

JAPAN P&I NEWS

To the Members

IMB piracy and armed robbery report for 2025

We have received the piracy and armed robbery report for 2025 from the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) together with the summary below. For more details, please refer to the attached files.

Summary

A total of 137 incidents reported to the IMB Piracy reporting Centre between Jan – Dec 2025. These are broken down as 121 vessels boarded, 10 attempted attacks, four vessels hijacked and two fired upon. Violence against and the threat to crews continues with 46 crew taken hostage, 25 crew kidnapped, 10 threatened, four injured and three assaulted.

Most of the successful incidents were reported while vessels were steaming.

Status when Attacked	Attempted	Boarded	Fired Upon	Hijacked	Grand Total
Anchored	3	27			30
Berthed		6			6
Steaming	7	88	2	4	101
Grand Total	10	121	2	4	137

Regions where incidents reported.

Region	Attempted	Boarded	Fired Upon	Hijacked	Grand Total
East & SE Asia	6	89			95
Africa (Gulf of Guinea)	2	18		1	21
Africa (Somalia)		1	1	3	5
Africa (Remaining)		2	1		3
Indian Sub-Cont	1	7			8
Americas	1	4			5
Grand Total	10	121	2	4	137

Somalia

At least five incidents reported in these waters. This included the hijacking of two fishing vessels and a dhow. Two tankers boarded in November around 400nm off Somalia. While one tanker was able to avert the boarding the other was boarded and the crew had to retreat into the citadel and later safeguarded by a coalition naval vessel. The presence of coalition forces continues to deter Somali pirates, Masters are however urged to remain vigilant and follow the latest Best Management Practices, as pirates remain capable of striking vessels at significant distances from shore. The IMB acknowledges the coalition's active patrolling and robust responses to piracy and encourages their continued presence in these waters.

Gulf of Guinea

The IMB commends the Gulf of Guinea Authorities for the efforts leading to another year of restricted piratical and armed robbery activity in these waters. These efforts, however, require further coordination and strengthening to reduce violence against crew members. In 2025, the region accounted for the kidnapping of 23 crew in four separate incidents, along with three hostages and one injured crew.

Asia

Singapore Straits: Eighty incidents reported in this narrow and strategically important stretch of water accounting for over 58 percent of the globally reported incidents. The IMB notes with serious concern instances of late reporting of several incidents. Masters are urged to report all incidents immediately upon occurrence, as timely reporting enables the rapid dissemination of safety information, supports preventive action, and contributes directly to the safety of other vessels in the vicinity, as well as their own. The reporting of, and response to, incidents is a shared responsibility.

Indonesia: A welcome decline in reported incidents with 12 incidents reported in 2025. Two crews were taken hostage and one threatened in separate incidents.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: 2025 – Jan – Dec IMB Piracy and Armed Robbery Report – MEDIA RELEASE

2025 – Jan – Dec IMB Piracy and Armed Robbery Report

IMB 2025 Jan – Dec Piracy Reports Trends

Global maritime piracy and armed robbery increased in 2025

Highest number of reported incidents in the Singapore Straits, Somali piracy threat contained by naval presence

London, 15 January 2026 – The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) reported an increase in global maritime incidents and piracy and armed robbery in 2025, classifying most cases as low-level.

According to the IMB Annual Piracy and Armed Robbery Report 137 incidents against ships were recorded in 2025 compared to 116 in 2024 and 120 in 2023. It reveals that 121 vessels were boarded, four vessels were hijacked and two fired upon as well as 10 attempted attacks.

While most reported incidents in 2025 were categorised as low level, violence against crew continues, with 46 crew members taken hostage in 2025 compared to 126 in 2024 and 73 in 2023. Twenty-five crew were reported kidnapped, compared to 12 in 2024 and 14 in 2023. A further 10 crew were threatened, four injured and three assaulted in 2025.

The reported use of guns continues to rise. In 2025, they were reported in 42 incidents compared to 26 in 2024. Knives were reported in 33 incidents in 2025, compared to 39 incidents in 2024.

ICC Secretary General John W.H. Denton AO said:

“Maritime trade remains a cornerstone of real economic activity and growth. The rise in reported maritime incidents highlights the importance of protecting seafarers and securing key shipping routes not only for crew safety, but for the stability of global supply chains and the economies that depend on them. Ensuring safe passage at sea requires sustained cooperation, with regional and international partners working together to safeguard maritime commerce.”

Piracy off Somali coast contained by naval presence

Although only a small number of incidents were reported off the Somali coast in 2025, two incidents in November took place far from shore, showing that Somali pirate groups still have the ability to operate at range. In both cases, well-prepared crews, together with the swift response of naval forces, ensured the safety of the vessels and their crews.

The lack of a broader resurgence in Somali piracy continues to reflect the strong deterrent effect of sustained naval presence, supported by vessel hardening and the use of best management practices. IMB acknowledges active patrolling and robust responses to piracy by naval forces and encourages their continued presence in these waters.

The Gulf of Guinea also saw another year of restricted piracy activity, thanks to the efforts of the Gulf of Guinea authorities. Twenty-one incidents were reported in 2025, compared with 18 in 2024, and 22 in 2023.

Efforts to curb incidents require further coordination and strengthening to reduce violence against crew members said the report. In 2025, the region accounted for the kidnapping of 23 crew in four separate incidents, along with three hostages and one injured crew.

IMB Director Michael Howlett said:

“Reported incidents off the Somali coast highlight the ongoing importance of a sustained naval presence in these trade-critical waters. We also commend the Gulf of Guinea authorities for the steps taken to reduce reported incidents, while recognising that crew members continue to be affected. Sustained and strengthened cooperation between regional authorities, navies, international partners, and industry remains essential to protect seafarers and safeguard trade.”

Highest reported incidents in Singapore Straits

The Singapore Straits recorded the highest number of reported incidents in 2025 with 80 compared to 43 in 2024. These incidents account for more than half (58%) of the globally reported incidents of 2025.

While considered low level and opportunistic, reported incidents in the Singapore Straits note a disproportionate increase in the carriage of guns, with 27 reports in 2025 compared to eight in 2024. Fourteen crew were taken hostage, eight threatened, three injured and one assaulted.

IMB reports a significant decline in the number of incidents in these waters in the last half of 2025, after the Indonesian Marine Police apprehended two gangs in July 2025.

Incidents reported within the Indonesian archipelago, show a decrease from 18 and 22 in 2023 and 2024 respectively to 12 in 2025. In 2025, two crew members were taken hostage, and one threatened in separate incidents. Knives were reported in three incidents.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) has also expressed concern of late reporting, given that timely reporting supports preventive action and contributes directly to the safety of other vessels in the vicinity.

“Timely reporting is key to preventing further incidents and protecting other vessels in the area. We continue to urge all ships to report incidents promptly, so that risks can be better understood and effective measures taken to protect crews and vessels,” said Mr Howlett.

Request a copy of the 2025 Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships report [here](#).

About the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre

Since its founding in 1991, IMB’s Piracy Reporting Centre has served as a crucial, 24-hour point of contact to report crimes of piracy and lend support to ships under threat. Quick reactions and a focus on coordinating with response agencies, sending out warning broadcasts and email alerts to ships have all helped bolster security on the high seas. The data gathered by the Centre also provides key insights on the nature and state of modern piracy.



IMB encourages all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected global piracy and armed robbery incidents to the Piracy Reporting Centre as a vital first step to ensuring adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle maritime piracy.

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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 31 December 2025

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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 Iridium and Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service.
- Alerting CSOs and vessel managers of incidents via email.
- Keeping the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) updated on reported incidents.
- Assisting local law enforcement in apprehending and bringing the criminals to justice.
- Publishing 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 137 global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the IMB PRC from 1 January to 31 December 2025. 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.

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 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 incident 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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TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents, January - December 2021 – 2025

Location	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
S E ASIA					
Indonesia	9	10	18	22	12
Malacca Straits	1		1	1	1
Malaysia	2	4	2	1	1
Philippines	9	6	9	3	1
Singapore Straits	35	38	37	43	80
EAST ASIA	Vietnam	1	2	3	2
INDIAN SUB	Bangladesh		7	1	14
CONTINENT	India	2	3	4	2
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil	3	5	1	
Colombia	6		2	1	2
Ecuador	4		1		1
Guyana		2		1	
Haiti	4	1			1
Mexico	1	1			
Panama			1		
Peru	18	12	14		1
Venezuela		3			
AFRICA	Angola	4	5	3	5
Benin	2			1	
Cabo Verde				1	
Cameroon	1		3		
Dem. Republic of Congo	1	1			1
Egypt		1	1		
Equatorial Guinea	2	2		4	2
Gabon	4		1	1	
Ghana	5	7	6	2	3
Guinea	3		2	1	
Gulf of Aden*	1			1	
Ivory Coast		2	2	1	2
Liberia	1	1		1	1
Mozambique	1		2		3
Nigeria	6		2	1	4
Sao Tome & Principe	5				3
Sierra Leone		1	2		
Somalia*			1	7	5
South Africa		1			
The Congo	1		1		1
Total at year end	132	115	120	116	137

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates.

CHART A: The following six locations contributed 81% of the total 137 incidents reported in the period January – December 2025

