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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 30 September 2022

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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 provides an analysis of 90 global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the IMB PRC from 1 January to 30 September 2022. 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.

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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 are reported and recorded at the time of, or shortly after, the incident.

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 vessel 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 incidents on Crew, Vessel and Cargo: (Chart G)

As several agencies define and categorize 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 vessel 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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- Merchant Shipping Cyprus
- Steamship Insurance Management Services Limited
- The North of England P&I Association Ltd
- The Standard Club Ltd
- Tsakos Shipping and Trading SA

The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

- Spire Global, Inc. (<https://spire.com/>)
- Vessel tracker (<https://www.vesseltracker.com/>)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents, January – September 2018 – 2022

	Locations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
SE ASIA	Indonesia	31	20	23	6	9	
	Malacca Straits				1		
	Malaysia	9	10	4	1	2	
	Philippines	6	4	8	9	6	
	Singapore Straits	3	1	15	20	31	
	Thailand			1			
	EAST ASIA	China	2	3			
	Vietnam	2	2	3	1		
INDIAN SUB-CONT	Bangladesh	11		2		6	
	India	3	3	6	1	2	
AMERICAS	Brazil	4	2	4	3	5	
	Colombia	1	3	1	5		
	Dominican Republic		1				
	Ecuador	4	3	4	2		
	Guyana	2				2	
	Haiti	3	1	4	2	1	
	Mexico		1	4	1		
	Panama		1				
	Peru	3	5	5	15	8	
	Venezuela	8	6			2	
	AFRICA	Angola			5	3	5
		Benin	5	1	7	2	
		Cameroon	2	5		1	
Democratic Rep. of Congo		1	1		1	1	
Dem. Rep. of Sao Tome and Principe				1	5		
Egypt						1	
Equatorial Guinea			2	2			
Gabon				2	3		
Ghana		8	3	5	5	6	
Guinea		2	2	1	3		
Gulf of Aden*		1			1		
Ivory Coast		1	1	2		1	
Kenya			1				
Liberia			2			1	
Morocco			1				
Mozambique		1	2	3	1		
Nigeria		41	29	17	4		
Red Sea*							
Senegal							
Sierra Leone			1				
Somalia	1						
South Africa					1		
The Congo			1	1			
Togo	1	2	1				
REST OF WORLD	Iraq			1			
Subtotal for nine months		156	119	132	97	90	
Total at year end		201	162	195	132		

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates.

CHART A: The following six locations contributed to 73% of the total 90 incidents reported in the period January – September 2022

