



REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2013

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Executive Summary

A total of 13 incidents, comprising 11 actual incidents and two attempted incidents were reported in November 2013. No piracy incident was reported as all 13 incidents were robberies against ships¹.

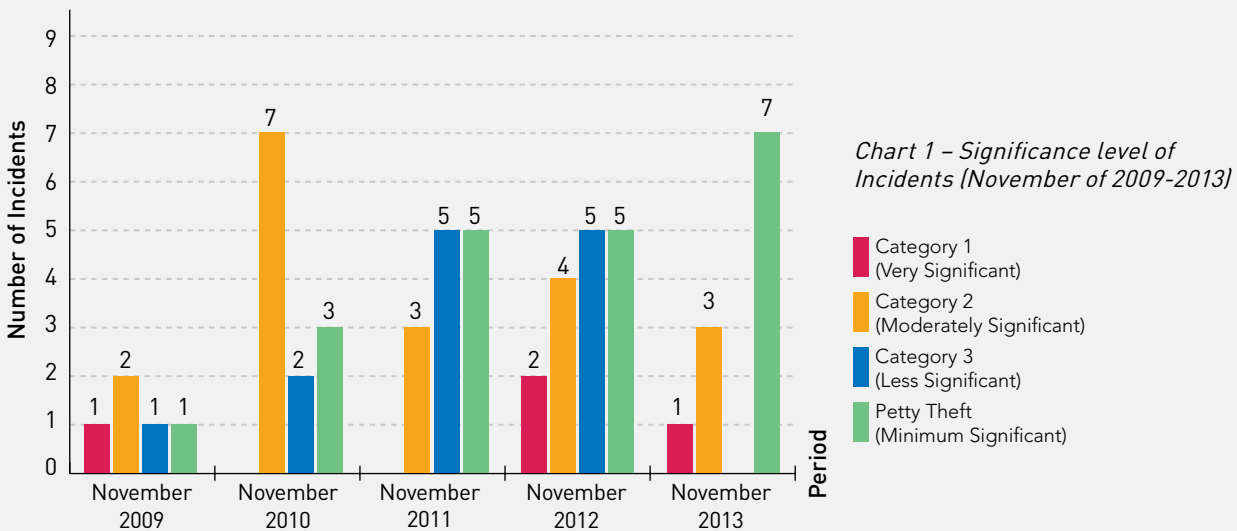
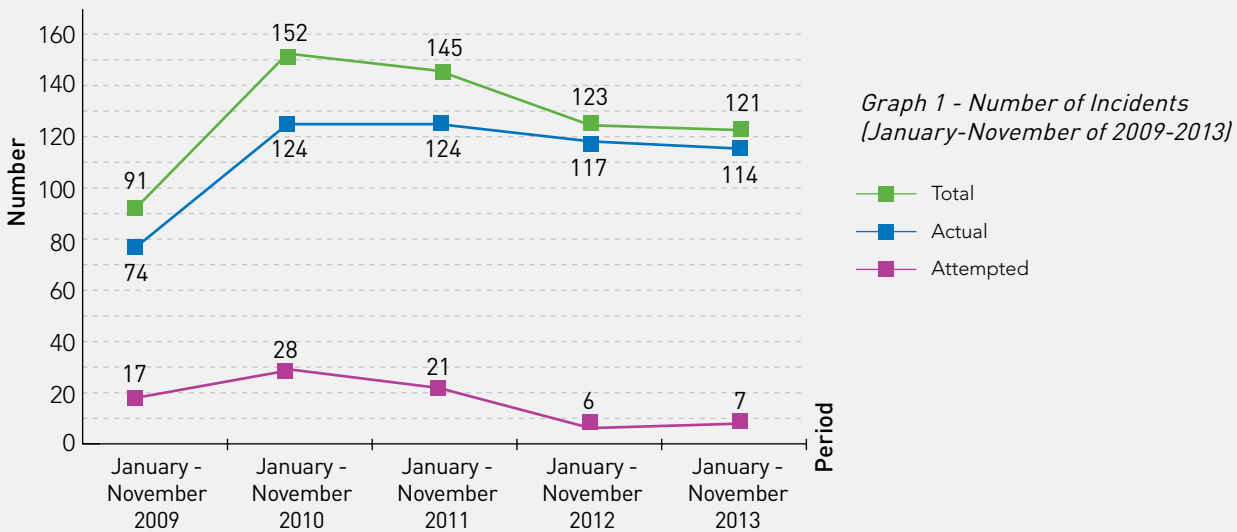
During January-November 2013, a total of 121 incidents comprising 114 actual incidents and seven attempted incidents were reported, a continuation of the downward trend since January-November 2010.

Of the 11 actual incidents reported in November 2013, one was a Category 1 (very significant) incident, three were Category 2 (moderately significant) incidents, and seven were petty theft (minimum significant) incidents. Notably,

the number of petty theft incidents reported in November 2013 was at its peak of seven incidents while the number of Category 2 incidents decreased to three incidents compared to the same period in 2012. On the whole, incidents reported in November 2013 were relatively less severe compared to November 2012. The Category 1 incident occurred on 7 Nov 13 involved the siphoning of Marine Gas Oil (MGO) from product tanker, *GPT 21*. Details of the incident are shared as a case study in this report.

