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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF

1 January – 30 June 2017

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INTRODUCTION

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, all interests and organizations to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 30 June 2017.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargoes on a chargeable basis.

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks at www.icc-ccs.org. By posting the information on the internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions and assess associated risks with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the PRC after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The PRC has, as at 30 June 2017, received reports of 87 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these incident narrations are shown separately. Similarly, because of the vast area affected by Somali pirates, these incidents are grouped together with the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea in the narrations section.

DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

Piracy is defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26).

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-
(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

The IMO defines Armed Robbery in Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships” as:

“Armed robbery against ships” means any of the following acts:

.1 any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;

.2 any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above.

COMMUNITY of REPORTING for the Gulf of Guinea

Piracy and Armed Robbery as a crime, continues to be a concern to the shipping industry. A structured response by governments and their response agencies is critical to address this crime. At the same time, however, the shipping industry needs to be comfortable to report incidents and be confident that their reports will be actioned. Unfortunately, the latter has not been forthcoming, especially from the Gulf of Guinea region for several years. To address this the IMB, along with Oceans Beyond Piracy, have conceptualised 'Community of Reporting'. This endeavour encourages all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, response agencies, commercial operators, etc. to share reports available to them with the IMB – in confidence. The IMB has undertaken to collate and present these figures in its reports.

As different agencies define and categorise incidents differently the IMB proposes to collate these under three generic levels – I, II, III. The types of incidents which will fall under these headings, will be defined by the effect the incident has on the crew, vessel and cargo.

Level I: Any incident which has a direct impact on the crew. To include:

- a. Crew being taken hostage, injured, killed, kidnapped, missing, threatened;
- b. A hijacking where the command of the ship is taken over by those boarding;
- c. An incident where the crew retreats into the citadel.

Level II: To include a vessel being fired upon, security teams firing on approaching threat, robbers / pirates identified with weapons of any type (violence is offered) whether boarded or otherwise.

Level III: To include an incident that does not fall into either Level I or Level II

Table 10 shows the level of under reporting by comparing figures available from the Community of Reporting as compared with those reported directly to the IMB.

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- Vesseltracker (www.vesseltracker.com)

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- Bergen Risk Solutions
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- Oceans Beyond Piracy

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January - June 2013 – 2017

	Location	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
SE ASIA	Indonesia	48	47	54	24	19
	Malacca Straits	1	1	3		
	Malaysia	3	9	11	4	3
	Philippines	1	2	4	3	13
	Singapore Straits	4	6	6		1
	Thailand			1		
EAST ASIA	China				5	1
	South China Sea	2				
	Vietnam	3	1	13	3	
INDIAN SUB CONT	Bangladesh	6	10	11	2	5
	India	6	4	4	13	1
AMERICAS	Brazil		1			
	Colombia	6	1	2	2	2
	Ecuador	3				1
	Guyana	1			1	1
	Haiti			1		
	Peru	4			4	2
	Venezuela				2	6
AFRICA	Angola		1		1	1
	Cameroon		1			
	Democratic Rep. of Congo			1	2	
	Egypt	5				
	Gabon		1			
	Ghana		2	2		
	Guinea	1		3		
	Gulf of Aden*	4	4		1	2
	Ivory Coast	3	1	1	1	1
	Kenya			1	2	1
	Liberia		1	1		
	Mauritania	1				
	Mozambique	1		1		1
	Nigeria	22	10	11	24	13
	Red Sea*		2			1
	Sierra Leone	1	1			4
	Somalia	4	3			4
	South Africa				1	
	Tanzania	1	1			
	The Congo	2	3	2	1	1
	Togo	5	2		1	
REST OF WORLD	Iran					1
	Oman		1			1
	Papua New Guinea			1		
	Yemen				1	1
Subtotal for six months		138	116	134	98	87
Total at year end		264	245	246	191	

All incidents for countries with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following seven locations contributed to 75% of the total of 87 incidents reported in the period January – June 2017

