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1 January – 31 December 2012

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INTRODUCTION

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

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 31 December 2012.

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

The key services of the PRC are:

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

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

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

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks on the Internet at 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 on the risks associated with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 31 December 2012, received reports of 297 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Because of the recent debate concerning Malacca Straits, narrations of incidents in this area are shown as separate categories. Similarly because of the increasing serious incidents off Somalia, incidents in this area are also shown as separate categories.

Attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the east coast of Somalia have been grouped together in the narrations for easy reading.

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 26th 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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**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks.
January – December: 2008 – 2012**

Locations	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
S E ASIA Indonesia	28	15	40	46	81
Malacca Straits	2	2	2	1	2
Malaysia	10	16	18	16	12
Myanmar (Burma)	1	1		1	
Philippines	7	1	5	5	3
Singapore Straits	6	9	3	11	6
Thailand		2	2		
FAR EAST China		1	1	2	1
South China Sea		13	31	13	2
Vietnam	11	9	12	8	4
INDIAN SUB Bangladesh	12	18	23	10	11
CONTINENT India	10	12	5	6	8
Sri Lanka	1				
SOUTH Brazil	1	5	9	3	1
AMERICA Colombia	1	5	3	4	5
Costa Rica		3	1	3	1
Dominican Republic					1
Ecuador	2	2	3	6	4
Guyana			2	1	
Haiti	2	4	5	2	2
Peru	5	13	10	2	3
Venezuela	3	5	7	4	
AFRICA Algeria					1
Angola	2			1	
Benin		1		20	2
Cameroon	2	3	5		1
Dem. Republic of Congo	1	2	3	4	2
Egypt			2	3	7
Equatorial Guinea	1				
Ghana	7	3		2	2
Guinea		5	6	5	3
Guinea Bissau		1			
Gulf of Aden *	92	117	53	37	13
Ivory Coast	3	2	4	1	5
Kenya	2	1		1	1
Liberia	1		1		
Morocco	1				
Mozambique	2				2
Nigeria	40	29	19	10	27
Red Sea**		15	25	39	13
Sierra Leone				1	1
Somalia	19	80	139	160	49
Tanzania	14	5	1		2
The Congo	1		1	3	4
Togo	1	2		6	15
REST Arabian Sea***		1	2		
OF Caspian Sea		1			
WORLD France	1				
Gulf of Oman		1			
Indian Ocean****		1			
Iraq			2		

Mediterranean Sea				1	
Oman*****		4		1	
Seychelles	1				
Total at year end	293	410	445	439	297

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

***Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following eight locations recorded just under 75% attacks from a total of 297 reported attacks for the period.

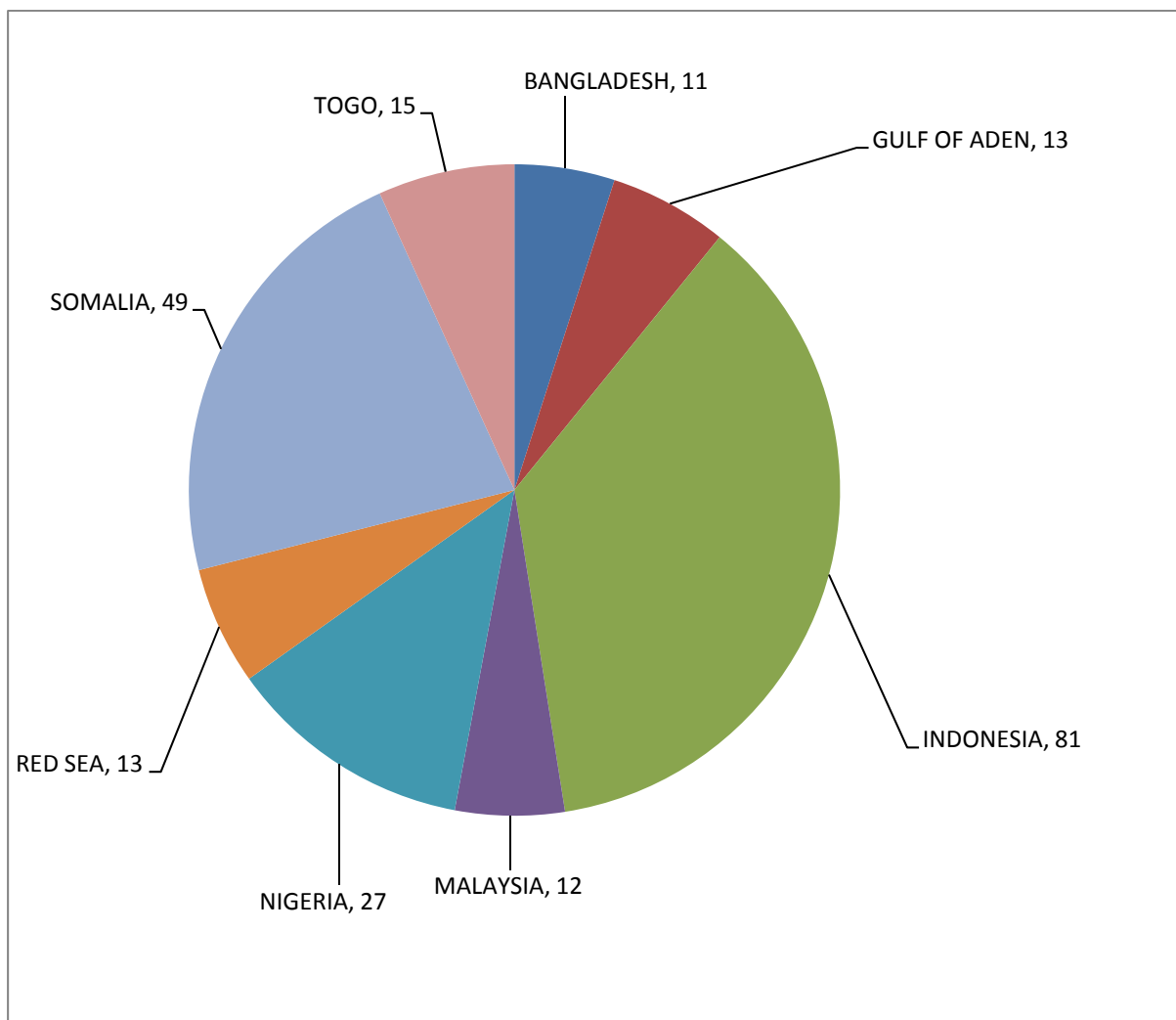


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2012

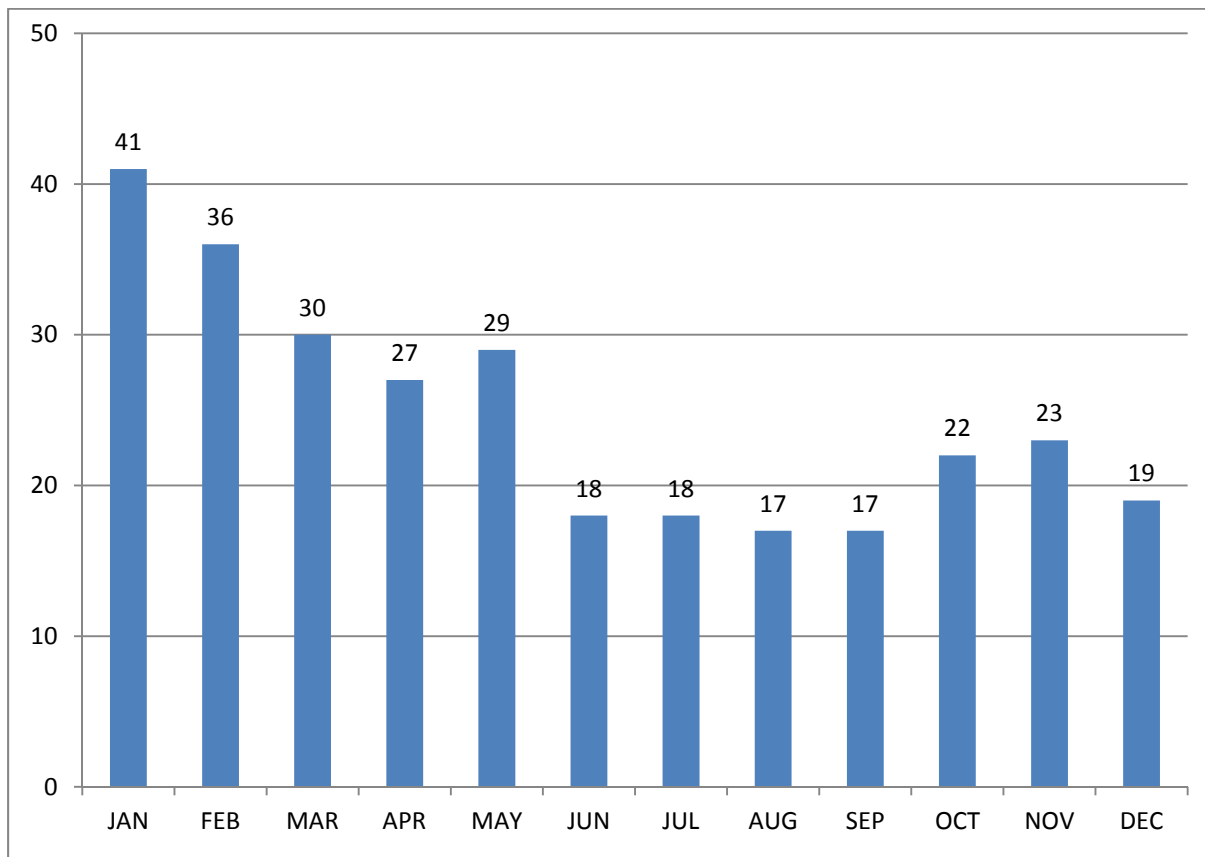
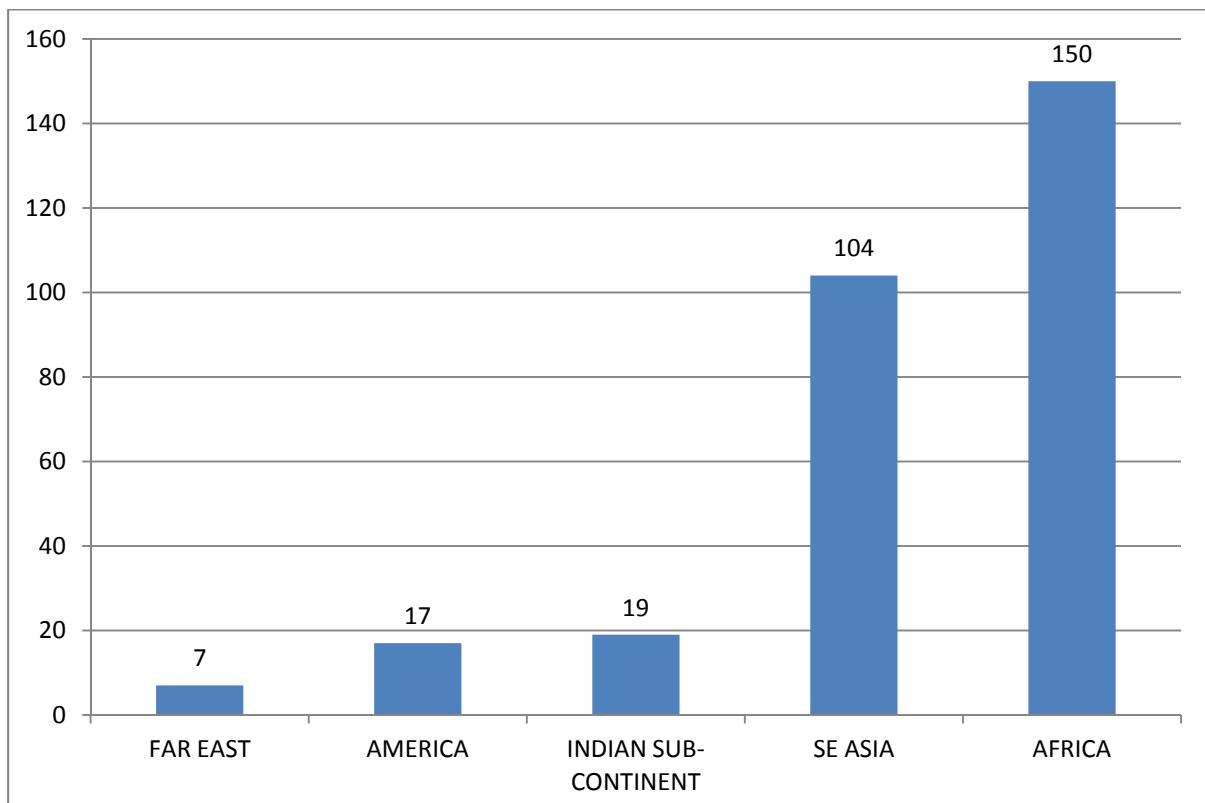


Chart C: Total Incidents as per region of the world January – December 2012



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location,
January – December 2012**

		ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
Location		Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted Boarding
S E ASIA	Indonesia	73			8
	Malacca Straits	1	1		
	Malaysia	11	1		
	Philippines	3			
	Singapore Straits	6			
FAR EAST	China	1			
	South China Sea		2		
	Vietnam	3			1
INDIAN	Bangladesh	11			
SUB CONT	India	7			1
SOUTH	Brazil				1
AMERICA	Colombia	4			1
	Costa Rica				1
	Dominican Republic	1			
	Ecuador	3			1
	Haiti	2			
	Peru	2			1
AFRICA	Algeria	1			
	Benin	1	1		
	Cameroon	1			
	Dem. Republic of Congo	2			
	Egypt	6			1
	Ghana	2			
	Guinea	3			
	Gulf of Aden*		4	4	5
	Ivory Coast	4	1		
	Kenya	1			
	Mozambique	2			
	Nigeria	13	4	8	2
	Red Sea**				13
	Sierra Leone	1			
	Somalia	2	10	16	21
	Tanzania	1			1
	The Congo	4			
	Togo	2	4		9
	Sub total	174	28	28	67
	Total	297			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

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**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.
January - December 2012**

Country	Location	1.1.2012 to 31.12.2012
Bangladesh	Chittagong	11
Ecuador	Guayaquil	3
Egypt	El Dekheila	4
Guinea	Conakry	3
India	Kakinada	3
Indonesia	Adang Bay	4
Indonesia	Balikpapan	3
Indonesia	Batam	3
Indonesia	Belawan	14
Indonesia	Dumai	11
Indonesia	Jakarta / Tanjung Priok	7
Indonesia	Muara Berau	4
Indonesia	Taboneo	7
Ivory Coast	Abidjan	5
Nigeria	Lagos	7
Singapore Straits	Singapore Straits	6
The Congo	Pointe Noire	4
Togo	Lome	14

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - December 2012

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING
S E ASIA Indonesia	6	59	8
Malacca Straits			2
Malaysia		8	4
Philippines		2	1
Singapore Straits		1	5
FAR EAST China		1	
South China Sea			2
Vietnam	1	2	
INDIAN Bangladesh		11	
SUB CONT India		7	
SOUTH AMERICA Colombia		3	1
Dominican Republic	1		
Ecuador	1		2
Haiti		2	
Peru		2	
AFRICA Algeria	1		
Benin		1	1
Cameroon	1		
Dem. Republic of Congo		2	
Egypt		6	
Ghana		2	
Guinea		2	1
Gulf of Aden*			4
Ivory Coast		5	
Kenya	1		
Mozambique	2		

Nigeria		4	13
Sierra Leone		1	
Somalia		1	11
Tanzania	1		
The Congo		4	
Togo		4	2
Sub Total	15	130	57
Total	202		

*Gulf of Aden

The above attacks attributed to Somali pirates

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2012

LOCATION		BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING
S E ASIA	Indonesia	1	7	
FAR EAST	Vietnam	1		
INDIAN SUB CON	India		1	
AMERICA	Brazil		1	
	Colombia			1
	Costa Rica		1	
	Ecuador			1
	Peru		1	
AFRICA	Egypt	1		
	Gulf of Aden*			9
	Nigeria			10
	Red Sea**			13
	Somalia			37
	Tanzania			1
	Togo		9	
Sub Total		3	20	72
Total		95		

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

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TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - December 2008 - 2012

Types of Arms	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Guns	139	243	243	245	113
Knives	68	71	88	69	73
Not stated	80	90	108	117	104
Other weapons	6	6	6	8	7
Total at year end	293	410	445	439	297

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - December 2008 – 2012

Category	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Attempted	47	85	89	105	67
Boarded	151	155	196	176	174
Fired upon	46	121	107	113	28
Hijack	49	49	53	45	28
Total	293	410	445	439	297

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2008 – 2012

Types of Violence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Assaulted	7	4	6	6	4
Hostage	889	1050	1174	802	585
Injured	32	69	37	42	28
Kidnap/Ransom	42	12	27	10	26
Killed	11	10	8	8	6
Missing	21	8	-	-	-
Threatened	9	14	18	27	13
Total	1011	1167	1270	895	662

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2012

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Killed	Kidnap
S E ASIA Indonesia	47	4	3	4		
Malacca Straits	6					
Malaysia	49			8		
Philippines				1		
Singapore Straits	19					
FAR South China Sea	16					
EAST Vietnam	1			1		
INDIAN Bangladesh	2	1		1		
SUB CONT India		1				
AMERICA Ecuador	1					
Haiti		1		1		
AFRICA Benin	19					
Cameroon	1					
Dem. Republic of Congo				1		
Egypt		3				
Ghana		2		1		
Guinea	8			1		
Gulf of Aden*	38					
Ivory Coast	25	1				
Kenya	1					
Nigeria	61		1	7	4	26
Somalia	212			1	2	
Togo	79			1		
Sub total	585	13	4	28	6	26
Total	662					

*Gulf of Aden

The above attacks attributed to Somali pirates

**TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location,
January – December 2012**

LOCATIONS	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA Indonesia	4	34	6	37
Malacca Straits	1			1
Malaysia	5	3		4
Philippines		1		2
Singapore Straits	1	1		4
FAR EAST China				1
South China Sea	1			1
Vietnam	1	1		2
INDIAN Bangladesh		8		3
SUB CONT India		3		5
AMERICA Brazil				1
Colombia	1		1	3
Costa Rica				1
Dominican Republic				1
Ecuador	2	1		1
Haiti	1	1		
Peru		3		
AFRICA Algeria				1
Benin	2			
Cameroon		1		
Dem. Republic of Congo		2		
Egypt		2		5
Ghana		2		
Guinea	3			
Gulf of Aden*	12			1
Ivory Coast	2	2		1
Kenya		1		
Mozambique		1		1
Nigeria	27			
Red Sea**	6			7
Sierra Leone		1		
Somalia	38			11
Tanzania		1		1
The Congo		3		1
Togo	6	1		8
Sub total	113	73	7	104
Total	297			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2008 – 2012

Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Barge / Barge Carrier	1				2
Bulk Carrier	48	109	80	100	66
Catamaran		2			
Cement Carrier	2		2		
Container	49	64	74	62	39
Crane Ship			1		
Crew Boat	1	1			
Deck Cargo Ship				1	
Dhow	1	3	4	1	5
Diving Support Vessel				1	
Dredger			1		
Drilling Ship				1	
General Cargo	38	54	63	35	15
Guard Vessel					1
Heavy Load Carrier	1		1	2	
Landing Craft			2		1
Lift Barge	1				
Livestock Carrier	1		1	2	
Naval Auxiliary			1		1
OBO		1			
Offshore Processing Ship	2				
Passenger	3	1	1	1	
Patrol Boat			1		
Pipe Layer Crane Vessel			1		1
Refrigerated Cargo	8	4	4	4	2
Research Ship	1	1	1		1
Rig / Platform					
RORO	1	8	6	3	2
Salvage Vessel					1
Seismographic Research			2	1	
Supply Ship	5	1		1	8
Support Ship	1				1
Tanker Asphalt /Bitumen		2	2	1	
Tanker Bunkering					2
Tanker Chem / Product	55	69	96	100	76
Tanker Crude Oil	30	41	43	61	32
Tanker LNG		1	1		2
Tanker LPG	6	5	7	6	10
Trawler/Fishing	9	16	19	11	5
Tug	16	17	20	32	23
Vehicle Carrier	3	4	5	7	
Warship			2		
Wood Chips Carrier			1	1	1
Yacht	9	6	1	4	
Not stated	1		2	1	
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CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2012

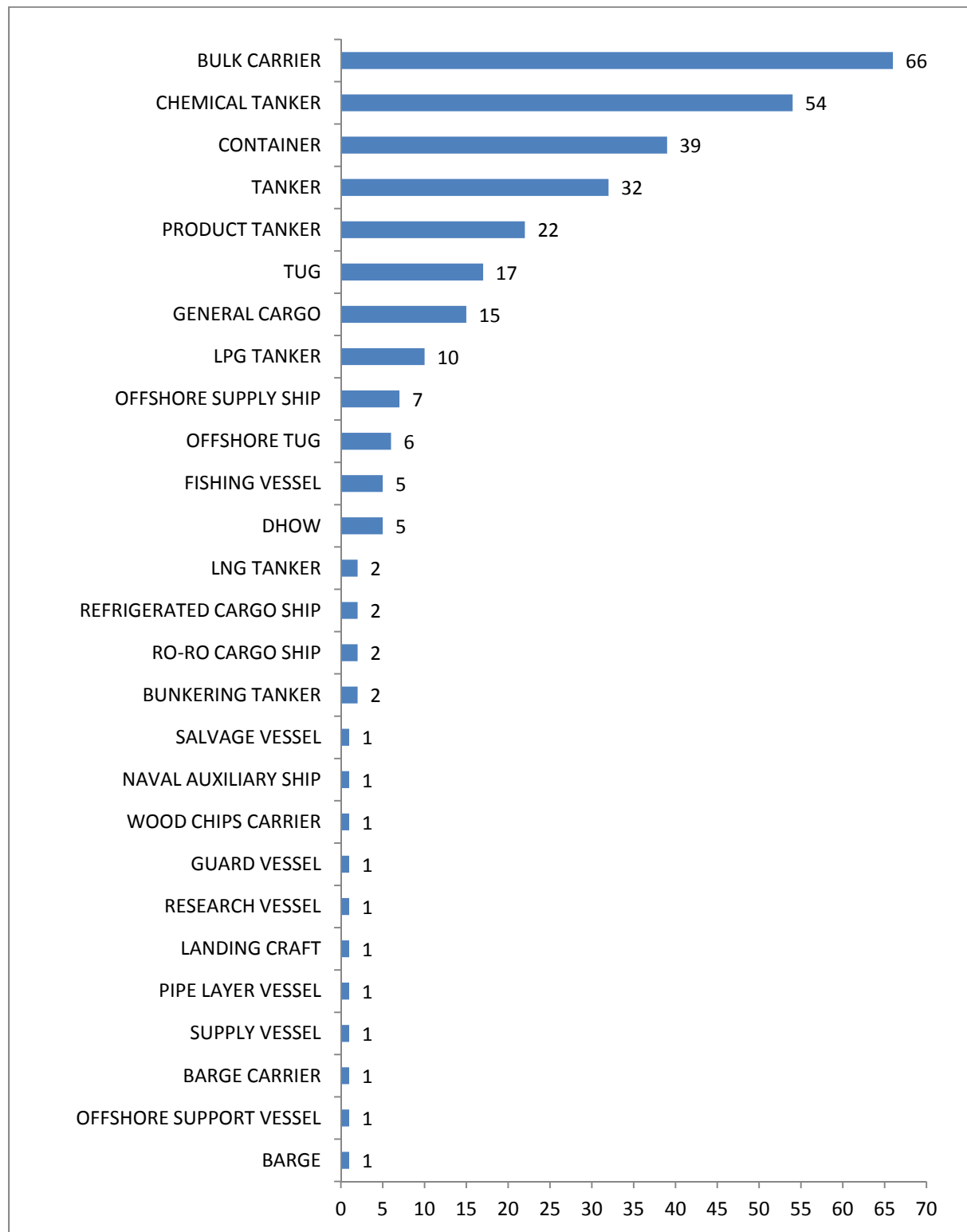


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - December 2008 – 2012

Flag State	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Algeria				1	
Antigua Barbuda	14	24	24	16	5
Argentina		1			
Australia				1	
Austria				1	
Bahamas	12	18	10	11	16
Bahrain	1				
Bangladesh			1		1
Barbados	2		1	2	
Belgium		1		2	
Belize	2	1	2		
Bermuda	2		1		
Bolivia					1
Brazil		1			
Bulgaria			1		
Canary Islands	1				
Cayman Island	1	1		1	1
China	5	2	4	4	
Comoros			1	2	1
Croatia	1	1			
Curacao					3
Cyprus	14	13	9	8	1
Denmark	3	3	4	7	7
Dominica				1	
Ecuador		1			
Egypt	1	3	1		
Ethiopia		1		2	1
France	7	2	4	6	
Germany	5	5	5	5	4
Gibraltar	2	2	3	2	2
Greece	2	9	3	12	3
Honduras		1			1
Hong Kong (SAR)	14	22	18	21	17
India	4	8	7	4	7
Indonesia	2	1	3	5	2
Iran	1		1		
Isle of Man	5	2	6	3	4
Italy	3	10	8	8	5
Jamaica			1		
Japan	2			1	
Jordan	1				
Kenya			2		
Kiribati	1	1	1	1	
Korea North		5	2		1
Korea South	3	1	4	1	1
Kuwait		2			
Liberia	19	38	57	57	45
Libya		1		2	
Lithuania		1	1		
Luxemburg			2	1	2
Malaysia	10	3	14	14	12
Malta	10	21	19	25	8

