

Incident Report:	30/2010
Date/Time¹ of Incident:	30 Dec 10 at or about 0535hrs
Location of incident:	1° 19.97' N, 104° 17.62' E
Area Description:	Approximately 3.5 nm southeast of Tanjung Ramunia, Malaysia
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Samho T8</i> , Tug boat

Details of Incident

On 30 Dec 10 at or about 0535 hrs, six robbers boarded a Belize-registered tug boat, *Samho T8* from a speed boat at approximately 3.5 nm southeast of Tanjung Ramunia, Malaysia (1° 19.97' N, 104° 17.62' E). The robbers held the crew hostage in a cabin, and took away cash and the crew's personal belongings. They damaged some of the ship equipment before escaping. The crew was not injured.

The ship master reported the incident to Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The POCC initiated navigational broadcast on VHF and NAVTEX to alert mariners operating the vicinity. The POCC also informed the Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy, RCC Jakarta and MRCC Putrajaya about the incident.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

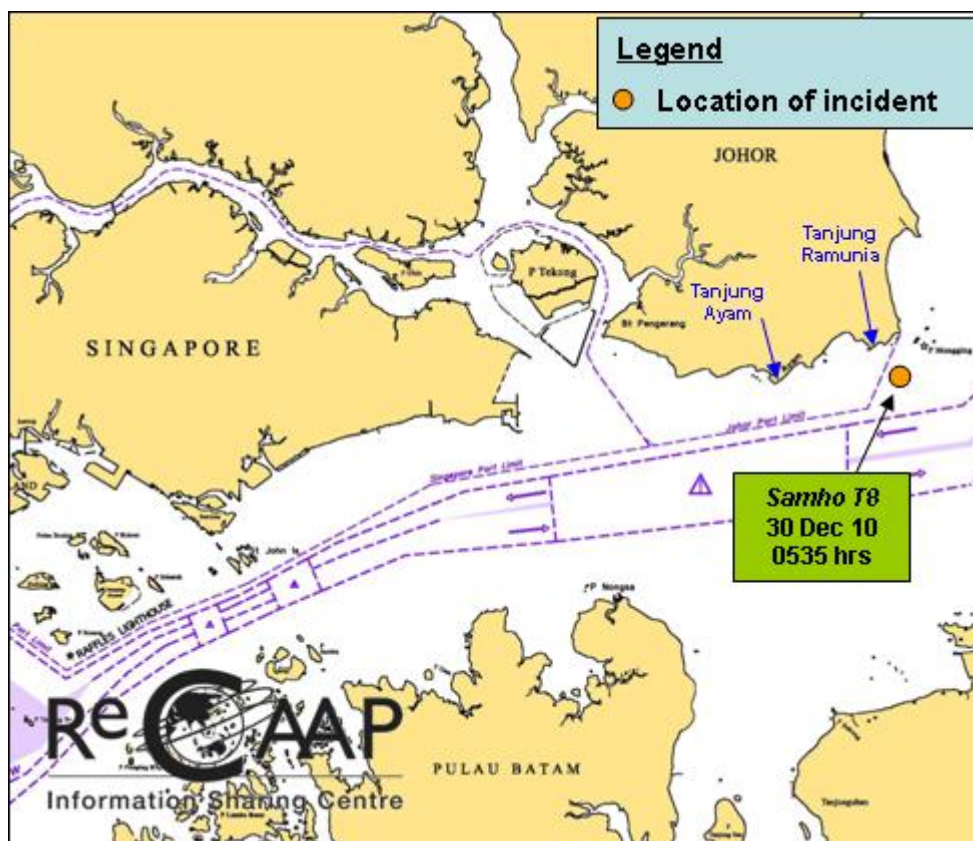
Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Since January 2010, this is the tenth incident reported in the vicinity off Tanjung Ayam and Tanjung Ramunia, Johor, Malaysia. The last incident involving Singapore-registered product tanker, *Kiel* occurred on 12 Oct 10 south of Tanjung Ayam.

¹ All timings of incidents in this Incident Alert are expressed in local time.



The ReCAAP ISC advises ship masters and crew operating in the vicinity to maintain vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures. They are also advised to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.



Approximate location of incident