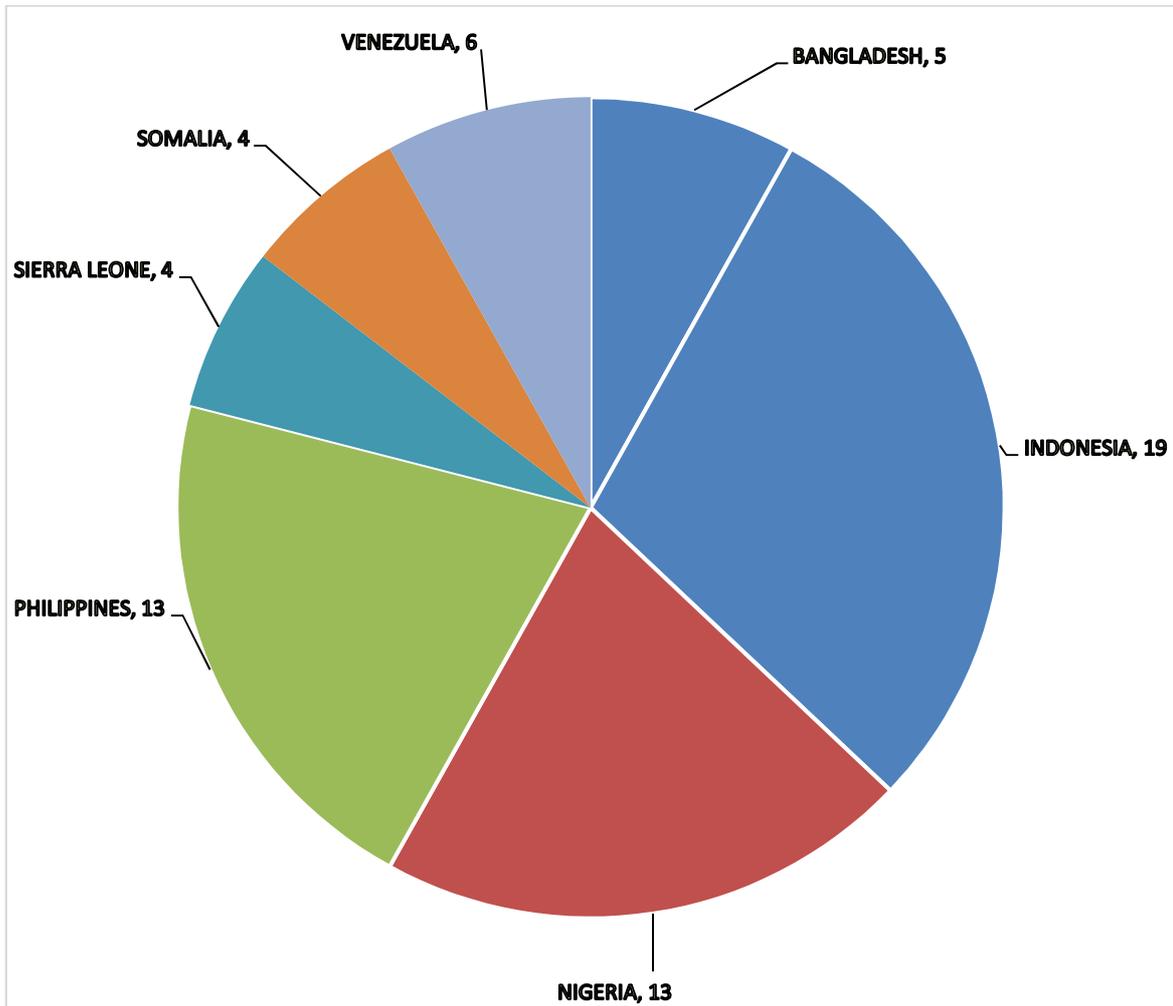


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – June 2017

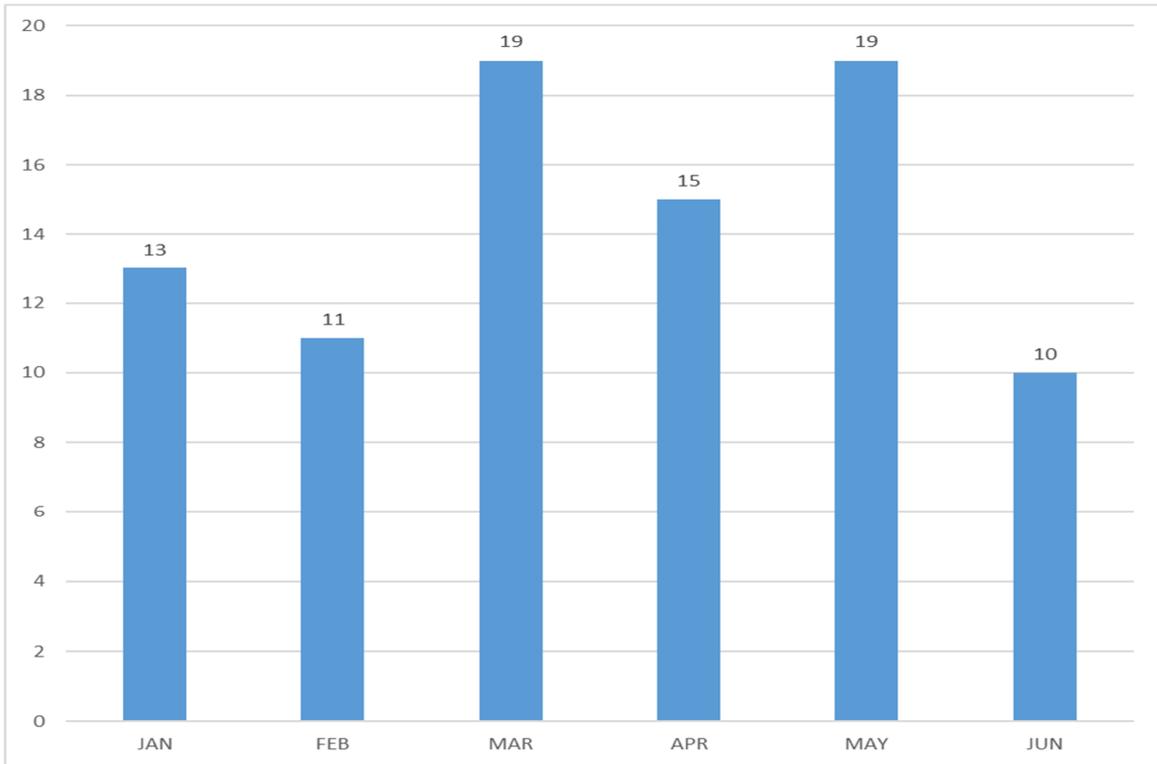


CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – June 2017

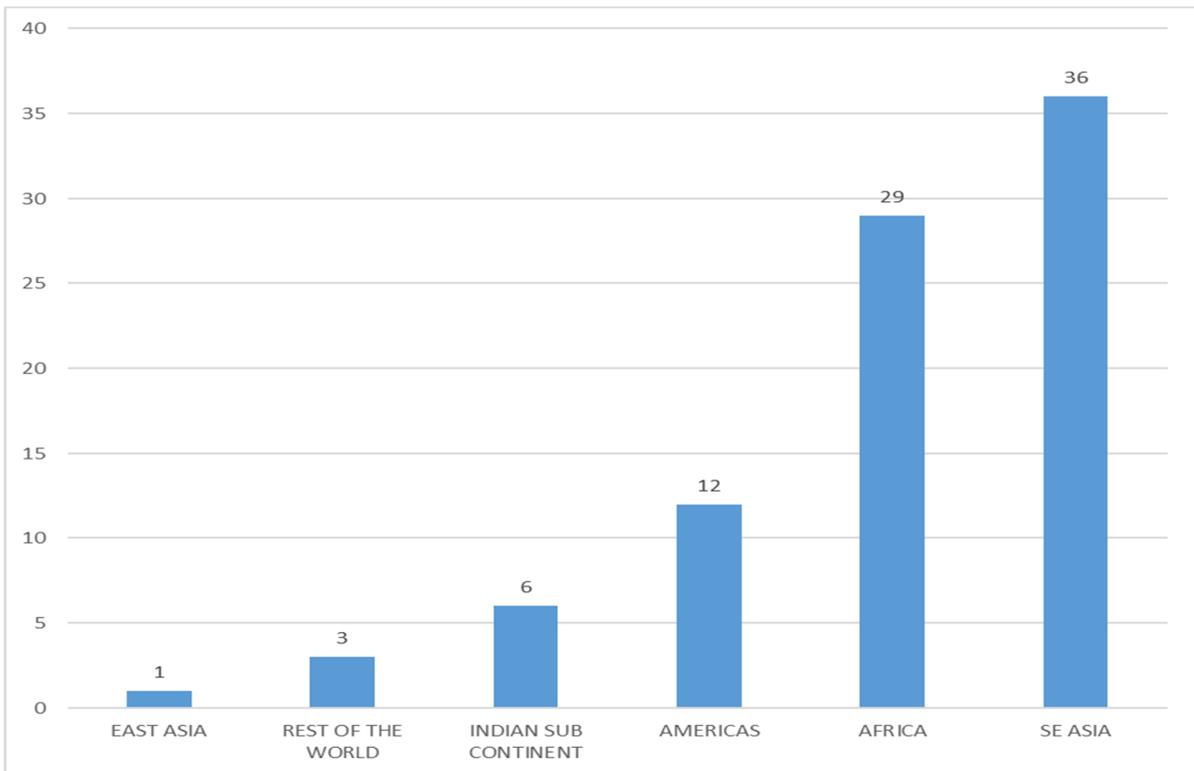


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – June 2017

	Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
		Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted
SE ASIA	Indonesia	16			3
	Malaysia	2	1		
	Philippines	10		1	2
	Singapore Straits				1
EAST ASIA	China	1			
INDIAN	Bangladesh	5			
SUB CONT	India	1			
AMERICAS	Colombia	2			
	Ecuador	1			
	Guyana	1			
	Peru	2			
	Venezuela	6			
AFRICA	Angola	1			
	Gulf of Aden	1		1	
	Ivory Coast				1
	Kenya	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	7		6	
	Red Sea			1	
	Sierra Leone	4			
	Somalia		3	1	
	The Congo	1			
REST	Iran				1
OF	Oman			1	
WORLD	Yemen			1	
Sub total		63	4	12	8
Total		87			

TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – June 2017

Location	Country	01.01.2017 – 30.06.2017
Batangas	Philippines	6
Chittagong / Kutubdia Island	Bangladesh	5
Dumai / Lubuk Gaung	Indonesia	5
Freetown	Sierra Leone	3
Muara Berau	Indonesia	3
Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny	Nigeria	12
Sub Total		34

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – June 2017

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming	Not Stated
SE ASIA	Indonesia	2	13	1	
	Malaysia	1		2	
	Philippines	2	5	4	
EAST ASIA	China		1		
INDIAN	Bangladesh		5		
SUB CONT	India		1		
AMERICAS	Colombia		2		
	Ecuador		1		
	Guyana		1		
	Peru		2		
	Venezuela	1	5		
AFRICA	Angola		1		
	Gulf of Aden			1	
	Kenya	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria			7	
	Sierra Leone		4		
	Somalia			2	1
	The Congo		1		
Sub Total		8	42	17	1
Total			68		

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – June 2017

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA	Indonesia		2	1
	Philippines			2
	Singapore Straits			1
AFRICA	Gulf of Aden			1
	Ivory Coast		1	
	Nigeria			6
	Red Sea			1
	Somalia			1
REST OF WORLD	Iran			1
	Oman			1
	Yemen		1	
Sub Total		-	4	15
Total			19	

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – June 2013 – 2017

Type of Arms	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Guns	44	30	26	31	29
Knives	39	38	54	15	23
Other weapons	2	2	3	2	2
Not stated	53	46	51	50	33
Sub total	138	116	134	98	87
Total at year end	264	245	246	191	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – June 2013 – 2017

Type of Attack	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Attempted	16	21	15	12	8
Boarded	100	78	106	72	63
Fired upon	15	7	-	9	12
Hijack	7	10	13	5	4
Sub total	138	116	134	98	87
Total at year end	264	245	246	191	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – June 2013 – 2017

Type of Violence	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Hostage	127	200	250	64	63
Kidnapped	30	5	10	44	41
Threatened	8	6	5	3	4
Assaulted			14	3	
Injured	10	4	9	4	3
Killed	1	2	1		2
Total	176	217	289	118	113

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – June 2017

	Location	Hostage	Threatened	Injured	Killed	Kidnap
SE ASIA	Indonesia	3				
	Malaysia	17				
	Philippines		2		2	10
AMERICAS	Peru	3				
	Venezuela	1	1	1		
AFRICA	Nigeria			1		31
	Sierra Leone		1			
	Somalia	39		1		
Sub total		63	4	3	2	41
Total				113		

TABLE 10: Total incidents received IMB v/s Community of Reporting (CoR) incidents for Gulf of Guinea Region, January – June 2016 & 2017 (Please refer to page 4 for definitions of Levels)

Period	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total	% Underreporting
IMB 2016 (Jan – Jun)	14	8	8	30	67%
CoR 2016 (Jan – Jun)	43	11	38	92	
IMB 2017 (Jan – Jun)	9	6	6	21	63%
CoR 2017 (Jan – Jun)	27	9	18	54	

TABLE 11: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – June 2017

Location	Guns	Knives	Not Stated	Other Weapons
SE ASIA Indonesia	1	8	9	1
Malaysia	1		2	
Philippines	4	3	5	1
Singapore Straits			1	
EAST ASIA China			1	
INDIAN Bangladesh		3	2	
SUB CONT India			1	
AMERICAS Colombia			2	
Ecuador		1		
Guyana			1	
Peru	1	1		
Venezuela		3	3	
AFRICA Angola		1		
Gulf of Aden	2			
Ivory Coast			1	
Kenya		1		
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria	13			
Red Sea	1			
Sierra Leone		1	3	
Somalia	4			
The Congo			1	
REST OF WORLD Iran			1	
Oman	1			
Yemen	1			
Sub total	29	23	33	2
Total	87			

