



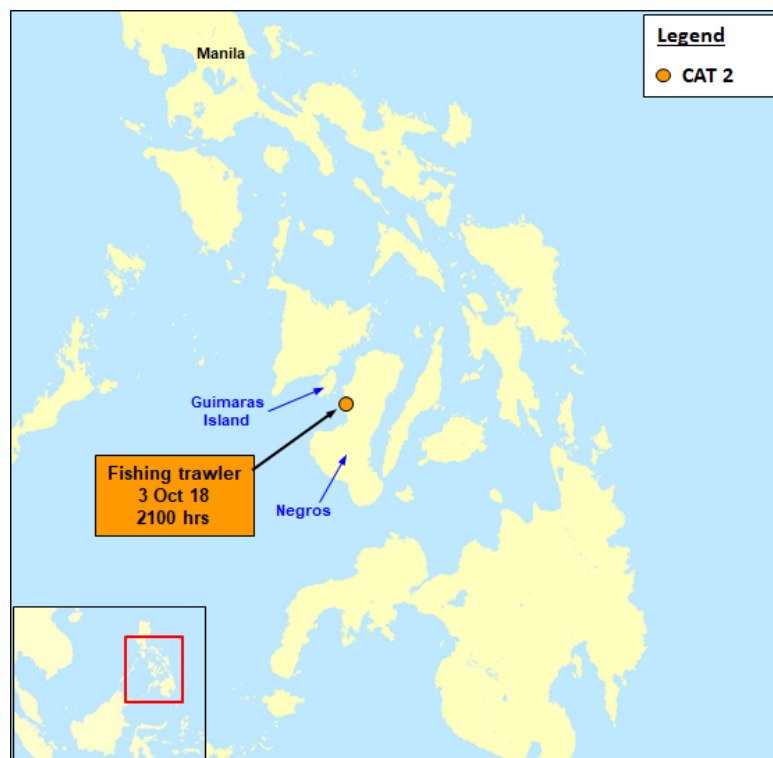
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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 2-8 Oct 18

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 2-8 Oct 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.



