## Piracy monthly report for October 2018

**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>Pomerenia Sky</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>26435</td>
<td>9395583</td>
<td>27/10/2018 03:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 70nm SW of Bonny Island Nigeria 03° 21.00' N 006° 32.00' E</td>
<td>Pirates boarded a ship underway, kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a patrol boat and escorted the ship to a safe anchorage. On 19.12.2018, received confirmation from the Owners that the 11 kidnapped crew members have been released safely and are being repatriated.</td>
<td>11 crew members kidnapped</td>
<td>SSAS activated and crew mustered in citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigerian Navy</td>
<td>Nigeria IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Ark Tze</td>
<td>Supply ship</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>2310</td>
<td>9418767</td>
<td>29/10/2018 03:30 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Approx 60nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo 04° 37.50' S 010° 43.10' E</td>
<td>While at anchor, 10 attackers armed with guns boarded the ship, assaulted the crew, damaged the ship’s radio equipment and abducted four crew members (the master, chief engineer, chief officer and AB). The abducted crew were taken to a Panama-flagged tanker and reportedly proceeding to Nigeria. The tanker was reported to be hijacked by pirates earlier. The company’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated and the ship with the remaining 11 crew on board has been directed to proceed to the port of Pointe-Noire, Republic of the Congo. The company arranged for a medical team to board the ship to assess the crew’s health condition and provide assistance and emotional support.</td>
<td>The master, chief engineer, chief officer and AB were abducted. The 2nd engineer and oiler sustained minor injuries as a result of a scuffle with the attackers. The remaining crew was safe. No items were stolen from the ship, bridge equipment damaged. 4 kidnapped crew members have been released safely on 03.01.2019.</td>
<td>The 2nd officer reported the incident to the local authorities. The company’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated. The company arranged for a medical team to assess the health condition of the remaining crew and provide assistance and emotional support when the ship arrived at the port of Pointe-Noire.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Local pilot station</td>
<td>Congo ReCAAP, IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>ANUKET AMBER</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>6952</td>
<td>9395733</td>
<td>29/10/2018 12:12 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 100nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of The Congo 04° 47.00' S 010° 08.00' E</td>
<td>Armed pirates in a speed boat attacked the tanker carrying out bunkering operations at sea. They took hostage the crew members and hijacked the tanker. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre received information from the Owners, and alerted the relevant authorities in the Gulf of Guinea. On 02 Nov 2018, the Owners confirmed the tanker was released around 50nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria. Eight crew members are reported missing. The remaining crew members sailed the tanker to a safe port. On 10.01.2019, received confirmation from the Owner that the eight kidnapped crew.</td>
<td>Eight kidnapped crew members were kidnapped and safely released on 07.01.2019.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>IGC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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* IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**
**1 MAERSK NEWBURY**

**Type:** Container ship  
**Flag:** Singapore  
**IMONumber:** 26582  
**MMSI Number:** 9231470

**Position:** Guayaquil river Ecuador  
**Coordinates:** 02° 37.10' S 080° 12.08' W  
**Time:** 02/10/2018 01:39 LT

While transiting under pilot at Guayaquil River in Ecuador, a group of attackers boarded the ship. The master alerted the local authorities when he sighted the presence of unauthorized persons on board. One of the crew was assaulted by the perpetrators and sustained a small cut on his forehead. The crew managed to escape and hide in the forecastle store. The perpetrators left the ship when realized that they had been discovered. A search was conducted by the Ecuador Coast Guard (ECG) and no perpetrator was found. The injured crew was given first-aid treatment, and the ship resumed its voyage.

**Country:** Ecuador  
**Contact:** ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Singapore

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**2 NAME WITHHELD**

**Type:** Bulk carrier  
**Flag:** Switzerland  
**IMONumber:** 27011

**Position:** Takadori Anchorage Ghana  
**Coordinates:** 04° 54.28' N 001° 39.57' W  
**Time:** 09/10/2018 03:15 UTC

During morning routine rounds onboard an anchored ship, the Master noticed a diesel oil tank manhole opened and traces of oil leading towards the shipside. Investigations indicated that robbers had boarded the ship and stole oil from the tank and escaped unnoticed.

**Country:** Ghana  
**Contact:** Local port control

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**3 ELBHOFF**

**Type:** Tanker  
**Flag:** Hong Kong, China  
**IMONumber:** 160462  
**MMSI Number:** 9770646

**Position:** Jose Anchorage Venezuela  
**Coordinates:** 10° 13.00' N 064° 50.00' W  
**Time:** 09/10/2018 23:00 LT

While at anchor, five robbers with their faces covered and armed with large knives boarded the ship from the anchor chain and hawse pipe. They held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him up and threatened to kill him. They then escaped with some unsecured items.