TABLE 12: Types of ships attacked, January – June 2013 – 2017

Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bulk Carrier	31	22	45	20	18
Cable Ship			1		
Cement Carrier					1
Container	17	10	13	8	7
Dhow	1				2
Dredger				1	
General Cargo	14	11	8	3	7
Heavy Lift Vessel				1	
Hopper Dredger			1		
Naval Auxiliary Vsl					
Offshore Processing Vsl		1			
Offshore Support Vsl				1	1
Ore Carrier				1	
Passenger			1		
Pipe Layer / Barge			1	1	
Refrigerated	2		2		1
Research Ship				2	2
RORO	1	2			
Supply Vsl	5	2	2	2	5
Tanker Asphalt/Bitumen	1	1			1
Tanker Bunkering		1	1		1
Tanker Chem / Prod	37	40	34	35	26
Tanker Crude Oil	16	16	10	7	5
Tanker FPSO / FSO			2		
Tanker LNG				1	2
Tanker LPG	4	5	3	5	4
Trawler / Fishing	2	2	1		1
Tug / Offshore Tug	7	2	5	8	3
Vehicle Carrier		1	1	2	
Wood Chips Carrier			2		
Yacht			1		
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CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – June 2017

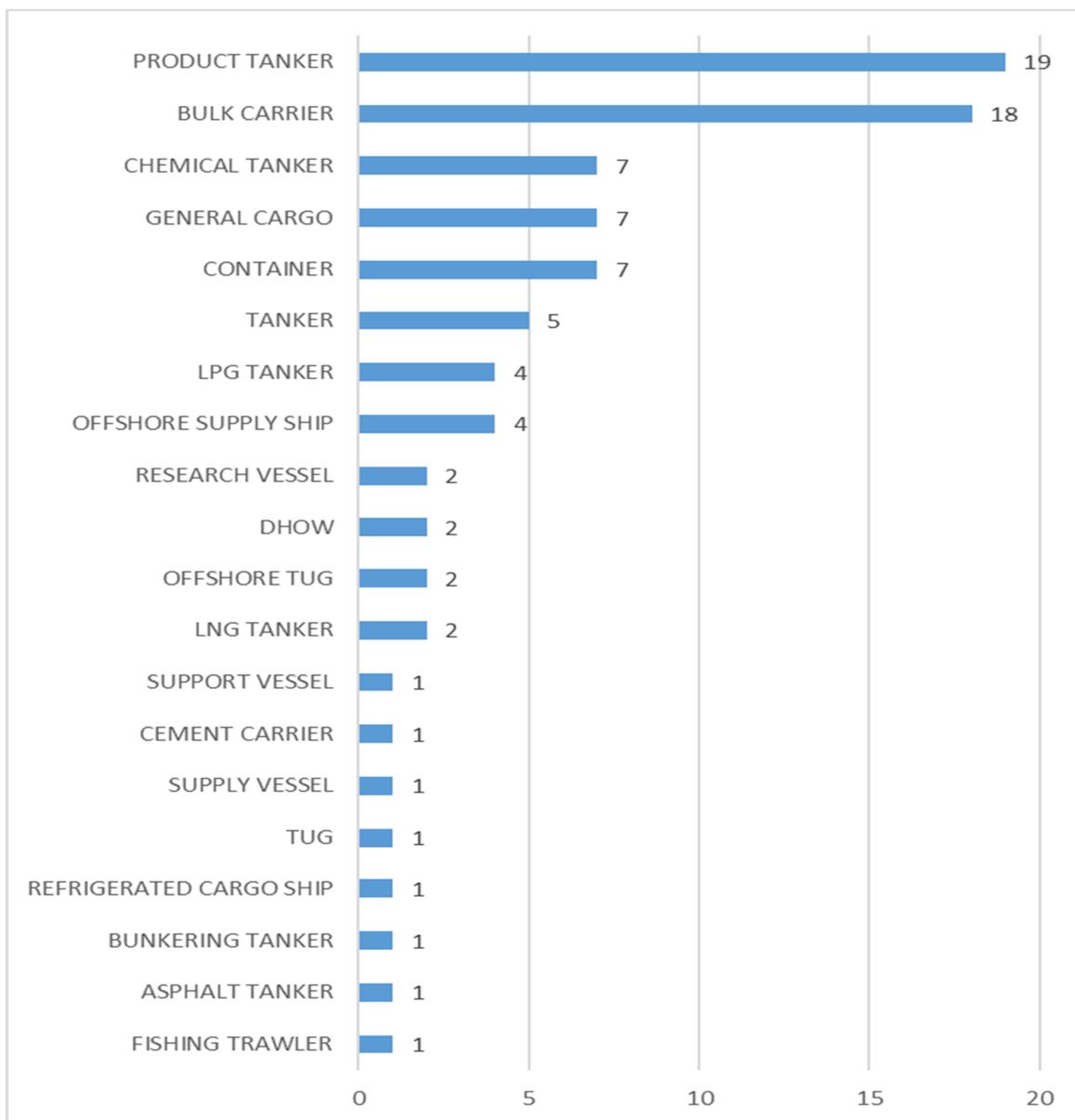


TABLE 13: Nationalities of ships attacked, January – June 2013 – 2017

Flag State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Antigua & Barbuda	6	4	5		2
Australia			1		
Bahamas	3	3	3	2	4
Barbados	1				
Belgium			1		
Belize			1	1	
Bermuda					1
China	2	1			
Cook Islands			1	1	

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Croatia	1			1	
Curacao			1		
Cyprus		1	2	2	1
Denmark	2	2	1	1	
Egypt			1		
Ethiopia				1	
France	1				
Ghana		1	1		
Gibraltar	2	1			
Greece	2		3	1	1
Honduras		1			
Hong Kong (SAR)	12	8	12	3	6
India	2	3		1	2
Indonesia			2	2	1
Iran	1				
Isle of Man		2	2	1	1
Italy	1	4			
Japan				1	
Kiribati	1				
Liberia	27	12	13	12	7
Luxemburg	2		1	1	
Madeira				1	
Malaysia	5	2	10	3	2
Malta	5	3	6	2	5
Marshall Islands	13	14	19	22	16
Netherlands		4		2	
Nigeria	1	1	2	3	1
Norway	3	2	1	1	3
Panama	16	20	22	20	13
Papua New Guinea			1		
Philippines		1			2
Saudi Arabia		2	1	1	1
Sierra Leone	1	1			1
Singapore	19	15	15	10	8
South Korea		1	1		
Spain					1
Sri Lanka					1
St. Kitts & Nevis		1			
St. Vincent Grenadines	4				
Thailand	1	2	3		1
Turkey	1			1	
Tuvalu					1
United Kingdom	1			1	1
USA	1	1			
Vanuatu	1		1		
Vietnam			1		3
Not Stated		1			1
Sub total	138	116	134	98	87
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CHART E: Flag States whose vessels attacked six or more times January – June 2017