Marshall Islands	15	29	36	45	21
Moldavia				1	
Mongolia				3	1
Mozambique			1		
Netherlands	3	9	3		1
Netherlands Antilles			1		
Nigeria	1				1
Norway	7	5	5	8	3
Oman					3
Pakistan		3	1		
Panama	52	71	82	71	49
Philippines	5	1	1	4	4
Portugal	1				
Qatar			1		
Russia		1			1
Saudi Arabia	1	2	1	1	
Seychelles	2	2	2	1	
Sierra Leone			2		
Singapore	25	32	40	32	43
South Africa			1		
Spain		2	4	2	2
Sri Lanka				1	
St. Kitts & Nevis		3	1	1	3
St. Vincent & Grenadines	8	7	5	4	2
Switzerland		1			
Taiwan	1	2	6	1	
Tanzania		1	1		
Thailand	3	3	7	1	1
Togo		2		1	
Turkey	2	8	3	6	1
Tuvalu			1	1	2
UAE	1		1	6	
Ukraine	1				
United Kingdom	6	5	6	6	3
USA	5	4	4	5	2
Vanuatu	2		1	1	
Vietnam		4	2	3	
Yemen	2	6	5	5	3
Not Stated		1	1	2	
Total year end	293	410	445	439	297

CHART E: Flag States whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2012

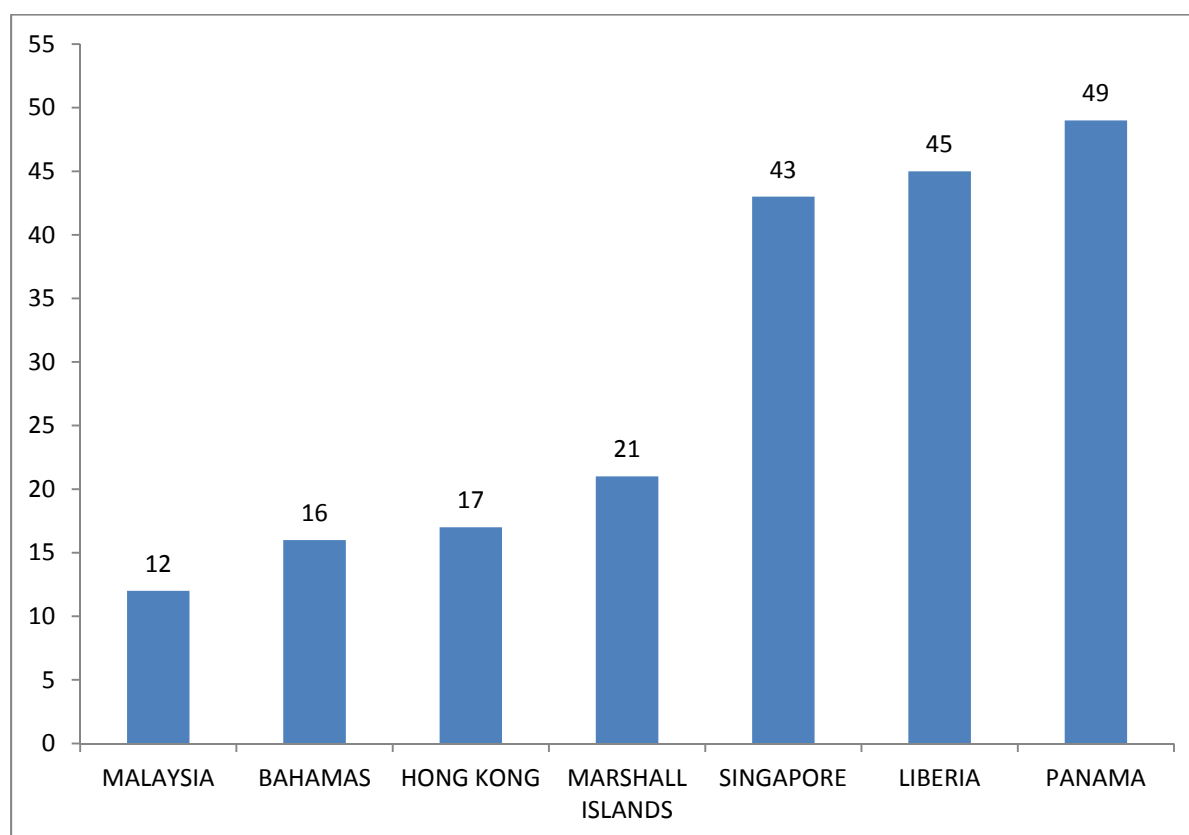
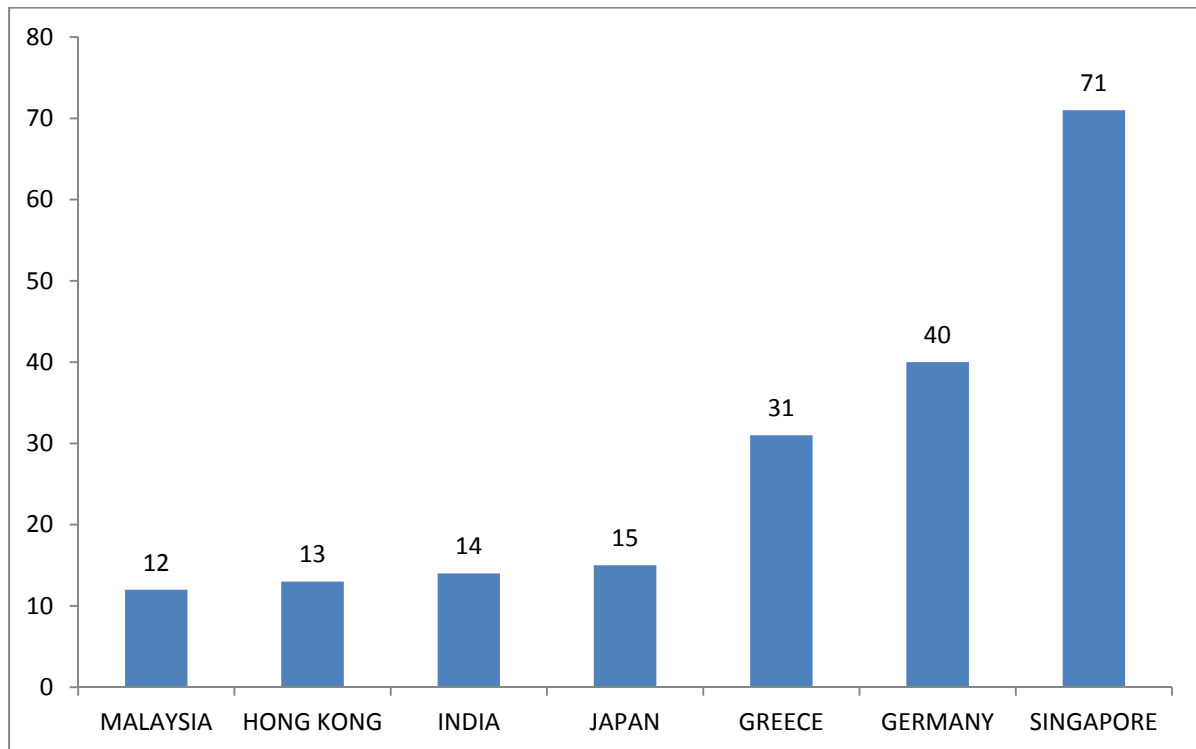


TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – December 2012

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
Bahamas	1
Bangladesh	2
Belgium	2
Bulgaria	1
China	4
Croatia	1
Cyprus	2
Denmark	11
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	1
France	1
Germany	41
Greece	31
Hong Kong	13
India	13
Iran	2
Israel	2
Italy	4
Japan	15
Korea South	4
Malaysia	12
Monaco	1
Netherlands	7
Nigeria	3
Norway	6
Oman	4
Philippines	5
Russia	3
Singapore	71
Spain	2
Taiwan	3
Thailand	1
Turkey	2
UAE	5
United Kingdom	11
USA	3
Vietnam	1
Yemen	3
Not Stated	1
Total	297

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2012



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

Since January to December 2012 the IMB PRC has received a total of 75 incidents including 14 hijackings attributed to Somali pirates who continue to threaten an extended geographical region. Incidents have been reported in the southern part of the Red Sea as well as in the Gulf of Oman up to 26° north. In the past incidents have been reported as far as 76° east and 22° south.

Two crew have been killed, 250 taken hostage and one injured. The east and south coast of Somalia including the Arabian Sea recorded 49 attacks (including nine attacks in the Gulf of Oman region). A further 13 attacks each have been reported in the Gulf of Aden and the southern Red Sea.

As of 31 December 2012, suspected Somali pirates held eight vessels for ransom with 104 crew members of different nationalities as hostages on board these vessels. In addition, 23 kidnapped crew members are being held on land.

The Somali pirates are quite opportunistic and have attacked general cargo vessels, bulk carriers, all types of tankers, RoRo vessels, container vessels, fishing vessels, sailing yachts, tugs and dhows.

Most of the attacks involve the use of weapons which is a cause of great concern, to the merchant navy fleet, as it poses a serious threat not only to injury and death of seafarers but also to the ship, cargo and environment.

The Somali pirates use hijacked ocean going fishing vessels and dhows as mother vessels to conduct piracy operations. Skiffs are launched from these hijacked vessels which quickly intercept and attack innocent vessels resulting in some being successfully hijacked. In the past the Somali pirate has also tried to use hijacked merchant ships as mother vessels and hence all vessels are advised to monitor not only small boats but also dhows, fishing vessels and merchant ships which are seen lowering skiffs or acting suspiciously.

Keeping in line with the decrease in reported incidents in 2012 the attacks continued to drop in the fourth quarter as well. This reduction in reported incidents is attributed to increased / active military action on suspected skiffs, military land based anti piracy operations, preventive measures used by the merchant vessels (as per latest BMP recommendations) and employment of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP).

Even though there is a welcome drop in Somali piracy the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation and advises vessels to remain vigilant and adhere to the latest BMP recommendations especially as the threat and the risk of an attack remains real.

Somali pirate attacks cover a vast area which includes the Gulf of Aden, southern Red Sea, off Yemen, off Oman/Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, off Somalia, off Kenya, off Tanzania, off Seychelles, off Madagascar, off Mozambique, Indian Ocean, off West and South India and off Maldives west coast.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

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

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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

Indonesia: Tanjung Priok – Jakarta / Dumai, Belawan, Taboneo and Muara Berau waters. Attacks in Dumai and Belawan remain a concern. Pirates are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the hours of darkness and when spotted and alarm sounded, they tend to usually abort the attack.

Malacca Straits: Although the number of attacks have dropped substantially due to the increase and aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti piracy watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce.

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

South China Sea: Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to remain vigilant.

AFRICA AND RED SEA

Africa :- Lagos (Nigeria): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked, hijacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Attacks have been reported up to 120nm from the coast. In many incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crew members were injured in past attacks. Generally all waters in Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant as many attacks may have gone unreported. Attacks also reported at/off Port Harcourt and Conakry.

- Cotonou (Benin): Although the number of attacks have dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Past attacks showed that the pirates / robbers in this area were well armed and are violent and in some incidents, pirates / robbers had fired at ships. Many tankers were reported attacked and hijacked. Pirates forced Masters to sail to unknown location where ships' properties and sometimes part of the cargo was stolen (gas oil). A number of crew members were also injured in the attacks. Recent patrols by Benin and Nigerian Authorities have resulted in a drop in the number of attacks. However, vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti piracy watches and measures.
- Lome (Togo): Attacks are increasing. Pirates / robbers in the area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks occur usually at night at the anchorages or further off the coast. Some attacks resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days where the vessel was ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Gulf of Aden / Red Sea: Attacks have dropped significantly. This drop is likely due to the increased/active military action on suspected skiffs, military land based anti piracy operations, onboard preventive measures and increased use of armed guards' onboard ships as well as the monsoon season. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and continues to warn ships to remain vigilant and adhere to the latest BMP recommendations. The threat is still present and Somali pirates usually attack ships in the northern Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden and southern Red Sea in the Bab El Mandeb TSS. The pirates fire automatic weapons and Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG) at merchant vessels in an attempt to board and hijack them. Once the attack is successful and the vessel is hijacked, they sail the vessel towards the Somali coast and thereafter demand a ransom for the release of the crew and vessel. All vessels transiting the area are advised to take additional precautionary measures and maintain strict 24 hours visual and radar anti piracy watch using all available means. Watch keeping crews should lookout for small suspicious boats converging to own vessel. Early sightings / detection and accurate assessment will allow Master to increase speed and take evasive manoeuvres to escape from the pirates and at the same time request for assistance from various Authorities / Agencies including the IMB PRC. Monitor and keep clear of all small boats if possible.

Since 01 February 2009, MSCHOA (www.mschoa.org) has established the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC). Military assets (Naval and Air) will be strategically deployed within the area to best provide protection and support to merchant ships.

Masters using the IRTC are not relieved of their obligation and should continue to maintain a strict 24 hour lookout using all available means to get an early warning of an approaching threat. Some vessels have been attacked/hijacked in the corridor.

Ships / Owners are advised to register their details on the MSCHOA website www.mschoa.org and obtain further information regarding the close support protection details for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden. Ships are encouraged to conduct their passage through the IRTC in groups based on their transit speed of 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 kts.

Masters are also advised to maintain a listening watch on CH 16, CH 8 and CH 72 in order to hear the Maritime Advisory Calls from the warships in the area who will make general security broadcasts and in turn also listen to merchant ships calling them. Masters are also advised to monitor the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) broadcast and Warnings via Inmarsat C EGC Safety Net. All attempted and actual attacks and suspicious sightings reported to warships should also be reported to the IMB PRC.

Somalia: Attacks have dropped significantly. In this quarter only five attacks was reported. This drop is likely due to the increased / active military action on suspected skiffs, military land based anti piracy operations, preventive measures and increased use of armed guards on board ships as well as the monsoon season. Usual modus operandi of the Somali pirates is to attack ships in the northern, eastern and southern coast of Somalia. In the past attacks have also been reported off Kenya, off Tanzania, off Seychelles, off Madagascar, off Mozambique/Mozambique Channel and in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman, off west coast India and off western Maldives. Somali pirates are dangerous and are prepared to fire their automatic weapons and RPG at vessels in order to stop them. They have also used "mother vessels" to launch attacks at great distances from the coast. These "mother vessels" are usually hijacked dhows or ocean going fishing vessels. In the past Somali pirates have also tried to use hijacked merchant vessels. The "mother vessel" is able to proceed very far out to sea to launch smaller boats or skiffs to attack and hijack unsuspecting passing vessels. Many past attacks have taken place more than 1,000 nm from the Somali coast (towards Indian west and south coast in the Indian Ocean). Masters are cautioned that attempted attacks and suspicious approaches have taken place as far east as 76°E, as far south as 22°S and as far north as 26°N (just south of the Straits of Hormuz). Monitor and keep clear of all small boats, dhows and fishing vessels if possible. A 24 hour visual and radar watch must be maintained at all times while transiting these waters. Early sightings / detection and most importantly accurate assessment, keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area will allow Masters and PCASP to make informed

decisions for evasive actions, increasing speed, requesting assistance as well as engaging the pirates. Adhere to the latest BMP recommendations.

Ivory Coast: Abidjan

Guinea: Conakry

The Congo: Pointe Noire

Egypt: Attacks reported at Suez and El Dekheila anchorages.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS.

Ecuador: Guayaquil.

REST OF THE WORLD

Gulf of Oman: Somali pirates extending their reach into this region.

Reporting of incidents

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

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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 everyday at :

Tel: + 60 3 2031 0014

Fax: + 60 3 2078 5769

E-mail: imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

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

TRENDS

Piracy on the world's seas has reached a five-year low, with 297 ships attacked in 2012, compared with 439 in 2011. Worldwide figures were brought down by a huge reduction in Somali piracy, though East and West Africa remain the worst hit areas, with 150 attacks in 2012.

Globally, 174 ships were boarded by pirates last year, while 28 were hijacked and 28 were fired upon. IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre also recorded 67 attempted attacks. The number of people taken hostage onboard fell to 585, while a further 26 were kidnapped for ransom in Nigeria. Six crewmembers were killed, and 32 were injured or assaulted.

IMB's piracy figures show a welcome reduction in hijackings and attacks to ships. But crews must remain vigilant, particularly in the highly dangerous waters off East and West Africa.

In Somalia and the Gulf of Aden, just 75 ships reported attacks in 2012 compared with 237 in 2011, accounting for 25% of incidents worldwide. The number of Somali hijackings was halved from 28 in 2011 to 14 last year.

IMB says navies are deterring piracy off Africa's East coast, with pre-emptive strikes and robust action against mother ships. So too are private armed security teams, and crews' application of Best Management Practices.

But the threat and capability of heavily armed Somali pirates remains strong.

The continued presence of the navies is vital to ensuring that Somali piracy remains low. This progress could easily be reversed if naval vessels were withdrawn from the area.

Pirate mother ships and skiffs were reported in the Gulf of Oman, Southern Red Sea and the Somali basin, with a number of attacks close to the Straits of Hormuz and the energy routes out of the Arabian Gulf. As of 31 December 2012, Somali pirates still held 104 hostages on eight ships, and 23 more were detained on land, pending negotiations for their release.

In Somalia, and elsewhere, vessels most commonly attacked are container ships, bulk carriers and tankers loaded with oil, chemicals and other products. Fishing vessels and other smaller boats are also at risk.

As for West Africa, piracy is rising in the Gulf of Guinea, with 58 incidents recorded in 2012, including ten hijackings, and 207 crew members taken hostage. Pirates in this area are particularly violent, with guns reported in at least 37 of the attacks. Benin is an exception, showing a sharp fall from 20 incidents (including eight hijackings) in 2011 to two (including one hijacking) in 2012.

Nigeria accounted for 27 incidents in 2012, with four vessels hijacked, 13 vessels boarded, eight fired upon, and two attempted attacks. Only ten incidents were reported in 2011, including two hijackings. Togo has also seen an increase from five reports in 2011 to 15 in 2012, including four hijackings.

Off the Ivory Coast, five incidents were reported in 2012, up from one in 2011. In the last quarter of 2012, a panamax product tanker was hijacked by suspected Nigerian pirates off Abidjan, the first such recorded vessel hijacking off the Ivory Coast. This shows the increased range of Nigerian pirates. Elsewhere, in SE Asia four vessels were hijacked, including a Malaysian tanker which was subsequently recaptured in Vietnam in the last quarter of 2012.

Across the Indonesian archipelago, there were 81 reports of petty theft, accounting for more than a quarter of global incidents in 2012. Thirty vessels were attacked in the last quarter of 2012. Reports

from Indonesia have increased yearly since 2009. Vessels were boarded in 73 incidents and 47 crew members taken hostage. Fourteen incidents were reported at Belawan by ships anchored or berthed.

The IMB PRC is the world's only manned centre to receive and disseminate reports of piracy and armed robbery 24 hours a day across the globe. As part of ICC, it is an independent non-governmental body set up to monitor these attacks free of political interference. IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspicious piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. This is an essential first step in the response chain. The statistics and reports of the IMB PRC act as a catalyst to encourage firm response by government and law enforcement.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 297 attacks for January to 31 December 2012 are listed on pages 37 to 83. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 09 February 2012, a Panamanian Product Tanker MT Saphina was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while drifting in position Latitude 04:57.5 North and Longitude 002:16.7 East, around 83nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1402 UTC. Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker that was drifting awaiting orders. The pirates took hostage all 18 crew members and sailed the vessel to an unknown location. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre was notified and had contacted and liaised with the Nigerian Authorities who sent a rescue team from the Navy. The Nigerian navy intercepted the tanker and rescued all crew and tanker.

Guinea:

On 21 August 2012, a Malta flagged General Cargo vessel MV Costanza was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 09:15.9 North and Longitude 013:58.3 West, around 20nm SW of Conakry Port, Guinea at approximately 0230 UTC. About seven pirates armed with AK 47 and 9mm pistols attacked and successfully boarded the vessel. The pirates entered the vessel via the bridge by damaging the bridge windows as all the other entry water tight doors were locked. During this time the Master was pressing the vessel's air horn in an emergency mode and the pirates fired at him with their AK 47 and pistols causing the bridge windows to be broken and holed. Other crews tried to find a safe location to hide. However, the pirates managed to capture three crew members and took them hostage and proceeded to Master's cabin. The crews were all tied up. The pirates ransacked all the cabins and stole crew's cash and personal belongings. The pirates disembarked around 0320 UTC. One of the crew members managed to remove the ropes from his hands and un-tie the rest of the crew members. They tried to contact Conakry port control for assistance but received no response. One crew was slightly injured.

Gulf of Aden:

On 02 January 2012, an Indian Dhow Safina Al Salam was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position around 60nm off Bosaso, in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0130 UTC. Pirates armed with machine guns in a boat attacked and successfully boarded the dhow. The pirates took hostage all 16 crew members and four passengers. Naval warships later arrived and their presence resulted in the pirates leaving the dhow after a few days.

On 14 January 2012, a Yemeni Dhow Al Wasil was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position about 38nm from Mukalla Port, Yemen, in the Gulf of Aden. Five pirates armed with guns attacked and successfully boarded the dhow. The pirates took hostage all eight crew members. Later, the pirates released five crew members at Ras Hafoon and maintained control of the dhow and remaining three crew members.

On 02 March 2012, a Yemeni Dhow Ghazal Howlf was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:56N and Longitude 049:10 East, around 95nm south of Mukalla, Yemen, in the Gulf of Aden. Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the dhow that was sailing from Mukalla to Socotra Island. The pirates took hostage all six crew members and sailed the dhow to Somalia.

On 21 April 2012, a Yemeni Fishing Vessel (FV) Alabass was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 15:20 North and Longitude 052:12 East, about 17nm south of Ras Fartak, Yemen, in the Gulf of Aden. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the dhow. The pirates took hostage all crew members. The hijacked dhow together with the crew members were later released on 19 May 2012. The dhow and crew safely arrived at a port in Yemen.

Ivory Coast:

On 05 October 2012, a Bahamas flagged Product Tanker MT Orfeas was hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 05:12.56 North and Longitude 004:03.68 West, about 3nm south of Abidjan Port Anchorage, Ivory Coast at approximately 2330 LT. Fourteen pirates in speed boats armed with AK47 and knives boarded and hijacked the tanker. They damaged the ship's communication equipment and sailed the tanker to an unknown location off the Nigerian coast where part of the cargo was transferred into another tanker. The tanker was in pirates control for around four days. The pirates ransacked the vessel and stole crew personal belongings and cash before leaving the tanker on 09 October 2012.

On 23 December 2012, a Panamanian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Madonna 1 was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast at approximately 0030 LT. The robbers armed with machine guns and knives attacked and boarded the tanker. They took all crew members hostage. They then forced the Chief Engineer and Master to start the tanker's engines with intention to hijack the tanker and to steal the cargo. They threatened to kill the crew members one by one if the engine was not started. The engine could not start as it had been disengaged earlier. They beat and slapped all crew members. Master, Chief Engineer and Electrician were beaten with rifle butt. They also fired their weapons in the bridge, stairways and engine room areas. Portable communication equipment was thrown into the sea. Later the crews were gathered in the engine room while the pirates ransacked the vessel and crews' cabins stole ship's properties, stores and crew's valuables. Eight crew members hid themselves before the robbers' boarded and managed to come out later unharmed.

Malacca Straits:

On 23 May 2012, a Malaysian Fishing Vessel PKFB 1340 (C) along with its six crewmembers was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while steaming in position Latitude 04:50 North and Longitude 099:04 East, in the Malacca Straits at approximately 2200 LT. The Malaysian Authorities / MMEA / Navy were notified and immediately dispatched their patrol boat and a helicopter to the location to provide assistance. The rescue mission was also assisted by the Indonesian Authorities / Navy. All crew were later rescued safely along with their vessel. Pirates had left before the Authorities arrived.

Malaysia:

On 27 July 2012, a Malaysian Tugboat (TB) Woodman 38 and Barge Woodman 39 were attacked by armed pirates while underway between Kudat port and Bangi Island, Sabah at approximately 0200 hrs LT. About six armed pirates in a speed boat attacked and successfully boarded the tug towing a barge that was enroute to Samarinda, Indonesia. The pirates hijacked the tug and forced all 12 crew members off the tugboat into a raft and set them adrift. The pirates then sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. Later, the 12 crew members were rescued by the Philippine Coast Guard. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified the regional Authorities and transmitted a satellite broadcast to ships at sea to lookout for the missing tug and barge. Later, the tug and barge were located in Philippines.

On 11 November 2012, a Singapore flagged Product Tanker MT Yunita was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 01:19.3 North and Longitude 104:17.8 East about 2nm SSW of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia at approximately 0150 LT. Armed robbers attacked and boarded the tanker and took hostage all crew members. They assaulted a number of crew members including the Captain. They then threatened and ordered the crew members to assist in the transfer of their bunkers into another tanker. The crew members were ordered to follow the pirate's instructions failing which they would all be killed. The crew were all tied along the crew accommodation alleyway and during the oil transfer operation, the robbers ransacked the crew cabins and store rooms stealing crews' personal effects, cash, ship's equipment, engine spares and provisions. The robbers disembarked when the transfer was completed at around 0620 LT and warned all crew members not to come on deck for two hours. Around 30 minutes later, the crew untied themselves and proceeded to the bridge and contacted the Authorities and their managers for assistance.

