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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 31 December 2015

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INTRODUCTION

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

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 31 December 2015.

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

The key services of the PRC are:

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

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

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

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

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 31 December 2015, received reports of 246 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

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

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

DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

Piracy is defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26).

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

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

Armed robbery against ships” means any of the following acts:

.1 any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;

.2 any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above

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- ExactEarth (www.exactearth.com)
- Vesseltracker (www.vesseltracker.com)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December: 2011 – 2015

Locations	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
S E ASIA Indonesia	46	81	106	100	108
Malacca Straits	1	2	1	1	5
Malaysia	16	12	9	24	13
Myanmar (Burma)	1				
Philippines	5	3	3	6	11
Singapore Straits	11	6	9	8	9
Thailand				2	1
FAR EAST China	2	1			4
South China Sea	13	2	4	1	
Vietnam	8	4	9	7	27
INDIAN SUB Bangladesh	10	11	12	21	11
CONTINENT India	6	8	14	13	13
SOUTH AMERICA Brazil	3	1	1	1	
Colombia	4	5	7	2	5
Costa Rica	3	1			
Dominican Republic		1	1		
Ecuador	6	4	3		
Guyana	1		2	1	
Haiti	2	2			2
Peru	2	3	4		
Venezuela	4			1	1
AFRICA Algeria		1			
Angola	1			1	
Benin	20	2			
Cameroon		1		1	1
Dem. Republic of Congo	4	2		1	3
Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe				1	
Egypt	3	7	7		1
Gabon			2	1	
Ghana	2	2	1	4	2
Guinea	5	3	1		3
Gulf of Aden*	37	13	6	4	
Ivory Coast	1	5	4	3	1
Kenya	1	1	1		2
Liberia				1	2
Mauritania			1		
Morocco			1	1	
Mozambique		2	2	1	1
Nigeria	10	27	31	18	14
Red Sea*	39	13	2	4	
Sierra Leone	1	1	2	1	
Somalia*	160	49	7	3	
Tanzania		2	1	1	
The Congo	3	4	3	7	5
Togo	6	15	7	2	
REST OF Mediterranean Sea	1				
WORLD Oman	1*			2	
Papua New Guinea					1
Total at year end	439	297	264	245	246

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following five locations recorded 71% attacks from a total of 246 reported attacks for the period.

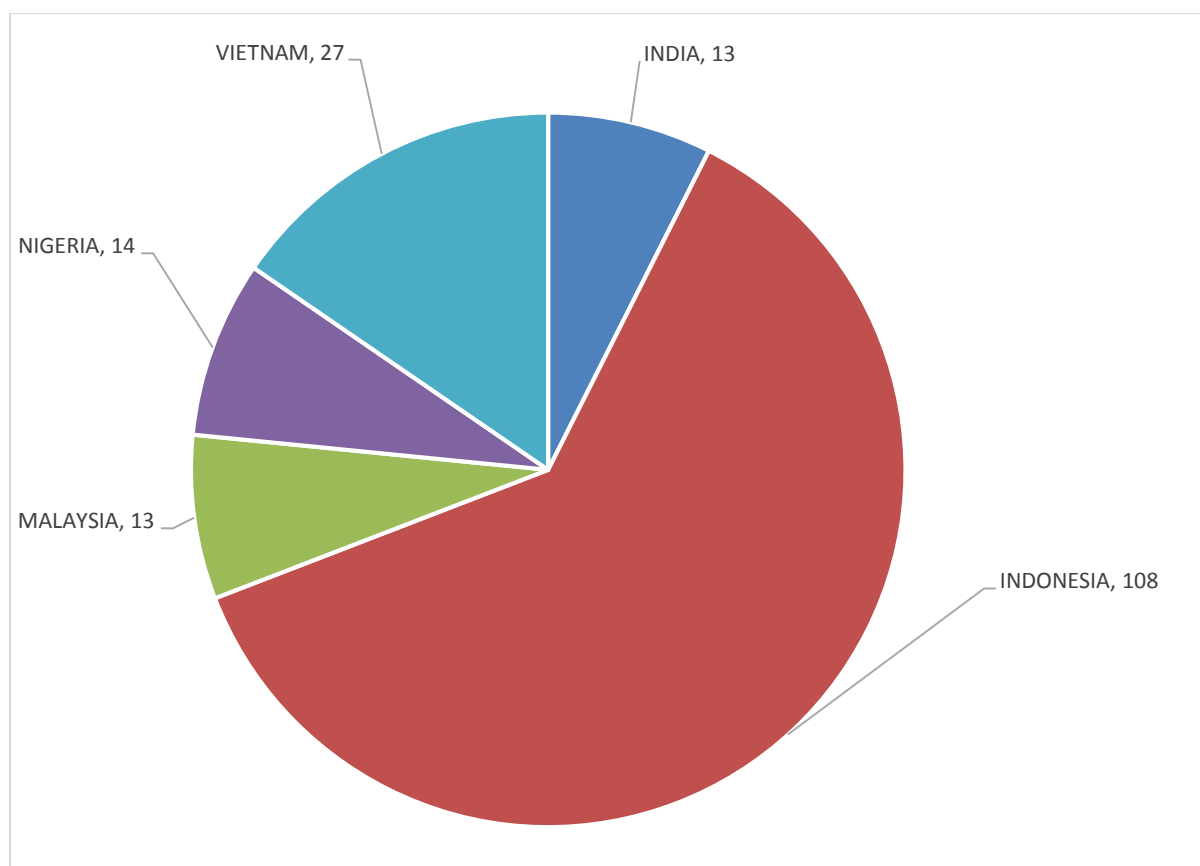


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2015

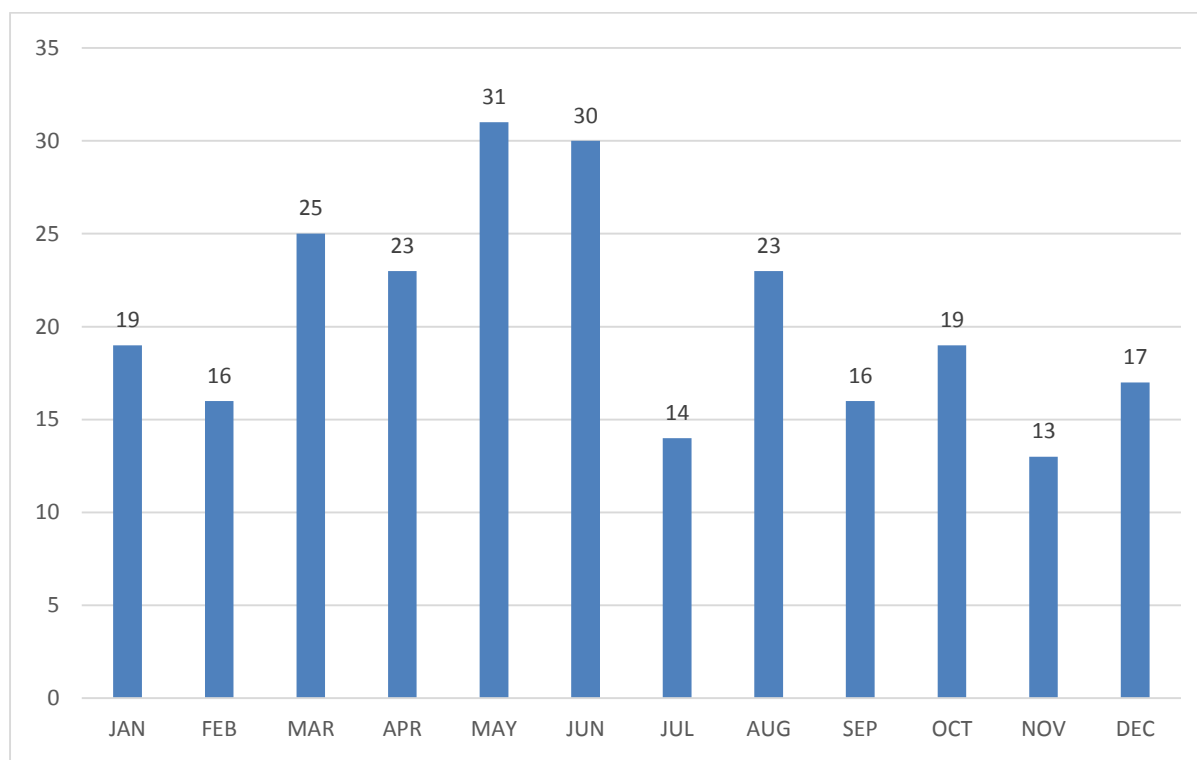
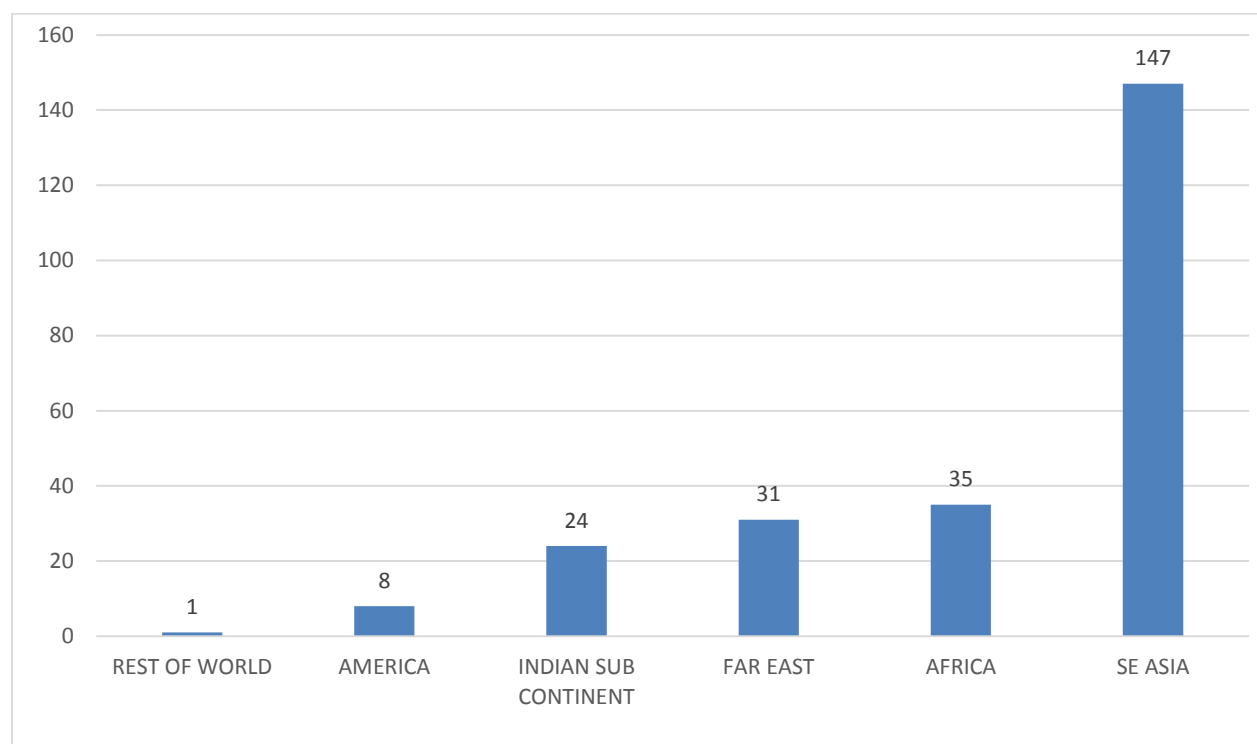


Chart C: Total incidents as per region of the world January – December 2015**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2015**

Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted
S E ASIA				
Indonesia	94	3		11
Malacca Straits	1	4		
Malaysia	6	6		1
Philippines	8		1	2
Singapore Straits	8			1
Thailand	1			
FAR				
China	3			1
EAST				
Vietnam	26			1
INDIAN				
Bangladesh	10			1
SUB CONT				
India	13			
SOUTH				
Colombia	5			
AMERICA				
Haiti	2			
Venezuela	1			
AFRICA				
Cameroon	1			
Dem. Republic of Congo	3			
Egypt	1			
Ghana	1	1		
Guinea	1			2
Ivory Coast	1			
Kenya	1			1
Liberia	2			
Mozambique	1			
Nigeria	8	1		5
The Congo	4			1
REST OF WORLD				
Papua New Guinea	1			
Sub total	203	15	1	27
Total	246			

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.
January - December 2015**

Country	Location	1.1.2015 to 31.12.2015
Bangladesh	Chittagong	10
Guinea	Conakry	3
India	Kandla	6
India	Sikka	3
Indonesia	Belawan	15
Indonesia	Dumai	5
Indonesia	Jakarta / Tanjung Priok	4
Indonesia	Karimun Besar / Kecil	24
Indonesia	Pulau Nipah	26
Indonesia	Pulau Takong Kecil	11
Indonesia	Taboneo	4
Malacca Straits	Malacca Straits	5
Malaysia	Sandakan	3
Nigeria	Lagos	4
Philippines	Batangas	3
Singapore Straits	Singapore Straits	9
The Congo	Pointe Noire	5
Vietnam	Vung Tau	15

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - December 2015

LOCATION		BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA	Indonesia	6	28	62	1
	Malacca Straits			5	
	Malaysia	1	3	8	
	Philippines	2	5	1	
	Singapore Straits		2	6	
	Thailand	1			
FAR	China		3		
EAST	Vietnam	3	22	1	
INDIAN	Bangladesh		9	1	
SUB CONT	India	2	11		
SOUTH	Colombia		5		
AMERICA	Haiti		2		
	Venezuela		1		
AFRICA	Cameroon	1			
	Dem. Rep. of Congo		3		
	Egypt		1		
	Ghana			2	
	Guinea		1		
	Ivory Coast	1			
	Kenya	1			
	Liberia	1	1		
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	2	3	4	
	The Congo		4		
REST OF WORLD	Papua New Guinea			1	
Sub Total		22	104	91	1
Total		218			

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2015

LOCATION		BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA	Indonesia		2	9	
	Malaysia			1	
	Philippines			3	
	Singapore Straits			1	
FAR	China		1		
EAST	Vietnam		1		
INDIAN SUB CON	Bangladesh	1			
AFRICA	Guinea		2		
	Kenya	1			
	Nigeria	2	3		
	The Congo		1		
Sub Total		4	10	14	
Total		28			

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - December 2011 - 2015

Types of Arms	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Guns	245	113	71	62	33
Knives	69	73	81	83	97
Not stated	117	104	109	93	108
Other weapons	8	7	3	7	8
Total	439	297	264	245	246

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - December 2011 – 2015

Category	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Attempted	105	67	28	28	27
Boarded	176	174	202	183	203
Fired upon	113	28	22	13	1
Hijack	45	28	12	21	15
Total	439	297	264	245	246

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2011 – 2015

Types of Violence	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assaulted	6	4		1	14
Hostage	802	585	304	442	271
Injured	42	28	21	13	14
Kidnap/Ransom	10	26	36	9	19
Killed	8	6	1	4	1
Missing			1	1	
Threatened	27	13	10	9	14
Total	895	662	373	479	333

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2015

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Killed	Kidnap	Missing
S E ASIA Indonesia	59	4		4			
Malacca Straits	45			3			
Malaysia	110			1			
FAR EAST Vietnam		6					
INDIAN SUB CONT Bangladesh	2			2			
SOUTH AMERICA Haiti				2			
AFRICA Egypt				1			
Ghana	45				1		
Guinea	1	3					
Mozambique		1					
Nigeria	9		1	1		19	
REST OF WORLD Papua New Guinea			13				
Sub total	271	14	14	14	1	19	
Total	333						

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2015

LOCATIONS	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA Indonesia	5	55	3	45
Malacca Straits	4	1		
Malaysia	6	3		4
Philippines	2	1		8
Singapore Straits	1	2		6
Thailand		1		
FAR EAST China		1		3
Vietnam		10	2	15
INDIAN SUB CONT Bangladesh	2	7		2
India		3	2	8
AMERICA Colombia	1	1		3
Haiti		2		
Venezuela				1
AFRICA Cameroon				1
Dem. Republic of Congo		2		1
Egypt		1		
Ghana	2			
Guinea	2			1
Ivory Coast		1		
Kenya		2		
Liberia				2
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria	7	1	1	5
The Congo		2		3
REST OF WORLD Papua New Guinea	1			
Sub total	33	97	8	108
Total	246			

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2011 – 2015

Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Barge / Barge Carrier		2			
Bulk Carrier	100	66	53	55	86
Cable Ship					1
Cement Carrier				1	
Container	62	39	30	20	30
Deck Cargo Ship	1				
Dhow	1	5	1		
Diving Support Vessel	1				
Drilling Ship	1				
FPSO / FSO					2
General Cargo	35	15	17	14	15
Guard Vessel		1			
Heavy Load Carrier	2			1	
Hopper Dredger					1
Landing Craft		1	1		
Livestock Carrier	2		1	1	
Naval Auxiliary		1			
Offshore Processing Ship				1	
Ore Carrier					1
Passenger	1			1	1
Pipe Layer Crane Vessel		1			1
Refrigerated Cargo	4	2	2		3
Research Ship		1		2	
RORO	3	2	1	2	
Salvage Vessel		1			
Seismographic Research	1				
Supply Ship	1	8	5	3	2
Support Ship		1		1	
Tanker Asphalt /Bitumen	1		3	4	
Tanker Bunkering		2		2	1
Tanker Chem / Product	100	76	82	86	62
Tanker Crude Oil	61	32	39	24	20
Tanker LNG		2		1	
Tanker LPG	6	10	9	13	4
Trawler/Fishing	11	5	2	3	2
Tug	32	23	18	7	10
Vehicle Carrier	7			2	1
Water barge				1	
Wood Chips Carrier	1	1			2
Yacht	4				1
Not stated	1				
Total at year end	439	297	264	245	246

CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – December 2015

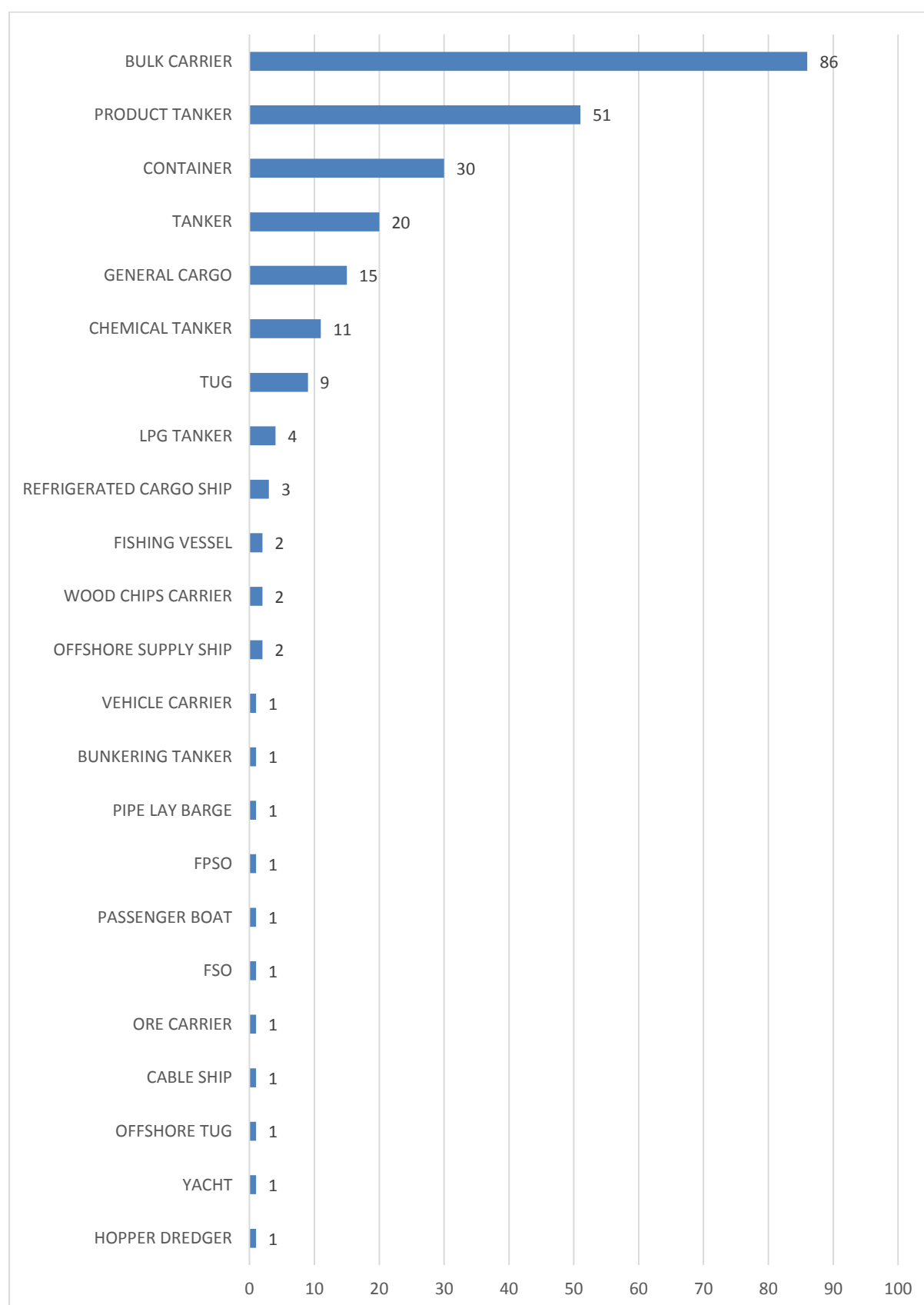


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - December 2011 – 2015

Flag State	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Algeria	1				
Antigua and Barbuda	16	5	7	5	9
Australia	1				1
Austria	1				
Bahamas	11	16	7	4	5
Bangladesh		1			
Barbados	2		1		
Belgium	2				3
Belize					1
Bermuda				1	
Bolivia		1			
Cayman Island	1	1	2		
Chile			1		
China	4		2	1	
Comoros	2	1	1		1
Cook Islands					1
Croatia			1		
Curacao		3			1
Cyprus	8	1	1	2	7
Denmark	7	7	6	4	3
Dominica	1			1	
Egypt					1
Ethiopia	2	1			
France	6		1		1
Gabon			1		
Germany	5	4			
Ghana				1	1
Gibraltar	2	2	3	1	
Greece	12	3	3	4	3
Honduras		1		2	
Hong Kong (SAR)	21	17	20	16	19
India	4	7	4	4	2
Indonesia	5	2		2	2
Iran			1		1
Isle of Man	3	4	2	3	3
Italy	8	5	4	7	
Japan	1				
Kiribati	1		1	1	
Korea North		1			
Korea South	1	1		1	1
Liberia	57	45	43	20	28
Libya	2		1		
Luxemburg	1	2	2		2
Malaysia	14	12	10	9	12
Malta	25	8	8	6	11
Marshall Islands	45	21	31	36	40
Moldavia	1				
Mongolia	3	1		2	
Netherlands		1	2	7	1
Nigeria		1	2	3	2
Norway	8	3	4	4	1
Oman		3			
Panama	71	49	32	44	38
Papua New Guinea					1
Philippines	4	4	2	3	1
Portugal					1
Russia		1			
Saudi Arabia	1			2	1

Seychelles	1				
Sierra Leone			1	1	
Singapore	32	43	39	32	32
Spain	2	2			
Sri Lanka	1				
St. Kitts & Nevis	1	3		1	
St. Vincent & Grenadines	4	2	4		
Switzerland			1	1	
Taiwan	1				
Thailand	1	1	5	6	5
Togo	1				
Turkey	6	1	2		
Tuvalu	1	2			
UAE	6				
United Kingdom	6	3	2		1
USA	5	2	2	2	
Vanuatu	1		1		2
Vietnam	3		1	5	1
Yemen	5	3			
Not Stated	2			1	
Total year end	439	297	264	245	246

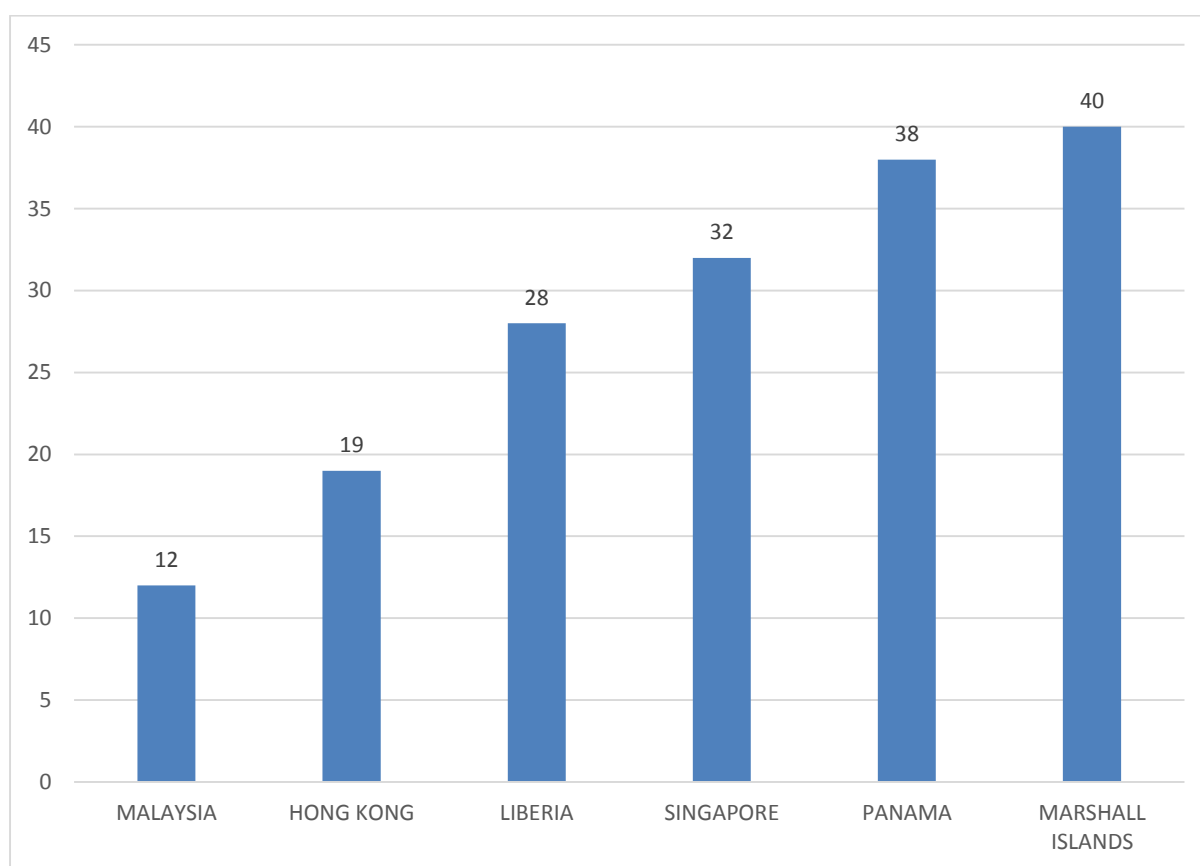
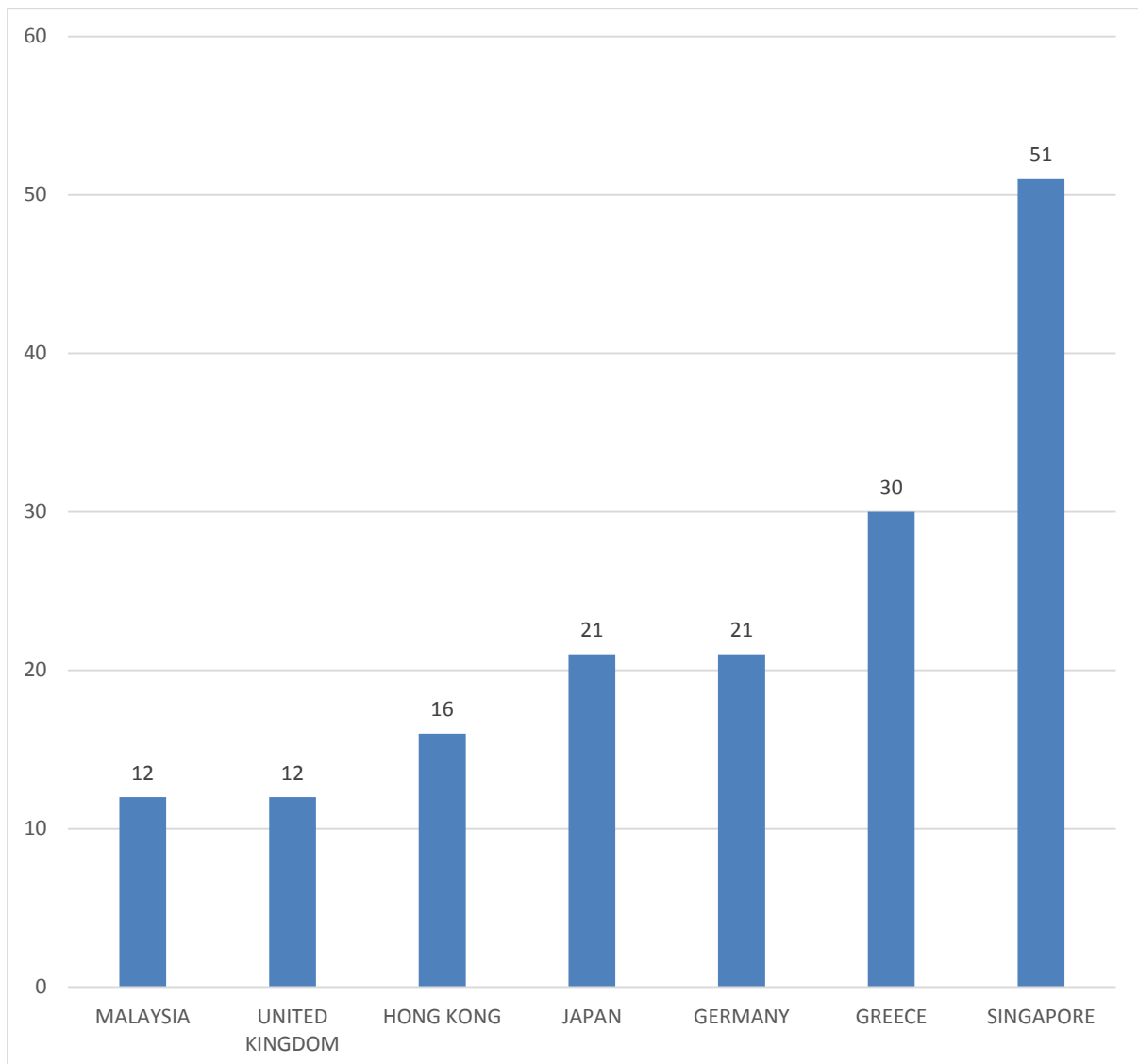
CHART E: Flag States whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January – December 2015

TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – December 2015

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
Bahamas	1
Belgium	5
Canada	1
China	6
Cyprus	4
Denmark	9
Egypt	2
France	2
Germany	21
Greece	30
Hong Kong	16
India	4
Indonesia	1
Iran	1
Japan	21
Korea South	2
Malaysia	12
Monaco	4
Netherlands	2
Nigeria	4
Norway	5
Oman	1
Papua New Guinea	1
Philippines	2
Poland	3
Portugal	1
Russia	2
Singapore	51
Taiwan	3
Thailand	5
Turkey	4
UAE	2
United Kingdom	12
USA	4
Vietnam	1
Total	246

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships attacked 12 times or more, January –December 2015



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

From 1 January to 31 December 2015, the IMB PRC has received no new incidents.

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

As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region it cautions ship owners and Masters against complacency. Somali pirates still have the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. The IMB PRC believes that a single successful hijacking of a merchant vessel, will rekindle the Somali pirates' passion to resume its piracy efforts.

As of 31 December 2015, suspected Somali pirates continue to hold 29 crew members for ransom.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

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

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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

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

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

Indonesia: Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, off Bintan Island, Dumai, off Karimun Island, Nipah, Pulau Takong Kecil and Belawan anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew.

Continued cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities. This has resulted in reduced number of incidents. The IMP have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas which are being patrolled to ensure ship protection.

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

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

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

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

South China Sea: Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai Islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant. In the past, a number of hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April

2014 and has abated recently. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities.

Vietnam: Vung Tau and Ho Chi Minh: Significant increase in attacks especially at anchorages.

AFRICA AND RED SEA

Africa:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ivory Coast: Abidjan: Attacks dropped but remains risky.

Guinea: Conakry

The Congo: Pointe Noire

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

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

Reporting of incidents

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

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

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

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

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

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

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

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

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

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 246 attacks for 01 January to 31 December 2015 are listed on pages 31 to 67. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Egypt:

On 07 November 2015, a Marshall Islands flagged Container Ship MV Eclips was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 31:12 North and Longitude 029:44 East, around 9.42nm west of Alexandria, Egypt at approximately 0230 LT. Two robbers armed with knives successfully boarded the anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. A duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the quarter deck. Before he could report the boarding, the robbers attacked him, hit him on his neck and under his eye resulting in him fainting. The robbers also tried to stab him with their knives during the incident. On regaining consciousness, the crew reported the incident to the duty officer, who alerted the remaining crew. A search was carried out. The incident was reported to Port Control and other ships in the vicinity.

Ghana:

On 14 January 2015, a Panamanian Bulk Carrier MV Ocean Splendor was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:24 North and Longitude 001:21 East, around 157nm SSE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 2130 UTC. Around eight heavily armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the drifting ship. They opened fire with their AK47 to intimidate the crew members. They threatened to kill the crew members and burn the ship. The pirates destroyed the ship's communication equipment, manhandled some of the crew members and stole crew and ship's cash and properties. Before leaving the ship on 15 January 2015 at 0215 UTC, the crew members were warned not to sail until sunrise. The ship's windows and other parts were damaged due to gunshots.

On 30 January 2015, a Ghanaian Fishing Vessel FV Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:26 North and Longitude 001:43 West, around 27nm south of Takoradi, Ghana at approximately 0500 LT. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the fishing vessel. They hijacked the vessel while the Togo Navy responded and engaged the pirates. Twenty crew members jumped overboard in an attempt to escape and were rescued by the patrol boat. The remaining seven crew members were taken hostage as the pirates fled with the fishing vessel headed out to sea. The pirates later left the fishing vessel and the crew sailed the vessel towards a safe port. One crew reported killed in the incident and three crew members were missing.

Guinea:

On 15 May 2015, a Marshall Islands Bulk Carrier MV Honey Badger was attacked and boarded by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 09:22 North and Longitude 013:43 West, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea at approximately 0345 UTC. Six robbers armed with AK47 rifles boarded an anchored ship. The Second Officer saw two robbers on the poop deck and immediately raised the alarm and informed the Master. The robbers aimed their AK47 towards the Second Officer and the Duty AB who immediately retreated into the citadel. The robbers broke into the Master's cabin, fired a few rounds and demanded money from the Master. The robbers also stole crew properties and ship's cash. Port control was informed.

