# Piracy monthly report for January 2020

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>BRITISH MARINER</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Isle of Man (United Kingdom)</td>
<td>30948</td>
<td>9724582</td>
<td>08/01/2020</td>
<td>04:00 LT</td>
<td>MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 6.2 nm northwest of Tanjung Tondang, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia</td>
<td>While underway, two perpetrators were sighted in the engine room of the ship. The alarm was immediately raised and the perpetrators escaped empty handed. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) through VHF. The crew was safe.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>The ship's general alarm was raised. The master reported the incident reported to Singapore VTIS through VHF.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Singapore VTIS</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard &amp; MPA POCC</td>
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<td>SSK 00543/F</td>
<td>Fishing vessel</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>16/01/2020</td>
<td>12:00 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 4nm NW of Tambisan, Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia</td>
<td>A fishing vessel was attacked by six armed persons in a grey coloured speed boat. Malaysian Authorities managed to locate and intercepted the fishing vessel. Three crews were found safe on the vessel. The remaining five crews were reported kidnapped.</td>
<td>Five crews were kidnapped</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to ESSCOM, MMEA Putrajaya, MMEA Sabah/Labuan, FOC RMN &amp; Malaysia Marine Police and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)</td>
<td>A patrol boat was dispatched that intercepted the fishing vessel. The Philippine and Malaysia authorities are stepping up their patrol efforts, conducting pursuit operations and intensifying its military operation to locate the five abducted Indonesian crew.</td>
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3. **KIM HOCK TUG 9**

**Tug**

**Singapore**

**9767120**

18/01/2020 11:29 LT

While underway, six to seven perpetrators were sighted on board the barge, LKH 2882 being towed by tug boat, Kim Hock Tug 9. The perpetrators escaped in two to three sampans upon seeing another tug boat, Kim Hock Virgo approaching them. The master of Kim Hock Tug 9 reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). The crew was not injured. Some scrap metal was stolen.

4. **KIM HOCK TUG 9**

**Tug**

**Singapore**

**9767120**

18/01/2020 15:51 LT

At about 1551 hrs on the same day of 18 Jan 20, seven perpetrators were sighted on the barge, LKH 2882. Two Singapore Police Coast Guard craft were despatched to intercept. The perpetrators fled in their sampans upon seeing the PCG craft. The crew was not injured. Several pieces of scrap metal were stolen.

5. **FORTUNATO**

**LPG tanker**

**Panama**

**7732**

19/01/2020 05:00 UTC

Two persons armed with a machete were seen on the forecastle of an anchored tanker. Alarm sounded and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Incident reported to the Coast Guard who boarded the tanker. Nothing was reported stolen.

6. **DISCOVERER**

**Container ship**

**Marshall Islands**

**30024**

19/01/2020 20:10 UTC

Two pirates armed with AK47 rifles in a boat approached and boarded a drifting container ship. Alarm raised, deck lights switched off, accommodation locked down and engines started and headed towards Tema. Ghana navy was notified and requested to board to search the vessel on arrival. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.

7. **PAPORA WISDOM**

**Bulk carrier**

**Panama**

**17025**

28/01/2020 02:05 LT

While underway in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait, two perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The ship’s alarm was raised and the perpetrators escaped in a small boat from the side of the ship. There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and the crew. A search was conducted on board the ship, and some engine spares were stolen. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and the crew. Some engine spares were stolen.

