



**ICC INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BUREAU**

**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 30 June 2019**

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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 organization 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 2019.

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 incidents on the Internet 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 on the risks associated with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as of 30 June 2019, received reports of 78 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*

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- Japan P&I Club
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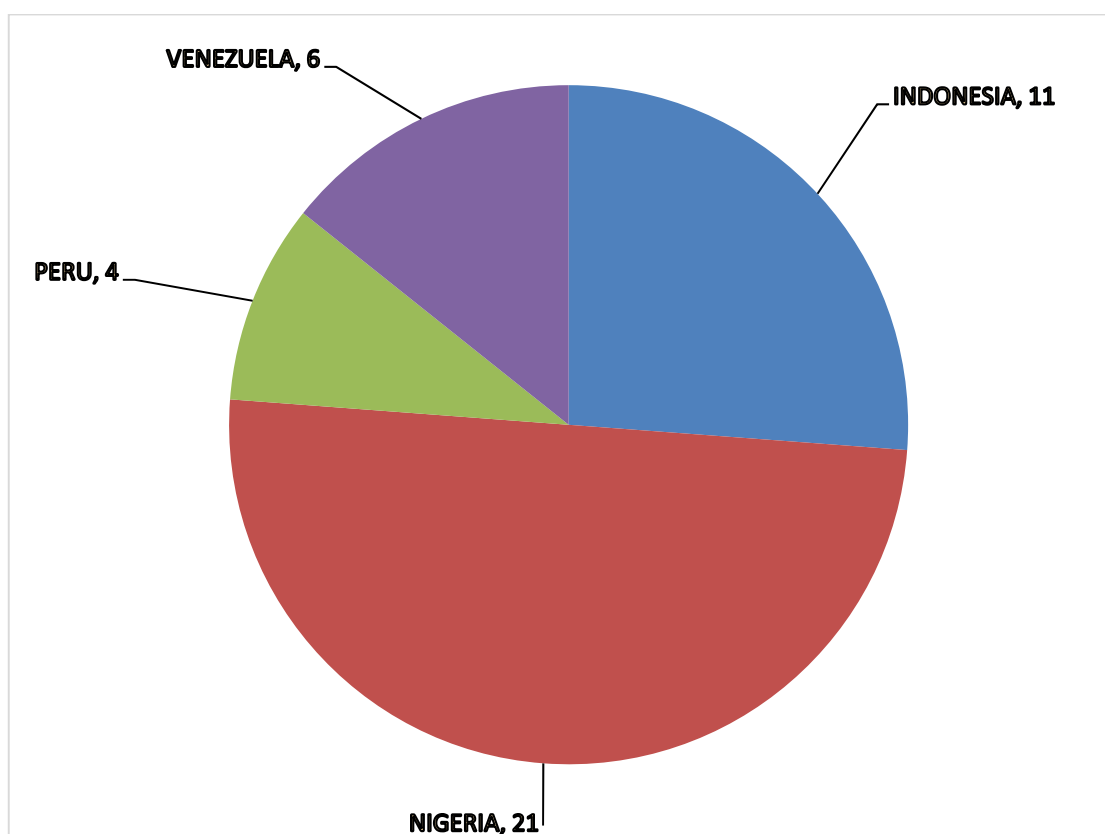
- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))
- CLS Maritime Intelligence platform powered by Orbcomm AIS data ( [www.cls.fr](http://www.cls.fr) and [www.orbcomm.com](http://www.orbcomm.com) )

**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents January - June 2015 – 2019**

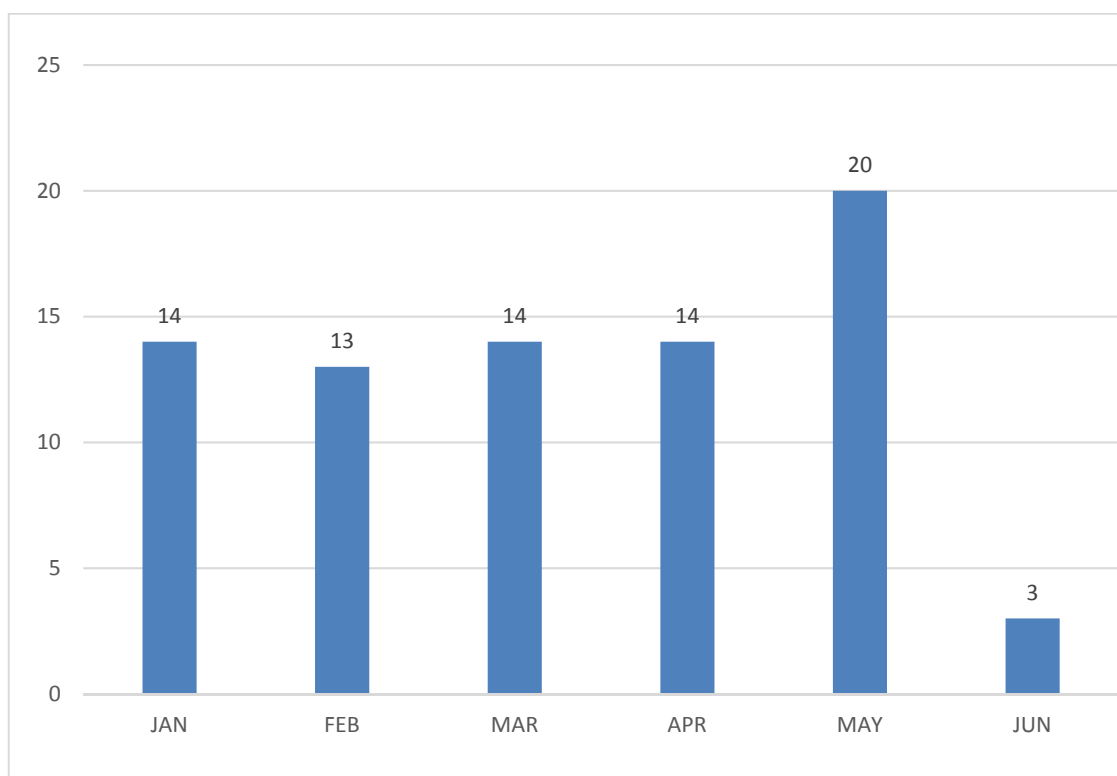
	<b>Location</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b>	Indonesia	54	24	19	25	11
	Malacca Straits	3				
	Malaysia	11	4	3	2	3
	Philippines	4	3	13	3	3
	Singapore Straits	6		1		
	Thailand	1				
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China		5	1	2	3
	Vietnam	13	3		2	
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh	11	2	5	7	
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India	4	13	1	2	2
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Brazil				2	2
	Colombia	2	2	2		3
	Dominican Republic					1
	Ecuador			1	1	2
	Guyana		1	1		
	Haiti	1			3	
	Panama					1
	Peru		4	2	3	4
	Venezuela		2	6	7	6
<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola		1	1		
	Benin				5	1
	Cameroon				2	1
	Democratic Rep. of Congo	1	2		1	1
	Equatorial Guinea					2
	Ghana	2			5	3
	Guinea	3			1	1
	Gulf of Aden*		1	2	1	
	Ivory Coast	1	1	1		1
	Kenya	1	2	1		
	Liberia	1				1
	Morocco					1
	Mozambique	1		1		1
	Nigeria	11	24	13	31	21
	Red Sea*			1		
	Sierra Leone			4		
	Somalia			4	1	
	South Africa		1			
	The Congo	2	1	1		
	Togo		1		1	3
<b>REST OF</b>	Iran			1		
	Oman			1		
<b>WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea	1				
	Yemen		1	1		
<b>Subtotal for six months</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>		<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	

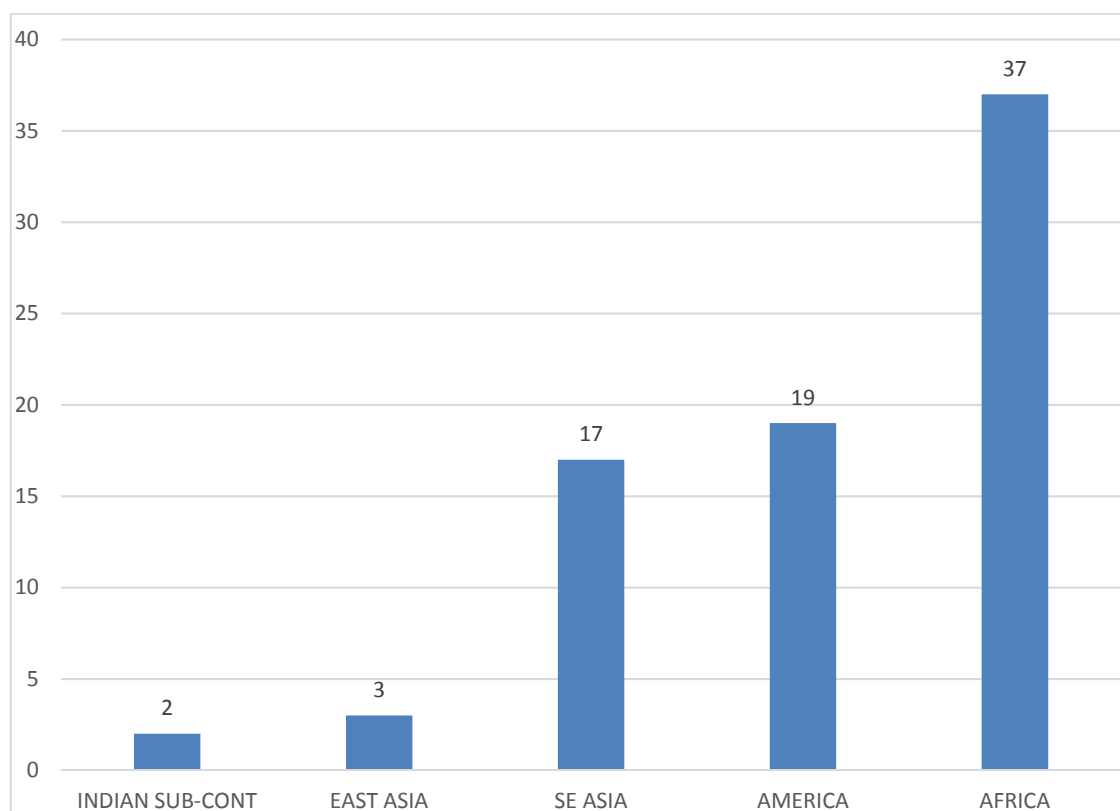
All incidents with \* above are attributed to Somali pirates

