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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

For the period of 7-13 Feb 17, no incident of piracy and armed robbery against ship was reported to the ReCAAP ISC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nonetheless, ship master and crew are to exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*, particularly when operating in areas of concern.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory which was issued via the ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the area. All vessels are advised to report to the Philippine authorities and **Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)** prior to entering or passing the Sibutu Passage and Sulu-Celebes Sea. Concerning the reporting centres in the Philippines, **Navy-Littoral Monitoring Stations(LMS)** based in Bongao, Tawi Tawi, is included in addition to the **Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre** based in Zamboanga. The contact details and location of the reporting centres are as shown below.

