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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

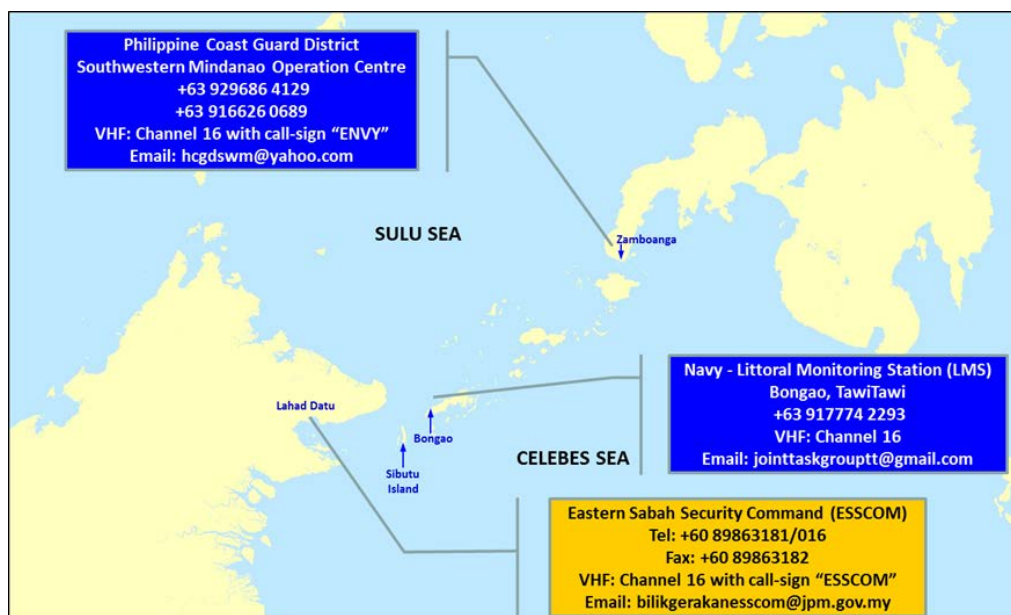
OVERVIEW

During the period of 13-19 Mar 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred at Takoradi Port in Ghana on 1 Mar 18. Detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment. The ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of piracy or armed robbery against ships that occurred in Asia during 13-19 Mar 18.

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
13-19 March 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
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
1.	Rio Grande Express Container ship Hong Kong, China 39941 9301823	01/03/18 0900 hrs	4° 31' N, 1° 21.6' E Approximately 32 nm south of Takoradi Port, Ghana	While underway, nine perpetrators in two flat boats approached the container ship. The master conducted several changes of courses and the two boats eventually moved away.	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The master conducted several changes of courses.	Yes Flag State (Hong Kong)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information given.