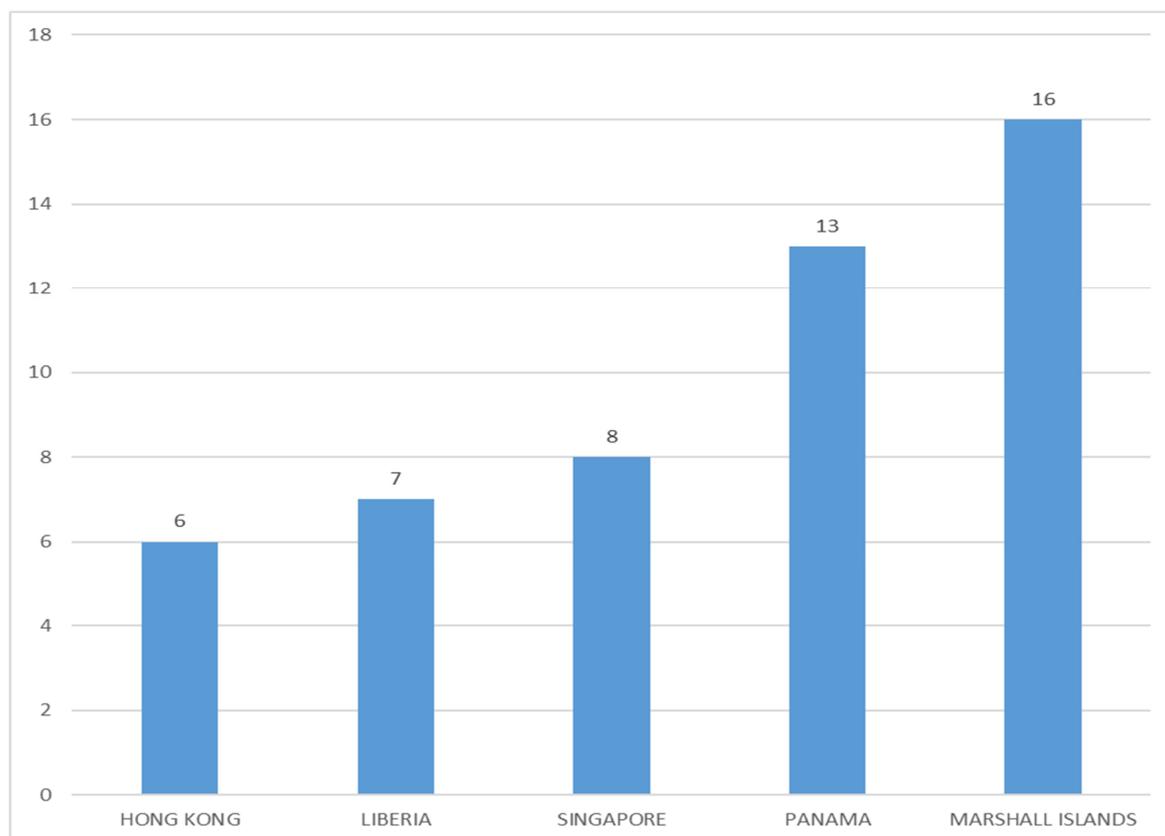
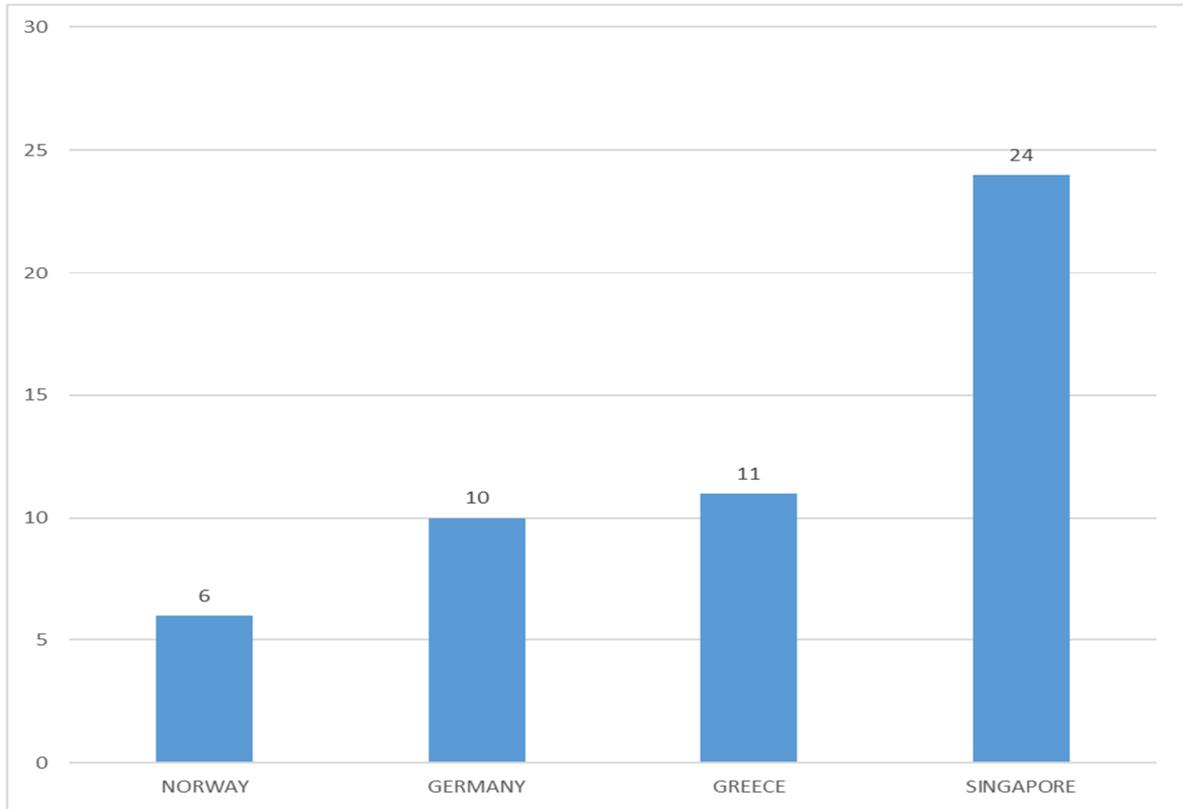


TABLE 14: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed: January – June 2017

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
China	2
Germany	10
Greece	11
Hong Kong	4
India	3
Indonesia	1
Ireland	1
Japan	3
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	2
Nigeria	1
Norway	6
Philippines	2
Singapore	24
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
Thailand	1
UAE	5
United Kingdom	3
Vietnam	3
Not Stated	1
Total	87

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2017



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

From 1 January to 30 June 2017, the IMB PRC has received seven incidents including three vessels being hijacked.

The international navies patrolling these waters are patrolling these waters to understand the patterns of life, which will allow them to identify and deter any suspected pirate activity.

Merchant ships are advised and encouraged to adhere to the latest BMP4 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistaken fishermen for pirates in some heavy fishing areas.

As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region, it cautions ship owners and Masters against complacency. Somali pirates still have the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh: Robbers usually target ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Attacks in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

Indonesia: Tanjung Priok (Jakarta), Dumai / Lubuk Gaung, Batu Ampar / Batam, Taboneo, and Muara Berau anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas as well as attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessels during the hours of darkness. When spotted and alarm sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew.

Recent meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities, which has led to a reduction of reported incidents.

The IMP has advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where patrol boats are stationed for the protection of ships.

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Berakit/Bintan: 01:23.30N - 104:42.30E
5. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
6. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
8. Adang bay: 01:40.00S-116:40.00E
9. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E

The Indonesian Authorities have advised IMB officially that in accordance with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, prevention action of sea robbery / piracy in the above given ten locations in Indonesian waters will continue until 2019.

Ships are advised to implement anti-piracy measures and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB PRC, who will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

Malacca Straits: The number of reported attacks have reduced substantially since 2005, due to the patrols by the littoral states authorities. In 2016, no incidents were reported in these waters to the IMB PRC however, attacks may have gone unreported. Ships are advised to continue maintaining anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits as there are currently no indications as to how long the patrols will continue.

Malaysia: Off Sabah – Militant activities resulting in tugs / barges / fishing boats being attacked and crews kidnapped.

Philippines: Pirates / militants in the southern Philippines attacking vessels in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. Initially tug / barges and fishing vessels were targeted to rob and kidnap crews for ransom. Now, merchant ships and their crews have also been targeted.

Batangas – A sudden rise in attacks / robberies have been reported from the anchorage area.

Singapore Straits: Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watch and measures. Pirates / robbers attack ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night.

South China Sea: Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant, especially at night. In the past, hijackings of small product tankers have been reported off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014 and the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia.

Vietnam: Vung Tau – Attacks especially at anchorages.

AFRICA AND RED SEA

Benin: Cotonou – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Past attacks showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and violent. In some incidents ships have been fired upon and hijacked. Masters were forced to sail to unknown location where ship's properties and sometimes part cargo stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past. Recent patrols by Benin and Nigerian Authorities has resulted in a drop in the number of attacks. However, vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

Guinea: Conakry.

Ivory Coast: Abidjan – Attacks dropped but remains risky.

Nigeria: Lagos – Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have hijacked and robbed vessels and kidnapped and injured crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks have been reported up to 170nm from the coast. Vessels have usually been hijacked to steal cargo. During the hijack the vessel is usually ransacked and communication equipment damaged.

Off Bayelsa / Brass/Bonny Island / Port Harcourt – Recently, there has been an increase in the number of reported attacks / hijackings / kidnapping of crews off these areas. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters.

Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported.

The Congo: Pointe Noire

Togo: Lome – Attacks have dropped but the area remains a concern and risky. Pirates / robbers in the area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks can occur at anchorages and off the coast, usually at night. Some attacks have resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days, ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: Three vessels have been hijacked off Somalia taking the total, this year, to seven. Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. It appears that they may now be seeking the opportunity as well. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest BMP4 recommendations while transiting these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

The threat of these attacks still exists in the waters off southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique as well as in the Indian ocean and off the west and south coasts of India and west Maldives.

Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons and RPG and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows, to conduct attacks far from the Somali coast. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP4 procedures and ensure that their vessel is hardened prior to entering the high-risk area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Early sightings / detection enables an accurate assessment, keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, allowing the Masters and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary take evasive actions and request assistance as needed.

Masters are reminded that fishermen in this region may try to protect their nets by attempting to aggressively approach merchant vessels. Some of the fishermen may be armed to protect their catch and they should not be confused with pirates.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Ecuador: Guayaquil – Attacks stopped but ships advised to be vigilant.

Peru: Callao – Incidents increasing.

Reporting of incidents:

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The IMB Maritime Security Hotline is dedicated for all maritime and concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc. relating to maritime crime and security including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities. All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours every day at:

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

REMEMBER: Your information may save lives.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 87 attacks for 01 January to 30 June 2017 are listed on pages 29 to 45. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Malaysia:

On 23 June 2017, a Thai flagged Product Tanker C.P.41 was boarded and hijacked while underway in position Latitude 03:55.27 North and Longitude 103:52.8 East, around 33nm NNE of Kuantan, Malaysia. Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while en route from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the diesel oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another boat. Before escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.

Nigeria:

On 05 February 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo Ship MV BBC Caribbean was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00.5 North and Longitude 005:29.3 East, around 31 nm SW of Bayelsa coast, Nigeria at approximately 1025 UTC. Armed pirates in three speed boats and one tug reportedly attacked the ship with 11 crew onboard. The pirates boarded the ship, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. After the pirates left the vessel, one crew emerged from hiding and activated the SSAS. The IMB PRC received the notification from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship and owners. The IMB PRC also liaised with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. A warship was dispatched to assist. Later, two more crew emerged from hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast before heading towards a safe port.

