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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 31 December 2022

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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, interest groups and organizations to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB, with a view of maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

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

The key advantages and services of the PRC are:

- A 24/7 manned operations centre.
- A single point of reporting for all vessels affected by piracy or armed robbery, as they trade through many different jurisdictions.
- Notifying the appropriate response agency of the reported incident and liaising with these agencies until the crew and vessel are safe.
- Warning vessels in the vicinity of a threat by broadcasting sitreps of incidents via Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service.
- Alerting CSOs and vessel managers of incidents via email.
- Keeping the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) updated of reported incidents.
- Assisting local law enforcement in apprehending and bringing the criminals to justice.
- Publish comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing incidents reported to the PRC.

The IMB PRC provides all its services ***free of charge*** to all ships irrespective of crew nationality, ownership, or flag.

This report provides an analysis of 115 global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the IMB PRC from 1 January to 31 December 2022. Incidents are occasionally reported late, resulting in changes to the tables and figures in subsequent reports.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these narrated incidents are shown separately.

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DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

The IMB PRC follows the definitions of Piracy as defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery as defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships”.

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).

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

The definitions of piracy and armed robbery are aimed at assigning responsibility for those responding to these illegal acts. It is worth noting that these definitions do not consider the resulting consequence on the crew, vessel and cargo which, in IMB’s experience, ranges from opportunistic theft, cargo theft, taking crew hostage, assault and injury, kidnapping and in some cases, death of a crew member.

It is vital that all actual and attempted incidents are reported and recorded at the time of, or shortly after, the incident.

This is the first essential step in the response chain.

Under the definitions of Piracy or Armed Robbery, the IMB PRC reports incidents as follows:

1. **Boarded:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the vessel.
2. **Hijacked:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the vessel and taking over the control of the vessel from the Master and crew.
3. **Fired Upon:** An illegal act of perpetrators discharging weapons towards the vessel while attempting to gain access onto the vessel.
4. **Attempted:** An illegal act of perpetrators attempting to approach a vessel with possible intention to board but remain unsuccessful due to the timely actions of the crew.

The consequences to the crew, vessel, or cargo, as a result of the above illegal acts:

1. **Crew:** Kidnap, hostage, death, threat, assault, injury, missing.
2. **Vessel:** Damage, especially due to the discharge of weapons or when perpetrators willfully damage vessel equipment and property.
3. **Cargo:** Theft or damage to cargo.

Region specific severity of incidents on Crew, Vessel and Cargo: (Chart G)

As several agencies define and categorize incidents differently, the IMB reports under three generic Severity Levels – I, II, and III determined by the effect the incident has on the crew, vessel and cargo.

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

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

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

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

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- Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited
- Gard AS
- Japan P&I
- Justships Ltd
- Merchant Shipping Cyprus
- Steamship Insurance Management Services Limited
- The North of England P&I Association Ltd
- The Standard Club Ltd
- Tsakos Shipping and Trading SA

The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

- Spire Global, Inc. (<https://spire.com/>)
- Vessel tracker (<https://www.vesseltracker.com/>)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents, January – December 2018 – 2022

	Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
S E ASIA	Indonesia	36	25	26	9	10
	Malacca Straits				1	
	Malaysia	11	11	4	2	4
	Philippines	10	5	8	9	6
	Singapore Straits	3	12	23	35	38
	Thailand			1		
EAST ASIA	China	3	3			
	Vietnam	4	2	4	1	2
INDIAN SUB	Bangladesh	12		4		7
CONTINENT	India	6	4	6	2	3
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil	4	2	7	3	5
	Colombia	1	3	1	6	
	Dominican Republic		1			
	Ecuador	4	3	5	4	
	Guyana	2				2
	Haiti	3	2	5	4	1
	Mexico		1	4	1	1
	Panama		1			
	Peru	4	10	8	18	12
	Venezuela	11	6			3
AFRICA	Algeria		1			
	Angola			6	4	5
	Benin	5	3	11	2	
	Cameroon	7	6		1	
	Dem. Republic of Congo	1	1		1	1
	Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe		1	2	5	
	Egypt					1
	Equatorial Guinea		2	3	2	2
	Gabon		1	2	4	
	Ghana	10	3	9	5	7
	Guinea	3	2	5	3	
	Gulf of Aden*	1			1	
	Ivory Coast	1	1	3		2
	Kenya		1			
	Liberia		2	2	1	1
	Morocco		2			
	Mozambique	2	3	4	1	
	Nigeria	48	35	35	6	
	Sierra Leone		1			1
	Somalia*	2				
	South Africa					1
	The Congo	6	3	3	1	
	Togo	1	3	3		
	REST WORLD OF WORLD			1		
	Total at year end	201	162	195	132	115

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates.

CHART A: The following five locations contributed to 64% of the total 115 incidents reported in the period January – December 2022