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IN PORT AREA

1. **AMIL 12**
   - Supply ship
   - Palau
   - 1621
   - 9367085
   - **07/01/2020 07:00 LT**
   - **ARABIAN SEA**
   - **Alang Anchorage, India**
   - **21° 23.90’ N 072° 17.40’ E**
   - While at anchor, five perpetrators boarded the ship from a small boat and stole some stores and spares before escaping. The master of the tug boat Amil 59 towing Amil 12 reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, MRCC Mumbai and the Indian Coast Guard. The crew was safe.
   - The crew was not injured. Some stores and spares were stolen.
   - The master reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, MRCC Mumbai and the Indian Coast Guard.
   - Yes
   - VTS Khambhat and Port Authorities, MRCC Mumbai & Indian Coast Guard
   - ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and PRC relayed the message to MRCC Mumbai

2. **NORDIC WISMAR**
   - Container ship
   - Liberia
   - 39753
   - 9539482
   - **13/01/2020 00:04 UTC**
   - **EAST AFRICA**
   - **Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique**
   - **14° 22.19’ S 040° 42.55’ E**
   - Duty watchman during rounds on deck noticed two robbers armed with long knives approaching him. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and alerted other crew. Upon inspection it was discovered that a mooring rope was missing from the forward store.
   - Stolen mooring rope
   - Alarm raised and crew mustered
   - Yes
   - Nacala Port Control
   - ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to MRCC Mozambique

3. **FEDERAL BRISTOL**
   - Bulk carrier
   - Marshall Islands
   - 20789
   - 9697844
   - **13/01/2020 01:30 UTC**
   - **INDIAN OCEAN**
   - **Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia**
   - **05° 30.00’ S 105° 17.00’ E**
   - While at anchor, anti theft watchkeepers on board the ship noticed the steering gear room door opened and thereafter found some engine spares missing. Incident reported to local agent.
   - Ship’s engine spares were missing
   - A search was carried out
   - No
   - ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

4. **HORIZON MARU**
   - Product tanker
   - Indonesia
   - 760
   - 9048017
   - **21/01/2020 03:44 LT**
   - **MALACCA STRAIT**
   - **Off Port Kabil, east of Pulau Batam, Indonesia**
   - **01° 04.15’ N 104° 09.02’ E**
   - While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with sharp weapons boarded the ship. The crew confronted the perpetrators and managed to capture one of them. The other three perpetrators escaped empty-handed. One of the crew suffered facial injury. The master alerted ships in the vicinity and reported to Batam Police via VHF Ch 16. The Batam Police boarded the ship and took custody of the captured perpetrator.
   - One crew suffered facial injury.
   - The master reported the incident to the Batam Police.
   - Yes
   - Batam Police via VHF Ch 16
   - ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy
   - ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and PRC relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy

5. **RHL CLARITA**
   - Bulk carrier
   - Liberia
   - 32486
   - 9358864
   - **22/01/2020 00:50 UTC**
   - **SOUTH CHINA SEA**
   - **Taboneo anchorage, Area A, Indonesia**
   - **03° 42.60’ S 114° 25.20’ E**
   - Duty crew onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed the lock at the bosun store broken and ships properties stolen. The incident was reported to Port control and local agent.
   - Ship properties including two rolls of power cable (75 m) and one used rope (25 m) were stolen. There was no confrontation between perpetrators and ships crew.
   - The master conducted search for missing items and reported incident to the CSO, who made a report to Banjarmasin Maritime Police.
   - Yes
   - Taboneo Port Control and local agent
   - ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy
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6. **NORD STINGRAY**
   - Product tanker
   - Nigeria
   - 25/01/2020
   - **WEST AFRICA**
   - **Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria**
   - **00° 50.00’ N 03° 25.00’ E**
   - Duty crew onboard the anchored tanker carrying out STS operations noticed an unauthorised
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   - ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre
   - A naval patrol boat arrived at

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person near the forecastle. Alarm sounded and seeing the alerted crew, the person jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices in a wooden boat. A naval patrol boat arrived at the location, searched the waters around the tanker and remained close to the tanker until daybreak. Nothing reported stolen.

The crew was not injured. On checking of the ship’s inventory, the following items were found missing: one jet chisel machine, two cans of paint, one forward bell, three immersion suits, two breathing apparatus cylinders, one breathing apparatus and one chemical suit. The crew reported the incident to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Command Centre. A team of PCG personnel from Coast Guard Station Manila was immediately dispatched and boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and validate the report.