On 07 February 2017, a Panama flagged LPG Tanker MT Gaz Providence was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:22.0 North and Longitude 007:13.5 East, around 60 nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 1904 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker with 25 crew onboard. Alarm raised and most crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who then liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant Agencies. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval vessel intercepted the tanker and a team boarded the tanker and confirmed it to be free of pirates. The three crews who did not enter the citadel were reported missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel then escorted the tanker to Bonny Anchorage for further investigation. On 28 February 2017, the three crew members were released safely.

On 30 March 2017, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Eleni M was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:01 North and Longitude 006:48 East, around 32 nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria in the early morning hours. As the Bulk Carrier approached the pilot boarding station the crew noticed a small boat approaching. Four armed pirates were seen in the boat who attacked and successfully boarded the ship, kidnapped six crew including the Captain and escaped.

On 19 April 2017, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Tug, Atlantic Mann was attacked by armed persons while underway in position Latitude 04:06.43 North and Longitude 006:15.34 East, around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria. The tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons who kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and later evacuated by helicopter.

On 29 April 2017, a Bermuda flagged LNG Tanker, LNG Lokoja, was attacked and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:37.6 North and Longitude 006:44.1 East, around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the LNG tanker. The Master raised the alarm and noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed

to come alongside the tanker but, due to the hardening measures, the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.

On 29 April 2017, a Liberian flagged Reefer, was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:51.20 North and Longitude 006:46.00 East, around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two aluminum hulled motorized boats with three to five pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the refrigerated cargo ship. Master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and called the Nigerian navy on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates closed to the ship and attempted to board using a ladder. The Master fired three rocket flares and headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from their security vessels. Seeing this the boats aborted the attack and moved away. The Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.

On 17 May 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo ship was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:59 North and Longitude 006:46 East, around 30nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. The armed pirates boarded the ship and escaped with six kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to Bonny anchorage.

Philippines:

On 19 January 2017, a Malaysian flagged Fishing Trawler BN-838/4/F was attacked by armed persons while underway near Taganak Island, Philippines. The Fishing Trawler, with three crew had sailed from Sandakan Jetty on 18 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT. On 19 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT, the Owners received information from the Malaysian Marine Police in Sandakan that the Fishing Trawler was found drifting off Taganak Island. Information received from the Taganak Authorities indicated that the trawler was found without any crew onboard. The Fishing Trawler was then towed to Taganak for investigations. The missing three crew are believed to have been kidnapped.

On 19 February 2017, a Vietnam flagged General Cargo ship MV Giang Hai was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:09.26 North and Longitude 119:39.18 East, around 17 nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines at approximately 1024 UTC. Armed persons in a speedboat attacked, fired upon and successfully boarded the ship with 17 crew. They then damaged the navigational equipment, kidnapped six crew and escaped. As the crew was transferred to the pirate boat one crew fell into the water, was not able to be rescued and is presumed dead. The pirates took the remaining five crew. Two crew killed during the incident. The remaining crew managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigations.

On 23 March 2017, a Philippines flagged Tugboat Super Shuttle Tug 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines at approximately 1159 LT. Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats attacked and boarded the tug with 11 crew. The tug was towing a Ro-Ro ship. They stole crew and tug's documents, kidnapped two crew and escaped. The incident was reported to the Philippines Authorities who conducted a rescue operation and successfully rescued the two kidnapped crew members.

Somalia:

On 14 March 2017, a Sri Lankan flagged Bunkering Tanker MT Aris 13 was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 11:59 North and Longitude 050:45 East, around one nm north of Aluula, Bari, North of Somalia at approximately 1830 UTC. All eight crew were taken hostage. On 16 March 2017, the crew and tanker were released safely. No further information available.

On 23 March 2017, a Dhow Casayr II – No. 30 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates near Eyl, Somalia in the morning hours. The pirates took hostage the dhow's 20 crew. The dhow also had three

skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates then sailed the dhow to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26 March 2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel. No further information available.

On 01 April 2017, an Indian flagged Dhow, Al Kausar, was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while en route to Bosaso, off Somalia. The pirates hijacked the dhow with its 11 crew, and anchored inside Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12 April 2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members safe. A warship then escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

On 08 April 2017, a Tuvalu flagged Bulk Carrier, OS 35 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 14:02.9 North and Longitude 051:40.0 East, around 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09 April 2017, the vessel was boarded by the international navies and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the vessel and sailed to a safe port.

On 22 April 2017, a Sierra Leone flagged Product Tanker, was chased and fired upon by armed persons while underway in position 05:42 North and Longitude 048:53 East, around 30nm NE of Hobyo, Somalia. Master raised the alarm and sent distress message, which was responded to by a warship. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.

On 31 May 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Tanker, Muskie, was chased and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 12:35.0 North and Longitude 043:27.2 East, in the Bab el-Mandeb Straits, Red Sea. Three pirates in a skiff fired upon the tanker with automatic weapons and RPGs. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the vessel which, had sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.

On 01 June 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Product Tanker, Navig8 Providence, was chased and fired upon by six armed persons while underway in position Latitude 23:32.4 North and Longitude 060:26.3 East, around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was reported in the vicinity.

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TRENDS

Eighty-seven incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships have been reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (RPC) in the first half of 2017.

Sixty-three vessels were boarded, 12 fired upon, there were eight attempted attacks and four vessels hijacked. Sixty-three crew have been taken hostage, 41 kidnapped from their vessels, three injured and two fatalities reported.

A small Thai product tanker was hijacked at the end of June whilst en route from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. The hijacking follows a similar pattern to the series of almost two weekly product tanker hijackings in the region witnessed between April 2014 and August 2015.

In the latest case, six heavily armed pirates boarded the tanker from a speed boat. All communications equipment on board were disabled. The crew of 17 including the Master were taken hostage and the tanker sailed to another location where 1,500 MT of gas oil was transferred to another vessel.

Other pirate gangs and their criminal masterminds from the previous series have been apprehended thanks to the actions of the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities. The IMB PRC calls for a similar robust response to prevent these criminal gangs from targeting other product tankers. The last incident of a product tanker being hijacked in SE Asia occurred in May 2016.

Elsewhere in Asia, the number of mainly low level attacks off Indonesia has decreased from 24 in 2016 to 19 in 2017. There has been a decline in the number of reported incidents in and around the Philippines with four cases for the second quarter compared to nine in the first. This reduction is attributed to the cooperation between Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines.

Seven incidents have been reported off Somalia in 2017. Five reports are recorded for the second quarter including the hijacking of an Indian dhow in early April. A further three vessels reported coming under fire and a bulk carrier was boarded in the Gulf of Aden, in which the crew had to retreat to a citadel. This indicates that Somali pirates still retain the skills and capacity to attack merchant shipping far away from their coastal waters. Masters are urged to maintain high levels of vigilance when transiting the high-risk area and to adhere to the latest version of the best management practices.

Nigeria accounts for 13 reports down from 24 for the same period in 2016. Whilst the apparent decrease is welcomed, issues regarding under reporting continue to persist as evidenced in the Community of Reporting data of this report. Nigeria continues to dominate in terms of kidnappings with 31 crew abducted in five incidents this year. This includes 14 crew taken from two separate vessels in Q2. Violence against crews continues with half the vessels fired upon globally coming from Nigeria.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned centre, has provided the maritime industry, governments and response agencies with timely and transparent data on piracy and armed robbery incidents – received directly from the Master of the vessel or her owners. The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via Inmarsat Safety Net Services and email alerts to CSO's, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally. IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB PRC. This first step in the response chain is vital to ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle piracy. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

PIRACY NEWS

Collaboration between Indonesia Marine Police (IMP) and IMB on safe designated areas

The table for the designated areas shown below indicated that the actions by the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) continue to ensure stability in the 10 areas of concern.

All ships intending to anchor, drift or wait for a berth should do so at these designated areas where IMP patrol boats are able to provide greater protection to ships.

Merchant ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities/IMP including the IMB PRC who will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

Incidents reported at the 10 designated areas are as follows: -
(Updated as of 30 June 2017)

	Locations	2014 Total	2015 Total	2016 Total	Total 2017
1	Belawan: 03:55.00N - 098:45.30E	9	15	1	1
2	Dumai/Lubuk Gaung 01:42.00N - 101:28.00E	1	5	8	5
3	Nipah: 01:07.30N - 103:37.00E	-	26	-	-
4	Tanjung Berakit / Bintan Island 01:21.00N - 104:29.00E	35	1	1	1
5	Tanjung Priok: /Jakarta - 06:00.30S - 106:54.00E	9	4	6	1
6	Gresik: 07:09.00S - 112:40.00E	1	-	-	-
7	Taboneo: 03:41.30S - 114:28.00E	2	4	3	1
8	Adang Bay: 01:40.00S - 116:40.00E	-	-	-	-
9	Muara Berau: 00:17.00S - 117:36.00E	6	1	5	3
10	Balikpapan: 01:22.00S - 116:53.00E	1	-	2	-

Sulu Sea trilateral maritime patrol launched

On 19 June 2017 the Philippine Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana together with Indonesian and Malaysian defense ministers Ryacudu and Datuk Seri Hishammudin Tun Hussein launched the trilateral maritime patrol.

The kidnapping of seafarers in the Sulu seas and other transnational crimes within the shared sea areas of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines prompted the initiative, aimed at strengthening the collaboration to counter the movement of violent extremists and terrorists across the three countries' borders.

