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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 31 December 2021

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

The key advantages and services of the PRC are:

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

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

This report is an analysis of 132 global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the IMB PRC from 1 January to 31 December 2021. Incidents are occasionally reported late, resulting in changes to the tables and figures in subsequent reports.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these narrated incidents are shown separately. Similarly, because of the vast area affected by Somali pirates, these incidents are grouped together with the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea in the narrations section.

For further details on the anti-piracy service or to report an incident contact the 24-hour manned IMB PRC at:

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DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

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

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

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

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

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

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

This is the first essential step in the response chain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- Steamship Insurance Management Services Limited
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The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

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

The financial and non-financial support provided to the IMB PRC by the above contributors as well as other information providers has enabled the IMB PRC, to receive, respond to and action over 3000 emails and calls on its Maritime Security Hotline from seafarers, CSOs, Maritime Authorities, Government Agencies, Flag States, Law Enforcement, Navies, warships, Rescue Centres and LES on piracy and armed robbery as well as other maritime crime and security.

The IMB PRC has also participated in 115 emergency vessel drills, on request of CSOs and has provided information and advice to Masters and vessel operators on vessel voyage risk planning.

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

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents, January – December 2017 – 2021

| | Location | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| S E ASIA | Indonesia | 43 | 36 | 25 | 26 | 9 | |
| | Malacca Straits | | | | | 1 | |
| | Malaysia | 7 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 2 | |
| | Philippines | 22 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 9 | |
| | Singapore Straits | 4 | 3 | 12 | 23 | 35 | |
| | Thailand | | | | 1 | | |
| EAST ASIA | China | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| | Vietnam | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | |
| INDIAN SUB | Bangladesh | 11 | 12 | | 4 | | |
| CONTINENT | India | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | |
| SOUTH AMERICA | Brazil | | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | |
| | Colombia | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | |
| | Dominican Republic | | | 1 | | | |
| | Ecuador | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | |
| | Guyana | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| | Haiti | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | |
| | Mexico | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | |
| | Panama | | | 1 | | | |
| | Peru | 2 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 18 | |
| | Venezuela | 12 | 11 | 6 | | | |
| | AFRICA | Algeria | | | 1 | | |
| | | Angola | 1 | | | 6 | 4 |
| | | Benin | | 5 | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| Cameroon | | | 7 | 6 | | 1 | |
| Dem. Republic of Congo | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| Equatorial Guinea | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | |
| Gabon | | | | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| Ghana | | 1 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 5 | |
| Guinea | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | |
| Gulf of Aden* | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Ivory Coast | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Kenya | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Liberia | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| Morocco | | | | 2 | | | |
| Mozambique | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | |
| Nigeria | | 33 | 48 | 35 | 35 | 6 | |
| Red Sea* | | 1 | | | | | |
| Senegal | | 1 | | | | | |
| Sierra Leone | | 4 | | 1 | | | |
| Somalia* | | 5 | 2 | | | | |
| The Congo | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | |
| Togo | | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| REST OF WORLD | Iraq | | | | 1 | | |
| | Oman | 1 | | | | | |
| | Yemen | 3 | | | | | |
| Total at year end | | 180 | 201 | 162 | 195 | 132 | |

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following eight locations contributed to 71% of the total of 132 incidents reported in the period January – December 2021

