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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**1 January – 30 June 2018**

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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 2018.

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](http://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 2018, received reports of 107 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))

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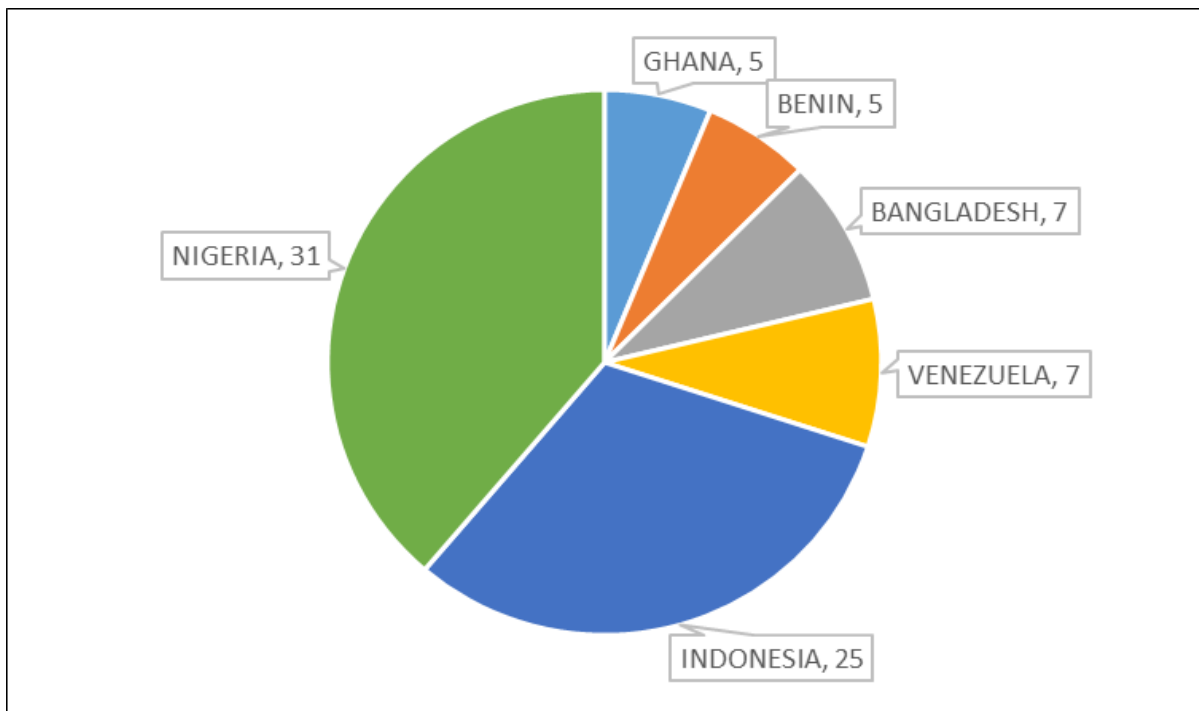
- Africa Risk Compliance Ltd (ARC)
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- European Union

**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January - June 2014 – 2018**

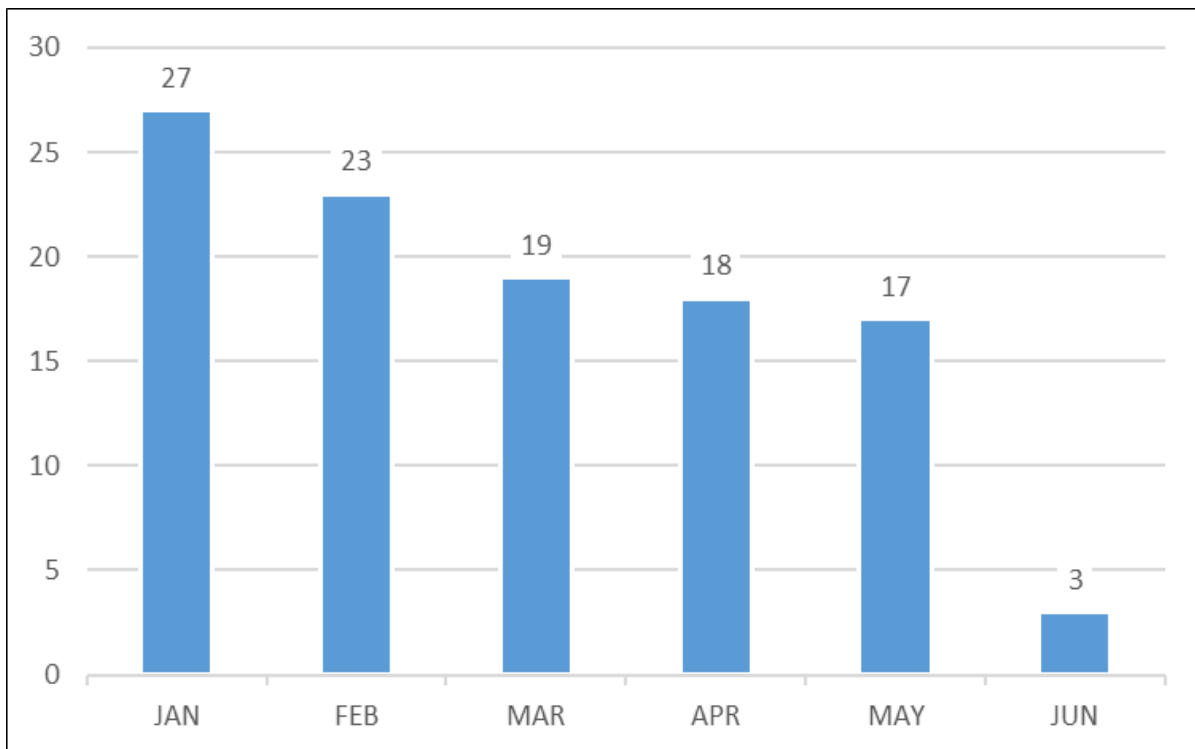
|                                | <b>Location</b>          | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b>                 | Indonesia                | 47          | 54          | 24          | 19          | 25          |
|                                | Malacca Straits          | 1           | 3           |             |             |             |
|                                | Malaysia                 | 9           | 11          | 4           | 3           | 2           |
|                                | Philippines              | 2           | 4           | 3           | 13          | 3           |
|                                | Singapore Straits        | 6           | 6           |             | 1           |             |
|                                | Thailand                 |             | 1           |             |             |             |
| <b>EAST</b>                    | China                    |             |             | 5           | 1           | 2           |
| <b>ASIA</b>                    | Vietnam                  | 1           | 13          | 3           |             | 2           |
| <b>INDIAN</b>                  | Bangladesh               | 10          | 11          | 2           | 5           | 7           |
| <b>SUB CONT</b>                | India                    | 4           | 4           | 13          | 1           | 2           |
| <b>AMERICAS</b>                | Brazil                   | 1           |             |             |             | 2           |
|                                | Colombia                 | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           |             |
|                                | Ecuador                  |             |             |             | 1           | 1           |
|                                | Guyana                   |             |             | 1           | 1           |             |
|                                | Haiti                    |             | 1           |             |             | 3           |
|                                | Peru                     |             |             | 4           | 2           | 3           |
|                                | Venezuela                |             |             | 2           | 6           | 7           |
| <b>AFRICA</b>                  | Angola                   | 1           |             | 1           | 1           |             |
|                                | Benin                    |             |             |             |             | 5           |
|                                | Cameroon                 | 1           |             |             |             | 2           |
|                                | Democratic Rep. of Congo |             | 1           | 2           |             | 1           |
|                                | Gabon                    | 1           |             |             |             |             |
|                                | Ghana                    | 2           | 2           |             |             | 5           |
|                                | Guinea                   |             | 3           |             |             | 1           |
|                                | Gulf of Aden*            | 4           |             | 1           | 2           | 1           |
|                                | Ivory Coast              | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |             |
|                                | Kenya                    |             | 1           | 2           | 1           |             |
|                                | Liberia                  | 1           | 1           |             |             |             |
|                                | Mozambique               |             | 1           |             | 1           |             |
|                                | Nigeria                  | 10          | 11          | 24          | 13          | 31          |
|                                | Red Sea*                 | 2           |             |             | 1           |             |
|                                | Sierra Leone             | 1           |             |             | 4           |             |
|                                | Somalia                  | 3           |             |             | 4           | 1           |
|                                | South Africa             |             |             | 1           |             |             |
|                                | Tanzania                 | 1           |             |             |             |             |
|                                | The Congo                | 3           | 2           | 1           | 1           |             |
|                                | Togo                     | 2           |             | 1           |             | 1           |
| <b>REST</b>                    | Iran                     |             |             |             | 1           |             |
| <b>OF</b>                      | Oman                     | 1           |             |             | 1           |             |
| <b>WORLD</b>                   | Papua New Guinea         |             | 1           |             |             |             |
|                                | Yemen                    |             |             | 1           | 1           |             |
| <b>Subtotal for six months</b> |                          | <b>116</b>  | <b>134</b>  | <b>98</b>   | <b>87</b>   | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>Total at year end</b>       |                          | <b>245</b>  | <b>246</b>  | <b>191</b>  | <b>179</b>  |             |

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

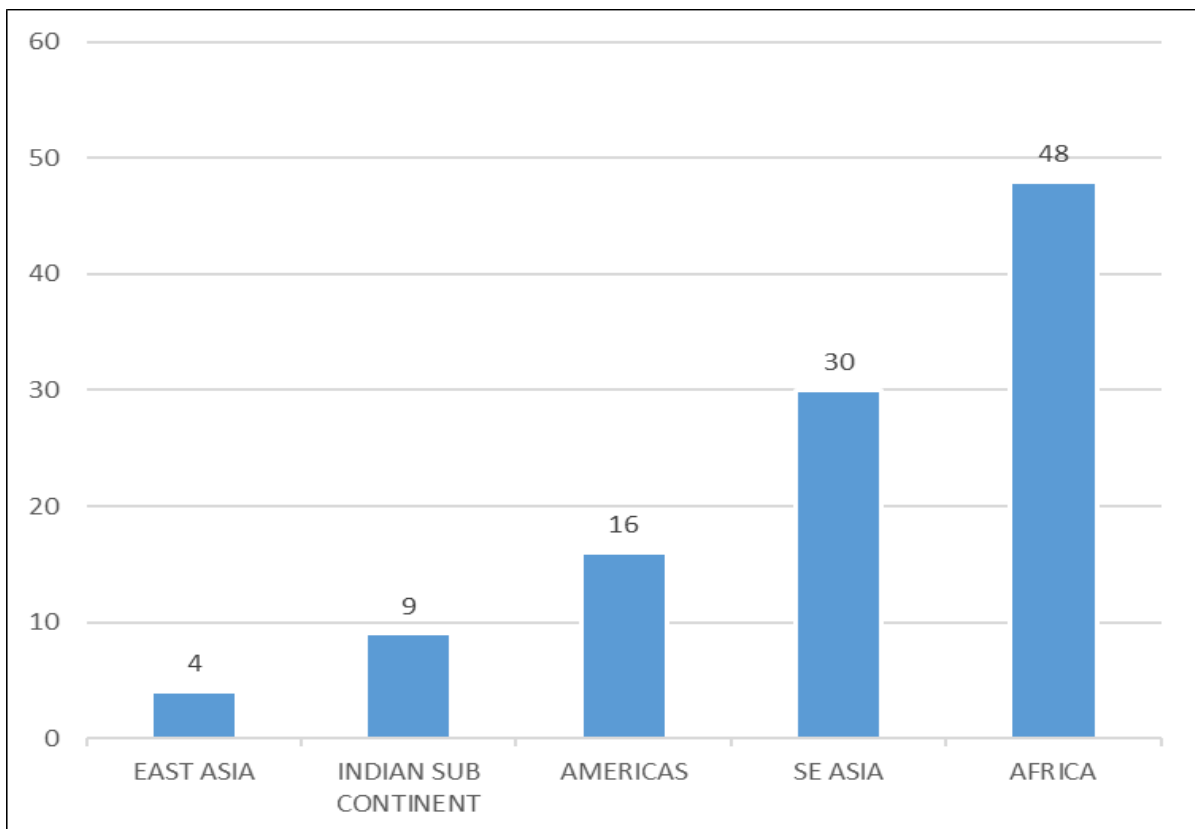
**CHART A: The following six locations contributed to 75% of the total of 106 incidents reported in the period January – June 2018**



