anchored  | Berthed | Steaming  |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b>   | Indonesia   | 3         |         |           |
|                  | Philippines | 1         |         | 1         |
| <b>AMERICAS</b>  | Colombia    |           |         | 1         |
|                  | Ecuador     |           |         | 2         |
|                  | Peru        | 1         |         |           |
|                  | Venezuela   | 1         |         |           |
| <b>AFRICA</b>    | Nigeria     | 1         |         | 9         |
| <b>Sub total</b> |             | <b>7</b>  |         | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Total</b>     |             | <b>20</b> |         |           |

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – September 2015 – 2019

| Types of Arms            | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Guns                     | 29         | 40         | 39         | 37         | 35         |
| Knives                   | 73         | 30         | 29         | 25         | 23         |
| Other weapons            | 6          | 2          | 2          | 4          | 5          |
| Not stated               | 82         | 69         | 51         | 90         | 56         |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>190</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>201</b> |            |

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – September 2015 – 2019

| Category                 | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Attempted                | 21         | 15         | 11         | 32         | 10         |
| Boarded                  | 154        | 111        | 92         | 107        | 95         |
| Fired upon               |            | 10         | 13         | 13         | 10         |
| Hijack                   | 15         | 5          | 5          | 4          | 4          |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>190</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>201</b> |            |

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2015 – 2019**

| Types of violence        | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Assaulted                | 14         | 5          | 5          |            | 3          |
| Hostage                  | 266        | 110        | 80         | 112        | 49         |
| Injured                  | 13         | 6          | 3          | 6          | 6          |
| Kidnap                   | 10         | 49         | 49         | 39         | 70         |
| Killed                   | 1          |            | 2          |            | 1          |
| Threatened               | 5          | 5          | 4          | 7          | 4          |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>309</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>143</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>133</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>333</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>241</b> |            |

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – September 2019**

| Location                 | Assault    | Hostage   | Injured  | Kidnap    | Killed   | Threat   |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia | 2          | 3         | 1        |           |          | 1        |
| Malaysia                 |            |           |          | 13        |          | 2        |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Ecuador  |            | 2         |          |           |          |          |
| Panama                   |            |           | 1        |           | 1        |          |
| Peru                     | 1          | 1         |          |           |          |          |
| Venezuela                |            | 1         |          |           |          | 1        |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin      |            |           |          | 6         |          |          |
| Cameroon                 |            |           |          | 23        |          |          |
| Guinea                   |            | 23        | 1        |           |          |          |
| Nigeria                  |            | 12        | 2        | 25        |          |          |
| Sierra Leone             |            |           | 1        |           |          |          |
| Togo                     |            | 7         |          | 3         |          |          |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>3</b>   | <b>49</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>133</b> |           |          |           |          |          |

**TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – September 2019**

| Locations                 | Guns | Knives | Other Weapons | Not Stated |
|---------------------------|------|--------|---------------|------------|
| <b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia | 1    | 7      | 1             | 11         |
| Malaysia                  | 2    | 2      |               | 6          |
| Philippines               |      |        | 1             | 3          |
| Singapore Straits         |      |        |               | 1          |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> China    |      |        | 1             | 2          |
| Vietnam                   |      | 1      |               | 1          |
| <b>INDIAN SUB</b> India   |      |        |               | 3          |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil    |      | 2      |               |            |
| Colombia                  |      |        |               | 3          |
| Dominican Republic        |      |        |               | 1          |
| Ecuador                   | 2    |        |               | 1          |
| Haiti                     | 1    |        |               |            |
| Mexico                    |      | 1      |               |            |

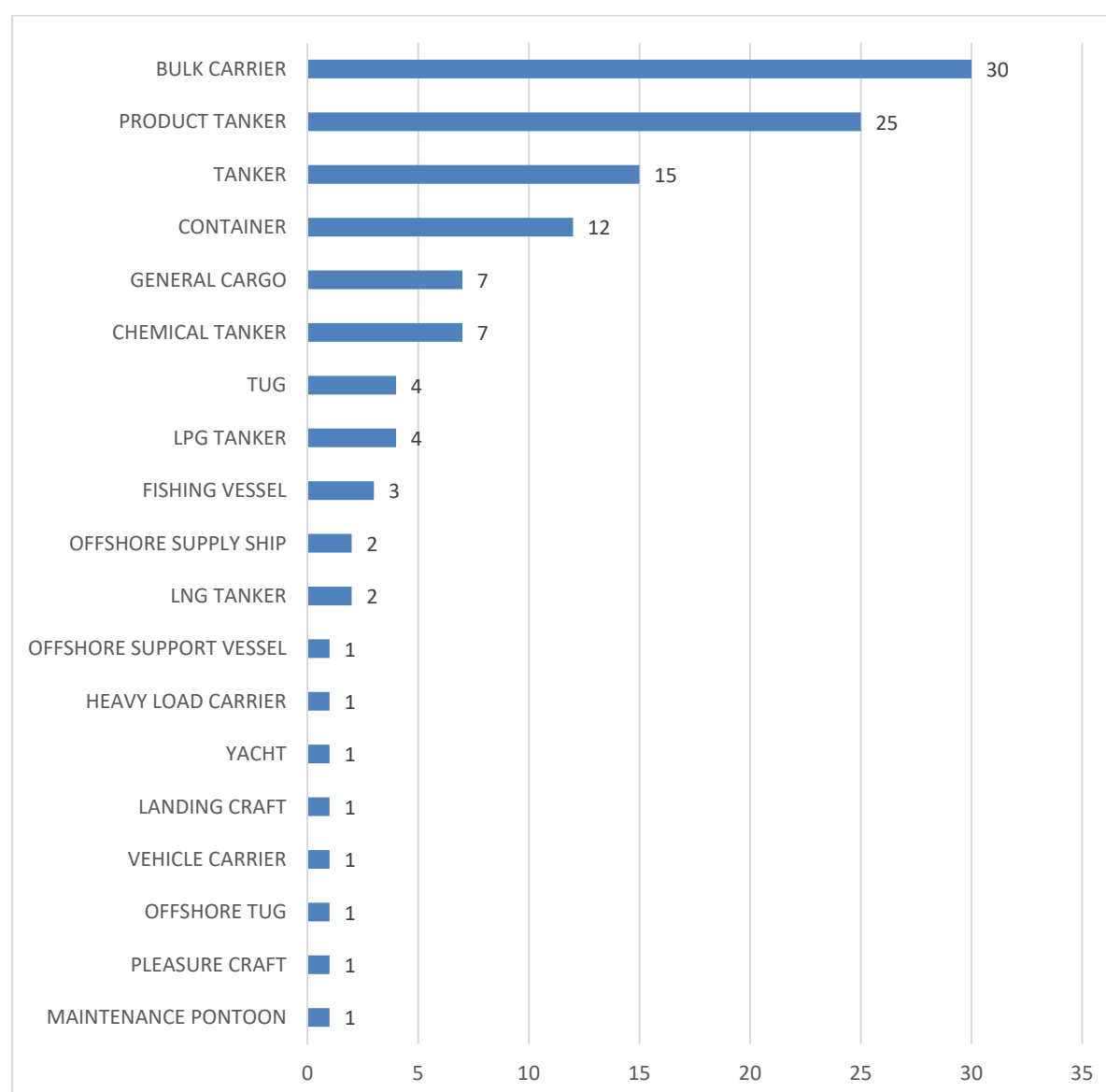
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|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Panama                   | 1          |           |          |           |
| Peru                     |            | 1         | 1        | 3         |
| Venezuela                |            | 2         |          | 4         |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin      | 1          |           |          |           |
| Cameroon                 | 4          |           |          | 1         |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo |            | 1         |          |           |
| Equatorial Guinea        | 2          |           |          |           |
| Ghana                    |            |           |          | 3         |
| Guinea                   | 2          |           |          |           |
| Ivory Coast              |            | 1         |          |           |
| Kenya                    |            | 1         |          |           |
| Liberia                  |            | 2         |          |           |
| Morocco                  |            |           |          | 1         |
| Mozambique               |            | 1         |          | 1         |
| Nigeria                  | 17         |           | 1        | 11        |
| Sierra Leone             |            | 1         |          |           |
| Togo                     | 2          |           |          |           |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>35</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>56</b> |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>119</b> |           |          |           |

TABLE 11: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2015 – 2019

| Type                     | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bulk Carrier             | 65   | 36   | 24   | 51   | 30   |
| Cable Ship               | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Cement Carrier           |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Container                | 22   | 9    | 14   | 13   | 12   |
| Dhow                     |      |      | 2    |      |      |
| Dredger                  |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Drilling Rig             |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| General Cargo            | 10   | 5    | 9    | 6    | 7    |
| Heavy Lift Vessel        |      | 3    |      | 1    |      |
| Heavy Load Carrier       |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Hopper Dredger           | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Landing Craft            |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Maintenance Pontoon      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Offshore Support Vessel  |      | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Ore Carrier              |      | 1    |      | 1    |      |
| Passenger Ship / Boat    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Pipe Lay Barge           | 1    | 4    |      |      |      |
| Pleasure Craft           |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Refrigerated Ship        | 2    |      | 2    | 6    |      |
| Research Ship            |      | 2    | 2    |      |      |
| RO-RO                    |      |      |      | 2    |      |
| Supply Ship              | 2    | 3    | 6    | 2    | 2    |
| Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen |      | 1    | 1    | 1    |      |
| Tanker Bunkering         | 1    |      | 1    |      |      |
| Tanker Chem / Product    | 51   | 44   | 33   | 41   | 32   |

|                            |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Tanker Crude Oil           | 15         | 11         | 11         | 12         | 15         |
| Tanker FPSO / FSO          | 2          |            |            |            |            |
| Tanker LNG                 |            | 1          | 2          | 1          | 2          |
| Tanker LPG                 | 3          | 5          | 7          | 1          | 4          |
| Trawler / Fishing          | 2          |            | 1          | 5          | 3          |
| Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge | 7          | 12         | 4          | 10         | 5          |
| Vehicle Carrier            | 1          | 2          |            |            | 1          |
| Wood Chips Carrier         | 2          |            |            |            |            |
| Yacht / Sailing Vessel     | 1          |            |            |            | 1          |
| <b>Sub total</b>           | <b>190</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b>   | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>201</b> |            |

