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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 January 2012 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.

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

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."

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. Given that the new functionality in GISIS allows for user-defined piracy reports, the Committee agreed that the practice of publishing quarterly summaries was no longer warranted and would be discontinued with effect from May 2011.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,286, an increase of 43 since 31 December 2011.

4 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 31 January 2012 being MSC.4/Circ.167, MSC.4/Circ.168, MSC.4/Circ.170, MSC.4/Circ.171, MSC.4/Circ.172, MSC.4/Circ.173, MSC.4/Circ.174, MSC.4/Circ.175, MSC.4/Circ.176, MSC.4/Circ.177, MSC.4/Circ.178 and MSC.4/Circ.179.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name	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.181 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	SAFINA AL SALAM Dhow India 601	02/01/2012 01:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA 60NM off Bosaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with machine guns boarded and hijacked the dhow underway with 16 crew and four passengers. The presence of naval forces around the dhow resulted in the pirates leaving the dhow after a few days	Pirates took hostage 16 crew, 4 passengers and hijacked the dhow	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard	-
2	TRADEWIND Chemical tanker Panama 7171 8504636	03/01/2012 01:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Approx. 40NM from Lagos Nigeria 05° 51.50' N 003° 05.80' E	Around 10 pirates armed with guns boarded the drifting tanker. The pirates destroyed the communication equipment, stole the ship's cash and property, the crew's cash and personal belongings and escaped. One crew was injured during the incident.	The pirates destroyed the communication equipment, stole the ship's cash and property, the crew's cash and belongings. One crew was injured	-	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MRCC Nigeria and Nigerian Navy	-
3	SPAR RIGEL Bulk carrier Norway 32837 9557111	09/01/2012 20:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Approx 80NM south of Bonny River Fairway Buoy Nigeria 03° 21.40' N 007° 12.90' E	A suspicious boat approached the drifting ship. The duty crew spotted the boat and raised the alarm. The boat closed onto and fired upon the ship. All the crew retreated into the citadel. After nearly 12 hours the crew emerged from the citadel and found no pirates onboard. However, before leaving, the pirates ransacked crew cabins and stole cash and ship's stores. All the crew were safe.	The pirates fired upon and boarded the ship. They ransacked the crew's cabins and stole cash and ship's stores	The master raised alarm, activated SSAS and all crew retreated into the citadel	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MRCC Nigeria, MRCC Benin & MRCC Togo	-
4	AL WASIL Dhow Yemen	14/01/2012	EAST AFRICA 38NM from Mukalla Port Yemen	Five armed pirates boarded and hijacked a dhow and took her eight crew members hostage. The pirates released five crew at Ras Hafoon and maintained control over the remaining three crew and the dhow.	Dhow hijacked and 8 crew taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GRACE ONE Bulk carrier Liberia 38731 9216640	01/01/2012 21:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage off Banjarmasin Indonesia 03° 44.00' S 114° 27.00' E	The duty A/B noticed one robber at starboard hawse pipe, trying to break open the lock. One boat was noticed nearby with two more persons onboard. Alarm raised, crew mustered. The robber jumped into the water and escaped in the waiting boat. Nothing stolen.	-	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	n/a
2	SARAH SCHULTE Container ship Germany 28592 9294159	07/01/2012 22:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Roads Indonesia	Around seven armed robbers boarded an anchored ship. The duty watchman found the steering gear door open and entered to investigate. The robbers caught the watchman, took him hostage, covered his eyes with plastic and stole his walkie talkie. One robber stood guard with the watchman while the others entered the engine room. After 20 minutes the robbers left the engine room and escaped. The duty watchman went to the bridge and raised the alarm.	The robbers caught the duty watchman, took him hostage, covered his eyes with plastic and stole his walkie talkie	Duty watchman raised the alarm	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Marine Police HQ and Indonesian Navy HQ	-
3	MAERSK PRIME Tanker Singapore 61764 9180920	19/01/2012 06:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approx 60NM off Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 21° 18.10' N 091° 43.60' E	The duty personnel discovered that two life rafts were missing when they were doing their security rounds. There was no sign of the robbers onboard the tanker at that time when the loss was discovered.	Two life rafts were stolen from the port side. All crew was safe.	-	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Singapore	-