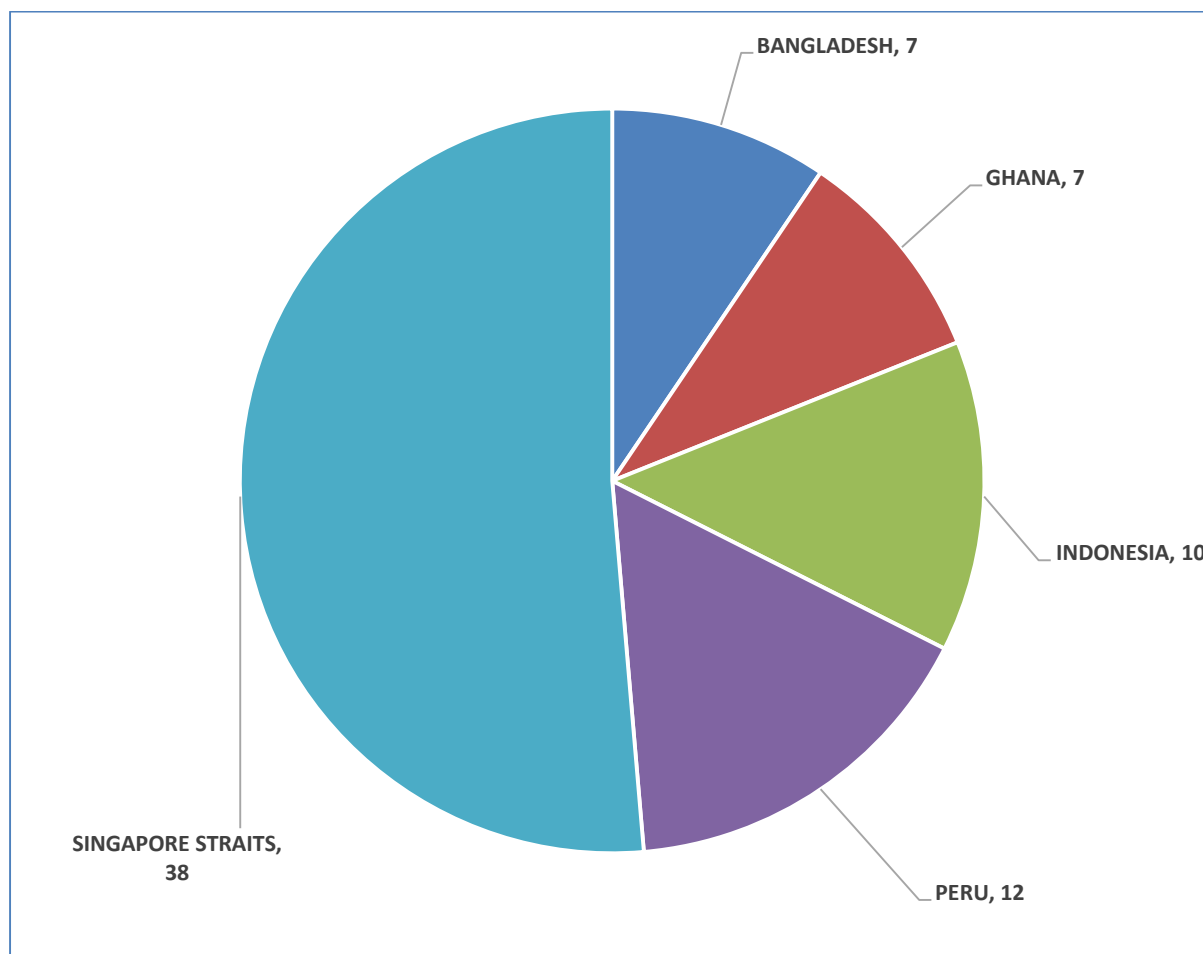


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2022

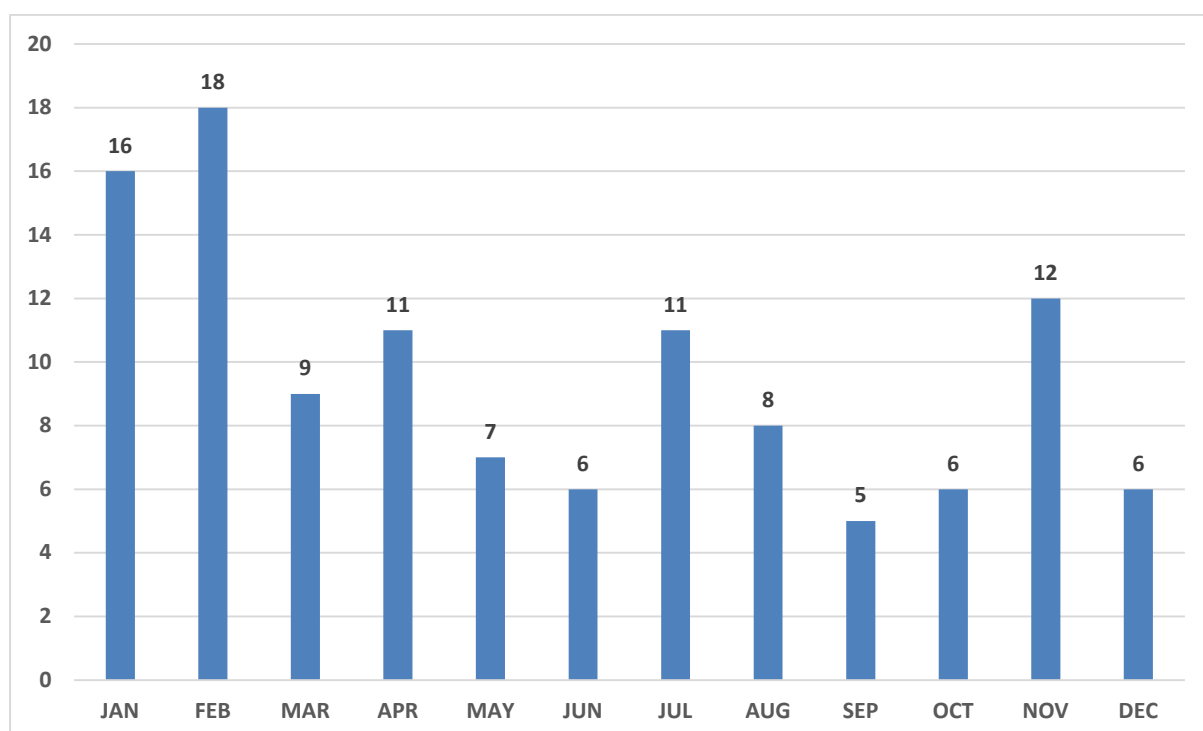


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – December 2022

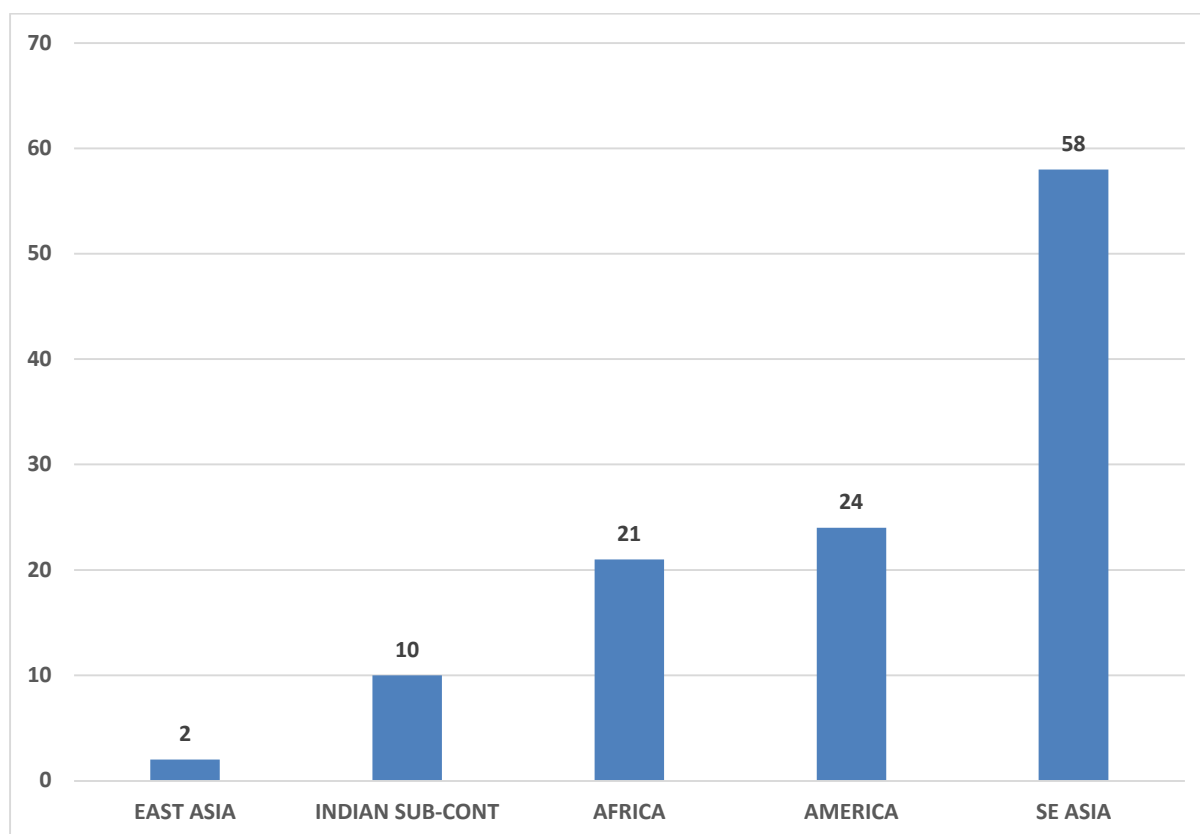


CHART D: Perpetrators successful in 95% of incidents, January – December 2022

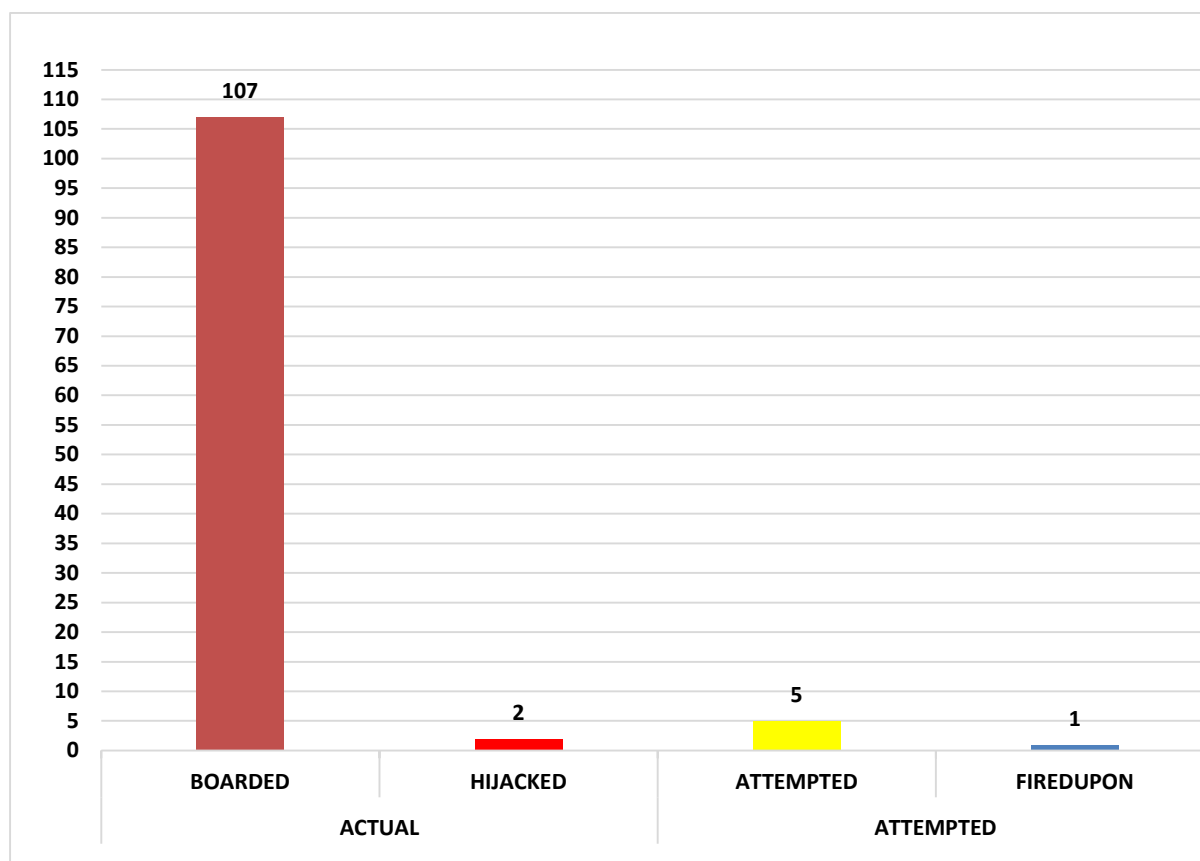


CHART E: Type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – December 2022

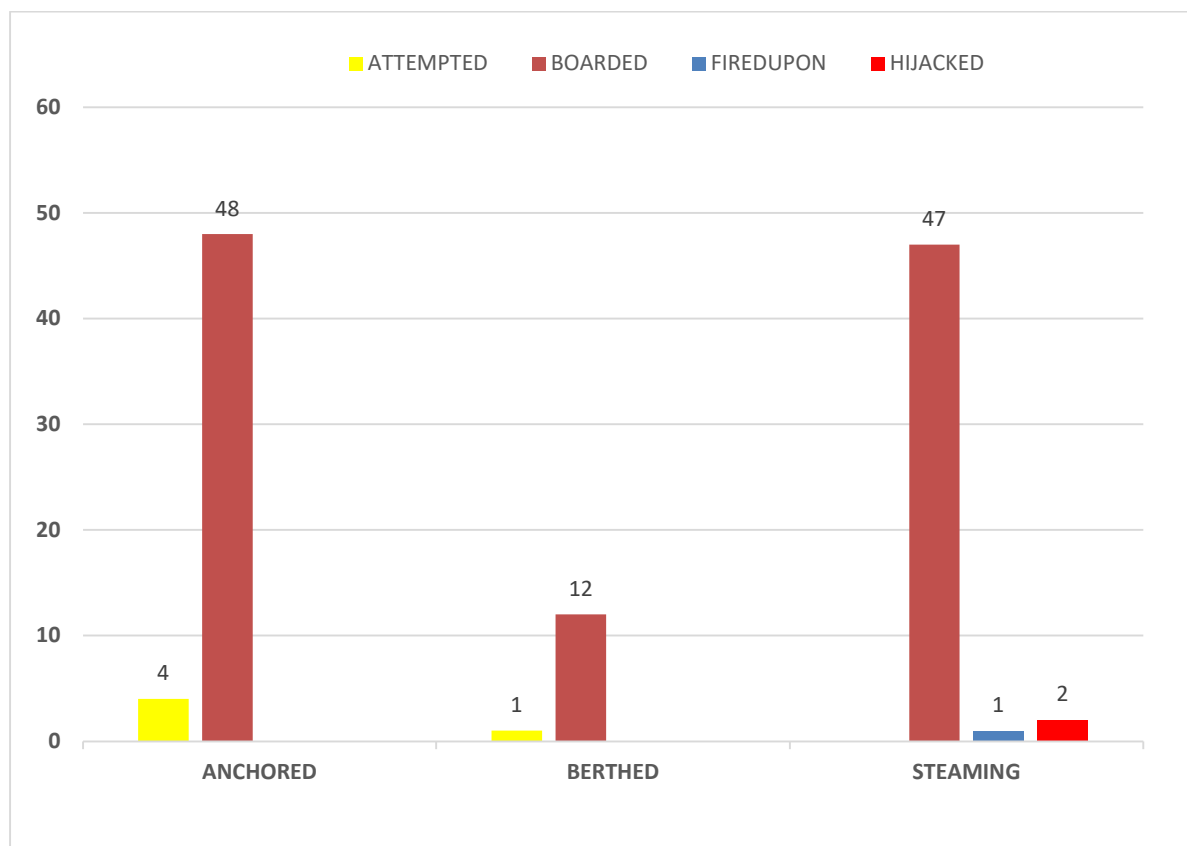


CHART F: Region specific type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – December 2022

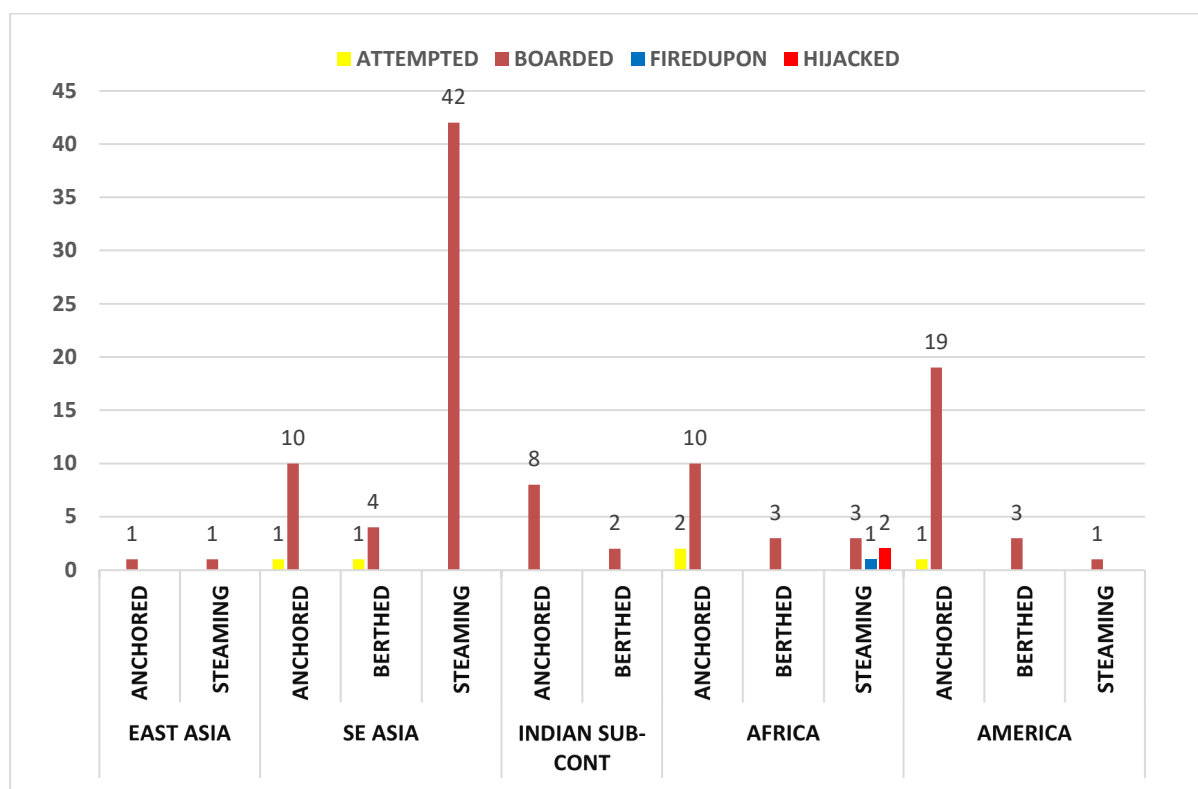
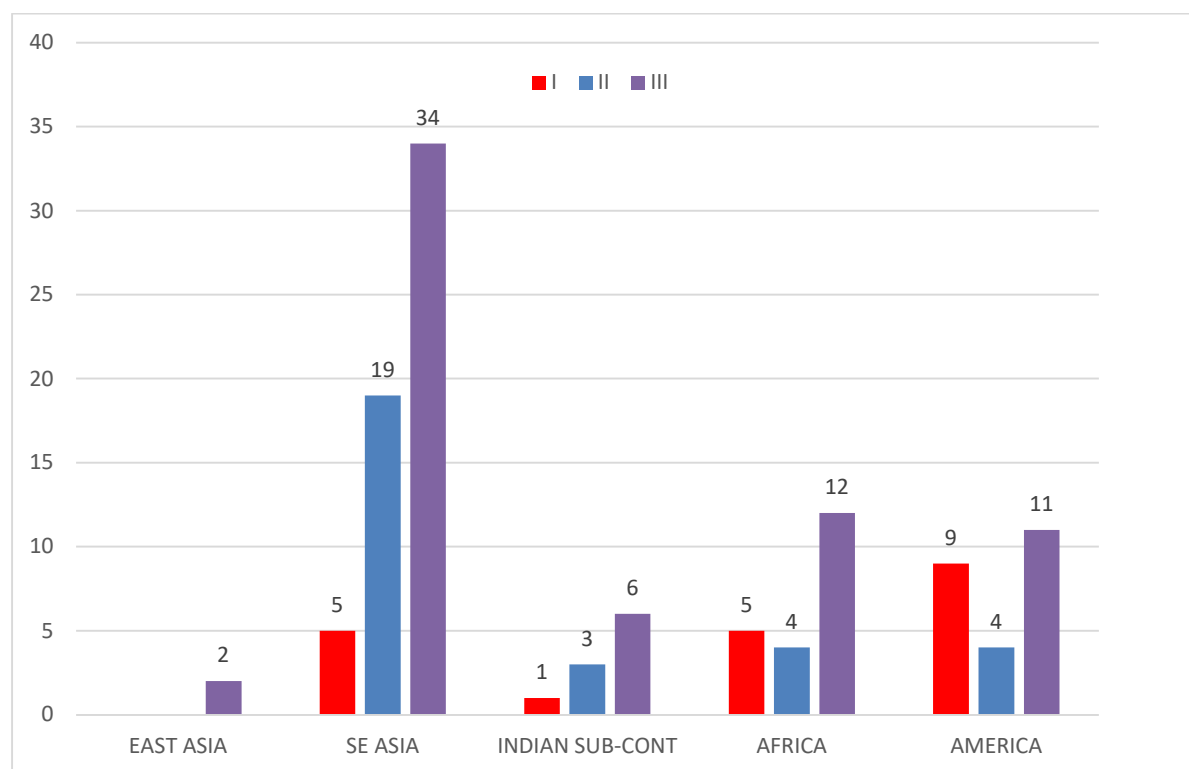