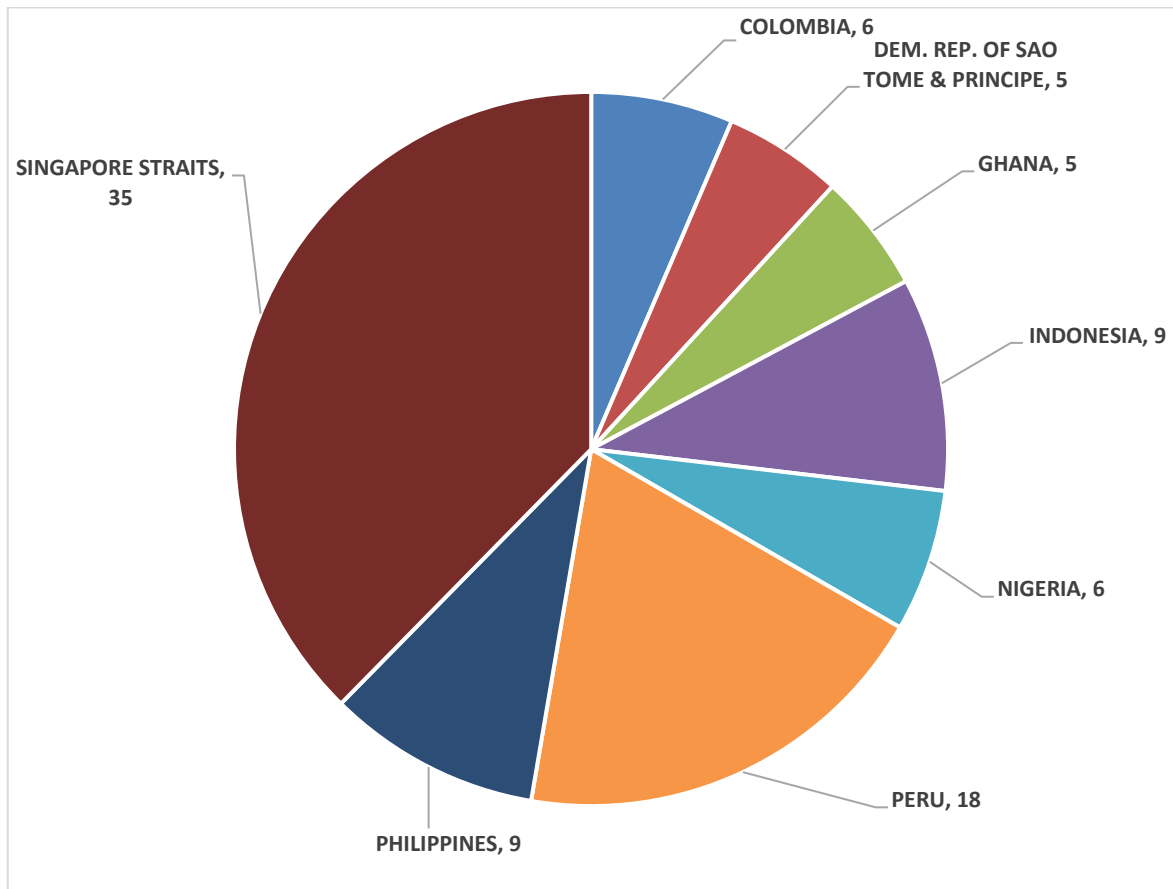


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2021

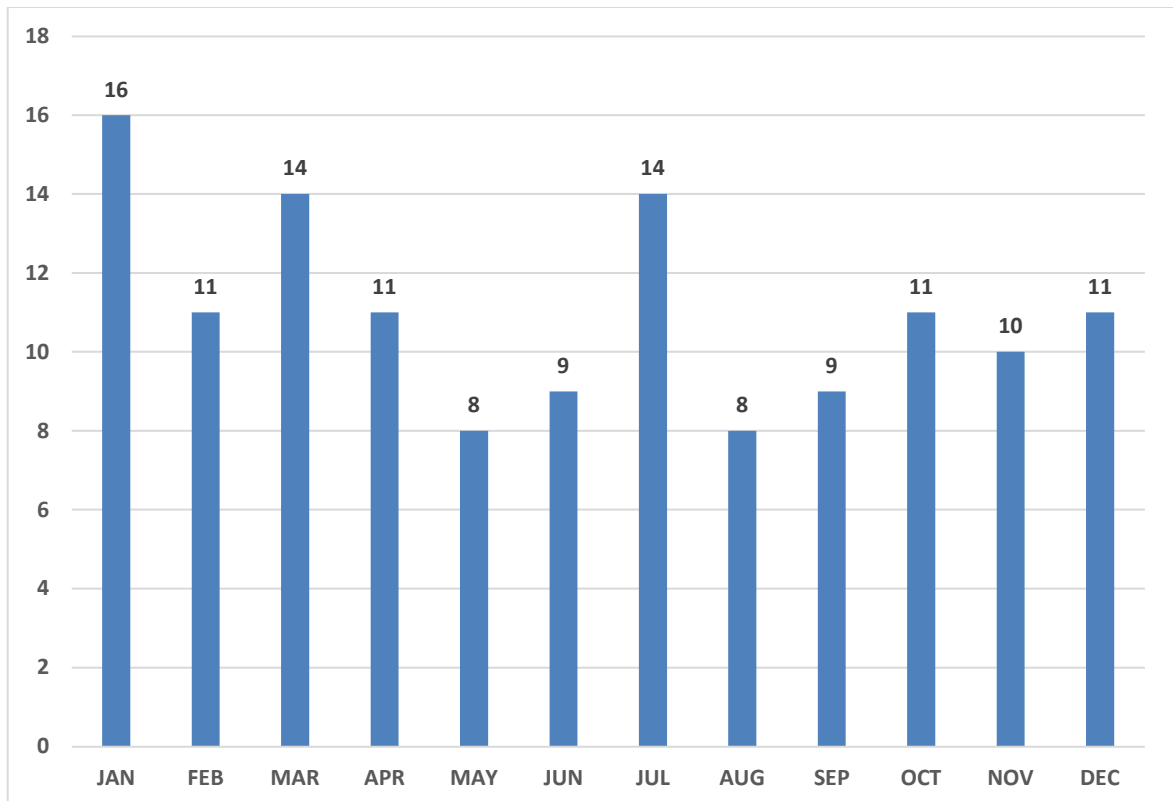


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – December 2021

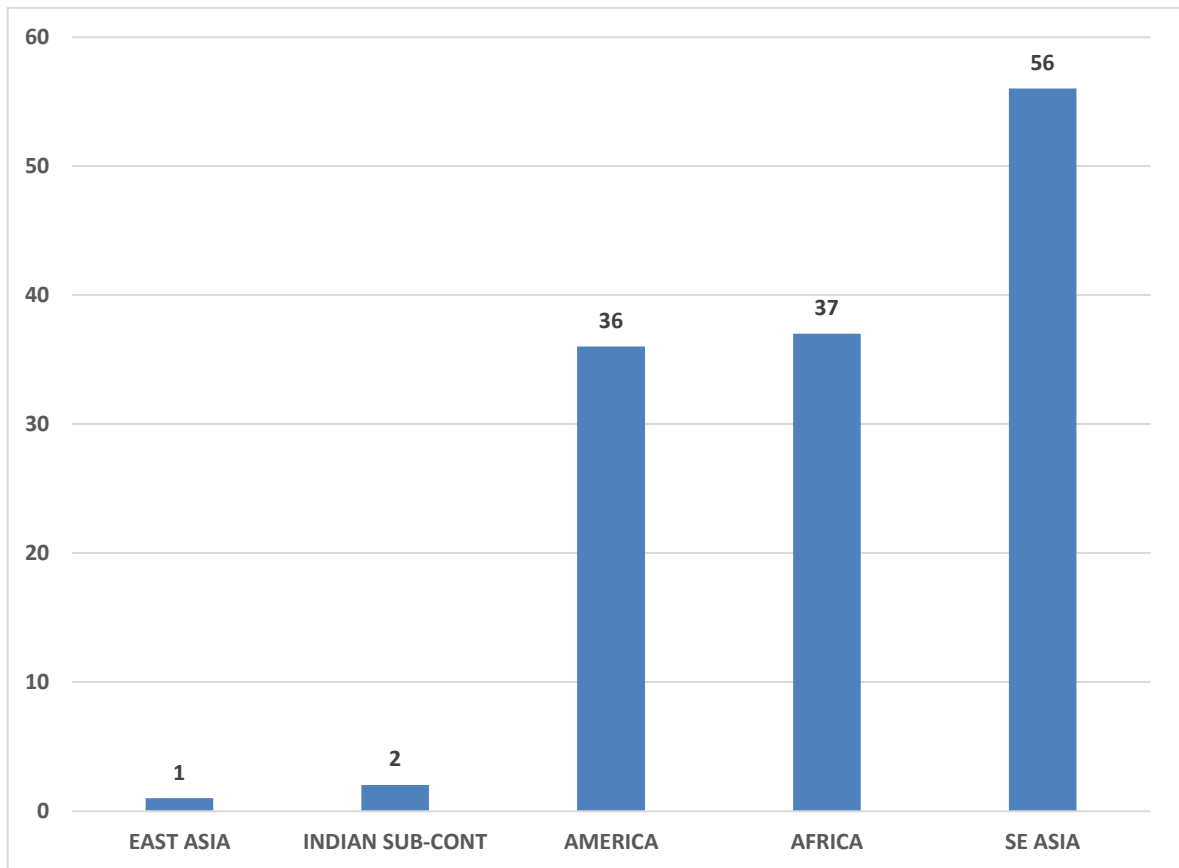
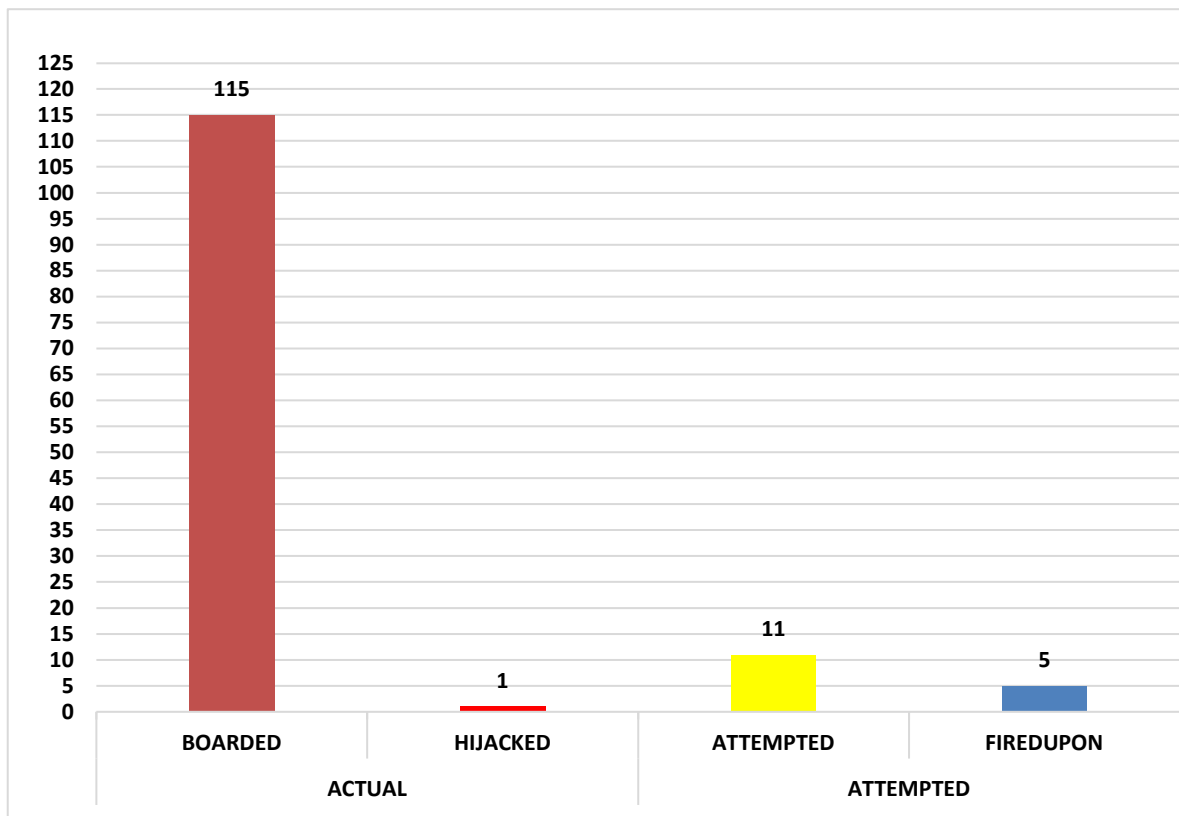
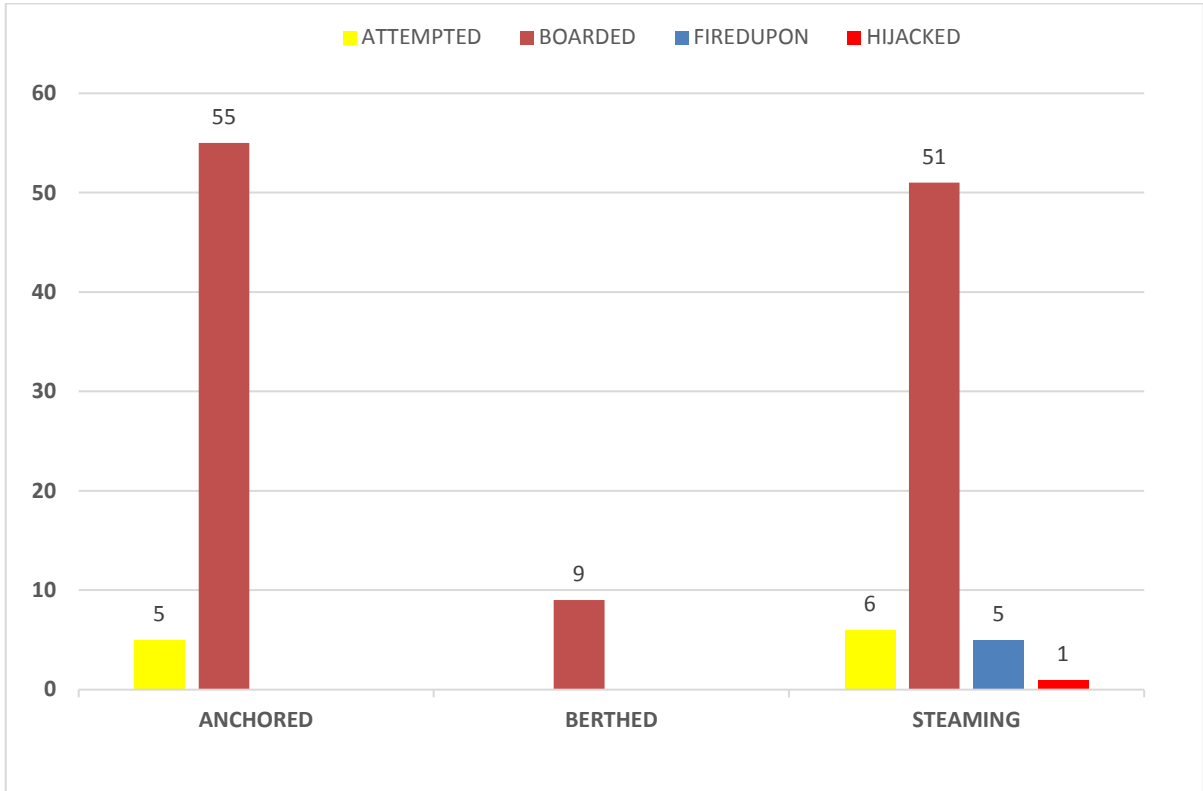


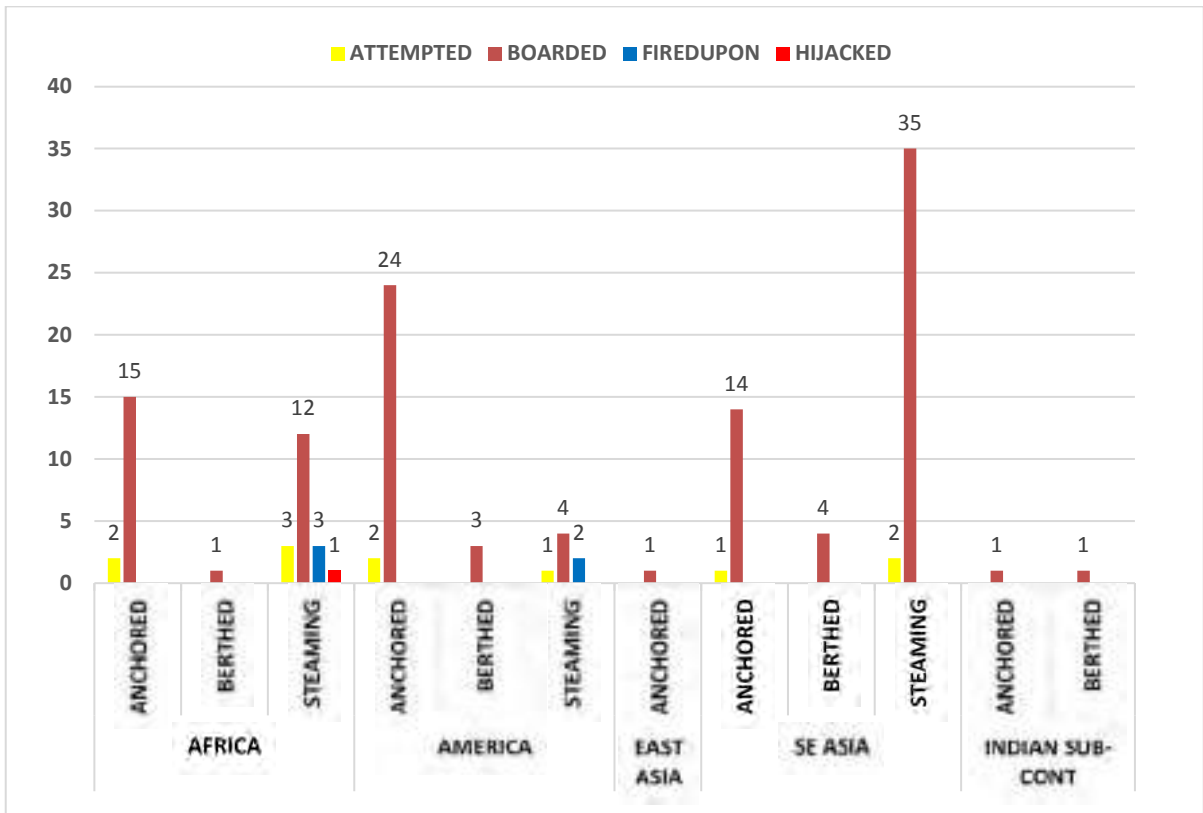
CHART D: Perpetrators successful in 88% of incidents. January – December 2021



**CHART E: Type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – December 2021**



**CHART F: Region specific type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – December 2021**



**CHART G: Region specific severity of incident in relation January – December 2021
(Severity level I, II, III – see page 4 for clarification)**

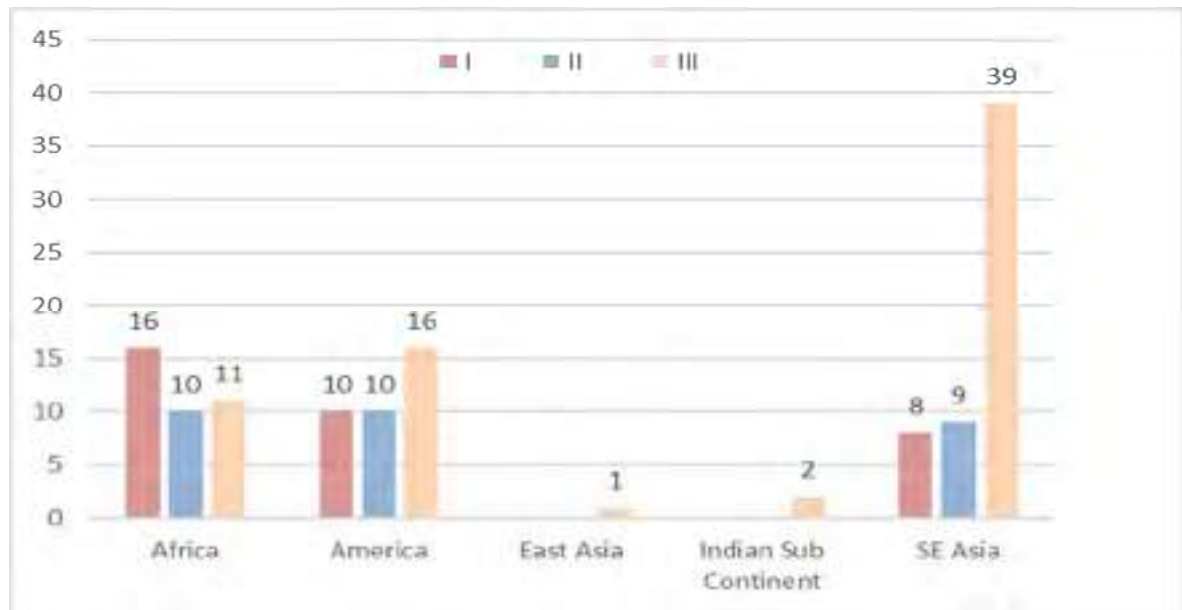


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – December 2021

| Location | Actual attacks | | Attempted attacks | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| | Boarded | Hijacked | Attempted | Fired Upon |
| SE ASIA Indonesia | 8 | | 1 | |
| Malacca Straits | 1 | | | |
| Malaysia | 2 | | | |
| Philippines | 9 | | | |
| Singapore Straits | 33 | | 2 | |
| EAST ASIA Vietnam | 1 | | | |
| INDIAN SUB-CONT India | 2 | | | |
| AMERICAS Brazil | 3 | | | |
| Colombia | 6 | | | |
| Ecuador | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Haiti | 4 | | | |
| Mexico | | | 1 | |
| Peru | 17 | | 1 | |
| AFRICA Angola | 4 | | | |
| Benin | 2 | | | |
| Cameroon | 1 | | | |
| Dem. Rep. of Congo | 1 | | | |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | 4 | | | 1 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 1 | | | 1 |
| Gabon | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Ghana | 3 | | 2 | |
| Guinea | 3 | | | |
| Gulf of Aden | | | 1 | |
| Liberia | 1 | | | |

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|------------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Mozambique | 1 | | | |
| Nigeria | 4 | | 1 | 1 |
| The Congo | 1 | | | |
| Sub total | 115 | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| Total | 132 | | | |

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – December 2021

| Country | Location | 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021 |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Angola | Luanda | 3 |
| Colombia | Cartagena | 3 |
| Guinea | Conakry | 3 |
| Indonesia | Jakarta | 4 |
| Peru | Callao | 18 |
| Philippines | Manila | 8 |

TABLE 4: Status of vessels during ACTUAL incidents, January – December 2021

| Location | Berthed | Anchored | Steaming |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| SE ASIA | | | |
| Indonesia | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Malacca Straits | | | 1 |
| Malaysia | 1 | 1 | |
| Philippines | 1 | 8 | |
| Singapore Straits | | | 33 |
| EAST ASIA | | | |
| Vietnam | | 1 | |
| INDIAN SUB-CONT | | | |
| India | 1 | 1 | |
| AMERICAS | | | |
| Brazil | 1 | 2 | |
| Colombia | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Ecuador | | | 1 |
| Haiti | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Peru | | 17 | |
| AFRICA | | | |
| Angola | | 4 | |
| Benin | | | 2 |
| Cameroon | | 1 | |
| Dem. Rep. of Congo | | 1 | |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | | | 4 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | | 1 |
| Gabon | | 2 | 1 |
| Ghana | | 1 | 2 |
| Guinea | | 3 | |
| Liberia | | 1 | |
| Mozambique | | 1 | |
| Nigeria | 1 | | 3 |
| The Congo | | 1 | |
| Sub total | 9 | 55 | 52 |
| Total | 116 | | |