Haiti:

On 15 April 2015, an Australian Sailing Yacht Pelikaan was attacked and boarded by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 19:36.52 North and Longitude 072:59.82 West, Baie de Port-a-Piment, Haiti at approximately 2300 LT. Around 10-15 robbers armed with machetes, clubs and sticks in a boat came alongside the yacht. They were very violent and assaulted the Captain and his wife. They also tried to throw the Captain overboard and hang his wife. The robbers ransacked the yacht, stole personal belongings and navigational equipment and escaped. Mayday calls on VHF was transmitted but no response received. The following morning locals assisted the couple and informed the police.

The couple was severely beaten and needed hospitalisation. The Captain's fingers and arms were broken and his wife was badly bruised.

Indonesia:

On 28 January 2015, an Indonesian Tanker MT Rehobot was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the vicinity of Lembeh Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia at approximately 2230 LT. About eight armed pirates in a fast boat boarded and successfully hijacked the tanker. All the crew members were set adrift in a life raft and was later saved by local fisherman. The Indonesian Marine Police arrested two suspects and together with the cooperation of IMB and the Philippine Authorities / Coast guard, the tanker was located aground off Davao city, Philippines.

On 09 March 2015, a Malaysian Product Tanker MT Singa Berlian was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:43 North and Longitude 105:50 East, around 37nm south of Pulau Repong, Indonesia at approximately 2108 UTC. Around seven pirates in a small speed boat wearing masks and armed with guns and long knives attacked and boarded the tanker successfully. They took hostage all 10 crew members, damaged all the communication and navigational equipment and transferred the MFO cargo into another unknown tanker and escaped. One crew member suffered minor injury during the incident. The Owners informed MMEA who had dispatched their patrol vessel for investigations.

On 01 April 2015, a Malaysia flagged Product Tanker MT Dongfang Glory was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 02:09.50 North and Longitude 107:32.32 East around 62nm north of Pulau Uwi, Indonesia at approximately 1303 UTC. About 15 to 25 pirates armed with pistols attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. They took hostage all crew members, damaged all communication equipment and stole crew personal belongings. The pirates later transferred the tanker's gas oil cargo into another vessel/barge and escaped. All crew reported safe.

On 09 September 2015, a Hong Kong flagged Container ship MV MOL Brightness was boarded by robbers at approximately 0500 LT while underway in position around 6.4nm SE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia. The duty engineer noticed the Chief Officer bound, gagged with mouth bleeding. Upon raising the alarm and searching the vessel it was reported that robbers had boarded unnoticed, stolen ship's spares and escaped.

On 29 September 2015 a Marshall Island flagged Product Tanker MT Overseas Atalmar was boarded at around 0220 LT by four robbers armed with machetes while at Dumai anchorage in position Latitude 01:42.10 North and Longitude 101:30.53E. The OOW contacted the aft duty crew to check and report on an intrusion alarm. When no reply was received the OOW instructed the crew stationed forward to investigate and they found the aft duty crew was found gagged and tied up. Alarm was raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Attempts to contact port control were futile.

Malacca Straits:

On 13 February 2015, a Thai Product Tanker MT Lapin was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:11 North and Longitude 100:43 East, in the Malacca Straits at approximately 1955 LT. About eight pirates armed with guns and long knives in a speed boat attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. They took all 15 crew members hostage and hijacked the tanker. The pirates then transferred all the fuel oil cargo and some bunker oil into another unknown pirate tanker. The pirates also stole the crew and ship's properties and valuables. On 14 February 2015, the pirates disembark from the tanker and escaped. All crew members were reported safe. The tanker then sailed to a safe port in Thailand where the local Authorities boarded for investigations.

On 02 May 2015, a Singapore flagged Product Tanker MT Ocean Energy was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 02:14 North and Longitude 101:56 East, around 11nm SSE of Tanjung Tuan, Malaysia in the Malacca Straits at approximately 2130 LT. Around eight masked armed persons carrying guns and long knives attacked and boarded the tanker loaded with gas

oil. The tanker was enroute from Singapore to Myanmar. They held the Third Officer at gunpoint and took control of the bridge. They locked the Master in a cabin and all other crew members in the ship's hospital room and hijacked the tanker. They also damaged all the communication equipment and anchored the tanker in position Latitude 02:19.3 North and Longitude 101:40.4 East around 13nm SSW of Port Dickson, Malaysia in the Malacca Straits. Later another vessel came alongside and the gas oil cargo was transferred. Before they departed from the tanker, they stole ship's and crew cash, Iridium phone and crew personal belongings. All crew members were reported safe. Master managed to inform the Owners. The Malaysian Authorities boarded the tanker for investigations.

On 08 August 2015 a Singapore flagged Product Tanker MT Joaquim was boarded and hijacked by armed pirates at 2000 LT while enroute to Malaysia in position Latitude 02:03.4 North and Longitude 101:59.3 East, Malacca Straits. The authorities launched a search for the missing tanker and located it on 09 August 2015. The pirates had stolen part of the oil cargo and escaped after disabling all communication equipment. Two crew members were reported injured during the incident and were provided medical attention.

On 15 August 2015 a Malaysian flagged fishing vessel KHF 1989 was boarded and hijacked by pirates at 2330 LT while underway in position Latitude 06:14 North and Longitude 098:59 East, around 38nm West of Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia in the Malacca Straits. The five pirates armed with rifles boarded the vessel via a speed boat and forced the Master and crew to board their speed boat and sail away. On receiving information about the hijack from the Fisheries Department, the MMEA contacted with the Royal Thailand Marine Police who launched a search and located the fishing vessel off Taratao Island on 17 August 2015. On 19 August 2015 a MMEA vessel escorted the fishing vessel safely to Kuala Kedah for investigations. It is understood that the fishing vessel was hijacked to demand a ransom from its owner.

Malaysia:

On 20 February 2015, a Thai Product Tanker MT Phubai Pattra 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:08.6 North and Longitude 104:39.2 East, around 18nm SE of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia, at approximately 2130 LT. Around seven masked pirates in a small boat armed with guns attacked and boarded the tanker successfully. All 19 crew members were taken hostage and pirates thereafter transferred part of the cargo of gasoline in to another unknown pirate tanker. The pirates also stole crew's and ship's valuables and properties prior to disembarking.

On 22 March 2015, a Vanuatu offshore tug TB David Tide II and Singapore Barge Miclyn 259 were attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:50.6 North and Longitude 104:30.7 East, around 18nm East of Tioman Island, Malaysia, at approximately 2215 LT. Around ten pirates armed with guns and knives attacked and boarded the tug towing a barge. They successfully entered the bridge, apprehended the bridge team, then took them to the Chief Engineer's cabin where they robbed and held them hostage. The pirates thereafter took the Chief Engineer to the Engine Room and transferred part of the tug's bunkers into a small unknown tanker. Before departing, the pirates stole some equipment and damaged the tug's communication and CCTV equipment. The entire operation lasted about five hours.

On 15 May 2015, a Malaysia flagged Product Tanker was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:35.00 North and Longitude 110:35.50 East, around 64nm NW of Tanjung Sirik Lighthouse Mukahi, Sarawak, Malaysia at approximately 0600 LT. More than 10 pirates wearing masks and armed with pistols, knives and axe in two big fishing boats and four small boats approached and boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members, damaged ship's communication equipment and hijacked the tanker. They then transferred the fuel oil cargo into another vessel, stole crew personal belongings and escaped on 16 May 2015. All crew reported safe. The Malaysian Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation.

On 04 June 2015, a Malaysia Product Tanker MT Orkim Victory was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 02:21.76 North and Longitude 104:22.81 East, about 8nm

SW of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia at approximately 0015 LT. Armed persons attacked and successfully boarded the tanker underway. They hijacked the tanker and took hostage all crew members. They altered the course and sailed the tanker to unknown location until she rendezvoused with another vessel. They then transferred part of the oil cargo into the vessel. Before escaping, they stole the crew and ship's properties and destroyed all communication equipment. All crew reported safe.

On 11 June 2015, a Malaysia flagged Product Tanker MT Orkim Harmony was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:08.9 North and Longitude 104:27.3 East, around 17nm south of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia, at approximately 2100 LT. Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker laden with unleaded Gasoline oil cargo. The tanker was enroute from Singapore to Kuantan, Malaysia. The Owners reported to the MMEA that they were unable to establish contact with the tanker. The MMEA and Navy deployed patrol vessels and aircrafts to search for the tanker. The IMB PRC also issued a missing vessel broadcast via Inmarsat C EGC Safety Net to ships at sea to lookout for this tanker. On 17 June 2015, during the search, a RAAF aircraft reported that a tanker with a similar name and description was located in position Latitude 09:21 North and Longitude 102:44 East. The MMEA and Navy dispatched their vessel and aircraft and intercepted the tanker. The pirates threatened the Navy to keep well clear failing which they would harm the crew. Later, under cover of darkness, the pirates managed to escape using the tanker's lifeboat. The tanker was then boarded by the Navy/MMEA personnel on 19 June 2015 and all crew members rescued. One crew member had been shot by the pirates and hospitalised. The tanker sailed to a safe port. The pirates were later identified and detained by the Vietnam Coast Guard.

Nigeria:

On 11 January 2015, a Cook Islands Product Tanker MT Mariam was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:44 North and Longitude 004:59 East, around 63nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria at approximately 0500 LT. Around 10 pirates armed with AK47 rifles attacked and boarded the tanker. They hijacked the tanker and took hostage all nine crew members. Later, they transferred the fuel oil cargo into another unknown vessel where two pirates departed with that vessel. The Ghanaian Navy dispatched a naval vessel to investigate as the tanker moved into its waters. The naval boarding team arrested the remaining eight pirates. During the incident the crew members were mistreated by the pirates.

On 19 March 2015, a Belize Offshore supply ship MV Maridive 603 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 04:14.1 North and Longitude 008:02.1 East, around 19nm south of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria at approximately 0030 LT. Around six pirates armed with rifles boarded the vessel. Master raised the alarm, sent SSAS Alert and all crew mustered. Two crew members were kidnapped and ship's properties stolen. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location 15 minutes after the call. Remaining crew reported safe.

On 21 March 2015, the Marshall Islands flagged FPSO Yoho was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 04:02 North and Longitude 007:31 East, around 36nm SE of Bonny Islands, Nigeria at approximately 2230 LT. Six pirates armed with guns from a small craft boarded the vessel. They entered the accommodation area but were deterred by the sounding of the alarm. The pirates fled after kidnapping three crew members.

On 18 May 2015, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Supply Vessel was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:13 North and Longitude 007:57 East, around 19nm south of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria, at approximately 2340 LT. Six pirates armed with guns in a speed boat boarded the drifting vessel. They assaulted two duty crew members of which one was injured. Alarm was raised and other crew members took shelter in the safe room. Attempts to contact the security vessel received no response. At 0400 LT the next day, the crew members emerged from the safe room and found that five crew members had been kidnapped. The pirates also stole ship's properties. After negotiations, on 03 June 2015, the five abducted crew members were released.

On 19 October 2015, a Comoros flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship MV Solarte was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:58 North and Longitude 005:25 East, around 36nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria at approximately 1954 UTC. Pirates armed with submachine guns attacked and successfully boarded the ship. They opened fire, damaged some equipment and stole the ship's cash. They then kidnapped the Master, Chief Officer, Second Officer and an AB and escaped. The remaining crew members were able to retreat to the engine room and reported to be safe. The Nigerian Authorities were notified. On 12 November 2015, all four kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 26 November 2015, a Cyprus flagged General Cargo Ship MV Szafir was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00 North and Longitude 006:00 East, around 70nm SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria at approximately 2300 UTC. Armed pirates in two speedboats attacked and successfully boarded the ship. Eleven crew members managed to retreat and secure themselves in the engine room. The Master, Chief Officer, Second Officer, Third Officer and one AB were kidnapped and taken ashore by the pirates. On 8 December 2015, the five crew members were released safely.

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TRENDS

A total of 246 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships have been reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in 2015. The number is similar in total to 2014, where 245 incidents were reported.

The 2015 figures are broken down as 203 vessels boarded, 27 attempted attacks, 15 hijackings and one vessel fired upon. Whilst the year on year totals are almost constant, the number of vessels boarded has increased by 11% – up from 183 in 2014. No vessels were reported hijacked in the last quarter of 2015. There has also been a reduction in the number of guns reported during attacks, with guns featuring in 33 reports in 2015 compared with 62 in 2014.

The number of crew taken hostage has also dropped from 442 in 2014 to 271 in 2015. Crew kidnapped has however increased from nine in 2014 to 19 in 2015 – with all 2015 kidnappings occurring in five separate events off Nigeria.

The regular hijacking of small coastal product tankers in SE Asia appears to have abated with the last incident in August 2015. In this respect, the robust actions taken particularly by the Indonesian and Malaysian authorities in prosecuting two of the gangs should once again be commended. The subsequent arrest of the alleged masterminds behind some of these attacks should also be applauded.

The number of all vessels boarded once underway (but not hijacked) is also proportionately higher in Indonesia and Malaysia. Ships are therefore advised to maintain anti-piracy watch and measures especially in high risk areas.

The IMB PRC continues to work closely with the Indonesian Marine Police and other Indonesian authorities with the monitoring of high risk port areas. Of the 11 previously nominated high risk ports, only Belawan and Nipah have recorded noticeable increases in 2015 with 15 and 26 incidents respectively. These incidents are largely aimed at theft from vessels.

There has also been an increase in the number of incidents reported against anchored vessels in Vietnam, with 27 in 2015 compared to seven in 2014. Whilst viewed as low level thefts, the 15 reports were received in the waters in and around the port of Vung Tau.

Conversely there has been a reduction in the number of low level reported incidents in Bangladesh, with 11 incidents in 2015 compared to 21 for the corresponding period in 2014.

There were no incidents reported for Somalia in 2015. The December 2015 reduction of the High Risk Area is a new definition and not necessarily indicative of the real risk of Somali piracy. The situation ashore in Somalia remains increasingly fragile and it is important that vessels continue to be vigilant as they sail through these waters.

Elsewhere in Africa, 14 incidents were recorded for Nigeria. Vessels were boarded in nine of the reports including the hijacking of a product tanker at the beginning of 2015.

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

PIRACY NEWS

INDONESIA MARINE POLICE (IMP) AND IMB COLLABORATION

The continued IMP patrols along the designated anchorages has resulted in a significant reduction of reported incidents in nine of the 11 designated locations.

Merchant ships are advised to cooperate by anchoring within these areas and maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches. All attacks and suspicious sightings should be reported to the local Authorities and the IMB PRC who will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

The below table shows total reported incidents since 2013.

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

INDONESIAN NAVY ARREST MASTERMIND OF HIJACKED MT ORKIM HARMONY

Indonesian authorities are said to have arrested a second person suspected of planning to hijack the Malaysian tanker MT Okrim Harmony.

A news source reported in early December 2015 that police in Batam had detained Heintje Lango, described as one of the main conspirators behind the tanker hijacking.

The tanker was boarded by eight armed pirates on 11 June 2015 while on voyage in the South China Sea carrying 6,000 tonnes of gasoline. The vessel and its 22-man crew were later found in the Gulf of Thailand with the ship's name changed to Kim Harmon. The pirates are said later to have been detained near Vietnam. In late August the Indonesian navy arrested Albert Yohanes or Johanes, allegedly the financier and brains behind the hijacking. The news reports do not disclose the nationalities of Lango or Johanes, but Johanes was said to have been found in west Jakarta and Lango detained in Batam.

INDONESIAN NAVY ARREST GANG OPERATING IN THE MALACCA STRAITS

The Navy's Western Fleet Command (Koarmabar) has reported the arrest of five members of a gang involved in boarding and stealing equipment from ships underway in the Malacca Strait. The five men were caught in their hideout in Pamijahan sub district, Bogor, West Java, on the slopes of Mount Salak on 11 November 2015.

One of the alleged gang members indicated that on a monthly basis the gang could earn around USD1,000 by selling stolen ship's spares.

Koarmabar commander Rear Admiral Achmad Taufiqoerrahman said, "They are not pirates. They are just sea criminals who climb on to vessels and steal parts. The purpose of the crime was to steal and sell the parts to other people who are also members of the gang."

OPERATION PULO SHIELD

Over 1,600 pirates, militants and criminals were reportedly arrested by Nigerian military officials in 2015.

The arrests were made in the Niger Delta region as part of a security operation named PULO SHIELD. The suspects are believed to have been involved in piracy and illegal bunkering as well as kidnapping. A further 50 vessels, 200 barges and weapons were seized as part of the security operation.

SOMALI PIRACY – DOES THE REDUCED HRA CHANGE THE RISK?

The revised High Risk Area (HRA) came into effect on 1 December 2015.

The previous HRA was created for inclusion in BMP4 which was released in August 2011 at a time when Somali pirates were continually increasing their scope and range of operations. Its insertion was designed to replace specific geographical areas with a more general definition of the high risk areas. It is not envisaged that a fully revised version of BMP4 will be required to incorporate these revised HRA changes. A new edition of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office Maritime Security Chart – Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea (Q6099) was published in December.

The HRA is now defined as being bounded by the following co-ordinates and an image of the old and new area reproduced overleaf:-

Northern limit Red Sea:	Latitude 15°N
Northern limit Gulf of Oman:	Latitude 22°N
Eastern limit:	Longitude 065°E
Southern limit:	Latitude 5°S

Although the geographical size of the HRA has been reduced – a considerable reduction of approximately 55% or 1.7 million square miles of ocean. It was primarily driven by concerns from coastal states who have been vocal over the implications of being designated as part of the existing HRA.

The contraction of the HRA has given rise to a few other issues.

It may give the perception that the Somali piracy threat has now been eliminated and ships can now revert to pre-2008 sailing conditions. Reportedly, momentum is building to do away with ship hardening measures including the carriage of armed security teams and speed recommendations. At a time of

severely depressed freight markets any prospect of operating cost reductions can be alluring. However, from all accounts the situation ashore in Somalia is increasingly fragile and it is important that vessels continue to be vigilant as they sail through these waters.

