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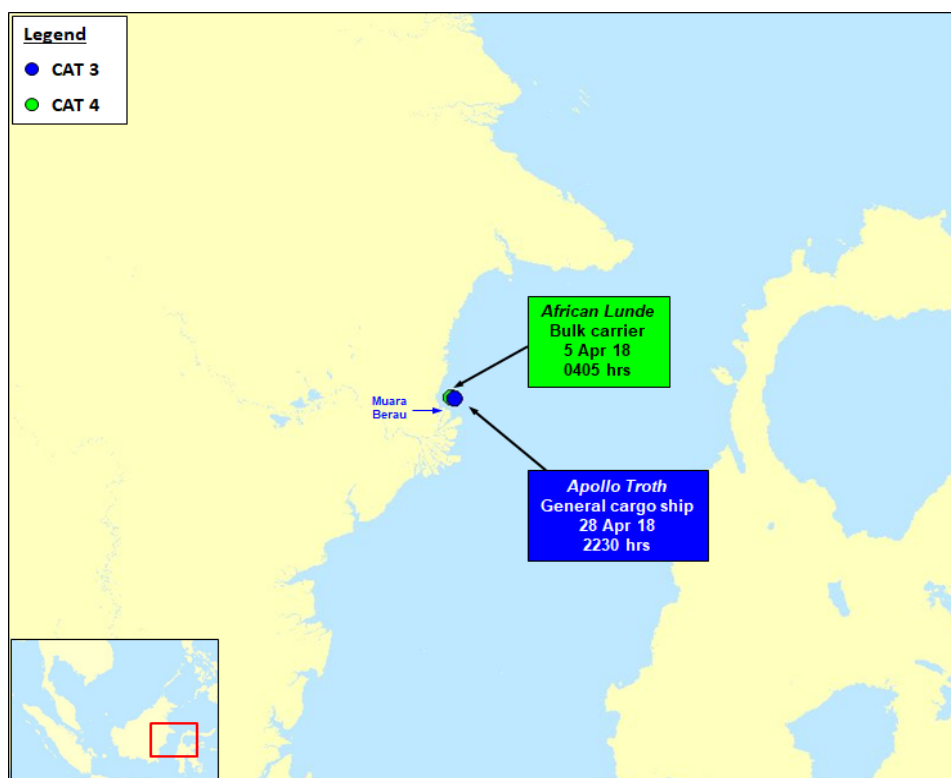
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 8-14 May 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

Past incidents

During the period of 8-14 May 18, two incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incidents occurred on 5 Apr 18 and 28 Apr 18; and were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point with added input after further verification. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Locations of incident

Incidents occurred outside Asia

Included in this report are two incidents of armed robbery against ships occurred outside Asia (both in Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana) on 29 Apr 18 and 3 May 18. The incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

Incident not considered as piracy and armed robbery against ships

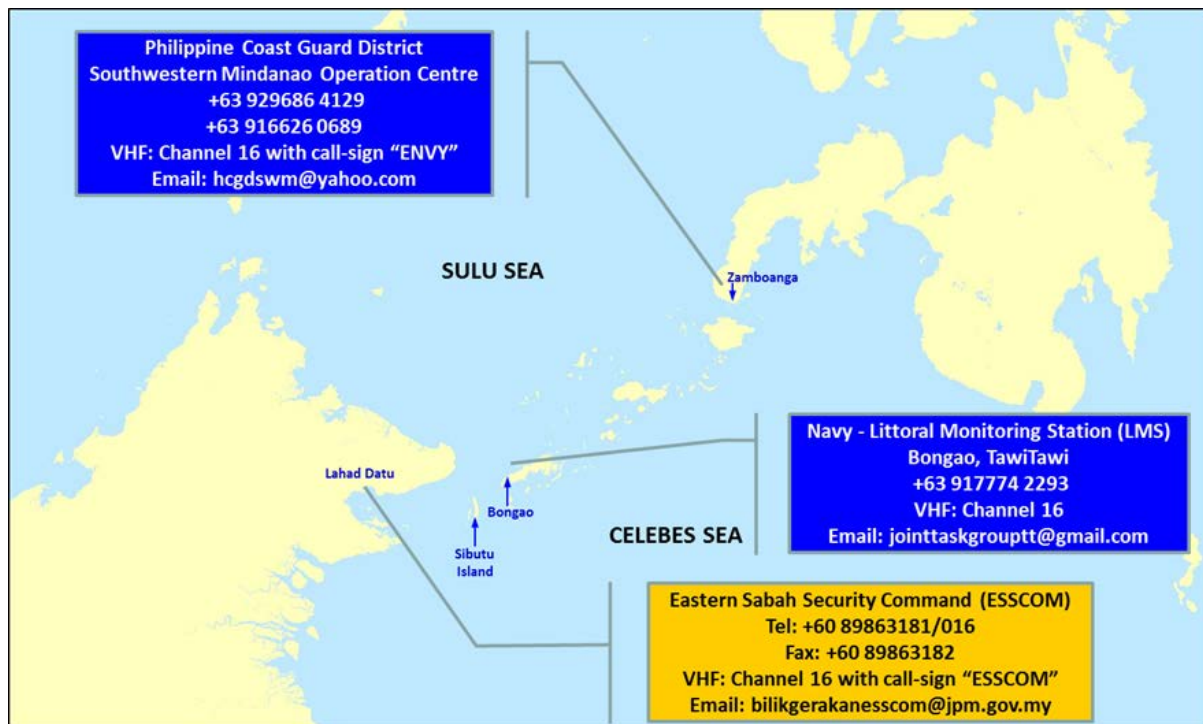
The Philippine Coast Guard (who is also Focal Point (Philippines)) after verification of the incident involving *Berge K2*, did **not consider it as an incident** of piracy and armed robbery against ships. The detailed description of the incident and findings of the verification is in the attachment.

