



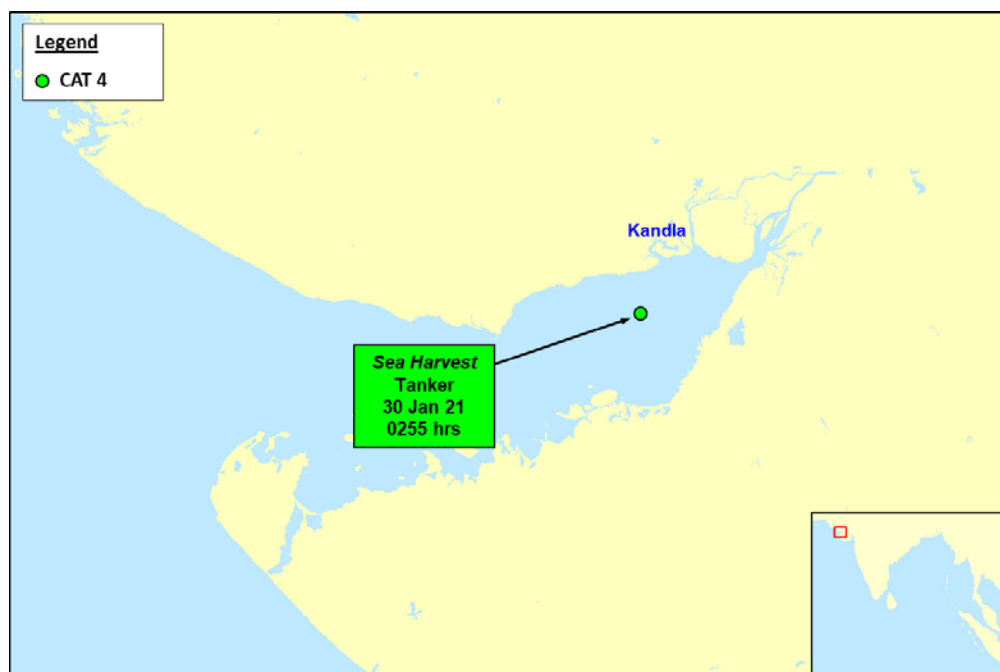
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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 2-8 Feb 2021, one incident of armed robbery against ships in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The CAT 4¹ incident (where the perpetrators were not armed and the crew not harmed) occurred to a tanker while anchored at Kandla Outer Anchorage, India. The location of the incident is shown in the map; and detailed description of the incident tabulated in the attachment.



Location of the incident

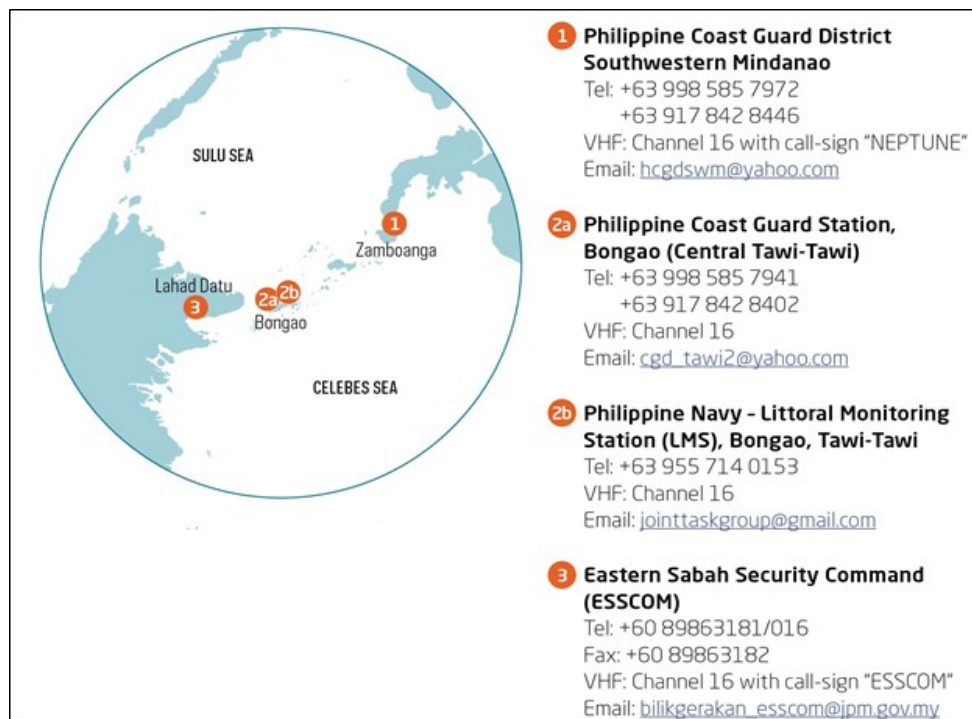
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA

During 2-8 Feb 2021, one incident outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The incident occurred on 4 Feb on board a roro car carrier while berthed at Callao Anchorage, Peru. The detailed description of the incident is tabulated in the attachment.

¹ CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as “least significant” in nature.

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

The risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah remains high as demonstrated by the abduction incident on 17 Jan 20, information of planned kidnapping in Sabah and Semporna, Malaysia (as reported in ReCAAP ISC's Warning issued on 2 Jul 20), and the operation on 3 Nov by the Philippine authorities in preventing a kidnap-for-ransom incident. The 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 enhanced vigilance while transiting the area, and report all incidents 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 shown below:



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: +632-8-527-8481 (ext: 6136/37)
+632-998-585-5327 (mobile)
+632-917-842-8249 (mobile)
+632-8-527-3877 (fax)
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
2-8 Feb 2021**

	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 Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
INCIDENT IN ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	Sea Harvest Tanker Hong Kong, China 11676 9358644	30/01/21 0255 hrs	22.0° 47.79' N, 70.0° 5.16' E Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	While at anchor, the deck duty AB heard some sound and discovered a small boat close to the ship's port bow. He went to the forward deck, and saw two perpetrators on board the ship. The duty AB reported the incident to the second officer. The lock of the main deck store near the mid-ship was broken. The perpetrators escaped in a small boat with some ship's stores. The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to the local agent and the ship owner. [Category 4]	The crew was not injured. Ship stores were stolen, including 6U-pieces connecting cargo line to common line, 6U-pieces connecting vapor return line to tank and one tank cleaning circulation connection.	The master reported the incident to the local agent and the ship owner. He did not inform the local authorities.	No Incident was reported to the local agent and ship owner. The local agent in turn, reported the incident to IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region) and the flag State	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India) and ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Upon notified about the incident, the Indian Coast Guard boarded the ship at Mumbai Anchorage to conduct investigation of the incident. The ship master was advised to report the incident to the local authorities and maintain vigilance while at anchorages.
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
2.	Morning Margareta Roro car carrier Singapore 51917 9367580	04/02/21 0700 hrs	12.0° 1.06' N, 77.0° 13.4' E Callao Anchorage, Area 12, Peru	While at anchor, two mooring ropes were found to be stolen from the Fore Peak Store. No perpetrator was found and the crew was safe.	The crew was not injured. Two mooring ropes from the Fore Peak Store. were stolen.	The incident was reported to the Harbor Master and the local police. The ship raised its security level to Level 2.	Yes Incident was reported to the Harbor Master and the local police.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Not known.