The launch of the Indonesian Military Coordination Centre in Tarakan will complement the existing Malaysian Centre at Tawau and the Philippine Centre at Bongao, Tawi-Tawi to enhance the information sharing between the Military forces to provide timely assistance to seafarers.

Nigeria set to increase maritime surveillance capability

The Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Dakuku Peterside has assured the international maritime community that the Federal Government has invested heavily to increase its capability to tackle the crime of piracy and armed robbery and other illicit crimes within its waters.

The Federal Government has approved the procurement of three helicopters and 12 fast intervention vessels to ensure coastal and aerial surveillance of Nigeria's waterways.

Dr. Dakuku stated, "in the area of inter-agency cooperation, it is expedient to mention that NIMASA recently renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with the Nigerian Navy to strengthen collaboration between NIMASA and the Navy to enhance the safety and security of navigation in our waters as, well as leverage on the use of the Federal Government's Falcon Eye Satellite systems domiciled with the Nigerian Navy including NIMASA's Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems to respond to distress calls within Nigerian waters in order to prevent and adequately respond to threats within the Nigerian maritime environment." He also noted the importance of enhancing maritime legislation to address the crime of piracy.

Counter piracy efforts off Somalia

In a truly international counter piracy engagement off the coast of Somalia, Operation 'Samurai Sword' has enabled international military working within Combined Task Force 151 (CTF151), EUNAVFOR task force, CTF465, and independent assets from India and China to enhance their engagement with maritime communities in the region.

The Operation focused on interacting with the local maritime community and commercial traffic to build confidence and develop a closer understanding of fishermen and other mariners that transit these waters.

During the two-week Operation, commencing from 14 May 2017, an asset from CTF151 responded to a Mayday call from a dhow off Puntland. Commenting on the success, Rear Admiral Tatsuya Fukuda JMSDF, Commander CTF151, said: "That JS Teruzuki was able to launch her helicopter and maintain communication with both the dhow and the Puntland security forces was due to planning and a growing understanding of mariners needs in the region."

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2017

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2017 1450 UTC Anchored Boarded	Silver Express Product Tanker Panama 26900 9380099	13:44.0N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers in two boats approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out and ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the tanker for investigation.
2.	08.01.2017 1735 UTC Anchored Boarded	Alpha Bulker Bulk Carrier Panama 19885 9336763	00:15.2S – 117:34.0E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him at the fore mast. Another duty crew tried to contact the crew but received no response. As he approached the fore-castle to investigate, he noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their speed boat with the stolen ship's stores.
3.	16.01.2017 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Malta 30000 -	05:47.2N – 118:01.5E, Mowtas Oil Terminal (MOT), Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	During cargo operations, crew onboard the berthed tanker observed a robber on the fore-castle. Alarm raised. Seeing the alert crew approaching the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores.
4.	19.01.2017 - Steaming Boarded	BN-838/4/F Fishing Trawler Malaysia - -	Vicinity of Taganak Island, Philippines	A fishing trawler with three crew onboard sailed from Sandakan Jetty on 18.01.2017 at around 1500 LT for fishing activities. On 19.01.2017 at around 1500 LT, the Owners received information from the Marine Police of Sandakan that the fishing vessel was found drifting at Taganak Island. Information from Taganak Authorities indicated that the vessel was found without the crew. The vessel was towed to Taganak for investigation. The missing three crew members are believed to have been kidnapped.

5.	19.02.2017 1024 UTC Steaming Boarded	Giang Hai General Cargo Vietnam 2875 9557329	06:09.26N – 119:39.18E, Around 17nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines	Five persons armed with rifles in a speedboat approached, fired upon and boarded the ship underway. One crew member tried to stop the persons from entering the bridge was shot dead. They damaged the navigation equipment, took hostage all crew members and stole ship's properties. The persons intended to kidnap six crew members by taking them into their boat. However, while moving the six crews into their boat, one crew fell into the sea and was reported dead. The body of the crew was not found. The persons escaped with the stolen ship's properties along with the five kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew members managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigation.
6.	23.02.2017 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Tug Indonesia 6641 -	01:10.9N – 103:59.2E, Batu Ampar Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a knife boarded an anchored offshore tug. Alert crew noticed the robbers on the CCTV cameras and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
7.	09.03.2017 1906 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Norway 42835 -	05:52.9S – 105:59.6E, Merak Anchorage OPL, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a boat close to the stern and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, one robber was seen jumping overboard and escaping with two others waiting in the boat. Nothing stolen.
8.	11.03.2017 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Aegean Chemical Tanker Singapore 23297 9636644	01:42.80N – 101:26.04E, Lubuk Gaung Inner Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents.
9.	13.03.2017 1750 – 1820 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nancy P Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29225 9702194	13:44.9N – 121:01.5E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed that the forepeak store lock was broken and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen.
10.	21.03.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	Global Phenix LPG Tanker Panama 5917	13:40.48N – 121:03.10E, JG Summit Berth,	During loading operations, duty crew on board a LPG carrier, noticed a robber hiding near the starboard winches and threatened the crew with a

		9552719	Batangas, Philippines	long knife. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped in a waiting boat with his accomplice. On searching the tanker after the incident, the crew reported ship's properties were stolen. Authorities and agents informed.
11.	23.03.2017 1159 LT Steaming Boarded	Super Shuttle Tug 1 Tug Philippines 225 8609709	Around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines	Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats approached the tug towing a ro-ro ship. They boarded the tug, stole crew and vessel's documents, kidnapped two crew members and escaped with stolen properties. Philippine Authorities notified and rescue operation launched, resulting in the two crew being rescued.
12.	26.03.2017 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Ambition Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 44855 9717709	03:43.08S – 114:25.08E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecandle store door lock was broken. Further checks made on the forecandle indicated that the hawse pipe cover securing arrangements were cut through. The AB immediately informed the bridge and alarm raised. Crew mustered and went to the forecandle and found ship's stores were stolen. Port Control informed.
13.	26.03.2017 1730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Overseas Andromar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9265885	13:43.7N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber on the forecandle as he approached during routine rounds. The robber threatened the crew with a knife, resulting in the duty crew raising the alarm and retreating. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escape in a boat. On conducting a thorough security check, ship's properties found missing. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard and Port Authority.
14.	19.04.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Arpeggio Bulk Carrier Panama 42608 9636278	00:15.7S – 117:34.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
15.	21.04.2017 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Lucina Providence LPG Tanker Panama 46025 9349784	13:40.5N – 121:03.1E, JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the tanker at berth, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.
16.	22.04.2017 1940 UTC	Ballenita Container	07:10.9N – 122:39.9E,	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the anchor

	Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 26412 9603609	Around 10nm SW of Olutanga Coast, Philippines	chain and the hawse pipe cover opened and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. Two robbers were seen escaping from the ship. Upon inspection, no stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to Davao coast guard and pilot station via VHF CH. 16.
17.	02.05.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Maru Bulk Carrier Singapore 30684 9284491	05:57.5S – 106:55.6E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered into the engine room. They stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Duty AB noticed the robbers escaping in an unlit boat and raised the alarm. Port Control informed.
18.	03.05.2017 1706 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nave Buena Suerte Tanker Hong Kong 152727 9514561	01:16.6N – 103:17.6E, Around 7.8nm SSW of Pulau Kukup, Johor, Malaysia	Second Engineer onboard the tanker underway noticed five robbers in the engine room. Alarm raised. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped. All crew safe.
19.	11.05.2017 1212 UTC Anchored Boarded	Prabhu Lal Bulk Carrier India 30057 9263124	Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	A robber, armed with a knife boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robber and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped via the anchor chain. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
20.	20.05.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	SC Dalian Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 8539 9430454	01:43.72N – 101:23.21E, MSSP Jetty, Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai, Indonesia	Six robbers wearing face masks and armed with long knives boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers stole ship's property and escaped in their boat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Local police informed.
21.	24.05.2017 2215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29165 -	01:43.1N – 101:25.8E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with a machete boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
22.	28.05.2017 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Alice Product Tanker Marshall Islands 4202 9520273	02:49.9N – 105:17.4E, Around 24nm West of Pulau Jemaja, Indonesia	While underway, six persons armed with guns boarded the tanker using a rope. They tied up the crew, threatened them with their weapons, stole ship's cash and Master's personal belongings and escaped. Incident reported to the CSO, who notified the authorities.
23.	31.05.2017 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Uni Challenge Bulk Carrier Singapore 18465	07:45.65S – 109:04.25E, Cilacap Anchorage,	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the