IN PORT AREA

1	SAN AMERIGO Container ship Liberia 22914 9344693	03/01/2012 17:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA MICT Anchorage Area, Manila Philippines 14° 36.60' N 120° 53.10' E	While at anchor, a group of robbers boarded the vessel by breaking the padlock of secured steel plate of hawse pipe and escaped with six immersion suits and the starboard life raft.	The robbers escaped with six immersion suits and the starboard life raft. The robbers also broke the portside life raft padlock and skylight padlock.	On discovering the broken padlock, the ship's crew mustered and carried out a thorough search of the vessel and reported the incident to Manila Port Control	Yes Manila Port Authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Philippines	-
2	BAHIA BLANCA Container ship Liberia 41483 9362396	05/01/2012 23:10 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru 12° 07.70' S 077° 12.30' W	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship unnoticed, stole ship's stores and escaped. The duty crew noticed the theft during their routine rounds and raised the alarm. Port control was informed and a patrol boat sent out for investigation.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Raised alarm and the crew searched the vessel	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Peru	A patrol boat arrived at the location

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	Gross Tonnage IMO Number								Coastal State Action Taken
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3	PEARL RIVER BRIDGE Container ship Hong Kong, China 17211 9444986	06/01/2012 00:35 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA MICT Anchorage area, Manila Philippines 14° 36.60' N 120° 53.10' E	While at anchor, the vessel was boarded by an unidentified number of robbers armed with knives. The robbers took the duty watch sentry hostage at knife point and stole engine spare parts and escaped.	The robber escaped with spare parts of reefer container, portable lights, mobile phone, torch, three fire hose with nozzles, hydraulic jack and six immersion suits. No crew were injured	The crew raised the alarm	Yes Manila Port Authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Philippines	-
4	HANSA CLOPPENBURG Container ship Liberia 18327 9357860	11/01/2012 00:01 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Outer Anchorage Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.11' N 004° 02.59' W	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty watchman, stole his VHF, the ship's stores and escaped. The watchman informed bridge who raised the alarm. Port control was informed.	The robbers took hostage the duty watchman, stole his VHF and the ship's stores	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Abidjan Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Affaires Maritimes et Portuaires / ARCC Abidjan	-
5	NAME WITHHELD Product tanker Singapore 28539	11/01/2012 03:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Baikpapan Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 17.30' S 116° 48.00' E	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded a tanker via the anchor chain. They were spotted by the duty A/B who reported to the bridge duty officer. The alarm was raised. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped in their waiting boat.	Ship's stores were stolen	The master raised the alarm and crew alerted	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Navy and Indonesian Marine Police	-
6	TRITON LARK Bulk carrier Panama 31275 9302841	13/01/2012 02:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage Indonesia 01° 41.00' S 116° 38.00' E	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship via the forecastle while duty crew were busy tending to cargo operations. When duty crew returned to forecastle, he saw two robbers who pushed him and escaped in a waiting boat. On investigating, it was noticed that the forward store had been broken into and the ship's stores stolen.	Robbers stole ship's stores	The master raised alarm and the crew mustered	Yes Local authorities via agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-
7	HANA Bulk carrier Malta 24652 8413497	21/01/2012 05:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Outer Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 14.00' N 091° 44.20' E	The duty watchman onboard an anchored bulk carrier heard a small boat approach the vessel. He then noticed movement on the forecastle deck and informed the duty officer. On reaching the forecastle, the duty watchman and the duty officer noticed a robber stealing the ship's stores. On confronting the robber, they were attacked and the duty officer was injured. The duty watchman returned to the accommodation and raised the alarm. The incident was reported to the authorities who sent out the coast guard and medical assistance for the injured duty officer.	One crew member injured and the robbers stole the ship's stores	The master raised the alarm	Yes Chittagong Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Bangladesh Coast Guard	Coast Guard arrived and rendered assistance

