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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 1-7 Jan 19

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

The ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of incident of piracy or sea robbery in Asia during 1-7 Jan 19.

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 Nov 16 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 area, and report immediately to the Operation Centres of Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia.

To ensure timely responses to the reports of incidents by ships transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) included an additional contact of the PCG Station, Bongao in Tawi-tawi and updated the contact numbers and email addresses of the Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao (CGDSW) and the Philippine Navy Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) Bongao, Tawi Tawi. On 3 Jan 18, ReCAAP ISC issued an *Update of Contact Details in ReCAAP ISC Advisory for Cases of Abduction of Crew from Ships*. The updated contact details of the Operation Centres of Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia are as below:

S/No.	Centre	Contact no.	Email address
1.	Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao (CGDSW)	Tel: +63 998-585-7972 +63 917-842-8446 VHF Channel 16 with call-sign "NEPTUNE"	hcgdswm@yahoo.com
2.	Philippine Coast Guard Station, Bongao, Central Tawi-Tawi	Tel: +63 998-585-7941 +63 917-842-8402 VHF Channel 16	cgd_tawi2@yahoo.com

S/No.	Centre	Contact no.	Email address
3.	Philippine Navy –Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS), Bongao, Tawi- Tawi	<u>Tel:</u> +63 955-714-0153 <u>VHF</u> Channel 16	jointtaskgroup@gmail.com
4.	Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)	<u>Tel:</u> +60 89863181/016 <u>Fax:</u> +60 89863182 <u>VHF:</u> Channel 16 with call- sign “ESSCOM”	bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my



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*.