CHART G: Region specific severity of incident in relation January – December 2022
(Severity level I, II, III – see page 4 for clarification)**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – December 2022**

		Actual incidents		Attempted incidents	
Location		Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted	Fired upon
SE ASIA	Indonesia	10			
	Malaysia	3		1	
	Philippines	5		1	
	Singapore Straits	38			
EAST ASIA	Vietnam	2			
INDIAN	Bangladesh	7			
SUB-CONT	India	3			
AMERICAS	Brazil	4		1	
	Guyana	2			
	Haiti	1			
	Mexico	1			
	Peru	12			
	Venezuela	3			
AFRICA	Angola	5			
	Democratic Republic of Congo	1			
	Egypt			1	
	Equatorial Guinea	1			1
	Ghana	6		1	
	Ivory Coast	1	1		
	Liberia	1			
	Sierra Leone		1		

South Africa	1			
Sub total	107	2	5	1
Total	115			

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – December 2022

Country	Location	01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022
Angola	Luanda	4
Bangladesh	Chittagong	5
Brazil	Macapa	5
Ghana	Takoradi	6
Indonesia	Belawan	4
Indonesia	Jakarta	3
Peru	Callao	12
Philippines	Batangas	3

TABLE 4: Status of vessels during ACTUAL incidents, January – December 2022

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	1	7	2
Malaysia	1	1	1
Philippines	2	2	1
Singapore Straits			38
EAST ASIA Vietnam		1	1
INDIAN Bangladesh	1	6	
SUB-CONT India	1	2	
AMERICAS Brazil		4	
Guyana	1	1	
Haiti			1
Mexico		1	
Peru	1	11	
Venezuela	1	2	
AFRICA Angola		5	
Democratic Republic of Congo	1		
Equatorial Guinea			1
Ghana		5	1
Ivory Coast			2
Liberia	1		
Sierra Leone			1
South Africa	1		
Sub total	12	48	49
Total	109		

TABLE 5: Status of vessels during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – December 2022

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Malaysia		1	
Philippines	1		

AMERICAS	Brazil		1	
AFRICA	Egypt		1	
	Ghana		1	
	Equatorial Guinea			1
Sub total		1	4	1
Total			6	

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January – December 2018 – 2022

Types of Arms	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Guns	56	47	69	34	16
Knives	36	36	46	38	41
Not stated	104	74	76	56	57
Other weapons	5	5	4	4	1
Total	201	162	195	132	115

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January – December 2018 – 2022

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Attempted	34	17	20	11	5
Boarded	143	130	161	115	107
Fired upon	18	11	11	5	1
Hijack	6	4	3	1	2
Total	201	162	195	132	115

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2018 – 2022

Types of Violence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assaulted		3	5	3	6
Hostage	141	59	34	8	41
Injured	8	7	9	4	
Kidnap/Ransom	83	134	135	57	2
Killed		1		1	
Threatened	9	6	8	9	6
Total	241	210	191	82	55

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2022

Location	Kidnapped	Hostage	Threatened	Assaulted
SE ASIA				
Indonesia			1	
Singapore Straits		4	2	
INDIAN SUB CONT				
Bangladesh		1		
AMERICAS				
Brazil		1	1	6
Guyana			1	
Haiti		1		
Peru		5	1	
Equatorial Guinea	2			
AFRICA				
Ivory Coast		17		
Sierra Leone		12		

Sub total	2	41	6	6
Total	55			

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2022

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
SE ASIA Indonesia		5		5
Malaysia		1		3
Philippines	1	1		4
Singapore Straits	3	16		19
EAST ASIA Vietnam				2
INDIAN Bangladesh		4		3
SUB-CONT India		1		2
AMERICAS Brazil	3			2
Guyana		1		1
Haiti	1			
Mexico	1			
Peru	1	6		5
Venezuela		1		2
AFRICA Angola		3	1	1
Democratic Republic of Congo				1
Equatorial Guinea	2			
Egypt				1
Ghana	1	2		4
Ivory Coast	2			
Liberia				1
South Africa				1
Sierra Leone	1			
Sub total	16	41	1	57
Total	115			

TABLE 11: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2018 – 2022

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Accommodation Barge			1		
Bulk Carrier	59	46	51	47	50
Container	18	14	27	30	11
Crew Boat					3
Drilling Ship / Rig	1		1	1	1
General Cargo	6	7	13	4	3
Heavy Lift Vessel	1				
Heavy Load Carrier		1	1		1
Landing Craft	1	1		1	
Maintenance Pontoon		1			
Ore Carrier	1				
Passenger Craft		1		1	
Pipe Layer Ship / Barge			2		

Pleasure Craft		1			
Refrigerated Cargo Ship	6		4	1	1
Research Ship		1	1		
RO-RO	2				1
Supply Ship	5	2	8	6	1
Support Ship	2	1	3	2	
Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen	1		1		
Tanker Bunkering			1		
Tanker Chem / Product	50	45	53	22	19
Tanker Crude Oil	16	19	10	5	9
Tanker FPSO / FSO			1		
Tanker LNG	2	2	1	2	
Tanker LPG	6	6	3	2	2
Trawler / Fishing	12	4	6	3	
Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge	11	7	7	3	8
Vehicle Carrier	1	2		2	4
Yacht / Sailing Vessel		1			1
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	115

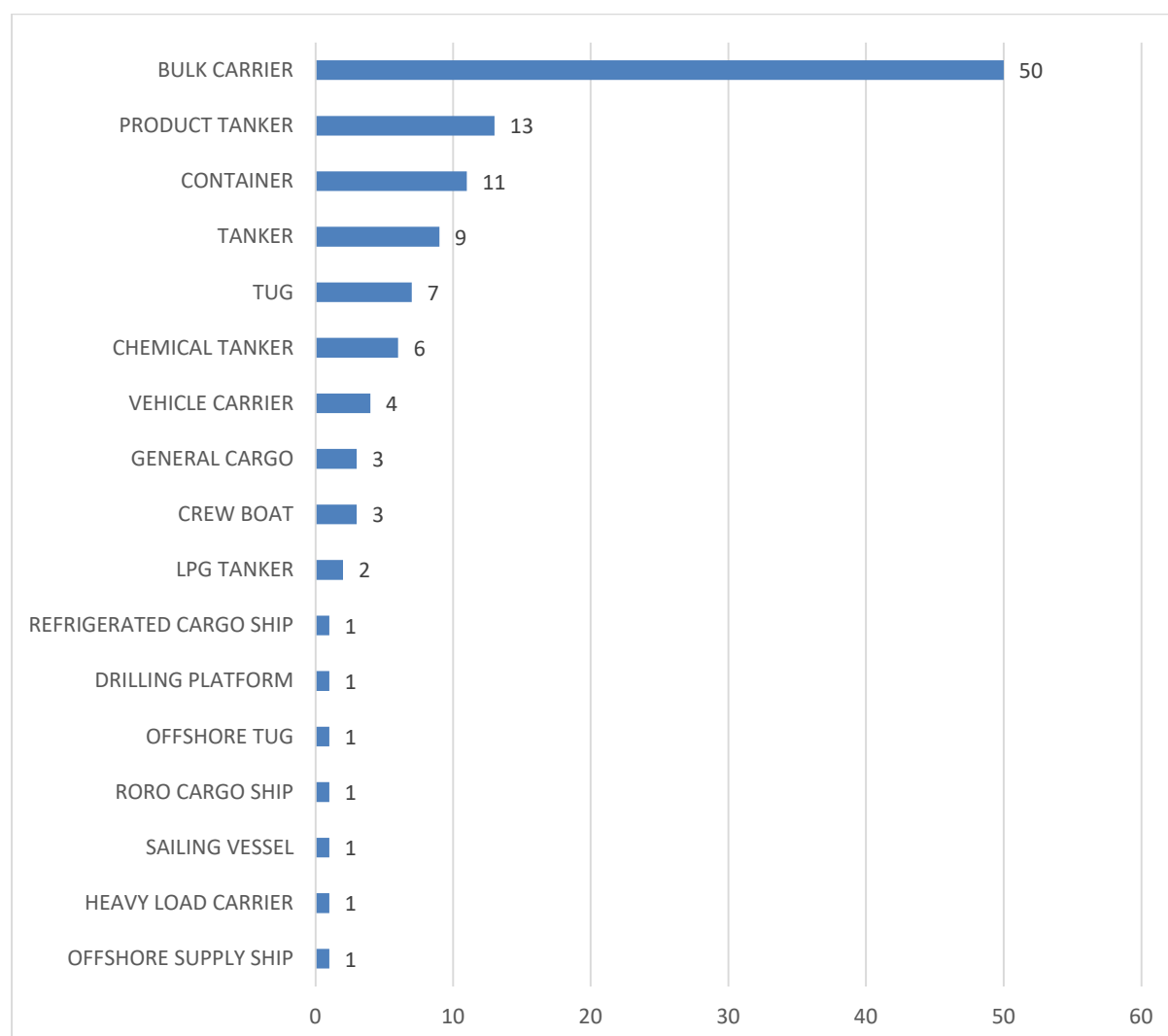
CHART H: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2022

TABLE 12: Nationalities of vessels affected, January – December 2018 – 2022

Flag State	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Antigua & Barbuda	2	2	1	1	1
Austria		1			
Bahamas	9	4	1	6	4
Bangladesh		1			
Barbados	2	1		1	1
Belize			1		
Bermuda	1	1	1	1	
Brazil				1	1
Cameroon	5	1	2		
Cayman Islands		1	2	1	2
Chile	1				
China	2	2	1	1	
Comoros			3		
Cook Islands	1				
Cyprus	3	1	5	6	2
Denmark		2	4	6	
Equatorial Guinea				1	
France		1		1	1
Gabon			1		
Germany		1	2	1	1
Ghana	2		3	2	
Gibraltar		1	2	2	
Greece		4	3	4	1
Hong Kong (SAR)	16	9	10	6	4
India	1		2		1
Indonesia	1	1	2		
Isle of Man	3	4	1	1	1
Italy	3		2		
Jamaica				1	
Japan	1				1
Korea South		1		1	
Liberia	19	19	32	18	11
Luxemburg	2			2	
Malaysia	7	3	1	2	2
Malta	7	10	9	5	7
Marshall Islands	39	28	33	17	20
Mongolia	1			1	
Netherlands	3	2	2		
Nigeria	1	6		1	
Niue		1	1		
Norway	1	3	1	2	1
Palau		1	1	1	
Panama	27	17	26	6	25
Philippines	2		1		
Portugal		1	3	3	2
Russia	1				
Saudi Arabia	1	4	3	1	
Senegal			1		
Singapore	29	22	28	24	20
Spain				1	
St Kitts & Nevis			1	2	

St Vincent & Grenadines	2		1		1
Switzerland	2	1		1	
Togo		1	1		1
Turkey		1		1	
United Kingdom	2	1			
USA					1
Vanuatu	1	1	1		1
Vietnam		1			1
Not Stated	1				1
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	115

