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## **ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 6-12 February 2018**

### **Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia**

#### **OVERVIEW**

During the period of 6-12 Feb 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred at Takoradi Anchorage in Ghana on 2 Feb 18. Detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment. The ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of piracy or armed robbery against ships that occurred in Asia during 6-12 Feb 18.

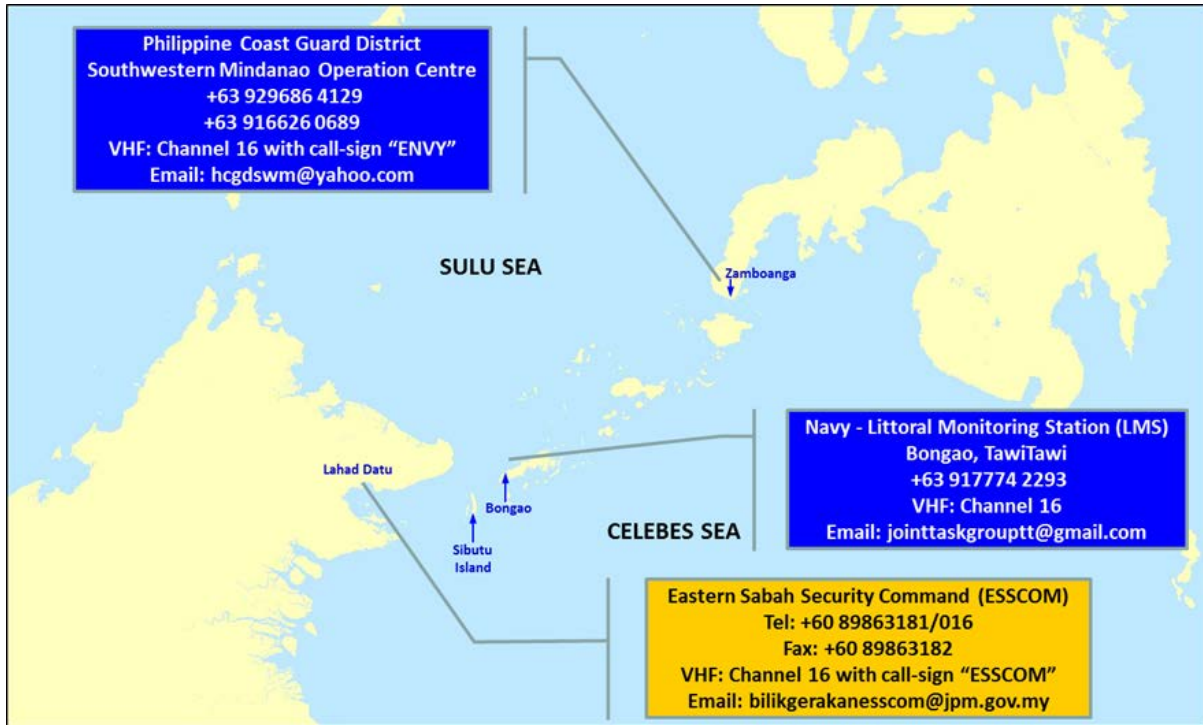
#### **RELEASE OF ABDUCTED CREW**

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) reported to the ReCAAP ISC the release of two Indonesian fishermen who were held in captivity by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) for more than a year. The two fishermen were captains of fishing vessels SSK 00520 and SN 1154; and were abducted in the waters between Pegasus Reef and Kual Kinatabangan near Taganak Island in Tawi-Tawi on 5 Nov 16.

#### **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  
6-12 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
<b>INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA</b>									
1.	<b>Name Withheld</b> Tug/supply ship Singapore 4566	2/2/18 0245 hrs	4°54.4' N, 1° 43.1' E  Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	While at anchor, two perpetrators boarded the ship from a boat with three other perpetrators on board. The duty officer raised the alarm and reported incident to the local Navy. The perpetrators escaped back to their boat. Upon investigation, the crew discovered that five heavy duty batteries had been stolen.	The crew was not injured.  Five heavy duty batteries were stolen.	Reported incident to the Navy.	Yes  Local Navy and flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Navy patrolled the anchorage area after receiving report of the incident.