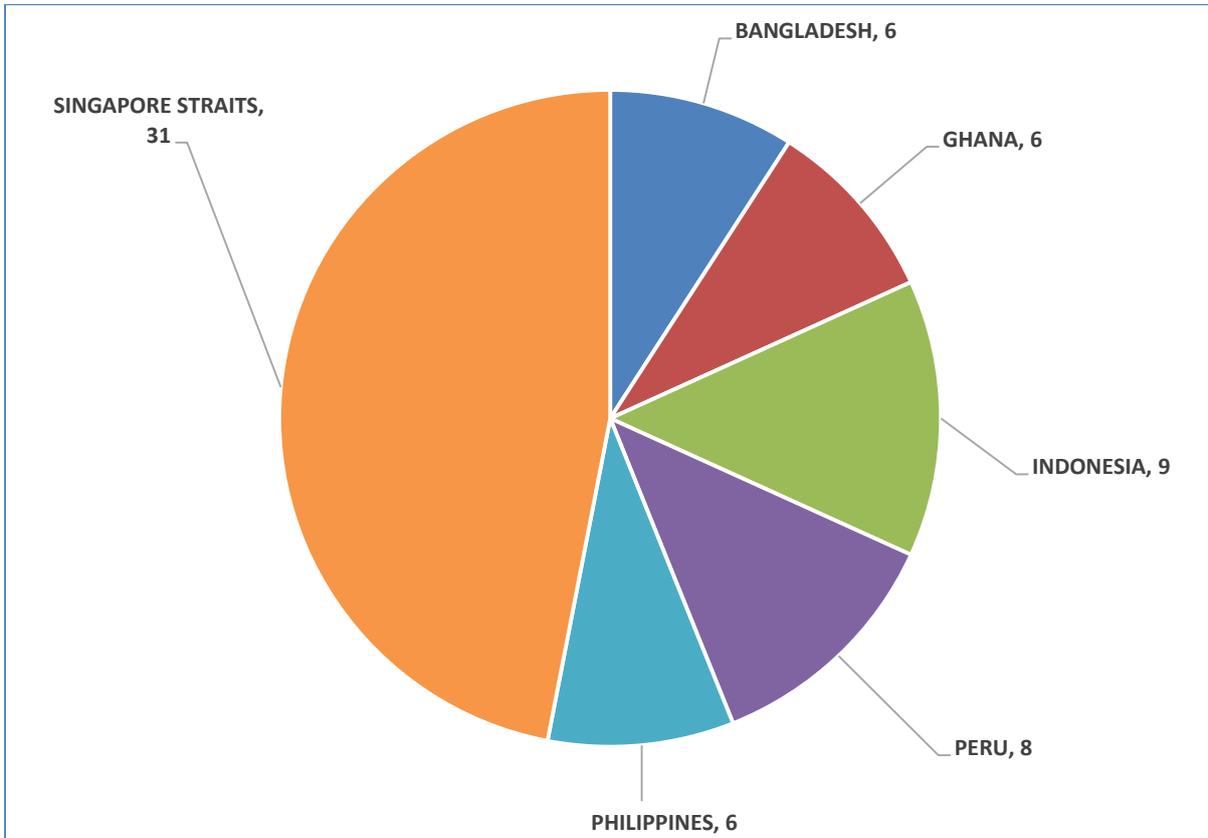


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2022

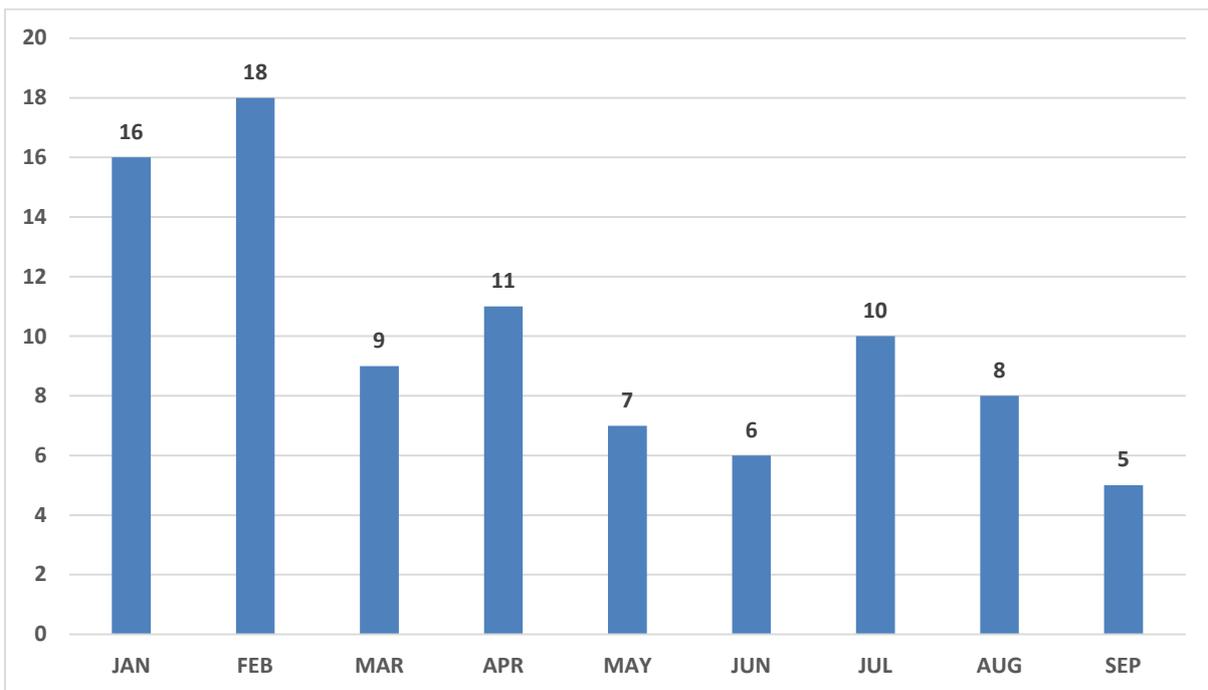


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – September 2022

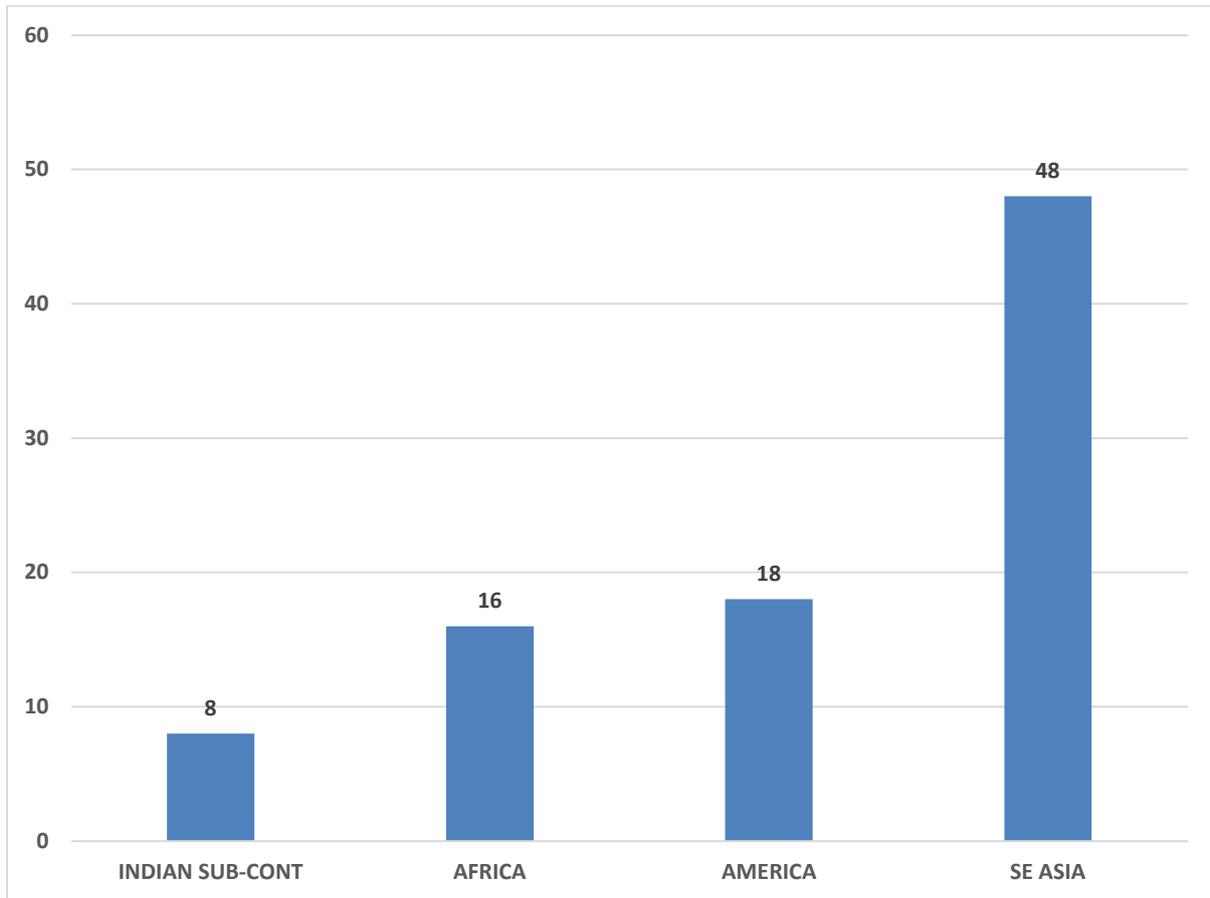
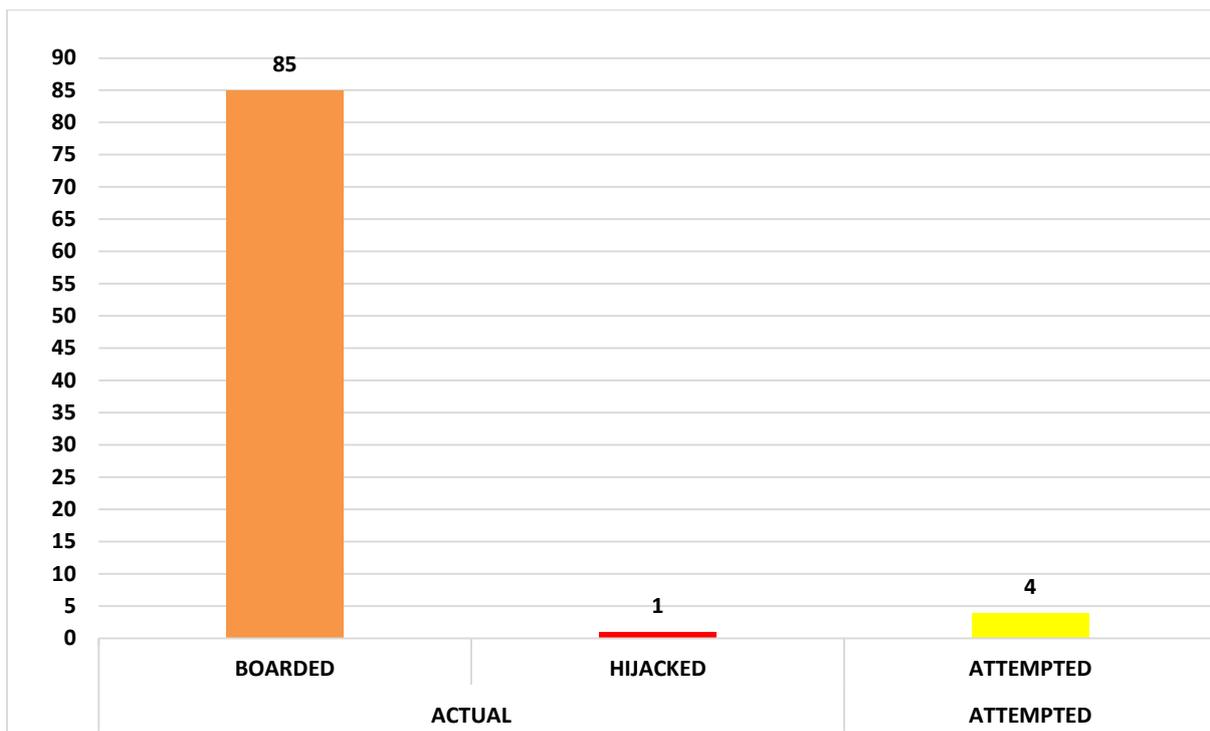


CHART D: Perpetrators successful in 95% of incidents, January – September 2022



**CHART E: Type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – September 2022**



**CHART F: Region specific type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement
January – September 2022**

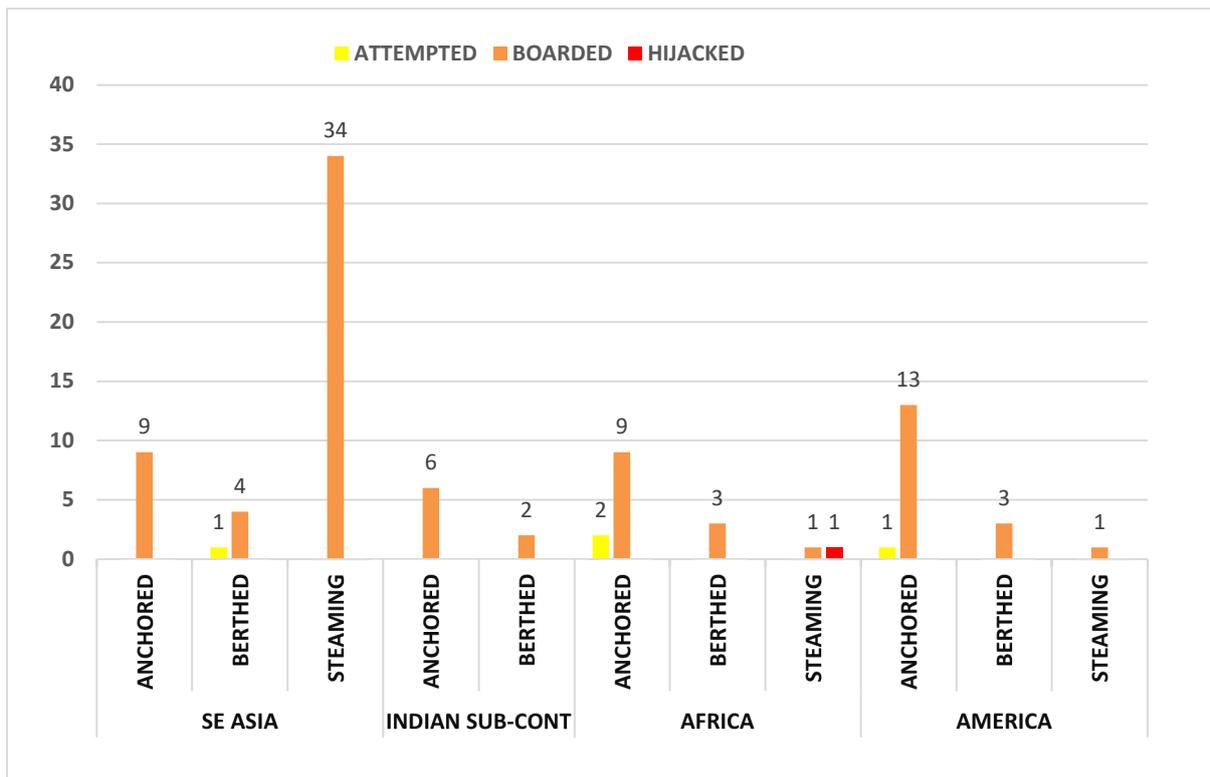


CHART G: Region specific severity of incident in relation January – September 2022
(Severity level I, II, III – see page 4 for clarification)