**CHART A: The following four locations contributed to 55% of the total of 77 incidents reported in the period January – June 2019**



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – June 2019**



**CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – June 2019****TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – June 2019**

		Actual incidents		Attempted incidents	
Location		Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted	Fired Upon
SE ASIA	Indonesia	9		2	
	Malaysia	3			
	Philippines	2		1	
EAST ASIA	China	3			
INDIAN SUB-CONT	India	2			
AMERICAS	Brazil	2			
	Colombia	2		1	
	Dominican Republic	1			
	Ecuador			1	1
	Panama	1			
	Peru	3		1	
	Venezuela	5		1	
AFRICA	Benin	1			
	Cameroon	1			
	Dem. Rep. of Congo	1			
	Equatorial Guinea	1	1		
	Ghana	3			
	Guinea	1			
	Ivory Coast	1			
	Liberia	1			

Morocco	1			
Mozambique	1			
Nigeria	11	1	1	8
Togo	1	1	1	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>			

**TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – June 2019**

Country	Location	01.01.2019 to 30.06.2019
Indonesia	Taboneo	3
Nigeria	Lagos	7
Peru	Callao	4
Venezuela	Puerto Jose	4

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL incidents, January – June 2019**

Location	Anchored	Berthed	Steaming
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	5	3	1
Malaysia	1		2
Philippines	2		
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China	3		
<b>INDIAN SUB-CONT</b> India	1	1	
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil	2		
Colombia	2		
Dominican Republic	1		
Panama	1		
Peru	3		
Venezuela	5		
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin			1
Cameroon	1		
Dem. Rep. of Congo	1		
Equatorial Guinea			2
Ghana	3		
Guinea	1		
Ivory Coast	1		
Liberia		1	
Morocco		1	
Mozambique	1		
Nigeria	8		4
Togo	1		1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>		



**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – June 2019**

Location		Anchored	Steaming
<b>SE ASIA</b>	Indonesia	2	
	Philippines		1
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Colombia		1
	Ecuador		2
	Peru	1	
	Venezuela	1	
<b>AFRICA</b>	Nigeria	1	8
	Togo	1	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	

**TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January - June 2015 – 2019**

Type of Arms	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Guns	26	31	29	29	25
Knives	54	15	23	17	10
Other weapons	3	2	2	2	3
Not stated	51	50	33	59	40
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	

**TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January - June 2015 – 2019**

Type of Attack	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Attempted	15	12	8	23	9
Boarded	106	72	63	69	57
Fired upon	-	9	12	11	9
Hijack	13	5	4	4	3
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – June 2015 – 2019**

Type of Violence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hostage	250	64	63	102	38
Kidnapped	10	44	41	25	37
Threatened	5	3	4	6	4
Assaulted	14	3			1
Injured	9	4	3	3	2
Killed	1		2		1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>241</b>	

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – June 2019**

Location	Hostage	Kidnap	Threatened	Injured	Assaulted	Killed
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	2		1			
Malaysia		10	2			
<b>AMERICAS</b> Panama				1		1
Peru					1	
Venezuela	1		1			
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin		6				
Cameroon		4				
Guinea	16			1		
Nigeria	12	14				
Togo	7	3				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>					

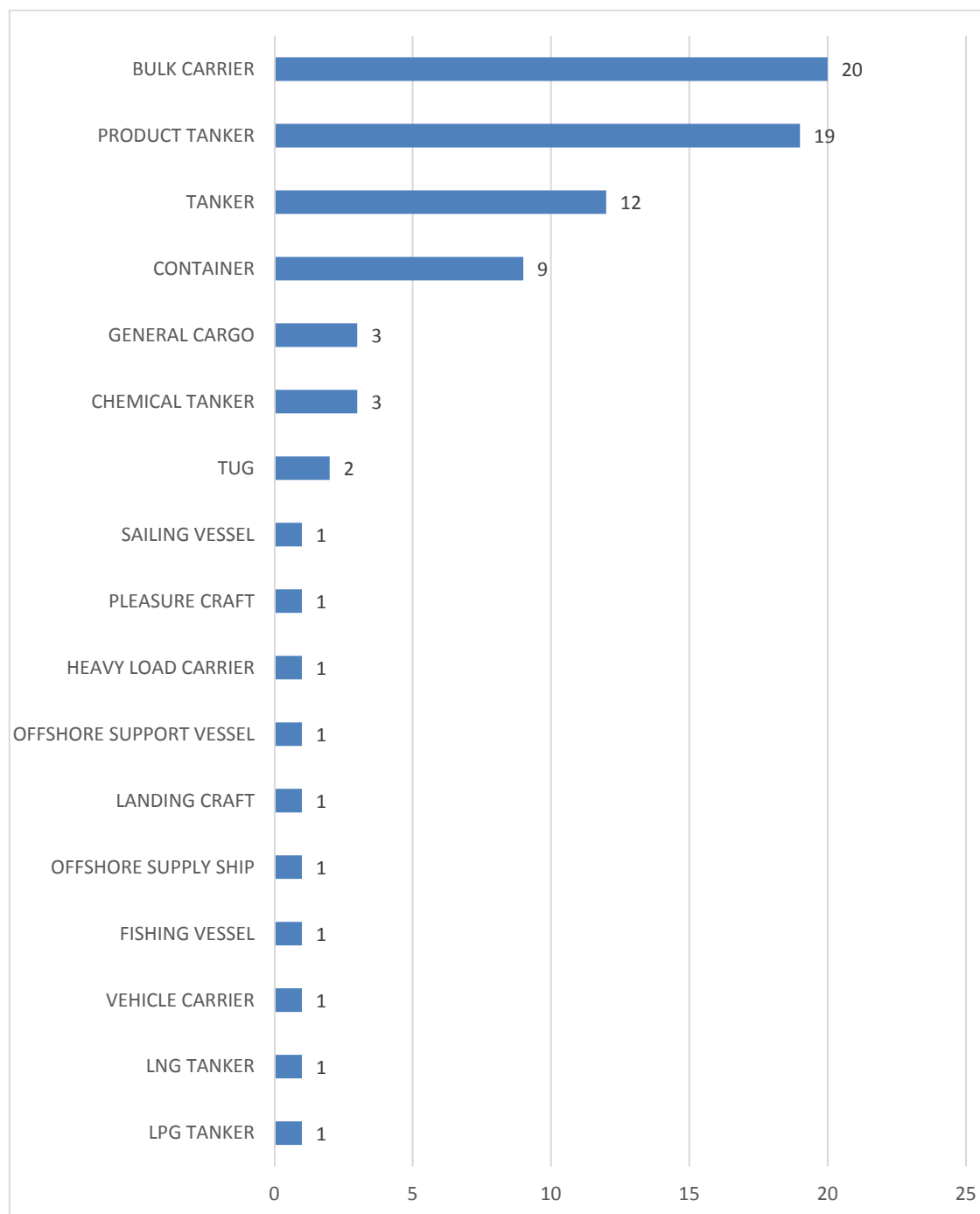
**TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – June 2019**

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia		2		9
Malaysia	1	1		1
Philippines			1	2
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China			1	2
<b>INDIAN SUB-CONT</b> India				2
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil		2		
Colombia				3
Dominican Republic				1
Ecuador	1			1
Panama	1			
Peru			1	3
Venezuela		2		4
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin	1			
Cameroon	1			
Dem. Rep. of Congo		1		
Equatorial Guinea	2			
Ghana				3
Guinea	1			
Ivory Coast		1		
Liberia		1		
Morocco				1
Mozambique				1
Nigeria	14			7
Togo	3			
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>			

**TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – June 2015 – 2019**

<b>Type</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Bulk Carrier	45	20	18	39	20
Cable Ship	1				
Cement Carrier			1		
Container	13	8	7	6	9
Dhow			2		
Dredger		1			
General Cargo	8	3	7	6	3
Heavy Lift Vessel		1		1	
Heavy Load Carrier					1
Hopper Dredger	1				
Landing Craft					1
Offshore Processing Vsl					
Offshore Support Vsl		1	1	2	1
Ore Carrier		1		1	
Passenger	1				
Pipe Layer / Barge	1	1			
Pleasure Craft					1
Refrigerated	2		1	3	
Research Ship		2	2		
RORO				1	
Sailing Vessel					1
Supply Vessel	2	2	5	2	1
Tanker Asphalt/Bitumen			1	1	
Tanker Bunkering	1		1		
Tanker Chem / Prod	34	35	26	30	22
Tanker Crude Oil	10	7	5	9	12
Tanker FPSO / FSO	2				
Tanker LNG		1	2		1
Tanker LPG	3	5	4		1
Trawler / Fishing	1		1	3	1
Tug / Offshore Tug	5	8	3	3	2
Vehicle Carrier	1	2			1
Wood Chips Carrier	2				
Yacht	1				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	

**CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – June 2019**

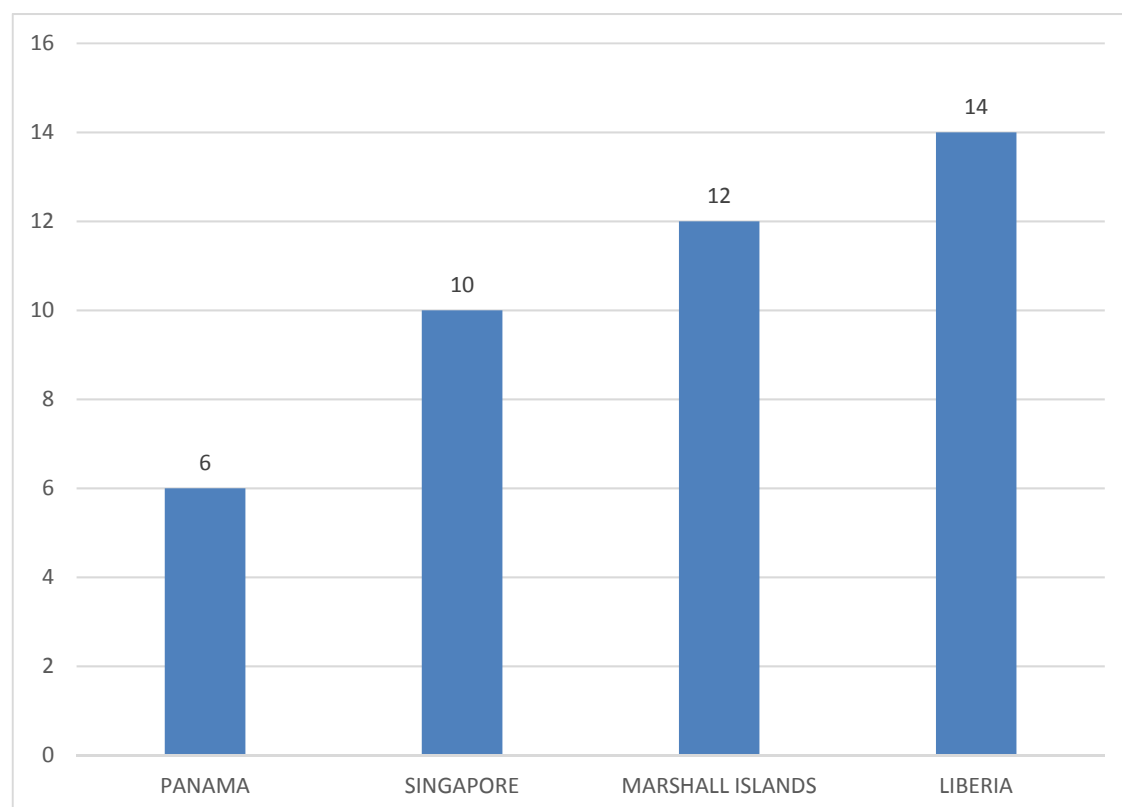


**TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - June 2015 – 2019**

<b>Flag State</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Antigua & Barbuda	5		2	2	1
Australia	1				
Austria					1
Bahamas	3	2	4	5	3
Barbados				1	1
Belgium	1				
Belize	1	1			
Bermuda			1		1
Cayman Island					1
Chile				1	
China				2	2
Cook Islands	1	1		1	
Croatia		1			
Curacao	1				
Cyprus	2	2	1	3	1
Denmark	1	1			
Egypt	1				
Ethiopia		1			
France					1
Germany					1
Ghana	1			1	
Greece	3	1	1		1
Hong Kong (SAR)	12	3	6	5	4
India		1	2	1	
Indonesia	2	2	1	1	
Isle of Man	2	1	1	1	2
Italy				1	
Japan		1			
Liberia	13	12	7	13	14
Luxemburg	1	1		2	
Madeira		1			
Malaysia	10	3	2		1
Malta	6	2	5	5	5
Marshall Islands	19	22	16	22	12
Mongolia				1	
Netherlands		2		2	1
Nigeria	2	3	1	1	3
Niue					1
Norway	1	1	3	1	
Palau					1
Panama	22	20	13	15	6
Papua New Guinea	1				
Philippines			2	1	
Portugal					1
Saudi Arabia	1	1	1		
Sierra Leone			1		
Singapore	15	10	8	19	10
South Korea	1				
Spain			1		
Sri Lanka			1		
Switzerland					1

Thailand	3		1		
Togo					1
Turkey		1			
Tuvalu			1		
United Kingdom		1	1		
Vanuatu	1				1
Vietnam	1		3		
Not Stated			1		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	

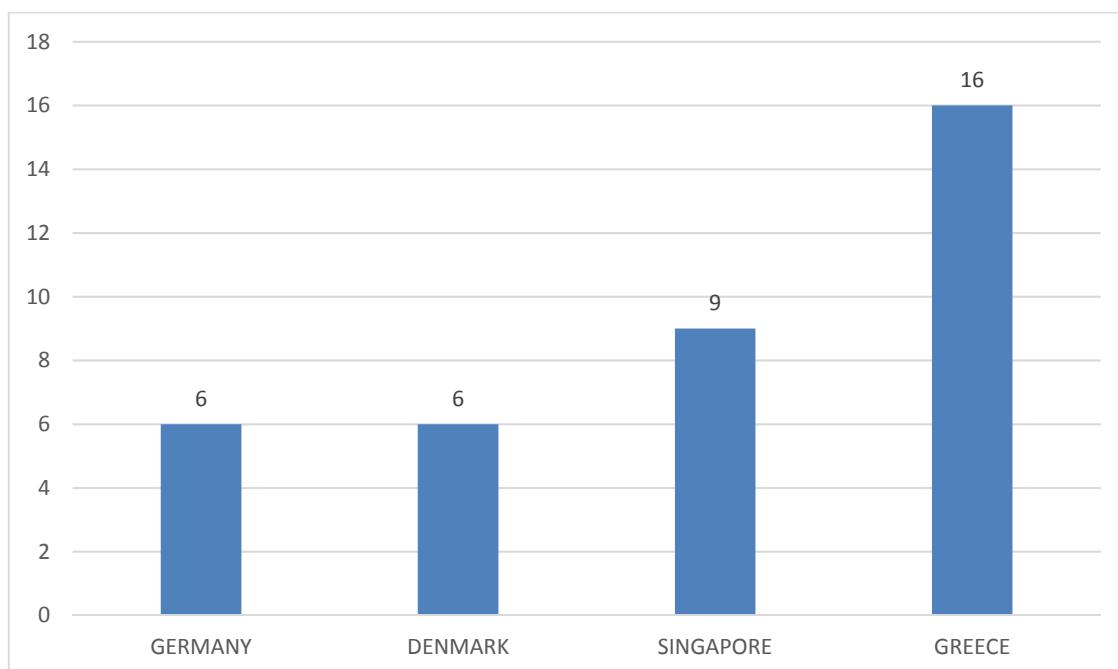
**CHART E: Flag States whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2019**



**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – June 2019**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Ships</b>
Austria	1
Bahamas	2
Benin	1
Canada	1
China	3
Denmark	6
France	1
Germany	6
Greece	16
Hong Kong	5
India	2
Japan	1
Korea South	1
Malaysia	1
Netherlands	2
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	2
Norway	1
Oman	1
Portugal	1
Romania	2
Singapore	9
Switzerland	4
Turkey	1
UAE	3
United Kingdom	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

**Chart F: Managing countries whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2019**





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

**From 1 January to 30 June 2019, no incidents reported to the IMB PRC for 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 BMP 5 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistake 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 retain the capability and capacity to carry out incidents.**

**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 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 incidents reported are at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Incidents in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Batu Ampar/Batam, 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 incidents may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm is sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew. Therefore, a strict anti-piracy watch is recommended.

Recent meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which have so far brought incidents down. With the assistance and actions of the IMP, the incidents appear to be decreasing each quarter.

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

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures and report all incidents and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB PRC will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

**Malacca Straits:** Although the number of incidents has dropped substantially (2016, 2017 and 2018 recorded zero incidents) 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, incidents may have gone unreported.

**Malaysia:** In/off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs/barges/fishing vessels being attacked and crews kidnapped. There were two kidnapping incidents last year and one this year. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation. Merchant vessels are also at risk.

Ships are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and 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 incidents locations issued by the Philippines and Malaysian Intel.

**Philippines:** Pirates/Militants in the southern Philippines conduct incidents on 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 stopped since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated to the ASG.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and 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 incidents locations issued by the Philippines Intel.

Batangas/Tabangas – Be vigilant. A number of past and recent incidents/robberies have been recorded.

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

**South China Sea:** Although incidents 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, several 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 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.

There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

## **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

**Benin** (Cotonou): Incidents have increased at Benin anchorage. Last year, within a period of several weeks, five incidents were reported at Benin anchorage. One attack has been reported in 2019 where six crew were kidnapped. 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 incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and violent. In some cases, ships have been fired upon. The pirates forced masters to sail to unknown locations where the ship's properties and sometimes part cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past.

**Cameroon** (Idenao / Douala): Incidents are increasing. Latest Warning issued showed kidnapping of crews at Anchorage.

**Equatorial Guinea:** Two incidents occurred around 40nm from Luba involving hijacking and the other boarded with criminal intentions.

**Ghana** (Takoradi): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

**Guinea** (Conakry): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

**Ivory Coast** (Abidjan): Incidents dropped but remains risky.

**Nigeria** (Lagos, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed ships / kidnapped crews along / far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, incidents reported up to about 170nm from the 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 these incidents. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many incidents may have gone unreported. Incidents continue to rise substantially especially kidnapping of crews for ransom. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high risk waters.

**The Congo** (Pointe Noire / Off Pointe Noire): Sudden rise in incidents.

**Togo** (Lome): Incidents have dropped to zero for 2017 and one attack off Togo for 2018. The area remains at risk. In the past, pirates / robbers in this area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Incidents can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some past incidents resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** In 2018, three vessels have reported being fired upon in this region. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. 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 incidents still exists in the waters off the 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, RPGs and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP5 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. Keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, an early sighting / detection of an approaching skiff will enable an accurate assessment, allowing the Master 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.

**Vessels transiting in / off Yemen:** Security risk due to civil war in Yemen (not piracy related)  
Vessels transiting Strait of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – Two incidents involving explosions on tanker reported. (not piracy related).

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

**Ecuador** (Guayaquil): Ships advised to be vigilant.

**Haiti:** Port Au Prince

**Peru** (Callao): Robbery incidents continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and anti-piracy measures.

**Venezuela** (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Robbery incidents still occurring. Ships are reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

### **Reporting of incidents**

All incidents (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings should be reported to local authorities, flag states and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334. Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and measures especially in high risk waters.

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**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.**

## **TRENDS**

Seventy-eight incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first half of 2019 – compared with 107 incidents for the same period of 2018.

Vessels were successfully boarded in 78% of reported incidents. The Q2 2019 figures are broken down as 57 vessels boarded, nine vessels fired upon, nine attempted incidents and three hijackings.

Globally 38 crew were taken hostage, 37 kidnapped, four threatened, two injured, one assaulted and one crew reported killed.

While 43% of the reported 77 incidents took place within the Gulf of Guinea region, 73% of the global kidnappings and 92% of the global hostages are attributed to this region; maintaining it as the highest risk area for seafarers. The number of crew kidnapped in 2019 in the Gulf of Guinea is almost the same with 27 in 2019 compared to 25 for the same period in 2018.