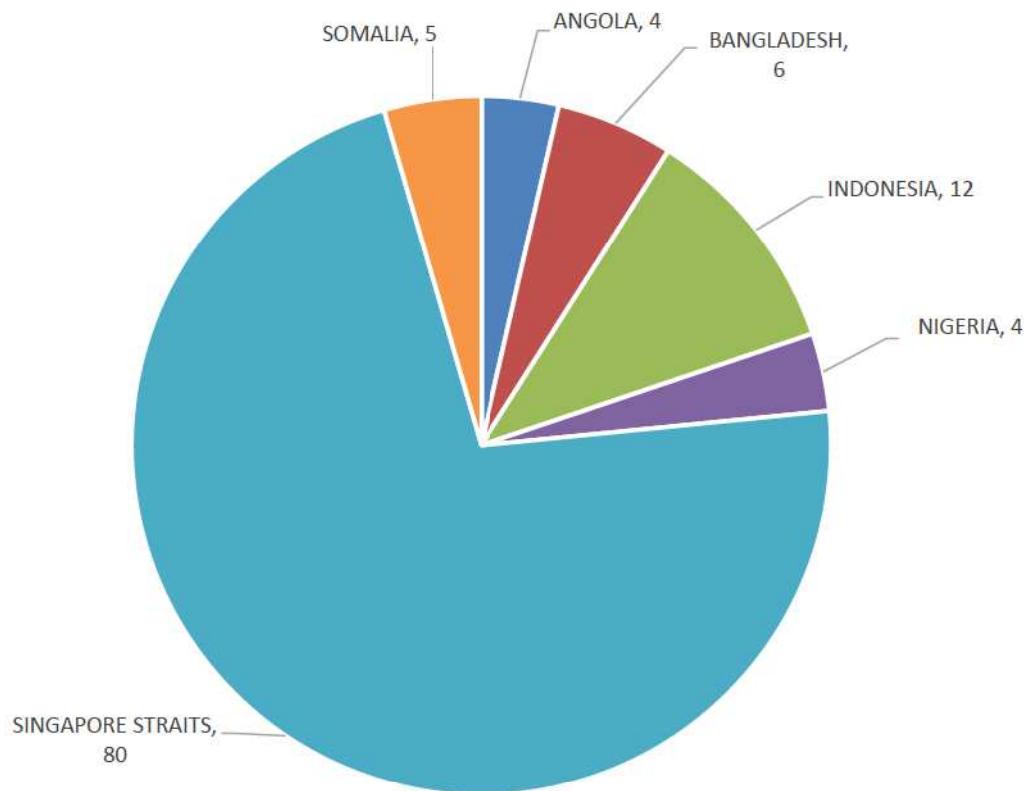


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2025

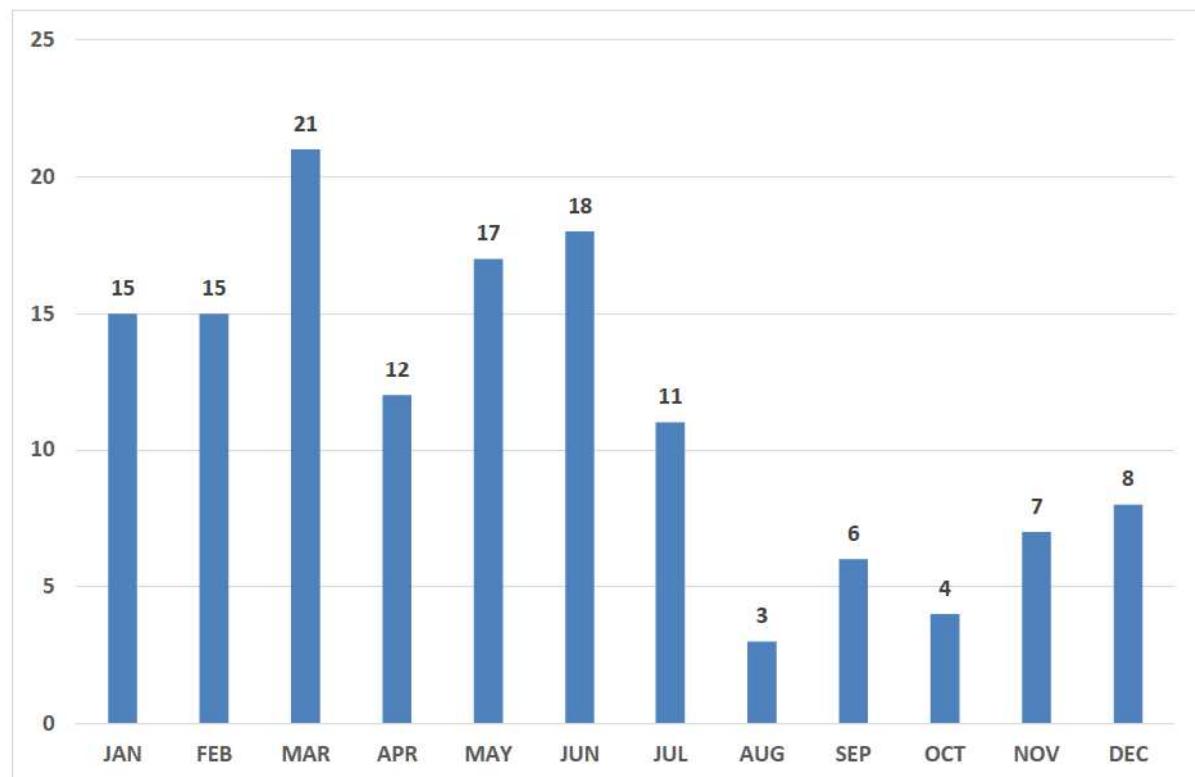


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – December 2025

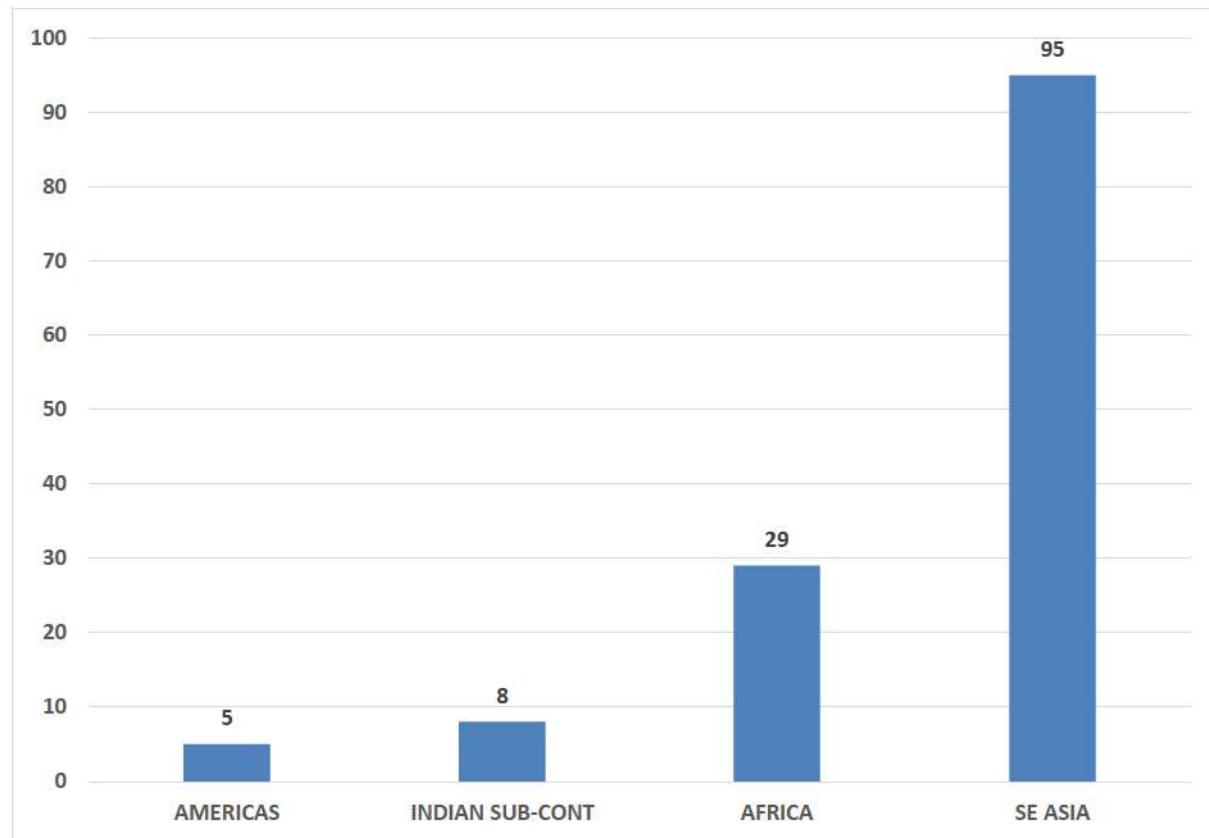


CHART D: Perpetrators successful in 91% of incidents. January – December 2025

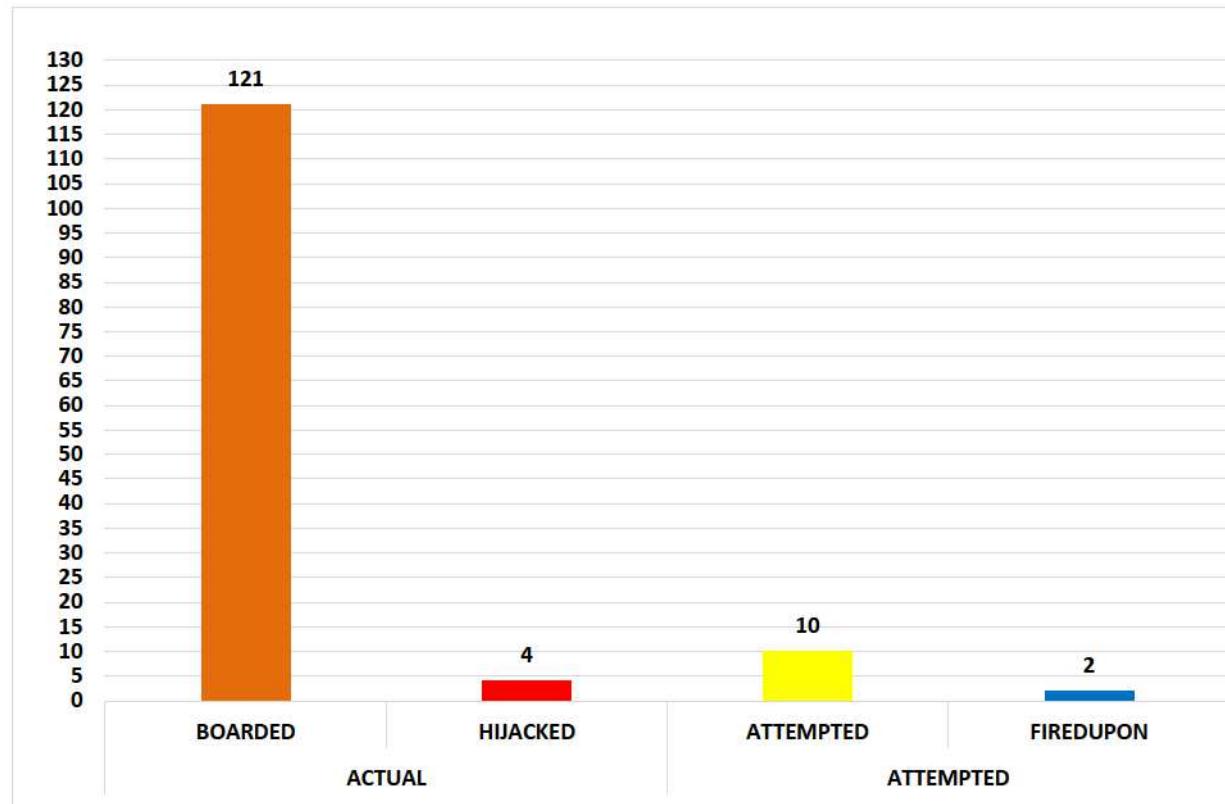


CHART E: Type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement January – December 2025

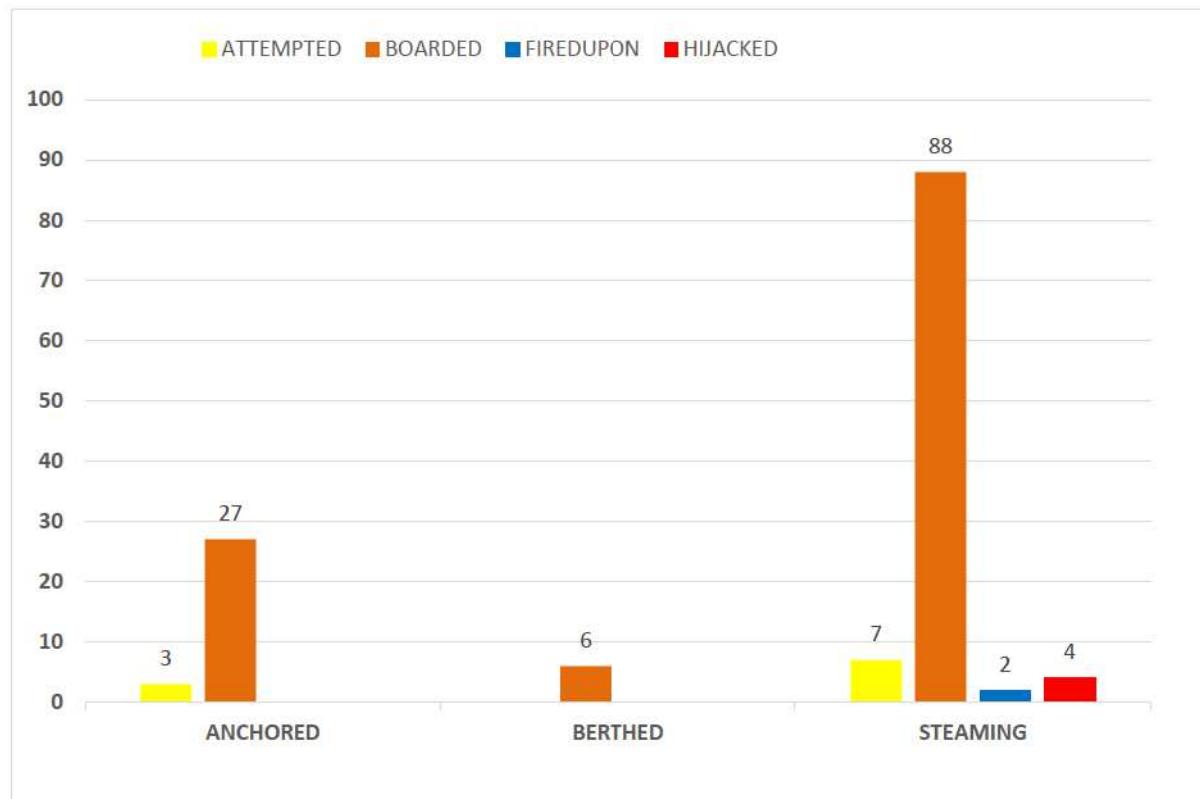


CHART F: Region specific type of incident in relation to the status of vessel movement January – December 2025

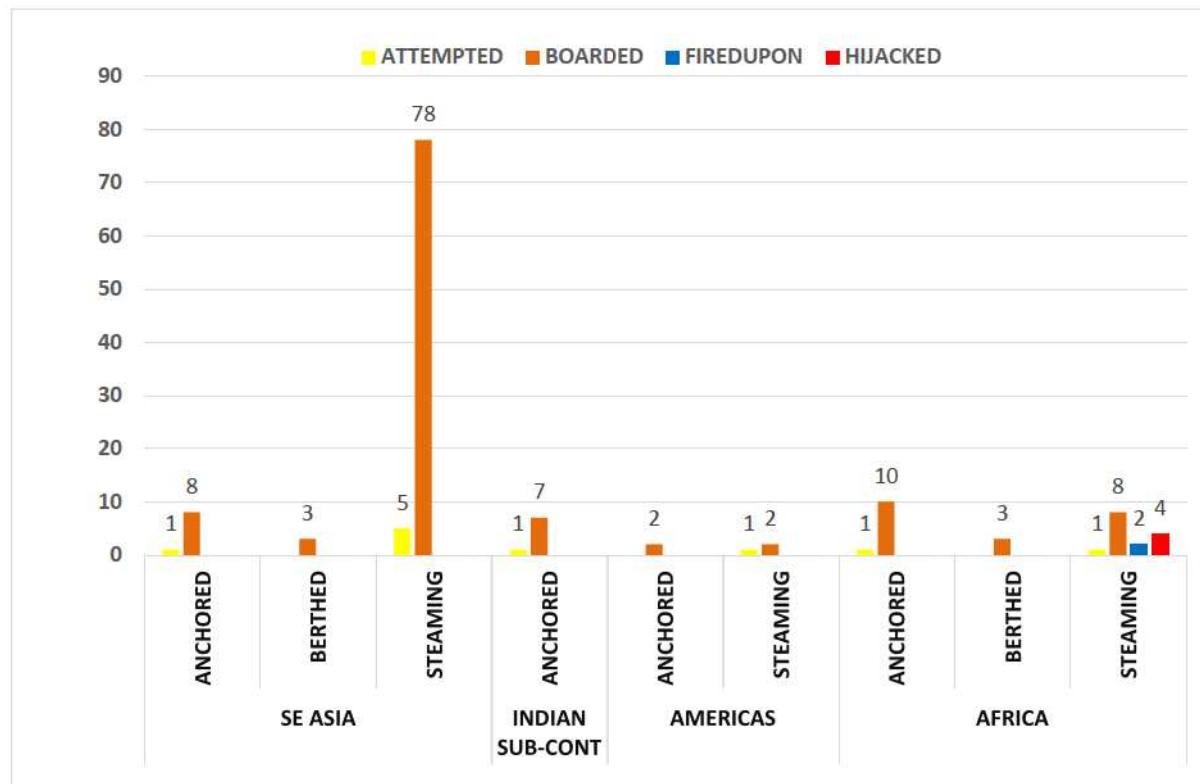


CHART G: Region specific severity of incident in relation January – December 2025
 (Severity level I, II, III – see page 4 for clarification)

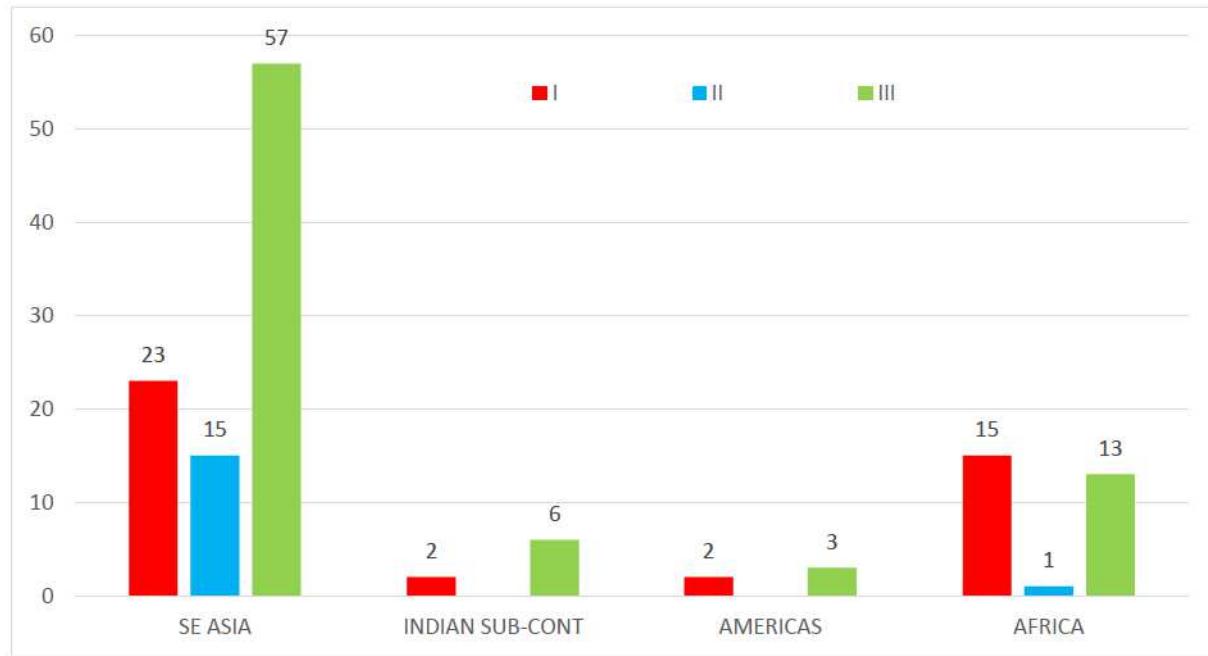


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – December 2025

Location	Actual		Attempted	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Fired upon	Attempted
SE ASIA	Indonesia	11		1
	Malacca Straits	1		
	Malaysia	1		
	Philippines	1		
	Singapore Straits	75		5
INDIAN	Bangladesh	5		1
SUB-CONT	India	2		
AMERICAS	Colombia	2		
	Ecuador			1
	Haiti	1		
	Peru	1		
AFRICA	Angola	4		
	Dem. Republic of Congo	1		
	Equatorial Guinea	2		
	Ghana	3		
	Ivory Coast	1		1
	Liberia	1		
	Mozambique	2	1	
	Nigeria	3		1
	Sao Tome and Principe	2	1	
	Somalia	1	3	1
Sub total	The Congo	1		
		121	4	2
			137	10
Total				