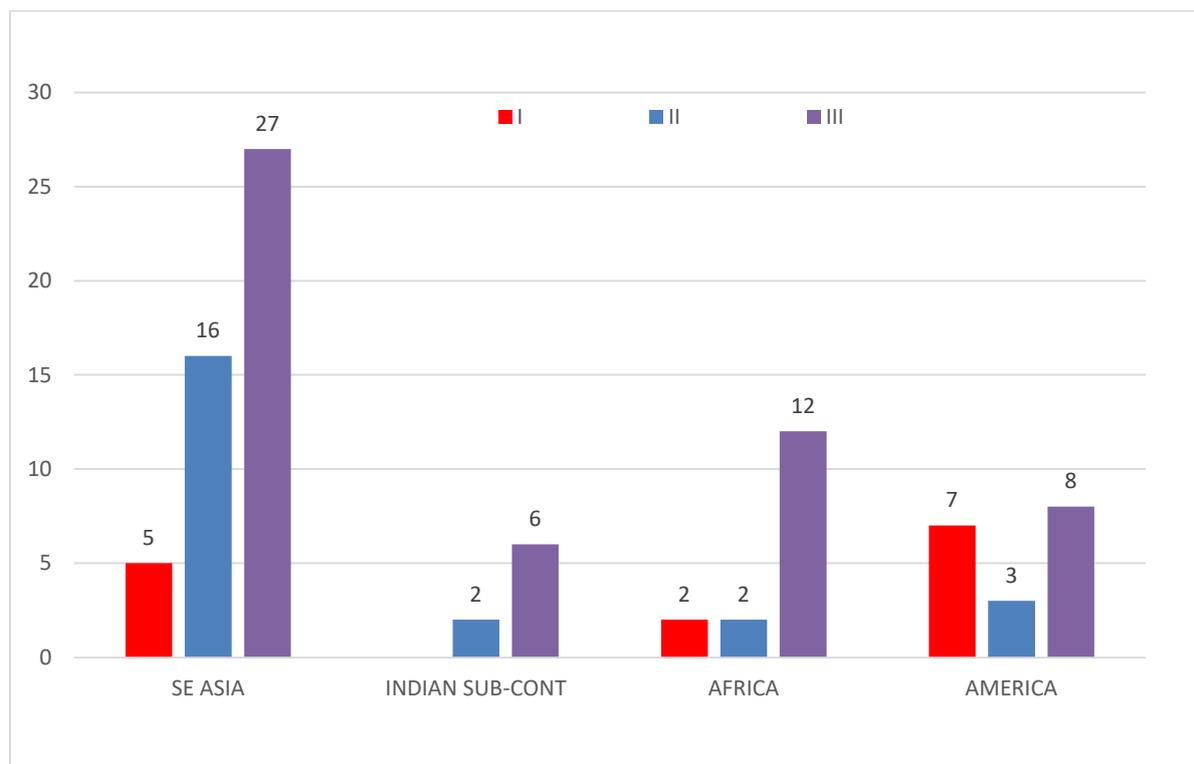


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – September 2022

Location	Actual incidents		Attempted incidents
	Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted
SE ASIA			
Indonesia	9		
Malaysia	2		
Philippines	5		1
Singapore Straits	31		
INDIAN			
Bangladesh	6		
SUB-CONT			
India	2		
AMERICAS			
Brazil	4		1
Guyana	2		
Haiti	1		
Peru	8		
Venezuela	2		
AFRICA			
Angola	5		
Democratic Republic of Congo	1		
Egypt			1
Ghana	5		1
Ivory Coast		1	
Liberia	1		
South Africa	1		
Sub total	85	1	4
Total	90		

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2022

Country	Location	01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022
Angola	Luanda	4
Bangladesh	Chittagong	5
Brazil	Macapa	5
Ghana	Takoradi	5
Indonesia	Belawan	4
Indonesia	Jakarta	3
Peru	Callao	8
Philippines	Batangas	3

TABLE 4: Status of vessels during ACTUAL incidents, January – September 2022

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	1	6	2
Malaysia	1	1	
Philippines	2	2	1
Singapore Straits			31
INDIAN Bangladesh	1	5	
SUB-CONT India	1	1	
AMERICAS Brazil		4	
Guyana	1	1	
Haiti			1
Peru	1	7	
Venezuela	1	1	
AFRICA Angola		5	
Democratic Republic of Congo	1		
Ghana		4	1
Ivory Coast			1
Liberia	1		
South Africa	1		
Sub total	12	37	37
Total		86	

TABLE 5: Status of vessels during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – September 2022

Location	Berthed	Anchored
SE ASIA Philippines	1	
AMERICAS Brazil		1
AFRICA Egypt		1
Ghana		1
Sub total	1	3
Total		4

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January – September 2018 – 2022

Type of Arms	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Guns	37	35	37	24	11
Knives	25	23	35	29	32
Other weapons	4	5	3	4	1
Not stated	90	56	57	40	46
Sub total	156	119	132	97	90
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January – September 2018 – 2022

Type of Attack	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Attempted	32	10	12	9	4
Boarded	107	95	112	85	85
Fired upon	13	10	6	2	
Hijack	4	4	2	1	1
Sub total	156	119	132	97	90
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2018 – 2022

Type of Violence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hostage	112	49	31	8	27
Kidnapped	39	70	85	51	
Threatened	7	4	6	5	5
Assaulted		3	5	2	6
Injured	6	6	7	3	
Killed		1		1	
Sub total	164	133	134	70	38
Total at year end	241	210	191	82	

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – September 2022

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assaulted
SE ASIA Indonesia		1	
Singapore Straits	4	2	
AMERICAS Brazil	1	1	6
Guyana		1	
Haiti	1		
Peru	4		
AFRICA Ivory Coast	17		
Sub total	27	5	6
Total	38		

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – September 2022

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
SE ASIA Indonesia		5		4
Malaysia		1		1
Philippines	1	1		4
Singapore Straits	3	13		15
INDIAN Bangladesh		3		3
SUB-CONT India				2
AMERICAS Brazil	3			2
Guyana		1		1
Haiti	1			
Peru	1	4		3
Venezuela				2
AFRICA Angola		3	1	1
Democratic Republic of Congo				1
Egypt				1
Ghana	1	1		4
Ivory Coast	1			
Liberia				1
South Africa				1
Sub total	11	32	1	46
Total	90			

TABLE 11: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – September 2018 – 2022

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Accommodation Barge			1		
Bulk Carrier	51	30	34	34	41
Container	13	12	20	24	10
Crew Boat					2
Drilling Ship / Rig	1		1	1	
General Cargo	6	7	6	2	2
Heavy Lift Vessel	1				
Heavy Load Carrier		1			1
Landing Craft		1			
Maintenance Pontoon		1			
Offshore Support Vessel	2	1	2	2	
Ore Carrier	1				
Pipe Layer Ship / Barge			2		
Pleasure Craft		1			
Refrigerated Ship	6		3	1	1
RO-RO	2				
Supply Vessel	2	2	8	4	1
Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen	1		1		
Tanker Chemical / Product	41	32	32	16	15
Tanker Crude Oil	12	15	7	2	6
Tanker FPSO / FSO			1		
Tanker LNG	1	2		2	

Tanker LPG	1	4	3	2	2
Trawler / Fishing	5	3	6	3	
Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge	10	5	5	3	5
Vehicle Carrier		1		1	3
Yacht / Sailing Vessel		1			1
Sub total	156	119	132	97	90
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	