Twenty-one incidents were recorded for Nigeria – down from 31 in the same period of 2018. Eight of the nine vessels fired upon worldwide were however in these waters. At the time these incidents occurred, the vessels were an average distance of 65nm off Brass – classifying these as acts of piracy.

The IMB PRC commends the Nigerian Navy for actively responding to reported incidents by dispatching patrol boats. Overall there has been a welcome and marked decrease in the number of reported incidents in the Gulf of Guinea for the second quarter 2019.

A Nigerian Tug underway was hijacked on 05 May 2019, 41 nautical miles off Luba, Equatorial Guinea and used to launch an attack on a Maltese heavy load carrier a short while later. The crew retreated into the citadel. Naval vessels from Equatorial Guinea and Spain responded to the incident resulting in the pirates leaving the vessel and the crew being freed. The IMB PRC thanks the naval vessels for their prompt assistance.

Ten crew were kidnapped from two fishing boats off eastern Sabah, Malaysia in June. Of these nine crew are reported to have been released.

The ongoing information sharing cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police and the IMB PRC continues to show positive results. The 11 reported incidents in Indonesian waters remains the lowest Q2 figure since 2009 when three incidents were reported.

A vessel was fired upon in the Guayas River after departing from Guayaquil. This is the first time such an incident involving the discharge of weapons in this area has been reported to the IMB PRC in Ecuador. Elsewhere in South America violent incidents of armed theft against ships at anchor have been reported in Callao in Peru, Jose Terminal in Venezuela and Macapa, Brazil. The IMB PRC assisted in an incident in San Ignacio de Tupile where a yacht was boarded by armed robbers who shot and killed a family member and injured another. The surviving family members, including two children, were rescued by Panamanian Marine Police.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned center, 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 GMDSS 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 globally. 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.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 78 incidents for 01 January to 30 June 2019 are listed on pages 28 to 41. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Benin:**

On 02 January 2019, a Panamanian flagged Container ship MV MSC Mandy was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:28 North and Longitude 002:21 East, around 55nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 0001 UTC. Pirates successfully attacked and boarded the ship and kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port. On 01.02.2019, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.

### **Cameroon:**

On 30 March 2019, a Liberian flagged Container ship was attacked by armed persons while at anchor at position 03:53 North and Longitude 009:30 East, around 15nm SW of Douala Cameroon at approximately 1910 UTC. The armed persons attacked and boarded the ship and kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Douala port. Authorities are investigating.

### **Equatorial Guinea:**

On 05 May 2019, a Nigerian flagged Tug TB Charis was hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:04 North and Longitude 007:59 East, around 41nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1200 UTC. All crew taken hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities. A Spanish and Equatorial Guinean Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released.

On 05 May 2019, a Malta flagged Heavy Load Carrier MV Blue Marlin was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:03.2 North and Longitude 007:52.3 East, around 48nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 1216 UTC. Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded, and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the Equatorial Guinean Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping. All crew safe. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinean Navy to a safe port for further investigations.

### **Malaysia:**

On 17 June 2019, a Malaysian flagged Fishing vessel SA/232/5/F was attacked by armed persons while underway enroute from Tambisan to Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1800 UTC. The Malaysian Fishing vessel together with another fishing vessel with a total crew of 16 were intercepted by armed persons resulting in 10 crews being kidnapped. Local Authorities notified, and a search was conducted. Nine crew were released on 21.06.2019. One crew remains missing. Authorities are investigating.

### **Nigeria:**

On 03 February 2019, a Marshall Islands flagged Landing Craft was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:32.6 North and Longitude 004:47.3 East, around 136nm SW of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0530 UTC. About five armed pirates in a speedboat chased, fired at and successfully boarded the vessel. They kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. The remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. On 01 March 2019, the owner confirmed that the kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 09 March 2019, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Support Vessel was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:57.2 North and Longitude 006:39.0 East, around 32nm SE of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 1115 UTC. Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats attacked the support vessel. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security



boat which manoeuvred to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow while the other speed boat exchanged gun fire with the security boat. An alarm was raised, and all crews proceeded to the Engine Room. All electrical power shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and the vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the Engine Room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard was reported killed in the exchange of gun fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations are ongoing.

On 05 April 2019, a Nigerian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Maria Soltin was hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 05:49.10 North and Longitude 003:49.00 East, Lagos Offshore, Nigeria at approximately 2100 UTC. Nine pirates armed with automatic weapons and a RPG boarded the tanker undergoing sea trials. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew took shelter. The pirates managed to take the duty officer hostage and forced the remaining crew to come out of hiding and muster. They locked all the crew in one cabin, stole crew and ship's property, took the Master hostage and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. On 09 Apr 2019, a Spanish Navy Warship tried to establish communication with the tanker. On receiving no response, the warship approached the tanker, resulting in the pirates escaping. The Master told the naval boarding team that they had been held hostage for four days. After investigations, the naval boarding team disembarked. While continuing on her voyage, the main engines overheated, and the C/E reported an ingress of water into the engine room. Without any communication equipment, the tanker remained adrift for 12 days before being assisted by a fishing boat. The Master then established contact with the Owners who arranged for the tanker to be towed to Ghana where the tanker arrived on 22 April 2019. All 12 crews reported safe.

On 15 April 2019, a Switzerland flagged Product Tanker MT San Padre Pio was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 04:28.1 North and Longitude 007:10.1 East, Bonny River Inner Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2020 UTC. Four persons in a speed boat armed with automatic weapons approached an anchored tanker. Two persons managed to board the tanker and opened fire towards the accommodation. The onboard Nigerian naval guards returned fire resulting in the persons retreating into their boat and escaping. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and all 12-crew mustered in the citadel. Bonny Signal Station and Nigerian Navy notified. One guard was injured during the shooting and was given first aid by the crew. Two security boats responded and approached the tanker. The injured guard was transferred to a security boat and taken ashore for medical assistance. Remaining crew safe.

On 19 April 2019, a Palau flagged Product Tanker was attacked by armed persons while anchored at Bonny Outer Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 1330 UTC. An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crews and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian navy notified, and investigations carried out. The six crew were released unharmed on 26.06.2019.

**Togo:**

On 03 March 2019, a Malta flagged Product Tanker MT Histria Ivory was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:52 North and Longitude 001:24 East, around 17nm SSE of Lome, Togo at approximately 1940 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. An alarm was raised, and all crews mustered into the citadel. On taking the headcount, four crews were identified as missing. Upon receiving a MAYDAY message from the Master, the IMB PRC immediately informed and liaised with the Togo Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval patrol boat arrived at the location of the tanker. The crews then emerged from the citadel. On searching the tanker, one crew member was found hiding in a compartment. The tanker was escorted to Lome anchorage for further investigations. Three crew members remain missing and believed kidnapped by pirates.

On 12 May 2019, a Togo flagged Chemical Tanker MT G Dona 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while anchored at Lome Anchorage, Togo at approximately 0100 UTC. Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the Owners that their tanker had been attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate and intercepted the tanker 25nm from the anchorage area. The armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant Authorities. All crew reported safe.

**CONTINUED COOPERATION**

The positive information sharing, actions and cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of incidents in the 10 safe designated areas, as reported by ships. Actions by the IMP has resulted in a sharp decline in incidents on ships in this area. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and liaising closely with the IMP.

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

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

In line with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the Indonesian Authorities will continue to allocate and position resources and assets in 10 key designated areas of concern to prevent sea robbery and piracy in and around Indonesian waters until 2019.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong and vital cooperation from the Philippine and Malaysian Intel that provides crucial information relating to safety of ships and seafarers at sea, particularly in the Sulu Sea/eastern Sabah waters. The successful cooperation has directly and indirectly saved many lives and properties at sea. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation and thank both Intel Agencies for their commitment.

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The IMB appreciates the assistance and vital cooperation provided by the Coalition naval forces / EU naval force (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) / MSCHOA / US Navy / French Alindien / NATO / UKMT0 / Indian Navy / Iranian Navy / Malaysian Navy / Russian Navy / Chinese Navy / South Korean Navy / Japanese Maritime SDF/ Singapore Navy/ Royal Thai Navy / and Yemeni Coast Guard and Navy for assisting the many vessels that have been attacked by suspected Somali pirates both in the Gulf of Aden and off eastern / southern Somali coast, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and other areas. The positive actions by the Navies including pre-emptive and disruptive counter piracy tactics has resulted in the drop in the number of incidents.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African Authorities in the Gulf of Guinea. A special thanks to the Nigerian Authorities particularly the Nigerian Navy who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between Agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation from the West African Authorities.

**NARRATIONS OF INCIDENTS****1 January – 30 June 2019****ACTUAL INCIDENTS****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	10.01.2019 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mito General Cargo Panama 9815 9587788	05:59.1S – 105:56.2E, Ciwandan Anchorage, Indonesia	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the lock to the engine store broken and ship's spares missing. Incident reported to local agents.
2.	05.02.2019 2205 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Capri Chemical Tanker Singapore 29816 9786140	03:55.4N – 098:47.0E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber escaping via the hawse pipe and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and on searching the tanker, ship's properties reported missing.
3.	19.02.2019 1345 UTC Anchored Boarded	Peterborough Bulk Carrier Liberia 32672 9483188	03:41.36S – 114:26.46E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	While carrying out routine rounds onboard an anchored ship, duty crew noticed the forecastle store door forced open and ship's properties missing. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control. Marine police boarded the ship to investigate and collect evidence.
4.	26.03.2019 1230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nakhal Silver Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29354 9718765	13:44N – 121:02E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Duty crew on routine rounds noticed a robber near the forecastle and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and approached the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores. On investigating it was reported that the robber gained access via the anchor chain. Incident reported to Coast Guard.
5.	26.03.2019 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	TRF Kaya Container Liberia 28616 9330549	14:33.3N – 120:54.1E, Manila South Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship unnoticed and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by duty watchman during routine rounds. It was reported that the razor wire installed at the hawse pipe was removed. Footprints were found on the deck and the bosun store was broken into. VTMS Manila and local agent informed. Coast Guard personnel boarded the ship for investigation.
6.	26.04.2019 2105 UTC Berthed Boarded	Jackson Bay Container Liberia 39912 9322358	06:05.7S – 106:55.2E, Jakarta Container Terminal, Indonesia	Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen.
7.	11.05.2019 1000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Princess Paula Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19885 9300207	01:42.76N – 101:26.62E, Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai Port,	Unnoticed thieves boarded the ship, stole engine spare parts and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew when they noticed the engine store room padlock broken.

