REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1. In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee’s instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy\(^1\) and armed robbery against ships\(^2\) reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 31 August 2017 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly committed in port areas, as well as attempted acts of armed robbery.

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\(^1\) "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

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

\(^2\) "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

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

(a) 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;

(b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."
2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a “piracy and armed robbery” module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (http://gisis.imo.org) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example dates of release of hijacked ships.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous 12 months and up to 31 July 2017 being MSC.4/Circ.241, MSC.4/Circ.242, MSC.4/Circ.243, MSC.4/Circ.244, MSC.4/Circ.245 (annual 2016), MSC.4/Circ.246, MSC.4/Circ.247, MSC.4/Circ.248, MSC.4/Circ.249, MSC.4/Circ.250, MSC.4/Circ.251 and MSC.4/Circ.252.

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### ANNEX I

**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by Member States or international organizations in consultative status**

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<td>1</td>
<td>NAVIG8 EXCEED</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>42750</td>
<td>9735608</td>
<td>03/08/2017</td>
<td>07:00 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 10NM North of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia 01° 24.00' N 104° 33.00' E</td>
<td>While at anchor, the duty crew noticed four locks to the steering flat compartment, air-conditioned room and garbage locker were broken. After a thorough search, it was discovered that the breathing apparatus compressor was missing from the emergency generator room. The robbers were not sighted. Upon discovery of the broken locks and missing item, the crew rigged razor wire around the ship and increased the number of crew on patrol on board the ship.</td>
<td>A breathing apparatus compressor stolen and four locks to the steering flat compartment, air-conditioned room, air-conditioner room and garbage locker broken.</td>
<td>Yes Information Fusion Centre (IFC)</td>
<td>NOCH</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>STAR LILY</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>21192</td>
<td>9370422</td>
<td>21/08/2017</td>
<td>02:34 LT</td>
<td>MALACCA STRAIT Eastbound lane of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, approx. 13nm NWW of Tanjung Jara, Indonesia 01° 07.60' N 103° 45.27' E</td>
<td>While sailing, the crew spotted four robbers armed with machetes, had boarded the ship from a boat. The alarm was raised, accommodation area secured and anti-piracy measures activated on board. The robbers fled in a waiting boat. Nothing was stolen and the crew was safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>The master raised the alarm, secured the accommodation area and activated anti-piracy measures. Reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS).</td>
<td>Yes VTIS Singapore</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
<td>The VTIS notified the Singapore Navy, the Singapore Police Coast Guard and the Indonesian authority.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>NORGAS SHASTA</td>
<td>LPG tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>9691</td>
<td>9254941</td>
<td>04/08/2017</td>
<td>21:55 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Takoradi Ghana 04° 54.35' N 031° 39.68' W</td>
<td>Deck watch keepers onboard the anchored tanker spotted a robber near the starboard side poop deck and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and fled with his accomplice waiting in a boat. On carrying out a thorough search, it was reported that ship’s property had been stolen.</td>
<td>Ship’s property stolen</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>Yes Port Control</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
<td>Port Control send a patrol boat for investigation</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>NAME WITHHELD</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>28435</td>
<td></td>
<td>05/08/2017</td>
<td>19:00 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (P) Esmeraldas Port Ecuador</td>
<td>Unnoticed by crew, robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole brass sounding pipe covers and fled. The theft was discovered by duty crew on routine rounds.</td>
<td>Ship’s property stolen</td>
<td>- No</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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3 BW LIONESS
Chemical tanker
Singapore
29737
9675509
07/08/2017
22:40 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Folawiyo Terminal,
Apapa, Lagos
Nigeria
Duty AB onboard the berthed tanker spotted two robbers trying to insert a flexible hose into 1P / 1S cargo tank. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fled with the flexible hose. A search was carried out throughout the tanker and nothing reported stolen. Port control informed.

