## Piracy monthly report March 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>Minerva Virgo</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>28960</td>
<td>9307827</td>
<td>05/03/2020</td>
<td>12:46 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA, around 45nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin</td>
<td>Six armed persons boarded the tanker underway. Distress signal activated and regional authorities notified. All non-essential crew mustered in citadel. The Benin Navy responded, boarded the tanker and rescued the crew. One crew reported missing.</td>
<td>One crew was reported kidnapped</td>
<td>Distress signal activated and non-essential crew mustered in citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Benin MRCC via JRCC Piraeus, Greece</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed message to the Benin Navy Ops Centre</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>HUANGHAI GLORY</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Hong Kong, China</td>
<td>20682</td>
<td>9458432</td>
<td>06/03/2020</td>
<td>02:27 LT</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA, 85 nm south of Port Lagos, Nigeria, Atlantic Nigeria</td>
<td>While sailing, about six pirates armed with sophisticated weapons (e.g. machine guns) boarded the ship from one craft. They broke two glasses on the bridge and stole cash. The master and crew sent SSAS and hid in the cabin. The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. Two glasses on the bridge were broken; and cash stolen.</td>
<td>The master and crew sent SSAS and hid in the cabin.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)</td>
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<td>Name withheld</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Portugal</td>
<td>9981</td>
<td>939748</td>
<td>22/03/2020</td>
<td>UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA, around 62nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon</td>
<td>Pirates boarded the ship underway. Most crew managed to retreat into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified and assistance was dispatched to the ship. When the crew emerged from the citadel seven crew were reported missing.</td>
<td>Seven crew members were reported missing</td>
<td>Crew members mustered in citadel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Gabon Navy</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Libreville MOC</td>
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<td>SAM JAGUAR</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>31760</td>
<td>9637428</td>
<td>15/03/2020</td>
<td>20:30 UTC</td>
<td>MALACCA STRAIT, Singapore Strait</td>
<td>Three robbers armed with crowbar and pipes boarded the ship underway. The engine crew noticed the robbers and managed to lock them inside the engine room workshop. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Two accomplices in a skiff tried to approach the ship but were repelled by the crew. Singaporean and Indonesian Authorities notified. Two Indonesian Authority armed guards boarded the ship and arrested the three robbers.</td>
<td>The crew managed to detain the perpetrators and handed them over to the Indonesian Navy. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured.</td>
<td>Raised alarm and crew mustered. The engine crew managed to lock the robbers inside the engine room workshop. The master reported incident to Singapore VTIS and Batam VTIS. He handed the three perpetrators to the Indonesian Navy</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Singapore and Indonesian Authorities and Batam VTIS</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard, Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ &amp; Indonesia Navy HQ and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).</td>
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### IN PORT AREA

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Robbers in two wooden boats approached and boarded an anchored ship, stole ship’s properties and escaped. Alarm raised and extra lookouts posted. Incident reported to Port Control and the Ghana Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.

The crew was not injured. The perpetrators cut the safety system wiring, and stole the crane data logger display, portable batteries (for machineries such as crane, generators, and hydraulic power pack), diesel and hydraulic oil. The crew of the tug boat contacted a passing Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) ship via VHF. The BCG apprehended the perpetrators and escorted the barge to Chittagong Anchorage. The crew was not injured.

A robber in a canoe approached and boarded an anchored vessel. The alert crew noticed the presence of the robber and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a security search was carried out throughout the vessel. Port Control informed, and a security boat was sent to the location. It was reported that a mobile phone was stolen from the vessel.

The crew was not injured. The general alarm was sounded, and all crew muster in the accommodation area. The Port-au-Prince port control and Haiti Coast Guard were informed. After about 20 mins, the Chief Officer of the ship conducted a search, but did not find the perpetrators. The search party found four mooring ropes and one metal wire with hook missing.

Duty officer and duty A/B on board an anchored tanker noticed some movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped. Incident reported to Port Control. A search was carried out. The padlock to the Bosun store was reported broken. Nothing reported stolen.

The padlock to the Bosun store was reported broken. The duty officer immediately informed the master who activated the general alarm. A ship security search was conducted and a padlock to the bosun store was found broken.

Nine robbers, in three small boats, came alongside and boarded an anchored reefer ship. They took hostage three crew members, tied them up and assaulted them. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted

Ship’s stores stolen and two crew members were injured. Raised alarm and crew mustered. Yes Port Authorities

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crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. During the incident, two crew members received injuries. The incident reported to Port Authorities.

While at anchor, the duty able bodied (AB) at the forecastle deck alerted the bridge when he discovered an unknown person trying to open the bolt of portside hawse pipe gate. The perpetrator was wearing a face mask and armed with a metallic object. The duty officer upon alerted by the AB immediately sounded the whistle. The perpetrator fled the scene and escaped through a hawse pipe into a waiting unlit wooden boat. A second perpetrator was spotted jumping into the water from the anchor chain. A ship security search was conducted. There was no damage to the ship's property and nothing was stolen. The incident was reported to the local authority.

