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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 30 June 2021

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INTRODUCTION

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, interest groups and organizations to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB, with a view of maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy, prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 1992.

The key advantages and services of the PRC are:

- A 24/7 manned operations centre.
- A single point of reporting for all vessels affected by piracy or armed robbery, as they trade through many different jurisdictions.
- Notifying the appropriate response agency of the reported incident and liaising with these agencies until the crew and vessel are safe.
- Warning vessels in the vicinity of a threat by broadcasting sitreps of incidents via Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service.
- Alerting CSOs and vessel managers of incidents via email.
- Keeping the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) updated of reported incidents.
- Assisting local law enforcement in apprehending and bringing the criminals to justice.
- Publish comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing incidents reported to the PRC.

The IMB PRC provides all its services ***free of charge*** to all ships irrespective of crew nationality, ownership, or flag.

This report is an analysis of 68 global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the IMB PRC from 1 January to 30 June 2021. Incidents are occasionally reported late, resulting in changes to the tables and figures in subsequent reports.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these narrated incidents are shown separately. Similarly, because of the vast area affected by Somali pirates, these incidents are grouped together with the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea in the narrations section.

For further details on the anti-piracy service or to report an incident contact the 24-hour manned IMB PRC at:

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DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

The IMB PRC follows the definitions of Piracy as defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery as defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships”.

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

(a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

IMO Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships” defines Armed Robbery as:

Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

.1 any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;

.2 any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above

The definitions of piracy and armed robbery are aimed to assign responsibility for responding to these illegal acts. It is worth noting that these definitions do not consider the resulting consequence on the crew, vessel and cargo, which in IMB’s experience ranges from opportunistic theft, cargo theft, taking crew hostage, assault and injury, kidnapping and in some cases death of a crew member.

It is vital that all actual and attempted incidents at the time of, or shortly after, the incident are reported and recorded.

This is the first essential step in the response chain.

Under the definitions of Piracy or Armed Robbery, the IMB PRC reports incidents as follows:

1. **Boarded:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the vessel.
2. **Hijacked:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the vessel and taking over the control of the ship from the Master and crew.
3. **Fired Upon:** An illegal act of perpetrators discharging weapons towards the vessel while attempting to gain access onto the vessel.
4. **Attempted:** An illegal act of perpetrators attempting to approach a vessel with possible intention to board but remain unsuccessful due to the timely actions of the crew.

The consequences to the crew, vessel, or cargo, as a result of the above illegal acts:

1. **Crew:** Kidnap, hostage, death, threat, assault, injury, missing.
2. **Vessel:** Damage, especially due to the discharge of weapons or when perpetrators willfully damage vessel equipment and property.
3. **Cargo:** Theft or damage to cargo.

Region specific severity of incident on Crew, Vessel and Cargo: (Chart G)

As several agencies define and categorise incidents differently, the IMB reports under three generic Severity Levels – I, II, and III determined by the effect the incident has on the crew, vessel and cargo.

Severity Level I: Any incident which has a direct impact on the crew. To include:

- a. Crew being taken hostage, assaulted, injured, killed, kidnapped, missing, threatened;
- b. A hijacking where the command of the ship is taken over by those boarding;
- c. An incident where the crew retreats into the citadel.

Severity Level II: To include a vessel being fired upon, security teams firing on approaching threat, robbers / pirates identified with weapons of any type (violence is offered) whether boarded or otherwise.

Severity Level III: To include an incident that does not fall into either Level I or Level II

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- Steamship Insurance Management Services Limited
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The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

- ExactEarth (www.exactearth.com)
- Vesseltracker (www.vesseltracker.com)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents January - June 2017 – 2021

	Location	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
SE ASIA	Indonesia	19	25	11	15	5	
	Malaysia	3	2	3	2	1	
	Philippines	13	3	3	4	5	
	Singapore Straits	1			11	16	
	Thailand				1		
EAST	China	1	2	3			
ASIA	Vietnam		2		2	1	
INDIAN	Bangladesh	5	7		2		
SUB CONT	India	1	2	2	5		
AMERICAS	Brazil		2	2	2	1	
	Colombia	2		3	1	4	
	Dominican Republic			1			
	Ecuador	1	1	2	3	1	
	Guyana	1					
	Haiti		3		3	1	
	Mexico				4		
	Panama			1			
	Peru	2	3	4	4	9	
	Venezuela	6	7	6			
	AFRICA	Angola	1			4	3
		Benin		5	1	6	2
		Cameroon		2	1		1
		Democratic Rep. of Congo		1	1		1
		Equatorial Guinea			2	2	
Gabon					2	2	
Ghana			5	3	1	3	
Guinea			1	1	1		
Gulf of Aden*		2	1			1	
Ivory Coast		1		1	2		
Kenya		1					
Liberia				1			
Morocco				1			
Mozambique		1		1	3	1	
Nigeria		13	31	21	14	4	
Red Sea*		1					
Sao Tome and Principe					1	5	
Sierra Leone		4					
Somalia		4	1				
The Congo		1			1	1	
Togo		1	3	1			
REST	Iran	1					
OF	Iraq				1		
WORLD	Oman	1					
	Yemen	1					
Subtotal for six months		87	107	78	98	68	
Total at year end		180	201	162	195		

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following five locations contributed to 59% of the total of 68 incidents reported in the period January – June 2021