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – June 2018**



**CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – June 2018**





**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – June 2018**

|                   |                          | Actual attacks |          | Attempted attacks |            |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Location          |                          | Boarded        | Hijacked | Attempted         | Fired Upon |
| <b>SE ASIA</b>    | Indonesia                | 19             |          | 6                 |            |
|                   | Malaysia                 | 1              |          | 1                 |            |
|                   | Philippines              | 1              |          | 1                 | 1          |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b>  | China                    |                |          | 2                 |            |
|                   | Vietnam                  | 2              |          |                   |            |
| <b>INDIAN SUB</b> | Bangladesh               | 5              |          | 2                 |            |
| <b>CONTINENT</b>  | India                    | 1              |          | 1                 |            |
| <b>AMERICAS</b>   | Brazil                   | 2              |          |                   |            |
|                   | Ecuador                  | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                   | Haiti                    | 3              |          |                   |            |
|                   | Peru                     | 3              |          |                   |            |
|                   | Venezuela                | 4              |          | 3                 |            |
| <b>AFRICA</b>     | Benin                    | 3              | 2        |                   |            |
|                   | Cameroon                 | 1              |          | 1                 |            |
|                   | Democratic Rep. of Congo | 1              |          |                   |            |
|                   | Ghana                    | 4              | 1        |                   |            |
|                   | Guinea                   |                |          | 1                 |            |
|                   | Gulf of Aden             |                |          |                   | 1          |
|                   | Nigeria                  | 18             | 1        | 4                 | 8          |
|                   | Somalia                  |                |          |                   | 1          |
|                   | Togo                     |                |          | 1                 |            |
| <b>Sub total</b>  |                          | <b>69</b>      | <b>4</b> | <b>23</b>         | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>      |                          | <b>107</b>     |          |                   |            |

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – June 2018**

| Country    | Location              | 01.01.2018 to 30.06.2018 |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Bangladesh | Chittagong / Kutubdia | 7                        |
| Benin      | Cotonou               | 5                        |
| Ghana      | Takoradi              | 4                        |
| Haiti      | Port Au Prince        | 3                        |
| Indonesia  | Muara Berau           | 11                       |
| Indonesia  | Pulau Bintan          | 3                        |
| Nigeria    | Lagos                 | 14                       |
| Peru       | Callao                | 3                        |
| Venezuela  | Puerto Jose           | 4                        |
| Venezuela  | Puerto La Cruz        | 3                        |

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – June 2018**

| <b>Location</b>              | <b>Anchored</b> | <b>Berthed</b> | <b>Steaming</b> | <b>Not Stated</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia     | 16              |                | 3               |                   |
| Malaysia                     |                 |                | 1               |                   |
| Philippines                  | 1               |                |                 |                   |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> Vietnam     | 2               |                |                 |                   |
| <b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh | 5               |                |                 |                   |
| <b>CONTINENT</b> India       |                 |                | 1               |                   |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil       | 2               |                |                 |                   |
| Ecuador                      | 1               |                |                 |                   |
| Haiti                        | 3               |                |                 |                   |
| Peru                         | 3               |                |                 |                   |
| Venezuela                    | 4               |                |                 |                   |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin          | 5               |                |                 |                   |
| Cameroon                     |                 |                |                 | 1                 |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo     |                 | 1              |                 |                   |
| Ghana                        | 4               |                | 1               |                   |
| Nigeria                      | 10              | 4              | 5               |                   |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>56</b>       | <b>5</b>       | <b>11</b>       | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>73</b>       |                |                 |                   |

**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – June 2018**

| <b>Location</b>              | <b>Anchored</b> | <b>Berthed</b> | <b>Steaming</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia     | 6               |                |                 |
| Malaysia                     |                 |                | 1               |
| Philippines                  |                 |                | 2               |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> China       | 2               |                |                 |
| <b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh | 2               |                |                 |
| <b>CONTINENT</b> India       | 1               |                |                 |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Venezuela    | 3               |                |                 |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Cameroon       |                 | 1              |                 |
| Guinea                       |                 | 1              |                 |
| Gulf of Aden                 |                 |                | 1               |
| Nigeria                      | 1               |                | 11              |
| Somalia                      |                 |                | 1               |
| Togo                         |                 |                | 1               |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>15</b>       | <b>2</b>       | <b>17</b>       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>34</b>       |                |                 |

**TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – June 2014 – 2018**

| Type of Arms             | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Guns                     | 30         | 26         | 31         | 29         | 29         |
| Knives                   | 38         | 54         | 15         | 23         | 17         |
| Other weapons            | 2          | 3          | 2          | 2          | 2          |
| Not stated               | 46         | 51         | 50         | 33         | 59         |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>116</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>87</b>  | <b>107</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> |            |

**TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – June 2014 – 2018**

| Type of Attack           | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Attempted                | 21         | 15         | 12         | 8          | 23         |
| Boarded                  | 78         | 106        | 72         | 63         | 69         |
| Fired upon               | 7          | -          | 9          | 12         | 11         |
| Hijack                   | 10         | 13         | 5          | 4          | 4          |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>116</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>87</b>  | <b>107</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> |            |

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – June 2014 – 2018**

| Type of Violence         | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Hostage                  | 200        | 250        | 64         | 63         | 102        |
| Kidnapped                | 5          | 10         | 44         | 41         | 25         |
| Threatened               | 6          | 5          | 3          | 4          | 6          |
| Assaulted                |            | 14         | 3          |            |            |
| Injured                  | 4          | 9          | 4          | 3          | 3          |
| Killed                   | 2          | 1          |            | 2          |            |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>217</b> | <b>289</b> | <b>118</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>136</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>479</b> | <b>333</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>191</b> |            |

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – June 2018**

| Location                               | Hostage    | Kidnap    | Threatened | Injured  |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| <b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia               | 1          |           | 2          |          |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> Vietnam               |            |           |            | 1        |
| <b>INDIAN SUB CONTINENT</b> Bangladesh |            |           | 2          |          |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Peru                   | 1          |           |            |          |
| Venezuela                              |            |           | 1          |          |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin                    | 46         | 2         |            |          |
| Cameroon                               |            | 3         |            |          |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo               |            |           | 1          |          |
| Ghana                                  | 44         | 3         |            |          |
| Nigeria                                | 10         | 17        |            | 2        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                       | <b>102</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>136</b> |           |            |          |

**TABLE 10: Total incidents received by IMB v/s Community of Reporting (CoR) incidents for Gulf of Guinea Region, January – June 2018**

| Period               | Level I | Level II | Level III | Total | % Underreporting |
|----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| IMB 2018 (Jan – Jun) | 12      | 14       | 20        | 46    | 66%              |
| CoR 2018 (Jan – Jun) | 36      | 11       | 43        | 90    |                  |

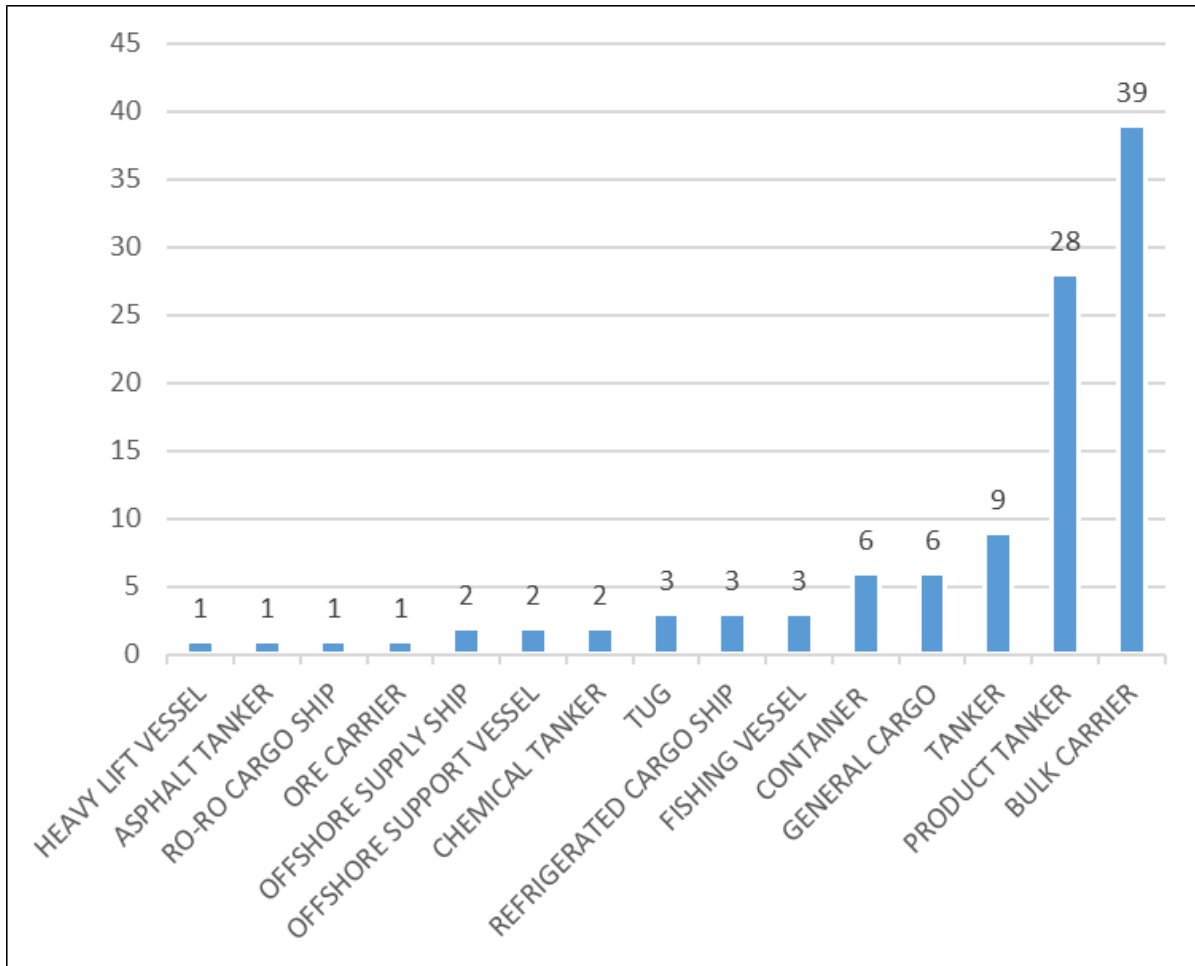
**TABLE 11: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – June 2018**

| Locations                    | Guns       | Knives    | Not Stated | Other Weapons |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| <b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia    |            | 4         | 21         |               |
| Malaysia                     |            | 1         | 1          |               |
| Philippines                  | 1          |           | 2          |               |
| <b>EAST ASIA</b> China       |            |           | 2          |               |
| Vietnam                      |            | 1         | 1          |               |
| <b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh | 1          | 3         | 1          | 2             |
| <b>CONTINENT</b> India       |            |           | 2          |               |
| <b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil       |            | 1         | 1          |               |
| Ecuador                      | 1          |           |            |               |
| Haiti                        | 1          |           | 2          |               |
| Peru                         |            | 2         | 1          |               |
| Venezuela                    | 1          | 4         | 2          |               |
| <b>AFRICA</b> Benin          | 5          |           |            |               |
| Cameroon                     | 1          |           | 1          |               |
| Democratic Rep. of Congo     |            | 1         |            |               |
| Ghana                        | 1          |           | 4          |               |
| Guinea                       |            |           | 1          |               |
| Gulf of Aden                 | 1          |           |            |               |
| Nigeria                      | 15         |           | 16         |               |
| Somalia                      | 1          |           |            |               |
| Togo                         |            |           | 1          |               |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>29</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>2</b>      |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>107</b> |           |            |               |

