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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

On 1 May 18, the ReCAAP ISC received information from Philippine Focal Point (who is the Philippine Coast Guard) about a planned kidnapping by members of Abu Sayyaf. The information stated that the group would be using a blue 3-engine speed boat and expected to be underway to Sabah within the next 24 hours. Upon receipt of the information, the ReCAAP ISC issued a Warning to advise ships to exercise extreme caution when transiting in the waters in Lahad Datu, Sabah and surrounding waters in Sabah.

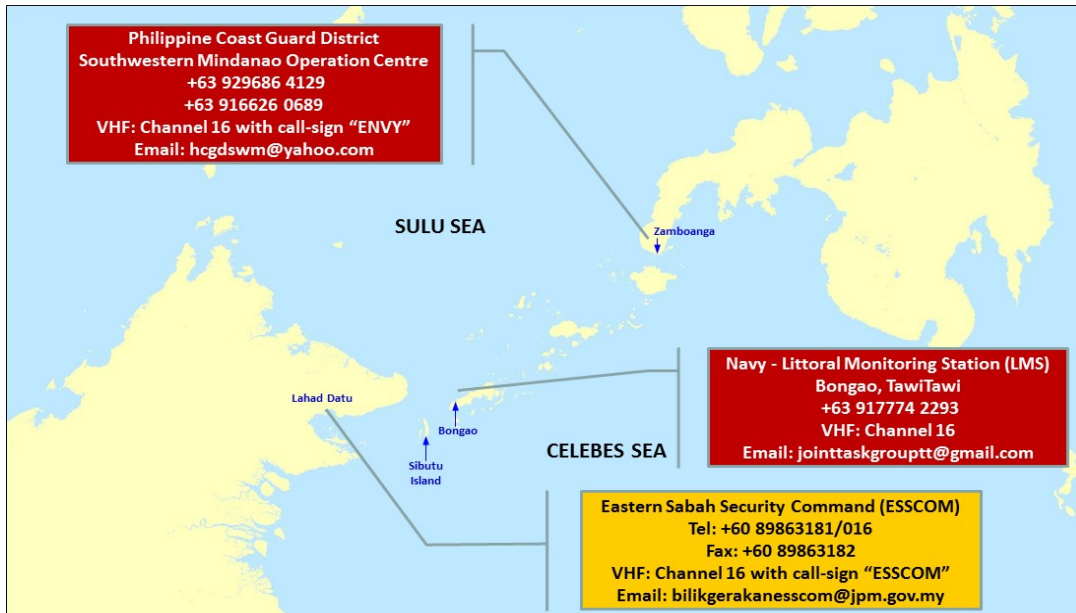
During 1-7 May 18, no incident of piracy and armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC.

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*.

Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah region

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 waters off Eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the Centres