**CHART D: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2019**

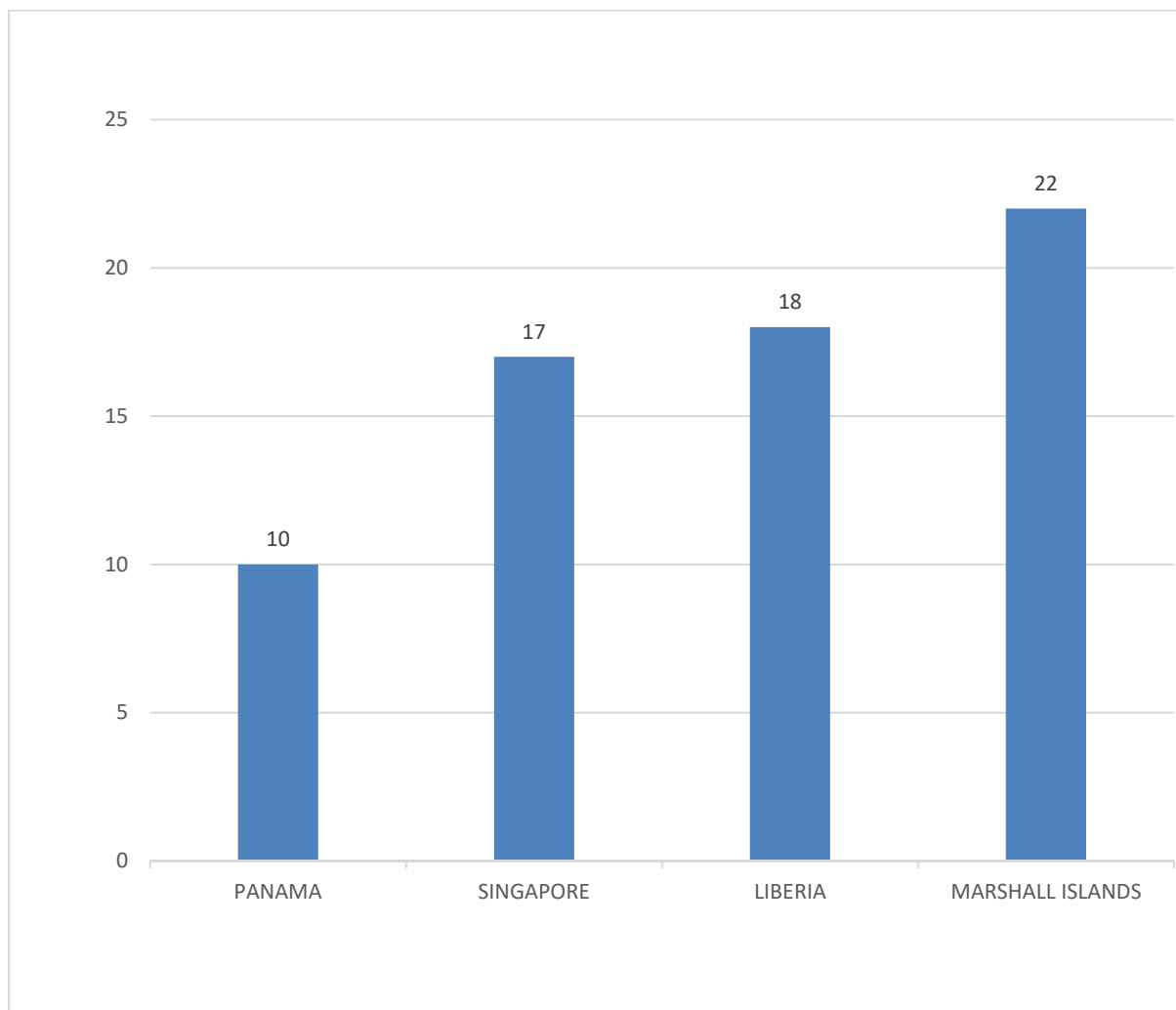


**TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - September 2015 – 2019**

| Flag State          | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | 6    |      | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Australia           | 1    |      |      |      | 1    |
| Bahamas             | 3    | 4    | 5    | 7    | 3    |
| Bangladesh          |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Barbados            |      |      |      | 2    | 1    |
| Belgium             | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Belize              | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |
| Bermuda             |      |      | 1    |      | 1    |
| Cameroon            |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Cayman Island       |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Chile               |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| China               |      |      |      | 2    | 2    |
| Cook Islands        | 1    | 1    |      | 1    |      |
| Croatia             |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Curacao             | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |
| Cyprus              | 5    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 1    |
| Denmark             | 1    | 1    | 1    |      |      |
| Egypt               | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Ethiopia            |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| France              | 1    |      |      |      | 1    |
| Germany             |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Ghana               | 1    |      |      | 2    |      |
| Greece              | 3    | 2    |      |      | 1    |
| Hong Kong (SAR)     | 18   | 7    | 6    | 13   | 6    |
| India               | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1    |      |
| Indonesia           | 2    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Iran                | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Isle of Man         | 2    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 3    |
| Italy               |      |      |      | 3    |      |
| Japan               |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Korea South         | 1    |      |      |      | 1    |
| Liberia             | 22   | 14   | 13   | 15   | 18   |
| Luxemburg           | 1    | 1    |      | 2    |      |
| Madeira             |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Malaysia            | 12   | 4    | 3    | 5    | 3    |
| Malta               | 8    | 3    | 5    | 6    | 8    |
| Marshall Islands    | 28   | 31   | 19   | 30   | 22   |
| Mongolia            |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| Netherlands         |      | 2    | 1    | 3    | 2    |
| Nigeria             | 2    | 4    | 2    | 1    | 4    |
| Niue                |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Norway              | 1    | 3    | 3    | 1    |      |
| Palau               |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Panama              | 31   | 31   | 20   | 21   | 10   |
| Papua New Guinea    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Philippines         |      |      | 2    | 1    |      |
| Portugal            | 1    |      |      |      | 1    |
| Russia              |      |      |      | 1    |      |

|                          |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Saudi Arabia             | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| Sierra Leone             |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Singapore                | 25         | 15         | 18         | 26         | 17         |
| Spain                    |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Sri Lanka                |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Switzerland              |            |            |            | 1          | 1          |
| Thailand                 | 4          |            | 3          |            |            |
| Togo                     |            |            |            |            | 1          |
| Turkey                   |            | 1          |            |            | 1          |
| Tuvalu                   |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| United Kingdom           |            | 1          | 1          |            |            |
| Vanuatu                  | 1          |            |            |            | 1          |
| Vietnam                  | 1          |            | 3          |            |            |
| Not Stated               |            |            | 1          | 1          |            |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>190</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>201</b> |            |

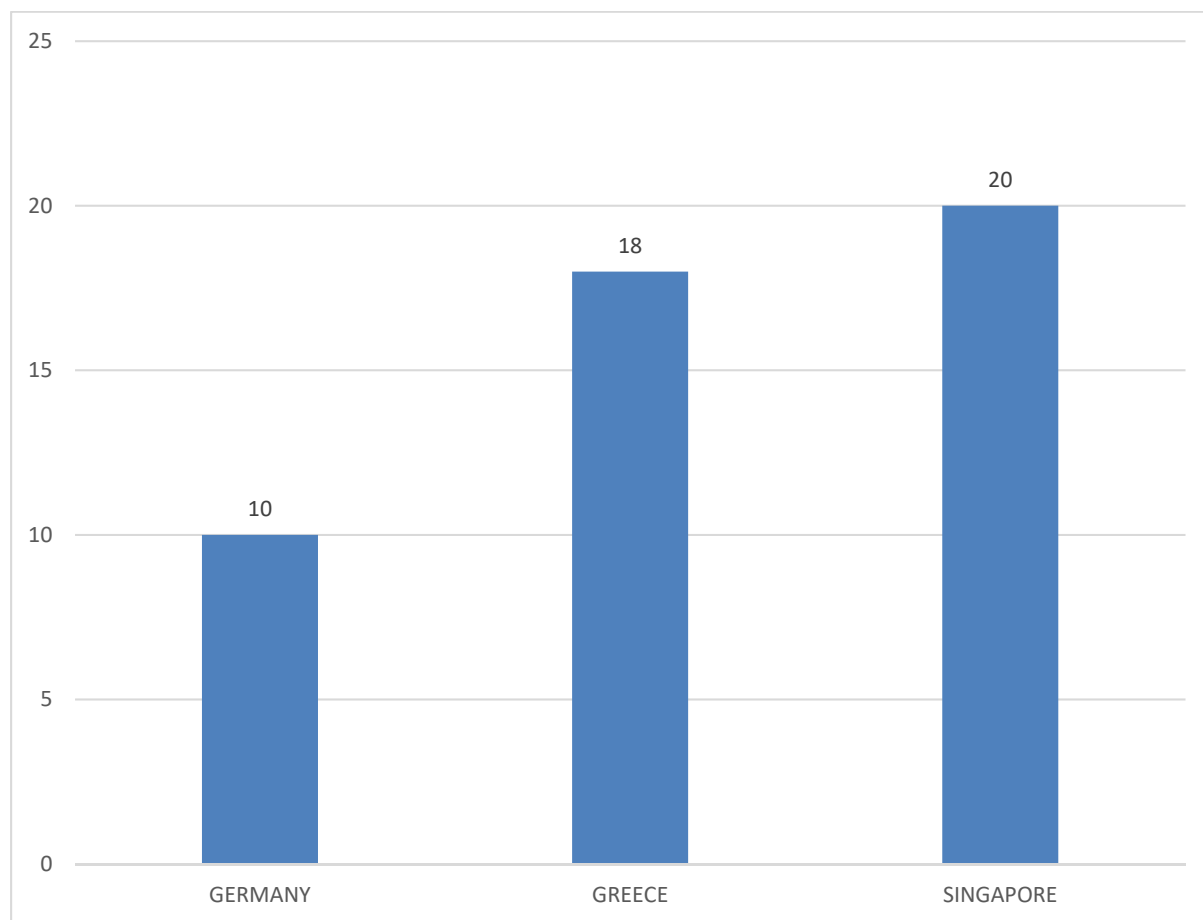
**CHART E: Flag States whose vessels attacked nine or more times January – September 2019**



**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed:  
January – September 2019**

| <b>Country</b> | <b>No of Ships</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Austria        | 1                  |
| Bahamas        | 2                  |
| Benin          | 1                  |
| Cameroon       | 1                  |
| Canada         | 2                  |
| China          | 4                  |
| Denmark        | 7                  |
| France         | 1                  |
| Germany        | 10                 |
| Greece         | 18                 |
| Hong Kong      | 7                  |
| India          | 7                  |
| Isle of Man    | 2                  |
| Japan          | 1                  |
| Korea South    | 2                  |
| Latvia         | 1                  |
| Malaysia       | 3                  |
| Netherlands    | 4                  |
| New Zealand    | 1                  |
| Nigeria        | 3                  |
| Norway         | 1                  |
| Oman           | 1                  |
| Portugal       | 1                  |
| Romania        | 2                  |
| Singapore      | 20                 |
| Switzerland    | 4                  |
| Turkey         | 2                  |
| UAE            | 5                  |
| United Kingdom | 5                  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>119</b>         |

**CHART F: Managing countries whose vessels attacked nine or more times  
January – September 2019**





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

**From 1 January to 30 September 2019, no incidents reported to the IMB PRC for Somalia and Gulf of Aden.**

**The international navies patrolling these waters continue to coordinate and liaise with merchant and fishing fleets to identify and apprehend pirate action groups.**

**All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the BMP 5 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 retain the capability and capacity to carry out incidents.**

**The IMB PRC supports and compliments the role of the international navies, by relaying all reports received, to the response agencies as well as by broadcasting alerts to ships via the INMARSAT Safety Net Service**

## **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 normally target ships at anchor. Most incidents reported are at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Incidents in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Batu Ampar/Batam anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas. Many incidents may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessels during the night. When spotted and alarm is sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew. Therefore, a strict anti-piracy watch is recommended.

Recent meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which have so far brought incidents down. With the assistance and actions of the IMP, the incidents appear to be decreasing each quarter.

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

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures and report all incidents and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB PRC will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

**Malacca Straits:** Although the number of incidents has dropped substantially (2016, 2017 and 2018 recorded zero incidents) 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. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, incidents may have gone unreported.

**Malaysia:** Bandar Penawar, Johor - vessels attacked at anchorage. Off Tanjung Piai – vessels attacked while underway.

In / off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs / barges / fishing vessels being attacked and crews kidnapped. There were two kidnapping incidents last year and two this year off Tambisan, Sabah. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation. Merchant vessels are also at risk.

Ships are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents locations issued by the Philippines and Malaysian Intel.

**Philippines:** Pirates/Militants in the southern Philippines conduct incidents on vessels in/off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. They attacked tugs/barges/ fishing vessels/yachts/merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom.

These kidnappings by militants have stopped since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah and two this year where small vessels like tugs and fishing boats were targeted. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated to the ASG.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents locations issued by the Philippines Intel.

Batangas/Tabangas – Be vigilant. A number of past and recent incidents/robberies have been recorded.

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

**South China Sea:** Although incidents 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 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. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia.