CHART I: Nationalities of vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents, January – December 2022

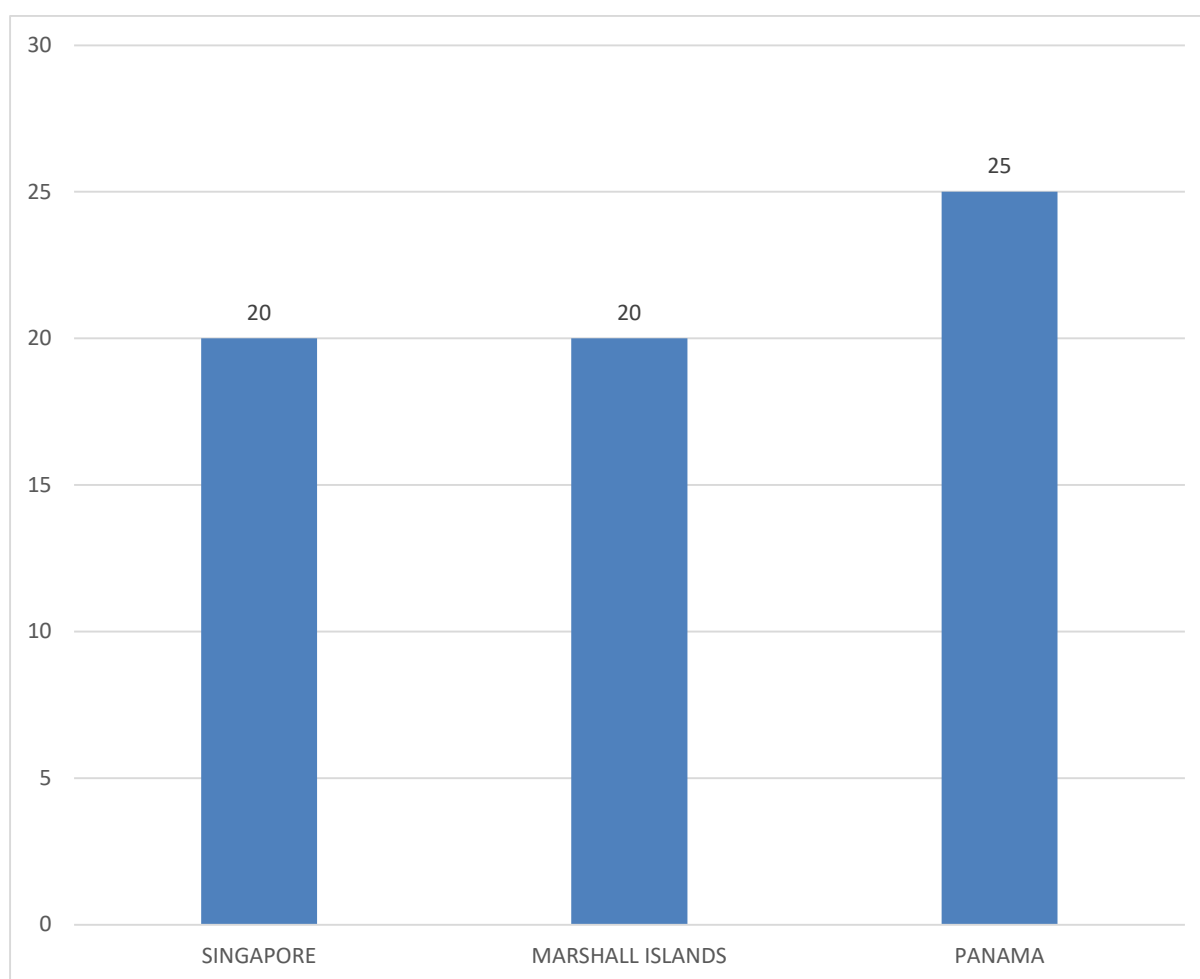
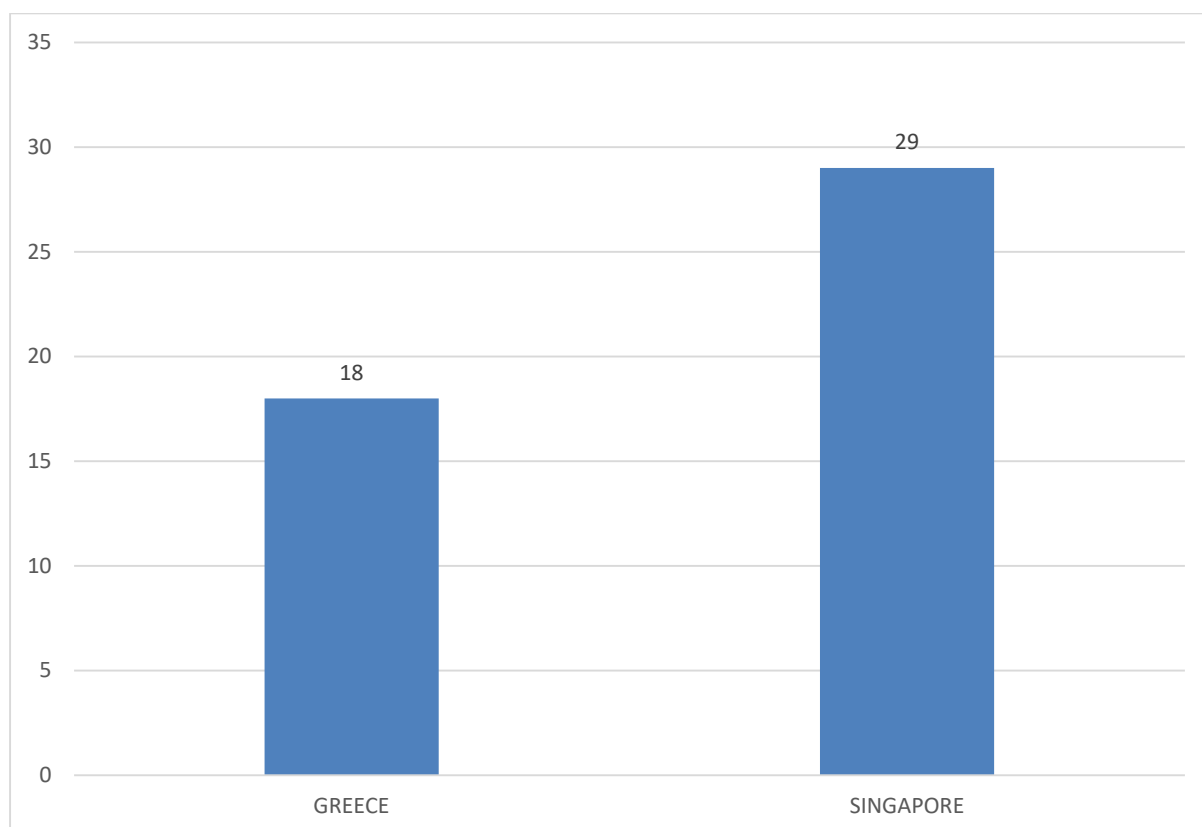


TABLE 13: Vessels affected – managed or controlled from January – December 2022

Country	No of Ships
Bahamas	2
Brazil	1
China	2
Croatia	2
Cyprus	1
Denmark	3

France	3
Gabon	1
Germany	7
Greece	18
Hong Kong	5
India	5
Japan	7
Korea South	3
Malaysia	2
Mexico	1
Monaco	1
Netherlands	1
Norway	1
Philippines	6
Singapore	29
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
UAE	4
United Kingdom	3
USA	1
Vietnam	3
Not Stated	1
Total	115

CHART J: Managing countries whose vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents, January – December 2022



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

From 1 January to 31 December 2022, no incident reported to the IMB PRC for Gulf of Aden.

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

All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the BMP 5 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistake fishermen for pirates in some heavy fishing areas.

As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region, it cautions vessel owners and masters against complacency. Somali pirates still retain the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

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

CONTINUED COOPERATION

The positive information sharing, actions and cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of reported incidents in the 10 safe designated areas.

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

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

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

In January 2021, the IMB was informed that the successful cooperation, resulting in a year on year drop in incidents in almost all areas, will continue until further notice.

The IMB thanks the IMP for their support and contribution to the shipping industry.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong and vital cooperation from the Philippine and Malaysian Intel that have provided crucial information relating to the safety of vessels and seafarers, particularly in the Sulu Sea/eastern Sabah waters. The successful cooperation has directly and indirectly saved many lives and properties at sea. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation, and thanks both intel agencies for their commitment.

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The IMB appreciates the assistance (past and present) and vital cooperation provided by the Coalition naval forces / EU naval force (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) / MSCHOA / US Navy / French Alindien / NATO / UKMT0 / Indian Navy / Iranian Navy / Malaysian Navy / Russian Navy / Chinese Navy / South Korean Navy / Japanese Maritime SDF/ Singapore Navy / Royal Thai Navy / and Yemeni Coast Guard and Navy, for assisting the many vessels that have been attacked by suspected Somali pirates, both in the Gulf of Aden, and off eastern / southern Somali coast, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and other areas. The positive actions by the navies including pre-emptive and disruptive counter piracy tactics, resulted in a drop in the number of attacks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African authorities / navies and international navies, especially the Danish, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese Navies in the Gulf of Guinea. A special thanks to the Nigerian authorities, particularly the Nigerian Navy and NIMASA, who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation from the West African authorities / navies and international navies in the area.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC thanks all the masters and vessel owners / operators who have reported incidents to the Centre in a timely manner. It encourages all incidents to be reported in a timely manner.

While the IMB PRC endeavours to always get a meaningful response from regional authorities, the reports also play a crucial role to increase awareness of this crime, which allows for additional resources to be allocated by authorities to tackle the crime of piracy and armed robbery. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization such as the IMB PRC can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

The IMB PRC wishes all seafarers safe and secure voyages and remains available to assist in any manner.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

All ships are advised to report all piracy and armed robbery incidents and suspicious sightings to local Authorities, their flag state and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted at:

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24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014

Mariners are advised to be cautious, take precautionary measures and follow all recommended guidelines, when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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

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

Meetings and continued dialogue between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian authorities, who have so far brought down the number of incidents significantly. With the assistance and actions of the IMP, the incidents appear to be decreasing each year with great success. Incidents in Indonesian waters have also dropped dramatically since the cooperation began.

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.

(After IMP-IMB started the cooperation, since 2014, no incident has been reported in the Adang Bay region. With this in view, in March 2021, IMP has decided to replace Adang Bay with Tanjung Butan at 01:11.30N – 104:12.30E as Singapore Straits and surrounding waters are now classified as risky waters).

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Berakit/Bintan: 01:23.30N-104:42.30E
5. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
6. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
8. Tanjung Butan: 01:11.30N-104:12.30E (effective 12 March 2021)
9. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E

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

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

Malacca Straits: Although the number of incidents have dropped substantially due to increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states' authorities since July 2005, vessels are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or when they will be reduced. In some cases, incidents may have gone unreported. Situation currently remains stable.

Malaysia: Bandar Penawar, Johor – past incidents reported on anchored vessels. Off Tanjung Piai – incidents reported on vessels underway. Though incidents have stopped, the IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and will liaise with the Malaysian Authorities / MMEA as needed.

In / off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in several tugs / barges / fishing vessels being attacked and crews kidnapped. There were two kidnapping incidents in 2018, two in 2019 and one in January 2020 off Tambisan, Sabah. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. It was reported that several ASG militants have been captured / killed by the authorities. Militant / kidnapping incidents on merchant ships have stopped due to patrols and actions by both Malaysian and Philippines Authorities. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation.

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

Philippines: Pirates / militants in the southern Philippines conduct attacks on vessels in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. They attacked tugs / barges / fishing vessels / yachts / merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom. These kidnappings by militants have stopped (for merchant ships) since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah, two in 2019 and one in 2020 where smaller tugs and fishing boats were targeted. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated with the ASG. The local authorities have beefed up patrols. It was reported that several ASG militants have been captured / killed by the authorities. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation. Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents locations / targets issued by the Philippines Intel / Malaysian Intel Agencies.

Manila/Batangas/Tabangas: Be vigilant. Several past and recent incidents / robberies have been reported.

Singapore Straits: A General Warning issued in December 2019 indicating a sudden rise in incidents in Singapore Straits especially during the night is still valid. The incidents are still occurring and increasing. It appears one or more groups are targeting passing ships including tugs / barges to rob them. Authorities have been notified and are aware of the situation. Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures. Pirates / robbers board ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night. Pirates / robbers will abort and move away when the alarm is sounded and authorities notified. Therefore, a strict watch is necessary.