- Alarm raised and crew alerted
- Yes
- Port control and Navy

4 CAPTAIN MIKE
Bulk carrier
Marshall Islands
46982
9296846
09/08/2017
UTC
EAST AFRICA
Richards Bay
South Africa
Unknown dock worker with fake documents boarded the ship and allegedly stole ship's property.

- Ship's property stolen
- Reported to local police
- Yes
- Local police & Port authority

5 RHL AQUA
Container ship
Liberia
18480
9373498
10/08/2017
01:40 LT
SOUTH CHINA SEA
Approx. 2.84 nm off Sangley runway, Cavite City
Philippines
14° 32.70' N
120° 55.30' E
While at anchor, the duty deck watch spotted four robbers at the forecastle deck of the ship. He immediately reported the incident to the duty officer on watch who alerted the Master, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila. Upon hearing the alarm the robbers immediately jumped into the water and moved away with their motor banca towards an unknown direction. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) proceeded to the location of the incident and conducted maritime patrol in the area. The crew members was not injured, two sets of breathing apparatus (SCBA) and one set of fire fighting outfit had been stolen.

- Two sets of SCBA and one set of fire fighting outfit stolen
- Yes
- VTMS Manila, PCG and IFC

6 SBI SOUSTA
Bulk carrier
Marshall Islands
44069
9723643
11/08/2017
UTC
INDIAN OCEAN
Haldia
India
22° 02.00' N
088° 07.00' E
Duty AB discovered that the ship's property was missing

- Ship's property missing
- Thorough search of ship
- Yes
- Information Fusion Centre (IFC)

7 WARNOW MASTER
Container ship
Cyprus
17068
9449833
16/08/2017
04:59 LT
SOUTH CHINA SEA
Anchorage in the waters off South Harbour Manila
Philippines
14° 33.90' N
120° 55.59' E
Alert duty crew member on security rounds, onboard the anchored ship spotted two robbers inside the starboard hawse pipe trying to open the cover and gain access onto the ship. He immediately reported the incident to the duty officer on watch who alerted the Master, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila. Upon hearing the alarm the two robbers fled in a waiting boat along with three accomplices.

- The duty crew on security rounds informed the duty officer who alerted the Master, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the VTMS Manila.
- Yes
- VTMS Manila

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<td>GSW FORWARD</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA</td>
<td>19/08/2017</td>
<td>02:50 UTC</td>
<td>Lagos General Purpose</td>
<td>Alert duty watch keepers on the bridge of the anchored tanker spotted a floating object near the starboard bow and informed the armed security guard who fired warning shots. One robber was seen jumping overboard from the forecastle. The alarm was raised and PA announcement made. All crew except watch keepers were directed to the citadel. After the security guards checked the deck areas to ensure no unauthorised persons on board, the crew emerged from the citadel and carried out a thorough search on board the tanker. The crew noticed a flexible hose pipe inserted into a Butterworth pocket of No. 1S COT. One robber was spotted hiding in the hawse pipe. He was apprehended and tied up by the security guard and later handed over to the local agents. It was reported that the robbers had managed to steal some oil from the tanker.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>NAME WITHHELD</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN</td>
<td>29/08/2017</td>
<td>21:00 UTC</td>
<td>North Berth, Kakinada Port</td>
<td>Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored tanker during cargo operations. They stole ship’s stores and fled. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.</td>
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# ANNEX II

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<td>AQUABELLE</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>5256</td>
<td>9410193</td>
<td>13/08/2017</td>
<td>13:55 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA (A) (Karamunting Bulk Oil Terminal), Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia 05° 48.34' N 118° 04.57' E</td>
<td>While at berth, the crew along with the cargo surveyor and the loading master were carrying out cargo gauging when the duty AB spotted one robber attempting to board the ship through its starboard side near no.1 cargo tank using a small rope. The cargo control room was alerted and the alarm was raised. The robber fled in a small boat with another person on board.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>The master raised the general alarm, carried out search, rigged razor wire on seaside and posted extra lookout. He also reported the incident to the terminal loading master and the local authority.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
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