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – December 2025

Country	Location	01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025
Angola	Luanda	4
Bangladesh	Chattogram	5
Indonesia	Belawan	3
Indonesia	Jakarta	4
Nigeria	Lagos	3

TABLE 4: Status of vessels during ACTUAL incidents, January – December 2025

Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	3	6	2
Malacca Straits			1
Malaysia		1	
Philippines		1	
Singapore Straits			75
INDIAN Bangladesh		5	
SUB-CONT India		2	
AMERICAS Colombia		1	1
Haiti			1
Peru		1	
AFRICA Angola		4	
Dem. Republic of Congo		1	
Equatorial Guinea			2
Ghana		1	2
Ivory Coast		1	
Liberia		1	
Mozambique	1	1	
Nigeria	2		1
Sao Tome and Principe			3
Somalia			4
The Congo		1	
Sub total	6	27	92
Total		125	

TABLE 5: Status of vessels during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – December 2025

Location	Anchored	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	1	
Singapore Straits		5
INDIAN SUB CONT Bangladesh	1	
AMERICAS Ecuador		1
AFRICA Ivory Coast	1	
Mozambique		1
Nigeria		1
Somalia		1
Sub total	3	9
Total		12

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January - December 2021 – 2025

Types of Arms	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Guns	34	16	15	26	42
Knives	38	41	42	39	33
Not stated	56	57	61	48	58
Other weapons	4	1	2	3	4
Total	132	115	120	116	137

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January - December 2021 – 2025

Type of Attack	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Attempted	11	5	9	13	10
Boarded	115	107	105	94	121
Fired upon	5	1	2	3	2
Hijack	1	2	4	6	4
Total	132	115	120	116	137

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2021 – 2025

Type of Violence	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hostage	8	41	73	126	46
Kidnapped	57	2	14	12	25
Threatened	9	6	10	12	10
Assaulted	3	6	1		3
Injured	4		4	1	4
Killed	1				
Total at year end	82	55	102	151	88

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – December 2025

Location	Kidnapped	Hostage	Threatened	Assaulted	Injured
SE ASIA Indonesia		2	1		
Singapore Straits		14	8	1	3
INDIAN SUB-CONT Bangladesh		1	1		
AMERICAS Haiti	2			1	
AFRICA Equatorial Guinea	9	3			1
Ghana	3				
Mozambique				1	
Sao Tome and Principe	11				
Somalia		26			
Sub total	25	46	10	3	4
Total				88	

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – December 2025

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
SE ASIA Indonesia		3	1	8
Malacca Straits				1

Malaysia				1
Philippines		1		
Singapore Straits	27	18	3	32
INDIAN	Bangladesh	4		2
SUB-CONT	India			2
AMERICAS	Colombia	1		1
	Ecuador			1
	Haiti	1		
	Peru	1		
AFRICA	Angola	2		2
	Dem. Republic of Congo			1
	Equatorial Guinea	2		
	Ghana	2		1
	Ivory Coast	1		1
	Liberia			1
	Mozambique	1	2	
	Nigeria	1		3
	Sao Tome & Principe	3		
	Somalia	5		
	The Congo			1
Sub total	42	33	4	58
Total			137	

TABLE 11: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2021 – 2025

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Accommodation Barge					1
Bulk Carrier	47	50	45	50	50
Container	30	11	18	11	20
Crew Boat		3			
Dhow					1
Drilling Ship / Rig	1	1			
Fire Fighting Vessel			1	1	
General Cargo	4	3	7	10	9
Heavy Load Carrier		1		3	
Landing Craft	1				
Offshore Processing Ship			1		
Ore Carrier				1	
Passenger Craft	1				
Pipe Layer Ship / Barge					
Refrigerated Cargo Ship	1	1			1
Research Ship					
RO-RO		1			
Supply Ship	6	1	1	4	1
Support Ship	2				
Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen					1
Tanker Bunkering					1
Tanker Chem / Product	22	19	26	15	24
Tanker Crude Oil	5	9	6	4	10

Tanker FPSO / FSO					
Tanker LNG	2		1		1
Tanker LPG	2	2	1	4	4
Trawler / Fishing Vessel	3		4	4	4
Tug & Barge / Offshore Tug	3	8	9	9	9
Vehicle Carrier	2	4			
Yacht / Sailing Vessel		1			
Total at year end	132	115	120	116	137

CHART H: Incidents as per type of vessels, January – December 2025

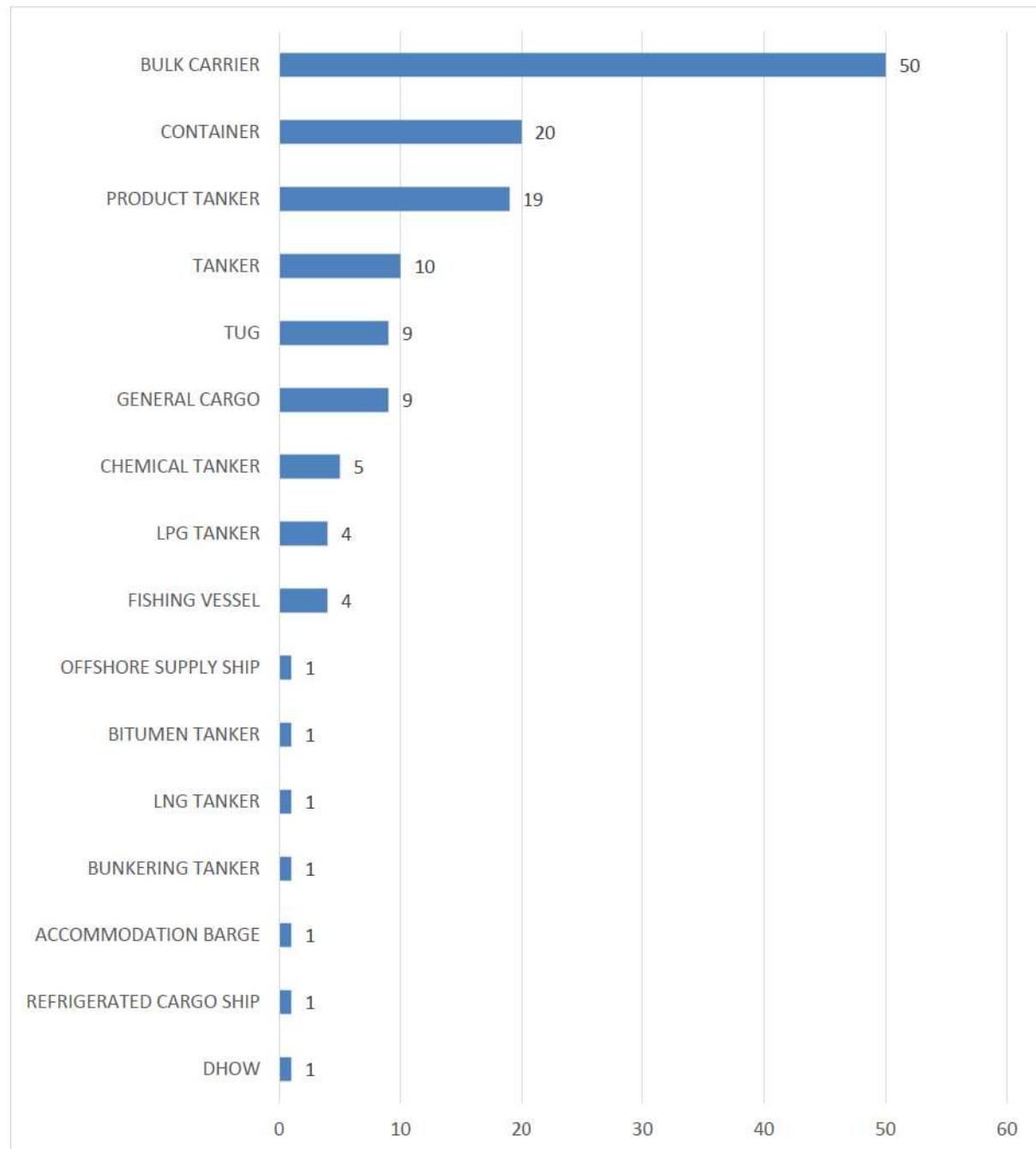


TABLE 12: Nationalities of vessels affected, January - December 2021 – 2025

Flag State	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Antigua & Barbuda	1	1		1	1
Bahamas	6	4	2	5	2
Bangladesh				2	1
Barbados	1	1			1
Belgium			1		
Bermuda	1				
Brazil	1	1			
Cayman Islands	1	2	2		1
China	1		3		1
Cook Islands				1	
Curacao				1	1
Cyprus	6	2	4	4	8
Denmark	6		3	1	3
Egypt				1	
Equatorial Guinea	1				
France	1	1		1	1
Gambia					1
Germany	1	1	1		1
Ghana	2			1	1
Gibraltar	2				
Greece	4	1	1	1	1
Hong Kong (SAR)	6	4	8	6	7
India		1	2	1	1
Indonesia			1	2	1
Iran				1	
Isle of Man	1	1	1	1	
Jamaica	1				
Japan		1	2	1	
Korea South	1			2	
Kuwait				1	1
Liberia	18	11	17	21	20
Libya			1		
Luxemburg	2				
Malaysia	2	2	4	2	8
Malta	5	7	8	1	10
Marshall Islands	17	20	16	16	16
Mongolia	1				
Netherlands					1
Nigeria	1			1	
Norway	2	1		1	1
Palau	1			2	
Panama	6	25	16	16	16
Philippines				1	1
Portugal	3	2	6	3	7
Russia					1
Saudi Arabia	1				1
Singapore	24	20	19	12	15
Spain	1				
Sri Lanka				2	1
St Kitts & Nevis	2				1
St Vincent & Grenadines		1		1	

Switzerland	1				
Togo		1			
Turkey	1		1		
Tuvalu				1	
USA		1	1		
Vanuatu		1			1
Vietnam		1		1	
Yemen					3
Not Stated		1		1	
Total at year end	132	115	120	116	137

CHART I: Nationalities of vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents, January – December 2025

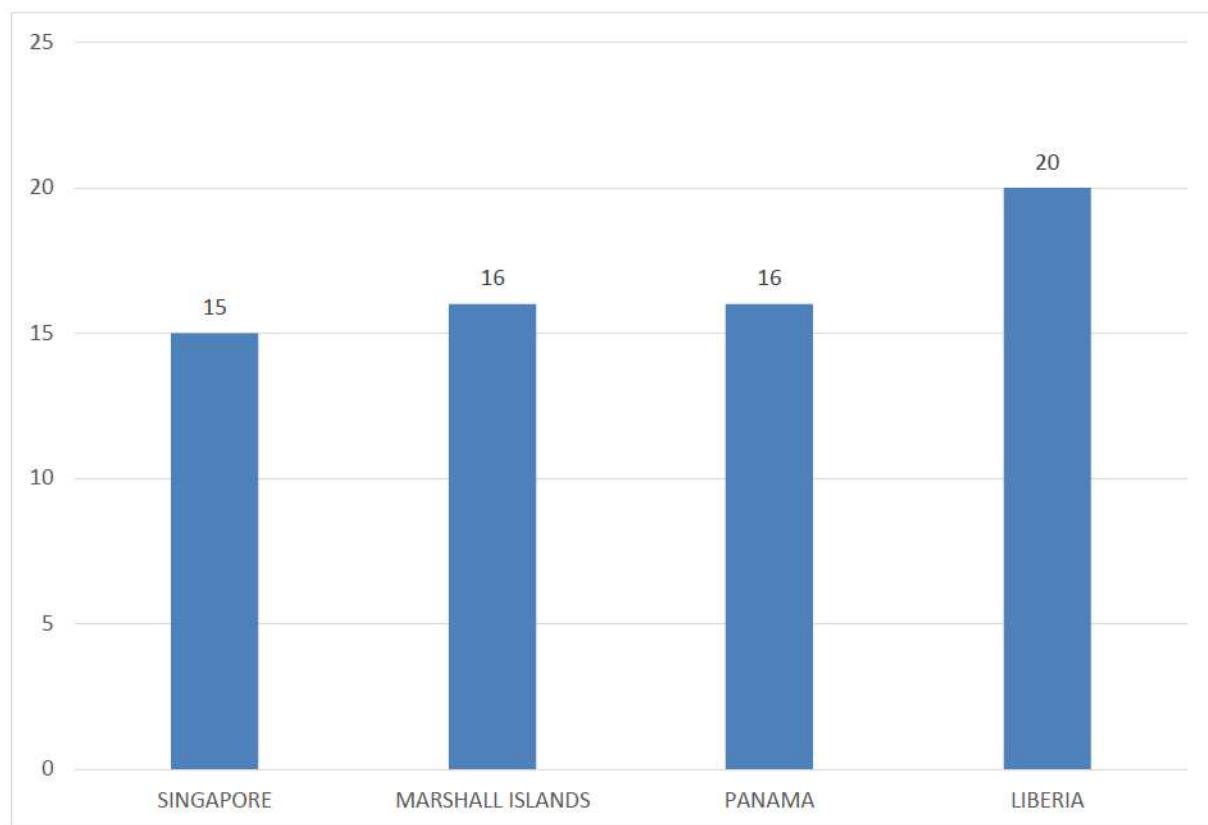
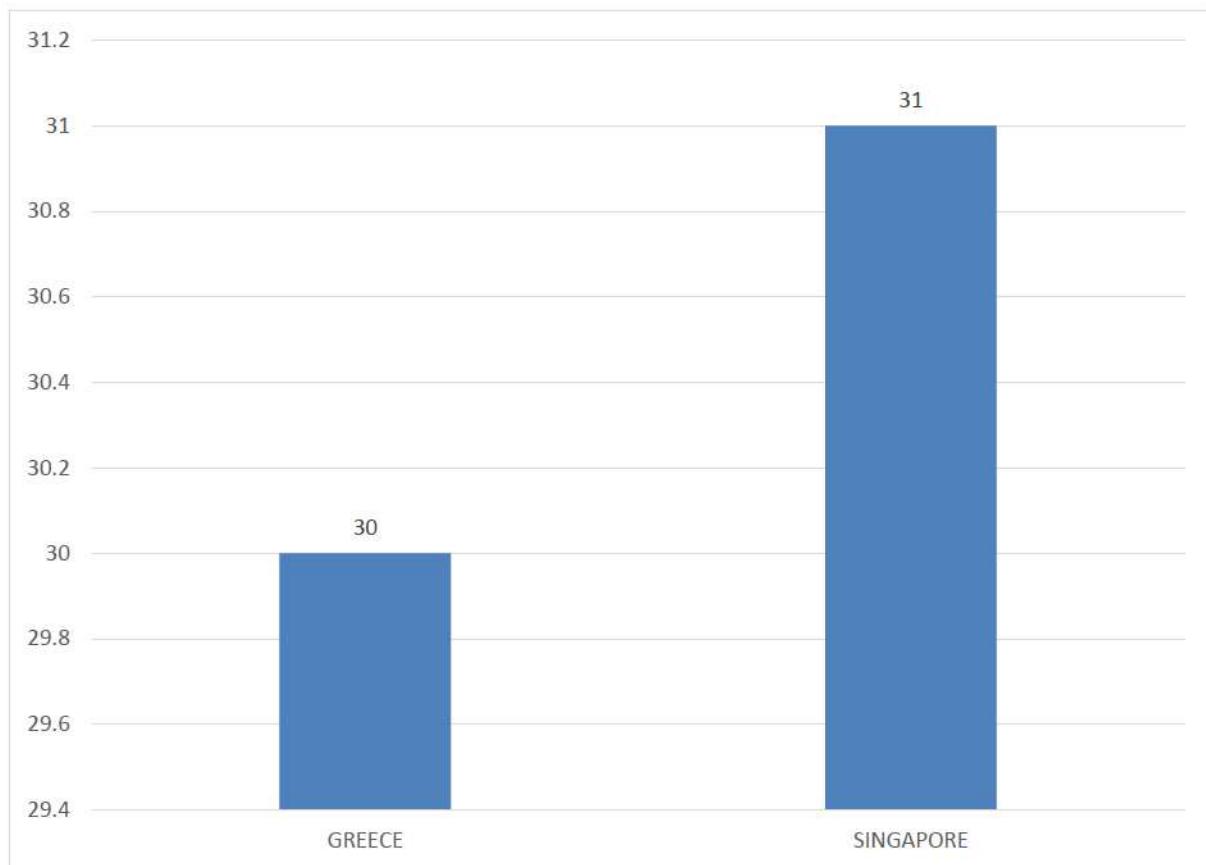


