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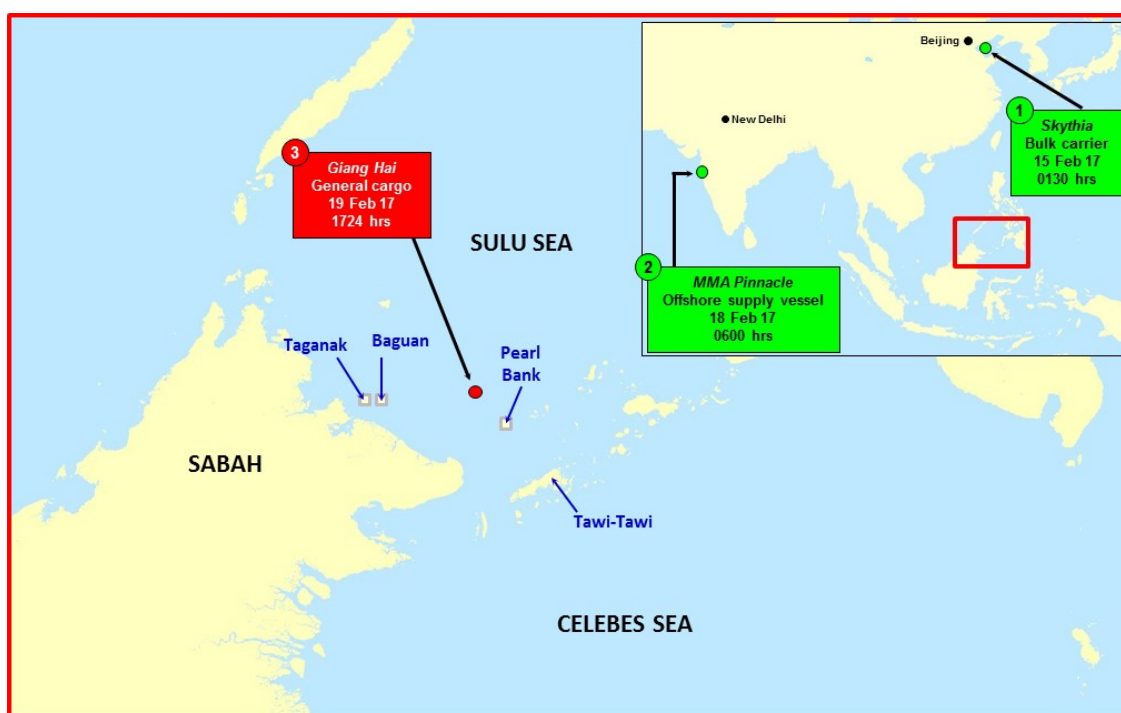
## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

### 14 – 20 February 2017

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

### OVERVIEW

For the period of 14 - 20 Feb 17, three incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The locations of the incidents are shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents (14 – 20 Feb 17)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to exercise extra vigilance when transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and off eastern Sabah region. All vessels are encouraged to report to the following Philippine authorities and ESSCOM prior to entering or passing the Sibutu Passage and Sulu-Celebes Sea:



Contact details of the reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
14 to 20 February 2017**

NO	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>A. ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1.	<b>Skythia</b> Bulk carrier Malta 177830 9423920	15/02/17 0130 hrs	38° 52.6' N 119° 10' E  Jing Tang No.4 Anchorage, China	While at anchor, four perpetrators (reportedly not armed) boarded the ship. The duty officer raised the alarm, and the perpetrators fled without stealing anything from the ship.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	Reported the incident to VTS	Yes  Local VTS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China)	No information available
2.	<b>MMA Pinnacle</b> Offshore supply vessel Singapore 5138 9696187	18/02/17 0600 hrs.	18° 54.2' N 72° 52.3' E  Mumbai D4 Anchorage, India	While at anchor, the project personnel and crew found that some items in the ship were missing. Upon further investigation, they found bare footprints of perpetrators at the access area on the port aft bollard /mooring station of the ship.  The master reported the incident to the local agent, CSO and Flag State.	The crew was not injured.  Among the items reported missing were cables, first-aid box, spanners and fire hoses with nozzles	Master reported the incident to the local agent, CSO and Flag State	Yes  Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
3.	<b>Giang Hai</b> General cargo ship Vietnam 2875 9557329	19/02/17 1724 hrs	6° 8' N 119° 24' E  About 35nm, NNW of Doc Can Island, Sulu, Philippines	While underway from Indonesia to Iloilo port, Philippines, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship and abducted six crew (comprising the Master, Chief Officer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Engineer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Engineer and one crew). One of the crew was killed due to multiple gunshot wounds. The perpetrators destroyed the navigation and communication equipment of the ship before escaping.  At about 0910 hrs on 20 Feb 17, personnel of CGSS Taganak together with personnel of Philippine National Police (PNP) and Phil Marines conducted joint maritime patrol in the vicinity waters off Baguan Island and rescued the remaining 10 Vietnamese crew and the crew who was killed.	One crew was killed and six were abducted.  Navigational and communication equipment of ship were destroyed	No information available	Yes  Vietnam's Maritime Security Information Centre (MSIC), Vietnam MRCC, Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG), Vietnam Navy (VN),	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Vietnam MRCC informed the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) about the incident.  The PCG Action Centre immediately directed Coast Guard District South Western Mindanao, CGS Bongao and Coast Guard Sub Station Taganak to conduct verification, security and search & rescue operation (SAR).  The PCG has alerted Coast Guard units and Bureau of Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (BFAR)

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									<p>vessels in the area, issued Notice to Mariners and has organized a pursuit operation in coordination with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) &amp; PNP units in the area.</p> <p>Ongoing preliminary investigation is being conducted by PCG personnel.</p>