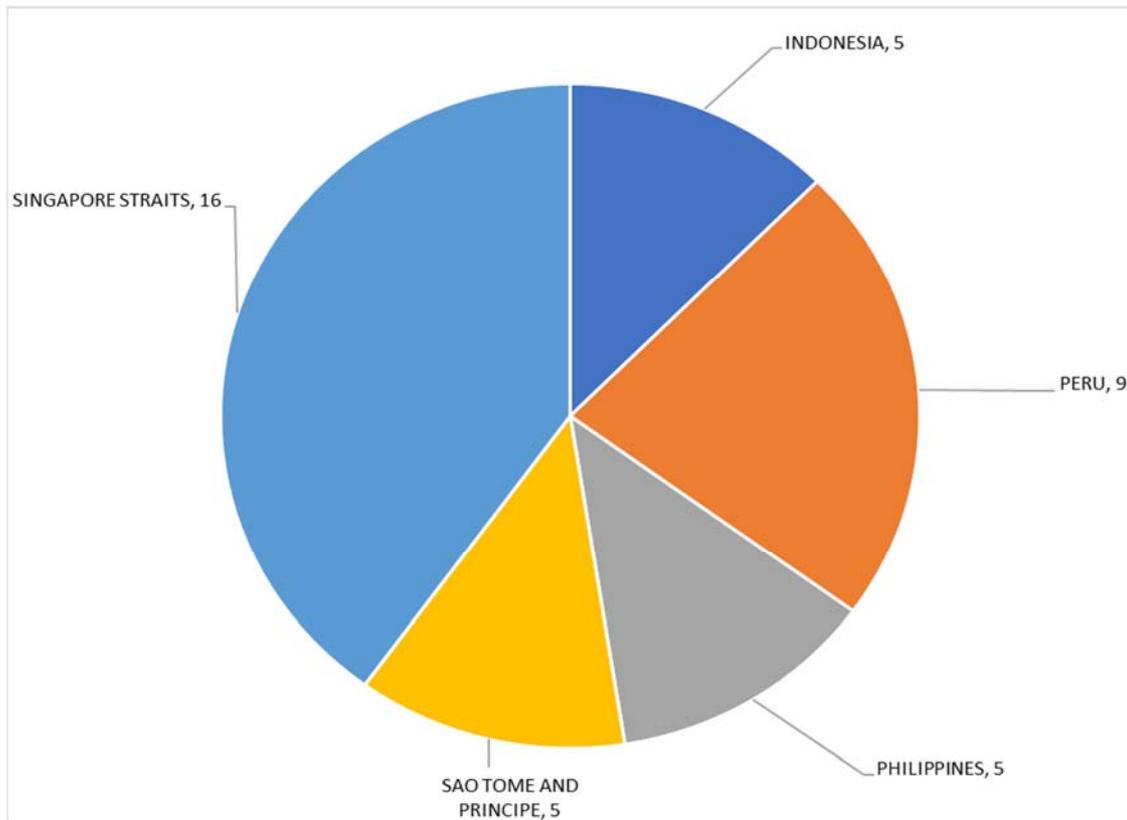


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – June 2021

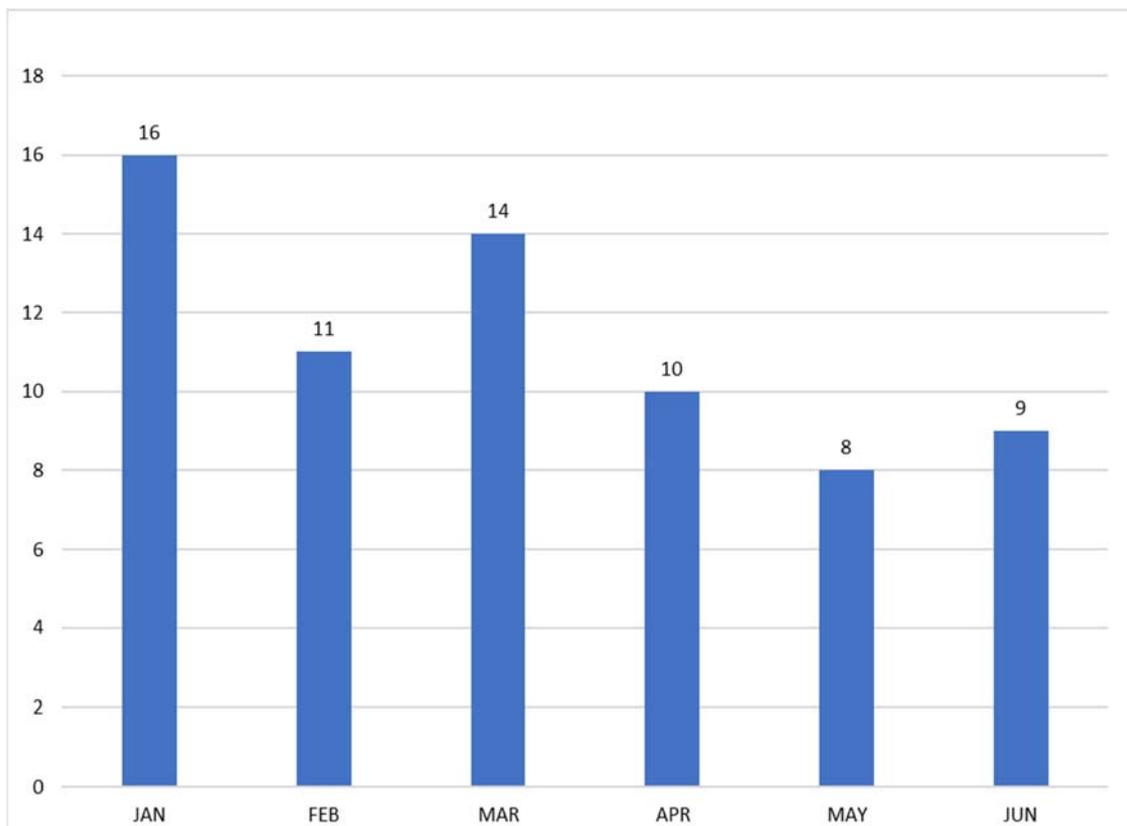


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – June 2021

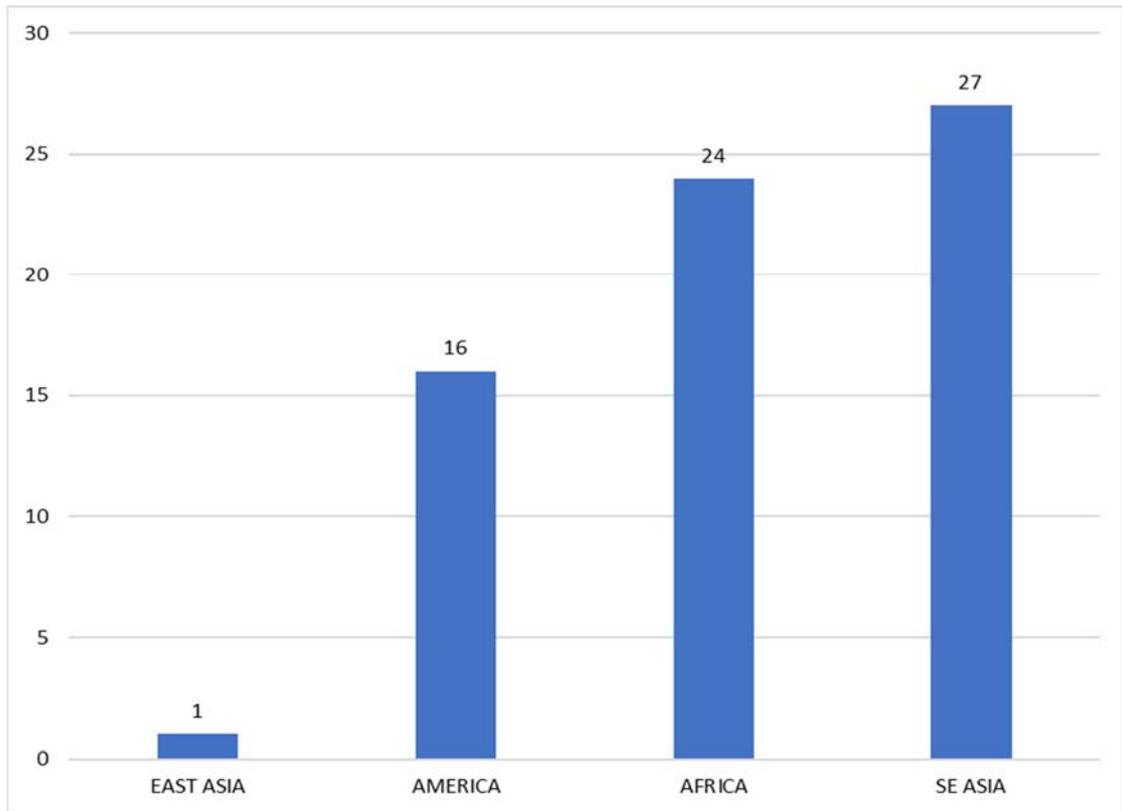
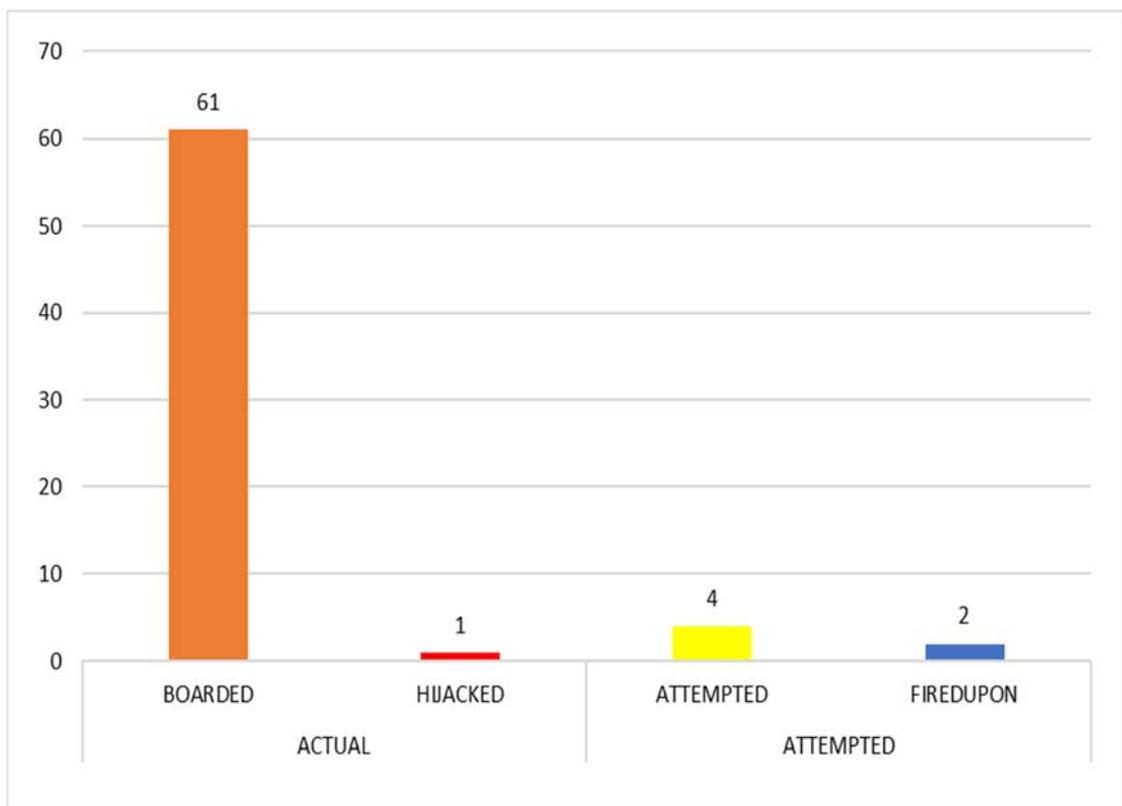
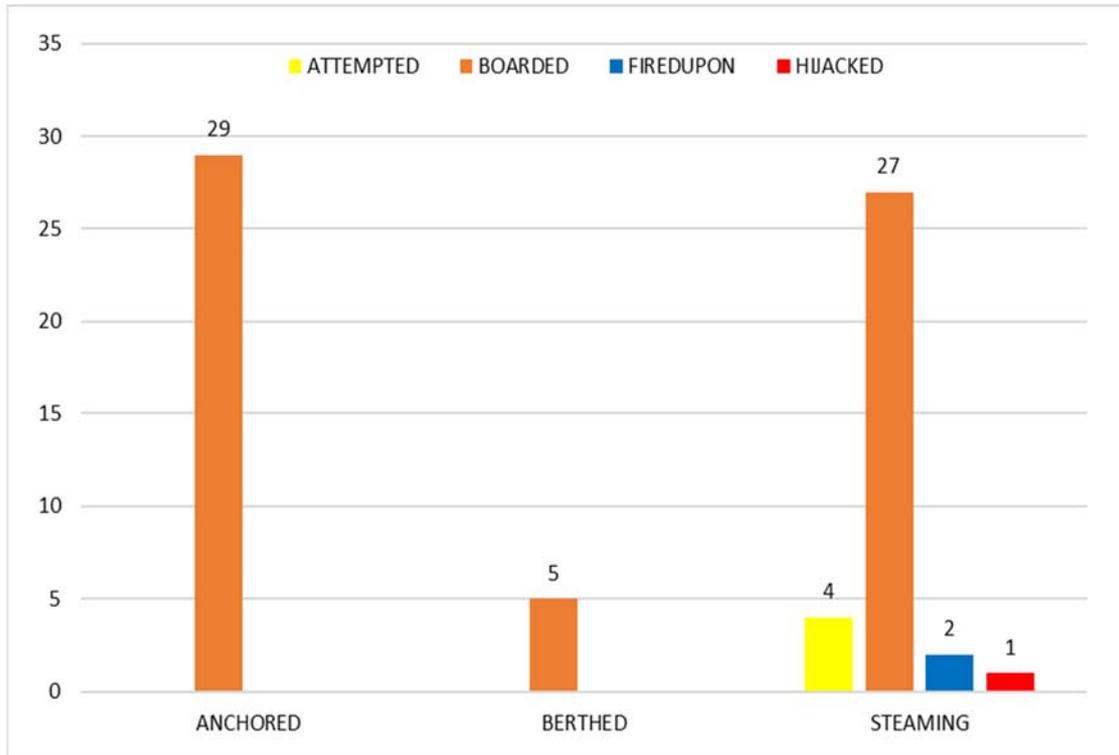


