



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2014

Mission and Vision Statements

Mission

To enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

Vision

To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

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Executive Director's Foreword Message

With one year to go before the 10th Anniversary, the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) continues to perform at a sustained pace carrying out a pivotal role in the maritime security of the region through timely and effective exchange of information in conjunction with the key objective this organisation was created with. Credit of this efficiency goes to the foundation of the system namely, the live and robust focal point structure which provides a real time response to the emerging situations at sea through prompt information exchange. This Asian initiative has grown from the initial 14 Contracting Parties to 20 with the latest joining of the United States of America in 2014 and has been regarded as a successful model of regional cooperation across the world. Also, bearing in mind the advent of the 10th Anniversary in 2016 and the further way ahead from its 10th Anniversary, the ReCAAP ISC convened the 3rd Special Governing Council Meeting in Tokyo last December, in addition to the 8th regular Governing Council Meeting, and fruitful discussions have taken place.

The Centre takes guidance from the three pillars which are encapsulated in its Mission Statement: To enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships, namely, Information Sharing, Capacity Building and Cooperative Arrangements. All activities managed and conducted by the Centre also took into consideration the key principle of respecting each Contracting Party's sovereignty.



As Information Sharing is the key component of the Agreement, much effort has been focused on ensuring that existing links are maintained whilst building on new ones and bridging operational gaps. A Guidebook for ReCAAP Focal Points / Contact Point containing standard operating procedures (SOPs) was circulated by the ReCAAP ISC for improving efficiency of information exchange with Focal Point, both at operational as well as conceptual level. The endeavor received positive feedback during various capacity building activities conducted by ReCAAP ISC and achieved its objective of improving quality of information exchange. Sheer willingness of the Focal Points and the Contracting Parties is the driving force for a sustained northward performance of our organisation.

On this note, I draw your attention to the recent development of the situation in our region. Compared with continuous improvements since 2010 until last year, there has been an increase in the number of incidents. Though the majority (62%) of incidents occurred in 2014 were petty theft (minimum significant) and category 3 (less significant) in nature, yet increased category 1 (very significant) incidents have caused marked deterioration and the majority (11 out of 13 incidents) of those were oil siphoning incidents. In response to the development, the ReCAAP ISC published two special reports on "Incidents of Siphoning of Fuel / Oil at Sea" in 2014, highlighting general trends, modus operandi and best practices to be adapted by seafarers in order to avoid such untoward incidents. It also shed light on possible way outs and remedial measures that need urgent deliberation.

ReCAAP ISC also carried out various capacity building activities last year to improve Information Sharing, boost confidence building and to enhance ReCAAP Focal Points' capabilities. These activities included operational visits, seminars, workshops, exercises and technical assistance programmes to share best practices and experience.

Being an inclusive international organisation and a specialist agency in combating piracy and armed robbery, Cooperative Arrangements facilitates the ReCAAP ISC in establishing linkages with governmental agencies, international organisations, non-governmental agencies, research institutes, maritime industry associations and others which have similar interests. Notably, against the evolving background, we have made continuous and strengthened outreaches to some of our stakeholders, such as INTERPOL, IISS etc. The ReCAAP model which was emulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its formulation of Djibouti Code of Conduct and its recent positive developments speaks favourably of the ReCAAP's effectiveness and the ability to deliver profile high.

The specific activities which had taken place in 2014 are elaborated in this Report in alignment with the three pillars of our Mission Statement for your reference. Moving forward, we will continue to thrive with a view of remaining as a body which is of high relevance to the regional and international maritime community with the strong support from our Contracting Parties.

8th Governing Council Meeting

The 8th Governing Council Meeting was conducted on 4-6 March 2014 at the InterContinental Hotel in Singapore with 60 participants from Contracting Parties and 12 External Participants. Of significance was the attendance of Malaysia's National Security Council, Prime Minister's Department, and the United States, both attending the Governing Council Meeting for the second time.

The Governing Council commended the ISC on achieving further milestones in operations, research and analysis, capacity building, and engagements and cooperation with other organisations. The Council also welcomed Australia joining the

ReCAAP as the 19th Contracting Party on 3 August 2013.

The Meeting noted the good cooperation at the operational level with the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and Indonesia law enforcement agencies. Representatives from industry organisations also reaffirmed their commitment to the ReCAAP with their continual presence. Voluntary financial contributions towards the work of the ReCAAP ISC were pledged by the various Governors / Governor Representatives from China, India, Japan, South Korea, The Netherlands, Norway and Singapore.



Details of these Contributions are:

Contracting Parties	Amount	
Republic of Singapore	SGD	2,222,325.50
Japan	SGD	924,051
Republic of Korea	KRW	150 million
Kingdom of Norway	USD	100,000
Australia ¹	AUD	100,000
People’s Republic of China	USD	50,000
Republic of India	USD	50,000
United States of America ²	USD	50,000
Kingdom of the Netherlands	EUR	30,000



The Council also expressed appreciation to China, India, Japan, South Korea, The Philippines, and Thailand for their manpower contributions at the ReCAAP ISC based in Singapore.

All delegations including external participants were treated to the Imperial Dinner Cruise held onboard *Cheng Ho* which cruised from Marina South Pier and wound its way in amongst the queuing container ships to give stunning views over

the city and out to the Southern Islands of Kusu and Lazarus. Dining in the boat modelled after the famous ship *Da Fu* of the Ming Dynasty with ornately carved Imperial dragons, pagoda roofs and tiger’s head at the bow, the group had an enjoyable dinner while catching the sunset.

It was a night filled with song and dance, and more importantly, it facilitated an invaluable ice-breaking session that helped the furtherance of friendship.

¹ Australia pledged its voluntary financial contribution after the conduct of the 8th Governing Council Meeting.

² The United States of America made its voluntary financial contribution after joining the ReCAAP as the 20th Contracting Party on 22 September 2014.

