



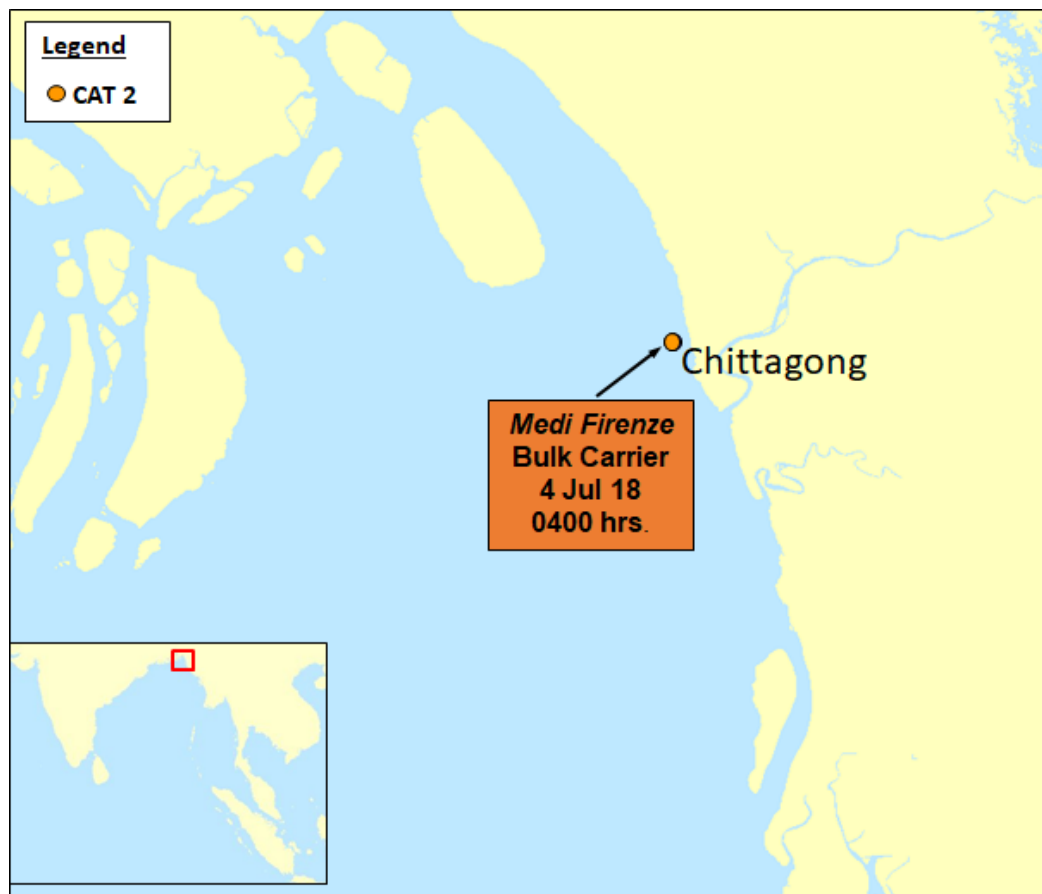
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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 17-23 July 2018

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

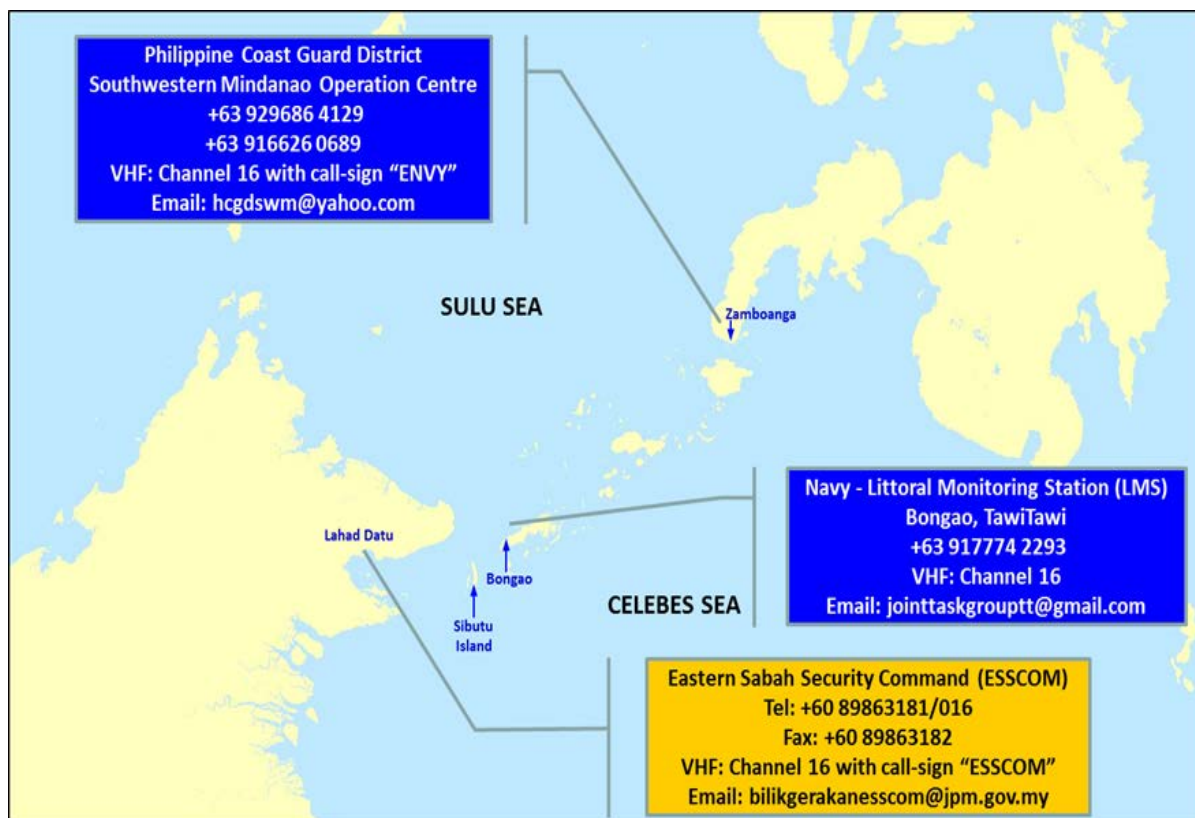
During 17-23 Jul 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by Focal Point (Japan) and Contact Point (Hong Kong). The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

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

The last actual incident of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebs Seas occurred on 23 Mar 17 and the last attempted incident on 16 Feb 18. However, as the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Sea is not eliminated, ReCAAP ISC maintains 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 Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



**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  
17-23 July 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>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN ASIA</b>									
1.	<b>Medi Firenze</b> Bulk carrier Hong Kong 32379 9386407	04/07/18 0400 hrs	22° 19.45' N, 91° 43.67' E  Chittagong outer anchorage "Alpha", Bangladesh	While at anchor, eight perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship from a craft using ropes attached to hooks. The perpetrators tied up the deck watchman, stole three mooring ropes and escaped. The crew was not injured.  The master reported the incident to the local authority.	Three mooring ropes were stolen.  The crew was not injured.	Reported incident to the local authority.	Yes  Local authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) and Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information available.