The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen. The AB alerted the duty officer who immediately sounded the whistle. A ship security search was conducted.

One crew taken hostage, ship's properties and ship's stores stolen. Alarm raised and crew mustered. No

ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesia Navy HQ

A patrol boat was dispatched and Nigeria Naval personnel boarded the vessel for investigations.

A robber boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with stolen cargo. Port control and Nigerian navy notified. A patrol boat was dispatched and Nigeria Naval personnel boarded the vessel for investigations. Stolen cargo Alarm raised and crew mustered. No

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre A patrol boat was dispatched and Nigeria Naval personnel boarded the vessel for investigations

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored container vessel via the anchor chain, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to local port control. Ship's properties stolen Search was carried out. Yes

Pointe Noire Port Control

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre to Pointe Noire MOC

Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber with a long knife near the forecastle and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Vessel and crew safe Nothing was stolen. Alarm raised and crew mustered. No

An inventory of the ship's properties was conducted, and nothing was stolen.

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre to Philippines Coast Guard and ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)
The tug boat, Bateleur towing barge, Naashi was bound for demolition at Alang when about four perpetrators boarded the unmanned barge from a dinghy boat. The master of the tug boat noticed the perpetrators with torches on board Naashi and raised the alarm. He also reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, who informed the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The ICG Station Pipavav directed the Marine Police, Alang to despatch their boats to the location of the incident for investigation. Investigation is currently ongoing and the loss of items is still being ascertained by the investigating agencies and local agent.

The crew was not injured.

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The master raised the alarm and reported the incident to VTS Khambhat.

Yes

VTS Khambhat informed ICG; and the ICG Station Pipavav directed the Marine Police, Alang to despatch their boats to the location of the incident for investigation. Investigation is currently ongoing.

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<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>29738</td>
<td>05/03/2020</td>
<td>07:30 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA</td>
<td>Around 40nm SE of Lome, Togo</td>
<td>Togo 05° 22.20' N 001° 36.00' E</td>
<td>Master onboard the tanker underway noticed a skiff on a parallel course. On altering her course, the skiff was seen altering course also and approaching the tanker. Alarm raised and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. As the skiff closed in, ten persons were noticed in the skiff. A weapon was observed in the skiff as well. The Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the approach. Tanker and crew safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the approach.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>34553</td>
<td>25/03/2020</td>
<td>07:30 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA</td>
<td>Around 75nm SSW of Bayelsa, Nigeria</td>
<td>Nigeria 03° 07.70' N 005° 35.80' E</td>
<td>Seven armed pirates in a black speed boat approached and attempted to board a ship underway. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated SSAS alert, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the approach. Vessel and crew safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated SSAS alert, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Reported to a close by patrol vessel.</td>
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| **3. PYXIS THETA**  
Product tanker  
Malta | **26/03/2020**  
08:30 UTC | WEST AFRICA  
Around 21nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin  
Benin  
05° 59.80' N  
002° 21.20' E | Around five persons in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. PA announcement was made, accommodation locked down and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the persons aborting the approach and moving away. The tanker and crew safe. | - | Alarm raised, PA announcement made, accommodation locked down and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. | Yes | Cotonou VTS  
ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre  
relayed the message to Benin Authorities.  
Cotonou VTS contacted the tanker and took the details of the incident. |
| **4. LANA**  
Container ship  
Liberia | **27/03/2020**  
17:00 UTC | WEST AFRICA  
Around 97nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria  
Nigeria  
02° 45.60' N  
006° 54.90' E | About ten pirates armed with AK-47 in a skiff doing 21 knots, chased and fired upon a container ship underway. Master raised the alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack and moving away. The crew and ship are safe. | - | Master raised the alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres | No |  
ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre  
relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ  
& MRCC Lagos/NIMASA |

**IN PORT AREA**

| **1. GLOBAL**  
TOMORROW  
Bulk carrier  
Panama | **01/03/2020**  
05:40 UTC | SOUTH AMERICA (P)  
Callao Anchorage, Peru  
Peru  
12° 01.80' S  
077° 12.30' W | Duty crew on routine safety rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two small boats secured near the bow and three persons climbing the anchor chain. One person was seen waiting in the boat. Alarm raised and all crew moved towards the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons retreated and escaped in their boats. | - | Alarm raised and all crew moved towards the forecastle | Yes |  
Port Control  
ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre  
Kuala Lumpur  
relayed message to MRCC Peru |
| **2. BOURBON HORUS**  
Supply ship  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | **15/03/2020**  
16:05 UTC | WEST AFRICA  
Soyo Anchorage, Angola  
Angola | OOW onboard an anchored offshore supply vessel noticed 12 armed persons in a wooden boat attempting to board. Alarm activated and the persons aborted the attempt and moved away. Port Authorities notified and a security boat was dispatched to the location. | - | Alarm raised  
Yes | Port control  
ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre  
relayed the message to MRCC Angola  
Dispatched security boat to the location |