

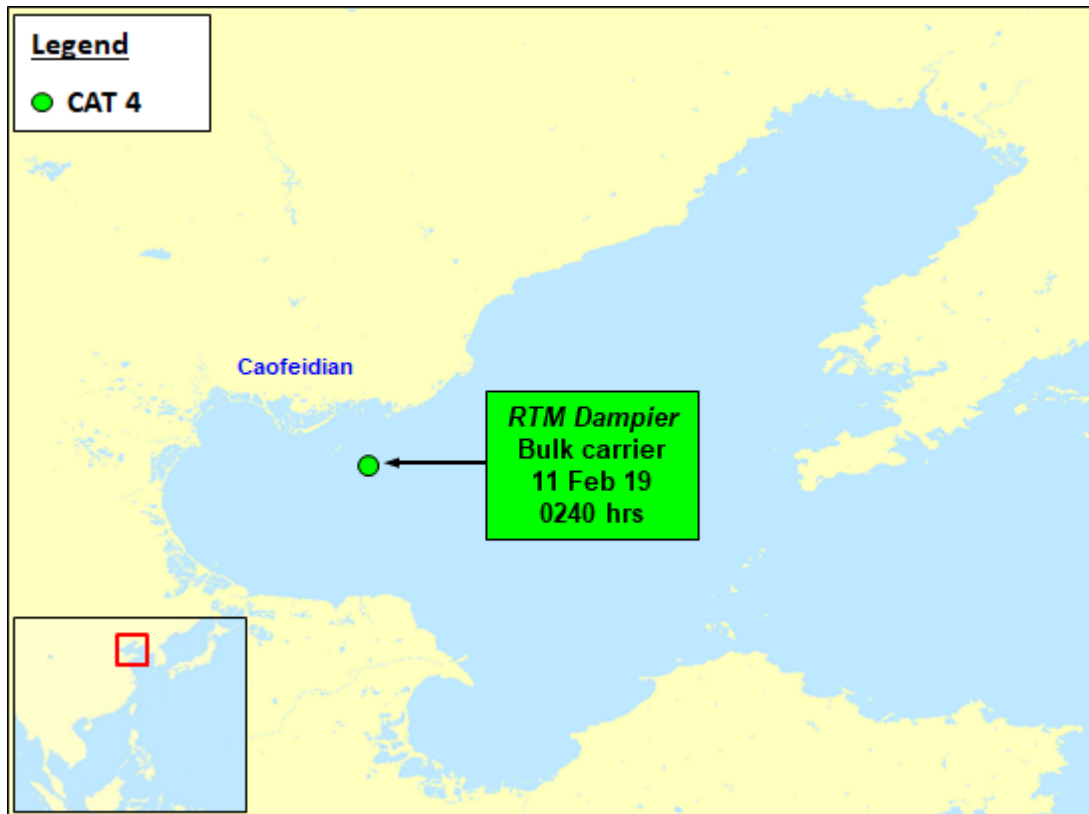


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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

During 12-18 Feb 19, one incident of armed robbery against ship was reported to 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

Incident outside Asia

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported to ReCAAP ISC an incident of armed robbery against ship outside Asia. The incident occurred at approximately 145 nm of Mahe, Seychelles on 11 Feb 19. Detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.

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. The contact details of the Operation Centres of Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:



The map shows the Sulu Sea to the north and the Celebes Sea to the south. Key locations marked include Lahad Datu, Bongao, and Zamboanga. Contact points are indicated by numbered circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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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
12-18 February 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
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
ACTUAL INCIDENT IN ASIA									
1.	<i>RTM Dampier</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 106796 9591325	11/02/19 0240 hrs	38° 52.5' N, 118° 42.5' E Caofeidian East Anchorage, China	While at anchor, a perpetrator boarded the ship. The 2 nd Officer sighted from the port bridge wings that the port low sulphur diesel oil (LSDO) tank manhole was opened and there was a hose connected to the tank. Over the port ship side, he saw a small unlit barge. He immediately alerted the master and chief officer. The duty A/B who was making his security rounds was also alerted to check on the port side. The perpetrator removed the hose from the tank immediately and jumped into the barge when his presence was discovered. Following the incident, a search on the ship was conducted. There were no other perpetrators found on board the ship. 67 metric tonnes of LSDO was reported stolen.	The crew was not injured. 67 metric tonnes of low sulphur diesel oil were stolen.	The 2 nd Officer alerted the master and chief officer immediately. The duty A/B who was making his security rounds was also alerted to check on the port side. A search of the ship was conducted.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available

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INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
2.	Ever Diadem Container ship Singapore 52090 9134270	11/02/19 1000 hrs	2° 29.6' S 54° 9' E Approximately 145 nm of Mahe, Seychelles	<p>While the ship was en route to Mombasa, Kenya, the master noticed via the radar a suspicious vessel without approved identification system (AIS) at his vessel's port bow. The master monitored the suspicious vessel although it did not appear to show any signs of attempt to come near the ship.</p> <p>About 20 min later, the suspicious vessel started to move at small angle, followed by changing its course to starboard side and increased its speed and was sighted to approach the ship's route. The master immediately increased speed of ship, adjusted his course and closely monitored the suspicious vessel. The general alarm was sounded and all crew were notified. The crew closed all access to the accommodation, started fire pump and activated anti-piracy watch. The suspicious vessel subsequently stopped its pursuit. The suspicious vessel was believed to be the mother vessel as there was a small boat sighted near it.</p> <p>At about 1246 hrs (local time), the master reported sighting of a second suspicious vessel on its starboard bow. However, the vessel did not show signs of attempt to come near the ship. The crew checked the surrounding and four hours later, the ship was cleared of suspicious vessels.</p>	The crew was not injured.	The master increased speed of ship, adjusted course and closely monitored the suspicious vessel. The general alarm was sounded and all crew were notified. The crew closed all access to the accommodation, started fire pump and activated anti-piracy watch.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available