CHART H: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – September 2022

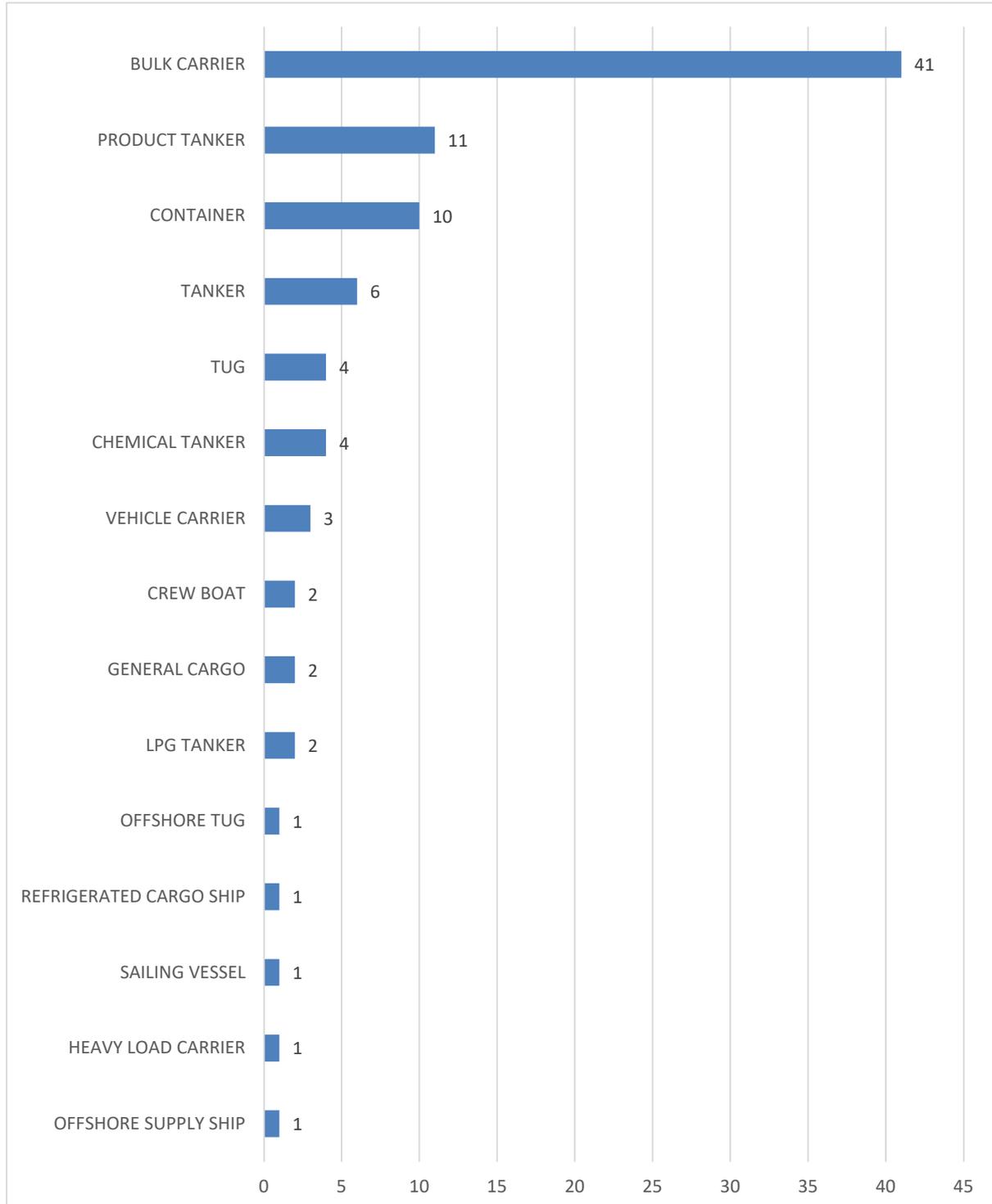


TABLE 12: Nationalities of vessels affected, January – September 2018 – 2022

Flag State	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Antigua & Barbuda	2	2	1	1	1
Austria		1			
Bahamas	7	3	1	6	3
Barbados	2	1		1	1
Bermuda		1	1	1	
Cameroon		1			
Cayman Islands		1	2		2
Chile	1				
China	2	2	1	1	
Comoros			3		
Cook Islands	1				
Cyprus	3	1	2	6	1
Denmark			4	4	
France		1		1	1
Gabon			1		
Germany		1	2	1	1
Ghana	2		2	2	
Gibraltar			2	2	
Greece		1	2	2	
Hong Kong (SAR)	13	6	7	3	1
India	1		2		1
Indonesia	1	1	2		
Isle of Man	2	3	1	1	1
Italy	3		1		
Jamaica				1	
Japan					1
Korea South		1			
Liberia	15	18	21	14	10
Luxemburg	2			2	
Malaysia	5	3	1	1	2
Malta	6	8	4	5	6
Marshall Islands	30	22	22	14	15
Mongolia	1			1	
Netherlands	3	2	1		
Nigeria	1	4			
Niue		1	1		
Norway	1			2	1
Palau		1	1		
Panama	21	10	19	2	21
Philippines	1		1		
Portugal		1	3	3	2
Russia	1				
Saudi Arabia	1	1	3	1	
Senegal			1		
Singapore	26	17	16	17	16
Spain				1	
St Kitts & Nevis				1	
St Vincent & Grenadines			1		
Switzerland	1	1			
Togo		1			
Turkey		1			

USA					1
Vanuatu		1			
Vietnam					1
Not Stated	1				1
Sub total	156	119	132	97	90
Total at year end	201	162	195	132	

CHART I: Nationalities of vessels involved in nine or more incidents, January – September 2022

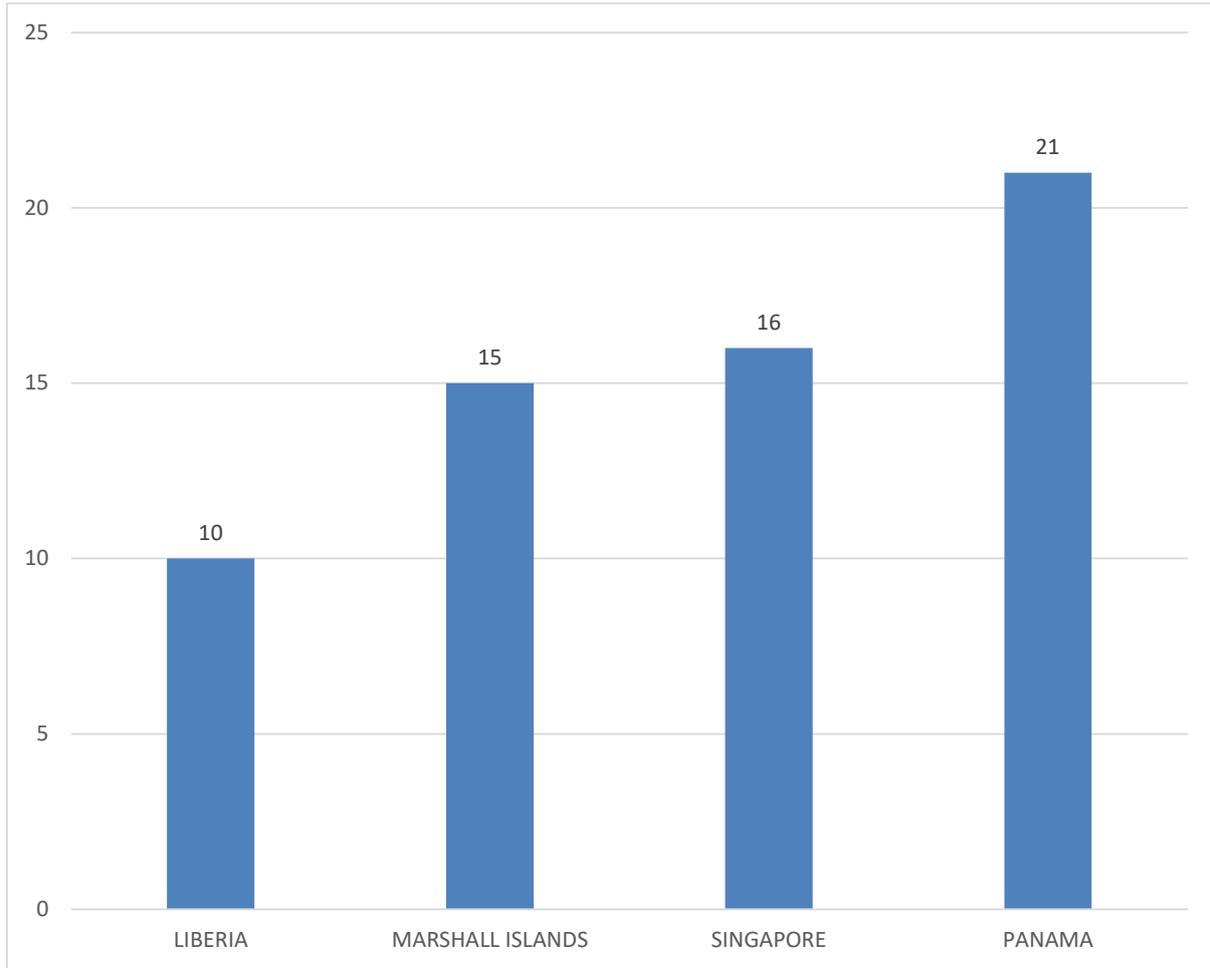
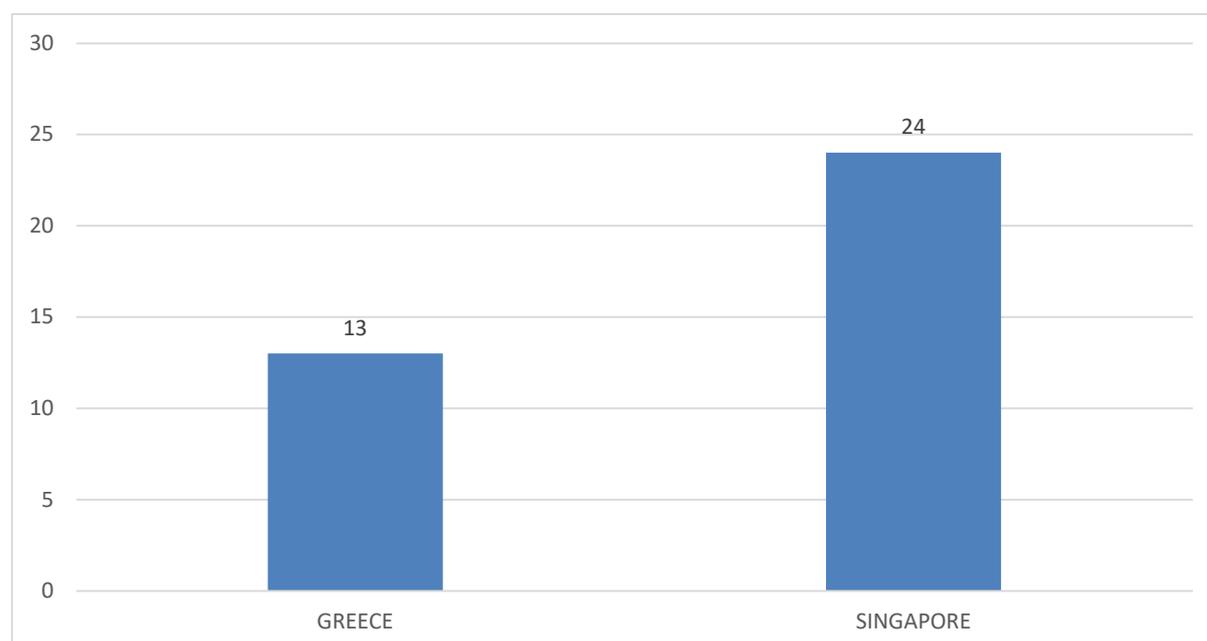


TABLE 13: Vessels affected – managed or controlled from January – September 2022

Country	No of Ships
Bahamas	2
China	1
Croatia	2
Cyprus	1
Denmark	2
France	3
Germany	7
Greece	13
Hong Kong	3
India	3
Japan	6
Korea South	2
Malaysia	2
Monaco	1
Netherlands	1
Norway	1
Philippines	5
Singapore	24
Taiwan	1
UAE	4
United Kingdom	2
USA	1
Vietnam	2
Not Stated	1
Total	90

CHART J: Managing countries whose vessels involved in nine or more incidents, January – September 2022



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

From 1 January to 30 September 2022, no 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 masters against complacency. Somali pirates still retain the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

The IMB PRC supports and compliments the role of 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.

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 successful cooperation, resulting in a year on year drop in incidents in almost all areas will continue until further notice.

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 the 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 Danish, Italian, Russian, 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 ships are advised to report all piracy and armed robbery incidents 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 at:

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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 ships 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: Belawan and Tanjung Priok / Jakarta 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 approach vessels during the night. When spotted and alarm is sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew. A strict anti-piracy watch is recommended.

Meetings and continued dialogue between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities, who 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. Incidents in Indonesian waters have also dropped dramatically since the cooperation began.

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships 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, since 2014, no incident has 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 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
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7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
8. Tanjung Butan: 01:11.30N-104:12.30E (effective 12 March 2021)
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, the above given ten locations 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 Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB PRC will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

Malacca Straits: Although the number of incidents has dropped substantially 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 when they will be reduced. In some cases, incidents may have gone unreported. Situation currently remains stable.

Malaysia: Bandar Penawar, Johor – incidents reported on anchored vessels. Off Tanjung Piai – incidents reported on vessels underway. Though incidents have stopped, the IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and will liaise with the Malaysian Authorities / MMEA as needed.

