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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 31 December 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 not-for-profit organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, stakeholders and organisation to co-operate and exchange information with each other, and the IMB, with a view of maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

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

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted at:

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

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the PRC after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The PRC has, as at 31 December 2019, received reports of 162 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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- Japan P&I Club
- Justships Ltd
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- Standard Steam Ship Mutual P&I Association
- Steam Ship Insurance Management Services Limited
- The North of England P&I Association Ltd

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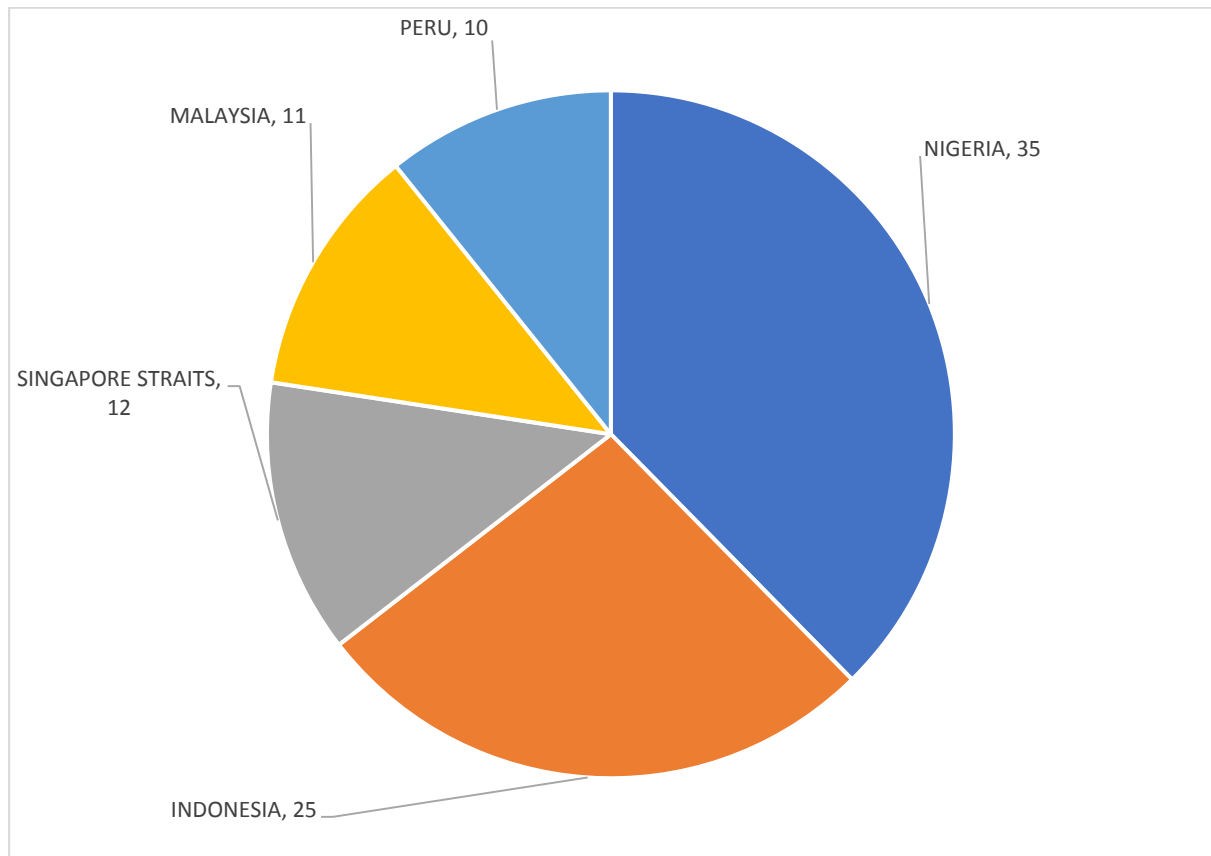
- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))

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

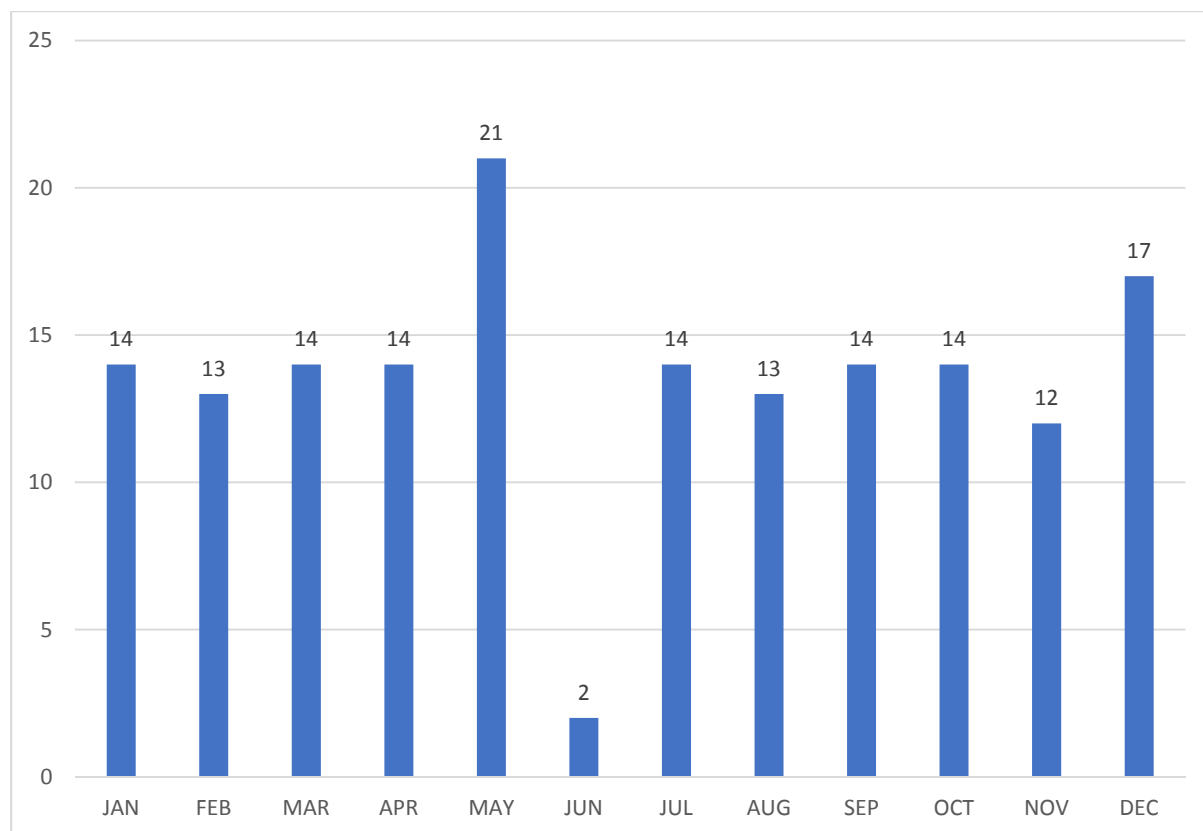
	<b>Location</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	108	49	43	36	25
	Malacca Straits	5				
	Malaysia	13	7	7	11	11
	Philippines	11	10	22	10	5
	Singapore Straits	9	2	4	3	12
	Thailand	1				
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China	4	7	2	3	3
	Vietnam	27	9	2	4	2
<b>INDIAN SUB</b>	Bangladesh	11	3	11	12	
<b>CONTINENT</b>	India	13	14	4	6	4
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Brazil				4	2
	Colombia	5	4	6	1	3
	Dominican Republic					1
	Ecuador			2	4	3
	Guyana		2	1	2	
	Haiti	2	4	1	3	2
	Mexico		1			1
	Panama					1
	Peru		11	2	4	10
	Venezuela	1	5	12	11	6
<b>AFRICA</b>	Algeria					1
	Angola		2	1		
	Benin		1		5	3
	Cameroon	1			7	6
	Dem. Republic of Congo	3	2		1	1
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe			1		1
	Egypt	1				
	Equatorial Guinea					2
	Gabon					1
	Ghana	2	3	1	10	3
	Guinea	3	3	2	3	2
	Gulf of Aden*		1	3	1	
	Ivory Coast	1	1	1	1	1
	Kenya	2	2	1		1
	Liberia	2				2
	Morocco		1			2
	Mozambique	1	1	2	2	3
	Nigeria	14	36	33	48	35
	Red Sea*			1		
	Senegal			1		
	Sierra Leone			4		1
	Somalia*		1	5	2	
	South Africa		1			
	The Congo	5	6	1	6	3
	Togo		1		1	3
<b>REST OF</b>	Oman			1		
<b>WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea	1				
	Yemen		1	3		
	<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>162</b>

