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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 31 December 2016

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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 2016.

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, MRCCs 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
- Providing free updates to CSOs and ship managers in-charge of the safety and security of their vessels
- 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 2016, received reports of 191 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 historical issues 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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- ExactEarth (www.exactearth.com)
- Vesseltracker (www.vesseltracker.com)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December: 2012 – 2016

	Location	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
S E ASIA	Indonesia	81	106	100	108	49
	Malacca Straits	2	1	1	5	
	Malaysia	12	9	24	13	7
	Philippines	3	3	6	11	10
	Singapore Straits	6	9	8	9	2
	Thailand			2	1	
EAST ASIA	China	1			4	7
	South China Sea	2	4	1		
	Vietnam	4	9	7	27	9
INDIAN SUB	Bangladesh	11	12	21	11	3
CONTINENT	India	8	14	13	13	14
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil	1	1	1		
	Colombia	5	7	2	5	4
	Costa Rica	1				
	Dominican Republic	1	1			
	Ecuador	4	3			
	Guyana		2	1		2
	Haiti	2			2	4
	Mexico					1
	Peru	3	4			11
	Venezuela			1	1	5
AFRICA	Algeria	1				
	Angola			1		2
	Benin	2				1
	Cameroon	1		1	1	
	Dem. Republic of Congo	2		1	3	2
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe			1		
	Egypt	7	7		1	
	Gabon		2	1		
	Ghana	2	1	4	2	3
	Guinea	3	1		3	3
	Gulf of Aden*	13	6	4		1
	Ivory Coast	5	4	3	1	1
	Kenya	1	1		2	2
	Liberia			1	2	
	Mauritania		1			
	Morocco		1	1		1
	Mozambique	2	2	1	1	1
	Nigeria	27	31	18	14	36
	Red Sea*	13	2	4		
	Sierra Leone	1	2	1		
	Somalia*	49	7	3		1
	South Africa					1
	Tanzania	2	1	1		
	The Congo	4	3	7	5	6
	Togo	15	7	2		1
REST OF	Oman			2		
WORLD	Papua New Guinea				1	
	Yemen					1
Total at year end		297	264	245	246	191

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following five locations recorded around 63% attacks from a total of 191 reported attacks for the period.

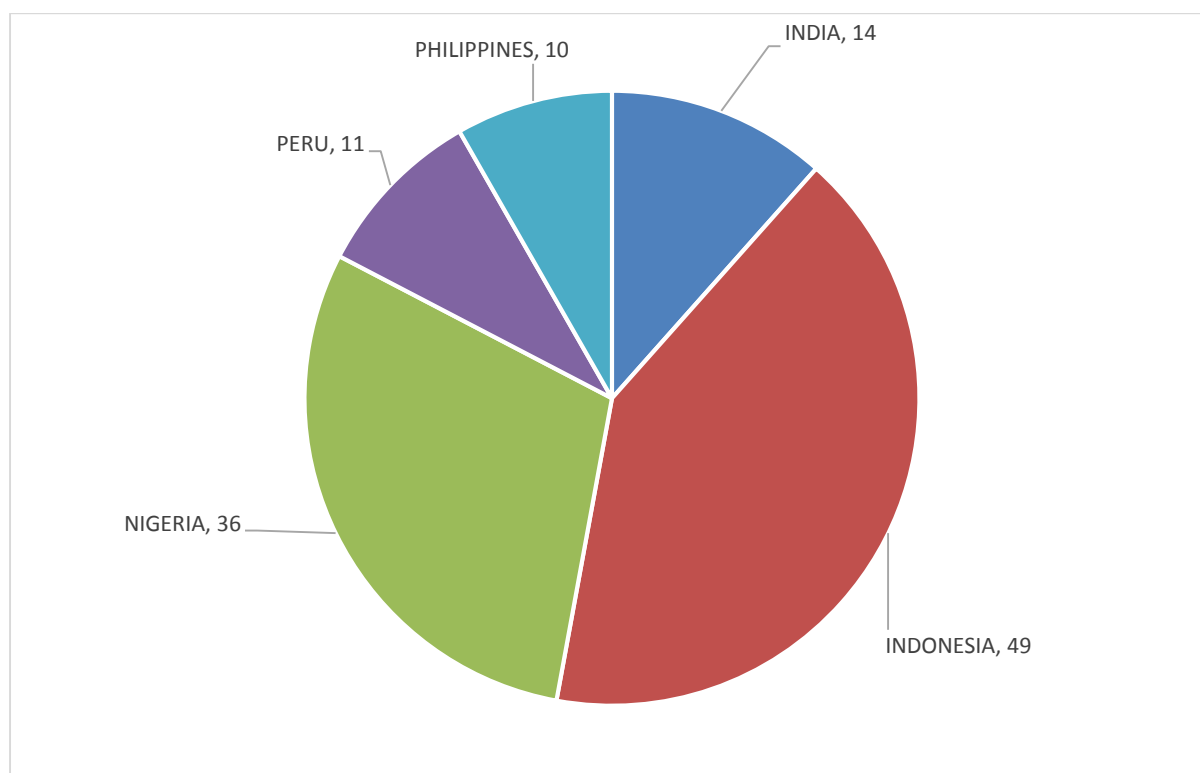


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2016

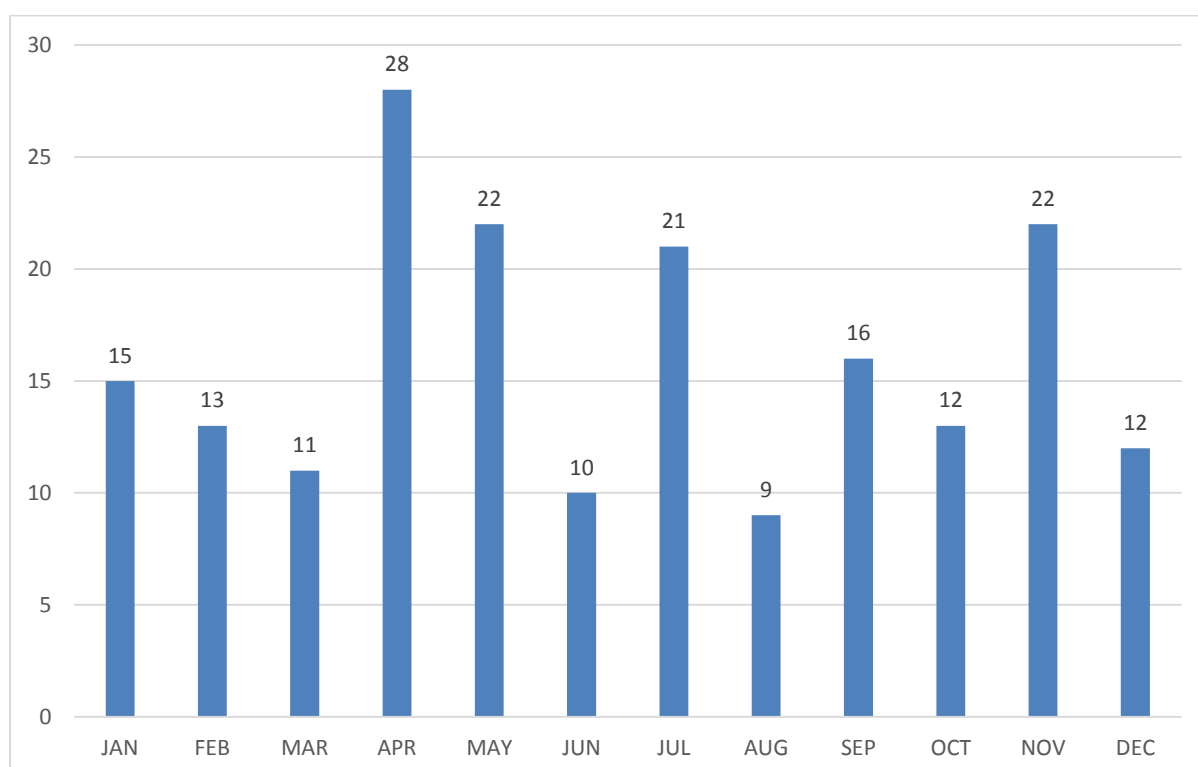
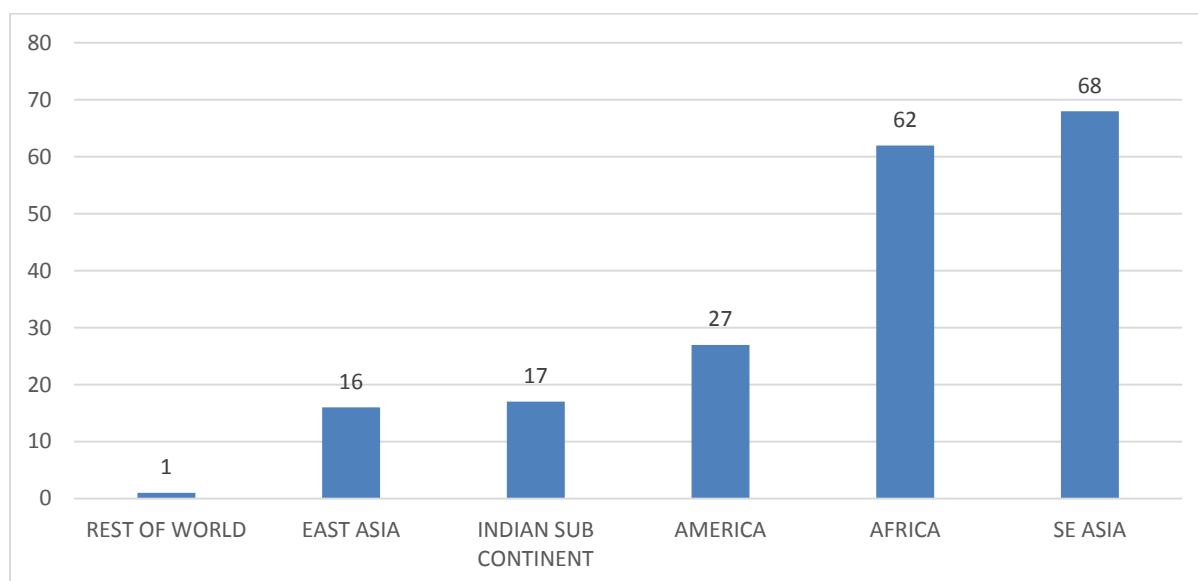


Chart C: Total incidents as per region of the world January – December 2016**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2016**

Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted
S E ASIA				
Indonesia	45	1		3
Malaysia	5	2		
Philippines	6	1	1	2
Singapore Straits	1			1
EAST ASIA				
China	7			
Vietnam	9			
INDIAN				
Bangladesh	2			1
SUB CONT				
India	14			
SOUTH				
Colombia	4			
AMERICA				
Guyana	1			1
Haiti	3			1
Mexico	1			
Peru	9			2
Venezuela	5			
AFRICA				
Angola	2			
Benin		1		
Dem. Republic of Congo	2			
Ghana	3			
Guinea	3			
Gulf of Aden				1
Ivory Coast		1		
Kenya	2			
Morocco				1
Mozambique	1			
Nigeria	17	1	9	9
Somalia			1	
South Africa	1			
The Congo	6			
Togo	1			
REST OF WORLD				
Yemen			1	
Sub total	150	7	12	22
Total	191			

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.
January – December 2016**

Country	Location	1.1.2016 to 31.12.2016
Bangladesh	Chittagong	3
Ghana	Takoradi	3
Guinea	Conakry	3
Haiti	Port Au Prince	4
India	Kandla	8
India	Visakhapatnam	3
Indonesia	Batam / Kabil	6
Indonesia	Dumai	9
Indonesia	Jakarta / Tanjung Priok	6
Indonesia	Muara Berau / Samarinda	9
Indonesia	Taboneo	3
Nigeria	Lagos	6
Peru	Callao	10
Philippines	Davao	3
The Congo	Pointe Noire	6
Venezuela	Puerto Jose	3
Vietnam	Vung Tau	7

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – December 2016

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
S E ASIA	Indonesia	4	37	5
	Malaysia		1	6
	Philippines	2	2	3
	Singapore Straits		1	
EAST ASIA	China	3	4	
	Vietnam		9	
INDIAN	Bangladesh		2	
SUB CONT	India	3	10	1
SOUTH	Colombia		4	
AMERICA	Guyana		1	
	Haiti		3	
	Mexico	1		
	Peru	1	8	
	Venezuela		5	
AFRICA	Angola		2	
	Benin		1	
	Dem. Rep. of Congo		2	
	Ghana	1	2	
	Guinea		3	
	Ivory Coast			1
	Kenya	2		
	Mozambique	1		
	Nigeria	4		14
	South Africa	1		
	The Congo		6	
	Togo		1	
Sub Total		23	104	30
Total			157	

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2016

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
S E ASIA	Indonesia		3	
	Philippines			3
	Singapore Straits			1
INDIAN SUB CON	Bangladesh		1	
SOUTH AMERICA	Guyana	1		
	Haiti		1	
	Peru		2	
AFRICA	Gulf of Aden			1
	Morocco	1		
	Nigeria		3	15
	Somalia			1
REST OF WORLD	Yemen			1
Sub Total		2	10	22
Total			34	

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – December 2012 - 2016

Types of Arms	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Guns	113	71	62	33	48
Knives	73	81	83	97	44
Not stated	104	109	93	108	96
Other weapons	7	3	7	8	3
Total	297	264	245	246	191

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – December 2012 – 2016

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Attempted	67	28	28	27	22
Boarded	174	202	183	203	150
Fired upon	28	22	13	1	12
Hijack	28	12	21	15	7
Total	297	264	245	246	191

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2012 – 2016

Types of Violence	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Assaulted	4		1	14	5
Hostage	585	304	442	271	151
Injured	28	21	13	14	8
Kidnap/Ransom	26	36	9	19	62
Killed	6	1	4	1	
Missing		1	1		
Threatened	13	10	9	14	10
Total	662	373	479	333	236

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2016

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Kidnap
S E ASIA Indonesia	37	6	3	1	
Malaysia	47			2	10
Philippines		1		1	18
EAST ASIA Vietnam		1			
SOUTH AMERICA Haiti		1			
Peru	1				
AFRICA Benin	17				3
Guinea	20		2	1	
Ivory Coast	16				2
Kenya		1			
Nigeria	13			3	29
Sub total	151	10	5	8	62
Total	236				

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2016

LOCATIONS	Guns	Knives	Other	Not Stated
S E ASIA Indonesia	3	19	1	26
Malaysia	3	1	1	2
Philippines	5	1		4
Singapore Straits		2		
EAST ASIA China		1		6
Vietnam	1	2		6
INDIAN Bangladesh		1		2
SUB CONT India		2		12
SOUTH AMERICA Colombia	1	1		2
Guyana		1		1
Haiti		1		3
Mexico				1
Peru	1	2		8
Venezuela		1	1	3
AFRICA Angola		1		1
Benin	1			
Dem. Republic of Congo		2		
Ghana		1		2
Guinea	3			
Gulf of Aden				1
Ivory Coast	1			
Kenya		1		1
Morocco				1
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria	27	2		7
Somalia	1			
South Africa				1
The Congo		1		5
Togo				1
REST OF WORLD Yemen	1			
Sub total	48	44	3	96
Total	191			

