

Incident Report: 26/2010

Date/Time¹ of Incident: 28 Oct 10 at or about 0030 hrs

Location of incident: 13° 16' N, 068° 59' E

Area Description: Approximately 340 nm west of Mangalore, India

Name and Type of Ship: *Star Light Venture*, Crude oil tanker

Details of Incident

On 28 Oct 10 at or about 0030 hrs, a Hong Kong registered crude oil tanker, *Star Light Venture* was underway at approximately 340 nm west of Mangalore, India (13° 16' N, 068° 59'E) when two small crafts with an unknown number of pirates onboard approached the vessel from the starboard quarter. Armed with guns, the pirates fired at the vessel which resulted in about 50 bullet holes found on the accommodation doors and broken foremast light fixtures. The ship took evasive action and increased speed to 16 knots, and finally managed to shake off the pirates. The crew was not injured.

The Indian Coast Guard which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (India) has despatched an aircraft to the area to locate the pirates' crafts.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (China)
ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)
ReCAAP Focal Point (India)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the furthest incident east of Somalia suspected to be carried out by east African pirates. Refer to map for the approximate location of the incident. Considering the involvement of two small crafts in the reported incident and the distance between

¹ All timings of incidents in this Incident Alert are expressed in local time.

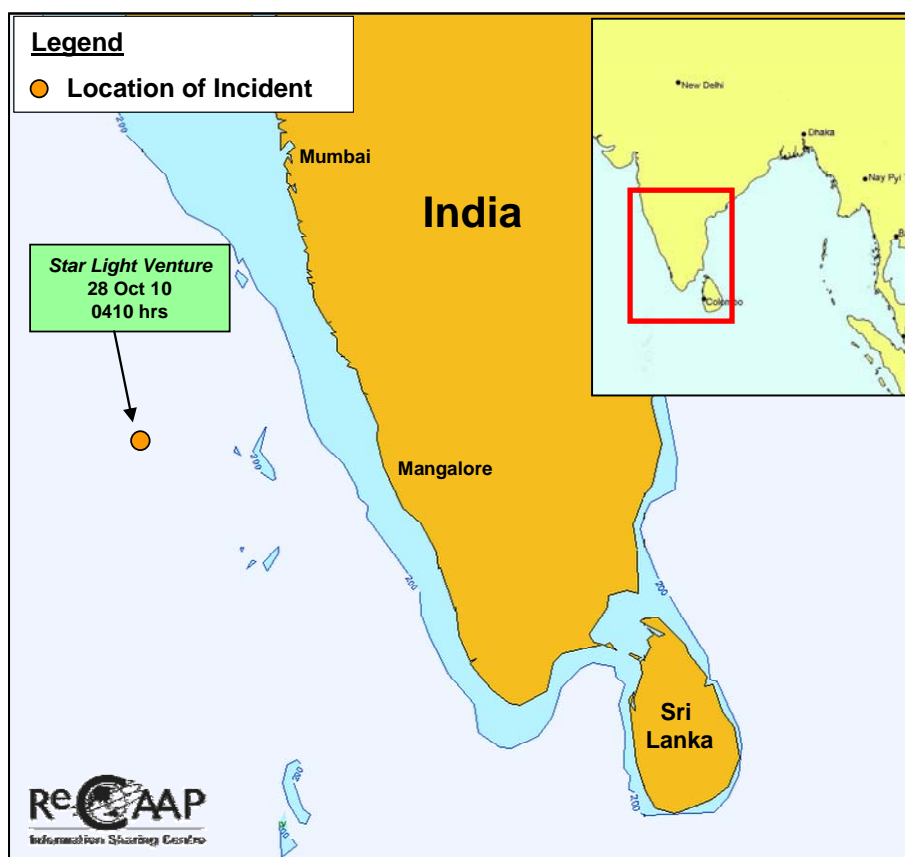


Incident Alert

the incident and the east African coast, the presence of a mother ship is not ruled out. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution when navigating within 100 nautical miles of the position given in this report and maintain maximum CPA with any ship acting suspiciously. The ReCAAP ISC advises mariners transiting the area to exercise vigilance at all times and adopt adequate boarding protection measures as described in the BMPs.

Ship masters are also advised to report all actual and attempted incidents in this vicinity to the MRCC Mumbai immediately at the following contact numbers:

MRCC (Mumbai) Coast Guard Region (West) Mumbai – India E-mail: icgmrcc_mumbai@mtnl.net.in	Telephone : +91-22-2431-6558 +91-22-2437-6133	Fax : +91-22-24333727 +91-22-24316558
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Approximate location of incident