South China Sea: Although incidents have stopped in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant, especially during the night. In the past, several hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend

started in April 2014, but the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia. There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia. The IMB continues to monitor the situation.

WEST AFRICA (Gulf of Guinea) – As a general rule:

- (i) Follow recommendations and guidelines presented in the BMP WA.
- (ii) All crews to keep a vigilant lookout using all available means. Ships to adjust ETA for direct berthing or wait / drift / transit more than 300 nm from coast, if appropriate and agreed by all in venture. Incidents reported up to 261 nm from coast.

Angola (Luanda): Incidents of robberies reported.

Benin (Cotonou): No recent incidents reported. Past incidents reported in / off Benin. Vessels attacked and crews kidnapped. Incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in the area are well armed and violent. Pirates robbed vessels and kidnapped crews for ransom. In the past, tankers were hijacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Cameroon (Douala): Incidents appear to have stopped. Past incidents involved kidnapping of crews. Be vigilant.

Equatorial Guinea: Recent incidents off Bioko Island and off Bata. One incident involved kidnapping and the other fired upon at 87nm off Bata.

Gabon (Port Gentil / Owendo anchorage): Incidents dropped. Past incidents / kidnapping of crews occurred more than 70nm offshore.

Ghana (Takoradi): Incidents reported at Takoradi anchorages and off Accra.

Guinea (Conakry): Incidents dropped. Past incidents involving robberies reported at anchorages.

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

Nigeria (Lagos / Apapa, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed ships / kidnapped crews along or far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Incidents have also been reported up to about 261 nm from the coast. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain highly risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant as many incidents may also have gone unreported. Kidnapping for ransom remains the biggest risk for crews. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters. In the past, tankers were also hijacked, and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

No recent reported incidents for Nigeria, but vessels are advised to be vigilant as waters remain risky.

Togo (Lome): Incidents appear to have stopped. Past attacks reported at anchorage / in / off Togo. Vessels robbed and crews kidnapped. In the past, tankers were also hijacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

The Congo: Incidents appear to have stopped. Past incidents at Pointe Noire / Off Point.

Sao Tome & Principe: No recent reported incidents. Past incidents showed vessels hijacked / attacked, and crews kidnapped. Vessels advised to continue to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Waters are still considered high risk for fishing and merchant vessels although incidents have dropped.

Sierra Leone: (off Turtle Islands). One hijacking incident reported.

EAST AFRICA / GOA / RED SEA

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: No recent reported piracy attacks. There were several suspicious reports. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the recommendations in the latest BMP, while transiting in these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

Although no reported incidents, the threat still exists in the waters off the southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past, vessels have also been targeted 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. Be vigilant.

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

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

Vessels transiting in / off Yemen / Gulf of Aden: Security risk due to civil war in Yemen. Vessels have been fired upon and approached. (not piracy related).

Vessels transiting Straits of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – a number of incidents reported involving explosions and unauthorised boarding. (not piracy related).

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Brazil (Macapa): Incidents increasing. Waters remain risky. Stay vigilant.

Colombia (Cartagena): Incidents have dropped. Past incidents reported at anchorages, river passage and pilot boarding ground. Stay vigilant.

Ecuador (Guayaquil): Incidents have stopped. Past incidents reported at anchorage / river passage with pilot. Robbers well-armed. Fired upon.

Haiti (Port Au Prince/Lafiteau): Incidents dropped. Advised to continue maintaining watch and to stay vigilant.

Mexico (Puerto Dos Bocas): Incidents dropped. Past reported incidents - pirates / robbers in this area armed with guns.

Peru (Callao): Incidents are continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and employ anti-piracy measures.

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Although incidents have stopped, vessels are still reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

EASTERN EUROPE/UKRAINE

Not piracy related: Ukraine and Russia conflict: stay clear of Ukrainian coast. Mines reported in the Black Sea.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has 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 any maritime crime including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities. All information reported 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

WhatsApp or Telegram at +601126593057. Photograph or video submission encouraged.

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

CHART K: SE Asia – Singapore Straits – number of reported incidents
January – December 2018 - 2022

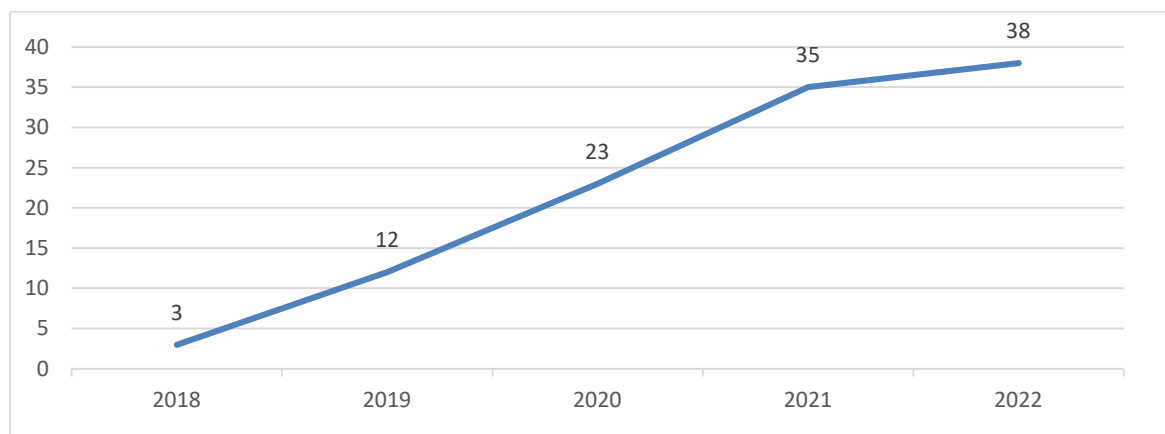


CHART L: Gulf of Guinea – number of reported incidents
January – December 2018 - 2022

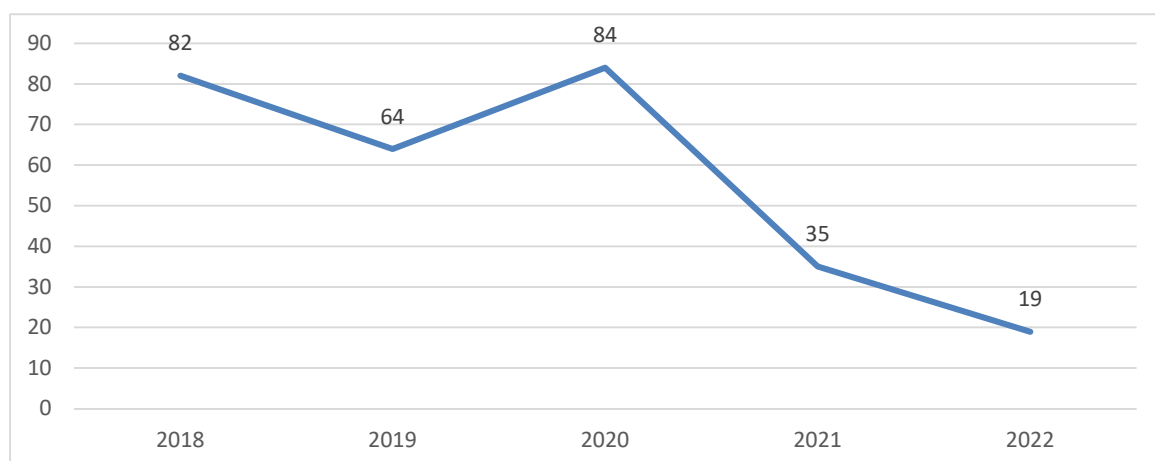
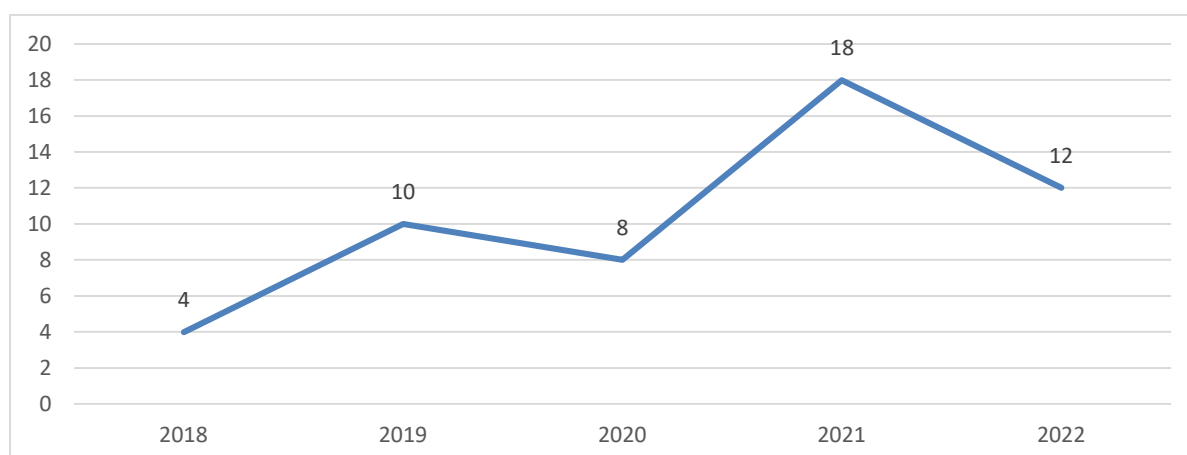


CHART M: Americas – Callao, Peru – number of reported incidents
January – December 2018 - 2022



TRENDS

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) received 115 reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in 2022 compared with 132 reports in 2021.

The 2022 figures are broken down as 107 vessels boarded, five attempted attacks, two vessels hijacked and one fired upon. Though the downward trend in reported incidents is welcomed, the risk to crew remains with 41 crew taken hostage, six each assaulted and threatened and two kidnapped.

The continued and much needed reduction is attributed to an overall decrease of piratical activity within the Gulf of Guinea region – down from 35 incidents in 2021 to 19 in 2022. In 2022, incidents in these waters were reported at up to 260nm from the coast. Though crew kidnappings have decreased from 57 in 2021 to two in 2022, during the duration of the hijackings 29 crew were kept hostage.

On 15 November a Ro-Ro vessel was commandeered by pirates, around 28nm SW of Turtle Islands, Sierra Leone. All crew were taken hostage and the pirates tried to navigate the vessel through shallow waters resulting in the vessel running aground. The crew managed to free themselves and took refuge in the citadel until the Sierra Leone authorities boarded the vessel. In mid-December, a Suezmax tanker was fired upon, 87nm NW of Bata, Equatorial Guinea. Both these incidents illustrate that efforts to sustain maritime security in the region must be maintained. Masters are also strongly encouraged to follow industry Best Management Practice recommendations in these waters.

Whilst crew kidnappings have reduced in the Gulf of Guinea, the theft of cargo appears once again to be an option for the criminals. In 2022 product tankers were boarded on two separate occasions, putting the crew at risk by damaging all navigation and communication equipment before stealing the cargo. Regional and international authorities are encouraged to continue the ongoing efforts to address all criminal acts and safeguard innocent seafarers and trade.

Incidents in the Singapore Straits continue to increase year on year with 38 in 2022 compared to 35 in 2021. Vessels were successfully boarded in all 38 incidents in 2022. The majority of vessels boarded were over 50,000 DWT with high freeboards, including six laden vessels over 150,000 DWT. Whilst reported predominately as low-level opportunistic thefts, four crew were taken hostage and a further two threatened during these incidents. Knives were reported from 16 incidents and guns in a further three. Majority of incidents were reported during the hours of darkness and whilst vessels were underway. Local authorities are commended for investigating nearly all reported incidents.

South American ports in Brazil, Guyana, Peru and Venezuela as well as those in Mexico and Haiti continue to be affected by the crime of armed robbery. A decrease, in this region, has been noticed in 2022 with 24 incidents reported compared to 36 in 2021. The reduction is partially attributed to the decrease in reported incidents in Callao, Peru which saw a 33% decrease compared to 2021. The majority of the vessels boarded were anchored and occurred during the hours of darkness. During these incidents, seven crew were taken hostage and six each assaulted and threatened, making this region quite at risk for crew.

Incidents reported in the Indonesian archipelago remain at relatively low levels thanks to the continued efforts of the Indonesian Marine Police.

While the direct threat of attacks from Somali based pirates appears to have decreased, the IMB PRC continues to encourage Masters to be vigilant, especially if transiting close to the Somali coast.

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

The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Safety Net Services and email

alerts to Company Security Officers, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

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

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 115 attacks for 01 January to 31 December 2022 are listed on pages 30 to 50. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Equatorial Guinea:

On 13 December 2022, a Saint Vincent and the Grenadines flagged Crew Boat, was approached and boarded by pirates while steaming at position Latitude 02:34.77 North and Longitude 009:11.05 East, around 48nm SE of Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea, at approximately 1007 UTC.