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2012 – 2016

Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Accommodation Barge					1
Barge / Barge Carrier	2				
Bulk Carrier	66	53	55	86	52
Cable Ship				1	
Cement Carrier			1		
Container	39	30	20	30	10
Dhow	5	1			
Dredger					1
FPSO / FSO				2	
General Cargo	15	17	14	15	11
Guard Vessel	1				
Heavy Lift Vessel					4
Heavy Load Carrier			1		1
Hopper Dredger				1	
Landing Craft	1	1			
Livestock Carrier		1	1		
Naval Auxiliary	1				
Offshore Processing Ship			1		
Ore Carrier				1	1
Passenger			1	1	
Pipe Layer Barge				1	4
Pipe Layer Crane Vessel	1			1	
Refrigerated Cargo	2	2		3	1
Research Ship	1		2		2
RORO	2	1	2		
Salvage Vessel	1				
Supply Ship	8	5	3	2	4
Support Ship	1		1		1
Tanker Asphalt /Bitumen		3	4		1
Tanker Bunkering	2		2	1	
Tanker Chem / Product	76	82	86	62	56
Tanker Crude Oil	32	39	24	20	13
Tanker LNG	2		1		1
Tanker LPG	10	9	13	4	10
Trawler/Fishing	5	2	3	2	1
Tug / Offshore Tug	23	18	7	10	14
Vehicle Carrier			2	1	2
Water barge			1		
Wood Chips Carrier	1			2	
Yacht				1	
Total at year end	297	264	245	246	191

CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2016

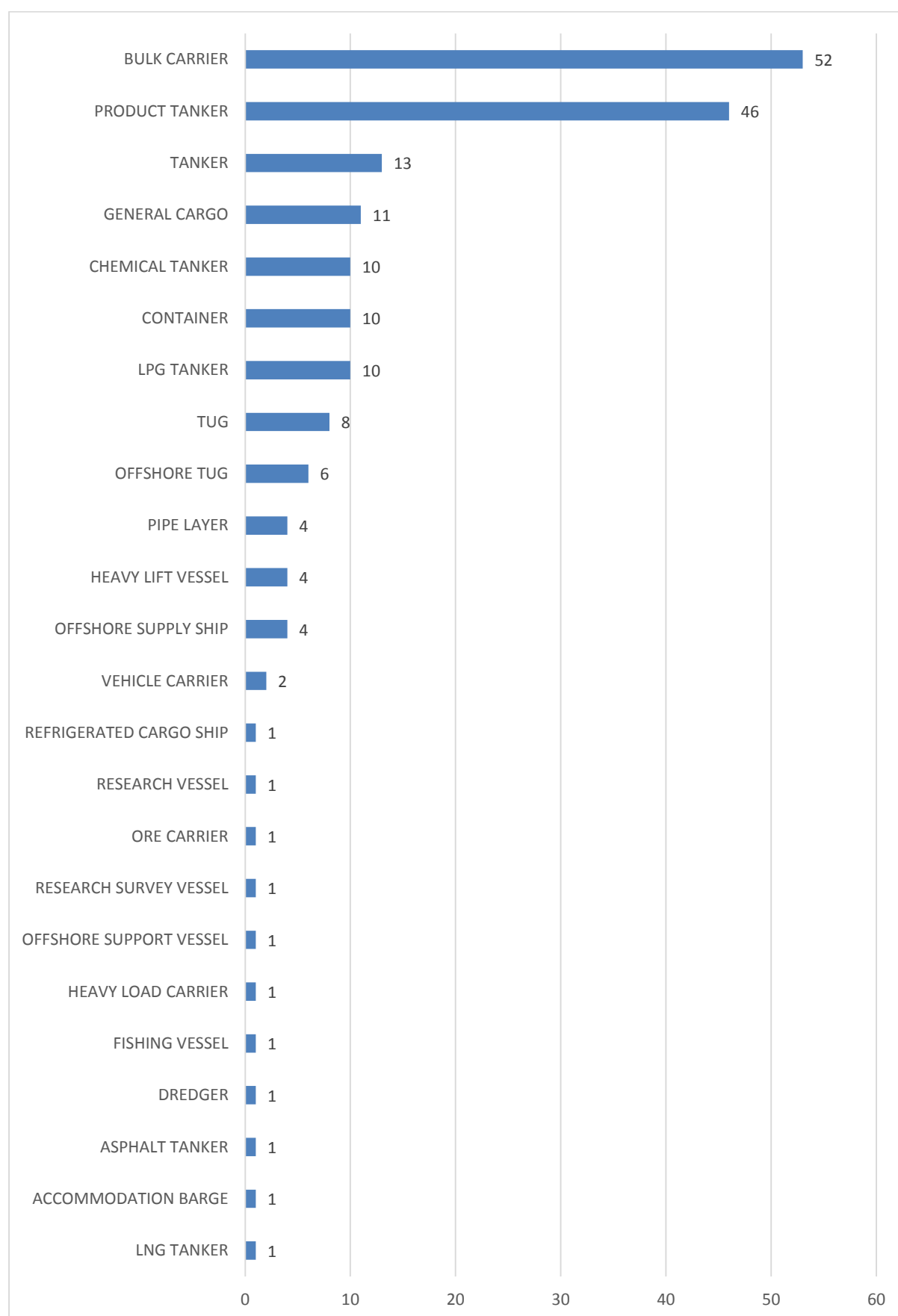


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January – December 2012 – 2016

Flag State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Antigua and Barbuda	5	7	5	9	
Australia				1	
Bahamas	16	7	4	5	5
Bangladesh	1				1
Barbados		1			
Belgium				3	
Belize				1	1
Bermuda			1		
Bolivia	1				
Cayman Island	1	2			
Chile		1			
China		2	1		
Comoros	1	1		1	
Cook Islands				1	1
Croatia		1			1
Curacao	3			1	2
Cyprus	1	1	2	7	3
Denmark	7	6	4	3	1
Dominica			1		
Egypt				1	
Ethiopia	1				1
France		1		1	
Gabon		1			
Germany	4				
Ghana			1	1	
Gibraltar	2	3	1		1
Greece	3	3	4	3	2
Honduras	1		2		
Hong Kong (SAR)	17	20	16	19	9
India	7	4	4	2	3
Indonesia	2		2	2	4
Iran		1		1	
Isle of Man	4	2	3	3	3
Italy	5	4	7		
Japan					1
Kiribati		1	1		
Korea North	1				
Korea South	1		1	1	1
Liberia	45	43	20	28	17
Libya		1			
Luxemburg	2	2		2	1
Madeira					1
Malaysia	12	10	9	12	6
Malta	8	8	6	11	5
Marshall Islands	21	31	36	40	36
Mauritius					1
Mongolia	1		2		
Netherlands	1	2	7	1	2
Nigeria	1	2	3	2	4
Norway	3	4	4	1	3
Oman	3				
Panama	49	32	44	38	46

Papua New Guinea				1	
Philippines	4	2	3	1	
Portugal				1	
Russia	1				
Saudi Arabia			2	1	2
Sierra Leone		1	1		
Singapore	43	39	32	32	21
Spain	2				
St. Kitts & Nevis	3		1		
St. Vincent & Grenadines	2	4			
Switzerland		1	1		
Thailand	1	5	6	5	
Turkey	1	2			1
Tuvalu	2				
United Kingdom	3	2		1	2
USA	2	2	2		
Vanuatu		1		2	1
Vietnam		1	5	1	2
Yemen	3				
Not Stated			1		
Total year end	297	264	245	246	191

CHART E: Flag States whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2016

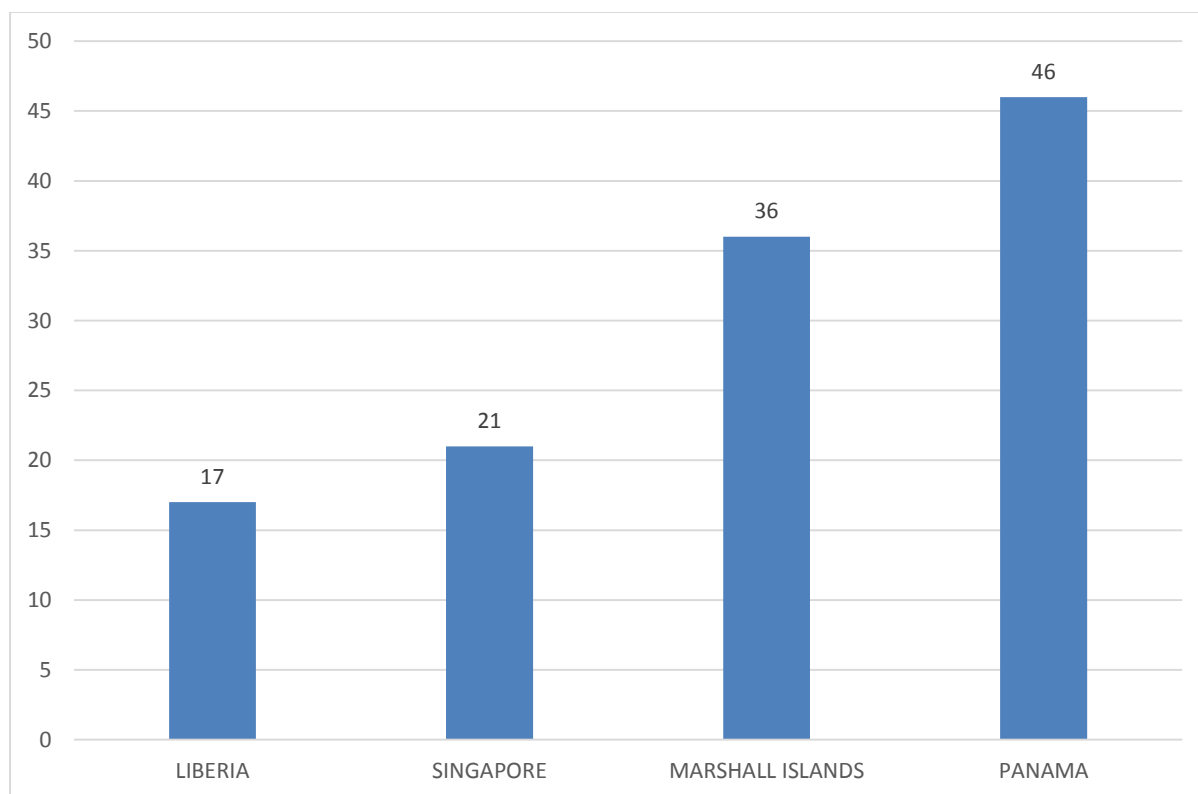
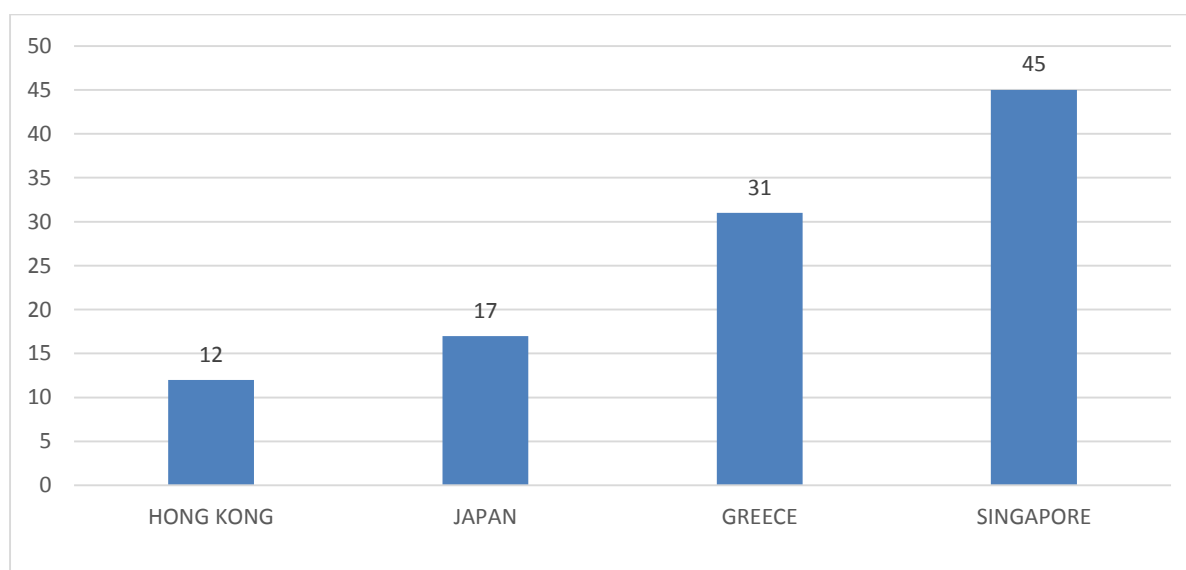


TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – December 2016

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
Bahamas	1
Bangladesh	1
Canada	2
China	1
Cyprus	5
Denmark	4
Ethiopia	1
France	2
Germany	10
Greece	31
Hong Kong	12
India	10
Indonesia	3
Japan	17
Korea South	2
Luxembourg	1
Malaysia	6
Mexico	1
Monaco	3
Netherlands	2
Nigeria	2
Norway	6
Singapore	45
Thailand	1
Turkey	3
UAE	6
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	9
Vietnam	2
Total	191

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2016

OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

From 1 January to 31 December 2016, the IMB PRC has received two new attempted incidents.

The combined efforts of the Navies in the region, along with the increased hardening of vessels and BMP4 compliance, employment of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP), and the stabilizing factor of the central government within Somalia have resulted in this positive sign.

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

The IMB PRC believes that a single successful hijacking of a merchant vessel, will rekindle the Somali pirates' desire to resume their piracy efforts.

As of 31 December 2016, suspected Somali pirates continue to hold three crew members with their conditions unknown.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

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

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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

China: Tianjin/Caofeidian – Incidents mostly at anchorage area.

India: Kandla – Incidents reported at port and anchorage areas.

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

Recent meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which has resulted in a reduction of reported incidents. The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
5. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
6. Taboneo: 04:41.30S-114:28.00E
7. Adang bay: 01:40.00S-116:40.00E
8. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
9. Muara Jawa: 01:09.00S-117:13.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E
11. Bintan Island: 01:21.00N-104:29.00E

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

Malacca Straits: The number of reported attacks continue to drop due to the patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005. Ships are however, advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, attacks may have gone unreported.

Malaysia: Off Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs / barges / fishing boats being attacked and crews kidnapped.

Philippines: Pirates / militants in the southern Philippines attacking vessels in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. Initially tug / barges and fishing vessels were targeted to rob and kidnap crews for ransom. Merchant ships and their crews have also recently been targeted.

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

South China Sea: Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant. In the past, a number of hijackings of small product tankers have occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014 and the hijackings stopped abruptly late 2015. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia.

Vietnam: Vung Tau – Increase in attacks especially at anchorages.

AFRICA AND RED SEA

Benin: Cotonou – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Past attacks showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and violent and in some incidents have fired upon and hijacked ships. The pirates force Masters to sail to unknown location where ship's properties and sometimes part cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past. Recent patrols by Benin and Nigerian Authorities has resulted in a drop in the number of attacks. However, vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

Guinea: Conakry

Ivory Coast: Abidjan – Attacks dropped but remains risky.

Nigeria: Lagos – Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked hijacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks reported up to about 170nm from coast. In many past incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crewmembers were also injured and kidnapped in past attacks. Generally, all waters in/off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported.

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

The Congo: Pointe Noire

Togo: Lome – Attacks have dropped but the area remains a concern and risky. Pirates / robbers in the area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some attacks resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: Attacks related to Somali pirates have reduced. However, the risk of being approached or attacked still exists. Vessels are advised and encouraged to remain vigilant and comply with all BMP4 procedures. The threat of these attacks still exist in the waters off southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique as well as in the Indian ocean and off the west and south coasts of India and west Maldives. Incidents have also been reported close to the east African coastlines.