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*.

Situation of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas

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 Seas 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
8-14 May 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 |
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| PAST INCIDENTS IN ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | <i>Apollo Troth</i> General cargo Panama 6925 9550931 | 28/04/18 2230 hrs | 0° 14.92' S, 117° 32.73' E Muara Berau, Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia | While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with knives on board two boats boarded the ship through the hawse pipe. When on deck, two of the perpetrators threatened the duty AB who was on routine rounds. The duty AB after rescued by another crew, immediately switched on the hydraulic pump, and the perpetrators fled. | The crew was not injured. No items were stolen. | No information available. | No | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) | No information available. |
| 2. | <i>African Lunde</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 34769 9713961 | 05/04/18 0405 hrs | 0° 15.41' S, 117° 34.18' E Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia | While at anchor, a perpetrator on board a small boat climbed the ship via the port anchor chain through the hawse pipe. The perpetrator removed the razor wires and hawse pipe cover. Two mooring ropes stored in the Bosun store were reported missing. The officer-on-watch raised the alarm. Realising that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrator escaped back to the boat and fled. | The crew was not injured. Two mooring ropes were reported missing. | The ship enhanced its anti-piracy watch with one crew on standby on forward of the ship. | Yes Flag State (Singapore) | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) | No information available. |
| INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>North Colorado</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 34241 985661 | 29/04/18 0400 hrs | 4° 54' N, 1° 42' W Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana | While at anchor, one perpetrator boarded the poop deck of the ship from a small boat. The master raised the alarm, and the perpetrator jumped overboard towards a small boat located near the starboard side of the poop deck. | The crew was not injured. No items were stolen. | The master informed the flag State and increased the number of look-outs. | Yes Flag State (Singapore) | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) | No information available. |
| 4. | <i>Name Withheld</i> Tug/supply vessel Singapore | 3/05/18 0030 hrs | 4° 54' N, 1° 42' W | While at anchor, two perpetrators were spotted by the Duty Watchkeeper at the main deck, | The crew was not injured. | Reported the incident to the local port control. | Yes | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP | No information available. |

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| | | | Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana | starboard side. Upon being discovered, both perpetrators eventually jumped overboard and swam towards a canoe where a third person was waiting onboard. There was also no reported injury to crew. The padlock to the paint locker was broken. There was no item reported stolen. | The padlock to the paint locker was broken. No items were stolen. | | Local port control (Ghana) | Focal Point (Singapore) | |
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INCIDENT NOT CONSIDERED PIRACY OR ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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| 5. | Berge K2 Ore/bulk/oil carrier Isle of Man 134693 9709506 | 24/04/18 1417 hrs | 4° 58.25' N, 119° 37.90' E Around 6 nm WSW of Bongao Island, Philippines | A report from IMO GISIS stated that while transiting the Sibutu passage, two high speed crafts were sighted approaching <i>Berge K2</i> . As the boats closed to the ship, the crew saw a blue boat with two persons wearing face masks and a white boat with one person wearing a face mask. Two Philippine Naval patrol vessels contacted <i>Berge K2</i> via VHF channel 16. The high-speed boats closed to three cables from the ship, noticed the hardening of the ship, crossed the ship's stern and moved away. Accordingly, <i>the ship had received cautionary advice from the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard Coast Watch as they were transiting the Sibutu passage. Incident was reported to Philippines Coast Guard, Philippines Navy, MMEA Putrajaya, FOC RMN, Marine Police Malaysia & ESSCOM.</i> | The crew was not injured Nothing was stolen | Reported incident to local authorities. | ReCAAP ISC verified the information with the Focal Point (Philippines) who is the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) | Upon verification both by the PCG and the Philippine Navy (PN), confirmed that the reported incident involving <i>Berge K2</i> was UNFOUNDED . The PCG emphasized that there was no information of incident involving <i>Berge K2</i> that was relayed by the PCG frontline units in the area nor they had advised and sent precautionary alert warnings to any vessel particularly during the stated period. Likewise, the PN Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) in Bonga had no entry of incident reported in its vessel transit record that transpired between 23 Apr 18 at 0800 hrs and 24 Apr 18 at 0800 hrs. Also, the PN's floating assets in the area disclosed that there was no "Ore Carrier" that |
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| | | | | | | | | | <p>had been challenged within the same period.</p> <p>With these validations made by both the PCG and the PN, the Philippine Focal Point reported to the ReCAAP ISC that this incident did not occur and therefore not considered an incident of piracy or armed robbery against ships.</p> |
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