**Country:** Venezuela  
**Contact:** ReCAAP ISC

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**4 GAS ODYSSEY**

**Type:** Tanker  
**Flag:** Liberia  
**IMONumber:** 9160  
**MMSI Number:** 9545211

**Position:** Approx 11NM off Tekra Light Kandla India  
**Coordinates:** 22° 49.00' N 070° 02.00' E  
**Time:** 11/10/2018 08:00 LT

While at anchor, the watch crew found footprints on the main deck portside leading to forecastle and back to manifold area. Further investigation revealed that two scupper plugs and three cargo reducers were missing. The master reported the incident to Indian Coast Guard, Kandla Port Trust and agent of the ship.

**Country:** India  
**Contact:** Indian ReCaap ISC, IMBKL

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5  SHI ZI SHAN  
Bulk carrier  
Hong Kong, China  
32962  
9617466  
14/10/2018 00:20 LT  
SOUTH AMERICA (C)  
José terminal Anchorage  
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
10° 11.00' N  
064° 51.00' W  
While at anchor, four armed perpetrators in uniform with ‘national guard’ markings boarded the ship from a boat through the ship’s port gangway. One of the robbers stayed in the boat. The robbers shouted to the duty crew to allow them to board for an alleged anti-narcotic inspection. When boarded, they threatened the duty crew with handguns and ordered him to guide them to the master cabin. All crew was ordered by the robbers to gather in the common rest room and submit all their cash and valuable belongings for inspection. The crew followed as ordered and all their belongings were taken away by the robbers.  
The crew was not injured but the cash and other personal belongings were taken.  
The master reported the incident to the agent, local maritime authorities, Chinese Embassy in Venezuela, MRCC HK, HK Maritime Department (MARDEP) and P&I Club.  
The master enhanced security awareness and tightened security measures on board the ship. They urged the agents to contact the port authorities to investigate as soon as possible.  
Yes  
Local port authorities and Chinese Embassy in Venezuela  
ReCAAP ISC weekly  
Local authorities boarded the ship and conducted investigation.  

6  MAERSK TACOMA  
Product tanker  
Singapore  
29445  
9708617  
14/10/2018 00:45 UTC  
WEST AFRICA  
Lagos secure anchorage area  
Nigeria  
06° 17.20' N  
003° 13.87' E  
Two robbers boarded the anchored tanker. Duty watchman noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and sounded ship’s horn resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel.  
Upon investigation, nothing reported stolen.  
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Alarm raised and a search was carried out  
Yes  
Local authority  
Nigeria ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC  
Relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ, NIMASA & MRCC Lagos  
Dispatched a patrol vessel  

7  ALPHA BULKER  
Bulk carrier  
Panama  
19985  
9336763  
17/10/2018 00:01 UTC  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Campha Anchorage  
Vietnam  
20° 53.40' N  
107° 16.80' E  
Unnoticed, robbers pretending to be stevedores, boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations, stole ship’s stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds after departure. Incident reported to local agent.  
Ship’s store stolen  
Crew mustered & search was carried out  
No  
Viet Nam IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur  
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8  SUPER CAROLINE  
Bulk carrier  
Marshall Islands  
21192  
9316983  
17/10/2018 01:30 LT  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia  
Indonesia  
00° 15.00' S  
117° 35.80' E  
While at anchor, two robbers armed with machetes boarded the ship through the anchor chain. Two other robbers were on standby onboard a motorized boat. The duty A/B, upon seeing the two perpetrators on the forward deck, immediately informed the duty officer who sounded the alarm and mustered the crew. The chief mate and other crew rushed to the scene. The duty officer informed the pilot station through VHF as well as the ship’s agent.  
The crew was not injured. Padlocks were damaged and three mooring ropes were stolen.  
The duty officer sounded the alarm.  
Yes  
Pilot station and local agent  
Indonesia ReCAAP ISC, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, IFC  
The local pilot station made initial inquiry about the incident.  