TABLE 13: Vessels affected – managed or controlled from January – December 2025

Country	No of Ships
Azerbaijan	2
Bangladesh	1
Bulgaria	1
Canada	1
China	3
Cyprus	3
Denmark	5
France	1
Georgia	1
Germany	8

Ghana	1
Greece	30
Hong Kong	4
India	11
Japan	5
Korea South	1
Kuwait	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	6
Netherlands	3
Philippines	1
Russia	1
Singapore	31
Sri Lanka	1
Switzerland	2
Taiwan	1
UAE	5
United Kingdom	2
USA	1
Yemen	3
Total	137

CHART J: Managing countries whose vessels involved in 12 times or more incidents between January – December 2025



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA UPDATE

From 1 January to 31 December 2025, three vessels were hijacked, one boarded and one fired upon in the waters off Somalia.

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

The IMB PRC cautions vessel owners and masters against complacency. Recent incidents demonstrate the continued capability and capacity of the Somali pirates to target vessels in and off Somalia. Past incidents have been recorded over 1000nm from the Somali coast.

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

The IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region. Although five Somali piracy incidents have been recorded, several hijackings of dhows and fishing may have gone unreported.

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 GMDSS Safety Net Service on incidents of piracy and armed robbery.

The IMB PRC is also aware of the non-piracy related targeting of vessels in the Gulf of Aden / Red Sea / Bab El Mandeb waters particularly off Yemen using drones and missiles. All vessels are urged to register and report as per the latest edition of the BMP.

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 maximise their resources to provide greater protection for vessels.

Vessels are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all incidents 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.

The IMB thanks the IMP for their support and contribution to the safety of 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 the intel agencies for their commitment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB appreciates the assistance (past and present) and vital cooperation provided by the Coalition naval forces / EU naval force (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) / MSCIO / US Navy / French Alindien / NATO / UKMTO / Indian Navy / Iranian Navy / Malaysian Navy / Russian Navy / Chinese Navy / South Korean Navy / Japanese Maritime SDF / Singapore Navy / Royal Thai Navy / and Yemeni Coast Guard and Navy, for assisting the many vessels that have been targeted by suspected Somali pirates, both in the Gulf of Aden, and off eastern / southern Somali coast, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and other areas. The positive actions by the navies, including pre-emptive and disruptive counter piracy tactics, resulted in a drop in the number of reported incidents and continues to remain the main deterrent to this crime.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African authorities / navies and international navies (past and present), 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. 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. This 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.

In 2025, the IMB PRC, received, responded to and actioned over 1,898 emails and calls on its Maritime Security Hotline from seafarers, CSOs, Maritime Authorities, Government Agencies, Flag States, Law Enforcement, Navies, warships, Rescue Centres and LES on piracy and armed robbery as well as other maritime crimes and security.

The IMB PRC has also participated in 101 emergency vessel drills and provided information and advice to Masters and vessel operators on vessel voyage risk planning. The IMB PRC has provided all its services free of charge to all ships irrespective of vessel/crew nationality, ownership, or flag.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

All vessels 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:

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

E-mail: piracy@icc-ccs.org / imbkl@icc-ccs.org

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763

WhatsApp / Telegram: +60 11 2659 3057. (Photograph or video submission encouraged).

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: Most incidents are reported at anchorages and their approaches. The number of incidents in Bangladesh has decreased significantly in recent years due to the efforts of the authorities. Past and recent incidents reported at Chattogram/Chittagong anchorage. Maintain a strict watch. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation.

Indonesia: Tanjung Priok / Jakarta / Belawan and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas in Indonesian waters. 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 during the night 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 curtailed.

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 the 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 are now considered 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
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 to 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 increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states' authorities since July 2005, vessels are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches at night 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 as only one incident was reported in 2024 and one in 2025.

Malaysia: Past incidents reported at / off Bandar Penawar and off Tanjung Piai, Johor. 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 – kidnapping of merchant ship's crew by ASG has stopped for several years due to the actions by the Malaysian and Philippines Authorities. Last kidnapping incident was reported in January 2020. It was reported that several ASG militants had been captured / killed by the authorities. Although the incidents have stopped, the waters remain moderately risky.

Vessels are however, advised to continue to take precautionary measures and maintain anti-piracy watch and measures especially at night. 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 any potential incidents / targets / description of any militant boats issued on behalf of the Philippines and Malaysian Intel Agencies.

Philippines: In / off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu Sea / Celebes Sea / off eastern Sabah – past incidents included crew kidnappings. These kidnapping incidents have stopped for several years due to the actions by the Malaysian and Philippines Authorities. Last kidnapping incident was reported in January 2020. It was reported that several ASG militants had been captured / killed by the authorities. Although the incidents have stopped, the waters remain moderately risky.

Vessels are advised to continue to take precautionary measures and maintain anti-piracy watch and measures especially at night. 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 any potential incidents / targets / description of any militant boats issued on behalf of the Philippines and Malaysian Intel Agencies.

Manila: Be vigilant. Several past incidents / robberies have been reported.

Singapore Straits: A General Warning first 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 to date. It appears that 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 watches and measures. Robbers board vessels while underway or while at anchor especially during the night. Robbers will abort and move away when the alarm is sounded, and the authorities notified. Therefore, a strict watch is necessary. Waters now considered highly risky as January to December 2025 incidents increased more than 3-fold compared to same period in 2024. In view of this sudden surge, the IMB – Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) commenced constructive and official meetings with senior personnel in IMP including with their patrol boat stationed in the Singapore Straits in mid-June 2025 until August 2025 to find ways to stop the menace. During this period, two gangs were detained, and several stolen items were recovered by the IMP. The IMB is monitoring the situation.

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 continues to monitor the situation in these waters.

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

Angola (Luanda): Incidents of robberies reported. Be vigilant and maintain watch.

Benin (Cotonou): In 2024, a fishing vessel captain was kidnapped at Cotonou anchorage. Previous incidents in the area involved crew kidnappings by well-armed and violent pirates / robbers. These pirates / robbers have robbed vessels and abducted crews for ransom. Tankers were also hijacked in the past, with part of their cargo, such as gas oil, stolen. While these incidents have ceased since 2022, vessels are still advised to remain vigilant and implement strict security measures.

Cameroon (Douala): Incidents dropped / none reported. However, stay alert due to past incidents such as vessels being fired upon while at anchor and crew members being kidnapped.

Equatorial Guinea: In 2024, there were two incidents off Bioko Island. One occurred approximately 28nm from the island, and the other around 45nm, resulting in the kidnapping of ship crew members. Additionally, two more incidents were reported about 80nm west of Bata, with one involving gunfire and the other a boarding. In 2025, two incidents reported at off Bata. One at around 40nm WNW of Bata, where the crew managed to escape by retreating into the citadel. The other incident was at around 52nm West of Bata, where the pirates managed to kidnap nine crew members.

Gabon (Port Gentil / Owendo anchorage): In 2024, one incident was reported at the anchorage. Previous crew kidnappings occurred over 70nm offshore.

Ghana: There were two incidents in 2024 and one incident in 2025 at Takoradi anchorages. Additionally, one incident reported at Accra and one at Off Anloga. Previous years reports also highlighted incidents in these areas. It is recommended to maintain strict watches.

Guinea (Conakry): One robbery incident reported in 2024, with previous incidents of robberies reported at anchorages.

Ivory Coast (Abidjan): Incidents reported at anchorage. Maintain watch.

Nigeria (Lagos / Apapa, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers in Nigerian waters are armed and violent and have been reported to kidnap crew. Incidents have occurred up to 300nm from shore. All waters off Nigeria are considered high-risk. Vessels should remain vigilant as some incidents may go unreported. Tankers have been hijacked in the past, with cargo theft, particularly of gas oil. Extra precautions are recommended for vessels operating in these dangerous waters.

Incidents in Nigeria have decreased significantly, but vessels are advised to remain vigilant while in these waters.

Togo (Lome): Incidents of robbery and kidnapping of crews in Togo have ceased since 2021. However, vessels are still advised to remain vigilant and implement strict security measures. In the past incidents have been reported at Togo anchorage, where tankers were hijacked and part of their cargo stolen.

The Congo: Past incidents were reported off Pointe Noire. In 2025, one incident reported at Pointe Noire anchorage.

Sao Tome & Principe: Incidents involved vessel hijackings, and crew kidnappings. Three recent incidents in 2025 occurred where a ship was hijacked / boarded, and crew kidnapped. Vessels are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Waters remain risky for fishing and merchant vessels.

Sierra Leone: (off Turtle Islands). There was one reported hijacking incident in the past.

EAST AFRICA / GOA / RED SEA

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: In 2024, eight piracy incidents and hijackings reported off Somalia / Gulf of Aden. On 14 December 2023 the first successful hijacking of a merchant vessel by Somali pirates since 2017 was reported. Somali pirates have the capability to target vessels over 1000nm from coast using mother vessels. In 2025, two fishing vessels and a dhow were hijacked.

The recent successful incidents demonstrate the continued capabilities of these criminals. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, maintain strict anti-piracy watch and 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 GMDSS Safety Net Service.

In the past, Somali pirates have conducted their acts in 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. Vessels have also 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.

Generally, Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons and RPGs. They sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register their vessel and report as per the latest BMP procedures, ensure their vessel is hardened prior to entering these waters and 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 / Southern Red Sea / Bab El Mandeb: There is a heightened security risk to vessels transiting these waters. Vessels are being approached by skiffs and hailed via VHF, allegedly by Yemeni naval forces, to alter course into Yemeni waters. Masters are encouraged to be cautious, ignore these calls and immediately report any such activities to Coalition warships on VHF Ch 16.

Not piracy related: Ships transiting Gulf of Aden, Southern Red Sea and Bab El Mandeb are also advised to be vigilant and take precautionary measures as in the recent past, vessels have been targeted by missiles and unmanned aerial/seaborne vehicles. Although recently no incidents were reported, the conditions and situation may change very quickly due to current political situation. With the recent escalating tensions between Israel, Iran and the US, the Houthis in Yemen had issued threats to resume targeting ships in the Red Sea/Gulf of Aden. Currently, ships experienced high levels of electronic interference particularly affecting GNSS systems.

Vessels transiting Straits of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – incidents are not piracy related. Unauthorised boardings have been reported. Currently, ships experienced high levels of electronic interference particularly affecting GNSS systems.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN WATERS

Brazil (Macapa): Incidents have dropped and recently appears stopped. However, ships are advised to continue to stay vigilant.

Colombia (Cartagena): 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 / Lafiteau): Incidents dropped but one incident – abduction of crew reported in 2025. Advised to continue maintaining watch and to stay vigilant.

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

Peru (Callao): One incident reported in 2025, waters remain risky. Maintain vigilant watch and employ anti-piracy measures.

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose / Guanta): 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. In the past, 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

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 within areas of continued concern