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

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

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

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

Peru: Callao – Incidents increasing

Reporting of incidents

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

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbkl@icc-ccs.org

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

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

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

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

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

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

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

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 191 attacks for 01 January to 31 December 2016 are listed on pages 31 to 60. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 27 November 2016, a Panamanian flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:14.09 North and Longitude 002:34.54 East, Cotonou Outer Anchorage, Benin at approximately 2145 LT. Owners of the vessel reported to the IMB PRC that they had lost contact with their anchored ship. The IMB PRC immediately relayed the message to all the Authorities in the region including Benin and Nigerian Authorities. The Nigerian Navy dispatched two warships to locate and intercept the missing ship with 20 crews on board. As the warships approached the hijacked ship, it was reported that 15 pirates escaped along with three kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew then managed to sail the ship to a safe port.

Guinea:

On 03 July 2016, a Curacao flagged Heavy Lift Vessel MV Teal was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 09:23.6 North and Longitude 013:41.9 West, at Conakry Anchorage, Guinea at approximately 0450 LT. Six persons in a boat armed with machine guns and knives attacked and successfully boarded the anchored ship. They attacked the Duty O/S causing injuries and took the 2/O hostage. They opened fire to threaten other crew members and damaged the accommodation. Under gun threat, they robbed the crew members of their cash and personal belongings before escaping. Master tried to contact the port control but received no response. The incident was later reported to Port Authorities through the local Agent. A security boat thereafter arrived at the location to investigate.

On 24 August 2016, a Bangladeshi flagged Bulk Carrier MV Aisha Sarwar was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 09:24.5 North and Longitude 013:43.3 West, around 5.5 nm South of Conakry, Guinea at approximately 0110 LT. Around seven robbers armed with machine guns and knives attacked and boarded the ship. Two crew members were taken hostage and beaten. The robbers escaped with crew's cash and properties.

On 21 September 2016, a Panamanian flagged Container Ship MV Windhoek was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 09:18.47 North and Longitude 013:45.51 West, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea at approximately 0146 LT. About six robbers in a wooden boat and armed with AK 47 and shotgun attacked and successfully boarded the ship. They fired at the ship and crew. Master activated the SSAS alert, raised the alarm and locked the accommodation. The robbers however, gained access into the ship by breaking the bridge wing windows. After taking the crews hostage, the robbers ransacked and looted every crew cabin, stole crew personal belongings and ship's cash. The Manager of the ship reported to the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC immediately liaised with the Guinea RCC who took action and Authorities boarded the ship. The robbers managed to escape and all 21 crew members reported safe.

Indonesia:

On 07 May 2016, a Cook Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Hai Soon 12 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:04.48 South and Longitude 108:39.27 East, around 21nm south of Pulau Serutu, Indonesia at approximately 2045 LT. The tanker while en route from Singapore to Sunda Straits was attacked and boarded by armed pirates. They took hostage all crew members and hijacked the tanker. As the Owners failed to receive the updates from the Master, they reported the incident to the IMB PRC who had then reported and liaised with the Indonesian Authorities. The IMB PRC also broadcast to all ships to keep a lookout for the missing tanker. The Indonesian Navy dispatched their patrol boats who had subsequently located and intercepted the hijacked tanker and rescued all crew members on board. Nine pirates were detained. All crew members reported safe.

On 28 June 2016, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Chamtang was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while steaming at position Latitude 03:00 North and Longitude 105:10 East, around 26nm WSW of Mangkai Island, Indonesia at approximately 1945 UTC. About ten pirates armed with guns and knives attacked and successfully boarded the tanker underway. They entered the bridge as the Second Officer was altering course. They held the Second Officer and the duty AB at gun point and beat them. The pirates wore face masks and were aggressive and violent. They took the Second Officer to the Master's cabin and then took the Master and the other crew hostage. The pirates stole the ship's GPS and Navtex equipment and removed the cabling from the remaining satellite communication equipment. Before escaping, they stole cash and other personal effects from the crew and released the Master.

Ivory Coast:

On 11 February 2016, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Maximus was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00 North and Longitude 004:00 West, around 77nm south of Abidjan, Ivory Coast at approximately 2000 UTC. Fourteen pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the tanker. All 18 crew members were taken hostage. The pirates ransacked all cabins and stole crew personal effects. Eight pirates then disembarked the tanker on the high seas with two kidnapped crew members. A Togo Navy patrol boat managed to intercept and took a picture of the tanker. The pirates had repainted the tanker's name and provided false information to the Togo Navy. The picture was sent to the Owners for verification. As the tanker sailed into the Nigerian EEZ waters, the Togo Navy handed over the coordination to the Nigerian Navy who had dispatched a warship to shadow the tanker. On 20 February 2016, the Nigerian Navy boarded the tanker. After an exchange of gunfire, the pirates surrendered and the crews were rescued. One pirate was reportedly killed. The two kidnapped crew members were released on 20 March 2016. Throughout the incident, the IMB PRC liaised and shared information among the Regional Authorities, vessel owner and flag state.

Malaysia:

On 01 April 2016, a Malaysian flagged Tug TB Massive 6 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:07.56 North and Longitude 118:55.76 East, around 17nm East of Pulau Sipadan, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1815 LT. Eight heavily armed pirates in a speed boat intercepted and boarded the tug underway. They opened fire at the tug and managed to board successfully. They stole crew personal belongings and kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew members sailed the tug to the vicinity of Semporna and thereafter a MMEA patrol boat escorted the tug to a safe port. The kidnapped crew were released on 8 June 2016.

On 15 April 2016, an Indonesian flagged Tug TB Henry and Barge Christy were attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:31.26 North and Longitude 119:00.00 East, around 4.3nm SE of Pulau Sibuan, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1032 UTC. Six heavily armed persons in a speed boat intercepted and boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They opened fire at the tugboat. One crew member was reported injured. They stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The Malaysian Marine Police later escorted the tug and barge to a safe port and transferred the injured crew to a hospital for medical treatment. On 12 May 2016, the kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 02 June 2016, a Malaysia flagged Tug TB Ever Prosper and Barge Ever Dignity were attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:07.24 North and Longitude 112:35.14 East, around 11nm NNE of Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia at approximately 2300 LT. Armed persons in two speed boats approached and attacked the tug and barge underway. They boarded the tug, took hostage all 10 crew members and tied them up. They then damaged the communication equipment and hijacked the tug and barge. As the Owners were unable to contact the tug, they reported the incident to

MMEA. The hijackers stole the cargo and the crew's valuables. One crew was reported injured during the incident. MMEA patrol boats escorted the tug and barge to a safe port for investigation.

On 25 October 2016, a Malaysian flagged Tug Ever Ocean Silk and Barge Ever Giant was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:08.8 North and Longitude 112:30.0 East, around 62 nm NW of Tanjung Kidurong, Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia at approximately 2030 LT. Armed pirates in wooden boat attacked and boarded the tug towing a barge laden with crude palm kernel oil (CPKO). They took hostage all 10 crew members and hijacked the tug and barge. The pirates stole the tug's navigational equipment, crew's personal belongings and part of the oil cargo and escaped on 26 October 2016 at around 1000 LT. The incident was reported to MMEA who dispatched a patrol boat to intercept and escort the tug and barge to a safe port.

On 19 November 2016, a Malaysian flagged Fishing Vessel was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 04:49.15 North and Longitude 118:46.22 East, around 8.7 nm south of Merabung, Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1930 LT. About five armed persons wearing masks in a small boat attacked and boarded the vessel engaged in fishing activities. Crew personal belongings and an outboard engine were stolen. Before escaping, they kidnapped two crew members. The Malaysian Authorities are investigating the incident.

Nigeria:

On 29 January 2016, a Liberian flagged Product Tanker MT Leon Dias was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:30 North and Longitude 005:35 East, around 110nm SSW of Bayelsa, Nigeria at approximately 2236 UTC. Pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the tanker. The tanker loaded with gas oil was en route from Lome to Bata. The Owner lost communication with the tanker and reported to the IMB PRC, who immediately contacted and liaised with local and regional Authorities. The pirates shot and seriously injured one crew member during the incident. They destroyed and damaged the tanker's communication equipment and kidnapped five crew members before escaping. The remaining crew members managed to sail the tanker to Benin where a Navy patrol boat assisted in the evacuation of the injured crew. The tanker was escorted to Cotonou anchorage for investigation.

On 11 February 2016, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Nave Jupiter was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:35 North and Longitude 005:42 East, around 54nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 1510 LT. The tanker was sailing from Bonny to Amsterdam when she spotted two skiffs approaching from the stern. Master quickly raised the alarm, increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and contacted the CSO. Owners contacted the IMB PRC who immediately liaised with the Nigerian Authorities and the IMB PRC were advised that an armed patrol boat had been dispatched to the location. As the skiffs closed in, weapons and ladders were sighted. The pirates opened fire at the tanker's superstructure and threw handmade explosive devices onto the main deck which luckily did not explode. Three pirates managed to board the tanker using a ladder and fired several rounds. Non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. Master continued with evasive manoeuvres. The pirates cut off the fuel to the main engines and generators. Master then instructed the bridge team to go to the citadel. The pirates later tried to gain access to the citadel but failed. Before escaping, the pirates damaged all communication equipment and stole crew personal effects. The Nigerian Navy arrived and boarded the tanker and rescued the crew members. The tanker thereafter sailed to a safe port.

On 05 March 2016, a Panamanian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Madonna 1 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:05 North and Longitude 006:41 East, around 32nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 1607 UTC. About 10 armed pirates in a black speed boat attacked and opened fire at the tanker. They managed to successfully board the tanker using a grappling hook and ladder. The tanker activated the alarm and non-essential crew members retreated to the citadel. Pirates then kidnapped four crew members and escaped. On 27 March 2016, the kidnapped crew members were released safely most likely after a ransom was paid.

On 26 March 2016, a Liberian flagged Product Tanker MT Sampatiki was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:20 North and Longitude 005:10 East, around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria at approximately 0040 LT. Eight pirates armed with guns attacked, fired at the tanker and successfully boarded the tanker. They ransacked all the cabins, stole crew personal belongings and kidnapped five crew members including the Master.

On 01 April 2016, a Panamanian flagged Chemical Tanker MV Madonna 1 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:54 North and Longitude 005:41 East, around 41nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 1153 LT. Duty Officers on board the tanker noticed a black speed boat approaching. The Master raised the alarm, sent distress messages, took anti-piracy preventive measures and crew members locked all entrance doors. As the speed boat closed in, nine pirates armed with AK47s opened fire at the tanker and attempted to board several times using ladders and grappling hooks attached with a rope. All non-essential crew members mustered in a safe room. The Navy was contacted but received no response. The IMB PRC received information from the Owners and immediately informed the Nigerian Navy for assistance. The Nigerian Navy responded and advised the IMB PRC that they will take action accordingly. Due to the hardening measures taken by the tanker, the pirates aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. No injuries to crew members.

On 11 April 2016, a Malta flagged Product Tanker MT Puli was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:48.4 North and Longitude 006:40.9 East, around 118nm SSW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria at approximately 0130 LT. Eight pirates in a speed boat armed with rifles attacked and boarded the tanker underway while en route from Douala port to Abidjan port. The pirates stole cash, ship's properties, crew personal belongings and kidnapped six crew members before escaping. The tanker then continued her passage towards a safe port. No injuries to remaining crew members. On 25 April 2016, the kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 11 April 2016, a Liberian flagged Container Ship MV CMA CGM Turquoise was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:08.02 North and Longitude 005:23.05 East, around 30nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria at approximately 2056 LT. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship successfully. The Master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and all crew members except two mustered in the citadel. The Owners sent a message to the IMB PRC indicating that they had lost contact with their ship. The IMB PRC immediately informed and liaised with the Nigerian Authorities and transmitted a Warning Broadcast to ships at sea. After about 12 hours, the crew emerged from the citadel. The two crew were reported kidnapped. The Nigerian Navy boarded the ship for investigations. All the remaining crew members were safe. On 19 May 2016, the kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 19 April 2016, a Malaysian flagged Offshore Supply Vessel MV Armada Tuah 101 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:30 North and Longitude 004:50 East, around 97nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0717 LT. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway. The alarm was raised and all crew mustered. Non-essential crews retreated into the citadel. Pirates boarded and robbed and kidnapped two crew members. All remaining crew members were reported safe and vessel thereafter proceeded to a safe port. The kidnapped crew were released on 3 June 2016. They arrived safely in their respective country.

On 07 July 2016, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Supply Ship MV Prince Joseph 1 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:05 North and Longitude 004:53 East, around 98 nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria at approximately 1430 UTC. Three pirates armed with guns fired upon and successfully boarded the vessel. Alarm was raised, distress alert activated and non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. The pirates kidnapped five crew members and escaped. They also robbed crew personal belongings. Chief Officer was shot in the head. Nigerian Authorities notified and are investigating.

On 07 July 2016, a Greek flagged Tanker MT Bouboulina was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:16 North and Longitude 005:09 East, around 89 nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0650 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and fired upon the tanker underway. As the boat came alongside the tanker, the alarm was raised and all crew retreated into the citadel. The crew was able to control the tanker from inside the citadel. After about four hours, the crew emerged from the citadel. Bridge windows were found shattered due to the firing. All 25 crew members reported safe. The tanker then continued her voyage to the port of destination.

On 17 August 2016, an Isle of Man flagged General Cargo ship MV Vectis Osprey was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:54.5 North and Longitude 007:09.3 East, around 28 nm south of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 1327 LT. About nine pirates in a blue wooden speedboat and armed with AK47 attacked and successfully boarded the ship. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Managers of the ship immediately reported to the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC then liaise with the Nigerian Navy to request for urgent assistance. A naval warship was dispatched to assist the ship. The pirates left when the Nigerian Navy warship intercepted and boarded the ship. The pirates stole ship's properties and crew's personal belongings and cash. The accommodation was damaged due to firing of machine guns. The ship was then escorted to Bonny Anchorage for investigation. All 13 crew were reported safe.

On 23 November 2016, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Eliana was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:35.4 North and Longitude 005:13.6 East, around 61 nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria at approximately 0530 LT. Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a speed boat attacked and fired at the tanker with 22 crews on board. Alarm was raised and SSAS activated. All crew members retreated to the citadel. The on board naval security team returned fire. The pirates thereafter managed to board the tanker using a ladder. Since everyone had retreated into the citadel, the pirates left after two hours. The tanker sustained some damages at the superstructure due to the firing. No injuries to crew reported but one pirate was killed.

Philippines:

On 25 March 2016, an Indonesian flagged tugboat TB Brahma 12 and barge Anand 12 were attacked and hijacked by armed persons while steaming at position Latitude 04:48.56 North and Longitude 119:12.53 East, around 11nm WSW of Omapoy Island, Philippines at approximately 1629 LT. Armed persons boarded the tug towing a barge laden with coal. They hijacked the tug and cast off the barge. They then ransacked the tug and damaged all communication equipment on board. Ten crew members were kidnapped and the tugboat later abandoned off Languyan Island, Philippines. The Philippine Police took custody of the tugboat and are investigating the case. The drifting barge laded with coal was located by MMEA on 01 April 2016, towed to a safe port and under investigation.