The decision to extend the EU NAVFOR mandate beyond December 2016 is to be taken in Brussels within the next few months. Policy makers at the EU should not consider the reduction of the HRA as an indication that the threat of Somali piracy has gone away.

Pirate leaders in Somalia are probably also considering the implications of the reduction in HRA. They may for example feel that more vulnerable vessels can be found east of 65 degrees East Longitude. In practice however many of the armed teams are taken on board and discharged off Galle in Sri Lanka and therefore will be on board vessels in the South Eastern approaches of the Somali basin east of the HRA.

The Indian Navy and Coast Guard must continue to ensure that the waters east of 65 degrees remain safe for merchant vessels.

It takes only one successful attack to reverse the current trend and rekindle the pirates' appetite for this criminal activity. The authorities in South Central Somalia remain far from capable of mounting a robust, responsible action to retrieve a hijacked vessel and punish the pirates.

Along with the reduction in the HRA it is essential that appropriate messaging is directed at stakeholders in Somalia to ensure that the reduction can be sustained over the long term. This is merely a new definition of the HRA not necessarily indicative of the real risk of Somali piracy.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2015

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	13.02.2015 1955 LT Steaming Hijacked	Lapin Product Tanker Thailand 1848 7808786	03:11N – 100:43E, Malacca Straits	Eight pirates armed with guns and long knives in a speedboat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew taken hostage. The pirates transferred all the fuel oil cargo and some bunker oil into another vessel. They stole crew and ship's properties and escaped on 14.02.2015. All crew safe. The tanker sailed to a safe port in Thailand where the Authorities are investigating the incident.
2.	02.05.2015 2130 LT Steaming Hijacked	Ocean Energy Product Tanker Singapore 4832 9589580	02:14N – 101:56E, Around 11nm SSE of Tanjung Tuan, Malaysia, Malacca Straits	Eight persons armed with guns and long knives boarded the tanker carrying gasoil enroute from Singapore to Myanmar. They held the third officer at gunpoint, took control of the bridge, locked the Master in a cabin and all other crew members in the ship's hospital, and hijacked the tanker. All communication equipment damaged. Vessel anchored in position 02:19.3N - 101:40.4E (around 13nm SSW of Port Dickson, Malaysia), Malacca Straits. Another vessel came alongside and the oil cargo was transferred. Before leaving the tanker they stole ships and crew cash, Iridium phone and crew personal belongings. All crew safe. Master managed to inform the Owners. The Malaysian Authority boarded the tanker enroute to Singapore for investigation.
3.	19.05.2015 0410 LT Steaming Boarded	Petro Alpha Product Tanker South Korea 5680 9554822	04:08N – 099:54E, Around 15nm NW of Pu. Jarak, Malacca straits	While underway, seven pirates armed with knives boarded a product tanker. As they entered the bridge they assaulted the 2/O resulting in minor injuries. They stole crew belongings and cash. Master reported that the pirates inquired about the loaded cargo before escaping.
4.	08.08.2015 2000 LT Steaming Hijacked	Joaquim Product Tanker Singapore 1796 9133989	02:03.4N – 101:59.3E (Around 13.4nm ENE of Pulau Rupat, Indonesia), Malacca Straits	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the tanker underway enroute to Malaysia. A search was launched for the missing tanker by the authorities. On 09.08.2015 the tanker was located. The pirates had stolen part of the oil cargo and escaped after damaging all communication equipment. Assistance was provided to the two crew injured during the incident.
5.	15.08.2015 2330 LT Steaming Hijacked	KHF 1989 Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	06:14N – 098:59E (Around 38nm West of Pulau	Five pirates armed with rifles in a speed boat attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel and sailed towards the Thai territorial waters. On receiving information about the hijack from the Fisheries Department, the MMEA

			Langkawi, Malaysia), Malacca Straits	contacted the Royal Thailand Marine Police who launched a search. The fishing vessel was located at Taratao Island on 17.08.2015 and towed to Saturn, Thailand. A MMEA vessel escorted the fishing vessel safely to Kuala Kedah on 19.08.2015.
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SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.01.2015 0234 LT Anchored Boarded	Songa Breeze Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11919 9423645	01:07.3N – 104:10.7E, Kabil Anchorage, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	Duty watchman on routine rounds, on board an anchored tanker heard the sound of a boat engine. Upon checking he found persons were boarding the tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A boat was seen departing from near the bow as the crew carried out checks throughout the tanker. Port Control informed.
2.	08.01.2015 1430 LT Steaming Boarded	Kien San 1 Tug Malaysia 192 9218600 Kien San 8 Barge Malaysia 2132 -	01:11N – 103:37E, Around 2.7nm NW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Robbers in three small boats approached and boarded the barge under tow. They stole some of the cargo and escaped. The tug reported the incident to the Local Authorities.
3.	10.01.2015 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Musanah LPG Tanker Panama 47985 9415648	01:04.8N – 104:10.9E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Three armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker and took hostage the duty AB. They entered the engine room store with intention to steal spares. Before leaving the tanker, the robbers freed the AB who reported the incident to the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. On searching the tanker no stores were found missing. AB sustained slight bruises on his wrists and a mild swelling on his forehead. Remaining crew safe. Port Authority was informed immediately via VHF channel.
4.	14.01.2015 0550 LT Berthed Boarded	BW Loyalty Tug Singapore 160 9492622 Bayswater 128 Barge Singapore 921 -	01:02.1N – 103:54.8E, PT Idros Private Jetty, Tanjung Uncang, Batam, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the berthed tug spotted several robbers armed with long knives. The AB raised the alarm, armed himself with a long knife and started shouting at the robbers. One of the robbers tried to attack the AB. However, seeing the alerted crew members, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out throughout the tug and barge. Ship's property from the barge were found stolen. Incident reported to the terminal security department.
5.	18.01.2015 0632 LT Steaming Boarded	Mineral Faith Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 91971 9575668	01:07N – 103:31E, Around 6nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil,	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the ship underway noticed two robbers on the poop deck. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out

			Indonesia	throughout the ship. No robbers found onboard, but ship's properties were stolen from the emergency generator room. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
6.	22.01.2015 0350 LT Steaming Boarded	Egret Oasis Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 41254 9592006	01:06N – 103:32E, Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	Bosun on board the ship underway noticed five robbers armed with long knives on the poop deck. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers assaulted some of the crew who came on deck to assist the bosun. The crew retaliated. The bosun was injured in the fight. As more crew arrived to assist the robbers escaped empty handed in their boat.
7.	22.01.2015 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	Fujitrans World Vehicle Carrier Liberia 27286 9210000	05:50.6S – 106:55.8E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty oiler during routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed four robbers in the engine room. One of the robbers took him as hostage and threatened him with a knife. The remaining robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised and all crew alerted. Port Authority informed.
8.	28.01.2015 0600 LT Steaming Boarded	White Coral Bulk Carrier Panama 19817 9378826	01:02.5N – 103:39.0E, Around 5.9nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised and search initiated. All crew safe.
9.	28.01.2015 1230 LT Anchored Hijacked	Sun Birdie Chemical tanker Malaysia 1138 9073256	01:19.41N – 104:12.37E, Around 0.9nm SSE of Tanjung Ayam, Johor, Malaysia	Nine unauthorised persons armed with guns boarded and hijacked an anchored chemical tanker and took her 10 crew as hostage. The Owners reported the incident to MMEA who immediately deployed several patrol boats to search for the tanker. On 29 Jan 2015 a patrol boat intercepted the tanker. Upon seeing the MMEA personnel boarding, two unauthorised persons jumped overboard and were later rescued by a passing vessel which handed them to a MMEA patrol boat. The remaining seven were arrested. All crew reported safe. The tanker sailed to Pengerang, Johor for investigation.
10.	28.01.2015 2230 LT Steaming Hijacked	Rehobot Tanker Indonesia 728 8916683	Vicinity of Lembah Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	Eight pirates on a fast boat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew were set adrift in a life raft and later saved by local fisherman. On 24 Feb 2015 the tanker was located grounded off Davao City, Philippines. The authorities are investigating.
11.	29.01.2015 0050 LT Anchored Boarded	Amber Halo Bulk Carrier Liberia 25074 9111929	06:01.2S – 106:55.1E, Tanjung Priok Outer Roads, Jakarta, Indonesia	Two deck watchmen on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle deck. They immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with their accomplices in their boat. The crew members carried out a thorough search. Nothing stolen. The incident was reported to Port Control via VHF channel 12.
12.	31.01.2015 1530 LT	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier	03:55N – 098:46E,	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a child on the

	Anchored Boarded	Isle of Man 32376 -	Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	forecastle deck. He immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the child jumped overboard and swam to a nearby boat in which the AB noticed two other persons. On investigating it was noticed that the child had accessed the forecastle deck by climbing the anchor chain and passes through the hawse pipe cover opening. Nothing stolen.
13.	31.01.2015 0505 LT Steaming Boarded	Global Aquarius Bulk Carrier Panama 17021 9550436	01:09.4N – 103:27.2E, Around 2.7nm ENE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a short gun and knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. The Chief Engineer noticed the robbers and informed bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to Singapore authorities. Investigation revealed that ship's engine spares were stolen. Upon arriving at Eastern Boarding Ground, the authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
14.	12.02.2015 2000 LT Anchored Boarded	Bridgegate Bulk Carrier Singapore 29977 9538945	03:41S – 114:28E, Around 11nm from Entrance of Banjarماسin, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship using hooks attached with ropes. Duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that two padlocks were broken but nothing stolen.
15.	14.02.2015 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Sea Star Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33042 9624500	03:47.3N – 098:41.9E, Berth 107, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Local authorities boarded the ship. Seeing the alerted authorities the robbers escaped with stolen ship's cargoes.
16.	20.02.2015 2130 LT Steaming Hijacked	Phubai Pattra 1 Product Tanker Thailand 5681 9481386	02:08.6N – 104:39.2E, Around 18nm SE of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Seven pirates armed with guns and knives in a small boat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew taken hostage. The pirates transferred part of the base gasoline cargo into another vessel. They stole crew properties and ship's cash and escaped on 21.02.2015. All crew safe.
17.	21.02.2015 0515 LT Steaming Boarded	Amber Beverly Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32521 9599717	01:10.2N – 103:26.2E, Around 2nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed two robbers in the engine room. He immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
18.	25.02.2015 0430 LT Steaming Boarded	LBC Earth Bulk Carrier Malta 42744 9644548	01:08N – 103:28E, Around 3nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
19.	25.02.2015 0615 LT Steaming Boarded	Cape Mercury Bulk Carrier Singapore 85722 9150755	01:04.4N – 103:36.4E, Around 5nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. 4/E noticed the robbers and informed the bridge who raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and crew mustered. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness. A search was carried out throughout the ship and the generator spares

				were reported stolen. When the ship arrived and dropped anchor at Singapore, the police boarded for investigation.
20.	25.02.2015 0305 LT Steaming Boarded	NYK Daniella Container Singapore 27051 9355410	01:04N – 103:34E, Around 8.4nm NE of Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	While underway, the third engineer on board the ship noticed three robbers in the engine room. He immediately informed the Master. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon investigation, no robbers were found and nothing was reported stolen.
21.	09.03.2015 2108 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Singa Berlian Product Tanker Malaysia 998 9062439	01:43N – 105:50E, Around 37nm South of Pulau Repong, Indonesia	Seven masked pirates in a speed boat, armed with guns and long knives boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage the crew members, damaged all the communication and navigational equipment, transferred the MFO cargo into another vessel and escaped. One crew suffered minor injury during the incident. The Owners informed the MMEA who dispatched their vessel for investigations.
22.	19.03.2015 0248 LT Steaming Boarded	Ore Pantanal Bulk Carrier Singapore 93196 9569774	01:16.7N – 104:16.6E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered at the bridge. Master informed VTIS who then dispatched a patrol boat to investigate. The robbers escaped when the patrol boat approached the ship. All crew safe.
23.	20.03.2015 0335 LT Anchored Boarded	Songa Peace Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11623 9409522	01:42.1N – 101:29.4E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Eight robbers in a small craft armed with long knives approached an anchored tanker. Five robbers managed to board the tanker and entered into the engine room. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat with their accomplices. Crew mustered and made a search throughout the tanker and found ship's engine spares were stolen. Port control informed.
24.	21.03.2015 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Union Explorer Bulk Carrier Greece 33280 9449259	03:56N – 098:45E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and tied him up. The robbers stole ship's stores from the paint locker and escaped. The AB managed to untie himself and informed bridge who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
25.	21.03.2015 0100 LT Steaming Boarded	Capetan Giorgis Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 39967 9288423	01:13.6N – 103:58.3E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and Master informed the VTIS. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. All crew safe.
26.	21.03.2015 0530 LT Steaming Boarded	MSC Vancouver Container Luxemburg 83133 9285691	01:07N – 103:34E, Around 5nm WSW of Nipah Island, Indonesia	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They robbed the 2/E of his personal belongings, tied him and escaped. The duty wiper on routine rounds noticed the 2/E and released him. The Master informed the VTIS. Singapore Coast

				Guard boarded the ship for investigation. All crew safe.
27.	22.03.2015 2215 LT Steaming Hijacked	David Tide II Offshore Tug Vanuatu 1529 9528093 Miclyn 259 Barge Singapore 2257 -	02:50.6N – 104:30.7E, Around 18nm East of Tioman Island, Malaysia	Around ten pirates armed with guns and knives boarded and hijacked a tug towing a barge. They entered the bridge, apprehended the bridge team, then took them to the Chief Engineer's cabin where they robbed and held them hostage. The pirates took the Chief Engineer to the engine room and transferred part of the tug's bunkers into a small tanker. Before departing the pirates stole some equipment and damaged the tug's communication equipment. The entire operation lasted about five hours.
28.	25.03.2015 1930 LT Berthed Boarded	Global Trinity Bulk Carrier Panama 17019 9590735	Dolphin Buoy No. 16, Bangkok, Thailand	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
29.	29.03.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Aqua-Terra 7 Bunkering Tanker Singapore 4855 9648790	01:05N – 103:35E, Around 5nm SW of Nipah Island, Indonesia	Ship's crew noticed three robbers on the poop deck. Alarm raised, crew mustered on the bridge and all water tight doors locked. A search was carried out. Engine room spares were found missing. VTIS informed.
30.	29.03.2015 0445 LT Steaming Boarded	United Treasure Bulk Carrier Panama 42887 9286607	01:10N – 103:26E, Around 2nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia.	Six robbers armed with long knives in a narrow wooden craft boarded the bulk carrier underway using a rope attached with a hook. Duty crew noticed the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. VTIS Singapore informed and an Indonesian Navy vessel approached for assistance. Upon arrival the Singapore Coast guard boarded the vessel to investigate.
31.	30.03.2015 0410 LT Steaming Boarded	Nautica Kota Tinggi Product Tanker Malaysia 7591 9546722	01:06N – 103:31E, Around 7nm NE of Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	While transiting Singapore Straits, the third engineer onboard the tanker noticed an unknown person. He immediately informed the Master who raised the general alarm followed by PA announcement. All crew mustered on the bridge. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. No unauthorised person found onboard. Singapore VTIS informed.
32.	30.03.2015 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Densa Hawk Bulk Carrier Malta 22709 9649093	01:27N – 104:39E, Around 14nm NNE of Tg. Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship and entered the steering gear room. The robbers stole ship's generator spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.
33.	01.04.2015 1303 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Dongfang Glory Product Tanker Malaysia 4347 9554872	02:09.50N – 107:32.32E, Around 62nm North of Pulau Uwi, Indonesia	Around 15-25 pirates armed with pistols boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members, damaged all the equipment and stole crew personal belongings. The pirates transferred the ship's cargo into another vessel and

				escaped. All crew are safe and the tanker is sailing to a safe port.
34.	02.04.2015 0536 LT Steaming Boarded	New Frontier Tanker Hong Kong 156726 9379727	01:03N – 103:39E, Around 5.53nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
35.	03.04.2015 1300 LT Berthed Boarded	Voge Fantasy General Cargo Liberia 19354 9117600	05:48N – 118:05E, Berth No.4, Sandakan Port, Malaysia	Two robbers boarded the ship at berth. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Local police boarded the ship for investigation.
36.	11.04.2015 0350 LT Anchored Boarded	Grand Rodosi Bulk Carrier Liberia 37519 8800327	01:25N – 104:37E, Around 12nm NNE of Bintan Island, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed robbers on poop deck. He immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
37.	16.04.2015 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Alam Suria Bulk Carrier Panama 17986 9561916	01:03N – 103:40E, Around 4.6nm SSE of Nipah Island, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room store unnoticed. Duty oiler on routine rounds was threatened with a knife and tied up. The third engineer noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores. VTIS informed. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
38.	18.04.2015 0335 LT Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 40975 -	01:07N – 103:45E, Around 2.6nm ENE of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with machetes in a small wooden speedboat boarded a tanker underway using a rope attached with hook. Duty engine crew spotted the robbers hiding behind the boiler and he raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers escaped immediately upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness. A search was carried out throughout the tanker and found nothing stolen. IFC Singapore informed.
39.	20.04.2015 2258 LT Steaming Boarded	Xuan Hieu Group 19 Bulk Carrier Vietnam 1599 9563316	03:36N – 104:18E, Around 42nm North of Tioman Island, Malaysia	Pirates armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They took hostage all crew members, stole ship's and crew cash, properties, documents and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to Vietnam Maritime Security Centre.
40.	20.04.2015 0410 LT Steaming Boarded	Kara Sea Tanker Singapore 59180 9402328	01:04N – 103:40E, Around 5nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker underway. Duty crew noticed the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. VTIS informed.
41.	22.04.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Great Ocean Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 44453 9592109	01:15N – 104:02E, Around 3nm North of Pulau Batam, Indonesia	While underway five robbers were spotted in the engine room. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed. All crew safe.
42.	23.04.2015 0415 LT Steaming	Hugli Spirit Product Tanker Bahamas	01:16N – 104:11E,	Duty wiper onboard a product tanker enroute to Singapore noticed two robbers armed with knives entering the engine room