On 11 December 2012, a St Kitts and Nevis flagged Tanker MT Merlion Dua was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 01:17.59 North and Longitude 104:08.31 East about 3nm south of Tanjung Stapa, Pengerang, Johor, Malaysia at approximately 0150 LT. Around eight robbers armed with guns and knives attacked and boarded the tanker. The Duty Officer noticed the robbers and quickly alerted all crew members. The Master informed the CSO, activated the SSAS alarm and contacted the local Authorities. The crew members secured all the access doors and went into a safe room. The robbers forced their way into the bridge, engine room and crew's cabin and stole crew's cash and personal belongings and ship's properties. The local Authorities / Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) responded immediately by dispatched two patrol boats. The officers boarded the tanker and detained all eight robbers. The ship's guard/watch dog was killed by the robbers and three crew members were injured.

Nigeria:

On 09 January 2012, a Norwegian Bulk Carrier MV Spar Rigel was attacked by armed pirates while drifting at position Latitude 03:21.4 North and Longitude 007:12.9 East, around 80nm south of Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Nigeria at approximately 2015 LT. Armed pirates in a boat approached the vessel. Duty crew onboard spotted the boat and raised the alarm. The boat closed in and then fired at the vessel. The pirates continued to fire indiscriminately at the vessel and all crew retreated into the citadel. After about 12 hours, the crew emerged from the citadel and found that the pirates had left the vessel. However, the pirates had ransacked the crew cabins and stole cash and valuables.

On 16 January 2012, a Bahamas Chemical Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 06:18 North and Longitude 003:20 East, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0350 LT. The Master and OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed two heavily armed pirates on deck and quickly raised the alarm. Master contacted the Navy on VHF Ch 16 but received no response. Non essential crew locked themselves in a safe location. The pirates made their way to the bridge and fired warning shots at the Master and gained entry into the bridge. They assaulted the Master and stole his personal effects. In the meantime, another 10 pirates arrived and ordered the Master to heave up anchor and Chief Engineer to start the engines. The pirates were very aggressive and highly agitated and forced all crew members to lie on the bridge floor. Under the pirate's orders and command, the tanker sailed to a location approximately 80 to 100nm south of Lagos. The pirates changed the tanker's name to "OSA MASO". The crews were forced to prepare the tanker for lightering operations. On 20 January 2012, all the crew members were locked in the smoke room and the lightering operation commenced. None of the crew members were able to see the lightering tanker. On 21 January 2012, the pirates disembarked at position Latitude 06:04 North and Longitude 004:28 East after stealing crew cash, personal effects, ship's cash and part cargo. The Master then sailed the tanker back to Lagos anchorage where the local Authorities boarded for investigation. The tanker sustained damage during the lightering operation.

On 13 February 2012, a Panamanian Bulk Carrier MV Fourseas SW was attacked by armed pirates while drifting awaiting berthing instructions at position Latitude 04:43 North and Longitude 003:44 East, around 110nm south of Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 0250 UTC. Eight armed pirates successfully boarded the vessel and took hostage the Chief Cook. The pirates forced the Chief Cook to take them to the Master's cabin. The pirates then ordered the Master to open the door. As there was no response from the Master, the pirates fired about 20 rounds to force open the Master's cabin door. When the door opened, the pirates fired two shots at the Master and removed the safe from the cabin. The pirates then tried to enter the Chief Engineer cabin. During this time, the Chief Engineer tried to escape through the cabin window by using two bed sheets to descend down from the port hole. During this attempt, the Chief Engineer fell and as a result of the fall he sustained serious injuries and later died. The pirates escaped in two speed boats waiting alongside the vessel. A French warship which was in the area received the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre's broadcast warning and went to the aid of the vessel. A naval boarding team from the warship boarded the ship and provided necessary assistance and escorted the vessel to Lagos port. On arrival at Lagos port, the local Authorities

boarded the vessel and provided medical assistance to the crews. Later all 18 crew members and the bodies of the Master and Chief Engineer were taken ashore.

On 28 February 2012, a Curacao flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship MV Breiz Klipper was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 04:12 North and Longitude 006:56 East, 3nm from Fairway Buoy, Port Harcourt, Nigeria at approximately 1510 UTC. About eight pirates armed with guns in a wooden boat attacked and started firing towards the bridge and galley of the vessel. The pirates managed to board the vessel and ransacked the vessel and stole crew's cash and personal effects and ship's cash and properties. They then kidnapped the Master and Chief Engineer and escaped. One crew was wounded and another unaccounted for and may have also been taken by the pirates. The local Authorities were informed and the ship sailed to a safe distance without the presence of the Master and Chief Engineer. Later on 28 February 2012, the Master, Chief Engineer and the crew were safely released.

On 07 May 2012, a Singapore Offshore Supply Vessel Ark Charly was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:26.19 North and Longitude 004:58.44 East, Nigeria at approximately 0640 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and managed to board the vessel successfully. They hijacked the vessel and took all 17 crew members as hostage. The pirates released the crew and vessel later the same day at 1755 UTC. The vessel and crew are safe.

On 17 May 2012, a Curacao flagged Landing Craft UAL Transporter was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:39.2 North and Longitude 004:45.2 East, about 45nm offshore Escravos, Nigeria at approximately 1845 UTC. About 15 armed pirates in a very large wooden canoe intercepted the landing craft that was sailing with a speed of about 7knots. Master raised the alarm, stopped main engines and instructed all crew members into the citadel. Unfortunately, when the pirates boarded the vessel, only four of the eight crew members had retreated into the citadel. The pirates tried to gain access into the citadel by using hammers and firing automatic weapons but luckily they could not enter the citadel. After nearly 10 hours in the citadel, the crew emerged and saw the remaining crew members were badly beaten up and all cabins looted. Once the engines were restarted and the vessel was underway, the Duty Officer again noticed a speed boat with armed pirates approaching. All the crew retreated into the citadel and the pirates once again tried to gain entry into the citadel. After about six hours later, the crew emerged out of the citadel and found nearly all the bridge equipment destroyed. Master managed to contact Escravos terminal and sailed safely towards it.

On 25 June 2012, a Liberian flagged Chemical Tanker (Name Withheld) was boarded and hijacked by 12 Nigerian pirates approximately 50nm south of Lagos. The pirates boarded via a small speed boat and mustered the crew in the mess room with the exception of the Master and the Chief Engineer who were made to remain on the bridge and engine room respectively. The vessel was made to sail towards Togo and back. In the 45 hours that the pirates were onboard the vessel they raided all 20 crew cabins and stole crew cash, property and ship's cash. The pirates later disembarked off Escravos Terminal. All crew safe.

On 03 August 2012, a St Vincent & Grenadines Barge Jascon 33 was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 03:46 North and Longitude 006:40 East, around 45nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 2220 hrs LT. Armed persons with AK 47 approached and boarded the barge. They opened fire, killing two naval personnel and injuring two others. They then stole the barge properties and cash and kidnapped four crew members before escaping. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy and Bonny Station. Naval personnel were deployed to secure the barge. The four kidnapped crew members were safely released on 23.08.2012.

On 05 September 2012, a Singapore flagged Chemical Tanker MT Abu Dhabi Star was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while steaming at position Latitude 06:11 North and Longitude 002:56 East at Lagos anchorage area, Nigeria at approximately 0053 UTC. A large group of armed pirates attacked and boarded a drifting tanker. The crew managed to shut down and disabled all the

machinery onboard and retreated into the citadel. They then contacted their Owners/CSO for help. Upon receipt of the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the Nigerian Authorities and foreign naval forces to assist the crew and tanker. The Nigerian Authorities dispatched a helicopter and a naval warship to assist. The helicopter located the tanker and the naval warship later arrived at the location and rescued all the 23 crew members and tanker. The tanker was then escorted by the warship to a safe anchorage.

On 09 September 2012, a Danish flagged Tanker MT Torm Gertrud was attacked by armed pirates while steaming at position Latitude 06:09.03 North and Longitude 002:53.36 East around 34nm SW of Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 1935 UTC. Pirates armed with guns chased and fired at the tanker to try to force it to stop. The tanker's Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres and non essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The pirates attempted to board the tanker several times and later aborted the attempted attack/hijacked due to the evasive manoeuvres from the tanker. Fortunately no injuries reported but tanker sustained several bullet marks on superstructure.

On 15 October 2012, a Luxemburg flagged Supply Vessel MV Bourbon Liberty 249 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:39 North and Longitude 006:14 East, around 40 nm south of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 1130 UTC. Around seven armed pirates attacked and boarded the anchor handling tug supply vessel via a speedboat launched from a mother vessel. They stole vessel's properties and crew's valuables and personal effects, kidnapped seven crew members and escaped. The remaining nine crew members were safe onboard.

On 17 December 2012, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Supply Vessel MV WAO Brass was attacked by armed pirates while underway en-route to Mobil Erah Oilfield, Nigeria. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the vessel and kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The Bosun later navigated the vessel to Onne port.

On 17 December 2012, a Marshall Islands flagged Chemical Tanker MT SP Brussels was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:44.09 North and Longitude 005:37.27 East, around 40 nm from coastline, Nigeria at approximately 1245 UTC. Around three pirates armed with machine guns attacked and boarded the tanker. They stole vessel's properties and crew's valuables and kidnapped the Master, C/O, 2/O, C/E and another crew member and escaped. The tanker activated the SSAS and requested for assistance. The remaining crew members were unhurt and safe.

On 23 December 2012, an Italian flagged Offshore Supply Vessel MV Asso Ventuno was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:01 North and Longitude 005:14 East, around 40 nm from the coastline, Bayelsa State, Nigeria at approximately 1945 LT. Pirates armed with AK47 automatic weapons attacked and boarded the vessel and kidnapped four crew members. They ransacked and stole vessel's properties and crew's valuables before escaping. Remaining crew were safe and vessel continued her passage to a safe port.

Somalia:

(Off Kenya, Off Tanzania, Off Mozambique, Off Madagascar, Off Seychelles, Indian Ocean, Off India west coast, Off West Maldives, Arabian Sea, Off Oman, Off Yemen, Off Iran)

On 15 February 2012, a Panamanian flagged Ro Ro Cargo Ship MV Leila was attacked by armed pirates while underway at around 25nm SE of Sadh, Oman, (off Somalia) at approximately 1500 UTC. The pirates boarded and successfully hijacked the vessel. All 15 crew members were taken hostage. Pirates then sailed the vessel to Somalia. The vessel was released on 11 April 2012 after payment of ransom.

On 28 February 2012, a dhow Al Assma was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 15:01 North and Longitude 054:56 East around 130nm SSE of Salalah, Oman, (off Somalia) at approximately 1200 UTC. Around 12 pirates armed with AK 47 in a skiff boarded

and hijacked the dhow. All 17 crews were taken hostage. On 07 March 2012, it was confirmed that the pirates had released the dhow.

On 02 March 2012, a Panamanian Chemical Tanker MT Royal Grace was attacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 21:27 North and Longitude 062:37 East around 211nm ENE of Masirah Island, Oman, (off Somalia) at approximately 1219 UTC. Armed pirates in a skiff attacked, boarded and successfully hijacked the tanker and took all 22 crew members as hostage. The pirates sailed the vessel to Somalia. Negotiations are currently in progress for the release of the crews and vessel.

On 26 March 2012, a Bolivian flagged Bulk Carrier MV Eglantine was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 07:00 North and Longitude 069:45 East around 200nm SW of Minicoy Island, India, (off Somalia) at approximately 0330 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the vessel. They took hostage all 23 crew members and sailed the vessel towards Somalia. Later, an Iranian naval warship intercepted and rescued the crew and vessel. Two crew members were killed and one injured. All the pirates were detained.

On 26 March 2012, an Omani flagged Fishing Vessel (FV) Naham 3 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway off Somalia. The pirates hijacked the Fishing Vessel and took all 15 crew members as hostage. The last known position of the fishing vessel was Latitude 06:18.50 North and Longitude 050:13.04 East, around 115nm NE of Hobyo.

On 06 April 2012, a Panamanian flagged General Cargo Ship MV Xiang Hua Men was attacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 25:28 North and Longitude 057:32 East, around 16nm SW of Bandar-E-Jask, Iran, (off Somalia) at approximately 0505 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the ship. The Master raised the alarm, activated the Alert and crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates managed to take some crew members as hostage and hijacked the ship. An Iranian warship responded to the Alert and proceeded to the ship. The warship then moved closer to the hijacked ship resulting in an exchange of gunfire between the pirates and the Iranian Navy. The Navy team managed to board the hijacked ship and detained nine pirates and save all 28 crew members.

On 10 May 2012, a Liberian flagged Tanker MT Smyrni was attacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 15:58 North and Longitude 061:02 East, around 250nm SE of Ras Al Madrasah, Oman, (off Somalia) at approximately 0923 UTC. Ten pirates in two skiffs armed with automatic weapons chased the tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures, razor wires in place, fire hoses activated, increased to maximum speed and made evasive manoeuvres thus managing to evade the attempted boarding. The skiffs then regrouped with their mother vessel and launched a second attack on the tanker. The pirate skiffs approached the tanker at a speed of about 24knots and this time managed to successfully board and hijack the tanker. The pirates took all 26 crew members as hostage and sailed the tanker towards Somalia.

On 20 June 2012, an Omani Dhow Shamsi was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 20:29 North and Longitude 059:03 East, around 13nm East of Masirah, Oman, (off Somalia) at approximately 1200 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and managed to successfully board the dhow and took all seven crew members as hostage. The pirates hijacked the dhow and sailed to an unknown destination. The dhow was released on 29 June 2012.

On 15 December 2012, a Danish flagged Product Tanker MT Torm Kristina was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 24:36.2 North and Longitude 057:32.3 East, (about 80nm NW of Muscat, Oman), off Somalia at approximately 1458 UTC. The pirates approached and opened fire at the tanker. The Master immediately raised the alarm, commenced evasive manoeuvres, contacted UKMTO, sent distress alerts via VHF and SSAS and all crew retreated into the citadel. Navies in the vicinity responded to the distress and a naval boarding team was sent to rescue the

crews. On boarding the tanker, no pirates were found and the crew regained control of their vessel and continued their passage.

On 18 December 2012, a North Korean flagged General Cargo ship MV Dae San was hijacked by armed guards while anchored at position Latitude 11:18.1 North and Longitude 049:09.26 East, Bossaso Anchorage, Somalia at approximately 1030 UTC. The ship was earlier detained since 17 November 2012 by Somali Authorities for illegal dumping of cargo and ordered to anchor off Bossaso. On the 18 December 2012, eight guards/Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) personnel (four policemen and four soldiers) were detailed to guard the ship. The four soldiers suddenly took over the ship and forced the Master to sail to another port at gunpoint. Chief Engineer was beaten. Weapons were fired but none of the crew members were shot. It is believed that these four soldiers were paid by a pirate gang to hijack the ship. While underway, one of the soldiers re-joined the four policemen and regained control of the ship and returned to Bossaso. The ship arrived and berthed at Bossaso port on the 20 December 2012 where all the PMPF personnel (policemen and soldiers) were replaced.

South China Sea:

On 17 April 2012, a Malaysian Tugboat (TB) Wantas 6 and Barge Wantas VII were attacked by armed pirates while underway from Singapore Straits to Tawau. The tug towing the barge was attacked and hijacked and all seven crew members were taken hostage. The tug sailed from Langkawi, Malaysia on 12 April 2012 bound for Tawau, East Malaysia. The last contact the Owners had with the tug was on 16 April 2012 after transiting Singapore Straits. The seven crew members were later set adrift by the pirates and were rescued by a Vietnamese fishing vessel. All crew members were then safely landed in Vietnam. The barge was later located in the vicinity of Palawan Island, Philippines on 26 April 2012 by the Philippine Coast Guard.

On 18 November 2012, a Malaysian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Zafirah was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:17.02 North and Longitude 109:05.38 East, South China Sea at approximately 0500 LT. The laden tanker was enroute from Pasir Gudang to Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia when the tanker was hijacked by 11 pirates. The tanker deviated from her original course and headed towards Vietnam. When the Owners could not contact the tanker, they contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) who then relayed a missing vessel message to all the Regional Authorities. The Centre also transmitted a satellite broadcast to ships at sea requesting ships to lookout for the missing tanker. The IMB PRC continuously liaised with the Owners and the Regional Authorities particularly the Vietnamese and Malaysian Authorities. Later, the Vietnam Marine Police managed to intercept the tanker, detained all the pirates and escort the tanker to port for further investigations. The crew, set adrift by the pirates before deviating, were rescued by passing fishing vessels and safely landed ashore at Vung Tau, Vietnam.

Togo:

On 30 April 2012, a Panamanian Product Tanker MT BW Rhine was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 06:01.14 North and Longitude 001:20.2 East at Lome Anchorage, Togo at approximately 1608 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker at anchor. They took hostage all 24 crew members and sailed the tanker to an unknown location. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted and liaised with the relevant Authorities to search for the tanker. On 04 May 2012, all the crew and tanker were released.

On 18 August 2012, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Anuket Emerald was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:50 North and Longitude 001:14 East, Lome Anchorage, Togo at approximately 2310 Hrs LT. About 16 pirates armed with machine guns attacked and boarded the tanker that was drifting in the anchorage area. The pirates hijacked the tanker and took all 18 crew members as hostage. They sailed the tanker to an unknown location and damaged all the ship's communication equipment, onboard speed/rescue boats engines, and the ship's loading computer. The pirates repainted the tanker's funnel, changed the name of the tanker and removed the IMO number. They stole part of the tanker's cargo by transferring the oil into another

pirate tanker. During this operation, the tanker's hull was damaged. Before escaping, the pirates stole crew's cash and personal belongings along with the vessel's hand held radios, printers, scanners, anti piracy and safety equipments including the crew's bullet proof vests. The tanker was released on 23.08.2012.

On 28 August 2012, an Isle of Man flagged Product Tanker MT Energy Centurion was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at approximate position Latitude 06:00 North and Longitude 001:16 East at Lome Anchorage, Togo at approximately 0300 Hrs LT. The armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker, took hostage all 24 crew members and forced them to sail the tanker to an unknown location. The Togo Navy received a distress call and dispatched a patrol boat which intercepted the tanker. Orders to stop the tanker which was already underway were ignored and the pirates opened fire at the patrol boat. The patrol boat then returned fire. The tanker then proceeded into the neighbouring country's waters and escaped. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified all regional Authorities and broadcast a warning to ships in the area to lookout for the hijacked tanker. A search by air and sea was carried out. On 30.08.2012, the pirates released the tanker which then proceeded to a safe port.

On 04 October 2012, a Liberia flagged Chemical Tanker MT Wappen Von Hamburg was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:48.8 North and Longitude 001:25.1 East, around 80 nm south of Lome, Togo at approximately 2030 UTC. About 10 to 12 pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and boarded the tanker drifting in the STS area. The pirates hijacked the tanker and mustered all crew members on the bridge while waiting for the pirate's bunker barge to arrive to steal the ship's cargo. When the bunker barge arrived, the ship's crews were forced to prepare fenders for the vessel to come alongside. After stealing the cargo, the pirates locked the crew members in the Master's cabin, damaged some of the Navigational Equipment, stole ship's cash, crew personal belongings, provisions, bonded store and electronic items. The pirates left the tanker on 05 October 2012 in the early morning hours. All crew members are safe but some were injured.

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PIRACY NEWS

UN Security Council says a comprehensive response is needed to fight piracy

In a recent meeting, the UN Security Council condemned all acts of piracy and armed robbery against vessels in the waters off Somalia. The 15 member body said that there is a need for a comprehensive response by the international community to fight piracy and tackle its root causes. The Security Council noted one of the causes is the ongoing instability in Somalia. The Council urged the Somali Authorities with the assistance from the Secretary-General and relevant UN Agencies to quickly implement a complete set of piracy laws without further delay. It also urged the Somali Authorities to patrol their waters and detain and prosecute pirates in order to strengthen the security in their waters. In another meeting, the UN Deputy Secretary General Jan Eliasson, said that although the number of pirate attacks was on a decline in 2012, the trend could be easily reversed if the causes of piracy such as instability, lawlessness and ineffective governance were not addressed quickly.

IMB: Are we forgetting captured seafarers as piracy numbers decline?

Somali pirates are still holding 127 crew members to date. Forty four of the crew members have been held by different Somali pirate factions for more than two years.

Commentators have recently been “cautiously optimistic” about the future of Somalia and the new government’s positive approach to maritime security and piracy in particular. Somali piracy does appear to be on the decrease with the number of reported incidents and hijackings down in 2012. The navies should be commended for their pre-emptive strikes and intelligence-led actions against pirate action groups. The other key reasons for this decline include the increased use of private armed security and the “hardening” of vessels by responsible operators. But even as the world looks towards the coming years of decreased Somali piratical activity, the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) cautions against complacency and highlights the continued failure of human rights of the captured crew. As negotiations prolong some unscrupulous owners have abandoned their crews, while some crews remain captive and isolated inland after their vessels have been released or destroyed. These crews are subject to continued inhumane living and sanitary conditions as well as to continued physical abuse as negotiations fail. A few have died in captivity. The remaining survivors are most definitely in need of urgent medical assistance and support.

The recent rescue of the 22 crew members of the MV Iceberg by the Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) has given the destitute families of the captured crew some hope.

In light of the new freely elected Somali President and government and all the international aid and assistance being received is it still too much to ask for the return of the remaining captured seafarers?

Vessel’s crew released after nearly three years in captivity off Somalia

A vessel’s crew hijacked almost three years ago by Somali pirates has been freed after 1,000 days in captivity. The 22 crew members of the grounded vessel MV Iceberg 1 were freed as a result of a two week operation by the Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) in Garaad in the Mudug region of Somalia. The freed hostages needed medical attention due to illness and showed signs of physical abuse. Two of the original 24 crew had died in captivity.

The vessel was hijacked off the Yemeni coast in March 2010. Since then the crew had been left on their own with little support from their Owners.

The IMB commends the PMPF on their operation against the pirates in which no crew was harmed.

Whilst this is a successful rescue operation, our thoughts are with the remaining 127 hostages still held by the pirates.

South African Navy to patrol waters off Mozambique and off Tanzania

South Africa will send their naval assets to patrol the waters off Mozambique and off Tanzania. South African Navy Rear Admiral Bernhard Teuteberg was reported saying that “Piracy is not over”. He warned that piracy attacks would start to increase again if the waters were not policed and that withdrawal of patrols would only allow piracy and hijackings to start over again. He said “We can never give up; we can never leave the northern Mozambique channel. We can never leave the area off Somalia because if we leave a vacuum, piracy will return.”

NATO - Somali piracy could surge again

Recently outgoing NATO Commander, Commodore Ben Bekkering, of the Dutch Navy, said that attacks off Somalia had declined sharply this year but piracy remained a viable “business model” and could surge again very quickly if international naval forces in the region were cut back or reduced. Somali pirates had received hundreds of millions of dollars in ransom from hijacking vessels resulting in some hostages being injured or killed in the process. This had led to NATO, EU and other nations to deploy their warships to patrol the area. He said, “I am convinced, if the navy ships would disappear, the piracy model would still be intact. Yes, they don’t deploy that much to sea now but the leadership of the piracy is still there and if they hold their breath for a little while and nations take their navy ships back, I am pretty sure that the business model is still intact.” He added that the situation could reverse and that piracy would resurface if the navies eased their efforts.

Nigerian army arrests 1 945, destroys ships, illegal oil refineries in 2012 crackdown

The Nigerian Army's Joint Taskforce (JTF) on illegal oil bunkering has said it arrested 1,945 suspects and seized 18 vessels for oil bunkering and illegal entry into the country's territorial waters in 2012 under Operation Pulo Shield, a maritime security operation aimed at safeguarding offshore oil installations and combating illegal activities on the country's major rivers and creeks.

JTF commander Major General Johnson Ochoga told local media that the taskforce lost nine soldiers during military action against bandits and oil thieves in the waterways and creeks of the restive Niger Delta. Ochoga said the army is alarmed at the high number of foreigners engaged in piracy, oil bunkering, illegal fishing, arms smuggling and other maritime crimes in Nigeria's territorial waters.

He said more than 60 foreigners - 21 from Ghana, 10 from India, 15 from Russia, some Lebanese and a few from Asian and European countries - were arrested by the JTF within Nigeria's territorial waters while others were arrested by the Nigerian Navy (NN) engaged in anti-piracy missions in the international waters of the volatile Gulf of Guinea.

General Ochoga said the JTF conducted 7,585 illegal bunkering patrols along the creeks of the Niger Delta in 2012 and destroyed 133 barges, 1 215 Cotonou boats, 187 tanker trucks, 178 illegal fuel dumps and five surface oil tanks. He said the army also destroyed 36,504 drums of illegally refined oil products, 638 illegal pumping machines and 326 outboard engines used to power boats used by oil bunkerers and pirates. A total of 4,349 illegal refineries were destroyed.

"The arrest of 21 Ghanaians and their five Nigerian collaborators, as well as the destruction of two vessels containing 1,300 tonnes of crude oil, is an indicator that there is a noticeable involvement of foreigners in illegal bunkering in the region. Another instance is the recent arrest of 10 suspects of Indian nationality and four Nigerians on board MT Ashkay. This has brought to the fore, the need to monitor foreigners more closely in the region," Gen Ochoga said.

The JTF's ongoing crackdown against oil bunkering made major gains last weekend when the force burned down 35 illegal oil refineries and destroyed 18 boats in the coastal communities of Ondo, Edo and Delta states. In the same week, soldiers from the JTF's 19 Battalion intercepted 1.6 million litres of stolen crude oil destined for illegal oil refineries located in the creeks of the Dababilebu, Akitogbo, Adiloseimo, Obontonu and Akina-Zion communities.