All incidents with \* above are attributed to Somali pirates

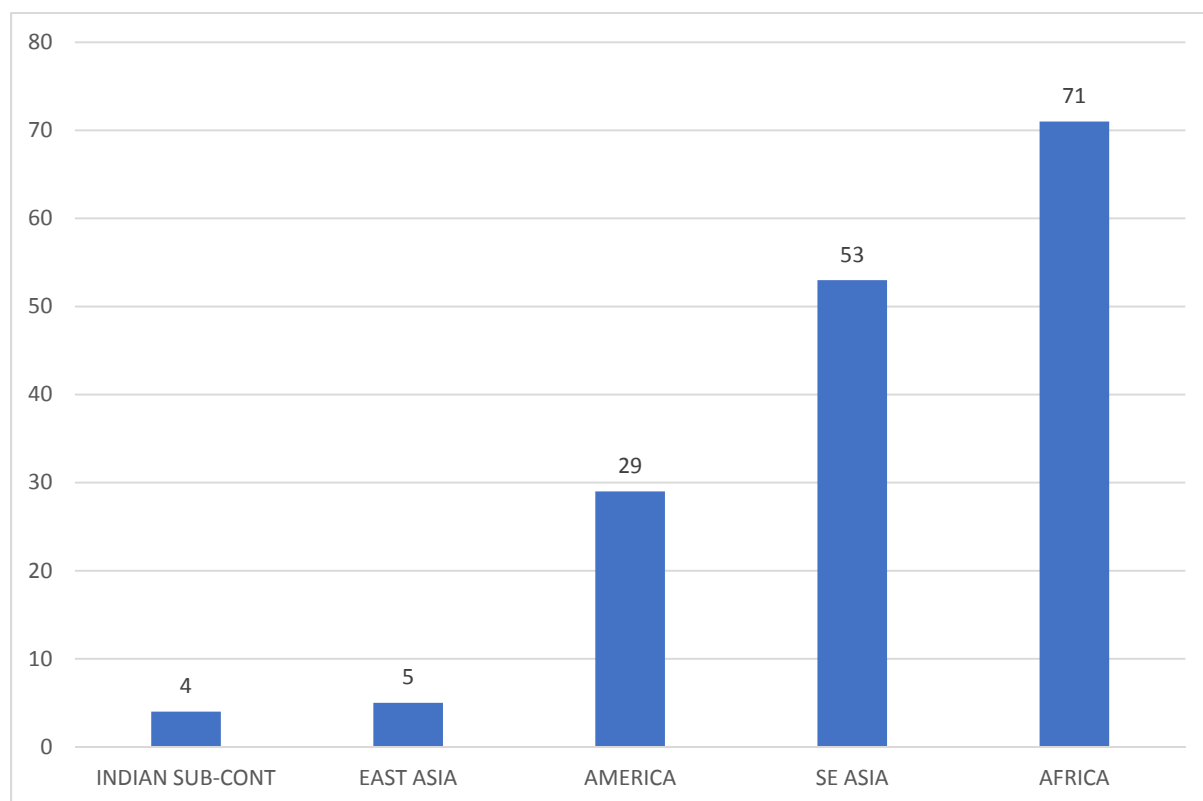
**CHART A: The following five locations contributed to 57% of the total attacks reported in the period January – December 2019**



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



**Chart C: Total incidents as per region of the world January – December 2019**



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2019**

		<b>Actual attacks</b>		<b>Attempted attacks</b>	
<b>Location</b>		<b>Boarded</b>	<b>Hijacked</b>	<b>Attempted</b>	<b>Fired Upon</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b>	Indonesia	20		5	
	Malaysia	11			
	Philippines	3		2	
	Singapore Straits	10		2	
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China	3			
	Vietnam	2			
<b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b>	India	3		1	
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Brazil	2			
	Colombia	2		1	
	Dominican Republic	1			
	Ecuador	1		1	1
	Haiti	2			
	Mexico	1			
	Panama	1			
	Peru	9		1	
	Venezuela	5		1	
<b>AFRICA</b>	Algeria			1	
	Benin	3			
	Cameroon	6			
	Democratic Rep. of Congo	1			
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe				1
	Equatorial Guinea	1	1		
	Gabon			1	
	Ghana	3			
	Guinea	2			
	Ivory Coast	1			
	Kenya	1			
	Liberia	2			
	Morocco	2			
	Mozambique	3			
	Nigeria	23	2	1	9
	Sierra Leone	1			
	The Congo	3			
	Togo	2	1		
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>162</b>			



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

Country	Location	01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019
Benin	Cotonou	3
Cameroon	Douala	4
Indonesia	Belawan	5
Indonesia	Taboneo	3
Indonesia	Tg. Priok / Jakarta	3
Malaysia	Bandar Penawar	4
Mozambique	Nacala	3
Nigeria	Lagos	16
Peru	Callao	10
Singapore Straits	Singapore Straits	12
The Congo	Pointe Noire	3
Togo	Lome	3
Venezuela	Puerto Jose	4

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

Location	Anchored	Berthed	Steaming
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	11	6	3
Malaysia	6	1	4
Philippines	3		
Singapore Straits			10
<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	1	
Mexico	1		
Panama	1		
Peru	9		
Venezuela	5		
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin	1		2
Cameroon	4	1	1
Democratic Rep. of Congo	1		
Equatorial Guinea			2
Ghana	3		
Guinea	2		
Ivory Coast	1		
Kenya		1	
Liberia	1	1	
Morocco		2	

Mozambique	3		
Nigeria	12	4	9
Sierra Leone	1		
The Congo	3		
Togo	2		1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>		

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Anchored</b>	<b>Berthed</b>	<b>Steaming</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	4	1	
Philippines	1		1
Singapore Straits			2
<b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b> India	1		
<b>AMERICAS</b> Colombia			1
Ecuador			2
Peru	1		
Venezuela	1		
<b>AFRICA</b> Algeria		1	
Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe			1
Gabon	1		
Nigeria	1		9
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>		

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

<b>Types of Arms</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Guns	33	48	52	56	47
Knives	97	44	44	36	36
Not stated	108	96	80	104	74
Other weapons	8	3	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>162</b>

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Attempted	27	22	22	34	17
Boarded	203	150	136	143	130
Fired upon	1	12	16	18	11
Hijack	15	7	6	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>162</b>

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

<b>Types of Violence</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Assaulted	14	5	6		3
Hostage	271	151	91	141	59
Injured	14	8	6	8	7
Kidnap/Ransom	19	62	75	83	134
Killed	1		3		1
Missing					
Threatened	14	10	10	9	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>210</b>

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Assault</b>	<b>Hostage</b>	<b>Injured</b>	<b>Kidnap</b>	<b>Killed</b>	<b>Threat</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	2	3	1			1
Malaysia				13		2
Singapore Straits		7				2
<b>AMERICAS</b> Ecuador		2				
Haiti		1				
Panama			1		1	
Peru	1	2				
Venezuela		1				1
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin		1		35		
Cameroon			1	31		
Guinea		23	1			
Nigeria		12	2	48		
Sierra Leone			1			
Togo		7		7		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>					

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

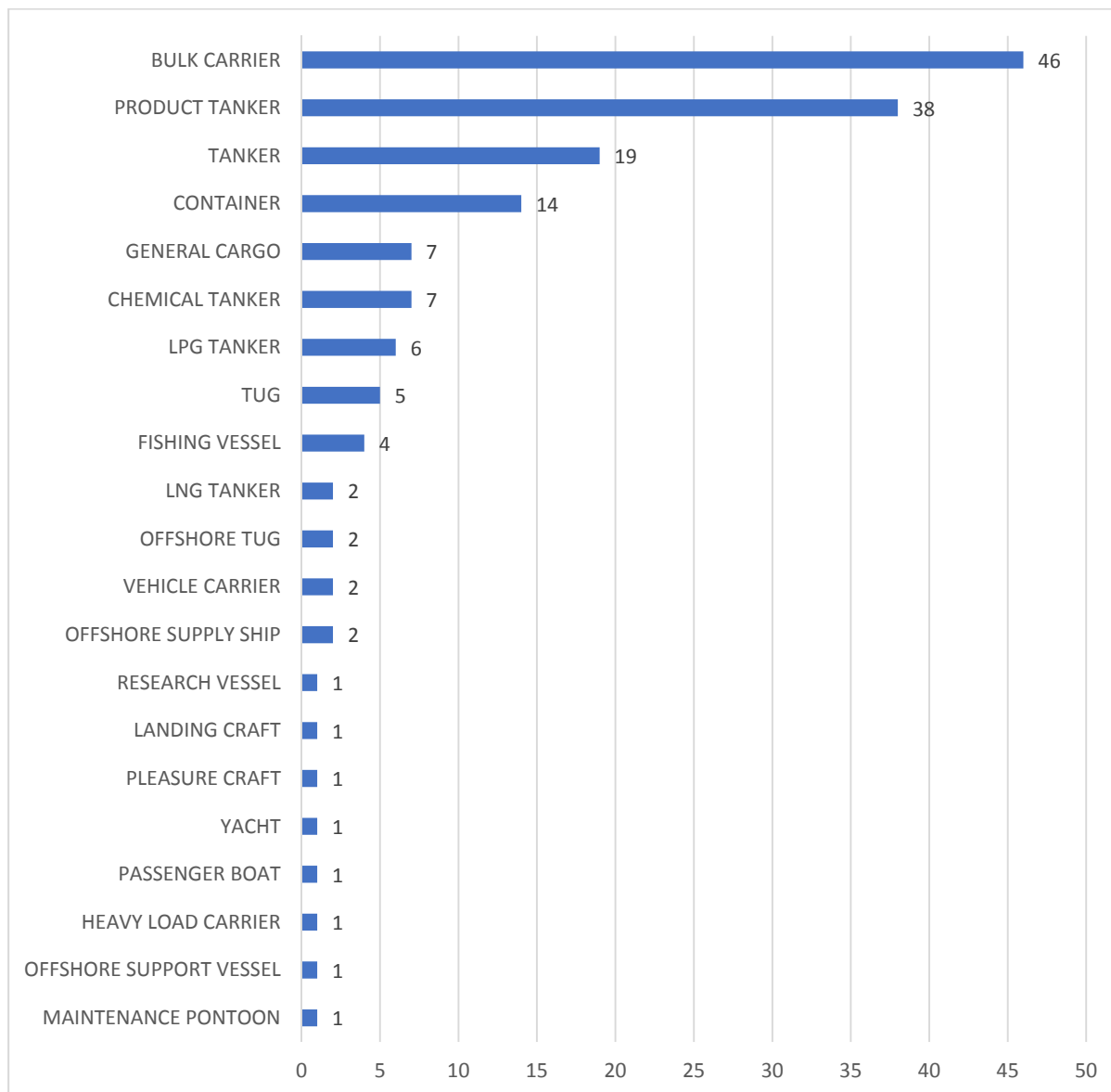
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Guns</b>	<b>Knives</b>	<b>Other Weapons</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia	1	9	1	14
Malaysia	2	2		7
Philippines			1	4
Singapore Straits	2	7		3
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China			1	2
Vietnam		1		1
<b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b> India				4
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil		2		
Colombia				3
Dominican Republic				1
Ecuador	2			1
Haiti	2			

Mexico		1		
Panama	1			
Peru		4	1	5
Venezuela		2		4
<b>AFRICA</b>				
Algeria				1
Benin	3			
Cameroon	5			1
Democratic Rep. of Congo		1		
Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe	1			
Equatorial Guinea	2			
Gabon	1			
Ghana				3
Guinea	2			
Ivory Coast		1		
Kenya		1		
Liberia		2		
Morocco				2
Mozambique		1		2
Nigeria	20		1	14
Sierra Leone		1		
The Congo		1		2
Togo	3			
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>			