	Boarded	29242 9283784	Around 3nm SSW of Tanjung Ayam, Johor, Malaysia	workshop. He immediately informed the C/E who informed the Master. Alarm raised. Upon sounding of the alarm the C/E saw five robbers leaving the engine room. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. The robbers had stolen generator spares before escaping. The incident was reported to VTIS Singapore. At 1010 LT, the Singapore Coast Guard boarded the tanker for investigation.
43.	25.04.2015 0400 LT Steaming Boarded	Frontier Youth Bulk Carrier Panama 92752 9650779	01:20N – 04:24E, Around 7nm ESE of Tanjung Penyusop, Johor, Malaysia	Robbers boarded the ship underway. They forced their way into the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed by the 2/E while trying to get some spares from the engine room.
44.	26.04.2015 0150 LT Steaming Boarded	Medi Yokohama Bulk Carrier Panama 32370 9660592	01:15N – 104:07E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship underway. Master immediately raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. VTIS Singapore informed.
45.	01.05.2015 0420 LT Anchored Boarded	Sicilia Container Liberia 21018 9430935	14:35.7N – 120:50.5E, Manila North Anchorage, Philippines	During routine rounds, duty crew members on board an anchored container ship noticed the paint store door opened and heard voices. A small wooden boat was observed at the port bow with two persons on board. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. The robbers escaped in their boat upon hearing the alarm and seeing crew alertness. A search was carried out and ship's properties and stores found stolen. Several attempts to contact VTMS Manila but no response received. VTMS acknowledged the report at 0535 LT. Coast Guard boarded the ship at 0835 LT for investigation.
46.	03.05.2015 1500 LT Berthed Boarded	CS Calvina Bulk Carrier Bahamas 24065 9542532	03:47N – 098:42E, Berth No.112/113, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Duty crew on patrol noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers threatened the crew when approached and then escaped with stolen ship's stores. All crew safe. Robbers took both the watchmen as hostage, tied them up and escaped with ship's stores.
47.	04.05.2015 0350 LT Steaming Boarded	Maritime Champion Bulk Carrier Singapore 18873 9527881	01:05N – 103:43E, Around 1.2nm South of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
48.	06.05.2015 1730 LT Anchored Boarded	Saga Journey General Cargo Hong Kong 29758 9363637	01:17.40N – 104:01.24E, EABB Singapore Anchorage, Singapore Straits	Unauthorised persons boarded an anchored ship engaged in bunkering and stores replenishment. They stole ship's property and escaped unnoticed. Investigation revealed that ship's engine spares were stolen.

49.	09.05.2015 0140 LT Steaming Boarded	Tiger West Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 42114 9619866	01:10N – 103:50E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew members mustered in the citadel except the bridge team. VTIS Singapore informed. They advised the ship to continue sailing at slow speed. While waiting for the Singapore navy to approach the ship, the crew thoroughly searched the ship and found no robbers onboard and nothing stolen. The search result was then relayed to VTIS and Singapore Navy.
50.	09.05.2015 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Milos Warrior Bulk Carrier Panama 92944 9579793	01:04N – 103:40E, Around 4nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Duty oiler onboard a bulk carrier underway spotted four robbers armed with long knives in the engine room. He immediately retreated and informed the Master who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. VTIS Singapore informed. A search was carried out throughout the ship and found that the padlock to the funnel door was broken and the door was open. At 0706 LT, the Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
51.	10.05.2015 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Overseas Athens Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 30031 9470260	01:42N – 101:28E, Dumai Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	During watch changeover, the deck watch keeper onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers trying to enter the engine room by opening the butterfly nuts of the skylight. OOW informed and alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. A search was carried out and ships in the vicinity informed.
52.	15.05.2015 0600 LT Steaming Hijacked	Name Withheld Product Tanker Malaysia 2223 -	03:35.00N – 110:35.50E, Around 64nm NW of Tanjung Sirik Lighthouse Mukah, Sarawak, Malaysia	More than 10 pirates wearing masks, armed with a pistol, knives and axe in two big fishing boats and four small boats approached and boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members, damaged the ship's equipment and hijacked the tanker. They transferred the oil cargo into another vessel, stole crew personnel belongings and escaped on 16.05.2015. All crew safe. The tanker managed to sail to a safe port. The Malaysian Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation.
53.	15.05.2015 2140 LT Steaming Boarded	Epic Sasa 2 Tug Malaysia 342 9458705 Poe Giant 19 Barge Singapore 3427 -	01:15.25N – 104:02.41E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers from a small boat boarded the barge being towed by a tug. Master alerted all crew, raised alarm and informed authorities. The Master manoeuvred the tug towards the barge and warned the robbers on public address system to leave. On seeing the tug and alert crew, the robbers abandoned the barge and escaped in their boat. Ship's properties were found stolen. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded for investigation.

54.	18.05.2015 0630 LT Steaming Boarded	Jin-Ei Tanker Panama 160007 9302023	01:05N – 103:36E, Around 4nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Duty oiler on routine rounds onboard the tanker underway noticed four robbers in the steering room. He immediately informed the first engineer who raised the alarm. Master notified VTIS Singapore. Bridge look out saw the four robbers escaping in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that the robbers gained access to the engine room via the hatch cover of the CO2 bottle room and later escaped through the steering room with ship's property and generator spares.
55.	20.05.2015 0630 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Tacoma Product Tanker Singapore 29445 9708617	01:43N – 101:29E, Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. They broke the padlock of the aft E/R casing door but nothing was reported stolen. The Master informed the CSO of the security breach.
56.	20.05.2015 0001 LT Anchored Boarded	STI Ruby Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29708 9629940	13:44.0N – 121:02.3E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Three robbers in an unlit boat boarded an anchored tanker using a hook attached with rope while the crew were busy with pilot arrangements and berthing procedures. The robbers broke into the bosun store and stole ship's properties. The duty officer on the bridge noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with the stolen items in their boat. VTMS Batangas and Coast Guard were informed.
57.	22.05.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Okyalos Bulk Carrier Cyprus 38995 9145059	01:04N – 103: 42E, Around 2.5nm SSW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded a bulk carrier underway. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, crew mustered and switched on all the deck lights. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped. VTIS Singapore informed. Nothing stolen
58.	23.05.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	MTT Tawau Container Malaysia 10743 9126869	01:02.5N – 103:39.0E, Around 5.3nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. Crew spotted them near the aft deck and alerted the other crew members. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped in their speed boat. A search was carried out. Nothing stolen.
59.	04.06.2015 0015 LT Steaming Hijacked	Orkim Victory Product Tanker Malaysia 5036 9420095	02:21.76N – 104:22.81E, 8nm SW of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia	Armed persons boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members, altered course and sailed the tanker until it rendezvoused with another vessel into which part of the oil cargo was transferred and stolen. Before departing, crew and ship's properties were stolen and all communication equipment was damaged. All crew reported safe. Tanker sailed to a safe port.
60.	08.06.2015 0410 LT Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29168 -	01:11.8N – 103:25.1E, Around 2.5nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers near the steering gear room and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
61.	11.06.2015 2100 LT Steaming	Orkim Harmony Product Tanker Malaysia	02:08.9N – 104:27.3E,	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked a laden tanker, enroute from Singapore to Kuantan, Malaysia. The Owners reported to the

	Hijacked	5081 9524671	Around 17nm South of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia	MMEA that since 11.06.2015 they were unable to establish contact with their tanker. The MMEA deployed patrol boats to search for the tanker. On 17.06.2015, during the search, a RAAF aircraft reported that a tanker with a similar name and description was located in position 09:21N – 102:44E. The Royal Malaysian Navy and MMEA dispatched and intercepted the tanker. The pirates threatened the Navy to keep well clear failing which they would harm the crew. Under cover of darkness the pirates managed to escape using the tanker's lifeboat. The tanker was boarded by the Navy/MMEA personnel on 19.06.2015 and all crew members rescued and tanker sailed to a safe port. One crew member who had been shot by the pirates was hospitalised. The pirates were identified and detained by the Vietnam Coast Guard.
62.	12.06.2015 0240 LT Anchored Boarded	Water Lily Wood Chips Carrier Panama 43652 9608221	04:00N – 098:54E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty officer onboard an anchored wood chips carrier noticed an unlit boat approaching the ship. He informed the duty crew on deck watch who reported that around five robbers had boarded the ship. The robbers threatened the crew with long knives. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
63.	13.06.2015 2000 LT Steaming Boarded	Harbour Trader Tug Malaysia 156 9753375 Harbour Jupiter Barge Malaysia 2028 -	01:35N – 105:00E, Around 35nm NE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Five pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the tug towing a barge unnoticed. The pirates stole crew's and ship's properties and damaged the ship's communication equipment before escaping. Master was able to send a distress message to a nearby vessel. All crew safe.
64.	17.06.2015 0412 LT Steaming Boarded	Clipper Posh LPG Tanker Norway 48051 9656747	01:04N – 103:36E, Around 5.6nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded a LPG tanker underway. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
65.	17.06.2015 0500 LT Steaming Boarded	Pro Triumph Tanker Panama 57773 9404948	01:04N – 103:34E, 4.5nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker approaching the Eastern anchorage area. They took hostage one crew member, stole ship's properties and escaped. Alarm sounded, crew mustered and a search of the accommodation and engine room carried out. Local authorities boarded the tanker after she had anchored.
66.	17.06.2015 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Densa Shark Bulk Carrier Malta 93153 9607681	01:06N – 103:44E, Around 0.85nm East of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty oiler sighted the robbers in the steering gear room and raised the alarm. Master activated SSAS and informed VTIS Singapore. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm.

				Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship's engine spares were reported stolen. Traces of wet footprints were also found on the quarter deck. Coast Guard sent a patrol boat to escort the ship.
67.	18.06.2015 0545 LT Steaming Boarded	Great Hope Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 40913 9629639	01:07N – 103:30E, Around 5.4nm ESE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed one robber on the poop deck and another robber attempting to climb onboard. He informed the bridge. The Master raised the alarm, switched on all deck lights, activated SSAS, informed VTIS Singapore and crew mustered in the citadel. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. Nothing stolen.
68.	19.06.2015 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	Birch 6 Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 16405 9138628	03:55N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on board an anchored ship noticed seven robbers armed with knives boarding the ship from two motorboats. He informed the Duty Officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. All crew safe.
69.	22.06.2015 0310 LT Steaming Boarded	Ocean Trader I Bulk Carrier Liberia 14770 9190004	01:05.0N – 103:34.8E, Around 5.8nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five masked robbers boarded the ship underway using a hook attached with a rope. They broke open the padlock of the fire locker and stole ship's properties. Duty crew sighted the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their wooden boat. VTIS Singapore informed.
70.	24.06.2015 0335 LT Anchored Boarded	F. D. Angelica Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 43007 9668893	00:18S – 117:40E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship during cargo operations. They boarded the ship via the anchor chain and forcing their way thru the hawse pipe cover. They took hostage the duty AB, tied him up and stole his personal belongings. The robbers then stole ship's properties from the forward store. The incident was noticed by another duty AB who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped in their boat.
71.	24.06.2015 0315 LT Steaming Boarded	Pistis Bulk Carrier Liberia 30053 9279769	01:03N – 103:40E, Around 5.3nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer immediately informed the Master who raised the alarm and switched on all deck lights. Crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing stolen. Incident reported to VTIS Singapore.
72.	24.06.2015 0430 LT Steaming Boarded	Giorgos Dracopoulos Bulk Carrier Malta 34810 9668403	01:02.5N – 103:02.8E, Around 0.78nm NE of Pulau Rangsang, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives in a small speed boat boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room by breaking the padlock securing the door to the engine room. Duty oiler, on routine rounds noticed footprints on the deck outside the workshop. The robbers confronted the oiler, took him hostage and tied him up. As the robbers continued to steal the engine room spares the oiler

				managed to escape and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Incident reported to coast guard. On arrival at Singapore anchorage, the coast guard boarded the ship for investigation.
73.	26.06.2015 0150 LT Steaming Boarded	Te Ho Bulk Carrier Panama 41372 9290701	01:06N – 103:44E, Around 1nm ESE of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	While underway robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship from the stern. As they broke the padlock to the engine room entrance, alarm was raised and the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
74.	26.06.2015 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Leonid Loza Tanker Liberia 83747 9412347	01:11.3N – 103:25.5E, Around 2.5nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the tanker underway, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later in the day.
75.	27.06.2015 0010 LT Anchored Boarded	TH Serenade Tanker Panama 60205 9370848	13:44N – 121:02E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, broke into the forepeak store and escaped with ship's properties. The duty crew on routine rounds noticed the theft and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's properties were found stolen. Attempts to call the port control received no response.
76.	28.06.2015 0400 LT Steaming Boarded	Olympic Spirit II Tanker Greece 52197 9133587	01:06N – 103:32E, Around 7nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The robbers escaped with stolen engine spares.
77.	04.07.2015 0738 LT Berthed Boarded	Sinar Bandung Container Singapore 12584 9352432	Belawan International Container Terminal, Indonesia	Three robbers in a wooden boat approached the berthed ship. Duty watchman noticed two robbers boarded the ship at the forward deck and he shouted at the robbers and alerted the crew. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers aborted and moved away without stealing anything.
78.	25.07.2015 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Rutland Bulk Carrier Singapore 85848 9112301	01:03.8N – 103:39.4E, Around 4.3nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Duty oiler and C/E onboard the ship underway sighted two robbers armed with knives in the engine room stealing engine spares. Emergency alarm raised, crew mustered and switched on all deck lights. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their unlit boat with the stolen spares.
79.	29.07.2015 - Not Stated Boarded	Diamond Eternity Tanker Singapore 60379 9529346	Enroute to Sakai, Off Mangkai Island, Indonesia	Robbers boarded a tanker unnoticed. They entered engine room and stole ship's spares and escaped. The theft was only discovered on 29.07.2015 while enroute to Sakai, Japan when the vessel was in vicinity of Mangkai Island. Master reported the incident to the Owners.
80.	26.07.2015 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Silver Dubai Product Tanker Panama 29327 9683427	07:11N – 125:40E, Davao Inner Anchorage, Philippines	Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Alert duty crew informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local agents.

81.	27.07.2015 0110 LT Steaming Boarded	Matrah Product Tanker Panama 29768 9405849	01:03.6N – 103:36.7E, Around 5.6nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Duty engineer onboard an underway tanker discovered three robbers in the engine room near the incinerator space. The robbers escaped onto the poop deck. The engineer immediately closed and locked the engine room door from inside and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and all deck lights switched on. Hearing the alarm and seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. No robbers found on board and nothing reported stolen. VTIS Singapore informed. Coast Guard boarded the tanker for investigation upon arrival at Singapore Pilot Eastern Boarding Area.
82.	28.07.2015 - Steaming Boarded	Lion King Tug Marshall Islands 1537 9636319 Maritime East Barge Indonesia 3459 -	Singapore Straits	The tug with a barge under tow departed Batam anchorage at 1600 LT for Kuantan Port, Malaysia. The duty AB discovered some properties on the barge were missing during the routine check early the next morning. Duty officer was notified who then informed the Master and Owners. On arrival at Kuantan port, a report was lodged and Police boarded for investigation.
83.	03.08.2015 0136 LT Steaming Boarded	Slettnes Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 32837 9490739	01:03.3N – 103:37.6E, Around 5.50nm SSW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty crew on routine rounds sighted the robbers near the aft deck and alerted the other crew members. Master raised the general alarm and made an announcement on the PA system. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. All crew safe. VTIS Singapore informed.
84.	03.08.2015 0740 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	03:56.3N – 098:44.8E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives in a wooden boat boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds sighted the robbers at the forecandle and informed the bridge. Alarm raised. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. Ship's properties were reported stolen from the forecandle store.
85.	09.08.2015 - Anchored Boarded	Spring Sky Bulk Carrier Singapore 34764 9675755	03:42.4S – 114:28.2E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	A surveyor arrived from a service boat and requested the C/O of an anchored bulk carrier to carry out a draft survey. As the C/O was taking the draft readings a small wooden boat approached the shipside. A robber boarded the service boat, harassed the boat operator and then approached and stabbed the C/O with an ice pick. The C/O defended himself but received injuries in the elbow. The robber escaped. The C/O was treated in the nearby floating barge clinic.
86.	10.08.2015 0553 LT Steaming Boarded	Zaliv Amerika Tanker Cyprus 60178	01:05.3N – 103:34.9E,	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker underway. They entered the engine room and tied up the chief engineer and stole his personal effects. The

		9354301	Around 5.5nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	chief engineer managed to free himself and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. VTIS Singapore informed.
87.	10.08.2015 0640 LT Steaming Boarded	Federal Crimson Bulk Carrier Singapore 32750 9732151	01:05.8N – 103:33.7E, Around 6.3nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Six robbers armed with long knives in a small fast boat boarded the ship underway from the stern. They entered into the engine room and stole ship's spares. Duty crew sighted the robbers when they were leaving the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. Engine spares were reported stolen. MPA Singapore was informed. When the ship entered Singapore anchorage, the coast guard boarded the ship for investigation.
88.	12.08.2015 1045 LT Anchored Boarded	Overseas Alcesmar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9265861	04:00N – 098:45E, Around 13nm NNE of Belawan, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain and hawse pipe, stole ship's properties and escaped before being spotted by the crew. When the crew returned to work after the morning break they noticed the forward store room door broken into and wet foot prints on the deck. Ship's agent notified.
89.	13.08.2015 0600 LT Steaming Boarded	Matar N Container Cyprus 39824 9509176	01:07.4N – 103:30.0E, Around 5.37nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS Singapore.
90.	15.08.2015 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Ibn Al Abbar Container Panama 16705 9194490	01:02N – 103:38E, Around 6.6nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Eight robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway using hooks attached with ropes. They took hostage the duty oiler, tied his hands and feet and put a cloth bag over his head. The boarding was noticed by the duty watch keeper who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. VTIS Singapore informed. Coast guard boarded the ship for investigation.
91.	15.08.2015 1000 LT Steaming Boarded	CPO Norfolk Container Liberia 41358 9440813	01:15.6N – 104:07.8E, Around 4.12nm NNE of Pulau Batam, Indonesia	While enroute to Tianjin, China, duty crew onboard the ship noticed padlocks on three store rooms damaged. He immediately raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, a robber was observed escaping from the CO2 room. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
92.	20.08.2015 0535 LT Steaming Boarded	Pacific Assurance Bulk Carrier Singapore 107222 9683104	01:04N – 103:36E, Around 5.67nm SSW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	While underway around seven robbers armed with knives boarded the ship. Crew spotted the robbers and immediately retreated to the bridge. Two crew remained in the engine room. The ship transmitted a SSAS alert and informed VTIS Singapore which indicated that a patrol boat was dispatched to provide assistance. Later the ship informed the robbers had left the ship. All crew safe.
93.	20.08.2015 1050 LT	Tintomara Product Tanker	07:02N – 125:39E,	Bosun onboard a berthed tanker noticed and shouted at an unauthorised person on deck.

