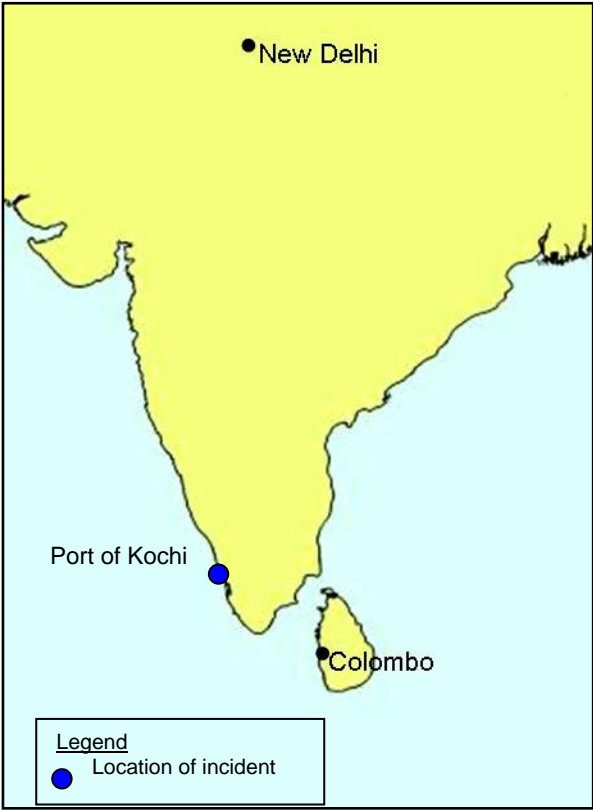


Incident Report :	02/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	5 April 2008 at 0330hrs (local time)
Location of incident :	09° 57.10' N, 076° 04.8' E
Area Description :	Port of Kochi, India
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>MV Sampurna Swarajya</i> / Product tanker
<p>Details of Incident:</p> <p>The <i>MV Sampurna Swarajya</i> was anchored at the port of Kochi (Cochin, west coast of India) when six robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at the forecandle using hooks and ropes. Please refer to the approximate location of the incident below.</p> <p>A member of the crew, who was on the deck watch, spotted the robbers on board and raised the alarm. Having been detected, the robbers jumped into their fishing boat and fled with one mooring rope of about 210 metres in length. The ship master reported the incident to the Port Authority of Kochi.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the report, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) dispatched a patrol vessel to the incident area to investigate. The initial investigation revealed that there was a large number of fishing boats operating in the vicinity of the incident. However, the ship master and crew were unable to provide further details of the fishing boat as the incident occurred in the hours of darkness.</p>	
Reported by :	ReCAAP Focal Point (India)
Comments by ISC :	The ReCAAP ISC classifies this incident as Category 3 (less significant) incident. Ship master and crew are advised to maintain vigilance and strengthen their watch keeping particularly during hours of darkness when their ship is at anchor.



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