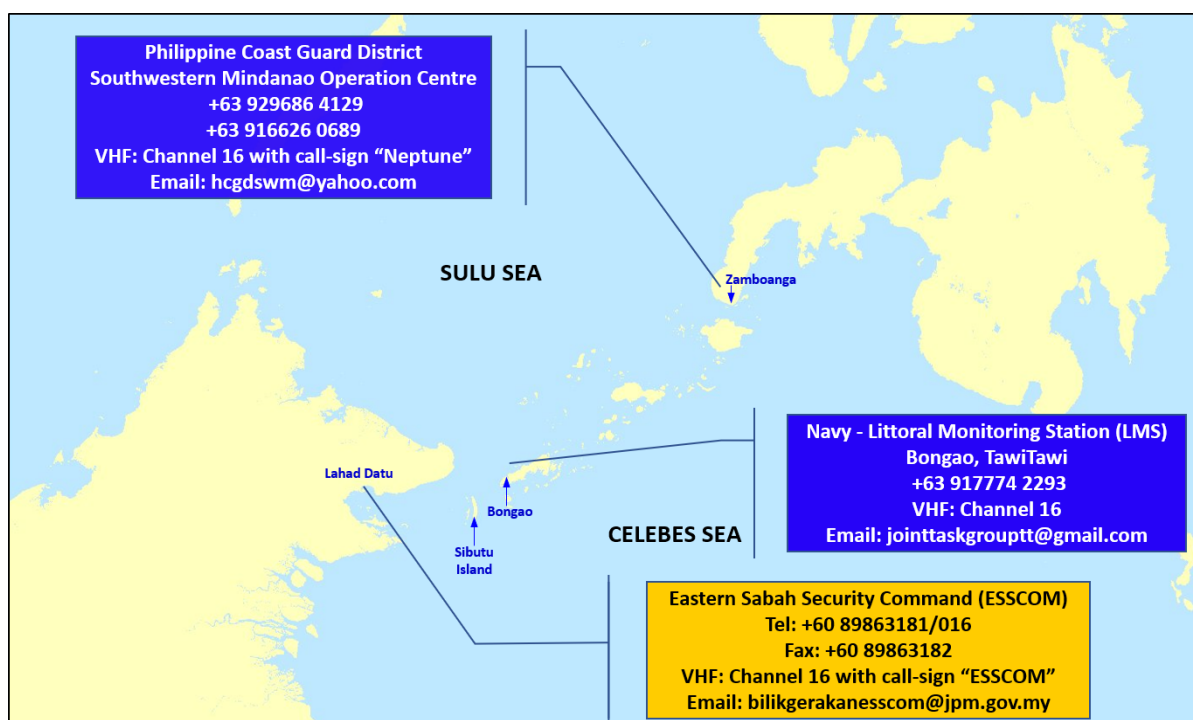
Location of incident

INCIDENT OCCURRED OUTSIDE ASIA

Included in this report is an incident of armed robbery against ships occurred on 2 Oct 18 in Guayaquil River, Ecuador. The incident was reported to ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The detailed description of the incident is tabulated in the attachment.

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the Centres as shown in map below.



Contact details of the reporting centres

RECOMMENDATION

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*.

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
2-8 October 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
ACTUAL INCIDENT IN ASIA									
1	Fishing trawler	3/10/18 2100 hrs	10° 19.48' N 122° 51' E Vicinity waters between Guimaras Island and Negros Occidental, Philippines	While sailing, three perpetrators wearing facial mask armed with two pistols and one M16 rifle boarded the fishing banca from a blue motor banca with "Juvelin" marking on its freeboard. They took the fishermen's fish catches and other valuable material The three (3) fishermen were on fishing venture when the three perpetrators boarded their fishing trawler which was not registered, crystal blue with red waterline paint, and has no Safety, Security and Environmental Numbering (SSEN).	The crew was not injured.	The master reported the incident to Philippine Coast Guard sub-station Cauayan.	Yes Coast Guard sub-station Cauayan under Coast Guard District Southern Visayas, Philippines	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Upon receipt of the information, Coast Guard Station Negros Occidental immediately coordinated with Philippine National Police Station in Cauayan, Bantay Dagat and Coast Guard Station Iloilo. Coast Guard District Western Visayas deployed two (2) aluminium boats to conduct maritime patrol in the area. The Coast Guard sub-station Cauayan advised all fishermen in the area to be watchful of the presence of suspicious-looking banca and persons; and report any sightings/information to the nearest Coast Guard or police station.

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INCIDENT OCCURRED OUTSIDE ASIA									
2	Maersk Newbury Container ship Singapore 26582 9231470	2/10/18 0139 hrs	2° 37.1 ' S, 80° 12.08' W Guayaquil River, Ecuador	<p>While transiting under pilot at Guayaquil River in Ecuador, a group of perpetrators boarded the ship. The master alerted the local authorities when he sighted the presence of unauthorised persons on board. One of the crew was assaulted by the perpetrators and sustained a small cut on his forehead. The crew managed to escape and hide in the fore-castle store.</p> <p>The perpetrators left the ship when realised that they had been discovered.</p> <p>A search was conducted by the Ecuador Coast Guard (ECG) and no perpetrator was found. The injured crew was given first-aid treatment, and the ship resumed its voyage.</p>	<p>The crew was assaulted and sustained a small cut on his forehead.</p> <p>There was no injury to the remaining crew and no items were stolen.</p>	<p>The master notified the local authorities.</p> <p>The Ecuador Coast Guard (ECG) conducted a search and provided first-aid treatment to the injured crew.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Local port control</p>	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Ecuador Coast Guard conducted a search of the ship and no perpetrator was found.