			Indonesia	
8.	12.05.2019 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Da Yang Bai Li General Cargo China 7216 9607978	01:00.1N – 104:54.8E, Around 4nm East of Pulau Mapur, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty AB and entered into the master's cabin. They tied up the AB and the Master and escaped with their personal cash and effects.
9.	18.05.2019 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Barlian T1201 Tug Niue 153 9433432  Smit Cyclone Crane Barge Singapore 2700 7603588	01:13.00N – 103:34.50E, Around 3.4nm SSE of Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia	Persons from five wooden boats, illegally boarded and stole properties from a crane barge under tow by a tug. The tug Master contacted the Authorities and reported the incident.
10.	23.05.2019 1330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Odysseas L Bulk Carrier Liberia 44180 9597381	03:43.0S – 114:26.3E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Seven persons armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship. Duty watchman raised the alarm and crew mustered. The persons threatened the crew, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control. A patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.
11.	28.05.2019 1852 UTC Berthed Boarded	CSK Enterprise Bulk Carrier Singapore 107449 9816555	05:59.8S – 105:57.8E, D6 Berth, Cigading Port, Indonesia	Duty watchman on routine rounds noticed two robbers in the steering gear room during safety patrols and immediately informed the OOW who sounded the ship's whistle and PA announcement made. On searching the ship, ship's crew found the steering gear room's lock broken and engine spares stolen.
12.	31.05.2019 1530 UTC Anchored Boarded	SafeSea Neha II Bulk Carrier Liberia 31144 9347918	01:35.83N – 104:28.73E, Around 13nm ENE of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia	Duty Officers onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorised person on the forecastle and proceeded to investigate. As the officers arrived, the person threatened them with a knife and escaped with his accomplice who was waiting in a boat. Incident reported to the local authorities. Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	17.06.2019 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	SA/232/5/F Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	Enroute from Tambisan to Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia	Two fishing vessels with 16 crews were approached and boarded by armed persons while en route from Tambisan to Semporna. The armed persons kidnapped 10 crews and escaped. Local authorities notified. The nine crew were reported released on 21.06.2019. One remaining crew still held.
14.	30.06.2019 0930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36336 -	Berth 115, Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations. Duty Bosun on routine rounds noticed the store padlock broken and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authorities. The Port Security Police and the Coast

				Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
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**EAST ASIA**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.01.2019 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 94866 -	38:53.60N – 118:36.65E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Two robbers, armed with a steel bar, boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to port authorities.
2.	29.01.2019 1655 UTC Anchored Boarded	FMG Northern Spirit Ore Carrier Hong Kong 134693 9753595	38:52.8N – 119:11.8E, Jingtang Anchorage, China	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed an unlit barge alongside and raised the alarm. Two robbers wearing masks were seen lowering hoses and escaping from the quarter deck. On searching the ship, oil stains were noticed near the MDO tank sounding pipe. All tanks were sounded. Nothing reported stolen. Tangshan VTS informed.
3.	10.02.2019 1840 UTC Anchored Boarded	RTM Dampier Bulk Carrier Singapore 106796 9591325	38:52.50N – 118:42.60E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed from the bridge wing a hose connected from an opened DO tank manhole to a small unlit barge alongside the ship. Alarm raised, and duty AB instructed to investigate. Hearing the alarm, the duty officer noticed a robber lowering the hose and escaping in the barge. On sounding the tank, it was reported that DO had been stolen. Incident reported to VTS Caofeidian.

**INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.02.2019 1630 UTC Berthed Boarded	Maersk Erik Product Tanker Singapore 25382 9316608	23:02.02N – 070:13.39E, Oil Jetty No.4, Kandla Port, India	The chief officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a boat under the forecastle and notified the other deck crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away. On inspection, it was noticed that a store room had been broken into, but nothing reported stolen. Port Authorities notified.
2.	13.04.2019 1006 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sonangol Namibe Tanker Bahamas 83469 9325049	17:37.1N – 083:19.2E, Visakhapatnam SPM Anchorage, India	Five boats with 11 persons approached the tanker during anchoring operations. Upon anchoring the boats came alongside, threw a hook attached to a rope onto the ship's rails and commenced boarding the tanker. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew mustered. Port Authorities notified. The

				unauthorised persons remained on deck as the crew prevented them from entering the accommodation. They did not confront the crew but refused to leave the tanker. Finally, on seeing the approaching pilot boat, the unauthorised persons disembarked.
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## AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2019 0328 UTC Anchored Boarded	CMA CGM Kingston Container Portugal 16162 9376907	10:19.1N – 075:31.3W, Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia	Deck watchmen onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers near the forecastle and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised, crew mustered inside the accommodation and all doors were locked from inside. Master reported the incident to the Coast Guard and requested assistance. A Coast Guard boat arrived and searched the waters around the ship. Ship's properties were reported missing.
2.	17.01.2019 0340 UTC Anchored Boarded	Gerd Knutsen Tanker Isle of Man 79592 9041057	10:11.7N – 064:47.3W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.
3.	10.03.2019 0430 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pilion Bulk Carrier Barbados 32210 9425825	00:03.5N – 050:57.8W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, and all crews mustered. Seeing the alerted crews, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
4.	21.03.2019 0435 UTC Anchored Boarded	Cabo Fuji Tanker Panama 42791 9730878	10:11.2N – 064:47.4W, Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Deck watch on routine rounds spotted the robbers and notified the OOW just before the robbers threatened him with a knife and stole his radio. Alarm raised, and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping with their accomplices in a waiting boat. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
5.	21.03.2019 0900 UTC Anchored Boarded	Navigator Virgo LPG Tanker Liberia 18311 9404819	18:24.8N – 069:19.1W, San Pedro de Macoris Anchorage, Dominican Republic	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was noticed during routine rounds.
6.	28.03.2019 0410 UTC Anchored Boarded	Diamondway Tanker Liberia 81545	10:11.40N – 064:52.17W, Jose Terminal Anchorage,	Five robbers armed with knives and a pipe wrench boarded an anchored tanker. They tied up the aft watch keeper and broke into the paint store. Alarm raised,

		9742895	Venezuela	and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
7.	14.04.2019 0645 UTC Anchored Boarded	Port Imabari Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35825 9846263	12:01.9S – 077:11.2W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached with a hook. Duty AB on routine rounds was attacked, threatened and beaten. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the duty AB's personal belongings. Incident reported to local Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation.
8.	25.04.2019 0340 UTC Anchored Boarded	Taurus Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 93196 9403530	12:17.9N – 072:01.2W, Puerto Bolivar Anchorage, Colombia	Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Coast Guard informed.
9.	26.04.2019 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Singapore 64459 -	10:12.3N – 064:45.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Six persons in a small boat with an outboard motor approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Coast Guard through the local agents.
10.	26.04.2019 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seletar Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	10:17.0N – 064:42.2W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty Officer noticed on the CCTV one unauthorised person on the forecastle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. A security search of the tanker showed ship's properties stolen from the forecastle store.
11.	26.04.2019 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Jola Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23269 9791896	12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port Control informed.
12.	02.05.2019 0730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aqua Lobo Pleasure Craft Cayman Island - -	09:16.40N – 078:07.45W, Around 1.9nm ENE of San Ignacio De Tupile, Panama	The IMB Piracy Reporting Center (PRC) received a distress call from an anchored pleasure boat with a family of four onboard. The distress call indicated that the boat had been boarded by unknown persons and one family member had been shot and killed and another injured, while two other family members were unharmed. The IMB PRC immediately informed the Panamanian Authorities. A marine police boat was dispatched to the location to render assistance to the pleasure boat. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the authorities and the victim until the marine police boat arrived at location and boarded the pleasure boat. The injured person together with two other family members were taken ashore for medical treatment.



13.	18.05.2019 0555 UTC Anchored Boarded	Methane Mickie Harper LNG Tanker Bermuda 109004 9520376	11:59.8S – 077:11.9W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Around four to five robbers wearing face masks boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. They took hostage the duty crew on routine rounds. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers took the duty crew's radio, pushed him and escaped in their boat. Incident was reported to Port Control and a patrol boat was dispatched to the anchorage area.
14.	31.05.2019 0525 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Sonoma Bulk Carrier Bahamas 32987 9569944	00:03.27N – 050:58.93W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship through the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the Master, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made, whistle sounded, and all crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's crew found the paint store room's lock broken and ship's stores reported stolen.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.01.2019 0001 UTC Steaming Boarded	MSC Mandy Container Panama 37071 8918966	05:28N – 002:21E, Around 55nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Armed pirates attack and boarded the ship underway. Six crew members reported kidnapped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to a safe port. Owners confirmed all kidnapped crew released safely on 01.02.2019.
2.	03.01.2019 2325 UTC Anchored Boarded	FSL Singapore Product Tanker Singapore 28068 9311725	06:17.8N – 003:19.3E, Lagos Security Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Two unauthorised persons boarded the tanker during STS operations. The security guard noticed the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the persons escaping. Nothing was stolen.
3.	07.01.2019 0320 UTC Anchored Boarded	Two Million Ways Tanker Cyprus 40865 9334571	06:16.3N – 003:20.1E, Lagos STS Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers with plastic hoses boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. They connected the hoses to the ullage ports of the forward cargo tanks and attempted to steal cargo. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The incident was immediately reported to the Nigerian Navy patrol boat who came to the location and carried out a check on the surrounding waters. Nothing reported stolen.
4.	19.01.2019 2240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Valorous Product Tanker Liberia 29557 9827059	05:12.4N – 004:02.8W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty OS on routine rounds noticed a ladder hooked to the ship's rail and two robbers near the poop deck winch. OOW notified and alarm raised. Master directed the searchlight towards the poop deck resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores.

