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# ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 8-14 March 2022

### Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia

#### **OVERVIEW**

From 8-14 Mar 22, no incident of piracy and armed robbery against ship in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. However, the ReCAAP ISC advises ships to continue to exercise enhanced vigilance; and littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement in areas of concern, including the Singapore Strait and the Sulu-Celebes Seas.

#### **INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA**

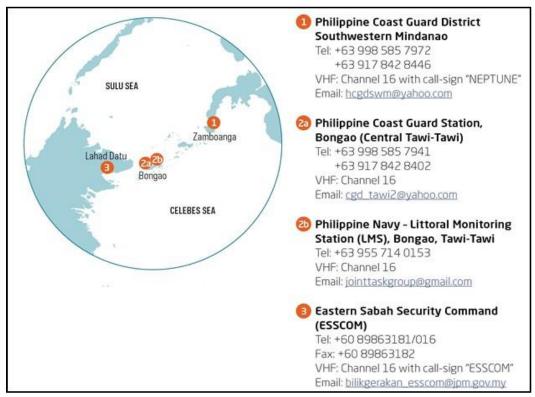
During this period (8-14 Mar 22), one incident outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan). The incident occurred on 12 Mar to a roro car carrier while anchored at Callao Anchorage, Peru. The detailed description of the incident is tabulated in the attachment.

## 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).

The Philippine and Malaysian authorities continued to conduct pursuit operations and intensify military operations to neutralise the ASG. In 2021, the operations carried out by the Armed Forces of the Philippines had resulted in the neutralisation of some ASG subleaders and members. However, as Mundi Sawadjaan (one of the ASG Commanders responsible for the abduction of crew in the Sulu area) is still at large, the threat of abduction of crew from ships 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 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:

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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 <a href="https://www.recaap.org">www.recaap.org</a>.

#### **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 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia.* 

## Description of Incident of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships 8-14 March 2022

	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	reported to coastal		Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	Aries Leader Roro car carrier Panama 69931 9676864		12° 1.0' S, 77°; 12.0' W Callao Anchorage, Peru	While at anchor, the crew discovered five ropes were stolen. There was no information on the number of perpetrators boarded the ship.  The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to the company.	Five ropes were stolen.	The master reported the incident to the company.	Not stated	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	No information available.