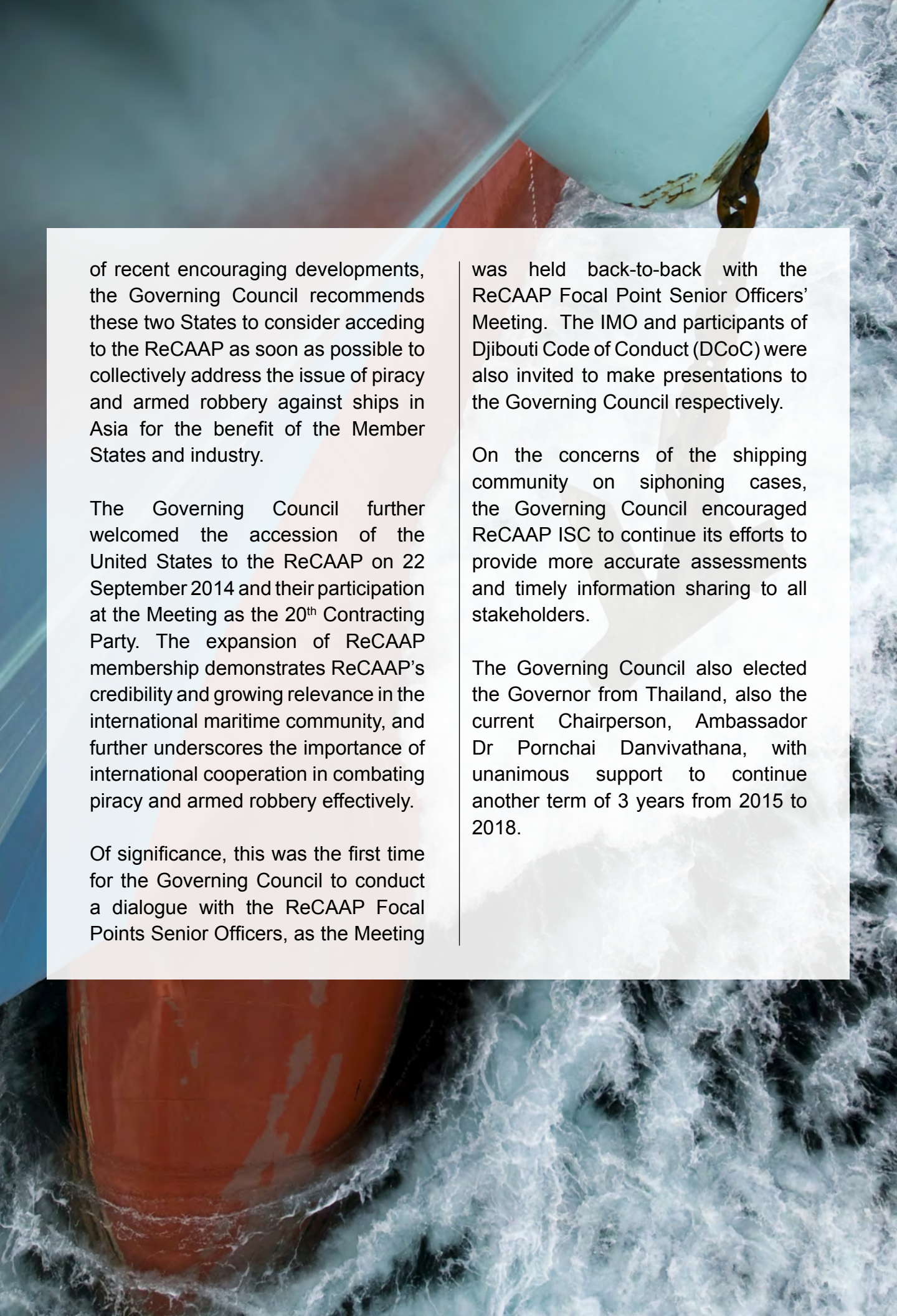
3rd Special Governing Council Meeting



The ReCAAP ISC Governing Council convened its 3rd Special Governing Council Meeting on 13-14 December 2014 at the Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo, Japan. The Meeting was hosted by the Japan Government and attended by 45 Contracting Parties' delegates.

The main objective of holding this Meeting was for the Governors to accelerate their discussions on the future directions for the ReCAAP ISC and to make preparations for the successful conduct of the 10th Anniversary of the ReCAAP.

The Governing Council welcomed the good operational level cooperation with Indonesia and Malaysia over the past months. Recognising the importance of full participation of all countries listed in Article 18 (1) of the ReCAAP Agreement and in light



of recent encouraging developments, the Governing Council recommends these two States to consider acceding to the ReCAAP as soon as possible to collectively address the issue of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia for the benefit of the Member States and industry.

The Governing Council further welcomed the accession of the United States to the ReCAAP on 22 September 2014 and their participation at the Meeting as the 20th Contracting Party. The expansion of ReCAAP membership demonstrates ReCAAP's credibility and growing relevance in the international maritime community, and further underscores the importance of international cooperation in combating piracy and armed robbery effectively.

Of significance, this was the first time for the Governing Council to conduct a dialogue with the ReCAAP Focal Points Senior Officers, as the Meeting

was held back-to-back with the ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting. The IMO and participants of Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) were also invited to make presentations to the Governing Council respectively.

On the concerns of the shipping community on siphoning cases, the Governing Council encouraged ReCAAP ISC to continue its efforts to provide more accurate assessments and timely information sharing to all stakeholders.

The Governing Council also elected the Governor from Thailand, also the current Chairperson, Ambassador Dr Pornchai Danvivathana, with unanimous support to continue another term of 3 years from 2015 to 2018.



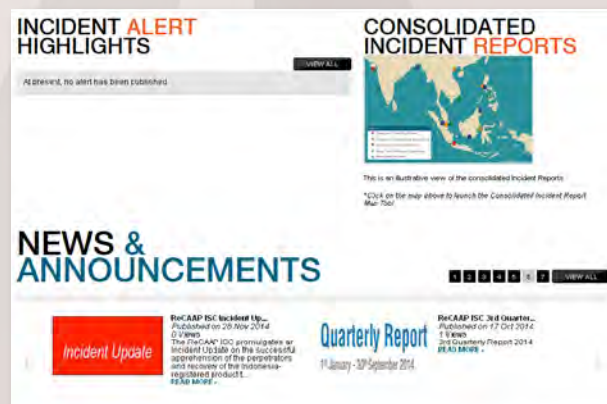
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I Overview

Information sharing is an important process towards combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The objective of information sharing is to provide situation awareness and enable the ReCAAP ISC to make accurate assessments to assist the authorities in deploying their resources more optimally, and to enable ship owners and masters in planning their voyages and adopting good practices when transiting areas reported with high number of incidents.

The ReCAAP information network system (known as the IFN) is a 24/7 secured web-based system which links the ReCAAP ISC and all ReCAAP Focal Points together, serving as a platform for information sharing. Separately, the shipping industry, related authorities and ReCAAP Focal Points share information among themselves and with each other through various communication means and platforms that best cater to their needs in accordance with the circumstances they are in. The mode of information sharing is based on the principles of timeliness and effectiveness.

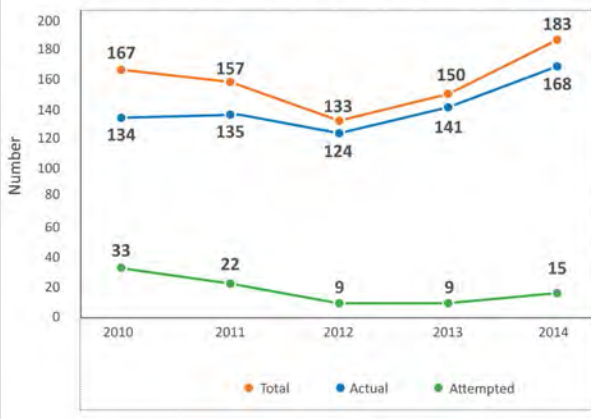


Timely and accurate reporting by ReCAAP Focal Points, the authorities and shipping industry have enabled the ReCAAP ISC to alert mariners, make accurate classification and value-added assessment which are shared with all stakeholders in the form of periodical reports, incident alerts, updates, discussions, forums and conferences.

2 Situation Update 2014

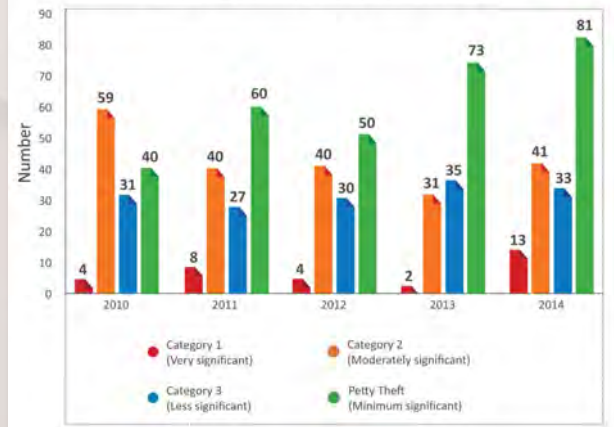
There has been an increase in the number of piracy and armed robbery against ships incidents reported in 2014 compared to the past four years (2010-2013). A total of 183 incidents comprising 168 incidents and 15 attempted incidents were reported. On a year-on-year comparison, there has been an increase of 22% in the total number of incidents in 2014 as compared to 150 incidents reported in 2013.

Graph 2 – Number of incidents (2010-2014)



Of the 168 incidents, 81 (44%) were petty theft (minimum significant) incidents, 33 (18%) were Category 3 (less significant) incidents, 41 (23%) were Category 2 (moderately significant) incidents, 13 (7%) were Category 1 (very significant) incidents and 15 (8%) were attempted incidents. Of concern to the ReCAAP ISC were the Category 1 incidents involving siphoning of ship fuel / oil from oil / product tankers (majority less than 2000 GT) in the South China Sea (SCS). On this note, the ReCAAP ISC published two Special Reports on “Incidents of Siphoning of Fuel / Oil at Sea” in July 2014 and December 2014 respectively.

Chart 2 – Significance level of incidents (2010-2014)



There has been an increase in the number of incidents onboard ships while underway in the eastbound lane of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) and onboard ships while anchored or berthed in the SCS. Although majority was petty theft and Category 3 incidents, the ReCAAP ISC reiterates the need for continual monitoring, enhanced vigilance and enforcement in these areas.



Notably, there has been a marked improvement in the number of incidents reported at ports and anchorages in Indonesia (namely, Belawan, Dumai, Pulau Nipa and Samarinda) in 2014 with a 50% decrease as compared to 2013. The ReCAAP ISC commends the good efforts by the Indonesian maritime agencies.

3 Periodical Reports

In 2014, the Research Department published 12 periodical reports, providing updates of the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual basis. The reports are aimed to provide better situation awareness, assessments of the situation and insight on the modus operandi of the perpetrators. It is ReCAAP ISC's key objective that the reports are useful to the enforcement agencies to enable them to employ their resources more optimally and effectively; and to the shipping companies to plan their route wisely, adopt good practices and undertake the appropriate countermeasures.