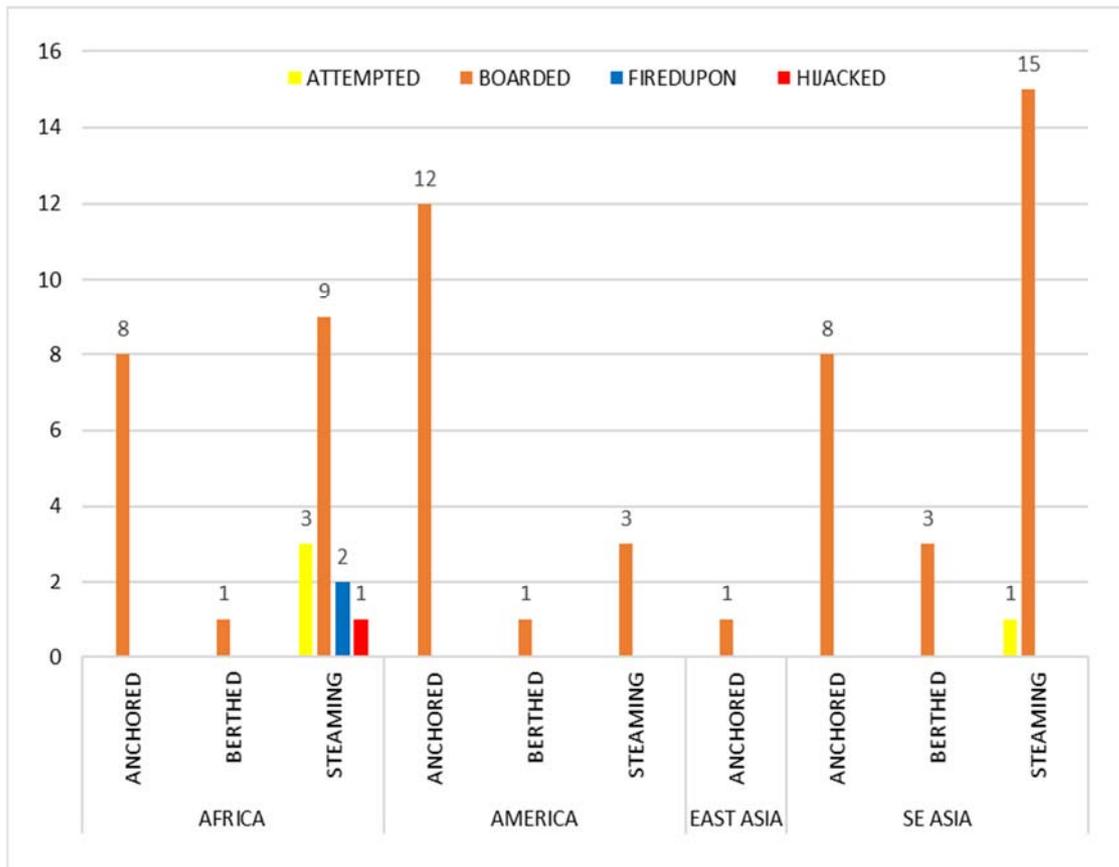
CHART D: Perpetrators successful in 90% of incidents. January – June 2021



**CHART E: Type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – June 2021**



**CHART F: Region specific type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – June 2021**



**CHART G: Region specific severity of incident in relation January – June 2021
(Severity level I, II, III – see page 4 for clarification)**

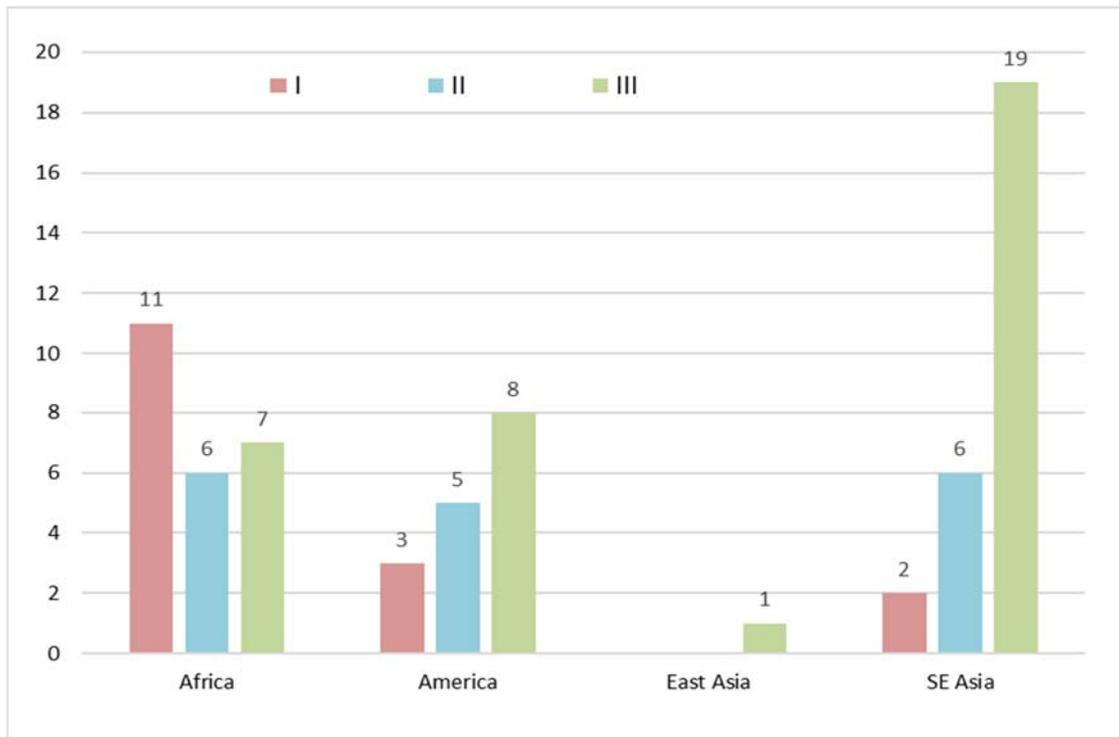


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – June 2021

Location	Actual attacks		Attempted attacks	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted	Fired Upon
SE ASIA Indonesia	5			
Malaysia	1			
Philippines	5			
Singapore Straits	15		1	
EAST ASIA Vietnam	1			
AMERICAS Brazil	1			
Colombia	4			
Ecuador	1			
Haiti	1			
Peru	9			
AFRICA Angola	3			
Benin	2			
Cameroon	1			
Dem. Rep. of Congo	1			
Gabon		1	1	
Ghana	3			
Gulf of Aden			1	
Mozambique	1			
Nigeria	2		1	1
Sao Tome and Principe	4			1
The Congo	1			

Sub total	61	1	4	2
Total	68			

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – June 2021

Country	Location	01.01.2021 to 30.06.2021
Angola	Luanda	3
Indonesia	Jakarta	3
Peru	Callao	9
Philippines	Manila	4

TABLE 4: Status of vessels during ACTUAL incidents, January – June 2021

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	1	4	
Malaysia	1		
Philippines	1	4	
Singapore Straits			15
EAST ASIA Vietnam		1	
AMERICAS Brazil	1		
Colombia		2	2
Ecuador			1
Haiti		1	
Peru		9	
AFRICA Angola		3	
Benin			2
Cameroon		1	
Dem. Rep. of Congo		1	
Gabon			1
Ghana		1	2
Mozambique		1	
Nigeria	1		1
Sao Tome and Principe			4
The Congo		1	
Sub total	5	29	28
Total	62		

TABLE 5: Status of vessels during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – June 2021

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Singapore Straits			1
AFRICA Gabon			1
Gulf of Aden			1
Nigeria			2
Sao Tome and Principe			1
Sub total			6
Total	6		

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January - June 2017 – 2021

Type of Arms	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Guns	29	29	25	30	15
Knives	23	17	10	23	20
Other weapons	2	2	3	3	3
Not stated	33	59	40	42	30
Sub total	87	107	78	98	68
Total at year end	180	201	162	195	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January - June 2017 – 2021

Type of Attack	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Attempted	8	23	9	10	4
Boarded	63	69	57	81	61
Fired upon	12	11	9	6	2
Hijack	4	4	3	1	1
Sub total	87	107	78	98	68
Total at year end	180	201	162	195	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – June 2017 – 2021

Type of Violence	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hostage	63	102	38	23	3
Kidnapped	41	25	37	54	50
Threatened	4	6	4	5	3
Assaulted			1	5	2
Injured	3	3	2	6	1
Killed	2		1		1
Sub total	113	136	83	93	60
Total at year end	191	241	210	191	

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – June 2021

Location	Hostage	Kidnap	Threat	Assault	Injured	Killed
SE ASIA Indonesia			1			
Singapore Straits			1	1	1	
AMERICAS Ecuador	1					
Haiti			1			
Peru	2			1		
AFRICA Benin		20				
Gabon		10				
Ghana		5				
Sao Tome and Principe		15				1
Sub total	3	50	3	2	1	1
Total	60					

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – June 2021

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA Indonesia		2		3
Malaysia				1
Philippines			1	4
Singapore Straits		7	1	8
EAST ASIA Vietnam				1
AMERICAS Brazil		1		
Colombia		1		3
Ecuador			1	
Haiti	1			
Peru		6		3
AFRICA Angola				3
Benin	2			
Cameroon				1
Dem. Rep. of Congo				1
Gabon	1			1
Ghana	2			1
Gulf of Aden	1			
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria	3	1		
Sao Tome and Principe	5			
The Congo		1		
Sub total	15	20	3	30
Total	68			

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – June 2017 – 2021

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Accommodation Barge				1	
Bulk Carrier	18	39	20	21	20
Cement Carrier	1				
Container	7	6	9	17	17
Dhow	2				
Drilling Ship					1
General Cargo	7	6	3	3	1
Heavy Lift Vessel		1			
Heavy Load Carrier			1		
Landing Craft			1		
Offshore Support Vsl	1	2	1	2	1
Ore Carrier		1			
Pipe Layer / Barge				2	
Pleasure Craft			1		
Refrigerated	1	3		1	1
Research Ship	2				
RORO		1			
Sailing Vessel			1		
Supply Vessel	5	2	1	7	3

Tanker Asphalt/Bitumen	1	1		1	
Tanker Bunkering	1				
Tanker Chemical / Product	26	30	22	26	11
Tanker Crude Oil	5	9	12	7	2
Tanker LNG	2		1		2
Tanker LPG	4		1	2	2
Trawler / Fishing	1	3	1	5	3
Tug / Offshore Tug	3	3	2	3	3
Vehicle Carrier			1		1
Sub total	87	107	78	98	68
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CHART H: Type of vessels attacked January – June 2021

