

Incident Report :	12/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	20 August 2008 at 0350hrs (local time)
Location of incident :	09° 56.40' N, 076° 06.50' E
Area Description :	Port of Kochi, India
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>MV OEL Dubai</i> / Container Ship
<p>Details of Incident:</p> <p>The <i>MV OEL Dubai</i> was anchored at the port of Kochi (west coast of India) at approximately 09° 56.40' N, 076° 06.50' E when four robbers boarded the container ship. Please refer to the approximate location of the incident below.</p> <p>The robbers boarded the ship from a wooden boat and stole 10 drums of paint. The ship master reported the incident to the Port Authority of Kochi. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and local police are currently investigating the incident.</p>	
Reported by :	ReCAAP Focal Point (India)
Comments by ISC :	The ReCAAP ISC classifies this incident as Category 3 (less significant) incident. Ship master and crew are advised to maintain vigilance and strengthen their watch keeping particularly during hours of darkness when their ship is at anchor.
Observations by ISC :	This is the second incident reported at the port of Kochi in 2008. The first incident occurred on 5 April 2008 involving product tanker, the <i>MV Sampurna Swarajya</i> . The tanker was anchored at the port of Kochi when six robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at the forecastle using rope and grapnel. The robbers when detected fled with one mooring

	<p>rope of about 210 metres in length. The ship master reported the incident to the Port Authority of Kochi.</p> <p>The modus operandi of the robbers in both incidents appears opportunistic in nature. The robbers boarded the ship during hours of darkness, stole some stores on board the ship and fled in their boat. There was no intention to confront the crew or inflict any damage to the ship.</p>
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