### Piracy monthly report for May 2019

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>CHARIS</td>
<td>Tug</td>
<td>Nigeria</td>
<td>298</td>
<td>9616254</td>
<td>05/05/2019 12:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 4nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea Nigeria 03° 54.00' N 007° 59.00' E</td>
<td>Armed pirates hijacked the tug underway and took its crew hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities and a Spanish and Equatorial Guinea Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Equatorial Guinea &amp; Spanish Navy.</td>
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<td>BLUE MARLIN</td>
<td>Heavy load carrier</td>
<td>Malta</td>
<td>51821</td>
<td>9186338</td>
<td>05/05/2019 12:16 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 48nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea Equatorial Guinea 03° 03.20' N 007° 52.30' E</td>
<td>Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the Equatorial Guinea Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping and the crews released. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinea Navy to a safe port for further investigations.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised, and crew mustered.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Equatorial Guinea &amp; Spanish Navy.</td>
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<td>SAFESEA NEHA II</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>31144</td>
<td>9547918</td>
<td>31/05/2019 15:30 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 13nm ENE of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 35.83' N 104° 28.72' E</td>
<td>Duty Officers onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecastle and proceeded to investigate. As the officers arrived, the person threatened them with a knife and escaped with his accomplice who was waiting in a boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.</td>
<td>The person threatened the duty officers with a knife.</td>
<td>Duty Officers proceeded to forecastle to investigate.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to MMEA Putrajaya, FOC RMN &amp; Malaysia Marine Police.</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Aqua Lobo</td>
<td>(United Kingdom)</td>
<td>Cayman Islands</td>
<td>02/05/2019</td>
<td>07:30 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 1.9nm ENE of San Ignacio De Tule, Panama Panama</td>
<td>The IMB Piracy Reporting Center received a distress call from an anchored pleasure boat with a family of four onboard. The distress call indicated that the boat had been boarded by</td>
<td>One person shot and killed and another injured</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Panama Authorities</td>
<td>A marine police boat was dispatched to</td>
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unknown persons and one family member had been shot and killed and another injured, while two other family members were unharmed. The IMB Piracy Reporting Center (PRC) immediately informed the Panamanian Authorities. A marine police boat was dispatched to the location to render assistance to the pleasure boat. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the authorities and the victim until the marine police boat arrived at location and boarded the pleasure boat. The injured person together with two other family members were taken ashore for medical treatment.

**2 PRINCESS PAULA**

Bulk carrier
Hong Kong, China
19885
9300207

09° 16.40' N
078° 07.45' W

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with engine spare parts. The 3/E noticed the robbery when he went to the engine room and found the spare parts room broken into. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. The crew is unsure when and how the spare parts were lost.

**3 G DONA I**

Chemical tanker
Togo
992
8619285

12/05/2019 01:00 UTC

WEST AFRICA
Lome Anchorage, Togo
Togo

Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the owners that their tanker had been attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate. The tanker was intercepted 25nm from the anchorage area and forced to divert to Lome port. The crew were reported safe and the armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant authorities.

**4 DA YANG BAI LI**

General cargo ship
China
7216
9607978

12/05/2019 18:10 UTC

SOUTH CHINA SEA
Around 4nm East of Pulau Mapur, Indonesia
Indonesia
01° 00.10' N
104° 54.80' E

Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty AB and entered into the Master’s cabin. They tied up the AB and the Master, escaped with their personal cash and effects, cut the Inmarsat Telephone line and escaped.

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The crew was not injured.

The master of the tug boat reported the incident to Singapore VTIS via VHF. The master raised the alarm and muster the crew.

The master later reported that the robbers had left the barge with some tools stolen from the barge. The tug boat and barge continued her voyage to Port Klang, Malaysia.

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The crew was not injured.  Tools were stolen from the barge.

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While at anchor, seven perpetrators armed with knives, boarded the bulk carrier. The duty watchman raised the alarm and the crew mustered. The perpetrators confronted the crew with their knives and stole ship stores before they escaped. The incident was reported to Taboneo Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate. All seven perpetrators were later arrested.

No crew was injured / harmed

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A person in the fishing boat approached an anchored sailing vessel and attempted to steal the sailing vessel’s dinghy. The skipper noticed the person and directed his hand lamp towards the person and shouted at the person. Seeing the alerted skipper the person let go of the dinghy and moved away. Incident reported to the local authorities.

