

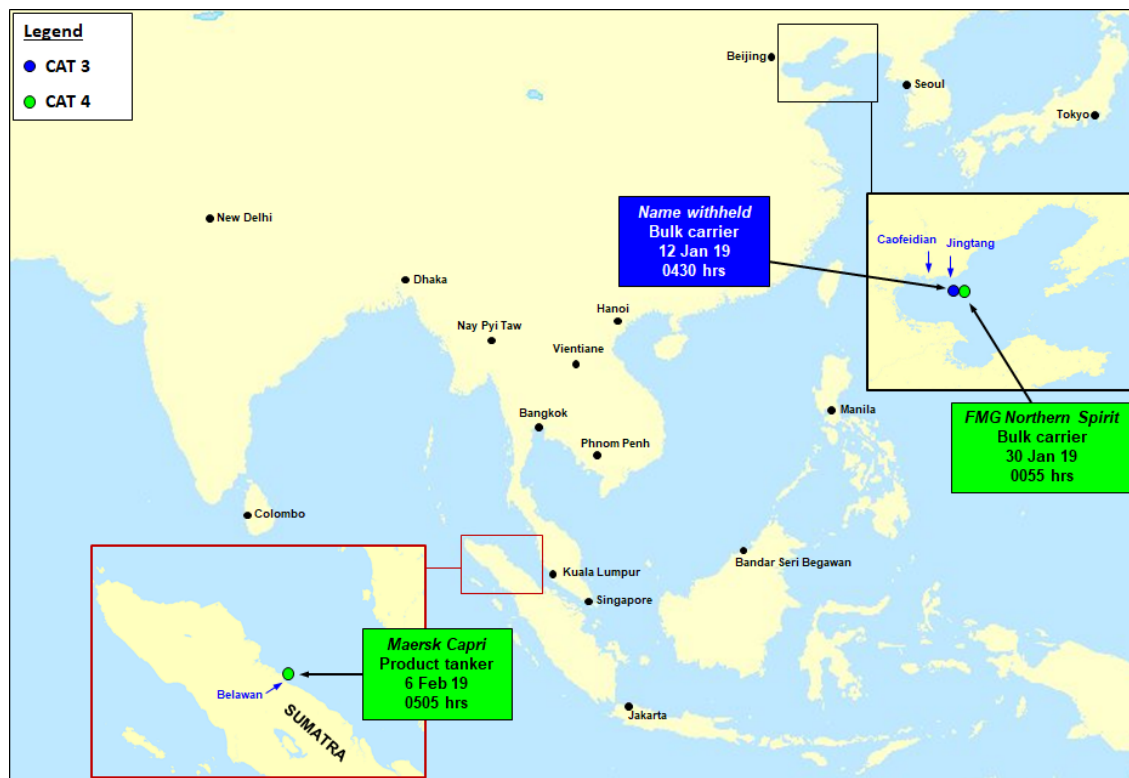


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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia


During 5-11 Feb 19, three incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to ReCAAP ISC. Of the three incidents, one incident occurred on 6 Feb 19; and the other two incidents occurred in January 2019. The incidents in January 2019 were reported to ReCAAP ISC by Contact Point Hong Kong after verification with the relevant agencies. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 Nov 16 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 area, and report immediately to the Operation Centres of Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:



The map shows the Sulu Sea to the north and the Celebes Sea to the south. Key locations marked include Lahad Datu, Bongao, and Zamboanga. Contact points are indicated by numbered circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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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
5-11 February 2019**

	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.	Name withheld Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 94866	12/01/19 0430 hrs	38° 53.4' N, 118° 36.6' E Caofeidian Large Oil Tank anchorage, China	While at anchor, two perpetrators armed with a steel bar came alongside the ship in a boat and boarded the ship via the port quarter using a rope. The crew spotted the perpetrators who upon realising that the crew had been alerted, they escaped empty-handed immediately.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	Duty officer and duty AB carried out anti-piracy measures.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information available.
2.	FMG Northern Spirit Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 134693 9753595	30/01/19 0055 hrs	38° 52.8' N, 119° 11.8' E Jingtang anchorage, China	While at anchor, the crew on the bridge wing noticed a barge close to the ship side on the starboard quarter and raised the alarm. As the crew rushed out to the bridge wing starboard side, they noticed two perpetrators on board. The perpetrators were lowering hoses to the barge from the starboard quarter. Once the hoses were lowered, the perpetrators slid down a rope tied to the gangway base onto the barge, where another perpetrator was waiting. The barge went astern and escaped. Upon checking the area where the perpetrators were sighted, the sounding caps of MDO storage and MDO service tanks were found opened. The MDO storage tank had oil stains around the sounding pipe. However, nothing was missing.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew, carried out search and informed VTS	Yes Tangshan VTS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information available.

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3.	Maersk Capri Petroleum/ chemical tanker Singapore 29816 9786140	06/02/19 0505 hrs	3° 55.4' N 98° 47'E Belawan anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty AB conducted a security round and noticed a perpetrator at the forecastle. Noting that his presence was discovered, the perpetrator escaped through the hawse pipe and jumped into a wooden boat.	The crew was not injured. Fire hose nozzle was stolen.	The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew, and conducted the search.	No information available.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.