TABLE 12: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2015 – 2019

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Accommodation Barge		1			
Bulk Carrier	86	52	38	59	46
Cable Ship	1				
Cement Carrier			1		
Container	30	10	23	18	14
Dhow			3		
Dredger		1			
Drilling Rig				1	
FPSO / FSO	2				
General Cargo	15	11	12	6	7
Heavy Lift Vessel		4		1	
Heavy Load Carrier		1			1
Hopper Dredger	1				
Landing Craft				1	1
Maintenance Pontoon					1
Ore Carrier	1	1		1	
Passenger	1				1
Pipe Layer Barge	1	4			
Pipe Layer Crane Vessel	1				
Pleasure Craft					1
Refrigerated Cargo	3	1	2	6	
Research Ship		2	2		1

RORO				2	
Supply Ship	2	4	8	5	2
Support Ship		1	2	2	1
Tanker Asphalt /Bitumen		1	1	1	
Tanker Bunkering	1		1		
Tanker Chem / Product	62	56	42	50	45
Tanker Crude Oil	20	13	19	16	19
Tanker LNG		1	3	2	2
Tanker LPG	4	10	11	6	6
Trawler/Fishing	2	1	1	12	4
Tug / Offshore Tug	10	14	11	11	7
Vehicle Carrier	1	2		1	2
Wood Chips Carrier	2				
Yacht	1				1
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>162</b>

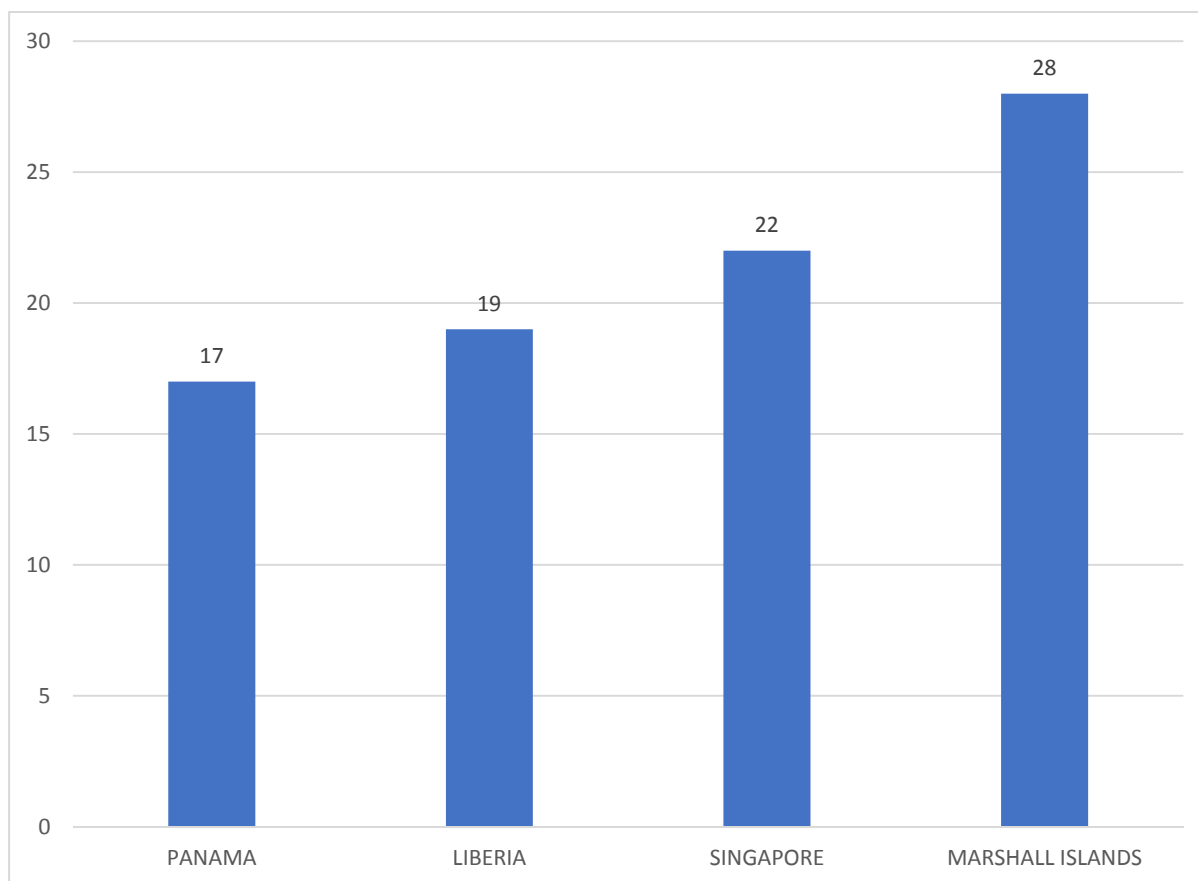
**CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2019**

**TABLE 13: Nationalities of ships attacked, January – December 2015 – 2019**

<b>Flag State</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	9		3	2	2
Australia	1				
Austria					1
Bahamas	5	5	6	9	4
Bangladesh		1			1
Barbados				2	1
Belgium	3				
Belize	1	1			
Bermuda			1	1	1
Cameroon				5	1
Cayman Island					1
Chile				1	
China				2	2
Comoros	1				
Cook Islands	1	1		1	
Croatia		1			
Curacao	1	2			
Cyprus	7	3	4	3	1
Denmark	3	1	1		2
Egypt	1				
Ethiopia		1			
France	1				1
Germany					1
Ghana	1			2	
Gibraltar		1			1
Greece	3	2			4
Hong Kong (SAR)	19	9	6	16	9
India	2	3	4	1	
Indonesia	2	4	1	1	1
Iran	1		1		
Isle of Man	3	3	3	3	4
Italy				3	
Japan		1		1	
Korea South	1	1			1
Liberia	28	17	26	19	19
Luxemburg	2	1		2	
Madeira		1			
Malaysia	12	6	4	7	3
Malta	11	5	8	7	10
Marshall Islands	40	36	29	39	28
Mauritius		1			
Mongolia				1	
Netherlands	1	2	1	3	2
Nigeria	2	4	2	1	6
Niue					1
Norway	1	3	4	1	3
Palau					1
Panama	38	46	27	27	17
Papua New Guinea	1				
Philippines	1		2	2	
Portugal	1				1
Russia				1	

Saudi Arabia	1	2	2	1	4
Sierra Leone			1		
Singapore	32	21	31	29	22
Spain			1		
Sri Lanka			1		
St. Vincent & Grenadines				2	
Switzerland				2	1
Thailand	5		3		
Togo					1
Turkey		1			1
Tuvalu			1		
United Kingdom	1	2	2	2	1
Vanuatu	2	1	1	1	1
Vietnam	1	2	3		1
Not Stated			1	1	
<b>Total year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>162</b>

**CHART E: Flag States whose ships were attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2019**

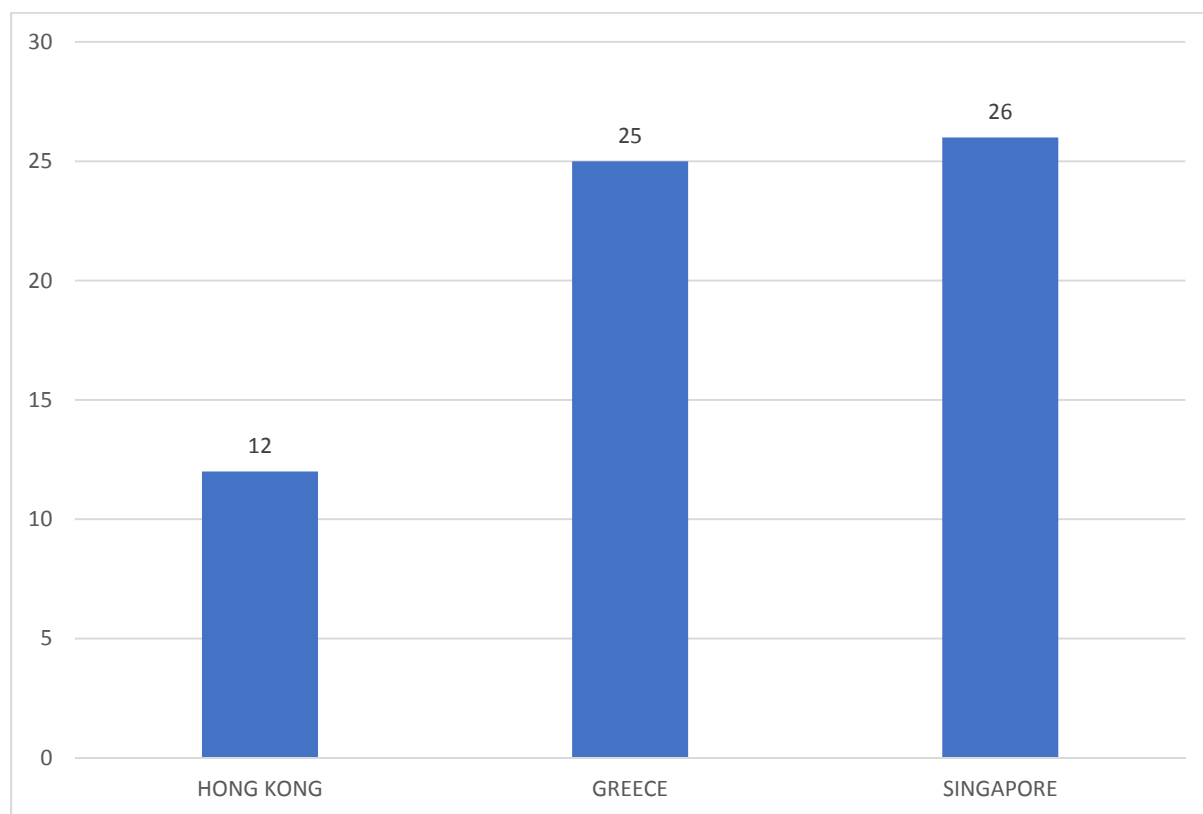


**TABLE 14: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – December 2019**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Ships</b>
Austria	1
Bahamas	2
Bangladesh	1
Benin	1
Cameroon	1
Canada	2
China	5
Cyprus	1
Denmark	11
France	1
Germany	10
Greece	25
Hong Kong	12
India	9
Isle of Man	2
Japan	3
Korea South	2
Latvia	1
Malaysia	3
Netherlands	5
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	5
Norway	4
Oman	1
Philippines	1
Portugal	1
Romania	2
Singapore	26
Switzerland	4
Taiwan	1
Turkey	2
UAE	9
United Kingdom	6
Vietnam	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>



**CHART F: Managing countries whose ships were attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2019**



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

**From 1 January to 31 December 2019, no incidents were 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 GMDSS Safety Net Service**

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

*All ships are advised to report all attacks and suspicious sightings to local Authorities, flag state and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334.*

*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, Belawan, 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 vessel 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 with great success.