There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

## **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

**Benin** (Cotonou): Incidents have increased at Benin anchorage. Last year, within a period of several weeks, five incidents were reported at Benin anchorage. One attack has been reported in 2019 where six crew were kidnapped. In the past, ships especially gas oil tankers are targeted

and forced to sail out of Benin anchorage. These tankers were hijacked and later released days after. It is believed that ransom was paid for their release.

Past incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and violent. In some cases, ships have been fired upon. The pirates forced masters to sail to unknown locations where the ship's properties and sometimes part cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past.

**Cameroon** (Idenao / Douala): Incidents are increasing. Latest Warning issued showed kidnapping of crews at Anchorage.

**Equatorial Guinea:** Two incidents occurred around 40nm from Luba involving hijacking and the other boarded with criminal intentions.

**Ghana** (Takoradi): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

**Guinea** (Conakry): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

**Ivory Coast** (Abidjan): Incidents dropped but remains risky.

**Nigeria** (Lagos, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed ships / kidnapped crews along / far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, incidents reported up to about 170nm from the coast. In many past incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crewmembers were also injured and kidnapped in these incidents. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many incidents may have gone unreported. Incidents continue to rise substantially especially kidnapping of crews for ransom. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high risk waters.

**Togo** (Lome): Incidents have dropped to zero for 2017 and one attack off Togo for 2018 and two in 2019. The area remains at risk. In the past, pirates / robbers in this area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Incidents can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some past incidents resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** In 2018, three vessels have reported being fired upon in this region. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest recommendations in BMP5, 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 incidents still exists in the waters off the 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, RPGs and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows. Masters and

ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP5 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. Keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, an early sighting / detection of an approaching skiff will enable an accurate assessment, allowing the Master 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.

**Vessels transiting in / off Yemen:** Security risk due to civil war in Yemen (not piracy related)  
**Vessels transiting Strait of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran** – Two incidents involving explosions on tanker reported. (not piracy related).

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

**Haiti:** Port Au Prince

**Peru** (Callao): Robbery incidents continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and anti-piracy measures.

**Venezuela** (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Robbery incidents still occurring. Ships are reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

### **Reporting of incidents**

All incidents (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings should be reported to local authorities, flag states and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334. Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and measures especially in high risk waters.

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**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.**

## **TRENDS**

A total of 119 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships have been referred to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in 2019. This compares to 156 incidents for the corresponding third quarter in 2018.

The 2019 incidents are broken down as 95 vessels boarded, 10 vessels fired upon, 10 attempted attacks and four vessels hijacked – with one vessel hijacked in the last quarter.

Whilst the drop in overall numbers is welcome, the number of incidents involving the use of guns and knives remains almost constant year on year. The IMB PRC remains concerned over continued threats to the safety and security of seafarers.

The number of crew taken hostage has reduced from 112 in 2018 to 49 in 2019. Conversely, the number of crew kidnapped from their vessels has increased from 39 in 2018 to 70 in 2019, a significant increase.

As a region, the Gulf of Guinea accounts for 86% of those crew taken hostage and for almost 82% of the crew kidnappings globally. In July a general cargo vessel was hijacked approximately 120nm SW from Brass. Ten crew members were kidnapped from the vessel and released four weeks later. In August a bulk carrier and a general cargo vessel were boarded within hours of each other at Douala anchorage, Cameroon and a total of 17 crew were kidnapped from the vessels. Within six weeks all kidnapped crew were released. This incident demonstrates the range of piracy activity in the Gulf of Guinea and that all types of ships are vulnerable to attack. Lagos recorded 11 incidents in 2019, the highest number for any port.

In East Africa, no incidents have been reported for Somalia in 2019. IMB continues to urge masters however to maintain high levels of vigilance when transiting these waters and to follow the latest BMP recommendations.

Elsewhere, the number of mainly low-level reports for Indonesia has dropped from 31 in 2018 to 20 in 2019.

Since 1991, IMB's 24-hour manned Piracy Reporting 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 charge, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

IMB continues to urge shipmasters and owners and other maritime interests 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 this crime. As an independent, non-commercial, and apolitical organization, IMB provides transparent statistics, which acts as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 119 incidents for 01 January to 30 September 2019 are listed on pages 27 to 49. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Benin:**

On 02 January 2019, a Panamanian flagged Container ship MV MSC Mandy was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:28 North and Longitude 002:21 East, around 55nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 0001 UTC. Pirates successfully attacked and boarded the ship and kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port. On 01.02.2019, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.

### **Cameroon:**

On 30 March 2019, a Liberian flagged Container ship was attacked by armed persons while at anchor at position 03:53 North and Longitude 009:30 East, around 15nm SW of Douala Cameroon at approximately 1910 UTC. The armed persons attacked and boarded the ship and kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Douala port. Authorities are investigating.

On 15 August 2019, a Liberia flagged Bulk Carrier was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 03:52.40 North and Longitude 009:31.12 East at Douala Anchorage, Cameroon at approximately 0118 UTC. Armed persons attacked and boarded the vessel successfully at anchorage. They stole crew and ship properties and escaped. The Cameroon Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the area. When the crew emerged from hiding, it was reported that nine crews were kidnapped. On 25.09.2019, all nine kidnapped crews were safely released.

On 15 August 2019, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo vessel was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 03:52 North and Longitude 009:31 East at Douala Anchorage, Cameroon at approximately 0230 UTC. Armed persons attacked and boarded the vessel successfully at anchorage. The Cameroon Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the area. When the crew emerged from hiding, it was reported that eight crews were kidnapped. On 20.09.2019, all eight kidnapped crews were safely released.

On 13 September 2019, a Cameroon Fishing vessel was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:10.26 North and Longitude 008:55.38 East around 4.5 nm SW of Idenao, Cameroon at approximately 2200 UTC. Eight persons in a speedboat attacked and successfully boarded the Fishing Vessel conducting fishing operations. They kidnapped two crew members and escaped. Cameroon Navy notified and investigations are ongoing.

### **Equatorial Guinea:**

On 05 May 2019, a Nigerian flagged Tug TB Charis was hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:04 North and Longitude 007:59 East, around 41nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1200 UTC. All crew taken hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities. A Spanish and Equatorial Guinean Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released.

On 05 May 2019, a Malta flagged Heavy Load Carrier MV Blue Marlin was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:03.2 North and Longitude 007:52.3 East, around 48nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1216 UTC.

Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded, and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the Equatorial Guinean Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping. All crew safe. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinean Navy to a safe port for further investigations.

#### **Malaysia:**

On 17 June 2019, a Malaysian flagged Fishing vessel SA/232/5/F was attacked by armed persons while underway enroute from Tambisan to Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1800 UTC. The Malaysian Fishing vessel together with another fishing vessel with a total crew of 16 were intercepted by armed persons resulting in 10 crews being kidnapped. Local Authorities notified, and a search was conducted. Nine crew were released on 21.06.2019. One crew remains missing. Authorities are investigating.

On 23 September 2019, a Malaysian Fishing vessel was attacked by armed kidnappers while underway at position Latitude 05:34.05 North and Longitude 119:07.05 East, around 6.3nm north of Pulau Tambisan, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 0358 UTC. Seven armed persons in two pump boats, wearing camouflage uniforms and masks approached two fishing vessels. The armed persons boarded the fishing vessels and held all the crews at gunpoint and took their personal belongings, phones and documentation. Before leaving, the armed persons kidnapped three members from one fishing vessel and headed towards Tawi-Tawi islands. Authorities notified and are investigating.

#### **Nigeria:**

On 03 February 2019, a Marshall Islands flagged Landing Craft was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:32.6 North and Longitude 004:47.3 East, around 136nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0530 UTC. About five armed pirates in a speedboat chased, fired at and successfully boarded the vessel. They kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. The remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. On 01 March 2019, the owner confirmed that the kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 09 March 2019, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Support Vessel was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:57.2 North and Longitude 006:39.0 East, around 32nm SE of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 1115 UTC. Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats attacked the support vessel. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security boat which manoeuvred to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow while the other speed boat exchanged gun fire with the security boat. An alarm was raised, and all crews proceeded to the Engine Room. All electrical power shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and the vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the Engine Room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard was reported killed in the exchange of gun fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations are ongoing.

On 05 April 2019, a Nigerian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Maria Soltin was hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 05:49.10 North and Longitude 003:49.00 East, Lagos Offshore, Nigeria at approximately 2100 UTC. Nine pirates armed with automatic weapons and a RPG boarded the tanker undergoing sea trials. Duty officer raised the alarm and



crew took shelter. The pirates managed to take the duty officer hostage and forced the remaining crew to come out of hiding and muster. They locked all the crew in one cabin, stole crew and ship's property, took the Master hostage and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. On 09 Apr 2019, a Spanish Navy Warship tried to establish communication with the tanker. On receiving no response, the warship approached the tanker, resulting in the pirates escaping. The Master told the naval boarding team that they had been held hostage for four days. After investigations, the naval boarding team disembarked. While continuing on her voyage, the main engines overheated, and the C/E reported an ingress of water into the engine room. Without any communication equipment, the tanker remained adrift for 12 days before being assisted by a fishing boat. The Master then established contact with the Owners who arranged for the tanker to be towed to Ghana where the tanker arrived on 22 April 2019. All 12 crews reported safe.

On 15 April 2019, a Switzerland flagged Product Tanker MT San Padre Pio was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 04:28.1 North and Longitude 007:10.1 East, Bonny River Inner Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2020 UTC. Four persons in a speed boat armed with automatic weapons approached an anchored tanker. Two persons managed to board the tanker and opened fire towards the accommodation. The onboard Nigerian naval guards returned fire resulting in the persons retreating into their boat and escaping. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and all 12-crew mustered in the citadel. Bonny Signal Station and Nigerian Navy notified. One guard was injured during the shooting and was given first aid by the crew. Two security boats responded and approached the tanker. The injured guard was transferred to a security boat and taken ashore for medical assistance. Remaining crew safe.

On 19 April 2019, a Palau flagged Product Tanker was attacked by armed persons while anchored at Bonny Outer Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 1330 UTC. An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crews and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian navy notified, and investigations carried out. The six crew were released unharmed on 26.06.2019.

On 13 July 2019, a Turkey flagged General Cargo vessel was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:58 North and Longitude 004:40 East, around 124nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 2250 UTC. Armed pirates in two speedboats attacked and successfully boarded and hijacked the vessel. The Owners were unable to contact their vessel and immediately reported to the Nigerian Authorities. The IMB PRC received the information from the Nigerian Authorities and established contact with the Owners. The IMB PRC notified all the Regional Authorities and the Ghana Navy Maritime Ops Centre dispatched a patrol boat to intercept the hijacked vessel. On 15.07.2019, the Ghana Navy Patrol Boat located the vessel and escorted her to a safe port for investigations. It was reported that 10 crew members were kidnapped from the vessel. All 10 kidnapped crew members were safely released on 09.08.2019.

On 17 August 2019, a Liberia flagged LPG Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:34.84 North and Longitude 006:40.75 East, around 50nm SE of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0325 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. Alarm sounded and crew mustered in the citadel. Headcount indicated that one crew was missing. Owners and Nigerian Navy notified and a naval patrol boat was dispatched. After the Nigerian naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed that no pirates were onboard, the crews emerged from the citadel. One crew member was missing and believed kidnapped and the pirates also stole ship's and crew's personal effects and damaged bridge window and door.

**Togo:**

On 03 March 2019, a Malta flagged Product Tanker MT Histria Ivory was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:52 North and Longitude 001:24 East, around 17nm SSE of Lome, Togo at approximately 1940 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. An alarm was raised, and all crews mustered into the citadel. On taking the headcount, four crews were identified as missing. Upon receiving a MAYDAY message from the Master, the IMB PRC immediately informed and liaised with the Togo Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval patrol boat arrived at the location of the tanker. The crews then emerged from the citadel. On searching the tanker, one crew member was found hiding in a compartment. The tanker was escorted to Lome anchorage for further investigations. Three crew members remain missing and believed kidnapped by pirates.