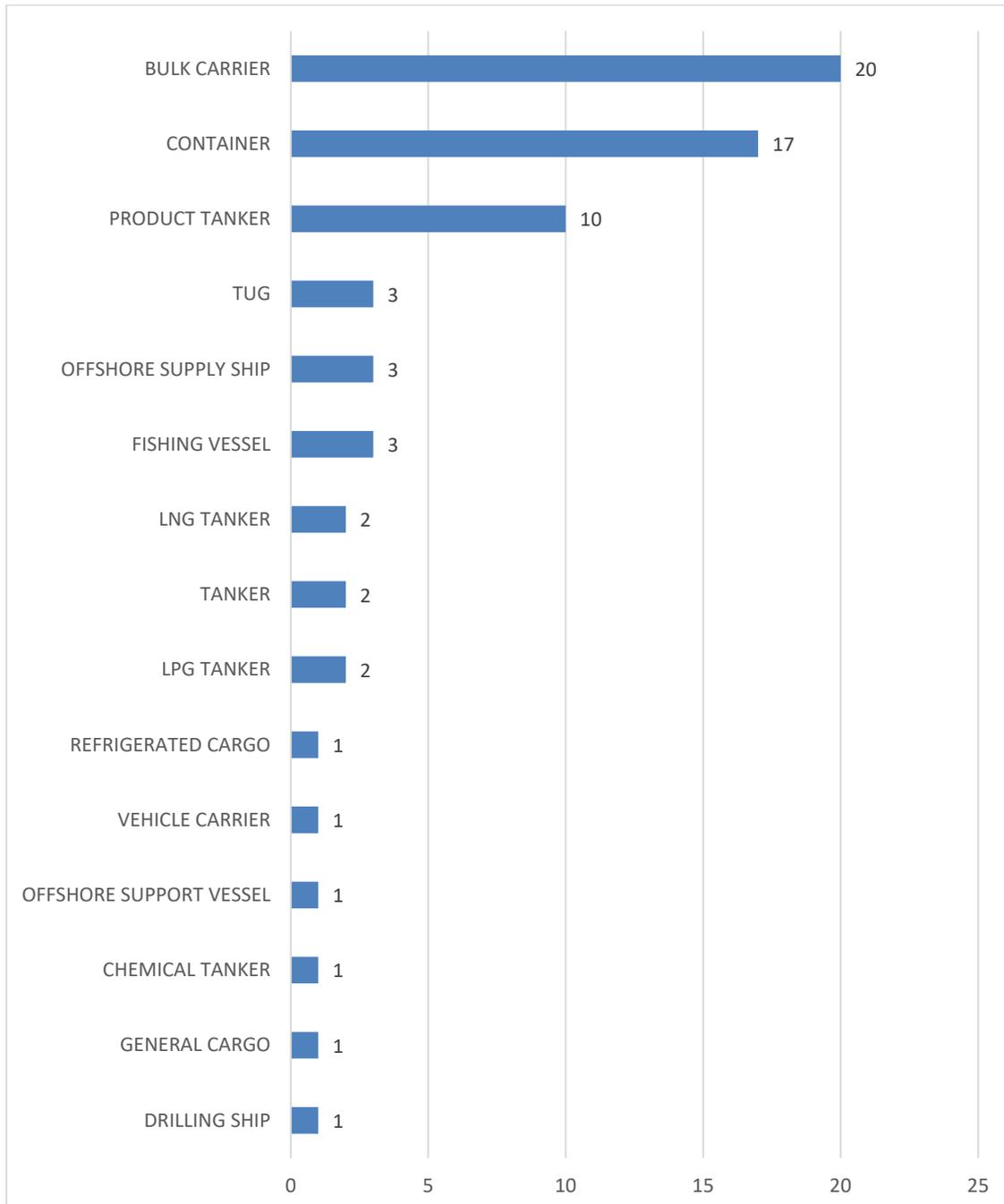


TABLE 12: Nationalities of vessels attacked, January - June 2017 – 2021

Flag State	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Antigua & Barbuda	2	2	1		
Austria			1		
Bahamas	4	5	3	1	4
Barbados		1	1		1
Bermuda	1		1	1	1
Cayman Island			1	1	
Chile		1			
China		2	2	1	1
Comoros				2	
Cook Islands		1			
Cyprus	1	3	1	2	4
Denmark				3	2
France			1		1
Gabon				1	
Germany			1	2	1
Ghana		1		1	2
Gibraltar				2	1
Greece	1		1	2	1
Hong Kong (SAR)	6	5	4	3	2
India	2	1		2	
Indonesia	1	1		2	
Isle of Man	1	1	2	1	1
Italy		1		1	
Jamaica					1
Liberia	7	13	14	14	9
Luxemburg		2			2
Malaysia	2		1	1	1
Malta	5	5	5	3	3
Marshall Islands	16	22	12	15	11
Mongolia		1			1
Netherlands		2	1	1	
Nigeria	1	1	3		
Niue			1		
Norway	3	1			
Palau			1	1	
Panama	13	15	6	16	1
Philippines	2	1		1	
Portugal			1	3	1
Saudi Arabia	1			2	1
Senegal				1	
Sierra Leone	1				
Singapore	8	19	10	11	14
Spain	1				1
Sri Lanka	1				
St Vincent & Grenadines				1	
Switzerland			1		
Thailand	1				
Togo			1		
Tuvalu	1				
United Kingdom	1				
Vanuatu			1		

Vietnam	3				
Not Stated	1				
Sub total	87	107	78	98	68
Total at year end	180	201	162	195	

CHART I: Flag States whose vessels have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2021

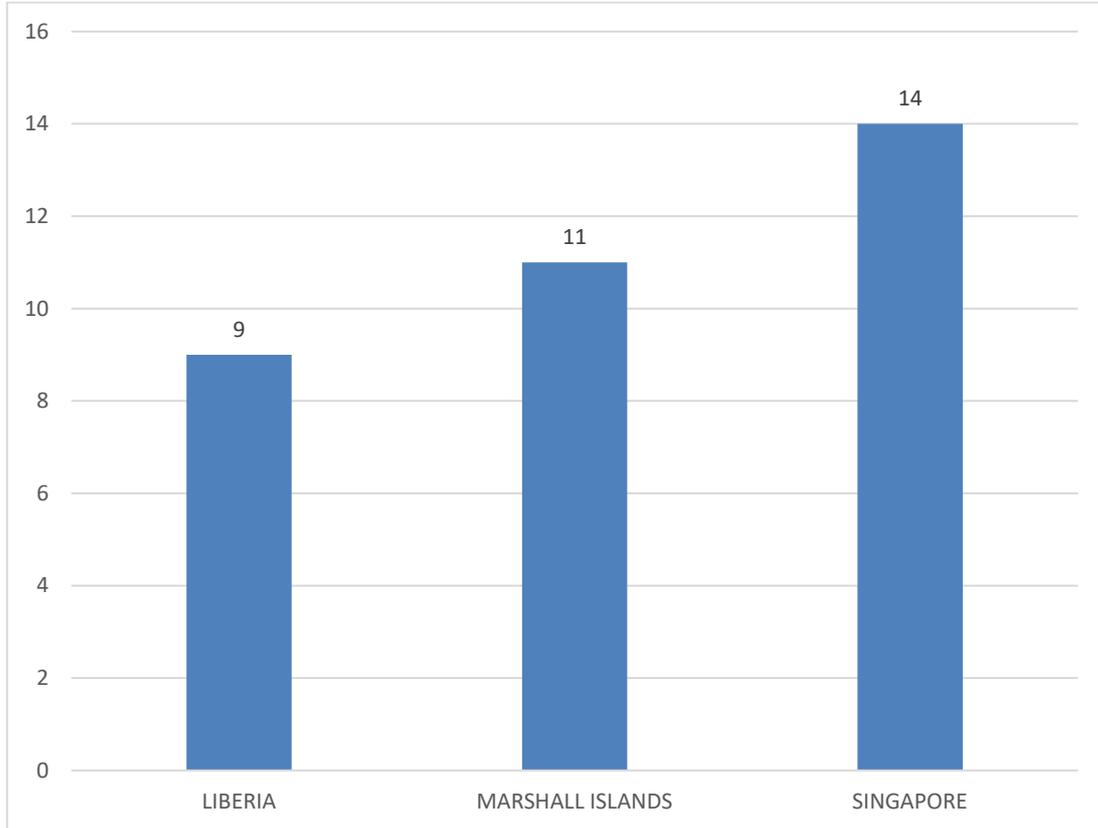
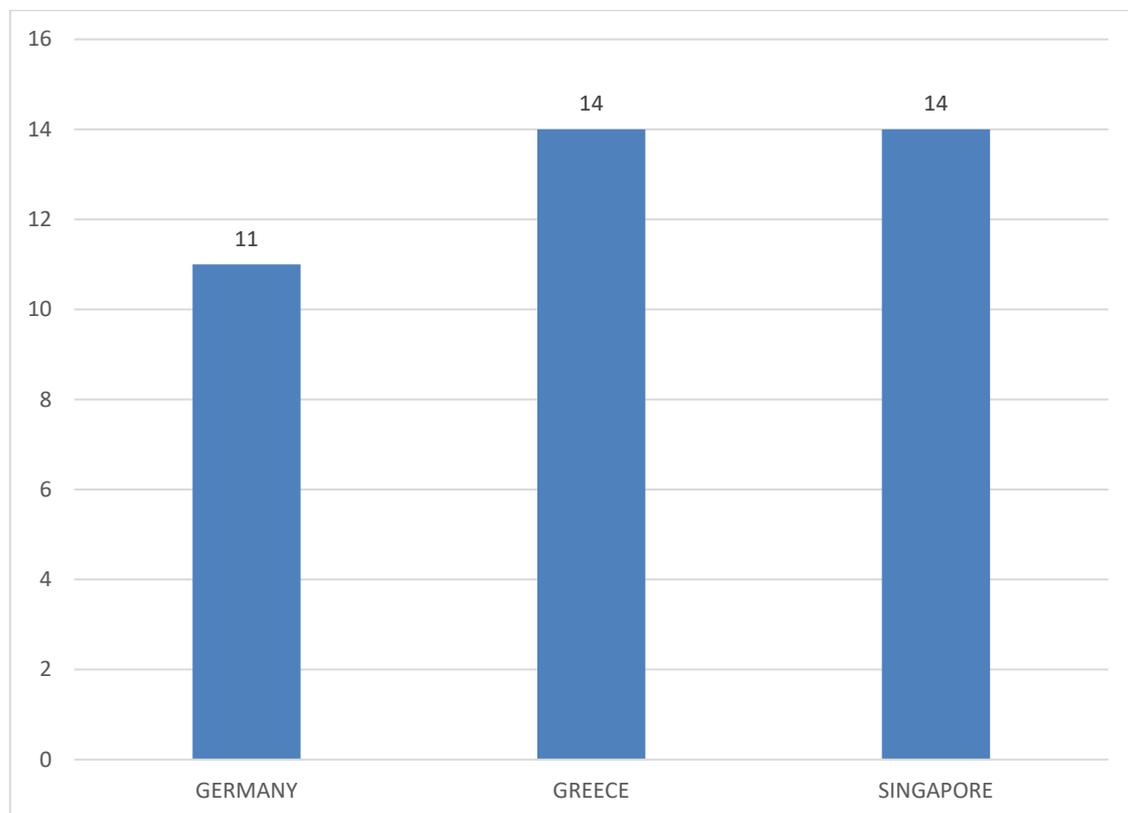


TABLE 13: Countries where victim vessels controlled / managed, January – June 2021

Country	No of Ships
China	1
Cyprus	1
Denmark	5
France	3
Germany	11
Ghana	2
Greece	14
Hong Kong	2
India	4
Indonesia	1
Malaysia	2
Netherlands	1
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Singapore	14
Turkey	1
UAE	3
United Kingdom	1
Total	68

Chart J: Managing countries whose vessels have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2021



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

From 1 January to 30 June 2021, one incident reported to the IMB PRC for Gulf of Aden.