CHART K: SE Asia – Singapore Straits – Total number of reported incidents

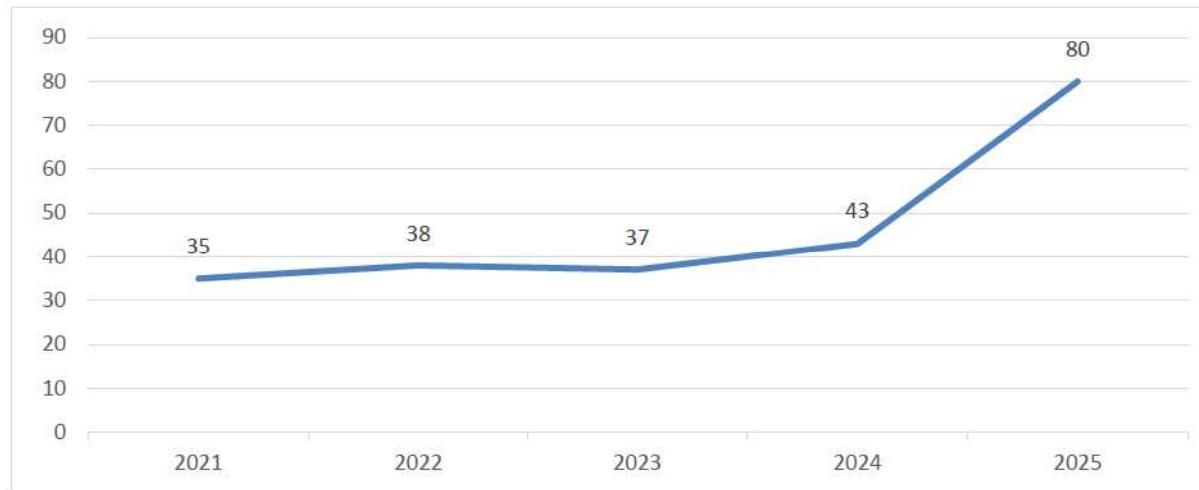


CHART L: West Africa – Gulf of Guinea – Total number of reported incidents

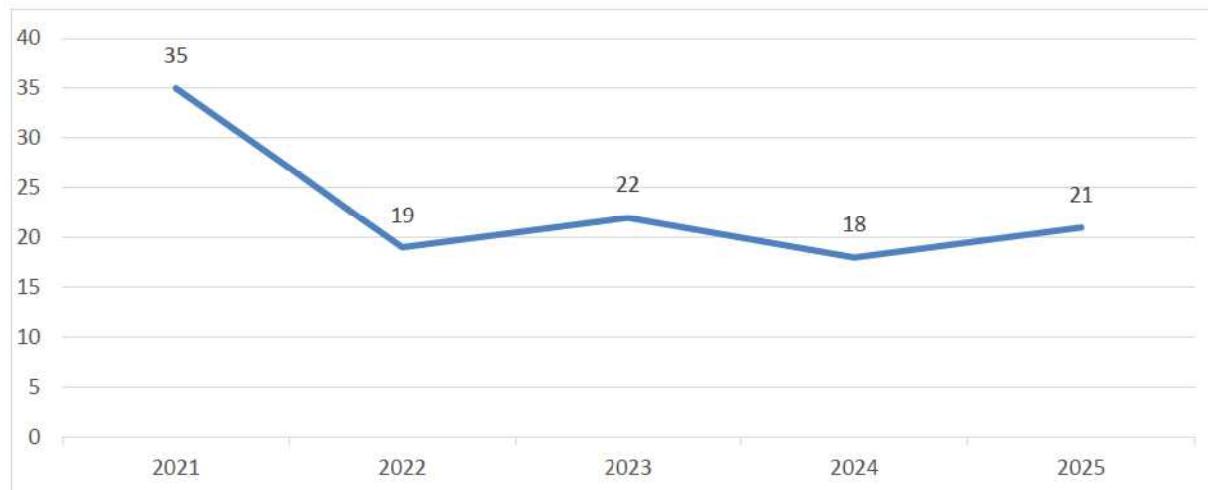
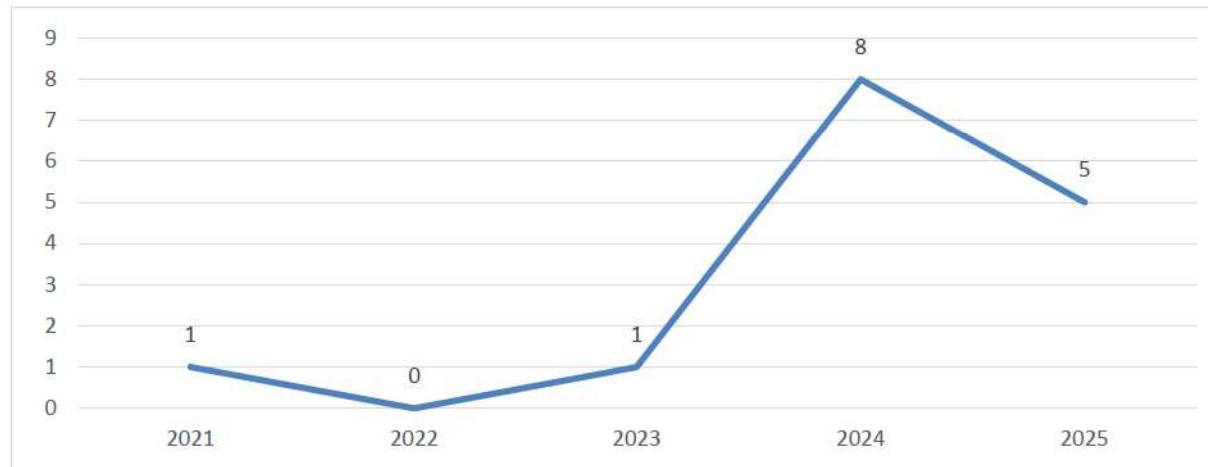


CHART M: East Africa – Waters off Somalia / Gulf of Aden – Total number of reported incidents



TRENDS

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) received 137 reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in 2025 compared with 116 in 2024 and 120 in 2023.

The 2025 figures are broken down as 121 vessels boarded, 10 attempted attacks, four vessels hijacked and two fired upon. Violence against crew continues with – 46 crew taken hostage in 2025 compared to 126 in 2024 and 73 in 2023. Twenty-five crew reported kidnapped, compared to 12 in 2025 and 14 in 2023. A further 10 crew were threatened, four injured and three assaulted in 2025.

The carriage and use of weapons continue to be reported. In 2025 guns were reported in 42 incidents compared to 26 in 2024 and 15 in 2023. Knives were reported in 33 incidents in 2025 compared to 39 in 2024, and 42 incidents in 2023.

In 2025, vessels were successfully boarded in 91 percent of the cases.

In east Africa, at least five incidents were reported including the hijacking of two fishing vessels and a dhow. On 3 November 2025, a chemical tanker was fired upon while underway 330 nautical miles ESE of Mogadishu. Pirates in a skiff approached and fired upon the vessel. The onboard security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff aborting the approach and altering towards its mother vessel. On 6 November 2025 a product tanker was boarded around 560 nautical miles NE of Eyl. The crew retreated into the citadel and contacted the coalition forces who responded to assist the vessel. The skiff was identified as moving towards a suspected mother vessel. While the presence of coalition forces continues to deter Somali pirates, Masters are urged to remain vigilant and follow the latest Best Management Practices, as pirates remain capable of striking vessels at significant distances from shore. The IMB acknowledges the coalition's active patrolling and robust responses to piracy and encourages their continued presence in these waters.

The IMB commends the Gulf of Guinea Authorities for the efforts leading to another year of restricted piratical and armed robbery activity in these waters. Twenty-one incidents were reported in 2025, compared with 18 in 2024, and 22 in 2023. These efforts, however, require further coordination and strengthening to reduce violence against crew members. In 2025, the region accounted for the kidnapping of 23 crew in four separate incidents, along with three hostages and one injured crew.

Eighty incidents were reported in the Singapore Straits in 2025 compared to 43 in 2024, in this narrow and strategically important stretch of water. The 2025 incidents account for over 58 percent of the globally reported incidents. Twenty-one large vessels over 100,000 DWT were targeted, including two crude oil tankers over 300,000 DWT with 19 of these successfully boarded. All incidents, while considered low level and opportunistic has seen a disproportionate increase in the carriage of guns with 27 reports in 2025 compared to eight in 2024. Fourteen crew were taken hostage, eight threatened, three injured and one assaulted. There has been a noticeable decline in the last two quarters after the Indonesian Marine Police apprehended two gangs in July 2025.

The IMB notes with serious concern instances of late reporting of several incidents. Masters are urged to report all incidents immediately upon occurrence, as timely reporting enables the rapid dissemination of safety information, supports preventive action, and contributes directly to the safety of other vessels in the vicinity, as well as their own. The reporting of, and response to, incidents is a shared responsibility.

Incidents reported within the Indonesian archipelago, have shown a positive decline from 18 and 22 in 2023 and 2024 respectively to 12 in 2025. Two crews were taken hostage and one threatened in separate incidents. Knives were reported in three incidents.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned centre, has provided the maritime industry, governments and response agencies with timely and transparent data on piracy and armed robbery incidents – received directly from the Master of the vessel or its owners.

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

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 137 incidents for 01 January to 31 December 2025 are listed on pages 30 to 53. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Ghana:

On 27 March 2025, a Ghanaian flagged Fishing Vessel was boarded by five armed pirates at position Latitude: 05:24.66 North and Longitude 000:01.98 West, around 12nm SE of Accra, Ghana, at around 1932 UTC. After boarding the pirates fired three warning shots and ordered the crew to lie on the deck. They then stole crew mobile phones and properties and locked them in a cabin. Before escaping, the pirates damaged communication equipment and kidnapped three crew. On emerging from the cabin, the crew sailed to Tema.

On 28 August 2025, a Malta flagged Product Tanker was boarded by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude: 05:10.21 North and Longitude 001:22.92 East, around 46 nm SE of Anloga, Ghana, at around 1925 UTC. The duty crew onboard the tanker spotted a skiff with around 10 pirates approaching and alerted the Master. The crew mustered in the citadel and the Master contacted the Owners and Togo Navy for assistance. A Togo Navy patrol boat responded and boarded the tanker. Minor damage due to firing of weapons was identified, however all crew reported safe. The tanker proceeded to Lome port anchorage for further investigation by Togo Authorities.

Haiti:

On 02 April 2025, a Panamanian flagged Bulk Carrier, MV Century Royal was boarded by armed individuals while drifting at position Latitude: 18:34.68 North and Longitude 072:27.16 West, around 6nm West of Port Au Prince, Haiti, at around 0300 UTC. Armed individuals boarded the ship and assaulted a crew member with a gun. The other crew retreated into their cabins and the engine room. The assailants then abducted two crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Haitian Coast Guard.

Sao Tome and Principe:

On 17 March 2025, a Panamanian flagged Bitumen Tanker was boarded and hijacked by 10 armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:17.8 North and Longitude 008:01.1 East, around 37nm SE of Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe, at approximately 1845 UTC. The crew retreated into the citadel, which the pirates were able to breach. Before escaping the pirates damaged the ship's equipment, stole crew and ship properties, cash and kidnapped 10 crew members. The remaining eight crew members sailed the tanker to a safe port. The incident was reported to the Authorities.

On 30 May 2025, a Curacao flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship was boarded by seven armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:30 North and Longitude 006:31 East, around 71nm NW of Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe, at approximately 1625 UTC. Seven armed pirates boarded the ship underway. Ship's alarm raised, distress message activated, and crew retreated into the citadel. Two crew remained unaccounted. A Nigerian Naval team responded to the distress call, boarded the ship, and assisted the crew. On inspecting the ship, blood stains were identified near a ladder used by the pirates. It is suspected a crew was kidnapped. The ship sailed to a safe port for further investigation. Further report awaited.

Singapore Straits:

On 27 February 2025, a Singapore flagged Product Tanker was boarded by armed robbers while underway in the Singapore Straits at position Latitude: 01:07.80 North and Longitude 103:45.62 East, Singapore Straits. While making their escape with stolen ships' engine spares, the robbers attacked and seriously injured one crew, requiring the vessel to divert into Singapore anchorage where a medical team disembarked the injured crew for shore medical assistance. The coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.

Somalia:

On 07 February 2025, a Yemeni flagged Dhow, Al Najma No. 481 was boarded and hijacked by six armed perpetrators while underway at position Latitude 07:54 North and Longitude 049:56 East, around 6nm SE of Eyl, Somalia during night hours. The crew and one security guard were taken hostage. The guard was later released. Reports indicated that the perpetrators left the dhow on or before 13 February 2025 after stealing the crew personal effects and small boats belonging to the dhow. All crew reported safe.

On 17 February 2025, a Yemeni flagged Fishing Vessel, Saytuun 2 was boarded and hijacked by six armed perpetrators while underway off Garmaal, North of Eyl, Somalia, at approximately 0001 UTC. The perpetrators took hostage the captain and four crew members and released the remaining crew. On 23 February 2025, a Spanish naval warship identified, intercepted and boarded the hijacked Fishing Vessel. The crew indicated that the perpetrators had left the vessel. All crew safe.

On 16 March 2025, a Yemeni flagged Fishing Vessel, Al-Hidaya 1 was boarded and hijacked by armed hijackers while underway off Durdura, Somalia, at approximately 1000 UTC. The perpetrators took eight crew members hostage. On 20 March 2025, the hijackers abandoned the Fishing Vessel. EUNAVFOR Atlanta conducted a friendly approach on 21 March 2025 to investigate. The eight crew members are reported safe.

1 January – 31 December 2025**ACTUAL INCIDENTS****SOUTHEAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.06.2025 1818 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sinar Sigli Container Liberia 19944 9970430	01:12.14N – 103:23.14E, Malacca Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship under way noticed the locking device of the deck store was broken. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Ship's properties reported stolen. The incident was reported to the Singapore Authorities.

SOUTHEAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2025 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Saudi Arabia 156336 -	01:07.1N – 103:43.1E, Singapore Straits	Engine room crew noticed footprints and auxiliary engine spare parts missing during routine rounds onboard the tanker underway.
2.	07.01.2025 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Anabela Bulk Carrier Liberia 92053 9587350	01:05.1N – 103:35.0E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers, armed with a gun, boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to VTI and Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for inspection.
3.	08.01.2025 2145 UTC Steaming Boarded	Trinity Island Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 43655 9971903	01:08.6N – 103:46.2E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship underway. Duty oiler was taken hostage, tied up and guarded by one robber while the others stole engine spares. Before escaping, the robbers released the oiler, who then informed the Master. General alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Incident reported to VTIS.
4.	17.01.2025 1036 UTC Anchored Boarded	Golden Curl Chemical Tanker Singapore 11254 9348522	03:55N – 098:44E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two unauthorised persons near the deck store. Master was informed, general alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the persons escaped with ship's stores. Incident reported to Belawan VTS, who then dispatched a patrol boat to the tanker.

5.	18.01.2025 2100 UTC Steaming Boarded	Golden Calvus Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 94185 9743174	01:10.4N – 103:48.7E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and VTIS Singapore informed. On anchoring, the Singapore police boarded the ship to investigate. Nothing reported stolen.
6.	21.01.2025 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Delfin Bulk Carrier Portugal 44425 9749867	01:03.9N – 103:36.1E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with a gun and long knives boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room and took the 2/E and a wiper hostage and tied them up in the engine room workshop. One of the robbers stood guard over the crew while the others stole spare parts prior to escaping. The 2/E managed to free himself and informed the Master, who then contacted the VTIS. The C/E, Bosun and an AB were tasked with searching the ship, but no robbers were found. The ship was escorted to the anchorage area by a warship and two coast guard vessels, where the coast guard conducted an inspection.
7.	23.01.2025 1854 UTC Anchored Boarded	Chinook Bulk Carrier Panama 51265 9476537	01:21.9S – 116:58.7E, Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers armed with hammers boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. The incident was reported to Balikpapan VTS, who then dispatched a patrol boat to the ship.
8.	25.01.2025 1735 UTC Steaming Boarded	Shi Dai 9 Bulk Carrier China 40913 9591703	01:03.2N – 103:39.7E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed five individuals, on the poop deck, armed with knives. Alarm raised, crew mustered, PA announcement made and VTIS notified. Seeing the crew alertness, the individuals fled empty handed, in their boat.
9.	25.01.2025 1825 UTC Steaming Boarded	Asian Enterprise Bulk Carrier St. Kitts and Nevis 25676 9074822	01:03.8N – 103:41.3E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers armed with guns boarded the ship and entered the engine room. Duty crew spotted the robbers and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, PA announcement made and VTS notified. Crew managed to secure themselves in the ECR, Bridge and cabins. The crew emerged after a while. A thorough search was conducted. Ship's engine spares reported stolen. Upon arrival at the anchorage, the coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.
10.	28.01.2025 1549 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bristol Tanker Greece 80222 9941879	01:07.0N – 103:44.6E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed a wooden boat approaching, hooking on a ladder and three unauthorised individuals armed with long knives boarding. Alarm raised, all lights switched on and crew

				mustered. Hearing the alerted crew the individuals escaped. Incident reported to VTIS Central. Crew conducted a search, nothing was reported missing.
11.	28.01.2025 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Manali Bulk Carrier Panama 19829 9268916	01:04.2N – 103:41.7E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, threatened one crew, stole engine spares and escaped. The crew informed the Master. General alarm raised, PA announcement made and SSAS activated. Incident reported to VTIS. Upon anchoring, the ship was boarded by the coast guard for investigations.
12.	31.01.2025 2200 UTC Steaming Boarded	Haima Product Tanker Panama 59705 9397896	01:06.9N – 103:44.9E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway spotted five unauthorised persons onboard the tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the persons escaped empty handed. The incident reported to VTIS.
13.	02.02.2025 1950 UTC Steaming Boarded	Belaja Bulk Carrier Norway 35048 9873280	01:02.73N – 103:39.35E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with gun and knives boarded the ship underway. 3/E was taken hostage and tied up in the engine room. The 3/E managed to escape and informed the Master. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. The incident was reported to VTIS West.
14.	02.02.2025 2015 UTC Steaming Boarded	Zevirous Product Tanker Malaysia 1934 9132856	01:06N – 103:45E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They entered the engine room, took the 2/E and 3/E hostage, and tied them up. The robbers stole engine spares prior to escaping. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The incident was reported to VTIS West and Central.
15.	13.02.2025 1858 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cancun Bulk Carrier Liberia 107129 9587269	01:04.49N – 103:41.39E, Singapore Straits	Four armed robbers in a skiff approached and boarded the laden ship underway and entered the engine room. Alert duty oiler noticed the robbers, secured himself in the engine control room and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, SSAS activated and VTIS West notified. After around one hour, the crew made a search. No robbers were found on board, and nothing reported stolen. As a precaution, a patrol vessel escorted the ship to the anchorage area where an inspection was carried out.
16.	15.02.2025 2045 UTC Steaming	Atrotos Heracles Bulk Carrier Panama	01:05.5N – 103:43.8E,	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed three unauthorised individuals at the aft stations. Alarm raised and