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A patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.

Singapore VTIS initiated the safety navigational broadcast and notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Malaysian authority.
Duty crew noticed the forward store broken into and reported same to the duty officer. Alarm raised. A search was carried out. Foot prints were noticed on the forecastle deck. Ship's stores reported stolen.

Ship's stores stolen. Alarm raised, and a search was carried out

Yes Local Authorities

ReCAAP Focal Point

(Singapore)

Malacca Strait

Approximately 3.4 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (westbound lane of TSS in Singapore Strait Malaysia

01° 13.25' N 103° 32.75' E

While the tug boat towing barge was en route from Tawau, Malaysia to Penang, Malaysia, the master of the tug boat reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF that an unknown number of robbers had boarded the barge on tow.

The crew was not injured. Some small tools were stolen from the barge.

Yes Singapore VTIS

ReCAAP ISC via

ReCAAP Focal Point

(Singapore).

South America (A)

Macapa Anchorage, Brazil

Brazil

00° 03.27' N 050° 58.93' W

Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier through the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the Master, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, whistle sounded, and all crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's crew found the paint store room's lock broken and ship's stores reported stolen.

Ship's stores stolen. Sounded ship's whistle, alarm raised and PA announcement made.

Yes Reported to port control

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre

Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Brazil

Indian Ocean

Deendayal Port (Kandla) outer anchorage, India

India

22° 46.80' N 070° 02.80' E

While at anchor, seven unarmed perpetrators boarded the tanker from a red boat. They approached the midship starboard from the bow. They stole two pieces of 10 inches x 12 inches cargo reducers from midship starboard side manifold area.

The master raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the ship's agent, Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Kandla port authority. The crew was not injured.

Yes Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority

ReCAAP ISC via

ReCAAP Focal Point

(India)

A joint investigation by the Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority is ongoing.

South China Sea

D6 Berth, Cigading Port, Indonesia

Indonesia

05° 59.80' S 105° 57.80' E

Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers in the steering gear room during safety patrols and immediately informed the OOW who sounded the ship’s whistle and PA announcement made. On searching the ship, ship's crew found the steering gear room's lock broken and ship's engine spares stolen.

The crew was not injured. The lock to the steering room was broken and some spare engine parts were stolen.

Yes Reported to local agent and PFSO

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre

Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ.

Coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
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<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>11118</td>
<td></td>
<td>03/05/2019</td>
<td>00:10 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 98.54° W of Brass, Nigeria</td>
<td>Armed persons in a speed boat chased and fired upon a tanker underway. Alarm raised, vessel increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. Vessel and crew reported safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>General Alaram sounded, non-essential crews mustered in Citadel and the tanker conducted evasive manoeuvres</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigerian Navy and MDAT - GoG</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to MRCC Lagos / Nimasa &amp; Nigerian Navy HQ (Ops Room)</td>
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<td>AREQUIPA QUEEN</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Vanuatu</td>
<td>30598</td>
<td>9758765</td>
<td>03/05/2019</td>
<td>00:10 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (P) Around 52nm WNW of Cabo Pasado, Ecuador</td>
<td>Two speed boats with five persons in each boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The ship increased speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and started spraying the boats with pressurised fire hoses, resulting in the boats moving away. Crew and ship reported safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and started spraying the boats with charged fire hoses</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>local authorities</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed message to Ecuador Maritime Authorities</td>
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<td>ZHE HAI 169</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>32982</td>
<td>9622784</td>
<td>10/05/2019</td>
<td>01:00 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 115nm East of Baganga, Philippines</td>
<td>Unidentified persons in a speedboat approached and closed in on the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire hoses pressurized. The persons were observed to be shouting towards the ship while holding steel hooks. After 30 mins of chasing, the boat aborted and moved away. The ship resumed her passage.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire hoses pressurized</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Philippines Coast Guard. ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China).</td>
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<td>MARLIN AMBER</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>29534</td>
<td>9697210</td>
<td>03/05/2019</td>
<td>00:10 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Lagos, Nigeria</td>
<td>Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers near the cargo tank with a hose. Alarm raised, and PA announcement made. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with their hose. A patrol boat was informed which came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Raised alarm, crew mustered and PA announcement made</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigeria Navy Patrol Boat</td>
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