The international navies patrolling these waters continue to coordinate and liaise with merchant and fishing fleets to identify and apprehend pirate action groups.

All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the BMP 5 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistake fishermen for pirates in some heavy fishing areas.

As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region, it cautions vessel owners and master's against complacency. Somali pirates still retain the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

The IMB PRC supports and compliments the role of the international navies, by relaying all reports received, to the response agencies as well as by broadcasting alerts to vessels via the INMARSAT Safety Net Service.

CONTINUED COOPERATION

The positive information sharing, actions and cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of reported incidents in the 10 safe designated areas, except for Muara Berau. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and liaising closely with the IMP.

All vessels intending to anchor, waiting for berth or drift should do so at the designated areas where IMP patrol boats would be stationed, to enable them to maximize their resources, to provide greater protection for vessels.

Vessels are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities / IMP, as well as the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

In line with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the Indonesian Authorities will continue to allocate and position resources and assets in 10 key designated areas of concern, to prevent sea robbery and piracy in and around Indonesian waters.

In January 2021, the IMB was informed that the above will continue until further notice. The successful cooperation shows in almost all areas, a year to year drop in incidents. The IMB thanks the IMP for their support and contribution to the shipping industry.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong and vital cooperation from the Philippine and Malaysian Intel that have provided crucial information relating to safety of vessels and seafarers particularly in the Sulu Sea/eastern Sabah waters. The successful cooperation has directly and indirectly saved many lives and properties at sea. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation, and thanks both Intel Agencies for their commitment.

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The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African Authorities / Navies and international navies, especially the Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese Navies in the Gulf of Guinea. A special thanks to the Nigerian Authorities, particularly the Nigerian Navy and NIMASA, who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between Agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation from the West African Authorities/Navies and international navies in the area.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC thanks all the Masters and vessel owners/operators who have reported incidents to the Centre in a timely manner. It encourages all incidents to be reported in a timely manner. While the IMB PRC endeavours to always get a meaningful response from Regional Authorities, the reports also play a crucial role to increase awareness of this crime, which allows for additional resources to be allocated by authorities to tackle the crime of piracy and armed robbery. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization such as the IMB PRC can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

The IMB PRC wishes all Seafarers safe and secure voyages and remains available to assist in any manner.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

All vessels are advised to report all piracy and armed robbery attacks and suspicious sightings to local Authorities, their flag state and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted on:

24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014

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Mariners are advised to be cautious, take precautionary measures and follow all recommended guidelines, when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh: Robbers normally target vessels at anchor. Most incidents reported are at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Incidents in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

Indonesia: Dumai / Lubuk Gaung and Muara Berau anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas. Many incidents may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessels during the night. When spotted and alarm is sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew. Therefore, a strict anti-piracy watch is recommended.

Meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities, which have so far brought down the number of incidents significantly. With the assistance and actions of the IMP, the incidents appear to be decreasing each year with great success.

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all vessels intending to anchor, to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

(After IMP-IMB started their cooperation in 2014, no incidents have been reported in the Adang Bay region. With this in view, in March 2021, IMP has decided to replace Adang Bay with Tanjung Butan at 01:11.30N – 104:12.30E as Singapore Straits and surrounding waters are now classified as risky waters).

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Berakit/Bintan: 01:23.30N-104:42.30E
5. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
6. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
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9. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E

The Indonesian Authorities have advised IMB that, in accordance with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, at the above given ten locations the prevention action of sea robbery / piracy in Indonesian waters will continue until further notice.

Vessels are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures and report all incidents and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

Malacca Straits: Although the number of incidents has dropped substantially (no incidents have been recorded since 2016) due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states' authorities since July 2005, vessels are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, incidents may have gone unreported. Situation currently remains stable.

Malaysia: Bandar Penawar, Johor - vessels attacked at anchorage. Off Tanjung Piai – vessels attacked while underway. Attacks have stopped and IMB PRC is monitoring and liaising with Malaysian Authorities / MMEA.

In / off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in several tugs / barges / fishing vessels being attacked and crews kidnapped. There were two kidnapping incidents in 2018 and two in 2019 and one in January 2020 off Tambisan, Sabah. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation. Merchant vessels are also at risk. Stay vigilant.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents targets / description of militant boats issued by the Philippines and Malaysian Intel.

Philippines: Pirates / Militants in the southern Philippines conduct attacks on vessels in / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. They attacked tugs / barges / fishing vessels / yachts / merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom.

These kidnappings by militants have stopped (for merchant ships) since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah, two in 2019 and one in 2020 where smaller tugs and fishing boats were targeted. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated with the ASG. In 2021 many militants were captured / killed. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents locations / targets issued by the Philippines Intel / Malaysian Intel.

Manila / Batangas / Tabangas – Be vigilant. Several past and recent incidents / robberies have been recorded.

Singapore Straits: A General Warning issued in December 2019 indicating a sudden rise in attacks in Singapore Straits especially during the night. This Warning is still valid to date as incidents are still occurring. It appears one or more groups are targeting passing vessels including tugs / barges to rob them. Authorities have been notified and are aware of the situation. Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures. Pirates / robbers attack vessels while underway or while at anchor especially during the night. Pirates / robbers will abort the attempted attack once spotted and alarm sounded, and Authorities notified. Therefore, a strict watch is necessary.

South China Sea: Although incidents have stopped in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to

continue to remain vigilant, especially during the night. In the past, several hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014, but the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia.

There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

WEST AFRICA (Gulf of Guinea) – As a general rule:

- (i) Follow recommendations and guidelines presented in the BMP WA.
- (ii) All crews to keep a vigilant lookout using all available means. Vessels to adjust ETA for direct berthing or wait / drift / transit more than 250nm from coast, if appropriate and agreed by all in venture.

Angola (Luanda): Incidents of robberies reported.

Benin (Cotonou): Incidents increasing in / off Benin. Vessels attacked and crews kidnapped. Incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in the area are well armed and violent. Currently pirates robbed vessels and kidnapped crews for ransom. In the past, tankers were hijacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Cameroon (Douala): Incidents dropped. Past incidents involved kidnapping of crews.

Equatorial Guinea: Incidents dropped. Past incidents occurred around 40nm from Luba. One incident involved hijacking and the other boarded with criminal intentions.

Ghana (Takoradi): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

Guinea (Conakry): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

Ivory Coast (Abidjan): Incidents dropped but remains risky.

Nigeria (Lagos / Apapa, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along / far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports, and surrounding waters. Incidents have also been reported over 200 nm from the coast. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain highly risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many incidents may also have gone unreported. Kidnapping for ransom remains the biggest risk for crews. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters. In the past, tankers were also hijacked, and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

Togo (Lome): Attacks reported at anchorage / in / off Togo. Vessels robbed and crews kidnapped. In the past, tankers were also hijacked, and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

The Congo: Pointe Noire / Off Point – stay vigilant.

Sao Tome & Principe: Vessels hijacked / attacked, and crews kidnapped. Vessels advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures.

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: No recent reported piracy attacks. There were a number of suspicious reports. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the recommendations in the latest BMP, while

transiting in these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all vessels in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

Although no reported incidents, the threat still exists in the waters off the southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past, vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique, as well as in the Indian ocean, and off the west and south coasts of India, and west Maldives. Be vigilant.

Generally, Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons, RPGs and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the latest BMP procedures and ensure that their vessel is hardened prior to entering the high-risk area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, an early sighting / detection of an approaching skiff will enable an accurate assessment, allowing the Master and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary, take evasive actions and request assistance as needed.

Masters are reminded that fishermen in this region may try to protect their nets by attempting to aggressively approach merchant vessels. Some of the fishermen may be armed to protect their catch and they should not be confused with pirates.

Vessels transiting in / off Yemen / Gulf of Aden: Security risk due to civil war in Yemen. Vessels have been fired upon and approached. (not piracy related).

Vessels transiting Straits of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – Incidents involving explosions on ship's hull reported. (not piracy related).

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Brazil (Macapa): incidents increasing. Stay vigilant.

Columbia (Cartagena): Sudden rise in incidents – stay vigilant

Ecuador (Guayaquil): Anchorage / river passage with pilot. Robbers well-armed. Fired upon.

Haiti (Port Au Prince):

Mexico (Puerto Dos Bocas): Pirates / robbers in this area armed with guns.

Peru (Callao): Incidents increasing. Robbery incidents continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and anti-piracy measures.

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Incidents abruptly stopped in 2020 due to actions by Authorities. Vessels are still reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc. relating to any maritime crime including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities. All information reported will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours every day at:

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

WhatsApp or Telegram at +601126593057. Photograph or video submission encouraged.

REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

TRENDS

Sixty-eight incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first half of 2021, the lowest H1 figure since 1994 and down from 98 incidents in Q2 2020.

The Q2 2021 figures are broken down as 61 vessels boarded, four attempted attacks, two vessels fired upon and one vessel hijacked.

In the first half of 2021, violence against crews continues with 50 crew kidnapped, three each threatened and taken hostage, two assaulted, one injured and one killed.

The Gulf of Guinea accounted for 32% of all reported incidents, including both vessels fired upon and the vessel hijacking. The Region also accounted for all 50 kidnapped crew as well as the crew fatality. All vessel types continue to be targeted in the Gulf of Guinea, primarily for the kidnap of multiple crews. In Q2, fishing vessels have also been hijacked for use as potential mother ships to target other merchant vessels.

The number of Gulf of Guinea kidnappings in Q2 2021 is the lowest since Q2 2019. The IMB PRC commends, and thanks the various Coastal response agencies and independent international navies tasked in the Region for actively responding to reported incidents.

While the number of reported incidents has reduced in Q2, in early June a bulk carrier was approached by a skiff with six pirates while under way around 210nm off Lagos. The appropriate vessel hardening ensured the pirates armed with weapons, ladders and hooks were unsuccessful. This indicates the pirates in the Region retain the capacity to carry out attacks and vessels should not be complacent while transiting these waters. All vessels are encouraged to comply with the recommendation within the BMP WA. Ten crew were also kidnapped from two fishing vessels in May further highlighting the risk to seafarers in the region.

