Piracy monthly report for December 2019
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
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<td>Duke</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>11118</td>
<td>9262259</td>
<td>15/12/2019</td>
<td>08:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 118nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin</td>
<td>Around six heavily armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members and destroyed some equipment resulting in the tanker going into a blackout condition. The remaining crew sent a distress and requested to be towed to a safe area. Upon receiving the information, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately notified and liaised with the Regional Authorities to provide assistance to the tanker. A Togo Navy ship was dispatched to the location of the tanker and made arrangements to tow the tanker. Twenty crew were reported missing.</td>
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<td>Yes Togo Navy</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre &amp; Nigeria Navy HQ</td>
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<td>NAVE</td>
<td>CONSTELLATION</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Hong Kong, China</td>
<td>157039</td>
<td>03/12/2019</td>
<td>19:10 LT</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Off Bonny, Nigeria</td>
<td>Armed pirates attack and boarded an oil tanker underway. Nineteen crew were reported as kidnapped. The vessel owners notified the Nigerian Navy and MRCC for assistance. Remaining crew sailed the tanker to a safe area. On 22 Dec 2019, the Owners confirmed that the nineteen kidnapped crew members were released safely on 21 Dec 2019.</td>
<td>Nineteen crew were abducted. No damage to ship was reported.</td>
<td>The incident was reported to RMRCC Nigeria (NIMSA SAR) and Hong Kong MRCC</td>
<td>Yes RMRCC Nigeria (NIMSA SAR) and Hong Kong MRCC</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong) and PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, MRCC Lagos / NIMASA</td>
<td>Dispatched patrol boat to the location</td>
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<td>KIM HOCK TUG 8</td>
<td>Tug</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>24086</td>
<td>9662332</td>
<td>06/12/2019</td>
<td>11:32 LT</td>
<td>MALACCA STRAIT Eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in the Singapore Strait Singapore</td>
<td>While the tug boat towing barge was underway, 10 to 15 small sampans came alongside LKH 7887 and boarded the barge to steal the scrap metal</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. Scrap metal was stolen.</td>
<td>Kim Hock Virgo, which was escorting Kim Hock Tug 8,</td>
<td>Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System,</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
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cargo on board. A Singapore registered tug boat, Kim Hock Virgo, was escorting Kim Hock Tug 8 when the boarding occurred and assisted to chase away the sampans.

Ship's properties stolen

Yes

ICT-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre
Kuala Lumpur relayed the message to Cresmac Pointe Noire, Republic of The Congo

Two robbers in a canoe came alongside an anchored offshore tug. They boarded the vessel and stole ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Control.

Two crew sustained injuries. The personal property of the crew was stolen.

Yes

Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)

The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and arrived at the port of Singapore to ensure safety of crew before proceed on her voyage. Upon the ship's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ships for investigation and verified that all crew are safe.

Three crew were confronted. Some main engine and generator spares were stolen.

Yes

Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)

While underway, six perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship. The 4th engineer was punched in the face while the chief engineer sustained bruises on the neck and had a gold chain stolen from him. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS; and deviated the ship to Singapore to ensure the safety of crew, before proceed on her voyage. Upon the ship's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ships for investigation and verified that all crew are safe.

The alarm was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and via VHF.

Yes

Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)

While underway, five armed perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators confronted three crew in the engine room. They stole some main engine and generator spares and escaped in a white small boat. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS and resumed her passage to Singapore. The Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship upon arrival in Singapore. All crew was safe.

The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via IFC and PRC located international manned vessels nearby.

Yes

Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)

While underway, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship. The Singapore Police Coast Guard notified the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) about the boarding. The ship informed Singapore VTIS that a search on board the ship was conducted and there was no sighting of the perpetrators. Nothing was stolen.

The crew conducted search on board the ship.

