



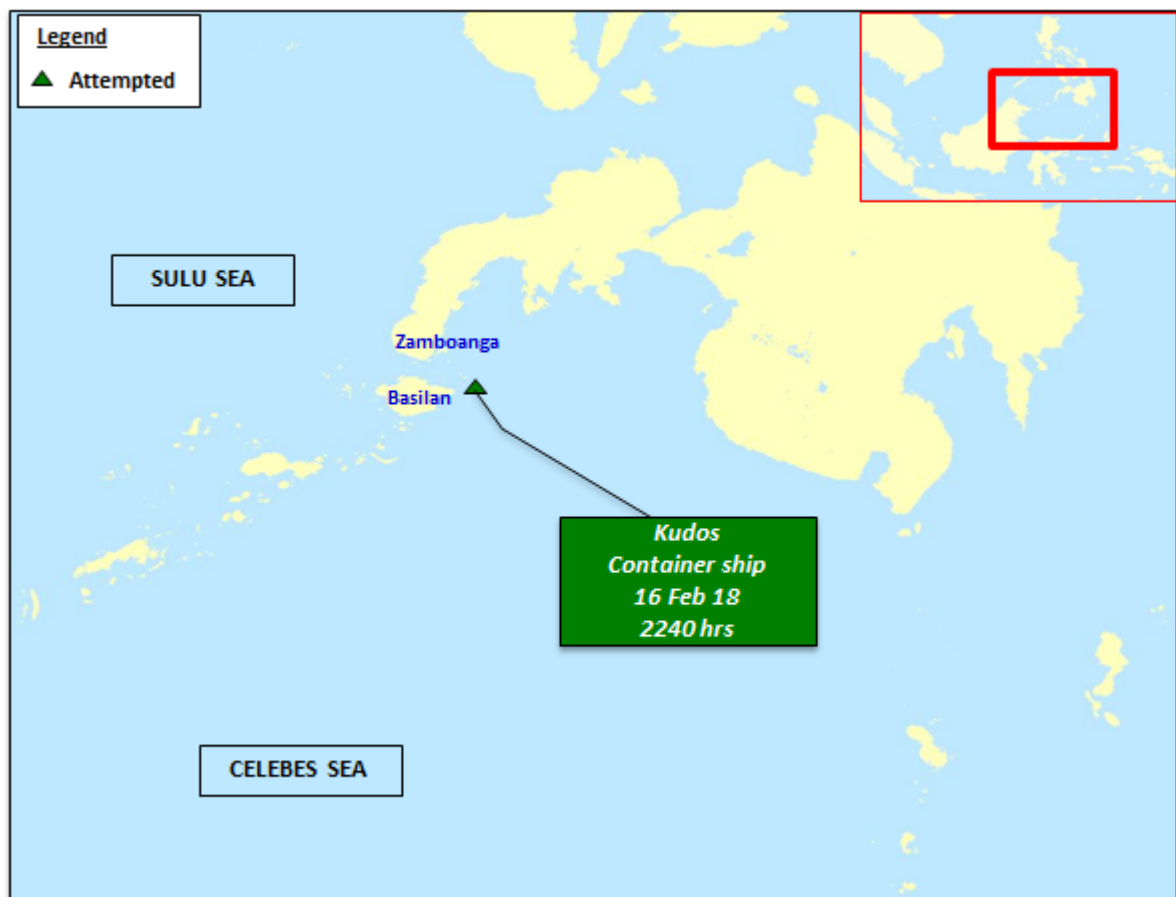
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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 13 to 19 February 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 13 to 19 Feb 18, one attempted incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.