On 12 May 2019, a Togo flagged Chemical Tanker MT G Dona 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while anchored at Lome Anchorage, Togo at approximately 0100 UTC. Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the Owners that their tanker had been attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate and intercepted the tanker 25nm from the anchorage area. The armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant Authorities. All crew reported safe.

**NARRATIONS OF INCIDENTS****1 January – 30 September 2019****ACTUAL INCIDENTS****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                            | Position  | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 10.01.2019<br>2200 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Mito<br>General Cargo<br>Panama<br>9815<br>9587788                      | 05:59.1S –<br>105:56.2E,<br>Ciwandan<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                     | During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the lock to the engine store broken and ship's spares missing. Incident reported to local agents.  |
| 2.  | 05.02.2019<br>2205 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Maersk Capri<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Singapore<br>29816<br>9786140        | 03:55.4N –<br>098:47.0E,<br>Belawan<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                      | Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber escaping via the hawse pipe and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and on searching the tanker, ship's properties reported missing.   |
| 3.  | 19.02.2019<br>1345 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Peterborough<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>32672<br>9483188             | 03:41.36S –<br>114:26.46E,<br>Taboneo<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                    | While carrying out routine rounds onboard an anchored ship, duty crew noticed the forecastle store door forced open and ship's properties missing. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control. Marine police boarded the ship to investigate and collect evidence.  |
| 4.  | 26.03.2019<br>1230 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nakhal Silver<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29354<br>9718765 | 13:44N –<br>121:02E,<br>Batangas<br>Anchorage,<br>Philippines                       | Duty crew on routine rounds noticed a robber near the forecastle and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and approached the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores. On investigating it was reported that the robber gained access via the anchor chain. Incident reported to Coast Guard.  |
| 5.  | 26.03.2019<br>2030 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | TRF Kaya<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>28616<br>9330549                    | 14:33.3N –<br>120:54.1E,<br>Manila South<br>Quarantine<br>Anchorage,<br>Philippines | Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by duty watchman during routine rounds. It was reported that the razor wire installed at the hawse pipe was removed. Footprints were found on the deck and the bosun store was broken into. VTMS Manila and local agent informed. Coast Guard personnel boarded the ship for investigation. |
| 6.  | 26.04.2019<br>2105 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Jackson Bay<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>39912<br>9322358                 | 06:05.7S –<br>106:55.2E,<br>Jakarta<br>Container<br>Terminal,<br>Indonesia          | Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen.   |

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| 7.  | 11.05.2019<br>1000 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Princess Paula<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>19885<br>9300207   | 01:42.76N –<br>101:26.62E,<br>Lubuk Gaung<br>Anchorage,<br>Dumai Port,<br>Indonesia          | Unnoticed thieves boarded the ship, stole engine spare parts and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew when they noticed the engine store room padlock broken.  |
| 8.  | 12.05.2019<br>1810 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Da Yang Bai Li<br>General Cargo<br>China<br>7216<br>9607978   | 01:00.1N –<br>104:54.8E,<br>Around 4nm<br>East of Pulau<br>Mapur,<br>Indonesia               | Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty AB and entered into the master's cabin. They tied up the AB and the Master and escaped with their personal cash and effects.  |
| 9.  | 18.05.2019<br>0800 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Barlian T1201<br>Tug<br>Niue<br>153<br>9433432<br><br>Smit Cyclone<br>Crane Barge<br>Singapore<br>2700<br>7603588 | 01:13.00N –<br>103:34.50E,<br>Around 3.4nm<br>SSE of Tanjung<br>Piai,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia  | Persons from five wooden boats, illegally boarded and stole properties from a crane barge under tow by a tug. The tug Master contacted the Authorities and reported the incident.   |
| 10. | 23.05.2019<br>1330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Odysseas L<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>44180<br>9597381   | 03:43.0S –<br>114:26.3E,<br>Taboneo<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                               | Seven persons armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship. Duty watchman raised the alarm and crew mustered. The persons threatened the crew, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control. A patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.  |
| 11. | 28.05.2019<br>1852 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | CSK Enterprise<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>107449<br>9816555  | 05:59.8S –<br>105:57.8E,<br>D6 Berth,<br>Cigading Port,<br>Indonesia                         | Duty watchman on routine rounds noticed two robbers in the steering gear room during safety patrols and immediately informed the OOW who sounded the ship's whistle and PA announcement made. On searching the ship, ship's crew found the steering gear room's lock broken and engine spares stolen.   |
| 12. | 31.05.2019<br>1530 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | SafeSea Neha II<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>31144<br>9347918  | 01:35.83N –<br>104:28.73E,<br>Around 13nm<br>ENE of Bandar<br>Penawar,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia | Duty Officers onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecandle and proceeded to investigate. As the officers arrived, the person threatened them with a knife and escaped with his accomplice who was waiting in a boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 13. | 17.06.2019<br>1800 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | SA/232/5/F<br>Fishing Vessel<br>Malaysia<br>-<br>-  | Enroute from<br>Tambisan to<br>Semporna,<br>Sabah,<br>Malaysia                               | Two fishing vessels with 16 crews were approached and boarded by armed persons while en route from Tambisan to Semporna. The armed persons kidnapped 10 crews and escaped. Local  |

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|     |   |   |  | authorities notified. The nine crew were reported released on 21.06.2019. One remaining crew still held.  |
| 14. | 30.06.2019<br>0930 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36336<br>- | Berth 115,<br>Tanjung Priok<br>Port,<br>Jakarta,<br>Indonesia                              | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. Duty Bosun on routine rounds noticed the store padlock broken and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authorities. The Port Security Police and the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.  |
| 15. | 11.07.2019<br>0230 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Modalwan No.11<br>Tug<br>Malaysia<br>91<br>-                    | 01:13N –<br>103:31E,<br>Around 2.9nm<br>South of<br>Tanjung Piai,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia    | Six small wooden boats approached the tug and barge underway. The unauthorised persons boarded the barge, stole its cargo of scrap metal and escaped. The Master contacted the local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel to investigate.   |
| 16. | 21.07.2019<br>1925 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | CK Bluebell<br>Bulk Carrier<br>South Korea<br>44132<br>9595876  | 02:55.8N –<br>105:10.8E,<br>Around 16nm<br>NW of Pulau<br>Damar,<br>Indonesia              | Seven pirates armed with a pistol and knives in a small speed boat boarded the ship underway using a ladder attached with a hook. Master and the second officer taken hostage, tied up and assaulted by the pirates. The pirates stole cash and crew personal belongings before escaping. Incident reported to Korean Authorities.  |
| 17. | 22.07.2019<br>2300 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Crest Onyx<br>Offshore Tug<br>Indonesia<br>1727<br>9655717      | 01:04.15N –<br>103:54.20E,<br>PT Dharma<br>Sentosa<br>Marindo Yard,<br>Batam,<br>Indonesia | Four robbers in a boat approached and boarded the berthed offshore tug. Second mate on routine rounds noticed footprints on the main deck. Further checks revealed a storeroom padlock broken. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Vessel's properties were reported stolen. The following day at 2100 UTC, a suspicious boat came alongside the tug with two persons onboard. One of them was armed with a knife. Alert crew raised the alarm resulting in the boat moving away. Incident reported to PFSO and Yard Manager. |
| 18. | 27.07.2019<br>1955 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Bright Dawn<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>30042<br>9362372     | 01:45.5N –<br>101:22.0E,<br>SDS Terminal,<br>St 1,<br>Lubuk Gaung,<br>Indonesia            | Four armed robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. Alert crew noticed the robbers near the engine room and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped through the steering gear room. A search was carried out. It was reported that engine spares were stolen. Incident reported to the PFSO.   |

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| 19. | 30.07.2019<br>2320 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Strategic Unity<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>24641<br>9648099       | 03:56.8N –<br>098:48.7E,<br>Belawan<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                                | Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Port Control.   |
| 20. | 30.07.2019<br>2220 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Sichem Rio<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Malta<br>8562<br>9322073              | 06:01.1S –<br>106:52.8E,<br>Around 5nm<br>North of<br>Tanjung Priok,<br>Jakarta,<br>Indonesia | Six robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker waiting for pilot. They injured the Chief Engineer on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the VTS.   |
| 21. | 20.08.2019<br>2040 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Salvicero<br>Tug<br>Singapore<br>2658<br>9351830                       | 01:06.15N –<br>103:53.06E,<br>Batam<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                                | Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tug. Crew alerted and alarm raised. All crew mustered in a safe location and called the local authorities who responded and boarded the tug for investigations. Deck and engine room spares were reported stolen. All crew safe.   |
| 22. | 22.08.2019<br>1830 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Tomini Dynasty<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36308<br>9721360 | 03:54.40N –<br>098:47.25E,<br>Belawan<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                              | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the anchor chain. Crew told the boat to move away as they were about to heave up the anchor. As the duty crew was about to raise the alarm, two armed robbers who had already boarded the ship, held the duty crew at knife point and tied him up. When the ship was ready to heave up the anchor, the remaining crew proceeded to the forecandle. On seeing these crew members approaching, the robbers snatched the duty crew's walkie-talkie and escaped through the hawse pipe after opening the security cover. Incident reported to Port Control. On berthing, Marine Police boarded the ship for investigation. |
| 23. | 25.08.2019<br>2045 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Eagle<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>160904<br>9233753               | 01:35N –<br>104:32E,<br>Around 17nm<br>ENE of Bandar<br>Penawar,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia        | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed armed persons on the forecandle and notified the duty officer. Alarm raised and forward whistle sounded. Master advised all crew to retreat into the accommodation. Hearing the alarm, the armed persons escaped with a life raft and other ship's properties.   |
| 24. | 27.08.2019<br>1225 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>24785<br>-               | Sandakan Port,<br>Sabah,<br>Malaysia  | During routine rounds, duty AB onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers on the forecandle and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a boat which was alongside the ship with another robber. Upon investigation, ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to local police.   |

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| 25. | 08.09.2019<br>0908 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | British Contributor<br>LNG Tanker<br>Isle of Man<br>115366<br>9766554 | 01:34.6N –<br>104:30.9E,<br>Around 15nm<br>East of Bandar<br>Penawar,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia     | Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor cable. They stole the forward life raft, ship's properties, stores and escaped. The theft was noticed through the CCTV recording.   |
| 26. | 18.09.2019<br>1900 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>11561<br>-     | Dermaga<br>Kencana<br>Terminal,<br>Balikpapan,<br>Indonesia                                     | Two robbers boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to local authorities.  |
| 27. | 23.09.2019<br>0358 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | NA<br>Fishing Vessel<br>Malaysia<br>-<br>-                            | 05:34.05N –<br>119:07.05E,<br>Around 6.3nm<br>North of Pulau<br>Tambisan,<br>Sabah,<br>Malaysia | Seven armed persons in two pump boats, wearing camouflage uniforms and masks, approached two fishing vessels. The persons boarded the fishing vessels, held the crews at gunpoint and took their personal effects, phones and documentation. Before leaving the armed persons kidnapped three crew members from one fishing vessel and headed to Tawi-Tawi Islands.   |
| 28. | 25.09.2019<br>2015 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Front Leopard<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>62700<br>9703320       | 01:34N –<br>104:31E,<br>Around 16nm<br>East of Bandar<br>Penawar,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia         | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker via anchor chain and stole ship's equipment from the forward store and escaped. Incident reported to regional authorities.  |
| 29. | 25.09.2019<br>2206 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | TSL Rosemary<br>General Cargo<br>Hong Kong<br>21483<br>9527192        | 01:36N –<br>104:32E,<br>Around 16nm<br>East of Bandar<br>Penawar,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia         | A Bosun onboard an anchored ship sighted three robbers on the forecandle and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. The crew mustered and proceeded towards the forward. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with a mooring rope.   |
| 30. | 30.09.2019<br>1515 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Transpacific<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Malta<br>43721<br>9597226             | 01:02.7N –<br>103:39.0E,<br>Singapore<br>Straits  | Deck crew on routine rounds onboard the ship underway in the Singapore TSS spotted five armed robbers on the aft deck. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and PA announcement made resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. After almost one hour and in Singapore waters, a Singapore police coast guard boat intercepted and escorted the ship to Singapore, where they boarded and searched the ship to ensure that the robbers had left. |