The IMB-PRC also welcomes the announcement of the launch of Nigeria's Deep Blue Project and the creation of the Gulf of Guinea Maritime Collaboration Forum (GoG-MCF/SHADE). These are both complimentary initiatives to be supported, commended and sustained in the continued fight against piracy in the region.

Incidents continue to be reported against vessels steaming in the Singapore Straits with ten reports from vessels under way in Q2 up from six in Q1. The 16 H1 attacks compares to 11 in the first half of 2020. While these may be considered opportunistic in nature, in seven incidents the perpetrators were armed with knives. In three separate incidents seafarers were reported to have been either threatened, assaulted or injured. This clearly indicates the risk to seafarers; however benign the incidents may seem to be.

Four incidents have been reported from vessels boarded while anchored in Manila Bay, Philippines in Q2.

Callao anchorage, Peru continues to be an area of concern with four incidents in Q2 2021 and knives reported in all four boardings. One crew each have been taken hostage and assaulted in two separate incidents. Compared to the first half of 2019 and 2020, Callao anchorage has seen two-fold increase in the number of incidents in 2021 with nine incidents reported. All vessel types are targeted.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned center, remains a single point of contact to report the crimes of piracy and armed robbery. The Centre has not only assisted vessels in a timely manner it provides the maritime industry, response agencies and governments with transparent data – received directly from the Master of the vessel under attack - or its owners.

The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via GMDSS Safety Net Services and email alerts to CSOs, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 68 attacks for 01 January to 30 June 2021 are listed on pages 29 to 39. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 11 March 2021, a Malta flagged Chemical Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:48 North and Longitude 002:36 East, around 212nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1512 UTC. Around nine pirates armed with AK47 assault weapons in a speed boat attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the Security Vessel arrived at the location, the pirates had kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The remaining six crew sailed the tanker under escort to a safe port.

On 31 May 2021, a Ghana flagged Fishing Vessel Iris S was attacked and boarded by pirates at position Latitude 04:33 North and Longitude 002:23 East, Around 104nm South of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1930 UTC. The armed pirates approached and boarded the fishing vessel from two skiffs. They ransacked the vessel, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The remaining crew reported the incident to the Authorities and a Ghanaian patrol boat escorted the vessel to a safe port. Crew reported that a mother vessel was sighted in the vicinity.

Gabon:

On 08 February 2021, a Chinese flagged Fishing Vessel FV Lian Peng Yu 809 was hijacked by pirates while underway at position Latitude 00:51.43 South and Longitude 007:20.20 East, around 83nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon at approximately 0620 UTC. The fishing vessel with 14 crew was attacked and boarded by pirates. The incident was reported to the IMB PRC by the Chinese Authorities. The IMB PRC liaised with Regional Authorities and international warship in the region. The hijacked fishing vessel was later intercepted by Gabon Authorities on 12 February 2021. Ten crew members were reported kidnapped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to Gabon waters. On 06 March 2021, the 10 kidnapped crew were released safely.

Ghana:

On 30 January 2021, a Marshall Islands flagged Bulk Carrier MV Rowayton Eagle was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:55.0 North and Longitude 001:56.6 East, around 200nm SE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 0424 UTC. Armed pirates onboard a skiff with ladder attacked the ship underway. The crew noticed the pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Ghanaian Navy patrol boat was dispatched but was unable to assist due to technical difficulties. Owners advised the Master to sail towards the Nigerian EEZ waters to rendezvous with a Nigerian security team, which allowed the crew to emerge from the citadel and sail under escort to a safe port. All 19 crew reported safe.

On 19 May 2021, a Ghana flagged Fishing Vessel Atlantic Princess was attacked and boarded by pirates at position Latitude 04:33.5 North and Longitude 000:15.6 East, Around 66nm South of Tema, Ghana at approximately 1830 UTC. The pirates approached, fired upon and boarded the fishing vessel from a small craft. They stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The Ghanaian Navy was notified and a patrol boat was dispatched to escort the fishing vessel and remaining crew back to Tema. On 28 June 2021 the five kidnapped crew were released safely.

Nigeria:

On 14 March 2021, a Luxembourg flagged Offshore Support Vessel was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:58 North and Longitude 002:53 East, around 208nm south of Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 0731 UTC. Around seven to 10 armed pirates in a small boat attacked and successfully boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded

to provide assistance. The pirates fired at the vessel's bridge before escaping and before the arrival of the Security Vessel. Some equipment was destroyed. All 20 crew members reported safe. The Offshore Support Vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel.

Sao Tome and Principe:

On 23 January 2021, a Liberian flagged Container ship MV Mozart was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:04.13 North and Longitude 005:05.22 East, around 98nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 0535 UTC. An unknown number of armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the vessel. One crew was reported killed and 15 were kidnapped. Remaining three crew managed to navigate the ship to a safe port. On 12 February 2021, the 15 kidnapped crew were released safely.

On 06 February 2021, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Sea Phantom was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:00.02 North and Longitude 008:15.02 East, around 50nm NE of Principe Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 2254 UTC. Eight armed pirates with AK47 assault weapons in a skiff attacked and successfully boarded the tanker with a long aluminium ladder. Alert crew noticed the pirates and retreated into the citadel. The pirates damaged the onboard communication and navigation equipment. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities including a Portuguese Navy warship. The crew managed to navigate the tanker to try and rendezvous with dispatched Cameroonian and Equatorial Guinean patrol boats. The tanker was later intercepted by the patrol boats and escorted to a safe port. All 18 crew and one superintendent reported safe.

On 09 February 2021, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Maria E was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:35 North and Longitude 005:07 East, around 112nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 1222 UTC. Around nine pirates armed with AK47 assault weapons and a ladder on a skiff attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. Crew onboard the tanker noticed the pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. The IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the operators, Regional Authorities and an international warship in the vicinity which escorted the tanker until an Equatorial Guinea patrol boat took over until the tanker was safely anchored. All 21 crew reported safe.

On 23 April 2021, a Cyprus flagged Container ship MV Contship New was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:27 North and Longitude 004:38 East, around 132nm NW of Neves, Sao Tome and Principe at approximately 0903 UTC. Crew onboard the ship noticed pirates in a skiff approaching. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Owners and Authorities notified. An Italian Navy frigate proceeded to provide assistance. The six pirates that boarded the ship left after a few hours as they were unable to gain access to any crew. Pirates were armed with AK-47. Weapons were used and the windows were damaged. The Italian Navy frigate arrived and thereafter provided escort to the ship. All 16 crews reported safe.

1 January – 30 June 2021

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2021 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36421 -	00:15.8S – 117:34.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew spotted the robbers near the forecandle store escaping with ship's stores. Incident reported to local authorities.
2.	24.01.2021 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ark Royal Bulk Carrier Barbados 27011 9219446	01:16.49N – 104:15.60E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to CSO and VTS.
3.	28.01.2021 1420 UTC Steaming Boarded	Elvia Bulk Carrier Liberia 50697 9570840	01:16.15N – 104:16.72E, Singapore Straits	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. General alarm sounded. All crew mustered. Incident reported to VTS.
4.	28.01.2021 1820 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vantage Wave General Cargo Liberia 22064 9506514	01:16.87N – 104:18.71E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.
5.	29.01.2021 1910 UTC Berthed Boarded	Kota Nebula Container Singapore 20902 9494632	06:05.57N – 125:09.42E, Makar Wharf, General Santos City Port, Philippines	Duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers near the lifeboat deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting canoe. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen. Incident reported to the Local Agent, Port Authority and Coast Guard. The Philippines Coast Guard apprehended one robber responsible for the theft and managed to recover the stolen items.
6.	30.01.2021 1930 UTC Anchored Boarded	Surya Aki LNG Tanker Bahamas 20519 9060534	03:56.3N – 098:45.6E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives threatened a duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker. The AB retreated into the accommodation and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and local authorities notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties. Port Control and Coast Guard responded and boarded the tanker to investigate.
7.	12.02.2021 2230 UTC Berthed Boarded	ALS Juventus Container Singapore 40541	06:05.84S – 106:53.65E, Tanjung Priok Container Berth,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship, broke into the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. The robbery

		9431757	Jakarta, Indonesia	was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds.
8.	21.02.2021 0430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Danum 50 Tug Malaysia 165 9404261 Linau 133 Barge Malaysia 2010 -	01:06.38N – 103:44.68E, Singapore Straits	An Indonesian navy patrol boat noticed a suspicious boat alongside the barge under tow and called the tug Master to reduce speed. Naval team boarded the barge and arrested five unauthorised persons. Tug and barge continued their voyage after investigations were completed. Nothing reported stolen.
9.	24.03.2021 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded	African Queen Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 30936 9389930	01:17.0N – 104:18.1E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS.
10.	29.03.2021 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baltic North Container Marshall Islands 44234 9463310	06:00.4S – 106:53.7E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the poop deck with two sacks. The AB shouted and flashed his torchlight at the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers fled immediately. A search was carried out. Ship's engine spares were reported stolen. Incident reported to the local authorities, and the coast guard boarded the ship for investigation.
11.	30.03.2021 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded	POSH Falcon Tug Singapore 3513 9624586 Scarabeo 7 Rig Bahamas 23595 8758861	01:12.47N – 103:32.71E, Singapore Straits	Robbers in two small boats approached the stern of the unmanned rig under tow. They detached and stole the emergency topline pickup buoy floating behind the rig and escaped. Incident reported to VTIS. Vessel and crew safe.
12.	07.04.2021 1747 UTC Steaming Boarded	Trina Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Portugal 41091 9642370	01:16.5N – 104:16.1E, Singapore Straits	While underway, four robbers armed with knives entered the engine room. The robbers pushed and hit the duty motorman on the head before escaping. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	07.04.2021 2150 UTC Steaming Boarded	Harrisburg Product Tanker Singapore 30087 9859210	01:16.13N – 104:15.56E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.
14.	10.04.2021 1715 UTC Steaming Boarded	Pantazis L Bulk Carrier Liberia 39746 9272955	01:15.50N – 104:12.04E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They broke into the engine room, stole engine spares, and escaped. The robbers were noticed by the duty crew who immediately informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Incident reported to VTIS and a patrol boat escorted the ship until she