Status of Ships

Of the 13 incidents reported in November 2013, 11 incidents occurred onboard vessels while at anchor/berth; and two incidents occurred while vessels were underway.



¹ Refer to ReCAAP ISC website at http://www.recaap.org/AlertsReports/IncidentReports.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=290 for the definitions of piracy and armed robbery against ships as adopted by the ReCAAP ISC.

Location of Incidents

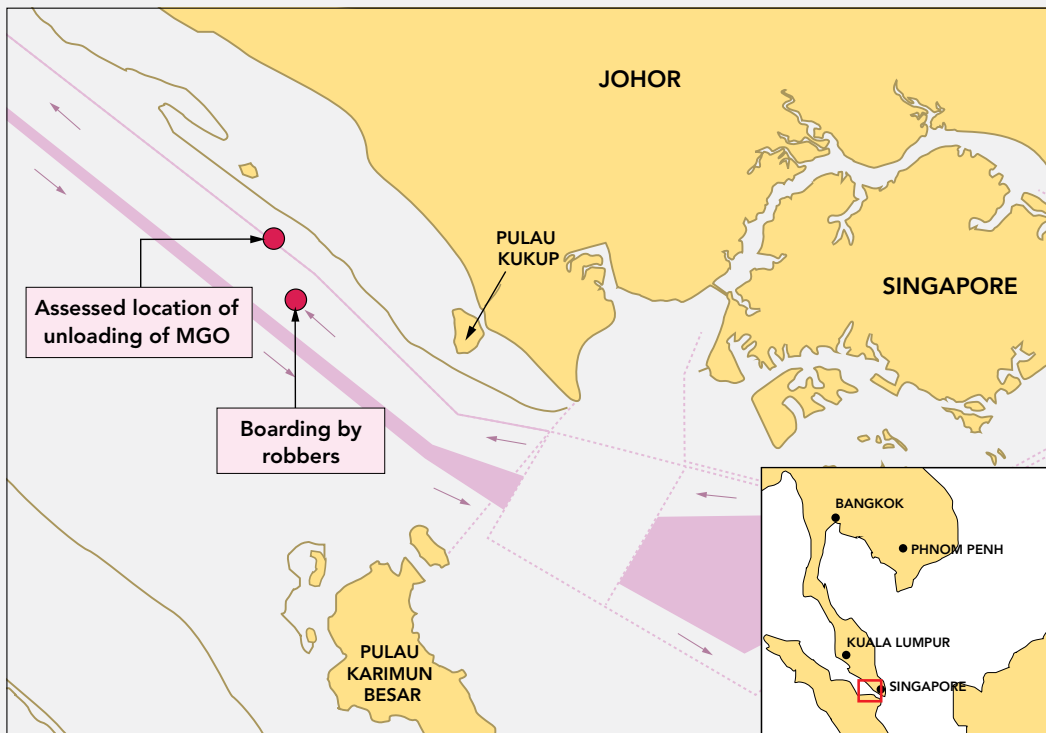
Of the 11 incidents reported at ports and anchorages, seven of them occurred in Indonesia, three in India and one in Vietnam. The two incidents onboard vessels while underway

occurred in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Refer to Map 2 for the approximate location of these incidents.

Case Study: Siphoning of MGO from product tanker, *GPT 21*

On 7 Nov 13 at or about 0200 hrs (local time), a Panama-registered product tanker, *GPT 21*, laden with MGO, departed Eastern OPL for Yangon, Myanmar. At or about 0330 hrs (local time), five robbers boarded the product tanker at approximately 6.8 nm west of Pulau Kukup, Malaysia in the Malacca Straits. One of the robbers was armed with a pistol and the others armed with knives. The robbers ordered the AB to bring them to the master's cabin. The crew was tied and led to a cabin. The robbers ordered the master to steer the vessel to an unknown location. After sailing for about 24 nm, the master was ordered to reverse the vessel and head back

to the original location. During this time, the robbers ordered the bosun to demonstrate the operation of the winches and pumps. An orange-hulled tanker subsequently came alongside *GPT 21* and the robbers unloaded the MGO onto the tanker between 0930 hrs and 1530 hrs (local time). The crew managed to free themselves at or about 1600 hrs (local time), but the robbers had already left the tanker. The crew conducted a search and discovered that the crew's personal belongings such as laptops, mobile phones, cash, and ship's equipment including portable gas detector, VHF marine communications, knives, screwdrivers, spanners were taken.



Map 1 - Location of boarding and unloading of MGO from *GPT 21*



Observations by the ReCAAP ISC

The incident involving *GPT 21* was the third incident in 2013 involving siphoning of MGO. The other incidents occurred on 17 Aug 13 when robbers attempted to siphon MGO from *Moresby 9* when she was anchored off Tanjung Ramunia, Malaysia and on 10 Oct 13 when pirates siphoned MGO from *Danai 4* while she was underway off Pulau Aur in the South China Sea.