The reports were published in two versions – confidential (close) version for the Governors of the ReCAAP Contracting Parties and the ReCAAP Focal / Contact Points; and a public (open) version available on the ReCAAP ISC's website for reading by the public, specifically, the shipping industries, maritime and research communities at large. The close version of the report contains classified and sensitive information which are not published in the open version to safeguard the integrity of the information and its sources.



4 Special Reports

2014 recorded a relatively high number of incidents involving the siphoning of fuel / oil incidents compared to previous years. These incidents were of great concern not only to the ReCAAP ISC but to the shipping community and law enforcement agencies as well; hence the Research Department published two Special Reports in siphoning of fuel / oil in Asia.

The first *Special Report* published on 24 July 2014 by the Research Department aimed to provide an update on incidents involving siphoning of fuel / oil during 2011-2014 (up to mid-July 2014), to share the modus operandi of pirates / robbers involved in these incidents, promote best practices and share lessons learned through case studies, and recommend appropriate countermeasures to be adopted by authorities and shipping industry collectively.

The second *Special Report* was an update to the first *Special Report* and it focuses on the modus operandi of the perpetrators, involvement of syndicates and organized groups, and updates on some developments since the promulgation of the first Special Report.

Through these reports, the ReCAAP ISC shares observations from the series of incidents reported between 2011 and 2014, including the high demand for fuel / oil, possible knowledge of pirates / robbers on the amount and type of fuel / oil carried onboard tankers and possible conspiracy among the master / crew and perpetrators.

Since the publication of the *Special Reports*, the ReCAAP ISC has been working closely with the shipping industry, governmental agencies, international organizations and ReCAAP Focal Points in sharing latest situation updates, case studies for the purpose of highlighting good practices and lessons learned, and encouraging pro-active actions by respective agencies in addressing the situation collectively.

In the report, ReCAAP ISC advocates shared responsibilities among all concerned entities and reiterated that preparedness and pro-active action by shipping companies are fundamental to the prevention of this illegal activity.



5 Incident Alerts / Incident Updates

In 2014, the Research Department published a total of eight *Incident Alerts*. Noting the timeliness of the reports made by the ReCAAP Focal Points, most of the Incident Alerts were issued within 24 hours from the occurrence of the incident.

The first *Incident Alert* published in 2014 reported three incidents of armed robbery onboard ships that occurred in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore on 6 March 2014 and 10 March 2014. Of these three incidents, two occurred on 6 March 2014 within an hour interval; and the third incident occurred on 10 March 2014. The three incidents were reported to the Singapore Port and Operation Command Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) who promulgated the safety navigational broadcast to warn all vessels in the vicinity to maintain good anti-piracy watch. The Focal Point had also

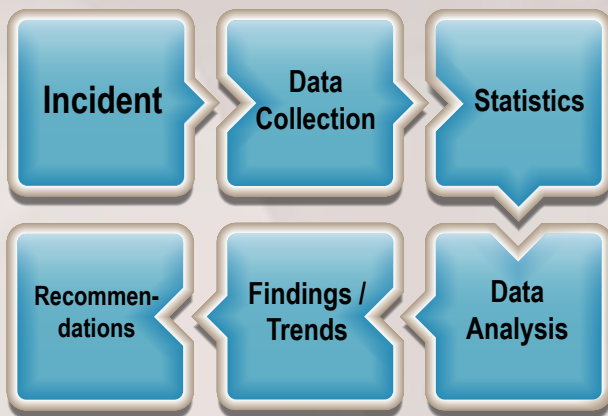
informed the MRCC Basarnas, Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) and the relevant authorities.

Incident Alerts are issued to share information about an incident with the maritime community on a timely basis with the intention to notify and alert mariners transiting through the area of incident to exercise vigilance and adopt appropriate countermeasures if they are not able to avoid the route.

There were six *Incident Updates* issued by the Research Department based on the Incident Alerts issued. *Incident Updates* are issued in response to *Incident Alerts* that had been issued. The aim is to provide updates on the incident, the action and coordination taken by the ReCAAP ISC with the relevant enforcement agencies, ship owner/operator in response to the incident.



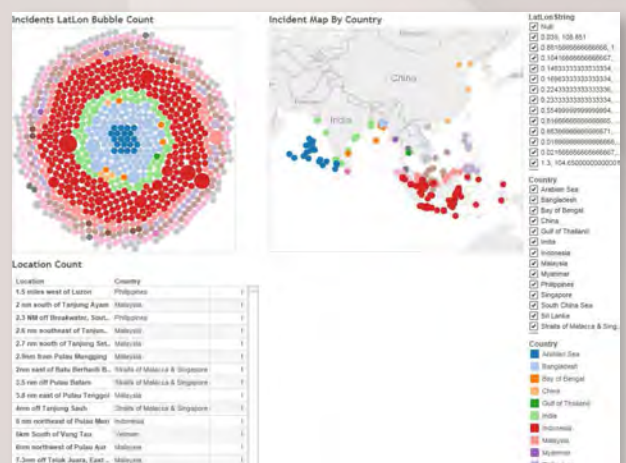
6 Spatial Analysis Process



The ReCAAP ISC has engaged a local vendor for the project on spatial analysis of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia with the objective of developing the business intelligence tools that provides data visualization and geo-spatial cluster-based analysis. The centre has embarked on *Phase I* of the project on *Data Visualization* and *Data Mining* that enables the ReCAAP ISC to analyze data through correlations and patterns among

the data set. The next phase, *Phase II* is on *Predictive Analysis*, which involves the extraction of information from existing database to determine patterns and predict future outcomes and trends.

However, this project will remain experimental as our current database is still relatively small and the project would require a broader base over time.



7 ReCAAP Focal Point Mobile App

In recognition of the advances in information technology, and the importance of timely dissemination of reports, sharing of updated information, and reaching out to a wider shipping community, the ReCAAP ISC has created and launched a Mobile Application ('App' in short) in May 2014.

The 'App' enables the ReCAAP ISC to share the latest Incident Alert and reports promulgated by the ReCAAP ISC with a wider readership from the shipping community and facilitate quick access to updated information of the ReCAAP Focal Points / Contact Point (phone number, fax number, email address). This provides the shipping community timely and better situation awareness, and enables them to make timely reporting of an incident to the

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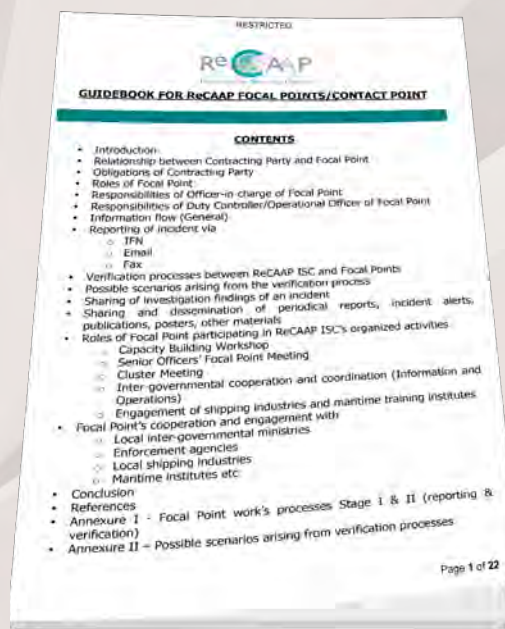
nearest ReCAAP Focal Points / Contact Point and submission of an incident report via the App.

The Mobile App is available for both Apple IOs and Android. Simply key in “ReCAAP Focal Points” and search for the mobile app and install the app instantly for free. One can also download the Mobile App by scanning the QR code (as shown below).