## EAST ASIA

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number                                   | Position   | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 11.01.2019<br>2030 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>94866<br>-                | 38:53.60N –<br>118:36.65E,<br>Caofeidian<br>Anchorage,<br>China              | Two robbers, armed with a steel bar, boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to port authorities.   |
| 2.  | 29.01.2019<br>1655 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | FMG Northern<br>Spirit<br>Ore Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>134693<br>9753595 | 38:52.8N –<br>119:11.8E,<br>Jingtang<br>Anchorage,<br>China                  | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed an unlit barge alongside and raised the alarm. Two robbers wearing masks were seen lowering hoses and escaping from the quarter deck. On searching the ship, oil stains were noticed near the MDO tank sounding pipe. All tanks were sounded. Nothing reported stolen. Tangshan VTS informed.   |
| 3.  | 10.02.2019<br>1840 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | RTM Dampier<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>106796<br>9591325           | 38:52.50N –<br>118:42.60E,<br>Caofeidian<br>Anchorage,<br>China              | Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed from the bridge wing a hose connected from an opened DO tank manhole to a small unlit barge alongside the ship. Alarm raised, and duty AB instructed to investigate. Hearing the alarm, the duty officer noticed a robber lowering the hose and escaping in the barge. On sounding the tank, it was reported that DO had been stolen. Incident reported to VTS Caofeidian.       |
| 4.  | 25.07.2019<br>1240 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Molengracht<br>General Cargo<br>Netherlands<br>9524<br>9571533          | 10:44.45N –<br>106:44.71E,<br>Lotus Port,<br>Ho Chi Minh<br>City,<br>Vietnam | Third officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed an unauthorised person on deck throwing items over the shipside. On checking, the duty officer saw two boats collecting the items. Alarm raised. Seeing the approaching officer, the unauthorised person escaped. Upon checking it was found that the padlock of the forward store was broken, and ship's properties were stolen. Local authorities notified. |
| 5.  | 11.08.2019<br>1930 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Kota Waris<br>Container<br>Singapore<br>16772<br>9157404                | 10:44.3N –<br>106:46.2E,<br>Phuoc Long<br>Mooring Buoy<br>No. 03,<br>Vietnam | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers armed with knives trying to break into the steering gear room. Duty Officer notified. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen.  |



## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number                          | Position  | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 03.02.2019<br>1630 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Maersk Erik<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>25382<br>9316608 | 23:02.02N –<br>070:13.39E,<br>Oil Jetty No.4,<br>Kandla Port,<br>India  | The chief officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a boat under the forecandle and notified the other deck crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away. On inspection, it was noticed that a store room had been broken into, but nothing reported stolen. Port Authorities notified.  |
| 2.  | 13.04.2019<br>1006 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Sonangol Namibe<br>Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>83469<br>9325049       | 17:37.1N –<br>083:19.2E,<br>Visakhapatnam<br>SPM<br>Anchorage,<br>India | Five boats with 11 persons approached the tanker during anchoring operations. Upon anchoring the boats came alongside, threw a hook attached to a rope onto the ship's rails and commenced boarding the tanker. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew mustered. Port Authorities notified. The unauthorised persons remained on deck as the crew prevented them from entering the accommodation. They did not confront the crew but refused to leave the tanker. Finally, on seeing the approaching pilot boat, the unauthorised persons disembarked. |
| 3.  | 23.09.2019<br>1925 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Trammo Cornell<br>LPG Tanker<br>Singapore<br>25600<br>9543081  | 17:03.8N –<br>082:26.2E,<br>Kakinada<br>Anchorage,<br>India             | Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker using a hook attached to a rope. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their boat with ship's stores. Incident reported to port authorities.   |

## AMERICAS

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number                            | Position  | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 03.01.2019<br>0328 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | CMA CGM<br>Kingston<br>Container<br>Portugal<br>16162<br>9376907 | 10:19.1N –<br>075:31.3W,<br>Mamonal<br>Anchorage,<br>Colombia | Deck watchmen onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers near the forecandle and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised, crew mustered inside the accommodation and all doors were locked from inside. Master reported the incident to the Coast Guard and requested assistance. A Coast Guard boat arrived and searched the waters around the ship. Ship's properties were reported missing. |
| 2.  | 17.01.2019<br>0340 UTC                        | Gerd Knutsen<br>Tanker   | 10:11.7N –<br>064:47.3W,                                      | Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. They stole ship's stores and   |

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|    | Anchored<br>Boarded                           | Isle of Man<br>79592<br>9041057                                      | Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela   | escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.   |
| 3. | 10.03.2019<br>0430 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Pilion<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Barbados<br>32210<br>9425825               | 00:03.5N –<br>050:57.8W,<br>Macapa<br>Anchorage,<br>Brazil                                 | Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, and all crews mustered. Seeing the alerted crews, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Port Authorities. |
| 4. | 21.03.2019<br>0435 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Cabo Fuji<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>42791<br>9730878                    | 10:11.2N –<br>064:47.4W,<br>Jose Terminal<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela                       | Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Deck watch on routine rounds spotted the robbers and notified the OOW just before the robbers threatened him with a knife and stole his radio. Alarm raised, and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping with their accomplices in a waiting boat. Incident reported to Port Authorities. |
| 5. | 21.03.2019<br>0900 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Navigator Virgo<br>LPG Tanker<br>Liberia<br>18311<br>9404819         | 18:24.8N –<br>069:19.1W,<br>San Pedro de<br>Macoris<br>Anchorage,<br>Dominican<br>Republic | Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was noticed during routine rounds.  |
| 6. | 28.03.2019<br>0410 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Diamondway<br>Tanker<br>Liberia<br>81545<br>9742895                  | 10:11.40N –<br>064:52.17W,<br>Jose Terminal<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela                     | Five robbers armed with knives and a pipe wrench boarded an anchored tanker. They tied up the aft watch keeper and broke into the paint store. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.  |
| 7. | 14.04.2019<br>0645 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Port Imabari<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>35825<br>9846263 | 12:01.9S –<br>077:11.2W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru                                   | Five robbers boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds was attacked, threatened and beaten. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the duty AB's personal belongings. Incident reported to local Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation.                   |
| 8. | 25.04.2019<br>0340 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Taurus<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Isle of Man<br>93196<br>9403530            | 12:17.9N –<br>072:01.2W,<br>Puerto Bolivar<br>Anchorage,<br>Colombia                       | Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Coast Guard informed.   |
| 9. | 26.04.2019<br>0200 UTC                        | Name Withheld<br>Tanker  | 10:12.3N –<br>064:45.9W,   | Six persons in a small boat with an outboard motor approached and boarded   |

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|     | Anchored<br>Boarded                           | Singapore<br>64459<br>-  | Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela  | an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Coast Guard through the local agents.   |
| 10. | 26.04.2019<br>0330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Seletar Spirit<br>Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>60193<br>9484077                | 10:17.0N –<br>064:42.2W,<br>Puerto La Cruz<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela                       | Duty Officer noticed on the CCTV one unauthorised person on the forecandle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. A security search of the tanker showed ship's properties stolen from the forecandle store.   |
| 11. | 26.04.2019<br>0700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | CS Jola<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>23269<br>9791896        | 12:01S –<br>077:13W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru  | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port Control informed.  |
| 12. | 02.05.2019<br>0730 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Aqua Lobo<br>Pleasure Craft<br>Cayman Island<br>-<br>-                 | 09:16.40N –<br>078:07.45W,<br>Around 1.9nm<br>ENE of San<br>Ignacio De<br>Tupile,<br>Panama | The IMB Piracy Reporting Center (PRC) received a distress call from an anchored pleasure boat with a family of four onboard. The distress call indicated that the boat had been boarded by unknown persons and one family member had been shot and killed and another injured, while two other family members were unharmed. The IMB PRC immediately informed the Panamanian Authorities. A marine police boat was dispatched to the location to render assistance to the pleasure boat. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the authorities and the victim until the marine police boat arrived at location and boarded the pleasure boat. The injured person together with two other family members were taken ashore for medical treatment. |
| 13. | 15.05.2019<br>0700 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>29447<br>-                | Martissant<br>Terminal,<br>Port Au Prince,<br>Haiti   | Two armed robbers boarded the berthed tanker using a hook attached to a rope. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with ship's stores. Incident reported to PFSO.   |
| 14. | 18.05.2019<br>0555 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Methane Mickie<br>Harper<br>LNG Tanker<br>Bermuda<br>109004<br>9520376 | 11:59.8S –<br>077:11.9W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru                                    | Around four to five robbers wearing face masks boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. They took hostage the duty crew on routine rounds. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers took the duty crew's radio, pushed him and escaped in their boat.  |

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|     |   |  |  | Incident was reported to Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.  |
| 15. | 31.05.2019<br>0525 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | CS Sonoma<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Bahamas<br>32987<br>9569944         | 00:03.27N –<br>050:58.93W,<br>Macapa<br>Anchorage,<br>Brazil                       | Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship through the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the Master, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, whistle sounded, and all crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's crew found the paint store room's lock broken and ship's stores reported stolen.  |
| 16. | 04.08.2019<br>1200 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Tog Mor<br>Maintenance<br>Pontoon<br>Malta<br>7235<br>8759152    | 18:48.8N –<br>091:47.8W,<br>Ciudad Del<br>Carmen<br>Anchorage,<br>Mexico           | Crew onboard the maintenance pontoon reported ship's stores and properties were stolen. A machete was found near the store room. Master later received information from another vessel in the vicinity, that robbers had attempted to board their vessel also. Incident reported to the Mexican Coast Guard/Navy. Three patrol boats were dispatched to investigate.   |
| 17. | 22.09.2019<br>0100 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | EF Eldra<br>Container<br>Marshall Islands<br>16137<br>9470882    | 02:32.44S –<br>080:05.72W,<br>Around 4.5nm<br>WNW of Isla<br>Escalante,<br>Ecuador | Two duty crew onboard the ship under pilotage failed to respond to routine radio checks from the OOW. Investigations revealed that both the crew had been assaulted and tied up. They reported that seven persons armed with a shotgun had boarded, taken them hostage and stolen their personal effects and radios before escaping. The ship proceeded to Posorja roads where the coast guard and anti-narcotics police team boarded and searched the ship. Once clearance was given, the ship resumed her passage. |
| 18. | 30.09.2019<br>0700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Dorthe Oldendorff<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>24726<br>9598921 | 12:01.5S –<br>077:11.9W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru                           | Four robbers boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and tied his hands. When the duty officer did not receive a response from the duty AB he ordered other crew members to investigate. Upon arriving at the forecastle, the crew members saw the duty AB was tied and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. The duty AB was unharmed. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to the port authority and local agent.             |