On 20 October 2016, a South Korean flagged General Cargo ship MV Dongbang Giant No.2 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:32.9 North and Longitude 119:33.5 East, around 8.2nm SE of Sibutu Island, Philippines at approximately 1347 LT. Six persons in a boat armed with guns attacked and successfully boarded the ship with 20 crews on board. The SSAS alert was activated and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Crew personal belongings were stolen and two crew kidnapped from the vessel. The IMB PRC immediately notified the incident to the Philippine and Malaysian Authorities. A Philippine naval vessel responded and boarded the ship to investigate.

On 11 November 2016, a Vietnamese flagged General Cargo ship MV Royal 16 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:40 North and Longitude 122:31 East, around 11 nm ENE of Basilan Island, Philippines at approximately 0433 LT. Around 10 persons armed with guns attacked and boarded the ship. They took hostage all 19 crews on board. The Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS. The armed persons stole ship's properties, kidnapped six crew members and escaped. One crew was injured during the incident. The incident was reported to the Philippine Coast Guard and a patrol boat was dispatched to intercept the ship. The Authorities boarded the ship to investigate and later escorted the ship to a safe port.

Somalia:

On 22 October 2016, a United Kingdom flagged Product Tanker MT CPO Korea was attacked and fired upon by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:28.1 North and Longitude 053:22.2 East, about 300 nm east of Somali coast, Somalia at approximately 0955 LT. A blue hulled boat with five to six persons attacked the tanker with 21 crews and three security guards on board. At a CPA of two cables, the on board security team fired warning shots. Persons in the boat returned fire and tried to board the tanker but failed. The boat later aborted the attempt and moved away.

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TRENDS

A total of 191 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships was reported to the IMB PRC in 2016.

This is the lowest annual figure since 1998 when 202 incidents were recorded globally, but the number of crew kidnapped in 2016 was the highest in ten years. The 2016 attacks are broken down as 150 vessels boarded, 22 attempted attacks, 12 vessels fired upon and seven vessels hijacked. A total of 151 crew were taken hostage and 62 kidnapped from their vessels in 15 separate incidents – compared to 19 crew kidnapped from five incidents in 2015.

An emerging threat to merchant shipping is in the Sulu Seas where 12 crew have been kidnapped from two general cargo vessels underway and also an anchored fishing vessel in the last quarter. Crews had previously been kidnapped from “slow and low” moving tugs and barges in three separate incidents in the first half of 2016. This marks a worrying escalation of crew kidnappings in this area.

The Gulf of Guinea remains a kidnap hotspot with 34 crew taken in nine separate incidents in 2016. Three vessels were hijacked in the Gulf of Guinea in 2016. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of reported incidents off Nigeria with 36 in 2016 compared to 14 in 2015. Nine of the 12 vessels fired upon occurred in Nigeria in 2016 – with a number almost 100nm from the coastline.

Conversely there has been a noticeable reduction in the number attributed to Indonesia down from 108 in 2015 to 49 in 2016. Although the overwhelming majority of these are low level thefts, vessels were successfully boarded in all but three of the incidents.

Two incidents were recorded off Somalia. The first was an attempted attack on a container vessel in the Gulf of Aden in May. A product tanker was also fired upon in the Somali basin some 300 nm from shore in October. Whilst the latter remains an isolated event, it demonstrates that the capacity and intent to attack merchant shipping there still exists. Vessel masters are therefore urged to maintain high levels of vigilance when transiting the high risk area and to adhere to the latest version of the best management practices.

Peru recorded 11 incidents – with ten of these at the country’s main port of Callao – compared to zero in 2015. The number of incidents in Vung Tau, Vietnam have dropped from 15 in 2015 to seven in 2016. Bangladesh also witnessed a welcome decrease down from 11 in 2015 to three in 2016.

The IMB PRC remains the world’s only independent 24-hour manned centre to receive reports of pirate attacks from around the world. IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB PRC. This first step in the response chain is vital to ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle piracy. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

PIRACY NEWS

New area of piracy and kidnappings emerge off Eastern Sabah / Southern Philippines

The area in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah has become a recent major concern for the shipping industry especially in view of recent kidnapping of merchant ship crews. Previously, only tug / barges and fishing vessels were targeted but lately merchant ships are also being attacked. It is believed that these pirates are linked to militant groups associated with Abu Sayyaf. The Philippine, Malaysian and Indonesian Authorities are cooperating to stop these attacks and considering creating a transit corridor along the Sulu sea and Sabah to address these attacks. The increased number of reported incidents in 2016 has been a direct threat to the commercial shipping servicing these littoral states.

Arrest and extradition of the Orkim Harmony pirates

The owners of the product tanker Orkim Harmony lost contact with their vessel and her 22 crew on 11 June 2015 and contacted the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) for assistance. In response the MMEA dispatched patrol boats and requested the Regional authorities for assistance. The tanker was carrying about 6,000 tonnes of petrol estimated at USD 5.6 million. The pirates had changed the name of the vessel to 'Kim Harmon' to prevent it from being easily identified. The tanker was located by an Australian patrol aircraft on 17 June 2015 while enroute to Vietnam. As the MMEA patrol boats approached the vessel the pirates threatened to harm the crew and later under the cover of darkness the pirates abandoned the vessel in a lifeboat. All 22 crew members were safe except for one crew member who was shot in the thigh. The MMEA had notified the Vietnam Coast Guard who apprehended the eight pirates on 18 June 2016 at about 0630 Hrs LT in Vietnamese waters near Tho Chu Island. They were found on a life raft claiming that their fishing boat had sunk.

After the arrest of the pirates, the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities pursued the master mind – an Indonesian national hiding in Jakarta. On 31 August 2015 this individual was arrested by the Indonesian navy and handed over to the police.

On 26 November 2016, the eight suspects were extradited to Malaysia via a chartered flight to Senai Airport escorted by a team of 40 maritime personnel. They were later brought in front of a court and tried for boarding and hijacking a Malaysian flagged tanker. The eight Indonesians were sentenced to between 15 to 18 years each in jail including canning for six of them. MMEA Director General Datuk Seri Ahmad Puzi headed the extradition mission. He said that this is the first extradition case for MMEA in bringing foreigners to Malaysia to face criminal charges. "We do not have an extradition agreement with Vietnam, so we had to refer to the Attorney – General's Chambers and Foreign Ministry" said Puzi.

Strong collaboration between Indonesia Marine Police and IMB shows positive results

Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) patrols 11 designated areas (see table below). The IMB fourth quarterly statistics shows a continued decline in reported incidents in almost all the areas listed.

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

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

Incidents reported at the 11 designated areas where IMP patrols are as follows: -

	Locations	2013 Total	2014 Total	2015 Total	2016 1 st	2016 2 nd	2016 3 rd	2016 4 th	2016 Total
1	Belawan: 03:55.00N - 098:45.30E	18	9	15	-	1	-	-	1
2	Dumai: 01:42.00N - 101:28.00E	12	1	5	-	2	3	4	8
3	Nipah: 01:07.30N - 103:37.00E	14	-	26	-	-	-	-	-
4	Tanjung Priok: /Jakarta - 06:00.30S - 106:54.00E	6	9	4	3	2	-	1	6
5	Gresik: 07:09.00S - 112:40.00E	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Taboneo: 04:41.30S - 114:28.00E	8	2	4	-	-	1	2	3
7	Adang Bay: 01:40.00S - 116:40.00E	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Muara Berau: 00:17.00S - 117:36.00E	4	6	1	-	-	2	3	5
9	Muara Jawa: 01:09.00S - 117:13.00E	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Balikpapan: 01:22.00S - 116:53.00E	5	1	-	-	2	-	-	2
11	Bintan Island: 01:21.00N - 104:29.00E	-	35	1	-	1	-	-	1

NATO concludes successful counter-piracy mission

In an effort to curb the threat of Somali piracy the United Nations, through its Security Council Resolution 1816, called upon all States to protect international shipping. In response to this NATO launched its operations 'Allied Provider' followed by 'Allied Protector', which then transformed into 'Operation Ocean Shield' in 2009. Along with the European Navies, the Combined Maritime Task Forces and the various independent navies, NATO helped in deterring and disrupting hundreds of pirate attacks. Many pirates were detained during the mission and prosecuted by national authorities. NATO also introduced the SHADE (Shared Awareness and Deconfliction) coordination mechanism, which allowed for all navies in the Somali theatre to share information and improve their response tactics.

The combined efforts of the Navies, the shipping and international communities and the private armed security teams led to the reduction of Somali piracy. With no successful piracy attacks reported since 2012, NATO terminated its Ocean Shield Operation on 15 December 2016. NATO has however, indicated that even though its dedicated piracy operation ‘Ocean Shield’ has ended it will remain engaged in the fight against piracy by maintaining maritime situational awareness and continuing close links with other international counter-piracy actors. NATO is also maintaining its counter-piracy efforts at sea and ashore – by supporting countries in the region to build the capacity to fight piracy themselves.

Release of crew of hijacked fishing vessel Naham 3

The crew of the hijacked fishing vessel, Naham 3 were released on 22 October 2016 – after 1,671 days in captivity.

The Omani flagged fishing vessel was hijacked by Somali pirates on 26 March 2012 as it sailed 115nm NE of Hobyo, Somalia. At the time of the hijack the vessel was crewed by 29 fishers, three of whom died during the four and half years in captivity. For the majority of their captivity the fishers were held on land in extremely harsh conditions.

The released multinational crew from China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam have been repatriated to their respective countries. It has been reported that the crew will need comprehensive physical and psychological support in the years to come to help ease their return to a normal life.

Nigerian anti-Piracy Operation (Op) TSARE TEKU

Upon successful completion of phase one and two of ‘Operation (Op) TSARE TEKU’ - the Nigerian Navy’s anti-piracy operations, launched in April 2016 has resulted in a three-month extension from October 2016. TSARE TEKU, a Hausa phrase, means ‘Safe River’.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ibas said that prior to the commencement of the Operation in April 2016, there were about 40 successful cases of piracy attacks in Nigerian waters – a trend which stopped as soon as the Operation was launched.

Vice Admiral Ibas noted that during the first phase from April to July 2016, only two successful cases of piracy were recorded, while one successful case and one unsuccessful attempt were recorded during the second phase of the operations. He maintained that the significant achievements evidenced by the marked reduction in successful piracy attacks and other maritime crimes has enhanced shipping activities and protection of oil and gas infrastructure.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2016

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2016 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Crest Hydra Offshore Support Vessel Singapore 3023 9712527	00:44N – 104:09E, Galang Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded an anchored vessel. Oiler noticed the robbers via the security camera and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
2.	14.02.2016 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 20058 -	13:43N – 121:02E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker and escaped with ship's properties. The C/O, who was preparing the tanker for berthing, noticed grappling hook marks on the deck. Security checks made throughout the tanker. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Local authorities were informed through agents.
3.	27.02.2016 to 03.03.2016 - Berthed Boarded	SBI Subaru Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34584 9705160	Berth 202, Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta, Indonesia	While at berth, unauthorized persons boarded the ship and escaped with ship's properties. The ship departed from berth to OPL Jakarta anchorage where the theft was discovered when the duty crew noticed the store's padlock was broken. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out and found ship's properties were stolen from the store.
4.	22.03.2016 0120 LT Anchored Boarded	Maratha Promise Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 22863 9422809	06:00.6S – 106:54.0E, Tg. Priok, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds was attacked and hit on the head. One robber stood guard near the AB, while the remaining entered the accommodation. The AB managed to call the bridge on the walkie-talkie. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with items stolen from the engine room.
5.	22.03.2016 Night Hours Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Norway 26218 -	01:26.31N – 125:11.47E, Samudra Jetty No. 2, Bitung Port, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. They broke into the safety locker, stole ship's equipment and escaped unnoticed. The incident was noticed during routine inspection upon departure. Incident reported to Owners.
6.	25.03.2016 1629 LT Steaming Hijacked	Brahma 12 Tug Indonesia 198 9765407 Anand 12	04:48.56N – 119:12.53E, 11nm WSW of Omapoy Island, Philippines	A tug towing the barge laden with coal was boarded by unknown persons. They cast off the barge, hijacked the tug and took its 10 crew as hostage. The tug was ransacked, all communication equipment damaged and then abandoned off Languyan Island, Philippines. The crew were kidnapped. The

		Barge Indonesia 3913 -		Philippines police found and took custody of the tug and are presently investigating the case. On 1 April 2016, the missing barge was located by MMEA and towed to a safe port for investigation. The kidnapped crew were released on 1 May 2016.
7.	01.04.2016 1815 LT Steaming Boarded	Massive 6 Tug Malaysia 269 9265823	04:07.56N – 118:55.76E, Around 17nm East of Pulau Sipadan, Sabah, Malaysia	Eight armed pirates in a speed boat approached and boarded the tug underway. They opened fire, stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew members sailed the vessel to the vicinity of Semporna and a MMEA patrol boat escorted the vessel to a safe port. The kidnapped crew were released on 8 June 2016.
8.	01.04.2016 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Frontier Hero Bulk Carrier Panama 43291 9701308	00:15.2S – 117:34.8E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	D/O on board the ship heard voices on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and an announcement was made on the PA system. As crew rushed to the location the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Master tried to contact the coast guard but received no response.
9.	03.04.2016 2345 LT Anchored Boarded	Cougar Container Liberia 17156 9014080	05:59.4S – 106:54.3E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached with a rope. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to pilot station and local agent who then reported to the port police. When the ship came alongside on 4 April 2016, the port police boarded the ship for investigation.
10.	12.04.2016 0730 LT Anchored Boarded	Kota Rancak Container Singapore 9678 9296298	06:54S – 110:22E, Semarang Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Crew on duty sighted robbers in the engine room and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spare parts.
11.	15.04.2016 1032 UTC Steaming Boarded	Henry Tug Indonesia 245 9302231 Christy Barge Indonesia 3441 -	04:31.26N – 119:00.00E, Around 4.3nm SE of Pulau Sibuan, Sabah, Malaysia	Armed persons in a speed boat approached, fired upon and boarded the tug towing a barge underway. One crew was injured. The armed persons kidnapped four crew and escaped. The Malaysian Marine Police escorted the tug to a safe port and transferred the injured crew to a hospital for medical treatment. The kidnapped crew were released on 12 May 2016.
12.	16.04.2016 0345 LT Steaming Boarded	Lewek Champion Pipe Layer Singapore 25112 9377377	01:23N – 104:28E, Around 10nm East of Pulau Lima, Johor, Malaysia	Five unauthorized persons were noticed by the duty crew on board a pipe laying barge. The persons tried to communicate with the duty crew in their local dialect. One of the persons was armed with a metal rod. The duty crew did not respond and the persons walked towards the stern. The duty crew retreated and informed the duty officer who in turn raised the alarm, made PA announcement and crew mustered. A

				search was carried out throughout the ship. No unauthorized persons located and nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Authorities.
13.	19.04.2016 0247 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Saudi Arabia 29168 -	03:56N – 098:45E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds noticed a robber on the forecastle deck and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped. All crew mustered and a thorough search was made. Incident was reported to the port control. No response received.
14.	25.04.2016 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	J.F.J. De Nul Dredger Luxemburg 9497 9260677	01:09.35N – 103:56.68E, Batu Ampar Anchorage, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	Four robbers in a wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored dredger via the stern. They stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to the coastal state. The authorities boarded the ship on the following day for investigations.
15.	04.05.2016 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Alpha Effort Bulk Carrier Greece 38564 9189081	00:15S – 117:40E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied up the duty AB on patrol. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
16.	04.05.2016 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	SBI Rumba Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 45200 9712498	01:20S – 116:52E, Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship's stores and property and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds.
17.	07.05.2016 2045 LT Steaming Hijacked	Hai Soon 12 Product Tanker Cook Islands 3243 9078751	02:04.48S – 108:39.27E, Around 21nm South of Pulau Serutu, Indonesia	A tanker, enroute from Singapore to Sunda Straits was boarded by armed pirates. They took hostage all crew members and hijacked the tanker. As the Owners failed to receive the updates from the Master, they reported the incident to the IMB PRC who in turn reported and liaised with the Indonesian Authorities. The IMB PRC sent a broadcast to all ships to look out for the missing tanker. The Indonesian Navy dispatched their patrol boats, located and intercepted the tanker and rescued the crew. Nine pirates detained. All crew reported safe.
18.	08.05.2016 2050 LT Steaming Boarded	Tristen Chemical Tanker Panama 1997 9104445	03:20N – 109:36E, Around 48nm NE of Pulau Subi Besar, Indonesia	While enroute from Labuan to Kuantan, 3/E on board the tanker noticed unauthorized persons trying to enter the accommodation and immediately informed the D/O who in raised the alarm and switched on all deck lights. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
19.	18.05.2016 0001 - 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 41586 -	00:14S – 117:34E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	A robber boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later by the crew during routine rounds.
20.	19.05.2016 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Polar Duchess Research Vessel Cyprus 7142 9378216	01:11N – 103:57E, Batam Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers in a small craft boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped.