TABLE 5: Status of vessels during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – December 2021

| Location | Anchored | Steaming |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| SE ASIA | | |
| Indonesia | 1 | |
| Singapore Straits | | 2 |
| AMERICAS | | |
| Ecuador | | 3 |
| Mexico | 1 | |
| Peru | 1 | |
| AFRICA | | |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | | 1 |
| Gabon | | 1 |
| Ghana | 2 | |
| Gulf of Aden | | 1 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | 1 |
| Nigeria | | 2 |
| Sub total | 5 | 11 |
| Total | 16 | |

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January - December 2017 – 2021

| Types of Arms | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Guns | 52 | 56 | 47 | 69 | 34 |
| Knives | 44 | 36 | 36 | 46 | 38 |
| Not stated | 80 | 104 | 74 | 76 | 56 |
| Other weapons | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 180 | 201 | 162 | 195 | 132 |

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January - December 2017 – 2021

| Category | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Attempted | 22 | 34 | 17 | 20 | 11 |
| Boarded | 136 | 143 | 130 | 161 | 115 |
| Fired upon | 16 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 5 |
| Hijack | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | 180 | 201 | 162 | 195 | 132 |

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2017 – 2021

| Types of | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Assaulted | 6 | | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Hostage | 91 | 141 | 59 | 34 | 8 |
| Injured | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| Kidnap/Ransom | 75 | 83 | 134 | 135 | 57 |
| Killed | 3 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Threatened | 10 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| Total | 191 | 241 | 210 | 191 | 82 |

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2021

| Location | Hostage | Kidnap | Threat | Assault | Injured | Killed |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SE ASIA Indonesia | | | 1 | | | |
| Philippines | 2 | | | | | |
| Singapore Straits | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| AMERICAS Ecuador | 1 | | | | | |
| Haiti | | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Peru | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | |
| AFRICA Benin | | 20 | | | | |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | | 15 | | | | 1 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | 6 | | | 1 | |
| Gabon | | 11 | | | 2 | |
| Ghana | | 5 | | | | |
| Guinea | 2 | | | | | |
| Sub total | 8 | 57 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Total | 82 | | | | | |

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2021

| Locations | Guns | Knives | Other Weapons | Not Stated |
|----------------------------------|------|--------|---------------|------------|
| S E ASIA Indonesia | | 5 | | 4 |
| Malacca Straits | | 1 | | |
| Malaysia | | | | 2 |
| Philippines | 2 | | 1 | 6 |
| Singapore Straits | 2 | 13 | 1 | 19 |
| EAST ASIA Vietnam | | | | 1 |
| INDIAN SUB-CONT India | | | | 2 |
| AMERICAS Brazil | | 2 | | 1 |
| Colombia | | 1 | | 5 |
| Ecuador | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| Haiti | 4 | | | |
| Mexico | 1 | | | |
| Peru | | 12 | 1 | 5 |
| AFRICA Angola | | | | 4 |
| Benin | 2 | | | |
| Cameroon | | | | 1 |
| Dem. Rep. of Congo | | | | 1 |
| Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome & Principe | 5 | | | |
| Equatorial Guinea | 2 | | | |
| Gabon | 3 | | | 1 |
| Ghana | 2 | | | 3 |
| Guinea | 3 | | | |
| Gulf of Aden | 1 | | | |
| Liberia | | 1 | | |
| Mozambique | | 1 | | |
| Nigeria | 5 | 1 | | |
| The Congo | | 1 | | |

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|------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Sub total | 34 | 38 | 4 | 56 |
| Total | 132 | | | |

TABLE 11: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2017 – 2021

| Type | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accommodation Barge | | | | 1 | |
| Bulk Carrier | 24 | 51 | 30 | 34 | 47 |
| Cement Carrier | 1 | | | | |
| Container | 14 | 13 | 12 | 20 | 30 |
| Dhow | 2 | | | | |
| Drilling Ship / Rig | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| General Cargo | 9 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Heavy Lift Vessel | | 1 | | | |
| Heavy Load Carrier | | | 1 | | |
| Landing Craft | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Maintenance Pontoon | | | 1 | | |
| Offshore Support Vessel | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Ore Carrier | | 1 | | | |
| Pipe Layer Ship / Barge | | | | 2 | |
| Passenger Craft | | | | | 1 |
| Pleasure Craft | | | 1 | | |
| Refrigerated Ship | 2 | 6 | | 3 | 1 |
| Research Ship | 2 | | | | |
| RO-RO | | 2 | | | |
| Supply Ship | 6 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Tanker Bunkering | 1 | | | | |
| Tanker Chem / Product | 33 | 41 | 32 | 32 | 22 |
| Tanker Crude Oil | 11 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 5 |
| Tanker FPSO / FSO | | | | 1 | |
| Tanker LNG | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 2 |
| Tanker LPG | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Trawler / Fishing | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge | 4 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Vehicle Carrier | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Yacht / Sailing Vessel | | | 1 | | |
| Total at year end | 180 | 201 | 162 | 195 | 132 |

CHART H: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2021

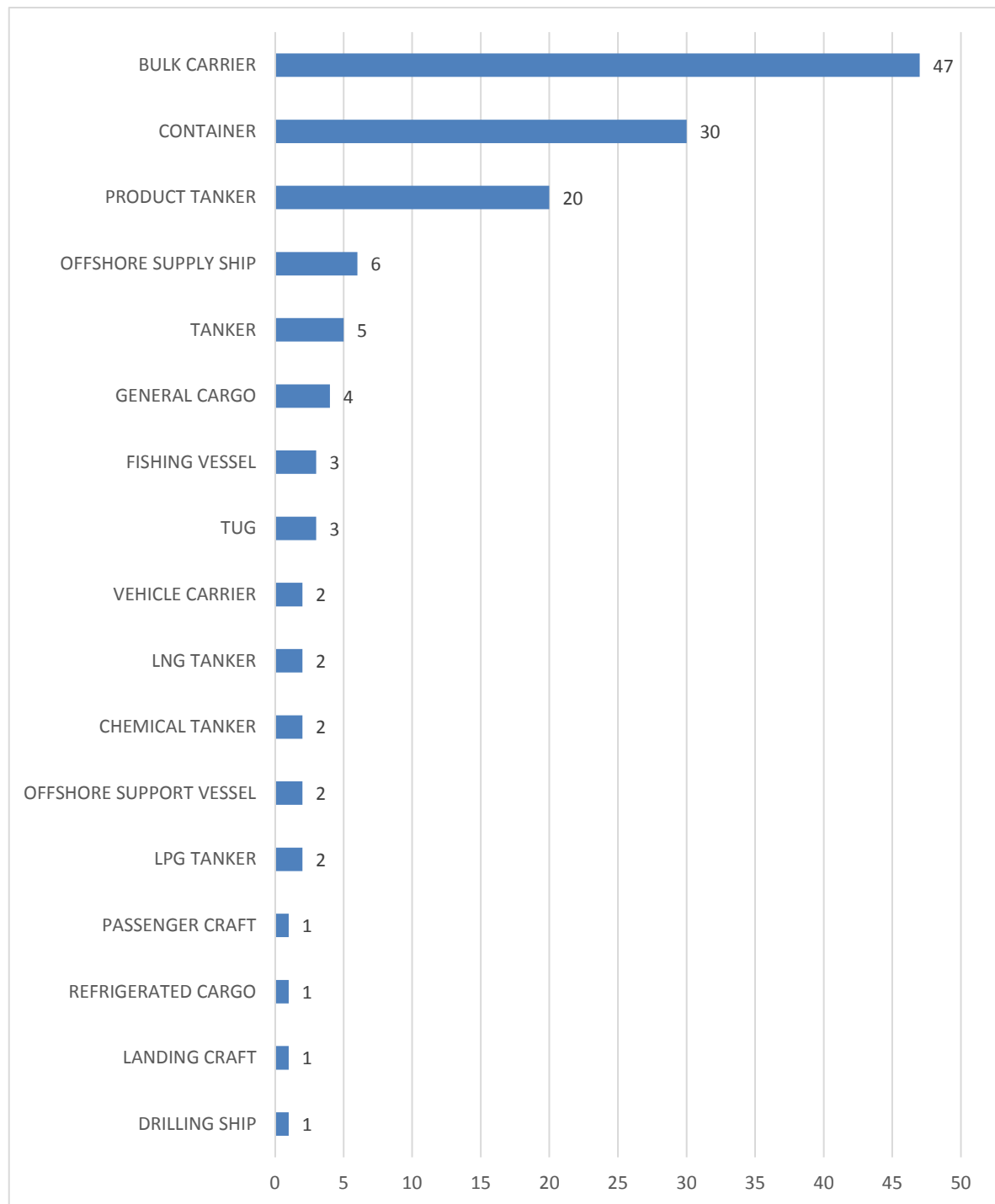


TABLE 12: Nationalities of vessels affected, January - December 2017 – 2021

| Flag State | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Antigua & Barbuda | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Austria | | | 1 | | |
| Bahamas | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Barbados | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Bermuda | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Brazil | | | | | 1 |
| Cameroon | | | 1 | | |
| Cayman Island | | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Chile | | 1 | | | |
| China | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Comoros | | | | 3 | |
| Cook Islands | | 1 | | | |
| Cyprus | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Denmark | 1 | | | 4 | 6 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | | | | 1 |
| France | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Gabon | | | | 1 | |
| Germany | | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Ghana | | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| Gibraltar | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Greece | | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Hong Kong (SAR) | 6 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| India | 2 | 1 | | 2 | |
| Indonesia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| Isle of Man | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Italy | | 3 | | 1 | |
| Jamaica | | | | | 1 |
| Korea South | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Liberia | 13 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 18 |
| Luxemburg | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Malaysia | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Malta | 5 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Marshall Islands | 19 | 30 | 22 | 22 | 17 |
| Mongolia | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Nigeria | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 1 |
| Niue | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Norway | 3 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Palau | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Panama | 20 | 21 | 10 | 19 | 6 |
| Philippines | 2 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Portugal | | | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Russia | | 1 | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Senegal | | | | 1 | |
| Sierra Leone | 1 | | | | |
| Singapore | 18 | 26 | 17 | 16 | 24 |
| Spain | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 | | | | |
| St Kitts & Nevis | | | | | 2 |
| St Vincent & Grenadines | | | | 1 | |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Switzerland | | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Thailand | 3 | | | | |
| Togo | | | 1 | | |
| Turkey | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Tuvalu | 1 | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 1 | | | | |
| Vanuatu | | | 1 | | |
| Vietnam | 3 | | | | |
| Not Stated | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Total at year end | 180 | 201 | 162 | 195 | 132 |

CHART I: Nationalities of vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents, January - December 2017 – 2021

