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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 10-16 Sep 19, one CAT 4¹ incident of piracy was reported to ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred on 8 Sep 19 to an LNG tanker while anchored at approximately 15 nm east of Johor, Malaysia in the South China Sea.

Refer to the map below on the location of the incident. The details are in the attachment.

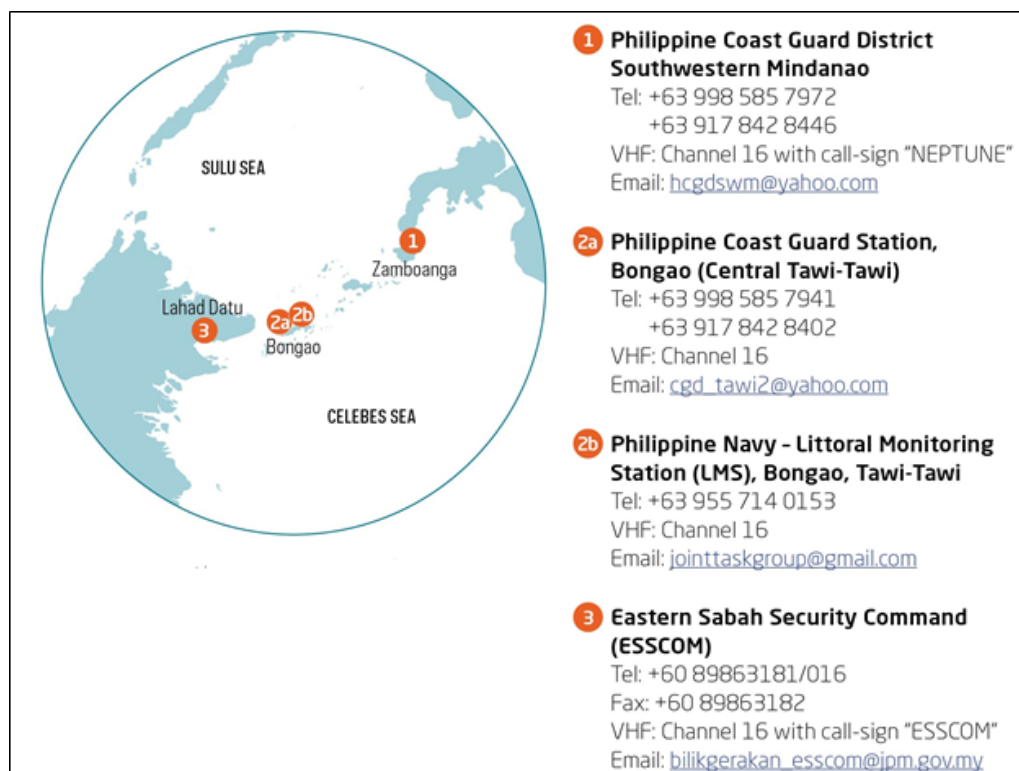


Location of the Incident

¹ CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as 'least significant' in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators were not armed, and the crew not harmed.

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

As the risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah is high as demonstrated by the abduction of 9 crew² on 18 Jun 19, the ReCAAP ISC reiterates 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. The contact details of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:



Contact details

In the event that the ship master is not able to establish contact with the Operation Centres of the Philippines as listed in the ReCAAP ISC Advisory, he can contact the **Philippine Coast Guard Command Centre** at the following contact details:

Tel: +63-2-5273877 (direct)
+63-2-527-8481 to 89 (ext: 6136/37)
+63-917-724-3682 (mobile)
+63-929-825-3207 (mobile)

Email: pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph

² The nine abducted crew were released on 21 Jun 19.

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
10-16 Sep 2019**

	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 IN ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	British Contributor LNG tanker Isle of Man 115366 9766554	8/8/19 1708 hrs	1° 34.6' N 104° 30.9' E Approximately 15 nm east of Johor, Malaysia South China Sea (Piracy)	While at anchor, three perpetrators boarded the ship through the anchor cable hawse pipe. They stole a life raft and four hose couplings from the forecastle area, and gain access to the forward store and stole a rescue harness, two small coils of fire hose and some additional fire hose fittings. The perpetrators disembarked the ship through the hawse pipe at about 1740 hrs. (Category 4)	The crew was not injured. The perpetrators stole a life raft, four hose couplings, a rescue harness, two small coils and some additional fire hose fittings.	The master and crew increased security measures and vigilance	No information	ReCAAP ISC Focal Point (Singapore)	No information