		9606546	Indonesia	duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agents.
24.	02.06.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Harvester Bulk Carrier Liberia 23651 9777711	03:55.7N – 098:45.5E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They held a knife to the duty watchman's neck and took him hostage. At the same time, the OOW called the watchman, who was forced to reply and indicate all clear. The robbers then tied up the watchman, removed the hawse pipe cover and let another robber onboard. They broke into the paint locker and bosun stores and stole ship's stores. The OOW noticed some abnormal movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. The robbers stole the personal belongings of the watchman before escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
25.	07.06.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Akrotiri Product Tanker Singapore 25190 9007752	01:21N – 104:36E, Around 8nm North of Tg. Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia	While at anchor, two robbers boarded the tanker. They threatened the duty AB with a knife, took his walkie talkie and held him hostage. They then entered the engine room through the steering flat door. When the AB failed to report to the bridge the duty officer raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's property.
26.	12.06.2017 1849 UTC Anchored Boarded	Duke Research Vessel Bahamas 2031 8200838	00:45.40N – 104:08.70E, Galang Layup Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers boarded an anchored vessel, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered in the morning during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents and Port Authorities.
27.	14.06.2017 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	MS Sophie Chemical Tanker Liberia 25400 9241798	13:44.01 N – 121:01.09 E, Batangas Inner Anchorage, Philippines	A robber boarded an anchored tanker through the hawse pipe, stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
28.	21.06.2017 2030 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:04.6 N – 104:08.6E, Jetty No. 3, CPO Kabil Port, Batam Indonesia	While carrying out pre-departure checks the duty AB noticed wet footsteps on the poop deck. On carrying out further checks he noticed the padlocks to the steering gear and engine room were removed and engine spares missing. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident was reported to Port VTS and local agents. No intruders found on board.
29.	23.06.2017 2100 LT Steaming Hijacked	C.P. 41 Product Tanker 2752 9186455	03:55.27 N – 103:52.8 E, 33nm NNE off Kuantan, Malaysia.	Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while en route from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the

				navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the diesel oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another boat. Before escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure, the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.
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EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.02.2017 1710 UTC Anchored Boarded	Skythia Bulk Carrier Malta 89990 9423920	38:52.6N – 119:10.0E, Jingtang Anchorage, China	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship and tried to open the port side Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) manhole. Duty officer raised the alarm and SSAS Alert was activated. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to the port authorities and the local agents.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.01.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Container Marshall Islands 16986 -	22:06.6N – 091:44.4E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers, armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. The duty crew on security watch noticed the robbers and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and mustered the crew. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
2.	18.01.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Santa Fiorenza Container Liberia 21583 9162253	22:05.8N – 091:48.8E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached with a rope. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the aft mooring station and raised the alarm, made an announcement on PA system and mustered the crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the

				ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Port Control and Chittagong Coast Guard. After a few hours, the Coast Guard notified the ship that two suspicious boats were stopped and searched but the stolen stores were not recovered.
3.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Norway 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel at anchor. They attempted to enter the accommodation but were unsuccessful as the crew had secured all doors.
4.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Bahamas 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. They broke into the paint locker and escaped with a large amount of paint. The theft was noticed by crew when they commenced work in the morning. Authorities informed.
5.	17.02.2017 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	MMA Pinnacle Support Vessel Singapore 5138 9696187	18:54N – 072:52E, 6.3nm West of JNPT Port, Mumbai, India	Two robbers boarded an offshore support vessel from an unlit wooden boat, stole ship's equipment and escaped. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the vessel to investigate and to collect evidence.
6.	02.05.2017 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Unique Developer Product Tanker Hong Kong 26914 9402809	22:13.9N – 091:44.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two robbers on the poop deck and informed the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2017 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nijinsky LPG Tanker Singapore 16804 9364966	10:12.0N – 064:47.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. The robbers took hostage the duty AB on the forecandle, tied him up and threatened him with a knife. They then removed the hawse pipe cover and four more robbers boarded the tanker. The robbers took the AB's mobile phone, stole ship's properties and escaped. The AB managed to free himself and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Port Control informed.

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2.	19.01.2017 0755 UTC Anchored Boarded	Imabari Logger Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23452 9663855	02:43.0S – 080:24.0W, Guayaquil Outer Anchorage, Ecuador	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident was reported to the local agents.
3.	24.01.2017 1750 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Malta 29658 -	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W, Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole the ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.
4.	07.02.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jumeirah Beach Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20969 9642045	12:01.2S – 077:12.0W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers in a small boat came alongside and boarded an anchored ship using a rope. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up. The robbers then stole ship's stores and escaped. Duty officer raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities and the local agents.
5.	01.03.2017 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	Adamas I Chemical Tanker Panama 29924 9428683	10:16.9N – 064:42.8W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
6.	28.03.2017 0845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Angelica Schulte Tanker Liberia 56163 9296822	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Port Control notified.
7.	28.04.2017 0620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mainport Cedar Research Vessel Marshall Islands 1659 9659323	06:49.4N – 058:10.2W, Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard the seismic support vessel noticed a boat alongside the vessel and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, five robbers were seen escaping with stolen ship's properties.
8.	02.05.2017 0650 UTC Berthed Boarded	Glory Ocean Cement Carrier Singapore 10337 9116448	10:14.75N – 064:33.44W, Berth No.5, Pertigalete, Venezuela	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
9.	04.05.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kota Lukis Container Singapore 39906 9439747	12:01.02S – 077:12.06W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and the shore security watchman and tied them up. The robbers then broke into the forecandle store and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The duty AB and watchman managed to free themselves and informed the bridge who raised the alarm. Incident reported to the local agent and Port Authority.
10.	18.05.2017	TRF Marquette Chemical Tanker	10:11.31N – 064:46.16W,	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's equipment, stores and

	0001 - 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 23676 9732785	Around 4nm West of Lecheria, Venezuela	escaped unnoticed. Theft noticed by crew on routine rounds.
11.	24.05.2017 0420 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vectis Eagle General Cargo United Kingdom 6190 9594286	10:17.22N – 064:42.79W, Around 1.05nm East of Isla Boraccha, Pozuelos Bay Anchorage, Venezuela	Six robbers boarded an anchored ship during the hours of darkness. They opened and entered the forecandle store room. Deck watchman discovered the robbers and informed duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped immediately. A search was carried out and it was reported that ship's property was stolen. Master tried to contact Port Authorities by VHF but received no response.
12.	24.06.2017 0424 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seletar Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	10:12 N – 064:46W, Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	Eight robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They assaulted the duty AB on security rounds. Another crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and injured himself as he fled from the robbers. The duty officer sounded the general alarm and ship's whistle resulting in the robbers escaping. The injured crew was sent ashore for medical attention. No loss of property reported. Coast Guard informed.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.04.2017 1310 UTC Steaming Boarded	OS 35 Bulk Carrier Tuvalu 20947 9172399	14:02.9N – 051:40.0E, 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	While underway armed pirates in a skiff came alongside and boarded the ship. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09.04.2017 the ship was boarded by authorities and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the ship and sailed to a safe port.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.03.2017 1830 UTC	Aris 13 Bunkering Tanker	11:59N – 050:45E,	Armed pirates hijacked the tanker and took hostage it's eight crew members.

	Steaming Hijacked	Sri Lanka 1188 9012501	1nm North of Aluula, Bari, North of Somalia	On 16.03.2017 the crew and the tanker were released. All crew safe.
2.	23.03.2017 Morning Hrs Not Stated Hijacked	Casayr II - No.30 Dhow - - -	Vicinity of Eyl, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the dhow and took hostage its 20 crew members. The dhow had three skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew members in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates sailed to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26.03.2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel.
3.	01.04.2017 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Kausar Dhow India - -	Enroute to Bosaso, Off Somalia	A dhow with 11 crew onboard was boarded and hijacked by pirates while en route to Bosaso. The dhow was anchored in Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12.04.2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members are in good health. A warship escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2017 0035 UTC Anchored Boarded	Charlotte Selmer Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 92079 9435064	08:27.1N – 013:21.2W, Pepele Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Three robbers with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the forecastle and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm. Robbers threatened the duty AB with knives and escaped with stolen ship's properties.
2.	30.01.2017 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	JPO Gemini Container Liberia 25672 9294020	08:27.3N – 013:26.4W, Freetown Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Duty deck crew onboard an anchored ship informed the OOW that two robbers were sighted on the forecastle. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
3.	05.02.2017 1025 UTC Steaming Boarded	BBC Caribbean General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 5261 9378242	04:00.5N – 005:29.3E, Around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. One crew came out from hiding and raised the SSAS. The IMB PRC received information from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship, Owners and liaised

				with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. Later, two more crew members came out of hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast, before heading towards a safe port.
4.	07.02.2017 1904 UTC Steaming Boarded	Gaz Providence LPG Tanker Panama 16777 9448504	03:22.0N – 007:13.5E, Around 60nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and most crew members managed to retreat into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant parties. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval boarding team reported the tanker to be free of pirates before the crew emerged from the citadel. Three crew members were reported missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel escorted the tanker to Bonny anchorage for investigation. On 28.02.2017, the three crew members were released safely.
5.	09.02.2017 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Far Starling Supply Vessel Norway 3527 9629017	04:45.2S – 011:49.2E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Duty crew onboard an anchored vessel noticed a boat alongside near the bow and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
6.	19.02.2017 0709 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Asphalt Tanker Malta 4703 -	05:12.66N – 004:48.57E, Around 33nm WSW of Forcados, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated to the citadel. The IMB PRC received the information from the Nigerian Navy and contacted the Owners for further details and liaised with all parties. Two naval vessels were dispatched to assist the tanker. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole ship's properties and crew personal belongings and escaped before the naval teams boarded the tanker to rescue the crew. All crew were reported safe.
7.	22.03.2017 2115 UTC Berthed Boarded	Zita Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38237 9760043	19:48.85S – 034:50.06E, Berth 6/7, Beira Port, Mozambique	During cargo operations, duty crew on routine rounds onboard the ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck. Chief Officer informed via walkie talkie. Crew mustered and then proceeded to the poop deck. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to