21.	21.05.2016 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Fairmount Summit Tug Netherlands 3239 9315575	01:10N – 103:58E, Batam Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers in a skiff approached and came alongside an anchored tug. Four robbers wearing ski masks managed to board the vessel. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and informed the D/O on the bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen.
22.	21.05.2016 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Torm Ragnhild Product Tanker Singapore 30018 9290579	06:02.5S – 106:54.0E, Jakarta Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. After berthing, the theft was discovered by the third mate during routine rounds. Additional checks reveals that the robbery probably took place between 0100 LT to 0330 LT during heavy rain.
23.	02.06.2016 2300 LT Steaming Hijacked	Ever Prosper Tug Malaysia 126 - Ever Dignity Barge Malaysia 2104 -	03:07.24N – 112:35.14E, Around 11nm NNE of Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia	Armed persons in two speed boats approached and boarded the tug towing a barge laden with a cargo of crude palm kernel oil (CPKO). They took hostage all crew members, tied them up, damaged all vessel's communication equipment and hijacked the vessels. As the Owners were unable to contact the tug, they reported the incident to the MMEA. In addition to stealing the cargo it was reported that crew valuables were also stolen. One crew was reported injured during the incident. MMEA patrol boats escorted the vessels to a safe port for investigation.
24.	16.06.2016 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Fjell Heavy Lift Vessel Netherlands 15751 8766296	01:10N – 103:57E, Around 2.5nm West of Batu Ampar, Batam Island, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship, held hostage the duty AB at gun point, stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Theft reported to the authorities via the ship's agent.
25.	18.06.2016 0110 LT Anchored Boarded	UACC Marah Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29279 9489091	01:41.9N – 101:29.2E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. One of the robbers rushed towards the duty AB and threatened him with a knife not to make any movements. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with their accomplices in their boat. A search was made throughout the tanker. The padlock to the steering gear room entrance was found broken, but nothing reported stolen. Attempts made to call the port control via vhf channel received no response.
26.	21.06.2016 0540 LT Anchored Boarded	Anna-Maria Bulk Carrier Liberia 30811 9407469	01:41.45N – 101:30.37E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Two robbers managed to enter the engine room via the open skylight. They threatened the duty oiler with knives and ordered him not to raise the alarm. The robbers then stole engine spares and escaped. After the robbers left the oiler informed the D/O who in turn raised the

				alarm and crew mustered. No injuries to crew members. Incident reported to local authorities.
27.	28.06.2016 1945 UTC Steaming Boarded	Chamtang Product Tanker Panama 23784 9212400	03:00N – 105:10E, Around 26nm WSW of Mangkai Island, Indonesia	Ten pirates boarded the tanker and entered the bridge as the 2/Off was altering course. They held the 2/Off and the duty AB hostage at gun point and beat them. They then took the 2/Off to the Master's cabin and took the Master and the other crew hostage as well. The pirates stole the GPS and Navtex equipment and removed the cabling from the remaining satellite communication equipment. Before leaving they stole cash and other personal effects from the crew and released the Master.
28.	03.07.2016 0435 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 33036 -	00:15.5S – 117:37.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds.
29.	10.07.2016 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Vishva Nidhi Bulk Carrier India 33170 9464742	03:41.17S – 114:25.20E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was discovered by the duty crew while performing routine rounds. Two mooring ropes were reported stolen. Port control informed.
30.	15.07.2016 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	SSI Dignity Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 44003 9665360	00:17.5S – 117:40.4E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Duty crew noticed one robber with long knife on board an anchored ship and another 3-4 robbers in the boat. The duty crew retreated into the accommodation and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
31.	16.07.2016 1230 LT Berthed Boarded	Atlantic Diana Product Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9332171	New Davao Oil Mill Berth, Davao Port, Philippines	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. Port Authorities informed through the local agents.
32.	16.07.2016 2220 LT Steaming Boarded	Baltimore Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 89523 9331464	02:55N – 105:19E, Around 18nm SW of Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia	Seven persons armed with knives boarded the ship while enroute to Lanshan. They tied up the Master and escaped with stolen cash, ship's properties and crew personal belongings.
33.	24.07.2016 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	SBI Thalia Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36336 9704843	00:13.4S – 117:33.9E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers in a small wooden motor boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. A search was carried out throughout the ship. Incident reported to port control and the port police arrived at the location for investigation.
34.	28.07.2016 0520 LT Berthed Boarded	Fairchem Birdie Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15192 9423724	SDS Terminal, Lubuk Gaung, Indonesia	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed tanker and entered the engine room. They took hostage the Oiler and 3/E, stole ship's spares and 3/E's personal

				effects and escaped. Incident reported to the Port Control.
35.	07.08.2016 2130 LT Steaming Boarded	AD Matsu Asphalt Tanker Singapore 3609 9523782	02:00.9N – 104:52.9E, Around 32nm SE of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia	While enroute from Singapore to Haiphong, an asphalt tanker was boarded by five pirates armed with guns and knives. The Master and C/O were taken hostage and taken to the bridge. The remaining crew were forced to muster in the crew mess room and were threatened at gun point. Master was forced to switch off the Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) and was ordered to slow down the tanker. The pirates then took the Master to his cabin and stole ship's cash and locked him in the mess room with other crew. The pirates ransacked the crew cabins and escaped with crew cash and personal belongings. The Master and crew later emerged from the mess room and activated the SSAS, informed their head office and made an announcement on VHF channel 16 to alert other ships in the vicinity. Incident reported to Authorities.
36.	02.09.2016 0820 LT Berthed Boarded	Maersk Torshavn Product Tanker Singapore 29455 9718088	07:09.7N – 125:39.6E, New Davao Oil Mill Terminal, Davao Port, Philippines	Duty crew on the berthed tanker noticed a robber on board and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with stolen ship's properties.
37.	06.09.2016 2335 LT Anchored Boarded	Camila Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 21532 9701231	01:43.3N – 101:26.0E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Four armed robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered the engine room via the funnel door. They threatened the duty oiler with knives and tied him up. The robbers then stole engine spares and escaped. After the robbers left, the oiler managed to free himself and alerted the duty officer who in turn raised the alarm. No injuries to crew members. Incident reported to port authorities.
38.	08.09.2016 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Taurus Sun Tanker Liberia 59164 9332822	01:41.8N – 101:29.7E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker and entered into the engine room. Duty 2/E noticed the robbers and informed the D/O on the bridge who raised the alarm and all crew mustered. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped through the steering gear room with ship's spares. Port control informed.
39.	14.09.2016 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	Promise 2 Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 22927 9571272	01:44N – 101:23E, Private Jetty, PT Semen Padang, Dumai, Indonesia	Five robbers wearing masks boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. Duty crew noticed the robbers were armed with long knives and appeared to be aggressive. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Local agents and port security informed.
40.	16.09.2016 Morning Hours Anchored Boarded	Lady Melinda Offshore Tug Singapore 3100 9275713	00:43.5N – 104:10.5E, Galang, Batam, Indonesia	During routine rounds on the vessel the C/E noticed the spares cabinet and lockers broken into and some items missing. The incident was reported to the authorities who boarded the vessel and inspected the vessel.

41.	25.09.2016 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Pacific Noble Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 17009 9615066	07:46S – 109:04E, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB, threatened and tied him with the gangway railing. Then, they entered into the engine room, took hostage and tied up the duty 2/E and oiler. The oiler managed to free himself and raised the alarm. The robbers escaped with the stolen engine spares. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. No injuries to crew members. Incident was reported to Port Authorities.
42.	02.10.2016 0515 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Singapore 24785 -	05:29.7S – 105:17.3E, Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on board an anchored ship identified three robbers boarding the ship via a small wooden boat. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
43.	12.10.2016 0255 LT Anchored Boarded	Ken Ten Bulk Carrier Vanuatu 14783 9156761	01:42.5N – 101:29.3E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took one crew as hostage, threatened him with a knife and tied him up. They then stole ship's properties from the engine room and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to Dumai Port Control.
44.	20.10.2016 0001 - 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:42.45N – 101:27.52E, Dumai Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They stole engine spare parts and escaped unnoticed. The incident was discovered during routine rounds and was reported to the port control. No response received.
45.	20.10.2016 1347 LT Steaming Boarded	Dongbang Giant No.2 General Cargo South Korea 11391 9481788	04:32.9N – 119:33.5E, Around 8.2nm SE of Sibutu Island, Philippines	Six persons armed with guns attacked and boarded the ship underway. SSAS alert activated and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. The unidentified persons stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped two crew members and escaped. The IMB PRC relayed the incident to the Philippine and Malaysian Authorities. A Philippine naval vessel had responded and boarded the ship.
46.	25.10.2016 2030 LT Steaming Hijacked	Ever Ocean Silk Tug Malaysia 132 - Ever Giant Barge Malaysia 1480 -	04:08.8N – 112:30.0E, Around 62nm NW of Tanjung Kidurong, Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia	Armed pirates in a wooden boat approached, boarded and hijacked the tug towing a barge laden with crude palm kernel oil (CPKO) and took the 10 crew hostage. The pirates stole navigation equipment, crew's personal belongings and part of the cargo before escaping on 26.10.2016 at around 1000 LT. The incident was reported to the MMEA who dispatched their patrol boat to escort the tug and barge to a safe port.
47.	05.11.2016 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld LPG Tanker Indonesia 16823 -	06:01.76S – 106:53.21E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers in a small boat boarded an anchored tanker using a rope attached with a hook. They stole ship's spares and escaped. 2/E on routine rounds noticed the theft and informed the OOW on the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to local authorities who boarded the tanker to investigate.

48.	06.11.2016 0405 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29168 -	07:11N – 125:40E, Davao Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed by the crew, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty crew on routine rounds. Port Control informed.
49.	09.11.2016 0450 LT Anchored Boarded	Chembulk Jakarta Product Tanker Panama 11534 9400370	01:41.5N – 101:30.2E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker and entered the engine room. They took hostage the duty oiler, punched him, tied him up and threatened him with a knife. They then stole engine spares and escaped. The oiler managed to untie himself and notified the Master. Alarm raised, crew mustered and on board investigation was conducted. Incident reported to Dumai Port Authority.
50.	11.11.2016 0433 LT Steaming Boarded	Royal 16 General Cargo Vietnam 2999 9600011	06:40N – 122:31E, Around 11nm ENE of Basilan Island, Philippines	Ten persons armed with guns approached the ship underway. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS. The armed persons boarded the ship and took its crew hostage. They stole ship's properties, kidnapped six crew members and escaped. One crew was injured during the incident. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard. A patrol vessel was dispatched and the authorities boarded and escorted the ship to a safe port.
51.	15.11.2016 0100 - 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Mighty Servant 1 Heavy Lift Vessel Curacao 29193 8130875	01:25N – 104:41E, Around 13nm NE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Unnoticed, an unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's spares and escaped. Theft was noticed by crew on routine rounds.
52.	19.11.2016 0240 LT Anchored Boarded	Mystras Bulk Carrier Bahamas 33361 9601168	00:15.0S – 117:34.8E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	During cargo operations, duty crew on routine rounds on board an anchored ship, noticed the forecabin store door open and the padlock broken. Upon approaching the store, several robbers armed with long knives were seen stealing ship's stores. The duty crew shouted at the robbers, raised the alarm and retreated towards the accommodation. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen stores. Incident reported to the security guards who notified the local police. Master called the port authorities, but received no response. Master instructed the 2/O to cross check the stevedores ID cards with the authorized list. This revealed one unauthorized person, who attacked the 2/O with a knife. The agent and the 2/O were able to avert the attack. The armed person jumped overboard and escaped.
53.	19.11.2016 1930 LT Anchored Boarded	NA Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	04:49.15N – 118:46.22E, Around 8.7nm South of Merabung, Lahad Datu, Sabah,	Five armed persons wearing masks, in a small boat, boarded the fishing vessel engaged in fishing activities. They stole crew personal belongings and an outboard engine. Before escaping, they kidnapped two crew members. Malaysian authorities are investigating the incident.

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54.	20.11.2016 1915 LT Anchored Boarded	Trident Star Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32370 9707637	03:41S – 114:25E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty OS on board an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle deck. On seeing the OS the robbers threatened him with a long knife. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers managed to lower one mooring line into their boat and escaped.
55.	26.11.2016 0001-0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Tug Indonesia 2332 -	01:11.70N – 103:39.03E, Singapore Straits	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored vessel, stole ship's spares and escaped. Theft noticed by crew on routine rounds.
56.	30.11.2016 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Buena Reina LPG Tanker Singapore 2999 9643984	07:46.17S – 109:04.22E, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker from the poop deck using a hook attached to a rope. They took hostage the duty AB forcing him to guide them into the engine room. The robbers also took the duty oiler hostage and threatened both of them with a knife. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. The hostage crew later raised the alarm. Incident reported to the local agents and authorities.
57.	01.12.2016 1900 LT Anchored Boarded	Permata General Cargo Panama 8714 9636137	03:40S – 114:27E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds, on board an anchored ship noticed three robbers on the forecastle deck. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped via the hawse pipe. Port Authority informed.
58.	02.12.2016 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Yamatai Heavy Load Carrier Panama 14538 9567714	01:05.9N – 104:10.0E, Kabil Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Alert crew on board an anchored ship, spotted robbers boarding the ship. Duty officer raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Batam VTS and Port Control. Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
59.	07.12.2016 2200 LT Anchored Boarded	Aegis Fortune Bulk Carrier India 30447 9222601	00:14.39S – 117:35.09E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds aboard an anchored ship noticed the forecastle store skylight opened and the cover of the anchor chain removed. He also saw two robbers in a small boat leaving the ship. The AB immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon inspection, it was found that ship's stores were stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authorities through the local agents.
60.	08.12.2016 0050 LT Anchored Boarded	Centaurus Ocean Bulk Carrier Singapore 43291 9673824	00:17.7S – 117:39.9E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Port control and PFSO informed. Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
61.	29.12.2016 0001 UTC Anchored Boarded	Trysil Spirit Tanker Marshall Islands 57244 9593414	01:41.70N – 101:29.77E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.