However, the JTF crackdown comes at a time of heightened international security concerns that Nigeria has already become a new center for maritime piracy as the number of attacks increase steadily despite the government's impressive naval assets. The International Maritime Bureau recorded 27 pirate attacks off the coast of Nigeria in 2012, a marked increase from the 10 incidents recorded in 2011.

However, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) gave higher figures saying it recorded 56 piracy attacks in Nigerian territorial waters in 2010, which increased to 119 incidents in 2011. However, the authority said the incidents dropped to 69 in 2012 due to the operations of the Nigerian Navy off the coast of Nigeria and the coast of neighbouring Benin. In December 2012 alone, gunmen attacked three commercial vessels within six days, ransacking the ships and taking a total of nine crew members hostage.

Presenting a recent paper entitled 'Measures to Check Piracy and Other Illegal Activities on Nigerian Waters' in Lagos, the Nigerian Navy's Command Intelligence Officer Usman Bugaje said Nigeria should lead the West African coastal states neighbouring the Gulf of Guinea in developing a robust regional maritime security strategy through capacity building, equipment sharing, joint training exercises and intelligence fusion.

He said this will help the regional naval forces in conducting effective marine patrols and maintaining surveillance over territorial waters. Commander Bugaje said the navy can only win the war against piracy and other maritime crimes if the NIMASA enforces rules requiring the installation of marine identification systems to ease the identification and recording of all ships entering and transiting through Nigerian waters.

"Nigerian waters are fast becoming dangerous in terms of piracy. Greater attention must be paid to boosting the capacity of the Nigerian Navy through the acquisition of more functional ships, boats, offshore patrol vessels (OPV), helicopters and back-up facilities for combating piracy and other maritime crimes," he said.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2012

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	23.05.2012 2200 LT Steaming Hijacked	PKFB 1340 (C) Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	04:50N – 099:04E, Malacca Straits	Armed pirates boarded a fishing vessel underway, took hostage six crewmembers and hijacked the vessel. Upon receiving the information, the MMEA immediately sent their patrol boat to the location and rescued the vessel along with her crewmembers. It was reported that the pirates had left the vessel before the arrival of the patrol boat. All crew safe.
2.	13 – 20 July 2012 - Steaming Boarded	Confidence Tug Mongolia 297.77 -	During passage in the Malacca Straits	An accommodation barge under tow by a tug from Penang to Pasir Gudang port arrived at anchorage and dropped anchor. Shipyard representatives boarded the barge and later the tug. They informed the tug master that the cargo on the barge's deck had been pilfered. It is suspected the theft may have taken place while on passage. A police report was lodged.

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2012 1745 LT Anchored Boarded	San Amerigo Container Liberia 22914 9344693	14:36.6N – 120:53.1E, Manila MICT Anchorage, Philippines	A container ship at anchor was boarded by a group of robbers via the anchor chain. When the bosun went forward to heave up the anchor he noticed the hawse pipe cover open and a small boat moving away from the ship. On investigating it was noticed that ship's stores and equipment were stolen. The incident was reported to the authorities via the local agents.
2.	06.01.2012 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Pearl River Bridge Container Hong Kong 17211 9444986	14:36.7N – 120:53.3E, Manila MICT Anchorage, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship waiting for pilot was taken hostage by armed robbers who tied him up, hit him and stole ship's stores. Another crew approaching the anchor stations noticed the robbers and informed the OOW on the bridge who raised the alarm. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped via the anchor chain. Master reported the incident to the pilot and requested him to inform the port authorities. Coast guard arrived for investigation.
3.	07.01.2012	Sarah Schulte	06:01S – 106:53E,	Around seven armed robbers boarded an

	2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Container Germany 28592 9294159	Jakarta Roads, Indonesia	anchored ship. Duty watchman found the steering gear door open and entered to investigate. The robbers caught the watchman, took him hostage, covered his eyes with plastic and stole his walkie talkie. One robber stood guard with the watchman while the others entered the engine room. After around 20 minutes the robbers left the engine room and escaped. The duty watchman went to the bridge and raised the alarm.
4.	11.01.2012 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 28539 -	01:17.3S – 116:48.0E, Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. They were spotted by the duty A/B who reported to bridge duty officer. Alarm was raised. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped in their waiting boat.
5.	13.01.2012 0240 LT Anchored Boarded	Triton Lark Bulk Carrier Panama 31275 9302841	01:41S – 116:38E, Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier via the forecastle while duty crew were busy tending to cargo operations. When duty crew returned to forecastle, two robbers pushed him and escaped in a waiting boat. On investigating it was noticed that the forward store had been broken into and ship stores stolen.
6.	22.01.2012 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Fairchem Birdie Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 15192 9423724	01:42.3N – 101:27.4E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They entered the engine room, tied up the duty engr. and stole ship's stores. They took the duty engr. to the stern and disembarked into a waiting boat. No injuries to crew.
7.	23.01.2012 0610 LT Anchored Boarded	Mid Nature Chemical Tanker Cayman Islands 11987 9542154	01:42N – 101:26E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker and held the duty motor man as hostage. The duty 3/E noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with engine spares. No injuries to crew.
8.	28.01.2012 0450 LT Anchored Boarded	MP Panamax 5 Bulk Carrier Singapore 38633 9202807	01:43.8S – 116:38.3E, Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. The robbers tried to attack the duty A/B, who managed to escape and inform the 2/O. Alarm raised and all crew mustered and proceeded towards the robbers. The robbers fired four shots and escaped with ship's stores. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to pilot station.
9.	28.01.2012 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Golden Fountain Chemical Tanker Panama 7745 9401403	05:48N – 118:05E, Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Sabah, Malaysia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty A/B on rounds sighted the robbers armed with long knives and immediately informed the duty officer. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship stores.
10.	30.01.2012 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Fuji Spirit Tanker Bahamas 57664 9268112	01:05N – 103:30E, 5nm Off Karimun, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded the tanker during STS operations using a rope attached with hook. The duty pump man noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers removed the hook and jumped into the water and escaped in their small boat empty handed.
11.	01.02.2012 Night Hrs Anchored Boarded	Siteam Neptun Chemical Tanker Liberia 27185 9185499	01:07N – 104:10E, Batam Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed.

12.	04.02.2012 0300 LT Berthed Boarded	Tequila Sunrise Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19800 9402110	03:23.24N – 099:27.53E, Jetty No.3 MNA, Kuala Tanjung, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations and entered the engine room via the steering room entrance. Duty oiler noticed the robbers and tried to activate the fire alarm but the robbers threatened him with a knife and tied his arms. The robbers took the oiler as hostage up to the main deck and then escaped with the stolen ship stores. Alarm raised and robbery reported to the authorities who came onboard for investigation.
13.	07.02.2012 0545 LT Anchored Boarded	Swarna Godavari Product Tanker India 42845 9414826	01:06.2N – 103:28.7E, Karimun STS Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with rods boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on rounds sighted the robbers at poop deck and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, robbers escaped empty handed. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities.
14.	10.02.2012 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Warnow Mars General Cargo Liberia 22863 9509712	07:06.5S – 112:39.8E, Gresik Port Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored general cargo ship, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Incident was reported to the local authorities.
15.	13.02.2012 1905 LT Steaming Boarded	Kim Hock Tug 3 Tug Singapore 253 9399686 LKH 3883 Barge Singapore 1847 -	01:12.8N – 103:34.5E, Singapore Straits	Around 12 robbers in a small boat approached and boarded the barge under tow. The Master of the tug towing the barge noticed the boat and manoeuvred the tug towards the boat. Upon noticing the tug, the robbers escaped with some stolen cargo. VTIS Singapore informed.
16.	23.02.2012 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Hellen Chemical Tanker Singapore 11729 9330783	03:23N – 099:27E, Kuala Tanjung Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty engineer on a chemical tanker under pilotage raised alarm when he saw robbers holding the “wiper” hostage and stealing spares. Pilot then informed port authorities. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. During the incident the engine room wiper was tied up, slapped and kicked and required medical attention.
17.	26.02.2012 0100 LT Steaming Boarded	Crest Gold 1 Tug Singapore 472 9468267 Crest 282 Barge Singapore 2620 -	01:16.1N – 104:17.6E, 11nm from Horsburg Lighthouse, Singapore Straits	An unlit speed boat approached the tug towing a barge. The speed boat came alongside the tug and four robbers boarded the tug while two remained in the boat. The robbers wearing masks and armed with guns and knives took hostage C/Eng and 3/E who did not know the robbers had boarded. The 2/O on bridge noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew except the bridge crew, who were guarded by some robbers were taken hostage. They then stole crew and ship's properties and cash and escaped in the waiting boat.
18.	29.02.2012 1300 LT Steaming Boarded	Kimtrans Laut Tug Malaysia 268 9398503	01:14.23N – 104:02.28E, Singapore Straits	A tug towing a barge enroute from Singapore to Pasir Gudang, Malaysia was approached by eight small boats. Master reported to VTIS Singapore upon seeing the boats alongside the barge. A Singapore Naval vessel approached the barge and the boats moved away. Twenty minutes later, the boats came alongside the

				barge again and moved away upon seeing a Malaysian Naval vessel approaching. After anchoring the barge was inspected and it was found that some of the cargo was stolen.
19.	11.03.2012 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Ocean Amazing Bulk Carrier Singapore 25967 9162942	06:01S – 106:53E, Tanjung Priok Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers in a fishing boat boarded an anchored ship during heavy rain. They entered the engine store room. The duty oiler on routine rounds spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's property. Port control informed.
20.	18.03.2012 2130 LT Anchored Boarded	Ina-Lotte Bulk Carrier Liberia 23268 9574030	01:18S – 116:47E, Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier. They broke into the forward store and stole ship stores. Duty A/B and 3/E spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Port authorities informed.
21.	25.03.2012 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	V.L.6 Product Tanker Thailand 1042 8816998	01:50.1N – 104:28.0E, Malaysia	Fifteen robbers armed with knives and guns boarded a tanker underway. They chased the duty crew and entered the accommodation. They mustered the crew, tied their hands, stole personal effects and escaped after 45 minutes. One crew was injured in the incident.
22.	25.03.2012 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Unique Harmony Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29411 9609914	01:43N – 101:26E, Lubuk Gaung, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker. They entered the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped unnoticed. Local agents reported the incident to the authorities.
23.	02.04.2012 2015 UTC Anchored Boarded	Diamond Orchid Chemical Tanker Singapore 11653 9407067	01:42.2N – 101:27.5E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Three armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker, threatened the duty crew with a knife, stole his handheld radio and escaped. Incident reported to the agent and port control.
24.	03.04.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	AS Ophelia Chemical Tanker Philippines 11561 9340439	01:43.1N – 101:26.3E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two robbers armed with long knives. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and sounded the ship's whistle. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped. Port control contacted but no response.
25.	06.04.2012 0320 LT Anchored Boarded	Genuine Galaxy Chemical Tanker Singapore 19899 9565699	1.4 NM Off Tanker Berth L, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They were spotted by the crew and alarm was raised. On noticing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
26.	07.04.2012 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Aphrodite L Bulk Carrier Liberia 44262 9487615	01:11.1S – 117:11.5E, Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, entered the forward store and stole ship stores. The robbers were sighted by duty A/B who alerted D/O. Alarm raised resulting in the robbers escaping with ship's stores.
27.	08.04.2012 0156 LT Anchored Boarded	Oriental Protea Chemical Tanker Panama 8259 9330381	03:54.7N – 098:46.2E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four armed robbers boarded the tanker from a small boat, stole ship stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
28.	15.04.2012 2300 LT Steaming Boarded	Great Fish Product Tanker Panama 3778	01:35N – 104:37E, Around 24nm NE of Tg. Penyusop, Malaysia	Seven pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker underway. They threatened the crew, damaged the communication equipment and stole ship cash and properties

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29.	20.04.2012 0520 LT Anchored Boarded	Intrans Tina Bulk Carrier South Korea 36559 9128922	01:10.6S – 117:15.1E, Muara Jawa, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	During rounds on deck duty A/B onboard an anchored ship noticed a boat near the forecastle. Suddenly eight robbers appeared on deck, tied the A/B's hands and feet, made him lie down on deck and started lowering the mooring ropes. The A/B managed to free his feet and ran aft for help and inform duty officer. Alarm raised and all crew proceeded to the forecastle. Robbers manage to escape with stolen ship stores and ship properties. Local authorities contacted but received no response.
30.	24.04.2012 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Blackpool Tower Container United Kingdom 26638 9367827	01:14.4N – 103:35.5E, Singapore Straits	Robbers boarded an anchored container ship, stole ship stores and escaped.
31.	08.05.2012 1808 UTC Steaming Boarded	Savvy Product Tanker Singapore 6694 9328699	01:13.38N – 104:53.0E, 16nm NE from Bintan Island, Indonesia	Duty OOW onboard the tanker underway spotted two speed boats approaching. Alarm raised and evasive manoeuvres carried out. The search light was directed towards the boats and distress message sent. All access to accommodation and engine room were locked from inside. Pirates boarded the tanker from poop deck using a portable ladder. All crew were gathered inside the bridge. Pirates seeing the crew alertness left the tanker 30 minutes later. No injury to crew and nothing stolen.
32.	10.05.2012 1200 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Express Bulk Carrier Singapore 32379 9403114	03:42S – 114:27E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations, stole ship stores and escaped. Authorities boarded the ship for inspection.
33.	12.05.2012 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Greta Bulk Carrier Bahamas 31261 9345829	01:11.1S – 117:13.9E, Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by the duty A/B during routine rounds on deck.
34.	12.05.2012 2100 LT Steaming Boarded	BS Pacific Tug Singapore 198 9631486 Swissco 57 Barge Singapore 2306 -	01:14.58N – 104:08.43E, Around 4nm NNE of Pulau Batam, Indonesia	A barge under tow enroute from Singapore to Kelanis, Banjarmasin, Indonesia was boarded by robbers using a wooden tug. VTIS Singapore informed the Master that a tug was following his barge. Upon investigation Master saw a wooden tug moving away from the barge. The crew boarded the barge and found 13 containers opened. Incident reported to MPA Singapore.
35.	15.05.2012 0550 LT Steaming Boarded	Budget 19 Tug Malaysia 140 9515369	01:10N – 103:41E, Singapore Straits	Armed robbers in a wooden fishing boat approached and boarded the barge under tow. The Master of the tug towing the barge noticed the boat and raised the alarm, sounded the horn, reported to VTIS Singapore and crew mustered on the upper deck. The robbers escaped with some stolen cargo. No damages to the barge.
36.	17.05.2012	Manyplus 18	Off Talicud Island,	A tug towing a laden barge departed from Sasa

	1530 LT Steaming Boarded	Tug Malaysia 266 8996669 Manyplus 17 Barge Malaysia 3852 -	Philippines	port, Davao City at 1400 LT at slow speed heading to Thailand as port of destination. After 90 minutes of departure, the duty crew noticed 10 small boats surrounding the barge and around 30 pirates boarded the barge, stole and transferred the cargo to their waiting boats and escaped. Incident reported to Philippines police.
37.	18.05.2012 2240 LT Anchored Boarded	MP Panamax 4 Bulk Carrier Singapore 36666 9109495	03:42.7S – 114:26.8E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty A/B on roving deck patrol noticed five robbers in the forward store. Two of the robbers threatened him with a knife and the A/B escaped and informed D/O who raised alarm and alerted all crew. By the time the crew members went forward the robbers had escaped with stolen ship stores.
38.	23.05.2012 2350 LT Berthed Boarded	Bow Victor Chemical Tanker Norway 19688 8416322	PT Petrokemia Jetty, Gresik, Indonesia	During routine rounds crew members onboard a berthed tanker noticed the forward liferaft missing. Incident reported to loading master and agents.
39.	04.06.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	DD Vanguard Bulk Carrier Panama 17136 9357420	03:57.44N – 098:46.57E, Belawan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Seven robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier via the forecastle. Duty A/B and D/O noticed the robbers and raised alarm. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the robbers threatened the crew with long knives and escaped empty handed in their waiting boat. Port control and vessels in the vicinity informed.
40.	17.06.2012 1330 LT Anchored Boarded	Highline 26 Tug Malaysia 271 8996580 Highline 22 Barge Malaysia 2983 -	01:38.24N – 110:28.43E, Kuching Anchorage, Malaysia	Robbers boarded an anchored tug and barge. They broke open containers, stole the cargo and escaped unnoticed. Master reported to local law enforcement authorities.
41.	17.07.2012 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	K. Neptune Bulk Carrier Panama 18462 9634892	01:43.07N – 101:27.72E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They threatened the crew with knives, broke the pad locks to three stores and attempted to steal ship's property. Alarm raised, crew mustered, authorities informed. On noticing the crew alertness the robbers escaped empty handed. All crew safe.
42.	18.07.2012 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Arifah Aryana Offshore Tug Malaysia 573 9564841	04:24N – 113:55E 4.6nm off coast of Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia	Three robbers wearing face masks armed with long knives boarded an anchored Offshore Tug. They took hostage the crew members and tied them up with cable ties. One of the robbers went to the Masters cabin, threatened him with a long knife on his neck and dragged him outside his cabin and told him to lie down. The robbers saw the C/Engr coming out of his cabin and he went after him. During this time, the Master ran into his cabin, locked the door and contacted the police for help. The robbers caught the C/Engr, pushed him to the deck and heard the Master contacting the police. The

				robbers tried to enter the Master cabin by banging their long knives on the steel door. The C/Engr took this opportunity and escaped to his cabin and called the vessel superintendent for help. The robbers damaged the PA system, stole crew personal belongings and escaped at 2230 LT. Before the robbers disembarked, they told the crew not to follow them or they would shoot. However no guns were sighted during the robbery. All crew were unharmed except for a minor graze on the right toe of the 2/O when the robbers tried to untie the cable ties to assist them to locate the other ship crew. MMEA officials boarded the vessel at 2300 LT for investigation.
43.	22.07.2012 0610 LT Anchored Boarded	Eagle Auriga Tanker Singapore 55962 9008744	01:06N – 103:28E, Karimun Transshipment Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers in a long wooden boat boarded an anchored tanker and entered the engine room. Engine room crew informed bridge and the alarm was raised when 3/Eng was chased by a robber with an iron rod. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to Karimun Pilot Station and to the Coast Guard via local agent. Coast Guard officers and two port patrol officials boarded the tanker for investigation.
44.	27.07.2012 0200 LT Steaming Hijacked	Woodman 38 Tug Malaysia 194 9257307 Woodman 39 Barge Malaysia 3098 -	Between Kudat Port and Bangi Island, Sabah, Malaysia	Pirates in a speed boat attacked and hijacked a tug towing a barge while en-route to Samarinda, Indonesia. The pirates placed the 12 crew members in a life raft and set them adrift. The hijackers sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. Later the 12 crew members were rescued by the Philippines Coast Guard. Upon receipt of this report, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed all authorities in the region and transmitted a satellite broadcast to ships in the ASEAN region and South China Sea. On 03.08.2012 the tug and barge were located in the Philippines by the authorities and detained for investigation.
45.	28.07.2012 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Sichem Fumi Chemical Tanker Panama 6275 9141895	07:11.85S – 112:43.57E, Tanjung Perak Port, Surabaya, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed tanker. Ship's property was stolen. Later, crew caught the robbers and recovered the stolen items.
46.	02.08.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Highbury Park Chemical Tanker Liberia 11987 9505986	Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with long machetes and knives boarded an anchored tanker. Three crew members were taken hostage and their hands were tied. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. No injuries to crew.
47.	06.08.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Ruby Indah Bulk Carrier Singapore 43217 9172416	06:00.30S – 106:53.59E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship. They broke open the aft store and stole ship's property. Duty O/S spotted the robbers raised alarm and ran after the robbers. While the O/S was grappling with two of the robbers, the other two robbers jumped into the water with the stolen ship property. On seeing the other crew approaching, the remaining two robbers jumped into the water and escaped with their accomplices.

48.	17.08.2012 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Bina Marine 61 Tug Singapore 149 9572161	01:04N – 103:42E, Singapore Straits	Armed robbers boarded the tug underway. They took hostage and tied up the Master and all crew members and stole their cash and personal belongings. The robbers escaped at 0240 LT. The crew managed to free themselves. The Master reported the incident to POCC Singapore.
49.	17.08.2012 0310 LT Anchored Boarded	Pacific Buccaneer Offshore Tug Singapore 1974 9149445	01:06.4N – 104:10.5E, Around 1.3nm Off Kabil Port, Batam, Indonesia	During security rounds in the accommodation area, duty crew noticed one person on the main deck through the weather tight door. Bridge duty officer notified and alarm raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a small timber boat. Crew mustered and conducted a search throughout the vessel. Upon investigation it was found that the vessel's properties were stolen.
50.	19.08.2012 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Marcopolo 17 Tug Indonesia 100 - Marcopolo 268 Barge Indonesia - -	00:57.05N – 103:39.20E, Selat Durian, Indonesia	Four masked robbers in a small boat armed with guns and knives approached and boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They took hostage all crew members, tied them up and stole vessel's cash, properties, crew cash and personal belongings and escaped. The crew managed to free themselves and the Master reported the incident to POCC Singapore.
51.	28.08.2012 0730 LT Berthed Boarded	Svitzer Beta Tug Singapore 906 9592410	01:03N – 103:54E, PT Global Industries Yard, Batam, Indonesia	Two robbers in a small fishing boat approached and boarded a berthed tug. Duty A/B on deck noticed the robbers trying to steal ship stores and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed in their boat. Incident was reported to yard security.
52.	28.08.2012 2015 LT Anchored Boarded	Miletus Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 32415 9423554	00:15.4S – 117:35.9E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor and stole ship's stores. The robbery was noticed by a crew member when he saw a person jumping overboard and a boat picking him up. Upon inspection it was noticed that the forward storeroom door was forced open to allow access into the store.
53.	31.08.2012 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Taiho Maru Wood Chips Carrier Panama 40322 9140358	01:42.8N – 101:27.9E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives approached and boarded an anchored ship. The robbers took hostage the O/S on duty. Another duty A/B who saw the incident informed the D/O. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The shore security onboard the ship managed to speak to the robbers and convinced them to free the O/S. All crew safe and nothing was stolen.
54.	02.09.2012 0515 LT Anchored Boarded	IS Trinity Bulk Carrier Panama 18096 9515565	00:13.35S – 117:35.18E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Five robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded an anchored ship awaiting cargo operations. They broke into the paint store and boatswain store and stole ship's stores and properties. C/O noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm and seeing crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with the stolen items in their waiting boat. Ship made several attempts to contact port control but received no response.

55.	03.09.2012 2045 LT Anchored Boarded	Rudolf Schulte Chemical Tanker Singapore 19793 9576765	03:55.0N – 098:46.6E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker using hook attached to a bamboo pole. The forward duty A/B noticed the robbers and attempted to contact the bridge via his walkie-talkie but the robbers snatched it, took him as hostage and tied him up. While the robbers were stealing ship's stores and properties, the A/B managed to free himself and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. Port control informed.
56.	04.09.2012 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Bum Chin Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 11571 9304320	Kabil Port, Batam, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded a berthed tanker and entered the engine room where a duty motorman noticed and challenged them. One of the robbers pushed and hit the motorman who then retreated into the engine control room, locked himself in, raised alarm and informed the D/O. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Coast guard informed who came onboard for investigation.
57.	08.09.2012 Night Hrs Anchored Boarded	Kiel Product Tanker Singapore 4568 9555199	01:13.82N – 103:34.81E, Off Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored tanker during heavy rain, stole ship's property and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew after the rain stopped.
58.	08.09.2012 0235 LT Anchored Boarded	BW Broker LPG Tanker Liberia 45805 9377781	05:34.9S – 104:36.6E, Teluk Semangka, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with sticks in a small fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored LPG tanker. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed. Port control informed.
59.	11.09.2012 1300 LT Anchored Boarded	Sinar Banten Container Panama 12598 9441740	03:54N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Of these, two robbers boarded the ship, broke into the forward store, stole ship's properties and escaped upon seeing duty A/B approaching. Port control informed.
60.	14.09.2012 1415 LT Anchored Boarded	Scorpio Bunkering Tanker Tuvalu 1861 7825112	01:14.84N – 103:27.94E, 3nm Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia	A Coast Guard boat received a call to inspect a tanker during a routine patrol. Upon approaching the tanker closer, robbers were noticed descending into a speed boat tied alongside the tanker. The speed boat departed from the tanker and headed towards Karimun Island, Indonesia. There was another vessel tied alongside the tanker suspected to be stealing cargo. The Coast Guard boarded the tanker and found the 12 crew members with their hands tied up. The Coast Guard released them and upon investigation the crew members informed that the robbers stole money and crew personal belongings. The crew did not know about the tanker that was alongside.
61.	16.09.2012 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	E.R. Copenhagen Container Germany 25630 9194878	06:02.03S – 106:53.20E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, six robbers in an unlit boat boarded the ship using a hook attached with rope. They broke into the safety store and the deck store and stole equipment and ship's properties. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen items.
62.	25.09.2012	Go Canopus	01:16.1N –	Officers on watch onboard a tug towing a

	0035 LT Steaming Boarded	Offshore Tug Singapore 2310 9528926	104:14.1E, 6.8nm NW of Bintan Island, Indonesia	barge underway noticed two robbers had boarded the barge. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, distress sent via VHF, reported to Singapore port control and crew mustered. At 0237 LT, a police boat arrived on scene but they could not find any small boats behind the barge. Police escorted the tug and left at 0250 LT. It seems that the robbers escaped upon seeing the police boat. The tug continued the passage.
63.	29.09.2012 1930 LT Anchored Boarded	Fairchem Colt Chemical Tanker Panama 11626 9304344	Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker at forecastle. They held the duty A/B at knife point and tied him up and stole ship's stores. D/O raised the alarm upon sighting the robbers and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their fishing boat with the stolen stores. Port control informed.
64.	05.10.2012 0545 LT Anchored Boarded	Ken Spirit Bulk Carrier Panama 20927 9538971	00:13.9S – 117:33.0E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers stealing ship's stores from the forward locker and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen stores. Coast guard informed.
65.	12.10.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Ever Joy Bunkering Tanker Singapore 148 8717257	01:20.8N – 104:18.4E, Around 1.57nm SSE of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia	Ten masked robbers armed with pistols and long knives boarded an anchored tanker. The robbers took hostage the crew members, tied up their hands with cable ties and stole crew cash and personnel belongings before escaping. Later, the Master was able to borrow a mobile phone from a passing vessel and contact the owners to report the incident. No injuries to crew.
66.	15.10.2012 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	AAL Bangkok General Cargo Singapore 14053 9521564	01:06.7N – 104:10.2E, Kabil Citranusa Port, Batam, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They were spotted by the alert duty crew who raised the alarm. Upon sensing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
67.	16.10.2012 0405 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Neptune Bulk Carrier Panama 31259 9430844	00:15.6S – 117:35.6E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship and were spotted by the duty crew during security rounds, who alerted the bridge, approached the robbers who assaulted and injured him. The robbers stole the duty A/B's belongings and escaped.
68.	17.10.2012 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Salvage Champion Salvage Vessel St. Vincent and Grenadines 1830 7530444	00:52.9N – 105:10.7E, Around 19.4nm East of Pulau Mapur, Indonesia	Ten robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the vessel towing a barge from Singapore to Balikpapan, Indonesia. The robbers stole ship's properties, crew cash and personal belongings and escaped. All crew members are safe and the vessel continued her passage towards Balikpapan.
69.	18.10.2012 0220 LT Steaming Boarded	Hub III Tug Malaysia 270 9434008	01:18N – 104:48E, Off Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Six pirates in a speed boat boarded the tug towing a barge. They took hostage all the crew, tied them up and stole crew cash and personal effects before escaping. Master was slightly injured during the incident.
70.	18.10.2012 - Steaming Boarded	Hub I Tug Malaysia 122	Tanjung Datu, Sarawak, Malaysia	Pirates boarded the tug towing a barge, stole crew cash and escaped.