Around nine pirates in a fast boat approached, fired upon and boarded the crew boat underway. The pirates kidnapped two crew members, stole portable communication equipment and escaped. Remaining crew managed to navigate the boat to a safe port.

Ghana:

On 3 April 2022, a Marshall Islands flagged Bulk Carrier, Arch Gabriel, was approached and boarded by pirates while drifting at position Latitude 01:31.2 North and Longitude 001:30.7 East, around 261nm SE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 1848 UTC.

On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional authorities and international warships to request their assistance. An Italian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the warship.

Ivory Coast:

On 24 January 2022, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker, MT B. Ocean, was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:22.7 North and Longitude 004:10.5 West, around 59nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast at approximately 2315 UTC. Around 9 to 11 pirates armed with guns attacked, boarded, and hijacked the drifting tanker.

All crew including two security personnel were taken hostage and detained initially on the bridge and then moved to the crew mess room. All communication and navigation equipment were switched off and the bosun was instructed to paint over the tanker's name written on top of the bridge. The pirates were heard communicating with another vessel. They then navigated the tanker using their own GPS equipment to rendezvous with the offtake vessel. While enroute the bosun was told to prepare the manifold. Once the tanker was alongside the offtake vessel, the chief officer and bosun were told to commence discharge operations.

After around six hours, the cargo operations were stopped. The pirates disembarked and stole part of the tanker's cargo as well as ship and crew cash, crew personal belongings and the ship's properties before escaping. All 17 crew and two security personnel were reported safe.

On 23 November 2022, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker, MT B. Ocean, was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:18.8 North and Longitude 004:39.0 West, around 236nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast at approximately 2300 UTC.

Owners informed the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre that they had lost communication with their tanker. The IMB PRC broadcast a missing vessel message to all ships in the region to lookout for the missing tanker. On 25 November 2022, the Master managed to contact the Owners and reported that eight armed pirates had boarded the tanker and destroyed all navigational and communication systems onboard. The pirates stole the tanker's cargo and prior to escaping, stole the ship's and crew monies and properties. An Italian Navy warship later intercepted and rendered assistance to the tanker. All crew reported safe.

Sierra Leone:

On 15 November 2022, a Togo flagged Ro-Ro Cargo Ship, MV Armenistis, was approached and hijacked by pirates while steaming at position Latitude 07:12 North and Longitude 013:17 West, around 28nm SW of Turtle Islands, Sierra Leone at approximately 1930 UTC.

Around seven pirates armed with guns and knives attacked and boarded the ship underway. They hijacked the ship, took all crew as hostage and stole crew cash, personal belongings and ship's properties. As the pirates were unable to navigate the ship correctly, the ship ran aground. The crew managed to free themselves, disarmed the pirates and retreated into the citadel. The pirates escaped after unsuccessful attempts to break into the citadel. The Sierra Leone authorities were notified and later boarded the ship for investigation.

1 January – 31 December 2022**ACTUAL ATTACKS****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2022 1842 UTC Steaming Boarded	Blue Sea Tanker Liberia 55863 9413028	01:16.55N – 104:16.54E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew spotted four robbers armed with a long knife on the poop deck. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS notified.
2.	07.01.2022 2140 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bow Santos Chemical Tanker Norway 12005 9303651	01:14.18N – 104:13.95E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. They took hostage the duty motorman, locked him in the fuel injector room, and went into the workshop. The motorman managed to free himself and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. No injuries to crew and nothing reported stolen. The tanker resumed her voyage.
3.	29.01.2022 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hai Duong 29 Offshore Tug Vietnam 3487 9591911	01:10.4N – 103:28.7E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTS informed. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
4.	01.02.2022 2035 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19789 -	03:54.46N – 098:47.17E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. They chased the duty AB on routine rounds, who managed to escape. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Local authorities informed.
5.	01.02.2022 2140 UTC Berthed Boarded	PS Stars Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29562 9930519	05:47.22N – 118:01.52E, MOT Terminal, Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed an unidentified person near the forecandle store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the person escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that the forecandle store was broken into, and ship's stores stolen. Local authorities informed.

6.	07.02.2022 1714 UTC Anchored Boarded	Avalon Product Tanker Germany 16683 9327097	01:15.6S – 116:47.1E, Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	During anchor watch on the bridge of the tanker, duty lookout saw a rope being thrown over the forecastle. Two robbers were noticed climbing onboard and forcing their way into the bosun store. General alarm activated and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat with two other accomplices. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Ship's stores were reported stolen.
7.	07.02.2022 1726 UTC Steaming Boarded	FPMC C Jade Tanker Liberia 159869 9407316	01:14.4N – 104:04.0E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the tanker underway. They entered the engine room and attempted to steal engine spares. Duty engineer noticed the robbers, informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
8.	11.02.2022 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Theodor Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Portugal 40097 9291406	01:17.0N – 104:18.4E, Singapore Straits	Robbers boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Duty crew on rounds noticed footprints on the deck and immediately raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. Crew mustered and a search was conducted. It was reported that engine spares were stolen. Authorities informed.
9.	16.02.2022 1400 UTC Steaming Boarded	Navios Bonheur Bulk Carrier Panama 92715 9481348	01:14.30N – 104:01.86E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
10.	16.02.2022 1805 UTC Steaming Boarded	Golden Leaf Bulk Carrier Panama 17150 9258325	01:14.9N – 104:03.5E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship underway using a hook attached with a rope. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.
11.	18.02.2022 1252 UTC Steaming Boarded	Delta Eurydice Tanker Liberia 81293 9700706	01:14.9N – 104:01.5E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their wooden boat. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
12.	24.02.2022 1840 UTC Steaming Boarded	BW Cheetah Product Tanker Singapore 29737 9635834	01:15.24N – 104:08.78E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Duty oiler and engineer noticed the robbers in the engine room and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered, resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out and ship's stores reported stolen. VTIS notified.
13.	25.02.2022 1838 UTC	Royal Jade Bulk Carrier	01:03.83N – 103:41.11E,	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They broke

	Steaming Boarded	Panama 35832 9801304	Singapore Straits	the steering gear room padlock and entered the engine room, threatened the duty engineer with a knife and took him hostage. They then stole ship's properties from the engine room workshop and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. VTIS informed. After anchoring the Singapore coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
14.	27.02.2022 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	African Merlin Bulk Carrier Bahamas 21521 9701267	01:02.82N – 103:38.11E, Singapore Straits	Duty engineer onboard the ship underway was alerted by the trainee engineer of the presence of robbers in the workshop. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm and made an announcement on the PA resulting in all crew mustering. On hearing the alarm, the robbers tried to escape but were confronted by the oiler and 4th Engineer. The robbers waved their knives at them and escaped. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's spares were stolen. VTS informed.
15.	01.03.2022 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Flecha Bulk Carrier Malta 87794 9284570	01:14.58N – 104:04.10E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
16.	01.03.2022 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Penta Bulk Carrier Panama 40043 9460605	01:14.39N – 104:03.45E, Singapore Straits	Four persons boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. 3/E noticed the persons and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered, VTIS informed and a search was carried out. VTIS instructed the ship to alter course to the anchorage area. Upon anchoring, the coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Nothing reported stolen.
17.	01.03.2022 2125 UTC Steaming Boarded	Daisy 2 Tanker Panama 41589 9255933	01:14.20N – 104:00.17E, Singapore Straits	A tanker underway received a VHF call from VTIS stating that small crafts were following her. The duty watchkeepers directed searchlights and the aldis lamp towards the crafts. At the same time, the junior engineer on routine rounds in the engine room noticed six robbers armed with a gun. Upon seeing the engineer, the robbers escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A patrol boat assisted the tanker. A search was carried out, nothing reported stolen. Footprints were noticed on the poop deck area. The tanker continued her passage.

18.	03.03.2022 1630 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maha Jacqueline Bulk Carrier India 38667 9185073	01:15.5N – 104:04.6E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. A Singaporean Navy vessel came to assist and followed the ship until the search by the ship's crew was completed.
19.	23.03.2022 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Lampard Bulk Carrier Singapore 36449 9723980	03:55N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the forecandle and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. The incident was reported to port authorities.
20.	02.04.2022 1630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Procyon Leader Vehicle Carrier Japan 53645 9207754	13:45.4N – 121:01.6E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Five robbers boarded the anchored ship via the secured hawse pipe through a small gap between the cover and the anchor chain. Duty crew noticed the robbers and retreated to the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to VTS, and the coast guard boarded the ship for inspections.
21.	10.04.2022 2056 UTC Anchored Boarded	Siloso Bulk Carrier Singapore 17951 9293870	06:00.39S – 106:54.15E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship. Duty oiler noticed the robbers and informed bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Jakarta Port Control and port police boarded the ship to investigate.
22.	15.04.2022 2042 UTC Steaming Boarded	Megali Product Tanker Malta 40865 9334557	01:14.30N – 103:58.87E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed an unauthorised person attempting to break into the accommodation via the poop-deck entrance and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robber escaping empty handed. Incident reported to Singapore VTS.
23.	17.04.2022 1905 UTC Berthed Boarded	Kota Hapas Container Singapore 13491 9238624	06:05.50N – 125:09.30E, Port of General Santos, Philippines	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed one unauthorised person near the gangway and alerted the OOW. Seeing the alerted crew, the person escaped without stealing anything.
24.	27.04.2022 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sextans Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30068 9358321	Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Around three to four robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored tanker. They broke into the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and

				raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen stores. VTS Batangas informed. The coast guard boarded the tanker for inspection.
25.	17.05.2022 1615 UTC Anchored Boarded	CNC Lion Container Malta 31370 9784661	06:00.55S – 106:54.81E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Officer on watch onboard the anchored ship noticed a small unlit boat near the stern. At the same time the steering gear room door alarm was activated. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out and nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to Jakarta VTS and port control.
26.	20.05.2022 1950 UTC Steaming Boarded	Selena Bulk Carrier Barbados 35752 9853515	00:58.3N – 105:07.0E, Around 15nm East of Mapur Island, Indonesia	Four persons armed with machetes boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, and non-essential crew locked themselves in their cabins. Authorities informed. The persons attempted to gain access into the Master's cabin but failed. Later, the crew gathered and made a search throughout the ship. No persons were found onboard, and nothing reported stolen. The ship continued her passage.
27.	27.05.2022 1440 UTC Steaming Boarded	Yong Xing Shun Hang Product Tanker Panama 39307 9266750	01:07.16N – 103:31.39E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.
28.	27.05.2022 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Magnum Energy Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9488982	01:08.5N – 103:28.5E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the C/E. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's property. VTIS informed. A navy patrol boat escorted the ship to the anchorage area.
29.	19.06.2022 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Dream Star Bulk Carrier Panama 43226 9582996	01:16.6N – 104:15.2E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed two unauthorized persons in the steering gear room. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTS informed. The persons escaped upon seeing the crew alertness. A naval patrol boat came to assist. Nothing reported stolen.
30.	22.06.2022 2020 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tomini Unity Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36415 9718167	01:19.23N – 104:22.52E, Singapore Straits	Duty oiler onboard the ship underway noticed a robber in the engine room pointing a gun at him. He immediately escaped to the ECR and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, VTIS informed, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Under the CSO's advise, the

				ship diverted into Singapore where a patrol boat assisted to search the ship to ensure no armed persons were on board.
31.	28.06.2022 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Maersk Bering Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9299422	03:47.28N – 098:41.84E, Belawan Port, Indonesia	During loading operations, duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed two unauthorised persons fleeing from the tanker from the seaside by boat. OOW notified and a search was carried out. Ship's properties were reported missing. The incident was reported to the local agent.
32.	03.07.2022 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nemrut Bay Bulk Carrier Panama 21627 9860788	01:20.1N – 104:18.1E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with guns boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty oiler by pointing a gun to his head and tied him up. Two robbers then kept watch on the oiler while the others stole engine spares. After the robbers escaped, the oiler managed to free himself and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. VTIS informed and a coast guard patrol boat followed and monitored the ship.
33.	08.07.2022 1524 UTC Steaming Boarded	Everest Tanker Panama 53074 9180126	01:16.7N – 104:17.9E, Singapore Straits	Armed robbers boarded the tanker underway, entered the engine room and took the 4/E hostage. During routine rounds, duty oiler noticed two robbers and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
34.	12.07.2022 1400-1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Desiree Sailing Vessel - - -	11:50.17N – 122:41.11E, Around 14nm NNW of Roxas City, Philippines	Armed robbers boarded the sailing vessel underway, stole crew personal belongings and escaped. Vessel and crew reported safe.
35.	17.07.2022 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	African Lark Bulk Carrier Bahamas 21532 9682760	06:02.2S – 106:54.2E, Jakarta C Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with a long knife boarded the ship approaching the anchorage area. Duty watchkeeper on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately informed the bridge. General alarm sounded resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to the port and the police boarded the ship to investigate. Ship and crew safe.
36.	22.07.2022 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bulk Sao Paulo Bulk Carrier Liberia 107879 9849760	01:08.9N – 103:28.7E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway, stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. VTIS informed. The Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.

