



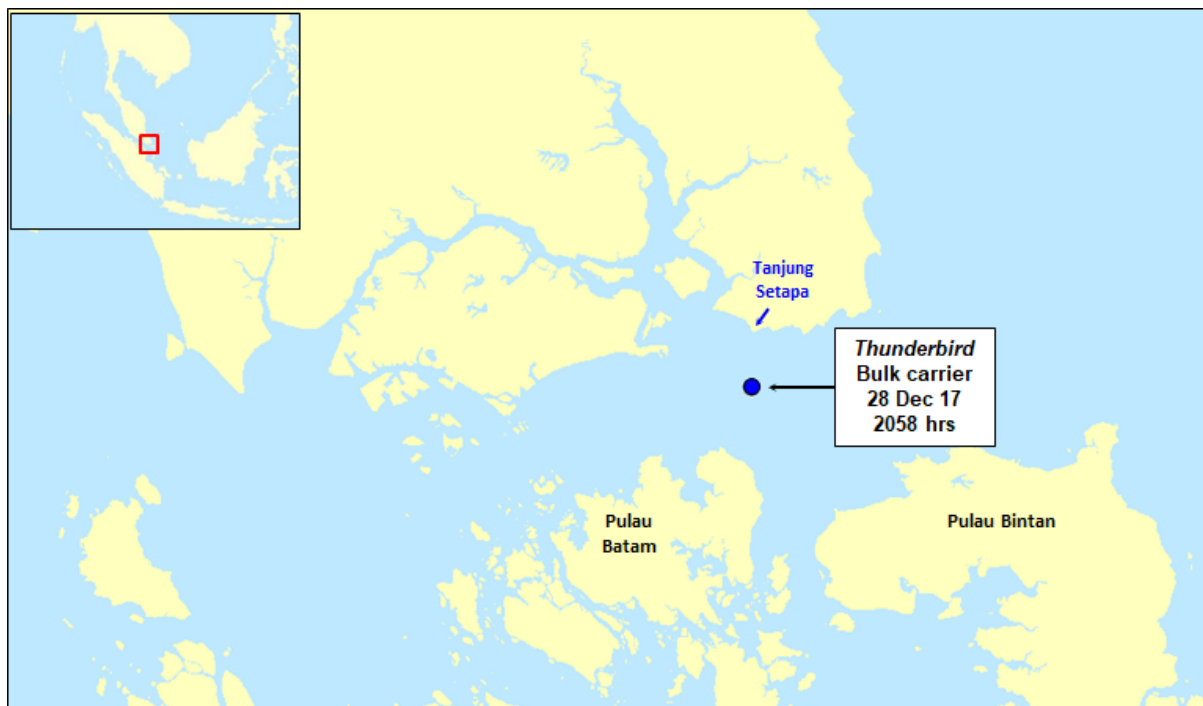
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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 26 December 2017 to 1 January 2018

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

During the period of 26 Dec 17 to 1 Jan 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



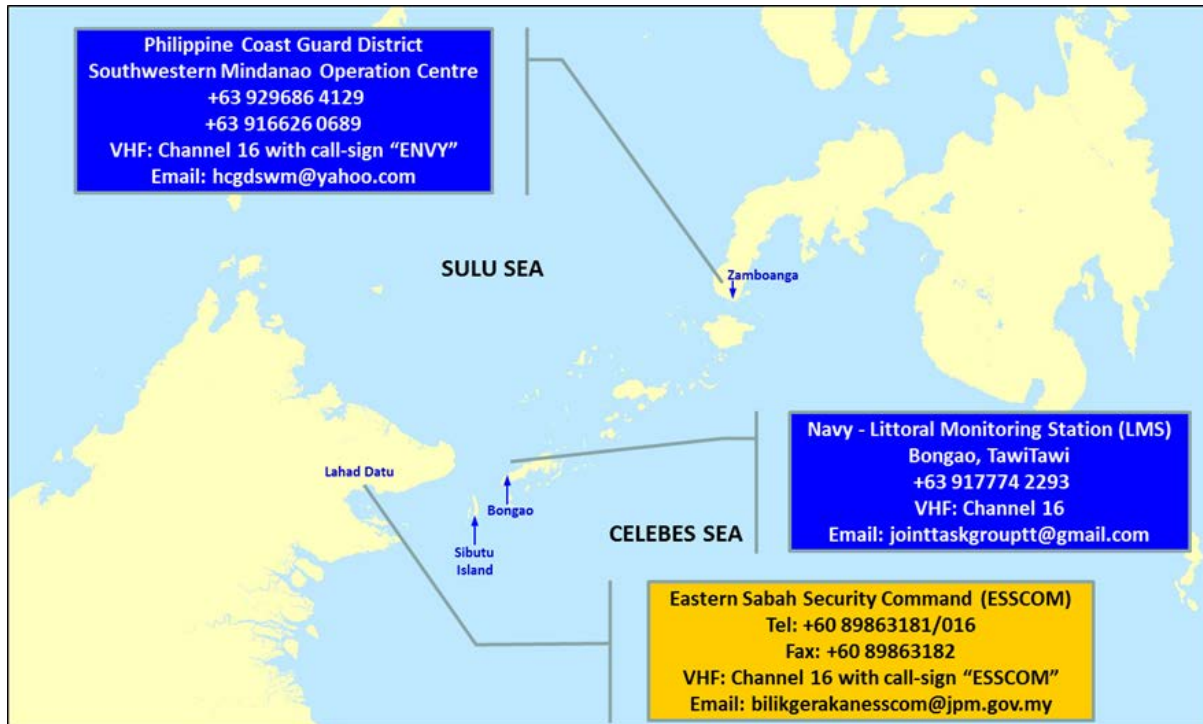
Location of incident

Also included in this report is an incident of armed robbery against ships that occurred outside Asia (in Ivory Coast) on 4 Dec 17. The incident involving a Singapore-registered tug/supply ship and was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

## 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 reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
26 December 2017- 1 January 2018**

	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
<b>INCIDENT IN ASIA</b>									
1.	<b>Thunderbird</b> Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 43717 9497335	28/12/17 2058 hrs	1° 16.47' N 104°8.80' E  Approximately 4.1 nm south of Tajung Setapa, Malaysia (west bound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait)	While underway, the crew sighted four perpetrators armed with knives/machetes near the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew gathered. A security search was conducted. There was no further sighting of the perpetrators. A crew's mobile phone was reported stolen. The crew was not injured, and the ship proceeded to Singapore.	The crew was not injured.  A mobile phone was reported stolen.	The alarm was raised and crew gathered. Security search was conducted on board.	Yes  Singapore Vessel Traffic Management	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) initiated navigational broadcast to warn ships to look out for suspicious boats in the vicinity; and also informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Singapore Police Coast Guard, Malaysia and Indonesia authorities.
<b>INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA</b>									
2.	<b>Name Withheld</b> Tug/supply ship Singapore 2218	4/12/17 0400 hrs	5°13.25' N, 3° 59.89' W  Carena shipyard, Abidjan port, Ivory Coast	Following the change of watch officers at about 0500hrs (local time) on 4 Dec 17, the CSO reported the discovery of missing ropes. The CSO suspected that while the ship was at berth in the middle of river (Baie Du Bango), an unknown number of perpetrators climbed over the lower freeboard of the ship and stole two mooring ropes. The crew was not injured and the ship not damaged.	The crew was not injured.  Mooring ropes were stolen.	The master requested Carena shipyard to shift the ship to a jetty where security patrol by the shipyard are more frequent. The chief officer held a meeting with the crew to strengthen patrols on board the ship when at mooring buoy.	Yes  Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information given.