



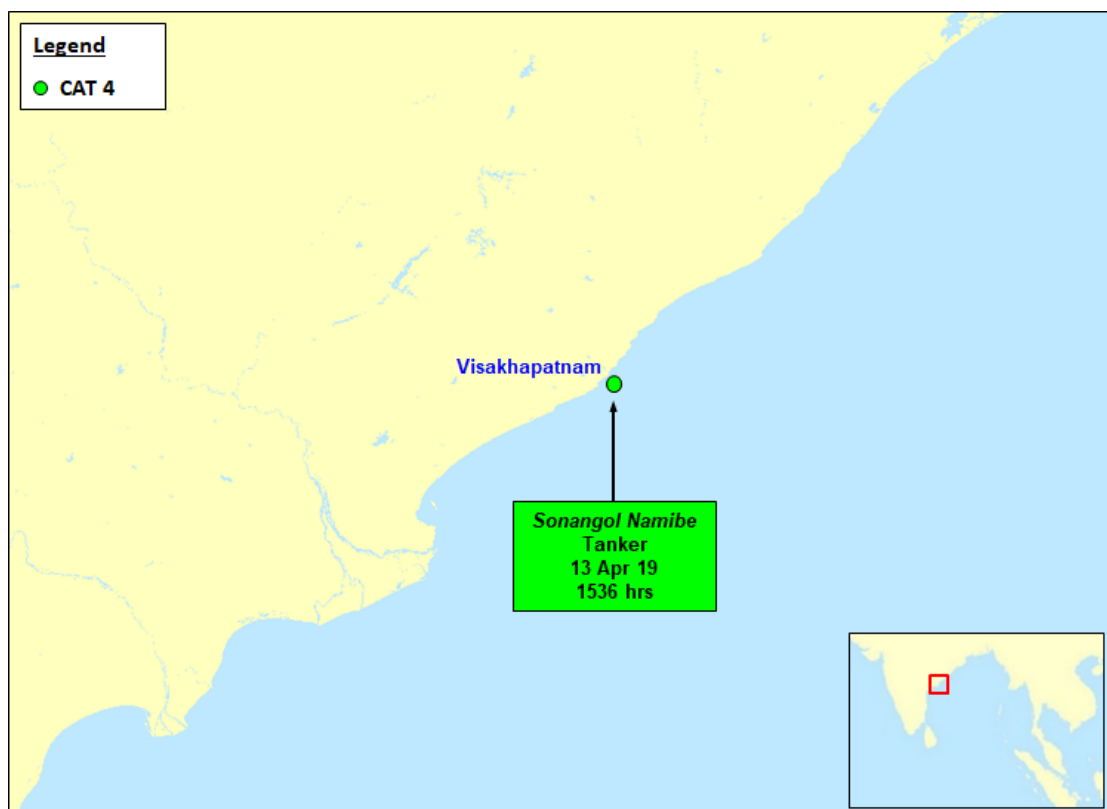
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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 30 Apr-6 May 19

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW


During 30 Apr-6 May 19, one actual incident of armed robbery against ship was reported at Visakhapatnam SPM anchorage, India. The location of the incident is shown in map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

## 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 (point 3), Bongao (points 2a and 2b), and Zamboanga (point 1).

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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**  
30 April-6 May 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
<b>INCIDENT IN ASIA</b>									
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1.	<b>Sonangol</b> <b>Namibe</b> Tanker Bahamas 83469 9325049	13/04/19 1536 hrs	17° 37.1' N, 83° 19.2' E  Visakhapatnam SPM anchorage, India	While proceeding to anchor at Visakhapatnam SPM anchorage, the ship was approached by 11 perpetrators in five country boats. The master sounded the ship's whistle, raised the alarm and made an announcement on the PA system. The accommodation and other spaces of the ship were secured and guarded by the crew. The master also reported the incident to Vizag Port Control and Indian Coast Guard (ICG), requesting for assistance. The perpetrators subsequently boarded the ship via the main deck. The crew did not offer resistance but monitored the perpetrators and managed to restrict their movement to deck.  Upon receiving the information from the master, the Port Control informed Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) / Vizag Port Trust (VPT), Coastal Security Police (CSP) and ICG along with the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and Dy PFSO. CISF / VPT and ICG crafts were despatched to the location. Upon seeing the authorities' crafts approaching, the perpetrators escaped in their boats. The crew was not injured and no items were stolen.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The master sounded the ship's whistle, raised the alarm and made announcement on the PA system.  The accommodation and other spaces of the ship were secured and guarded by the crew.  The crew monitored the perpetrators on board the ship and managed to restrict their movement to deck.	Yes  Vizag Port Control and ICG	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Port Control informed CISF / (VPT), CSP, PFSO and Dy PFSO. CISF / VPT and ICG crafts were despatched to the location.  The Director General of Shipping, India has requested the Port Authorities and Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) of Visakhapatnam to conduct investigation and provide details of action taken to prevent recurrence of such incident.

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