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.

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. Situation currently remains stable.

**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 in 2018 and two in 2019 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 attacks 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 (for merchant ships) since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah and two in 2019 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 incidents / robberies have been recorded in the past few years.

**Singapore Straits:** General Warning issued in December 2019 indicating sudden rise in attacks in Singapore Straits, especially during the night. Within a space of a few weeks, twelve incidents were recorded. Many more may have gone unreported. It appears one or more groups are targeting passing ships. Authorities notified. Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate security watches and measures while transiting these waters. The perpetrators attack ships underway or at anchor, especially during the night. They usually abort the attempted attack once spotted and the alarm is sounded.

**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. In 2018, within a period of several weeks, five incidents were reported at Benin anchorage. In 2019, 35 crew have been reported kidnapped in three incidents. In the past, ships, especially gas oil tankers were hijacked and forced to sail out of Benin anchorage. 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 was stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have also been injured.

**Cameroon** (Idenao / Douala): Attacks/kidnappings incidents are increasing. Latest Warning issued showed kidnapping of crews at Anchorage and in/off Cameroon. Thirty-one crews have been kidnapped.

**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/Apapa, 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, ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo, usually gas oil. Several crews 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): Attacks reported at anchorage and in/off Togo. There were seven crews reported kidnapped. 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).

**The Congo:** Pointe Noire/Off Point – attacks increasing.

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** No reported attacks in 2019. 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 BMP 5, while transiting these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via GMDSS.

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 BMP 5 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): Incidents increasing. 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**

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) has received 162 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in 2019, compared to 201 for 2018. The 2019 figures are broken down as four vessels hijacked, 17 attempted attacks, 130 vessels boarded and, 11 vessels fired upon.

Whilst the reduction in the overall numbers is welcomed, the IMB PRC is extremely concerned over certain spikes in different parts of the world.

In 2019, an unprecedented number of crew were kidnapped from their vessels – with 134 crew taken in 19 separate incidents.

The Gulf of Guinea accounts for over 90% of global crew kidnappings and has increased more than 50% year on year – with 121 crew taken in 2019 compared to 78 in 2018. The kidnapping of crew is not just a phenomenon faced by one sector of shipping. All types of vessels have been targeted at various distances from the coastline.

The last quarter has seen 64 crew kidnapped in the Gulf of Guinea in six separate incidents – with 19 and 20 crew taken in two incidents in the first half of December. Both incidents were more than 100 NM from the coast. Whilst contributing to the overall numbers, there can be no doubt that the Gulf of Guinea presents a serious and immediate threat to the safety and security of crews and vessels operating in the region.

All four vessel hijackings occurred in the Gulf of Guinea along with ten of the 11 vessels that reported coming under fire.

There has also been a recent spike in activity in the Singapore Straits with 11 of the 12 incidents for 2019 reported in the last quarter. Vessels whilst underway were successfully boarded in ten incidents. The attacks are low level – i.e aimed at armed theft from the vessel - and tend to take place in the hours of darkness. At least seven crew have been taken hostage. The attackers are normally armed with knives and guns. This is a distraction for the crew in control of the vessel whilst navigating through congested waters. The IMB PRC is grateful to Singapore law enforcement agencies for responding promptly to some of these incidents.

Ten low level incidents are recorded for Callao anchorage in Peru – with five reported in the last quarter. Attacks in Indonesian ports have further decreased from 36 incidents in 2018 to 25 in 2019. There has been a noticeable year on year decrease in these attacks thanks to the continued efforts of the Indonesian Marine Police.

Zero incidents were received in 2019 for Somalia. The IMB PRC advises that Somali pirates continue to possess the capacity to carry out attacks in the Somali basin and wider Indian Ocean and therefore continues to recommend that Masters and crew maintain vigilance and remain cautious when transiting these waters.

Similarly, zero incidents have been received from Bangladesh.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned centre, has provided the maritime industry, governments and response agencies with timely and transparent data on piracy and armed robbery incidents – received directly from the Master of the vessel or its owners.



The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Safety Net Services and email alerts to Company Security Officers, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 162 incidents for 01 January to 31 December 2019 are listed on pages 32 to 57. 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.

On 02 November 2019, a Norwegian flagged Bulk Carrier MV Bonita was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:14.9 North and Longitude 002:32.9 East, around 9nm SE of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 0320 UTC. Several armed persons attacked and boarded the ship. The incident was reported to the Authorities who dispatched a patrol boat to the ship's location to assist. The armed persons kidnapped nine crew members. The remaining crew with the assistance of the patrol boat sailed the ship to a safe port. On 12 December 2019, the Owners confirmed that the nine kidnapped crew were released safely on 06 December 2019.

On 15 December 2019, a Marshall Island flagged Product Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:23.59 North and Longitude 002:03.15 East, around 118nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 0800 UTC. Around six heavily armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They kidnapped 20 crews and destroyed ship's equipment resulting in the tanker going into a blackout condition. The remaining one crew sent a distress and requested for assistance. Upon receiving the distress, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately notified and liaised with the regional Authorities to provide immediate assistance to the tanker. A Togo Navy ship was dispatched to the location of the tanker and rescued the crew. Arrangements were made to tow the tanker to a safe location.

### **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's and ship's property 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 and escaped. Cameroon Navy notified and investigations are ongoing.

On 30 December 2019, a Greek Product Tanker was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 03:58.5 North and Longitude 009:05.4 East, Limboh Anchorage, Cameroon at approximately 2230 UTC. Around six persons armed with guns attacked and boarded the tanker. A distress message was activated by the tanker crew. The attackers stole ship's cash and properties and kidnapped eight crew before escaping. One crew was shot and injured. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately notified and liaised with the Authorities. A security boat was dispatched to provide assistance.

#### **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 Piracy Reporting Centre (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 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.

On 11 November 2019, a Nigerian Passenger Boat, Emmanuel Marine was attacked by 10 armed persons while enroute from Bonny to Onne Port, Nigeria between 0700 – 0730 UTC. They kidnapped four Immigration Officers. The Nigerian Navy later managed to rescue the kidnapped Immigration Officers. No casualties were reported.

On 03 December 2019, a Hong Kong Tanker MT Nave Constellation was attacked by 10 armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:06 North and Longitude 007:07 East, around 76nm south of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 1810 UTC. Nineteen crew were reported kidnapped. The tanker owner notified the Nigerian Navy and MRCC for assistance. Later, the remaining six crew sailed the tanker to a safe area. The crew were safely released on 21 December 2019.

#### **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.

On 04 November 2019, a Greek flagged Product Tanker MT Elka Aristotle was attacked by armed persons while at anchor at position Latitude 05:58.22 North and Longitude 001:15.70 East, around 9nm SSE of Lome, Togo at approximately 0240 UTC. About three persons armed with guns and knives attacked and boarded the tanker at anchor. They shot one armed guard in his leg. They entered the accommodation and tried to force their way into the Captain's cabin but were unsuccessful. The alarm was raised and SSAS activated. The armed persons kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining 20 crews were safe. Togo Navy later arrived and boarded the tanker for investigation. On 13 December 2019, the Owners confirmed that three crew members were released. One crew member died due to illness during captivity.

### **CONTINUED COOPERATION**

The positive information sharing, actions and cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of incidents in the 10 safe designated areas as reported by ships. Actions by the IMP has resulted in a sharp decline in attacks on ships in this area. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and liaising closely with the IMP.

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

Ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities / IMP and to the IMB PRC as per IMO Cir 1334. The IMB PRC will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

In line with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the Indonesian Authorities will continue to allocate and position resources and assets in key 10 designated areas of concern to prevent sea robbery and piracy in and around Indonesian waters until 2019.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The IMB appreciates the assistance and vital cooperation provided by the Coalition naval forces / EU naval force (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) / MSCHOA / US Navy / French Alindien / NATO / UKMTO / Indian Navy / Iranian Navy / Malaysian Navy / Russian Navy / Chinese Navy / South Korean Navy / Japanese Maritime SDF/ Singapore Navy/ Royal Thai Navy / and Yemeni Coast Guard and Navy for assisting the many vessels that have been attacked recently and in the past by suspected Somali pirates both in the Gulf of Aden and off eastern / southern Somali coast, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and other areas. The positive actions by the Navies including pre-emptive and disruptive counter piracy tactics had resulted in the drop in the number of attacks.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the Gulf of Guinea Authorities. A special thanks to the Nigerian and the Togo Authorities who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between Agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation and encourages the Authorities to play a more robust and proactive role and to provide a meaningful response, including, investigating the gangs who carry out the kidnappings and ultimately holding them to account under laws.

