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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 4-10 April 2017

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

For the period of 4-10 Apr 17, two incidents of armed robbery against ship were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed descriptions tabulated in attachment.

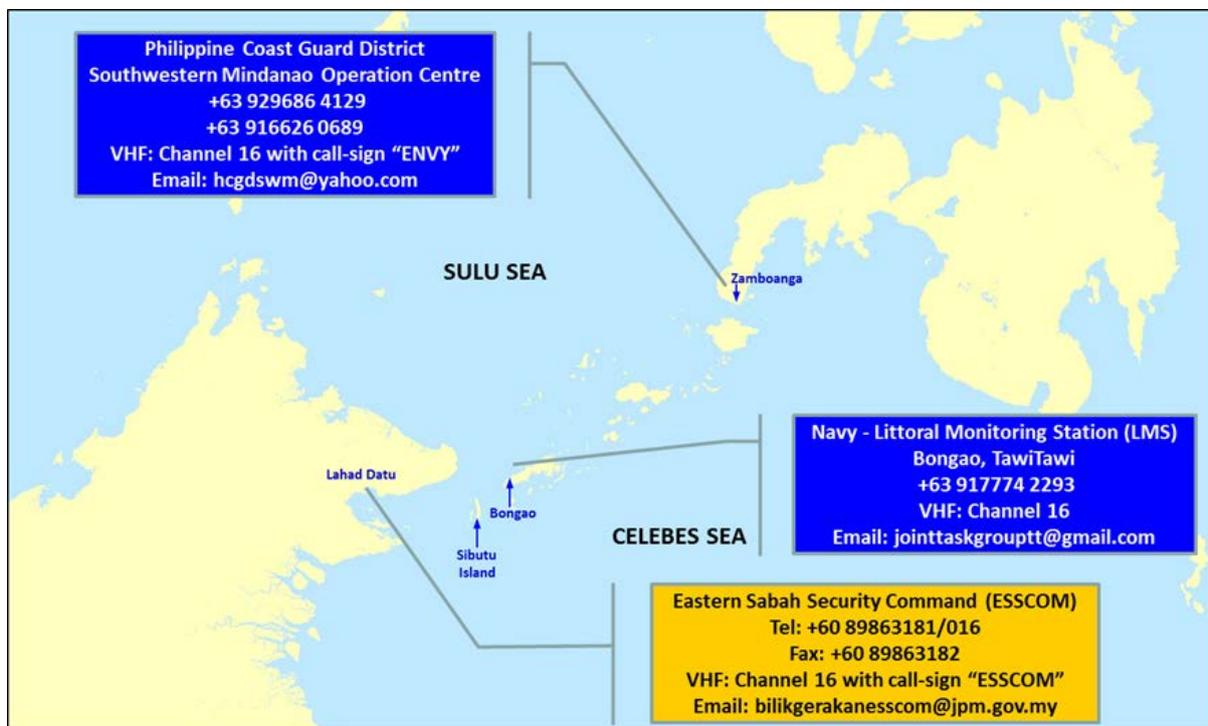


Location of incidents

## 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 is deeply concerned about the situation in the Sulu-Celebes Sea and waters off Eastern Sabah; and reiterates its advisory 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, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
4-10 April 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>ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1	<b><i>Ocean Ambition</i></b> Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 44855 9717709	26/3/17 2015 hrs	3° 43' N, 114° 25.2' E  Taboneo anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, between four to five perpetrators boarded the ship from a boat via the ship's anchor chain. They cut the securing rope of the hawse pipe cover, shifted the butterfly nuts, opened the hawse pipe cover, broke the lock to the forecastle store, removed the internal securing arrangement of the forecastle booby hatch and took away two new mooring ropes. It happened during hours of darkness when small unlit boats cannot be seen visually and on radar.  The duty AB on anti-piracy watch round noticed that the forecastle store door of the ship with lock was open and the door was locked from inside. He informed the bridge immediately. The Chief Officer raised the alarm and together with the crew, conducted a check.	The crew was not injured  The hawse pipe cover was broken  Two new mooring ropes of 72mm diameter with 220 meters' length were stolen from the forecastle store.	Doubled up security watches, extra locks fitted in all stores.  Forecastle booby hatch covers tack welded.  Additional securing arrangement made on the hawse pipe cover.	Yes  Taboneo port control, Indonesia	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	The Indonesian coastal patrol police boarded the ship to conduct investigation.  The Taboneo port control advised the ship to intensify patrol and report immediately any suspicious boats in the vicinity to the authorities.
<b>ATTEMPTED INCIDENT</b>									
2	<b><i>Ping An</i></b> Oil/ chemical tanker Marshall Islands 11438 9495856	26/3/17 0100 hrs	1° 43' N, 101° 26.25' E  Port Lubuk Gaung anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	While at anchor, a crew on security patrol sighted a perpetrator attempting to board the ship at poop deck from the ship's astern area. The crew alerted the duty officer on the bridge who raised the ship alarm and mustered the crew. The perpetrator aborted the boarding and escaped with three other accomplices who were on board a small craft. The crew was safe and a security search was conducted on board the ship. No ship's property was stolen. The perpetrators were subsequently arrested by the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) who was patrolling in the vicinity.	The crew was not injured  No item was stolen	The duty officer raised the alarm, mustered the crew, conducted security search and notified the Indonesian Marine Police	Yes  Indonesian Marine Police (IMP)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The IMP arrested the perpetrator and his three accomplices