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1.	01.01.2016 1600 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Power Bulk Carrier Singapore 88594 9271626	34:48N – 118:19E, Tianjin Outer Anchorage, China	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole part of the ship's fuel and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered by the duty crew who noticed the open manhole cover. Incident reported to port authority and local agent.
2.	05.01.2016 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Trident Challenger Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33044 9555149	20:41.15N – 107:10.32E, Hon Gai Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores and properties and escaped unnoticed. Theft was discovered by the duty crew.
3.	07.01.2016 0155 LT Anchored Boarded	IVS Sentosa Bulk Carrier Singapore 20809 9528005	20:43N – 107:09E, Hon Cam Anchorage, Vietnam	During routine rounds on board an anchored ship, the duty AB heard voices near the forecastle. As he went to investigate, he saw three men with knives approaching him. The AB managed to safely retreat to the accommodation and informed the duty officer who sounded the ship's whistle and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Local authorities and agents informed.
4.	23.04.2016 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Sea Holly Tanker Marshall Islands 58070 9266865	37:50.5N – 120:01.9E, Longkou Anchorage, China	Duty AB on routine rounds noticed a hose pipe inserted into a diesel oil tank. OOW on the bridge informed and alarm raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers pulled the hose out and escaped.
5.	27.03.2016 0610 LT Berthed Boarded	SBI Athena Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36336 9704829	Yangzhou Conch Terminal, China	Robbers disguised as stevedores boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations and escaped with ship's properties. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the theft and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities through local agents.
6.	24.04.2016 1900 LT Berthed Boarded	SBI Tango Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34835 9714707	35:21.5N – 119:32.0E, Rizhao Port, China	An unauthorised person boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. Duty crew noticed the person hiding on the poop deck area and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the person jumped overboard and escaped. Upon searching the ship, it was reported that ship's stores were stolen. Master informed to the local agent.
7.	29.04.2016 0020 - 0140 LT Anchored Boarded	Warramboo Ore Carrier Japan 132512 9621340	38:55.5N – 119:13.8E, Jingtang Anchorage, China	Duty crew on board an anchored ship noticed the level gauges for the diesel oil tanks lower than normal. The diesel oil tank vents were found damaged with indications of oil being stolen. Incident reported to port authority through the local agents. Upon berthing, the police boarded the ship for investigation.
8.	09.05.2016 2106 LT Anchored Boarded	Haydn Container Madeira 27786	10:11N – 107:04E, Mui Vung Tau Anchorage,	Robbers boarded an anchored ship and stole ship's stores. The alarm was raised and the robbers escaped. Port control informed.

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9.	29.07.2016 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Pacific Jasmine Bulk Carrier Panama 15243 9487550	10:16.03N – 107:01.83E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers. Seeing the alert crew, robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. A search was carried out. Incident reported to VTIS Vung Tau.
10.	07.08.2016 0005 LT Anchored Boarded	Atlantica Bulk Carrier Malta 28693 9216509	10:15.50N – 107:01.26E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered on the main deck. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat, with stolen ship's stores. Port Control informed.
11.	27.09.2016 0220 LT Anchored Boarded	Apollo Rikuyo General Cargo Panama 6925 9370355	10:15.3N – 107:01.0E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB on routine rounds on board an anchored ship noticed three robbers near the paint locker. While two robbers stole paint drums, the third armed with a gun and a jungle bolo stood watch. The AB afraid for his safety, hid near the windlass until the three robbers escaped in a small boat. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to Vung Tau VTS and Port Control.
12.	12.10.2016 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Amadeus Bulk Carrier Panama 44425 9749855	10:16.02N – 107:03.49E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Seeing the robbers, the alert crew raised the alarm and confronted them. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Vung Tau Port Control who boarded the ship to carry out an investigation.
13.	26.10.2016 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Hoang Dung 26 Container Vietnam 1007 -	10:23.26N – 107:03.15E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Alert crew on board an anchored ship spotted robbers boarding the ship via a small wooden boat. Master raised the alarm and crew managed to catch one robber. The incident was reported to the Port Authorities and the robber was handed over to the local police.
14.	23.11.2016 0150 LT Anchored Boarded	KN Forest Bulk Carrier Singapore 32376 9558268	10:15.6N – 107:00.2E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Two duty crew on board an anchored ship noticed a fishing boat slowly approaching the ship. The boat circled the ship and then stopped near the bow. One crew stayed near the forecandle to keep watch on the boat. Unknown to the crew, another boat had come alongside the ship near the accommodation. Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and started stealing ship's stores. As the second crew made his routine rounds the robbers confronted and threatened him with the knife. The duty crew retreated into the accommodation and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping. Incident reported to Port Control via VHF.
15.	12.12.2016 - Berthed Boarded	Voge Master Bulk Carrier Malta 88930 9339181	Qinhuangdao Port, China	Unnoticed robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. The theft was discovered after departure from the port on 14 December and it was reported that ship's properties were stolen.

16.	28.12.2016 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Berge Hengshan Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 116760 9675949	38:55.10N - 119:12.08E Jingtang Anchorage, China	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty Officer on bridge noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to VTS Jingtang.
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1.	07.01.2016 1935 LT Anchored Boarded	Shebelle General Cargo Ethiopia 20471 9385594	22:49N – 070:04E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed. Duty deck crew on routine rounds heard voices and immediately informed the OOW who in turn raised the alarm, sounded the fog horn and mustered the crew. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed. Port authorities and coast guard informed.
2.	11.01.2016 2355 LT Anchored Boarded	Bow Kiso Chemical Tanker Panama 19420 9379894	Kandla Anchorage, India	Duty watchman on board an anchored tanker noticed a small boat loitering near the tanker. Later eight persons were seen near the forecastle store armed with knives. Alarm raised, crew mustered on bridge and coast guard / port authorities informed. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
3.	11.01.2016 2030 LT Anchored Boarded	CMB Medoc Bulk Carrier Panama 50633 9615171	22:46.5N – 069:59.0E, Kandla OTB Anchorage, Kandla Port, India	During cargo operations, robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the crew while securing the deck. Incident reported to local authorities.
4.	23.01.2016 0630 LT Anchored Boarded	Serjeant LPG Tanker Singapore 47347 9694634	17:39N – 083:24E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Duty crew on board an anchored tanker on routine rounds, noticed foot marks on the upper deck aft area. Alarm raised and a thorough search was made. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen from the stores. Port control was informed.
5.	25.01.2016 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Dawn Madurai Product Tanker India 28414 9116383	22:47N – 070:02E, Around 12nm SW of Kandla, India	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the forecastle and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and proceeded towards the forecastle. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Kandla Port Control informed.
6.	28.01.2016 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Pomer Product Tanker Croatia 30638 9455739	22:49N – 070:07E, Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	Six robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker using a grappling hook. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat without

				stealing anything. Incident reported to port control.
7.	08.02.2016 0405 LT Anchored Boarded	Excelsior Bay Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29735 9697612	22:47N – 070:00E, Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	Five robbers in a boat approached an anchored tanker. Two robbers boarded the tanker using a grappling hook attached to a rope. Duty officer on bridge noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat with their accomplices. A thorough search was made throughout the tanker. Cargo sampling equipment was reported stolen. Port control informed.
8.	14.02.2016 0015 LT Anchored Boarded	SBI Maia Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34447 9705304	22:46N – 070:00E, SW of Tuna Buoy Anchorage, Kandla, India	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship using a grappling hook attached with a rope. The duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers trying to break open a store's padlock. He immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Kandla Tower informed.
9.	15.02.2016 0630 LT Berthed Boarded	Songa Falcon Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8505 9482653	22:02N – 088:06E, Haldia Oil Jetty No. 1, India	An unknown number of robbers boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's stores and escaped. The robbery was noticed when the crew approached the aft stations to adjust the mooring ropes. Incident reported to authorities.
10.	19.02.2016 1445 LT Steaming Boarded	Pacific Warlock Tug Singapore 2327 9250048	21:14.4N – 072:16.6E, Around 11nm SSE of Alang, India	Robbers in four fishing vessels approached and boarded a rig towed by the tug underway. The tug's crew noticed the robbers stealing the rig's properties. After around one hour five minutes, another two fishing vessels came alongside the rig. The tug raised the alarm, sounded five short blast, crew mustered and VTS and local police were informed.
11.	30.04.2016 0650 LT Anchored Boarded	New Challenge Tanker Marshall Islands 41994 9298284	17:35.4N – 083:24.9E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Robbers in a boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker awaiting berthing instructions. Duty watchman noticed two robbers on the poop deck trying to open the deck locker. He immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm and made a PA announcement. The crew mustered and approached the location. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker. The paint locker was found broken into and ship's property stolen. Port control informed.
12.	08.05.2016 0730 LT Anchored Boarded	Lycaste Peace LPG Tanker Panama 46021 9249336	17:37.1N – 083:22.0E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Three persons in a fishing boat approached an anchored tanker. They boarded the tanker using a heaving line attached to a hook. Alert OOW noticed the persons and ordered them to leave. The persons tried to explain that their intention was to stay on ship's stern and fishing but disembarked shortly after they were told to leave. Master suspected intention to steal ship's stores.

13.	14.05.2016 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Gas Snapper LPG Tanker Marshall Islands 22978 9447794	23:02N – 070:13E, Berth Iffco-5, Kandla Port, India	A robber boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later by the crew during routine rounds.
14.	14.06.2016 0140 LT Anchored Boarded	Sicilia Container Liberia 21018 9430935	22:08N – 091:44E, Chittagong 'C' Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. Security watchmen noticed the robbers armed with long knives on the poop deck and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and whistle sounded. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
15.	03.07.2016 Night Hours Berthed Boarded	Ocean Opal Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 44098 9625243	Berth No.4B, Haldia Port, India	Robbers boarded the berthed ship, entered into the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed on 06 Jul 2016 after the ship sailed out. Upon investigation it was reported that all stores were accounted for on 02 Jul 2016 and it was suspected the theft may have occurred on 03 Jul 2016 before the ship sailed out. Authorities informed through the local agents.
16.	14.09.2016 1500 LT Anchored Boarded	Sea Star Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33042 9624500	22:13N – 091:41E, Chittagong Bravo Anchorage, Bangladesh	During cargo operations, duty crew on board the anchored ship noticed a store room broken into. Crew alerted and a search was carried out along with the security crew. It was noticed that the mooring gang employed on board the ship has stolen the ship's properties. The robbers were apprehended and disembarked onto the lightering barge. All stolen property recovered. Agent informed.

AMERICAS

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1.	25.01.2016 2355 LT Anchored Boarded	AAL Kobe General Cargo Marshall Islands 23930 9498444	10:16.3N – 064:34.3W, Guanta Anchorage, Venezuela	Unnoticed, robber boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later by the duty crew on safety rounds.
2.	03.02.2016 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Guardian Product Tanker Denmark 30241 9448712	12:00S – 077:12W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Seven robbers in two speedboats came alongside the tanker. Two robbers boarded the tanker but were spotted by the alert crew resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
3.	05.02.2016 0350 LT Anchored Boarded	CMA CGM Homere Container United Kingdom 17594 9362322	Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	While at anchor robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and broke into the paint locker. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Master notified the coast guard who dispatched a boat. Seeing the alert crew and the approaching coast guard boat the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
4.	23.03.2016 2220 LT	Cougar Ace Vehicle Carrier	12:01S – 077:12W,	Two robbers wearing face masks boarded an anchored ship preparing for berthing

	Anchored Boarded	Singapore 55328 9051375	Callao Anchorage No. 1, Peru	operations. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed some movements near the forecastle store and reported it to the OOW. Master immediately mustered the crew and asked them to investigate. As the crew approached the forecastle, they noticed two robbers jumping overboard with stolen ship's stores. The crew notified the Master that the robbers were wearing a uniform which resembled the shore watchman's uniform. Incident reported to Harbour Master.
5.	12.04.2016 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Federal Lyra Bulk Carrier Panama 31779 9668063	Buenaventura Inner Anchorage Zone G, Colombia	Three robbers armed with guns and a knife boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck and reported to the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with forward liferaft and three lifebuoys.
6.	21.04.2016 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	Prime Express Product Tanker Panama 28725 9459242	12:01.34S – 077:13.32W, Callao Anchorage No.12, Peru	Deck watch keepers on routine rounds noticed a robber attempting to break into the forecastle store. OOW informed, alarm raised, fog horn sounded and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Nothing reported stolen.
7.	03.05.2016 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Albatross Heavy Load Carrier Marshall Islands 34925 9032496	10:18.4N – 075:33.4W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded an anchored heavy lift carrier, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during routine rounds and incident reported to Port Control.
8.	12.05.2016 2150 LT Anchored Boarded	Irmgard Schulte LPG Tanker Isle of Man 18311 9410624	10:11.3N – 064:47.0W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Barcelona, Venezuela	Four robbers armed with steel pipes boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out by the crew. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to VTS.
9.	25.06.2016 0300 – 0600 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Hong Kong 29266 -	10:18.7N – 075:32.8W, Mamonal Tanker Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker and escaped with ship's properties unnoticed. The theft was discovered by the deck crew while performing routine work near the forepeak store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Investigations indicated the robbers had gained access to the tanker via the hawse pipe. Incident reported to port control and coast guard.
10.	26.06.2016 0006 LT Anchored Boarded	STH Sydney Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34321 9749245	12:01S – 077:11W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores unnoticed. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds at the forecastle. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities and Police through the local agents.
11.	17.07.2016 2115 LT Anchored Boarded	BW Egret Product Tanker Singapore 29768 9607174	18:34N – 072:23W, Port Au Prince E Anchorage, Haiti	Robbers in a small boat boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty handed.
12.	20.07.2016 0045 LT Anchored	San Antonio Bulk Carrier Hong Kong	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty OS noticed the robbers at the forecastle and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm

	Boarded	31540 9514066		raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to port control and local agent.
13.	27.08.2016 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Amstel Falcon Bulk Carrier Panama 31508 9460514	12:01.0S – 077:10.9W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship. One crew on routine rounds managed to notify the bridge of the robbers' presence before being taken hostage at gunpoint. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew mustered on the bridge. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Incident reported to the Callao Port Control and the Coast Guard sent a boarding party to investigate. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.
14.	22.09.2016 2350 LT Anchored Boarded	Americas Spirit Tanker Bahamas 63213 9247443	10:09.7N – 064:46.8W, Barcelona Anchorage, Venezuela	Around four small fishing vessels were engaged in fishing around an anchored tanker. Robbers disguised as fishermen approached and boarded the tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during routine rounds by the duty crew. A search was made throughout the tanker and the incident was reported to Port Control. Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation.
15.	02.09.2016 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Century Melody Bulk Carrier Panama 9993 9580211	18:34.4N – 072:32.6W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship and threatened duty crew with a long knife and stones. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a small boat with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to Port Au Prince Authority.
16.	06.10.2016 0412 LT Anchored Boarded	Kumano Lily General Cargo Panama 20236 9400904	12:01.1S – 077:11.2W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers in a wooden skiff approached and boarded an anchored ship. They stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered by the duty AB during routine rounds. Incident reported to Port Control.
17.	21.10.2016 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	BW Cougar Product Tanker Singapore 29737 9675494	12:02S – 077:31W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded the anchored tanker during bunkering operations. They stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local police through the agents.
18.	01.11.2016 0410 LT Anchored Boarded	Century Dream Bulk Carrier Panama 10186 9694854	Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored ship, via the anchor chain, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Crew noticed the theft on routine rounds and informed port control.
19.	11.11.2016 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Fortunato LPG Tanker Singapore 7732 9347736	10:19.4N – 075:31.6W, Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Around four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and reported to the bridge. Duty 2/O raised the alarm, made PA announcement and sounded the fog horn continuously. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. All crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident

				reported to port control and a coast guard patrol boat was dispatched to the area.
20.	16.11.2016 1940 LT Berthed Boarded	Ocean Hawk Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 22662 9595187	12:02.45S – 077:08.91W, Callao Port, Peru	Two robbers wearing masks and armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Seeing the duty crew, the robbers threatened them with knives. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Incident reported to the PFSO who boarded the ship to investigate. Ship's properties stolen.
21.	23.11.2016 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Century Gold Bulk Carrier Panama 10186 9757527	10:11.4N – 064:45.4W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty crew on routine rounds, on board an anchored ship, noticed the bosun store door open. Upon approaching the store, two robbers armed with knives were seen stealing ship's properties. The crew tried to confront the robbers but were threatened. Alarm raised and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties. The incident was reported to the Port Authority.
22.	26.11.2016 0730 UTC Berthed Boarded	Vikrant Dolphin Accommodation Barge Mauritius 7740 -	Aplevya Berth, Dos Bocas Port, Mexico	Robbers boarded a berthed accommodation barge. The port security guard on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped immediately. Upon investigation, it was reported that vessel's properties were stolen. Incident was reported to Mexican Authorities. The Coast Guard boarded the vessel for investigation.
23.	23.12.2016 Night Hours Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld LPG Tanker Malta 12819 -	10:11.8N – 064:46.4W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty crew on rounds.

