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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

Overview

During 8-14 Aug 17, one incident of armed robbery against ship that occurred on 10 Aug 17 was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines). The location of the incident is as shown in map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.

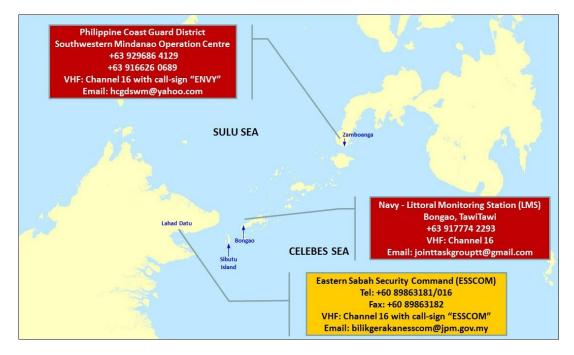


Location of Incident

Recommendations

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the centres

Description of Incident of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia 8-14 August 2017

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		
ACTU	ACTUAL INCIDENT										
1	<i>RHL Aqua</i> Container ship Liberia 18480 9373498	10/8/17 0140 hrs	14°32.79' N, 120°55.35' E Approximately 2.84 nm off Sangley runway, Cavite City, Philippines	While at anchor, the duty deck watch noticed four perpetrators at the forecastle deck of the ship. He immediately reported the incident to the duty officer on watch who alerted the master, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila. The perpetrators, upon hearing the alarm quickly jumped into the water and moved away with their motor banca towards an unknown direction. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) proceeded to the location of the incident and conducted maritime patrol in the area. The crew was not injured; and two sets of breathing apparatus and one set of fireman's outfit were found missing.	The crew was not injured. The items found missing were two sets of breathing apparatus and one set of fireman's outfit.	The duty deck watch informed the duty officer stationed at the bridge who alerted the master, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the VTMS in Manila and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)	Yes VTMS Manila and PCG	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Upon receipt of the report, the PCG immediately conducted maritime patrol in the area to verify the report.		