	Berthed Boarded	Liberia 26914 9234599	New Davao Oil Mill, Davao Port, Philippines	Seeing the alerted crew the person jumped overboard and escaped. Upon searching the tanker, ship's properties were found stolen.
94.	21.08.2015 0340 LT Steaming Boarded	Navig8 Stealth S.V. Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 30040 9396725	01:05N – 103:31E, Around 6.36nm NE of Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. They tied up the duty 3/E, stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Duty crew on routine rounds found 3/E and released him. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search carried out. VTIS Singapore and Indonesian Navy informed.
95.	21.08.2015 0410 LT Steaming Boarded	Maersk Lebu Container Hong Kong 89097 9526930	01:10N – 103:29E, Around 5.68nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Alert crew onboard the drifting ship noticed a hook attached to a rope on the poop deck. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
96.	21.08.2015 2200 LT Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 57031 -	01:06N – 103:44E, Around 0.92nm ESE of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the tanker underway and entered into the steering room. Duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Authorities informed about the incident via the agents.
97.	21.08.2015 2330 LT Steaming Boarded	Peace Bright Bulk Carrier Panama 41541 9663362	01:04N – 103:43E, Around 2.9nm NW of Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
98.	22.08.2015 0520 LT Steaming Boarded	Atout Container Liberia 18199 9354648	01:06N – 103:32E, Around 7.63nm ESE of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers in a boat boarded the ship underway. They broke the padlock to the entrance to the engine room. Alert duty oiler on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed bridge. Master raised the general alarm, contacted Singapore VTIS for assistance and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Footsteps were noticed on the poop deck. Nothing reported stolen. A navy patrol boat escorted the ship to the pilot boarding area. When alongside, the Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
99.	05.09.2015 0038 LT Steaming Boarded	Aquajoy Bulk Carrier Liberia 87590 9278521	01:11N – 103:26E, Around 2.86nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Six robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and deck lights switched on. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
100.	06.09.2015 1030 LT Anchored Boarded	Princimar Pride Tanker Marshall Islands 81326 9594781	01:16.5N – 103:59.4E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. They broke into the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. The Master informed the CSO of the security breach.
101.	08.09.2015 0230 LT Steaming	Yorkgate Bulk Carrier Liberia	01:11.0N – 103:25.0E,	While transiting Singapore Straits, robbers boarded the ship and were spotted by the Master who raised the alarm and switched

	Boarded	34570 9689172	Around 1.8nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	on all deck lights. Crew mustered. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS Singapore informed. When the ship entered Singapore anchorage, the Coast Guard boarded for investigation.
102.	08.09.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Ratna Puja Tanker India 58446 9308845	01:08.32N – 103:34.27E, Around 4.88nm WSW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker underway. Engine room crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out but no robbers were found and nothing reported stolen. Singapore VTIS and Indonesian Navy informed. When the tanker entered Singapore waters, the Authorities boarded for investigation.
103.	09.09.2015 0500 LT Steaming Boarded	MOL Brightness Container Hong Kong 113042 9685346	01:07.0N – 103:31.0E, Around 6.4nm SE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Chief officer onboard the ship underway noticed the duty engineer laying on the floor bound and gagged with mouth bleeding. Alarm raised. Upon searching the ship it was noticed that robber had boarded unnoticed, stole ship's spares and escaped.
104.	12.09.2015 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	Crest Jade 1 Tug Singapore 472 9528251	01:04.14N – 103:54.23E, PT Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the berthed tug. One robber armed with a sword and knife stood guard while the other two started stealing ship's stores. The cook noticed the robbers and was threatened with the knife and ordered to retreat into the accommodation. Alarm raised and the robbers escaped. Authorities informed.
105.	16.09.2015 0420 LT Steaming Boarded	Chamchuri Naree Bulk Carrier Thailand 21093 9296274	01:06N – 103:31E, Around 6.6nm ESE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty lookout onboard the ship underway noticed a speed boat alongside the ship. Alarm raised, crew mustered and SSAS activated. The robbers entered the engine room, tied up the Duty Oiler and escaped with ship's engine spares.
106.	18.09.2015 0600 LT Berthed Boarded	Challenge Polaris Product Tanker Singapore 28051 9426295	13:40.46N – 121:03.10E, JG Summit Petrochemical Group Jetty No.1, Batangas, Philippines	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was reported by AB on rounds who found the forward mooring rope cut and ship's properties missing.
107.	19.09.2015 0420 LT Anchored Boarded	Hojo Tanker Belgium 156990 9457543	01:07N – 103:33E, Around 6nm WSW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. The duty officer called the deck patrol AB via the walkie talkie. As no response was received the duty officer raised the alarm and crew mustered. The crew noticed the robbers exiting from the accommodation block and escaping. Upon searching the tanker the duty AB was found tied near the aft mooring winches. Engine room spares stolen. Incident reported to the local authority.
108.	20.09.2015 0400 LT Steaming Boarded	Paros Seas Bulk Carrier Liberia 33044 9491238	01:11.1N – 103:25.0E, Around 1.92nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with a bolo boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, stole ship's properties and escaped. Duty crew sighted the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. VTIS Singapore was informed. A naval vessel was observed in the vicinity.

109.	25.09.2015 - Anchored Boarded	Maersk Adriatic Product Tanker Singapore 23297 9636632	03:56.1N – 098:45.6E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. All crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship's stores and engine spares were reported stolen. Incident reported to local agents.
110.	29.09.2015 0220 LT Anchored Boarded	Overseas Atalmar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9273636	01:42.10N – 101:30.53E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with machetes boarded the tanker at anchor. Hearing the intrusion alarm the OOW contacted the duty crew to check. When the aft crew did not reply the AB keeping watch on the forecastle was instructed to investigate. The aft duty crew was found gagged and tied up. Alarm was raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Attempts to contact port control were futile.
111.	01.10.2015 1920 LT Anchored Boarded	Nave Pyxis Chemical Tanker Panama 30310 9697430	05:49.10N – 118:06.54E, Sandakan Anchorage, Malaysia	Two robbers boarded the tanker via the anchor chain. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers abandoning the collected stolen items and escaping.
112.	05.10.2015 0705 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Supreme Product Tanker Denmark 30108 9692131	03:56.00N – 098:49.05E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	A fishing boat saw five intruders boarding an anchored tanker and immediately notified the tanker. Alarm raised, fog horn sounded and crew mustered. The robbers threatened the approaching crew with long knives and escaped empty handed.
113.	05.10.2015 0001–0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Indian Dawn General Cargo Netherlands 5460 9671474	06:01.28S – 106:53.52E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship in the early morning. They entered into the engine room workshop, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds.
114.	06.10.2015 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Swift Product Tanker Denmark 30108 9692155	05:49.3N – 118:09.1E, Sandakan Anchorage, Sabah, Malaysia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker during the hours of darkness and forced their way into the bosun store. They stole several ship's spares and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. The incident was reported to Port Authorities.
115.	09.10.2015 0515 LT Steaming Boarded	Arabella Bulk Carrier Malta 36353 9700122	01:05.2N – 103:35.0E, Around 5.57nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with bolos boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Master raised the alarm and crew mustered on the bridge and informed the authorities. The robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. After dropping anchor, the Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
116.	10.10.2015 0915 LT Steaming Boarded	Cecilia General Cargo Philippines 491 9159610	4.5nm SE of Olanivan Island, General Santos Port, Philippines	While enroute to Tambler, General Santos City, the ship noticed two speed boats with seven persons armed with guns approaching. Suspecting a boarding attempt the Master instructed the crew to close and lock all access to the ship's accommodation. The armed robbers boarded the ship but departed when they could not enter into the accommodation. The Master raised the alarm, informed the local authorities and notified the owners. A

				coast guard vessel was dispatched to investigate.
117.	15.10.2015 0320 LT Steaming Boarded	Lucina Providence LPG Tanker Panama 46025 9349784	01:07N – 103:31E, Around 6.3nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	3/E noticed four robbers armed with long knives opening the aft door to the engine room workshop. 3/E and Junior Engineer were taken hostage and their hands tied up. The robbers stole their personal belongings and spare parts and escaped. Junior Engineer managed to free himself and alerted the other crew members. A search was carried out.
118.	15.10.2015 0540 LT Steaming Boarded	Almi Spirit Tanker Liberia 57325 9312872	01:10.9N – 103:26.4E, Around 2.85nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Six robbers in a small boat boarded the tanker underway using hooks attached with ropes. Two of the robbers entered the engine room and were spotted by the 2/E. One of the robbers threatened the 2/E with a long knife and signalled him to be quiet or he would cut his throat. The 2/E escaped and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Nothing was reported stolen. VTIS Singapore informed. Authorities boarded the tanker for investigation.
119.	22.10.2015 0530 LT Steaming Boarded	Merlin Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 27980 9223552	01:06.8N – 103:32.0E, Around 7.57nm ENE of Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway using a rope ladder. Duty oiler sighted the robbers in the Engine Room Store and immediately informed the bridge. The Master raised the alarm followed by PA announcement. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. VTIS Singapore informed. An Indonesian naval vessel later approached the ship to provide assistance. When the ship arrived Singapore, the Coast Guard boarded for investigation.
120.	22.10.2015 0516 LT Anchored Boarded	Fairchem Charger Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11640 9367401	03:53N – 098:47E, Around 8nm NE of Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed using a rope attached to a hook. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the open forecastle door and raised the general alarm. A search was carried out and nothing found stolen. Incident reported to port control.
121.	03.11.2015 0205 LT Anchored Boarded	Beks Ceyda Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36353 9748239	03:42S – 114:26E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
122.	06.11.2015 1505 LT Anchored Boarded	Willi Container Marshall Islands 26125 9160413	Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen.
123.	12.11.2015 0720 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 44485 -	03:56N – 098:45E, Belawan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship via the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.

124.	13.11.2015 0215 LT Berthed Boarded	Sparna Bulk Carrier Panama 31385 9317353	Berth 115, Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. They were noticed by the crew who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
125.	08.12.2015 1355 LT Anchored Boarded	Tosca Chemical Tanker Liberia 26914 9251884	03:57.1N – 098:47.3E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a person on the main deck. He immediately notified the OOW who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the person escaped empty handed in a wooden motor boat with his three accomplices. The incident was reported to port authorities.
126.	19.12.2015 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	MOL Hope Container Singapore 17892 9629160	14:35N – 120:49E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later in the day.

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Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2015 0655 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Atacama Bulk Carrier Panama 34801 9683130	10:10.7N – 107:02.1E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty officer onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed a small fishing boat approaching the ship. He alerted the duty AB to check. The AB noticed the boat slowly moving away from the ship. As he continued his patrol he noticed five robbers stealing ship's stores. Seeing the approaching AB the robbers chased him with long pipes and knives. The AB retreated into the accommodation, secured it, and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. Upon inspection, it was reported that stores from the paint locker were stolen. Port Control was informed and the Harbour Master boarded the ship for investigation.
2.	04.02.2015 0730 LT Anchored Boarded	Cala Pinguino Container Panama 17518 9377705	10:12N – 107:03E, Around 7nm South of Vung Tau, Vietnam	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
3.	10.02.2015 0350 LT Berthed Boarded	Sara Container Antigua and Barbuda 9590 9322243	Nam Hai Container Terminal, Haiphong, Vietnam	During routine rounds, deck watchman onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers near the forward store. He alerted the Chief Officer and the local police onboard the ship. Seeing the watchman the robbers escaped. Upon investigation ship's stores were found missing. The police personnel onboard the ship refused to take any action. Agent and port authorities notified.

4.	12.02.2015 0254 LT Anchored Boarded	Anne Kjersti Bulk Carrier Singapore 32637 9432361	20:41N – 107:12E, Around 4nm SSE of L'Orange Island, Hongai Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. OOW noticed some movements on the forecastle and instructed the duty AB to check. As the AB proceeded forward the OOW directed the Aldis lamp towards the robbers who escaped in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that ship's stores and property were stolen.
5.	14.02.2015 2210 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Franklin Container Marshall Islands 15995 9359301	20:36.9N – 106:51.3E, Haiphong OPL Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB on routine rounds noticed five robbers on the forecastle deck. He immediately informed OOW, who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their wooden motor boat. Investigation revealed that the paint store door was damaged and ship's stores stolen. Incident reported to Port Control via VHF channel 16.
6.	25.02.2015 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Global Mirai Bulk Carrier Panama 32376 9558256	20:41.8N – 107:17.0E, Off Hon Gai, Vietnam	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. OOW raised the alarm and all crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Agent and port authorities notified.
7.	11.03.2015 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Mahitis Bulk Carrier Greece 40832 9225067	10:15N – 107:02E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed robbers on deck. He immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. No injury to crew.
8.	23.03.2015 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Pax Silva Wood Chips Carrier Panama 39802 9316919	20:43N – 107:11E, Cailan Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forward store, stole ship's property and escaped unnoticed.
9.	05.04.2015 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Northern Vigour Container Portugal 27437 9304708	10:16.03N – 107:00.43E, Vung Tau OPL, Vietnam	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the paint store padlock broken. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to Port Control and the Immigration and Security Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation.
10.	11.05.2015 1230 LT Anchored Boarded	Nord Seoul Bulk Carrier Singapore 22683 9544736	10:12.79N – 107:04.54E, Around 6.5nm South of Vung Tau, Vietnam	Robbers in a fishing boat came alongside and boarded an anchored ship with a hook attached with rope. They broke two padlocks of the deck stores and stole ship's stores and escaped. Alarm raised and crew made a thorough search and found several footprints on the deck. Incident reported to port control.
11.	16.05.2015 0525 LT Steaming Boarded	BBC Moonstone General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 12838 9563732	08:19.3N – 108:51.8E, Around 158nm SE of Vung Tau, Vietnam	While underway, the chief officer onboard a heavy lift cargo ship detected some suspicious noises near the aft of the ship. He immediately switched on the deck lights, sent the duty crew to investigate and informed the Master. As the duty crew approached the aft, he noticed a boat moving away from the stern of the ship. Upon investigation, it was found that the padlocks to all the ship's stores and engine

				room entrance were missing and ship's properties stolen.
12.	22.05.2015 0630 LT Anchored Boarded	Balsa Container Marshall Islands 26412 9603611	10:11N – 107:03E, Vung Tau Roads, Vietnam	Duty Bosun on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forward paint locker broken into. Upon checking, he found traces of foot prints visible on the deck and ship's stores stolen from the paint locker. Incident reported to the local agents and CSO. On berthing, an immigration officer boarded the ship and inspected the paint locker and took some photos.
13.	04.06.2015 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Balsa Container Marshall Islands 26412 9603611	10:05N – 107:02E, Vung Tau Roads, Vietnam	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on rounds noticed the robbers and informed the Duty Officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's store.
14.	11.07.2015 1230 LT Anchored Boarded	Adara Product Tanker France 23248 9587829	10:10N – 107:05E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Unnoticed robber boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's stores and escaped. The incident was noticed later in the day and reported to the Authorities.
15.	15.07.2015 0340 LT Berthed Boarded	King Sugar Bulk Carrier Panama 17025 9574183	10:45.8N – 106:42.6E, Fertilizer Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam	Eight robbers in two wooden boats approached and boarded the ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. The duty crew proceeded towards the robbers but aborted when they saw the robbers were armed with long knives. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties in their boats.
16.	15.08.2015 0001 – 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Western Houston Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19998 9455911	10:14.4N – 107:03.6E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship. They broke into the paint locker, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the C/O at 0830 LT. The incident was reported to Port Control.
17.	16.09.2015 0820 LT Anchored Boarded	Key Mission Bulk Carrier Panama 43013 9518177	10:14N – 107:02E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later in the day.
18.	30.09.2015 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Container Panama 16472 -	10:46.10N – 106:44.10E, Vietnam International Container Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam	A stevedore onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers near the forecandle and alerted the duty AB who in turn notified the OOW. The AB stopped his approach towards the robbers when he noticed them to be armed with a long bladed weapon. When the robbers saw the alerted crew they jumped overboard and escaped. Upon checking, the padlock on the bosun store was found to be forced opened and ship's properties stolen.
19.	18.10.2015 0900 LT Anchored Boarded	Erik Spirit Tanker Bahamas 62929 9292515	10:06.7N – 107:06.9E, Mui Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers on the poop deck. He shouted the robbers and retreated to a safe location and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped. A search was