	Boarded	43007 9668879	Singapore Straits	crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the individuals escaped empty handed. The incident reported to VTIS. Upon anchoring, the ship was boarded by the coast guard for investigations.
17.	21.02.2025 1915 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cycladic Spire General Cargo Portugal 20254 9609330	01:02.9N – 103:37.8E, Singapore Straits	Four armed robbers boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's spares. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
18.	25.02.2025 2120 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ocean Diligence Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 35716 9967134	01:05.96N – 103:44.15E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed a skiff in the vicinity of the ship. Three unauthorised persons were noticed onboard and attempting to open the accommodation doors. Alarm raised, resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything. VTIS Central informed. Upon anchoring the coast guard boarded the ship for inspection.
19.	27.02.2025 1630 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ifestos Bulk Carrier Bahamas 50617 9574133	01:06.2N – 103:43.9E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway spotted six robbers armed with a hammer in the engine room workshop. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was conducted. Incident reported to Singapore Coast Guard who then escorted the ship. All crew safe and nothing reported stolen.
20.	27.02.2025 1710 UTC Steaming Boarded	DSM Rose General Cargo Barbados 21385 9303601	01:05.6N – 103:43.5E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers in a fishing boat boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They threatened the 2/E with a gun, instructing him to move away. The 2/E retreated and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was conducted. Ship's property was reported stolen. The incident was reported to local authorities.
21.	27.02.2025 2250 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 29447 -	01:07.80N – 103:45.62E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway spotted armed robbers entering the engine room through the steering gear room. Alarm raised and crew alerted. While making their escape with stolen ship's engine spares the robbers attacked and seriously injured one crew. The tanker was diverted to Singapore anchorage where a medical team disembarked the injured crew for shore medical assistance. The coast guard boarded the tanker to investigate.
22.	02.03.2025 2100 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ailama Tanker Gambia 57171 9232888	01:03.8N – 103:41.1E, Singapore Straits	Four masked robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. The duty engine crew noticed the robbers and alerted the bridge officer,

				who raised the alarm, mustered the crew and notified VTIS. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. On anchoring the coast guard boarded the tanker for investigations.
23.	07.03.2025 1208 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 7887 Barge Singapore 4448 -	01:17.70N – 104.20.86E, Singapore Straits	Four individuals in a small boat approached the tug towing a laden barge. Two of them boarded the barge while the tug and an escort vessel used their horns and searchlights to deter them. The individuals escaped with stolen scrap metals. VTIS notified.
24.	07.03.2025 1845 UTC Berthed Boarded	Mito General Cargo Panama 9815 9587788	06:05.75S – 106:53.11E, Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta, Indonesia	Duty oiler on rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed two unauthorised persons near the engine spare parts room. He immediately retreated into the ECR and raised the alarm resulting in the persons escaping with stolen engine spares. Crew mustered, a search was carried out and the incident was reported to the port authorities through the local agent. Marine police officers boarded the ship for investigation.
25.	10.03.2025 1840 UTC Steaming Boarded	Prisma Tanker Panama 85431 9299678	01:05.6N – 103:43.3E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with guns boarded the tanker underway. They entered the engine room and took the C/E and 3/E as hostage and tied them up in the engine room. Both C/E and 3/E managed to escape and immediately informed Bridge. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. The incident reported to VTIS. All crew are reported safe.
26.	12.03.2025 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Container Marshall Islands 27208 -	01:06.6N – 103:44.9E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They took hostage two duty oilers, tied them up and locked them in the CO2 room before escaping with stolen engine spares. The 2/E discovered the oilers and freed them. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to ship's superintendent.
27.	18.03.2025 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	CNC Leopard Container Singapore 31999 9945356	01:05.00N – 103:43.30E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed two robbers armed with knives and notified the Master. General alarm raised and PA announcement made resulting in the robbers escaping with

				stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to VTIS.
28.	22.03.2025 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Fatema Jahan I Bulk Carrier Bangladesh 38212 9749738	01:07.48N – 103:45.54E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed armed robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the perpetrators escaped without stealing anything. Authorities notified and the coast guard escorted the ship to the pilot boarding point and conducted an investigation. Nothing reported stolen.
29.	23.03.2025 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	JIN HWA 43 Tug Malaysia 148 9689768 JIN HWA 44 Barge Malaysia 1972 -	01:25.05N – 104:33.98E, Around 11nm North of Tanjung Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia	Three unauthorised individuals boarded the barge under tow. The intruders stole property from the barge and fled. Incident reported to VTS Singapore.
30.	27.03.2025 2230 UTC Steaming Boarded	Selatan Damai Container Indonesia 6245 9353931	01:09.75N – 103:47.31E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers in a small boat armed with a gun and long knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. They took the Chief Engineer and Bosun hostage and tied them up. The engine crew alerted the bridge, who raised the alarm and made a public address announcement. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers fled with engine spare parts. The crew mustered, conducted a thorough check of the engine room, and freed the hostages. After the ship berthed, the incident was reported, and the coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.
31.	28.03.2025 2051 UTC Steaming Boarded	Wan Hai 327 Container Singapore 30531 9871490	01:03.70N – 103:40.70E, Singapore Straits	Around four persons armed with a gun boarded the ship underway. They tried to enter the accommodation by firing on the watertight door. Alarm raised and searchlights directed towards the perpetrators resulting in them escaping without stealing anything. A search was carried out and incident reported to Singapore VTS. The ship was then escorted by patrol vessels.
32.	29.03.2025 1725 UTC Steaming Boarded	Andreas Petrakis Bulk Carrier Malta 41254 9664952	01:04.17N – 103:41.88E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed an unauthorised person onboard the ship and raised the alarm. PA announcement made, crew mustered and VTIS notified. On anchoring the coast guard boarded the ship for inspection. Nothing reported stolen.
33.	29.03.2025 1855 UTC Steaming	Kota Halus Container Singapore	01:05.38N – 103:43.53E,	Crew onboard the ship underway noticed three unauthorised persons and raised the alarm resulting in the persons

	Boarded	13491 9238612	Singapore Straits	escaping. A search was carried out and ship's stores identified as stolen. Incident reported to the Singapore Authorities who later boarded the ship for investigation.
34.	02.04.2025 1945 UTC Steaming Boarded	SITC Yuncheng Container Hong Kong 26771 9926104	01:09.2N – 103:48.0E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, assaulted the motorman and took him hostage. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and Singapore VTS and MRCC notified. On conducting a search, ship's engine spares identified as stolen.
35.	06.04.2025 1945 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hafnia Hong Kong Product Tanker Malta 43693 9830288	01:08.99N – 103:28.49E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed three robbers escaping into a small boat. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was carried out. Ship's equipment identified as stolen. The incident was reported to Johor VTIS. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the tanker for inspection.
36.	20.04.2025 1718 UTC Steaming Boarded	Aquaris Tanker Panama 57567 9251822	01:03.1N – 103:40.3E, Singapore Straits	Around five to seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and SSAS activated. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Coast Guard boarded the tanker for investigation.
37.	20.04.2025 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	JIN HWA 49 Tug Malaysia 143 9373981 JIN HWA 39 Barge Malaysia 1479 -	01:09.96N – 103:49.30E, Singapore Straits	During a routine inspection crew noticed barge properties missing. Incident reported to local police.
38.	23.04.2025 2100 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Container Portugal 42609 -	06:05.80S – 106:53.70E, Jakarta Port, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the berthed ship noticed a person on a rope. Alarm raised and the person escaped. On conducting a search, the steering gear room door padlock was identified as broken but nothing was reported stolen.
39.	24.04.2025 1900 UTC Steaming Boarded	ASL Trinity General Cargo Liberia 23703 9780952	01:02.30N – 103:39.10E, Singapore Straits	During a routine check onboard the ship underway, the duty crew discovered footprints on the deck. Subsequent inspection revealed that engine spares had been stolen. When the ship anchored, the coast guard boarded to investigate.
40.	01.05.2025 2230 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 28799	01:03.83N – 103:36.72E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed five robbers armed with knives. Alarm raised, resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen engine

		-		spares. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS and Authorities.
41.	03.05.2025 2033 UTC Anchored Boarded	ALS Juno Container Portugal 73360 9948645	05:58.8S – 106:54.9E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Around five unauthorised persons boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's stores, and escaped. The incident was noticed by the crew during berthing operations. Port Authorities notified.
42.	04.05.2025 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	SW Legend Bulk Carrier Panama 35700 9984170	01:06.9N – 103:44.9E, Singapore Straits	Duty officer onboard the ship underway noticed three small crafts following on the port, starboard and right stern. OOW received a call from the engine room to alert them of two unauthorised persons attempting to open the engine room skylight. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and deck lights switched on. Seeing the crew alertness, the persons escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
43.	06.05.2025 1815 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hui Shun No. 1 Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 17025 9515670	01:04.1N – 103:37.2E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with a knife boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS and Singapore Police Coast Guard.
44.	06.05.2025 1920 UTC Steaming Boarded	Elm Galaxy Chemical Tanker Panama 12105 9331256	01:05.36N – 103:35.23E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed two unauthorised persons attempting to open the poop deck rope store hatch cover. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and deck lights switched on. Seeing the crew alertness, the persons escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
45.	06.05.2025 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Virgo Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34815 9650925	01:08.30N – 103:28.80E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with guns boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, threatened two crew, stole engine spares, and escaped. Master was informed, PA announcement made, crew mustered and VTIS notified. On anchoring the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded to investigate.
46.	07.05.2025 2330 UTC Steaming Boarded	JIN HWA 45 Tug Malaysia 142 9648958	01:07.58N – 103:30.71E, Singapore Straits	Three unauthorised individuals boarded the barge under tow, stole the barge's properties and stores and escaped.
47.	16.05.2025 1743 UTC Steaming	JIN HWA 37 Barge Malaysia 1434 -	01:07.6N – 103:44.5E,	Five armed robbers boarded the ship underway. One of the crew members tried to alert the bridge using a handheld

	Boarded	92541 9500704	Singapore Straits	radio, but the robbers stopped him. They then broke into the engine room. Another crew saw the robbers on deck and informed the officer on watch, who raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything. The Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) was notified, and the police coast guard inspected the ship upon anchoring.
48.	21.05.2025 1930 UTC Steaming Boarded	Peace Bulk Carrier Cyprus 91971 9568067	01:03.5N – 103:37.9E, Singapore Straits	The duty crew on the ship underway spotted an unauthorised individual near the poop deck. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, deck and accommodation lights switched on and VTS informed. Hearing the alarm, the intruder fled empty-handed. The coast guard conducted an inspection after the ship anchored.
49.	22.05.2025 1749 UTC Steaming Boarded	Petrel Pacific Product Tanker Singapore 29403 9876397	01:05.71N – 103:43.76E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with a knife boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, all deck lights switched on, VTIS informed, distress messages broadcast, and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers fled with stolen engine spares. After anchoring, the police coast guard boarded the tanker for inspection.
50.	26.05.2025 1740 UTC Steaming Boarded	Strandja Bulk Carrier Malta 19865 9564140	01:02.9N – 103:40.9E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew notice the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the intruders fleeing empty-handed. One crew was assaulted and injured during the incident. VTS notified and on anchoring the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship to conduct an inspection.
51.	29.05.2025 2230 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jin Hwa 47 Tug Malaysia 236 9026095 Jin Hwa 48 Barge Malaysia 2175 -	01:15.68N – 104:14.41E, Singapore Straits	An unauthorised individual was spotted on a barge under tow. Alarm raised and incident reported to Vessel Traffic Information Service (VTIS) Singapore. The person escaped with some of the barge's cargo.
52.	30.05.2025 1546 UTC Steaming Boarded	Powan Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 24785 9721578	05:52.6S – 106:48.4E, Around 12nm North of Jakarta Port, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the drifting ship noticed padlocks for steering gear room and other engine room access broken. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. On investigating, CCTV footage

				indicated three unauthorised persons entering the steering gear room and escaping with ship's engine spares.
53.	02.06.2025 1750 UTC Steaming Boarded	Cape Elianto Bulk Carrier Singapore 93297 9938602	01:03.75N – 103:39.47E, Singapore Straits	Six perpetrators in a small boat, approached the ship underway. Of these, one boarded the ship. Alert crew raised the alarm. Crew mustered, and all deck lights switched on. The intruder fled empty-handed upon seeing the crew's response. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS and Police Coast Guard. Upon arrival at anchorage, Police Coast Guard boarded for investigation. No injuries or losses reported.
54.	02.06.2025 2026 UTC Steaming Boarded	Successor Bulk Carrier Cyprus 89985 9321158	01:06.5N – 103:33.5E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. The duty engineer noticed the robbers and immediately informed the duty officer on watch who activated the alarm. Hearing the crew alertness the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to VTIS.
55.	04.06.2025 2045 UTC Steaming Boarded	Mandarin River Bulk Carrier Singapore 33044 9533335	01:08.4N – 103:29.5E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with a gun boarded the ship underway. They attacked the fitter, hitting him on the head twice to subdue him. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to VTIS, and the coast guard instructed the ship to anchor for inspection. All crew members safe, and no items reported missing.
56.	06.06.2025 1805 UTC Steaming Boarded	Mykonos Wave Bulk Carrier Cyprus 47984 9453406	01:12.06N – 103:53.45E, Singapore Straits	Five unauthorised persons were sighted in the engine room of the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the persons escaping. The Singapore Police Coast Guard later boarded the ship for inspection.
57.	07.06.2025 0530 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 9 Tug Singapore 299 9767120 LKH 7887 Barge Singapore 4448 -	01:14.75N – 104:02.88E, Singapore Straits	Master onboard a tug towing the barge noticed fourteen unauthorised persons boarding the barge and immediately reported the incident to VTIS Singapore and sounded the tug's horn resulting in the individuals escaping with some stolen scrap metals.
58.	11.06.2025 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bonneville Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 43717 9497323	01:06.3N – 103:44.5E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen engine spares. The