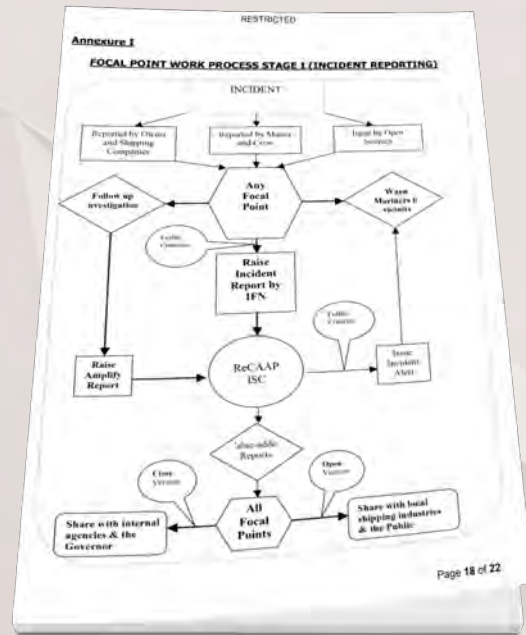


8 Guide Book for ReCAAP Focal Points

Since the dissemination of the *Guidebook for ReCAAP Focal Points* to all ReCAAP Focal Points on 17 December 2013, it has served as the reference material for Focal Points in discharging their roles and responsibilities as the contact point for information sharing and contributions towards capacity building activities conducted by the ReCAAP ISC. The review of the guidebook is an ongoing process to incorporate the latest changes of the work processes between the ReCAAP ISC and ReCAAP Focal Points, and solicit feedback for more efficient information sharing processes. It will be a



permanent item on the agenda of future ReCAAP capacity building events where the presence of the Focal Points provides a conducive environment for updates, sharing of best practices to enhance the work processes and information sharing procedures between the ReCAAP ISC and its Focal Points. In 2014, the review of the guidebook was conducted at the Capacity Building Workshop in Busan, Republic of Korea in July 2014 and the ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting (FPSOM) in Tokyo, Japan in December 2014.



9 Weekly Updates to IMO

Since 2009, the Research Department had been sharing details of incidents reported by ReCAAP Focal Points with the IMO on a weekly basis. The IMO had been extracting the information provided by the ReCAAP ISC to include in its monthly report, accrediting the ReCAAP ISC as the source of information. Through this channel, the ReCAAP ISC and its Focal Points had clarified information reported by the IMO who had adopted the ReCAAP ISC's inputs.

ReCAAP ISC
Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
9 - 22 Dec 2014

NO	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Barry Trader Container ship Singapore 25145 9658446	14/12/14 2324 hrs	22° 15' N, 91° 44' E BGCGP Roads, Anchorage Alpha Chittagong Bangladesh	While at anchor, one of the duty watchmen spotted six men armed with long knives removing two mooring hawsers from the vessel's poop deck. The watchman was too overwhelmed with fear and only reported to the bridge after considerable delay, until which the armed men had already escaped. Later, search of the vessel was carried out two mooring ropes were found missing. There was no reported injury to crew.	No injury to crew. Two pieces of 200 meter mooring ropes were stolen.	The crew carried out a search of the vessel.	Yes, Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	--
2.	Pendulum Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 43143 9344095	19/12/14 0427 hrs	1° 10.29' N, 103° 26.45' E Approx 2.9 nm northeast of Pulau Karimun Kecil Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)	While sailing, four robbers boarded the vessel. Master sounded alarm, taken all necessary measures and carried out a search of the vessel but no intruder found onboard.	No injury to crew and nothing stolen.	Sounded alarm and carried out a search of the vessel.	Yes, Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore POCC informed Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG), Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and RCC Jakarta. Also, a navigational warnings broadcast was initiated to warn vessels of the incident.

10 Weekly Updates to DCoC ISCs

Arising from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that was signed between the ReCAAP ISC and three DCoC ISCs, the ReCAAP ISC has been sharing information with the DCoC ISCs on incidents in Asia on a weekly basis. In return, the DCoC ISCs have also been sharing information about the situation in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden with the ReCAAP ISC on a periodical basis.



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Capacity Building

I Overview

In 2014, the ReCAAP ISC conducted three key capacity building events which aimed to improve the efficiency of ReCAAP Focal Points to operate effectively within the ReCAAP framework. The key purposes of these events were to achieve, amongst others, the objectives of enhancing the capabilities of the Focal Points in timely information sharing, strengthening cooperation among the Focal Points, and fostering trust between the Focal Points and the shipping industry, research and maritime institutes. The Capacity Building Workshop was held in Busan, Republic of Korea with participation of representatives from ReCAAP Focal Points and Djibouti Code of Conduct Signatory States who gained an insight into ReCAAP's unique information sharing mechanism and positive efforts made by the governments of the ReCAAP Contracting Parties and regional authorities.

The Cluster Meeting 2014 was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia which focused on enhancing inter-ministries coordination and engaging the local shipping industry. It was an opportunity for the Focal Point of Cambodia, which is the Merchant Marine Department to strengthen its relationship and review work processes with all maritime stakeholders in Cambodia.

The capacity building activities conducted by the ReCAAP ISC culminated with the ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting that was held in Tokyo, Japan. Continuation from previous meetings, the meeting in 2014 involved group discussions which focused on enhancing inter-agency

collaboration, strengthening information sharing mechanism, engagement with the shipping industry, review of work processes and sharing of ideas on the way forward of ReCAAP ISC and ReCAAP Focal Points. For the first time, the Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting was held back-to-back with the Governing Council Meeting where a dialogue was included to promote mutual understanding between Governors and the ReCAAP Focal Points, whereby to contribute to the strengthening and improvement of the ReCAAP information sharing system. In addition, the representatives from the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) Information Sharing Centre and Signatory States also gave an update on DCoC Programme implementation and piracy and armed robbery situation in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia.

The other capacity building events conducted were an operations visit by the ReCAAP ISC to the Vietnam and US Focal Points. The objectives of the operational visit were to better understand the good work done by the Focal Point (Vietnam) in dealing with the situation at their ports and anchorages, particularly at the Vung Tau anchorage, the challenges encountered in sharing information with other governmental agencies and shipping industry; whilst a visit to Interim Focal Point (US) which is the US Coast Guard (USCG), was focused on training of the Information Network System (IFN) and synergising the alignment of information sharing between the ReCAAP ISC and the USCG.

2 Capacity Building Workshop 2014

The ReCAAP ISC successfully organised the 7th Capacity Building Workshop in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 15-17 July 2014 with support from the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. The theme for the Workshop was "*Enhancing Cooperation between Government Agencies and Shipping Industry*". The Workshop was designed for operational-level Officers from the ReCAAP Focal Points and other relevant agencies. There was a total of 29 Officers who participated in the 2-day workshop which aimed to further develop and enhance the capabilities of ReCAAP Focal Points representatives through promoting dialogue, sharing of best practices, experiences on combating piracy and armed robbery, and to establish rapport and facilitate networking among the participants. Deliberation of contents of the "*Guide Book for the ReCAAP Focal Point*" was part of the discussions. The Workshop also included training on the IFN and a scenario-based Information Exchange Exercise.



As part of sharing of information, best practices, experiences and challenges, the Workshop incorporated presentations on topics covering Situation Update, and sharing of experience and expertise in piracy and armed robbery countermeasures by ReCAAP Focal Points. In addition, the respective guest speakers from Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), Malaysia Shipowners' Association (MASA) and P&I Club also shared their views at the Workshop.

Representatives from Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) Information Sharing Centres (ISCs) and Signatory States also participated in the Workshop with a view to contributing to the enhancement of their capacity. This was an on-going effort in sharing ReCAAP's experience with the colleagues from the other region who were tasked with the similar mission. At the same time, it is expected that partnership between the two parties would be further developed for mutual interests. The participants also visited *Hyundai Heavy Industries* to view advanced shipbuilding capabilities and the latest array of ship designs aimed to aid the implementation of anti-piracy measures at sea.



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3 Operational Visit to Focal Point (Vietnam)

An Operational Visit to Focal Point (FP) Vietnam was held on 3-5 September 2014. The objectives of the operational visit to Vietnam were to better understand the good work done by the FP (Vietnam) in dealing with the situation at their ports and anchorages, particularly at the Vung Tau anchorage, the challenges encountered by the FP (Vietnam) in sharing information with her governmental agencies and shipping industry; and the investigation outcome of *Zafirah* which was boarded on 20 November 2011. The ReCAAP team had good discussions and exchange of views with the FP (Vietnam), Maritime Safety & Security Department, Vietnam Maritime Administration and VMA Maritime Administration of Vung Tau, as well as a visit to Vung Tau Port. The Cluster Meeting conducted in 2011 has produced fruits



which were evident by the significant improvement of the situation in Vietnam since 2012. The operational visit to Vietnam was timely and it was a successful testimony to other FPs that they can work towards improving the situation at their ports and anchorages through close cooperation and collaboration with their inter-governmental agencies and the shipping industry. As no one glove fits all, respective FPs can learn from the FP (Vietnam) and improvise their very own best measures and practices that can be implemented in their region.



Capacity Building

4 US Accession and Operational Visit to Interim Focal Point (US)

As the US would become the 20th Contracting Party on 22 September 2014, an operational visit to the Interim Focal Point (US) was conducted on 4-5 September 2014. The aim of the visit was to operationalise Focal Point (US) with the conduct of training on the Information Network System (INFN). CAPT Jonathan C Burton, Director, Inspection & Compliance provided updates on USCG and a briefing was held with Mr Robert M Gauvin, CAPT Brian M Lisko, CDR Kevin C Berry, LCDR Tonya M Lim and Mr Benjamin Cote. Discussions focused on synergising the alignment between the USCG and ReCAAP ISC.



