



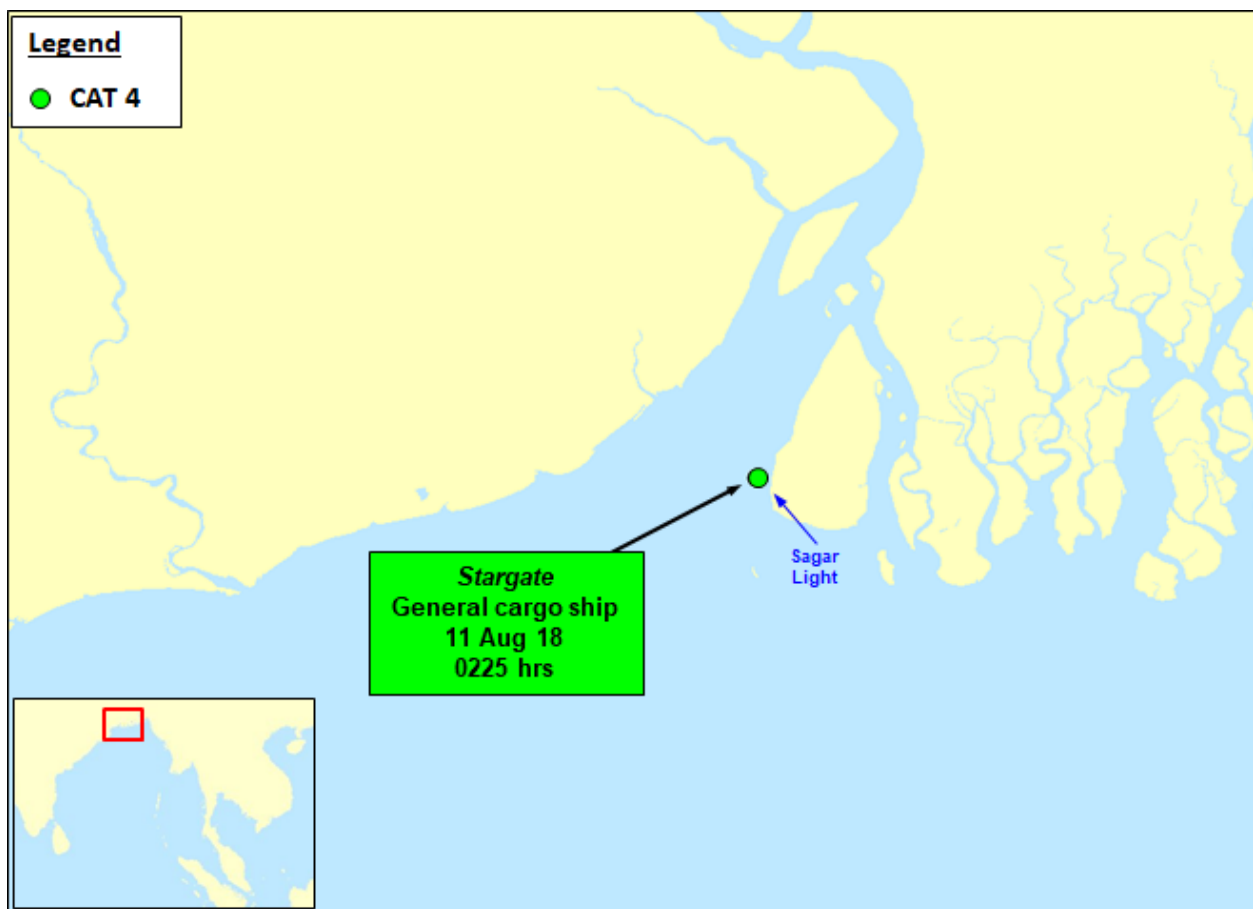
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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 7-13 Aug 18, one incident of armed robbery against ship was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

The last actual incident of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebs Seas occurred on 23 Mar 17 and the last attempted incident on 16 Feb 18. However, as the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas is not eliminated, 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 following Centres:



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
7-13 August 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.	Stargate General cargo ship Liberia 17025 9493212	11/08/18 0225 hrs	21° 41.42' N, 88° 1.15' E Approximately 2.75 nm off Sagar Light, India	While at anchor, 10 to 12 perpetrators came alongside the general cargo ship in a boat and two of the perpetrators boarded the ship. The patrol sentry spotted the perpetrators transferring bundles of rope to the boat and alerted the crew. Upon realising the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped immediately. The master reported the incident to the local agent and Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The ICG followed up by deploying a ship to investigate.	70 metres of mooring rope with eye; and eight metres of mooring rope were stolen. The crew was not injured.	The patrol sentry alerted the crew. The master also implemented security patrols and conducted random safety rounds.	Yes Indian Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The ICG followed up by deploying a ship to investigate. The port authorities, CISF and local agent of the ship were requested to investigate the matter and implement deterrence / enhanced measures in the area.