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, two in 2019 and one in January 2020 off Tambisan, Sabah. The local authorities have beefed up patrols. It was reported that several ASG militants have been captured / killed by the authorities. Militant / kidnapping incidents on merchant ships have stopped due to patrols and actions by both Malaysian and Philippines Authorities. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation.

Vessels are advised to continue 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 on behalf of 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. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. It was reported that several ASG militants have been captured / killed by the Authorities. 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 reported.

Singapore Straits: A general warning issued in December 2019 indicating a sudden rise in incidents in Singapore Straits especially during the night is still valid. The incidents are still occurring and increasing. It appears one or more groups are targeting passing ships 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 board ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night. Pirates / robbers will abort and move away when the alarm is 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. 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. The IMB is monitoring the situation.

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. Ships to adjust ETA for direct berthing or wait / drift / transit more than 300 nm from coast, if appropriate and agreed by all in venture. Incidents reported up to 261 nm from coast.

Angola (Luanda): Incidents of robberies reported.

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

Cameroon (Douala): Incidents appear to have stopped. 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.

Gabon (Port Gentil / Owendo anchorage): Incidents / kidnapping of crews occurred more than 70nm offshore.

Ghana (Takoradi / Tema): 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 ships / kidnapped crews along or far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Incidents have also been reported up to about 261 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): Incidents appear to have stopped. Past 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. Waters are still considered high risk for fishing and merchant vessels although incidents have dropped.

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: No recent reported piracy attacks. There were several 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 ships 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 targeted 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 – a number of incidents reported in 2021 involving explosions and unauthorised boarding. (not piracy related).

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Brazil (Macapa): Incidents increasing. Waters remain risky. Stay vigilant.

Colombia (Cartagena): Incidents have dropped. Past incidents reported at anchorages, river passage and pilot boarding ground. Stay vigilant.

Ecuador (Guayaquil): Incidents have stopped. Past incidents reported at anchorage / river passage with pilot. Robbers well-armed. Fired upon.

Haiti (Port Au Prince): Armed robberies. Maintain watch and stay vigilant.

Mexico (Puerto Dos Bocas): Incidents dropped. Past reported incidents – pirates / robbers in this area armed with guns.

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

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Although incidents have stopped, vessels are still reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

EASTERN EUROPE/UKRAINE

Not piracy related: Ukraine and Russia conflict: stay clear of Ukrainian coast. Mines reported in the Black Sea.

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.

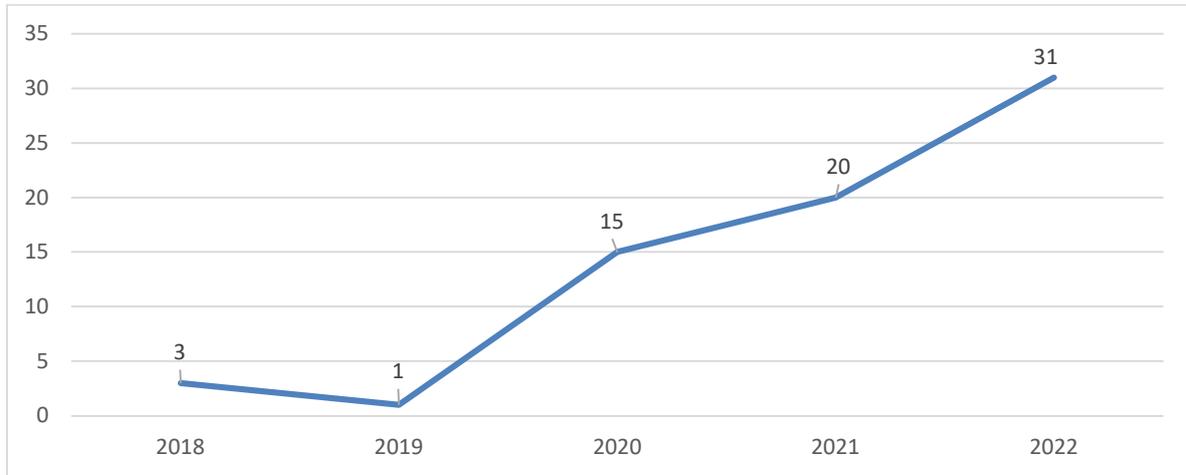
The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours every day at:

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

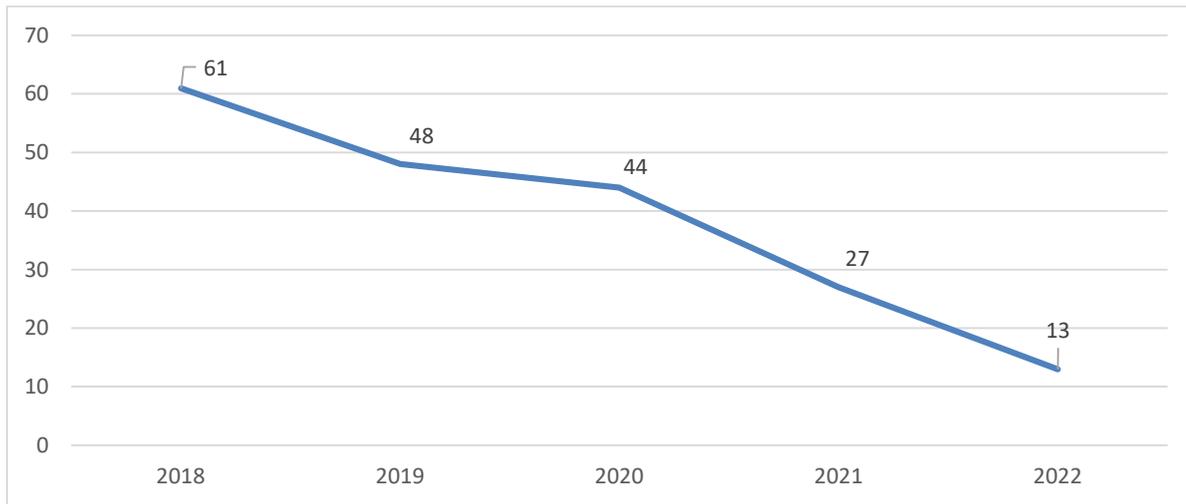
WhatsApp or Telegram at +601126593057. Photograph or video submission encouraged.

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

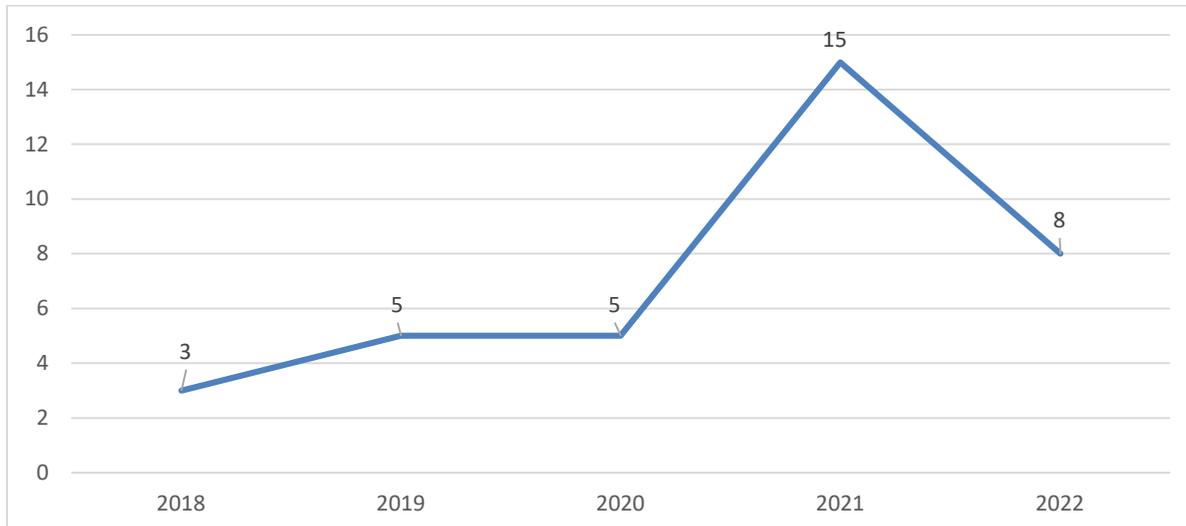
**CHART K: SE Asia – Singapore Straits – number of reported incidents
January – September 2018 - 2022**



**CHART L: Gulf of Guinea – number of reported incidents
January – September 2018 - 2022**



**CHART M: Americas – Callao, Peru – number of reported incidents
January – September 2018 - 2022**



TRENDS

Ninety incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first nine months of 2022. This compares to 97 incidents in the same period last year and the lowest recorded figure since 1992.

Perpetrators were successful in gaining access to the vessels in 95% of the reported incidents which are broken down as 85 vessels boarded, four attempted attacks, and one vessel hijacked. In many of the cases, vessels were either at anchor or steaming when they were boarded, with nearly all the incidents occurring during the hours of darkness.

Weapons, guns and knives were wielded by the criminals in 43 incidents. Though these are amongst the lowest reports in 25 years, violence to crew continues with 27 crew taken hostage, six assaulted and five threatened. The risk to crew, however petty or opportunistic the incident, remains real.

In the first nine months of 2022, 13 incidents have been reported in the Gulf of Guinea region. Of these 11 incidents fall under the definition of Armed Robbery and two as Piracy. Compared to the same period of 2021, there were 13 Armed Robbery incidents and 14 viewed as Piracy. This is a positive and significant decline in the number of reported incidents in the region. The efforts of the coastal authorities of the Gulf of Guinea need to be commended. While the decline is welcome, the sustained and continued efforts of the coastal authorities and the presence of the international navies is essential to safeguard seafarers and long-term regional and international shipping and trade.

The number of reports from Callao anchorage in Peru has dropped from 15 in the first nine months of 2021 to eight in the same period of 2022.