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71.	19.10.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Northia Tanker Marshall Islands 83805 9399480	Karimun STS Anchorage, Indonesia	About three to five robbers boarded the tanker during STS operations. They entered into the engine room and escaped with ship's stores and engine spares.
72.	20.10.2012 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Pearl River Bridge Container Hong Kong 17211 9444986	03:55.1N – 098:46.9E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed. They stole ship's stores and escaped.
73.	27.10.2012 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	MSC London Container Liberia 36266 8502884	03:56N – 098:47E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up at the forecandle deck. Another duty crew reported the incident to the bridge and the D/O raised the alarm and contacted the port authorities but received no response. Three rocket flares were fired at the forecandle resulting in the robbers escaping in their small fishing boat. Upon investigation, nothing was stolen from the ship but the robbers managed to steal the duty crew's mobile phone only.
74.	27.10.2012 0118 LT Anchored Boarded	Glovis Mermaid Bulk Carrier Bahamas 32545 9543603	03:53.9N – 098:46.4E, Belawan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	About three to four robbers boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty A/B and stole his personal belongings. The A/B managed to escape and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Crew mustered and made a search and found that nothing else was stolen from the ship.
75.	27.10.2012 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	Medi Imabari Bulk Carrier Panama 31236 9339466	03:41.5S – 114:27.9E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship in ballast awaiting cargo operations. Duty crew on rounds noticed a robber on the forecandle deck and he informed the D/O who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores in two waiting boats.
76.	02.11.2012 0415-0545 LT Anchored Boarded	Vishva Nidhi Bulk Carrier India 33170 9464742	01:41.8S – 116:38.1E, Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed and stole ship's stores from the forward store before escaping. The theft was noticed during the handing over watch and reported to authorities.
77.	03.11.2012 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Westerdiek Container Liberia 32060 9316361	06:00.4S – 106:54.6E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers in a small boat approached the stern of an anchored ship. One robber boarded the ship using a hook attached with a rope while the other three robbers remained in their boat. Deck watchmen spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robber escaped empty handed.
78.	06.11.2012 1930 LT Steaming Boarded	Highline 66 Tug Malaysia 281 9492969 Hub 18 Barge - -	01:44.58N – 106:11.42E, Around 58nm South of Pulau Airabu, Anambas Islands, Indonesia	Ten robbers armed with long knives boarded the tugboat towing a barge enroute from Port Klang to Kuching. The robbers stole crew personal belongings, cash, vessel's documents and certificates before escaping. One crew was assaulted. The incident was reported to the owners and the Master lodged a police report upon arrival at Kuching, Malaysia on 8 November 2012.

79.	11.11.2012 0150 LT Anchored Boarded	Yunita Product Tanker Singapore 1893 9257242	01:19.3N – 104:17.8E, Around 2nm SSW of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia	Robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker and took hostage the crew. They then threatened and ordered the crew to assist in the transfer of the bunkers into another vessel. During the oil transfer operation, the robbers went through the accommodation and store rooms stealing the personnel effects of the crew, ship's equipment, engine spares and provision stores. At around 0620 LT, the robbers disembarked from the tanker and warned the crew not to come to the deck for two hours. After around 30 minutes the crew members untied themselves and proceeded to the bridge and informed VTIS Singapore and their managers.
80.	16.11.2012 0150 LT Anchored Boarded	Moor Chemical Tanker Singapore 8450 9359595	03:55.9N – 098:48.4E, 7.4nm East of Nipahlarangan, Belawan, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives and iron bars boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Master raised alarm; crew mustered and contacted port authorities but received no response.
81.	17.11.2012 1600 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Copenhagen Bulk Carrier Panama 21483 9537020	07:05.46S – 112:39.48E, Surabaya Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Armed robbers in two speed boats, seven in one boat and three in the other, boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew raised the alarm, mustered and started approaching the robbers who were seen escaping with ship's stores. No injuries to crew.
82.	21.11.2012 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	APJ Kais Bulk Carrier India 32957 9491381	01:42.92S – 116:38.04E, Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship carrying out loading operations via a barge. The robbers attacked and tied up the bosun who was on his routine rounds at the forecabin, stole his personal effects and broke into and stole ship's stores from the forward locker. The robbers were noticed by alert Master and crew on bridge who raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping.
83.	21.11.2012 2223 LT Anchored Boarded	CMB Maxime Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32296 9425875	06:01S – 106:55E, East Cargo Anchorage Jakarta, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship via the poop deck. They attacked and took hostage the duty A/B and stole engine spares. When the A/B failed to respond to the radio calls the duty officer raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping.
84	24.11.2012 0055 LT Anchored Boarded	Kiowa Spirit Tanker Bahamas 62619 9171826	01:27.6S – 116:47.3E, Lawe-Lawe Anchorage, Balikpapan, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's stores from the forward store and escaped unnoticed. The crew on duty noticed the forward store door opened and observed two boats moving away from the tanker. The incident was reported to port control and CSO.
85.	27.11.2012 0405 LT Anchored Boarded	Hispanic G Bulk Carrier Italy 51255 9457842	00:18:52S – 117:40.00E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers armed with long knife boarded an anchored ship. Duty watchman noticed the robbers who threatened him with a long knife and warned him not to approach any closer. Duty watchman alerted the C/O who raised the alarm and alerted the crew. On seeing the alert crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. No reply received from port authority and agent onboard ship indicated that theft was normal at Samarinda.

86.	27.11.2012 1950 LT Anchored Boarded	Torm Helvig Chemical Tanker Denmark 30018 9288021	03:55.9N – 098:45.8E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. They attempted to attack the duty A/B who managed to escape and inform the OOW. By the time the crew mustered, the robbers had escaped with stolen ship's stores. Attempts to contact and report incident to port authority were unsuccessful. All crew safe.
87.	29.11.2012 2235 LT Anchored Boarded	Kasugta Chemical Tanker Liberia 11580 9286542	06:01.5S – 106:54.0E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Robbers were sighted at poop deck, alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing alert crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. All crew safe.
88.	30.11.2012 0110 LT Anchored Boarded	Hua An Tug Liberia 2057 7522136	01:26.24N – 104:34.05E, Around 12nm North of Bintan Island, Indonesia	Nine robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tug from astern and took the duty watchman as hostage. The robbers then went to the bridge, stole crew personal belongings, cash and vessel's navigation equipment and escaped in 20 minutes. During the incident, two crew members were slightly injured.
89.	05.12.2012 0300 LT Berthed Boarded	K. Neptune Bulk Carrier Panama 18462 9634892	03:47.02N – 098:42.04E, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the berthed ship during discharge operations. They broke into the deck store, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during the hand over watch and was reported to the local agent and the port authorities.
90.	10.12.2012 2345 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Panama 31242 9303039	03:43.8S – 114:26.4E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship while the duty crew were busy attending to a barge. Once the crew returned to their watch keeping duties they noticed the bosun store lock broken and ship's properties stolen. On investigating it was found that the robbers had accessed the ship via the anchor chain after managing to cut the wire lashing and break the padlock securing the hawse pipe covers. Local agents informed.
91.	11.12.2012 0150 LT Anchored Boarded	Merlion Dua Tanker St. Kitts and Nevis 740 8518730	01:17.59N – 104:08.31E, Around 3nm South of Tanjung Stapa, Pengerang, Johor, Malaysia	Eight robbers armed with one gun and long knives approached and boarded an anchored tanker. D/O raised alarm informed the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and crew secured all access doors and went into a safe room. The robbers forced their way into the bridge, engine room and Master's cabin and stole crew cash and personnel belongings. The MMEA responded immediately by sending two patrol boats, boarded the tanker and arrested eight robbers. The ship's watch dog was killed and three crew were injured.
92.	20.12.2012 2235 LT Anchored Boarded	Clipper Karen Chemical Tanker Bahamas 7687 9323003	03:57.0N – 098:46.9E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker receiving provisions, stole ship's property and escaped unnoticed. Upon investigation it was found that the robbers gained access to the forecandle by breaking through the razor wire. Local agent and the port authorities informed.
93.	29.12.2012 2320 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Discovery Bulk Carrier Panama 30027 9309643	03:44.3S – 114:25.6E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on board an anchored ship found the lock of the forward store broken. Upon checking, he saw ship's stores lying on the deck and the robbers escaping in their two boats. Nothing stolen.

94.	29.12.2012 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Sanko Mercury Bulk Carrier Liberia 30488 9401934	03:43.1S – 114:27.7E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship while waiting to commence loading operations. They broke into the forward bosun store, stole ship's stores and properties and escaped unnoticed. The incident occurred between 29.12.2012, 2300 LT to 30.12.2012, 0400 LT and was reported to the local agent and the port authorities.
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Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	27.01.2012 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	Istrian Express Container Gibraltar 12514 9474383	20:38.4N – 106:53.0E, Haiphong Anchorage, Vietnam	Eight robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the duty A/B hostage, forced him into the bosun store and tied him up. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. As the A/B was not answering calls on the walkie talkie a search party was sent forward and rescued the A/B. Master tried to contact Haiphong port control but received no response.
2.	12.02.2012 0220 LT Anchored Boarded	Clipper Morning Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17944 9255191	20:40N – 107:14E, Cailan Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Seven robbers boarded an anchored ship using a hook and a rope. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm. All crew mustered. The robbers threatened the A/B with knives, broke the forepeak store lock and stole ship's stores. Crewmembers tried to stop the robbers but they threw knives, sticks and iron rods at them and started lowering the stolen stores into their boat. The Master stopped the crew from confronting the robbers as some of them were armed with pistols. The robbers escaped with the stolen stores in a small motor boat. Master attempted to contact the port control but received no response.
3.	17.04.2012 - Steaming Hijacked	Wantas 6 Tug Malaysia 165 - Wantas VII Barge Malaysia 700 -	(Enroute to Tawau after transiting Singapore Straits) South China Sea	A tug towing a barge was hijacked while enroute from Langkawi, Malaysia to Tawau, East Malaysia. The tug and tow had left Langkawi on 12.04.2012. The last contact the owners had with the tug was on 16.04.2012 after which the vessel was hijacked. The seven crew members of the tug were set adrift and were rescued by a Vietnamese fishing vessel and safely landed in Vietnam. The barge was located in the vicinity of Palawan Island, Philippines on the 26.04.2012 by the Philippines Coast Guard.
4.	27.06.2012 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Overseas Kimolos Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 30109 9384019	10:41.60N – 106:45.00E, Nha Be Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam	Robbers boarded a berthed tanker during cargo operations, stole the fire wire and escaped. Duty A/B on rounds noticed traces of foot prints and the missing fire wire. Alarm raised, authorities informed and crew made a search of the vessel but found no robbers.
5.	18.11.2012 0500 LT	Zafirah Chemical Tanker	03:17.02N – 109:05.38E,	A laden tanker enroute from Pasir Gudang to Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia was boarded and

	Steaming Hijacked	Malaysia 496 9016387	South China Sea	hijacked by a gang of 11 pirates. The crew of the tanker were set adrift in a life raft and the tanker deviated towards Vietnam. When the owners could not get in touch with the tanker, the owners contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre which immediately relayed the message to all authorities in the vicinity and broadcast the message to all ships in the ocean region. The IMB PRC then continuously liaised with the owners and the Vietnam and Malaysian authorities on the location of the tanker. The Vietnam Marine Police intercepted the tanker and detained all the pirates and escorted the tanker to a port for further investigations. The crew of the tanker were rescued by passing fishing vessels and safely landed ashore at Vung Tau.
6.	14.12.2012 2105 LT Anchored Boarded	Loreto Bulk Carrier Indonesia 26029 9197222	32:00.24N – 120:45.56E, Nantong Working Anchorage, China	Three robbers tried to board an anchored ship via the gangway but were challenged by the alert crew and denied access to the ship. The robbers then managed to gain access to the ship via the barge working cargo. The alert crew spotted the robbers as they tried to lower ship's stores and raised the alarm. On seeing crew alertness the robbers left the ship and entered the barge. Local agents informed.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	21.01.2012 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Hana Bulk Carrier Malta 24652 8413497	22:14.0N – 091:44.2E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage 'A', Bangladesh	Duty watchman onboard an anchored ship heard a small boat approach the ship. He then noticed movement on the forecastle deck and informed the duty officer. On reaching the forecastle the duty watchman and duty officer noticed a robber stealing ship's stores. On confronting the robber they were attacked and the duty officer was injured. The duty watchman returned to the accommodation and raised the alarm. The incident was reported to the authorities who sent out the coast guard and medical assistance for the injured duty officer.
2.	21.01.2012 2200 LT Anchored Boarded	OXL Lotus Ro-Ro Cargo Ship Germany 5752 9144471	22:12.3N – 091:42.1E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship whilst waiting for pilot. Duty watchman sighted the robbers and informed Master who raised alarm and reported to the coast guard. Robbers noticed crew alertness and escaped with stolen stores. No casualties to crew.
3.	25.01.2012 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Annette General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 8383 9266554	Kandla Anchorage, India	Ten robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship stores and escaped unnoticed.
4.	29.02.2012 1745 LT	Ocean Arrow Container	21:44N – 091:37E, 12nm West of	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed.

	Anchored Boarded	Hong Kong 18123 9335800	Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Master informed local agent and port authority.
5.	03.03.2012 2355 LT Anchored Boarded	Ten Yoshi Maru Bulk Carrier Panama 32305 9520912	17:02.88N – 082:25.15E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Around 10 robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship via the forecastle. Duty watchmen saw the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped in two boats with stolen ship's stores. Master informed port control and local agent. No casualties to crew and no damage to ship.
6.	20.03.2012 0305 LT Anchored Boarded	Maple Express Product Tanker Hong Kong 27969 9258351	22:10N – 091:46E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker and commenced lowering ship's stores into their boat. On seeing the duty A/B, three of the robbers jumped overboard while the fourth robber threatened the duty A/B with a knife to keep him silent before escaping as well. The A/B reported the incident to the D/O who raised alarm and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with their accomplice waiting in the boat with the stolen stores. As soon as Coast Guard was informed of the incident they immediately dispatched two boats to search for the robbers.
7.	22.03.2012 0003 LT Anchored Boarded	Andakini Tanker Comoros - -	22:15N – 091:44E, Around 3.9nm of Patenga Point Light, Bangladesh	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship stores and escaped. The incident was reported to the coast guard who immediately despatched high speed boats which searched the waters, caught three robbers and recovered the stolen ship stores within 2.5 hours.
8.	17.06.2012 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	CS Manatee Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17944 9255189	17:00N – 082:18E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty A/B on rounds heard two robbers talking to each other on the forecastle. He immediately informed the 2/O on bridge who raised the alarm and sounded ship's whistle continuously. The duty A/B heard a motor boat moving away from the vicinity of the forecastle. On inspection a new mooring rope was found partially hacked into small pieces on the deck. Kakinada port control was called on VHF but no response received. Ship's agent was informed and security message transmitted via VHF to warn other ships at the anchorage.
9.	26.06.2012 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Frio Container Marshall Islands 14308 9248930	22:10.5N – 091:42.6E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored container ship just after heavy rain. One of the robbers attacked the deck watch-keeper who immediately reported to the bridge and managed to run into the accommodation. Alarm raised. By the time the crew mustered, it was noticed that around 15 robbers in the boat were moving way with stolen ship stores. Coast guard responded immediately to Masters call.
10.	04.07.2012 0655 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Visual LPG Tanker Singapore 47386 9320738	17:39.5N – 083:23.3E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Six robbers in a long wooden boat with sail and oars came alongside at an anchored tanker. Two of the robbers boarded the tanker and stole ship's properties. OOW noticed the boat and informed the duty A/B to check it. On seeing the robbers at poop deck, the duty A/B chased them. The robbers jumped into the

				water and escaped with the stolen items with their accomplices waiting in the boat. Alarm raised, port control informed and crew made a search.
11.	09.08.2012 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Otto Schulte Container Liberia 20624 9203461	22:09.1N – 091:44.5E, Chittagong Inner Anchorage, Bangladesh	About 10 robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship from the stern. They held one crew member and threatened him with long knives and stole ship's stores. OOW lost contact with the duty crew and raised the alarm. All crew were mustered and they rushed to the aft mooring station. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the robbers released the duty crew and escaped with the stolen stores.
12.	17.08.2012 0430-0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Triton Stork Bulk Carrier Panama 31242 9328675	21:52N – 091:42E, Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores from the poop deck and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by duty crew during routine rounds. Port control and coast guard were informed.
13.	07.09.2012 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Malhari Chemical Tanker India 8625 9414333	21:40N – 088:01E, Sagar Anchorage, Haldia, India	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker under pilotage from the aft. They were spotted by the duty crew on anti piracy watch who immediately informed the C/O and Master. Alarm raised and crew mustered. By the time the crew arrived the robbers had escaped with ship's stores. Local authorities informed.
14.	19.09.2012 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Liberty Prudencia Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 30374 9250141	Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship awaiting cargo operations and held the duty A/B hostage at knife point. Four more robbers boarded the ship via the hawse pipe. They searched the duty A/B for the keys to the store rooms and then tied him up. As no keys were available, the robbers broke into the store room and managed to steal ship's stores. Stevedores on an approaching lighter vessel spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alert crew and stevedores, the robbers escaped via the hawse pipe. Port control and coast guard informed.
15.	08.10.2012 0235 LT Anchored Boarded	Valisia Offshore Tug St. Kitts and Nevis 1972 8110966	22:13.9N – 091:43.3E, Chittagong Inner Anchorage, Bangladesh	Around 12 robbers boarded an anchor handling tug at anchor. Crew working on deck spotted the robbers with swords and retreated into the accommodation and raised the alarm. Crew mustered, fired pyro techniques and informed the coast guard who arrived and searched the area. The robbers managed to escape with stolen ship's stores.
16.	13.10.2012 2210 LT Anchored Boarded	Samjin Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23494 9460253	22:15.1N – 091:44.6E, Chittagong Anchorage 'A', Bangladesh	Seven robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier from the aft during cargo operations. Duty crew noticed the robbers trying to steal ship's stores and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with the stolen stores. Coast guard informed and a patrol boat came to the location and searched for the robbers but the robbers had fled.
17.	24.11.2012 0135 LT Anchored	APJ Shirin Bulk Carrier Panama	17:02N – 082:25E, Kakinada Anchorage,	Four robbers armed with knives and iron rods boarded an anchored ship via the poop deck. Duty A/B on rounds noticed the robbers

	Boarded	32987 9491408	India	stealing ship's stores and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and as the A/B approached the robbers they jumped overboard and escaped with their accomplices into their waiting boats. Port control informed.
18.	30.11.2012 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Pecos Tanker Marshall Islands 81341 9594743	10:00N – 076:03E, Cochin Outer Anchorage, India	Three robbers in a wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker. They broke into the forecastle store and stole ship's stores. Duty crew heard some noises in the fore peak store, checked and found the door's lock broken and informed D/O who raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Coast guard and port control informed.

AMERICAS

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1.	05.01.2012 2310 LT Anchored Boarded	Bahia Blanca Container Liberia 41483 9362396	12:07.7S – 077:12.3W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's stores and escaped. Duty crew noticed the theft during their routine rounds and raised alarm. Port control informed and a patrol boat sent out for investigation.
2.	24.03.2012 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Princess Product Tanker Denmark 24048 9303728	18:34.2N – 072:24.2W, Port Au Prince H-Anchorage, Haiti	Two boats approached an anchored tanker during heavy rain. Duty crew noticed two to three armed robbers in each boat. One robber threatened him by waving a hand gun. Another robber armed with machete managed to board the tanker and was seen cutting the mooring rope on the poop deck. OOW raised the alarm and contacted pilot station for assistance. On hearing the alarm, the robber jumped overboard with the stolen stores and escaped. A coast guard boat came to the location and manoeuvred around the tanker. Master heaved up the anchor and headed out to sea.
3.	13.05.2012 0545 UTC Steaming Boarded	Steven C Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23456 9450791	03:46.6N – 077:27.4W, Around 9.4nm from Isla La Palma, Buenaventura, Colombia	Four robbers boarded the ship drifting waiting for berthing instructions. Alarm raised. Crew mustered and approached with steel pipes. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen ship's stores.
4.	27.05.2012 2355 LT Berthed Boarded	Maersk Niamey Container Hong Kong 26836 9434917	02:17.0S – 079:54.1W, Contecon Guayaquil Terminal, Ecuador	Four robbers armed with knives boarded a berthed container ship during immigration and customs inspection. Bosun noticed the robbers boarding the ship from the seaward side using ropes and hooks. One of the robbers was proceeding aft towards the accommodation. Bosun reported to Master and Chief Officer via the walkie talkie and alarm raised. On seeing the alert crew the robber on deck ran towards the bosun waving his knife. All the four robbers jumped overboard and escaped with their three

				accomplices waiting in the boat. Port authority informed and a coast guard boat was dispatched to search the area.
5.	02.07.2012 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Lutetia Container Liberia 35881 9246695	02:33.7S – 080:06.3W, Around 25nm SW of Guayaquil, Ecuador	About five to six pirates in two speed boats approached and boarded the ship underway using hooks attached with ropes and ladders. Master raised alarm, crew mustered and armed themselves with crowbars and proceeded to the pirates boarding area. 3/O noticed that one of the pirates was armed with a gun and the Master immediately ordered all crewmembers to retreat back to the accommodation and lock all the doors. The pirates commenced throwing some boxes into their boats. Master was unable to increase speed or take evasive manoeuvres due to the available depth and width of navigable water. Once the pirate boats were full of stolen items, they escaped in their boats.
6.	31.07.2012 0840 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Aarhus Bulk Carrier Singapore 21934 9595254	03:49.4N – 077:09.7W, Buenaventura Anchorage, Colombia	Three robbers on a black motor boat boarded an anchored ship. They broke padlock at forecastle paint store and forward store. They were noticed by duty crew who informed the duty officer on bridge. Alarm raised. Robbers jumped into the water and escaped in the waiting boat. Coast Guard informed. Upon investigation it was discovered ship's stores were stolen.
7.	21.09.2012 0135 LT Anchored Boarded	Western Cruiser General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6668 9366146	18:33.09N – 072:22.01W, Port-Au-Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Three robbers armed with machetes boarded an anchored ship. Watchman on routine rounds noticed the robbers at forecastle deck. The robbers attacked the watchman and injured him. D/O raised alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen stores. Port authority informed and the coast guard arrived at the location after three hours.
8.	11.11.2012 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Overseas Jademar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 40343 9232606	04:34.16S – 081:19.18W, Talara Anchorage, Peru	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor. Robbers were spotted. They jumped overboard with stolen stores and escaped with three more accomplices waiting in a boat. No injuries to crew.
9.	13.11.2012 2040 LT Steaming Boarded	Madeleine Container Antigua and Barbuda 4454 9196943	02:31.2S – 080:05.2W, Guayaquil, Ecuador	10-12 robbers armed with guns and knives in two boats approached and came alongside the ship underway during a river passage. Duty crew at aft station noticed the boats and reported to the Master on bridge who raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and mustered all crew inside the accommodation. The robbers boarded the ship, tied up the shore security guard and broke into four containers on deck. The robbers managed to steal the shore security guard personal properties and some cargo from the containers before escaping. Pilot reported the incident to Guayaquil port control.
10.	16.11.2012 1530 LT Anchored Boarded	JBU Schelde LPG Tanker Panama 9735 9374911	10:19.00N – 075:31.42W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded and stole ship's stores from an anchored LPG tanker unnoticed. The theft was noticed by ship's crew during routine day work. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Port authority informed.
11.	20.11.2012	CPO Norway	San Pedro de	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker unnoticed.