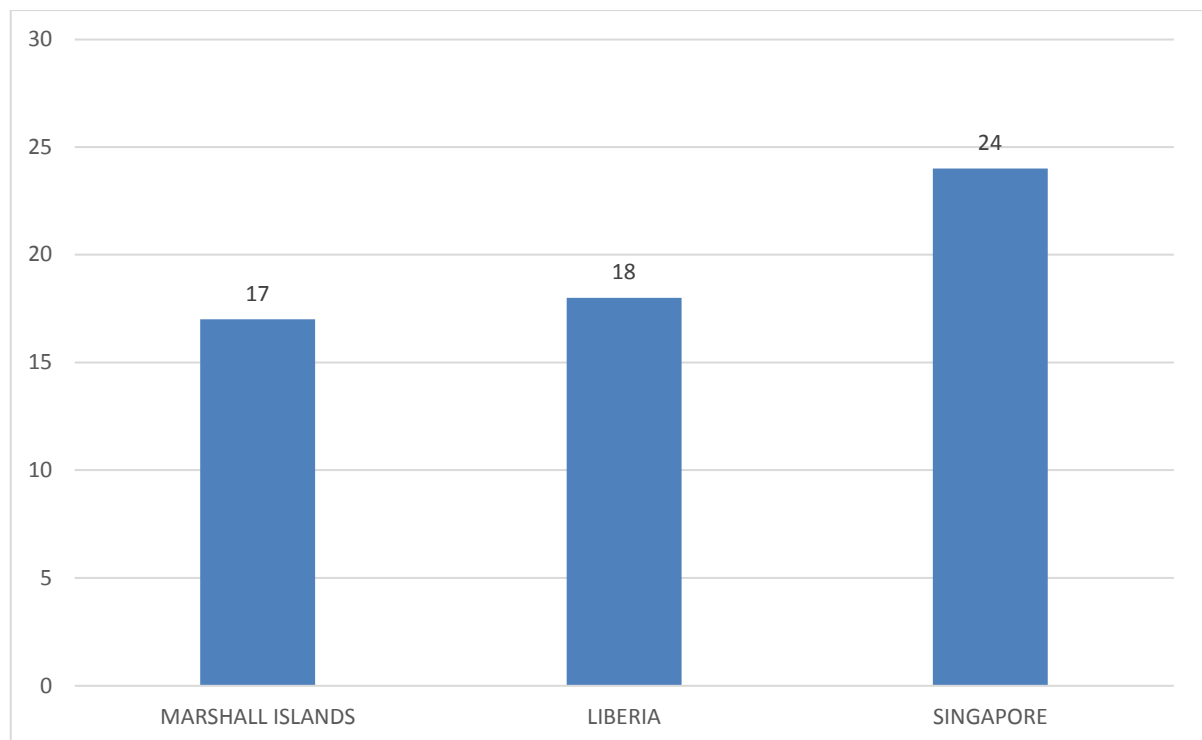
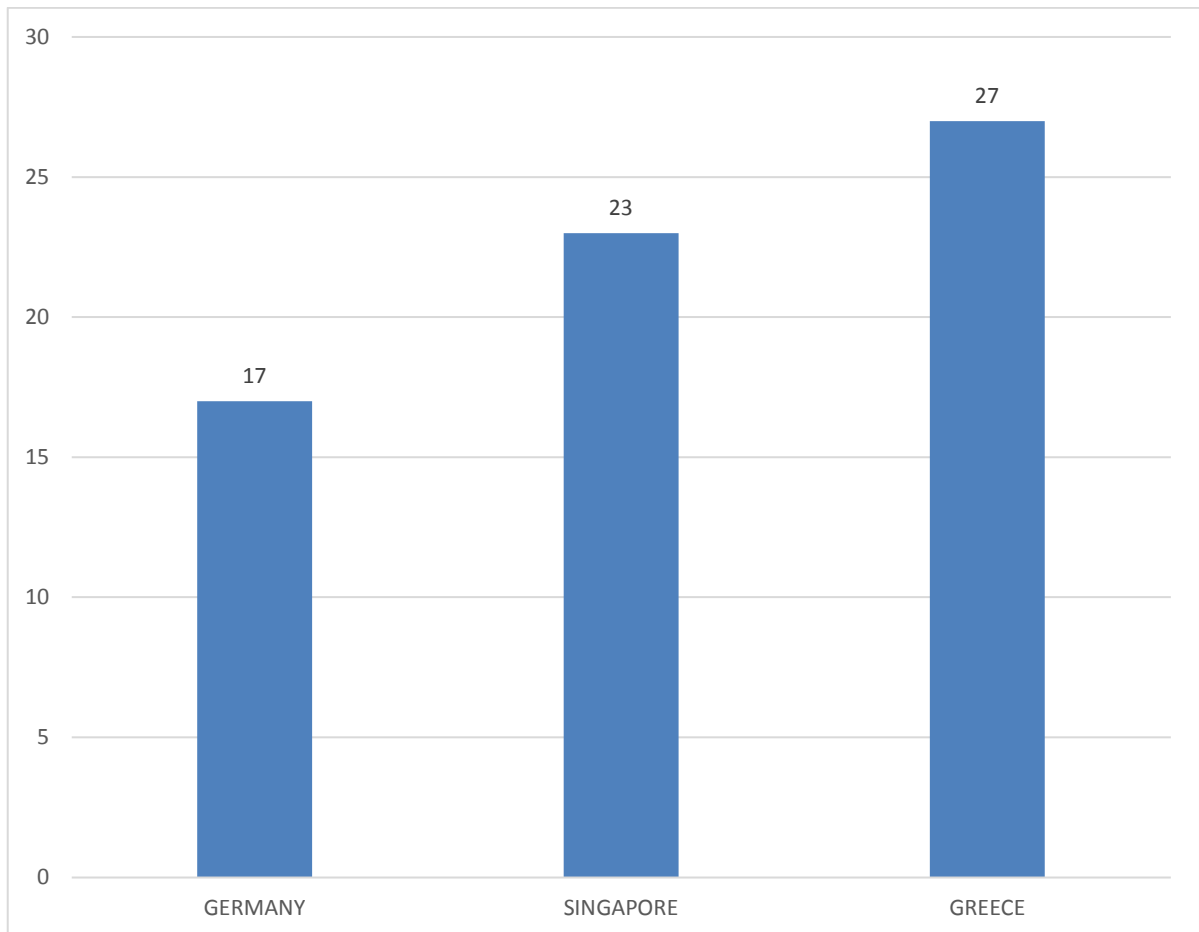


TABLE 13: Vessels affected – managed or controlled from January – December 2021

| Country | No of Ships |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Brazil | 1 |
| Canada | 1 |
| China | 3 |
| Cyprus | 2 |
| Denmark | 10 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 1 |
| France | 3 |
| Germany | 17 |
| Ghana | 2 |
| Greece | 27 |
| Hong Kong | 6 |
| India | 8 |

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Indonesia | 1 |
| Japan | 5 |
| Korea South | 1 |
| Malaysia | 3 |
| Netherlands | 1 |
| Nigeria | 1 |
| Norway | 1 |
| Philippines | 1 |
| Poland | 1 |
| Portugal | 1 |
| Singapore | 23 |
| Switzerland | 2 |
| Turkey | 2 |
| UAE | 4 |
| United Kingdom | 2 |
| USA | 1 |
| Vietnam | 1 |
| Total | 132 |

CHART J: Managing countries whose vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents between January – December 2021



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

From 1 January to 31 December 2021, one incident was reported to the IMB PRC for Gulf of Aden.

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

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

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

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

CONTINUED COOPERATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

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

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

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

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted at:

E-mail: piracy@icc-ccs.org / imbkl@icc-ccs.org

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 **Fax:** +60 3 2078 5769

WhatsApp / Telegram: +60 11 2659 3057. (Photograph or video submission encouraged).
24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014

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

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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

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

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

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor, to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

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

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

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

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

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

Malaysia: Bandar Penawar, Johor - vessels attacked at anchorage. Off Tanjung Piai – vessels attacked while underway. Attacks have stopped and IMB PRC is monitoring and liaising with Malaysian Authorities/MMEA.

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

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

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

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

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

South China Sea: Although incidents have stopped in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant, especially during the night. In the past, several hijackings of small

product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014, but the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia. There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia. The IMB is monitoring the situation.

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

- (i) Follow recommendations and guidelines presented in the BMP WA.
- (ii) All crews to keep a vigilant lookout using all available means. Ships to adjust ETA for direct berthing or wait / drift / transit more than 250nm from coast, if appropriate and agreed by all in venture.

Angola (Luanda): Incidents of robberies reported.

Benin (Cotonou): Incidents reported in / off Benin. Vessels attacked and crews kidnapped. Incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in the area are well armed and violent. Currently pirates robbed vessels and kidnapped crews for ransom. In the past, tankers were hijacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Cameroon (Douala): Incidents dropped. Past incidents involved kidnapping of crews.

Equatorial Guinea: Incidents dropped. Past incidents occurred around 40nm from Luba. One incident involved hijacking and the other boarded with criminal intentions.

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

Ghana (Takoradi/Tema): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

Guinea (Conakry): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

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

Nigeria (Lagos/Apapa, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed ships / kidnapped crews along / far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports, and surrounding waters. Incidents have also been reported up to about 212 nm from the coast. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain highly risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant as many incidents may also have gone unreported. Kidnapping for ransom remains the biggest risk for crews. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters. In the past, tankers were also hijacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

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

The Congo: Pointe Noire / Off Point – stay vigilant.

Sao Tome & Principe: Vessels hijacked / attacked and crews kidnapped. Vessels advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Waters are considered high risk for fishing and merchant vessels.

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: No recent reported piracy attacks. There were several suspicious reports. Although the opportunity for incidents has

reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the recommendations in the latest BMP, while transiting in these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

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

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

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

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

Vessels transiting Straits of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – a number of incidents reported in 2021 involving explosions and unauthorised boarding. (not piracy related).

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

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

Columbia (Cartagena): Incidents reported at anchorages, river passage and pilot boarding ground. Stay vigilant.

Ecuador (Guayaquil): Anchorage / river passage with pilot. Robbers well-armed. Fired upon.

Haiti (Port Au Prince): Armed robberies. Maintain watch and stay vigilant.

Mexico (Puerto Dos Bocas): Incidents dropped. Waters remain risky. Pirates / robbers in this area armed with guns.

Peru (Callao): Incidents increasing. Robbery incidents continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and anti-piracy measures.

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Incidents dropped. Vessels are still reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc. relating to any maritime crime including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities. All information reported will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

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

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

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

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

Trends within areas of continued concern

CHART K: SE Asia – Singapore Straits – Total number of reported incidents

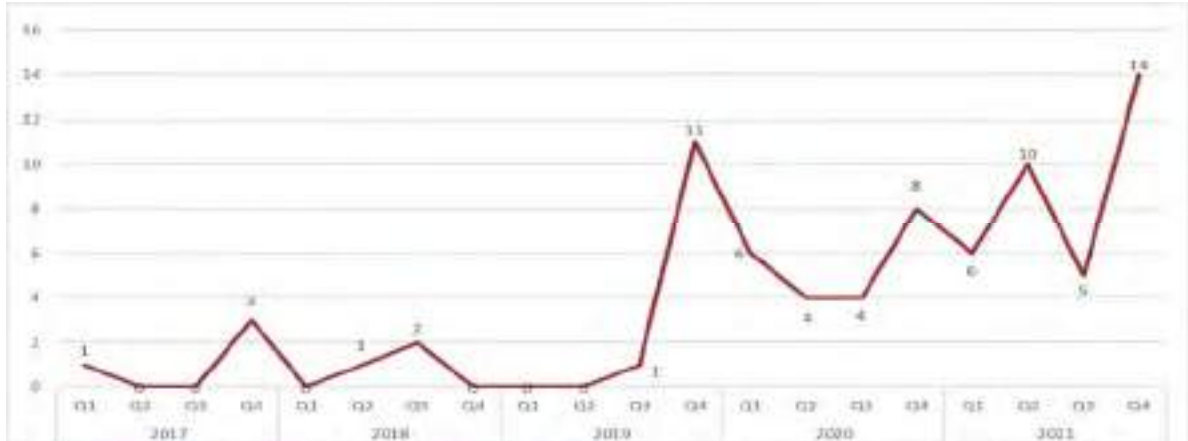


CHART L: West Africa – Gulf of Guinea – Total number of reported incidents

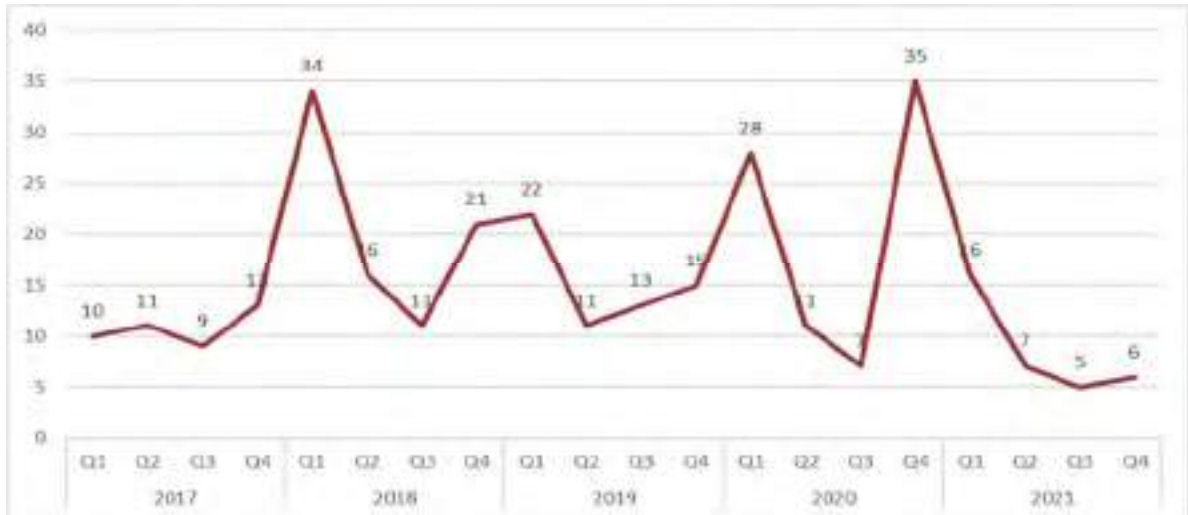
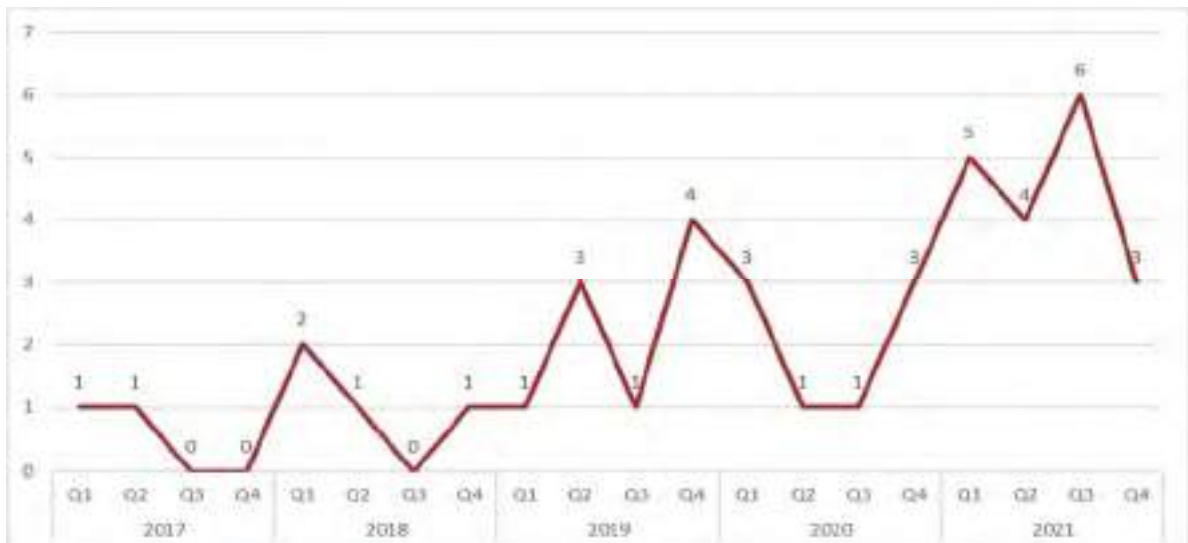


CHART M: Americas – Peru



TRENDS

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) received 132 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in 2021. This is the lowest recorded number since 1994 and compares with 195 reports in 2020.