9  MT SEARACER  
Oil tanker  
Malta  
20/10/2018 17:00 UTC  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Tabangao Customary Anchorage, Batangas, Philippines  
Duty officer notified, during routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forecastle deck. Duty officer notified, the crew was not injured. Six scupper plugs, two fire hose  
The duty officer sounded the ship’s alarm.  
Yes  
 Philippine Coast  
Philippines IMBKL, ReCAAP ISC  
The Coast Guard Sub-Station Batangas City and personnel from Port extra vigilance of their respective anchorage areas, particularly during hours of darkness to deter such incidents.  
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10 MERLIN III
Landing craft
Grenada
498
9325740
20/10/2018 23:15 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of The Congo
Duty crew onboard an anchored landing craft noticed two robbers armed with long knives lowering mooring ropes to their accomplice in a wooden boat. Alarm raised and crew alerted, resulting in the robbers escaping in their boat. Master contacted port control via VHF to request for assistance. Upon checking, several mooring ropes were found missing from the poop deck.

11 NAME WITHHELD
Oil product tanker
Malta
84598
9227443
21/10/2018 01:00 LT
SOUTH CHINA SEA
Tabangao Customary Anchorage, Batangas Philippines
During the routine security patrol around the main deck by ship’s personnel, two robbers were sighted at the forecastle, armed with knives. The Duty Officer was being informed immediately the general alarm raised. Crew mustered and the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a motor boat. After investigation, it was observed that the padlock of the forecastle entry was broken and six scupper plugs, two fire nozzles, and 15 hydrant caps were stolen. There was no physical confrontation and no injuries were reported.

12 DHT LION
Tanker
Hong Kong, China
154180
9722895
22/10/2018 23:10 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Pointe Noire Anchorage, Republic of The Congo
Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed three armed robbers on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker and ship’s properties were reported as missing. Incident reported to the port control who dispatched a police boat which searched the waters around the vessel.

13 LOTUS GAS
LPG tanker
Panama
45811
9405887
24/10/2018 14:00 UTC
SOUTH CHINA SEA
JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas Philippines
Robbers in a small bamboo boat approached a berthed tanker during cargo operation. One robber manage to board the tanker. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping. Crew directed flashlights towards the boat.

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boat as it moved away. A search was carried out and ship’s properties were reported stolen. Master of the tanker did not report the incident immediately to the PCG. The PCG only knew of the incident on 29 Oct 18 when the local agent furnished a report of the incident to the Port State Control Southern Tagalog. But at that time, the ship had departed the terminal for its next port of call.

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<td>SKANDI SKANSEN</td>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>8222</td>
<td>28/10/2018</td>
<td>02:30 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Sekond Port Ghana</td>
<td>8222 9459759</td>
<td>Unnoticed, a robber managed to board a berthed AHTS vessel and stole ship’s properties and escaped. During routine rounds, crew noticed the padlock to the container was damaged and the theft was identified from the CCTV recording. Incident reported to local Authorities.</td>
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<td>NAME WITHHELD</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>43188</td>
<td>31/10/2018</td>
<td>19:00 UTC</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN Merak Anchorage Indonesia</td>
<td>43188</td>
<td>Unnoticed, robbers managed to board an anchored tanker, stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds when the ship’s crew noticed the store room door was opened and engine spares were missing.</td>
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<td>KSL SYDNEY</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Hong Kong, China</td>
<td>94528</td>
<td>9683269</td>
<td>16/10/2018</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN Around 340NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia Somalia 05° 49.00' N 05° 53.00' E</td>
<td>Four armed pirates with AK-47 in a speed boat approached a bulk carrier underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS and all crew mustered in citadel. The armed guards onboard the vessel returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe.</td>
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<td>Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS and all crew mustered in citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>LPG tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>47384</td>
<td>9733337</td>
<td>29/10/2018</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 10nm West of Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo Congo 04° 46.70' S 010° 08.30' E</td>
<td>Pirates in a speed boat approached and fired upon a tanker carrying out bunkering operations at sea. During the attack, bunkering was stopped and cast off initiated and speed increased. The tanker made evasive maneuvers and escaped. All crew reported safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Increased vessel speed</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>STI OSCEOLA</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>29765</td>
<td>9707807</td>
<td>17/10/2018</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Lagos secure anchorage area, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 15.90' N 003° 13.30' E</td>
<td>Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed a speed boat alongside the anchor chain. Around five persons armed with guns and hooks were noticed attempting to board the tanker. The AB shouted at the intruders and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and fire pump activated. Upon hearing the alarm, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel which searched the waters around the tanker. A search was made throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and fire pump activated</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Nigeria IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ &amp; MRCC Lagos/NIMASA</td>
<td>Dispatched a patrol vessel which searched the waters around the tanker</td>
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<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>28059</td>
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<td>29/10/2018</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN Nacala Outer Anchorage Mozambique 14° 22.75' S 040° 42.05' E</td>
<td>During security rounds, duty crew onboard the anchored tanker noticed a boat tied to the anchor chain, a robber was seen trying to board the tanker via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Mozambique IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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