				carried out and nothing found stolen. Vung Tau port control informed.
20.	22.10.2015 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	CSK Longevity Bulk Carrier Singapore 40963 9679799	20:41N – 107:13E, Cai Lan Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	AB on anti-piracy watch onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers climbing onto the forecandle using a rope attached to a hook. He notified the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped. A search was carried out and nothing found stolen. Port authority and local agent informed.
21.	01.11.2015 0635 LT Anchored Boarded	Tokyo Tower Container United Kingdom 17229 9384875	10:43.9N – 106:45.6E, Cat Lai Container Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Three robbers in a speed boat, armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship using ropes. Duty AB spotted them and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen and no injuries to crew. Port Authorities informed.
22.	10.11.2015 0445 LT Anchored Boarded	MSC Ningbo Container Luxemburg 83133 9285677	10:15N – 107:03E, Mui Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was discovered when the crew noticed the padlock to the steering gear room broken. A thorough search carried out and nothing found stolen.
23.	14.11.2015 0540 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Fulmar Container Marshall Islands 15995 9359313	10:14N – 107:02E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Six robbers armed with long knives and iron bars boarded an anchored ship. Duty deck watchman noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a wooden boat. A search was carried out and pad lock to the paint locker was damaged and ship's stores reported stolen. Port control informed.
24.	04.12.2015 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Orient Grace Bulk Carrier Vanuatu 33084 9650157	20:42N – 107:10E, Campha Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Six robbers in a wooden boat, armed with long knives approached an anchored ship. Three robbers boarded the ship and threatened the crew on anti-piracy watch. The crew notified the duty officer and retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised. Crew mustered and remained on the bridge until the robbers departed with stolen ship's stores.
25.	08.12.2015 0020 LT Anchored Boarded	Alpha Era Bulk Carrier Malta 87407 9220990	38:46.7N – 118:23.6E, Tianjin Anchorage, China	Robbers armed with long knives in a wooden fishing boat approached and boarded the ship at anchor. Alert crew spotted three robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped in their waiting boat along with their five accomplices. A search was carried out and no ship stores, properties reported stolen. All crew safe. Incident reported to port authorities and local agents.
26.	08.12.2015 0420 LT Anchored Boarded	Indigo Hope Ore Carrier Panama 132587 9487639	38:42N – 118:48E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Duty oiler onboard an anchored ship noticed two unidentified persons on the aft deck trying to open the diesel oil tank manhole cover. The oiler shouted and seeing the alerted crew the persons jumped overboard and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered

				and a search was carried out throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Caofeidian VTS was informed.
27.	14.12.2015 0125 LT Anchored Boarded	Stella Lucy Bulk Carrier Singapore 94788 9721683	38:48.6N – 118:19.8E, Tianjin Outer Anchorage, China	Duty officer onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed a suspicious boat alongside the starboard quarter of the ship and immediately informed the Master. Alarm raised, crew mustered and proceeded to investigate. The crew noticed a diesel oil tank manhole cover opened and a hose inserted. Seeing the approaching crew, the robbers tried to retrieve the hose and escaped in their boat. On sounding the tank it was noticed that part of the bunkers was stolen. Incident report to China Coast Guard.
28.	15.12.2015 0800 LT Anchored Boarded	Arabian Express Container Panama 15095 9148532	10:14.3N – 107:01.4E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed and stole ship's stores while crew were busy preparing to anchor. Theft was noticed during routine rounds and reported to the port authorities and local agents.
29.	16.12.2015 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	IVS Kittiwake Bulk Carrier Panama 19885 9310769	20:55.84N – 107:17.59E, Campha Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Incident reported to local authorities through the local agents.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.03.2015 1900 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29993 -	17:38.3N – 083:25.2E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, unnoticed, stole ship stores and escaped. The theft was detected in the morning.
2.	21.03.2015 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Southwind Tug Curacao 298 9577484	22:06N – 091:44E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Armed robbers boarded an anchored tug and stole ship's stores and properties. Alarm raised and crew mustered. As the crew approached the robbers, they threw stones at the crew resulting in the Master being injured. The robbers escaped with the stolen items in their boat. The Master heaved up the anchor and sailed further away from the anchorage area.
3.	30.03.2015 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	Brabo Hopper Dredger Belgium 11136 9382372	16:59N – 082:18E, Kakinada Inner Anchorage, India	Four robbers in a fishing boat approached an anchored dredger. Two robbers boarded the ship. They were noticed by the 2nd Officer on routine rounds, who informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Pilot Station informed.
4.	24.04.2015 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	GSW Adventure Product Tanker Liberia 6153	22:07N – 091:47E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage 'C',	Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker spotted one small motor boat approaching from the starboard quarter. Alarm raised and crew mustered on the bridge. Three

		9510577	Bangladesh	armed robbers boarded the tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped.
5.	25.04.2015 0120 LT Anchored Boarded	Elpida GR Bulk Carrier Malta 29862 9254630	22:06N – 091:45E, Chittagong OPL, Bangladesh	Six armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Alarm raised, crew mustered and Port Control informed. The robbers stole ship's properties and escaped. Later the coast guard approached the ship for investigation.
6.	25.04.2015 2155 LT Anchored Boarded	X-Press Brahmaputra Container Singapore 10752 9152911	22:11N – 091:43E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers in a boat approached and came alongside an anchored ship. One of the robbers armed with a long knife boarded the ship and stole ship's stores. Duty crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location resulting in the robber escaping with his accomplices in their boat with the stolen stores. Port Control and Coast Guard informed. A coast guard patrol boat came for investigation.
7.	05.05.2015 1958 LT Anchored Boarded	Ashahda Tanker Malta 56227 9258480	21:48.1N – 091:42.0E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker and began arguing with the two shore watchmen. Duty crew heard raised voices and noticed the robbers attacking the watchmen. He informed the bridge. A gun shot was heard and the crew immediately ran into the accommodation. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. Seeing alerted crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Attempts to contact the port control was unsuccessful. Upon investigation, it was found that the robbers took both the watchmen as hostage, tied them up and escaped with ship's stores.
8.	15.05.2015 0300 LT Berthed Boarded	Overseas Milos Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30031 9470258	Berth No.5, Oil Jetty, Kandla Port, India	Unauthorised persons boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. They stole ship's properties and escaped. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the theft and raised the alarm. Upon investigation, it was found that the persons gained entry through the forward fire wire and escaped by opening the anchor cover securing bolts and nuts. Small foot prints were visible on forecastle deck. Local agents and PFSO informed.
9.	16.05.2015 0001 - 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Wadi Albostan Bulk Carrier Egypt 33234 9460722	21:46N – 091:42E, Around 7nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and stores and escaped. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the theft and raised the alarm. Incident reported to Port Control and Coast Guard.
10.	17.05.2015 0240 LT Anchored Boarded	BBC Seine General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 12974 9508380	22:12N – 091:43E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached with rope. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle, directed search lights towards forecastle and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed in their boat. Port Control and Coast Guard informed. A coast guard boat came to provide assistance and to conduct investigation.

11.	27.05.2015 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30128 -	Jetty OJ4, Kandla Port, India	Four robbers in a fast boat approached the berthed tanker. One robber managed to board the tanker and steal ship's stores from the forward lockers. Duty crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping. Incident reported to local agents.
12.	01.06.2015 0120 LT Anchored Boarded	Kilian S Bulk Carrier Antigua and Barbuda 32987 9456173	22:15.54N – 091:42.65E, 3.7nm West of Patenga, Bangladesh	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship with a rope ladder. The robbers tried to attack the crew watchmen. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
13.	20.06.2015 0630 LT Steaming Boarded	Helmuth Rambow Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9306275	22:10N – 091:42E, Chittagong 'B' Anchorage, Bangladesh	Three robbers armed with long knives in a speed boat boarded the ship approaching the anchorage point. The bridge duty officer informed the deck crew who shouted at the robbers. Seeing crew alertness the robbers threw stolen ship's properties into the waiting boat and escaped. Port authorities and coast guard notified.
14.	22.06.2015 2145 LT Anchored Boarded	Taung Gyi Star Container Liberia 9590 9101819	22:09N – 091:44E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	During heavy rainfall, duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed robbers attempting to enter the accommodation. He informed the OOW on the bridge who raised the alarm and alerted the crew. The robbers chased the crew before escaping with stolen ship's stores. One crew slipped and injured himself. Coast guard informed.
15.	05.07.2015 0740 LT Anchored Boarded	Fulham Road Product Tanker Liberia 42411 9594901	17:40.29N – 083:24.24E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Five persons in a boat approached an anchored tanker and attempted to board using the anchor chain. The alert duty watchman raised the alarm and informed the bridge. Seeing the alerted crew the boat moved away. As most of the crew gathered on the forecastle another boat approached the tanker from the stern. Two robbers boarded via the poop deck and stole ship's properties. Aft duty watchman noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping.
16.	23.07.2015 2345 LT Anchored Boarded	Bhairavi Chemical Tanker India 8625 9414319	22:42.9N – 070:04.2E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Duty officer on board an anchored tanker noticed two robbers who had boarded using a ladder in a small boat. Master on bridge raised the general alarm followed by PA announcement. All crew gathered on the forecastle deck. Upon hearing alarm and seeing crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing reported stolen. Port Control informed and security message sent to all vessels on VHF CH-16.
17.	24.07.2015 0445 LT Anchored Boarded	Star Kestrel Product Tanker Panama 30068 9321940	22:48.5N – 070:02.5E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Duty watchman informed duty officer on the bridge that two robbers had boarded an anchored tanker at the forecastle. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
18.	29.10.2015 Morning Hrs Anchored	Name Withheld Tanker Bahamas	22:40N – 069:56E,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain, stole ship's properties from the forecastle and escaped.

	Boarded	160782 -	Reliance Crude Anchorage, India	The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine rounds. PFSO informed.
19.	31.10.2015 0017 – 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Singapore 24785 -	22:46.43N – 070:02.23E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the pad locks to the bosun stores were damaged and ship's stores were stolen. Incident reported to port control.
20.	25.11.2015 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	Kalliopi L Bulk Carrier Liberia 39994 9233284	17:03N – 082:24E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Three robbers armed with knives in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers boarded the ship and began collecting ship's stores to steal. Deck crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the duty officer on the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat leaving the stores onboard. Incident reported to port authorities.
21.	02.12.2015 0615 LT Anchored Boarded	Maritime Dinar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29956 9143685	22:39.8N – 069:57.9E, Sikka Crude Tanker Anchorage, India	Five robbers armed with iron rods boarded an anchored tanker and entered the tank cleaning store by breaking the padlock. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers as they were lowering stolen ship's items into their boat. He immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge and retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Port control informed.
22.	24.12.2015 0800 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30030 -	22:46N – 070:02E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was discovered later in the day.
23.	30.12.2015 0015 LT Anchored Boarded	Alpine Maria Chemical Tanker Liberia 29705 9655975	22:37N – 069:55E, Sikka Anchorage, India	Two robbers in a small fast craft boat boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to port control.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2015 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld General Cargo Liberia 19354 -	10:18.31N – 075:33.14W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship during bunkering operations and stole the forward life raft. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during departure time. Incident reported to the Harbour Authorities.
2.	15.04.2015 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Pelikaan Sailing Yacht Australia 25 -	19:36.52N – 072:59.82W, Baie de Port-a- Piment, Haiti	Around 10-15 robbers armed with machetes, clubs and sticks in a boat came alongside an anchored yacht. They were violent and assaulted the skipper and his wife. They ransacked the yacht, stole personal belongings, navigational equipment,

				properties and escaped. Mayday calls on VHF was transmitted but no response received. The following morning, locals assisted the couple and informed the police who are investigating the incident. The couple needed hospitalisation due to the severe beating. The skipper's fingers and arms were broken and his wife was severely bruised.
3.	05.06.2015 1400 LT Anchored Boarded	Sichem Contester Product Tanker Singapore 11757 9416020	03:51.6N – 077:05.9W, Buenaventura Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed the paint store's padlock broken. Upon checking, he found that ship's stores were missing. Port control informed.
4.	28.06.2015 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Sea Majesty General Cargo Panama 20236 9363285	10:22.86N – 075:33.69W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Five robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship from a wooden boat. They entered the forecastle store and stole ship's properties. When duty crew sighted the robbers, alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen properties.
5.	16.08.2015 0800 LT Anchored Boarded	BBC Hudson General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 12936 9435868	10:16.4N – 064:33.9W, Guanta Anchorage, Venezuela	Bosun on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed three store rooms opened and their padlocks broken. He immediately raised the alarm and crew mustered. It was noticed that the robbers had boarded the ship via the anchor chain, stolen ship's properties and escaped.
6.	21.08.2015 0140 LT Anchored Boarded	Wawasan Sapphire Product Tanker Hong Kong 11572 9508158	03:50.18N – 077:09.2W, Buenaventura Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the tanker noticed four robbers lowering paint drums into a waiting boat. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and made their way towards the robbers. Seeing the approaching crew, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. Port control informed.
7.	20.10.2015 0730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Energy Progress Product Tanker Isle of Man 29605 9387279	10:19.2N – 075:31.2W, Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia	Duty watchman on board and anchored tanker noticed two robbers on the forecastle and informed the OOW. Alarm raised, search light directed towards to the forecastle area and forward fog horn sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen. Port Authorities informed by VHF CH-14.
8.	18.11.2015 2200 LT Anchored Boarded	Malena General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 2588 9375886	18:33N – 072:23W, Port-au-Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB noticed the robbers hiding near the forward mooring station and informed the C/O. As the AB approached the forward station, he saw the robbers armed with sharp knives busy cutting the mooring ropes. By the time the crew mustered the robbers had escaped with the mooring ropes. C/O immediately informed the pilot station and requested for a police boat.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.01.2015 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	Mariam Product Tanker Cook Islands 1100 8666472	03:44N – 004:59E, Around 63nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Ten pirates armed with AK47 rifles boarded and hijacked the tanker and took hostage all nine crew. They transferred the fuel oil cargo into another vessel and two pirates departed with that vessel. The Ghanaian navy dispatched a naval vessel to investigate as the tanker moved into its waters and arrested the eight pirates remaining onboard. During the incident the crew were mistreated by the pirates.
2.	14.01.2015 2130 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ocean Splendor Bulk Carrier Panama 31756 9622825	03:24N – 001:21E, Around 157nm SSE of Accra, Ghana	Eight heavily armed pirates boarded the drifting ship. They opened fire to intimidate the crew. The pirates destroyed the communication equipment, manhandled some crew members and stole crew and ship's properties. Before leaving the ship on 15.01.15 at 0215 UTC, the crew were warned not to sail until sunrise.
3.	21.01.2015 1800 LT Berthed Boarded	Pure Grace Product Tanker Marshall Islands 26218 9112129	Berth No.3, Monrovia Port, Liberia	Robbers boarded the tanker at berth while crew were engaged in cargo operations. They stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. Terminal Security was informed and an investigation was carried out.
4.	30.01.2015 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917 Fishing Vessel Ghana 299 8673906	04:26N – 001:43W, Around 27nm South of Takoradi, Ghana	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel underway. The Togo Navy responded and engaged the pirates. Twenty crew jumped overboard in an attempt to escape, and were rescued by the patrol boat. The remaining seven crew were taken hostage as the pirates fled headed out to sea. The pirates later left the vessel and the crew sailed towards a safe port. One crew has been reported killed in the incident and three crew were missing.
5.	03.03.2015 0425 LT Berthed Boarded	Green Klipper Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 4091 9001904	Berth No.9, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Eight robbers boarded the berthed ship. Ship's security watch spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
6.	12.03.2015 2254 LT Berthed Boarded	Sea Force Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9322102	Terminal 5, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty pump man onboard the berthed tanker, noticed two robbers hiding near the hatch cover of COT 1 Port. He immediately informed the duty officer and alerted all crew. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers jumped overboard, disconnected their own hoses and escaped. Upon inspection, it was noticed that around five cubic meters of base oil cargo was stolen. Agents and Port Security Officer were informed.
7.	14.03.2015 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	Geocean Protis Pipe Lay Barge Panama 16198 -	04:45S – 011:48E, Pointe Noire Outer Anchorage, The Congo	Unnoticed by ship's crew, robbers boarded an anchored barge. They broke open store room, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was detected the next morning.