Conversely, incidents in the Singapore Straits continue to increase with 31 incidents reported in the first nine months of 2022 compared to 21 in the same period last year. Vessels underway were boarded in all 31 reports and in most cases ship stores or properties stolen. The IMB PRC believes there is a degree of under reporting as well as late reporting of incidents from these waters and encourages Masters to report all incidents as early as possible so that local authorities are able to identify, investigate and apprehend the perpetrators. While considered low level opportunistic crimes, crews continue to be at risk with weapons reported in at least 16 incidents, including some involving very large bulk carriers and tankers.

Since 1991 the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre'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 ships 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 90 attacks for 01 January to 30 September 2022 are listed on pages 28 to 43. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Ghana:

On 3 April 2022, a Marshall Island flagged Bulk Carrier Arch Gabriel, was approached and boarded by pirates while drifting at position Latitude 01:31.2 North and Longitude 001:30.7 East, around 261nm SE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 1848 UTC.

On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and international warships to request their assistance. An Italian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The vessel proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the warship.

Ivory Coast:

On 24 January 2022, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT B. Ocean was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:22.7 North and Longitude 004:10.5 West, around 59nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast at approximately 2315 UTC. Around 9 to 11 pirates armed with guns attacked, boarded, and hijacked the drifting tanker.

All crew including two security personnel were taken hostage and detained initially on the bridge and then moved to the crew mess room. All communication and navigation equipment were switched off and the bosun was instructed to paint over the tanker's name written on top of the bridge. The pirates were heard communicating with another vessel. They then navigated the tanker using their own GPS equipment to rendezvous with the offtake vessel. While enroute the bosun was told to prepare the manifold. Once the tanker was alongside the offtake vessel, the chief officer and bosun were told to commence discharge operations.

After around six hours the cargo operations were stopped. The pirates disembarked and stole part of the tanker's cargo as well as ship and crew cash, crew personal belongings and ship's properties before escaping. All 17 crew and two security personnel reported safe.

1 January – 30 September 2022

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2022 1842 UTC Steaming Boarded	Blue Sea Tanker Liberia 55863 9413028	01:16.55N – 104:16.54E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew spotted four robbers armed with a long knife on the poop deck. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. VTIS notified.
2.	07.01.2022 2140 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bow Santos Chemical Tanker Norway 12005 9303651	01:14.18N – 104:13.95E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. They took hostage the duty motorman, locked him in the fuel injector room, and went into the workshop. The motorman managed to free himself and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. No injuries to crew and nothing reported stolen. The tanker resumed her voyage.
3.	29.01.2022 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hai Duong 29 Offshore Tug Vietnam 3487 9591911	01:10.4N – 103:28.7E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the vessel underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTS informed. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
4.	01.02.2022 2035 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19789 -	03:54.46N – 098:47.17E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. They chased the duty AB on routine rounds, who managed to escape. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Local authorities informed.
5.	01.02.2022 2140 UTC Berthed Boarded	PS Stars Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29562 9930519	05:47.22N – 118:01.52E, MOT Terminal, Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed tanker noticed an unidentified person near the forecandle store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the person escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that the forecandle store was broken into, and ship's stores stolen. Local authorities informed.

6.	07.02.2022 1714 UTC Anchored Boarded	Avalon Product Tanker Germany 16683 9327097	01:15.6S – 116:47.1E, Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia	During anchor watch on the bridge of the tanker, duty lookout saw a rope being thrown over the forecastle. Two robbers were noticed climbing onboard and forcing their way into the bosun store. General alarm activated and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat with two other accomplices. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Ship's stores were reported stolen.
7.	07.02.2022 1726 UTC Steaming Boarded	FPMC C Jade Tanker Liberia 159869 9407316	01:14.4N – 104:04.0E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the tanker underway. They entered the engine room and attempted to steal engine spares. Duty engineer noticed the robbers, informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
8.	11.02.2022 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Theodor Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Portugal 40097 9291406	01:17.0N – 104:18.4E, Singapore Straits	Robbers boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Duty crew on rounds noticed footprints on the deck and immediately raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. Crew mustered and a search was conducted. It was reported that engine spares were stolen. Authorities informed.
9.	16.02.2022 1400 UTC Steaming Boarded	Navios Bonheur Bulk Carrier Panama 92715 9481348	01:14.30N – 104:01.86E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
10.	16.02.2022 1805 UTC Steaming Boarded	Golden Leaf Bulk Carrier Panama 17150 9258325	01:14.9N – 104:03.5E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship underway using a hook attached with a rope. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.
11.	18.02.2022 1252 UTC Steaming Boarded	Delta Eurydice Tanker Liberia 81293 9700706	01:14.9N – 104:01.5E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their wooden boat. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
12.	24.02.2022 1840 UTC Steaming Boarded	BW Cheetah Product Tanker Singapore 29737 9635834	01:15.24N – 104:08.78E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the tanker underway. Duty oiler and engineer noticed the robbers in the engine room and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered, resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out and ship's stores reported stolen. VTIS notified.
13.	25.02.2022 1838 UTC	Royal Jade Bulk Carrier	01:03.83N – 103:41.11E,	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They broke

	Steaming Boarded	Panama 35832 9801304	Singapore Straits	the steering gear room padlock and entered the engine room, threatened the duty engineer with a knife and took him hostage. They then stole ship's properties from the engine room workshop and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. VTIS informed. After anchoring the Singapore coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
14.	27.02.2022 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	African Merlin Bulk Carrier Bahamas 21521 9701267	01:02.82N – 103:38.11E, Singapore Straits	Duty engineer onboard the ship underway was alerted by the trainee engineer of the presence of robbers in the workshop. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm and made an announcement on the PA resulting in all crew mustering. On hearing the alarm, the robbers tried to escape but were confronted by the oiler and 4th Engineer. The robbers waved their knives at them and escaped. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's spares were stolen. VTS informed.
15.	01.03.2022 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Flecha Bulk Carrier Malta 87794 9284570	01:14.58N – 104:04.10E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Singapore VTS.
16.	01.03.2022 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Penta Bulk Carrier Panama 40043 9460605	01:14.39N – 104:03.45E, Singapore Straits	Four persons boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. 3/E noticed the persons and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered, VTIS informed and a search was carried out. VTIS instructed the ship to alter course to the anchorage area. Upon anchoring, the coast guard boarded and searched the ship. Nothing reported stolen.
17.	01.03.2022 2125 UTC Steaming Boarded	Daisy 2 Tanker Panama 41589 9255933	01:14.20N – 104:00.17E, Singapore Straits	A tanker underway received a VHF call from VTIS stating that small crafts were following her. The duty watchkeepers directed searchlights and the aldis lamp towards the crafts. At the same time, the junior engineer on routine rounds in the engine room noticed six robbers armed with a gun. Upon seeing the engineer, the robbers escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A patrol boat assisted the tanker. A search was carried out, nothing reported stolen. Footprints were noticed on the poop deck area. The tanker continued her passage.

18.	03.03.2022 1630 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maha Jacqueline Bulk Carrier India 38667 9185073	01:15.5N – 104:04.6E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. A Singaporean Navy vessel came to assist and followed the ship until the search by the ship's crew was completed.
19.	23.03.2022 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Lampard Bulk Carrier Singapore 36449 9723980	03:55N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers near the forecandle and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. The incident was reported to port authorities.
20.	02.04.2022 1630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Procyon Leader Vehicle Carrier Japan 53645 9207754	13:45.4N – 121:01.6E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Five robbers boarded the anchored ship via the secured hawse pipe through a small gap between the cover and the anchor chain. Duty crew noticed the robbers and retreated to the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to VTS, and the coast guard boarded the ship for inspections.
21.	10.04.2022 2056 UTC Anchored Boarded	Siloso Bulk Carrier Singapore 17951 9293870	06:00.39S – 106:54.15E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship. Duty oiler noticed the robbers and informed bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Jakarta Port Control and port police boarded the ship to investigate.
22.	15.04.2022 2042 UTC Steaming Boarded	Megali Product Tanker Malta 40865 9334557	01:14.30N – 103:58.87E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew onboard the tanker underway noticed an unauthorised person attempting to break into the accommodation via the poop-deck entrance and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robber escaping empty handed. Incident reported to Singapore VTS.
23.	17.04.2022 1905 UTC Berthed Boarded	Kota Hapas Container Singapore 13491 9238624	06:05.50N – 125:09.30E, Port of General Santos, Philippines	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed one unauthorised person near the gangway and alerted the OOW. Seeing the alerted crew, the person escaped without stealing anything.
24.	27.04.2022 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sextans Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30068 9358321	Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Around three to four robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored tanker. They broke into the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and

				raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen stores. VTS Batangas informed. The coast guard boarded the tanker for inspection.
25.	17.05.2022 1615 UTC Anchored Boarded	CNC Lion Container Malta 31370 9784661	06:00.55S – 106:54.81E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Officer on watch onboard the anchored ship noticed a small unlit boat near the stern. At the same time the steering gear room door alarm was activated. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out and nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to Jakarta VTS and port control.
26.	20.05.2022 1950 UTC Steaming Boarded	Selena Bulk Carrier Barbados 35752 9853515	00:58.3N – 105:07.0E, Around 15nm East of Mapur Island, Indonesia	Four persons armed with machetes boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, and non-essential crew locked themselves in their cabins. Authorities informed. The persons attempted to gain access into the Master's cabin but failed. Later, the crew gathered and made a search throughout the ship. No persons were found onboard, and nothing reported stolen. The ship continued her passage.
27.	27.05.2022 1440 UTC Steaming Boarded	Yong Xing Shun Hang Product Tanker Panama 39307 9266750	01:07.16N – 103:31.39E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers boarded the tanker underway. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Incident reported to VTIS.
28.	27.05.2022 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Magnum Energy Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9488982	01:08.5N – 103:28.5E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty oiler on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the C/E. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's property. VTIS informed. A navy patrol boat escorted the ship to the anchorage area.
29.	19.06.2022 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Dream Star Bulk Carrier Panama 43226 9582996	01:16.6N – 104:15.2E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed two unauthorized persons in the steering gear room. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTS informed. The persons escaped upon seeing the crew alertness. A naval patrol boat came to assist. Nothing reported stolen.
30.	22.06.2022 2020 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tomini Unity Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36415 9718167	01:19.23N – 104:22.52E, Singapore Straits	Duty oiler onboard the ship underway noticed a robber in the engine room pointing a gun at him. He immediately escaped to the ECR and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, VTIS informed, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Under the CSO's advise, the