5.	03.02.2019 0530 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Landing Craft Marshall Islands 1409 -	02:32.6N – 004:47.3E, Around 136nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Five armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. Remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. On 01.03.2019, Owners confirmed the kidnapped crew were released safely.
6.	09.02.2019 0340 UTC Berthed Boarded	Histria Ivory Product Tanker Malta 25804 9356244	06:21.1N – 010:47.8W, Port of Monrovia, Liberia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber armed with a knife. Alarm sounded, resulting in the robber escaping. On searching the tanker, ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local agent and port control.
7.	23.02.2019 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anna General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 11473 9501887	04:54.6N – 001:40.2W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.
8.	27.02.2019 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Jamnagar Tanker Singapore 56326 9524982	04:56.4N – 001:34.3W, Aboadze Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local Authorities.
9.	02.03.2019 1233 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cap Theodora Tanker Greece 81324 9380740	04:38.0N – 003:14.1E, Around 105nm South of Lagos, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speed boat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, and all crew mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving information on the incident, the IMB PRC immediately informed the Nigerian Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed all crew safe. The tanker later resumed her intended passage to the next port.
10.	03.03.2019 1940 UTC Steaming Boarded	Histria Ivory Product Tanker Malta 25804 9356244	05:52N – 001:24E, Around 17nm SSE of Lome, Togo	Armed pirates attack and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, and crews mustered in the citadel. On taking the headcount, four crews were identified as missing. Upon receiving a MAYDAY message from the Master, the IMB PRC immediately informed the Togo Authorities. A naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the Authorities and the Owners until the naval patrol boat arrived at the location of the tanker and the crews emerged from the citadel. On searching the tanker one crew was found hiding in a compartment. The tanker was escorted to Lome anchorage for further investigations. Three crews remain missing. On 11 Apr 2019, the Owners

				confirmed that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely.
11.	09.03.2019 1115 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Support Vessel Nigeria 2645 -	03:57.2N – 006:39.0E, Around 32nm SE of Brass, Nigeria	Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats approached an offshore support vessel underway. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security boat which maneuvered to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow, while the other speed boat exchanged fire with the security boat. Alarm raised, crew proceeded to the engine room and all power was shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the engine room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining crews sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard reported killed in the exchange of fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations ongoing.
12.	24.03.2019 2235 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Steady Product Tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	06:15.2N – 003:12.3E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Two robbers managed to board an anchored tanker and started stealing the oil cargo using a hose pipe. Duty watch keeper noticed the hose and immediately informed Master. Incident reported to a Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. All crew and the tanker are safe. It was reported that the Navy patrol boat managed to intercept the boat and apprehend the robbers.
13.	29.03.2019 0236 UTC Anchored Boarded	Anuket Pearl Product Tanker Malta 5581 9395886	04:52.86N – 001:41.42W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	OOW onboard an anchored tanker noticed the paint room door was opened and spotted the robbers in the forecastle. The OOW immediately directed search lights towards the robbers and ship's horn sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Takoradi Port Control was informed. Takoradi Marine Police personnel boarded the tanker for investigation.
14.	30.03.2019 0310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Steady Product Tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	06:18.9N – 003:17.4E, Lagos STS Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty watchkeeper onboard an anchored tanker noticed some robbers near a cargo tank and near the ship's rails. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified and a search in the waters around the tanker was carried out.
15.	30.03.2019 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Contship Oak Container Liberia 9957 9373917	03:53N - 009:30E, Around 15nm SW of Douala, Cameroon	Armed persons boarded an anchored ship. They kidnapped four crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Douala port. The owners confirmed that the four

				kidnapped crew were released on 06 May 2019 and repatriated to their respective countries.
16.	01.04.2019 0600 UTC Berthed Boarded	Silver Lake Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20987 9377963	Berth T36, Casablanca Port, Morocco	Duty officer onboard the berthed ship, heard noises from the boat deck. As he approached the area, he noticed the life raft cover was opened and two robbers stealing the equipment. Seeing the duty officer, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Incident reported to the Port Authority. Subsequently, the Harbour Master, Port Police and PSC Inspector boarded the ship to investigate.
17.	05.04.2019 2100 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maria Soltin Chemical Tanker Nigeria 805 7203699	05:49.10N – 003:49.00E, Lagos Offshore, Nigeria	Nine pirates armed with automatic weapons and a RPG boarded the tanker undergoing sea trials. Duty officer raised the alarm and crew took shelter. The pirates took hostage the duty officer and instructed all the crew members to come out of hiding. They damaged the navigation and all communication equipment, stole crew and ship's property, locked all the crew in one cabin and took the Master as hostage. On 9 April 2019, a Spanish Navy Warship tried to establish communication with the tanker. On receiving no response, the warship approached the tanker, resulting in the pirates escaping. The Master told the naval boarding team that they had been held hostage for four days. After investigations, the naval boarding team disembarked. While continuing on her voyage, the main engines had to be shut down due to overheating. The C/E noticed ingress of water into the engine room, which was later fixed. Without any communication equipment that is still working, the tanker was adrift for 12 days before being able to hail a fishing boat for assistance. The Master then established contact with the Owners who then arranged for the tanker to be towed to Ghana. The tanker arrived at Ghana anchorage on 22 April 2019.
18.	15.04.2019 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	San Padre Pio Product Tanker Switzerland 5422 9610339	04:28.1N – 007:10.1E, Bonny River Inner Anchorage, Nigeria	Four persons in a speed boat armed with automatic weapons approached an anchored tanker. Two persons managed to board the tanker and opened fire towards the accommodation. The onboard Nigerian naval guards returned fire resulting in the persons retreating into their boat and escaping. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered in the citadel. Bonny Signal Station and Nigerian Navy notified. One guard was injured during the shooting and was given first aid by

				the crew. Two security boats responded and approached the tanker. The injured guard was transferred to a security boat and taken ashore for medical assistance. Remaining crew safe.
19.	19.04.2019 1330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Palau 2055 -	Bonny Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	An anchored tanker was boarded by unauthorised persons who kidnapped six crew and escaped. Remaining crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy notified, and investigations are ongoing.
20.	24.04.2019 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Gladiator Product Tanker Marshall Islands 25382 9241827	06:20.3N – 003:20.5E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Three robbers in a small craft approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the cargo tank and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard along with their hose and escaped in their boat. The incident was reported to a naval patrol boat. Nothing reported stolen.
21.	28.04.2019 0504 UTC Anchored Boarded	Siviu Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11290 9541289	05:50.5S – 013:25.5E, Ango-Ango Inner Anchorage, Port Matadi, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker and broke into the forecandle store. Duty watch keeper spotted the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
22.	03.05.2019 0010 UTC Anchored Boarded	Marlin Amber Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29534 9697210	06:16.07N – 003:13.11E, Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Lagos, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers near the cargo tank with a hose. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with their hose. A patrol boat was informed which came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen.
23.	05.05.2019 1200 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Charis Tug Nigeria 298 9616254	03:04N – 007:59E, Around 41nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea	Armed pirates hijacked the tug underway and took its crew hostage. The pirates used the tug to attack and board another ship. Incident reported to authorities and a Spanish and Equatorial Guinean Naval vessel responded resulting in both ships being released.
24.	05.05.2019 1216 UTC Steaming Boarded	Blue Marlin Heavy Load Carrier Malta 51821 9186338	03:03.2N – 007:52.3E, Around 48nm SW of Luba, Equatorial Guinea	Pirates onboard a previously hijacked tug approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm sounded, and the crew retreated into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified. A nearby Spanish Naval vessel and the Equatorial Guinean Navy responded to the incident resulting in the pirates escaping and the crews released. The tug and the ship were escorted by the Equatorial Guinean Navy to a safe port for further investigations.
25.	12.05.2019 0100 UTC Anchored Hijacked	G Dona I Chemical Tanker Togo 992	Lome Anchorage, Togo	Armed persons boarded and hijacked an anchored tanker with her crew. The Togo Navy received a call from the Owners that their tanker had been

		8619285		attacked. Togo Navy immediately responded by dispatching patrol boats to investigate. The tanker was intercepted 25nm from the anchorage area and forced to divert to Lome port. The crew were reported safe and the armed persons were captured and handed over to the relevant Authorities.
26.	14.05.2019 0142 UTC Anchored Boarded	Hanze Gendt Bulk Carrier Netherlands 24210 9605176	09:23.94N – 013:41.26W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Four robbers armed with automatic rifles and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the crew hostage, ransacked their cabins and stole ship's and crew cash and properties before escaping. Master was injured during the incident. The incident was reported to Conakry Port Control and a patrol boat came for investigation.
27.	26.05.2019 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	D&K Yusuf I. Al- Ghanim Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30952 9399624	14:32.56S – 040:39.16E, Nacala Inner Anchorage, Mozambique	Duty crew noticed the forward store broken into and reported same to the duty officer. Alarm raised. A search was carried out. Foot prints were noticed on the forecastle deck. Ship's stores reported stolen.

## ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS

1 January – 30 June 2019

### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.02.2019 1106 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36332 -	03:43.1S – 114:26.3E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crews mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers retreated into their waiting skiff and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control.
2.	10.05.2019 0100 UTC Steaming Attempted	Zhe Hai 169 Bulk Carrier China 32962 9622784	07:40.8N – 128:29.3E, Around 115nm East of Baganga, Philippines	Unidentified persons in a speedboat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and fire hoses pressurized. The persons were observed to be shouting towards the ship while holding steel hooks. After 30 mins of chasing, the boat aborted and moved away. The ship resumed her passage.
3.	22.05.2019 1400 UTC Anchored Attempted	El Toro Sailing Vessel Austria 27 -	00:53.52S – 131:14.36E, Around 0.18nm SE of Pulau Doom, Sorong, Indonesia	A person in the fishing boat approached an anchored sailing vessel and attempted to steal the sailing vessel's dinghy. The skipper noticed the person and directed his hand lamp towards the person and shouted. Seeing the alerted skipper, the person let go of the dinghy and moved away. Incident reported to the local authorities.

## AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2019 0445 UTC Anchored Attempted	Star Kestrel Tanker Panama 30068 9321940	10:16N – 064:42W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers attempting to board using a grappling hook hooked to the guardrails of the poop deck. Alarm was raised, and ship's horn sounded. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the boarding attempt and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to Port Control.
2.	19.03.2019 0700 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Vehicle Carrier Malta 61106 -	12:01.66S – 077:12.03W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers wearing jackets and caps in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor cable. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew directed flash lights towards the robbers. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. VTS Tramar and local agents informed. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the anchorage area.
3.	01.04.2019 0745 UTC Fired upon Steaming	Name Withheld Container Germany 46009 -	02:31.8S – 080:05.4W, Around 3.6nm WNW of Isla Escalante Island, Guayas, Ecuador	Duty officer onboard the ship under pilotage noticed a fast-moving target on the radar approaching from astern. Crew alerted, and both searchlights directed towards the approaching boat. A second boat was noticed. One boat, with around 10 persons with grappling hooks followed the ship. The other boat approached the ship from the starboard side and attempted to hook a telescopic ladder to the ship's rails. The pilot notified port control and the coast guard. The persons fired a few shots towards the search lights resulting in all crew retreating into the bridge and accommodation. Later the boats aborted their approach and moved away. All crew safe.
4.	19.04.2019 0535 UTC Steaming Attempted	NYK Lyra Container Panama 75201 9229336	03:47.6N – 077:14.3W, Buenaventura Channel, Near Buoy No.13, Colombia	A boat with around eight to 10 persons approached the ship under pilotage and attempted to board via the rigged pilot ladder. Duty lookout noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered near the pilot ladder resulting in the boat aborting and moving away. The pilot notified the Coast Guard and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.
5.	03.05.2019 2010 UTC Steaming Attempted	Arequipa Queen Bulk Carrier Vanuatu 30598 9758765	00:08.0S – 081:19.9W, Around 52nm WNW of Cabo Pasado, Ecuador	Two speed boats with five persons in each boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The ship increase speed, commenced evasive manoeuvres and started spraying the boats with pressurised fire hoses,

				resulting in the boats moving away. Crew and ship reported safe.
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**AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2019 0110 UTC Anchored Attempted	Aramon Product Tanker Marshall Islands 42225 9440485	06:15.7N – 003:12.8E, Lagos SAA, Nigeria	Around five robbers in a small skiff came alongside an anchored tanker and threw two ropes attached with hooks onto the tanker's railing. Duty crew on routine rounds heard voices near the bow, noticed the hooks and the skiff. Alarm raised. Non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. Master requested assistance from the Nigerian Navy patrol boat which immediately responded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers moved away. The patrol boat searched the waters around the tanker.
2.	24.01.2019 1935 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 11118 -	03:43N – 006:10E, Around 35nm South of Brass, Nigeria	A tanker was fired upon while underway. General alarm sounded, non-essential crews mustered in Citadel and the tanker conduct evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates abort the attack. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy.
3.	25.01.2019 0015 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Allegra Bulk Carrier Liberia 14599 9114476	03:32.8N – 006:11.6E, Around 45nm South of Brass, Nigeria	About five to seven armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. General alarm sounded, deck lights switched on, speed increased, and crew mustered in Citadel. Armed guards onboard the ship managed to repel the attempted attack.
4.	25.01.2019 1530 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Samurai Tanker Liberia 78845 9378876	03:02N – 006:05E, Around 76nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria	Around seven to eight armed pirates in a skiff chased, fired upon and tried to board the tanker underway. General alarm raised, non-essential crews mustered in the citadel and Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates aborted the attack. The tanker and crews reported safe.
5.	21.02.2019 0016 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Kota Satria Container Singapore 41567 9645487	02:59.5N – 005:56.6E, Around 80nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Around four to six armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised, and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. Ship and crew reported safe.
6.	27.02.2019 0854 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 83805 -	03:07.7N – 006:12.4E, Around 69nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Two skiffs with 16 armed persons chased, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. General alarm raised, SSAS activated and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. A security vessel in the vicinity responded to the master's call resulting in the skiffs

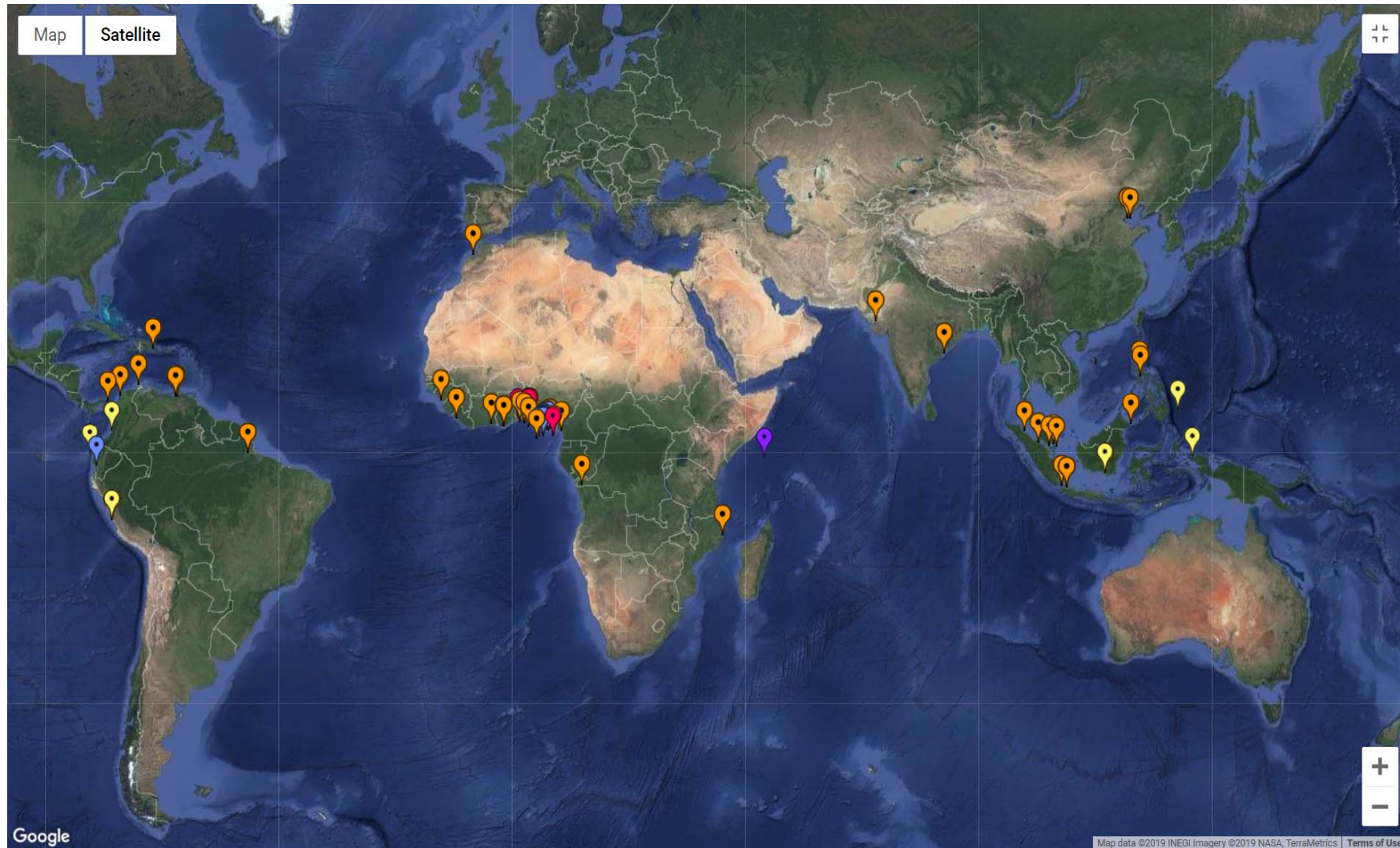


				aborting and moving away. Crew and tanker reported safe. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy.
7.	27.02.2019 2000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	African Gem Product Tanker Panama 28326 9085390	03:08N – 006:03E, Around 70nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Duty officer onboard the tanker underway noticed on radar, two targets at a distance of 4nm. At 2nm the targets were seen to cross the stern, increase speed and approach at high speed. As the skiffs closed in to the tanker, they opened fire. The onboard Nigerian naval personnel returned fire. The skiffs retreated and followed the tanker for a short duration before moving away.
8.	28.02.2019 0815 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bourbon Explorer 502 Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 9653898	03:52.8N – 007:04.5E, Around 30nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two speed boats with 16-armed person chased and fired upon an offshore supply vessel underway. Alarm raised, vessel increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The escorting security vessel intervened to repel the attack. Vessel sustain bullet damage on the bridge. All crew reported safe. Nigerian Navy escorted the vessel to a safe port.
9.	03.05.2019 2000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 11118 -	02:58.25N – 005:16.12E, Around 98.54nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Armed persons in a speedboat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, tanker increased speed commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to evasive manoeuvres, the boarding was evaded. Nigerian Navy notified. The tanker and crew reported safe.
10.	30.06.2019 2325 UTC Anchored Attempted	CMA CGM Quartz Container Liberia 40560 9385611	06:01.1N – 001:18.6E Lome Anchorage, Togo	Six armed persons approached the ship. Duty officer noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and activated the fire hoses. Master notified Togo Navy who responded by deploying a patrol boat to the anchorage area.