The 2021 figures are broken down as 115 vessels boarded, 11 attempted attacks, five fired upon and one vessel hijacked. The overall reduction is attributed to a decrease of activity reported within the Gulf of Guinea region – down from 81 in 2020 to 34 in 2021. Whilst increased presence of international naval vessels and cooperation with regional authorities has had an impact, the PRC warns that the threat to innocent seafarers still exists. This is evidenced in several failed and successful kidnapping attempts in the last quarter. The robust actions of the Danish navy in neutralising a suspected pirate action group in late November is also commended.

Compared to 2020, crew kidnappings dropped 55% globally in 2021. The Gulf of Guinea continues to account for all crew kidnappings with 57 crew taken in seven separate incidents. This includes six innocent crew kidnapped from a container vessel in mid-December around 46NM SW of Luba. While the regional decrease is welcomed the IMB PRC continues to urge crews and vessels plying these waters to be cautious as the perpetrators remain violent and risk to crews remains high. On 15 December 2021, a landing craft was fired upon while underway approximately 21nm off the coast of Equatorial Guinea. The locally appointed armed team had to engage in an exchange of fire with the pirates resulting in one guard being injured.

Guns or knives were reported used in over 50% of the globally reported incidents. In addition to 57 crew kidnapped, nine were threatened, eight taken hostage, four injured, three assaulted, and one killed. While the Gulf of Guinea is the known region of risk, crews are advised to be aware of incidents in other parts of world. Two container ships were approached and fired upon during their river passages in Ecuador in the last quarter. In one incident the onboard armed team returned fire prior to the attack being aborted.

Thirty-five incidents against vessels underway within the Singapore Straits have been reported to the IMB PRC in 2021, a 50% increase over 2020 and the highest number of reported incidents since 1992. Vessels were boarded in 33 of the 35 incidents. Whilst viewed predominately as low-level opportunistic thefts, two crew were threatened and one each assaulted and injured during these incidents. Knives were also reported from 13 incidents and guns in a further two.

A noticeable decrease has been reported from the Indonesian Archipelagic with nine reports received by the IMB PRC in 2021 compared to 26 in 2020 and the lowest since 1993. Of the reported incidents four were off Jakarta. Knives were reported in at least five of the incidents in which one crew was threatened. The continued efforts of the Indonesian Marine Police are credited for maintaining reduced levels of incidents.

South American ports in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru and also in Mexico and Haiti continue to be affected by the crime of armed robbery. Thirty-six incidents were reported in 2021 compared to 30 in 2020 with six crew threatened, four taken hostage and two assaulted. Thirty-one vessels were boarded, the majority at anchor, three reported attempted boardings and two vessels fired upon. Incidents in the Peruvian anchorage of Callao have more than doubled compared to 2020, with a total of 18 incidents reported in 2021 compared to eight in 2020. In December at Port au Prince, Haiti, four robbers disguised as fishermen and armed with guns and knives boarded a bulk carrier and threatened the duty crew. The locally appointed armed guards exchanged fire resulting in two perpetrators being killed.

While the direct threat of attacks from Somali based pirates appears to have decreased – along with a further revision and reduction of the High Risk Area in September – the IMB PRC continues to encourage Masters to be vigilant, especially if transiting close to the Somali coast.

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

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

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

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 132 attacks for 01 January to 31 December 2021 are listed on pages 32 to 51. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 11 March 2021, a Malta flagged Chemical Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:48 North and Longitude 002:36 East, around 212nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1512 UTC. Around nine pirates armed with AK47 assault weapons in a speed boat attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the Security Vessel arrived at the location, the pirates had kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The remaining six crew sailed the tanker under escort to a safe port.

On 31 May 2021, a Ghana flagged Fishing Vessel Iris S was attacked and boarded by pirates at position Latitude 04:33 North and Longitude 002:23 East, Around 104nm South of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1930 UTC. The armed pirates approached and boarded the fishing vessel from two skiffs. They ransacked the vessel, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The remaining crew reported the incident to the Authorities and a Ghanaian patrol boat escorted the vessel to a safe port. Crew reported that a mother vessel was sighted in the vicinity.

Equatorial Guinea:

On 13 December 2021, a Liberian flagged Container Ship was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:11.42 North and Longitude 007:49.02 East, around 46nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1427 UTC. Danish Navy warship was notified and proceeded to render assistance. The pirates escaped with six kidnapped crew. It is reported that one crew was injured during the incident and was evacuated for medical treatment.

On 15 December 2021, an Equatorial Guinea flagged Landing Craft Tropical was attacked and fired upon by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:19.7 North and Longitude 009:25.7 East, around 21nm West of Punta Campo, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1830 UTC. There was an exchange of fire between the pirates and the locally appointed armed guards onboard the vessel resulting in one armed guard being injured. Vessel also sustained damages due to gunshots. Incident reported to local port authorities.

Gabon:

On 08 February 2021, a Chinese flagged Fishing Vessel FV Lian Peng Yu 809 was hijacked by pirates while underway at position Latitude 00:51.43 South and Longitude 007:20.20 East, around 83nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon at approximately 0620 UTC. The fishing vessel with 14 crew was attacked and boarded by pirates. The incident was reported to the IMB PRC by the Chinese Authorities. The IMB PRC liaised with Regional Authorities and international warship in the region. The hijacked fishing vessel was later intercepted by Gabon Authorities on 12 February 2021. Ten crew members were reported kidnapped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to Gabon waters. On 06 March 2021, the 10 kidnapped crew were released safely.

On 05 September 2021, a St Kitts and Nevis flagged Offshore Supply Vessel Tampen was attacked by armed robbers while anchored at position Latitude 00:22.38 North and Longitude 009:24.27 East, at Owendo Inner Anchorage, Gabon at approximately 0007 UTC. Five robbers in a speed boat armed with guns approached, fired upon, and boarded the anchored offshore supply vessel. Alarm raised and crew secured themselves in the vessel. Two crew members were injured due to the firing and were air lifted to hospital for treatment. One crew was kidnapped. Remaining crew onboard reported safe. Local authorities were notified and provided assistance. On 29.10.2021, the Owners confirmed that the kidnapped crew was safely released on 28 Oct 2021.

Ghana:

On 30 January 2021, a Marshall Islands flagged Bulk Carrier MV Rowayton Eagle was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:55.0 North and Longitude 001:56.6 East, around 200nm SE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 0424 UTC. Armed pirates onboard a skiff with ladder attacked the ship underway. The crew noticed the pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Ghanaian Navy patrol boat was dispatched but was unable to assist due to technical difficulties. Owners advised the Master to sail towards the Nigerian EEZ waters to rendezvous with a Nigerian security team, which allowed the crew to emerge from the citadel and sail under escort to a safe port. All 19-crew reported safe.

On 19 May 2021, a Ghana flagged Fishing Vessel Atlantic Princess was attacked and boarded by pirates at position Latitude 04:33.5 North and Longitude 000:15.6 East, Around 66nm South of Tema, Ghana at approximately 1830 UTC. The pirates approached, fired upon and boarded the fishing vessel from a small craft. They stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The Ghanaian Navy was notified and a patrol boat was dispatched to escort the fishing vessel and remaining crew back to Tema. On 28 June 2021 the five kidnapped crew were released safely.

Haiti:

On 11 December 2021, a Marshall Islands flagged Bulk Carrier MV Lesedi Queen was attacked by armed robbers while berthed at position Latitude 18:34.4 North and Longitude 072:20.9 West, at Port-Au-Prince Port, Haiti at approximately 0108 UTC. Four robbers, disguised as fishermen and armed with guns and knives boarded the berthed ship. Duty crew on routine rounds were confronted and threatened by the robbers who pointed the guns at the crew while they lowered ship's stores into a waiting boat. The crew took cover and called for help. The locally appointed armed guards onboard the ship exchanged fire with the robbers resulting in two robbers being killed. The others escaped. Haiti Port Security notified.

Nigeria:

On 14 March 2021, a Luxembourg flagged Offshore Support Vessel was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:58 North and Longitude 002:53 East, around 208nm south of Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 0731 UTC. Around seven to 10 armed pirates in a small boat attacked and successfully boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded to provide assistance. The pirates fired at the vessel's bridge before escaping and before the arrival of the Security Vessel. Some equipment was destroyed. All 20 crew members reported safe. The Offshore Support Vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel.

On 25 October 2021, a Panamanian flagged Container Ship MV MSC Lucia was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:13 North and Longitude 004:50 East, around 149nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0855 UTC. The crew retreated into the citadel. On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and international warships to request for assistance. A Russian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The pirates escaped with stolen ship's properties.

Sao Tome and Principe:

On 23 January 2021, a Liberian flagged Container ship MV Mozart was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:04.13 North and Longitude 005:05.22 East, around 98nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 0535 UTC. An unknown number of armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the vessel. One crew was reported killed and 15 were kidnapped. Remaining three crew managed to navigate the ship to a safe port. On 12 February 2021, the 15 kidnapped crew were released safely.

On 06 February 2021, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Sea Phantom was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:00.02 North and Longitude 008:15.02 East, around 50nm NE of Principe Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 2254 UTC. Eight armed pirates with AK47 assault weapons in a skiff attacked and successfully boarded the tanker with a long aluminium ladder. Alert crew noticed the pirates and retreated into the citadel. The pirates damaged the onboard communication and navigation equipment. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities including a Portuguese Navy warship. The crew managed to navigate the tanker to try and rendezvous with dispatched Cameroonian and Equatorial Guinean patrol boats. The tanker was later intercepted by the patrol boats and escorted to a safe port. All 18 crew and one superintendent reported safe.

On 09 February 2021, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Maria E was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:35 North and Longitude 005:07 East, around 112nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 1222 UTC. Around nine pirates armed with AK47 assault weapons and a ladder on a skiff attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. Crew onboard the tanker noticed the pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. The IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the operators, Regional Authorities and an international warship in the vicinity which escorted the tanker until an Equatorial Guinea patrol boat took over until the tanker was safely anchored. All 21-crew reported safe.

On 23 April 2021, a Cyprus flagged Container ship MV Contship New was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:27 North and Longitude 004:38 East, around 132nm NW of Neves, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 0903 UTC. Crew onboard the ship noticed pirates in a skiff approaching. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Owners and Authorities notified. An Italian Navy frigate proceeded to provide assistance. The six pirates that boarded the ship left after a few hours as they were unable to gain access to any crew. Pirates were armed with AK-47. Weapons were used and the windows were damaged. The Italian Navy frigate arrived and thereafter provided escort to the ship. All 16 crews reported safe.

1 January – 31 December 2021**ACTUAL ATTACKS****SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)**

| Ref | Date Time | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number | Position | Narration |
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| 1. | 12.09.2021 2015 UTC Steaming Boarded | Athenia Product Tanker Singapore 5256 9498951 | 01:15.42N – 103:23.94E, Malacca Straits | Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. Duty oiler noticed the robbers trying to enter the engine room and raised the alarm. All deck lights switched on, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat with two accomplices. VTIS informed. A search was made throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. |

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

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| 1. | 03.01.2021 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36421 - | 00:15.8S – 117:34.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia | Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew spotted the robbers near the forecabin store escaping with ship's stores. Incident reported to local authorities. |
| 2. | 24.01.2021 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded | Ark Royal Bulk Carrier Barbados 27011 9219446 | 01:16.49N – 104:15.60E, Singapore Straits | Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to CSO and VTS. |
| 3. | 28.01.2021 1420 UTC Steaming Boarded | Elvia Bulk Carrier Liberia 50697 9570840 | 01:16.15N – 104:16.72E, Singapore Straits | Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. General alarm sounded. All crew mustered. Incident reported to VTS. |
| 4. | 28.01.2021 1820 UTC Steaming Boarded | Vantage Wave General Cargo Liberia 22064 9506514 | 01:16.87N – 104:18.71E, Singapore Straits | Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS. |
| 5. | 29.01.2021 1910 UTC Berthed Boarded | Kota Nebula Container Singapore 20902 9494632 | 06:05.57N – 125:09.42E, Makar Wharf, General Santos City Port, Philippines | Duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers near the lifeboat deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting canoe. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen. Incident reported to the Local Agent, Port Authority and Coast Guard. The Philippines Coast Guard |

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| | | | | apprehended one robber responsible for the theft and managed to recover the stolen items. |
| 6. | 30.01.2021 1930 UTC Anchored Boarded | Surya Aki LNG Tanker Bahamas 20519 9060534 | 03:56.3N – 098:45.6E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia | Two robbers armed with knives threatened a duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker. The AB retreated into the accommodation and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and local authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties. Port Control and Coast Guard responded and boarded the tanker to investigate. |
| 7. | 12.02.2021 2230 UTC Berthed Boarded | ALS Juventus Container Singapore 40541 9431757 | 06:05.84S – 106:53.65E, Tanjung Priok Container Berth, Jakarta, Indonesia | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship, broke into the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. The robbery was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds. |
| 8. | 21.02.2021 0430 UTC Steaming Boarded | Danum 50 Tug Malaysia 165 9404261 Linau 133 Barge Malaysia 2010 - | 01:06.38N – 103:44.68E, Singapore Straits | An Indonesian navy patrol boat noticed a suspicious boat alongside the barge under tow and called the tug Master to reduce speed. Naval team boarded the barge and arrested five unauthorised persons. Tug and barge continued their voyage after investigations were completed. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 9. | 24.03.2021 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded | African Queen Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 30936 9389930 | 01:17.0N – 104:18.1E, Singapore Straits | Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS. |
| 10. | 29.03.2021 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded | Baltic North Container Marshall Islands 44234 9463310 | 06:00.4S – 106:53.7E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the poop deck with two sacks. The AB shouted and flashed his torchlight at the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers fled immediately. A search was carried out. Ship's engine spares were reported stolen. Incident reported to the local authorities, and the coast guard boarded the ship for investigation. |
| 11. | 30.03.2021 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded | POSH Falcon Tug Singapore 3513 9624586 Scarabeo 7 Rig Bahamas 23595 8758861 | 01:12.47N – 103:32.71E, Singapore Straits | Robbers in two small boats approached the stern of the unmanned rig under tow. They detached and stole the emergency towline pickup buoy floating behind the rig and escaped. Incident reported to VTIS. Vessel and crew safe. |
| 12. | 07.04.2021 1747 UTC Steaming | Trina Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Portugal | 01:16.5N – 104:16.1E, | While underway, four robbers armed with knives entered the engine room. The robbers pushed and hit the duty |

