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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 31 December 2017 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly **committed in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

¹ "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;
- (c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example dates of release of hijacked ships.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous 12 months and up to 30 November 2017 being MSC.4/Circ.245 (annual 2016), MSC.4/Circ.246, MSC.4/Circ.247, MSC.4/Circ.248, MSC.4/Circ.249, MSC.4/Circ.250, MSC.4/Circ.251, MSC.4/Circ.252, MSC.4/Circ.253, MSC.4/Circ.254, MSC.4/Circ.255 and MSC.4/Circ.256.

ANNEX I
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.257 ANNEX I
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	JUPITER SUN Tanker Liberia 59164 9332834	08/12/2017 03:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 15 nm north- northeast off Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 27.83' N 104° 39.13' E	While at anchor, four robbers wearing black, barefooted and armed with knives and swords boarded the tanker from a small craft. They confronted and tied the 2nd engineer who was working in the engine room workshop. The robbers forcibly entered the spare parts store, stole two bags of engine spare parts and fled. The Master conducted a search on board and no robbers were found.	Second engineer tied up and two bags of engine spares stolen.	The Master reported the incident to the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and conducted search on board.	Yes MPA Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC), PRC relayed message to Bakamla Indonesian Navy HQ and Indonesian Marine Police HQ.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) which is POCC ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The POCC notified the Indonesian authorities, Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard.
2	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33042	14/12/2017 08:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx. 32nm South of Brass Nigeria 03° 46.40' N 006° 17.20' E	Pirates hijacked the vessel and the crew were being held, Nigerian Navy responded.	Crew held hostage.	Called for assistance.	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ, Nigerian Naval Authorities.	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CREST SPARTAN 8 & CREST 252 Tug Singapore 595 9596894	16/12/2017 14:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approximately 22 nm southwest of Maheshkhali Island Bangladesh 21° 14.74' N 091° 47.49' E	While approaching Chittagong anchorage area, the crew noticed two fishing boats when eight to ten pirates came alongside and boarded the barge which was towed by the tugboat. The master attempted to contact the Chittagong Port Control. Unsuccessfully, the master and crew continued to monitor the barge and maintain speed until it reached the anchorage area. Upon investigation, it was found that several items had been stolen from the barge. There was no damage to the tug boat, and no injury suffered by the crew.	The crew was not injured. No damage on the tug boat and barge but several items including chaffing chain, PP rope, life buoy, etc., were stolen from the barge.	Incident reported to the owners.	Yes Local Port Control, Singapore MPA and IFC, PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard, Chittagong Port Authority, Department of Shipping, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
4	KOTA SEJARAH Container ship Singapore 41567 9681247	24/12/2017 07:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 39nm SW of Bonny Island Nigeria 03° 47.10' N 006° 49.80' E	Seven pirates armed with guns approached and came alongside the ship underway. One pirate boarded the ship using a long ladder and opened fire towards the bridge. The Master contacted the Nigerian Navy and proceeded at full speed towards a security boat. Seeing the security boat, the pirates aborted the attack.	One pirate boarded the ship and opened fire towards the bridge.	Raised alarm and proceed at full speed towards a security boat.	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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5	CREST SPARTAN 8 Tug Singapore 595 9596894	31/12/2017 04:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN 13NM West of Kutubdia Island Bangladesh 21° 49.96' N 091° 34.06' E	While the tug boat towing barge was underway to Maishakali, the Second Officer spotted a small boat approaching the barge. The master instructed the crew to continue their watch and to attempt to make contact with the local naval force and coast guard. The communication was without success. The small boat continued its voyage behind the barge until at about 0430 hrs, it eventually moved away from barge. The master then instructed the crew to move alongside the barge and the crew went on board to conduct a search. They found some items missing from the barge, including an emergency pennant wire, emergency chaffing chain and manhole covers. The crew continued their voyage towards Maishakali.	