				the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
8.	30.03.2017 Early Morning Hours Steaming Boarded	Eleni M Bulk Carrier Malta 28718 9228033	04:01N – 006:48E, Around 32nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria	Four persons in a small boat approached, came alongside and boarded the ship as it approached the pilot boarding station. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. On 20.04.2017, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.
9.	07.04.2017 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Blue Balance Bulk Carrier Panama 26058 9168491	05:52.11S – 013:02.49E, Congo River, Angola	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers on the forecastle and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. Alarm and ship's whistle sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen ship's properties.
10.	19.04.2017 0934 UTC Steaming Boarded	Atlantic Mann Offshore Tug Nigeria 804 8305494	04:06.43N – 006:15.34E, Around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria	An offshore tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons. They kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and evacuated by helicopter.
11.	29.04.2017 0737 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vectis Progress General Cargo Isle of Man 7227 9626144	03:41N – 006:46E, Around 47nm SW of Bonny Islands, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the ship. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole crew cash and belongings and escaped before the naval team boarded the ship to rescue the crew. All crew reported safe.
12.	17.05.2017 - Steaming Boarded	Glory General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6393 9378254	03:59N – 006:46E, Around 21nm South of Nigerian Coast, Nigeria	While underway, armed pirates boarded the ship. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Bonny anchorage.
13.	26.05.2017 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordatlantic Container Cyprus 25407 9241451	08:26.33N – 013:28.16W, Freetown Offroads Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
14.	06.06.2017 0303 UTC Anchored Boarded	Annou Max Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 91374 9423073	08:28.3N – 013:22.9W, Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship. The security watchman noticed the robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber escaping empty handed.

15.	19.06.2017 2300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Eagle Express Product Tanker Panama 28051 9414280	04:04.0S – 039:39.0E, Mbaraki Terminal, Mombasa, Kenya	Duty crew on anti-piracy watch onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber attempting to board via the poop deck, using a hook attached with rope. OOW in the cargo control room informed. As the robber approached the ship's railing the duty crew shouted at him resulting in the robber escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. No theft notified.
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ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

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SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2017 1524 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Kingdom General Cargo Philippines 7541 9202091	06:36.0N – 122:41.0E, Around 21.6nm East of Basilan Island, Philippines	Six persons in two speed boats, armed with automatic rifles, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised and increased speed. Ship's distress message was relayed by Zamboanga radio station to the local authorities who dispatched patrol boats to assist the ship. Due to the firing, the ship sustained multiple gunshot damage on the port and starboard sides. Ship however, managed to evade the attack. All crew safe.
2.	05.01.2017 1630 UTC Steaming Attempted	Great Sailor Chemical Tanker Vietnam 9419 9183477	01:15.1N – 104:03.4E, Singapore Straits	A tanker underway was chased by a speed boat. Master raised the alarm, contacted the VTS, commenced evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and directed the spot light towards the speed boat. Seeing the alerted crew, the speed boat aborted and moved away.
3.	05.03.2017 0800 - 1030 UTC Steaming Attempted	Phu An 268 General Cargo Vietnam 1599 9549293	06:20.5N – 118:08.0E, Around 4.43nm NE of Lihiman Island, Philippines	A skiff with around six persons onboard approached and followed the ship for around 1.5 hours. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Malaysian authorities. A patrol vessel rendezvoused with the ship and escorted her to Sandakan port. All crew safe.
4.	19.03.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591	01:42N – 101:28E, Dumai Anchorage,	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed one person attempting to climb onboard by using a bamboo stick attached to a hook. The

		-	Indonesia	duty AB informed the DO who raised alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders aborted and moved away.
5.	25.03.2017 1815 UTC Anchored Attempted	Ping An Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11438 9495856	01:43N – 101:26E, Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	Alert crew noticed a robber attempting to board and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped in a boat with three accomplices. The robbers were apprehended by the IMP who were patrolling in the vicinity.
6.	16.05.2017 1803 UTC Steaming Attempted	Posh Conquest Offshore Supply Ship Panama 2736 9451654	03:32N – 126:23E, Around 26nm SW of Kepulauan Talaud, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	A small speed boat approached an offshore supply ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away.
7.	19.05.2017 1130 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sapurakencana Samudra Offshore Supply Ship Malaysia 1061 7396692	10:58N – 118:15E, Around 56nm NW of Cacnipa Island, Philippines	An offshore tug underway was chased by two speed boats. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Philippines Authorities. Vessel and crew safe.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.04.2017 1306 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Alheera Product Tanker Panama 6519 9221803	12:53.77N – 048:02.52E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a white coloured skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted UKMTO and the non-essential crew withdrew into the citadel. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. Crew and tanker safe. Warship notified.
2.	31.05.2017 0647 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Muskie Tanker Marshall Islands 42771 9256638	12:35.0N – 043:27.2E, Bab el-Mandeb, Red Sea	Three pirates in a skiff armed with guns and RPG chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the tanker. The tanker sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	22.04.2017 1442 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Sierra Leone 4462 -	05:42N – 048:53E, Around 5.7nm East of Somali Coast, Somalia	Six armed persons in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm and broadcast a distress message, to which a warship responded. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.03.2017 0800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sofia Bulk Carrier Liberia 32983 9472086	03:20.0N – 004:28.9E, Around 106nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Seven persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the ship underway. Ship increased speed and commenced evasive maneuver. All non-essential crew retreated to the Citadel. After 40 minutes, the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away. All crews reported safe.
2.	10.03.2017 0518 UTC Steaming Fired upon	La Mancha Knutsen LNG Tanker Spain 116246 9721724	03:03N – 006:57E, 84nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	A speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, activated the water spray, commenced evasive manoeuvres, activated the SSAS, broadcast a distress message via VHF and mustered non-essential crew in the citadel. The boat managed to come alongside near the mid-ship manifold and attempted to hook on a ladder, which was unsuccessful due to the evasive manoeuvring. A security boat in the vicinity contacted the tanker via VHF and indicated that they were proceeding to assist, and the small boat moved away. The tanker continued her voyage. All crew safe.
3.	29.03.2017 1200 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cora A Product Tanker Panama 8251 9357638	04:05.89N – 004:42.03E, Around 64nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. The onboard armed naval security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her voyage to her next port.

4.	19.04.2017 0845 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Axel Spirit Tanker Bahamas 62929 9282041	03:25N – 005:46E, Around 59nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria	Nine pirates in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, fire pumps started and non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. The tanker increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. While the Master communicated with the escort vessel, the skiff was seen aborting and moving away. Crew and tanker reported safe.
5.	29.04.2017 0408 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 6363 -	03:51.20N – 006:46.00E, Around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two aluminium hulled motorized boats with pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and Nigerian navy called on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates came close and attempted to board the ship using a ladder. Three rocket flares were fired. The Master headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from the security vessels but, seeing the boats aborting and moving away, the Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.
6.	29.04.2017 1740 UTC Steaming Fired upon	LNG Lokoja LNG Tanker Bermuda 98798 9269960	03:37.6N – 006:44.1E, Around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and anti-piracy preventive measures applied. Master noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed to come alongside the tanker but due to the hardening measures the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.
7.	06.05.2017 0030 UTC Anchored Attempted	MOL Dedication Container Marshall Islands 39906 9352391	05:10.88N – 004:04.72W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	While at anchor, duty officer noticed a suspicious boat approaching the ship from astern and alerted the duty crew on deck. As the boat came alongside, alarm and ship's whistle sounded and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat slowly moved away, circled the ship once and then departed. Port Control informed.

REST OF THE WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/	Position	Narration
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		IMO Number		
1.	14.04.2017 0700 UTC Anchored Fired upon	Safe Sino Product Tanker Panama 27526 9149251	15:55.56N – 052:20.75E, Around 10nm NE of Nishtun, Yemen	Six persons armed with rifles in a small boat approached and fired upon an anchored tanker. They attempted to board the tanker several times but failed and moved away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her passage.
2.	07.05.2017 1440 UTC Steaming Attempted	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Greece 31169 -	25:32N – 057:33E, Around 12nm SW of Bandar E Jask, Iran	Duty officer noticed three suspicious skiffs approaching the ship. At the same time a vessel suspected to be the mother vessel was seen at a distance of 2nm astern. As the skiffs closed the crew observed the persons in the boat holding ladders. Alarm raised, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced and Ras al Khor Port contacted, who informed the Iranian navy. As the ship changed course the skiffs and the suspected mother vessel followed. After around 20 minutes the Iranian navy called the ship to alter course at which point the skiffs aborted and moved away. Crew safe.
3.	01.06.2017 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Navig8 Providence Product Tanker 43142 9737759	23:32.4N – 060:26.3E, Around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman	Six persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Speed increased, evasive manoeuvres conducted and onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was seen in the vicinity. Tanker is safe.



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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total number of attacks – 87



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 6

Total attacks Far East & SE Asia – 37



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Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 3

Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 4



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Total attacks Gulf of Guinea - 16