**NARRATIONS OF INCIDENTS****1 January – 31 December 2019****ACTUAL INCIDENTS****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	10.01.2019 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mito General Cargo Panama 9815 9587788	05:59.1S – 105:56.2E, Ciwandan Anchorage, 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 2205 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Capri Chemical Tanker Singapore 29816 9786140	03:55.4N – 098:47.0E, Belawan Anchorage, 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 1345 UTC Anchored Boarded	Peterborough Bulk Carrier Liberia 32672 9483188	03:41.36S – 114:26.46E, Taboneo Anchorage, 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 1230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nakhal Silver Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29354 9718765	13:44N – 121:02E, Batangas Anchorage, 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 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	TRF Kaya Container Liberia 28616 9330549	14:33.3N – 120:54.1E, Manila South Quarantine Anchorage, 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 2105 UTC Berthed Boarded	Jackson Bay Container Liberia 39912 9322358	06:05.7S – 106:55.2E, Jakarta Container Terminal, 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.
7.	11.05.2019 1000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Princess Paula Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19885 9300207	01:42.76N – 101:26.62E, Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai Port, 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 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Da Yang Bai Li General Cargo China 7216 9607978	01:00.1N – 104:54.8E, Around 4nm East of Pulau Mapur, 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 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Barlian T1201 Tug Niue 153 9433432  Smit Cyclone Crane Barge Singapore 2700 7603588	01:13.00N – 103:34.50E, Around 3.4nm SSE of Tanjung Piai, Johor, 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 1330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Odyseas L Bulk Carrier Liberia 44180 9597381	03:43.0S – 114:26.3E, Taboneo Anchorage, 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 1852 UTC Berthed Boarded	CSK Enterprise Bulk Carrier Singapore 107449 9816555	05:59.8S – 105:57.8E, D6 Berth, Cigading Port, 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 1530 UTC Anchored Boarded	SafeSea Neha II Bulk Carrier Liberia 31144 9347918	01:35.83N – 104:28.73E, Around 13nm ENE of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	Duty Officers onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecastle and proceeded to investigate. As the officers arrived, the person threatened them with a knife and escaped with his accomplice who was waiting in a boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	17.06.2019 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	SA/232/5/F Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	Enroute from Tambisan to Semporna, Sabah, 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 authorities notified. The nine crew were reported released on 21.06.2019. One remaining crew still held.
14.	30.06.2019 0930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36336 -	Berth 115, Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta, 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 0230 UTC Steaming	Modalwan No.11 Tug Malaysia	01:13N – 103:31E,	Six small wooden boats approached the tug and barge underway. The unauthorised persons boarded the barge, stole its cargo of

	Boarded	91 -	Around 2.9nm South of Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia	scrap metal and escaped. The Master contacted the local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel to investigate.
16.	21.07.2019 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded	CK Bluebell Bulk Carrier South Korea 44132 9595876	02:55.8N – 105:10.8E, Around 16nm NW of Pulau Damar, 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 2300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Crest Onyx Offshore Tug Indonesia 1727 9655717	01:04.15N – 103:54.20E, PT Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Batam, 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 1955 UTC Berthed Boarded	Bright Dawn Product Tanker Panama 30042 9362372	01:45.5N – 101:22.0E, SDS Terminal, St 1, Lubuk Gaung, 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.
19.	30.07.2019 2220 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sichem Rio Chemical Tanker Malta 8562 9322073	06:01.1S – 106:52.8E, Around 5nm North of Tanjung Priok, Jakarta, 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.
20.	30.07.2019 2320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Strategic Unity Bulk Carrier Singapore 24641 9648099	03:56.8N – 098:48.7E, Belawan Anchorage, 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.
21.	20.08.2019 2040 UTC Anchored Boarded	Salvicero Tug Singapore 2658 9351830	01:06.15N – 103:53.06E, Batam Anchorage, 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 1830 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tomini Dynasty Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36308 9721360	03:54.40N – 098:47.25E, Belawan Anchorage, 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

				<p>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.</p>
23.	25.08.2019 2045 UTC Anchored Boarded	Eagle Tanker Marshall Islands 160904 9233753	01:35N – 104:32E, Around 17nm ENE of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	<p>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.</p>
24.	27.08.2019 1225 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Singapore 24785 -	Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	<p>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.</p>
25.	08.09.2019 0908 UTC Anchored Boarded	British Contributor LNG Tanker Isle of Man 115366 9766554	01:34.6N – 104:30.9E, Around 15nm East of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	<p>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.</p>
26.	18.09.2019 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11561 -	Dermaga Kencana Terminal, Balikpapan, Indonesia	<p>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.</p>
27.	23.09.2019 0358 UTC Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	05:34.05N – 119:07.05E, Around 6.3nm North of Pulau Tambisan, Sabah, Malaysia	<p>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, documentation and phone. Before leaving the armed persons kidnapped three crew members from one fishing vessel and headed to Tawi-Tawi Islands. On 22 Dec 2019, two kidnapped crew were rescued during the Philippines Military Operations.</p>
28.	25.09.2019 2015 UTC Anchored Boarded	Front Leopard Tanker Marshall Islands 62700 9703320	01:34N – 104:31E, Around 16nm East of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	<p>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.</p>
29.	25.09.2019 2206 UTC Anchored Boarded	TSL Rosemary General Cargo Hong Kong 21483 9527192	01:36N – 104:32E, Around 16nm East of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	<p>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</p>

				alerted crew, the robbers escaped with a mooring rope.
30.	30.09.2019 1515 UTC Steaming Boarded	Transpacific Bulk Carrier Malta 43721 9597226	01:02.7N – 103:39.0E, Singapore 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.
31.	05.10.2019 1800 - 2359 UTC Anchored Boarded	Clipper Eos LPG Tanker Norway 18898 9827205	01:18.14N – 104:07.03E, Johor Anchorage, Malaysia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the theft and notified the OOW.
32.	08.10.2019 1920 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29575 -	01:43N – 101:26E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty officer onboard an anchored tanker noticed four robbers on deck and informed the Master. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and PA announcement made. The robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to local agent.
33.	18.10.2019 1507 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hirado Tanker Greece 159806 9377420	01:05.1N – 103:42.3E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. Duty Engine crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
34.	19.10.2019 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nord Steel Bulk Carrier Singapore 90086 9406518	01:03.45N – 103:38.70E, Singapore Straits	Duty oiler on routine rounds onboard the ship underway was taken hostage by five robbers armed with a gun and knives. The robbers threatened the oiler and tied his hands. They then stole ship's spares and escaped. The oiler reported the incident to the OOW who raised the alarm and notified Singapore VTIS.
35.	21.10.2019 1747 UTC Anchored Boarded	CSK Enterprise Bulk Carrier Singapore 107449 9816555	06:01.3S – 105:53.8E, Cigading Anchorage, Indonesia	Alert crew onboard an anchored ship noticed four unauthorized persons near the entrance of the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped without stealing anything.
36.	24.10.2019 2115 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29168 -	01:03N – 103:38E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed four robbers on deck and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
37.	27.11.2019 2045 UTC Steaming Boarded	Kmax Evdokia Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 41662 9341873	01:17.79N – 104:20.47E, Singapore Straits	While underway, a duty engine crew onboard the ship was confronted by robbers armed with knives. The robbers threatened the crew with a knife and attempted to take him hostage. The crew managed to escape and raised the alarm resulting in the crew mustering. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.

				Master reported the incident to VTIS. A patrol boat was dispatched to the location. Ship and crew safe.
38.	28.11.2019 1520 UTC Steaming Boarded	China Pioneer Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 106884 9588768	01:16.2N – 104:13.4E, Singapore Straits	Chief Engineer onboard the ship underway noticed four robbers armed with knives in the engine room and informed the Master. Alarm raised, deck lights switched on and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Footprints were noticed on the quarter deck. Nothing reported stolen.
39.	30.11.2019 2140 UTC Anchored Boarded	CMA CGM New Jersey Container Malta 54309 9351141	14:32.77N – 120:52.65E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship awaiting berthing instructions, via the anchor cable and hawse pipe. They broke into the bosun's store, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
40.	10.12.2019 2025 UTC Anchored Boarded	Berge Asahidake Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 21530 9713181	05:30.3S – 105:17.5E, Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They broke into the engine room workshop, stole auxiliary engine spares and escaped. Authorities notified.
41.	20.12.2019 1530 UTC Steaming Boarded	Akij Globe Bulk Carrier Bangladesh 30000 9293105	01:15N – 104:01E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, took hostage two duty crew and threatened them with knives. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and incident reported to Singapore VTIS. A coast guard boat responded and escorted the ship to an anchorage where they boarded the ship for inspection. All crew safe.
42.	22.12.2019 1600 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bamzi Tanker Panama 58088 9256468	01:15.26N – 104:05.00E, Singapore Straits	While underway, the tanker was boarded by five robbers armed with knives. Two duty crew on routine rounds were confronted by the robbers, who threatened them and tied them up. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
43.	22.12.2019 1720 UTC Steaming Boarded	Trust Star Bulk Carrier Panama 21699 9610236	01:15.57N – 104:07.01E, Singapore Straits	Five persons armed with knives and guns boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, took hostage two duty crew, threatened them and tied them up. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. A coast guard boat responded and escorted the ship.
44.	24.12.2019 1620 UTC Steaming Boarded	Stena Immortal Product Tanker United Kingdom 29666 9685475	01:09N – 103:29E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers boarded the tanker underway. Second Engineer noticed and shouted at the robbers. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and incident reported to Singapore VTS. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. The tanker anchored at Sudong Special anchorage where Singapore coast guard personnel boarded the tanker for inspection. All crew safe.

## EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.01.2019 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 94866 -	38:53.60N – 118:36.65E, Caofeidian Anchorage, 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 1655 UTC Anchored Boarded	FMG Northern Spirit Ore Carrier Hong Kong 134693 9753595	38:52.8N – 119:11.8E, Jingtang Anchorage, 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 1840 UTC Anchored Boarded	RTM Dampier Bulk Carrier Singapore 106796 9591325	38:52.50N – 118:42.60E, Caofeidian Anchorage, 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 1240 UTC Berthed Boarded	Molengracht General Cargo Netherlands 9524 9571533	10:44.45N – 106:44.71E, Lotus Port, Ho Chi Minh City, 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 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Kota Waris Container Singapore 16772 9157404	10:44.3N – 106:46.2E, Phuoc Long Mooring Buoy No. 03, 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
1.	03.02.2019 1630 UTC Berthed	Maersk Erik Product Tanker Singapore	23:02.02N – 070:13.39E, Oil Jetty No.4,	The chief officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a boat under the forecastle and notified the other deck crew.