	1200 LT Berthed Boarded	Product Tanker United Kingdom 23353 9353113	Macoris Port, Dominican Republic	They stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by crew doing routine ship search after departure.
12.	25.11.2012 0510 LT Anchored Boarded	Freja Andromeda Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 30241 9461661	10:18.4N – 075:33.6W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's stores from the forward store and escaped unnoticed. The crew on duty noticed the theft and reported the incident to port control and coast guard.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.02.2012 1300 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Free Goddess Bulk Carrier Liberia 13695 9107045	16:00N – 062:26E (Arabian Sea), Off Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked a bulk carrier underway and sailed the ship towards Somali coast. The vessel was released on 11.10.2012. The crew and vessel safely arrived at a safe port. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and vessel.
2.	14.02.2012 1930 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Vessel Oman - -	(Around 35nm of Masirah Island, Oman), Off Somalia	Twelve pirates armed with guns in a 20 foot, brown coloured dhow with name written as Hander, attacked and boarded a fishing vessel engaged in fishing activities. They took hostage eight crew members, stole their cash and personal belongings, two drums of diesel and all food items available onboard the vessel and escaped. No injuries to crew. The fishing vessel reported the incident to the Omani authorities. The dhow with pirates onboard was reported to be operating South West of Masirah Island.
3.	15.02.2012 1500 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Leila Ro-Ro Cargo Ship Panama 2292 7302794	(Around 25nm SE of Sath, Oman), Off Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked a Ro-Ro vessel underway along with her 15 crew. The vessel was released on 11.4.2012. The crew and vessel safely arrived at a safe port. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and vessel.
4.	28.02.2012 1200 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Al Assma Dhow - - -	15:01N – 054:56E, (130nm SSE of Salalah, Oman), Off Somalia	Twelve pirates armed with AK47 in a skiff boarded and hijacked a dhow underway. On 07.03.2012 authorities confirmed that the dhow had been released.
5.	02.03.2012 1219 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Royal Grace Chemical Tanker Panama 4274 8410407	21:27N – 062:37E, (Around 211nm ENE of Masirah Island, Oman), Off Somalia	Armed pirates in one skiff hijacked the tanker underway. The hijackers took hostage 22 crew members and sailed the tanker towards the coast of Somalia.
6.	26.03.2012 0330 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Eglantine Bulk Carrier Bolivia 39424 9193202	07:00N – 069:45E (Around 200nm SW of Minicoy Island, India), Off Somalia	Armed pirates hijacked a bulk carrier underway. Pirates took hostage 23 crew members and sailed the ship towards the Somali coast. Later a warship freed the crew and vessel. Two crew members were killed and one injured. Twelve pirates were detained. The vessel safely arrived at a port in Oman.
7.	26.03.2012	Naham 3	Off Somalia	The fishing vessel had been reported hijacked

	- Steaming Hijacked	Fishing Vessel Oman 558 -		and her 15 crew members taken hostage. The last known position of the vessel was reported as 06:18.50N – 050:13.04E, around 115nm NE of Hobyo.
8.	06.04.2012 0505 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Xiang Hua Men General Cargo Panama 15709 8707331	25:28N – 057:32E (Around 16nm SW of Bandar-E- Jask, Iran/Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	Armed pirates attacked and boarded a general cargo ship underway. Master raised alarm, activated the alert and crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates managed to take hostage the crewmembers and hijacked the ship. An Iranian warship responded to the alert and proceeded towards the vessel. The warship moved closer to the ship resulting in an exchange of fire between the pirates and the navy. The navy managed to board the ship, detain nine pirates and rescue all 28 crewmembers.
9.	10.05.2012 0923 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Smyrni Tanker Liberia 83562 9493779	15:58N – 061:02E (Around 250nm SE of Ras Al Madrakah, Oman), Off Somalia	Ten pirates in two skiffs armed with automatic weapons chased a tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures, increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres and managed to evade the boarding attempt resulting in the skiffs regrouping with the mother ship in the vicinity. Later, the skiffs launched a second attack on the tanker, approached at a speed of 24 knots and managed to successfully board and hijack the tanker and take hostage the 26 crewmembers.
10.	20.06.2012 1200 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Shamsi Dhow Oman - -	20:29N – 059:03E (Around 13nm East of Masirah, Oman), Off Somalia	Pirates hijacked the dhow and took her seven crew members as hostage. Authorities informed. On 01.07.2012, the vessel and the crew members were released.
11.	15.12.2012 1458 UTC Steaming Boarded	Torm Kristina Product Tanker Denmark 57080 9169512	24:36.2N – 057:32.3E (About 80nm NW of Muscat, Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	Armed pirates in skiff approached and opened fire on the tanker underway. The Master raised alarm, commenced evasive manoeuvres, called UKMTO, sent distress alerts via VHF and SSAS and all crew retreated into the citadel. Navies in the vicinity responded to the distress and a naval boarding team was sent to rescue the crew. On boarding the tanker, no pirates were found and the crew regained control of the tanker and continued their passage.
12.	18.12.2012 1030 UTC Anchored Hijacked	Dae San General Cargo North Korea 9182 7614733	11:18.1N – 049:09.26E, Bossaso Anchorage, Somalia	A general cargo ship was detained since 17.11.2012 by Somali authorities for illegal dumping of cargo and ordered to anchor off Bossaso. On 18.12.2012 eight Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) personnel (four policemen and four soldiers) were detailed to guard the ship. The four soldiers took over the ship and forced the Master to sail to another port. It is believed that these four soldiers were paid by a pirate gang to hijack the ship. While en-route one of the soldiers re-joined the four policemen, regained control of the ship and sailed back and returned to Bossaso. The ship arrived and berthed at Bossaso port on 20.12.2012 where all the PMPF personnel (policemen and soldiers) were replaced.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.01.2012 0130 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Safina Al Salam Dhow India 601 -	60nm of Bosaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with machine guns boarded and hijacked the dhow underway with 16 crew and four passengers. Presence of naval forces around the dhow resulted in the pirates leaving the dhow after a few days.
2.	14.01.2012 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Wasil Dhow Yemen - -	38nm from Mukalla Port, Yemen, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates boarded and hijacked the dhow and took her eight crew members as hostage. The pirates released five crew at Ras Hafoon and maintained control over the three remaining crew and the dhow.
3.	02.03.2012 - Steaming Hijacked	Ghazal Howlf Dhow Yemen - -	12:56N – 049:10E (Around 95nm South of Mukalla, Yemen), Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked the dhow underway enroute from Mukalla to Socotra Island. They took hostage six crewmembers and hijacked the dhow to Somalia. The crew and dhow were released on 28.4.2012 and safely arrived at a safe port.
4.	21.04.2012 1700 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Alabass Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	15:20N – 052:12E (17nm South of Ras Fartak, Yemen), Gulf of Aden	A dhow was reported hijacked by pirates. The dhow was released on 19.5.2012. The crew and dhow safely arrived at a port in Yemen.

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

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2012 2015 LT Steaming Boarded	Spar Rigel Bulk Carrier Norway 32837 9557111	03:21.4N – 007:12.9E, Around 80nm South of Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	A suspicious boat approached the drifting ship. Duty crew spotted the boat and raised alarm. The boat closed onto and fired upon the ship. All crew retreated into the citadel. After nearly 12 hours the crew emerged from the citadel and found no pirates onboard. However, before leaving the pirates had ransacked crew cabins and had stolen cash and ship's stores. All crew safe.
2.	11.01.2012 0001 LT Anchored Boarded	Hansa Cloppenburg Container Liberia 18327 9357860	05:13.11N – 004:02.59W, Abidjan Outer Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty watchman, stole his VHF, ship stores and escaped. The watchman informed bridge who raised the alarm. Port control informed.
3.	16.01.2012 0350 LT Anchored Hijacked	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Bahamas 23217 -	06:18N – 003:20E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	The Master and OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed two heavily armed pirates on deck and raised the alarm. Master contacted the navy on VHF Ch 16 but received no response. Non-essential crew locked themselves in a safe location. The pirates made their way to the bridge, fired warnings shots and gained entry into the bridge. They assaulted the Master and stole his personal

				effects. In the meantime another 10 pirates arrived and ordered the Master to heave up anchor and chief engineer to start engines. The pirates were very aggressive and highly agitated and forced all crewmembers to lie down on the bridge floor. Under the pirates command, the tanker sailed to a location approximately 80-100nm South Lagos. The crew were forced to prepare the tanker for lightering operations. On 20 January, all crewmembers were locked in the smoke room and the lightering commenced. None of the crewmembers were able to see the lightering ship. On 21 January, the pirates disembarked at position 06:04N - 004:28E after stealing crew cash and personal effects and ship's cash and part cargo. The Master returned to Lagos anchorage where authorities boarded for investigation. No injuries to crew but tanker sustained damage during lightering operations.
4.	30.01.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Stormbas II Guard Vessel St. Kitts and Nevis 318 9099054	04:45S – 011:48E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Five robbers in a canoe approached an anchored vessel during heavy rain. One of the robbers boarded the vessel and stole ship's stores. C/Officer on watch noticed the robber with a long knife on the main deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and shouted at the robber who jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices. Incident reported to the local police and port authorities.
5.	04.02.2012 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Gallia Container Liberia 25499 9166651	04:46S – 011:47E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Duty watch onboard an anchored ship noticed wet footprints on the deck and the padlock to the bow-thruster room broken. He informed the OOW who noticed a small boat alongside the ship near the starboard midship. OOW raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon inspection a number of stores were found broken into and ship's stores and equipment stolen. Master contacted port control but did not receive any response.
6.	09.02.2012 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Hellespont Drive Offshore Supply Ship Liberia 2177 9421790	04:55.01N – 001:42.36W, Ghana	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded an offshore supply ship. Robbers stole ship's stores. Robbers threatened duty watchmen with long knives and escaped in a canoe. All crew safe and no casualties.
7.	09.02.2012 1402 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Saphina Product Tanker Panama 3885 9045235	04:57.5N – 002:16.7E, Around 83nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Pirates boarded, took hostage 18 crew members and hijacked the tanker drifting whilst awaiting orders and sailed to an unknown location. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted and liaised with the Nigerian authorities and a rescue team from the navy was dispatched and intercepted the tanker and rescued all crew and tanker.
8.	13.02.2012 0250 UTC Steaming	Fourseas SW Bulk Carrier Panama	04:43N – 003:44E, Around 110nm South of Lagos,	Eight armed pirates boarded the drifting ship awaiting berthing instructions. The pirates took hostage Chief Cook and forced him to

	Boarded	17968 9397262	Nigeria	take them to Master's cabin. They fired 20 shots to force open Master's cabin door. Pirates fired two shots at Master and removed safe from the cabin. Then the pirates tried to enter C/Engr cabin. During this time the C/Engr attempted to escape through cabin port-hole window by using two bed sheets to descend down from the port hole. During this attempt, he fell through and as a result serious injuries he died. Later, the pirates took the C/Cook and ordered him to run away and they escaped in the two speed boats waiting alongside the ship. A French warship which was in the area and received our broadcast warning went to the aid of the ship. A boarding team boarded the ship and the warship escorted the ship to Lagos port. On arrival at the inner anchorage Lagos port the authorities boarded the ship and provided medical assistance to the crew. Later all 18 crew members and bodies of Master and C/Engr were taken ashore. The authorities are investigating the case.
9.	26.02.2012 1522 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pacific Amethyst Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 2442 9458327	05:16N – 004:01W, Abidjan Inner Anchorage No.9, Ivory Coast	Three robbers in a canoe, armed with knives, boarded from the port side main deck an anchored offshore supply ship. One robber threatened the watch man with a knife while the other two took the pressure washer and ran away. The alarm was raised. Port control was informed. After a short while the harbour police patrol boat came and returned the stolen item. No injuries and no damage to the vessel.
10.	28.02.2012 1510 UTC Anchored Boarded	Breiz Klipper Refrigerated Cargo Ship Curacao 4263 8917211	04:12N – 006:56E, 3nm from Fairway Buoy Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Eight pirates armed with guns in a wooden boat boarded and started firing towards the bridge and galley on an anchored ship. The pirates ransacked the ship and stole crew cash, personnel effects and ship's cash and properties. They kidnapped the Master and C/Engr and escaped. The ship informed the local authorities through the agents and sailed to a safe distance without the presence of Master and C/Engr onboard. One crew wounded and one crew unaccounted for and may have also been kidnapped by the pirates. On 28.2.2012, the Master, C/Engr and the crew were safely released.
11.	04.03.2012 2030 LT Anchored Boarded	Geo Endeavour Offshore Supply Ship Panama 514 8409927	04:54.0N – 001:42.5W, Takoradi Outer Anchorage, Ghana	Duty deck crew onboard an anchored offshore supply ship was attacked and injured by a robber armed with a knife. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness the robber escaped empty handed. Injured crew was given first aid. Coast guard and port authorities informed.
12.	14.03.2012 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Season Trader Refrigerated Cargo Ship Philippines	05:51.95S – 013:03.11E, Boma Anchorage, Democratic Republic	Ten robbers in two boats boarded the ship at anchor. They took duty A/B as hostage and attempted to enter the forward cargo hold by breaking the entrance hatch seal. Robbers

		7627 9179402	of Congo	escaped after 30 minutes with ship's cargo and stores. The A/B was slightly injured after being kicked in the back. Port control was contacted but there was no response.
13.	17.03.2012 2200-2250 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Harmony LPG Tanker Singapore 18311 9403774	05:13N – 004:02W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker during heavy rain and in-between security rounds. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during the next security round by the duty A/B. Port control and ships in the vicinity informed.
14.	22.03.2012 0825 UTC Steaming Boarded	Zouzou Chemical Tanker Liberia 30075 9412775	02:57.20N – 006:12.45E, Around 100nm SW Off Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates in two boats chased the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and instructed the crew to proceed to the safe room. Nearby US warship responded to the alert and offered assistance. Later the pirates aborted and moved away. All crew reported safe.
15.	29.03.2012 2050 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Denmark 23332 -	19:48.0S – 034:49.7E, Jetty No.12, Beira Port, Mozambique	A robber armed with a knife boarded the tanker at berth. Crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm. On seeing crew alertness, the robber escaped with the stolen stores and with another accomplice waiting in the canoe.
16.	12.04.2012 0025 UTC Anchored Boarded	SCF Provider Tanker Liberia 42208 9577094	05:58.5N – 001:16.8E, Around 9.6nm South of Lome Breakwater, Lome, Togo	Two robbers armed with machine guns boarded an anchored tanker and entered into the engine room and accommodation. Alert crew raised the alarm and all crew retreated into the citadel. Attempts to contact the authorities failed but the sister ship of the tanker in the vicinity relayed the message to the Togo navy. The robbers stole crew personal belongings and cash before escaping. A naval team boarded the tanker for investigation. No injuries to crew.
17.	27.04.2012 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Grand Container Malta 9601 8901925	05:51.9S – 013:24.9E, Around 4.5nm from Port of Matadi, Democratic Republic of Congo	Four boats, two from the port bow and two from the port quarter with seven robbers armed with knives approached and boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and contacted the local port authorities. The robbers stole ship's cargo and escaped. All crew are safe.
18.	30.04.2012 0150 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vergina Bulk Carrier Panama 23625 8323094	31:12.4N – 029:45.4E, El Dekheila Anchorage, Egypt	About six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. D/O raised the alarm and three crewmembers rushed forward to try and stop the robbery. The robbers threatened the crewmembers with knives and they retreated into the accommodation, armed themselves with iron rods and approached the robbers with the other crew. Upon seeing the crewmembers, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship stores and properties in their boats. Port control contacted, but no response received.
19.	30.04.2012 1608 UTC Anchored Hijacked	BW Rhine Product Tanker Panama 43797 9341940	06:01.14N – 001:20.2E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	The tanker was boarded by pirates who took hostage 24 crew members and hijacked the tanker and sailed to unknown location. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted relevant authorities to search for the tanker. On 04.05.2012 the crew and tanker were released.

20.	03.05.2012 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pacific Raider Offshore Tug Singapore 1865 9246425	04:46S – 011:50E, Point-Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored AHTS vessel using a small boat. Crew spotted the robbers and shouted at them from a distance but did not confront the robbers as they were armed. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Master informed port control. All crew safe.
21.	07.05.2012 0640 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Ark Charly Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 2310 9544669	04:26.19N – 004:58.44E, Nigeria	While underway, pirates hijacked a supply vessel and took her 17 crew as hostage. The hijackers released the crew and vessel at 1755UTC the same day. The crew and vessel safe.
22.	08.05.2012 0720 UTC Steaming Boarded	King of Calabar Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 1291 9591894	03:53.5N – 005:46.8E, Off Pennington Oil Terminal, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with assault rifles in a speed boat launched from a fishing trawler boarded the supply vessel towing a barge. Alarm raised and all crew retreated into the citadel. After 1.5hours the crew emerged from the citadel and found the pirates had left. On inspection it was noticed that the bridge windows were damaged and ship properties were stolen.
23.	14.05.2012 2300-2345 LT Anchored Boarded	Louise Product Tanker Liberia 42010 9417763	29:50.1N – 032:31.6E, Port Suez Anchorage, Egypt	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed, stole ship stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft occurred during a sandstorm when the duty A/B was called into the accommodation. Port control inform
24.	15.05.2012 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 29283 -	Suez Anchorage, Egypt	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, broke into the forecandle store, stole ship stores and escaped unnoticed. Upon investigation it was learnt that the robbery took place between the deck security rounds carried out by the crew.
25.	17.05.2012 1845 UTC Steaming Boarded	UAL Transporter Landing Craft Curacao 1092 9261164	04:39.2N – 004:45.2E, Around 45nm Offshore Escravos, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns approached a landing craft doing seven knots. Master raised alarm, stopped main engines and instructed all crew into the citadel. By the time the pirates boarded only four of the eight crew had retreated into the citadel. The pirates tried to gain access into the citadel by using hammers and firing automatic weapons but luckily could not enter the citadel. After nearly 10 hours in the citadel when the crew emerged they saw the remaining crew were badly beaten and all the cabins looted. Once the engines were restarted and the vessel was underway the duty officer again noticed a speed boat with armed pirates approaching. All crew retreated into the citadel and the pirates once again tried to gain entry into the citadel. When the crew emerged after around six hours they found nearly all the bridge equipment destroyed. Master managed to contact Escravos terminal and sailed towards it.
26.	24.05.2012 0020 UTC Berthed Boarded	Elisabeth Schulte Chemical Tanker Isle of Man 11246	04:02.9S – 039:38.7E, Berth No.8, Mombasa Port, Kenya	A robber armed with a knife boarded a berthed tanker during cargo operations. The robber attacked the duty officer on deck rounds, injured him, stole his personal

		9439840		belongings and escaped. Master reported to port police and agent who boarded the tanker for investigation.
27.	25.05.2012 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Joanna A Bulk Carrier Panama 22359 8202513	El Dekheila Outer Anchorage, Egypt	A fishing boat was seen dropping anchor astern of an anchored bulk carrier. Duty A/B remained near the stern during his watch. Later the C/O noticed two robbers armed with knives near the forecastle lowering ship's stores. Seeing the robbers with the knives the crew waited until the robbers had departed before going forward to investigate. It was noticed that the hawse pipe cover was removed and the paint store padlock was cut using a hacksaw blade.
28.	30.05.2012 0320 LT Berthed Boarded	Falcon Trader Bulk Carrier Liberia 15884 9047001	Port of Alger, Algeria	Duty crew on aft mooring deck onboard a berthed bulk carrier noticed two robbers trying to open the port liferaft. He reported to D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing the alert crew, the robbers dropped the life raft into the water, jumped overboard and escaped empty handed. Crew managed to recover the life raft and brought it back onboard the ship in open position. Port control informed.
29.	01.06.2012 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ermar Tanker Liberia 22838 8711095	06:19.34N – 003:29.41E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Three armed persons boarded a tanker from a wooden boat. Alarm raised and all crew retreated into the citadel. After four hours the crew emerged from the citadel and found that the robbers had left. No damage and all crew safe.
30.	10.06.2012 1745 UTC Anchored Boarded	Billion Trader II Bulk Carrier Philippines 43151 9323053	31:13.7N – 029:42.4E, El Dekheila Anchorage, Egypt	An anchored bulk carrier was boarded by robbers via the hawse pipe and forcibly removing the secured anchor chain cover. The portside watertight door padlock was forced open and contents from the portside liferaft stolen. Alarm was raised when D/O noticed that the portside watertight door was partly opened. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a small boat with the stolen stores.
31.	25.06.2012 0110 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Liberia 8539 -	05:32N – 003:32E Around 50nm SxE of Lagos, Nigeria	Twelve pirates armed with guns in a speed boat boarded a drifting chemical tanker. All crew were made to muster in the mess room with the Master and C/Engr being allowed to remain on the bridge and engine room respectively. The tanker was made to sail towards Togo and back. The pirates raided all the crew cabins and stole cash, personal effects and ship's cash and disembarked off Escravos Terminal after 45 hours. All crew safe.
32.	03.07.2012 2050 UTC Berthed Boarded	Stadt Sevilla Container Antigua and Barbuda 35878 9440306	Dar Es Salaam Port, Tanzania	Robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by the duty A/B on rounds. Incident reported to Port Security.
33.	15.07.2012 0355 UTC Steaming	Olivia Container Germany	09:13.9N – 013:47.4W, Around 22nm SSW of	Seven pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the drifting ship awaiting berthing instructions. They entered the bridge, took

	Boarded	14936 9101510	Conakry, Guinea	hostage the 2/O and C/O and tied their hands behind their backs. Two pirates took the 2/O and knocked on the Master's cabin. As the Master opened the door, they slammed it into the Master's face and then stole ship's cash and crew personnel belongings. The pirates re-assembled on the bridge and took the crew members as hostage until they disembarked into their waiting boat. Port control and ships in the vicinity have been informed.
34.	17.07.2012 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Argos General Cargo Marshall Islands 19796 9278167	06:17.3N – 002:28.1E, Around 1nm Off Fairway Buoy, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	Two robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship. They entered Master's cabin and stole ship's cash and escaped in a fast small wooden boat. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to authorities who came onboard to investigate.
35.	18.07.2012 2040 UTC Berthed Boarded	Wehr Blankenese Container Marshall Islands 16177 9149902	19:49S – 034:50E, Beira Port, Mozambique	Robbers boarded the ship at berth, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Master informed port authorities and local agent. All crew safe.
36.	27.07.2012 2330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ursula Chemical Tanker Singapore 11254 9440667	06:05N – 001:18E, Lome Anchorage, Around 3nm SxE Off Breakwater, Togo	D/O onboard an anchored tanker noticed on radar a wooden boat approaching at a speed of five knots. Lookouts directed the search light towards the approaching boat and 12 armed robbers were identified. Alarm raised and ship's horn sounded but the boat continued the approach. All crew except duty officer entered the citadel. The D/O tried to call Togo navy without success. After alerting other ships in the vicinity the D/O retreated into the citadel as the robbers boarded the tanker using ropes and hooks. After several attempts to contact the Togo navy directly and later with the assistance from other ships in the vicinity, the D/O finally established communication with the navy and informed them of the boarding. After around 30 minutes a Togo navy boat arrived, confirmed no other boats in the vicinity and informed the D/O to check the accommodation and then other areas of the tanker. Once the crew established that no robbers were onboard, the navy personal boarded the tanker, did a complete search of the tanker and took statements from the crew. Nothing stolen and no damages to the tanker.
37.	03.08.2012 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	Jascon 33 Barge St. Vincent & Grenadines 3147 -	03:46N – 006:40E, Around 45nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Robbers armed with AK 47 approached and boarded an anchored barge. They opened fire on the barge. Two naval personnel were killed and two naval personnel injured. They stole barge properties and cash and kidnapped four crew members before escaping. Incident was reported to Nigerian navy and Bonny Station. Naval personnel were deployed to secure the barge. The four kidnapped crew members were safely released on 23.08.2012.

