



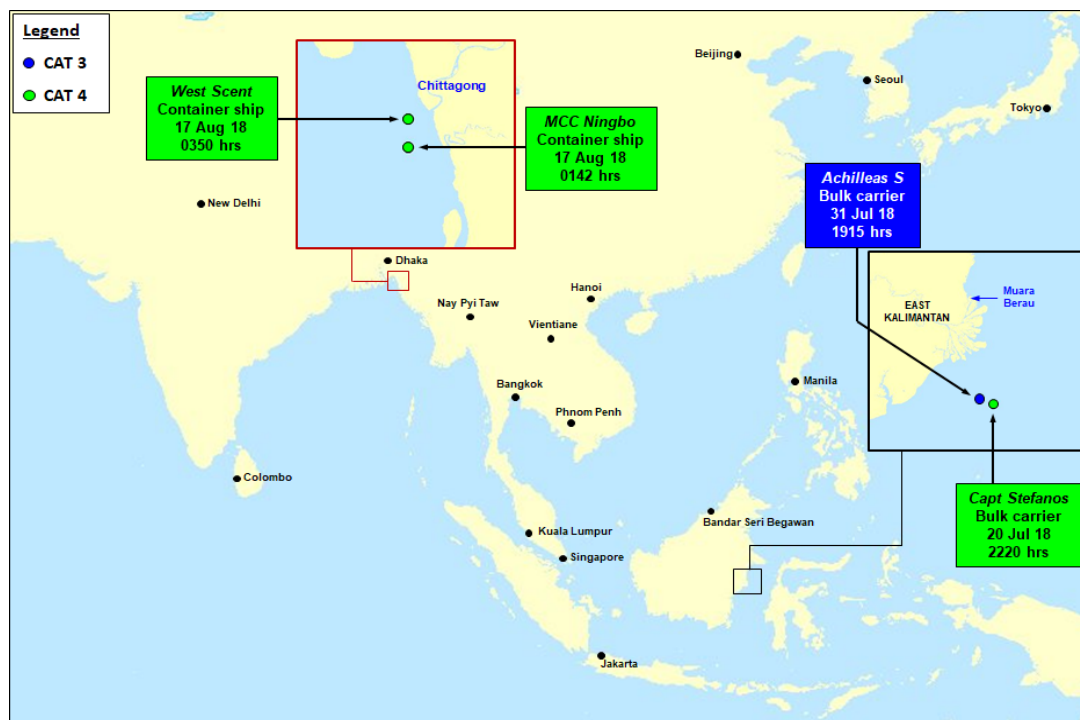
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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 21-27 August 18

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 21-27 Aug 18, four incidents of armed robbery against ship were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.