	Boarded	25382 9316608	Kandla Port, India	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 1006 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sonangol Namibe Tanker Bahamas 83469 9325049	17:37.1N – 083:19.2E, Visakhapatnam SPM Anchorage, 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 1925 UTC Anchored Boarded	Trammo Cornell LPG Tanker Singapore 25600 9543081	17:03.8N – 082:26.2E, Kakinada Anchorage, 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
1.	03.01.2019 0328 UTC Anchored Boarded	CMA CGM Kingston Container Portugal 16162 9376907	10:19.1N – 075:31.3W, Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia	Deck watchmen onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers near the forecastle 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 0340 UTC Anchored Boarded	Gerd Knutsen Tanker Isle of Man 79592 9041057	10:11.7N – 064:47.3W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.
3.	10.03.2019 0430 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pilion Bulk Carrier Barbados 32210 9425825	00:03.5N – 050:57.8W, Macapa Anchorage, 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 0435 UTC Anchored	Cabo Fuji Tanker Panama	10:11.2N – 064:47.4W,	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Deck watch on routine rounds spotted the robbers and notified the

	Boarded	42791 9730878	Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	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 0900 UTC Anchored Boarded	Navigator Virgo LPG Tanker Liberia 18311 9404819	18:24.8N – 069:19.1W, San Pedro de Macoris Anchorage, Dominican Republic	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was noticed during routine rounds.
6.	28.03.2019 0410 UTC Anchored Boarded	Diamondway Tanker Liberia 81545 9742895	10:11.40N – 064:52.17W, Jose Terminal Anchorage, 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 0645 UTC Anchored Boarded	Port Imabari Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35825 9846263	12:01.9S – 077:11.2W, Callao Anchorage, 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 0340 UTC Anchored Boarded	Taurus Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 93196 9403530	12:17.9N – 072:01.2W, Puerto Bolivar Anchorage, 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 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Singapore 64459 -	10:12.3N – 064:45.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Six persons in a small boat with an outboard motor approached and boarded 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 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seletar Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	10:17.0N – 064:42.2W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, 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 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Jola Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23269 9791896	12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, 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 0730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aqua Lobo Pleasure Craft Cayman Island - -	09:16.40N – 078:07.45W, Around 1.9nm ENE of San Ignacio De Tupile, 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 0700 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Panama 29447 -	Martissant Terminal, Port Au Prince, 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 0555 UTC Anchored Boarded	Methane Mickie Harper LNG Tanker Bermuda 109004 9520376	11:59.8S – 077:11.9W, Callao Anchorage, 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. Incident was reported to Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.
15.	31.05.2019 0525 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Sonoma Bulk Carrier Bahamas 32987 9569944	00:03.27N – 050:58.93W, Macapa Anchorage, 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 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tog Mor Maintenance Pontoon Malta 7235 8759152	18:48.8N – 091:47.8W, Ciudad Del Carmen Anchorage, 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 0100 UTC Steaming Boarded	EF Eldra Container Marshall Islands 16137 9470882	02:32.44S – 080:05.72W, Around 4.5nm WNW of Isla Escalante, 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 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Dorthe Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 24726 9598921	12:01.5S – 077:11.9W, Callao Anchorage, 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 forecandle, 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.
19.	12.10.2019 0010 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anshun Bulk Carrier Panama 24332 9851347	18:33.9N – 072:23.2W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	During routine rounds, duty AB onboard an anchored ship was taken hostage by robbers armed with guns and long knives. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Pilot Station.
20.	12.10.2019 0730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 30024 -	11:59.6S – 077:11.1W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty watchmen onboard an anchored tanker noticed three unauthorised persons on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm. The OOW, sounded the forward horn, raised the alarm, made an announcement on the PA and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped in their boat. Further investigations indicated that the perpetrators opened the bosun store skylight but were unable to steal anything.
21.	21.11.2019 0850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Mercury Bulk Carrier Panama 22662 9616735	12:01.70S – 077:12.62W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers armed with long knives at forecandle deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. A small boat was seen departing the ship. Upon checking, the bosun store and paint store were reported broken into and ship's stores stolen.
22.	23.11.2019 1020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Galveston Highway Vehicle Carrier Panama 59525 9675573	12:01.8S – 077:11.7W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecandle store entrance door and forward booby hatch cover opened. On investigating three mooring ropes were reported missing. Incident reported to Callao Port Authority.
23.	03.12.2019 0715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Cano Bulk Carrier Malta 24086 9662332	12:01.4S – 077:13.3W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Two watchkeepers onboard an anchored ship on routine rounds noticed movement on the forecandle deck and notified the duty officer. Verifying the movement from the bridge, the duty officer reported one robber armed with a long knife and another throwing a mooring rope overboard. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew made their way forward. By the time the crew reached the forecandle deck they saw one boat moving away with the stolen mooring rope. Incident reported to VTS.
24.	07.12.2019 0610 UTC Anchored Boarded	Lunita Bulk Carrier Norway 32402 9685621	12:01.42S – 077:13.75W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain and hawse pipe. They tied up the duty OS, took his radio, wristwatch and flashlight and entered the forecandle store. The duty OS managed to escape and raised the alarm resulting in the crew

				mustering. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a waiting motorboat. Upon investigation, ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR Port Control.
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Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.01.2019 0001 UTC Steaming Boarded	MSC Mandy Container Panama 37071 8918966	05:28N – 002:21E, Around 55nm South of Cotonou, 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 2325 UTC Anchored Boarded	FSL Singapore Product Tanker Singapore 28068 9311725	06:17.8N – 003:19.3E, Lagos Security Anchorage Area, 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 0320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Two Million Ways Tanker Cyprus 40865 9334571	06:16.3N – 003:20.1E, Lagos STS Anchorage, 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 2240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Valorous Product Tanker Liberia 29557 9827059	05:12.4N – 004:02.8W, Abidjan Anchorage, 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 0530 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Landing Craft Marshall Islands 1409 -	02:32.6N – 004:47.3E, Around 136nm SW of Brass, 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 0340 UTC Berthed Boarded	Histria Ivory Product Tanker Malta 25804 9356244	06:21.1N – 010:47.8W, Port of Monrovia, 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.

7.	23.02.2019 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anna General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 11473 9501887	04:54.6N – 001:40.2W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.
8.	27.02.2019 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Jamnagar Tanker Singapore 56326 9524982	04:56.4N – 001:34.3W, Aboadze Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.
9.	02.03.2019 1233 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cap Theodora Tanker Greece 81324 9380740	04:38.0N – 003:14.1E, Around 105nm South of Lagos, 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 1940 UTC Steaming Boarded	Histria Ivory Product Tanker Malta 25804 9356244	05:52N – 001:24E, Around 17nm SSE of Lome, 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 1115 UTC Steaming Boarded	E. Francis Offshore Support Vessel Nigeria 2645 7408897	03:57.2N – 006:39.0E, Around 32nm SE of Brass, 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 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. On 12 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that the five kidnapped crew members were released safely on June 2019.
12.	24.03.2019 2235 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Steady Product Tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	06:15.2N – 003:12.3E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, 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 0236 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anuket Pearl Product Tanker Malta 5581 9395886	04:52.86N – 001:41.42W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed the paint room door was opened and spotted the robbers in the forecabin. 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 0310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Steady Product Tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	06:18.9N – 003:17.4E, Lagos STS Anchorage, 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 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Contship Oak Container Liberia 9957 9373917	03:53N - 009:30E, Around 15nm SW of Douala, 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 0600 UTC Berthed Boarded	Silver Lake Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20987 9377963	Berth T36, Casablanca Port, Morocco	Duty officer onboard the berthed ship, heard noises from the boat deck. As he 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 2100 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maria Soltin Chemical Tanker Nigeria 805 7203699	05:49.10N – 003:49.00E, Lagos Offshore, 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

				<p>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.</p>
18.	15.04.2019 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	San Padre Pio Product Tanker Switzerland 5422 9610339	04:28.1N – 007:10.1E, Bonny River Inner Anchorage, Nigeria	<p>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. 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.</p>
19.	19.04.2019 1330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Apecus Product Tanker Palau 2055 7333810	Bonny Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	<p>An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crew and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy notified. On 27 Jun 2019, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.</p>
20.	24.04.2019 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Gladiator Product Tanker Marshall Islands 25382 9241827	06:20.3N – 003:20.5E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	<p>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.</p>

21.	28.04.2019 0504 UTC Anchored Boarded	Siviu Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11290 9541289	05:50.5S – 013:25.5E, Ango-Ango Inner Anchorage, Port Matadi, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker and broke into the forecandle 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 0010 UTC Anchored Boarded	Marlin Amber Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29534 9697210	06:16.07N – 003:13.11E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), 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 1200 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Charis Tug Nigeria 298 9616254	03:04N – 007:59E, Around 41nm SW of Luba, 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 1216 UTC Steaming Boarded	Blue Marlin Heavy Load Carrier Malta 51821 9186338	03:03.2N – 007:52.3E, Around 48nm SW of Luba, 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 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 0100 UTC Anchored Hijacked	G Dona I Chemical Tanker Togo 992 8619285	Lome Anchorage, 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 0142 UTC Anchored Boarded	Hanze Gendt Bulk Carrier Netherlands 24210 9605176	09:23.94N – 013:41.26W, Conakry Anchorage, 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 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	D&K Yusuf I. Al- Ghanim Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30952 9399624	14:32.56S – 040:39.16E, Nacala Inner Anchorage, 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 2250 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Name Withheld General Cargo Turkey 8929 -	02:58N – 004:40E, Around 124nm SW of Brass, 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 0240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pomerania Sky Container Liberia 26435 9339583	08:28.1N – 013:28.1W, Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Five robbers armed with knives in a small wooden boat approached and 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 0442 UTC Berthed Boarded	Spring Rainbow Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 36467 9666041	06:25.76N – 003:20.52E, Berth No.TC09, Lagos, 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 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Torm Thor Product Tanker Singapore 29484 9712292	06:18.06N – 003:23.35E, Lagos Anchorage, 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 2130 UTC Berthed Boarded	New Century Tanker Marshall Islands 41994 9298272	04:04.6S – 039:39.8E, Mbaraki Wharf, Mombasa, 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 0310 UTC Berthed	Burgundy Container Liberia	Tin Can Island Terminal, Port of Lagos,	Three robbers armed with metal sticks in a small boat approached and boarded the berthed ship. They attacked the duty AB on



