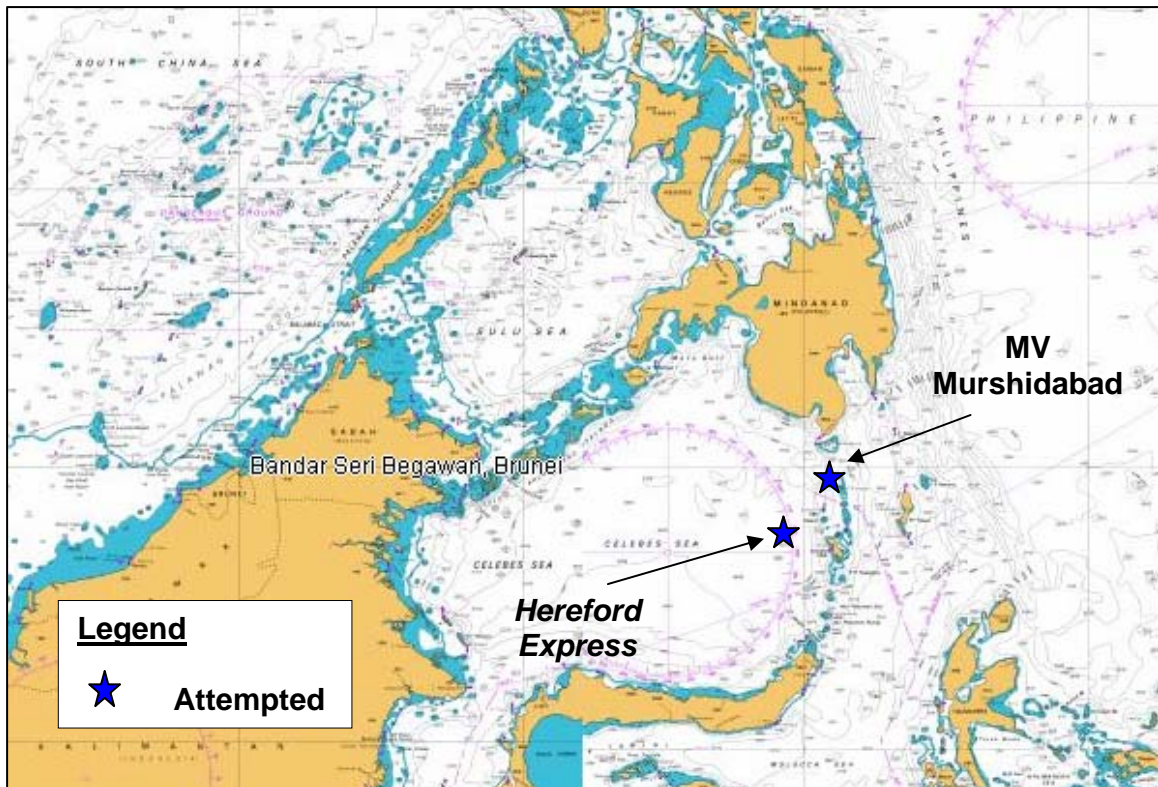


Incident Report :	10/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	07 Jun 2008 at 1454hrs
Location of incident :	03° 53.96' N, 124°33. 3' E
Area Description :	<i>Celebes Sea</i>
Name/Type of Ship:	<i>Hereford Express /Livestock Carrier</i>
Details of Incident :	
<p>The Philippines-registered livestock carrier, the <i>Hereford Express</i> departed Philippines on 6 Jun 2008 for Australia.</p> <p>At 1454 hrs on 07 June 2008, the carrier was at 03° 53.96' N, 124°33. 3' E in the <i>Celebes Sea</i> when she was fired upon by unknown elements. Please refer to map below on the approximate location.</p> <p>The carrier managed to evade the attack and return to Philippines after two hours but suffered heavy damages to its communication antenna, radar, INMARSAT etc. as a result of the firing. No crew was injured.</p>	
Reported by :	ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)

Comments by ISC :	Ship masters are advised to maintain vigilance at all times and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the vicinity.
Observations by ISC :	Since March 2008, this is the second incident which has been reported in the proximity of this area. The first incident was an attempted case reported on board the Indian-registered bulk carrier, <i>MV Murshidabad</i> on 4 March 2008 at 03° 17.2' N, 124°18. 40' E. Please see map below.

Both incidents occurred when the ships were steaming in the area during daylight hours. They had successfully avoided boarding by robbers due to the adoption of good anti-piracy measures.



Approximate Location of Incident