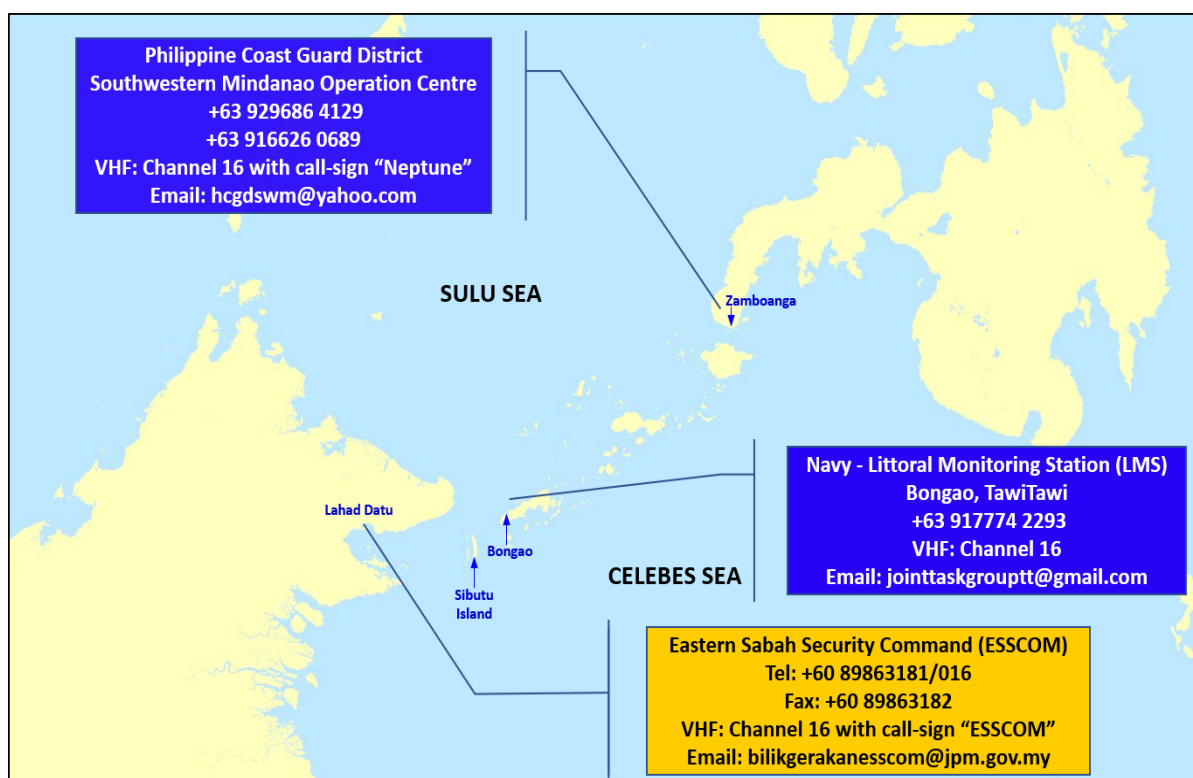
Location of incidents

Incidents occurred outside Asia

Included in this report is an incident of armed robbery against ships occurred at Port Au Prince anchorage, Haiti on 21 Aug 18 reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

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 Seas is not eliminated, 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
21-27 August 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
ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1.	Capt Stefanos Bulk carrier Bahamas 39035 9227194	20/7/18 2220 hrs	1° 17.3' S, 117° 40.6' E Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty officer noticed suspicious movement on the forecastle deck. He raised the alarm and the crew rushed forward and noticed a small boat with four perpetrators on board moving away from the ship's side with stolen ship's store.	Unspecified ship's store items were stolen. The crew was not injured.	Duty officer raised the alarm; and the crew rushed forward	Not stated in the report.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
2.	Achilleas S Bulk carrier Liberia 32839 9490789	31/7/18 1915 hrs	1° 14.2' S, 117° 33.7' E Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty crew on security rounds noticed five perpetrators armed with knives on the forecastle deck. He immediately informed the Officer-on-Watch (OOW). Alarm was raised and upon seeing that the alerted crew approached the forecastle deck, the perpetrators escaped with stolen ship's store on board a boat.	Unspecified ship's store items were stolen. The crew was not injured.	Crew raised the alarm.	Not stated in the report.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
3.	MCC Ningbo Container ship Hong Kong 9761011	17/8/18 0142 hrs	22° 6.75' N, 91° 44.22' E Chittagong outer anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, four perpetrators boarded the ship, took the 200 metres mooring rope and escaped.	200 metres mooring rope were stolen. The crew was not injured.	The master reported the incident to the local authorities.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) was deployed in the area and investigated the incident.

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4.	West Scent Container ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 9132703	17/8/18 0350 hrs	22° 12.02' N, 91° 44.2' E Chittagong outer anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, four perpetrators boarded the ship, took the 70 metres mooring rope and escaped.	70 metre mooring rope were stolen. The crew was not injured.	Reported the incident to the Chittagong Port Control.	Yes Chittagong Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	Port authority investigated the incident and taken steps to recover the stolen mooring rope.
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
5.	Cape Emerald Petroleum/ Chemical tanker Singapore 8351 9294616	21/8/18 2300 hrs	18° 32' S, 72° 23' W Port Au Prince anchorage, Haiti	While at anchor, the duty deck cadet on routine checks at forecastle heard some noises behind him. When he turned around, he saw two perpetrators on board. One of the perpetrators approached and attacked the cadet who suffered cuts on his left palm. The crew applied first aid to the injured cadet. The perpetrators then jumped overboard and escaped.	No items were stolen. The duty cadet was assaulted and suffered cuts on his left palm. There was no injury to the remaining crew.	The master reported the incident to the local authorities and arranged for the ship to be moved and adrift at the outer roads. The crew applied first aid to the injured cadet.	Yes Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.