5 Cluster Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The Cluster Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia was successfully held on 30 October 2014. There were a total of 29 personnel from the Cambodia government agencies including the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Interior, General Secretariat of Maritime Security, Anti-Terrorism Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fishery Administration, Customs and Exercise; as well as the local shipping



industry. Recognising that the effort of combating piracy and armed robbery cannot be the sole responsibility of an individual agency or country, inter-ministries officials and local shipping industry representatives were gathered to address the issues at hand to seek avenues for better cooperation and collaboration. Collectively, the Meeting addressed mechanisms to improve communications and identified areas for mutual support.

The 1-day programme which involved the Focal Point, Cambodia governmental agencies and the shipping industry was a good platform to engage the various stakeholders. The Meeting included briefings, situation updates and corporate/training videos that emphasised the importance of keeping the channels for communications open and maintaining the various linkages, in order to establish the “comfort zone” for continuous information exchanges and enhancing confidence building. The Cluster Meeting was successfully conducted with all objectives met. The Cambodia Governor of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council, Mr Sokhom, welcomed the conduct of Cluster Meeting and was pleased with the outcome. He assured the ReCAAP ISC team of his support to further develop the Cambodia Focal Point to enhance the regional effort in combating maritime crime. A local TV station was also invited to film the Meeting.



6 ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting 2014

The ReCAAP ISC organised the 6th ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting in Tokyo, Japan on 12-13 December 2014. The main objectives of this Meeting were to share experiences of ReCAAP Focal Points (FPs) on information management, reiterate their commitments on information sharing; and to establish rapport and facilitate networking among the participants. 29 senior officers from the ReCAAP Contracting Parties, one senior officer from Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), and three participants from the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) ISCs and Signatory States including the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had good exchanges at the Meeting. The strong participation signalled the continuous and collective commitment in crystallising the will of collectively addressing the challenges and charting the way ahead. Further, the face-to-face Meeting helped to enhance trustful working relationship and understanding that were essential in establishing the "comfort zone".





As part of sharing of information, best practices, experiences and challenges, the Meeting incorporated presentations by the ReCAAP ISC, Japan and US Focal Points. The MMEA participant also provided a Situation Update from the perspective of Malaysia highlighting their willingness to continue to cooperate with the ReCAAP ISC. The modality of this Meeting continued from the previous meetings whereby senior officers were divided into groups to discuss information management and work processes, highlight concerns and challenges, and share ideas on the way forward and the future of ReCAAP



by FPs towards the objective of further improving the ReCAAP ISC and situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The participant from Mombasa ISC also presented on the piracy situation off the coast of Somalia and their recent developments. For the first time, the Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting was held back-to-back with the Governing Council Meeting where a dialogue was included to promote mutual understanding between Governors and the ReCAAP Focal Points, whereby to contribute to the strengthening and improvement of the ReCAAP information sharing system.



Capacity Building

7 Lecture at Maritime University, Republic of Korea

A lecture was conducted by ReCAAP ISC at the Mapok University and Korea Institute of Maritime and Fisheries Technology, Republic of Korea on 29 April 2014 and 16 December 2014 respectively. About 100 students and trainees, mostly seafarers, attended the session. Presentations were made about the importance of the ReCAAP framework and Focal Point network in our

effort to suppress the acts of piracy and armed robbery in Asian waters. In addition, the lecture also covered the latest piracy and armed robbery situation update in Asia, development of the ReCAAP initiatives, importance of information sharing and capacity building programmes.



8 *Lecture at JICA Training Course for Maritime Law Enforcement in Asia off Coast of Somalia*

The ReCAAP ISC conducted a 2-hour training session on 9 June 2014 at the JICA Training Centre in Tokyo, Japan for the JICA Training Course for Maritime Law Enforcement in Asia off coast of Somali. The ReCAAP ISC Corporate Video was screened, followed by presentations on ReCAAP ISC's development to some 20 participants from Malaysia, Somalia, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam and Yemen.



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I Overview

As an inclusive international organisation, the ReCAAP ISC projects itself as a specialist agency in facilitating cooperative arrangements among Contracting Parties, governmental and non-governmental organisations, shipping industries, maritime and research institutes who share ReCAAP ISC's mission in enhancing regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

The cooperative arrangements also take the form of networking opportunities and working relationships with other stakeholders through participating in anti-piracy conferences, international conferences and forums which contribute towards showcasing ReCAAP ISC as the successful model of regional cooperation. Activities undertaken by the ReCAAP ISC in 2014 to be highlighted were the engagement of other relevant international and regional bodies such as INTERPOL, the international shipping industry, well-established and internationally reputable research and maritime institutes, with the objectives of widening the ReCAAP ISC information network, promoting situation awareness amongst ReCAAP ISC and Focal Points, and further reinforce the brand name of ReCAAP ISC at international maritime arena.



On the engagement of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC), the ReCAAP ISC organised three Centre-to-Centre Dialogues between the ReCAAP ISC and DCoC ISCs in Muscat, London and Singapore. Additionally, the ReCAAP ISC also attended the DCoC Ministerial Level Meeting held in London hosted by the IMO. To further share our expertise, the DCoC ISCs and selected DCoC National Focal Points (NFPs) were invited to attend our capacity building activities.

2 International Engagements

2.1 Malaysia

At the side-line of ASEAN Maritime Forum on 27 August 2014 in Vietnam, ED-ISC met up with Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan, Director-General, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Malaysia and Mr Abd. Rahim Hussin, Undersecretary of the Maritime Security Division, National Security Council (NSC), Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia. The objectives of the meeting were to maintain regular contact with senior officials of Malaysia's MFA and NSC, and to express our appreciation of Malaysia's strong support to our capacity building programmes. In addition, there was also frank discussion on Malaysia's accession to the ReCAAP Agreement and ways to further enhance operational cooperation.



For the first time, the ReCAAP ISC and Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association (SSSA) successfully conducted an Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Forum on 24 June 2014 in Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia. The aim of the Forum was to provide a platform for regional cooperation through better sharing and exchange of views. Speakers other than the ReCAAP ISC included government agencies' representatives from Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency and Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. Some 50 participants mainly from Sarawak and Sabah region, and representatives from the Royal Brunei Marine Police, actively discussed with the four-member panel on issues relating to tugs and barges operating in the East and West Malaysia, as well as incidents that occurred in ports and anchorages of the South East Asia region, in particular the recent siphoning of marine gas oil incidents.



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2.2 Indonesia

At the side-line of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) which was held in Japan on 20 May 2014, there was much interaction between the ReCAAP ISC Team, headed by ED-ISC and the Indonesia Marine Police and Indonesia National Shipowners' Association (INSA). The key topics of discussion included strengthening operational cooperation with Indonesia Marine Police and the shipping industry; and exploring possible ways for joint capacity building opportunities. The discussion with Ms Carmelita Hartoto, Chairman of INSA was the follow-up meeting from a series of dialogues with INSA since 2013.

The ReCAAP ISC team visited Jakarta, Indonesia on 11-12 November 2014. The team visited the Indonesia Marine Police (IMP) Headquarters, BAKORKAMLA and Indonesia National Shipowners' Association (INSA). The key objectives of the visit were for the ReCAAP ISC to be in regular contact with Indonesia law enforcement agencies and the shipping industry to provide updates on the latest piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia, to enhance operational level linkages; to encourage IMP and BAKORKAMLA to participate in the ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting scheduled in December 2014; and to explore the avenue of furtherance of cooperation with the Indonesian Authorities.

The visit to Indonesia has been fruitful as the last visit was almost two years ago. The meetings with IMP, BAKORKAMLA and INSA were good with frank and open discussion on the challenges encountered. All stakeholders are hopeful for a better maritime environment in Indonesia given the new vision and initiatives implemented by the new President. The ReCAAP ISC would continue to maintain a cooperative relationship with stakeholders in Indonesia.





