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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report
16 to 22 January 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 16 to 22 Jan 18, two incidents of armed robbery against ships (comprising an actual incident and an attempted incident) were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Due to timely reporting and vigilance of the ship masters and crew, the perpetrators were arrested in the actual incident; and in the other attempted incident, the perpetrators did not board the ship. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed descriptions tabulated in attachment.
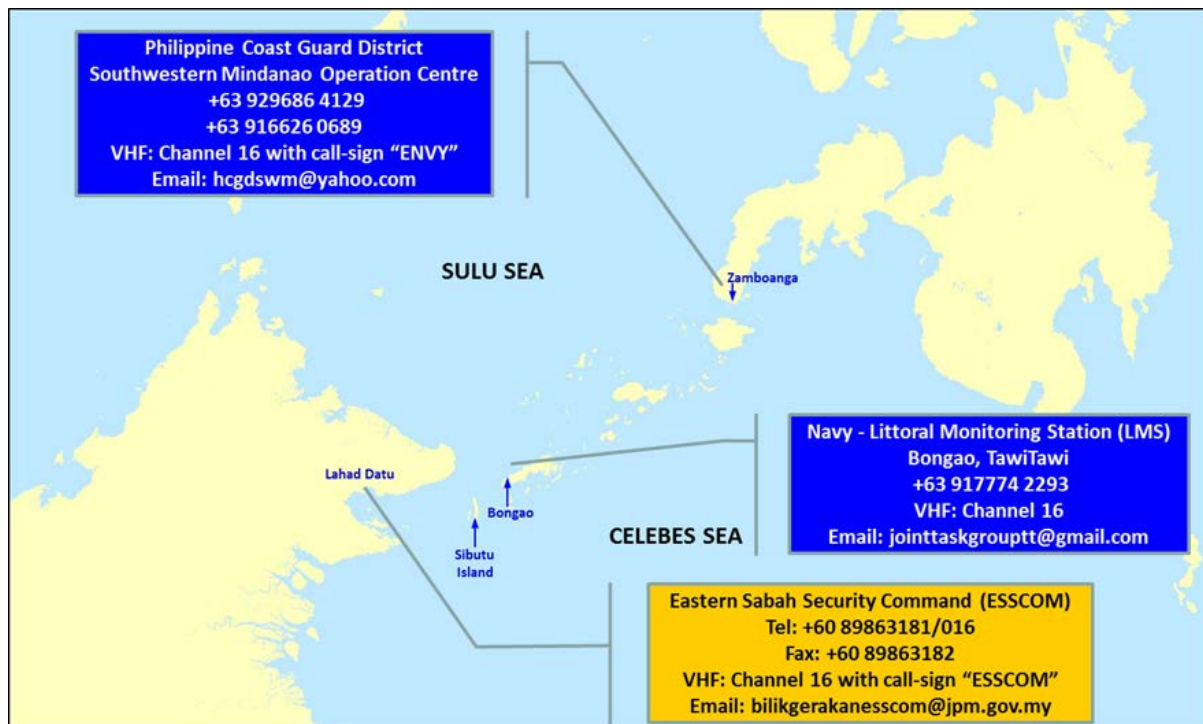

Location of incidents

RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:

Contact details of the reporting centres

Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
16– 22 January 2018

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1.	*Polar Ecuador* Container ship Liberia 43628 9786774	1/1/18 0330 hrs	14° 34' N, 120° 55' E South Harbour Anchorage Area, Manila	While at anchor, five perpetrators boarded the ship from a motorized motor banca with markings "*Shyrill*". The master of the ship reported the incident immediately to the port authorities. Upon receipt of the report, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) immediately deployed its floating asset *DF 313* and conducted maritime patrol in the vicinity. The PCG team located the suspected motor banca, boarded and apprehended five perpetrators on board. Two other perpetrators managed to jump into the water and swam towards an unknown direction. Some of the stolen items were recovered from the perpetrators.	The crew was not injured. The items recovered by the authorities are: welding machine, breathing apparatus, extension wire and a pail of 20 liters paint.	Reported the incident to the authorities immediately.	Yes PCG and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Upon receipt of the report, the PCG immediately deployed its floating asset *DF 313* and conducted maritime patrol in the vicinity. The PCG Team boarded the suspected motorboat and apprehended the perpetrators.
ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
2.	*Marineco Toomai* Workboat United Kingdom 137 9429986	18/1/18 0023 hrs	1° 7.16' N, 103° 30.48' E In the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait, approximately 8.5 nm NNE of Tanjung Balai, Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	The boat towing three pipelines (length of tow about 700 metres) was underway in the Singapore Strait from Bangladesh to Batam port, Indonesia when two perpetrators on board a small craft approached the boat. The crew was alerted and reported the incident immediately to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) on VHF radio. The perpetrators did not board the boat. There was no descritpion of the small craft due	The crew was not injured. No boarding took place.	Reported the incident to Singapore VTIS on VHF radio.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The VTIS initiated the navigational broadcast to request the ships to look out for the approaching small craft in the vicinity. The VTIS also notified the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Singapore Police Coast Guard and Indonesian authority.

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