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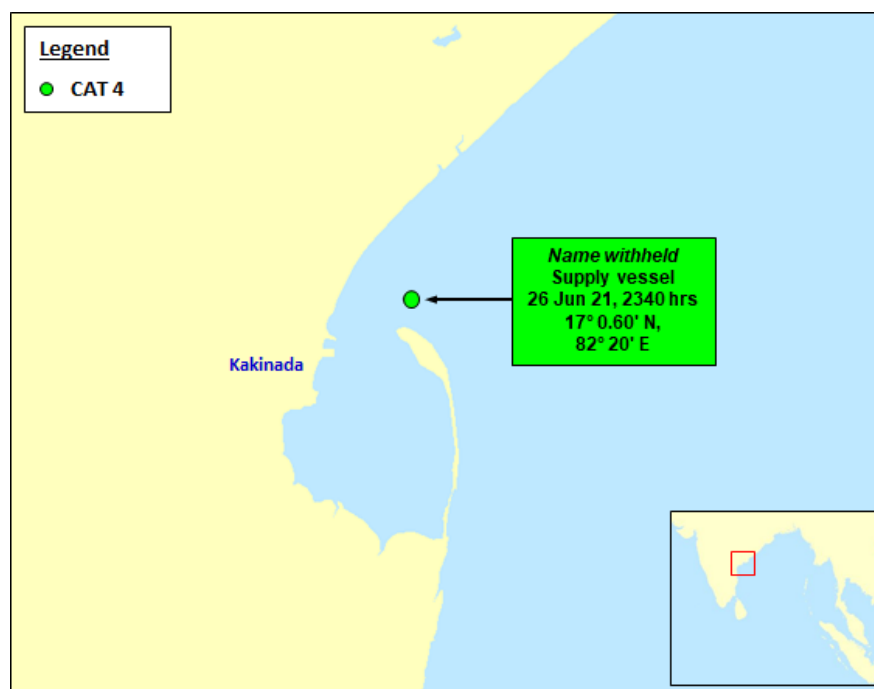
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 3-9 August 2021

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 3-9 Aug 21, one CAT 4¹ incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred to a supply vessel while anchored at Kakinada Anchorage area, India on 26 Jun 21. The incident was reported by the flag State, verified and investigated by the coastal State and reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Based on the final report, a perpetrator boarded the ship and fled after being sighted by a duty watchman. A small wooden craft with two more persons on board was also sighted in the vicinity of the ship. Approximately 10 metres of unused mooring rope was found missing. The crew was not injured.

The location of the incident is shown in the map below, and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in the attachment.



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

There is no incident of abduction of crew reported since the last incident in January 2020 up to today, and no crew is currently being held in captivity by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

On 23 Apr 21, the Philippine Armed Forces conducted a military operation against members of the ASG during which one of the ASG leaders responsible for the abduction of crew in the area of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi had managed to escape. Therefore, the threat of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah remains high particularly in the areas of Sulu and nearby waters off Tawi-Tawi.

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 extra vigilance while transiting the area, and report all incidents immediately to the Operation Centres of the Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia are as shown next page:



The map shows the Sulu Sea to the north and the Celebes Sea to the south. Three numbered locations are marked: 1 (Zamboanga), 2a and 2b (Bongao), and 3 (Lahad Datu).

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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:

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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
3-9 August 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	10
INCIDENT IN ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	Name withheld Supply vessel Singapore6641	26/06/21 2340 hrs	17° 0.6' N, 82° 20.0' E Kakinada, Anchorage area, India	<p>While anchored, the duty watchman spotted one perpetrator at the port aft rope store on the main deck. The duty crew immediately raised the alarm and shouted at the perpetrator who fled. A small wooden craft with two more persons on board was sighted in the vicinity of the ship.</p> <p>All accommodation doors, lockers, hatches and ISPS grills were checked and found locked. About 10 metres of unused mooring rope was found missing. It was reported that the perpetrator had boarded the ship through the mooring bits.</p> <p>The master reported the incident to the flag State and shipping company.</p> <p align="right">[Category 4]</p>	<p>The crew was not injured.</p> <p>Approximately 10 metres of unused mooring rope was missing.</p>	<p>All accommodation doors, lockers, hatches and ISPS grills were checked and found locked.</p> <p>The master reported the incident to the flag State and shipping company.</p>	<p>The incident was reported to the flag State and shipping company.</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ReCAAP Focal Point (India)</p>	<p>Upon informed by the flag State about the incident, the coastal State (an Indian Coast Guard ship) was tasked to investigate the incident.</p>