				incident was reported to the Singapore VTIS, who then dispatched the police for investigation.
59.	13.06.2025 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	KSL Seattle Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 94742 9683245	01:07.64N – 101:45.13E, Singapore Straits	Three unauthorised persons boarded the ship underway and escaped with stolen ship's properties. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to VTIS.
60.	13.06.2025 1855 UTC Steaming Boarded	Aanya Bulk Carrier Panama 93693 9592446	01:08.29N – 103:29.19E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine inspection and after reviewing CCTV footage.
61.	14.06.2025 1642 UTC Steaming Boarded	Greek Seas Bulk Carrier Liberia 44127 9718698	01:03.26N – 103:37.65E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with a gun and knife entered the engine room of the ship underway, threatened and took the oiler hostage. As the robbers retreated, the oiler raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was conducted. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS, and upon anchoring the Coast Guard boarded the ship for inspection.
62.	17.06.2025 1554 UTC Steaming Boarded	Lirica Product Tanker Liberia 79235 9302982	01:03.4N – 103:40.7E, Singapore Straits	Four unauthorised persons boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. The 2/E retreated to a safe location and immediately informed the Bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was conducted. The incident was reported to local authorities. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the tanker for investigation.
63.	27.06.2025 1633 UTC Steaming Boarded	CMA CGM Africa Three Container Bahamas 40827 9451939	01:02.98N – 103:39.89E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. The incident was reported to the Singapore VTIS and Marine Police and the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
64.	30.06.2025 1753 UTC Steaming Boarded	Galateia Bulk Carrier Liberia 43036 9715438	01:04.8N – 103:34.9E. Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Duty engineer noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and PA announcements made. Ship's engine spares identified as stolen. Upon arrival at the anchorage, Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.
65.	30.06.2025 2012 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jal Kalash Bulk Carrier Singapore 38214 9990349	01:02.9N – 103:37.9E, Singapore Straits	The duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed four unauthorised persons jumping overboard. Alarm raised, VTIS Singapore notified, PA announcement made, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. The

				locking arrangements on the hatch cover of the steering gear room had been tampered with, but the hatch remained secured from the inside. Upon anchoring, the Singapore coast guard inspected the ship. Nothing reported stolen.
66.	03.07.2025 1935 UTC Steaming Boarded	Stellata Product Tanker Malta 57997 9732230	01:06.56N – 103:44.57E, Singapore Straits	The duty crew on routine rounds, onboard the tanker underway, spotted six unauthorised persons near the stern. Alarm raised, resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything. Incident reported to the Singapore Authorities. All crew are reported safe.
67.	03.07.2025 2038 UTC Steaming Boarded	Medi Palmarola Bulk Carrier Liberia 43015 9802205	01:05.85N – 103:44.10E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway observed four individuals disembarking from the stern. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Inspections revealed that spare parts for the generator had been stolen. The incident was reported to Singapore VTIS and upon anchoring the Singapore coast guard boarded the ship for an investigation.
68.	04.07.2025 1448 UTC Steaming Boarded	Modigliani Bulk Carrier Liberia 44980 9615406	01:04.83N – 103:42.88E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded the ship underway. Engine Cadet on routine rounds was threatened and forced into a locker. Once the robbers moved away the cadet emerged and alerted the duty engineer. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and SSAS activated. Incident reported to VTIS. Once anchored, the ship was boarded by the Singapore coast guard who conducted an investigation. All crew safe and nothing reported stolen.
69.	04.07.2025 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordseraphina Container Cyprus 18508 1025552	03:54.3N – 098:46.3E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They threatened the duty OS & AB and tied them up. Officer on watch did not receive a response from the duty crew and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's properties, ship's stores, and crew personnel effects.
70.	05.07.2025 1630 UTC Steaming Boarded	AL Lulu Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33044 9583627	01:02.80N – 103:39.53E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with a pistol boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. Duty engineer noticed the robbers in the workshop and raised the alarm. PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS. The coast guard boarded the ship at the anchorage for inspection.
71.	06.07.2025 1230 UTC	Kota Nabil Container	01:02.7N – 103:39.3E,	Duty crew on rounds onboard the ship underway noticed four robbers, on

	Steaming Boarded	Singapore 20902 9356830	Singapore Straits	deck, armed with a long knife. Alarm raised and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
72.	06.07.2025 1615 UTC Steaming Boarded	CMA CGM Fort James Container France 73133 9966764	01:03.34N – 103:40.34E. Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a padlock for the aft station locker broken. On investigating, CCTV footage showed six perpetrators armed with guns and knives boarding the ship while underway. Incident was reported to the Singapore Authorities who later boarded the ship for investigation. Nothing reported stolen.
73.	08.07.2025 1820 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 43648 -	01:03.60N – 103:41.32E, Singapore Straits	Six unauthorised persons boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the perpetrators escaped with stolen engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS. All crew members reported safe.
74.	03.08.2025 0330 UTC Steaming Boarded	HK Tug 8 Tug Singapore 299 9557537 LKH 2882 Barge Singapore 4430 -	01:14.19N – 104:02.76E, Singapore Straits	VTIS Central notified the tug's Master of several small boats in the vicinity of the barge under tow. The Master raised the alarm, continuously sounded the vessel's horn, and increased speed. The incident was reported to the vessel's company and VTIS East. The situation lasted around 4.5 hours. Nine boats and 34 individuals were involved in stealing cargo from the barge.
75.	28.08.2025 1431 UTC Steaming Boarded	Georgitsi Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 44282 9590113	01:04.12N – 103:36.81E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed four unauthorised individuals on the poop deck. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, crew mustered, deck lights switched on, and VTIS notified. The individuals fled upon hearing the alarm and observing the crew's vigilance. After anchoring, the Singapore Authorities conducted an inspection on the ship. No theft was reported.
76.	09.09.2025 1848 UTC Anchored Boarded	Verity Product Tanker Malaysia 7284 9505388	06:01.67N – 116:04.01E, Sepangar Bay Anchorage, Malaysia	Duty crew onboard the anchored tanker spotted one unauthorised person onboard the tanker. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. Seeing the crew alertness, the person jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplice in a small boat. Incident reported to port control.
77.	18.09.2025 2000 UTC Berthed Boarded	Ken Ann Bulk Carrier Panama 22745 9846158	06:05.9S – 106:53.0E, Tanjung Priok Port, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the berthed ship spotted three robbers armed with knives emerging from the engine room. One robber attempted to attack the duty crew, who quickly retreated and informed the duty officer. Three

				additional robbers were seen escaping. The incident was reported to the Port Facility Security Officer.
78.	23.09.2025 1430 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vivit Arabia LNG LNG Tanker Liberia 116299 9902756	13:45.76N – 120:59.05E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Deck crew on the anchored tanker noticed two armed robbers onboard and immediately alerted the bridge. The incident was promptly reported to VTS and the Philippines Coast Guard. CCTV footage revealed that the robbers had gained access to the tanker through the anchor hawsepipes. Ship's properties reported stolen.
79.	29.09.2025 1720 UTC Steaming Boarded	Delta Maria Tanker Malta 81594 9700691	01:04.3N – 103:36.6E Singapore Straits	Three robbers in a wooden speed boat armed with crowbars boarded the tanker underway and entered the engine room. They took the duty oiler hostage, tied him up, and began stealing the ship's spares and properties. The oiler managed to free himself and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and the port authority was informed. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. The coast guard patrol boat arrived to assist and conducted an inspection.
80.	15.10.2025 1940 UTC Steaming Boarded	Power Globe Bulk Carrier Cyprus 42711 9479319	01:04.4N – 103:35.8E, Singapore Straits	Duty engineer and duty oiler onboard the underway bulk carrier noticed three robbers armed with knives inside the steering gear room. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to VTIS. Upon arrival at anchorage, the Singapore Police boarded the vessel for inspection.
81.	14.11.2025 2055 UTC Anchored Boarded	Solar Roma Chemical Tanker Liberia 18335 9887372	03:55.9N – 098:45.2E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	OOO onboard an anchored tanker noticed an unauthorised person coming out of the bosun store. Alarm raised and crew mustered, resulting in the person escaping. Crew conducted a search, and it was discovered that the padlock of the bosun store had been broken into, and some of the ship's properties were reported as stolen. Port Authority informed.
82.	15.11.2025 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Fairchem Mako Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 15818 9826574	01:03.79N – 103:36.21E, Singapore Straits	C/E onboard the underway tanker spotted three-armed robbers in the engine room workshop. The general alarm was raised, a PA announcement was made, and VTIS West informed. The robbers threatened the duty engine crew with machetes and metal rods before fleeing. On conducting a search, it was reported that the ship's engine spares had been stolen.

83.	23.11.2025 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	Fyla Bulk Carrier Cyprus 45999 9591155	01:03.99N – 103:41.81E, Singapore Straits	Two armed robbers boarded the bulk carrier while underway and threatened the 2/E who secured himself and alerted the bridge. The Master activated the ship's alarm, contacted VTIS, mustered the crew, and turned on all deck lights. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. The Singapore coast guard boarded the vessel and carried out a search. All crew safe.
84.	13.12.2025 0330 UTC Steaming Boarded	Highline 59 Tug Malaysia 281 9433987 Highline 58 Barge Malaysia 3980 -	01:13.68N – 103:59.21E, Singapore Straits	Unauthorised persons in several small boats approached and boarded the barge under tow. They stole some of the cargo of scrap metals before escaping. Incident reported to VTIS.
85.	14.12.2025 1914 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 107879 -	01:04.4N – 103:41.1E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the underway bulk carrier and escaped with stolen ship's engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS. Upon arrival at the anchorage, under escort, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. All crew members reported safe.
86.	16.12.2025 1710 UTC Steaming Boarded	Eco Diagon Alley Bulk Carrier Liberia 42713 9607801	01:03.5N – 103:37.0E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the underway bulk carrier noticed three unauthorised persons in the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the persons escaped with stolen ship engine spares. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for inspection.
87.	21.12.2025 0910 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jin Hwa 47 Tug Malaysia 236 9026095 Jin Hwa 48 Barge Malaysia 2175 -	01:18.51N – 104:15.07E, Singapore Straits	Five persons in a small boat approached and boarded the laden barge under tow and stole some of the scrap metal cargo before escaping. The incident was reported to Singapore Police Coast Guard.
88.	22.12.2025 2108 UTC Anchored Boarded	Saphira Bulk Carrier Liberia 43672 9909209	05:31.2S – 105:17.3E, Tangkil Island Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds spotted ropes attached with hooks on the poop deck railings and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Four robbers armed with knives were seen escaping with stolen

				engine spares. Incident reported to the port authorities through the local agent.
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1.	12.01.2025 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ceylon Breeze Bulk Carrier Sri Lanka 36432 9734563	21:19.21N – 090:04.29E, Payra Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Eight pirates, in a wooden boat, armed with knives and steel bars boarded the anchored vessel using hooks attached with ropes. They overpowered the duty AB on rounds, tied him up and broke into the forecastle and paint lockers. Another duty crew noticed the pirates and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the pirates escaped with stolen ship's properties and stores. Port control and the navy were informed.
2.	27.01.2025 1620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Success Tanker India 29335 9285718	16:54.55N – 082:25.27E, OPL Kakinada, India	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed two unlit boats near the bow and an unauthorised person on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised, ship's horn sounded, crew mustered and moved towards the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew the person escaped with stolen stores.
3.	21.03.2025 1830 UTC Anchored Boarded	Xin Long Yun 58 Container Panama 14181 9896971	22:45.77N – 070:02.47E, Kandla Anchorage, India	A group of six to seven unauthorised individuals boarded the anchored vessel. Alert crew raised the alarm and proceeded towards the forecastle resulting in the persons escaping with stolen properties. The incident was reported to port control.
4.	27.05.2025 1957 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mount Aso General Cargo Hong Kong 23882 9763631	22:15.3N – 091:43.0E, Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh	The duty crew on routine rounds, onboard the anchored vessel, spotted four robbers armed with knives trying to open the skylight cover to the steering gear room. The robbers threatened the duty crew, who immediately retreated and notified the 2/O. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen properties. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
5.	01.06.2025 1700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 24655 -	22:13.31N – 091:44.41E, Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh	Ten robbers, armed with knives, boarded the anchored bulk carrier, and entered the vessel's forward storeroom. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. All crew reported

				safe. The incident was reported to port control.
6.	20.06.2025 2015 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordtiger Container Cyprus 18826 9626247	22:09.10N – 091:44.90E, Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored vessel and escaped with stolen ship's properties. The incident was reported to the ship's agent and subsequently, the Coast Guard investigated.
7.	09.07.2025 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kalolimnos LPG Tanker Liberia 13794 9796705	22:08.2N – 091:43.8E, Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh	Seven unauthorised individuals boarded the anchored tanker. Alarm raised resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything. All crew reported safe.

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1.	14.03.2025 0317 UTC Steaming Boarded	MSC Romane Container Portugal 97805 9745653	11:48.9N – 074:25.7W, Around 36nm NNW of Santa Marta, Colombia	Duty crew onboard the underway vessel noticed two small boats secured to the aft and eight unauthorised persons on board stealing ropes. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, notified the authorities, and non-essential crew gathered in the citadel. The coast guard communicated with the ship via VHF channel 16 and directed the Master to head to Santa Marta for inspection. All crew members safe.
2.	02.04.2025 0300 UTC Steaming Boarded	Century Royal Bulk Carrier Panama 9993 9614385	18:34.68N – 072:27.16W, Around 6nm West of Port Au Prince, Haiti	Armed individuals boarded the drifting ship. They assaulted a crew member with a gun. The other crew retreated into their cabins and the engine room. The assailants then abducted two crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Haitian coast guard.
3.	20.07.2025 0740 UTC Anchored Boarded	Happy Avocet LPG Tanker Denmark 13549 9694373	10:18.18N – 075:33.12W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers armed with knives and immediately notified the bridge. Alarm raised resulting in the perpetrators escaping. A search was conducted. Nothing reported stolen.
4.	24.12.2025 0608 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nootka Island Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 34447 9705299	11:59.67S – 077:13.34W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew on routine rounds, onboard the anchored vessel, reported the theft of ship's forward mooring ropes. Security checks for unauthorised persons carried out. Incident reported to Callao Authorities via the agent.

AFRICA (SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

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1.	07.02.2025 Night Hours Steaming Hijacked	Al Najma No.481 Dhow Yemen - -	07:54N – 049:56E, Around 6nm SE of Eyl, Somalia	Six persons boarded and hijacked the dhow and took its crew including a Somali guard, hostage. The guard was later released. Reports indicate the perpetrators left the dhow on or before 13 February 2025, after stealing crew personal effects. All crew safe.
2.	17.02.2025 0001 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Saytuun 2 Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	Off Garmaal, North of Eyl, Somalia	Six armed perpetrators hijacked the fishing vessel and took the Captain and four crew members as hostage. The remaining crew were released. Reports suggest the vessel may be used for maritime criminal activities. On 23 February 2025, a Spanish naval warship identified the fishing vessel and boarded it. The crew indicated that the perpetrators had left the vessel. All crew safe.
3.	16.03.2025 1000 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Al-Hidaya 1 Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	Off Durdura, Somalia	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel underway and took eight crew hostage. On 20 March 2025, the hijackers abandoned the fishing vessel. A team from EUNAVFOR Atlanta conducted a friendly approach on 21 March 2025 to investigate. The eight crew members are reported safe.
4.	06.11.2025 0712 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hellas Aphrodite Product Tanker Malta 29410 9722766	02:05N – 057:10E, Around 560nm SE of Eyl, Somalia	Pirates in a small boat approached, fired upon and boarded the tanker underway. A suspected mother vessel was spotted in the vicinity. The Master raised the alarm, contacted the authorities, and all crew retreated into the citadel. Coalition forces responded and boarded the tanker. All crew reported to be safe.