	Boarded	36087 9372872	Nigeria	routine rounds, stole his personal belongings and escaped. Alarm raised and a search was carried 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.
34.	29.07.2019 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bliss Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 21059 9370331	06:19.8N – 010:51.4W, Monrovia Roads, 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.
35.	07.08.2019 1930 UTC Anchored Boarded	Celsius Riga Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 29130 9430284	14:23.3S – 040:42.0E, Nacala Outer Anchorage, Mozambique	Two armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe and broke into the forecandle store. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores.
36.	14.08.2019 0130 UTC Berthed Boarded	Prince Job 1 Offshore Supply Ship Nigeria 1847 9738636	04:40.50N – 007:09.31E, Federal Ocean Terminal, Onne Port, 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 0118 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 22137 -	03:52.40N – 009:31.12E, Douala Anchorage, 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 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 7406 -	03:52N – 009:31E, Douala Anchorage, 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 0325 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld LPG Tanker Liberia 18311 -	03:34.84N – 006:40.75E, 50nm SE of Brass, Nigeria	Pirates boarded a 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 vessel and confirmed that no pirates found on board, the crew emerged from the citadel. On 12 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that 1 kidnapped crew member was released safely on 05 Oct 2019.
40.	12.09.2019 0001 - 0700 UTC	Orient Tide Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands	04:03.1N – 009:41.3E, Port of Douala,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. During routine rounds in the morning, it was

	Berthed Boarded	23426 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 2200 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Fishing Vessel Cameroon - -	04:10.26N – 008:55.38E, Around 4.5nm SW of Idenao, 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 0250 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30641 -	09:25.0N – 013:44.1W, Around 5nm SSW of Conakry, 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 0315 UTC Anchored Boarded	Grace Victoria Product Tanker Singapore 40953 9321201	06:17.7N – 003:14.1E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, 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.
44.	05.10.2019 Early Hours Steaming Boarded	MFB Dahlia Fishing Vessel Nigeria - -	04:21.07N – 006:52.20E, Nigeria	A fishing vessel, having machinery problems drifted to the mouth of Sambreiro river where it was attacked by several persons. The persons vandalized the vessel and escaped. The vessel owners notified the Nigerian Navy, who were able to locate the vessel.
*5.	05.10.2019 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	UACC Mirdif Product Tanker Marshall Islands 26916 9402794	06:17.2N – 003:13.8E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Security patrol onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the forecastle and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat arrived for investigation.
46.	06.10.2019 2230 UTC Berthed Boarded	Rose M Product Tanker Panama 28059 9311000	Apapa BOP Terminal, Lagos, Nigeria	During cargo operations, around seven to eight armed persons in two wooden boats came alongside and boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the persons, raised the alarm and stopped the discharging operations. Before escaping, the persons fired towards the crew. No injuries reported. Cargo from the terminal's manifolds was reported stolen.
47.	08.10.2019 2240 UTC Anchored	Fugro Helmert Research Vessel Gibraltar	04:45.4S – 011:49.7E,	Master onboard the anchored research ship heard a sound and noticed one unknown person onboard. Master shouted and the

	Boarded	496 9662978	Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	person escaped. Emergency alarm raised and crew mustered. A boat was seen departing the ship with stolen ship's store.
48.	20.10.2019 0320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Roubaix Container Hong Kong 9957 9332688	04:45.19S – 011:46.77E, Pointe Noire South Anchorage, The Congo	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a mooring rope in the water and notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Investigations showed that the forward storeroom door was opened, and ship's stores were stolen. A boat with two persons was seen moving away from the ship. Incident reported to Port Control.
49.	02.11.2019 0320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bonita Bulk Carrier Norway 32315 9494060	06:14.9N – 002:32.9E, Around 8.9nm SE of Cotonou, Benin	Armed persons boarded an anchored ship. Incident reported to the Authorities who dispatched a patrol boat to the ship's location. Nine crew were reported missing from the ship. The remaining crew with the assistance of the patrol boat sailed the ship to a safe port. On 12 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that the nine kidnapped crew were released on 06 Dec 2019.
50.	04.11.2019 0240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Elka Aristotle Product Tanker Greece 55096 9249099	05:58.22N – 001:15.70E, Around 9nm SSE of Lome, Togo	Three persons armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker and shot one armed guard in his leg. They entered into the accommodation and tried to force their way into the captain's cabin but were unsuccessful. Alarm raised and SSAS activated. Once the armed persons left the tanker a headcount was taken, and four crew members were reported kidnapped. Togo Navy boarded the vessel for investigation. On 13 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that three crew members were released. One crew member died due to illness.
51.	08.11.2019 0205 UTC Berthed Boarded	Atlantic Laurel Bulk Carrier Panama 20243 9494747	30:25.55N – 009:38.88W, Silos Terminal, Agadir Port, Morocco	Duty officer noticed four unauthorized persons onboard the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped. On searching the ship nothing reported stolen.
52.	11.11.2019 0700 - 0730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Emmanuel Marine Passenger Boat Nigeria - -	Enroute from Bonny to Onne Port, Nigeria	Ten armed persons attacked the passenger boat and kidnapped four Immigration Officers. The Nigerian Navy rescued the kidnapped Immigration Officers on 13 November. No casualties reported.
53.	19.11.2019 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baltic Mantis Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36353 9729489	14:22.51S – 040:42.67E, Nacala Outer Anchorage, Mozambique	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search carried out. Seeing the alerted crew, the person escaped. Nothing reported stolen. All crew safe. Incident reported to Port Control.
54.	03.12.2019 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nave Constellation Tanker Hong Kong 157039 9515929	03:06N – 007:07E, Around 76nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	Armed pirates attack and boarded an oil tanker underway. Nineteen crew were reported kidnapped. The vessel owners notified the Nigerian Navy and MRCC for assistance. Remaining crew sailed the tanker to a safe area. On 22 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that the nineteen

				kidnapped crew were released on 21 Dec 2019.
55.	15.12.2019 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11118 -	04:23.59N – 002:03.15E, Around 118nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin	Around six heavily armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members and destroyed ship's equipment resulting in the tanker going into a blackout condition. The remaining crew sent a distress and requested to be towed to a safe area. Upon receiving the information, the IMB PRC immediately notified and liaised with the Regional Authorities to provide assistance. A Togo Navy ship was dispatched and arrangements made to tow the tanker. Twenty crew were reported missing.
56.	17.12.2019 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Trader Offshore Tug Denmark 4678 9388596	04:45.9S – 011:46.6E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Two robbers in a canoe came alongside an anchored offshore tug. They boarded the vessel and stole ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Control.
57.	21.12.2019 0025 UTC Anchored Boarded	River Shiner Product Tanker Marshall Islands 42661 9289752	06:15.4N – 003:13.0E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Duty crew on board an anchored tanker noticed two unauthorized persons onboard and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Naval patrol boat notified via VHF, which responded and searched the waters around the tanker. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
58.	30.12.2019 2230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Greece 30201 -	03:58.5N – 009:05.4E, Limboh Anchorage, Cameroon	Around six persons armed with guns boarded an anchored tanker. A distress message was sent by the tanker. The persons stole ship's cash and properties and kidnapped eight crew members before escaping. One crew was reported injured. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB PRC immediately notified and liaised with the Authorities. A security boat was sent by the Authorities to provide assistance. Investigation is on-going.

## ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS

1 January – 31 December 2019

### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.02.2019 1106 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36332 -	03:43.1S – 114:26.3E, Taboneo Anchorage, 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 0100 UTC Steaming Attempted	Zhe Hai 169 Bulk Carrier China 32962 9622784	07:40.8N – 128:29.3E, Around 115nm East of Baganga, 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 1400 UTC Anchored Attempted	El Toro Yacht Austria 27 -	00:53.52S – 131:14.36E, Around 0.18nm SE of Pulau Doom, Sorong, 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 2000 UTC Anchored Attempted	SG Pegasus Chemical Tanker Panama 8195 9494876	01:06.2N – 104:10.7E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage, 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 1700 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Saudi Arabia 29575 -	13:46N – 120:59E, Mabini Anchorage, 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.
6.	14.10.2019 2200 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29575 -	03:55N – 098:48E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a person attempting to board via the anchor chain, while two other persons were waiting in the boat alongside the tanker. Duty crew reported the incident to OOW who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped in their boat.
7.	05.11.2019 1148 UTC Steaming Attempted	GT Equality Product Tanker Vietnam 4159 9205512	01:12.6N – 103:34.3E, Singapore Straits	Six persons in two speed boats approached the tanker underway. Duty crew noticed the persons attempting to board the tanker and raised the alarm. Master increased the speed and took evasive manoeuvres resulting in the persons aborting the boarding attempt.
8.	07.11.2019 1900 UTC Berthed Attempted	Maersk Borneo Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9341445	03:47.2N – 098:41.8E, Belawan Port, Indonesia	During security rounds, crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed one unknown person trying to board the tanker using a grappling hook. Upon being noticed, the person escaped. Incident reported to Port Authority.
9.	02.12.2019 1910 UTC Steaming Attempted	BW Loyalty Tug Singapore 160 9492622	1:10.94N – 103:56.6E, Singapore Straits	Five to seven persons in a wooden boat approached and attempted to board the tug underway. Duty watchman noticed the boat and raised the alarm resulting in the persons aborting and moving away.

## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.12.2019 0035 UTC Anchored Attempted	Dione Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 40622 9213363	17:36.9N – 083:21.0E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Around 15 to 18 persons in three skiffs approached an anchored ship and attempted to board using a rope attached to a hook. Alert crew noticed the attempted boarding and notified the port control and Coast Guard. A patrol vessel was dispatched resulting in the robbers aborting and moving away. After chasing the boats for a while, the patrol boat managed to stop one skiff and arrested the persons onboard.

## AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2019 0445 UTC Anchored Attempted	Star Kestrel Tanker Panama 30068 9321940	10:16N – 064:42W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, 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 0700 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Vehicle Carrier Malta 61106 -	12:01.66S – 077:12.03W, Callao Anchorage, 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 flashlights 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 0745 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Container Germany 46009 -	02:31.8S – 080:05.4W, Around 3.6nm WNW of Isla Escalante Island, Guayas, 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 0535 UTC Steaming Attempted	NYK Lyra Container Panama 75201 9229336	03:47.6N – 077:14.3W, Buenaventura Channel, Near Buoy No.13, 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 2010 UTC Steaming Attempted	Arequipa Queen Bulk Carrier Vanuatu 30598 9758765	00:08.0S – 081:19.9W, Around 52nm WNW of Cabo Pasado, Ecuador	Two speed boats with five persons in each boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. The ship increase speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and started spraying the boats with pressurised fire hoses, resulting in the boats moving away. Crew and ship reported safe.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2019 0110 UTC Anchored Attempted	Aramon Product Tanker Marshall Islands 42225 9440485	06:15.7N – 003:12.8E, Lagos SAA, 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 1935 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 11118 -	03:43N – 006:10E, Around 35nm South of Brass, 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 0015 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Allegra Bulk Carrier Liberia 14599 9114476	03:32.8N – 006:11.6E, Around 45nm South of Brass, 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 1530 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Samurai Tanker Liberia 78845 9378876	03:02N – 006:05E, Around 76nm SSW of Brass, 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 0016 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Kota Satria Container Singapore 41567	02:59.5N – 005:56.6E, Around 80nm South 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. Due to evasive

		9645487	Nigeria	manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. Ship and crew reported safe.
6.	27.02.2019 0854 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 83805 -	03:07.7N – 006:12.4E, Around 69nm South of Brass, 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 2000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	African Gem Product Tanker Panama 28326 9085390	03:08N – 006:03E, Around 70nm South of Brass, 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 0815 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bourbon Explorer 502 Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 9653898	03:52.8N – 007:04.5E, Around 30nm SSW of Bonny Island, 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 2000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 11118 -	02:58.25N – 005:16.12E, Around 98.54nm SW of Brass, 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 1050 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Joseph Wisdom LPG Tanker Panama 5848 9806732	04:09.6N – 008:22.5E, Around 23nm SSE of Okposo, Nigeria	A suspicious 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.
11.	07.11.2019 0015 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cascade Spirit Tanker Bahamas 83545 9399492	01:13.6N – 006:09.6E, Around 57nm NNW of Sao Tome Island, Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome and Principe	Armed persons in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, tanker increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. Fire pump activated, and four parachute rockets discharged. Due to the actions of the Master and crew, the skiff aborted and moved away. The tanker and crew safe.
12.	13.12.2019 0430 UTC Berthed Attempted	Nijinsky LPG Tanker Singapore 16804 9364966	Berth N37/2, Port of Algiers, Algeria	Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed three unauthorised persons attempting to board via the forward mooring ropes. Alarm raised resulting in the persons escaping. Incident reported to PFSO. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	21.12.2019 2230 UTC	African Kalmia Bulk Carrier	00:19.5N – 009:23.7E,	Around six armed persons in a skiff came alongside an anchored ship and attempted to

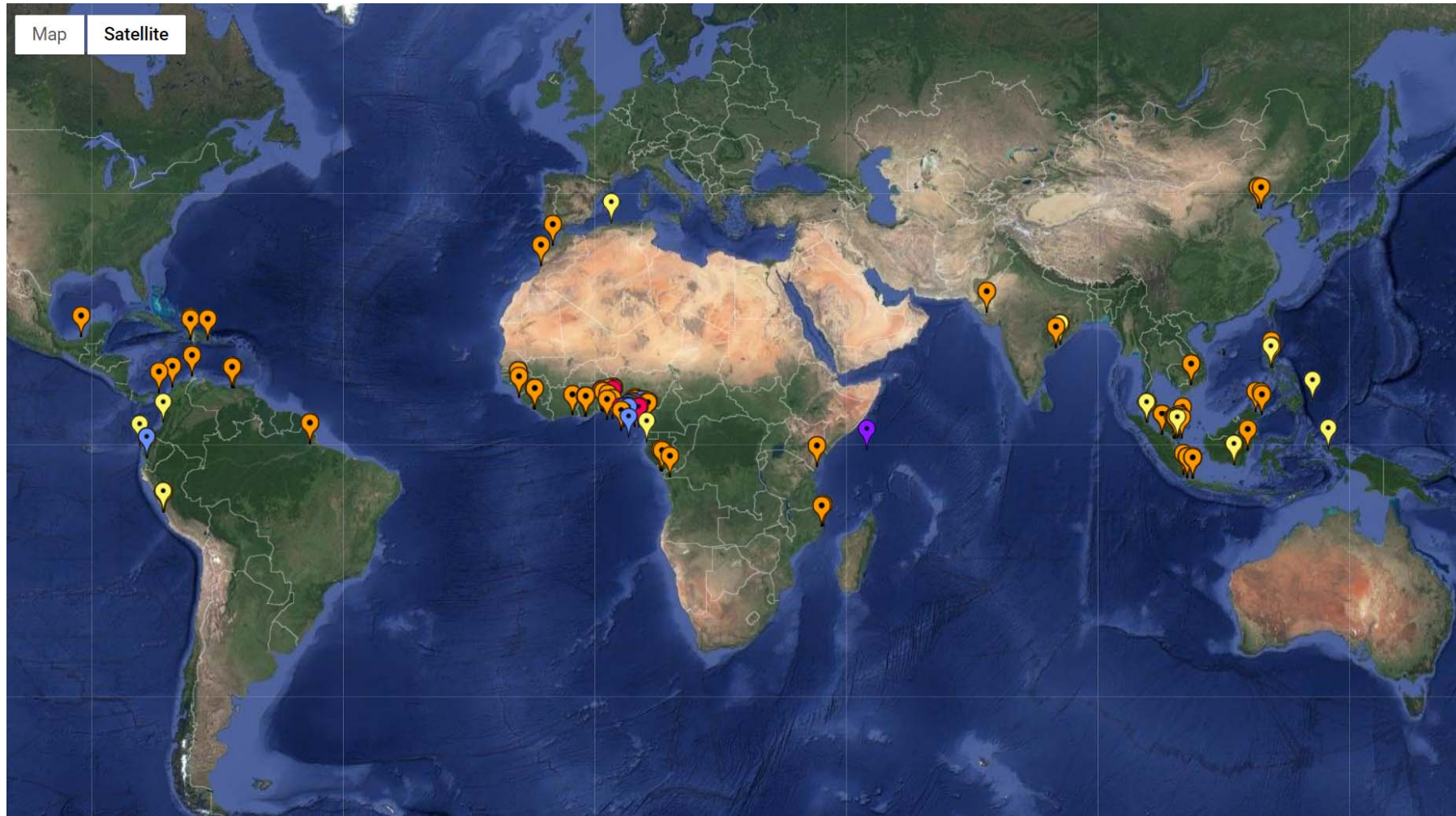


	Anchored Attempted	Liberia 19213 9666431	Owendo Anchorage, Gabon	hook a ladder to board the ship. The persons threatened the crew with their weapons. Alarm raised and port authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the armed persons aborted the attempted boarding. The ship and crew are safe.
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**Total number of attacks – 162**





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**Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 4**

**Total attacks East & SE Asia – 58**





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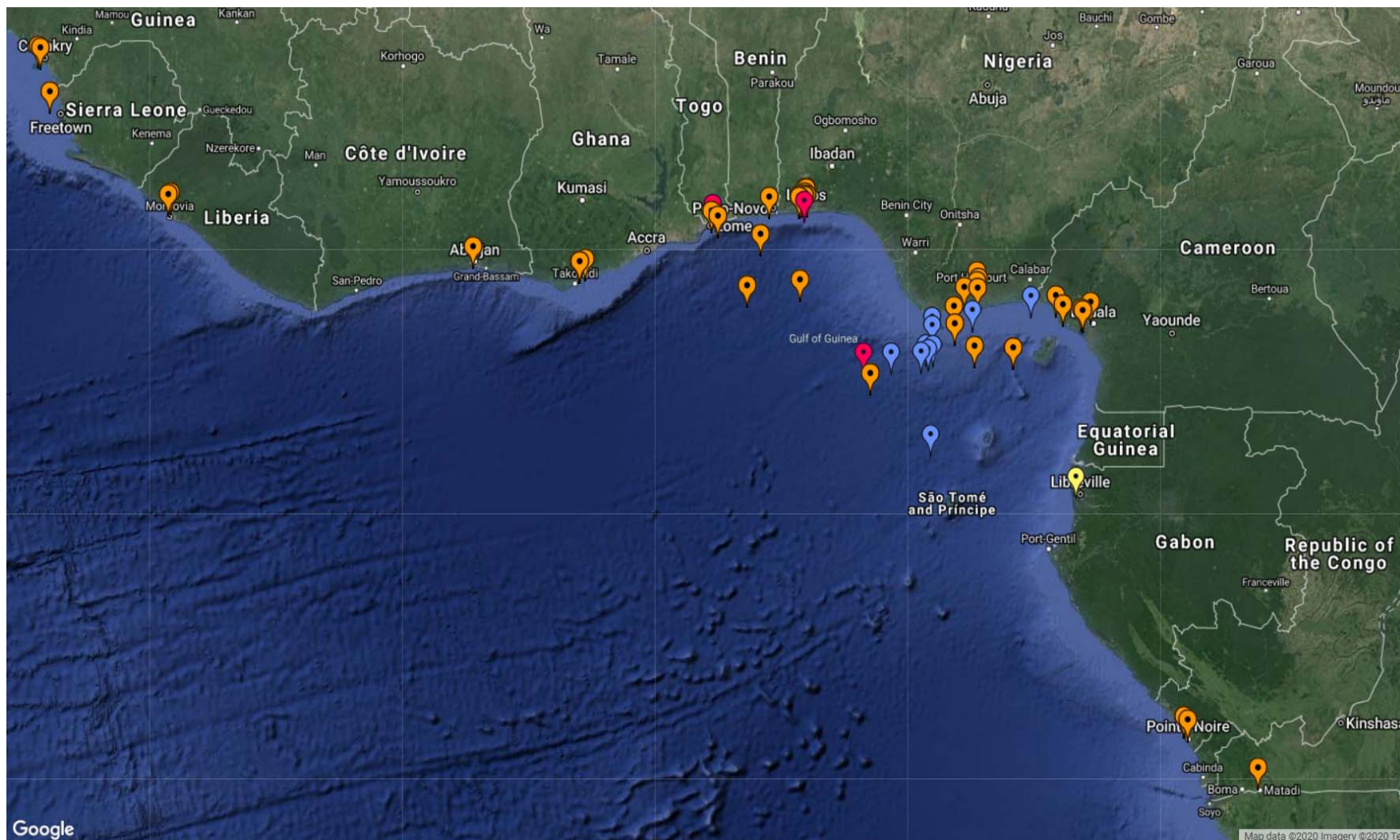
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**Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0**



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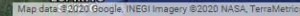


**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 64**





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## Total attacks South America – 29