The crew was not injured. An emergency pennant wire, emergency chaffing chain and manhole covers were stolen.	The master instructed the crew to continue their watch. A search on board the barge was conducted thereafter.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Authorities.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	CREST GOLD 1 & CREST 258C Tug Singapore 472 9468267	05/12/2017 21:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Approx. 4.47nm West of Kutubdia Island Bangladesh 21° 52.35' N 091° 45.20' E	While approaching Chittangong waters, an unknown number of robbers on board four speed boats came alongside the barge which was towed by the tug boat. The officer on watch shone the search light onto the barge which prompted the boats to cast off from the barge. The Master was alerted and maneuvered the tug boat alongside with the barge to check on the equipment on board. Upon investigation, it was found that several items had been stolen from the barge. There was no damage to the tug boat, and no injury suffered by the crew.	Several items including chaffing chain, PP rope and navigation light stolen.	The officer on watch shone the search light onto the barge which prompted the boats to cast off from the barge. The master deployed three crew on board the barge for security watch.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
2	NAME WITHHELD Oil tanker Marshall Islands 30068	12/12/2017 UTC	WEST AFRICA Gulf Of Guinea Nigeria 06° 18.30' N 003° 23.30' E	An unidentified person boarded the vessel at Lagos anchorage and was attempting petty theft.	None/not stated.	Raised the alarm.	No	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KORO SEA Tanker Liberia 56355 9395379	13/12/2017 20:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 3.28NM North Of Batam, Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 14.60' N 104° 02.30' E	While sailing, four robbers wearing t-shirts, black trousers, and armed with knives boarded the ship from the stern. The robbers confronted one crew member and hit him with his fist. They also showed a knife when the crew members gathered around them. The alarm was raised, all crew mustered and all areas of the ship was searched. The ship's auxiliary engine spares had been stolen.	One crew member assaulted and ship's auxiliary engine spares stolen.	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search conducted.	Yes Information Fusion Center (IFC), PRC relayed message to Indonesia and Singapore Authorities.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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4	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 32309	13/12/2017 21:00 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore 01° 14.80' N 104° 06.90' E	6 armed men boarded and tied up one crew member, when the alarm sounded, the men escaped.	Crew was tied up, theft.	Raised alarm.	Yes Johor port control	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	THUNDERBIRD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 43717 9497335	28/12/2017 20:58 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approximately 4.1 nm south of Tajung Setapa Malaysia 01° 16.47' N 104° 08.80' E	While underway, the crew spotted four perpetrators armed with knives/machetes near the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew gathered. A security search was conducted. There was no further sighting of the perpetrators. A crew members mobile phone was reported stolen. The crew was not injured, and the ship proceeded to Singapore.	The crew was not injured. A mobile phone was reported stolen.	The alarm was raised and crew gathered. Security search was conducted on board.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Management	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) initiated navigational broadcasts to warn ships to look out for suspicious boats in the vicinity; and also informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Singapore Police Coast Guard, Malaysia and Indonesia authorities.

IN PORT AREA

1	CPO NORFOLK Container ship Liberia 41358 9440813	04/12/2017 00:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila Quarantine Anchorage Philippines 14° 33.72' N 120° 55.25' E	While at anchor, the duty officer on board the container ship was conducting routine security rounds when he noticed that the securing cables of the forward/forecastle lifesaving appliances had been cut and the forecandle store room was unlocked. The crew immediately conducted inventory check on the ship's equipment and discovered that two life rafts and four immersion suits were missing. They reported the incident to the Philippine Coast Guard. It is believed that the robbers boarded the ship by climbing through the anchor chain and hawse pipes.	Two life rafts and four immersion suits missing.	None/not stated.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard, VTMS Manila and Information Fusion Center	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) which is the Philippine Coast Guard	The Philippine Coast Guard deployed its floating asset diesel fast craft (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.