While at anchor, the duty watch sighted one perpetrator and alerted the other crew. The perpetrator hurriedly jumped over board and swam towards a motor banca which subsequently fled from the area. The crew conducted an inspection and check of the ship’s inventory. During the inspection, the crew found two broken padlock and a lighter with attached pin light (turned on) believed to belong to the perpetrator. On checking of the ship’s inventory, the following items were found missing: one jet chisel machine, two cans of paint, one forward bell, three immersion suits, two breathing apparatus cylinders, one breathing apparatus and one chemical suit. The crew searched the waters around the tanker and remained close to the tanker until daybreak. Nothing reported stolen.

The crew searched for the perpetrators and checked on the storage rooms were broken into. The crew

The duty officer on the bridge sighted a suspicious boat heading out from the ship and informed the master, who formed a security team to conduct a search of the ship. No incident reported.

Two unauthorised persons from two skiffs came alongside and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty watchman on security rounds noticed the persons on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and hearing the alerted crew, the persons jumped overboard and escaped. Port Authorities notified. Nothing reported stolen.

Duty AB onboard a berthed Offshore supply vessel noticed an unauthorised person on deck. Alarm raised and hearing the alerted crew, the person escaped with stolen ship’s properties. Incident reported to Port Authority and a search was carried out.

The items stolen included one set of fireman breathing apparatus and one chemical suit. The crew searched for the perpetrators and checked on the areas reported as stolen.

A team of personnel from Coast Guard Station Manila was immediately dispatched and boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and validate the report.

Deck watchmen on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed the forward store broken into and ship’s properties missing. On searching the area, footsteps were noticed on the forecastle and therefore it was believed that the thieves gained access via the anchor chain. Several buckets of paint, a fire hose, fire hydrant bronze caps and sounding pipe covers were stolen. The crew was not injured.

A team of personnel from Coast Guard Station Manila was immediately dispatched and boarded the ship to conduct inquiry and validate the report.

While at anchor, the crew noticed several perpetrators on board the container ship. Two of the storage rooms were broken into. The crew

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searched for the perpetrators and checked on the inventory of the ship’s property. The items stolen included one set of fireman breathing device, two sets of immersion and thermal protective suits, 28 casks of paints, 34 pieces of fire hose hand guns and 34 pieces of fire hydrant covers. The master of the ship reported the incident to Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila. The Philippine Coast Guard Sub Station boarded the ship for inquiry and advised the master and crew to strengthen their security measures and report similar incidents to the nearest Philippine Coast Guard units.

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<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Malta</td>
<td>12619</td>
<td>9410143</td>
<td>16/01/2020 20:57 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 52nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria 03° 38.00’ N 006° 40.20’ E</td>
<td>Five armed pirates in a small craft approached the tanker underway. Alarm raised and evasive manoeuvres commenced. Armed security team onboard the tanker fired warning shots resulting in the pirates returning fire and then aborting the approach and moving away.</td>
<td>The pirates fired at the tanker</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigeria Navy HQ &amp; MRCC Lagos / Nimasa</td>
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<td>MSC GRACE</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>13258</td>
<td>8918057</td>
<td>21/01/2020 08:35 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 19nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria 04° 05.26’ N 005° 44.52’ E</td>
<td>Around 15 armed persons in a speed boat chased and fired upon a container vessel underway. Alarm raised and the non-essential crew took shelter in the citadel. The vessel increased speed and the armed naval guard onboard returned fire, resulting in the skiff aborting the attack and moving away. Vessel and crew safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Nigeria Navy HQ &amp; MRCC Lagos / Nimasa</td>
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<td>Name withheld</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>62769</td>
<td>17/01/2020 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Nigeria</td>
<td>Robbers in a small boat approached an anchored tanker during STS cargo operations. Two of the robbers attempted to board the tanker via the anchor chain. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and patrol boat informed. Seeing the alerted crew,</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigerian Authorities</td>
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the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Authorities notified.