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8	OXL LOTUS Ro-ro-cargo ship Germany 5752 9144471	21/01/2012 22:15 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approx 5.6NM SW of Patenga Light, Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 11.90' N 091° 42.25' E	While at anchor, five robbers boarded the vessel from two small boats and escaped with three mooring ropes.	Three mooring ropes were stolen. No crew sustained any injuries	The crew informed the port authorities and Bangladesh Coast Guard	Yes Chittagong Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Bangladesh	Bangladesh Coast Guard ship CGS SHETGANG carried out extensive search of outer anchorage. Eventually, the Coast Guard recovered the stolen ropes on Kutubdia island on 25 January and handed them over to customs for legal action
9	FAIRCHEM BIRDIE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 15192 9423724	22/01/2012 03:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Dumai Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 42.30' N 101° 27.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They entered the engine room, tied up the duty engineer and stole ship's stores. They took the duty engineer to the stern and disembarked on to a waiting boat. No injuries to the crew.	Robbers took hostage and tied up the duty engineer and stole ship's stores	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Dumai Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy HQ	-
10	MID NATURE Chemical tanker Cayman Islands (United Kingdom) 11987 9542154	23/01/2012 06:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Dumai Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 42.00' N 101° 26.00' E	Armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker and held the duty motor man as hostage. The duty 3/E noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with engine spares. No injuries to the crew.	Robbers held the duty motor man as hostage and stole engine spares	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Local authorities through agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy HQ	-

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11	ANNETTE General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 8383 9266554	25/01/2012 01:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla Anchorage India 22° 47.50' N 070° 02.05' E	Ten robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole the ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. During the security patrol by A/B sentry detected a small boat tied at the aft with an unidentified number of robbers.	Ship's stores and machinery spares were stolen. No crew were injured	The sentry raised alarm and alerted the duty officer	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, India, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Coast Guard Mumbai & Directorate General of Shipping India	-
12	ISTRIAN EXPRESS Container ship Gibraltar (United Kingdom) 12514 9474383	27/01/2012 22:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Haiphong Anchorage Viet Nam 20° 38.40' N 106° 53.00' E	Eight robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They took the duty A/B hostage, forced him into the bosun store and tied him up. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. As the A/B was not answering calls on the walkie talkie, a search party was sent forward and rescued the A/B. The master tried to contact Haiphong port control but received no response.	The robbers took hostage the duty A/B, forced him into the bosun store and tied him up. The robbers stole ship's stores	The master ordered crew to search for the A/B and tried to contact port control	Yes Haiphong Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Vietnam, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	-
13	GOLDEN FOUNTAIN Chemical tanker Panama 7745 9401403	28/01/2012 03:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Sabah Malaysia 05° 48.00' N 118° 05.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty A/B on rounds sighted the robbers armed with long knives and immediately informed the duty officer. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the ship's stores.	Robbers stole ship's stores	The master raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Local police station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Putrajaya, FOC RMN, Marine Police Malaysia	-
14	MP PANAMAX 5 Bulk carrier Singapore 38633 9202807	28/01/2012 04:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage Indonesia 01° 43.80' S 116° 38.30' E	Four robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. The robbers tried to attack the duty A/B, who managed to escape and inform the 2/O. Alarm raised and all crew mustered and proceeded towards the robbers. The robbers fired four shots and escaped with ship's stores. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to pilot station.	The robbers tried to attack the duty A/B and stole the ship's stores. The robbers fired four shots before escaping	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Pilot station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-