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| | Boarded | 41091 9642370 | Singapore Straits | motorman on the head before escaping. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 13. | 07.04.2021 2150 UTC Steaming Boarded | Harrisburg Product Tanker Singapore 30087 9859210 | 01:16.13N – 104:15.56E, Singapore Straits | Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. |
| 14. | 10.04.2021 1715 UTC Steaming Boarded | Pantazis L Bulk Carrier Liberia 39746 9272955 | 01:15.50N – 104:12.04E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They broke into the engine room, stole engine spares, and escaped. The robbers were noticed by the duty crew who immediately informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Incident reported to VTIS and a patrol boat escorted the ship until she was clear of the area. All crew reported safe. |
| 15. | 11.04.2021 1948 UTC Berthed Boarded | Henry Maersk Product Tanker Denmark 25723 9399351 | 05:47.2N – 118:01.6E, MOT Terminal, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia | Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber on the forecastle and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped in a small skiff. Incident reported to local port authorities. |
| 16. | 16.04.2021 1740 UTC Steaming Boarded | Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 29447 - | 01:16.03N – 104:12.08E, Singapore Straits | Duty Engineer on routine rounds noticed someone trying to open the steering gear entrance door from the poop deck and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all deck and accommodation lights switched on. Hearing the alarm, the perpetrators escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS informed. |
| 17. | 16.04.2021 2100 UTC Steaming Boarded | Ioanna L Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 43066 9803340 | 01:16.4N – 104:14.3E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers boarded the ship underway. They assaulted and injured the fourth engineer, stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. On searching the ship no robbers were found. Incident reported to VTS. |
| 18. | 19.04.2021 1855 UTC Anchored Boarded | BAK DA 5 Tug Mongolia 199 9851567 BAK DA 55 Barge Malaysia 3408 - | 14:33.60N – 120:56.02E, Manila Bay Anchorage, Philippines | Duty security watchman onboard an anchored barge noticed six unauthorised persons moving cargo from the barge to their small boat. Alarm raised and the security guard managed to apprehend one robber while the remaining five jumped overboard, leaving their boat and stolen cargo behind. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard who arrived to investigate. |
| 19. | 23.05.2021 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded | Alea Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17009 9550266 | 01:16.7N – 104:16.6E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and threatened the duty crew who retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. |

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| 20. | 23.05.2021 1647 UTC Steaming Boarded | RB Eden Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43278 9765718 | 01:16.37N – 104:16.49E, Singapore Straits | Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed unauthorized persons in the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Suspecting the persons to be still onboard, the ship anchored at the OPL. At daybreak, a full search was carried out. The ship continued her voyage once it was determined that no unauthorized persons were onboard. |
| 21. | 04.06.2021 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded | Cape Lily Bulk Carrier Singapore 92752 9612430 | 01:15.8N – 104:13.7E, Singapore Straits | Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed three robbers in the engine room and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS. |
| 22. | 09.06.2021 1530 UTC Anchored Boarded | TR Aramis Container Marshall Islands 31370 9784661 | 14:33.4N – 120:55.2E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Coast guard informed. |
| 23. | 15.06.2021 1650 UTC Anchored Boarded | Sima Sahba Container Singapore 15995 9330927 | 14:33.8N – 120:55.4E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines | Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed around four persons in a small boat under the forecastle. He immediately informed the duty officer who sent the second security watchman to assist. Seeing the watchmen, the persons moved away. A search was carried out. The paint store was found broken into and ship's stores stolen. VTMS Manila informed. |
| 24. | 21.06.2021 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded | Mount Butler Container Hong Kong 18826 9760586 | 14:33.9N – 120:55.2E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the Port Authorities via the local agent. |
| 25. | 24.06.2021 2136 UTC Anchored Boarded | Baltic North Container Marshall Islands 44234 9463310 | 05:59.50S – 106:54.20E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia | Two persons boarded the ship during anchoring operations. Duty AB noticed the unauthorised persons and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the two persons escaped in a waiting boat with another four persons onboard. Incident reported to the coast guard who boarded for investigation. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 26. | 27.06.2021 1915 UTC Anchored Boarded | Nordtiger Container Cyprus 18826 9626247 | 14:33.7N – 120:55.4E, Manila South Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines | Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed a suspicious craft in the vicinity and notified the duty crew to investigate. Forecastle door padlock found broken and ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to VTS, Coast Guard and local agent. |
| 27. | 29.06.2021 1620 UTC Steaming Boarded | J Mare Bulk Carrier Liberia 43241 9802231 | 01:16.10N – 104:14.10E, Singapore Straits | Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed four robbers in the engine room and notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped |

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| 28. | 10.07.2021 1520 UTC Anchored Boarded | AS Romina Container Portugal 17068 9449821 | 14:33.2N – 120:55.3E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the forecandle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Manila VTMS and the Philippines Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigations. |
| 29. | 16.07.2021 1615 UTC Steaming Boarded | Star Nike Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35835 9875094 | 01:16.02N – 104:12.39E, Singapore Straits | The duty officer onboard the ship underway noticed a suspicious boat alongside the ship and notified the Master who instructed the crew to check and secure the accommodation. Engine room crew reported five robbers armed with a knife outside of the steering room. Alarm was raised, resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to VTS. |
| 30. | 16.07.2021 1640 UTC Steaming Boarded | Adventurer Bulk Carrier Liberia 35210 9805752 | 01:16.6N – 104:14.6E, Singapore Straits | An unknown number of robbers armed with knives approached and boarded the ship underway. They tried to break the padlock of a door leading to the engine room. Alert duty crew raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. The ship and crew reported safe. |
| 31. | 16.07.2021 1725 UTC Anchored Boarded | Maersk Nussfjord Container Panama 25805 9894662 | 14:33.59N – 120:56.20E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines | Eight robbers armed with a gun and iron bars boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew on routine rounds, tied him up, stole ship's stores and properties, and escaped in a small boat. The duty crew managed to untie himself and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to Manila VTMS. The coast guard officers boarded the ship for investigations. |
| 32. | 12.08.2021 1730 UTC Anchored Boarded | CMA CGM Caimep Container Malta 40541 9431757 | 14:32.6N – 120:54.8E, Manila Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines | Five robbers armed with knives and guns boarded an anchored ship. They took the duty AB hostage, tied his hands, threatened him, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to the local authorities who boarded for investigations. |
| 33. | 20.08.2021 1400 UTC Steaming Boarded | Nefeli Bulk Carrier Bahamas 40040 9291432 | 01:15.0N – 104:06.5E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Alert duty crew raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's spares. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |
| 34. | 20.08.2021 1900 UTC Steaming Boarded | Good Luck I Bulk Carrier Liberia 28665 9249269 | 01:18.0N – 106:14.8E, Around 17nm SSW of Pulau Pengibu, Indonesia | While enroute to Singapore, four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway, entered the engine room and threatened the duty engineer, who escaped and notified the bridge. Alarm raised and Master instructed all crew to stay in cabins. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. Singapore Police |

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| | | | | Coast Guard boarded the ship when she entered Singapore waters. All crew safe. Engine spares reported stolen. |
| 35. | 27.08.2021 2200 UTC Berthed Boarded | Solar Catie Product Tanker Liberia 18335 9887401 | 03:47.2N – 098:42.0E, Belawan Port, Indonesia | Two robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's properties, and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds after departure. Incident reported to CSO. |
| 36. | 17.09.2021 1450 UTC Steaming Boarded | Delphinus Bulk Carrier Singapore 40717 9336000 | 01:16.4N – 104:15.8E, Singapore Straits | Three persons boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything. All crew reported safe. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |
| 37. | 17.09.2021 1940 UTC Steaming Boarded | Asia Graeca Bulk Carrier Cyprus 39041 9279381 | 01:17.3N – 104:19.9E, Singapore Straits | A ship underway was boarded by five robbers armed with a gun and knife. They entered the engine room and threatened the Duty Oiler. Incident was noticed by the second engineer, who immediately informed the Master. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, all deck lights were turned on, PA announcement made, and crews were instructed to stay inside their cabin. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen engine spares. Incident reported to Singapore and Indonesian coastguard. |
| 38. | 05.10.2021 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded | Amelia Product Tanker Malaysia 28799 9308778 | 01:15.00N – 104:06.81E, Singapore Straits | Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed three robbers in the engine room workshop store. The crew immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's spares. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |
| 39. | 05.10.2021 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded | Oriental Rose Product Tanker Cayman Islands 8259 9330393 | 05:48.11N – 118:05.76E, Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Sabah, Malaysia | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers on the forecastle. The AB shouted and immediately notified the bridge. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores and property. The incident was reported to the Port Authorities through the local agent. |
| 40. | 06.10.2021 1600 – 2200 UTC Steaming Boarded | True Champion Bulk Carrier Liberia 93196 9403528 | Singapore Straits | Robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship's spares, and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by duty crew during routine rounds. |
| 41. | 10.10.2021 1530 UTC Steaming Boarded | Rosco Olive Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 40325 9542465 | 01:15.8N – 104:11.3E, Singapore Straits | Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed two unauthorized persons in the engine room. The crew immediately informed the C/E who notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out throughout the ship. Nothing reported missing. |
| 42. | 14.10.2021 1552 UTC Steaming | Everrich 7 Chemical Tanker | 01:15.10N – 104:03.65E, | Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed three unauthorized persons onboard. Alarm raised, resulting in the |

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| | Boarded | Panama 15042 9235476 | Singapore Straits | persons escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |
| 43. | 15.10.2021 1445 UTC Steaming Boarded | Embrace Bulk Carrier Palau 13712 9044023 | 01:17.02N – 104:13.85E, Singapore Straits | A ship underway was boarded by five unauthorized persons. Duty crew noticed the intruders and closed all doors and notified the bridge. Alarm was raised and crew mustered, resulting in the intruders escaping without stealing anything. Incident was reported to the port authorities and MMEA through local agent. MMEA responded and intercepted the ship to provide assistance. The ship was then escorted and instructed to anchor to allow MMEA to board and investigate. |
| 44. | 19.10.2021 1809 UTC Steaming Boarded | Super Star General Cargo Panama 9932 9469247 | 01:15N – 104:11E, Singapore Straits | Five robbers boarded the ship underway and attempted to enter the engine room. Alert crew noticed the attempted break-in and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. |
| 45. | 27.10.2021 1518 UTC Steaming Boarded | Aegean Angel Tanker Greece 81074 9290323 | 01:14.12N – 103:58.24E, Singapore Straits | Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed three robbers boarding using a ladder. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers attempted to enter the steering gear room but escaped on hearing the alerted crew. Incident reported to VTIS. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 46. | 27.10.2021 1710 UTC Steaming Boarded | Aegean Angel Tanker Greece 81074 9290323 | 01:16.90N – 104:19.90E, Singapore Straits | Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed one robber onboard and heading towards the steering gear room. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robber escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to VTIS. |
| 47. | 03.11.2021 1702 UTC Steaming Boarded | Romandie Bulk Carrier Switzerland 22697 9542829 | 01:14.9N – 104:01.7E, Singapore Straits | Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed four robbers onboard and attempting to enter the steering gear room. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the persons escaping. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported Singapore VTIS. |
| 48. | 24.11.2021 1700 - 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded | NYK Fushimi Container Singapore 44854 9487964 | Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with stolen engines spares. All crew reported safe. |
| 49. | 24.11.2021 1900-2200 UTC Steaming Boarded | BW Kronborg Product Tanker Singapore 42048 9307786 | 01:15.80N – 104:12.68E, Singapore Straits | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the tanker underway and escaped with ship's spares. The theft was noticed by the 2/E during routine rounds. Further checks identified footprints on the steering flat floor. |
| 50. | 28.11.2021 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded | Gladiator Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 17018 9445033 | 01:14.6N – 104:01.7E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers boarded the ship underway and escaped with stolen engine spares. All crew reported safe. |
| 51. | 30.11.2021 1638 UTC Steaming | CH Doris Bulk Carrier Korea South | 01:14.38N – 104:02.74E, | Two robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the persons |

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| | Boarded | 19992 9489247 | Singapore Straits | escaping. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |
| 52. | 18.12.2021 1610 UTC Steaming Boarded | Seacon 8 Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 33044 9433107 | 01:14.5N – 104:02.0E, Singapore Straits | Four robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded the ship underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers at the engine room store and informed the bridge. General alarm was raised, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS. |

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| 1. | 15.03.2021 1701-2300 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 36421 - | 20:54.9N – 107:16.7E, Campha Port, Vietnam | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the moored ship. They broke into two crew cabins, stole ship and crew cash, and escaped. Local authorities informed and an investigation was carried out. |