**TABLE 12: Types of ships attacked, January – June 2014 – 2018**

| <b>Type</b>              | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bulk Carrier             | 22          | 45          | 20          | 18          | 39          |
| Cable Ship               |             | 1           |             |             |             |
| Cement Carrier           |             |             |             | 1           |             |
| Container                | 10          | 13          | 8           | 7           | 6           |
| Dhow                     |             |             |             | 2           |             |
| Dredger                  |             |             | 1           |             |             |
| General Cargo            | 11          | 8           | 3           | 7           | 6           |
| Heavy Lift Vessel        |             |             | 1           |             | 1           |
| Hopper Dredger           |             | 1           |             |             |             |
| Offshore Processing Vsl  | 1           |             |             |             |             |
| Offshore Support Vsl     |             |             | 1           | 1           | 2           |
| Ore Carrier              |             |             | 1           |             | 1           |
| Passenger                |             | 1           |             |             |             |
| Pipe Layer / Barge       |             | 1           | 1           |             |             |
| Refrigerated             |             | 2           |             | 1           | 3           |
| Research Ship            |             |             | 2           | 2           |             |
| RORO                     | 2           |             |             |             | 1           |
| Supply Vsl               | 2           | 2           | 2           | 5           | 2           |
| Tanker Asphalt/Bitumen   | 1           |             |             | 1           | 1           |
| Tanker Bunkering         | 1           | 1           |             | 1           |             |
| Tanker Chem / Prod       | 40          | 34          | 35          | 26          | 30          |
| Tanker Crude Oil         | 16          | 10          | 7           | 5           | 9           |
| Tanker FPSO / FSO        |             | 2           |             |             |             |
| Tanker LNG               |             |             | 1           | 2           |             |
| Tanker LPG               | 5           | 3           | 5           | 4           |             |
| Trawler / Fishing        | 2           | 1           |             | 1           | 3           |
| Tug / Offshore Tug       | 2           | 5           | 8           | 3           | 3           |
| Vehicle Carrier          | 1           | 1           | 2           |             |             |
| Wood Chips Carrier       |             | 2           |             |             |             |
| Yacht                    |             | 1           |             |             |             |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>116</b>  | <b>134</b>  | <b>98</b>   | <b>87</b>   | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>245</b>  | <b>246</b>  | <b>191</b>  | <b>179</b>  |             |

**CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – June 2018**

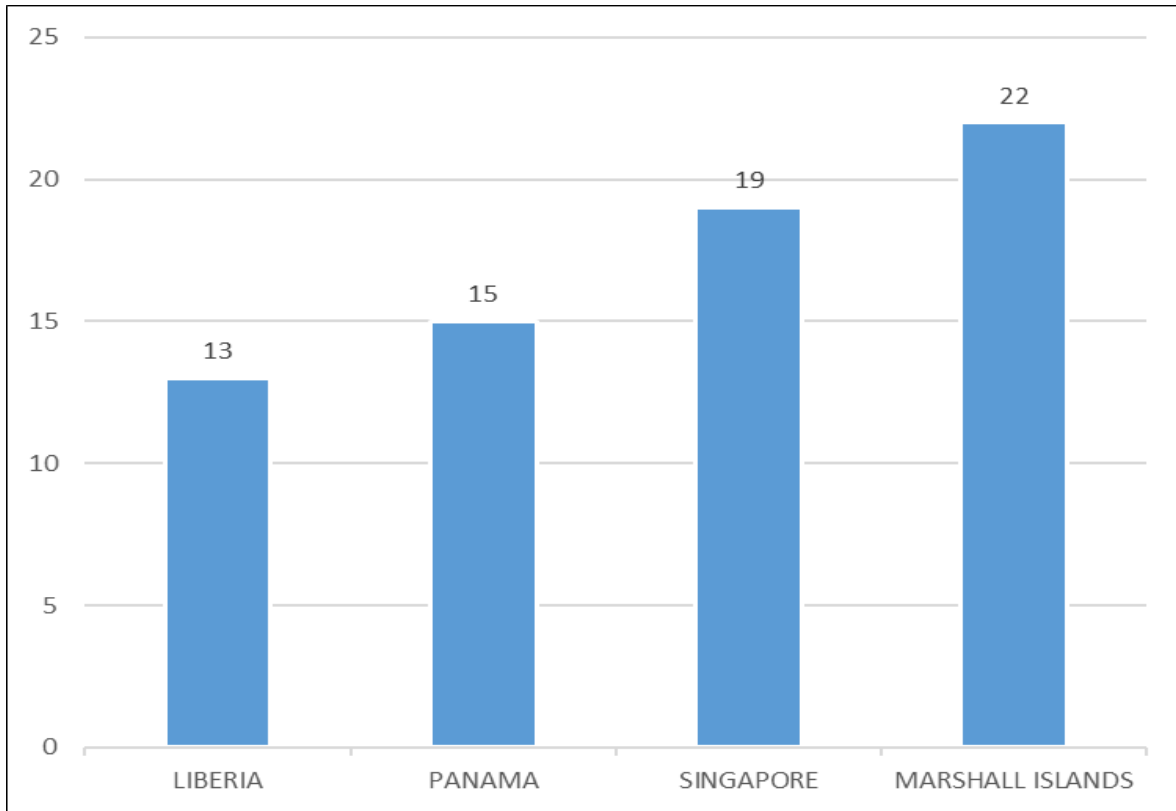


**TABLE 13: Nationalities of ships attacked, January – June 2014 – 2018**

| Flag State        | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Antigua & Barbuda | 4    | 5    |      | 2    | 2    |
| Australia         |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Bahamas           | 3    | 3    | 2    | 4    | 5    |
| Barbados          |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Belgium           |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Belize            |      | 1    | 1    |      |      |
| Bermuda           |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| Chile             |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| China             | 1    |      |      |      | 2    |
| Cook Islands      |      | 1    | 1    |      | 1    |
| Croatia           |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Curacao           |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Cyprus            | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 3    |
| Denmark           | 2    | 1    | 1    |      |      |
| Egypt             |      | 1    |      |      |      |
| Ethiopia          |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Ghana             | 1    | 1    |      |      | 1    |

|                          |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Gibraltar                | 1          |            |            |            |            |
| Greece                   |            | 3          | 1          | 1          |            |
| Honduras                 | 1          |            |            |            |            |
| Hong Kong (SAR)          | 8          | 12         | 3          | 6          | 5          |
| India                    | 3          |            | 1          | 2          | 1          |
| Indonesia                |            | 2          | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Isle of Man              | 2          | 2          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| Italy                    | 4          |            |            |            | 1          |
| Japan                    |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Liberia                  | 12         | 13         | 12         | 7          | 13         |
| Luxemburg                |            | 1          | 1          |            | 2          |
| Madeira                  |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Malaysia                 | 2          | 10         | 3          | 2          |            |
| Malta                    | 3          | 6          | 2          | 5          | 5          |
| Marshall Islands         | 14         | 19         | 22         | 16         | 22         |
| Mongolia                 |            |            |            |            | 1          |
| Netherlands              | 4          |            | 2          |            | 2          |
| Nigeria                  | 1          | 2          | 3          | 1          | 1          |
| Norway                   | 2          | 1          | 1          | 3          | 1          |
| Panama                   | 20         | 22         | 20         | 13         | 15         |
| Papua New Guinea         |            | 1          |            |            |            |
| Philippines              | 1          |            |            | 2          | 1          |
| Saudi Arabia             | 2          | 1          | 1          | 1          |            |
| Sierra Leone             | 1          |            |            | 1          |            |
| Singapore                | 15         | 15         | 10         | 8          | 19         |
| South Korea              | 1          | 1          |            |            |            |
| Spain                    |            |            |            | 1          |            |
| Sri Lanka                |            |            |            | 1          |            |
| St. Kitts & Nevis        | 1          |            |            |            |            |
| Thailand                 | 2          | 3          |            | 1          |            |
| Turkey                   |            |            | 1          |            |            |
| Tuvalu                   |            |            |            | 1          |            |
| United Kingdom           |            |            | 1          | 1          |            |
| USA                      | 1          |            |            |            |            |
| Vanuatu                  |            | 1          |            |            |            |
| Vietnam                  |            | 1          |            | 3          |            |
| Not Stated               | 1          |            |            | 1          |            |
| <b>Sub total</b>         | <b>116</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>87</b>  | <b>107</b> |
| <b>Total at year end</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>179</b> |            |

**CHART E: Flag States whose vessels attacked six or more times January – June 2018**



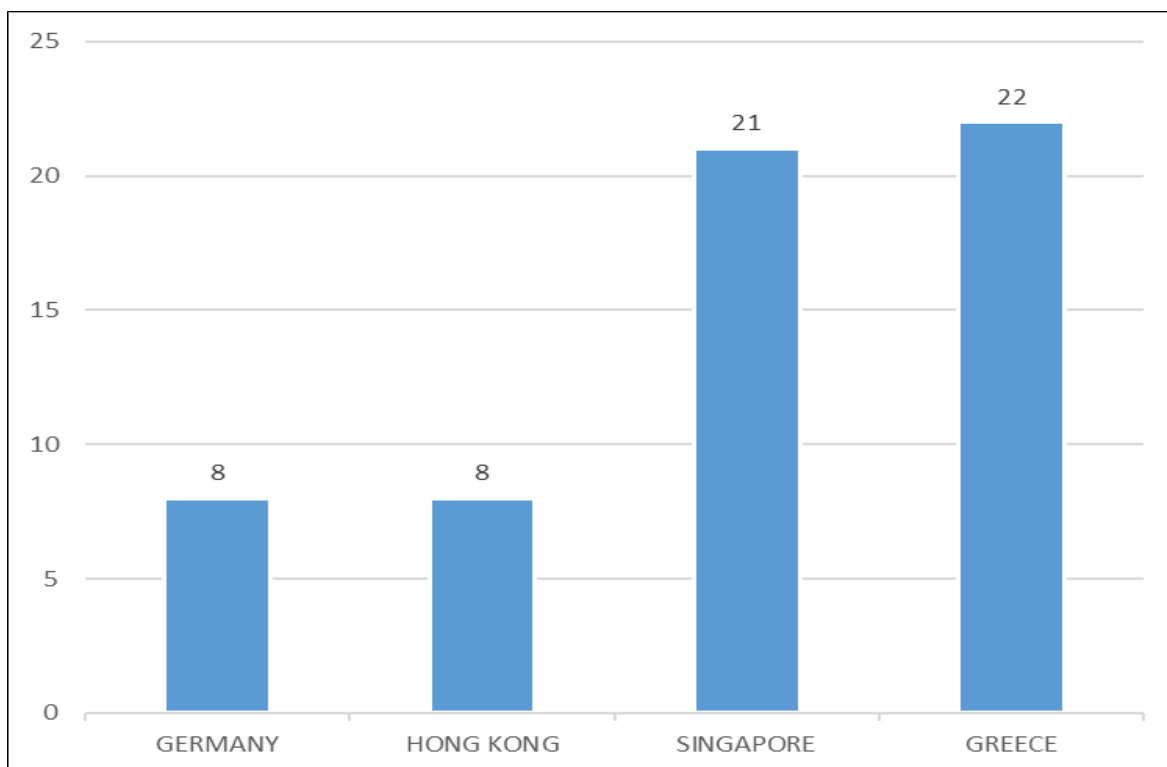
**TABLE 14: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed: January – June 2018**

| Country     | No of Ships |
|-------------|-------------|
| Belgium     | 2           |
| Chile       | 1           |
| Croatia     | 1           |
| Cyprus      | 3           |
| Denmark     | 3           |
| France      | 2           |
| Germany     | 8           |
| Ghana       | 1           |
| Greece      | 22          |
| Hong Kong   | 8           |
| India       | 5           |
| Indonesia   | 1           |
| Iran        | 1           |
| Italy       | 2           |
| Japan       | 3           |
| Korea South | 1           |
| Lithuania   | 1           |
| Monaco      | 2           |



|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Netherlands    | 4          |
| Nigeria        | 1          |
| Norway         | 2          |
| Philippines    | 2          |
| Portugal       | 1          |
| Singapore      | 21         |
| Thailand       | 1          |
| Turkey         | 1          |
| United Kingdom | 5          |
| Not Stated     | 2          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>107</b> |

**CHART F: Managing countries whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2018**



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

**From 1 January to 30 June 2018, the IMB PRC has received two attempted incidents off Somalia and Gulf of Aden.**

**The international navies patrolling these waters continue to coordinate and liaise with merchant and fishing fleets to identify and apprehend pirate action groups.**

**All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the latest BMP5 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.**

**The IMB PRC supports and compliments the role of the international navies, by relaying all reports received, to the response agencies as well as by broadcasting alerts/warnings to ships via the INMARSAT Safety Net Service**

**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 continue to target ships at 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. However, recently it appears that attacks are increasing.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Batu Ampar/Batam, Cilacap, Bintan Island, and Muara Berau anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. 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 resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which had so far brought incidents to come down.