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3 Engagements with International Organisations

3.1 Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC)

3.1.1 Centre-to-Centre Dialogue

The ReCAAP ISC has conducted three Centre-to-Centre Dialogues with the DCoC ISCs in January, April and May 2014 in Muscat, Singapore and London respectively. The key purpose of these dialogues were to ascertain the current development status of the DCoC ISCs, review work processes between the ReCAAP ISC and three DCoC ISCs, areas for improvement and the way forward. The Centre-to-Centre Dialogues remain as an important platform for enhancing

information exchange and building capacity for the counter piracy effort in the Africa region. The ReCAAP ISC and DCoC ISCs are confident that these meetings would further enhance cooperation and linkages among all stakeholders in the region. Additionally, the DCoC ISCs were invited to the ReCAAP ISC's Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference held in Singapore in April 2014 and Capacity Building Activities held in July 2014 in Busan, Republic of Korea and in December 2014 in Tokyo, Japan.



3.1.2 Ministerial Meeting

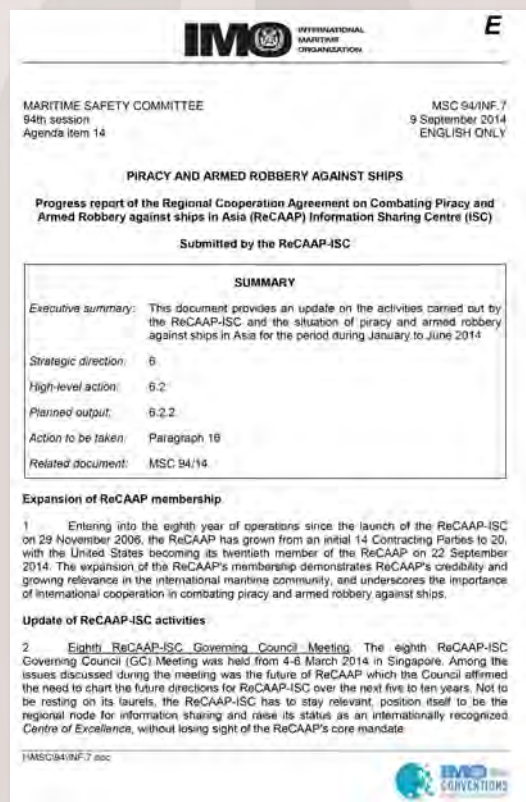
The Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) Ministerial Meeting was held on 30 May 2014 at the IMO. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ito with attendance of the Secretary-General of IMO Mr Koji Sekimizu, in which he provided opening and closing remarks. All DCoC member countries that made intervention have shown appreciation to the IMO and other stakeholders for their keen support. Several countries spoke about the significant contribution made by the ReCAAP ISC which included Yemen, Maldives, Djibouti and Japan. The meeting concluded with a Resolution being promulgated in which the support of the ReCAAP ISC was duly recorded.



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3.2 IMO Council and Maritime Security Committee (MSC) Meetings

The ReCAAP ISC attended the IMO Council 112th Session held on 16-20 June 2014 in London, UK in which the Council endorsed a proposal by IMO Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu to adopt “Maritime education and training” as the World Maritime Day theme for 2015. An intervention was made by ED-ISC to highlight the piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia and the steps to be taken in response to the situation by the ReCAAP ISC, as well as the needs to grasp the situation in an objective manner against several alarmist reports recently made on our region. The ReCAAP ISC was also represented at the 93rd and 94th MSC Meetings in May and November 2014 respectively; in which an information paper was tabled on the progress and achievements of the ReCAAP ISC.



3.3 ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF)

The 5th AMF and the 3rd Expanded AMF was held in Vietnam on 26-28 August 2014. Other than the ten members' states amongst its participants, eight other ASEAN partners also attended. The event aimed to promote the central role of ASEAN in boosting maritime cooperation and fostering trust, particularly in regards to ensuring peace, and maritime security and safety in the East Sea in accordance with international law. The one-day Forum discussed five main topics, namely Stock-taking of ASEAN Maritime Forum, Promotion of maritime cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, particularly the experience of Haiyan

Typhoon, Management and protection of maritime ecosystem, biological diversity and aquatic resources, including promotion of equal cooperation in fishery, Recent developments relating to maritime security in the South China Sea: Challenges and ASEAN's approach and Future direction of the AMF. The ReCAAP ISC attended as an observer and intervention was made by ED-ISC under Section 4, on the latest situation in piracy and armed robbery against ships in our region. The ISC-team took the opportunity to engage our stakeholders, in particular, delegates from Malaysia and Indonesia in which they have shown keen interest in engaging the ReCAAP.

3.4 Engagements with INTERPOL

Two visits were made by INTERPOL staff in August and November 2014. The first visit was led by Mr Dimitrios Souxes, Assistant Director, Maritime Security Department of INTERPOL Secretariat Office to better understand the ReCAAP ISC's information sharing mechanism and to seek assistance to provide outreach to the shipping industry for post incident investigation. There was good discussion on the fuel-siphoning incidents in Asia and future enhancement of cooperation.



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The second visit was led by Mr Noboru Nakatani, Executive Director of INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) to find out more about the work done in the ReCAAP ISC and the latest piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia. Mr Nakatani also shared with us about the setup of IGCI through the relocation to Singapore and their scope of work. There was good exchange of views and enhancement of cooperation between ReCAAP ISC and INTERPOL in the fields of mutual concerns.



3.5 10th Head of Asia Coast Guard Agency Meeting (HACGAM)

The 10th HACGAM was held in Yokohama, Japan on 29 September – 2 October 2014 with a Joint Sea Demonstration held on 1 October 2014 between the Japan Coast Guard Ship *Izu* and the Indian Coast Guard Ship *Samudra Paheredar*. In highlighting the achievements in the series of HACGAMs over the past 10 years, Commandant JCG, ADM Yuji SATO thanked and acknowledged the financial support provided by the Nippon Foundation, in making the conduct of the meetings possible. He was also glad that members of HACGAM had provided their valuable feedback and gave their



support of continuing the series of WLMs and HACGAMs. Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, Mr Yohei Sasakawa and State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism also echoed their support of the HACGAM members and was pleased with the achievements made over the past 10 years which started off by addressing Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships and has evolved over time to encompass Search and Rescue, Protection of Environment and addressing the various unlawful acts at sea.



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10th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting in Yokohama
29 Sep - 2 Oct, 2014 Pacifico YOKOHAMA, JAPAN



HACGAM's Heads of Delegation with Japan's Prime Minister, Mr Shinzo Abe

3.6 Workshop on “Maritime Security Cooperation in Southeast Asia”

The ReCAAP ISC participated in the Asia Foundation workshop on “*Maritime Security Cooperation in Southeast Asia*” on 4-5 November 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The purpose of the workshop was to examine various facets of maritime security in Southeast Asia and to develop findings and recommendations on how regional cooperation can be developed and enhanced. The ReCAAP ISC was invited to write a short paper and be the principal speaker on the second panel of the workshop that addresses “*Sea Piracy and Coordination of Anti- Piracy Initiatives*”.



3.7 Australia Maritime Safety Authority Conference

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority’s inaugural combined shipping and domestic commercial vessel conference “*Maritime 2014: Ship to Shore*” was held on 12 November 2014 in Melbourne, Australia. More than 400 delegates attended the conference, where IMO Secretary-General Mr Koji Sekimizu delivered the keynote address, reflecting on the past achievements and future challenges of the



IMO. ED-ISC made a presentation on the piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia and work done by the ReCAAP ISC. Panel discussions provided a forum for honest and frank debate about issues for both the shipping industry and domestic commercial vessel operators. 18 exhibitors attended the conference, giving conference delegates the latest insight into maritime technology, products, services and training.



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4 Engagements with Private Industry

4.1 Nautical Forum 2014

The ReCAAP ISC, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) jointly organised the Fifth Nautical Forum on 14 January 2014 at the STI Auditorium, Capital Towers, Singapore. The main objective of this Forum was to bring together the ReCAAP ISC, MPA and members of the shipping industry to share on the findings of the piracy and sea robbery situation in Asia for 2013. It was also a platform for the various maritime stakeholders to share and exchange views, solicit feedback and recommendations from the maritime community.



4.2 ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2014

The ReCAAP ISC, BIMCO, INTERTANKO and RSIS jointly organised the *Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2014* on 8 April 2014 at York Hotel, Singapore with close to 150 participants. The theme of this year's conference was "*Piracy and Sea Robbery: Emerging Challenges*" which aimed to provide a platform for all to learn about the latest trends and assessments of the piracy and sea robbery situation in Asia in 2014 that included sharing of case studies for best management practices and lessons learned, and to express views on the current situation and propose possible solutions to address the challenges. For the first time, the Conference offered two interactive panel discussions with distinguished and renowned panellists who are experts in their own fields. These panel discussions moderated by Dr Euan Graham of RSIS focused on evolving challenges and converging solutions respectively. Audiences participated actively at both discussions, posing numerous thought-provoking questions based on different perspectives.