				was clear of the area. All crew reported safe.
15.	11.04.2021 1948 UTC Berthed Boarded	Henry Maersk Product Tanker Denmark 25723 9399351	05:47.2N – 118:01.6E, MOT Terminal, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia	Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber on the forecandle and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped in a small skiff. Incident reported to local port authorities.
16.	16.04.2021 1740 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 29447 -	01:16.03N – 104:12.08E, Singapore Straits	Duty Engineer on routine rounds noticed someone trying to open the steering gear entrance door from the poop deck and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all deck and accommodation lights switched on. Hearing the alarm, the perpetrators escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS informed.
17.	16.04.2021 2100 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ioanna L Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 43066 9803340	01:16.4N – 104:14.3E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. They assaulted and injured the fourth engineer, stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. On searching the ship no robbers were found. Incident reported to VTS.
18.	19.04.2021 1855 UTC Anchored Boarded	BAK DA 5 Tug Mongolia 199 9851567 BAK DA 55 Barge Malaysia 3408 -	14:33.60N – 120:56.02E, Manila Bay Anchorage, Philippines	Duty security watchman onboard an anchored barge noticed six unauthorised persons moving cargo from the barge to their small boat. Alarm raised and the security guard managed to apprehend one robber while the remaining five jumped overboard, leaving their boat and stolen cargo behind. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard who arrived to investigate.
19.	23.05.2021 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Alea Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17009 9550266	01:16.7N – 104:16.6E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and threatened the duty crew who retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
20.	23.05.2021 1647 UTC Steaming Boarded	RB Eden Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43278 9765718	01:16.37N – 104:16.49E, Singapore Straits	Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed unauthorized persons in the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Suspecting the persons to be still onboard, the ship anchored at the OPL. At daybreak, a full search was carried out. The ship continued her voyage once it was determined that no unauthorized persons were onboard.
21.	04.06.2021 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cape Lily Bulk Carrier Singapore 92752 9612430	01:15.8N – 104:13.7E, Singapore Straits	Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed three robbers in the engine room and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the stolen engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS.

22.	09.06.2021 1530 UTC Anchored Boarded	TR Aramis Container Marshall Islands 31370 9784661	14:33.4N – 120:55.2E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Coast guard informed.
23.	15.06.2021 1650 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sima Sahba Container Singapore 15995 9330927	14:33.8N – 120:55.4E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed around four persons in a small boat under the forecastle. He immediately informed the duty officer who sent the second security watchman to assist. Seeing the watchmen, the persons moved away. A search was carried out. The paint store was found broken into and ship's stores stolen. VTMS Manila informed.
24.	21.06.2021 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mount Butler Container Hong Kong 18826 9760586	14:33.9N – 120:55.2E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the Port Authorities via the local agent.
25.	24.06.2021 2136 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baltic North Container Marshall Islands 44234 9463310	05:59.50S – 106:54.20E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Two persons boarded the ship during anchoring operations. Duty AB noticed the unauthorised persons and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the two persons escaped in a waiting boat with another four persons onboard. Incident reported to the coast guard who boarded for investigation. Nothing reported stolen.
26.	29.06.2021 1620 UTC Steaming Boarded	J Mare Bulk Carrier Liberia 43241 9802231	01:16.10N – 104:14.10E, Singapore Straits	Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed four robbers in the engine room and notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. Incident reported to VTS.

EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.03.2021 1701-2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 36421 -	20:54.9N – 107:16.7E, Campha Port, Vietnam	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the moored ship. They broke into two crew cabins, stole ship and crew cash, and escaped. Local authorities informed and an investigation was carried out.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.01.2021 0053 UTC	Sagittarius Bulk Carrier	18:38N – 072:37W,	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed a suspicious echo on the radar

	Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 17025 9550254	Port-au-Prince Bay, Haiti	and asked the security patrol to investigate. The security patrol noticed a boat with around six robbers armed with a gun boarding using a ladder with hooks. Alarm raised and crew retreated into the accommodation. The robbers threatened the Ch/Engr attempting to secure an open accommodation door. Incident reported to the Coast Guard and PFSO. The Coast Guard responded and boarded the ship to carry out a search and investigate. Ship's properties reported stolen. Crew and ship safe.
2.	06.01.2021 - Anchored Boarded	Prague Express Container Germany 93750 9450399	10:18.41N – 075:33.66W, Cartagena Charlie Anchorage, Colombia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. Onboard investigation revealed that the hawse pipe protection device was destroyed and the bosun store's padlock was damaged. The Authorities were informed through local agent.
3.	09.01.2021 0855 UTC Steaming Boarded	Duesseldorf Express Container Bermuda 53523 9143556	10:15.7N – 076:22.9W, Around 45nm West of Cartagena Sea Buoy Pilot Boarding Ground, Colombia	Around ten persons in a small craft approached and boarded the drifting ship. Alarm raised public announcement made, crew mustered, and security messages sent. Port Control instructed the ship to proceed to pilot station. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. The search party also noticed that some intruders were still onboard, and all crew immediately retreated into the accommodation. Upon arriving at the pilot station, a coast guard boat arrived and escorted the ship to the inner anchorage, where the police and coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Five intruders were found and detained.
4.	13.01.2021 0400 UTC Berthed Boarded	Nord Hudson Bulk Carrier Denmark 34617 9696797	Santana Port, Brazil	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the ship, stole ship's properties, and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local police who boarded the ship for investigation.
5.	04.02.2021 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Morning Margareta Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367580	12:01.61S – 077:13.37W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty AB on rounds. Incident reported to local agents.
6.	13.02.2021 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Torm Arawa Product Tanker Singapore 30302 9543548	12:00.62S – 077:11.86W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecandle, retreated into the accommodation and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a wooden motorboat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. It was reported that ship's stores were stolen. Local Authorities informed through local agent.
7.	13.02.2021 0935 UTC	Pacific Trader Container	11:01.35N – 074:47.23W,	Five robbers boarded the ship under pilotage. Alert crew noticed the robbers.

	Steaming Boarded	Cyprus 9957 9406922	Magdalena River Passage, Colombia	Master raised the alarm, crew mustered inside accommodation and pilot notified the port authorities. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. The ship was instructed to anchor to allow the coast guard to board and investigate.
8.	06.03.2021 2330 UTC Steaming Boarded	Pacora Container Jamaica 7464 9404821	02:20S – 079:58W, Around 10nm South of Guayaquil, Ecuador	Six armed robbers in two fast boats approached and boarded the ship under pilotage. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and contacted Guayaquil Authorities. The robbers took hostage one crew member and stole cargoes from the containers. Before escaping, they released the crew without any injury. It was reported that nine containers were opened and cargo damaged.
9.	11.03.2021 0210 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordic Seoul Bulk Carrier Liberia 22860 9649861	11:59.57S – 077:14.10W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forward mooring station and notified the duty officer. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to local VTS and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship.
10.	16.03.2021 2230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Port Osaka Bulk Carrier Liberia 35207 9838541	12:01.1S – 077:10.5W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forecandle store, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds.
11.	17.03.2021 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baker River Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 31336 9284269	12:00.92S – 077:11.99W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB was taken hostage, tied up, and later released by the robbers before escaping with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to local port authorities and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to assist.
12.	24.03.2021 0545 UTC Anchored Boarded	Christoph Schulte LPG Tanker Singapore 9110 9368778	10:19.2N – 075:31.8W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. The duty AB noticed the three robbers and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a boat with four other robbers. Ship's properties and stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local authorities. The Colombian Coast Guard responded and boarded the tanker for investigation.
13.	14.04.2021 0040 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seasuccess LPG Tanker Malta 25079 9787340	12:00.59S – 077:13.12W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Two robbers assaulted a duty AB on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to authorities through local agent.
14.	04.05.2021 0030 UTC	Admiral Product Tanker	11:59.5S – 077:12.4W,	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They took the duty

	Anchored Boarded	Gibraltar 16914 9234616	Callao Anchorage No. 8, Peru	AB hostage and tied him up. The robbers stole the AB's personal belongings and ship's properties and escaped. The duty AB was later found by another duty crew. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. Owners and port authorities notified.
15.	28.06.2021 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Borneo Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9341445	12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds.
16.	30.06.2021 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Borneo Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9341445	12:01S – 077:13W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty watchman onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the forecastle. The watchman immediately reported to the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. TRAMAR port control informed and a coast guard patrol boat came and searched around the tanker.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	04.01.2021 0048 UTC Anchored Boarded	Niledutch Breda Container Cyprus 39106 9612765	04:42.93S – 011:44.21E, Pointe Noire North Anchorage, The Congo	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. General alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. The incident was reported to Port Control. All crew reported safe.
2.	18.01.2021 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Green Freezer Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 5084 8819304	06:02.00S – 012:21.50E, Banana Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Three robbers in a small wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forecastle store and retreated into the accommodation. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. Port Control contacted through VHF Ch.16. No response received.
3.	23.01.2021 0535 UTC Steaming Boarded	Mozart Container Liberia 28616 9337274	01:04.13N – 005:04.22E, Around 98nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe	While underway, the ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. One crew killed. Fifteen kidnapped. Remaining three crew managed to navigate to a safe port. On 05.04.2021, the Owners confirmed that the 15 kidnapped crew were released safely on 12.02.2021.
4.	30.01.2021 0424 UTC Steaming Boarded	Rowayton Eagle Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35812 9575216	02:55.0N – 001:56.6E, Around 200nm SE of Accra, Ghana	Crew onboard the ship underway noticed pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A

				Ghanaian Navy patrol boat was dispatched but was unable to assist due to technical difficulties. Owners advised the Master to sail towards Nigerian waters to rendezvous with a Nigerian security team, which allowed the crew to emerge from the citadel and sail, under escort, to a safe port. All crew reported safe.
5.	06.02.2021 2254 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sea Phantom Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9326653	02:00.02N – 008:15.02E, Around 50nm NE of Principe Island, Sao Tome and Principe	Eight armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the pirates and retreated into the citadel. The pirates damaged communication and navigation equipment. Upon hearing of the incident, the IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with Regional Authorities including a Portuguese Navy warship. Crew managed to navigate the tanker to try and rendezvous with dispatched Cameroonian and Equatorial Guinean patrol boats. The tanker was later escorted to a safe port. All crew reported safe.
6.	08.02.2021 0620 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Lian Peng Yu 809 Fishing Vessel China - -	00:51.43S – 007:20.20E, Around 83nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon	A fishing vessel with fourteen crew onboard was boarded and hijacked by pirates. The IMB PRC liaised with regional authorities and international warship in the region. The hijacked fishing vessel was later intercepted by Gabon Authorities on the 12.02.2021. Ten crew members were reported kidnapped earlier and the remaining crew members sailed the vessel to Gabon waters. On 06.03.2021, the 10 kidnapped crew were released safely.
7.	09.02.2021 1222 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maria E Product Tanker Panama 7064 9337822	01:35N – 005:07E, Around 112nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe	Crew onboard the tanker underway noticed pirates boarding and retreated into the citadel. The IMB PRC immediately alerted and liaised with the operators, Regional Authorities and an international warship in the vicinity which was able to escort the tanker until an Equatorial Guinea patrol boat took over and stayed with the tanker until it was safely anchored. All crew reported safe.
8.	26.02.2021 0230–0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 -	08:45.12S – 013:17.08E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by the duty AB during routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities.
9.	06.03.2021 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Luxembourg 1733 -	Douala Anchorage, Cameroon	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Search conducted and several ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to local port authorities.
10.	10.03.2021 0700 UTC	Flensburg Container	08:44.5S – 013:15.1E,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by