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

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:** Although the number of attacks have dropped substantially (2016 and 2017 recorded zero attacks) due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, attacks may have gone unreported.

**Malaysia:** Off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs / barges / fishing boats / ships being attacked and crews kidnapped. These kidnappings by militants have recently stopped due to the ongoing efforts of the Philippines military, increase patrols by the Navies and ships taking precautionary measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners

NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential attacks locations issued by the Philippines Intel.

**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. They attacked tugs / barges / fishing vessels / yachts / merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom.

These kidnappings by militants have recently stopped due to the ongoing efforts of the Philippines military, increase patrols by the Navies and ships taking precautionary measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential attacks locations issued by the Philippines Intel.

Batangas and Manila – Be vigilant. Incidents continue to be reported in these waters.

**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 during the night. In the past, a number of hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014 but the hijackings had 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.

## **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

### **Africa:-**

**Benin** (Cotonou): Recently attacks have increased at Benin anchorage. Within several weeks, five attacks were reported at Benin anchorage. Ships especially gas oil tankers are targeted and forced to sail out of Benin anchorage. These tankers were hijacked and later released days after. It is believed that ransom was paid for their release.

Past attacks showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and are violent. In some incidents, vessels have been fired upon. On boarding the vessel, pirates force Masters to sail to an unknown location where ship's properties and sometimes cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past.

**Ghana:** Takoradi

**Guinea:** Conakry

**Ivory Coast:** Abidjan: Attacks dropped but remains risky.

**Nigeria** (Lagos): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked hijacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks reported up to about 170nm from coast. In many past incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crewmembers

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

(Off Bayelsa/Brass/Bonny Island/Port Harcourt): Recently, there has been a dramatic increase in attacks / hijackings / kidnapping of crews off these areas. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high risk waters.

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** Although the Somali pirates lack the opportunity they continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest recommendations in BMP5, 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.

**Togo (Lome):** Attacks have dropped to zero attacks for 2017 but the area remains a concern and risky. In the past, pirates / robbers in this area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some past attacks resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

## **SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS**

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

**Haiti:** Port Au Prince

**Peru:** Callao

**Venezuela:** Puerto Cruz / Puerto Jose. Attacks are 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.

**Tel: +60 3 2078 5763   Fax: +60 3 2078 5769   E-mail: [imbkl@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbkl@icc-ccs.org)**

**The Centre's 24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014**

***IMB Maritime Security Hotline***

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also launched a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all 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. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

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](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)

**REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.**

## **OBSERVATIONS**

Narrations of the 107 attacks for 01 January to 30 June 2018 are listed on pages 29 to 46. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

### **Benin:**

On 10 January 2018, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Barrett was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while anchored at Cotonou Anchorage, Benin. The owners lost communications with their tanker and notified the IMB PRC who informed and liaised with both Benin and Nigerian Authorities. Other regional Authorities were also notified. A search was carried out and on 16 January 2018, owners reported that the tanker and her 24 crew arrived safely in Lagos, Nigeria after successful negotiations with the hijackers.

On 01 February 2018, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Marine Express was attacked and hijacked by 13 armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:16 North and Longitude 002:31 East, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin at approximately 0748 UTC. The IMB PRC received a missing vessel report from owners who advised that they had lost contact with their tanker laden with gasoline. The IMB PRC immediately notified and liaised with local and regional Authorities including international warships in the Gulf of Guinea and a search was carried out. The IMB PRC broadcast a missing vessel message to all ships in the region to lookout for the missing tanker. On 06 February 2018, the Owners confirmed that the tanker was released. During the time of hijack, crews were beaten and personal belongings and cash were stolen.

On 26 February 2018, a Luxembourg flagged Product Tanker MT ST Marseille was attacked by five armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:16.31 North and Longitude 002:29.24 East, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin at approximately 2330 UTC. While boarding the tanker, the armed persons commenced firing and injured one Benin naval guard. All crew except the D/O retreated into the citadel. As the armed persons made their way to the bridge, they continued firing their weapons and injured another naval guard. They took the D/O hostage and demanded the Master, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer emerge from the citadel and come to the bridge. The armed persons instructed the Master to heave up the anchor. When they were told that the tanker was in ballast, they stole crew properties, and kidnapped the Master and one Engineer and left the tanker in the tanker's rescue boat. The Benin Navy was notified to medivac the injured guards. Once the armed persons, in the rescue boat, were safely ashore, they released the Master and Engineer who were able to make contact with the local police and later re-joined the tanker.

### **Cameroon:**

On 09 February 2018, a Chinese flagged Fishing Vessel Luwen-Yu 2 was attacked and boarded by armed persons at position Latitude 04:06 North and Longitude 008:51 East, around 10nm SW of Idenao, Cameroon at approximately 1245 UTC. They kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The Cameroon Authorities notified.

### **Ghana:**

On 26 March 2018, a Ghanaian flagged Fishing Vessel was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 05:20.0 North and Longitude 000:51.4 East, around 27nm south of Anloga, Ghana. The owners of the fishing vessel reported the incident to the IMB PRC who immediately contacted and liaised with the Ghana Navy Ops Centre. As the fishing vessel moved from Ghanaian waters into Togo and Benin waters the PRC continually updated the respective neighbouring and regional naval authorities. Naval boats were deployed by the respective navies within their waters to look for the fishing vessel. On 28 March 2018, the owners confirmed that the fishing vessel had been released. Three crew members were reported kidnapped. All navies were informed accordingly.

**Malaysia:**

On 31 May 2018, a Mongolia flagged product tanker MT Lee Bo was boarded whilst underway by 14 armed persons at position Latitude 02:18.2N and Longitude 104:15.7E, around 6.6nm East of Pulau Tinggi, Mersing, Johor, Malaysia at approximately 1900 UTC. After realising the tanker was in ballast the armed persons stole crew personal belongings and disembarked. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) received information of the incident and deployed assets, which spotted a tanker drifting suspiciously. A special forces team from the MMEA boarded the suspected tanker and detained the 14 persons on board, after finding weapons and the stolen items belonging to the tanker attacked earlier. In collaboration with the Indonesian Enforcement Authorities, two suspects were later arrested.

**Nigeria:**

On 09 February 2018, a Bahamas flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship was attacked, fired upon and boarded by eight armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:40 North and Longitude 006:45 East, around 48nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0600 UTC. One crew was injured due to the firing. The pirates stole ship's properties, cash and kidnapped four crew members prior to escaping. The remaining crew sailed the ship to open seas.

On 22 March 2018, a Chinese flagged Fishing Vessel FV Luronyuanyu 216 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 06:01.0 North and Longitude 003:12.0 East, around 30nm SSE of Badagry, Nigeria at approximately 1000 UTC. The pirates forced the crew into Benin waters where they kidnapped two crew members before releasing the fishing boat.

On 07 April 2018, a Panamanian flagged Bulk Carrier was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:44 North and Longitude 006:37 East, around 41 nm SSE of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0430 UTC. Four pirates armed with guns in a speed boat attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm was raised and all 19 crews mustered in the citadel. The IMB PRC liaised with the Nigerian Navy and Owners to request for immediate assistance. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location. The pirates fired upon the ship and damaged the ship's equipment and accommodation. They stole ship's cash and properties and escaped before the Navy patrol boat arrived. Naval personnel boarded the ship, rescued the crew and escorted the ship to a safe port.

On 21 April 2018, a Dutch flagged General Cargo Ship MV FWN Rapide was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:48.0 North and Longitude 006:50.0 East, around 38 nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0534 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded a ship enroute from Takoradi, Ghana to Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The pirates kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was dispatched to the location. Naval personnel boarded and searched the ship. A total of three crew members were found safe onboard. The ship then sailed under naval escort to a safe location. On 25 May 2018, the Owners confirmed that the 11 kidnapped crew members had been released safely on 20 May 2018.

**Philippines:**

On 16 February 2018, a Philippines flagged General Cargo Ship MV Kudos 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:44.21 North and Longitude 122:23.50 East, off Sibago Island, Philippines during night hours. Alarm raised and distress signal activated. The Philippines Coast Guard (PCG) immediately responded by dispatching its patrol boats. As the armed persons attempted to board the ship, the crew poured hot water on the perpetrators who fired upon the ship, injuring one crew before aborting the attack. The PCG boarding team provided medical assistance to the injured crew.



## **TRENDS**

A total of 107 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first six months of 2018.

This number is broken down as 69 vessels boarded, 23 attempted attacks, 11 vessels fired upon and four vessels hijacked – although no vessels were reported as hijacked in Q2 2018.

The number of crew taken hostage has increased from 63 in H1 2017 to 102 in H1 2018. Overall seven vessels recorded hostage incidents in H1 2018.

The number of crew kidnappings has reduced from 41 in 2017 to 25 in H1 2018. It is noticeable however that all 25 crew kidnappings occurred in the Gulf of Guinea in six separate incidents. This includes the 21 April kidnapping of 11 crew from a general cargo vessel whilst underway, around 38 NM SSW off Bonny Island. All 11 crew were confirmed as safely released on 20 May 2018.

As a region, the Gulf of Guinea accounts for 46 of the H1 incidents, with Nigeria recording 31 of the report – more than any other country. Pirates and robbers were armed with guns in almost half the Nigerian incidents and vessels were fired upon in eight separate reports. The Nigerian Navy had again dispatched patrol boats in response to incidents reported to them this quarter.

The Community of Reporting continues to indicate that the actual number of incidents in the Gulf of Guinea are significantly higher than what is reported to the IMB PRC.

There were no reported incidents recorded off the coast of Somalia in Q2 and two in total for H1. Masters are however again urged to continue to maintain high levels of vigilance when transiting the high-risk area and to follow the latest version of the best management practices.

Elsewhere, the number of incidents in the Philippines has dropped from 13 in H1 2017 to three in H1 2018. This includes however an attempted attack on an Ultra Large Ore Carrier in early May, whilst the vessel was transiting the Sibutu passage. The ship had also received cautionary advice from the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard Coast Watch during the transit.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) is commended for the prompt and successful boarding of a product tanker which was under attack by armed robbers around six nautical miles East off Pulau Tinggi, Malaysia. Fourteen robbers were detained for investigation and two were arrested in Indonesia by Indonesian Enforcement authorities

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 its 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 CSOs, 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**

### **Shipping Industry Launches New Security Resources for World Fleet**

International shipping industry organisations, with military support, have launched a new website dedicated to providing comprehensive maritime security guidance to companies and mariners. The new website [www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org) provides security-related guidance produced by the industry as well as links to other useful maritime and military security resources.

“In a world of increasingly complex security risks, it is essential that mariners and ships are protected. The new website will be a freely available facility where companies and mariners can access essential guidance and information to help them comprehensively prepare for voyages through areas of security risk,” the authors said.

The aim is to ease access for companies and seafarers to maritime security related information and guidance. Central to the website are new best practice guides to help companies and mariners risk assess voyages and mitigate against external threats to their safety. These are covered in three publications:

- *Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers* is a new publication containing guidance on piracy and armed robbery that can be used by mariners around the world.
- *BMP5: Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Safety in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea* contains guidance for region-specific threats.
- The third edition of the *Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea region* is also provided.

All three publications are free to download and free printed copies of *Global Counter Piracy Guidance* and *BMP5* will be available soon.

### **Tanker attacked and robbed, gang apprehended by MMEA**

Tanker LEE BO was boarded by 14 pirates on the morning of 1 June off Baharu, Malaysia, north of Singapore.

Pirates, armed with machetes, robbed the crew of cash and valuables, slightly injured two of 12 crew, and moved to nearby MT Bright, where they were apprehended by The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) team, which descended on tanker from helicopter.

Meanwhile, two gang leaders were arrested in Batam, Indonesia. Police already knew about gang and its' plans.

Understood MT BRIGHT was under attack when boarded by pirates, though role of MT BRIGHT isn't clear – MMEA director-general Admiral (Maritime) Datuk Seri Zulkifili Abu Bakar said that “...the robbers were targeting another ship but changed their target at the last minute to MT Lee Bo without knowing the oil tanker was not carrying any load...”.

It may be assumed, that MT BRIGHT was under gang control, as a storage for fuel to be siphoned from hijacked tanker. MT LEE BO was sailing north along Malaysian coast, she was brought to Kuala Sedilli anchorage, Baharu.