Yes

Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)

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8 KIM HOCK TUG 9
Tug
Singapore
4430
9767120

22/12/2019
14:10 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
Eastbound lane of the TSS in the Singapore Strait
Singapore
01° 14.90' N
104° 07.18' E

While underway, two sampans with unknown number of perpetrators came alongside barge LKH 2882 towed by Kim Hock Tug 9. They boarded the barge and stole some scrap metal on board. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and sailed into Singapore Territorial Waters (STW). The Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy assisted to chase away the sampans. The crew was safe.

The crew was not injured. Some scrap metal stolen.
The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS.
Yes
Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)
ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
The Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy assisted in chasing away the sampans.

9 BAMZI
Tanker
Panama
58088
9256468

23/12/2019
00:12 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 4.2 nm northeast of Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia
Indonesia
01° 15.51' N
104° 08.80' E

While underway, the chief engineer and duty engineer sighted three perpetrators in the engine room. One of the perpetrators was armed with a knife. The alarm was raised and the three perpetrators escaped immediately. Two motormen were later found tied up by the perpetrators. A search on board the ship was conducted, with no further sighting of the perpetrators. The crew was safe, nothing was stolen and the ship resumed her voyage.

Two motormen were tied up. No property was reported stolen.
The alarm system was activated. The ship searched the ship and found no sightings on board. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS).
Yes
Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)
ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC
The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.

10 TRUST STAR
Bulk carrier
Panama
21699
9610236

23/12/2019
01:54 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 4.2 nm northeast of Nongsa Point, Pulau Batam, Indonesia
Indonesia
01° 15.72' N
104° 08.33' E

While underway, six perpetrators were sighted at the engine room. They confronted and tied up two crew in the engine room who later untie themselves. The perpetrators escaped when the ship's alarm system was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and deviated to Singapore port. Upon the ship's arrival in Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted a search on board. There was no further sighting of any perpetrator, the crew was safe and nothing was stolen.

Two crew were confronted and tied up. No property was reported stolen.
The ship's alarm was raised. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) and deviated back to Singapore port.
Yes
Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)
ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
The Indonesian authority was informed. The Republic of Singapore Navy was notified. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate and escorted her to the anchorage area together with Singapore Navy. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.

11 STENA IMMORTAL
Product tanker
United Kingdom

24/12/2019
16:20 UTC
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 4.6 nm east of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia
Indonesia
01° 15.26' N
104° 08.00' E

Five robbers boarded the tanker underway. Second Engineer noticed and shouted at the robbers. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and
-  
Alarm raised and crew mustered
Yes
Singapore VTS
ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message
Singapore coast guard personnel

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### IN PORT AREA

1. **LUNITA**  
   - **Type:** Bulk carrier  
   - **Flag:** NIS (Norway)  
   - **Date:** 07/12/2019 06:10 UTC  
   - **Location:** Callao Anchorage, Peru  
   - **Event:** Three robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain and hawse pipe. They tied up the duty OS, took his radio, watch and flashlight and entered the forecastle store. The duty OS managed to escape and raised the alarm resulting in the crew mustering. Upon investigation, ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR Port Control.

2. **BERGE ASAHIKAKE**  
   - **Type:** Bulk carrier  
   - **Flag:** Isle of Man (United Kingdom)  
   - **Date:** 10/12/2019 20:25 UTC  
   - **Location:** Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia  
   - **Event:** Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They broke into the engine room workshop, stole auxiliary engine spares and escaped. Authorities notified.  

3. **KOWLOON BAY**  
   - **Type:** Container ship  
   - **Flag:** Liberia  
   - **Date:** 23/12/2019 15:23 LT  
   - **Location:** Manila International Container Terminal (MICT), Philippines  
   - **Event:** While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship through the hawse pipe and broke the padlock of the forecastle store. They stole three pieces of the cleaning apparatus for storage area and one compressed air breathing apparatus. The crew only realised the theft incident when he was cleaning the tank. The incident was reported to the Coast Guard Station Manila whose personnel boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and investigate. The crew was safe.
While at anchor, while the 3rd engineer was doing safety round at the engine room, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship and attempted to attack the duty oiler. The 3rd engineer immediately ran to the engine control room and raised the general alarm. The perpetrators escaped from the starboard side by a rope attached to the ship’s railings. A search was conducted on board the ship. The master reported the incident to Panjang Vessel Traffic System (VTS) through VHF Channel 16/10 and to the Company Security Officer (CSO). The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.

