



MALAYSIA COAST GUARD EFFORT IN COMBATING HIJACKING OF SHIP FOR THEFT OF OIL CARGO

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SCOPE OF PRESENTATION

- ▶ DEFINITION OF PIRACY/OFFENCE
- ▶ TYPES OF OFFENCES
- ▶ OVERCOME MEASURES
- ▶ BENEFITS
- ▶ TYPES OF COOPERATION NEEDED

PIRACY (article 101 UNCLOS)

- Any illegal act 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
- Happened at high seas and out of jurisdiction of any state

ROBBERY Penal Code sec 390 (1)

- In all robbery there is either theft or extortion.



GANG ROBBERY

(Penal Code sec 391)

- Two or more persons conjointly commit or attempt a robbery-also considered as theft group

ARMED ROBBERY

(Penal Code sec 397)

- Armed with or uses deadly weapon, or causes grievous hurt to any person, or attempt to cause death or grievous hurt.



INCIDENTS RELATED THEFT

- **Petty Theft**
- **Fuel Siphoning**
- **Kidnapped for Ransom**
- **Armed Robbery**
- **Shopping Group**



PETTY THEFT

- Target any low freeboard ship at anchor
- Intention to rob personnel belonging and small valuable equipment
- lightly armed (machetes)
- Group members less than 6 persons
- Disorganized



FUEL SIPHONING

- 5 and more group members
- Aiming for fuel cargo
- Armed with machetes and gun
- Used violence and extortion
- Cargo transfer at sea to unknown ship
- Personnel belonging for secondary purpose



KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM

- An organised crime
- For Ransom purpose only
- Used of violence
- Armed with gun and machetes



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Solely Aim for Cargoes. Valuable Crews Items Just a Bonus.

Combination of Blue And White Collar Criminal at Transnational Level Organized Syndicate.

Direct Hit to Identified/ Tracked Target Ship (Mini Tanker)

Offshore, Far Reach of Enforcement Agencies

Target Ship on Voyage With Full Load of Cargoes

Control The Ship, Cut The Communication, Disable Ship Navigation (Damaging Radar To Avoiding Detection), Take Long Time (Up To 5-6 Hours). Using Medium to Higher Force Level.

Using One Fast Bot and Two Or More Mini Tanker

MCG ADVISORY OPINION

- ❑ Common vulnerabilities that always exploited by robbers/pirate:
 - Low speed/extended duration of ships anchor at the location
 - Low freeboard
 - Inadequate security planning & procedures



BEST PRACTICE TO PREVENT SHIP HIJACKING

- Maintaining a good communication between ships and base
- Put razor wire around the ship
- Switch ON all the lights when entering high risk area at night
- Manoeuvre in zigzag when threat is trigger
- Apply items in Annex IV (Distress Signal) of COLREGS





BEST PRACTICE TO PREVENT SHIP HIJACKING

- ❑ Recommended precautionary measures:
 - Ensure sufficient watch keepers are available
 - Increase bridge lookouts/bridge manning
 - Check that all ladders & outboard equipment are stowed or up on deck
 - Use light, alarm bells and crew activity to alert suspected robber that they have been detected
 - Keep a good lookout for suspicious craft, especially from quarter deck
 - Provide deck lighting only as required for safety
 - Fire pump defensive measures when robber strike your ship

Overcome Measures



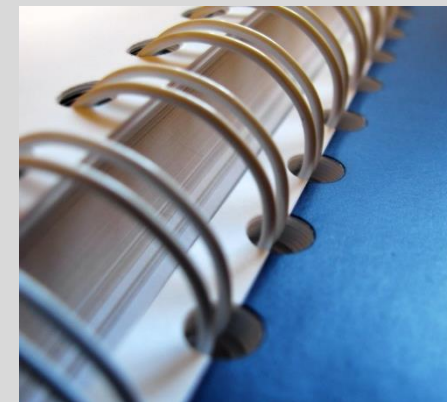
Regional Cooperation



Info Sharing & Joint Investigation



Experience Extradition



Informal Engagement

BENEFITS



Joint Investigation



Widest Press



Assistance in Other Field

“.....that naval efforts and enforcement agencies to counter piracy is not a long term and finite solution, self – help by seafarers and ship owners in complying with best management practices (BMPs) is the first layers of protection against incidents at sea”.

Source: ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2013 report

Cooperation



**Bilateral/ Trilateral
Training**



Info Sharing



**Secondment or
Liaison Officer in
Neighboring Country**



Joint Investigation

Conclusion

- ✓ **Malaysian Maritime Zone is safe and secured;**
- ✓ **Enhancement of maritime security need local commitment and cooperation from neighboring countries;**
- ✓ **Need to enhance cooperation especially in information and intelligence sharing;**
- ✓ **Malaysia is committed to be a player in ensuring a safe and conducive maritime environment in the region.**



Thank you