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

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number                            | Position   | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 02.01.2019<br>0001 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | MSC Mandy<br>Container<br>Panama<br>37071<br>8918966             | 05:28N –<br>002:21E,<br>Around 55nm<br>South of Cotonou,<br>Benin        | Armed pirates attack and boarded the ship underway. Six crew members reported kidnapped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port. Owners confirmed all kidnapped crew released safely on 01.02.2019.   |
| 2.  | 03.01.2019<br>2325 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | FSL Singapore<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>28068<br>9311725 | 06:17.8N –<br>003:19.3E,<br>Lagos Security<br>Anchorage Area,<br>Nigeria | Two unauthorised persons boarded the tanker during STS operations. The security guard noticed the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the persons escaping. Nothing was stolen.   |
| 3.  | 07.01.2019<br>0320 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Two Million<br>Ways<br>Tanker<br>Cyprus<br>40865<br>9334571      | 06:16.3N –<br>003:20.1E,<br>Lagos STS<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria           | Two robbers with plastic hoses boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. They connected the hoses to the ullage ports of the forward cargo tanks and attempted to steal cargo. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The incident was immediately reported to the Nigerian Navy patrol boat who came to the location and carried out a check on the surrounding waters. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 4.  | 19.01.2019<br>2240 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nord Valorous<br>Product Tanker<br>Liberia<br>29557<br>9827059   | 05:12.4N –<br>004:02.8W,<br>Abidjan<br>Anchorage,<br>Ivory Coast         | Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty OS on routine rounds noticed a ladder hooked to the ship's rail and two robbers near the poop deck winch. OOW notified and alarm raised. Master directed the searchlight towards the poop deck resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores.  |
| 5.  | 03.02.2019<br>0530 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Landing Craft<br>Marshall Islands<br>1409<br>-  | 02:32.6N –<br>004:47.3E,<br>Around 136nm<br>SW of Brass,<br>Nigeria      | Five armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. Remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. On 01.03.2019, Owners confirmed the kidnapped crew were released safely.  |
| 6.  | 09.02.2019<br>0340 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Histria Ivory<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>25804<br>9356244     | 06:21.1N –<br>010:47.8W,<br>Port of Monrovia,<br>Liberia                 | Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber armed with a knife. Alarm sounded, resulting in the robber escaping. On searching the tanker, ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local agent and port control.   |

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| 7.  | 23.02.2019<br>0400 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Anna<br>General Cargo<br>Antigua and<br>Barbuda<br>11473<br>9501887 | 04:54.6N –<br>001:40.2W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana            | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.   |
| 8.  | 27.02.2019<br>0500 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Maersk Jamnagar<br>Tanker<br>Singapore<br>56326<br>9524982          | 04:56.4N –<br>001:34.3W,<br>Aboadze<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana             | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.   |
| 9.  | 02.03.2019<br>1233 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Cap Theodora<br>Tanker<br>Greece<br>81324<br>9380740                | 04:38.0N –<br>003:14.1E,<br>Around 105nm<br>South of Lagos,<br>Nigeria | Armed pirates in a speed boat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, and all crew mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving information on the incident, the IMB PRC immediately informed the Nigerian Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed all crew safe. The tanker later resumed her intended passage to the next port.   |
| 10. | 03.03.2019<br>1940 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Histria Ivory<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>25804<br>9356244        | 05:52N –<br>001:24E,<br>Around 17nm SSE<br>of Lome,<br>Togo            | Armed pirates attack and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, and crews mustered in the citadel. On taking the headcount, four crews were identified as missing. Upon receiving a MAYDAY message from the Master, the IMB PRC immediately informed the Togo Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval patrol boat arrived at the location of the tanker and the crews emerged from the citadel. On searching the tanker one crew was found hiding in a compartment. The tanker was escorted to Lome anchorage for further investigations. Three crews remain missing. On 11 Apr 2019, the Owners confirmed that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely. |
| 11. | 09.03.2019<br>1115 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Offshore Support<br>Vessel<br>Nigeria<br>2645<br>- | 03:57.2N –<br>006:39.0E,<br>Around 32nm SE<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria     | Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats approached an offshore support vessel underway. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security boat which manoeuvred to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow, while the other speed boat exchanged fire with the   |

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|     |   |  |  | security boat. Alarm raised, crew proceeded to the engine room and all power was shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the engine room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining crews sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard reported killed in the exchange of fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations ongoing. |
| 12. | 24.03.2019<br>2235 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nord Steady<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>29983<br>9629706 | 06:15.2N –<br>003:12.3E,<br>Lagos Secure<br>Anchorage Area,<br>Nigeria | Two robbers managed to board an anchored tanker and started stealing the oil cargo using a hose pipe. Duty watch keeper noticed the hose and immediately informed Master. Incident reported to a Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. All crew and the tanker are safe. It was reported that the Navy patrol boat managed to intercept the boat and apprehend the robbers.  |
| 13. | 29.03.2019<br>0236 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Anuket Pearl<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>5581<br>9395886     | 04:52.86N –<br>001:41.42W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana          | OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed the paint room door was opened and spotted the robbers in the forecandle. The OOW immediately directed search lights towards the robbers and ship's horn sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Takoradi Port Control was informed. Takoradi Marine Police personnel boarded the tanker for investigation.  |
| 14. | 30.03.2019<br>0310 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nord Steady<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>29983<br>9629706 | 06:18.9N –<br>003:17.4E,<br>Lagos STS<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria         | Duty watchkeeper onboard an anchored tanker noticed some robbers near a cargo tank and near the ship's rails. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified and a search in the waters around the tanker was carried out.   |
| 15. | 30.03.2019<br>2130 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Contship Oak<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>9957<br>9373917        | 03:53N - 009:30E,<br>Around 15nm SW<br>of Douala,<br>Cameroon          | Armed persons boarded an anchored ship. They kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Douala port. The owners confirmed that the four kidnapped crew were released on 06 May 2019 and repatriated to their respective countries.   |
| 16. | 01.04.2019<br>0600 UTC                        | Silver Lake<br>Bulk Carrier                                    | Berth T36,<br>Casablanca   | Duty officer onboard the berthed ship, heard noises from the boat deck. As he  |

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|     | Berthed<br>Boarded                             | Hong Kong<br>20987<br>9377963                                     | Port,<br>Morocco   | approached the area, he noticed the life raft cover was opened and two robbers stealing the equipment. Seeing the duty officer, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Incident reported to the Port Authority. Subsequently, the Harbour Master, Port Police and PSC Inspector boarded the ship to investigate.   |
| 17. | 05.04.2019<br>2100 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Hijacked | Maria Soltin<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Nigeria<br>805<br>7203699      | 05:49.10N –<br>003:49.00E,<br>Lagos Offshore,<br>Nigeria               | Nine pirates armed with automatic weapons and a RPG boarded the tanker undergoing sea trials. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew took shelter. The pirates took hostage the duty officer and instructed all the crew members to come out of hiding. They damaged the navigation and all communication equipment, stole crew and ship's property, locked all the crew in one cabin and took the Master as hostage. On 9 April 2019, a Spanish Navy Warship tried to establish communication with the tanker. On receiving no response, the warship approached the tanker, resulting in the pirates escaping. The Master told the naval boarding team that they had been held hostage for four days. After investigations, the naval boarding team disembarked. While continuing on her voyage, the main engines had to be shut down due to overheating. The C/E noticed ingress of water into the engine room, which was later fixed. Without any communication equipment that is still working, the tanker was adrift for 12 days before being able to hail a fishing boat for assistance. The Master then established contact with the Owners who then arranged for the tanker to be towed to Ghana. The tanker arrived at Ghana anchorage on 22 April 2019. |
| 18. | 15.04.2019<br>2020 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | San Padre Pio<br>Product Tanker<br>Switzerland<br>5422<br>9610339 | 04:28.1N –<br>007:10.1E,<br>Bonny River Inner<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria | Four persons in a speed boat armed with automatic weapons approached an anchored tanker. Two persons managed to board the tanker and opened fire towards the accommodation. The onboard Nigerian naval guards returned fire resulting in the persons retreating into their boat and escaping. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered in the citadel. Bonny Signal Station and Nigerian Navy notified.  |



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|     |  |   |   | One guard was injured during the shooting and was given first aid by the crew. Two security boats responded and approached the tanker. The injured guard was transferred to a security boat and taken ashore for medical assistance. Remaining crew safe.  |
| 19. | 19.04.2019<br>1330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Palau<br>2055<br>-                     | Bonny Outer<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria  | An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crew and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy notified, and investigations are ongoing.   |
| 20. | 24.04.2019<br>0215 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Ocean Gladiator<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>25382<br>9241827 | 06:20.3N –<br>003:20.5E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria   | Three robbers in a small craft approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the cargo tank and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard along with their hose and escaped in their boat. The incident was reported to a naval patrol boat. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 21. | 28.04.2019<br>0504 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Siviu<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>11290<br>9541289           | 05:50.5S –<br>013:25.5E,<br>Ango-Ango Inner<br>Anchorage,<br>Port Matadi,<br>Democratic<br>Republic of the<br>Congo | Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker and broke into the forecastle store. Duty watch keeper spotted the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.   |
| 22. | 03.05.2019<br>0010 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Marlin Amber<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29534<br>9697210    | 06:16.07N –<br>003:13.11E,<br>Lagos Secure<br>Anchorage Area<br>(SAA),<br>Nigeria                                   | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers near the cargo tank with a hose. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with their hose. A patrol boat was informed which came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen.   |
| 23. | 05.05.2019<br>1200 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Hijacked | Charis<br>Tug<br>Nigeria<br>298<br>9616254                                | 03:04N –<br>007:59E,<br>Around 41nm SW<br>of Luba,<br>Equatorial Guinea   | Armed pirates hijacked the tug underway and took its crew hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities and a Spanish and Equatorial Guinean Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released.   |
| 24. | 05.05.2019<br>1216 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded  | Blue Marlin<br>Heavy Load<br>Carrier<br>Malta<br>51821<br>9186338         | 03:03.2N –<br>007:52.3E,<br>Around 48nm SW<br>of Luba,<br>Equatorial Guinea   | Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded, and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the   |

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|     |  |  |  | Equatorial Guinean Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping and the crews released. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinean Navy to a safe port for further investigations.   |
| 25. | 12.05.2019<br>0100 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Hijacked | G Dona I<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Togo<br>992<br>8619285                                | Lome Anchorage,<br>Togo  | Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the Owners that their tanker had been attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate. The tanker was intercepted 25nm from the anchorage area and forced to divert to Lome port. The crew were reported safe and the armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant Authorities.  |
| 26. | 14.05.2019<br>0142 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Hanze Gendt<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Netherlands<br>24210<br>9605176                       | 09:23.94N –<br>013:41.26W,<br>Conakry<br>Anchorage,<br>Guinea          | Four robbers armed with automatic rifles and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the crew hostage, ransacked their cabins and stole ship's and crew cash and properties before escaping. Master was injured during the incident. The incident was reported to Conakry Port Control and a patrol boat came for investigation.  |
| 27. | 26.05.2019<br>2000 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | D&K Yusuf I. Al-<br>Ghanim<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>30952<br>9399624 | 14:32.56S –<br>040:39.16E,<br>Nacala Inner<br>Anchorage,<br>Mozambique | Duty crew noticed the forward store broken into and reported same to the duty officer. Alarm raised. A search was carried out. Foot prints were noticed on the forecandle deck. Ship's stores reported stolen.   |
| 28. | 13.07.2019<br>2250 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Hijacked | Name Withheld<br>General Cargo<br>Turkey<br>8929<br>-                                | 02:58N –<br>004:40E,<br>Around 124nm<br>SW of Brass,<br>Nigeria        | Armed pirates in two speed boats boarded and hijacked the ship underway. The Owners were unable to contact the ship and immediately informed the Nigerian Authorities. The IMB PRC received the information from the Nigerian Authorities and made contact with the Owners. The IMB PRC notified all the Regional Authorities and the Ghana Navy Maritime Ops Centre dispatched a patrol boat to intercept the ship. On 15.07.2019, the Ghana Navy Patrol Boat located the ship and escorted her to a safe port for investigation. It was reported that 10 crew members were kidnapped from the ship. On 19.08.2019, the Owners confirmed that the 10 kidnapped crew members were released safely on 09.08.2019. |
| 29. | 21.07.2019<br>0240 UTC                         | Pomerenia Sky<br>Container   | 08:28.1N –<br>013:28.1W,   | Five robbers armed with knives in a small wooden boat approached and   |