38.	10.08.2012 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Sincere Bulk Carrier Panama 17018 9544384	08:30.0N – 013:32.7W, Freetown Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. Alert D/O sighted the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and Master informed port authority and local agent. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen stores. All crew safe.
39.	16.08.2012 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pacific Retriever Offshore Tug Singapore 1864 9236810	04:45S – 011:49E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored supply ship and broke into various store rooms, stole ship's stores and properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on security rounds. Incident reported to Port Authority.
40.	18.08.2012 2310 LT Steaming Hijacked	Anuket Emerald Product Tanker Panama 5581 9393644	05:50N – 001:14E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Around 16 pirates armed with machine guns boarded the tanker drifting in the anchorage area. The pirates hijacked the tanker and sailed her to an unknown location. They damaged ship's communication equipment, the speed boats, rescue boat, engines and the ship's loading computer. The ship's funnel was repainted; name changed and IMO number removed. The pirates stole part cargo by transferring into another pirate vessel. During the operation the tanker's hull was damaged and prior to departing the pirates stole crew cash and personal belongings along with hand held radios, printers, scanners, anti piracy and safety equipment. No injuries to crew. The tanker was released on 23.08.2012.
41.	21.08.2012 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Costanza General Cargo Malta 6354 9171383	09:15.9N – 013:58.3W, Around 20nm SW of Conakry Port, Guinea	Robbers armed with AK 47 attacked and boarded an anchored ship. The crew members retreated into the accommodation. The robbers entered the bridge by breaking the window. The robbers took hostage Electrician, 2 nd officer and 3 rd officer. The 3 rd officer received minor injuries to his face. The robbers ransacked the crew cabins and stole cash and crew valuables and escaped. The crew freed themselves and reported to port control but no response received.
42.	28.08.2012 0300 LT Anchored Hijacked	Energy Centurion Product Tanker Isle of Man 42296 9387970	06:00N – 001:16E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker. The Togo Navy received a distress call and dispatched a patrol boat which intercepted the tanker which was already underway. Orders to stop the tanker were ignored and the pirates opened fire at the patrol boat. The patrol boat returned fire. The tanker proceeded into neighbouring country's waters and escaped. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed all authorities in the region and broadcast a warning to ships in the area to look out for the tanker and report any sightings. A search by air and sea was carried out. On 30.08.2012 the pirates released the tanker. The crew and tanker are safe and proceeded to a safe port.
43.	05.09.2012 0053 UTC	Abu Dhabi Star Chemical Tanker	06:11N – 002:56E, Lagos Anchorage,	A large group of heavily armed pirates boarded a drifting tanker. The crew shut

	Steaming Hijacked	Singapore 29734 9418119	Nigeria	down / disabled all machinery and retreated into the citadel and contacted their owners / CSO for help. Upon receipt of the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the Nigerian authorities and foreign naval forces to assist the crew and tanker. The Nigerian authorities despatched a helicopter which located the tanker. A warship arrived at the location and rescued all the 23 crew members and tanker. The tanker was escorted by the warship to a safe anchorage.
44.	08.09.2012 0335 LT Berthed Boarded	Emmanuel LPG Tanker Panama 5844 9580182	Douala Port, Cameroon	While the shore security watchmen onboard a berthed LPG tanker were taking a break, armed robbers boarded the tanker, took hostage the deck cadet on duty and stole ship's properties. Before escaping they released the cadet who immediately raised the alarm. Incident reported to port control and a police team boarded for investigation.
45.	04.10.2012 2030 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Wappen Von Hamburg Chemical Tanker Liberia 5145 9255799	04:48.8N – 001:25.1E, Around 80nm South of Lome, Togo	Around 10 to 12 pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker drifting in the STS area. The pirates hijacked the tanker and mustered all crew on the bridge while waiting for a bunker barge to steal ship's cargo. When the bunker barge arrived, the ship's crew were forced to prepare the fenders for the vessel to come alongside. After stealing the cargo the pirates locked the crew in the Master's cabin, damaged some of the navigational equipment, stole ship's cash, crew personal belongings, provisions, bonded store and electronic items and then left the tanker on 05.10.2012 in the early morning hours. All crew are safe apart from some physical injuries.
46.	05.10.2012 2330 LT Anchored Hijacked	Orfeas Product Tanker Bahamas 42048 9358917	05:12.56N – 004:03.68W, 3nm South of Abidjan Port Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Around 14 pirates armed with AK47 and knives boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker. They damaged ship's communication equipment and sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the cargo was stolen by transferring into another vessel. Prior to leaving the vessel on 09.10.2012 the pirates stole crew personal belongings and cash.
47.	05.10.2012 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Henry Hudson Bridge Container Panama 98747 9302176	29:49N – 032:33E, Suez Anchorage, Egypt	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship via the hawse pipe. They broke into a container and stole the contents while the duty crew were tending to the Suez canal mooring boat. When duty crew returned to the forecandle he noticed two robbers escaping in a small unlit boat near the anchor chain. Port authorities informed. All crew safe.
48.	16.10.2012 0035 LT Anchored Boarded	Marciana General Cargo Malta 7775 9393230	09:24.1N – 013:45.9W, Conakry Roads, Guinea	Six robbers boarded the anchored ship. The crew retreated into the accommodation and contacted the owners for help. The Owners informed the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre which relayed the message to the Guinea authorities who dispatched a patrol boat to assist the ship. The robbers stole cargo

				contents from the containers and escaped upon seeing the approaching patrol boat. All crew safe.
49.	15.10.2012 1130 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bourbon Liberty 249 Supply Vessel Luxemburg 1733 9573579	03:39N – 006:14E, Around 40nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Seven armed pirates boarded an anchor handling tug supply vessel underway via a speedboat launched from a mother vessel. They stole crew personal effects, kidnapped seven crew members and escaped.
50.	17.12.2012 - Steaming Boarded	WAO Brass Offshore Supply Ship Nigeria 390 8978423	Enroute Mobil Erah Oilfield, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded an offshore supply vessel, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The bosun later navigated the vessel to Onne port.
51.	17.12.2012 1245 UTC Steaming Boarded	SP Brussels Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 4535 9387164	03:44.09N – 005:37.27E, 40nm from coastline, Nigeria	Three pirates armed with machine guns attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They stole crew personal belongings and kidnapped Master, C/O, 2/O, C/E and another crew member and then escaped. The tanker sent SSAS and requested assistance. The tanker and the rest of crew members were unhurt and safe.
52.	23.12.2012 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Madonna 1 Chemical Tanker Panama 11438 9407031	Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Robbers armed with machine guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker and took the crew hostage. They forced the C/Engr and Master to start the engines however as the engines had been disengaged by the crew the tanker could not sail. The robbers threatened and hit the crew and then locked the crew in the engine room while they ransacked the crew cabins. Prior to escaping, the robbers damaged some communication equipment and stole ship's stores.
53.	23.12.2012 1945 LT Steaming Boarded	Asso Ventuno Offshore Supply Ship Italy 1996 9183192	04:01N – 005:14E, 40nm from the Coastline, Bayelsa State, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns attacked and boarded an offshore supply vessel underway and kidnapped four crew members. No injuries to other crew members and vessel continued passage to a safe port.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2012

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2012 2105 LT Anchored Attempted	Grace One Bulk Carrier Liberia 38731 9216640	03:44S – 114:27E, Taboneo Anchorage, Off Banjarmasin, Indonesia	The duty A/B onboard the ship waiting for loading operations noticed one robber at starboard hawse pipe, trying to break open the lock. One boat was noticed nearby with two more persons onboard. Alarm raised, crew mustered. The robber jumped into the water and escaped in the waiting boat. Nothing stolen.
2.	14.01.2012 0800 LT Anchored Attempted	OOCL Antwerp Container Panama 66462 9307011	01:24.28N – 104:42.09E, Around 12nm NE of Bintan Island, Indonesia	Four robbers wearing masks, armed with choppers and knives in a boat approached an anchored ship. Two of the robbers attempted to board the ship by climbing the anchor chain. Duty crew noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and activated the fire hoses resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted boarding.
3.	08.03.2012 0035 LT Anchored Attempted	Mare Italicum Tanker Italy 59611 9346859	01:42.4N – 101:29.1E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watchman saw one robber climbing using thin hooked line on the tanker at anchor. The duty A/B informed bridge who raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. On noticing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and escaped with two other accomplices waiting in a boat. Nothing stolen and no casualties.
4.	06.04.2012 1945 UTC Anchored Attempted	Erin Schulte Chemical Tanker Isle of Man 11233 9439814	01:42.2N – 101:27.5E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers in a small boat attempted to board an anchored tanker but had to abort their attempt as the alert duty watchmen had noticed them.
5.	24.09.2012 0545 LT Anchored Attempted	E Elephant Tanker Marshall Islands 160278 9424261	01:07.1N – 103:35.4E, STS Nipah Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers attempted to board an anchored tanker from the port quarter sunken deck. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. Authorities informed via local agents.
6.	21.10.2012 1630 LT Berthed Attempted	Pearl River Bridge Container Hong Kong 17211 9444986	03:47.8N – 098:42.1E, Belawan International Container Terminal, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with long knives in a small boat approached the berthed ship. Alert duty crew noticed one robber attempting to board the ship using a rope. The crew shouted at the robber who aborted the boarding and escaped.
7.	01.12.2012 2100 LT Anchored Attempted	Triton Lark Bulk Carrier Panama 31275 9302841	01:23S – 116:59E, Balikpapan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers in a small unlit boat closed in to an anchored ship and attempted to climb onboard the ship via the anchor chain. Alert duty A/B noticed the robbers, shouted at them and informed the bridge who raised

				the alarm. All crew members rushed to the fore-castle. On hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Port control informed.
8.	08.12.2012 1135 LT Anchored Attempted	Kore Chemical Tanker Russia 5144 9637583	03:55.1N – 098:47.5E, Belawan Roads, Indonesia	Three wooden boats with five robbers in each approached an anchored tanker waiting for cargo operations. Due to the crew alertness, the robbers were spotted and were unable to board the tanker. Before moving away, one of the robbers gestured to the crew that they would return during the night hours. Due to the threat and no response from port authorities the Master heaved up the anchor and sailed to the open sea.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2012 0345 LT Berthed Attempted	Sima Saman Container Singapore 15995 9330903	Container Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam	Duty A/B onboard the berthed ship noticed a small boat near the shipside with three robbers attempting to board the ship. Duty A/B raised alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Local security informed.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.02.2012 1650 UTC Anchored Attempted	Olympic Flair Tanker Greece 81194 8913966	09:57N – 076:02E, Around 2.5nm South of SPM, Cochin Anchorage, India	Around 20 robbers in two boats approached an anchored tanker and attempted to board her. The lookout crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attack upon seeing the crew alertness and moved away.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	13.01.2012 1940 LT Anchored Attempted	Ero L Bulk Carrier Greece 30422 9231999	Callao Anchorage Area No.12, Peru	Six robbers armed with long knives attempted to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alert crew noticed the robbers, raised alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the

				attempted boarding and escaped. Port authorities informed and the coast guard came for investigation.
2.	26.01.2012 2335 UTC Steaming Attempted	NYK Joanna Container Singapore 27051 9387449	02:26N – 079:18W, 45nm Off Tomaco, Colombia	Three suspected armed pirates in black military uniforms chased the ship underway in a white hulled speed boat. The ship increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. The boat aborted the attempt and moved away after chasing the ship for 45minutes.
3.	27.01.2012 0055 LT Anchored Attempted	Eagle Strait Bulk Carrier Liberia 33033 9488580	00:02.80N – 050:59.70W, Macapa Anchorage, Amazon River, Brazil	Four robbers in a small unlit boat approached an anchored ship. The deck watch crew noticed the robbers climbing up the anchor chain and trying to remove the hawse pipe cover and informed the bridge. OOW immediately raised the alarm and activated the fire pump to start anchor wash. The robbers aborted the boarding and escaped in their boat. Port control and ships in the vicinity were informed.
4.	17.04.2012 1920 LT Steaming Attempted	Nedlloyd Marita Container Liberia 26833 9275048	Guayaquil Inner Anchorage, Ecuador	Seven robbers in a small fast craft approached and came alongside a container ship underway during pilotage in a river passage. Alert crew noticed the robbers with a ladder attempting to board and raised the alarm. Seeing the alert crew the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away. Pilot reported to Harbour Control.
5.	17.05.2012 0740 UTC Anchored Attempted	Hansa Ronneburg Container Liberia 18334 9256391	09:58.2N – 083:00.1W, Puerto Limon Anchorage, Costa Rica	Five robbers in a boat were noticed by alert deck watchmen alongside their ship with boat hooks in an attempt to board. Duty officer raised alarm and reported to port authorities. Seeing the alert crew the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.01.2012 0446 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sunshine Bulk Carrier Bahamas 22697 9393632	22:27N – 060:59E (Around 146nm SE of Muscat, Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	Six pirates in a skiff approached the ship underway. Master contacted a warship in the vicinity when the skiff came to a distance of 2.5nm. A naval warship in the vicinity responded. Alarm raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the Master took anti-piracy measures. Machine guns and a RPG were sighted on the skiff when it closed to a distance of five cables from the ship. The helicopter arrived on the scene resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack.
2.	12.01.2012 0235 UTC Steaming Fired upon	SPS Patino Naval Auxiliary Ship Spain -	01:37N – 046:00E, Around 43nm SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Six pirates in a skiff approached, fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway from the stern. The force protection team on board the vessel returned fire and the pirates to aborted the attack. The vessels helicopter

		-		was launched to track the skiff and the pirates surrendered. The injured pirates were given medical treatment onboard the naval ship.
3.	12.01.2012 0917 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Happy Bird LPG Tanker Isle of Man 6051 9197727	14:51.7N – 056:32.0E (Around 200nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Pirates in skiffs approached the tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures, sent distress message and ordered the armed guards to standby. When skiffs approached closer than 1000meters, warning shots were fired and skiffs returned fire. Warning shots were fired again and as a result the skiffs moved away.
4.	16.01.2012 0705 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Valdarno Tanker Italy 60185 9417335	15:04N – 058:17E (Around 265nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Lookouts onboard the tanker underway noticed six pirates in a skiff approaching their ship at a distance of 3.5nm. At a distance of around 300meters the onboard unarmed security team engaged the skiff with the LRAD and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The skiff fired at the tanker and continued to approach. The security team fired warning flares which landed close to the skiff. The pirates continued to approach and fire upon the tanker. However after the security team fired two more flares close to the skiff the pirates aborted but tailed the tanker for 15 minutes before heading towards a mother vessel in the vicinity.
5.	17.01.2012 0632 UTC Steaming Attempted	Flintstone Pipe Layer Vessel Netherlands 21401 9528433	13:32N – 055:44E (Around 93nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Armed pirates in a skiff approached the ship underway. The armed security team onboard showed their weapons and made their presence known. The pirates aborted the approach and moved away.
6.	20.01.2012 1045 UTC Steaming Attempted	Troitsky Bridge Tanker Liberia 27725 9258167	24:53.4N – 057:27.4E (Around 95nm NW of Muscat, Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	Twelve pirates in a grey coloured skiff approached the tanker underway. As the skiff closed to the tanker ladders were sighted. Alarm raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the Master took anti-piracy measures. As the skiff manoeuvred towards the tanker the onboard security team fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack.
7.	28.01.2012 1042 UTC Steaming Attempted	BBC California General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 9611 9402055	04:55N – 058:14E, Around 620nm NE of Mogadishu, Somalia	A general cargo ship underway noticed a mother vessel lowering a skiff. The skiff with five armed pirates was seen approaching the ship. The onboard armed security team fired warning flares which were ignored by the skiff. As the skiff approached the ship, at a distance of 500meters the security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.
8.	06.02.2012 0442 UTC Steaming Attempted	Ping An Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11438 9495856	05:03S – 066:08E (Around 400nm of Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean), Off Somalia	Pirates in two white coloured skiffs approached the tanker underway. OOW informed the Master who raised the alarm and activated anti piracy measures. As the skiffs approached, the onboard armed team fired warning shots which were ignored by the skiffs. As the skiffs continued to approach the tanker at high speed the armed

				team again fired warning shots which resulted in the skiffs moving away.
9.	08.02.2012 0730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Saturn Glory Tanker Panama 156397 9165932	04:18S – 059:59E (Around 240nm East of Seychelles Island), Off Somalia	The OOW onboard the VLCC tanker sighted two skiffs approaching her. The tanker increased speed to maximum and made evasive manoeuvres and applied anti piracy measures. The skiff had five pirates carrying guns and ladder. Onboard security team fired warning shots at the skiff and the skiff stopped approaching.
10.	09.02.2012 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Talassa Container Liberia 66280 9290787	18:44.5N – 061:32.8E (Around 180nm SE of Masirah Island, Oman), Off Somalia	C/Officer onboard a ship underway noticed two suspicious boats in the vicinity. He informed the Master and started tracking the boats. It was observed that a red hull fishing vessel and a white skiff were chasing the ship. The skiff was noted to be doing around 19knots. Alarm raised and anti piracy measures taken by Master and crew. As ship's speed was greater than the skiff the distance between them increased and the skiff slowed down and stopped after 45 minutes.
11.	18.02.2012 0700 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Alpine Mystery Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9392808	05:29S – 064:02E (Around 500nm East of Seychelles Island), Off Somalia	A tanker underway noticed a skiff at a distance of 2nm. As the skiff approached to 0.5nm it stopped and five to six pirates with RPGs and automatic weapons were observed. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff returning fire and then moving away.
12.	25.02.2012 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Kota Arif Container Singapore 17652 9175614	20:19.6N – 059:23.4E (Around 30nm East of Masirah Island, Oman), Off Somalia	Pirates in three skiffs with ladders doing around 20knots chased a ship underway. Non essential crew took shelter in the citadel and security team deployed. Master informed UKMTO who advised ship to alter course towards a coalition warship. After chasing for around 30minutes, the skiffs aborted the attempt and moved away.
13.	25.02.2012 0315 UTC Steaming Attempted	Kota Hakim Container Singapore 13491 9238600	26:08.9N – 056:42.1E, (Northern approaches to Straits of Hormuz) Off Somalia	A container ship underway noticed three skiffs at a distance of 2nm approaching her at high speed. Master raised alarm, activated SSAS, altered course, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the onboard armed guards took their position. The armed guards fired warning shots when the skiffs closed to a distance of 1nm resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away.
14.	28.02.2012 0550 UTC Steaming Attempted	Pacific Horizon II Chemical Tanker Panama 25180 9370707	16:03.9N – 058:58.9E, (Around 280nm ExS of Salalah, Oman), Off Somalia	While underway, the tanker spotted three to four pirates in a skiff heading towards her at a speed more than 20knots. Alarm raised, fire pumps activated, evasive manoeuvres made and armed team made their presence known. The skiff later stopped their approach and the tanker continued her passage. A mother vessel was seen in the vicinity.
15.	11.03.2012 0715 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Estelle Maersk Container Denmark 170794	13:09N – 057:56E (Around 210nm ENE of Socotra Island, Yemen),	Five pirates in a skiff doing 22knots chased and fired upon the ship underway at 21knots. Pirates closed to the port quarter of the ship and fired a RPG towards the bridge.

		9321495	Off Somalia	Master increased speed; enforce anti-piracy measures and crew mustered in safe area. After about 20minutes of chasing the pirates aborted the attack and moved away.
16.	19.03.2012 0300 UTC Steaming Fired upon	MSC Anafi Container Liberia 30526 9003304	05:40N – 053:23E, Around 520nm NE of Mogadishu, Somalia	About six pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed and crew mustered in a safe place. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. No injuries to crew.
17.	23.03.2012 1720 UTC Steaming Attempted	Andinet General Cargo Ethiopia 11731 8318544	22:37.50N – 063:31.80E (Around 220nm East of Sur, Oman), Off Somalia	Master onboard the ship noticed three skiffs approaching at high speed. The skiffs were observed following the ship as she altered course to move away. Seeing this Master alerted security team who fired warning shots when the skiff was observed 15/20 feet away from the ship. The skiffs moved away.
18.	24.03.2012 1100 UTC Steaming Attempted	Cosmic Jewel Tanker Liberia 163720 9133850	20:49N – 062:27E (Around 175nm ESE of Ras Al Hadd, Oman), Off Somalia	Duty officer onboard the tanker underway noticed a suspected pirate mother vessel at a distance of 6nm. At a distance of 4nm the mother vessel was noticed launching a skiff. Master alerted the onboard security team. The skiff approached the tanker at a speed of around 25-30knots. Master raised alarm, sent distress message and altered course. As the skiff closed to around 1000meters the onboard security team launched a rocket flare and fired two warning shots resulting in the skiffs stopping and moving towards the tanker's stern. The skiff with six to seven pirates maintained a distance of 1nm and continued to chase the tanker. Only when the armed security team fired more warning shots did the skiff stop and abort the attack and return to the mother vessel. A warship responded to the distress message and sent a surveillance aircraft to the location.
19.	25.03.2012 1335 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Blue Diamond Bulk Carrier Liberia 32578 9330654	14:18.5N – 056:49.2E (Around 170nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Two skiffs approached the ship underway. As the skiffs closed in, the onboard security team fired warning shots. At a distance of around 0.8nm one skiff fired a RPG towards the ship. The security team returned fire resulting in the skiffs aborting and moving away.
20.	26.03.2012 0240 UTC Steaming Fired upon	LR2 Polaris Tanker Hong Kong 59172 9378620	05:21S – 049:18E (Around 370nm West of Victoria, Seychelles), Off Somalia	Four armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired 30 rounds on the tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures and onboard security team returned fire resulting in the skiff aborting the attack and moved away. The crew and vessel safe.
21.	26.03.2012 2155 UTC Steaming Attempted	Alex Challenger Research Vessel Panama 878 8131386	16:32N– 059:25E (Around 370nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	A research vessel underway was approached by armed pirates in a speed boat. At a distance of 0.5nm the onboard security team fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting and moving away. Crew and ship safe.
22.	27.03.2012	Carpathia	08:30.6N –	While underway a container ship noticed

	1210 UTC Steaming Attempted	Container Liberia 27779 9253038	076:31.8E (Around 20nm SW of Kollam, India), Off Somalia	around seven skiffs off the stbd bow. A dhow was also noticed approximately 1nm away from the skiffs. As the ship approached five skiffs crossed over to the port side. One skiff each from the port side and stbd side were seen approaching the ship. Alarm raised and security guards alerted. As the skiffs closed to around 700meters from the ship the security guards fired warning flares and showed their weapons resulting in the skiffs stopping. The skiffs were observed to follow the ship for nearly 1nm before aborting. The pirates appeared to have binoculars.
23.	04.04.2012 1645 UTC Steaming Fired upon	African Sanderling Bulk Carrier Bahamas 32379 9403059	21:37N – 059:59E, (Around 50nm SxE of Ras Al Haad, Oman), Off Somalia	Around four to six pirates armed with automatic rifles in a skiff chased and fired upon a bulk carrier underway. Master raised alarm, activated distress alert, took evasive manoeuvres and all non essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away.
24.	09.04.2012 0900 UTC Steaming Attempted	MTM Gibraltar Chemical Tanker Singapore 11549 9282924	12:13.1N – 061:49.9E (Around 400nm East of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Duty lookout onboard the tanker underway noticed a mother vessel lowering a skiff. The skiff with six pirates armed with RPG and automatic weapons approached the tanker at high speed. Alarm sounded and non essential crew retreated into the citadel. Onboard armed security team fired warning shots at the approaching skiff at a distance of 500 meters. The skiff was observed to stop and return to the mother vessel. Crew and ship safe.
25.	13.04.2012 1118 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Canarsie Princess Bulk Carrier Philippines 24943 8309244	11:18.8S – 041:00.2E (Around 40nm East of Mocimboa Da Praia, Mozambique), Off Somalia	Seven pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and fired upon a bulk carrier underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, and crew mustered. After chasing the ship for 20 minutes the pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the hardening measures taken by the ship and the adverse sea conditions.
26.	14.04.2012 0652 UTC Steaming Attempted	Alpine Minute Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9391440	16:54N – 065:59E (Around 410nm WSW of Mumbai, India), Off Somalia	Seven pirates armed with guns in a skiff approached a chemical tanker underway at high speed. Alarm sounded and armed security team mustered. When the skiff was 0.5nm from the tanker the armed security team fired warning shots and the skiff aborted the approach. A mother vessel was sighted in the vicinity.
27.	07.05.2012 0310 UTC Steaming Attempted	Julie Delmas Container Bahamas 26061 9225770	08:17.7N – 056:29.8E (Around 275NM SSE of Socotra Island, Yemen) Off Somalia	Pirates in three skiffs approached and attempted to board a container ship underway. Alarm sounded and all non essential crew mustered in the citadel. Rocket parachute flares fired to warn the approaching skiffs. When the skiffs closed to less than 0.5nm the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs aborting the attack and moving away.