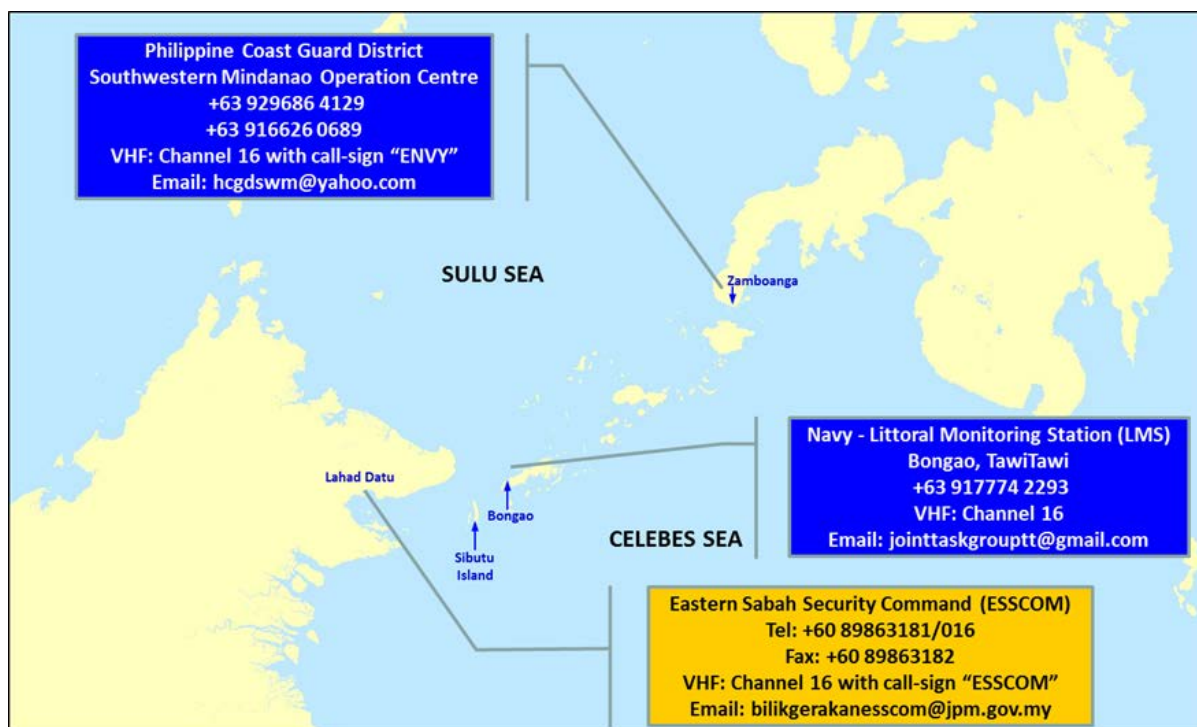


Location of incident

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
13-19 February 2018**

	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
ATTEMPTED INCIDENT IN ASIA									
1.	Kudos Container ship Philippines	16/2/18 2240 hrs	6° 42.6' N, 122° 27.8' E In the vicinity of waters 4.4 nm SE off Sibago Island, province of Basilan	<p>Three motorized bancas with three perpetrators on board each banca performed tactical manœuvre to the portside amidship of ship. Armed with high powered firearms, the perpetrators attempted to board the ship using ropes and hooks.</p> <p>The master and crew flashed hot water onto the perpetrators who opened fire at the ship for about two minutes and re-positioned themselves at about 400 to 500 meters away from the ship. The master also activated two flares. The perpetrators escaped quickly in the motorized bancas towards Basilan. Two crew suffered minor injuries due to the glass debris from the porthole which was broken because of the firing.</p> <p>The authorities monitored the distress signal and immediately responded by deploying assets to the location of the incident. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) medical officers provided medical assistance to the injured crew. The PCG and Philippine Navy (PN) escorted the ship safely towards the port of Zamboanga City.</p>	<p>Two crew suffered minor injuries due to glass debris from the porthole. The porthole glass was broken because of the firing by the perpetrators.</p> <p>Broken porthole glass and traces of gunshot on the portside amidship of the ship.</p>	The master and the crew flashed hot water onto the perpetrators. The master also activated two flares.	Yes PCG and Philippine Navy (PN)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	<p>The PCG monitored the distress signal and immediately responded by deploying the multi-role vessel (MRRV-4402) to the location of the incident. The PCG medical officers provided medical assistance to the injured crew. Maritime patrol was also conducted in the area.</p> <p>The PCG and the PN ships escorted the ship safely towards the port of Zamboanga City.</p>