	Anchored Boarded	Cyprus 9990 9252773	Luanda Anchorage, Angola	the duty Bosun during routine rounds. The crew conducted a search and reported ship's properties stolen. Incident reported to local agent.
11.	11.03.2021 0120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Venturer Drilling Ship Singapore 60683 9633563	04:44.1N – 001:35.6W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	An anchored ship was boarded by four unauthorised persons. Alert crew noticed the persons and informed the bridge. Incident reported to local port authorities and a security patrol team was dispatched. Nothing reported stolen.
12.	11.03.2021 1512 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Malta 14034 -	02:48N – 002:36E, Around 212nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Nine armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the security vessel arrived at the location the pirates kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The tanker and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port.
13.	14.03.2021 0731 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Support Vessel Luxembourg 6146 -	02:58N – 002:53E, Around 208nm South of Lagos, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified, and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded. The pirates managed to escape before the arrival of the Security Vessel. Crew reported safe but there were some damages to the vessel. The vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel.
14.	23.04.2021 0903 UTC Steaming Boarded	Contship New Container Cyprus 9957 9373905	01:27N – 004:38E, Around 132nm NW of Neves, Sao Tome and Principe	Crew onboard the ship underway noticed pirates in a skiff approaching. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Owners and authorities were notified, and an Italian navy frigate proceeded to intervene. The pirates boarded the ship but left after a few hours as they were unable to get access to any crew. The Italian navy frigate approached and escorted the ship towards its destination. All crew reported safe.
15.	29.04.2021 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Songa Calabria Container Liberia 40541 9477309	08:41.3S – 013:17.7E, Luanda Outer Anchorage, Angola	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the forecandle deck and notified the bridge. Ship's horn sounded, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities and a patrol boat was dispatched to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.
16.	19.05.2021 1830UTC Steaming Boarded	Atlantic Princess Fishing Vessel Ghana 768 8124412	04:33.5N – 000:15.6E, Around 66nm South of Tema, Ghana	While underway, the fishing vessel was approached, and fired upon and boarded by pirates in a small craft. The pirates stole crew personal belongings, kidnapped five crews and escaped. The Ghanaian Navy was notified, and a patrol boat was dispatched to escort the fishing vessel back to Tema. On 28.06.2021, the five kidnapped crew members were safely released.

17.	29.05.2021 0255 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Malta 3601 -	04:41.70N – 007:10.02E, Port Onne, Nigeria	Robbers in a canoe approached the berthed offshore supply ship. One robber armed with a knife boarded the vessel while the vessel's crew were engaged in cargo operations. The duty AB on deck patrol spotted the robber attempting to steal a hose coupling. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
18.	31.05.2021 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Iris S Fishing Vessel Ghana 498 8210493	04:33N – 002:23E, Around 104nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Armed pirates in two skiffs approached and boarded the fishing vessel. They ransacked the vessel, kidnapped five crew and escaped. The remaining crew reported the incident to the Authorities and a Ghanaian patrol boat escorted the vessel to a safe port. Crew reported that a mother vessel was sighted in the vicinity.
19.	31.05.2021 2220 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29736 -	14:21.8S – 040:42.7E, Fernao Veloso Bay Anchorage, Mozambique	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB noticed the two robbers and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to the Port Authorities via the local agent.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2021

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.05.2021 1439 UTC Steaming Attempted	Astro Perseus Tanker Greece 80620 9280873	01:14.80N – 104:03.00E, Singapore Straits	Duty officer onboard the tanker underway identified a wooden boat approaching from astern and noticed persons attempting to board using a rope attached to a hook and a wooden ladder. Alarm was raised, speed increased, course altered, deck lights switched on and search lights directed towards the boat. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat abandoned the attempted boarding and moved away. VTIS notified.

AFRICA (SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.01.2021 0849 UTC	Myrto Bulk Carrier	12:06.1N – 044:26.5E,	While underway, the ship noticed a skiff approaching. Alarm sounded and all

	Steaming Attempted	Marshall Islands 43012 9518086	Gulf of Aden	crew mustered. At a distance of 0.2nm weapons and ladders were noticed in the skiff. The onboard armed team fired warning shots, resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.
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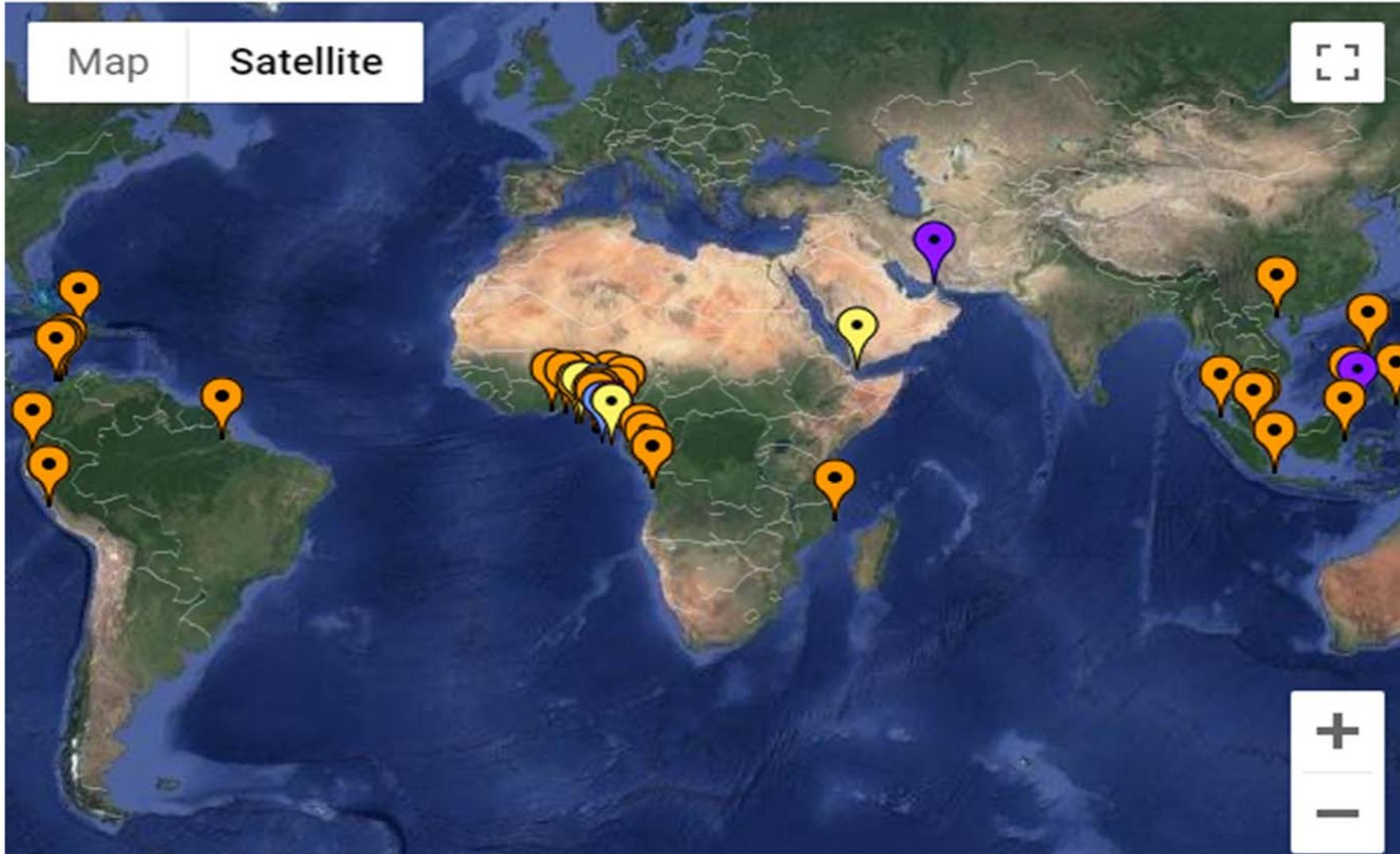
AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

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1.	13.01.2021 1900 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maersk Cardiff Container Singapore 50869 9529255	02:23.58N – 005:31.00E, Around 120nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria	While underway, the ship was approached and fired upon by pirates in a small craft. Alarm sounded and all crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Regional Authorities. Ship and crew reported safe.
2.	08.02.2021 0444 UTC Steaming Attempted	Seaking Tanker Bahamas 161382 9292187	00:59.8S – 007:32.3E, Around 75nm WSW of Port Gentil, Gabon	Crew onboard the drifting tanker noticed a mother vessel launching a skiff with four persons, which approached at high speed. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The skiff managed to come alongside the tanker but due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the boarding was avoided. Crew and tanker reported safe.
3.	08.02.2021 1810 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Madrid Spirit LNG Tanker Spain 90835 9259276	00:43.91S – 006:07.91E, Around 50nm SW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe	Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed a skiff approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, crew mustered and SSAS activated. As the skiff closed, hooks and a ladder were noticed. The pirates fired upon the tanker causing damage to the accommodation. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the attack and moving away. Crew and ship safe.
4.	06.06.2021 1600 UTC Steaming Attempted	CP Tianjin Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36332 9710505	02:57.82N – 002:44.18E, Around 208nm SSW of Lagos, Nigeria	Six pirates in a skiff, armed with weapons approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Master sent a distress message, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. Ladders with hook sighted on the skiff. The pirates showed their weapons to the Master. After 40 mins of attempting to board, the pirates aborted and moved away due to the hardening measures taken by the Master. Crew and ship safe.



IMB Piracy Report – January to June 2021

 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total number of attacks – 68



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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 0

Total attacks East & SE Asia – 28



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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 1

Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0



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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks Gulf of Guinea - 22



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 = Attempted Attack  = Boarded  = Fired upon  = Hijacked  = Suspicious vessel



Total attacks South America - 16