### Incidents update on collaboration between Indonesia Marine Police (IMP) and IMB on safe designated areas

Below are the incident table showing the number of attacks received. A clearer trend could only be seen after the second quarter update. Currently, there is an increase of incidents at Muara Berau but nearly all reported incidents are low level. The IMP is notified of all incidents reported to the IMB PRC.

All ships intending to anchor, waiting for berth or drift should do so at the designated areas where IMP patrol boats are stationed to enable them to maximize their resources providing greater protection to ships.

All 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 and also to the IMB PRC who would also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

### Incidents reported at the 10 designated areas where IMP patrols are as follows: January – June 2018

|    | Locations  | 2014<br>Total | 2015<br>Total | 2016<br>Total | 2017<br>Total | 2018<br>to date |
|----|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Belawan<br>03:55.00N - 098:45.30E                            | 9             | 15            | 1             | 1             |                 |
| 2  | Dumai / Lubuk Gaung<br>01:42.00N - 101:28.00E                | 1             | 5             | 8             | 5             |                 |
| 3  | Nipah<br>01:07.30N - 103:37.00E                              | -             | 26            | -             | 2             |                 |
| 4  | Tanjung Berakit / Bintan<br>Island<br>01:21.00N - 104:29.00E | 35            | 1             | 1             | 8             | 4               |
| 5  | Tanjung Priok /Jakarta<br>6:00.30S - 106:54.00E              | 9             | 4             | 6             | 1             | 1               |
| 6  | Gresik<br>07:09.00S - 112:40.00E                             | 1             | -             | -             | -             |                 |
| 7  | Taboneo<br>03:41.30S - 114:28.00E                            | 2             | 4             | 3             | 1             | 1               |
| 8  | Adang Bay<br>01:40.00S - 116:40.00E                          | -             | -             | -             | -             |                 |
| 9  | Muara Berau<br>00:17.00S - 117:36.00E                        | 6             | 1             | 5             | 7             | 11              |
| 10 | Balikpapan<br>01:22.00S - 116:53.00E                         | 1             | -             | 2             | -             |                 |

## **Stable Seas – A Maritime Security Index**

Colorado based One Earth Future Foundation has released a first-of-its-kind Maritime Security Index to map a spectrum of (maritime) threats affecting maritime governance.

The Index covering 30 countries within sub-Saharan Africa identifies the challenges posed to each country based on its unique maritime security strengths.

The research has identified nine ‘issue areas’ covering international cooperation, rule of law, maritime enforcement, coastal welfare, blue economy, fisheries, piracy and armed robbery, illicit trade and maritime mixed migration.

While the goals of the project are to; assess current levels of maritime crime and monitor emerging threats, prioritise efforts to address the most critical challenges in maritime security, guide capacity-building efforts, monitor progress towards greater maritime security and track, measure and map quantitative indicators of maritime security, the aim is to provide practitioners and policymakers a useful tool to identify areas for development and expanded cooperation.

Further information on the Research can be found at:

<https://stableseas.org/assets/summaries/StableSeasBooklet.pdf>

## **Managing Stress and Sleeping Well at Sea**

The International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) has launched its third Good Mental Health Guide for Seafarers.

Seafarers face unique challenges shared by few other professions – long periods away from home, living and working in the same place, adverse weather and even the risk of piracy.

The guide titled ‘Managing Stress and Sleeping Well at Sea’ - aims to help seafarers understand the effects of stress and provides advice on how to manage fatigue at sea. The guide provides practical strategies and exercises to relax the mind and body by controlling breathing.

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## NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2018

### ACTUAL ATTACKS

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                         | Position  | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 01.01.2018<br>0300 LT<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Polar Ecuador<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>43628<br>9786774            | 14:33.5N –<br>120:54.7E,<br>Manila South<br>Harbour<br>Anchorage,<br>Philippines                    | Around seven robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The Master reported the incident to the Port Authorities who notified the Coast Guard. A patrol boat was dispatched resulting in the robbers being apprehended and the stolen properties recovered. |
| 2.  | 03.01.2018<br>2158 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Tanker<br>Singapore<br>30965<br>-                   | 01:33.1N –<br>104:47.0E,<br>Around 22nm<br>NNE of Tanjung<br>Berakit,<br>Pulau Bintan,<br>Indonesia | While at anchor, duty watchkeeper spotted five robbers boarding the ship from the stern. Alarm raised and crew proceeded to the citadel. Later, a search was carried out and no robbers were found onboard. Nothing reported stolen.  |
| 3.  | 20.01.2018<br>2135 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Athos<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Barbados<br>32478<br>9761334                | 00:15.8S –<br>117:35.3E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia                    | Two robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by crew on routine rounds. Port control informed.  |
| 4.  | 18.02.2018<br>1900 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Tug<br>Norway<br>7473<br>-                          | 01:09.7N –<br>103:56.4E,<br>Around 3nm West<br>of Batu<br>Ampar Port,<br>Batam,<br>Indonesia        | During routine rounds onboard an anchored offshore tug, the bosun reported the lock to the engine room hatch broken. Investigations revealed several foot prints on the aft deck and a large number of spare parts missing.   |
| 5.  | 03.03.2018<br>1545 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Alerce N<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Chile<br>17979<br>9250323                | 06:02.9S –<br>106:53.4E,<br>Tanjung Priok<br>Anchorage,<br>Jakarta,<br>Indonesia                    | Duty Motorman onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the aft deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. On searching the ship nothing reported stolen.   |
| 6.  | 07.03.2018<br>2110 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | La Solognais<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Malta<br>24725<br>9733258            | 00:15.1S –<br>117:37.7E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia                    | Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole two mooring ropes and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.   |
| 7.  | 20.03.2018<br>1530 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | GH Rich Wall<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36291<br>9735804 | 03:42.6S –<br>114:28.2E,<br>Taboneo<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                                      | Around six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the D/O. Alarm raised, crew mustered and port control notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.  |

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| 8.  | 27.03.2018<br>2230 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded           | Captain Vangelis L<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>88420<br>9450868  | 00:16.5S –<br>117:41.5E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia       | Four robbers in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers boarded while the remaining two stayed in the boat. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.  |
| 9.  | 04.04.2018<br>2005 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded           | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>34769<br>-   | 00:15.41S –<br>117:34.18E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia     | The crew of an anchored ship spotted a boat nearby the ship. OOW was informed and general alarm raised. On searching the ship, some ship's stores items were found missing. It is suspected that the robbers got onboard and breached the ship via the anchor chain through the hawse pipe and removed the razor wires and hawse pipe cover. All crew are safe. |
| 10. | 10.04.2018<br>1900 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded           | Dian Pacific<br>Offshore Tug<br>Indonesia<br>573<br>9564841<br>Limin 2803<br>Barge<br>Indonesia<br>2523<br>- | Off Batam,<br>Indonesia  | Unnoticed, robbers boarded the barge, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.  |
| 11. | 18.04.2018<br>1800 - 2200<br>UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | PPS Luck<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>30811<br>9407524  | 00:15.29S –<br>117:36.70E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia     | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship store's and escaped. The theft was discovered during routine rounds.  |
| 12. | 21.04.2018<br>1545 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded           | Katerina<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Cyprus<br>40002<br>9256884   | 01:15.9N –<br>104:08.6E,<br>Around 4.7nm<br>NE of Nongsa,<br>Pulau Batam,<br>Indonesia | Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed unauthorized persons in the engine room and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm the persons escaped. On searching the ship nothing reported stolen.   |
| 13. | 28.04.2018<br>1430 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded           | Apollo Troth<br>General Cargo<br>Panama<br>6925<br>9550931   | 00:14.9S –<br>117:32.7E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia       | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship was threatened by four robbers armed with knives. The AB managed to escape and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped in two boats. Nothing reported stolen.  |
| 14. | 28.04.2018<br>2000 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded           | Kirana Tritya<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>13203<br>9279678   | 05:30.13S –<br>105:18.13E,<br>Panjang<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                       | While at anchor, DO noticed a fishing boat approaching the tanker. DO ordered the duty AB to check the fishing boat's activity. The AB noticed three robbers on board the tanker and notified the DO who raised the alarm and alerted all crew via the PA system. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat.                                   |
| 15. | 29.04.2018<br>1600 – 2300<br>UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Bigroll Beaufort<br>Heavy Lift Vessel<br>Netherlands<br>23134<br>9766841                                     | 01:24.7N –<br>104:46.8E,<br>Around 16nm NE<br>of Tanjung<br>Berakit,<br>Pulau Bintan,  | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. While carrying out routine deck work the next day, the Bosun noticed that the paint store padlock was broken and the door left opened. Further investigation showed that the padlocks to the Garbage room,   |

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|     |   |  | Indonesia  | Oxygen locker, Acetylene locker and the Bunker station were also broken into and the doors left open. On investigating nothing reported stolen.  |
| 16. | 05.05.2018<br>0800 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Erik Spirit<br>Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>62929<br>9292515             | 01:27.4N –<br>104:36.3E,<br>Around 12nm<br>NNE of Tanjung<br>Berakit,<br>Bintan Island,<br>Indonesia | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine emergency drill.  |
| 17. | 15.05.2018<br>2045 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Kirana Santya<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>13201<br>9667277 | 01:06.25N –<br>104:11.17E,<br>Tanjung Uban<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                                | Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.   |
| 18. | 18.05.2018<br>1801 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Front Ull<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>81670<br>9600932      | 01:10.0N –<br>103:27.0E,<br>Around 2.5nm<br>ENE of Pulau<br>Karimun Kecil,<br>Indonesia              | Six robbers boarded the tanker underway. Duty Engineer noticed the robbers, informed the Master who raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.   |
| 19. | 18.05.2018<br>1935 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Wangaratta<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Panama<br>43012<br>9461166         | 05:32.0S –<br>105:18.8E,<br>Tarahan<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia                                       | Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a rope. They took hostage the duty AB, tied him up and threatened him with knives. The robbers stole ship's properties and engine spares and escaped. The AB managed to free himself and raised the alarm. OOW sounded the ship's horn and crew mustered. A search was carried out throughout the ship.  |
| 20. | 19.05.2018<br>1925 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Clover Colossus<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>31545<br>9748758 | 05:52.3S –<br>106:04.8E,<br>Merak<br>Anchorage,<br>Indonesia   | Three robbers armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship and threatened the Duty AB on routine rounds. The robbers entered the engine room, stole ship's spares and escaped.  |
| 21. | 31.05.2018<br>1900 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Lee Bo<br>Product Tanker<br>Mongolia<br>881<br>9230397           | 02:18.2N –<br>104:15.7E,<br>Around 6.6nm<br>East of Pulau<br>Tinggi, Mersing,<br>Johor,<br>Malaysia  | Fourteen armed persons boarded the tanker underway. After realising the tanker was in ballast the armed persons stole crew personal belongings and disembarked. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) received information of the incident and deployed assets, which spotted a tanker drifting suspiciously. A special forces team from the MMEA boarded the suspected tanker and detained the 14 persons onboard, after finding weapons and the stolen items belonging to the tanker attacked earlier.<br><br>In collaboration with the Indonesian Enforcement Authorities, two suspects were later arrested. |

### EAST ASIA

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number                        | Position   | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 01.01.2018<br>0030 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Alentejo<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>24166<br>9626118    | 20:57.08N –<br>107:19.33E,<br>Cam Pha Loading<br>Anchorage,<br>Vietnam | A robber boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations and escaped with stolen ship's properties. The theft was noticed by crew during routine rounds.  |
| 2.  | 31.01.2018<br>1910 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Globe Explorer<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Panama<br>17027<br>9675561 | 10:39.0N –<br>107:00.9E,<br>Godau Port,<br>Vietnam                     | Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the Bosun, threatened and injured him with a knife and then tied him up. The Bosun managed to free himself and informed the Master who then raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out and ship's stores were reported missing. Incident reported to Port Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation. The Bosun was sent ashore for medical treatment. |

### INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number   | Position   | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 07.01.2018<br>0738 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | ASL Scorpio<br>Tug<br>Singapore<br>1730<br>9422952<br><br>Ship Ocean I<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Tuvalu<br>19081<br>8916243 | 21:12.60N –<br>072:12.79E,<br>11nm South of<br>Alang,<br>Gujarat,<br>India | Three robbers boarded a tanker under tow by a tug. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores and engine spares. Incident was reported to Indian Coast Guard. The three robbers were later arrested by the marine police and the stolen items recovered.             |
| 2.  | 26.01.2018<br>2200 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Baltic Panther<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>31117<br>9387346  | 22:10N –<br>091:42E,<br>Chittagong B<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh           | During routine rounds, duty AB found three lub-oil drums on deck and suspecting something amiss, informed the D/O who alerted the Master and Chief Engineer. On investigating the shore watchmen admitted to have drained the lub-oil from the anchor windlass feed tank into the drums. Local agents informed.             |
| 3.  | 30.01.2018<br>2200 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Port Hainan<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>33036<br>9456422  | 21:48N –<br>091:48E,<br>Kutubdia<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh               | Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They threatened the Duty AB, who managed to escape and raise the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard who boarded the ship for investigation. Later, the Coast Guard |



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|    |   |   |  | managed to recover the stolen stores and delivered them to the ship.  |
| 4. | 06.02.2018<br>1715 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | BBC Amber<br>General Cargo<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>12838<br>9563706 | 22:08.6N –<br>091:44.0E,<br>Chittagong<br>Anchorage C,<br>Bangladesh | Four robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship and threatened the duty watchman who managed to escape. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the Coast Guard.   |
| 5. | 12.04.2018<br>1635 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Bertina<br>Product Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>8545<br>9352133               | 22:12.86N –<br>091:44.54E,<br>Chittagong<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh | Three robbers in small boat boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers armed with an iron rod, injured the local watch keeper, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard who dispatched a patrol boat to search the area.                                     |
| 6. | 17.04.2018<br>1915 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | IDM Doodle<br>General Cargo<br>Panama<br>9992<br>9112557              | 22:11.3N –<br>091:42.1E,<br>Chittagong<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh   | Six robbers in a black boat tried to board an anchored ship from astern. The crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. One robber managed to board the ship and threatened the crew by showing a knife. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped without stealing anything. All crew reported safe. |

## AMERICAS

| Ref | Date Time                                     | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                                    | Position   | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 11.01.2018<br>0800 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Asphalt Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>6457<br>-                | 18:34.34N –<br>072:22.87W,<br>Port Au<br>Prince<br>Anchorage,<br>Haiti | Unnoticed a robber boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.  |
| 2.  | 27.01.2018<br>0550 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | CMB<br>Yasmine<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>23432<br>9474242                 | 12:01.67S –<br>077:12.10W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru             | Three robbers armed with knives in a boat boarded an anchored ship. They tied up one crew in the forward store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores and crew personal belongings. A search was carried out. Incident reported to Port Authorities and the local agents. |
| 3.  | 27.01.2018<br>1255 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Silver Ervilia<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29375<br>9718404        | 18:34N –<br>072:24W,<br>Port Au Prince<br>Inner<br>Anchorage,<br>Haiti | Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole two mooring ropes and a messenger rope and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Local Authorities notified.  |
| 4.  | 31.01.2018<br>0050 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Stenaweco Caterina<br>Corrado<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>29846<br>9688427 | 10:16.5N –<br>064:42.3W,<br>Puerto La Cruz<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela  | Seven robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker and took hostage the duty AB on routine rounds. They threatened him with a knife, tied him up to the windlass rail and stole his safety shoes and portable UHF radio. Another crew near the  |

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|     |   |  |   | accommodation noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out and the duty AB was released. The paint store was found broken into and ship's stores stolen. Attempts to contact the port control were futile.   |
| 5.  | 06.02.2018<br>0212 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Emerald Spirit<br>Tanker<br>Bahamas<br>60185<br>9422005        | 10:10.6N –<br>064:47.7W,<br>Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela      | Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately notified the D/O, who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a small boat with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Authorities.  |
| 6.  | 15.02.2018<br>0112 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Rio Apure<br>Tanker<br>Marshall<br>Islands<br>81384<br>9589748 | 10:14.2N –<br>064:44.2W,<br>Puerto La<br>Cruz Anchorage,<br>Venezuela   | Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds saw the robbers and notified the D/O. The robbers threatened the AB. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the Puerto La Cruz VTS. A Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to investigate. |
| 7.  | 15.02.2018<br>0525 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>44200<br>-         | Macapa<br>Anchorage,<br>Brazil  | The D/O onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecastle door open and robbers on the forward deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. On searching the ship, ship's stores were reported stolen. Port Authority notified via local agent.   |
| 8.  | 22.02.2018<br>0525 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Maersk Maya<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>26900<br>9367750 | 18:34.15N –<br>072:24.29W,<br>Port Au Prince<br>'H' Anchorage,<br>Haiti | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers armed with guns on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, one of the robbers fired a warning shot and escaped. Crew and the tanker reported safe. Incident reported to Port Authorities.   |
| 9.  | 25.02.2018<br>0842 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Celina Star<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>37113<br>9210086        | 02:21.3S –<br>079:59.7W,<br>Guayaquil Inner<br>Anchorage,<br>Ecuador    | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship was confronted by five robbers on the aft deck. One robber, with a gun was seen near the entrance to the steering gear room. The AB immediately retreated and informed the Duty Officer. Alarm raised and port control notified. A coast guard boat was sent to the ship. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.     |
| 10. | 15.03.2018<br>0530 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Eco Splendor<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>23749<br>9659189  | 12:01.8S –<br>077:11.2W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru                | Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. A search was carried out. Incident reported to the local agents.   |
| 11. | 24.03.2018<br>0142 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Silver Point<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>29717<br>9510462    | 10:17.0N –<br>064:42.5W,<br>Puerto La Cruz<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela   | Robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, two robbers were seen escaping. On conducting a search, the forecastle store padlock was reported broken and ship's properties stolen. Port Control                                |

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|     |   |   |  | notified via Vhf Ch. 16/13. The Coast Guard later dispatched a vessel to search the anchorage waters around the vessel.   |
| 12. | 04.04.2018<br>0650 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>41725<br>- | 00:03.88N –<br>050:58.34W,<br>Around 6nm NE<br>of Macapa Port,<br>Brazil | Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB noticed the robbers and immediately informed D/O who raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and alerted the crew on the PA system. Seeing the alerted crew, the two robbers escaped in their speed boat. On searching the ship, nothing reported stolen.               |
| 13. | 05.05.2018<br>0530 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nord Seoul<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>22683<br>9544736     | 12:01.4S –<br>077:10.7W,<br>Callao<br>Anchorage,<br>Peru                 | Three robbers in a wooden boat with an outboard engine approached and boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. Duty lookout noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. OOW sounded the ship's whistle and notified the Port Authorities. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. |

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

| Ref | Date<br>Time                                  | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                        | Position  | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 05.01.2018<br>0615 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Meridian Express<br>Product<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>29289<br>9596272 | 06:17.8N –<br>003:19.7E,<br>Around 6.24nm<br>South of Lagos,<br>Nigeria | Duty crew onboard a tanker carrying out STS operations spotted two robbers near the forecandle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy.   |
| 2.  | 08.01.2018<br>2305 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Mount Express<br>Product Tanker<br>Liberia<br>23313<br>9470985      | 06:19.15N –<br>003:20.35E,<br>Around 5.6nm SW<br>of Lagos,<br>Nigeria   | Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker engaged in STS operations. Upon being noticed by the crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On searching the tanker, the crew found a hose near a cargo oil tank and concluded that the robbers had boarded to steal cargo. Incident reported to the naval patrol boat. All crew are safe. No cargo reported stolen. |
| 3.  | 10.01.2018<br>-<br>Anchored<br>Hijacked       | Barrett<br>Product<br>Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>8482<br>9351749 | Cotonou<br>Anchorage,<br>Benin  | The Owners of an anchored tanker informed the IMB PRC that they had lost communications with their tanker. The IMB PRC notified the Nigerian and Benin navies. A search was carried out. On 16 January 2018, owners reported that the tanker and her crew arrived safely in Lagos, Nigeria after successful negotiations with the hijackers.                         |
| 4.  | 13.01.2018<br>1945 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>30095<br>-   | Congo Terminal,<br>Ango-Ango,<br>Democratic<br>Republic of Congo        | A robber, armed with a knife, boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain and started stealing the ship's mooring ropes. Noticing the Chief Officer on the forecandle deck, the robber threatened him with the knife. As the Chief Officer retreated to the accommodation he raised the alarm. Seeing  |

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|     |   |  |  | the alerted crew, the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores.  |
| 5.  | 27.01.2018<br>0001 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded   | Atlantic Crown<br>Product Tanker<br>Hong Kong<br>29266<br>9332169        | 06:18.23N –<br>003:20.11E,<br>Lagos STS<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria     | Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker noticed some suspicious movement on the forecastle and immediately informed the D/O who noticed a person hiding behind the mooring winches. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, ship's horn continuously blown, crew mustered and a Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified. The patrol boat arrived and searched the waters around the tanker. Crew searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.   |
| 6.  | 31.01.2018<br>2206 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded   | Jennings Bay<br>Chemical Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29735<br>9717773  | Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria  | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed two small boats tied up to the anchor chain and one robber on the forecastle deck. D/O notified. Alarm raised and fog horn sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified. The patrol boat arrived and searched the waters around the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.  |
| 7.  | 01.02.2018<br>0748 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Hijacked  | Marine Express<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>28054<br>9403322           | 06:16N – 002:31E,<br>Cotonou Anchorage,<br>Benin                     | The IMB PRC received a missing vessel report from the Owners of an anchored tanker awaiting berthing instruction. The Owners reported that they had lost contact with their tanker laden with gasoline. The IMB PRC immediately notified all the Regional Authorities and the international warships in the Gulf of Guinea. A search was carried out. The IMB PRC broadcast a message to all ships in the region to look out for the missing tanker. On 06 Feb 2018, the Owners confirmed that the tanker was released. The crew and cargo safe. |
| 8.  | 02.02.2018<br>0245 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded   | Name Withheld<br>Offshore Supply<br>Ship<br>Singapore<br>4566<br>-       | 04:54.4N –<br>001:43.1W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana          | Two robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply ship. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores. The OOW contacted the Naval base via VHF. A patrol boat was dispatched to the location.   |
| 9.  | 09.02.2018<br>0600 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded   | Sierra Leyre<br>Refrigerated Cargo<br>Ship<br>Bahamas<br>5100<br>9135822 | 03:40N – 006:45E,<br>Around 48nm SSW<br>of Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria  | Heavily armed pirates attacked, fired upon and boarded the ship underway. A crew member was injured due to the firing. The pirates kidnapped four crew members, stole ship's property and cash and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to open seas. On 27 Feb 2018, the four kidnapped crew members were released.  |
| 10. | 09.02.2018<br>1245 UTC<br>Not Stated<br>Boarded | Luwen-Yu 2<br>Fishing Vessel<br>China<br>-<br>-                          | 04:06.0N –<br>008:51.0E,<br>Around 10nm SW<br>of Idenao,<br>Cameroon | Persons armed with AK47 assault rifles boarded the fishing vessel, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. Cameroonian Authorities notified.   |
| 11. | 17.02.2018<br>2250 UTC<br>Anchored              | Sea Emperor<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands                        | 06:17.9N –<br>002:30.3E,<br>Cotonou Anchorage,                       | D/O onboard an anchored tanker noticed three armed persons on deck and immediately raised the alarm. SSAS  |