				ship diverted into Singapore where a patrol boat assisted to search the ship to ensure no armed persons were on board.
31.	28.06.2022 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Maersk Bering Product Tanker Singapore 19758 9299422	03:47.28N – 098:41.84E, Belawan Port, Indonesia	During loading operations, duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed two unauthorised persons fleeing from the tanker from the seaside by boat. OOW notified and a search was carried out. Ship's properties were reported missing. The incident was reported to the local agent.
32.	03.07.2022 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nemrut Bay Bulk Carrier Panama 21627 9860788	01:20.1N – 104:18.1E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with guns boarded the ship underway. They took hostage the duty oiler by pointing a gun to his head and tied him up. Two robbers then kept watch on the oiler while the others stole engine spares. After the robbers escaped, the oiler managed to free himself and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. VTIS informed and a coast guard patrol boat followed and monitored the ship.
33.	08.07.2022 1524 UTC Steaming Boarded	Everest Tanker Panama 53074 9180126	01:16.7N – 104:17.9E, Singapore Straits	Armed robbers boarded the tanker underway, entered the engine room and took the 4/E hostage. During routine rounds, duty oiler noticed two robbers and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. All crew safe.
34.	12.07.2022 1400-1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Desiree Sailing Vessel - - -	11:50.17N – 122:41.11E, Around 14nm NNW of Roxas City, Philippines	Armed robbers boarded the sailing vessel underway, stole crew personal belongings and escaped. Vessel and crew reported safe.
35.	17.07.2022 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	African Lark Bulk Carrier Bahamas 21532 9682760	06:02.2S – 106:54.2E, Jakarta C Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with a long knife boarded the ship approaching the anchorage area. Duty watchkeeper on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately informed the bridge. General alarm sounded resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to the port and the police boarded the ship to investigate. Ship and crew safe.
36.	22.07.2022 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bulk Sao Paulo Bulk Carrier Liberia 107879 9849760	01:08.9N – 103:28.7E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway, stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. VTIS informed. The Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.

37.	29.07.2022 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cape Valencia Bulk Carrier Panama 92758 9578684	01:17N – 104:17E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They warned the engine crew not to react by showing knives. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Port control informed. Crew safe.
38.	29.07.2022 1840 UTC Steaming Boarded	Iwami General Cargo Panama 14162 9414981	01:09.6N – 103:27.2E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers boarded the ship, entered the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Ship and crew reported safe.
39.	29.07.2022 1948 UTC Steaming Boarded	Equinox Agnandoussa Bulk Carrier Cayman Islands 33232 9503988	01:18.7N – 104:21.1E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They warned the engine crew not to react by showing knives. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. VTIS informed. On anchoring, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
40.	31.07.2022 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Target 10 Tug Malaysia 162 9826926 Alam 281 Barge Malaysia 2620 -	01:14.8N – 103:26.5E, Singapore Straits	While underway the barge under tow was boarded by unknown number of robbers who escaped with stolen cargo. Master reported the incident to the Singapore and Malaysia VTS. Authorities boarded the vessel for investigation. All crew reported safe.
41.	03.08.2022 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Modalwan No. 11 Tug Malaysia 91 - Lion Kimtrans 2301 Barge Malaysia 1787 -	01:13.96N – 103:30.53E, Singapore Straits	While underway, the barge under tow was boarded by unauthorized persons. Master informed VTIS and a coastguard patrol boat was sent to investigate. All crew reported safe.
42.	11.08.2022 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Panama 8295 -	05:49.39N – 118:08.22E, Sandakan Anchorage, Sabah, Malaysia	Four robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded the anchored tanker. Duty officer noticed some movements near the bosun store and immediately raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle, and made PA announcement. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers

				escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the local agent.
43.	17.08.2022 2145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Aquarius Bulk Carrier Panama 44618 9941398	03:56.0N – 098:47.4E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forecastle store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Belawan VTS.
44.	26.08.2022 0330 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 2882 Barge Singapore 4430 -	01:17.30N – 104:20.30E, Singapore Straits	Alert crew onboard the tug noticed several unauthorised persons boarding the barge under tow. VTIS informed and searchlights directed towards the barge and persons. A coast guard patrol boat responded. Seeing the patrol boat, the persons escaped. The patrol boat escorted the tug and barge and inspected the barge to ensure no unauthorised persons remained onboard.
45.	30.08.2022 2330 UTC Berthed Boarded	Canopus Leader Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367607	13:45.4N – 121:02.3E, Batangas Port, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds.
46.	02.09.2022 1613 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nord Adriatic Bulk Carrier Singapore 34830 9767584	01:16.66N – 104:17.66E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers wearing face masks armed with long knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTIS informed. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
47.	17.09.2022 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 2882 Barge Singapore 4430 -	01:19.48N – 104:18.31E, Singapore Straits	Around 10 unauthorized persons in wooden sampans came alongside and boarded the laden barge under tow. The crew noticed the persons stealing the barge cargo and raised the alarm. VTIS informed, and a patrol boat was sent to investigate. Seeing the patrol boat, the persons escaped with the stolen cargo.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2022 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mid Eagle Chemical Tanker Cayman Islands 11729 9330795	22:46.75N – 070:03.69E, Kandla Anchorage, India	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed three unauthorized persons onboard and notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and

				crew mustered resulting in the persons escaping in their boat. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Port control was informed, and coast guard officials boarded the tanker for inspection.
2.	24.01.2022 2316 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 44276 -	22:01.87N – 088:05.09E, Haldia Port, India	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship and escaped with ship's engine spares. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to the local authorities through the local agent.
3.	15.03.2022 1655 UTC Berthed Boarded	Wawasan Topaz Chemical Tanker Panama 11749 9565601	22:14.3N – 091:49.6E, CUFL Jetty, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Six robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations. Duty crew noticed the robbers near the forecandle store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Port control and coast guard informed, and inspections carried out. Additional watchmen were arranged by the local agent. Later, the coast guard recovered the stolen items and returned it to the tanker.
4.	09.04.2022 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Taizhou Pioneer Bulk Carrier Malta 20954 9619892	22:13.5N – 091:44.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship during cargo operations. They stole the rescue boat's engine and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on rounds. A search was carried out. Authorities informed.
5.	15.04.2022 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	B-LPG Sophia LPG Tanker Panama 5473 9175846	22:11.23N – 091:47.10E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers armed with knives, in a motorboat, boarded the anchored tanker and broke into the paint store. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers lowering the stores into their boat and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The incident was reported to port control and the coast guard who responded, apprehended the robbers, and recovered the stolen items.
6.	25.04.2022 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 29991 -	22:13.6N – 091:43.8E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty officer onboard the anchored tanker noticed three robbers on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and proceeded towards the forecandle. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to port control and the Bangladesh coast guard, who later boarded the tanker for investigation. Two days later, the stolen items were recovered by the coast guard and returned to the tanker.
7.	27.06.2022 2130 UTC	Kota Rancak Container	22:08.3N – 091:43.3E,	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship during heavy rain. Duty AB on

	Anchored Boarded	Singapore 9678 9296298	Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forward store and immediately notified the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Ship's properties were reported stolen. Incident reported to port control via vhf channel.
8.	11.07.2022 1505 UTC Anchored Boarded	Blue Marlin Heavy Load Carrier Malta 51821 9186338	21:56.06N – 089:31.70E, Pussur River, Mongla, Bangladesh	Robbers armed with knives and sticks boarded the anchored ship three times within a 24-hour period. On each occasion the alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Incident reported to the coast guard.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2022 0630 UTC Berthed Boarded	Crystal Confidence Bulk Carrier Portugal 21545 9728382	Berth No.5, Port Pertigalete, Venezuela	Duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. C/O and onboard security guard searched the area and reported that padlocks to the watertight doors were broken, and the rescue boat motor engine was missing.
2.	10.01.2022 0915 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 41718 -	00:01.9N – 050:59.7W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the anchored ship noticed three robbers armed with guns and knives and immediately informed the D/O. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers pointed their guns at the mustered crew as they lowered ship's stores into a waiting boat. Incident reported to local agent.
3.	23.01.2022 0040 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vega Rose Bulk Carrier Panama 30847 9336866	12:00.8S – 077:12.8W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three unidentified persons boarded the anchored ship. General alarm was raised, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the unauthorised persons escaped. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the port authority boarded the ship for investigation.
4.	23.01.2022 0420 UTC Anchored Boarded	KT Birdie Bulk Carrier Singapore 40341 9597343	00:02.1N – 050:59.5W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Four robbers armed with knives and guns boarded the anchored ship. They took the duty OS as hostage, threatened him, tied his hands, and covered his face with burlap. The robbers stole ship's stores and released the OS before

				escaping. Incident reported to the OOW who raised the alarm. Incident reported to pilot station and port control.
5.	25.01.2022 0610 UTC Anchored Boarded	Berge Galdhopiggen Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 25569 9753284	10:16.3N – 064:34.7W, Guanta Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded the anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties and stores. Incident reported to the Harbour Master and Coast Guard via local agent.
6.	28.01.2022 0710 UTC Anchored Boarded	STH Oslo Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34547 9738349	12:01.05S – 077:11.38W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the anchored ship. They took the duty AB as hostage, hit him on the head and tied his hands and legs. When the duty AB did not answer the radio calls from the bridge, the OOW instructed the second duty crew to check. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's properties and stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
7.	04.02.2022 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Elm Bulk Carrier Malta 32376 9558244	12:01.5S – 007:13.2W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up. Duty officer noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Ship's stores reported stolen.
8.	17.02.2022 2240 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tampa Trader Container Singapore 9932 9675834	18:40.0N – 072:23.5W, Port Lafiteau, Haiti	Three robbers armed with guns and machetes boarded the drifting ship. They threatened and took the bosun hostage and stole his personal belongings. Alarm raised, crew mustered and engine started. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. VTS and Pilot Station called. No response received.
9.	10.03.2022 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Daido Ambition Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23226 9908358	12:00.0S – 077:12.7W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Around seven robbers armed with long knives in a small boat approached and boarded the anchored ship during dense fog. They took hostage the duty AB and stole ship's stores. The bridge duty officer tried to contact the AB. When no response was received, he instructed the duty bosun and OS to investigate. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers released the duty AB and escaped in their boat. The incident was reported to the port authorities, local agent, and CSO.
10.	13.03.2022 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aries Leader Vehicle Carrier Panama 69931	12:01.0S – 077:12.0W, Callao Anchorage,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the