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1.	02.01.2025 2142 UTC Berthed Boarded	Nord Maverick Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29723 9877559	06:26.1N – 003:18.9E, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker spotted four unauthorised persons onboard the tanker. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to Port Authorities.
2.	13.01.2025 1910 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ametrine Valor Offshore Supply Ship Vanuatu 1733 9562374	05:16.22N – 004:02.06W, Abidjan Inner Anchorage, Ivory Coast	A robber armed with a knife boarded an anchored vessel and escaped with a stolen mobile phone. Crew are reported safe.

3.	01.02.2025 2135 UTC Steaming Boarded	JSP Vento General Cargo Portugal 7138 9570656	02:02.00N – 009:07.00E, Around 40nm WNW of Bata, Equatorial Guinea	Three armed pirates boarded the ship underway. Alert crew raised the alarm, sent a distress alert via VHF radio and all crew retreated into the citadel. Once the pirates left the ship the crew emerged from the citadel and sailed to a safe port. The crew noticed on radar a target which appeared to be following the ship. After a while the target disappeared. All crew reported safe. Authorities are investigating the incident.
4.	23.02.2025 0515 UTC Berthed Boarded	Imke General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 11473 9501899	JB Jetty, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard the berthed ship noticed storerooms broken into and ship's stores and properties stolen.
5.	24.02.2025 2338 UTC Anchored Boarded	Eurotrader Product Tanker Malta 29723 9895927	04:53N – 001:42W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two unauthorised persons. Alarm raised and port control notified resulting in the persons escaping without stealing anything.
6.	17.03.2025 1845 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Name Withheld Bitumen Tanker Panama 13220 -	01:17.8N – 008:01.1E, Around 37nm SE of Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe	Ten armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They kidnapped 10 crew members including the Captain and Chief Engineer. The remaining crew members sailed the tanker to a safe port. The incident was reported to the authorities.
7.	27.03.2025 1932 UTC Steaming Boarded	Meng Xin 1 Fishing Vessel Ghana 232 8674039	05:24.66N – 000:1.98W Around 12nm SE of Accra, Ghana	Five armed pirates boarded the fishing vessel. They fired three warning shots and ordered the crew to lie on the deck. They then stole crew mobile phones and properties and locked them in a cabin. Before escaping, the pirates damaged communication equipment and kidnapped three crew. On emerging from the cabin, the crew sailed to Tema.
8.	14.04.2025 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Singapore 30302 -	06:21.40N – 010:52.64W, Monrovia Anchorage, Liberia	Crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted an unauthorised person on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a thorough search of the tanker was conducted, but nothing was reported as stolen. The incident was reported to MRCC Monrovia.
9.	14.04.2025 2210 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29283 -	19:56.65S – 035:03.47E, Beira Anchorage, Mozambique	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB noticed one robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping in their boat. A search was carried out and ship's properties identified as stolen. Incident reported to local police who later recovered the stolen items.

10.	21.04.2025 1920 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sea Panther Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9322138	03:03.0N – 004:48.3E, Around 114nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and all crew retreated into the citadel. The pirates escaped after a few hours with stolen crew's and ship's properties. All crew are reported safe.
11.	23.05.2025 0255 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bom Jesus Bunkering Tanker Panama 3998 9299202	08:44.4S – 013:18.2E, Luanda Outer Anchorage, Angola	During routine rounds, the chief officer on an anchored tanker discovered that the forecastle storeroom had been broken into. Alarm raised, the crew mustered, and a search was conducted. Ship's properties reported stolen.
12.	30.05.2025 1625 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Curacao 7139 -	02:30N – 006:31E, Around 71nm NW of Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe	Seven armed pirates boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, distress message activated, and all but two crew retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Naval team responded, boarded the ship, and assisted the crew. On inspecting the ship blood stains were identified near a ladder used by the pirates. It is suspected a crew was kidnapped. The ship sailed to a safe port.
13.	12.06.2025 2330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Transko Yudhistira Product Tanker Panama 5339 9843027	08:41.68S – 013:16.87E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed two robbers armed with a knife near the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to port control via VHF channel 16. All crew are reported safe.
14.	28.08.2025 1925 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Malta 4791 -	05:10.21N – 001:22.92E, Around 46nm SE of Anloga, Ghana	The duty crew onboard the drifting tanker noticed a skiff approaching and alerted the Master. The crew mustered in the citadel as a precaution. The skiff came alongside the tanker, prompting the Master to contact the Owners and the Togo Navy for assistance. A Togo Navy patrol boat arrived, boarded the tanker, and ensured the safety of all crewmembers. The tanker, with no material damage, proceeded to Lome port anchorage for further investigation by the Togo Authorities.
15.	29.09.2025 0600 UTC Anchored Boarded	Otto 1 Accommodation Barge Malta 10413 -	04:47.55S – 011:48.33E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Unnoticed robbers in a small fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored barge using ropes. They stole an outboard engine, barge's properties, and stores before escaping. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during their routine rounds. Port control informed.
16.	09.10.2025 0246 UTC	Sea Challenger Product Tanker	05:51.98S – 013:24.86E,	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two armed robbers on board the

	Anchored Boarded	Marshall Islands 8539 9322114	Ikungulu Anchorage, Democratic Republic of the Congo	tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Port Control via VHF Ch.16.
17.	16.10.2025 2204 UTC Anchored Boarded	Segway Tanker Liberia 84677 1050959	08:43.0S – 013:16.4E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two unauthorised persons boarded an anchored tanker via the forecastle. Alert crew noticed the persons and raised the alarm resulting in them escaping with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to Port Control.
18.	07.11.2025 2130 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld General Cargo Netherlands 5568 -	02:02.84N – 008:31.80E, Around 66nm ENE of Santo Antonio, Sao Tome and Principe	Four pirates in a boat came alongside and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, authorities notified and SSAS activated. All crew retreated to the citadel. On boarding the ship, the pirates opened fire and made their way to the bridge and citadel. After unsuccessful attempts to gain access to the citadel, the pirates disembarked. A Cameroonian Security Vessel later arrived to assist the ship resulting in the crew emerging from the citadel and sailing to a safe port. The ship sustained some damage. All crew reported safe.
19.	25.11.2025 2330 UTC Berthed Boarded	Merkur Horizon Container Liberia 41331 9456989	19:49.02S – 034:50.06E, Beira Port, Mozambique	Unauthorised persons boarded the berthed vessel during cargo operations and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port Control was promptly notified.
20.	03.12.2025 0411 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld LPG Tanker Portugal 2708 -	01:43.00N – 008:54.12E, Around 52nm West of Bata, Equatorial Guinea	Pirates boarded an LPG tanker while underway. They seized the crew and kidnapped nine crew before fleeing. One crew member was injured during the incident and received treatment on board. The remaining crew successfully navigated the tanker to a secure port. The incident has been reported to the relevant authorities.
21.	14.12.2025 2340 UTC Anchored Boarded	PMS Enzian Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34619 9711420	08:42.8S – 013:18.5E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship through the anchor hawse pipe. The duty crew immediately reported the incident to the duty officer, who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Hearing the alerted crew the robbers retreated without stealing anything.

ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS**1 January – 31 December 2025****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	21.03.2025 2115 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15818 -	05:33.35S – 105:18.82E, Tarahan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four unauthorised persons in a skiff approached an anchored tanker. Duty crew noticed one person boarding the vessel and raised the alarm resulting in the person abandoning the boarding attempt. The incident was reported to VTS.
2.	25.03.2025 1710 UTC Steaming Attempted	Su May Bulk Carrier Liberia 109529 9847097	01:08.70N – 103:46.30E, Singapore Straits	VTS Central contacted the ship underway to alert them of a small craft approaching from astern. Duty crew identified the craft with four persons onboard and noticed one unauthorised person attempting to board the ship. Alarm raised and searchlights directed towards the craft, resulted in the attempted boarding being aborted. Incident reported to Singapore VTS and Singapore Coast Guard, who boarded the ship for investigation.
3.	29.03.2025 1745 UTC Steaming Attempted	Junior Bulk Carrier Liberia 51208 9548213	01:09.60N – 103:47.20E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed a skiff alongside the ship. One unauthorised person was observed attempting to board the ship. Alarm raised and crew alerted, resulting in the person aborting the attempted boarding. Singapore VTS was notified. Singapore Coast Guard later boarded the ship for investigation.
4.	18.04.2025 1730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Perlas General Cargo Philippines 13034 9900291	01:03.8N – 103:41.7E, Singapore Straits	Four persons in a small boat approached the ship underway. Alert crew noticed the approaching boat and directed the Aldis lamp towards the boat, resulting in the persons abandoning the potential boarding attempt.
5.	30.06.2025 2040 UTC Steaming Attempted	Cape Race Bulk Carrier Cyprus 44336 9601728	01:02.88N – 103:38.77E. Singapore Straits	Duty AB onboard the ship underway, noticed a skiff approaching from the aft. Alarm raised and all deck lights switched on, resulting in the skiff moving away. Incident was reported to the Singapore VTIS and authorities.
6.	06.07.2025 1410 UTC Steaming Attempted	Al Salmi Tanker Kuwait 162625 9534793	01:03.3N – 103:38.2E. Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway, observed three perpetrators in a craft approaching from the stern. Alarm raised and searchlight directed towards the boat resulting in the boat aborting the attempted approach.

				Incident reported to VTIS. A patrol vessel responded and followed the tanker for a while.
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1.	17.09.2025 2030 UTC Anchored Attempted	Adriatic Gas LPG Tanker Denmark 20151 9662021	22:08.66N – 091:47.53E, Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four individuals attempted to board an anchored tanker. Upon seeing the deck watch crew, they aborted the boarding attempt and escaped.

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1.	08.03.2025 0530 UTC Steaming Attempted	Callao Express Container Germany 118945 9777606	02:53S – 080:30W, Around 14nm West of Isla Puna Island, Ecuador	Duty crew onboard the ship underway spotted two unlit skiffs approaching rapidly. The Master alerted the authorities, increased ship's speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres resulting in the skiffs abandoning their attempt to board.

AFRICA (SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

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1.	03.11.2025 0140 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Stolt Sagaland Chemical Tanker Cayman Islands 25884 9352200	00:03.14N – 050:31.21E, Around 330nm ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Four pirates armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. The onboard, armed security guard fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the approach and retreating towards their mother vessel. Crew and tanker reported safe.

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

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1.	08.04.2025 0145 UTC Anchored Attempted	GH Maestro Container Marshall Islands 38364 9449118	05:13.54N – 004:03.17W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	A small boat approached an anchored ship. Crew members noticed a person attempting to gain access via the anchor cable. Alarm raised, resulting in the

				unauthorised person aborting boarding attempt.
2.	10.05.2025 1320 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Atlantida Fishing Vessel Russia 2062 8607000	11:16.6S – 040:44.6E, Around 22nm East of Mocimba da Praia, Mozambique	A fishing vessel underway was approached and fired upon by pirates in two skiffs. The fishing vessel increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres resulting in the skiffs abandoning the approach and moving away. All crew reported safe. The vessel sustained bullet hole damage.
3.	16.10.2025 0150 UTC Steaming Attempted	Seaspan Lahore Container Singapore 39941 9301811	06:24.07N – 003:24.00E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard the container vessel noticed unauthorised person attempting to board and immediately notified the bridge. Seeing the crew alertness, the person aborted the boarding attempt. Incident reported to port control.



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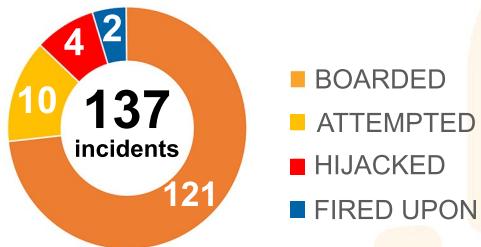
📍 = Attempted Attack 🟠 = Boarded ⚡ = Fired upon 🚤 = Hijacked ⚡ = Suspicious vessel



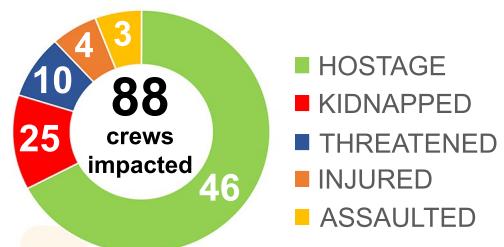
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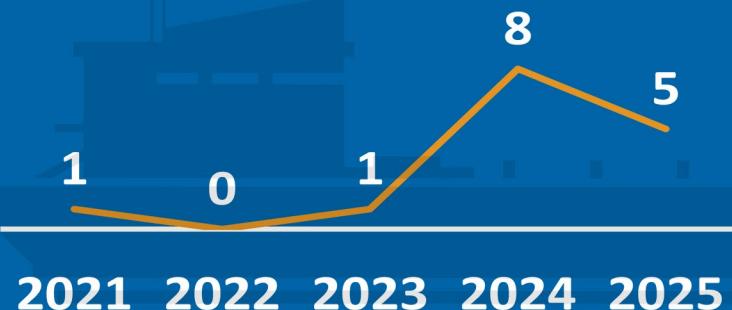
Number of incidents reported:



Impact on crew:



Waters off Somalia



91%
OF VESSELS ATTACKED
WERE BOARDED

IMB encourages all vessels to adhere to the latest **BMP guidelines** and calls for continued presence of naval forces to safeguard seafarers and trade.

Singapore Straits



A disproportionate **increase** in reports of guns and 14 crew were taken hostage.

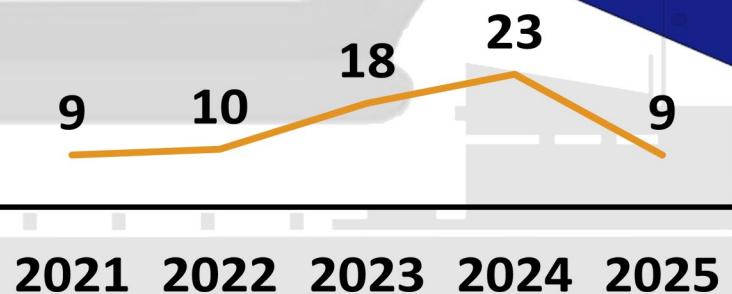
Gulf of Guinea



23 crew kidnapped in four separate incidents.

The IMB calls for enhanced **information sharing** amongst the Regional Co-operations and Coastal Authorities to promote effective, timely and robust response to reported incidents.

Indonesia



Positive **reduction** in reported incidents.