The ship’s general alarm was raised and a security search of the ship was conducted. The incident was reported to Panjang VTS through VHF Channel 16/10. The CSO was also informed.

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<td>MTM PENANG Tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>13122</td>
<td>9712591</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN</td>
<td>24/12/2019</td>
<td>03:30 LT</td>
<td>Panjang Customary Anchorage, Lampung, Sumatra, Indonesia 05° 30.10’ S 105° 18.29’ E</td>
<td>While at anchor, while the 3rd engineer was doing safety round at the engine room, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship and attempted to attack the duty oiler. The 3rd engineer immediately ran to the engine control room and raised the general alarm. The perpetrators escaped from the starboard side by a rope attached to the ship’s railings. A search was conducted on board the ship. The master reported the incident to Panjang Vessel Traffic System (VTS) through VHF Channel 16/10 and to the Company Security Officer (CSO). The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.</td>
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<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
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general alarm and the suspicious boat aborted the attempt to board the ship.

### IN PORT AREA

**1. DIONE**  
**Type**: Bulk carrier  
**Flag**: Marshall Islands  
**IMO**: 40622  
**Position**: 17° 36.89' N 093° 21.98' E  
**Date**: 01/12/2019 06:05 LT  
**Area**: INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam Anchorage Area, India  
**Incident**: Around 15 to 18 persons in three skiffs approached an anchored ship. They attempted to board the ship using a rope attached to a hook. The master reported the incident to Visakhapatnam Port Control, who advised the master to contact Indian Coast Guard (ICG). An ICG ship was then directed to assist the ship. Before the arrival of the ICG ship, one Indian Naval vessel came close to the bulk carrier. On seeing the Naval ship approaching the bulk carrier, the perpetrators cut off the rope and escaped.  
**Master reported the incident to**: Visakhapatnam Port Control  
**Yes**  
**Visakhapatnam Port Control relayed the message to**: India Coast Guard & MRCC Mumbai.  
**Master was advised by the Port Control to**: contact ICG. An ICG Ship was then directed to assist the ship. Before the arrival of the ICG Ship, one Indian naval ship came close to the bulk carrier. Upon seeing the naval ship, the perpetrators cut off the rope and escaped.

**2. NUINSKY**  
**Type**: LPG tanker  
**Flag**: Singapore  
**IMO**: 16804  
**Position**: 17° 36.89' N 093° 21.98' E  
**Date**: 13/12/2019 04:30 UTC  
**Area**: MEDITERRANEAN SEA Berth N37/2, Port of Algiers, Algeria  
**Incident**: Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed three unauthorised persons attempting to board via the forward mooring ropes. Alarm raised resulting in the persons escaping. Incident reported to PFSO. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.  
**Alarm raised and a search was carried out**  
**Yes**  
**Port Control ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to**: MRCC Algeria and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

**3. AFRICAN KALMIA**  
**Type**: Bulk carrier  
**Flag**: Liberia  
**IMO**: 19213  
**Position**: 0° 19.50' N 009° 23.70' E  
**Date**: 21/12/2019 22:30 UTC  
**Area**: WEST AFRICA Owendo Anchorage, Gabon  
**Incident**: Around six armed persons in a skiff came alongside an anchored ship and attempted to hook on a ladder to board the vessel. The persons threatened the crew with their weapons. Alarm raised and port authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the armed persons aborted the attempted boarding. Vessel and crew are safe.  
**Alarm raised and crew mustered**  
**Yes**  
**Port Control and Pilot Station ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to**: Gabon Navy and Libreville MOC.