4.3 Engagements with Shipping Companies

There were several visits and meetings held with the shipping industry from Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association, Hong Lam Marine Pt Ltd and NDSM Shipping



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Company in May, June and July 2014 respectively. The key purposes of the meet-up were to find out more about the piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia, anti-piracy measures and in particular the recent fuel siphoning incidents that involved tankers.



4.4 BIMCO AGM and Maritime Seminar

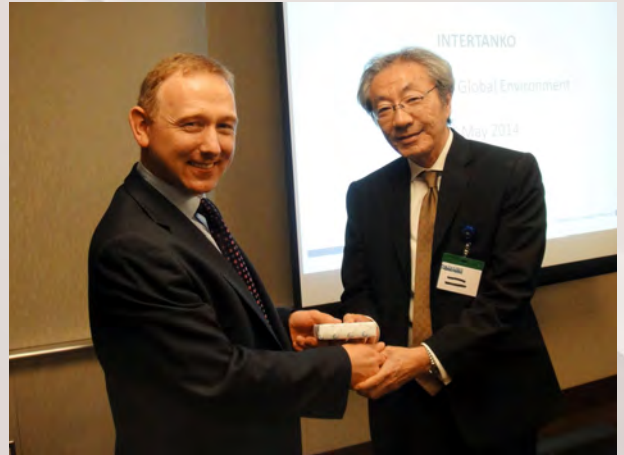
The ReCAAP ISC was invited to participate in BIMCO AGM and Maritime Seminar held on 29-30 April 2014 at Dubai, UAE. About 480 guests and members of BIMCO participated in the two-day event held at the Jumeriah Beach Hotel. The opening speech was delivered by BIMCO's President, Mr John Denholm and was officially opened by His Excellency, Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayem, Chairman of DP World. In both their speeches, they elaborated on the good relationship that they have established and the need to look after the interest and well-being of the maritime community, which plays an essential role in maritime trade and overall global economy. Following the opening ceremony, the participants were divided into groups for further discussion to examine the management of maritime incidents and Upcoming Regulatory Requirements that may erode trade.

DD-ISC who participated at the AGM, endeavoured to promote the understanding of the agenda the ReCAAP is currently facing and to expand our networking with the various stakeholders.



4.5 INTERTANKO Maritime Security Workshop

The ReCAAP ISC was invited to the INTERTANKO Security Workshop held in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting on 7-9 May 2014 in New York, USA. The security workshop was attended by 12 participants including members of INTERTANKO and a few other consultation companies. The workshop was chaired by Dr Philip Belcher, Marine Director of INTERTANKO. Three presentations were made which included INTERTANKO, Inmarsat Maritime and the ReCAAP ISC.



**New York 2014
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Thank you for attending INTERTANKO's Annual Event here in New York, which brings together our Members and Associate Members and a formidable group of top-level industry figures to continue discussions about how our industry can adapt for survival, and also to work through a number of crucial issues at a practical level in workshops.

The Keynote speech at our one-day high-level seminar 'Sustainability - Moving the Story on' on Thursday will be given by Michael Tusiari, Chairman of Potomac Partners and author of numerous articles and books about the shipping industry.

We are also running a partners' programme for registered delegates on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 - see back page for details of what's in store.

Programme:

Tuesday 6 May

- **Executive Committee** (Committee Members only)
- **Council Dinner** (Council Members and invited guests only - this is taking place aboard Cloud 9 III. Transport provided to and from the vessel)

Wednesday 7 May (Westin Times Square, 270 West 43rd Street, NY 10036)

- **Council Meeting** (Council Members and invited guests only)
- **Official signing of INTERTANKO Code of Conduct**
- **Annual General Meeting** (Members and Associate Members only)
- **Annual Dinner** (Registered delegates and invited guests)

Thursday 8 May (Westin Times Square, Gershwin Ballroom)

- **Sustainability - Moving the Story on**
(Seminar will be conducted in accordance with Chatham House Rules)

08:00-09:00 **Registrations and breakfast**

09:00-09:10 **Welcome and introduction**
Graham Westgarth, Chairman, INTERTANKO

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4.6 Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) Annual Meeting

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) was held in Otsu, Japan on 19-21 May 2014 which was hosted by the Japanese Shipowners' Association. This was the Annual Meeting of Asian Shipowners' where major shipping related issues including safety, security and the environment, currently faced by the shipping industry were discussed. The ReCAAP ISC also participated in both the Safe Navigation & Environment Committee (SNEC) Meeting as well as the ASF Shipping Forum. Mr Johnson Sutjipto (FASA-INSA) presented the



implementation of new measures on behalf of the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) which included increased patrols at 11 ports and anchorages in Indonesian territorial waters. The ReCAAP Team led by ED-ISC endeavoured to promote the understanding of the recent development surrounding the ReCAAP and the current challenges the ReCAAP is facing, and also to expand the networking with the relevant stakeholders in Asia.

4.7 15th Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHOMSA)



The 15th APHoMSA forum was held on 5-7 May 2014 in Denarau Nadi, Fiji, hosted by the Government of Fiji. The meeting was opened and closed by the Honorable Timoci

Natuva, Minister for Works, Transport and Public Utilities. It was attended by 16 member countries, four observer nations and five standing observer organisations. Three other observer agencies from Fiji at the Forum were the Fiji Navy, Fiji Maritime Academy and University of the South Pacific. At the Forum, members reaffirmed that APHoMSA is uniquely positioned to provide a strong regional voice on maritime issues of mutual interest and represent the region at international fora to enhance international standards and compliance.

4.8 ReCAAP ISC and Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association (SSSA) Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Forum

The ReCAAP ISC and SSSA Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Forum was successfully conducted on 24 June 2014 in Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia. This was the first combined effort of the two organisations aimed at the suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the region. The one-day Forum, themed “*Enhancing Cooperation between Government Agencies and Shipping Industry*” aimed at providing a platform for regional cooperation through better sharing and exchange of



views involving the ReCAAP ISC, regional government agencies and the shipping industry. The participants heard from the ReCAAP ISC on “Latest Development of ReCAAP” and “Trends on Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia”, and government agencies’ representatives from Malaysia (Malaysian Maritime Enforcement

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Agency) and Singapore (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore) on the measures implemented. Additionally speakers from the shipping industry also highlighted the importance of collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders. Some 50 participants mainly from Sarawak and Sabah region, and representatives from the Royal Brunei Marine Police, actively discussed with the four-member panel on issues relating to tugs and barges operating in the East and West Malaysia, as well as incidents that occurred in ports and anchorages of the South East Asia region, particularly the recent siphoning of marine gas oil incidents.



5 Engagements with Research Institutes

5.1 EU-Asia Dialogue



The ReCAAP ISC was invited to speak at the policy conference on “*Maritime cooperation between Europe and Asia on transnational organised crime*”, organised by KAS and the Centre for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Chinese Academy of Social Science, People’s Republic of China on 12 May 2014 in Beijing, China. This conference was part of a three-year EU-Asia dialogue project on *Shaping a Common Future for Europe and Asia*. The project aimed to enhance exchange and understanding between policy-makers, non-governmental organisations and researchers from Europe and Asia, to address common and emerging challenges, and enhance existing relations. The conference covered various aspects of maritime crime including maritime piracy, arms trafficking, drug smuggling, human trafficking and smuggling of irregular migrants at sea.

The ReCAAP ISC was again invited to speak at the policy panel on maritime cooperation in Europe and Asia on 18 September 2014 in Brussels, Belgium. This dialogue is part of a three-year EU-Asia dialogue project on *Shaping a Common Future for Europe and Asia*. The project aims to enhance exchange and understanding between policy-makers, non-governmental organisations and researchers from Europe and Asia, to address common and emerging challenges, and enhance existing relations. The conference covered various aspects of maritime crime including maritime piracy, arms trafficking, drug smuggling, human trafficking and smuggling of irregular migrants at sea. ED-ISC delivered a presentation on the topic entitled: “*Intra-regional cooperation in countering piracy and armed robbery in Asia*” during the panel – Building a cooperative approach to maritime security: lessons from Europe and Asia.



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5.2 Visit to the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

ED-ISC paid a visit to Mr Christian Le Miere, Senior Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security of IISS on 17 September 2014 in London, UK. Mr Endo presented the piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia and the ReCAAP ISC's research methodology. There was frank exchange of opinion and ED-ISC was glad to note that the ReCAAP ISC's data was used for researches done by the IISS. In addition to the visit, close contacts between the ReCAAP and the regional offices of IISS in Singapore have made steady progress.



