



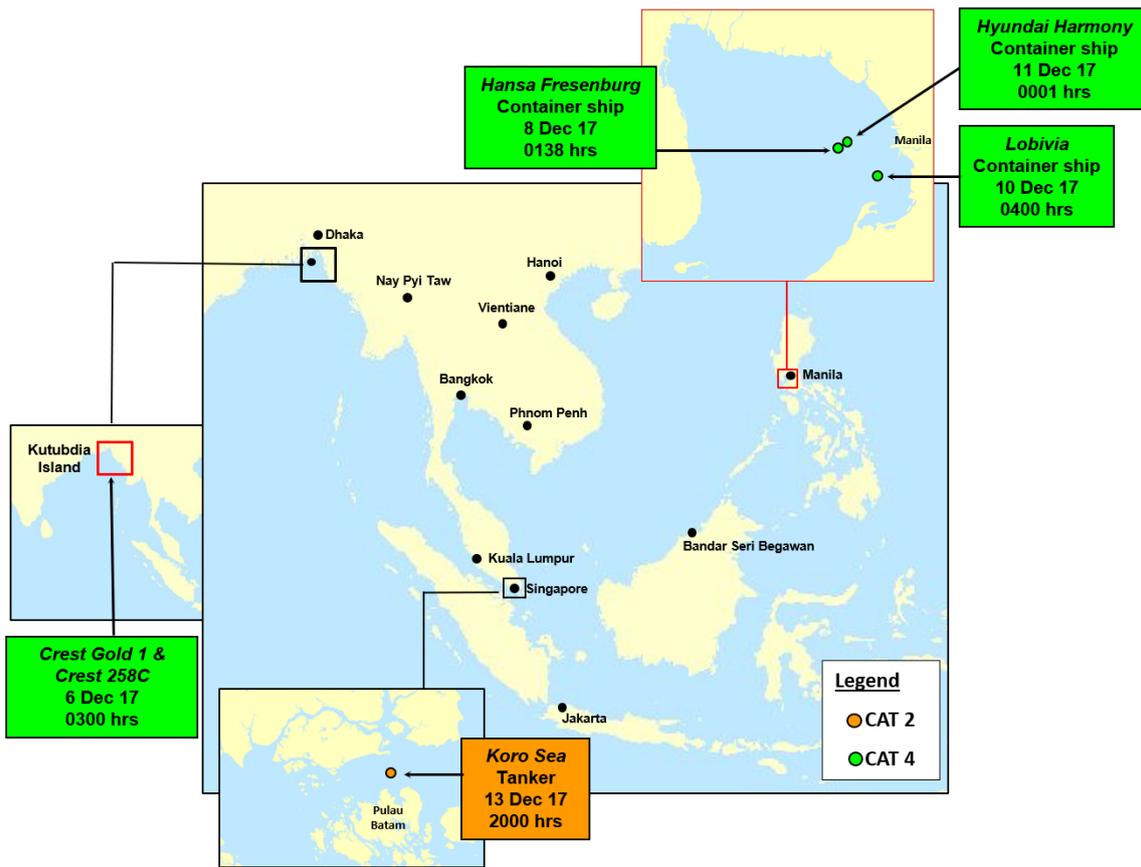
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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 12-18 Dec 17, five incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

Also included in this report are two incidents of armed robbery against ships that occurred outside Asia (both in Nigeria) on 7 and 10 Dec 17. The incidents involved container ship, *Kota Sempena* and tanker, *Nord Snow Queen*, both were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

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 re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
12-18 December 2017**

	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
INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1.	Crest Gold 1 Tugboat Singapore 472 9468267 Crest 258C Barge	6/12/17 0300 hrs	21° 52.35' N 91° 45.20' E Approximately 4.47 nm west of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	While approaching Chittangong waters , an unknown number of perpetrators on board four speed boats came alongside the barge which was towed by the tug boat. The officer on watch shone the search light onto the barge which prompted the boats to cast off from the barge. The master was alerted and maneuvered the tug boat alongside with the barge to check on the equipment on board. Upon investigation, it was found that several items were stolen from the barge. There was no damage to the tug boat, and no injury suffered by the crew.	The crew was not injured. Several items including chaffing chain, PP rope, navigation light, etc., were stolen from the barge.	The master deployed three crew on board the barge for security watch.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information given.
2.	Hansa Fresenburg Container ship Liberia 9535101	8/12/17 0138 hrs	14° 35.78' N, 120° 51.02' E MICT Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, three perpetrators boarded the ship by climbing through the anchor chain and hawse pipes and broke the padlock. The duty officer alerted the master who raised the alarm and reported the incident to VTMS Manila. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators immediately escaped and jumped into the water. It was discovered that some ship property were missing.	The crew was not injured. Items discovered missing are: one set breathing apparatus , three cylinder tanks of breathing apparatus, one set of fireman's outfit, one bell and one flashlight.	The duty officer alerted the master who raised the alarm and reported incident to VTMS Manila.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) who is the Philippine Coast Guard	The Philippine Coast Guard deployed its floating asset (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.

