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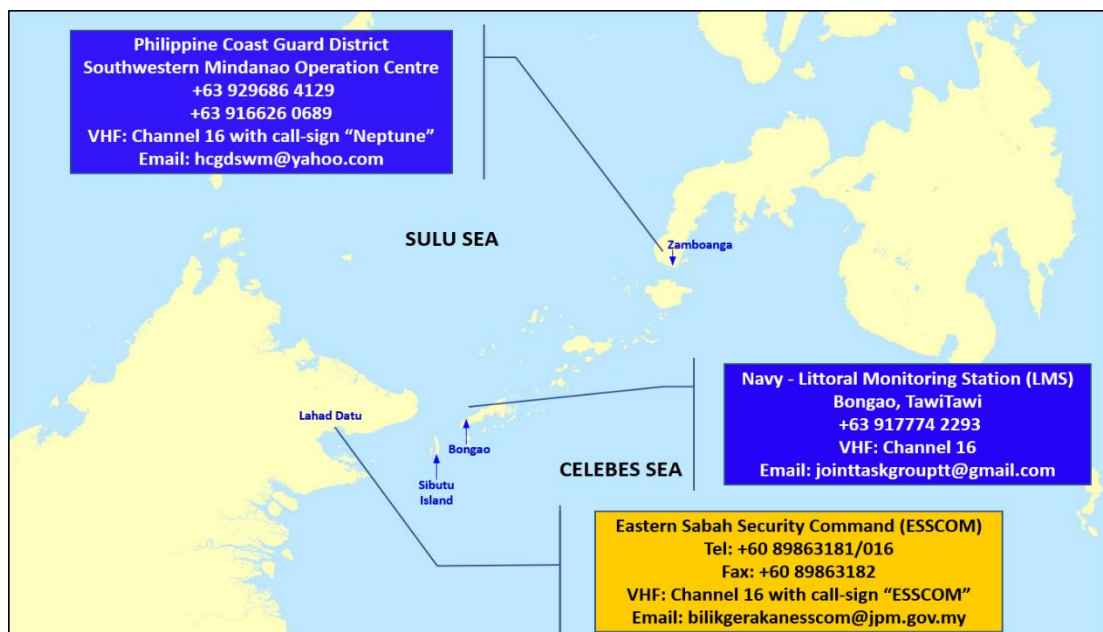
### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

During 16-22 Oct 18, the ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of piracy or armed robbery against ships that occurred in Asia. However, three incidents of armed robbery against ships outside Asia were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Of the three incidents, two incidents occurred at Jose Anchorage, Venezuela on 9 Oct 18 and 10 Oct 18, and one incident occurred at SAA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria on 14 Oct 18. The detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.

#### SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the Centres as shown in map below.



Contact details of the reporting centres

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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*.

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
16-22 October 2018**

	<b>Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number</b>	<b>Date Local time of Incident (LT)</b>	<b>Position of the Incident</b>	<b>Details of the Incident</b>	<b>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</b>	<b>Action taken by the master and crew</b>	<b>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</b>	<b>Reporting State or International Organization</b>	<b>Coastal State Action Taken</b>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA</b>									
1.	<b>Elbhoff</b> Tanker Hong Kong 160462 9770646	9/10/18 2300 hrs	10°13' N 64°50' W  Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	While at anchor, five perpetrators with face covered and armed with large knives boarded the ship from anchor chain and hawse pipe. They held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him and threatened to kill him. The perpetrators escaped with some unsecured items.	Unsecured items were stolen.  The perpetrators held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him up and threatened to kill him.  The other crew was not injured	The master reported the incident to local port authorities, flag state, owners and other concerned parties.  The master and crew took extra measures by fabricating the metal plate to fit in the existing metal grill to the hawse pipe to prevent further unlawful access.	Yes  Local port control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	The local authority assured ships that they would monitor the movement of small crafts and fishing vessels in the area.
2.	<b>Shi Zi Shan</b> Bulk carrier Hong Kong 32962 9617466	14/10/18 0020 hrs	10°11' N 64°51' W  Jose terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	While at anchor, four armed perpetrators in uniform with "national guard" markings boarded the ship from a boat through the ship's port gangway. One of the perpetrators stayed in the boat.  The perpetrators shouted to the duty crew to allow them to board for an alleged anti-narcotic inspection. When boarded, they threatened the duty crew with handguns and ordered him to guide them to the master cabin. All crew was ordered by the perpetrators to gather in the common rest room and submit all their cash and valuable belongings for inspection. The crew followed as ordered and all their belongings were taken away by the perpetrators.	The crew was not injured but their cash and other personal belongings were taken.	The master reported the incident to the agent, local maritime authorities, Chinese Embassy in Venezuela, MRCC HK, HK Maritime Department (MARDEP) and P&I Club.  The master enhanced security awareness and tightened security measures on board the ship. They urged the agents to contact the port authorities to investigate as soon as possible.	Yes  Local port authorities and Chinese Embassy in Venezuela	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Local authorities boarded the ship and conducted investigation.

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3.	<b>Maersk Tacoma</b> Tanker Singapore 29445 9708617	14/10/18 0145 hrs	6° 17.2' N 3° 13.87' E  SAA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria	While at anchor, the duty officer on watch conducted round inspection and sighted two perpetrators at the main deck close to forecastle of the ship. The perpetrators were identified as locals, young age, naked with only underwear and look as if they had applied oil/grease on their body.  Upon being discovered, the perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. There was no report of injury to crew, and no items were stolen or damage to ship's property.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen	The crew conducted search on board the ship.  The master heightened security patrol on board the ship.	No information available	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.