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|     | Anchored<br>Boarded                           | Liberia<br>26435<br>9339583                                     | Freetown<br>Anchorage,<br>Sierra Leone                            | boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. The robbers took hostage the duty crew and stole his personal belongings and ship's properties. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All doors locked and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Port Control informed. During the incident the duty crew sustained injuries.        |
| 30. | 25.07.2019<br>0442 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Spring Rainbow<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>36467<br>9666041 | 06:25.76N –<br>003:20.52E,<br>Berth No.TC09,<br>Lagos,<br>Nigeria | Ten robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. They assaulted and took hostage the duty AB on routine rounds. The robbers stole ship's stores from the paint locker. They released the duty AB and escaped in their boat. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. The AB received minor injuries during the incident. Port Control and PFSO informed.                         |
| 31. | 26.07.2019<br>0330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Torm Thor<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>29484<br>9712292    | 06:18.06N –<br>003:23.35E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria         | During routine rounds, duty crew, getting a strong smell of cargo, approached the forward cargo tanks and noticed one unauthorized person jumping overboard with a hose. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Investigations indicated that the person was trying to steal cargo. Incident reported to the Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. A search of the surrounding waters conducted. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 32. | 26.07.2019<br>2130 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | New Century<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>41994<br>9298272   | 04:04.6S –<br>039:39.8E,<br>Mbaraki Wharf,<br>Mombasa,<br>Kenya   | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a person climbing the mooring rope. Alarm sounded, crew mustered and port control informed. Before a patrol boat could respond, the person had cut two mooring ropes and escaped.   |
| 33. | 29.07.2019<br>0330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Bliss<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>21059<br>9370331   | 06:19.8N –<br>010:51.4W,<br>Monrovia Roads,<br>Liberia            | Duty AB noticed an unauthorized person on the deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the person cut the self-igniting light off the lifebuoy and then jumped overboard with the lifebuoy and escaped in a waiting boat. Local Authorities notified.  |
| 34. | 29.07.2019<br>0310 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Burgundy<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>36087<br>9372872            | Tin Can Island<br>Terminal,<br>Port of Lagos,<br>Nigeria          | Three robbers armed with metal sticks in a small boat approached and boarded the berthed ship. They attacked the duty AB on routine rounds, stole his personal belongings and escaped. Alarm raised and a search was carried   |

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|     |   |   |   | out. The duty AB was slightly injured during the incident and further medical check-up was initiated. The incident was reported to the PFSO and Harbour Master.   |
| 35. | 07.08.2019<br>1930 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Celsius Riga<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29130<br>9430284 | 14:23.3S –<br>040:42.0E,<br>Nacala Outer<br>Anchorage,<br>Mozambique              | Two armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe and broke into the forecastle store. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores.   |
| 36. | 14.08.2019<br>0130 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Prince Job 1<br>Offshore Supply<br>Ship<br>Nigeria<br>1847<br>9738636   | 04:40.50N –<br>007:09.31E,<br>Federal Ocean<br>Terminal,<br>Onne Port,<br>Nigeria | Duty officer onboard the berthed offshore supply vessel noticed a robber on the CCTV stealing ship's properties from the pump room and immediately informed the Master. Crew quickly locked the robber inside the pump room. Seeing the alerted crew, the accomplice waiting in a canoe alongside the vessel escaped. Port authority was notified, and the robber was taken ashore for questioning and investigation. |
| 37. | 15.08.2019<br>0118 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>22137<br>-                  | 03:52.40N –<br>009:31.12E,<br>Douala<br>Anchorage,<br>Cameroon                    | Armed persons boarded the ship, stole crew and ship's property and escaped. The Cameroon Navy dispatched a patrol boat. When the crew emerged from hiding, it was reported that nine crew members were kidnapped from the ship. On 26.09.2019, the Owners confirmed that the nine kidnapped crew members were released safely on 25.09.2019.  |
| 38. | 15.08.2019<br>0230 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>General Cargo<br>Antigua and<br>Barbuda<br>7406<br>-   | 03:52N –<br>009:31E,<br>Douala<br>Anchorage,<br>Cameroon                          | Armed persons boarded the ship. The Cameroon Navy dispatched a patrol boat. When the crew emerged from hiding, it was reported that eight crew members were kidnapped from the ship. On 26.09.2019, the Owners confirmed that the eight kidnapped crew members were released safely on 20.09.2019.  |
| 39. | 17.08.2019<br>0325 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>LPG Tanker<br>Liberia<br>18311<br>-                    | 03:34.84N –<br>006:40.75E,<br>50nm SE of Brass,<br>Nigeria                        | Pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm sounded and crew mustered in the citadel. Headcount indicated that one crew was missing in the citadel. Owners and Nigerian Navy notified, and a naval patrol boat was dispatched. After the Nigerian naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed that no pirates found on board, the crew emerged from the citadel.   |
| 40. | 12.09.2019<br>0001 - 0700<br>UTC              | Orient Tide<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands                         | 04:03.1N –<br>009:41.3E,<br>Port of Douala,                                       | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. During routine rounds in the morning, it was   |

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|     | Berthed<br>Boarded                            | 23426<br>9467550  | Cameroon  | noticed that the store's padlock was broken and the door's hinge damaged and bent. After checking, several ship's properties and stores were reported stolen. Port Authorities informed.   |
| 41. | 13.09.2019<br>2200 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Fishing Vessel<br>Cameroon<br>-<br>-             | 04:10.26N –<br>008:55.38E,<br>Around 4.5nm SW<br>of Idenao,<br>Cameroon | Eight persons in a speed boat, boarded the fishing vessel conducting fishing operations. The perpetrators kidnapped two crew members and escaped. Cameroon navy notified and investigations are ongoing.   |
| 42. | 16.09.2019<br>0250 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>30641<br>- | 09:25.0N –<br>013:44.1W,<br>Around 5nm SSW<br>of Conakry,<br>Guinea     | Four robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored tanker. They took hostage the duty AB, tied his hands and forced him to lead them to the bridge. Once inside the bridge, the robbers took hostage the duty officer and forced him to lead them to the Captain, Chief Engineer, third officer and bosun's cabins. After looting the cabins, the robbers locked the crew in a cabin and escaped. Crew personal belongings, cash and ship's properties stolen. |
| 43. | 23.09.2019<br>0315 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Grace Victoria<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>40953<br>9321201 | 06:17.7N –<br>003:14.1E,<br>Lagos Secure<br>Anchorage Area,<br>Nigeria  | Duty watchmen onboard the tanker noticed two robbers near the forward cargo tanks and raised the alarm. One robber shouted at the watchkeeper and made a threatening gesture. Alarm raised and Nigerian navy patrol boat responded and searched the waters around the tanker. Investigations showed a section of the razor wire was broken and the vapour locks of the forward cargo tanks were opened.  |

**ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS****1 January – 30 September 2019****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

| Ref | Date Time                                       | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                    | Position  | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 25.02.2019<br>1106 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36332<br>- | 03:43.1S –<br>114:26.3E,<br>Taboneo<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                              | Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crews mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers retreated into their waiting skiff and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control.  |
| 2.  | 10.05.2019<br>0100 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted | Zhe Hai 169<br>Bulk Carrier<br>China<br>32962<br>9622784        | 07:40.8N –<br>128:29.3E,<br>Around 115nm<br>East of<br>Baganga,<br>Philippines              | Unidentified persons in a speedboat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and fire hoses pressurized. The persons were observed to be shouting towards the ship while holding steel hooks. After 30 mins of chasing, the boat aborted and moved away. The ship resumed her passage.   |
| 3.  | 22.05.2019<br>1400 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | El Toro<br>Yacht<br>Austria<br>27<br>-                          | 00:53.52S –<br>131:14.36E,<br>Around 0.18nm<br>SE of Pulau<br>Doom,<br>Sorong,<br>Indonesia | A person in the fishing boat approached an anchored sailing vessel and attempted to steal the sailing vessel's dinghy. The skipper noticed the person and directed his hand lamp towards the person and shouted. Seeing the alerted skipper, the person let go of the dinghy and moved away. Incident reported to the local authorities.   |
| 4.  | 06.08.2019<br>2000 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | SG Pegasus<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Panama<br>8195<br>9494876      | 01:06.2N –<br>104:10.7E,<br>Tanjung Uban<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                         | Three robbers in a wooden boat came alongside an anchored tanker. They attempted to board the tanker using hooks attached with ropes. Duty Officer on security rounds on the bridge noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and shouted at the robbers. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. Batam VTIS informed. |
| 5.  | 23.09.2019<br>1700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Name Withheld<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Saudi Arabia<br>29575<br>-  | 13:46N –<br>120:59E,<br>Mabini<br>Anchorage,<br>Philippines                                 | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a person attempting to open the anchor hawse pipe cover. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to local agent.  |

## AMERICAS

| Ref | Date Time  | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number            | Position  | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 03.01.2019<br>0445 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted  | Star Kestrel<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>30068<br>9321940    | 10:16N –<br>064:42W,<br>Puerto La Cruz<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela                                     | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers attempting to board using a grappling hook hooked to the guardrails of the poop deck. Alarm was raised, and ship's horn sounded. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the boarding attempt and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to Port Control.  |
| 2.  | 19.03.2019<br>0700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted  | Name Withheld<br>Vehicle Carrier<br>Malta<br>61106<br>- | 12:01.66S –<br>077:12.03W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru  | Four robbers wearing jackets and caps in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor cable. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew directed flash lights towards the robbers. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. VTS Tramar and local agents informed. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the anchorage area.  |
| 3.  | 01.04.2019<br>0745 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Name Withheld<br>Container<br>Germany<br>46009<br>-     | 02:31.8S –<br>080:05.4W,<br>Around 3.6nm<br>WNW of Isla<br>Escalante<br>Island,<br>Guayas,<br>Ecuador | Duty officer onboard the ship under pilotage noticed a fast-moving target on the radar approaching from astern. Crew alerted, and both searchlights directed towards the approaching boat. A second boat was noticed. One boat, with around 10 persons with grappling hooks followed the ship. The other boat approached the ship from the starboard side and attempted to hook a telescopic ladder to the ship's rails. The pilot notified port control and the coast guard. The persons fired a few shots towards the search lights resulting in all crew retreating into the bridge and accommodation. Later the boats aborted their approach and moved away. All crew safe. |
| 4.  | 19.04.2019<br>0535 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted  | NYK Lyra<br>Container<br>Panama<br>75201<br>9229336     | 03:47.6N –<br>077:14.3W,<br>Buenaventura<br>Channel,<br>Near Buoy<br>No.13,<br>Colombia               | A boat with around eight to 10 persons approached the ship under pilotage and attempted to board via the rigged pilot ladder. Duty lookout noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered near the pilot ladder resulting in the boat aborting and moving away. The pilot notified the Coast Guard and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.   |
| 5.  | 03.05.2019<br>2010 UTC<br>Steaming               | Arequipa Queen<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Vanuatu               | 00:08.0S –<br>081:19.9W,  | Two speed boats with five persons in each boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, and crew   |