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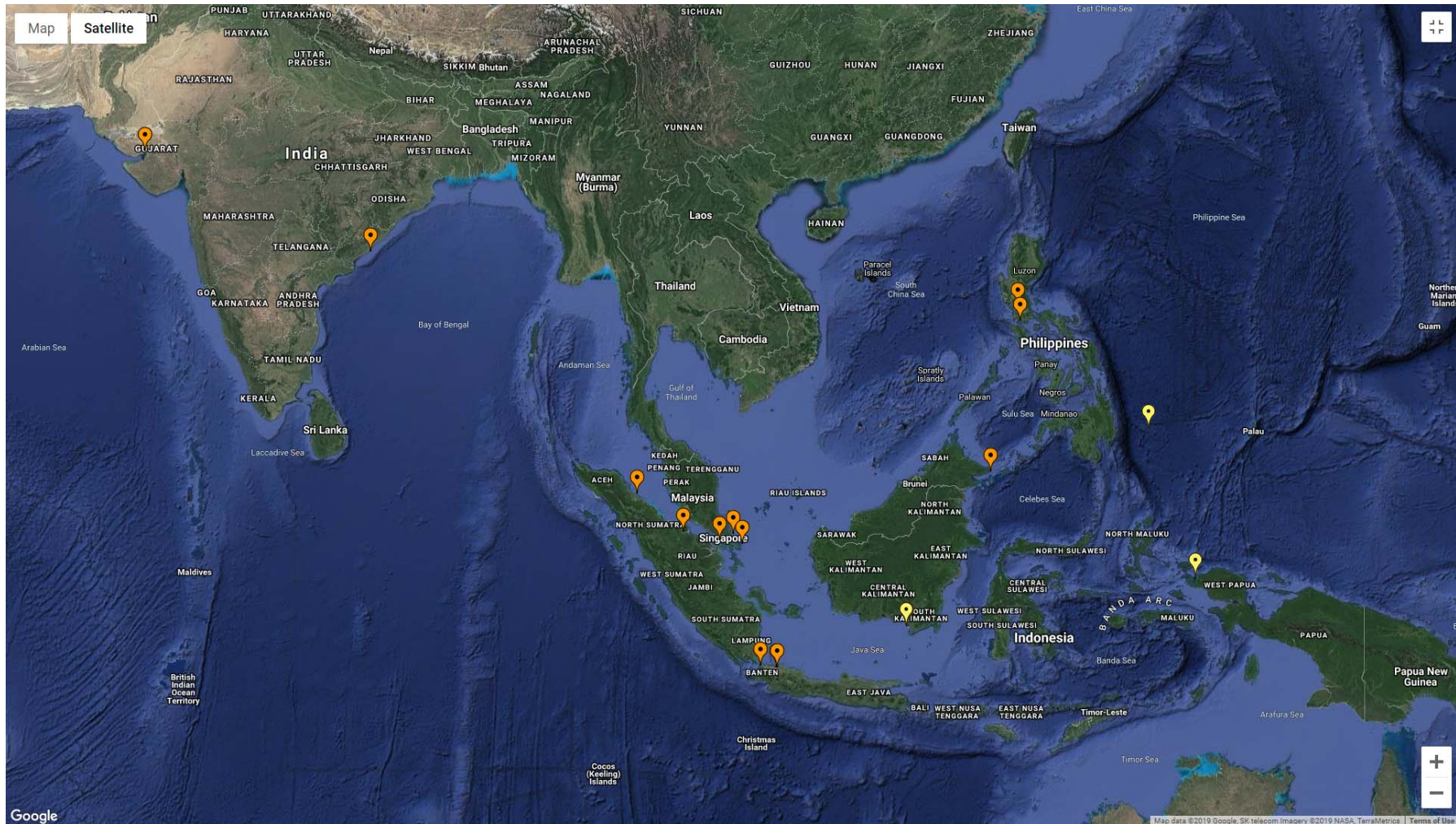
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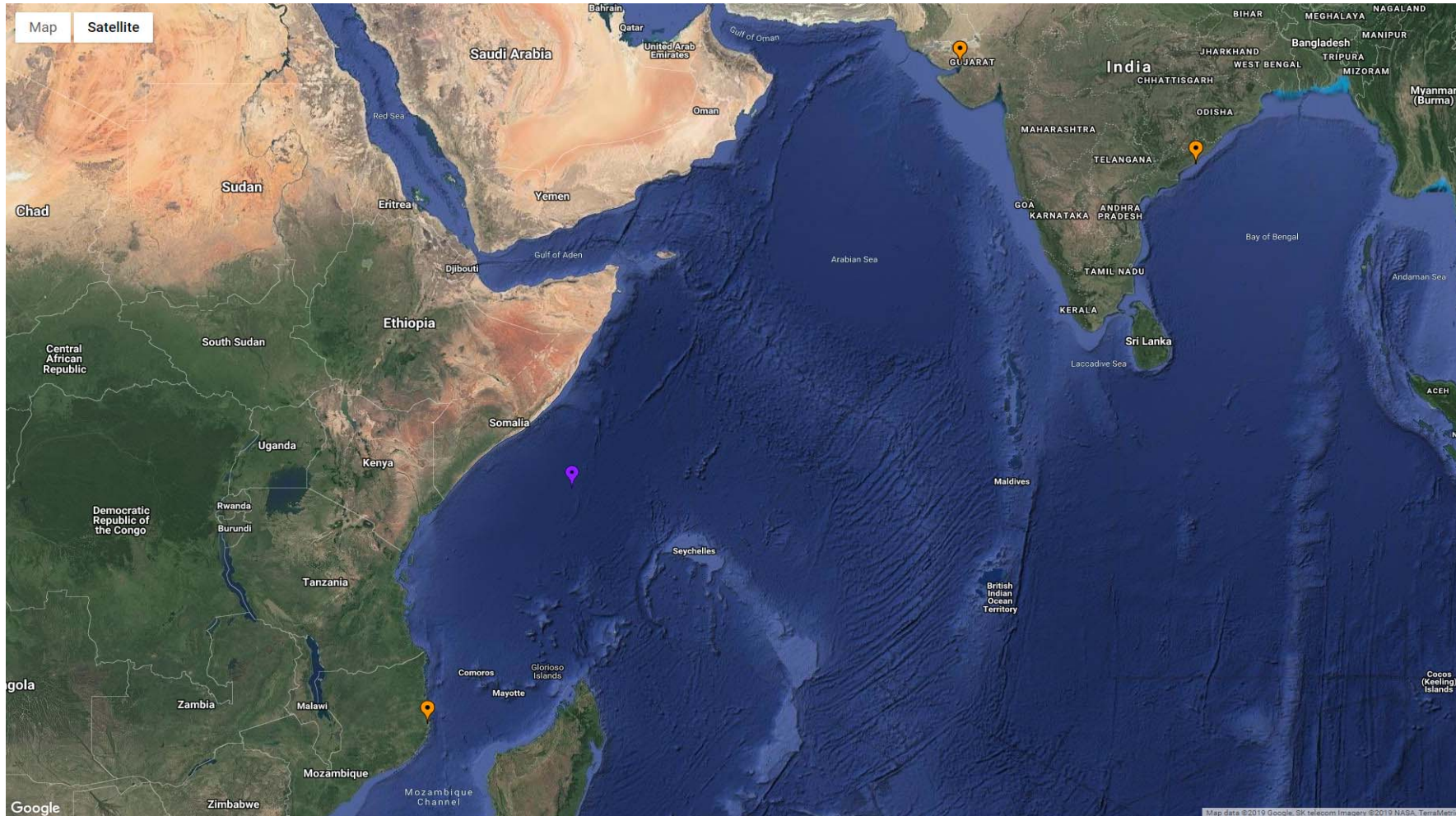
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**Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 0**

**Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0**





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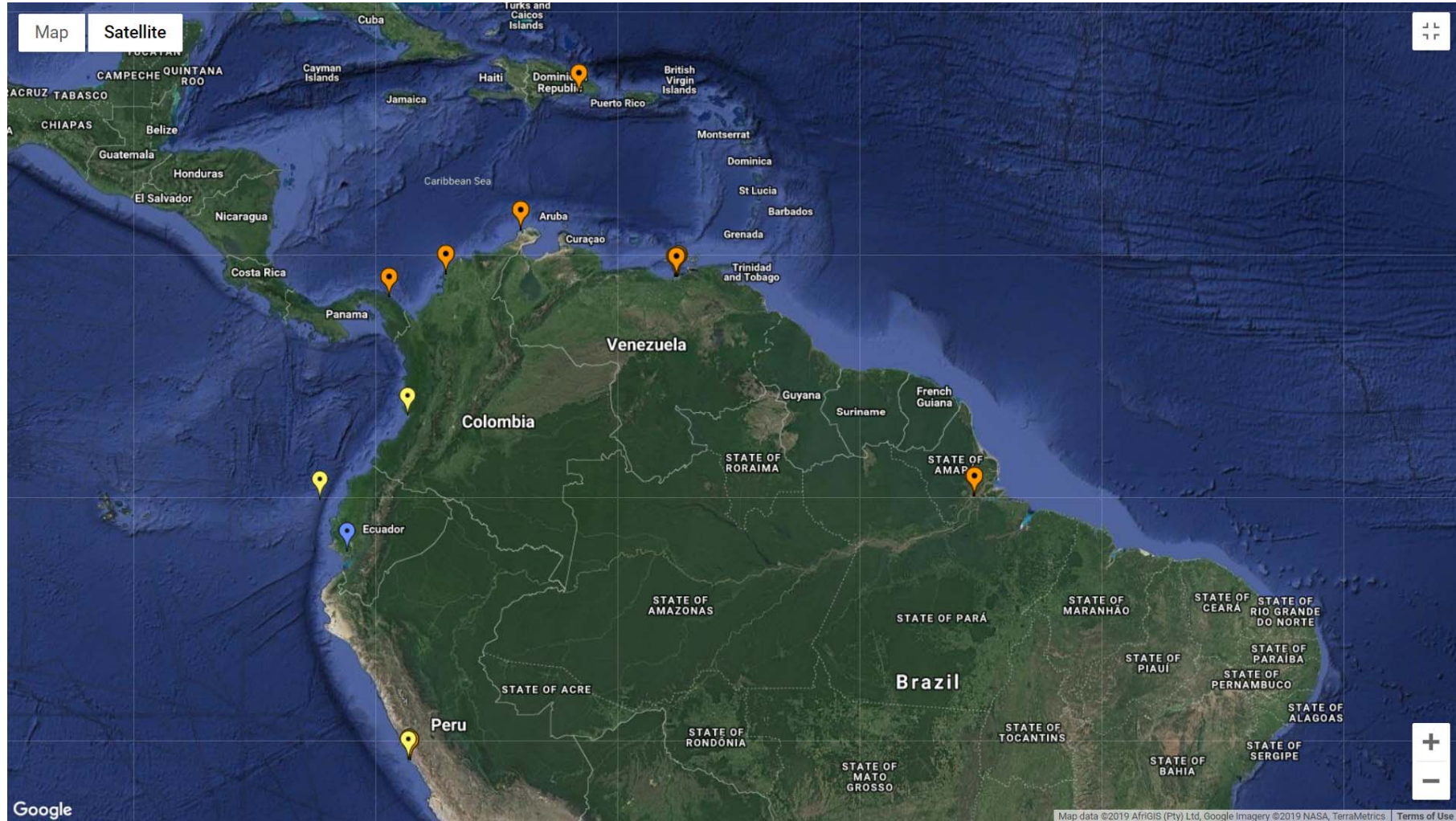


**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 33**



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



**Total attacks South America – 19**