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2	NAME WITHHELD Tug Singapore 2218	04/12/2017 04:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Carena shipyard, Abidjan port Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.25' N 003° 59.89' W	Following the change of watch officers at about 0500hrs (local time) on 4 Dec 17, the CSO reported the discovery of missing ropes. The CSO suspected that while the ship was at berth in the middle of river (Baie Du Bango), an unknown number of perpetrators climbed over the lower freeboard of the ship and stole two mooring ropes. The crew was not injured and the ship not damaged.	The crew was not injured. Mooring ropes were stolen.	The master requested Carena shipyard to shift the ship to a jetty where security patrol by the shipyard are more frequent. The chief officer held a meeting with the crew to strengthen patrols on board the ship when at mooring buoy.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
3	ISLAND PERFORMER Supply ship Vanuatu 12983 9682045	07/12/2017 21:55 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Galang Lay up Anchorage Indonesia 00° 44.40' N 104° 08.10' E	Crew onboard the anchored offshore support vessel spotted robbers armed with crow bars and raised the alarm. Upon seeing the alerted crew the robbers fled with stolen ship's stores. Local authority contacted. A security team boarded the ship for investigations.	Ship's stores stolen.	The crew inform the bridge. Alarm raised, call Master and inform shore side security Snepac Base.	Yes PRC relayed message to Indonesia Authorities, Snepac Base, Galang Anchorage, Indonesia.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Sent security boat and security team boarded the ship for investigations.
4	HANSA FRESENBURG Container ship Liberia 18296 9535101	08/12/2017 01:38 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA MICT Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila Philippines 14° 35.78' N 120° 51.02' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the ship by climbing through the hawse pipes and broke the padlock. The duty officer alerted the Master who raised the alarm and reported the incident to VTMS Manila. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers immediately fled and jumped into the water. It was discovered that some of the ship's property was missing. Coast Guard was notified.	One set breathing apparatus, three cylinder tanks of breathing apparatus, one set of fireman's outfit, one bell and one flashlight stolen.	The duty officer alerted the Master who raised the alarm and reported incident to VTMS Manila.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and VTMS Manila	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) who is the PCG	The PCG deployed its floating asset (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.
5	FAR STRAIT Supply ship Singapore 3069 9344863	08/12/2017 02:39 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Galang Anchorage Indonesia 00° 43.50' N 104° 10.54' E	While laying-up at Galang anchorage, the duty watchman spotted four perpetrators armed with machetes at the main deck of the ship attempting to cut a lock of the deck store door. The perpetrators boarded the ship and hooked down the grab line rope used for pilot boarding. The alarm was raised, and the crew mustered in the citadel. Upon noting that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators left the ship empty-handed. A search was conducted and no perpetrators was found onboard.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen but the ship's lock and the razor wire were cut.	Raised the alarm, mustered the crew and a search on board the ship was conducted thereafter.	Yes Local police, PRC relayed message to Indonesia Authorities.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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6	NORD SNOW QUEEN Product tanker Singapore 24066 9376828	10/12/2017 02:10 LT	WEST AFRICA Approx. 5NM South of Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA) Nigeria 06° 19.00' N 003° 17.90' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the ship from a skiff while the crew members were conducting ship-to-ship operation in Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA). The robbers tried to fix a hose into the ullage port attempting to steal the cargo. The alarm was raised and the robbers upon hearing the alarm jumped overboard. The Master notified the SAA Patrol Boat and the security boat chased the skiff away.	None/not Stated.	Alarm raised and Master notified the Lagos SAA Patrol Boat.	Yes Lagos SAA and Flag State (Singapore)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The patrol boat of Lagos SSA upon receipt of the report chased the skiff away.
7	LOBIVIA Container ship Liberia 23652 9228564	10/12/2017 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila South Harbour Anchorage Philippines 14° 35.60' N 120° 55.20' E	Robbers boarded the anchored container ship via the anchor chain, cut through the forecastle store padlock, stole ship's property and fled. The boatswain on routine rounds inspection discovered a bolt cutter outside the locker room of the ship's forecastle. On checking the inventory of the ship's property and equipment, one set of breathing apparatus, two sets of spare bottle of breathing apparatus and two sets of fireman's lifeline was found missing. The incident was noticed and reported by the boatswain after berthing. Local authority was informed and the Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate.	One set breathing apparatus, two sets of spare bottle apparatus and two sets of fireman's lifeline missing.	Conducted an inventory check of ship's property and equipment.	Yes VTMS-Manila (Port Control) , Philippine Coast Guard & Information Fusion Centre (IFC)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	-
8	HYUNDAI HARMONY Container ship Panama 13267 9276406	11/12/2017 00:01 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA MICT Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila Philippines 14° 36.37' N 120° 52.06' E	While at anchor, the deck watch was conducting a routine rounds inspection when he discovered that some items at the boatswain stores had been missing. On checking the inventory of the ship's property and equipment, three immersion suits, two sanders and one scaling machine had been missing.	Three immersion suits, two sanders and one scaling machine missing.	Conducted inventory check of ship's property and equipment.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) which is the Philippine Coast Guard	The Philippine Coast Guard deployed its floating asset (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.