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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage	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.181 ANNEX 2
	IMO Number								Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	DELFA Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9330094	04/01/2012 03:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Somalia 13° 10.00' N 049° 12.00' E	About five pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and fired upon a bulk carrier underway. The onboard security team returned fire and the skiff turned away and aborted the attack.	Pirates fired upon the vessel	The onboard security team returned fire at the pirates	Yes CSO	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Royal Oman Police, Yemen Coast Guard	-
2	SENANUR CEBI Bulk carrier Turkey 31763 9491367	04/01/2012 07:35	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 14.60' N 044° 11.80' E	Pirates in a skiff chased and attempted to board the ship underway. The ship enforced anti-piracy measures, increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates moving away.	-	Ship enforced anti-piracy measures, increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard	A warship and a helicopter came to the location
3	JAG LOK Tanker India 81396 9293507	04/01/2012 07:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 14.00' N 044° 11.00' E	Four pirates in a skiff maintained a parallel course with the tanker before suddenly increasing speed to 25 knots and coming alongside in an attempt to board. No ladders were seen on the skiff. The master raised the alarm, commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew retreated into citadel. Five minutes later, the pirates aborted their attempt and targeted another vessel in the convoy.	-	The master raised the alarm, commenced evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew retreated into the citadel	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard	A helicopter came to the location
4	SUNSHINE Bulk carrier Bahamas 22697 9393632	05/01/2012 04:46 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Approx 146NM SE of Muscat Oman 22° 27.00' N 060° 59.00' E	Six pirates in a skiff approached a bulk carrier underway. The master contacted a warship in the vicinity when the skiff came to a distance of 2.5 NM. The naval warship responded and a helicopter was launched. The alarm was raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the master took anti-piracy measures. Machine guns and a rocket propelled grenade were sighted on the skiff when it closed to a distance of five cables from the ship. The helicopter arrived on the scene, resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack.	-	The master raised the alarm	Yes The ship contacted a warship for help	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, NATO UK, Yemen Coast Guard, CG Oman	A helicopter from a warship arrived at the location and chased away the skiffs

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									Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

5	GEO NATUNA Supply ship Singapore 4461 9437373	06/01/2012 18:00 LT	EAST AFRICA South-west of Mayyun Island Yemen 12° 35.40' N 043° 21.90' E	While underway, the ship was pursued by 16 pirates in four skiffs for about 20 mins. Two skiffs approached the ship on her port and starboard quarters, closing to about 500 metres from the ship. The ship had employed private armed guards for this voyage. The suspected pirate skiffs did not execute boarding during the incident. The armed guards onboard did not discharge their weapons.	The pirates aborted the chase	The ship had employed BMP4 measures, with barb wire in place and fire hoses charged	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Singapore	-
6	NEDLLOYD TESLIN Container ship Liberia 26833 9283693	09/01/2012 16:22 LT	WEST AFRICA 85NM south of Bonny Island Nigeria 03° 00.00' N 007° 28.00' E	About eight pirates in a skiff and armed with AK47s attacked the container from a fishing trawler and fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. The Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and the crew mustered in the citadel. Later, the pirates aborted the attack and moved away.	Pirates fired upon the ship, made bullet holes on the accommodation block and two holes in port side life boat	The master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and the crew mustered in the citadel	Yes Maritime Operational Centre and Security Forces of AKPO Terminal	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MRCC Nigeria and Nigerian Navy	-
7	CAPE TEXEL Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9441192	10/01/2012 13:59 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Arabian Sea Oman 11° 52.30' N 061° 59.80' E	Two suspicious vessels sighted and one of them had two skiffs alongside. The vessels looked like fishing vessels and both were drifting.	-	None reported	Yes UKMTO, MARLO	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SPS PATINO Navy ship Spain	12/01/2012 02:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx 43NM of Mogadishu Somalia 01° 37.00' N 046° 00.00' E	Six pirates in a skiff approached, fired upon and attempted to board from the stern the naval auxiliary ship underway. The naval force protection team on the ship returned fire in self-defence, forcing the pirates to abort the attempted attack. The ship's helicopter was launched to track the skiff and the pirates surrendered. The injured pirates were given medical treatment onboard the naval ship.	Pirates fired upon the ship	The naval force protection team returned fire	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MSCHOA	The naval ship's helicopter was launched to track the skiff and the pirates surrendered. The injured pirates were given medical treatment onboard the naval ship

