

Incident Report: 15 /2010

Date/Time of Incident: 12 June 2010 at 2200 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 3° 49.8' N, 105° 46.87' E

Area Description: Approximately 45 nm north off Pulau Mangkai

Name and Type of Ship: *Trans Pacific* / Bulk carrier (Panama-registered)

Date/Time of Incident: 13 June 2010 at 2335 hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 3° 13.50' N, 105° 29.40' E

Area Description: Approximately 10 nm northwest of Pulau Mangkai

Name and Type of Ship: *Ai Ding Hu* / Product tanker (China-registered)

Details of Incident

Two incidents were reported in the vicinity of Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia within an interval of about 26 hours (refer map). The first incident involved bulk carrier, *Trans Pacific* which was boarded on 12 June 2010 at about 2200 hrs (local time) and the second incident involved product tanker *Ai Ding Hu* on 13 June 2010 at about 2335hrs (local time).

Incident Involving *Trans Pacific* on 12 June 2010

On 12 June 2010 at about 2200 hrs (local time), Panama-registered bulk carrier *Trans Pacific* was underway at position 3° 49.8' N, 105° 46.87' E (45 nm north off Pulau Mangkai) when eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the vessel from a speed boat. The pirates wore shorts and T-shirts with one wearing a mask. After boarding the bulk carrier, the pirates rounded up nine of the crew in the wheel house



and tied them before taking the Master and six other crew to their cabins to ransack their personal belongings. After about 1hr 20min, the pirates escaped in the speed boat taking away with them the crew's personal belongings (mainly cash), laptops and hand phones. The crew was not injured. The vessel continued its journey and called at Singapore on 13 June 2010.

The Master reported the incident to MRCC (China) which alerted MRCC Putra Jaya (Malaysia), BASARNAS (Indonesia), Bangkok RCC (Thailand) and Singapore's Port Operation and Control Centre (POCC). The Singapore's POCC which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point for Singapore verified the incident details with the agent and ship master, and reported the incident to all ReCAAP Focal Points.

Incident Involving *Ai Ding Hu* on 13 Jun 2010

On 13 June 2010 at about 2335 hrs (local time), China-registered product tanker *Ai Ding Hu* was underway at position 3° 13.5' N, 105° 29.40' E (10 nm northwest off Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia) when six robbers armed with long knives boarded the vessel from a small high speed fishing boat. The robbers escaped after taking some cash. The crew was not injured.

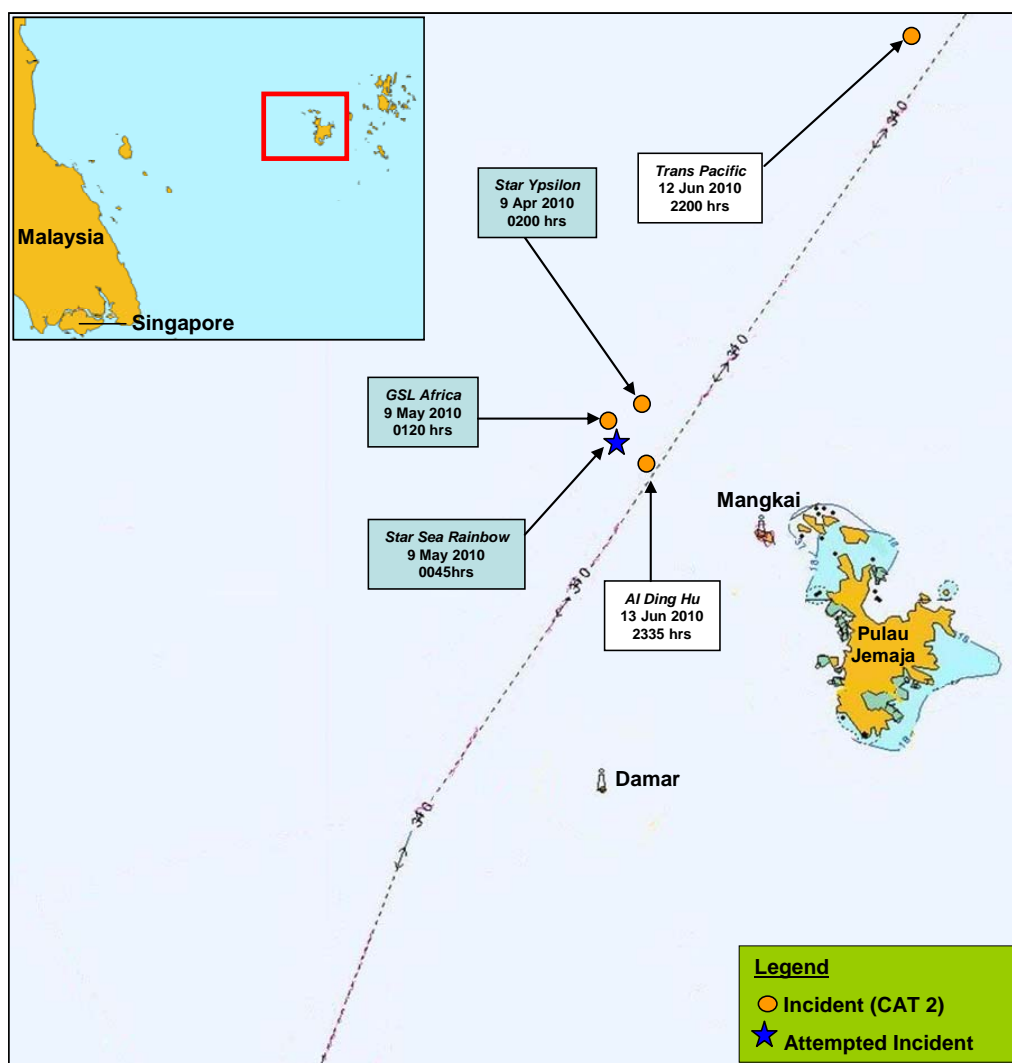
The Master reported the incident to Singapore's Port Operation and Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The Singapore's POCC initiated a Navtex broadcast to alert mariners transiting through the area and informed MRCC Putra Jaya (Malaysia) and BASARNAS (Indonesia) about the incident.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Incidents involving *Trans Pacific* and *Ai Ding Hu* were the fourth and fifth incidents reported in the vicinity of Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia since January 2010. The other three incidents involved bulk carrier, *Star Ypsilon*, occurred on 9 April 2010, bulk carrier, *Star Sea Rainbow* (attempted incident) and container ship, *GSL Africa* both on 9 May 2010 (refer map for location). The incidents occurred while the vessels were underway and reported mainly losses of cash and property.



Approximate location of incidents



Incident Alert

Ship masters operating in the vicinity are advised to exercise vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures to avoid boarding by pirates/robbers. Early detection and reporting of a possible boarding is the most effective deterrent and reduces risk to the crew. Ship masters are advised to report all actual and attempted incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately.