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

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1.	15.01.2016 0540 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ajemisan Offshore Tug Nigeria 1570 9688051	04:05N – 005:25E, Around 30nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Ten pirates in a speedboat chased and fired upon the tug underway. The crew retreated and locked themselves in the safe area. The pirates boarded the tug, damaged its navigation equipment, stole crew's personal effect and cash and escaped.
2.	24.01.2016 0418 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sea Lion I Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9326639	05:50.5S – 013:25.9E, Ango Ango Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted and escaped without stealing anything.
3.	29.01.2016 2236 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Leon Dias Product Tanker Liberia 5720 9279927	02:30N – 005:35E, Around 110nm SSW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the tanker underway enroute from Lome to Bata. The Owners lost communication with the tanker and reported to the IMB PRC who in turn notified and liaise with

				the authorities in the region. It was reported that the pirates shot and seriously injured one crew member. Before escaping the pirates damaged the communication equipment and kidnapped five crew members. The remaining crew members managed to sail the tanker to Benin where a navy patrol boat assisted in the evacuation of the injured crew member. The tanker was then escorted to Cotonou anchorage for investigation. The kidnapped crew were release on 22 Feb 2016.
4.	09.02.2016 0210 LT Anchored Boarded	SFL Clyde Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19998 9455911	05:52S – 013:02E, Boma Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Four robbers armed with knives in a motor boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. The duty crew on watch noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who in turn raised the alarm and crew were mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Attempts to contact port control received no response.
5.	11.02.2016 1510 LT Steaming Boarded	Nave Jupiter Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29724 9657038	03:35N – 005:42E, Around 54nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	A tanker underway spotted two skiffs approaching from the stern. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and contacted the CSO. As the skiffs closed in, weapons and ladders were noticed. The pirates opened fire at the superstructure and threw handmade explosive devices onto the main deck, which did not explode. Three pirates managed to board the tanker using a ladder and fired several rounds. Non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. Master continued with the evasive manoeuvres. The pirates cut off the fuel to the main engines and generators. Master instructed the bridge team to go to the citadel. The pirates tried to gain access to the citadel but failed. Before escaping the pirates damaged all the communication equipment and stole crew personal effects. The Nigerian navy boarded the tanker and rescued the crew members. No injuries reported. The tanker sailed to a safe port.
6.	11.02.2016 2000 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maximus Product Tanker Panama 4535 9387164	04:00N – 004:00W, Around 77nm South of Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Fourteen armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew taken hostage. The pirates ransacked all the cabins and stole crew personal effects. Eight pirates disembarked the tanker on the high seas with two kidnapped crew members. A Togo navy patrol boat was able to make contact and took a picture of the tanker. As the pirates had repainted the tanker's name and provided false information to the Togo navy, a picture of the tanker was sent to the owners for verification. As the tanker sailed into the

				Nigerian EEZ waters, the Togo navy handed over the co-ordination to the Nigerian navy who dispatched a warship to shadow the tanker. On 20 Feb 2016, the Nigerian navy boarded the tanker. After an exchange of gunfire, the pirates surrendered and the crew were rescued. One pirate was reported killed. The kidnapped crew were released on 20 March 2016. Throughout the incident the IMB PRC liaised and shared information with the Regional Authorities, vessel owner and the flag state.
7.	26.02.2016 1607 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jascon 67 Offshore Tug Nigeria 1922 9690779	03:51N – 004:39E, Around 74nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	An offshore tug underway noticed a speed boat being launched from a mother vessel. Five armed pirates approached and boarded the tug. Alarm and SSAS activated. All crew members retreated into the citadel. The pirates damaged the securing doors, entered and ransacked the accommodation and stole crew personal belongings. Before leaving the vessel they destroyed the communication and navigation equipment. The crew emerged from the citadel after around 10 hours and managed to sail the vessel to a safe port
8.	03.03.2016 0445 LT Berthed Boarded	Canal Street Product Tanker Liberia 28426 9539561	04:04.6S – 039:39.8E, Mbaraki Wharf North, Mombasa, Kenya	A robber armed with a knife boarded the berthed tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robber, who threatened him and escaped with ship's stores. The duty crew informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Mombasa port control informed.
9.	05.03.2016 0900 LT Steaming Boarded	Madonna 1 Chemical Tanker Panama 11438 9407031	04:05N – 006:41E, Around 32nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Ten armed pirates in a black speed boat approached and opened fire at the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker using a grappling hook and ladder. Alarm raised and non-essential crew members retreated to the citadel. Pirates kidnapped four crew members and left. The kidnapped crew members were released on 27 March 2016.
10.	26.03.2016 0040 LT Steaming Boarded	Sampatiki Product Tanker Liberia 5031 9405772	04:20N – 005:10E, Around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Eight armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. They ransacked all the cabins, stole crew personal effects and kidnapped five crew members including the Master. The kidnapped crew were released on 9 May 2016.
11.	11.04.2016 0130 LT Steaming Boarded	Puli Product Tanker Malta 10910 9330434	02:48.4N – 006:40.9E, Around 118nm SSW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Eight pirates in a speed boat armed with rifles boarded the tanker underway while enroute from Douala port to Abidjan port. They stole cash, ship's properties, crew personal belongings and kidnapped six crew members before escaping. The tanker continued her passage towards a safe port. No injuries to crew. The kidnapped crew were released on 25 April 2016.
12.	11.04.2016 2056 LT	CMA CGM Turquoise	04:08.02N – 005:23.05E,	Armed pirates boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm,

	Steaming Boarded	Container Liberia 40560 9386471	Around 30nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	activated SSAS and all crew members, except for two crew, mustered in the citadel. The Owners sent a message to the IMB PRC reporting that they had lost contact with the ship. The IMB PRC immediately informed and liaised with the Nigerian Authorities and transmitted a warning broadcast to ships at sea. After about 12 hours, the crew emerged from the citadel. Two crew were reported kidnapped. The Nigerian navy boarded the ship for investigations. All other crew safe. The kidnapped crew were released on 19 May 2016.
13.	19.04.2016 0717 LT Steaming Boarded	Armada Tuah 101 Offshore Supply Malaysia 2147 9387293	03:30N – 004:50E, Around 97nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Non-essential crews retreated into the citadel. Pirates robbed and kidnapped two crew members. All remaining crew were reported safe and the vessel proceeded to a safe port. The kidnapped crew were released on 03 June 2016.
14.	20.04.2016 0530 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Bahamas 2465 -	03:39N – 006:08E, Around 39nm SxW of Brass, Nigeria	Pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Non-essential crews retreated into the citadel. Pirates escaped before Nigerian Navy boarded the vessel. All crew reported safe. Vessel escorted to a safe port by Nigerian Navy.
15.	25.04.2016 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Horizon Geobay Research Survey Vessel Panama 3502 7801556	04:45S – 011:50E, Pointe Noire Inner Anchorage, The Congo	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped.
16.	02.05.2016 0110 LT Berthed Boarded	Pacific Zircon Product Tanker Liberia 28426 9539573	Mombasa Port, Kenya	One robber boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to Harbour Master. A police boat searched the area.
17.	11.05.2016 0131 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sea Emperor Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9383601	06:05.7N – 001:15.0E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	About seven robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored tanker. One robber managed to board the tanker using a manrope. Alert crew noticed the robbers and informed the D/O who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed with his accomplices in their boat. Togo navy informed.
18.	23.05.2016 2000 LT Berthed Boarded	Berlian Ekuator LPG Tanker Panama 22209 9265548	Island View Berth No.9, Durban Port, South Africa	An unauthorized person disguised as a bunker crew boarded the berthed tanker while ship's crew were busy with bunkering operations. He entered the accommodation and stole crew cash and

				properties from the cabins. Incident reported to port control.
19.	13.06.2016 2145 LT Anchored Boarded	NGOL Cunene Product Tanker Belize 737 9033593	08:44.7S – 013:17.9E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	A robber boarded an anchored tanker and managed to transfer ship's stores into his boat. Alarm sounded and the crew were able to detain the robber. Port officials and the local police were informed and the robber arrested.
20.	03.07.2016 0450 LT Anchored Boarded	Teal Heavy Lift Vessel Curacao 22835 8113566	09:23.6N – 013:41.9W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Six robbers in a boat armed with machine guns and knives boarded an anchored ship. They attacked the duty O/S causing injuries and took the 2/O hostage. They opened fire to threaten the crew members and damaged the accommodation. Under gun threat, they robbed the crew members of their cash and personal belongings before escaping. Master tried to contact the port control, but received no response. The incident was reported to Port Authorities through the local agents. After an hour a security boat came to the location.
21.	04.07.2016 0900 LT Anchored Boarded	Geocean Protis Pipe Layer Panama 16198 -	04:44S – 011:48E, Pointe Noire Outer Anchorage, The Congo	Robbers in a small boat boarded an anchored pipe laying barge, stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.
22.	07.07.2016 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Prince Joseph 1 Offshore Supply Ship Nigeria 2176 9499319	03:05N – 004:53E, Around 98nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Three pirates armed with guns fired upon and boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, distress alert activated and non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. The pirates kidnapped five crew members and escaped with crew personal belongings. One crew was injured during the incident. Nigerian Authorities notified.
23.	08.07.2016 2220 LT Berthed Boarded	Torm Thyra Product Tanker Singapore 30128 9250488	06:25N – 003:22E, Folawiyo Nispan Jetty, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria	A robber armed with a knife boarded the berthed tanker at forward main deck. D/O raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed in a waiting boat with his accomplices. Port Authorities informed through the local agents.
24.	16.07.2016 0450 LT Anchored Boarded	Geocean Protis Pipe Layer Panama 16198 -	04:44S – 011:48E, Pointe Noire Outer Anchorage, The Congo	Robbers in a fishing canoe boarded an anchored pipe laying barge. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
25.	17.07.2016 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Lewek Constellation Pipe Layer Panama 48949 9629756	04:47.0S – 011:47.9E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	A robber armed with a knife in a small boat boarded an anchored Pipe Laying barge. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robber and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and escaped. A search was carried out and it was reported that

				ship's stores was stolen. Incident reported to Port Control.
26.	24.07.2016 0515 LT Berthed Boarded	MR Aquarius Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30400 9421324	06:26.1N – 003:19.6E, Capital Terminal Berth, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded the berthed tanker. An armed guard on security round on deck noticed the robber and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with his accomplices. A thorough search conducted and nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to Naval Authorities and Terminal PFSO.
27.	26.07.2016 0338 LT Berthed Boarded	Olympic Hercules Offshore Tug Norway 4477 9235672	Sekondi Naval Berth, Takoradi, Ghana	A robber armed with a knife in a small boat boarded the berthed offshore tug. Deck crew noticed the robber, raised the alarm and approached the robber. Seeing the approaching crew, the robber escaped. A search was conducted and ship's property reported stolen. Port control informed.
28.	05.08.2016 0200 LT Berthed Boarded	Harley Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29083 9133082	Folawiyo Nispan Jetty, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the berthed tanker at the forecastle. They took hostage the duty pumpman on routine rounds and threatened him with long knives. The robbers submerged two hoses into the forward tank dome and commenced stealing the cargo. Once the cargo was filled into their boat, the robbers released the pumpman, and escaped. Alarm raised and a search was carried out.
29.	07.08.2016 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	King Beans Bulk Carrier Panama 17018 9550151	04:44.9S – 011:46.3E, Pointe Noire Outer Anchorage, The Congo	Four robbers in a small motor boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers boarded the ship and broke into the bosun store, which triggered an alarm on the bridge. Duty officer raised the alarm and alerted the piracy watch crew members. Seeing the alerted crew, the two robbers escaped with their accomplices waiting in the boat. Upon investigation, nothing reported stolen.
30.	13.08.2016 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Walnut Express Product Tanker Panama 27972 9305348	06:26.00N – 003:22.13E, Folawiyo Nispan Jetty, Apapa, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the bridge. Alarm was raised and fog horn sounded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with no stolen item. A search was carried out. Incident reported to NIMASA and Nigerian Navy.
31.	17.08.2016 1327 LT Steaming Boarded	Vectis Osprey General Cargo Isle of Man 6190 9594315	03:54.50N – 007:09.30E, Around 28nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	About nine pirates in a blue wooden speedboat and armed with AK47 attacked and successfully boarded the ship. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Managers of the ship immediately reported to the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC then liaise with the Nigerian Navy to request for urgent assistance. A naval warship was dispatched to assist the ship. The pirates left when the Nigerian Navy warship

				intercepted and boarded the ship. The pirates stole ship's properties and crew's personal belongings and cash. The accommodation was damaged due to firing of machine guns. The ship was then escorted to Bonny Anchorage for investigation. All 13 crews were reported safe.
32.	24.08.2016 0110 LT Anchored Boarded	Aisha Sarwar Bulk Carrier Bangladesh 26612 9200433	09:24.5N – 013:43.3W, Around 5.5nm South of Conakry, Guinea	Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored ship. Two crew were taken hostage and beaten. The robbers escaped with crew's cash and properties. Incident reported to the local agent.
33.	01.09.2016 0410 LT Anchored Boarded	Olympic Hercules Offshore Tug Norway 4477 9235672	04:54N – 001:41W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Three robbers in a canoe approached an anchored offshore tug. One robber managed to board the vessel and was detected by the CCTV, which triggered the alarm. The robber entered the vessel's work shop, pump room and the crew mess and escaped with stolen ship's properties. Several attempts made to contact the Secondi Naval Base but no response received.
34.	06.09.2016 0350 LT Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Panama 28539 -	Jetty No. 10, Beira Port, Mozambique	Crew on board the berthed tanker noticed robbers stealing ship's properties and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped.
35.	12.09.2016 0645 LT Anchored Boarded	Hellespont Defiance Offshore Supply Ship Marshall Islands 2177 9421788	04:45.4S – 011:50.1E, Pointe Noire Inner Anchorage, The Congo	Robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply ship and escaped with the rescue boat outboard motor. The theft was discovered by the duty bosun during routine rounds and reported to the bridge. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. It was reported that footprints were found around the rescue boat area and the forecastle deck.
36.	16.09.2016 0250 LT Steaming Boarded	Hanze Kochi Chemical Tanker Gibraltar 7446 9341378	03:52N – 005:20E, Around 44nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	While enroute from Port Harcourt to Lagos, 12 pirates armed with guns approached the tanker. One pirate boarded the tanker and heaved up two aluminium ladders to assist the others to board. Seeing movement on the deck the 2/O raised the alarm, made an announcement on the PA and all non-essential crew members mustered in a safe room. Master activated the SSAS, sent distress message and informed the armed Naval guard on board. As the pirate boat tried to come alongside and make fast to the tanker, the Master and the Naval Commander on board decided to fire warning shots. The pirates returned fire. After an exchange of fire for 30 minutes the pirates aborted and moved away. At daybreak a search was carried out and no pirates were found on board. The superstructure and deck of the tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.