37.	29.07.2022 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cape Valencia Bulk Carrier Panama 92758 9578684	01:17N – 104:17E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They warned the engine crew not to react by showing knives. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Port control informed. Crew safe.
38.	29.07.2022 1840 UTC Steaming Boarded	Iwami General Cargo Panama 14162 9414981	01:09.6N – 103:27.2E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship, entered the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship and crew reported safe.
39.	29.07.2022 1948 UTC Steaming Boarded	Equinox Agnandoussa Bulk Carrier Cayman Islands 33232 9503988	01:18.7N – 104:21.1E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They warned the engine crew not to react by showing knives. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. VTIS informed. On anchoring, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
40.	31.07.2022 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Target 10 Tug Malaysia 162 9826926 Alam 281 Barge Malaysia 2620 -	01:14.8N – 103:26.5E, Singapore Straits	While underway the barge under tow was boarded by unknown number of robbers who escaped with stolen cargo. Master reported the incident to the Singapore and Malaysia VTS. Authorities boarded the vessel for investigation. All crew reported safe.
41.	03.08.2022 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Modalwan No. 11 Tug Malaysia 91 - Lion Kimtrans 2301 Barge Malaysia 1787 -	01:13.96N – 103:30.53E, Singapore Straits	While underway, the barge under tow was boarded by unauthorized persons. Master informed VTIS and a coastguard patrol boat was sent to investigate. All crew reported safe.
42.	11.08.2022 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Panama 8295 -	05:49.39N – 118:08.22E, Sandakan Anchorage, Sabah, Malaysia	Four robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded the anchored tanker. Duty officer noticed some movements near the bosun store and immediately raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle, and made PA announcement. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers

				escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the local agent.
43.	17.08.2022 2145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Aquarius Bulk Carrier Panama 44618 9941398	03:56.0N – 098:47.4E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forecastle store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Belawan VTS.
44.	26.08.2022 0330 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 2882 Barge Singapore 4430 -	01:17.30N – 104:20.30E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew onboard the tug noticed several unauthorised persons boarding the barge under tow. VTIS informed and searchlights directed towards the barge and persons. A coast guard patrol boat responded. Seeing the patrol boat, the persons escaped. The patrol boat escorted the tug and barge and inspected the barge to ensure no unauthorised persons remained onboard.
45.	30.08.2022 2330 UTC Berthed Boarded	Canopus Leader Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367607	13:45.4N – 121:02.3E, Batangas Port, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds.
46.	02.09.2022 1613 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nord Adriatic Bulk Carrier Singapore 34830 9767584	01:16.66N – 104:17.66E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers wearing face masks armed with long knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
47.	17.09.2022 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 2882 Barge Singapore 4430 -	01:19.48N – 104:18.31E, Singapore Straits	Around 10 unauthorized persons in wooden sampans came alongside and boarded the laden barge under tow. The crew noticed the persons stealing the barge cargo and raised the alarm. VTIS informed, and a patrol boat was sent to investigate. Seeing the patrol boat, the persons escaped with the stolen cargo.
48.	14.10.2022 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Saga Fortune General Cargo Hong Kong 37441 9644524	05:25.50S – 105:18.72E, Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agent.
49.	16.10.2022 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Heilan Bright Bulk Carrier Panama 32953 9587958	01:09.3N – 103:27.4E, Singapore Straits	Three unauthorised persons boarded the ship underway. Duty crew sighted the persons in the steering gear room and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTS.

50.	16.10.2022 1705 UTC Steaming Boarded	Minoan Grace Bulk Carrier Malta 33044 9605839	01:09.20N – 103:27.24E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. The robbers were spotted by the duty watchman who immediately informed the bridge. General alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. Singapore VTS notified of incident and the Marine Police boarded the ship for investigation.
51.	23.10.2022 1600 UTC Steaming Boarded	Genco Endeavour Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 94385 9698965	01:10N – 103:26E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer noticed the robbers and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Singapore VTS. Marine Police boarded the ship for investigation.
52.	08.11.2022 1940 UTC Steaming Boarded	TC Pacific Tug Panama 3511 9559042 Holmen Pacific Barge 25138 Marshall Islands -	01:08.99N – 103:28.37E, Singapore Straits	Duty officer onboard the tug towing a barge noticed unauthorised persons boarding the barge. VTIS informed and searchlights directed towards the barge and persons. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped with stolen barge cargo. All crew reported safe.
53.	21.11.2022 0740 UTC Steaming Boarded	Wayne Tug Vanuatu 2147 9537446 Rig T20 Barge - - -	01:21.26N – 103:17.61E, Around 7nm WNW of Pulau Kukup, Johor, Malaysia	Four persons in two small boats boarded the barge under tow. Master reported the incident to VTS Port Klang and Malaysian Coast Guard. All crew reported safe. The tug and barge continued their journey.
54.	23.11.2022 1705 UTC Steaming Boarded	KT Birdie Bulk Carrier Singapore 40341 9597343	01:03.52N – 103:36.65E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed three unauthorised persons on the starboard quarterdeck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the persons escaped with stolen ship's spares. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
55.	25.11.2022 1525 UTC Steaming Boarded	Captain Antonis Bulk Carrier Cyprus 43022 9583201	01:02.86N – 103:37.92E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty engineer spotted the robbers near the engine storeroom and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered, VTS informed, and a search was carried out. The coast guard

				boarded the ship to investigate. All crew safe and nothing reported stolen.
56.	01.12.2022 1227 UTC Steaming Boarded	Eastern Mercy Bulk Carrier Panama 31901 9543677	01:03.16N – 103:38.23E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. The robbers were spotted by the duty watchman who immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate.

EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	21.11.2022 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Songa Challenge Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11761 9409510	10:11.4N – 107:01.9E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat near the bow and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. The paint locker was found broken into and ship's stores stolen.
2.	06.12.2022 0830 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 7887 Barge Singapore 4448 -	10:22.58N – 107:02.40E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty officer onboard the tug towing a barge was notified by a nearby Vietnam Border Guard patrol boat that two persons had boarded the barge. The Master of the tug confirmed that the persons were not part of the tug's crew resulting in the patrol boat approaching the barge and arresting the individuals.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2022 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mid Eagle Chemical Tanker Cayman Islands 11729 9330795	22:46.75N – 070:03.69E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed three unauthorized persons onboard and notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered resulting in the persons escaping in their boat. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Port control was informed, and coast guard officials boarded the tanker for inspection.
2.	24.01.2022 2316 UTC	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier	22:01.87N – 088:05.09E,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship and escaped with ship's engine

	Berthed Boarded	Marshall Islands 44276 -	Haldia Port, India	spares. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to the local authorities through the local agent.
3.	15.03.2022 1655 UTC Berthed Boarded	Wawasan Topaz Chemical Tanker Panama 11749 9565601	22:14.3N – 091:49.6E, CUFL Jetty, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Six robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. Duty crew noticed the robbers near the forecastle store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Port control and coast guard informed, and inspections carried out. Additional watchmen were arranged by the local agent. Later, the coast guard recovered the stolen items and returned it to the tanker.
4.	09.04.2022 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Taizhou Pioneer Bulk Carrier Malta 20954 9619892	22:13.5N – 091:44.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship during cargo operations. They stole the rescue boat's engine and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on rounds. A search was carried out. Authorities informed.
5.	15.04.2022 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	B-LPG Sophia LPG Tanker Panama 5473 9175846	22:11.23N – 091:47.10E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers armed with knives, in a motorboat, boarded the anchored tanker and broke into the paint store. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers lowering the stores into their boat and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The incident was reported to port control and the coast guard who responded, apprehended the robbers, and recovered the stolen items.
6.	25.04.2022 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 29991 -	22:13.6N – 091:43.8E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty officer onboard the anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and proceeded towards the forecastle. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to port control and the Bangladesh coast guard, who later boarded the tanker for investigation. Two days later, the stolen items were recovered by the coast guard and returned to the tanker.
7.	27.06.2022 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kota Rancak Container Singapore 9678 9296298	22:08.3N – 091:43.3E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship during heavy rain. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forward store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to port control via vhf channel.

8.	11.07.2022 1505 UTC Anchored Boarded	Blue Marlin Heavy Load Carrier Malta 51821 9186338	21:56.06N – 089:31.70E, Pussur River, Mongla, Bangladesh	Robbers armed with knives and sticks boarded the anchored ship three times within a 24-hour period. On each occasion the alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Incident reported to the coast guard.
9.	31.10.2022 1630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Oriental Hibiscus Chemical Tanker Panama 9866 9908334	22:47.6N – 070:04.1E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Around six robbers armed with knives and rods boarded an anchored tanker. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and immediately informed the bridge. General alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to the Kandla Port Authority.
10.	21.11.2022 1809 UTC Anchored Boarded	AS Elenia Bulk Carrier Liberia 23443 9485899	21:27.5N – 089:35.9E, Mongla Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	About 18 robbers in two long wooden boats armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship using ropes. They took hostage the deck watchman on routine rounds, threatened him with a knife on his throat and tied him up. Alarm raised, pilot station and coast guard notified by VHF and all non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. The robbers broke into the paint locker, the bosun and forecastle stores and started stealing ship's properties and stores. Three of the robbers approached the accommodation and using the deck watchman's UHF radio contacted the Master and asked for a ransom. The Master offered a reduced amount which was rejected. The robbers told the Master that they would leave once they had taken the ship's stores and properties. Later, the deck watch man was released and was found to have sustained minor injuries because of the knife being pressed on his neck and the hands being tied.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2022 0630 UTC Berthed Boarded	Crystal Confidence Bulk Carrier Portugal 21545 9728382	Berth No.5, Port Pertigalete, Venezuela	Duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. C/O and onboard security guard searched the area and reported that padlocks to the

				watertight doors were broken, and the rescue boat motor engine was missing.
2.	10.01.2022 0915 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 41718 -	00:01.9N – 050:59.7W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the anchored ship noticed three robbers armed with guns and knives and immediately informed the D/O. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers pointed their guns at the mustered crew as they lowered ship's stores into a waiting boat. Incident reported to local agent.
3.	23.01.2022 0040 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vega Rose Bulk Carrier Panama 30847 9336866	12:00.8S – 077:12.8W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three unidentified persons boarded the anchored ship. General alarm was raised, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the unauthorised persons escaped. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the port authority boarded the ship for investigation.
4.	23.01.2022 0420 UTC Anchored Boarded	KT Birdie Bulk Carrier Singapore 40341 9597343	00:02.1N – 050:59.5W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Four robbers armed with knives and guns boarded the anchored ship. They took the duty OS as hostage, threatened him, tied his hands, and covered his face with burlap. The robbers stole ship's stores and released the OS before escaping. Incident reported to the OOW who raised the alarm. Incident reported to pilot station and port control.
5.	25.01.2022 0610 UTC Anchored Boarded	Berge Galdhopiggen Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 25569 9753284	10:16.3N – 064:34.7W, Guanta Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded the anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties and stores. Incident reported to the Harbour Master and Coast Guard via local agent.
6.	28.01.2022 0710 UTC Anchored Boarded	STH Oslo Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34547 9738349	12:01.05S – 077:11.38W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the anchored ship. They took the duty AB as hostage, hit him on the head and tied his hands and legs. When the duty AB did not answer the radio calls from the bridge, the OOW instructed the second duty crew to check. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's properties and stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
7.	04.02.2022 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Elm Bulk Carrier Malta 32376 9558244	12:01.5S – 007:13.2W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up. Duty officer noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Ship's stores reported stolen.