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

9	HAPPY BIRD Gas carrier - non-specified Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 6051 9197727	12/01/2012 09:40 LT	ARABIAN SEA Arabian Sea Oman 14° 51.00' N 056° 35.00' E	The vessel was approached by 2 pirate skiffs, one on each quarter, speed 18-20kts at a distance of 3-4 miles. One skiff approached to 1NM, the onboard AST fired warning shots, the pirates returned fire, but vessel well out of range of their weapons. AST returned 2 more warning shots. The skiffs retired to a distance of 3 miles where they slowed down and closed together. Skiffs dropped to 4NM astern. 12 minutes later, they turned to the south east and left the area. No mothership observed by radar. One suspicious radar target 18NM south of the vessel moving west at 14knots was later identified by AIS as Ocean Destiny.	All crew members well, no consequences for ship, crew or cargo.	The master activated SSAS. The master, working closely with security team leader, gave permission for warning shots to be fired. Crew mustered in citadel.	No	Isle of Man (UK) Ship Registry	-
10	REBECCA SCHULTE Chemical tanker Singapore 19793 9576753	12/01/2012 13:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approx 50 NM north-west of Mangalore India 13° 19.10' N 074° 08.30' E	Five pirates armed with guns onboard a small skiff approached the chemical tanker which was underway. A mother ship towing a skiff was also observed to be at approximately 2 NM off the front starboard side of the vessel. The skiff did not execute any boarding attempts on seeing the armed guards onboard and subsequently drifted away.	All crew was safe. The vessel wasn't damaged.	Four security personnel posted at port and starboard of vessel	Yes UKMTO, MSCHOA	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Singapore	-
11	VALDARNO Tanker Italy 60185 9417335	16/01/2012 07:05 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx. 265 NM NE of Socotra Island Yemen 15° 04.00' N 058° 17.00' E	Lookouts onboard a tanker underway noticed six pirates in a skiff approaching their vessel at a distance of 3.5 NM. At a distance of around 300m, the onboard unarmed security team engaged the skiff with the LRAD and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The skiff fired at the vessel and continued to approach. The security team fired warning flares which landed close to the skiff. The pirates continued to approach and fired at the vessel. However, after the security team fired two more flares close to the skiff, the pirates aborted but tailed the vessel for 15 minutes before heading towards a mother vessel in the vicinity.	-	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard	-

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	Type of Ship Flag								Gross Tonnage IMO Number
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

12	FLINTSTONE Special purpose ship Netherlands 21401 9528433	17/01/2012 06:32 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx. 93NM NE of Socotra Island Yemen 13° 32.00' N 055° 44.00' E	While underway, six pirates onboard a skiff that had been launched from a mother ship (dhow) approached the vessel. The military Vessel Protection Detachment (VPD) onboard the vessel shot flares to deter the pirates. When the pirates continued their approach towards the vessel and aimed their rocket propelled grenades at the vessel, the military VPD fired some shots towards the skiff after which the pirates aborted their attempt and returned to the mother ship.	-	The crew entered citadel during attack.	Yes UKMTO	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point, Netherlands, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, NATO UK, Yemen Coast Guard	-
13	TROITSKY BRIDGE Tanker Liberia 27725 9258167	20/01/2012 10:45 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Approx. 95NM NW of Muscat Oman 24° 53.40' N 057° 27.40' E	Twelve pirates in skiff approached the tanker underway. As the skiff approached the tanker, ladders were sighted. The alarm was raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the master took anti-piracy measures. As the skiff manoeuvred towards the tanker, the onboard security team fired warning shots, resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack.	-	The alarm was raised, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the master took anti-piracy measures. The armed security team onboard fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard, Oman Coast Guard	-
14	CONTI LAPISLAZULI Bulk carrier Liberia 33036 9452658	24/01/2012 07:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Bab El Mandeb Yemen 13° 11.80' N 043° 02.60' E	The security team onboard a bulk carrier underway reported two skiffs approaching the vessel. There were a total of seven skiffs in the vicinity. The first skiff had six pirates armed with AK47s. No weapons were seen in the second skiff which had four pirates. The vessel enforced anti-piracy measures, made evasive manoeuvres and the two armed guards were placed on the starboard and port bridge wings. On sighting the armed guards, the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away.	-	The master enforced anti-piracy measures and deployed armed guards	Yes All stations via VHF Channel 16	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Yemen Coast Guard	-
15	NYK JOANNA Container ship Singapore 27051 9387449	26/01/2012 23:35 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) 45NM off Tomaco Colombia 02° 26.00' N 079° 18.00' W	Three suspected armed pirates in black military uniforms chased the ship underway in a white hulled speed boat. The ship increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres and the crew mustered. The boat aborted the attempt and moved away after chasing the ship for 45 minutes.	Pirates chased the ship	The ship enforced anti-piracy measures, increased speed and the crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Colombia Maritime Authorities	-