				No injuries to the crew or the naval guards reported.
37.	21.09.2016 0146 LT Anchored Boarded	Windhoek Container Panama 17280 9515591	09:18.47N – 013:45.51W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Six robbers armed with guns boarded and fired upon the duty crew on board an anchored ship. Master activated the SSAS, raised the alarm and locked the accommodation. The robbers however, gained access into the ship by breaking the bridge-wing windows. After taking the crew hostage, the robbers ransacked and looted every crew cabin, stole crew personal belongings, ship's cash and escaped. The IMB PRC liaised with the Guinea RCC who responded and boarded the ship. All crew reported safe.
38.	03.11.2016 0312 LT Anchored Boarded	Jenny N LPG Tanker Liberia 36459 9377248	04:52.22N – 001:39.62W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored tanker. The duty watchmen noticed one robber on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a small boat with stolen ship's stores. Port control informed.
39.	23.11.2016 0530 LT Steaming Boarded	Eliana Product Tanker Panama 14320 9665293	03:35.4N – 005:13.6E, Around 61nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, crew alerted and the on board security team returned fire. The pirates managed to board the tanker using a ladder. All crew retreated to the citadel. After two hours, the pirates left the tanker. All crew safe and no injuries reported. One pirate reported killed. Tanker sustained some damages at the superstructure due to the firing.
40.	27.11.2016 2145 LT Anchored Hijacked	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Panama 6399 -	06:14.09N – 002:34.54E, Cotonou Outer Anchorage, Benin	Owners of a reefer ship reported that they had lost contact with their anchored ship. The IMB PRC relayed the message to the authorities in the region and the Nigerian Navy dispatched two warships to locate and intercept the ship. As the warships approached the hijacked ship it was reported that 15 pirates escaped along with three kidnapped crew. The remaining crew managed to sail the ship to a safe port.
41.	01.12.2016 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Gunga Product Tanker Cyprus 4242 9479668	08:44.9S – 013:17.5E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2016

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	30.03.2016 0130 LT Anchored Attempted	Maratha Promise Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 22863 9422809	06:00S – 106:54E, Tg. Priok, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Three skiffs approached and attempted to board the ship at anchor. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The crew managed to deter the robbers by using the water cannon.
2.	17.04.2016 2345 LT Anchored Attempted	ANL Darwin Trader General Cargo Cyprus 5272 9372016	01:30N – 104:52E, Around 24nm NE of Bintan Island, Indonesia	Four persons in a wooden boat approached and attempted to board an anchored ship. Alarm raised, whistle sounded and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.
3.	21.04.2016 1830 LT Steaming Attempted	Amity Bulk Carrier Panama 94710 9492103	10:38N – 120:34E, Around 18nm East of Dalanganem Island, Philippines	Crew on board the ship underway noticed a speed boat approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, whistle sounded, crew mustered and fire hoses activated. The boat closed to a distance of 40 meters and seeing the alerted crew aborted the approach.
4.	28.06.2016 0050 LT Anchored Attempted	Karolos Tanker Liberia 85362 9410208	01:28S – 116:48E, Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two unauthorized persons attempted to board an anchored tanker. Alert duty crew noticed the persons and informed the bridge officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the unauthorized persons aborted the boarding. All crew safe. Port control and Pertamina pilots informed.
5.	19.08.2016 0130 LT Steaming Attempted	Nautica Tg. Puteri XXVII Tug Malaysia 466 9762120	01:11N – 103:52E, Singapore Straits	Four armed robbers attempted to board the tug underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.
6.	13.11.2016 1620 LT Steaming Attempted	Southern Falcon Chemical Tanker Panama 5551 9414993	03:40.4N – 119:51.6E, 65nm SE of Sibutu Island, Philippines	While underway, a tanker was approached and chased by six speed boats with one armed person in each boat. Master alerted ships in the vicinity and commenced evasive manoeuvring. Attempts to contact the Philippines Navy were futile. After around 15 minutes the boats moved away. Tanker and crew safe.
7.	23.11.2016 0940 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ken Toku Bulk Carrier Panama 17979 9316945	06:21.5N – 119:53.8E, Around 25nm NW of Cap Island, Philippines	Eight persons wearing masks, and armed with automatic weapons, in a speed boat attempted to board the ship underway using a long pole attached to a hook. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS. Ship's speed increased and evasive manoeuvres undertaken. The persons in the boat opened fire and tried to board the ship but failed due

				to the hardening measures taken by the ship. Master warned other vessels via VHF channel 16 and reported the incident to the Philippines authorities. All crew reported safe.
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INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.05.2016 0242 LT Anchored Attempted	Yadanabon Star Container Liberia 16801 9122057	22:06N – 091:45E, Chittagong 'C' Anchorage, Bangladesh	Seven robbers in a small boat came alongside and attempted to board an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers and informed the D/O who in turn raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	20.07.2016 0430 LT Anchored Attempted	Danubia Product Tanker Liberia 38975 9258466	04:33.9S – 081:18.6W, Talara Roads, Peru	During routine security rounds on board an anchored tanker the duty crew noticed a small motor boat near the starboard anchor chain with one robber in the boat and another climbing up the anchor chain. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and directed a search light towards the robbers. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. Incident reported to port control.
2.	14.10.2016 0245 LT Anchored Attempted	Betula Arrow General Cargo Panama 35503 9720055	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers wearing face masks in a small boat approached and came alongside an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and activated the pressurized fire hoses resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted attack and moving away.
3.	07.11.2016 0500 LT Berthed Attempted	Balsa 89 General Cargo Panama 5698 9616046	Berbice Port, Guyana	Duty officer on board a berthed ship noticed a robber attempting to board the ship from the stern using a hook attached to a pole. The duty officer and A/B confronted the robber and threatened to call the police resulting in the robber escaping. No injury to crew and nothing stolen.
4.	27.11.2016 2210 LT Anchored Attempted	Citrus Express Product Tanker Panama 31433 9311048	18:34N – 072:23W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Robbers attempted to board an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. Alert crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers retreating. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.

				Nothing reported stolen. Port control informed.
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AFRICA (SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.05.2016 0512 UTC Steaming Attempted	MSC Tasmania Container Panama 34231 9008574	14:45N – 050:58E, Gulf of Aden	A ship underway spotted five skiffs approaching from astern. Master raised the alarm, increase speed and crew mustered. As the skiffs closed to five cables from the ship a ladder was noticed in one approaching skiff. Armed team on board the ship fired warning shots. Master contacted the authorities and a nearby Japanese warship dispatched its helicopter, which resulted in the skiffs aborting and moving away.
2.	22.10.2016 0955 LT Steaming Fired upon	CPO Korea Product Tanker United Kingdom 29636 9433901	04:28.1N – 053:22.2E, Around 300nm East of Somali Coast, Somalia	A blue hulled boat with five to six persons on board approached the tanker underway. At a CPA of two cables, the on board security team fired warning shots. Persons in the boat returned fire and tried to board the tanker but failed. The boat later aborted the attempt and moved away. Tanker reported safe.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	19.01.2016 1000 – 1300 LT Steaming Fired upon	Silver Sky Vehicle Carrier Panama 39043 8519722	03:52N – 005:33E, Around 37nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Pirates in two speed boats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised the alarm and SSAS, mustered all crew and activated the water hoses. After three hours the pirates abandoned the chase. One crew member reported minor injury. Remaining crew safe.
2.	05.02.2016 0720 LT Steaming Attempted	Pskov LNG Tanker Liberia 113876 9630028	04:09.7N – 006:58.3E, Around 16nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Around seven persons wearing dark boiler suits with red caps in a speed boat chased and attempted to board the tanker underway. Alarm raised, fire hoses activated, Master increased speed to maximum and took evasive manoeuvres. When the speed boat close in to a distance of 10 meters, machine guns and a ladder were sighted. Due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.
3.	11.03.2016 1325 UTC Steaming Attempted	Brightway Tanker Singapore 83824 9588146	02:52N – 004:52E, Around 108nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Eight pirates in a boat approached the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres, activated SSAS, sent distress messages and informed the CSO. All non-essential crew members mustered in the

				citadel. The pirates chased the tanker and told the Master to slow down claiming to be the navy. At a distance of 50 meters, the lookout identified guns and ladders in the boat. The Master continued with the evasive manoeuvres, fired two parachute rockets and continued with the Mayday calls via VHF. Due to the hardening measures of the tanker, the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away. Nigerian navy responded on VHF to the distress call.
4.	11.03.2016 2005 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Glyfada Bulk Carrier Malta 26091 9104586	03:03N – 005:03E, Around 96nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Armed pirates approached and fired upon the drifting ship. Alarm raised, main engine started and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. After an hour, the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away. All crew safe.
5.	01.04.2016 1153 LT Steaming Fired upon	Madonna 1 Chemical Tanker Panama 11438 9407031	03:54N – 005:41E, Around 41nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Duty officers on board the tanker underway noticed a black speed boat approaching. Master raised the alarm, sent distress messages, took anti-piracy preventive measures and crew members locked all entrance doors. As the boat closed in, nine pirates armed with AK47s opened fire and attempted to board several times using ladders and grappling hook attached with a rope. All non-essential crew members mustered in a safe room. The navy was contacted but no response received. The IMB PRC received information from the Owners and immediately requested assistance from the Nigerian navy. Due to the hardening measures taken by the tanker, the pirates aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. No injuries to crew members.
6.	07.04.2016 0920 UTC Steaming Attempted	Nordic Freedom Tanker Bahamas 83594 9288887	03:18.6N – 005:23.9E, Around 78nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Seven pirates in a wooden speed boat, armed with automatic weapons approached the drifting tanker waiting for cargo loading instructions. The pirates attempted to board the tanker using an aluminium ladder but failed due to the high freeboard. General alarm raised, SSAS activated and crew mustered. The tanker proceeded towards the terminal where the terminal's security boat was available as escort.
7.	10.04.2016 1000 LT Steaming Attempted	Ottoman Equity Tanker Turkey 79934 9404950	03:17.8N – 005:31.0E, Around 74nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Seven pirates in a skiff approached the drifting tanker. The pirates came alongside and attempted to board the tanker using a metal expandable ladder but failed due to the tanker's high freeboard. Alarm raised, fire pump activated, crew mustered and all entrance doors locked. Master contacted the terminal via vhf channel 16, started the main engine and proceeded close to the terminal. Upon realizing that the security boats were approaching, the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away.
8.	18.04.2016 1615 LT Steaming	Madonna 1 Chemical Tanker Panama	03:54N – 005:38E,	Pirates approached, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. The armed guard on board the tanker returned

	Fired upon	11438 9407031	Around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	fire while the Master carried out evasive manoeuvres resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew reported safe.
9.	19.04.2016 1715 UTC Steaming Attempted	African Beauty Product Tanker Panama 28277 9047386	03:53N – 005:22E, Around 58nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Seven pirates armed with guns approached the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, water hose activated and Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the high freeboard and hardening measures deployed by the tanker, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away. All crew safe.
10.	28.04.2016 1112 LT Steaming Fired upon	Olivia I Product Tanker Nigeria 11423 9053191	03:56N – 004:43E, Around 67nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Pirates in a speed boat approached and opened fire on the tanker underway. Alarm raised, all crew mustered, SSAS activated and Master carried out evasive manoeuvres. Armed security team on board returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew safe.
11.	04.05.2016 0020 LT Steaming Fired upon	Madonna 1 Chemical Tanker Panama 11438 9407031	03:54.1N – 005:17.6E, Around 44nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates approached, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. The armed guard on board the tanker returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew reported safe.
12.	05.05.2016 1552 UTC Steaming Attempted	African Beauty Tanker Panama 28277 9047386	03:50.9N – 005:24.9E, Around 43nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Pirates in two speed boats chased the tanker underway. Armed security team on board opened fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew safe. Nigerian authorities notified.
13.	05.05.2016 0206 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Moxon Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 29083 9133070	03:53N – 005:36E, Around 34nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master made a PA announcement and all crew mustered on the bridge. Attack was aborted due to anti-piracy measures and the presence of navy personnel on board.
14.	07.05.2016 1500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Harley Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29083 9133082	03:42N – 005:10E, Around 58nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a FRP boat approached, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. A ladder was sighted on the boat. The armed guard on board returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew reported safe.
15.	07.07.2016 0650 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bouboulina Tanker Greece 84844 9298753	03:16N – 005:09E, Around 89nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Armed pirates approached and fired upon the tanker underway. As the boat came alongside the tanker the alarm was raised and all crew retreated into the citadel from where they controlled the tanker. After around four hours the crew emerged from the citadel. Bridge windows were found shattered due to the firing. All crew members reported safe. The tanker continued her voyage to the port of destination.
16.	23.09.2016 0145 LT Berthed Attempted	CS Jaden Bulk Carrier Bahamas 23268 9660061	Berth No.60-61, Port of Casablanca, Morocco	Duty crew on board the berthed ship observed two suspicious persons hiding on the jetty. The persons attempted to board the ship at four different times but were unsuccessful because of the alert crew. Incident reported to the PFSO and agent. No action taken.




17.	18.10.2016 0302 LT Anchored Attempted	Songa Opal Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11259 9473913	06:19.31N – 003:22.46E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Three robbers in a small unlit wooden boat approached an anchored tanker at high speed. As the boat tried to come alongside, the alert duty crew raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and started the fire pump to activate the fire hoses. Seeing the alerted crew and the razor wire, the persons aborted the attack and moved away. Port control informed.
18.	12.12.2016 0533 LT Anchored Attempted	Zefyros Product Tanker Panama 29924 9515917	06:18.31N – 003:21.66E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Three robbers in a small speed boat attempted to board an anchored tanker using ropes. Alarm raised and crew mustered in the accommodation. The armed security team on board fired warning shots resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted attack and moving away. Authorities informed.
19.	15.12.2016 2342 LT Anchored Attempted	Antarctic Tanker Liberia 85421 9315185	Qua Iboe Anchorage, Nigeria	Eight robbers in a skiff approach and attempted to board an anchored tanker using a long ladder. Duty officer on the bridge noticed the attempt and informed the Master. Alarm raised and crew mustered in the accommodation. Master called for assistance from the local Naval Security patrol boat. Upon seeing the approaching patrol boat, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.

REST OF THE WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	24.04.2016 2115 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Fair Apollon Product Tanker Liberia 6085 9464182	14:25N – 049:08E, Port Al Mukalla, Yemen	While underway, Master on board the tanker reported suspected gun shots directed towards his vessel. The armed team on board the tanker noticed two skiffs in the vicinity and fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. All crew reported safe.



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Total number of attacks - 191



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 17

Total attacks East Asia & SE Asia – 84



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Total attacks Gulf of Aden, southern Red Sea, Yemen – 2

Total attacks east coast Africa & Indian Ocean - 3



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Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 54