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|     | Boarded                                       | 8503<br>9383601   | Benin  | activated and all crew retreated to the citadel. The CSO notified the IMB PRC who immediately informed the Benin Authorities. Three patrol boats were dispatched to the location. They searched the waters around the tanker. A navy team boarded the tanker. On confirmation from the navy team that the tanker was clear of pirates, the Master and crew emerged from the citadel. On investigating, the ship's office port hole was damaged due to a gunshot and other ship's property found damaged.  |
| 12. | 20.02.2018<br>0145 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Green Sky<br>Product Tanker<br>Liberia<br>30263<br>9676515      | 06:17N – 003:13E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria                   | Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker noticed six robbers boarding and notified the D/O. Master informed, ship's horn sounded, alarm raised and crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard Safety Advisor established communication with the Nigerian Navy patrol boat in the secure anchorage area and requested for immediate assistance. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their small black skiff. The patrol boat proceeded towards the tanker and tried to chase the speed boat. The crew emerged from the citadel. Upon investigation, the ullage caps of some oil tanks were found opened. Nothing reported stolen.  |
| 13. | 26.02.2018<br>2330 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | ST Marseille<br>Product Tanker<br>Luxembourg<br>5218<br>9367358 | 06:16.31N –<br>002:29.24E,<br>Cotonou Anchorage,<br>Benin          | Five armed persons approached an anchored tanker in a speed boat. As they boarded the tanker, they commenced firing and injured one of the Benin navy guards onboard the tanker. All crew except the D/O on the bridge retreated into the citadel. As the armed persons made their way to the bridge, they fired upon and injured another Navy Guard. They took hostage the D/O and demanded that the Master, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer come to the bridge. The armed persons then instructed the Master to heave up anchor but when they were told that the tanker was in ballast, they stole crew properties, kidnapped the Master and one engineer and escaped using the rescue boat. The Benin Navy was notified to medivac the injured guards. Once the armed persons were safely ashore they released the Master and engineer who made contact with the local police and later re-joined their tanker. |
| 14. | 06.03.2018<br>1000 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Scot Munchen<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>5145<br>9255816      | 04:05N – 006:57E,<br>Around 21nm SW<br>of Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria | Pirates, armed with guns, boarded the tanker approaching Bonny Fairway Buoy. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew mustered in the citadel. Nigerian Navy notified and patrol boats were immediately deployed to assist the tanker. As all crew were secure in the citadel, the pirates were  |

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|     |  |  |   | unable to take any hostages. Before escaping they damaged some navigation and communication equipment. Later, the Master and crew emerged from the citadel and took back control of their tanker and sailed to a safe port. All crew safe.   |
| 15. | 16.03.2018<br>0800 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded  | MSC Maria<br>General Cargo<br>Panama<br>8721<br>9067544            | 03:57.0N –<br>006:42.5E,<br>Around 36nm SW<br>of Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria | Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners contacted the IMB PRC and requested for assistance. The Centre immediately informed the Nigerian Navy who dispatched patrol boats to assist the ship. The IMB PRC liaised with the Owners and the Navy on the incident. The Naval personnel boarded the ship. No pirates found onboard. The crew emerged from the citadel and sailed the ship to a safe port under Naval escort.  |
| 16. | 16.03.2018<br>2240 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Dong-A Krios<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>28160<br>9694191       | 06:17.8N –<br>003:25.1E,<br>Around 13.55nm<br>SSE of Lagos,<br>Nigeria    | Armed guards onboard an anchored tanker noticed three unauthorised persons onboard the tanker and fired a warning shot. One person managed to escape in a small boat while the remaining two were captured and handed over to Nigerian Navy.   |
| 17. | 22.03.2018<br>0115 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded  | Isleman<br>Refrigerated Cargo<br>Ship<br>Panama<br>4579<br>8814902 | 06:15.4N –<br>002:30.5E,<br>Around 7.5nm SE of<br>Cotonou,<br>Benin       | Eight persons in a small boat, armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored reefer ship. They demanded the crew start the main engine and sail. As the engines were unable to start, they stole crew and ship's property and escaped. Incident reported to Benin Navy who dispatched a naval vessel to investigate.  |
| 18. | 22.03.2018<br>1000 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Hijacked | Luronyuanyu 216<br>Fishing Vessel<br>China<br>-<br>-               | 06:01.0N –<br>003:12.0E,<br>Around 30nm SSE<br>of Badagry,<br>Nigeria     | Pirates in a speed boat hijacked the fishing boat and forced it to sail into Benin waters. They kidnapped two crew members before releasing the fishing boat.  |
| 19. | 26.03.2018<br>1720 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Hijacked | Name Withheld<br>Fishing Vessel<br>Ghana<br>454<br>-               | 05:20.0N –<br>000:51.4E,<br>Around 27nm South<br>of Anloga,<br>Ghana      | Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel underway. The Owners of the fishing vessel reported the incident to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) who immediately contacted and liaised with the Ghana Navy Ops Centre. As the fishing vessel moved from Ghanaian waters into Togo and Benin waters the PRC continually updated the respective naval authorities. Naval boats were deployed by the respective navies within their waters to look for the fishing vessel. On 28 Mar 2018, the Owners confirmed that the fishing vessel has been released and it is sailing to a safe port. Three crew members were reported missing. All navies were informed accordingly. On 30 Apr 2018, the Owners confirmed that the three |

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|     |   |   |  | kidnapped crew members were released safely on 27 April 2018.   |
| 20. | 28.03.2018<br>0400 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Lafayette Bay<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>29735<br>9717785 | MRS Terminal,<br>ALPHA-Jetty,<br>Lagos Port,<br>Nigeria                    | Two robbers boarded the berthed tanker. Duty watchman spotted the robbers hiding near a forward cargo tank dome with a flexible hose. D/O notified. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Two skiffs with eight robbers were seen moving away from the tanker. The Terminal Watchman and Jetty Duty Officer immediately boarded and searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.  |
| 21. | 07.04.2018<br>0430 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Panama<br>21192<br>-                   | 03:44N – 006:37E,<br>Around 41nm SSE<br>of Brass,<br>Nigeria               | Four pirates in a speed boat armed with guns chased and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. The IMB PRC liaised with the Nigerian Navy and the Owners. The Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location. The pirates fired upon and damaged the ship's equipment and parts of the accommodation. They stole ship's cash and properties and escaped. Naval personnel boarded the ship, rescued the crew and escorted the ship to a safe port.                           |
| 22. | 13.04.2018<br>0230 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Arkas Africa<br>Container<br>Antigua and<br>Barbuda<br>40541<br>9431719 | Berth No. 17,<br>Apapa Port,<br>Lagos,<br>Nigeria                          | Four robbers in a skiff boarded the berthed ship shortly after mooring operations. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. On searching the ship, the bosun store padlock was found broken and ship's stores and properties missing.  |
| 23. | 21.04.2018<br>0534 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Boarded | FWN Rapide<br>General Cargo<br>Netherlands<br>7767<br>9320520           | 03:48.0N –<br>006:50.0E,<br>Around 38nm SSW<br>of Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria | Armed pirates boarded a ship enroute from Takoradi, Ghana to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was sent to the location. Naval personnel boarded and searched the ship. A total of three crew members were found safe onboard. The ship sailed under the escort of the patrol boat to a safe location. On 25 May 2018, the Owners confirmed that the 11 kidnapped crew members were released safely on 20 May 2018. |
| 24. | 29.04.2018<br>0400 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Nord Colorado<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>34241<br>9805661          | 04:54.0N –<br>001:41.0W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana                | Crew on board an anchored ship noticed a robber on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped without stealing anything.   |
| 25. | 03.05.2018<br>0030 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Offshore Supply<br>Ship<br>Singapore<br>3585<br>-      | 04:54N –<br>001:42W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana                    | Two robbers boarded an anchored supply ship. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The crew noticed the padlock for the paint locker broken. On   |

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| 26. | 19.05.2018<br>0202 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Mount Travers<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Hong Kong<br>16978<br>9263772      | 06:26.18N –<br>003:23.42E,<br>Lagos Port,<br>Nigeria        | Seven robbers in a speed boat approached and came alongside an anchored ship. Two robbers managed to board the ship using a hook attached to a rope. While the remaining five were attempting to board the duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and alerted the onboard shore security watchmen who notified the local authorities. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat. Nothing reported stolen.          |
| 27. | 23.05.2018<br>2310 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Maersk Tangier<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore<br>29445<br>9726451   | 06:15.9N –<br>003:12.2E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria     | Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers onboard the tanker and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.  |
| 28. | 25.05.2018<br>2335 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Seabreeze<br>Product Tanker<br>Malta<br>31433<br>9343986            | 06:18.0N –<br>003:20.2E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria     | Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. Duty watchman noticed the robbers near the forward cargo oil tanks with a hose and raised the alarm. OOW immediately sounded the ship's horn and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted their attempt to steal cargo and escaped. The Nigerian Navy boat patrolling the anchorage was notified. Nothing reported stolen. |
| 29. | 26.05.2018<br>0115 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Boarded  | Grande Congo<br>Ro-Ro Cargo Ship<br>Italy<br>47658<br>9437921       | Lagos Port,<br>Nigeria                                      | Seven robbers boarded the berthed ship. They took hostage the duty crew, tied him up, took his UHF radio and asked for the location of the paint store and then stole ship's stores. The duty crew managed to free himself and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out. PFSO and local agents informed.   |
| 30. | 03.06.2018<br>0230 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | HTC Charlie<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>32987<br>9670846 | 06:17N – 003:21E,<br>Lagos Anchorage,<br>Nigeria            | Two robbers boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. The Duty Officer and the armed security guard noticed the robbers on the forecandle deck. The armed guard fired a warning shot resulting in the robbers escaping. On conducting a search, ship's stores were reported stolen. MRCC Nigeria informed.   |
| 31. | 13.06.2018<br>0245 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Boarded | Name Withheld<br>Offshore Supply<br>Ship<br>Singapore<br>4566<br>-  | 04:53.6N –<br>001:42.3W,<br>Takoradi<br>Anchorage,<br>Ghana | Watchmen onboard an anchored offshore supply ship noticed a small boat approaching the vessel. As the watchmen made their way aft, the robbers boarded the vessel. Alarm raised. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped.  |



## ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2018

### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

| Ref | Date Time   | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                        | Position  | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 03.01.2018<br>0600 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted     | Tiberius<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall<br>Islands<br>21163<br>9665841 | 02:27.4N –<br>101:39.11E,<br>Around 9nm<br>WSW of Port<br>Dickson,<br>Malaysia      | D/O noticed a speed boat with five masked persons, holding a long hook, approaching the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered with fire hoses. Seeing the crew alertness, the speed boat moved away.  |
| 2.  | 05.01.2018<br>1830 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted     | Asali<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Cyprus<br>33338<br>9461805                 | 00:16.22S –<br>117:36.11E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia  | Five robbers in a small boat approached an anchored ship and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and shouted at them resulting in the robbers retreating and moving away.   |
| 3.  | 08.01.2018<br>2300 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted     | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>33032<br>-     | 00:16.15S –<br>117:43.01E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia  | Ship's crew noticed robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor chain and informed the D/O who sounded the fog horn. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in a small boat.   |
| 4.  | 16.02.2018<br>Night hours<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Kudos 1<br>General Cargo<br>Philippines<br>499<br>9133044           | 06:44.21N –<br>122:23.50E,<br>Off Sibago<br>Island,<br>Philippines                  | Armed persons in a boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised and distress calls broadcast. The Philippines Coast Guard (PCG) immediately responded by dispatching its patrol boats. As the armed persons attempted to board the ship, the crew poured hot water on the perpetrators who fired upon the ship, injuring one crew, before aborting the attack. The PCG boarding team provided medical assistance to the injured crew. |
| 5.  | 20.04.2018<br>1900 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted     | Alkyonis<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>23266<br>9709465             | 00:14.33S –<br>117:35.07E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia  | Robbers in a wooden boat tried to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. The crew noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped.  |
| 6.  | 21.04.2018<br>1300 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted     | Alkyonis<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>23266<br>9709465             | 00:14.33S –<br>117:35.07E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia  | Robbers in a boat approached an anchored ship and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Duty crew directed lights towards the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted their attempt and escaped in their boat.   |
| 7.  | 24.04.2018<br>0617 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted     | Berge K2<br>Ore Carrier<br>Isle of Man<br>134693<br>9709506         | 04:58.25N –<br>119:37.90E,<br>Around 6nm<br>WSW of<br>Bongao Island,<br>Philippines | While transiting the Sibutu passage, two high speed crafts were sighted approaching the ship underway. As the boats closed to the ship, the crew could see a blue coloured boat with two persons wearing face masks and a white coloured boat with one person wearing a face mask. Two Philippine Naval  |