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9	TRON LEGACY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33044 9618513	16/12/2017 23:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Hon Net Anchorage area, Cam Pha Viet Nam 20° 53.80' N 107° 16.60' E	While at anchor, the duty AB on watch noticed six perpetrators speaking Vietnamese near the paint store and several others on the forecastle deck. Initially, the crew thought that they were the stevedores, but when he saw one of them carrying a bucket of paint from the paint store, he suspected they were thieves. The crew informed the duty officer who later informed the master. The crew made a public announcement, raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators escaped via cargo barge moored alongside their green boat which was waiting for them. The perpetrators escaped with 882 liters of paint. The master informed the authorities. Investigation is ongoing.	The crew was not injured. The locking device of paint store was damaged. About 882 litres of paints were stolen.	The crew informed the duty officer who alerted the master. The announcement was made, alarm raised and crew mustered. The master also reported the incident to the local authorities.	Yes Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) & Local Agent, PRC relayed message to Veitnam Coast Guard & Vietnam Maritime Security Centre.	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	The Port Facility Security Officer (FPSO) is investigating the incident.
10	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36396 9724764	21/12/2017 00:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan Indonesia 00° 13.74' S 117° 34.40' E	While at anchor, the crew sighted three perpetrators near the forecastle deck and forward of No. 1 cargo hold. Upon realizing, the crew had been alerted and the perpetrators escaped in a small boat alongside the ship. The alarm was raised and upon inspection, two mooring ropes were found stolen from the fore peak store. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. The lock to the fore peak store was broken. Two mooring ropes were stolen.	Alarm raised and inspection conducted.	Yes Muara Berau Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Indonesian authority is investigating the incident.
11	GH NORTHERN DANCER Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36396 9724764	21/12/2017 22:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan Indonesia 00° 13.74' S 117° 34.40' E	While at anchor, four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship through the port anchor hawse pipe via anchor chain. The crew spotted the robbers and the alarm was raised. Upon realizing the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped immediately. The crew was mustered and a security check on board the ship was conducted. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. This is the second time that GH Northern Dancer was boarded on the same day. The first boarding occurred on the early morning of 21 Dec 17 (refer to s/n 2 of this report).	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The alarm was raised, crew mustered and a security check on board the ship was conducted.	Yes Local Port Control & Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO), PRC relayed message to Bakamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Indonesian authority is investigating the incident.

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12	NAME WITHHELD Oil tanker Liberia 57920	25/12/2017 20:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Cilacap Anchorage Indonesia 07° 46.90' S 109° 04.00' E	Duty watch on board an anchored tanker spotted four robbers near the poop deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares.	Ship's engine spares were stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Cilacap Port Control, PRC relayed message to Bakamla Indonesian Navy HQ and Indonesian Marine Police HQ.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	FAME Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 40030 9287132	28/12/2017 14:30 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 16.00' N 104° 02.80' E	Four robbers boarded the ship that was waiting for pilot boarding. They entered the engine room and threatened the duty engineer with a knife. The engineer managed to escape and raise the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS East Singapore.	Duty engineer threatened by knife	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes VTIS East Singapore, PRC relayed message to Bakamla Indonesian Navy HQ and Indonesian Marine Police HQ, IFC Singapore and Singapore Coast Guard.	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Authorities are monitoring the situation
14	JACQUELINE C General cargo ship United Kingdom 9530 9429754	29/12/2017 08:15 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Inner Anchorage Colombia 10° 19.40' N 075° 31.70' W	Three robbers in wooden boat boarded an anchored general cargo vessel. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's property. Incident reported to port control.	Ship's property stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Cartagena port control, PRC relayed message to Colombia Maritime Authorities.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Authorities are offering assistance.