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

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| 1. | 13.07.2021 Early Morning Hours Berthed Boarded | Nord Penguin Bulk Carrier Singapore 43810 9687186 | 22:02.48N – 088:05.28E, Haldia Port, India | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship. Duty engine crew noticed the padlock of the entrance door to the engine room broken and spares missing. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. The incident was reported to the local agent. |
| 2. | 18.11.2021 1450 UTC Anchored Boarded | Iki General Cargo Panama 13694 9300881 | 22:47N – 070:02E, Kandla Anchorage, India | Alert crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the forecandle deck entering the bosun store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the persons escaped. A search was made. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to Port Maritime Security Officer. |

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| 1. | 05.01.2021 0053 UTC Anchored Boarded | Sagittarius Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 17025 9550254 | 18:38N – 072:37W, Port-au-Prince Bay, Haiti | Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed a suspicious echo on the radar and asked the security patrol to investigate. The security patrol noticed a boat with around six robbers armed with a gun boarding using a ladder with hooks. Alarm raised and crew retreated |

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| | | | | into the accommodation. The robbers threatened the Ch/Engr attempting to secure an open accommodation door. Incident reported to the Coast Guard and PFSO. The Coast Guard responded and boarded the ship to carry out a search and investigate. Ship's properties reported stolen. Crew and ship safe. |
| 2. | 06.01.2021 - Anchored Boarded | Prague Express Container Germany 93750 9450399 | 10:18.41N – 075:33.66W, Cartagena Charlie Anchorage, Colombia | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. Onboard investigation revealed that the hawse pipe protection device was destroyed and the bosun store's padlock was damaged. The Authorities were informed through local agent. |
| 3. | 09.01.2021 0855 UTC Steaming Boarded | Duesseldorf Express Container Bermuda 53523 9143556 | 10:15.7N – 076:22.9W, Around 45nm West of Cartagena Sea Buoy Pilot Boarding Ground, Colombia | Around ten persons in a small craft approached and boarded the drifting ship. Alarm raised public announcement made, crew mustered, and security messages sent. Port Control instructed the ship to proceed to pilot station. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. The search party also noticed that some intruders were still onboard, and all crew immediately retreated into the accommodation. Upon arriving at the pilot station, a coast guard boat arrived and escorted the ship to the inner anchorage, where the police and coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Five intruders were found and detained. |
| 4. | 13.01.2021 0400 UTC Berthed Boarded | Nord Hudson Bulk Carrier Denmark 34617 9696797 | Santana Port, Brazil | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the ship, stole ship's properties, and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local police who boarded the ship for investigation. |
| 5. | 04.02.2021 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded | Morning Margareta Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367580 | 12:01.61S – 077:13.37W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty AB on rounds. Incident reported to local agents. |
| 6. | 13.02.2021 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded | Torm Arawa Product Tanker Singapore 30302 9543548 | 12:00.62S – 077:11.86W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecandle, retreated into the accommodation and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a wooden motorboat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. It was reported that ship's stores were stolen. Local Authorities informed through local agent. |
| 7. | 13.02.2021 0935 UTC Steaming Boarded | Pacific Trader Container Cyprus 9957 9406922 | 11:01.35N – 074:47.23W, Magdalena River Passage, Colombia | Five robbers boarded the ship under pilotage. Alert crew noticed the robbers. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered inside accommodation and pilot notified the port authorities. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen |

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| 8. | 06.03.2021 2330 UTC Steaming Boarded | Pacora Container Jamaica 7464 9404821 | 02:20S – 079:58W, Around 10nm South of Guayaquil, Ecuador | Six armed robbers in two fast boats approached and boarded the ship under pilotage. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and contacted Guayaquil Authorities. The robbers took hostage one crew member and stole cargoes from the containers. Before escaping, they released the crew without any injury. It was reported that nine containers were opened and cargo damaged. |
| 9. | 11.03.2021 0210 UTC Anchored Boarded | Nordic Seoul Bulk Carrier Liberia 22860 9649861 | 11:59.57S – 077:14.10W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forward mooring station and notified the duty officer. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to local VTS and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship. |
| 10. | 16.03.2021 2230 UTC Anchored Boarded | Port Osaka Bulk Carrier Liberia 35207 9838541 | 12:01.1S – 077:10.5W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forecandle store, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds. |
| 11. | 17.03.2021 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded | Baker River Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 31336 9284269 | 12:00.92S – 077:11.99W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB was taken hostage, tied up, and later released by the robbers before escaping with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to local port authorities and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to assist. |
| 12. | 24.03.2021 0545 UTC Anchored Boarded | Christoph Schulte LPG Tanker Singapore 9110 9368778 | 10:19.2N – 075:31.8W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia | Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. The duty AB noticed the three robbers and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a boat with four other robbers. Ship's properties and stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local authorities. The Colombian Coast Guard responded and boarded the tanker for investigation. |
| 13. | 14.04.2021 0040 UTC Anchored Boarded | Seasuccess LPG Tanker Malta 25079 9787340 | 12:00.59S – 077:13.12W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Two robbers assaulted a duty AB on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to authorities through local agent. |
| 14. | 04.05.2021 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded | Admiral Product Tanker Gibraltar 16914 9234616 | 11:59.5S – 077:12.4W, Callao Anchorage No. 8, | Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They took the duty AB hostage and tied him up. The robbers stole the AB's personal belongings and ship's properties and escaped. The duty |

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| | | | Peru | AB was later found by another duty crew. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. Owners and port authorities notified. |
| 15. | 28.06.2021 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded | Maersk Borneo Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9341445 | 12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds. |
| 16. | 30.06.2021 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded | Maersk Borneo Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9341445 | 12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Duty watchman onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the forecastle. The watchman immediately reported to the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. TRAMAR port control informed, and a coast guard patrol boat came and searched around the tanker. |
| 17. | 13.07.2021 0020 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 29331 - | 12:01.4S – 077:12.6W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Five robbers boarded an anchored tanker using ropes. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in an old motorboat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Padlock to bosun store found cut. Nothing reported stolen. TRAMAR port control informed. Patrol boat in the vicinity notified. |
| 18. | 16.07.2021 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded | Maestro Diamond Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 22872 9711705 | 18:34.10N – 072:24.05W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti | Five robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship via long ladders. General alarm sounded and crew proceeded into citadel. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to the Port Authorities. |
| 19. | 29.07.2021 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded | Otago Harbour Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19829 9268928 | 10:19.42N – 075:31.73W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. Incident reported to VTS. |
| 20. | 30.07.2021 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded | Ikebana General Cargo Norway 33448 9186209 | 00:03.80S – 051:06.03W, Fazendinha Anchorage, Brazil | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. The incident was reported to the Harbour Master through the local agent. |
| 21. | 18.08.2021 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded | Santos Eagle Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36474 9699347 | 12:00.71S – 077:11.63W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Seven robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the duty AB hostage, tied his hands, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to the local authorities. |
| 22. | 31.08.2021 0825 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 29609 - | 00:03.7S – 051:06.1W, Fazendinha Anchorage, Brazil | Alert crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers on the forecastle. Alarm was raised, resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident was reported to the pilot station through VHF Ch 11. |

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| 23. | 13.09.2021 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded | Warnow Beluga Container Antigua and Barbuda 15334 9437127 | 12:01.23S – 077:11.02W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. |
| 24. | 15.09.2021 0025 UTC Anchored Boarded | Bochem Luxembourg Product Tanker Liberia 12136 9737565 | 11:59.9S – 077:11.9W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Duty crews onboard an anchored tanker noticed around four robbers armed with knives on the forecandle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. TRAMAR port control was informed, and a coast guard patrol boat searched the waters around the tanker. |
| 25. | 26.09.2021 2355 UTC Anchored Boarded | Nordorinoco Bulk Carrier Portugal 23974 9741712 | 12:01.5S – 077:11.7W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Six robbers in two boats approached and boarded an anchored ship using ropes. They tried to break into the bosun store. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers threatened the duty deck crew with knives and escaped without stealing anything. TRAMAR port control informed. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship. |
| 26. | 09.11.2021 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded | Lord Vishnu Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367578 | 12:00.96S – 077:11.59W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. They threatened the duty crew who managed to escape and inform the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. TRAMAR port control informed. |
| 27. | 23.11.2021 0600 UTC Steaming Boarded | AS Sabrina Container Liberia 18123 9387463 | 18:39.97N – 072:23.55W, Lafiteau Pilot Station, Haiti | Three robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the drifting ship. They attacked, injured, and tied up the duty crew. General alarm sounded and non-essential crew mustered in citadel. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Lafiteau Pilot Station. |
| 28. | 04.12.2021 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded | Jose do Patrocinio Tanker Brazil 81429 9453860 | 12:00.32S – 077:12.09W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Alert crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed three unauthorized persons armed with knives on the forecandle. Alarm raised and crew mustered, resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to the Port Authorities. Police officers boarded the tanker for investigation. |
| 29. | 05.12.2021 0506 UTC Berthed Boarded | Nord Steady Product Tanker Singapore 29983 9629706 | 03:53.42N – 077:03.73W, Buenaventura Port, Colombia | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the tanker and escaped with stolen ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the crew during gauging of bunker tanks. The incident was reported to the Port Authorities through the local agent. |
| 30. | 11.12.2021 0108 UTC Berthed Boarded | Lesedi Queen Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 29290 9811490 | 18:34.4N – 072:20.9W, Port-Au-Prince Port, Haiti | Four persons armed with guns and knives boarded the berthed ship. Duty crew on routine rounds were confronted by the robbers who pointed guns at them while they lowered ship's stores into a |

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| | | | | waiting boat. The crew took cover in the mooring winch and shouted for help. The 2/O immediately raised the alarm. There was an exchange of fire between the armed robbers and the locally appointed armed guards onboard the ship resulting in two robbers being killed. The others escaped. Haiti Port Security notified. |
| 31. | 24.12.2021 0055 UTC Anchored Boarded | TN Dawn Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31532 9373993 | 12:01.64S – 077:12.18W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Seven robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored ship. Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, broke into the forecabin store, stole ship's stores and threatened the crew on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the coast guard boarded the ship for inspection. |

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| 1. | 04.01.2021 0048 UTC Anchored Boarded | Niledutch Breda Container Cyprus 39106 9612765 | 04:42.93S – 011:44.21E, Pointe Noire North Anchorage, The Congo | Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. General alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. The incident was reported to Port Control. All crew reported safe. |
| 2. | 18.01.2021 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded | Green Freezer Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 5084 8819304 | 06:02.00S – 012:21.50E, Banana Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo | Three robbers in a small wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forecabin store and retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Port Control contacted through VHF Ch.16. No response received. |
| 3. | 23.01.2021 0535 UTC Steaming Boarded | Mozart Container Liberia 28616 9337274 | 01:04.13N – 005:04.22E, Around 98nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe | While underway, the ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. One crew killed. Fifteen kidnapped. Remaining three crew managed to navigate to a safe port. On 05.04.2021, the Owners confirmed that the 15 kidnapped crew were released safely on 12.02.2021. |
| 4. | 30.01.2021 0424 UTC Steaming Boarded | Rowayton Eagle Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35812 9575216 | 02:55.0N – 001:56.6E, Around 200nm SE of Accra, Ghana | Crew onboard the ship underway noticed pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Ghanaian Navy patrol boat was dispatched but was unable to assist due to technical difficulties. Owners advised the Master to sail towards Nigerian waters to rendezvous with a Nigerian |

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| | | | | security team, which allowed the crew to emerge from the citadel and sail, under escort, to a safe port. All crew reported safe. |
| 5. | 06.02.2021 2254 UTC Steaming Boarded | Sea Phantom Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9326653 | 02:00.02N – 008:15.02E, Around 50nm NE of Principe Island, Sao Tome and Principe | Eight armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the pirates and retreated into the citadel. The pirates damaged communication and navigation equipment. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities including a Portuguese Navy warship. Crew managed to navigate the tanker to try and rendezvous with dispatched Cameroonian and Equatorial Guinean patrol boats. The tanker was later escorted to a safe port. All crew reported safe. |
| 6. | 08.02.2021 0620 UTC Steaming Hijacked | Lian Peng Yu 809 Fishing Vessel China - - | 00:51.43S – 007:20.20E, Around 83nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon | A fishing vessel with fourteen crew onboard was boarded and hijacked by pirates. The IMB PRC liaised with regional authorities and international warship in the region. The hijacked fishing vessel was later intercepted by Gabon Authorities on the 12.02.2021. Ten crew members were reported kidnapped earlier and the remaining crew members sailed the vessel to Gabon waters. On 06.03.2021, the 10 kidnapped crew were released safely. |
| 7. | 09.02.2021 1222 UTC Steaming Boarded | Maria E Product Tanker Panama 7064 9337822 | 01:35N – 005:07E, Around 112nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe | Crew onboard the tanker underway noticed pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. The IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the operators, Regional Authorities and an international warship in the vicinity which was able to escort the tanker until an Equatorial Guinea patrol boat took over and stayed with the tanker until it was safely anchored. All crew reported safe. |
| 8. | 26.02.2021 0230–0300 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 - | 08:45.12S – 013:17.08E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola | Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by the duty AB during routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities. |
| 9. | 06.03.2021 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Luxembourg 1733 - | Douala Anchorage, Cameroon | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Search conducted and several ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to local port authorities. |
| 10. | 10.03.2021 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded | Flensburg Container Cyprus 9990 9252773 | 08:44.5S – 013:15.1E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the duty Bosun during routine rounds. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. Incident reported to local agent. |

