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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 7-13 Jan 19, two CAT 4¹ incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to ReCAAP ISC. One incident occurred to a ship while anchored at Alang Anchorage, India; and one incident occurred to a ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in the attachment.

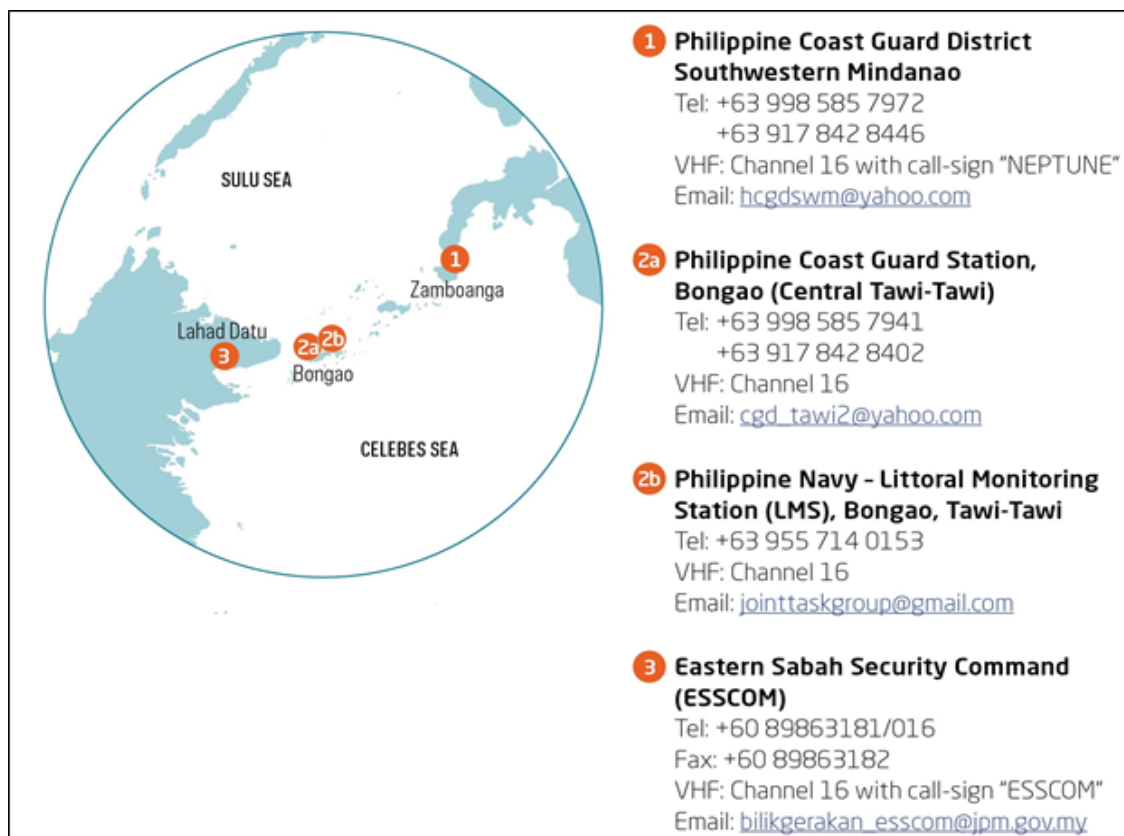


Location of the incidents

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, ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via 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

The ReCAAP ISC advises the shipping industry and ships to enhance their situation awareness by referring to the *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah* produced by ReCAAP ISC in July 2019. The Guidance is available at www.recaap.org.

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
7-13 January 2020**

	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 coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Taken	State Action
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
INCIDENTS IN ASIA										
ACTUAL INCIDENTS										
1	Amil 12 Offshore supply vessel Palau 1621 9367085 Amil 59 Tug boat	7/1/20 0700 hrs	21° 23.9' N, 72° 17.14' E Alang Anchorage, India	While at anchor, five perpetrators boarded the ship from a small boat and stole some stores and spares before escaping. The master of the tug boat <i>Amil 59</i> towing <i>Amil 12</i> reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, MRCC Mumbai and the Indian Coast Guard. The crew was safe. (Category 4)	The crew was not injured. Some stores and spares were stolen	The master reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, MRCC Mumbai and the Indian Coast Guard.	Yes VTS Khambhat	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The MRCC Mumbai and Indian Coast Guard authorities were also informed.	
2	British Mariner Tanker Isle of Man 30948 9724582	8/1/20 0400 hrs	1° 16.2' S, 104° 16.15' E Approximately 6.2 nm northwest of Tanjung Tondang, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia, in the east bound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait (SOMS)	While underway, two perpetrators were sighted in the engine room of the ship. The alarm was immediately raised and the perpetrators escaped empty handed. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) through VHF. The crew was safe. (Category 4)	The crew was not injured Nothing was stolen.	The ship's general alarm was raised. The master reported the incident reported to Singapore VTIS through VHF.	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. Safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Indonesian and Malaysian authorities were also notified.	