15	BERGE ATLAS Bulk carrier Panama 90092 9439113	30/12/2017 04:00 LT	YELLOW SEA Caofeidian Anchorage China 38° 46.25' N 118° 30.76' E	While at anchor, the duty AB when on routine safety/ security rounds on deck, noticed some suspicious movement on the main deck starboard side. He noticed two robbers standing near the emergency generator room. The duty AB informed the duty officer immediately via a walkie-talkie. The duty officer noticed two robbers standing near the diesel oil tank manhole pulling out a hose from the said tank sounding pipe. Upon noticing that the crew was alerted, the robbers pulled out the hose from the surrounding pipe and jumped into the small boat on the starboard quarter of the ship. The boat steered away from the ship at full speed.	The crew was not injured. The ship's railing located on the starboard quarter was bent. 1.90 cu m of marine diesel oil (MDO) was discharged.	Raised the alarm, mustered the crew and report the incident to the company and to the agent.	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC China.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
16	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 24247	30/12/2017 21:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Agadir Morocco	2 persons climbed mooring lines. Food and safety equipment were stolen.	Theft.	Raised the alarm.	No	Marshall Islands	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	KOTA SEMPENA Container ship Singapore 41567 9681273	07/12/2017 06:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Approx. 40nm South of Onne Port Fairway Buoy (FWB) Nigeria 03° 31.70' N 007° 07.80' E	Eight pirates wearing face masks in a boat loaded with a long telescopic ladder with hooking arrangements and weapons inside approached the ship as it was sailing towards Onne Port Fairway Buoy (FWB). The chief officer detected an echo on the radar at about 4.5nm on starboard bow. The boat was reported to be moving at 7 knots. When it was about 3.5nm ahead of the ship, the boat started changing its course and heading towards the ship at an increasing speed of up to 19 knots. Upon spotting that the ship was being pursued, the master and crew raised the alarm, mustered the crew and performed evasive manoeuvres. At about 0630 hrs, the suspicious boat approached near the port quarter and the pirates attempted to board the ship. The crew launched the parachute signal rocket and activated the distress alert. The pirates eventually abandoned the attempt to board and increased its distance away from the ship. A Nigerian Navy ship contacted the master via VHF and escorted the ship up to FWB. The crew was safe and no items were stolen.	None/not stated.	Alarm raised, mustered the crew, launched the parachute signal rocket, performed evasive manoeuvres and activated the distress alert.	Yes Flag State (Singapore) & Nigerian Navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	A Nigerian Navy ship contacted the master of the ship via VHF and escorted the ship to Onne Port FWB.
2	THORCO COUGAR General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 7769 9294953	14/12/2017 01:10 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx. 19nm South of Brass Nigeria 03° 58.30' N 006° 12.40' E	Four to five persons in a wooden boat approached and tried to board the general cargo ship underway. The Master increased the speed and took anti-piracy measures resulting in the ship being able to evade the boarding.	None/not stated.	Alarm raised, Master switched on running water in all fire hoses and aimed to the side of the ship, switch suez search projector light, all non-essential crew mustered and increased speed.	Yes Vessel transmitted via DSC VHF alert with voice confirmation, PRC relayed message to Nigeria authorities.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	Coastal State Action Taken
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IN PORT AREA

1	NAME WITHHELD Oil tanker Singapore 24120	24/12/2017 01:18 UTC	WEST AFRICA Anchorage,Lagos Nigeria 06° 17.42' N 003° 13.80' E	Duty watchmen on-board an anchored tanker noticed three robbers attempting to board the tanker and immediately notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.	None/not stated.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Nigerian Navy, PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ & MRCC Lagos.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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