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|    |   |   |  | patrol vessels contacted the ship via vhf channel 16. The high-speed boats closed to three cables from the ship, noticed the hardening, crossed the ship's stern and moved away. The ship had received cautionary advice from the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard Coast Watch as they were transiting the Sibutu passage.  |
| 8. | 06.05.2018<br>1530 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Baltic Scorpion<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36353<br>9729477 | 00:13.8S –<br>117:33.8E,<br>Muara Berau<br>Anchorage,<br>Samarinda,<br>Indonesia | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship heard noise coming from the hawse pipe and sighted somebody trying to remove the hawse pipe protection cover. OOW immediately informed, alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted their attempted boarding and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. SSO tried to call the port control on VHF but received no response. |
| 9. | 26.05.2018<br>2115 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands                       | 00:2.0S –<br>117:35E<br>Off Bontang,<br>Indonesia                                | Duty AB on routine rounds noticed robbers attempting to board the vessel via the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted their attempt and retreated to their boat.   |

#### EAST ASIA

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| 1.  | 17.03.2018<br>1640 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Helen N<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>151448<br>9479163   | 38:51.2N –<br>118:36.6E,<br>Caofeidian<br>Anchorage,<br>China | Three robbers, in a small boat, approached an anchored ship and attempted to board using ropes attached with hooks. The crew noticed the robbers, informed the Master and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped empty handed. |
| 2.  | 24.03.2018<br>1515 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Berge Atlas<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Panama<br>90092<br>9439113 | 38:43.9N –<br>118:32.6E,<br>Caofeidian<br>Anchorage,<br>China | Two robbers in a wooden boat came alongside an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers attempting to board the ship using a ladder and immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fled.                                  |

#### INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

| Ref | Date Time                                       | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                | Position  | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 09.02.2018<br>1930 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Team Challenge<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>17679 | 22:11.56N –<br>088:09.59E,<br>Diamond Harbour<br>Anchorage, | Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship heard an unusual sound coming from the anchor chain. Upon checking, he noticed one robber climbing |

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|    |   | 9282780  | Kolkata,<br>India  | the anchor chain. He also saw two more persons waiting in a small boat. The duty AB shouted at the robber resulting in the robber escaping.  |
| 2. | 11.02.2018<br>2120 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Tiberius<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>21163<br>9665841 | 22:07.70N –<br>091:43.41E,<br>Chittagong<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh     | Five robbers in a small boat, armed with knives attempted to board an anchored ship using ropes attached with hooks. The crew noticed the robbers, notified the Master and prepared the fire hoses to stop the robbers. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.             |
| 3. | 06.05.2018<br>1525 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Vela Ocean<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>30006<br>9480966      | 22:15.0N –<br>091:44.9E,<br>Chittagong Alpha<br>Anchorage,<br>Bangladesh | Seven robbers in a wooden boat with an outboard engine approached and attempted to board an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. The crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the boarding attempt. Local Authorities informed. |

#### AMERICAS

| Ref | Date<br>Time                                    | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                    | Position   | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 03.01.2018<br>0700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Nestor I<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Liberia<br>20969<br>9599016         | 10:12N –<br>064:51W,<br>Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela       | Five robbers in a small boat, armed with knives attempted to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty AB noticed the robbers and reported to D/O, who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers abort the attempted boarding and escaped. Master contacted port control but did not receive a reply. |
| 2.  | 28.04.2018<br>0345 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Name Withheld<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Marshall Islands<br>36449<br>- | 10:09.69N –<br>064:48.49W,<br>Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela | During routine rounds onboard an anchored ship crew noticed robbers trying to access the ship via the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.   |
| 3.  | 23.05.2018<br>0700 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted | Jag Punit<br>Product Tanker<br>India<br>29967<br>9709984        | 10:11.34N –<br>064:47.74W,<br>Puerto Jose<br>Anchorage,<br>Venezuela | A white skiff with three robbers onboard came alongside an anchored tanker. They tried to board the tanker via the poop deck. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted boarding and moving away.   |

#### AFRICA (SOMALIA/GULF OF ADEN)

| Ref | Date<br>Time                       | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number | Position                 | Narration  |
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| 1.  | 22.02.2018<br>2030 UTC<br>Steaming | Leopard Sun<br>Product Tanker<br>Singapore   | 03:28.1N –<br>050:27.8E, | Two skiffs chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The tanker increased speed and the armed |

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|    | Fired upon                                       | 29939<br>9635781                                      | Around 315nm<br>ENE of<br>Mogadishu,<br>Somalia | guards onboard the tanker returned fire<br>resulting in the pirates aborting the attack.  |
| 2. | 31.03.2018<br>0520 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Kriti Spirit<br>Tanker<br>Liberia<br>83724<br>9207027 | 13:58.1N –<br>051:25.3E,<br>Gulf of Aden        | Two skiffs with two armed pirates in each<br>skiff chased the tanker underway. Alarm<br>raised and crew mustered. When the skiffs<br>closed to around 100m the pirates fired upon<br>the tanker. The armed guards onboard the<br>tanker returned fire, resulting in the pirates<br>aborting the attack and moving away. All<br>crew safe. Vessel sustained minor damage<br>due to the firing. Ladders sighted in the<br>skiffs. |

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

| Ref | Date<br>Time                                     | Name of Ship<br>Type/Flag/Grt/<br>IMO Number                                      | Position   | Narration   |
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| 1.  | 15.01.2018<br>0300 UTC<br>Anchored<br>Attempted  | Seaways Ariadmar<br>Products<br>Tanker<br>Marshall<br>Islands<br>30018<br>9273624 | 06:18.05N –<br>003:23.61E,<br>Lagos Outer<br>Anchorage,<br>Nigeria | Ship's crew preparing for STS cargo<br>operations onboard an anchored tanker<br>noticed robbers attempting to board the and<br>informed the D/O who raised the alarm. All<br>crew mustered on the bridge. Ship's<br>whistle continuously sounded, and search<br>lights directed towards the robbers. Crew<br>secured all access to the accommodation.<br>Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers<br>aborted the boarding and moved away. |
| 2.  | 21.01.2018<br>0001 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Attempted   | Anna B<br>Offshore Support<br>Vessel<br>Luxembourg<br>2411<br>9339002             | 04:00.8N – 009:40.3E,<br>Douala Port,<br>Cameroon                  | Two robbers attempted to board the<br>berthed vessel via the scaffolding installed<br>at the stern. The Duty Watchman noticed<br>the robbers and informed the security guard<br>on board who fired a warning shot,<br>resulting in the robbers aborting the<br>attempted boarding and escaped. Port<br>Authority informed.  |
| 3.  | 23.01.2018<br>0530 UTC<br>Berthed<br>Attempted   | Konrad<br>Schulte<br>Container<br>Cyprus<br>18334<br>9292125                      | 09:30N –013:43W,<br>Conakry Port<br>Terminal,<br>Guinea            | Crew on routine rounds onboard an<br>anchored ship noticed two persons<br>attempting to climb onboard using the<br>ship's line. Alarm raised and crew<br>mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the<br>intruders aborted and moved away.  |
| 4.  | 24.01.2018<br>0515 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Thor Infinity<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Singapore<br>30303<br>9238466                    | 03:38N – 006:37E,<br>Around 45nm SE of<br>Brass,<br>Nigeria        | While underway, two skiffs with two to<br>three armed pirates in each skiff chased and<br>fired upon the ship underway. Ship<br>increased speed, crew mustered in a safe<br>place and the armed guards were on<br>standby. Due to the ship hardening<br>measures the pirates were unable to access<br>the ship and aborted the attempt.   |
| 5.  | 24.01.2018<br>0900 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted  | Ebunola<br>Product Tanker<br>Nigeria<br>5245                                      | 03:30N – 006:20E,<br>Around 48nm South of<br>Brass,<br>Nigeria     | Armed pirates chased and attacked the<br>tanker underway. The presence of armed<br>naval team onboard the tanker resulted in<br>the pirates aborting the attack.  |

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| 6.  | 03.02.2018<br>1639 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Biskra<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>8744<br>9030709                        | 03:29.40N –<br>006:36.42E,<br>Around 60nm SW of<br>Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria         | Around 10 to 12 armed pirates in a high-speed boat, chased and fired upon a tanker underway. Alarm raised and non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Due to the Master's evasive manoeuvres and the presence of the onboard Naval armed team the pirates aborted and moved away. Incident was reported to Nigerian navy. All crew was safe.  |
| 7.  | 15.02.2018<br>1850 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Lutetia<br>Container<br>Liberia<br>35881<br>9246695                          | 03:42.59N –<br>007:05.59E,<br>Around 40.62nm SSW<br>of Bonny,<br>Nigeria            | Four pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed and started evasive manoeuvres. Due to the presence of a Nigerian Naval escort boat the pirates aborted and moved away. Crew and ship reported safe.  |
| 8.  | 18.02.2018<br>1845 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Belema Light Crude<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>156809<br>9079066                  | 03:41.5N – 006:37.5E,<br>Around 42nm SE of<br>Brass,<br>Nigeria                     | A speed boat with six to seven armed pirates chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres started and Nigerian authorities contacted. Due to the tanker's hardening measures the pirates were unable to board and moved away. The tanker was escorted to Bonny anchorage by two Navy vessels. All crew safe. The tanker sustained minor damage due to being fired upon.  |
| 9.  | 19.02.2018<br>0824 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Interim<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>25060<br>9039121                              | 04:02.66N –<br>006:34.33E,<br>Around 25nm SE of<br>Brass,<br>Nigeria                | Six pirates armed with guns in a black hull speed boat approached and tried to board the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, transmitted distress message, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew secured all access doors. The pirates made several attempts to hook an aluminium ladder on the tanker's railing but were unsuccessful due to the evasive manoeuvres. They then fired at the tanker and moved away. A Nigerian Navy boat was in contact with the tanker and arrived at the location. |
| 10. | 24.02.2018<br>1016 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted  | Kota Sahabat<br>Container<br>Singapore<br>41567<br>9645463                   | 03:33.8N – 007:02.7E,<br>Around<br>50nm SSW<br>of Bonny<br>Island,<br>Nigeria       | Around eight armed pirates in a speed boat chased the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, speed increased and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Nigerian navy contacted, who informed the Master to rendezvous with their naval vessel in the vicinity. As the pirate boat closed in the Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates were unable to hook their ladder onto the ship and moved away.  |
| 11. | 24.02.2018<br>1520 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | China Frost<br>Refrigerated<br>Cargo Ship<br>Cook Islands<br>4999<br>8410914 | 03:38.1N – 006:42.0E,<br>Around<br>40nm SSW of Bonny<br>Fairway<br>Buoy,<br>Nigeria | Around 10 pirates in a speed boat, armed with automatic weapons, chased and fired upon the ship underway. The armed guards onboard the ship returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving   |

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|     |  |   |   | away. All crew safe. The ship sustained minor damage due to the firing.   |
| 12. | 16.03.2018<br>0810 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Biskra<br>Product Tanker<br>Panama<br>8744<br>9030709             | 03:57.31N –<br>006:52.39E,<br>Around 29nm SW of<br>Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria | Eight armed pirates in a small high-speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master notified the onboard naval armed team, commenced evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Seeing the tanker hardening the pirates aborted and moved away. Nigerian Navy notified.   |
| 13. | 22.03.2018<br>2129 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Fired upon | Name Withheld<br>Tanker<br>Liberia<br>29335<br>-                  | 03:35.0N – 006:44.0E,<br>Around 53nm SW of<br>Bonny Island,<br>Nigeria      | Pirates in a small speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The armed guards onboard returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew safe.  |
| 14. | 08.05.2018<br>0920 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted  | Eleni M<br>Bulk Carrier<br>Malta<br>28718<br>9228033              | 03:37.2N – 006:16.4E,<br>Around 41nm South of<br>Brass,<br>Nigeria          | Six pirates in a speed boat approached and came alongside the ship underway. They hooked a ladder on the ship's railing and attempted to board. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away leaving their ladder hanging on the ship's side. |
| 15. | 22.05.2018<br>0004 UTC<br>Steaming<br>Attempted  | Name Withheld<br>Product Tanker<br>Marshall Islands<br>23248<br>- | 03:46N – 001:30E,<br>Around 140nm South<br>of Lome,<br>Togo                 | Seven pirates in a skiff came alongside the drifting tanker and tried to board via the poop deck. Alert duty crew spotted the pirates and raised the alarm resulting in the pirates aborting the boarding attempt and the skiff moving away. All crew safe. Master reported a suspicious vessel in the vicinity from which the pirates could have approached his tanker.  |



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**Total number of attacks – 107**





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**Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 9**

**Total attacks East & SE Asia – 34**





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**Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 1**

**Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 1**



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**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 46**