8.	19.03.2015 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Maridive 603 Offshore Supply Ship Belize 3231 9647007	04:14.1N – 008:02.1E, Around 19nm South of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with rifles boarded the vessel. Master raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and crew mustered. Two crew members were kidnapped and ship's properties were stolen. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location 15 minutes after the call. Remaining crew reported safe.
9.	21.03.2015 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld FPSO Marshall Islands 132492 -	04:02N – 007:31E, Around 36nm SE of Bonny Islands, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns boarded an anchored FPSO. They entered the accommodation area but were deterred by the sounding of the alarm. The pirates managed to kidnap and escape with three crew members.
10.	25.03.2015 0230 LT Berthed Boarded	Green Glacier Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 5136 9004401	Fishing Port Berth DNP 23, Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Four robbers boarded the berthed ship. 2nd Officer on routine rounds noticed the padlock to the central store room missing. As he opened the door to investigate four robbers pushed him and escaped. One robber jumped overboard while the other three left the ship by the gangway. Local security watchman saw the incident but did not take any action. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. A number of cartons had been removed from the cargo holds and lay ready to lower into a wooden boat, however due to the alert 2 nd officer, no cargo was stolen.
11.	09.04.2015 0144 LT Anchored Boarded	High Mars Product Tanker Hong Kong 29733 9366275	06:17N – 003:23E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. The onboard Nigerian Naval personal spotted the robbers and fired warning shots resulting in the robbers jumping overboard to escape. A Nigerian patrol boat captured one of the robbers. All crew safe.
12.	07.05.2015 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	MCP Adamas General Cargo Malta 5338 9578347	05:51.9S – 013:24.8E, Ikungulu Anchorage, Matadi, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two boats approaching the ship. He immediately informed the duty officer. The robbers armed with bolos and knives boarded the ship. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and all crew mustered on the bridge. Port control contacted but no response received. Master immediately reported the incident to the agents. At 0735 LT, the robbers escaped with ship's stores and a number of boxes. Upon investigation, it was found that one container was opened and its contents stolen.
13.	15.05.2015 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	Honey Badger Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34769 9711315	09:22N – 013:43W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Six robbers armed with AK47 rifles boarded an anchored ship. 2nd officer saw two robbers on the poop deck and immediately raised the alarm and informed the Master. The robbers aimed the AK47 towards the 2nd officer and duty AB who immediately retreated into the citadel. The robbers broke into the Masters cabin, fired a few rounds towards the deck head and demanded money from the Master. Before escaping the robbers stole crew properties and ship's cash. Port control was informed.

14.	18.05.2015 2340 LT Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Nigeria 2908 -	04:13N – 007:57E, Around 19nm South of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns in a speed boat boarded the drifting vessel. They assaulted two duty crew members of which one was injured. Alarm raised and the rest of the crew took shelter in the safe room. Attempts to contact the security vessel received no response. At 0400 LT, the crew members emerged from the safe room and found that five crew members were kidnapped. After negotiations, on 03.06.2015 the five abducted crew members were released safely.
15.	08.06.2015 0023 LT Anchored Boarded	MCP Troodos General Cargo Cyprus 5316 9356907	04:44S – 011:45E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Six robbers armed with bolos in a wooden boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers managed to board the ship and were noticed by the duty crew. One robber armed with the bolo chased the duty crew who managed to retreat into the accommodation and raise the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Port control informed.
16.	08.06.2015 0010 LT Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld General Cargo Liberia 18597 -	19:49S – 034:50E, Beira Port, Mozambique	Three robbers armed with knives in a small wooden boat approached the berthed ship. One of the robbers managed to board the ship and cut off a mooring rope. Duty crew tried to approach the robber but was threatened with the knife. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with the stolen stores. Port Authorities informed.
17.	08.06.2015 0300 LT Berthed Boarded	Roberta Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36286 9700653	Berth No. 4/5, Douala Port, Cameroon	During cargo operations a duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed the padlock to the forecabin store broken and ship's properties missing. The crew suspected the stevedores to be involved in the theft.
18.	27.06.2015 2340 LT Berthed Boarded	Silver Amanda Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29460 9682394	04:02.6S – 039:38.5E, Shimani Oil Terminal, Mombasa, Kenya	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker from a boat using a hook. They were spotted by a duty crew who alerted the C/O. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers stole mooring ropes and escaped. The incident was reported to Port control and local agent.
19.	18.08.2015 0350 LT Anchored Boarded	Port Hainan Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 33036 9456422	05:52.6S – 013:01.7E, Boma Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	A robber boarded an anchored ship awaiting berthing instructions at Matadi in the Congo River. Duty AB and OS spotted a robber on the main deck near cargo hold No.2. Seeing the duty crew approaching him, the robber jumped overboard and escaped. Duty officer informed, alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried but nothing reported stolen.
20.	19.10.2015 1954 UTC Steaming Boarded	Solarte Refrigerated Cargo Ship Comoros 3261 8210285	03:58N – 005:25E, Around 36nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Pirates armed with submachine guns boarded the ship underway. They opened fire, damaged some equipment, stole ship's cash, kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew were able to retreat to the engine room. Nigerian authorities notified. On 12.11.2015, the four

				crew members were released and they returned home safely.
21.	24.10.2015 0830 LT Anchored Boarded	Mia-S Bulk Carrier Antigua and Barbuda 32987 9456147	06:20N – 010:51W, Monrovia Anchorage, Liberia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed when the crew found the padlock to the safety locker broken. Incident reported to local agents.
22.	07.11.2015 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Eclips Container Marshall Islands 10384 9126924	31:12N – 029:44E, Around 9.42nm West of Alexandria, Egypt	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the quarter deck. Before he could report the boarding the robbers attacked him and hit him on his neck rendering him to black out. After coming to the duty crew reported the incident and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to port control and local agent.
23.	18.11.2015 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sea Force Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9322102	04:45S – 011:49E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber near the forecastle entrance. He immediately informed the Master who in turn raised the alarm and the 2/O made PA announcement. The deck crew members immediately rushed to the forecastle. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed in a small wooden boat. Incident reported to port control and ships in the vicinity informed.
24.	26.11.2015 2300 UTC Steaming Boarded	Szafir General Cargo Cyprus 6030 9004504	04:00N – 006:00E, Around 70nm SW of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Pirates in two speedboats approached and boarded a general cargo ship underway. Eleven crew managed to retreat and secure themselves in the engine room. The remaining five crew were kidnapped and taken ashore by the pirates. On 08.12.2015, the five crew members were released and they returned home safely, in good health on the next day.
25.	05.12.2015 0139 LT Anchored Boarded	Asia Pearl III Bulk Carrier Singapore 22402 9502776	04:45S – 011:47E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped. A search was carried out and nothing found stolen. Incident reported to port control.
26.	16.12.2015 0402 LT Anchored Boarded	Sudkap General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6170 9210294	05:50.8S – 013:25.8E, Matadi Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Seven robbers armed with knives in a boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers managed to board the ship. Upon seeing the duty crew approaching, the robbers escaped. Incident reported to local authorities through the local agents.

REST OF THE WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.02.2015 1630 LT Steaming Boarded	Kwadima II Passenger Boat Papua New Guinea 18 -	10:37S – 150:45E, Papua New Guinea	Six robbers armed with guns and knives in an orange and white dingy approached and boarded a local passenger boat. Shots were fired in the air and the Captain and some crew were assaulted. The robbers stole crew and ship cash and property, destroyed communication and navigation equipment and escaped. The crew sailed to Alotau island where the Authorities boarded for investigation. Captain provided medical attention, rest of the crew reported safe.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2015

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.03.2015 0930 LT Steaming Attempted	Brahms Bulk Carrier Malta 41074 9473327	06:13.11N – 119:50.18E, Around 18nm NNW of Laparan Island, Philippines	A suspected mother vessel disguised as fishing vessel deployed six high speed skiffs which chased the ship underway. The persons onboard the skiffs wearing camouflage clothes circled around and attempted to board the ship. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, broadcast security messages via VHF Ch. 16 and contacted Philippines navy for assistance. Upon hearing the Philippines navy's reply on VHF, the skiffs aborted the attempted attack and moved away.
2.	20.03.2015 1155 LT Steaming Attempted	Amis Wisdom III Bulk Carrier Panama 34795 9573866	06:00N – 119:13E, Around 27nm WNW of Pearl Bank, Philippines	Persons in four speed boats approached the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, called Malaysian navy via VHF channel, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated anti-piracy preventive measures. The boats chased the ship for around 20 minutes and then moved away.
3.	21.04.2015 1105 LT Steaming Attempted	Phubai Pattra 3 Product Tanker Thailand 3018	02:28N – 104:26E, Around 4nm East of Pulau Aur,	A nine metre long, light green coloured fishing boat with two outboard engines approached the tanker underway from the stern. Master raised the alarm, sounded fog

		9004140	Johor, Malaysia	horn, increased speed, crew mustered and took anti-piracy preventive measures as the boat closed to seven metres and tried to get alongside the tanker. It was noticed that there were seven persons armed with knives onboard the boat. Due to increase in the speed, the boat was unable to keep up and moved away. The tanker and the crew members are safe.
4.	27.04.2015 0230 LT Steaming Attempted	CTP Fortune Container Indonesia 14855 9181730	01:14N – 104:07E, Singapore Straits	Six persons armed with guns and long knives in a fast unlit boat approached the ship underway. As the boat came closer to the ship, the Master raised the alarm, all crew mustered and the duty AB directed the Aldis Lamp towards the boat resulting in the persons moving away. Singapore VTIS informed.
5.	01.05.2015 0410 LT Anchored Attempted	Golden Avenue Product Tanker Liberia 6149 9408360	01:43N – 101:24E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty motorman onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat with five persons roaming around the tanker. After a while the persons attempted to board the tanker from the poop deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the persons jumped into the water and escaped. Nothing reported stolen.
6.	05.05.2015 0445 LT Steaming Attempted	Ocean Ruby Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 51209 9498705	01:03.6N – 103:37.2E, Around 5.3nm SSW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	While underway, a skiff increased speed and came alongside the ship underway. Alert crew spotted the skiff and informed bridge. Master raised alarm, announced on PA and alerted the crew. Two robbers with the help of a hook climbed up to the ship's rails but retreated when they saw the crew alertness. Singapore VTIS informed.
7.	08.05.2015 0355 LT Steaming Attempted	Alpha LPG Tanker Hong Kong 46632 9290270	01:02N – 103:39E, 5.6nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers in an unlit boat approached the underway tanker from the stern. They were spotted by the alert crew who raised the alarm. Noticing the alerted crew the robbers moved away.
8.	26.07.2015 0540 LT Steaming Attempted	Setagawa Tanker Panama 159936 9391763	01:04.7N – 103:36.0E, Around 5.1nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Persons in an unlit boat attempted to board an underway tanker. Duty anti-piracy crew observed the boat approaching to 20 meters. Crew flashed lights resulting in the boat aborting the attempt and moving away. VTIS Singapore informed.
9.	31.07.2015 0145 LT Steaming Attempted	Gallia Graeca Bulk Carrier Cyprus 39035 9221607	01:04.5N – 103:41.8E, Around 2.1nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with long knives in a small unlit high speed boat approached the ship underway. One of the robbers attempted to board the ship using a hook attached to a rope. Alert crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm and crew rushed to the location. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted attack and moved away. Incident reported to VTIS Singapore. On arrival at Singapore waters, the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
10.	21.08.2015 0230 LT Steaming Attempted	Advantage Summer Tanker Marshall Islands 83805	01:10.6N – 103:26.7E,	Five robbers in a speed boat approached and attempted to board the tanker underway using a grappling hook. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing

		9419890	Around 2.9nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted attack and moved away. VTIS Singapore informed.
11.	20.09.2015 2320 LT Steaming Attempted	Hamgam Bulk Carrier Iran 39517 9226956	01:04N – 103:41E, Around 3.09nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil, Indonesia	Alert crew onboard the ship underway noticed a speed boat with eight persons approaching. Alarm raised, crew mustered, VTIS informed and anti-piracy measures deployed. As the boat came alongside the Master commenced manoeuvring resulting in the robbers aborting and moving away. Naval vessels in the vicinity were dispatched to assist the ship.
12.	15.10.2015 0120 LT Steaming Attempted	NPS Ocean Star Bulk Carrier Thailand 29304 9291353	01:07N – 103:30E, Around 6nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard the bulk carrier underway noticed a speed boat approaching the ship. Alarm raised, crew mustered and search light directed towards the speed boat. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted and move away.
13.	22.10.2015 0345 LT Steaming Attempted	Alameda Bulk Carrier Malta 86743 9228174	01:07.15N – 103:31.00E, Around 6.50nm ESE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Four persons in a small boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised the general alarm. CSO and Singapore Coast Guard informed. A coast guard vessel was seen approaching the ship in response to the call.
14.	20.11.2015 1115 LT Steaming Attempted	Salvigilant Tug Singapore 2658 9351842 Posh Giant 1 Barge Singapore 9772 -	01:10.56N – 103:40.55E, Around 2.15nm NNE of Nipah Islands, Indonesia	Three persons in a wooden boat attempted to board a barge being towed by the tug. Master raised the general alarm followed by PA announcement. All crew gathered on the forecastle deck. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS Singapore informed.
15.	18.12.2015 1342 LT Steaming Fired upon	Aqua Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 94710 9502582	05:57N – 119:50E, Around 6.82nm NW of Doc Can Island, Philippines	Around five robbers armed with guns in a speed boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. The 2/O increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. Seeing the ship moving away the robbers opened fire towards the bridge causing damage to the superstructure. All crew safe.
16.	27.12.2015 2200 LT Anchored Attempted	Mynika Bulk Carrier Cyprus 45999 9525613	03:43.5S – 114:25.8E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Four boats approached an anchored ship. One robber climbed the anchor chain and tried to enter through the hawse pipe. They were spotted by the duty crew who informed the bridge by walkie talkie. Alarm raised, crew mustered. Captain and crew went forward and discovered the robbers had already escaped in a speed boat.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	06.06.2015 1515 LT Anchored Attempted	Cable Retriever Cable ship Singapore 11026 9063287	10:21.N – 107:02.1E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	An unauthorised person from a small boat attempted to board and anchored cable ship. Alert crew raised the alarm resulting in the person aborting and moving away.
2.	29.12.2015 0255 LT Anchored Attempted	Edward N Bulk Carrier Liberia 91374 9597185	38:47.7N – 118:16.2E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Five robbers in large boat came alongside and attempted to board an anchored ship. Alert crew spotted the boat, raised the alarm and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.06.2015 0630 LT Berthed Attempted	Goldengate Park Chemical Tanker Liberia 11733 9493145	CUFL Jetty, Bangladesh	Chief officer onboard the berthed tanker noticed four robbers attempting to steal ship's properties. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.02.2015 1830 UTC Anchored Attempted	Remi Tanker Nigeria 22607 8805470	05:28N – 005:05E, Around 10nm SW of Escravos Offshore, Nigeria	Two crew on the forecastle of an anchored tanker noticed a boat approaching at high speed. As the boat closed in the crew noticed something being thrown towards the tanker. The boat moved away and waited. After a while the two crew noticed the boat slowly approach the tanker again. The crew noticed the persons in the boat light an object and throw it towards the tanker, which hit the ship's rail and fell into the water. A loud explosion was heard. The boat moved away. Nigerian Navy and Port Authority informed. A gun boat was deployed and the tanker moved to a secure anchorage.
2.	05.02.2015 0320 LT Berthed Attempted	Sira Product Tanker Marshall Islands 12105 9408803	Berth 5&6, ENL Jetty, Lagos Harbours, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard the berthed tanker spotted a robber attempting to board the vessel. He alerted the onboard security team who chased the robbers away. After a while the robbers attempted to return and the security team fired one warning shot resulting in the robbers aborting the approach.
3.	01.04.2015 0230 UTC	Santa Giannina Container	09:15N – 013:43W,	Six robbers in a fishing boat approached and attempted to board an anchored ship using a

	Anchored Attempted	Liberia 21531 9141780	Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	hook attached with a long pole. One of the robbers pointed a gun towards the duty watchman who escaped and raised the alarm. All crew mustered in a safe room. The Master contacted the CSO, local agents and MTISC-GoG for assistance. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. Port control contacted but no response received. The Authorities sent a patrol boat to check the surrounding waters.
4.	24.04.2015 0125 LT Anchored Attempted	CMB Boris Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23432 9474228	09:25N – 013:43W, Around 5nm South of Conakry, Guinea	Duty AB onboard an anchored ship spotted a small wooden boat with eight persons attempting to board the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers aborted and moved away.
5.	24.04.2015 0145 LT Anchored Attempted	Ailsa Craig I FSO Panama 150340 8907319	04:13.15N – 007:23.53E, Around 13nm Offshore Bonny, Nigeria	Ten pirates armed with guns and a ladder in a fast wooden boat approached the moored FSO. Four pirates managed to gain access onto the vessel. Duty crew noticed the pirates and informed the Master who raised the alarm and mustered all crew in a safe room. The onboard armed Naval personal fired a warning shot resulting in the pirates aborting and moving away. A security message was sent to all ships in the vicinity.
6.	26.05.2015 0100 LT Berthed Attempted	Karina Theresa Product Tanker Denmark 5706 9428451	Tincan Berth No.1, Lagos Port, Nigeria	The deck watch onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat with three persons attempting to board and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted and moved away. Lagos Port Control informed.
7.	20.07.2015 0440 LT Berthed Attempted	Challenge Pacific Product Tanker Singapore 26911 9347310	04:04.6S – 039:39.8E, Mbaraki Terminal, Mombasa Port, Kenya	Two robbers attempted to board the berthed tanker during cargo operations. Alert crew and shore watchmen noticed the robbers as they attempted to gain access via the mooring lines and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers aborted and moved away. Port control informed. A coast guard patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.
8.	22.09.2015 1510 LT Anchored Attempted	Marlin Amethyst Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29534 9697222	06:16.9N – 003:13.0E, Around 14.8nm SSW of Lagos, Nigeria	A small boat approached and came alongside an anchored tanker. The persons onboard pretended to be cargo inspectors and produced a fake letter of authorisation purportedly signed by the Master of the tanker. Seeing the fraudulent document, and suspecting an attempt to board the tanker illegally, the Master contacted a nearby naval security boat, which responded and detained the suspected persons.
9.	01.12.2015 0400 LT Anchored Attempted	Union Sapphire Tug Belgium 498 9220550	04:45S – 011:50E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Three persons in a boat approached and tried to board an anchored tug. Alert duty crew directed the search light towards the boat and approached the person attempting to board via the tire fender. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons moved away.



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Total number of attacks - 246



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 24

Total attacks Far East & SE Asia – 178



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Total attacks Gulf of Aden, southern Red Sea – 0
Total attacks east coast Africa & Indian Ocean - 3



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Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 31