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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

16	BBC CALIFORNIA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 9611 9402055	28/01/2012 10:42 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx 620 NM NE of Mogadishu Somalia 04° 55.00' N 058° 14.00' E	A general cargo ship underway noticed a mother vessel lowering a skiff. The skiff with five armed pirates was seen approaching the ship. The onboard armed security team fired warning flares which were ignored by the skiff. As the skiff approached the ship, at a distance of 500 metres the security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.	-	The armed security team fired warning flares and warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Coast Guard, Indian Coast Guard HQ	-
17	NEW GLORY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 26555 9244269	31/01/2012 13:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Zambia 13° 36.70' N 049° 50.00' E	During transit in convoy with a Chinese Naval Ship, a suspicious mother ship was observed drifting with 2 skiffs in tow.	-	Observe for suspicious activities	Yes UKMTO, MSCHOA	Marshall Islands	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	OOCL ANTWERP Container ship Panama 66462 9307011	14/01/2012 08:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 12NM NE off Bintan Island Indonesia 01° 24.28' N 104° 42.09' E	Four robbers wearing masks, armed with choppers and knives in a boat approached an anchored ship. Two of the robbers attempted to board the ship by climbing the anchor chain. The duty crew noticed the robbers and informed bridge, who raised the alarm. The crew mustered and activated the fire hoses, resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted boarding.	-	The master raised the alarm, the crew mustered and activated fire hoses	Yes VTIS Singapore	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, POCC Singapore, Singapore Police Coast Guard & IFC Singapore	-
2	PAPILLON Chemical tanker Bahamas 26913 9345659	23/01/2012 11:21 LT	EAST AFRICA 7.7NM off Dar es Salaam United Republic of Tanzania 06° 41.00' S 039° 20.00' E	Two skiffs with five robbers in each skiff approached a chemical tanker underway. The vessel enforced anti-piracy measures, increased speed and deployed the security team. When the skiffs approached closer to the vessel, the security team fired warning flares, resulting in the skiffs moving away.	-	The master raised the alarm and the crew mustered, the vessel increased speed and the security team fired warning flares	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, MRCC Tanzania	-

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	Coastal State Action Taken								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN PORT AREA

1	SIMA SAMAN Container ship Singapore 15995 9330903	07/01/2012 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Ho Chi Minh City Port Viet Nam	The duty A/B onboard the berthed ship noticed a small boat near the shipside with three robbers attempting to board the ship. The duty A/B raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Local security was informed.	-	The duty A/B raised alarm	Yes Port security	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	Local police are investigating
2	ERO L Bulk carrier Greece 30422 9231999	13/01/2012 19:40 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Area Peru	Six robbers armed with long knives attempted to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. The alert crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and the crew mustered. On hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. Port authorities were informed and the coast guard came to investigate.	-	Alert crew raised the alarm and the crew mustered	Yes Port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, MRCC Peru	Coast Guard came onboard to investigate
3	EAGLE STRAIT Bulk carrier Liberia 33033 9488580	27/01/2012 00:55 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Macapa Anchorage, Amazon River Brazil 00° 02.80' N 050° 59.70' W	Four robbers in a small unlit boat approached an anchored ship. The deck watch crew noticed the robbers climbing up the anchor chain trying to remove the hawse pipe cover and informed the bridge. OOW immediately raised the alarm and activated the fire pump to start anchor wash. The robbers aborted the boarding and escaped in their boat. Port control and ships in the vicinity were informed.	-	The master raised the alarm and activated the fire pump to start anchor wash	Yes Macapa Pilot Station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to MRCC Brazil	Pilot Station relayed the message to Harbour Master

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