		9676864	Peru	duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities.
11.	14.03.2022 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Algol Container Liberia 16162 9339612	12:01.61S – 077:11.83W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. They too hostage the duty crew, threatened him with a knife and tied his hands. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties and stores. Incident reported to TRAMAR and the port authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
12.	26.04.2022 0700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Azzura Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 29407 9294197	00:03.85S – 051:06.50W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Three robbers boarded the anchored ship. During routine rounds, duty crew noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
13.	19.05.2022 0430 UTC Anchored Boarded	CS Candy Bulk Carrier Bahamas 24065 9542544	07:02.6N – 057:58.5W, Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	The anchored ship was boarded by five robbers armed with knives. During routine rounds, duty crew noticed the robbers. General alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. The duty crew was threatened with knives but managed to escape. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Georgetown VTS.
14.	23.06.2022 0745 UTC Anchored Boarded	Everbright Tanker Marshall Islands 84154 9408217	12:01.1S – 077:13.3W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Around three robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored tanker. Alarm raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. Incident reported to TRAMAR and port authorities.
15.	09.08.2022 0400 UTC Berthed Boarded	Industrial Emma General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6155 9474371	06:48.2N – 058:10.2W, GNIC Terminal, Port Georgetown, Guyana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship during cargo operations and escaped with ship's properties. The theft was noticed by the duty bosun after the ship shifted to another terminal. The incident was reported to the port authorities through the local agent.
16.	30.08.2022 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Laax Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43013 9512355	00:03.1N – 050:59.7W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Twenty persons wearing black face masks, armed with a gun and long knives boarded the anchored ship. Six local security guards and duty crew were beaten by the robbers who then tied their hands and feet. Master raised the alarm and called port control via the VHF channel. Hearing the VHF calls, the robbers aborted their attempt to enter the accommodation and escaped with stolen ship's stores.
17.	29.09.2022 0515 UTC Berthed Boarded	Southern Owl Chemical Tanker Singapore 14965	12:02.8S – 077:08.1W APM Terminal, Callao	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker during cargo operations and escaped with ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine

		9773143	Peru	rounds. The incident was reported to port control and local authorities.
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AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2022 0500 UTC Berthed Boarded	Largo Evolution Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29429 9687942	06:21.1N – 010:47.8W, BMC Pier, Monrovia, Liberia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's properties, and escaped. The theft was discovered by the duty officer on routine rounds. Incident reported to the Port Authorities and local agent.
2.	23.01.2022 0025 UTC Anchored Boarded	Surfer 3602 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566332	08:47S –013:14E, Luanda anchorage, Angola	Two robbers boarded the anchored crew boat, stole ship's equipment, and escaped with their accomplices in a canoe. Port authorities notified.
3.	24.01.2022 2315 UTC Steaming Hijacked	B. Ocean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 3978 9377834	04:22.7N – 004:10.5W, Around 59nm SSW of Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Around 11 pirates armed with guns boarded and hijacked the drifting tanker. All crew taken as hostage and detained initially on the bridge and then moved to the crew mess room. All communication and navigation equipment switched off and the bosun was instructed to paint over the tanker's name written on top of the bridge. The pirates were heard communicating with another vessel. They then navigated the tanker using their own GPS equipment to rendezvous with the offtake vessel. While enroute the bosun was told to prepare the manifold. Once the tanker was alongside the offtake vessel, the chief officer and bosun were told to commence discharge operations. After around six hours the cargo operations were stopped. The pirates disembarked and escaped with part of the tanker's cargo as well as ship's and crew cash, crew personal belongings and ship's properties before escaping. All crew reported safe.
4.	29.01.2022 0110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Surfer 3601 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566320 Surfer 3602 Crew Boat Panama 211 9566332	08:47.5S – 013:15.2E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two crew boats alongside each other were boarded by three unauthorised persons while at anchored. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the unauthorised persons and immediately raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the unauthorised persons escaped with their accomplices in a canoe. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities.

5.	02.02.2022 1915 UTC Berthed Boarded	Isabella M Bulk Carrier Panama 31226 9311490	29:52.25S – 031:01.98E, Berth N, Durban Port, South Africa	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole cash and crew personal belongings, and escaped. Incident reported to the local agent.
6.	08.02.2022 0315 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Thor LPG Tanker Marshall Islands 47197 9346134	08:44.3S – 013:17.7E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored tanker and escaped with ship's properties and stores. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine rounds. It was identified that the perpetrators had gained access via the hawse pipe. Incident reported to port control.
7.	18.02.2022 0050 UTC Anchored Boarded	AG. Nektarios Bulk Carrier Liberia 31117 9387334	04:54.1N – 001:41.2W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Duty crew onboard the anchored ship noticed four robbers armed with knives. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to local authorities.
8.	23.02.2022 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bourbon Explorer 517 Offshore Supply Ship France 3147 9654323	08:46S – 013:15E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored offshore supply vessel and escaped with ship's stores and properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to port authorities.
9.	03.04.2022 1848 UTC Steaming Boarded	Arch Gabriel Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34835 9714719	01:31.20N – 001:30.68E, Around 261nm SE of Accra, Ghana	The ship was boarded by an unknown number of pirates. The crew retreated into the citadel. On being notified of the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately alerted and liaised with the Regional Authorities and international warships to request their assistance. An Italian Navy warship and its helicopter responded and proceeded to render assistance resulting in the crew and ship being safe. The ship proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the warship.
10.	13.04.2022 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	Margret Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 108051 9648908	04:53.9N – 001:40.9W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Two robbers in a fishing boat approached and boarded the anchored ship during heavy rain. They broke into the forward store and stole ship's stores. The duty crew on rounds noticed the robbers and informed the officer on watch who raised the general alarm and sounded the ship's horn. Crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Port control informed. A patrol boat was sent to the location.
11.	06.05.2022 1924 UTC Berthed	Cabinda Express Container Liberia	05:50.0S – 013:25.8E, Matadi Port,	The berthed ship was boarded by three robbers who stole ship's properties and

	Boarded	5338 9578347	Democratic Republic of the Congo	escaped. The incident was reported to the Harbour Master.
12.	20.05.2022 0600 UTC Anchored Boarded	V Atlas Bulk Carrier Panama 32987 9670846	04:53.73N – 001:42.39W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the anchored ship by pulling down the razor wire. They broke into the paint store, stole ship's stores, and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Port control informed.
13.	24.08.2022 0120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Matadi Express Container Liberia 9957 9405112	06:07.5S – 012:12.6E, Soyo Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers armed with a bolt cutter and knives boarded the anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and PA announcement made. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. It was reported that one container was forced open, and some cargo contents were stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities through local agent.
14.	19.09.2022 0250 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aconcagua Bay Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 9074 9019652	04:54.2N – 001:41.7W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Four unauthorised persons boarded the anchored ship, stole ship's stores, and escaped. Incident reported to Takoradi port control and coast guard. A patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship and remained in the vicinity of the ship until daybreak.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 September 2022

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	17.04.2022 1630 UTC Berthed Attempted	Kota Hapas Container Singapore 13491 9238624	06:05.50N – 125:09.30E, Port of General Santos, Philippines	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed two unauthorised persons attempting to board and alerted the other duty crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. A search was made. Nothing reported stolen.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
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1.	25.01.2022 2240 UTC Anchored Attempted	KT Birdie Bulk Carrier Singapore 40341 9597343	Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	C/O onboard the anchored ship noticed two small boats in the vicinity of the ship and notified the duty AB. While checking the forecastle deck the duty AB noticed two unauthorised persons attempting to board via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the unauthorised persons escaped. A search was made throughout the ship. Nothing reported stolen. Incident was reported to the Port Authorities.
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AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.02.2022 0116 UTC Anchored Attempted	Warnow Mate Container Cyprus 17068 9509786	04:43.98N – 001:41.69W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Duty crew onboard the anchored ship heard a sound near the hawse pipe. Upon checking, a person was seen in the hawse pipe attempting to board the ship. The crew shouted at the person and notified the OOW who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew and hearing the alarm the person aborted the boarding and escaped. Incident reported to Takoradi Port Control.
2.	07.09.2022 0215 UTC Anchored Attempted	Maersk Columbus Container USA 74642 9332987	Suez Canal Southern Anchorage, Egypt	Alert duty crew onboard the anchored ship noticed two unauthorized persons attempting to board via the anchor chain and directed the search light towards the persons resulting in the boarding attempt being aborted and the persons moving away.



IMB Piracy Report – January to September 2022

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



Total number of attacks – 90



IMB Piracy Report – January to September 2022

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



Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 8

Total attacks East & SE Asia – 48



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



Total attacks Gulf of Guinea – 13



IMB Piracy Report – January to September 2022

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



Total attacks South America – 18