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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 25-31 Dec 18

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

During 25-31 Dec 18, one incident of armed robbery against ship was reported to ReCAAP ISC. 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

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. As mentioned in the last weekly report, there has been an update in the contact numbers of Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre and Philippine Navy Littoral Monitoring Station Bongao, Tawi Tawi. The updated contacts are shown in the 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  
25-31 December 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 INCIDENT IN ASIA</b>									
1.	<b><i>Magtrans II</i></b> Tug boat Malaysia 363 9594652	05/12/18 1923 hrs	5° 38' N, 118° 57' E  Off Tambisan Island, Sabah, East Malaysia	While the tug boat was underway from Bintulu, Sabah to Papua New Guinea, four perpetrators armed with M-16 machine guns boarded the tug boat from a small black boat equipped with four outboard engines. The tug boat had 13 crew (two Malaysians and 11 Indonesians) on board. The master was shot in the left thigh and the crew retaliated by firing a flare gun to defend themselves, causing the perpetrators to escape from the tug boat. The incident was reported by a nearby tug boat, <i>April Dragon</i> , to the local authorities at about 1932 hrs. The authorities recovered the wounded master and arrived at Tambisan Jetty, Sabah. Meanwhile, the tug boat was escorted safely and arrived at Lahad Datu Marine Jetty on 6 Dec 18 at about 0055 hrs.	The master was injured from the shot in the left thigh.  No items were stolen.	No information available	Yes  Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via regional authorities	The local authorities recovered the wounded master and brought him to Tambisan Jetty. They also escorted the tug boat to Lahad Datu Marine Jetty.