The ReCAAP ISC notes that there has been an

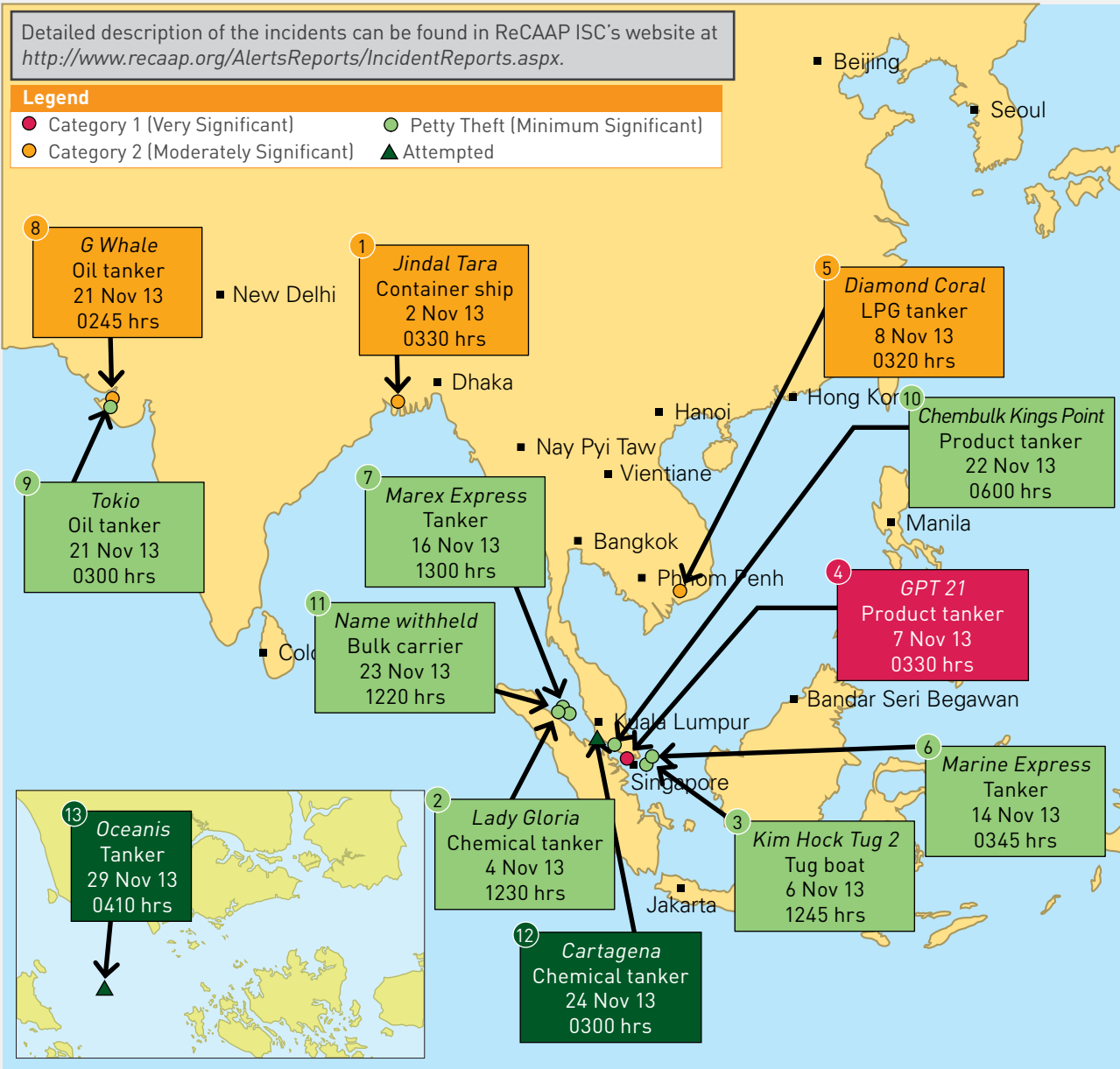
increase in incidents at the ports and anchorages in India in November 2013. Of the three incidents reported there, two were Category 2 incidents involving 10 robbers armed knives onboard container ship *Jindal Tara* at Sagar anchorage on 2 Nov 13; and eight robbers armed with knives onboard oil tanker *G Whale* at Kandla anchorage on 21 Nov 13. The robbers involved in these two incidents escaped immediately with ship stores when the crew was alerted.

Conclusion

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship masters to report all incidents and suspicious activity concerning its vessels immediately to the nearest coastal State so that the enforcement agencies can render assistance. In the case of *GPT 21*, the master did not report the incident immediately to the Malaysian authorities but were able to do so after the crew had freed themselves.

To avoid incidents at ports and anchorages, ship masters and crew are encouraged to increase security watch and maintain vigilance especially during hours of darkness when at anchor/berth. The relevant authorities are advised to increase their presence, step up surveillance and ensure port security.

Location of Incidents



Map 2 - Location of Incidents in November 2013



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