

Incident Alert

Incident Report: 19/2010

Date/Time of Incident: 5 Aug 10 at or about 0048hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 3° 09.10' N, 108° 24.35' E

Area Description: Approximately 27.8 nm northwest of Pulau Subi Besar, Indonesia

Name and Type of Ship: *VOS Hyperion*, Anchor handling tug supply

Details of Incident

On 5 Aug 10 at or about 0048 hrs (local time), a Singapore-registered vessel, *VOS Hyperion* was underway at position 3° 09.10' N, 108° 24.35' E (approximately 27.8 nm northwest of Pulau Subi Besar, Indonesia) when the master spotted an unlit small speed boat approaching *VOS Hyperion* from the forward starboard quarter of the vessel. The vessel carried out evasive maneuvering and switched on the fore and aft search lights to indicate that the crew was aware of being trailed by the speed boat. After a while, the speed boat gave up the chase. The crew was not injured.

The shipping company reported the incident to the ReCAAP ISC; and the Singapore's Port Operation Control Centre (POCC) had initiated a NAVTEX broadcast to alert mariners about the incident and to adopt precautionary measures transiting through the vicinity.

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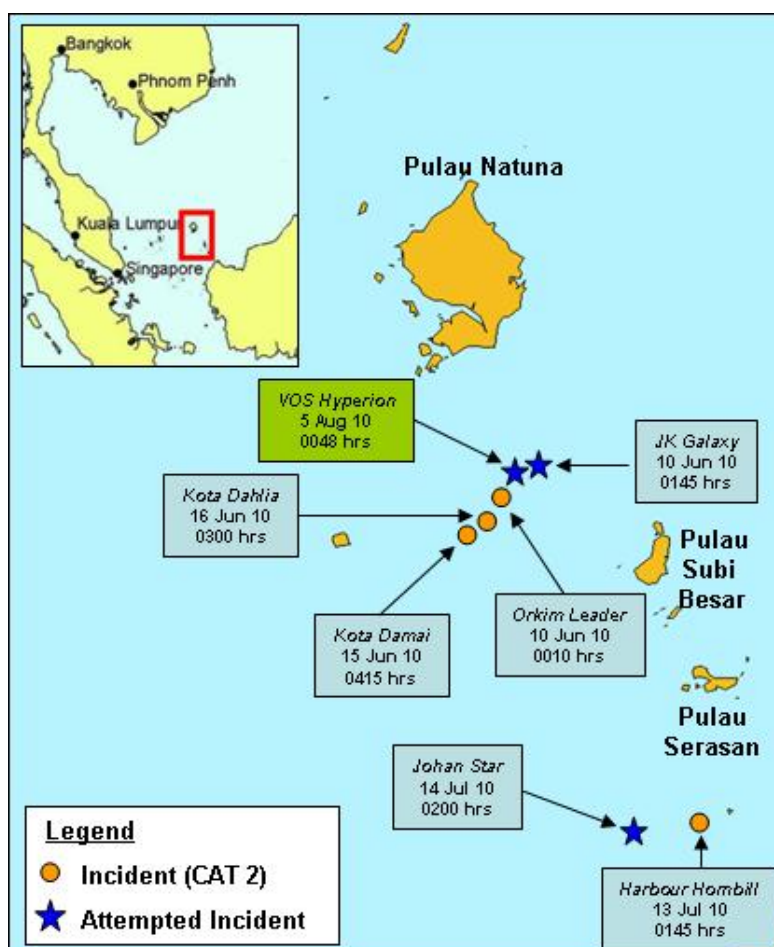
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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the seventh incident reported in the vicinity of Pulau Subi Besar since June 2010. The first incident reported in 2010 involved product tanker *Okrim Leader* which occurred on 10 Jun 2010, followed by incidents reported on 15 Jun 10, 16 Jun 10 Jul 10, 13 Jul 10, 14 Jul 10 and 5 Aug 10. It is pertinent to note that the incidents in this vicinity occurred on consecutive days, or on the same day, as shown in table below.



Date	Time	Name Of Vessel	Type Of Vessel
10-Jun-10	0010	<i>Orkim Leader</i>	Product tanker
10-Jun-10	0145	<i>JK Galaxy</i>	General cargo ship
15-Jun-10	0415	<i>Kota Damai</i>	Container ship
16-Jun-10	0300	<i>Kota Dahlia</i>	Container ship
13-Jul-10	0145	<i>Harbour Hornbill</i>	General cargo ship
14-Jul-10	0200	<i>Johan Star</i>	General cargo ship
5-Aug-10	0048	<i>VOS Hyperion</i>	Anchor handling tug supply



Approximate location of incidents

The ReCAAP ISC advises ships operating in the vicinity to maintain enhanced vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures. Early detection and reporting of a possible boarding is the most effective deterrent as evident in the incident involving *VOS Hyperion* where the perpetrators gave up the chase after the vessel adopted evasive measures. Ship masters are advised to report all actual and attempted incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately so that the authorities can initiate broadcast NAVTEX to warn ships in the vicinity, and render assistance as deem appropriate.