8.	17.02.2022 2240 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tampa Trader Container Singapore 9932 9675834	18:40.0N – 072:23.5W, Port Lafiteau, Haiti	Three robbers armed with guns and machetes boarded the drifting ship. They threatened and took the bosun hostage and stole his personal belongings. Alarm raised, crew mustered and engine started. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. VTS and Pilot Station called. No response received.
9.	10.03.2022 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Daido Ambition Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23226 9908358	12:00.0S – 077:12.7W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Around seven robbers armed with long knives in a small boat approached and boarded the anchored ship during dense fog. They took hostage the duty AB and stole ship's stores. The bridge duty officer tried to contact the AB. When no response was received, he instructed the duty bosun and OS to investigate. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers released the duty AB and escaped in their boat. The incident was reported to the port authorities, local agent, and CSO.
10.	13.03.2022 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aries Leader Vehicle Carrier Panama 69931 9676864	12:01.0S – 077:12.0W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities.
11.	14.03.2022 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Algol Container Liberia 16162 9339612	12:01.61S – 077:11.83W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. They too hostage the duty crew, threatened him with a knife and tied his hands. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties and stores. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the port authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
12.	26.04.2022 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Azzura Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 29407 9294197	00:03.85S – 051:06.50W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship. During routine rounds, duty crew noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
13.	19.05.2022 0430 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Candy Bulk Carrier Bahamas 24065 9542544	07:02.6N – 057:58.5W, Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	The anchored ship was boarded by five robbers armed with knives. During routine rounds, duty crew noticed the robbers. General alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. The duty crew was threatened with knives but managed to escape. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Georgetown VTS.
14.	23.06.2022 0745 UTC	Everbright Tanker	12:01.1S – 077:13.3W,	Around three robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored tanker.

	Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 84154 9408217	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Alarm raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. Incident reported to TRAMAR and port authorities.
15.	05.07.2022 0650 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jindal Pioneer Drilling Platform Singapore 8390 9686778	18:24.00N – 093:47.68W, Around 34nm West of Dos Bocas Port, Mexico	Four robbers armed with guns boarded the drilling platform. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Mexican Navy. A patrol vessel was dispatched to search the waters around the platform.
16.	09.08.2022 0400 UTC Berthed Boarded	Industrial Emma General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6155 9474371	06:48.2N – 058:10.2W, GNIC Terminal, Port Georgetown, Guyana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty bosun after the ship shifted to another terminal. The incident was reported to the port authorities through the local agent.
17.	30.08.2022 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Laax Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43013 9512355	00:03.1N – 050:59.7W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Twenty persons wearing black face masks, armed with a gun and long knives boarded the anchored ship. Six local security guards and duty crew were beaten by the robbers who then tied their hands and feet. Master raised the alarm and called port control via the VHF channel. Hearing the VHF calls, the robbers aborted their attempt to enter the accommodation and escaped with stolen ship's stores.
18.	29.09.2022 0515 UTC Berthed Boarded	Southern Owl Chemical Tanker Singapore 14965 9773143	12:02.8S – 077:08.1W APM Terminal, Callao Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. The incident was reported to port control and local authorities.
19.	14.10.2022 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jose Do Patrocinio Tanker Brazil 81429 9453860	11:58.63S – 077:12.15W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker heard noises from the forward store and raised the alarm resulting in the unauthorised persons escaping with ship's stores. Incident reported to TRAMAR port control and harbor master. Port police boarded the tanker to investigate the theft.
20.	07.11.2022 1000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tahoe Spirit Tanker Bahamas 83545 9427641	12:00.72S – 077:13.83W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed the hawse pipe cover open, the forepeak store broken into and ship's stores missing. Incident reported to Callao VTS.
21.	24.11.2022 1450 UTC Anchored Boarded	Clipper Dee Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19998 9455923	10:16N – 064:34W, Guanta Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the lashing straps of the forward life raft cut and the life raft missing. Alarm raised, a search was carried out and the incident was reported to port authorities via the local agents.
22.	19.12.2022 0600 UTC	Viking Drive Vehicle Carrier	12:01.15S – 077:12.32W,	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship through the hawse

	Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 33831 9188817	Callao Anchorage, Peru	pipe. They threatened the duty crew on rounds, stole his mobile phone and VHF radio and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to port control.
23.	20.12.2022 0745 UTC Anchored Boarded	Challenge Procyon Product Tanker Singapore 28735 9527403	12:00S – 077:12W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker via the anchor chain. They threatened the duty crew on rounds with a knife on the throat and tied him up. The robbers forced their way into the forecandle store, stole ship's properties and stores and escaped. The duty crew managed to free himself and alerted the bridge. General alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to Callao VTS.

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1.	09.01.2022 0500 UTC Berthed Boarded	Largo Evolution Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29429 9687942	06:21.1N – 010:47.8W, BMC Pier, Monrovia, Liberia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's properties, and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty officer on routine rounds. Incident reported to the Port Authorities and local agent.
2.	23.01.2022 0025 UTC Anchored Boarded	Surfer 3602 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566332	08:47S –013:14E, Luanda anchorage, Angola	Two robbers boarded the anchored crew boat, stole ship's equipment, and escaped with their accomplices in a canoe. Port authorities notified.
3.	24.01.2022 2315 UTC Steaming Hijacked	B. Ocean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 3978 9377834	04:22.7N – 004:10.5W, Around 59nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Around 11 pirates armed with guns boarded and hijacked the drifting tanker. All crew taken as hostage and detained initially on the bridge and then moved to the crew mess room. All communication and navigation equipment switched off and the bosun was instructed to paint over the tanker's name written on top of the bridge. The pirates were heard communicating with another vessel. They then navigated the tanker using their own GPS equipment to rendezvous with the offtake vessel. While enroute the bosun was told to prepare the manifold. Once the tanker was alongside the offtake vessel, the chief officer and bosun were told to commence discharge operations. After around six hours the cargo operations were stopped. The pirates disembarked and escaped with part of the tanker's cargo as well as ship's and crew cash,

				crew personal belongings and ship's properties before escaping. All crew reported safe.
4.	29.01.2022 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Surfer 3601 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566320 Surfer 3602 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566332	08:47.5S – 013:15.2E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two crew boats alongside each other were boarded by three unauthorised persons while at anchored. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the unauthorised persons and immediately raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the unauthorised persons escaped with their accomplices in a canoe. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities.
5.	02.02.2022 1915 UTC Berthed Boarded	Isabella M Bulk Carrier Panama 31226 9311490	29:52.25S – 031:01.98E, Berth N, Durban Port, South Africa	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole cash and crew personal belongings, and escaped. Incident reported to the local agent.
6.	08.02.2022 0315 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Thor LPG Tanker Marshall Islands 47197 9346134	08:44.3S – 013:17.7E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored tanker and escaped with ship's properties and stores. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine rounds. It was identified that the perpetrators had gained access via the hawse pipe. Incident reported to port control.
7.	18.02.2022 0050 UTC Anchored Boarded	AG. Nektarios Bulk Carrier Liberia 31117 9387334	04:54.1N – 001:41.2W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Duty crew onboard the anchored ship noticed four robbers armed with knives. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local authorities.
8.	23.02.2022 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bourbon Explorer 517 Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 9654323	08:46S – 013:15E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored offshore supply vessel and escaped with ship's stores and properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities.
9.	03.04.2022 1848 UTC Steaming Boarded	Arch Gabriel Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34835 9714719	01:31.20N – 001:30.68E, Around 261nm SE of Accra, Ghana	The ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. The crew retreated into the citadel. On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and international warships to request their assistance. An Italian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The ship proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the warship.

10.	13.04.2022 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	Margret Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 108051 9648908	04:53.9N – 001:40.9W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Two robbers in a fishing boat approached and boarded the anchored ship during heavy rain. They broke into the forward store and stole ship's stores. The duty crew on rounds noticed the robbers and informed the officer on watch who raised the general alarm and sounded the ship's horn. Crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Port control informed. A patrol boat was sent to the location.
11.	06.05.2022 1924 UTC Berthed Boarded	Cabinda Express Container Liberia 5338 9578347	05:50.0S – 013:25.8E, Matadi Port, Democratic Republic of the Congo	The berthed ship was boarded by three robbers who stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was reported to the Harbour Master.
12.	20.05.2022 0600 UTC Anchored Boarded	V Atlas Bulk Carrier Panama 32987 9670846	04:53.73N – 001:42.39W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship by pulling down the razor wire. They broke into the paint store, stole ship's stores, and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Port control informed.
13.	24.08.2022 0120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Matadi Express Container Liberia 9957 9405112	06:07.5S – 012:12.6E, Soyo Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers armed with a bolt cutter and knives boarded the anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and PA announcement made. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. It was reported that one container was forced open, and some cargo contents were stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities through local agent.
14.	19.09.2022 0250 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aconcagua Bay Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 9074 9019652	04:54.2N – 001:41.7W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Four unauthorised persons boarded the anchored ship, stole ship's stores, and escaped. Incident reported to Takoradi port control and coast guard. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship and remained in the vicinity of the ship until daybreak.
15.	15.11.2022 1930 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Armenistis Ro-Ro Cargo Ship Togo 4656 7222229	07:12N – 013:17W, Around 28nm SW of Turtle Islands, Sierra Leone	Seven pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship underway. They hijacked the ship, took the crew hostage, stole crew cash, personal effects, and ship's properties. As the pirates were unable to navigate the ship correctly, the ship ran aground. The crew fought back, disarming the pirates before retreating into the citadel. Due to unsuccessful attempt to break into the citadel, the pirates left the ship. The

				Sierra Leone authorities were notified who later boarded the ship for investigation.
16.	16.11.2022 0150 UTC Anchored Boarded	Harmonious Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 106913 9646845	04:53.95N – 001:40.06W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. Deck watchkeepers on routine rounds noticed the robbers, informed the bridge, and shouted at them. The robbers threatened the watchkeepers and escaped. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and incident reported to the port control. Port security personnel boarded the ship to investigate. Footprints were identified on deck. The paint locker was found broken into and ship's stores missing.
17.	23.11.2022 2300 UTC Steaming Boarded	B. Ocean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 3978 9377834	01:18.8N – 004:39.0W, Around 236nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Owners informed the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre that they had lost communication with their tanker. The IMB PRC broadcast a missing vessel message to all ships in the region to look out for the missing tanker. On 25 November 2022, the Master managed to contact the Owners and reported that eight armed pirates had boarded the tanker and destroyed all navigation and communication systems. The pirates stole ship's cargo and prior to escaping stole ship's and crew monies and properties. An Italian Navy Warship later intercepted and rendered assistance to the tanker. All crew reported safe.
18.	13.12.2022 1007 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Crew Boat Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 59 -	02:34.77N – 009:11.05E, Around 48nm SE of Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea	Around nine pirates in a fast boat approached, fired upon and boarded the crew boat underway. The pirates kidnapped two crew, stole portable communication equipment and escaped. Remaining crew managed to navigate to a safe port.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2022

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	17.04.2022 1630 UTC Berthed Attempted	Kota Hapas Container Singapore 13491	06:05.50N – 125:09.30E, Port of General Santos,	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed two unauthorised persons attempting to board and alerted the other duty crew.

		9238624	Philippines	Seeing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. A search was made. Nothing reported stolen.
2.	24.11.2022 1200 UTC Anchored Attempted	Maersk Londrina Container Hong Kong 90107 9527037	02:01.75N – 104:39.26E, Around 32nm East of Tanjung Sedili, Johor, Malaysia	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a person attempting to board the ship via hawse pipe. Ship's horn sounded and crew were alerted, resulting in the person escaping.

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Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2022 2240 UTC Anchored Attempted	KT Birdie Bulk Carrier Singapore 40341 9597343	Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	C/O onboard the anchored ship noticed two small boats in the vicinity of the ship and notified the duty AB. While checking the forecastle deck the duty AB noticed two unauthorised persons attempting to board via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the unauthorised persons escaped. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities.

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1.	02.02.2022 0116 UTC Anchored Attempted	Warnow Mate Container Cyprus 17068 9509786	04:43.98N – 001:41.69W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Duty crew onboard the anchored ship heard a sound near the hawse pipe. Upon checking, a person was seen in the hawse pipe attempting to board the ship. The crew shouted at the person and notified the OOW who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew and hearing the alarm the person aborted the boarding and escaped. Incident reported to Takoradi Port Control.
2.	07.09.2022 0215 UTC Anchored Attempted	Maersk Columbus Container USA 74642 9332987	Suez Canal Southern Anchorage, Egypt	Alert duty crew onboard the anchored ship noticed two unauthorized persons attempting to board via the anchor chain and directed the search light towards the persons resulting in the boarding attempt being aborted and the persons moving away.
3.	12.12.2022 0250 UTC	Maran Poseidon Tanker	02:25.4N – 008:24.5E,	While underway, the tanker was fired upon by unidentified persons in a skiff.

	Steaming Fired upon	Greece 80028 9402926	Around 87nm NW of Bata, Equatorial Guinea	Alarm raised, crew mustered, ship's speed increased, and incident reported to regional authorities. After a while, the skiff aborted and moved away. The tanker and crew reported safe.
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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total number of attacks – 115



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



Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 10

Total attacks East & SE Asia – 60



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



Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 19



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



Total attacks South America, Haiti and Mexico – 24