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| 11. | 11.03.2021 0120 UTC Anchored Boarded | Maersk Venturer Drilling Ship Singapore 60683 9633563 | 04:44.1N – 001:35.6W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana | An anchored ship was boarded by four unauthorised persons. Alert crew noticed the persons and informed the bridge. Incident reported to local port authorities and a security patrol team was dispatched. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 12. | 11.03.2021 1512 UTC Steaming Boarded | Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Malta 14034 - | 02:48N – 002:36E, Around 212nm South of Cotonou, Benin | Nine armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the security vessel arrived at the location the pirates kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The tanker and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port. |
| 13. | 14.03.2021 0731 UTC Steaming Boarded | Name Withheld Offshore Support Vessel Luxembourg 6146 - | 02:58N – 002:53E, Around 208nm South of Lagos, Nigeria | Armed pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified, and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded. The pirates managed to escape before the arrival of the Security Vessel. Crew reported safe but there were some damages to the vessel. The vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel. |
| 14. | 02.04.2021 0150 UTC Anchored Boarded | Common Faith Bulk Carrier Greece 32987 9610092 | 09:14N – 013:49W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea | Four persons armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship. They stole cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injuries reported to crew members. |
| 15. | 23.04.2021 0903 UTC Steaming Boarded | Contship New Container Cyprus 9957 9373905 | 01:27N – 004:38E, Around 132nm NW of Neves, Sao Tome and Principe | Crew onboard the ship underway noticed pirates in a skiff approaching. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Owners and authorities were notified, and an Italian navy frigate proceeded to intervene. The pirates boarded the ship but left after a few hours as they were unable to get access to any crew. The Italian navy frigate approached and escorted the ship towards its destination. All crew reported safe. |
| 16. | 29.04.2021 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded | Songa Calabria Container Liberia 40541 9477309 | 08:41.3S – 013:17.7E, Luanda Outer Anchorage, Angola | Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the forecandle deck and notified the bridge. Ship's horn sounded, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 17. | 19.05.2021 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded | Atlantic Princess Fishing Vessel Ghana 768 8124412 | 04:33.5N – 000:15.6E, Around 66nm South of Tema, Ghana | While underway, the fishing vessel was approached, and fired upon and boarded by pirates in a small craft. The pirates stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped five crews and escaped. The Ghanaian Navy was notified, and a patrol boat was dispatched to escort the fishing vessel back to Tema. On |

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| | | | | 28.06.2021, the five kidnapped crew members were safely released. |
| 18. | 29.05.2021 0255 UTC Berthed Boarded | Name Withheld Offshore Supply Vessel Malta 3601 - | 04:41.70N – 007:10.02E, Port Onne, Nigeria | Robbers in a canoe approached the berthed offshore supply vessel. One robber armed with a knife boarded the vessel while the vessel's crew were engaged in cargo operations. The duty AB on deck patrol spotted the robber attempting to steal a hose coupling. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. |
| 19. | 31.05.2021 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded | Iris S Fishing Vessel Ghana 498 8210493 | 04:33N – 002:23E, Around 104nm South of Cotonou, Benin | Armed pirates in two skiffs approached and boarded a fishing vessel. They ransacked the vessel, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The remaining crew reported the incident to the Authorities and a Ghanaian patrol boat escorted the vessel to a safe port. Crew reported that a mother vessel was sighted in the vicinity. On 01 Aug 2021, the five kidnapped crew were released safely. |
| 20. | 31.05.2021 2220 UTC Anchored Boarded | Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29736 - | 14:21.8S – 040:42.7E, Fernao Veloso Bay Anchorage, Mozambique | Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB noticed the two robbers and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to the Port Authorities via the local agent. |
| 21. | 08.07.2021 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded | Machitis Bulk Carrier Bahamas 11194 9151395 | 09:18.2N – 013:49.5W, Conakry Roads, Guinea | Seven robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship, stole crew personal belongings and escaped. Port Control notified. All crew reported safe. |
| 22. | 01.08.2021 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded | Carmencita Bulk Carrier Norway 32379 9403176 | 09:16.40N – 013:48.69W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea | Four persons in a motorboat, armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the bosun as hostage and entered the bridge. The duty officer managed to escape and raised the alarm on the PA system. The persons took the bosun to the Master's cabin and forced their way in. The robbers stole ship's and Master's cash and other personal effects and forced the Master to accompany them to the forecabin from where they escaped. SSAS activated and port control notified who later boarded the ship for investigations. |
| 23. | 05.09.2021 0007 UTC Anchored Boarded | Tampen Offshore Supply Vessel St Kitts and Nevis 3325 9276896 | 00:22.38N – 009:24.27E, Owendo Inner Anchorage, Gabon | Five persons in a speed boat armed with guns approached, fired upon, and boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. Alarm raised and crew secured themselves in the vessel. Two crew members were injured due to the firing and required hospitalization. One crew reported missing. Remaining crew onboard safe. Local authorities notified. On 29.10.2021, the Owners confirmed |

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| | | | | that the missing/kidnapped crew was safely released on 28 Oct 2021. |
| 24. | 25.10.2021 0855 UTC Steaming Boarded | MSC Lucia Container Panama 21887 8413887 | 02:13N – 004:50E, Around 149nm SW of Brass, Nigeria | While underway, the ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates and the crew retreated into the citadel. On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and international warships to request for assistance. A Russian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The pirates escaped with stolen ship's properties. |
| 25. | 01.11.2021 0835 UTC Steaming Boarded | NA Passenger Craft Nigeria - - | 04:24.05N – 006:15.05E, Bayelsa State Waterways, Nigeria | The passenger craft was boarded by armed robbers while underway in the Bayelsa State Waterways. The robbers stole personal effects of the passengers and escaped with the passenger craft's engine. Nigerian authorities dispatched a patrol boat to render assistance. All passengers reported safe. |
| 26. | 12.11.2021 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded | Pacific Dolphin Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 6641 9631400 | 06:04.6S – 012:18.7E, Soyo Anchorage, Angola | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply ship, stole ship's stores, and escaped. All crew safe. Incident reported to local agents. |
| 27. | 08.12.2021 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded | Dalarna Bulk Carrier Singapore 24166 9626120 | 06:20.72N – 010:53.20W, Monrovia Outer Anchorage, Liberia | Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed footprints near the lifeboat and informed the OOW. Emergency alarm raised, crew mustered, and search carried out. Lifeboat stores reported stolen. Crew and ship safe. |
| 28. | 13.12.2021 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded | Tampen Offshore Supply Ship St Kitts and Nevis 3325 9276896 | 00:18.31N – 009:24.03E, Owendo Anchorage, Gabon | Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored vessel noticed an unauthorised person moving the barbed wires to make way for his accomplices who were armed with AK-47 rifles. Alarm raised and crew mustered in the citadel. Port Authority was informed, and the Gabon Authorities boarded the vessel to investigate. |
| 29. | 13.12.2021 1427 UTC Steaming Boarded | Name Withheld Container Liberia 65059 - | 03:11.42N – 007:49.02E, Around 46nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea | An unknown number of pirates boarded the ship underway. Danish Navy warship was notified and proceeded to render assistance. The pirates escaped with six kidnapped crew. It is reported that one crew was injured during the incident. |

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS**1 January – 31 December 2021****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

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| 1. | 09.05.2021 1439 UTC Steaming Attempted | Astro Perseus Tanker Greece 80620 9280873 | 01:14.80N – 104:03.00E, Singapore Straits | Duty officer onboard the tanker underway identified a wooden boat approaching from astern and noticed persons attempting to board using a rope attached to a hook and a wooden ladder. Alarm was raised, speed increased, course altered, deck lights switched on and search lights directed towards the boat. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat abandoned the attempted boarding and moved away. VTIS notified. |
| 2. | 21.09.2021 1518 UTC Anchored Attempted | Maersk Caelum Product Tanker Denmark 30948 9724582 | 01:21.3S – 116:59.8E, Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed an unauthorized person attempting to board via the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the person aborting the attempt. The tanker and crew reported safe. Incident reported to VTS and local agent. |
| 3. | 02.12.2021 1230 UTC Steaming Attempted | Nuri Bey Bulk Carrier Turkey 43767 9569750 | 01:03.0N – 103:37.8E, Singapore Straits | The ship underway noticed a boat flashing a light towards the bridge. As the ship altered course, the boat followed and continued to flash the light. Alert crew noticed another boat approaching from the quarter and attempting to board using hooks attached with ropes. Master raised the alarm and crew mustered on the poop deck, resulting in the persons aborting the attempted boarding. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. |

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| 1. | 03.07.2021 0212 UTC Anchored Attempted | Santa Barbara Bulk Carrier Singapore 34830 9633006 | 12:00.43S – 077:12.85W, Callao Anchorage, Peru | Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted and moved away. Incident reported to VTS. |
| 2. | 15.07.2021 0330 UTC Anchored Attempted | Telford 28 Offshore Support Vessel Gibraltar 13062 8769638 | 18:48.8N – 091:46.3W, Ciudad del Carmen Anchorage, Mexico | Around five persons in a fishing boat armed with a gun approached an anchored vessel. Seeing the armed guard onboard, they aborted and moved away. Incident reported to the Port Authority. |

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| 3. | 05.08.2021 0612 UTC Steaming Attempted | CMA CGM Alaska Container Malta 140259 9469572 | 02:29.9S – 080:04.8W, Around 1nm South of Puerto La Seca, Ecuador | Duty crew onboard a ship underway noticed a speed boat with five persons onboard alongside the ship. Alarm raised and local authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, they moved away. Coast guard officers boarded and escorted the ship to a safe port. |
| 4. | 18.10.2021 1110 UTC Steaming Fired upon | Lars Maersk Container Denmark 50624 9294379 | 03:11.37S – 080:02.80W, Around 1.64nm NW of Punta Jambeli, Ecuador | Six persons in a speed boat approached, fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the speed boat aborting and moving away. Crew and ship safe. |
| 5. | 23.12.2021 1055 UTC Steaming Fired upon | CMA CGM Mundra Container Hong Kong 112967 9767998 | 02:35.5S – 080:08.5W, Around 1.6nm SE of Puerto Pizarro, Ecuador | The ship underway was approached and fired upon by an unknown number of armed persons in a speedboat. The armed guards onboard returned fire resulting in the persons aborting and moving away. Crew and ship safe. |

AFRICA (SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

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| 1. | 14.01.2021 0849 UTC Steaming Attempted | Myrto Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43012 9518086 | 12:06.1N – 044:26.5E, Gulf of Aden | While underway, the ship noticed a skiff approaching. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered. At a distance of 0.2nm weapons and ladders were noticed in the skiff. The onboard armed team fired warning shots, resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away. |

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

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| 1. | 13.01.2021 1900 UTC Steaming Fired upon | Maersk Cardiff Container Singapore 50869 9529255 | 02:23.58N – 005:31.00E, Around 120nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria | While underway, the ship was approached and fired upon by pirates in a small craft. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Regional Authorities. Ship and crew reported safe. |
| 2. | 08.02.2021 0444 UTC Steaming Attempted | Seaking Tanker Bahamas 161382 9292187 | 00:59.8S – 007:32.3E, Around 75nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon | Crew onboard the drifting tanker noticed a mother vessel launching a skiff with four persons, which approached at high speed. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The skiff managed to come alongside the tanker but due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the boarding was avoided. Crew and tanker reported safe. |
| 3. | 08.02.2021 1810 UTC Steaming Fired upon | Madrid Spirit LNG Tanker Spain 90835 | 00:43.91S – 006:07.91E, Around 50nm SW of Sao Tome Island, | Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed a skiff approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, crew mustered and SSAS activated. As the |

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| | | 9259276 | Sao Tome and Principe | skiff closed, hooks and a ladder were noticed. The pirates fired upon the tanker causing damage to the accommodation. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the attack and moving away. Crew and ship safe. |
| 4. | 06.06.2021 1600 UTC Steaming Attempted | CP Tianjin Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36332 9710505 | 02:57.82N – 002:44.18E, Around 208nm SSW of Lagos, Nigeria | Six pirates in a skiff, armed with weapons approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Master sent a distress message, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. Ladders with hook sighted on the skiff. The pirates showed their weapons to the Master. After 40 mins of attempting to board, the pirates aborted and moved away due to the hardening measures taken by the Master. Crew and ship safe. |
| 5. | 31.07.2021 2245 UTC Anchored Attempted | MSC Taranto Container Liberia 153115 9475258 | 05:35.3N – 000:03.2E, Tema Anchorage, Ghana | Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed three persons in a skiff approaching the ship. Master and crew notified, and fire hoses directed towards the skiff resulting in the persons aborting and moving away. After around 30 minutes the crew noticed the skiff approaching again, but due to the hardening measures, the skiff moved away. Port Control was notified. |
| 6. | 06.09.2021 0445 UTC Anchored Attempted | Bulk Bahamas Bulk Carrier Liberia 31756 9514315 | 05:31.26N – 000:00.91E, Tema Anchorage, Ghana | Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers in a small boat approaching and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. The boat came alongside and attempted to throw a hook attached with a rope. The duty AB kept shouting at the persons who circled the ship and then moved away. Incident reported to the port control. |
| 7. | 15.12.2021 1830 UTC Steaming Fired upon | Tropical Landing Craft Equatorial Guinea 489 9318280 | 02:19.7N – 009:25.7E, Around 21nm West of Punta Campo, Equatorial Guinea | While underway, the vessel was approached and fired upon by pirates in a small craft. There was an exchange of fire between the pirates and the locally appointed armed guards onboard the vessel resulting in one armed guard being injured. Incident reported to local port authorities. |



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Total number of attacks – 132



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 2

Total attacks East & SE Asia – 57



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Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 34



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Total attacks South America, Haiti and Mexico – 36