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|  | Attempted | 30598<br>9758765 | Around 52nm<br>WNW of Cabo<br>Pasado,<br>Ecuador | mustered. The ship increase speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and started spraying the boats with pressurised fire hoses, resulting in the boats moving away. Crew and ship reported safe. |
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**AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

| Ref | Date<br>Time                                     | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                     | Position  | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 07.01.2019<br>0110 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted  | Aramon<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>42225<br>9440485 | 06:15.7N –<br>003:12.8E,<br>Lagos SAA,<br>Nigeria                     | Around five robbers in a small skiff came alongside an anchored tanker and threw two ropes attached with hooks onto the tanker's railing. Duty crew on routine rounds heard voices near the bow, noticed the hooks and the skiff. Alarm raised. Non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. Master requested assistance from the Nigerian Navy patrol boat which immediately responded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers moved away. The patrol boat searched the waters around the tanker. |
| 2.  | 24.01.2019<br>1935 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Liberia<br>11118<br>-         | 03:43N – 006:10E,<br>Around 35nm South<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria        | A tanker was fired upon while underway. General alarm sounded, non-essential crews mustered in Citadel and the tanker conduct evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates abort the attack. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy.  |
| 3.  | 25.01.2019<br>0015 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Allegra<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>14599<br>9114476           | 03:32.8N –<br>006:11.6E,<br>Around 45nm South<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria | About five to seven armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. General alarm sounded, deck lights switched on, speed increased, and crew mustered in Citadel. Armed guards onboard the ship managed to repel the attempted attack.   |
| 4.  | 25.01.2019<br>1530 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Samurai<br>Tanker<br>Liberia<br>78845<br>9378876                 | 03:02N – 006:05E,<br>Around 76nm SSW<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria          | Around seven to eight armed pirates in a skiff chased, fired upon and tried to board the tanker underway. General alarm raised, non-essential crews mustered in the citadel and Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates aborted the attack. The tanker and crews reported safe.   |
| 5.  | 21.02.2019<br>0016 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Kota Satria<br>Container<br>Singapore<br>41567                   | 02:59.5N –<br>005:56.6E,<br>Around 80nm South<br>of Brass,            | Around four to six armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised, and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel.   |

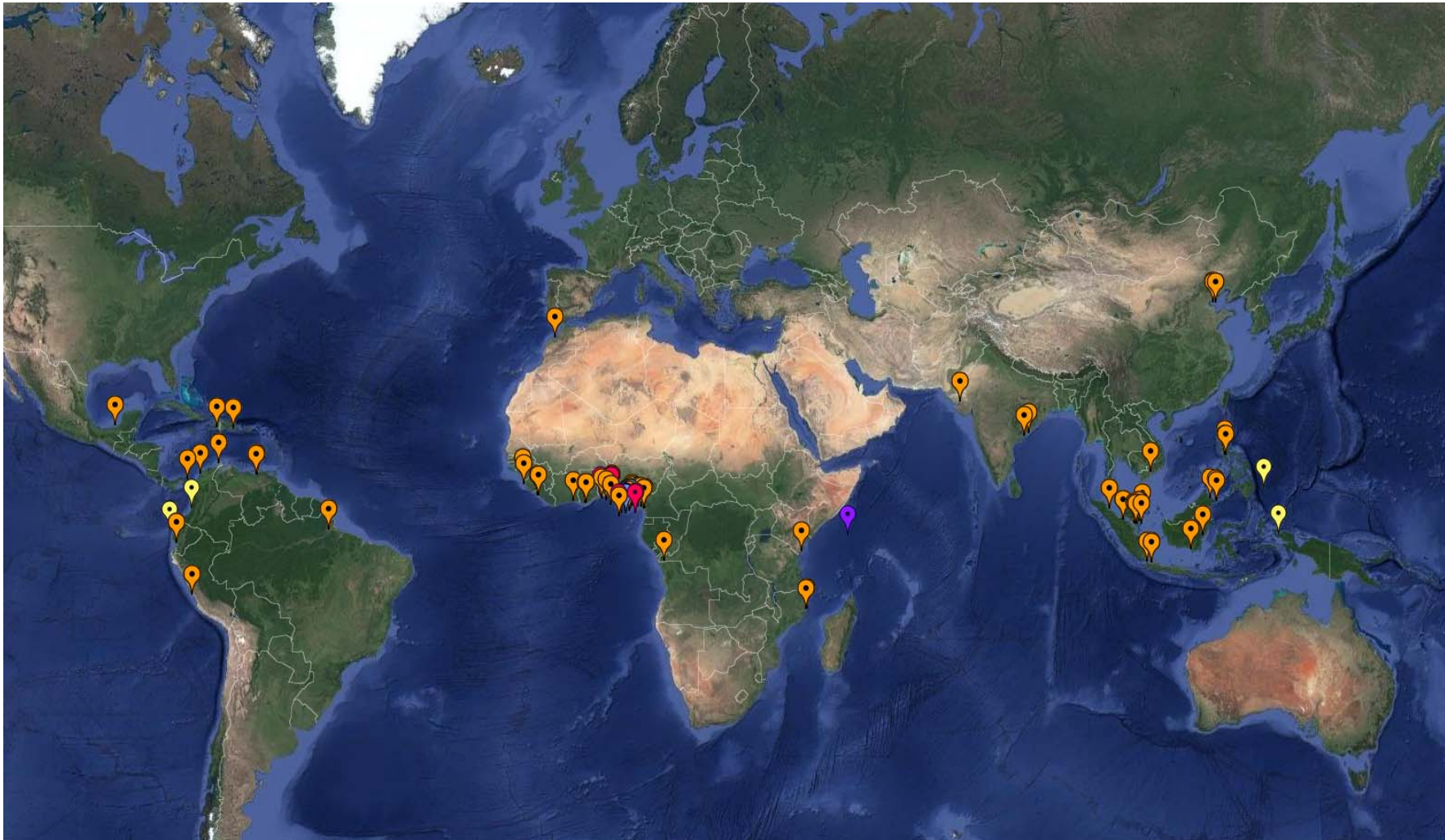


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|     |  | 9645487   | Nigeria  | Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. Ship and crew reported safe.   |
| 6.  | 27.02.2019<br>0854 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Name Withheld<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>83805<br>-                       | 03:07.7N –<br>006:12.4E,<br>Around 69nm South<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria      | Two skiffs with 16 armed persons chased, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. General alarm raised, SSAS activated and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. A security vessel in the vicinity responded to the master's call resulting in the skiffs aborting and moving away. Crew and tanker reported safe. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy.                               |
| 7.  | 27.02.2019<br>2000 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | African Gem<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>28326<br>9085390                     | 03:08N –<br>006:03E,<br>Around 70nm South<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria          | Duty officer onboard the tanker underway noticed on radar, two targets at a distance of 4nm. At 2nm the targets were seen to cross the stern, increase speed and approach at high speed. As the skiffs closed in to the tanker, they opened fire. The onboard Nigerian naval personnel returned fire. The skiffs retreated and followed the tanker for a short duration before moving away.              |
| 8.  | 28.02.2019<br>0815 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Bourbon Explorer<br>502<br>Offshore Supply<br>Ship<br>France<br>3147<br>9653898 | 03:52.8N –<br>007:04.5E,<br>Around 30nm SSW<br>of Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria | Two speed boats with 16-armed person chased and fired upon an offshore supply vessel underway. Alarm raised, vessel increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The escorting security vessel intervened to repel the attack. Vessel sustain bullet damage on the bridge. All crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy escorted the vessel to a safe port. |
| 9.  | 03.05.2019<br>2000 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Liberia<br>11118<br>-                        | 02:58.25N –<br>005:16.12E,<br>Around 98.54nm SW<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria    | Armed persons in a speedboat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, tanker increased speed commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. The tanker and crew reported safe.   |
| 10. | 14.08.2019<br>1050 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Joseph Wisdom<br>LPG Tanker<br>Panama<br>5848<br>9806732                        | 04:09.6N –<br>008:22.5E,<br>Around 23nm SSE of<br>Okposo,<br>Nigeria       | A boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crews mustered in the citadel. Master took evasive actions resulting in the boat abandoning the attack. The tanker and crew reported safe.  |



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**Total number of attacks – 119**





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**Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 3**

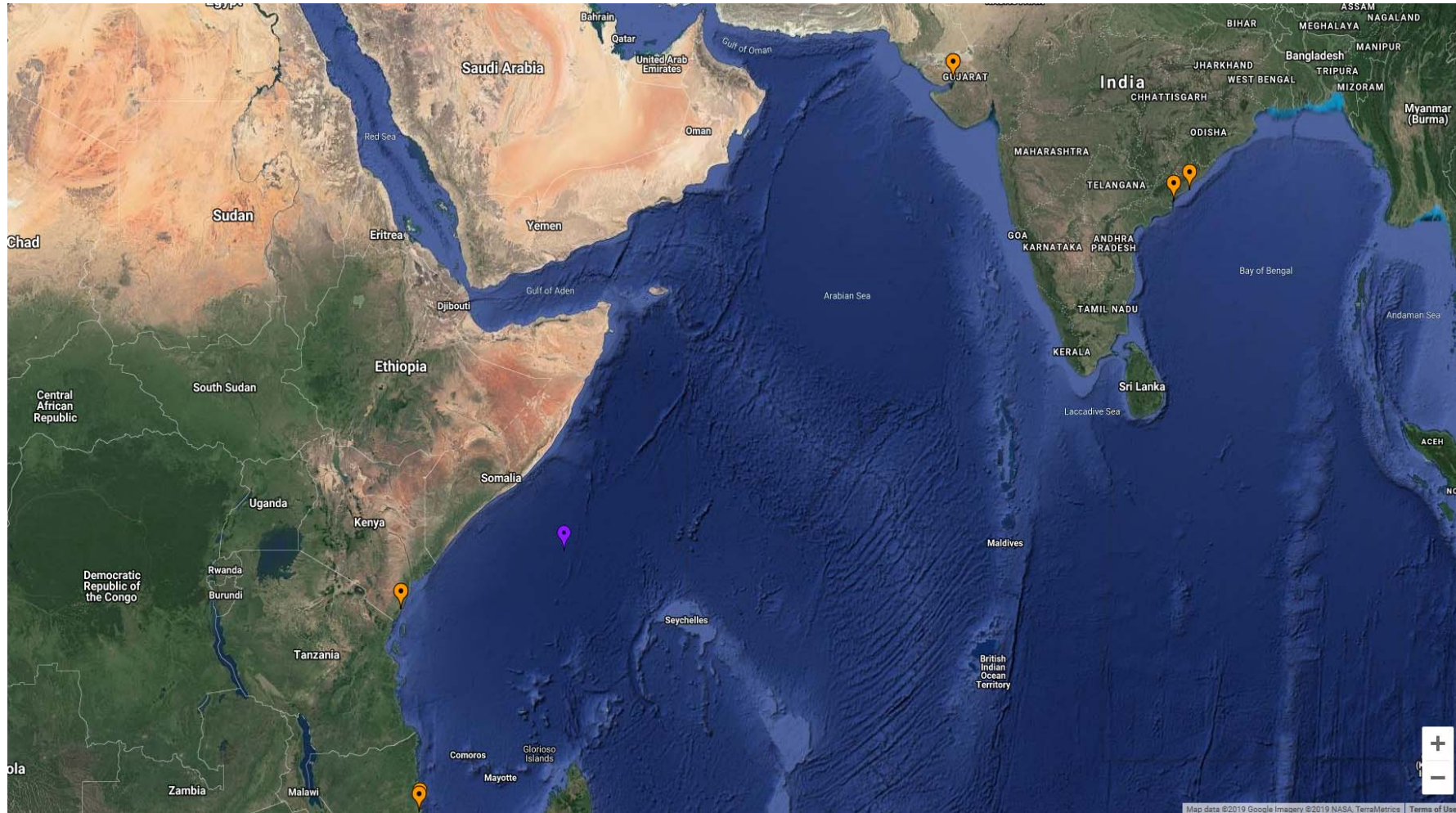
**Total attacks East & SE Asia – 40**





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**Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 0**

**Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0**





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 = Attempted Attack     = Boarded     = Fired upon     = Hijacked     = Suspicious vessel



**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 47**





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 = Attempted Attack     = Boarded     = Fired upon     = Hijacked     = Suspicious vessel



**Total attacks South America – 23**