28.	09.05.2012 1000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Super Lady Tanker Malta 56204 9201592	10:40N–060:04E (Around 345nm ESE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Pirates in two skiffs armed with AK47 and RPG approached the tanker underway. At a distance of 50meters from the tanker the pirates fired seven RPG rounds and more than 300 rounds from AK47. Effective anti piracy measures resulted in the skiffs aborting and moving away. No injuries to crew however the tanker sustained damage due to the firing.
29.	10.05.2012 1010 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Moyra Chemical Tanker Gibraltar 12781 9271999	14:18N – 058:27E (Around 260nm ENE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Six pirates in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway from a distance of 500meters. The armed security team returned fire resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.
30.	18.05.2012 2000 LT Steaming Attempted	Aquarius Wing Tanker Panama 159953 9310654	25:20.9N – 057:34.6E (Around 25nm South of Ra's-e Jask, Iran/Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	Three skiffs chased the tanker underway and approached close to the stern. Alarm sounded, authorities and nearby warship contacted. Later the skiffs aborted the boarding and moved away.
31.	23.05.2012 0900 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maersk Texas General Cargo USA 13816 9469780	25:29.6N – 057:16.8E (Around 28nm WSW of Bandar- e-Jask, Iran/Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	D/O onboard a general cargo ship underway noticed a group of 10 skiffs at a distance of 2nm from the ship on the stbd side. The forward skiff broke off from the group and approached the ship at a speed of 20-25 knots. Master and security team informed. Alarm raised, fire hoses and SSAS activated. Authorities and navies informed. The ship increased speed and commenced manoeuvring away from the skiffs. As the skiffs closed in to 500meters the armed security team fired warning shots. The skiffs ignored the warning shots and continued to approach aggressively and weapons were sighted on the skiffs. As the skiffs closed in to 300meters the security team once again fired at the skiffs and it was noticed that the skiffs returned fire towards the ship. Eleven additional skiffs were sighted on the port side advancing towards the ship. As the security team fired warning shots these skiffs stopped and moved away. The skiffs on the stbd side continued to chase the ship and then after around 12 minutes from the initial approach the skiffs moved away towards a large dhow in the vicinity. No damages and no injuries to crew.
32.	20.06.2012 0505 UTC Steaming Fired upon	LNG Aries LNG Tanker Marshall Islands 95084 7390193	20:50.8N – 059:30.2E (Around 35nm NE of Masirah Island, Oman), Off Somalia	Pirates in a dhow armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. Pirates were also armed with RPG. The dhow closed on the tanker and at a distance of 50meters fired on the tanker of which three rounds hit the tanker. Anti-piracy measures enforced resulting in the pirates moving away.
33.	25.06.2012 1516 UTC Steaming Attempted	Etagas LPG Tanker Curacao 7314 8712570	25:15.0N – 057:16.4E (Around 48nm East of Fujairah, UAE/Gulf of	Pirates armed with guns, in two skiffs approached the tanker underway and closed in to 0.6nm from the tanker. Master fired warning flares and pyrotechnics, increased speed and manoeuvred the tanker to keep

			Oman) Off Somalia	the skiffs right astern. Navies in vicinity informed. An Iranian Naval warship responded and escorted the tanker until the skiffs were clear. All crew safe.
34.	27.06.2012 1030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Namrun Bulk Carrier Malta 30936 9389930	14:22.59N – 054:38.26E (Around 110nm North of Socotra Island, Yemen), Off Somalia	Pirates in a dhow approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. As the dhow closed in towards the ship, the onboard armed security team fired warning shots. The dhow ignored the warning shots and continued to approach. Two pirates hiding under a blanket appeared with guns and fired upon the ship. There was an exchange of fire between the onboard security team and the pirates until the pirates aborted the attack and moved away. No injuries to crew. At the time of the incident Master reported wind direction and force as SSW x 7.
35.	10.10.2012 1210 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Izurdia Fishing Vessel Spain 4200 9292785	00:26N – 050:39E, Around 320nm ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	A skiff with six to eight pirates onboard approached and fired upon the vessel at high speed. The onboard security team returned fire resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away. All crew safe.
36.	15.12.2012 0430 UTC Steaming Attempted	Agistri Tanker Liberia 81476 9597018	24:10N – 059:08E, (Around 45nm NE of Muscat, Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	A dhow was seen launching a skiff which approached the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, altered course, and contacted authorities. At a distance of 0.2nm weapons and ladders were identified on the skiff and the on board armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away.
37.	20.12.2012 0950 UTC Steaming Attempted	Tsurumi Tanker Panama 159960 9264893	24:46.9N – 057:54.8E, (Around 25nm South of Bandar- e-Jask, Iran/Gulf of Oman), Off Somalia	A tanker en route to Fujairah sighted a speed boat approaching at a speed of around 25 knots. Master raised alarm, activated SSAS, sent distress alert. The tanker adopted evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and closed all accommodation doors. UKMTO acknowledged distress alert and a helicopter was dispatched to the location. When the boat was around 0.5nm from the tanker five masked persons with weapons and a RPG were identified. Seeing the helicopter the boat altered and moved away from the tanker.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	04.01.2012 0300 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Delfa Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9330094	13:10N – 049:12E, Gulf of Aden	About five pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Onboard security team return fire and the skiff turned away and aborted the hijack.
2.	04.01.2012 0735 UTC Steaming Attempted	Senanur Cebi Bulk Carrier Turkey 31763 9491367	12:14.6N – 044:11.8E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff chased and attempted to board the ship underway. The ship enforced anti-piracy measures, increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres resulting in the pirates moving away.
3.	04.01.2012 0750 UTC Steaming Attempted	Jag Lok Tanker India 81396 9293507	12:14N – 044:11E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a skiff maintained a parallel course with the tanker before suddenly increasing speed to 25knots and coming alongside in an attempt to board. No ladders were seen on the skiff. Master raised alarm, commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew retreated into citadel. Five minutes later, the pirates aborted their attempt and targeted another vessel in the convoy.
4.	24.01.2012 0730 LT Steaming Attempted	Conti Lapislazuli Bulk Carrier Liberia 33036 9452658	13:11.8N – 043:02.65E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	Security team onboard the ship underway reported two skiffs were approaching the ship. There were a total of seven skiffs in the vicinity. The first skiff had six pirates armed with AK47. No weapons were seen in the second skiff which had four pirates. The ship enforced anti piracy measures, made evasive manoeuvres and two armed guards were placed on the stbd & port bridge wings. Upon sighting the armed guards the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away.
5.	06.02.2012 1438 LT Steaming Attempted	Rabigh Sunrise Chemical Tanker Panama 22028 9392377	12:48.7N – 043:17.9E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	While underway eight pirates in a skiff chased the tanker underway and approached her within 0.05nm. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures, made evasive manoeuvres and all non essential crew mustered into citadel. The pirates aborted the attack and moved away.
6.	06.02.2012 1145 UTC Steaming Attempted	Norgas Sonoma LPG Tanker Singapore 8720 9240134	12:43N – 043:17E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	Pirates in two skiffs chased a tanker underway and approached within 0.2nm. Anti piracy measures enforced, course altered and vessel managed to evade the attack.
7.	06.02.2012 1135 UTC Steaming Attempted	Fanja General Cargo Panama 6714 9235115	12:44N – 043:19E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	Three skiffs with six to seven pirates in each skiff chased a general cargo ship and approached within 200metres with intent to board. The ship enforced anti piracy measures and contacted warship on VHF. The skiffs aborted the attack.
8.	22.02.2012 1130 UTC Steaming Fired upon	North Sea Tanker Singapore 59177	13:30N – 050:22E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker underway sighted a skiff at 1.6nm approaching at around 20knots. A suspicious dhow was sighted in the vicinity. Master sent distress to navies and informed UKMTO. As

		9384564		the skiff approached weapons were sighted and the onboard armed security team fired a warning shot. The pirates immediately fired upon the tanker with AK-47. There was an exchange of fire between the armed team and the pirates with around 50-60 rounds being fired by the pirates before aborting and moving away. A naval helicopter was dispatched.
9.	27.02.2012 0430 UTC Steaming Attempted	Happy Venture Bulk Carrier Malta 18070 9153707	12:29N – 043:41E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	A bulk carrier underway noticed nine skiffs approaching aggressively from the stbd side and one skiff from the port side. Master raised alarm, increased speed and began evasive manoeuvres. One skiff with 10-15 pirates onboard closed to a distance of less than 1nm and the security team fired warning shots. The skiff stopped its approach for a moment and began to chase the ship again. The security team fired more warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack and re-joining with the other skiffs.
10.	15.02.2012 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Bow Sagami Chemical Tanker Panama 19420 9379911	12:35N – 043:20E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	Seven pirates in two skiffs chased a tanker underway. Master raised alarm, altered course and the onboard armed security team fired hand flares followed by a warning shot resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away.
11.	06.03.2012 0431 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Advance Victoria Product Tanker Bahamas 40964 9321160	14:20N – 052:34E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker underway noticed a dhow lowering a skiff which was seen proceeding towards the tanker. Master raised alarm, altered course, sounded ship's horn and alerted the armed security team. The security team leader fired rocket flares which were ignored by the skiff. The skiff with six armed pirates continued to close in the tanker and fired upon her. The team leader obtained permission from the Master and fired one warning round resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving back to their mother vessel. No injuries to crew. The tanker continued her passage.
12.	10.03.2012 0800 UTC Steaming Attempted	Hatef Tanker Cyprus 163660 9357183	12:32.5N – 043:26.8E, Red Sea	One skiff approached and chased a tanker underway. Master raised alarm, activated anti-piracy measures and contacted an Iranian warship for assistance. Seeing the warship the pirates aborted the attempted attack.
13.	17.03.2012 0633 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Trans Catalonia LPG Tanker Singapore 13005 9176694	13:09N – 048:52E, Gulf of Aden	A skiff was noticed approaching a tanker underway. D/O raised alarm, informed the Master and security team. Master increased speed, altered course and contacted warship for assistance. About five to six pirates armed with guns and RPG in the skiff close in to 4-5cables and fired upon the tanker. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. A warship dispatched a helicopter to the location to assist. No injuries to crew.
14.	14.04.2012	Salamina	14:17.5N –	D/O onboard a tanker underway noticed two

	0145 UTC Steaming Attempted	Tanker Liberia 41676 9382968	052:50.7E, Gulf of Aden	skiffs being launched from a mother vessel. The skiffs started approaching the tanker. Onboard security team alerted. Master raised alarm, fired two rocket flares and altered away from the vessel. The skiffs later aborted and moved back towards the mother vessel.
15.	22.04.2012 0400 UTC Steaming Attempted	Theresa Pelintung Chemical Tanker Tuvalu 18453 8618231	14:58.2N – 042:01.8E, (53nm West of Al Hudaydah, Yemen), Red Sea	Pirates in three skiffs approach and attempted to board the tanker underway. Onboard security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs aborting the attack.
16.	26.04.2012 0740 LT Steaming Attempted	Samos Tanker Bahamas 56326 9486934	11:56N – 044:39E, Around 19nm from “A” IRTC, Gulf of Aden	Four skiffs with around three to four pirates armed with AK47 rifles chased the tanker underway. All non essential crew retreated into the citadel. As the skiffs closed on the tanker the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the attack being aborted.
17.	12.05.2012 1140 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Genesis LPG Tanker Singapore 16823 9531519	13:52N – 042:52E, Red Sea	About 12 pirates chased and closed to 0.2nm from the tanker underway. Master enforced anti piracy measures and increased speed. The onboard security team displayed their weapons and the boats then moved away. All crew and tanker are safe.
18.	23.05.2012 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	MBA Rosaria Bulk Carrier Italy 51255 9591765	12:45N – 043:18E, Bab El Mandeb Straits, Red Sea	Pirates in three skiffs approached a bulk carrier underway. Master raised alarm, informed authorities and alerted the armed security team onboard. Weapons sighted on the skiffs when they closed in to 300metres from the ship. The armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack and moved away.
19.	12.06.2012 0300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Pacific Galaxy Tanker Panama 59671 9397793	13:20.2N – 042:56.9E, Red Sea	A tanker underway noticed a white skiff with two outboard motors approach at more than 25knots. Initially two pirates were observed in the skiff and as the skiff closed five more were observed to surface from the skiff floor. As the skiff continued to approach aggressively and at a distance of around 200meters from the tanker the Master authorised the armed team to fire warning shots. After around 1hour 25minutes another two white skiffs with twin outboard motors and doing more than 25knots were observed approaching the tanker. The armed team again showed their weapons, fired rocket flares and at a distance of 200meters fired warning shots. In both incidents the non essential crew retreated into the citadel, a distress was sent for assistance. A surveillance aircraft was dispatched which arrived at the location.
20.	12.06.2012 0520 UTC Steaming Attempted	Neo Energy LNG Tanker Liberia 100253 9324277	12:49.6N – 043:15.9E, Off Mauiyun Island, Red Sea	Six skiffs with three to eight persons in each approached the tanker underway at speeds between 14 to 20 knots. Weapons were sighted in three skiffs. The skiffs approached and started tailing the tanker's stern at a

				distance of around 200/300meters. The onboard security team were deployed and they showed their weapons to the approaching skiffs resulting in the skiffs backing off. Over the next 2.5hrs the skiffs approached the tanker five times from port and stbd sides before moving away.
21.	18.06.2012 1105 UTC Steaming Attempted	Marsi Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 25935 8126630	12:19N – 043:57E, Gulf of Aden	Six skiffs with four to six pirates in each skiff approached the ship underway at 25knots from the stbd bow. Master raised alarm, increased speed, altered course and sent distress message. The skiffs attempted to close onto the ship from the stbd beam and stbd quarter and one skiff tried to approach from the port bow. The onboard armed security team fired eight warning flares but the pirates continued their attempts. Weapons and ladders were identified in the skiff. After nearly 40minutes the security team fired six warning shots and the pirates aborted and moved away. A naval ship came for assistance.
22.	27.07.2012 1145 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maa Samuda Khatun Bulk Carrier Bangladesh 24615 8419582	13:34N – 042:39E, Red Sea	Two white coloured skiffs with seven armed pirates in each skiff approached the ship underway in the TSS south of Hanish Al Kubra Island from the port and stbd sides. As the skiffs closed in to 0.2nm from the ship, ladders were sighted and the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2012 1622 LT Steaming Fired upon	Nedlloyd Teslin Container Liberia 26833 9283693	03:00N – 007:28E, Around 85nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria	About eight pirates armed with AK47 in a skiff launched from a fishing trawler chased, fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered in the citadel. Later, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away.
2.	23.01.2012 1121 LT Steaming Attempted	Papillon Chemical Tanker Bahamas 26913 9345659	06:41S – 039:20E, 7.7nm NE of Dar Es Salaam Port, Tanzania	Two skiffs with five pirates in each skiff approached the tanker underway. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures, increased speed and deployed security team. When skiffs approached closer to the tanker, the security team fired warning flares resulting in the skiffs moving away.
3.	11.02.2012 1913 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cassiopeia Star General Cargo Malta 20283 9303431	05:11.5N – 003:27.1E, 74nm South of Lagos Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	A general cargo ship underway noticed on radar two boats approaching from astern. As the boats closed in, they fired upon the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered in a safe area. The boats chased the ship for around 25 minutes before aborting and moving away. All crew safe. Ship sustained gun shot

				damages.
4.	29.02.2012 2110 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Olivia I Chemical Tanker Panama 11423 9053191	04:20N – 005:47E, Around 5nm Off Baylesa, Nigeria	Seven to eight armed pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered on bridge and all access to accommodation secured from inside. The pirates chased the tanker for one hour before aborting and moving away. All crew safe. Ship sustained gun shot damages.
5.	07.03.2012 1030 UTC Steaming Attempted	SP Atlanta Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 5256 9498951	04:12.5N – 006:54.6E, Around 5.8nm Off Port Harcourt Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	Seven heavily armed persons in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. The tanker raised alarm, increased speed and set course away from land. The armed naval guards onboard the tanker made their presence known. Later, they aborted the attempted attack and moved away.
6.	04.04.2012 0230 UTC Anchored Attempted	Atlantic Olive Product Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9354909	Lome Anchorage, Togo	Ten robbers in a boat came alongside and attempted to board an anchored tanker. Alert duty officer raised alarm and informed Togo navy and directed the search light towards the boat resulting in the boat moving towards another vessel in the anchorage. Later another boat with six robbers approached the tanker at high speed. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing crew alertness and the razor wire rigged the robbers moved away. The Master heaved up anchor and proceeded to a safe distance.
7.	12.04.2012 0510 LT Anchored Attempted	Seapowet Bulk Carrier Bahamas 41189 9014729	06:01.2N – 001:17.3E, Around 7nm SE of Lome, Togo	About four robbers in a boat attempted to board an anchored ship. Alert duty crew noticed them and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers aborting the attempt.
8.	26.04.2012 0130 LT Anchored Attempted	Atlantic Gemini Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9332315	06:02N – 001:15E, Around 5nm SSE of Lome, Togo	Two boats with eight men in each approached an anchored tanker, one from the forward and the other from aft. Alert crew spotted the boat, raised the alarm and spotlights were directed towards the boats. Master informed Togo Navy and the crew were able to deter the robbers. The boats were seen to move away. Later the crew once again noticed the boats approaching but they were able to deter the attempted attack.
9.	30.06.2012 0210 LT Steaming Fired upon	Fair Ermis Product Tanker Liberia 6085 9408815	04:01.7N – 006:06.1E, Around 70nm SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway from Bonny River. The Nigerian armed naval personnel onboard the tanker exchanged fire with the pirates resulting in the pirates aborted the attempted attack after 15minutes of firing. All crew were reported safe and the tanker sustained some damages due to gun fire.
10.	30.06.2012 0615 LT Steaming Fired upon	Cap Guillaume Greece Tanker 81324 9321691	02:40.0N- 006:08.3E, Around 136nm SxW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master enforced anti-piracy measures and managed to evade the boarding. All crew were reported safe and the tanker sustained some damages due to gun fire.
11.	30.06.2012 0620 LT Steaming Fired upon	Anglia Container Liberia 26047	02:38.9N – 006:09.5E, Around 120nm SW of Bonny	A container ship adrift awaiting berthing instructions was approached by five armed pirates in a wooden speed boat with two outboard engines. As the pirates approached

		9178276	Island, Nigeria	the ship, they fired at the ship, damaging some bridge windows and equipment. The ship raised alarm, activated SSAS, started main engines and manoeuvred away from the approaching boat. Non essential crew retreated into the citadel. All crew safe.
12.	21.07.2012 0540 LT Berthed Attempted	King Hakan Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43506 9490466	31:09N – 029:48E, Berth No.92, El Dekheila Port, Egypt	Six robbers in two boats approached a berthed ship from forward and aft during cargo operations. Without boarding the ship, the robbers were able to cut away and escaped with two head and stern line eyes. Luckily ship remained alongside and the crew members were able to re-moor the ship. Port authority informed.
13.	27.07.2012 0030 UTC Anchored Attempted	Blue Sky 1 Tanker Marshall Islands 24112 9335903	06:00N – 001:17E, Around 8nm of Lome, Togo	Robbers in three boats approached and attempted to board an anchored tanker. Master raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses towards the boats. The robbers used rain coats and continued their attempt. Master heaved up anchor and proceed further away from the location. Togo Navy informed.
14.	30.07.2012 0140 LT Anchored Attempted	Eships Dugon Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8473 9353890	06:02.5N – 001:16.5E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Five robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored tanker. Alarm raised crew mustered in the citadel and Togo navy notified. The robbers aborted the attempt and moved away upon seeing the navy patrol boat approaching. Later at 0312 LT, another two boats with 16 persons approached and came alongside the tanker from both sides and were observed to investigate the fending arrangements around the tanker. Togo navy failed to respond to the calls made by the tanker. Alarm raised and continuous ship's whistle sounded resulting in the persons moving away.
15.	06.08.2012 0050 UTC Anchored Attempted	Ternen Chemical Tanker Norway 10549 9341316	06:03N – 001:16E, 4nm SW of Lome Breakwater, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Eight robbers in a wooden craft approached and attempted to board an anchored tanker using a long pole with a hook. Alert watch keepers spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the boarding attempt and moved away. Master reported the incident to Togo navy and a patrol boat came to the location and searched the area.
16.	09.09.2012 1935 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Torm Gertrud Tanker Denmark 30058 9240885	06:09.03N – 002:53.36E, Around 34nm SW of Lagos, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates attempted to board the tanker several times and later aborted the attempted attack due to the evasive manoeuvres from the tanker. No injuries to crew but there were several bullet marks on the superstructure.
17.	24.10.2012 2015 UTC Steaming Attempted	Baco-Liner 2 Barge Carrier Liberia 22345 7904621	03:54.4N – 005:25.1E, Niger Estuary, Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Robbers in a speed boat attempted to board a barge carrier underway by throwing a hook to the upper deck of the vessel. The vessel made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and avoided the boarding.

18.	21.11.2012 2325 LT Anchored Attempted	Ocean Atlas General Cargo USA 7252 9213935	06:03.36N – 001:16.46E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Six robbers in three unlit boats twice approached an anchored ship within 30 minutes. The boats hid behind the bunker barge before approaching the ship from the port and starboard sides. On both occasions the boats were unsuccessful due to crew vigilance, hardening of the ship and the presence of security personnel. On reporting to port control a navy boat was sent out for inspection.
19.	30.11.2012 2250 UTC Anchored Attempted	Atlantic Lily Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9354894	06:02.3N – 001:18.3E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Four robbers in a blue and white coloured skiff approached an anchored tanker. Armed guards onboard the tanker found the intention of the skiff aggressive and fired a warning shot. The skiff aborted the approach and moved away. Master called the Togo navy but received no response. At 2305 UTC, the skiff along with three similar skiffs approached the tanker at high speed from the bow, mid-ship and stern. The armed guards fired two warning shots in the air which were ignored by the skiffs which closed to the ship side and then moved along the ship side on towards the stern. Only when the armed team fired more warning shots did the skiffs move away. The Master heaved up the anchor and sailed further away from the anchorage area to drift. At 2320 UTC, Togo navy responded and the Master reported the incident..
20.	11.12.2012 0300 UTC Anchored Attempted	Faouet Product Tanker Luxemburg 23246 9309382	06:04.43N – 001:16.33E, Lome anchorage, Togo	Eight robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored tanker at high speed. Seeing the armed Togo navy guards and security team on board the tanker the robbers aborted the attack and moved away. At 0330 LT, another boat with nine persons approached the anchored tanker and moved away upon seeing the armed navy personnel. No fishing gears were seen inside the boat.
21.	13.12.2012 2310 UTC Steaming Fired upon	PM Salem Offshore Support Vessel Honduras 2943 6828040	04:16.0N – 005:19.8E, Around 25nm SW Offshore, Bayelsa, Nigeria	Pirates armed with machine guns in a boat chased and fired upon the vessel underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, sent distress message and all crew except the Master mustered in the safe room. The on board security team returned fire and after around 20 minutes the firing ceased and the pirates moved away. Due to the exchange of fire one security personal was killed and two sustained injuries.



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 = Actual Attack  = Attempted Attack  = Suspicious vessel

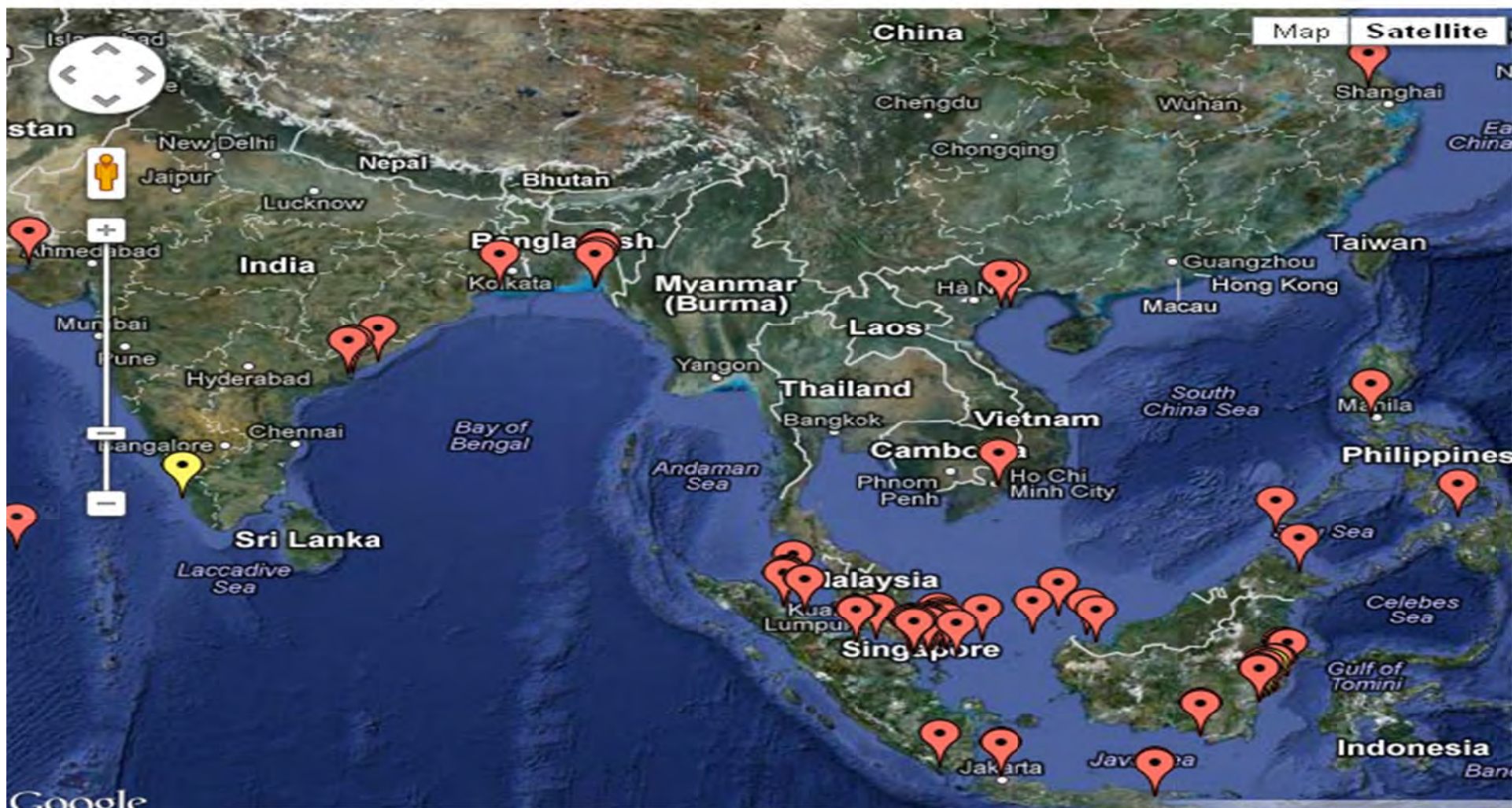


Total number of attacks - 297



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 = Actual Attack  = Attempted Attack  = Suspicious vessel




Total attacks Indian Sub Continent – 19

Total attacks Far East & SE Asia - 111



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 = Actual Attack  = Attempted Attack  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks Gulf of Aden, southern Red Sea – 26
Total attacks east coast Africa & Indian Ocean - 49



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 = Actual Attack  = Attempted Attack  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks West Africa - 62