3.	Lobivia Container ship Liberia 23652 9228564	10/12/17 0400 hrs	14° 32.75' N, 120° 55.28' E MICT Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, the buson mate when on routine inspection, noticed a bolt cutter outside the locker room of the ship's forecastle. On checking the inventory of the ship's property and equipment, one set of breathing apparatus, two sets of spare bottle of breathing apparatus and two sets of fireman's lifeline were found missing.	The crew was not injured. One set breathing apparatus , two sets of spare bottle apparatus and two sets of fireman's lifeline were missing.	Conducted inventory check of ship's property and equipment.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	No information available.
4.	Hyundai Harmony Container ship Panama 13267 9276406	11/12/17 0001 hrs	14° 36.37' N, 120° 52.06' E MICT Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, the deck watch was conducting routine inspection when he noticed that some items at the buson store were missing. On checking the inventory of the ship's property and equipment, three immersion suits, two sanders and one scaling machine were missing.	The crew was not injured. Three immersion suits, two sanders and one scaling machine were missing.	Conducted inventory check of ship's property and equipment.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) which is the Philippine Coast Guard	The Philippine Coast Guard deployed its floating asset (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.
5.	Koro Sea Tanker Liberia 56355 9395379	13/12/17 2000 hrs	1°14.6' N, 104° 2.3' E Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)	While sailing, four perpetrators wearing t-shirt, black trousers, and armed with knives were believed to have boarded the ship from the stern. The perpetrators confronted one crew and hit him with fist. They also showed a knife when the crew gathered around them. The alarm was raised, all crew mustered and all areas of the ship was searched. The ship's auxiliary engine spares were stolen.	One of the crew was hit with fist. The ship's auxiliary engine spares were stolen.	The alarm was raised, all crew mustered and search of ship was conducted.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA									
6.	Kota Sempena Container ship Singapore 41567 9681273	7/12/17 0630 hrs	3°31.7' N, 7° 7.8' E About 40nm South of Onne Port Fairway Buoy (FWB), Nigeria	While sailing, eight perpetrators with face mask were on board a boat loaded with a long telescopic ladder with hooking arrangements and weapons inside. The ship was sailing towards Onne Port Fairway Buoy (FWB) when the chief	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	Raised alarm, mustered the crew, launched the parachute signal rocket, performed evasive manoeuvres and	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	A Nigerian Navy ship contacted the master of <i>Kota Sempena</i> via VHF and escorted the ship to Onne Port FWB.

				<p>officer detected an echo on the radar at about 4.5nm on starboard bow. The boat was reported to be moving at 7 knots. When it was about 3.5nm ahead of <i>Kota Sempena</i>, the boat started changing its course and heading towards <i>Kota Sempena</i> at an increasing speed of up to 19 knots.</p> <p>Upon discovered that the ship was being pursued, the master and crew raised the alarm, mustered the crew, and performed evasive manoeuvres. At about 0630 hrs, the suspicious boat approached near the port quarter and the perpetrators attempted to board the ship. The crew launched the parachute signal rocket and activated the distress alert. The perpetrators eventually abandoned the attempt to board and increased its distance away from the ship.</p> <p>A Nigerian Navy ship contacted the master via VHF and escorted <i>Kota Sempena</i> up to FWB. The crew was safe and no items was stolen.</p>		activated the distress alert.			
7.	<p><i>Nord Snow Queen</i> Petroleum/chemical tanker Singapore 24066 9376828</p>	10/12/17 0210 hrs	<p>6°19' N, 3° 17.9' E</p> <p>Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Nigeria</p>	<p>While at anchor, three perpetrators boarded the ship from a skiff while the crew was conducting ship-to-ship operation in Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA). The perpetrators tried to fix a hose into the Ullage Port attempting to steal the cargo. The alarm was raised, and the perpetrators upon hearing the alarm jumped overboard. The master notified the SAA Patrol Boat and the security boat chased the skiff away.</p>	<p>The crew was not injured.</p> <p>No item was stolen.</p>	Master notified the Lagos SAA Patrol Boat.	Yes Lagos SAA and Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The patrol boat of Lagos SSA upon receipt of the report chased the skiff away.