5.3 Visit to Centre for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)



Capitalising on the opportunity in Washington to visit the US Coast Guard, ED-ISC and SM(O/P) visited the CSIS in October 2014. The ReCAAP ISC team met Mr Ernest Z. Bower, Senior Advisor & Sumitro Chair for South East Asia Studies. The discussion included the current piracy and armed robbery situation in Asia and potential collaboration between ReCAAP ISC and CSIS.

6 Engagements with other Countries and Agencies indicated interest with the ReCAAP

6.1 Visit to ASEAN Secretariat



ED-ISC called on Mr Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat on 24 January 2014 with a view to explore means of cooperation with ASEAN Secretariat including the ReCAAP's participation in ASEAN related forums. Additionally, an invitation letter to attend the 8th ReCAAP ISC Governing Council Meeting scheduled in March 2014 was also handed over to the ASEAN Secretariat.

6.2 Contacts with Local French Embassy and German Embassy

There were occasional contacts with the local French Embassy and German Embassy to provide updates about the activities of ReCAAP, since both countries had expressed their interests in cooperation with the ReCAAP.

6.3 European Commission (EC) / European Union (EU)



Ambassador Dr Michael Pulch, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Singapore attended the 8th Governing Council Meeting as an External Participant on 6 March 2014. He also attended the ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2014 on 8 April 2014 as well as hosting a reception after the Conference.

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7 Profiling and Publicity

7.1 Overview

The ReCAAP ISC has gained considerable recognition of its work both locally and at the international front. The Centre's profiling efforts are targeting at selected entities that command respectable influence in the maritime community, possess the expert knowledge on piracy and sea robbery and are able to contribute towards the

expansion of the Centre's information network and outreach. They include close working rapport with the media and maritime trade publications, and sharing experience and knowledge through engagement of international maritime bodies, research institutes and think tanks.

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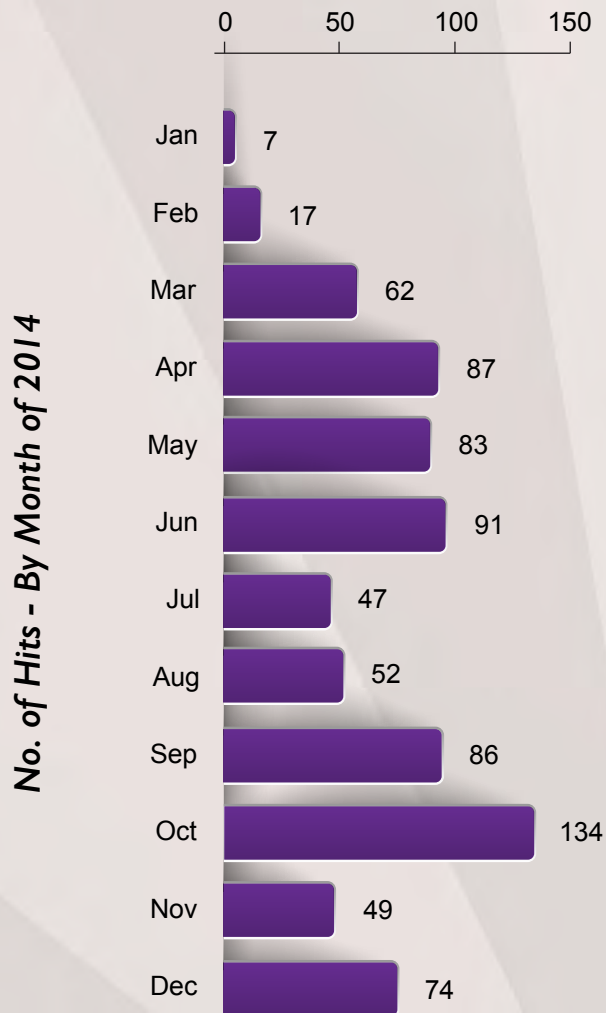
Building on past close working relationships with various media reporters, the Centre continues its presence in the media reports throughout the year. The reporters also recognise and appreciate that the Centre provides its insight and presents fair perspectives of piracy and sea robbery situations in Asia.

In addition to the international trade magazines such as IHS Maritime, Janes Defence, Lloyd's List, Safety at Sea International, Seatrade and Tradewinds, the Centre continued to work with the wire news agency Thomson Reuter and Indonesia's press companies more closely in 2014.



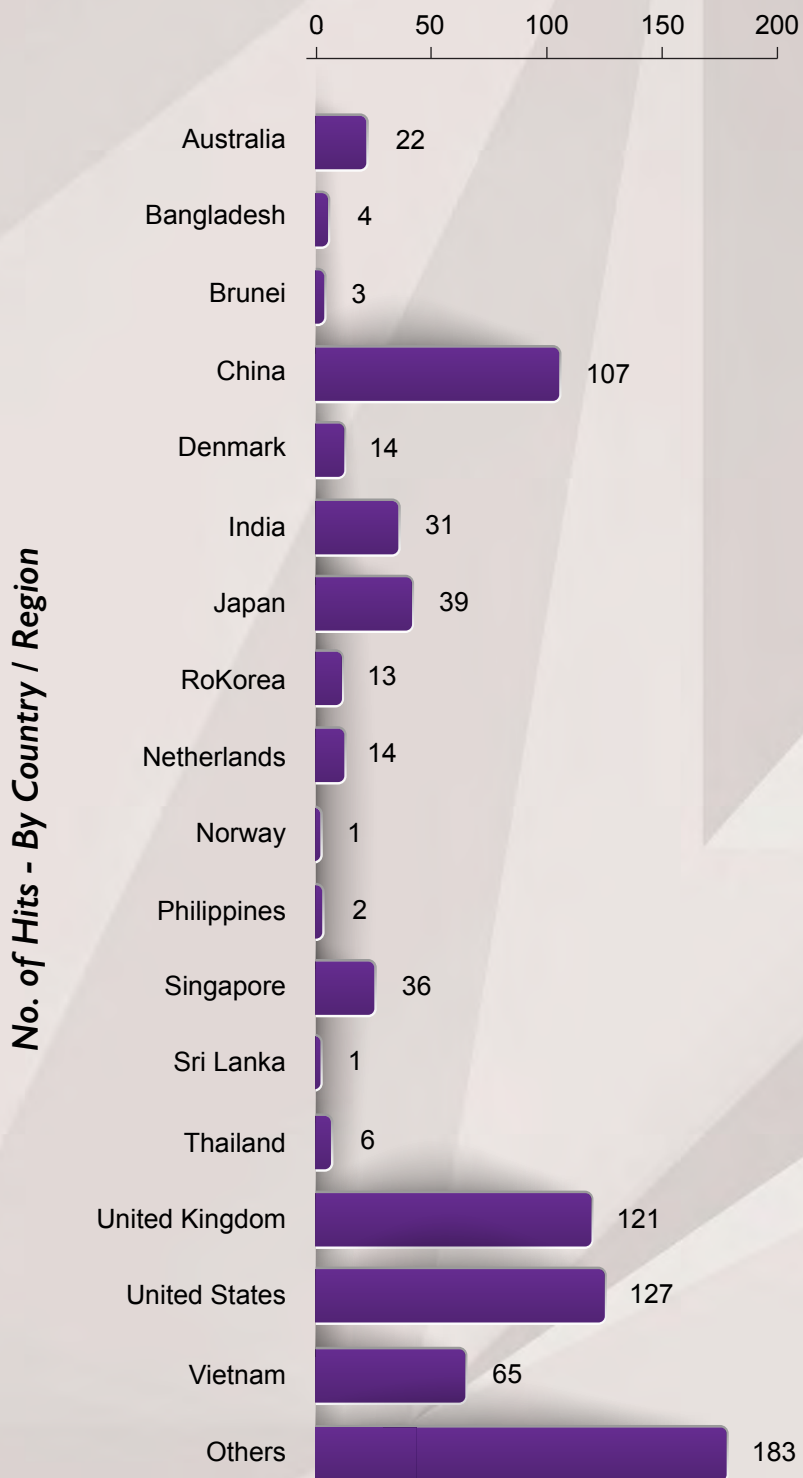
7.3 Press / Media Reporting

The total number of hits for press / media covering ReCAAP and ReCAAP ISC is 789 which is a 142% increase compared to that of 2013. This translates to more than two press / media coverage per day for the period of January to December 2014. The coverage sorted “by Month” and “by Country / Region” is as follows:



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