



**ICC INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BUREAU**

**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 31 March 2015**

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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, all interests and organization to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 31 March 2015.

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

### The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargoes on a chargeable basis.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted at:

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**Piracy report on the Internet:** The IMB posts updates of attacks on the Internet at [www.icc-ccs.org](http://www.icc-ccs.org). By posting the information on the internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions on the risks associated with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 31 March 2015, received reports of 54 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Because of the recent debate concerning Malacca Straits, narrations of incidents in this area are shown as separate categories. Similarly because of the increasing serious incidents off Somalia, incidents in this area are also shown as separate categories.

Attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the east coast of Somalia have been grouped together in the narrations for easy reading.

## **DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY**

Piracy is defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26).

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).*

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

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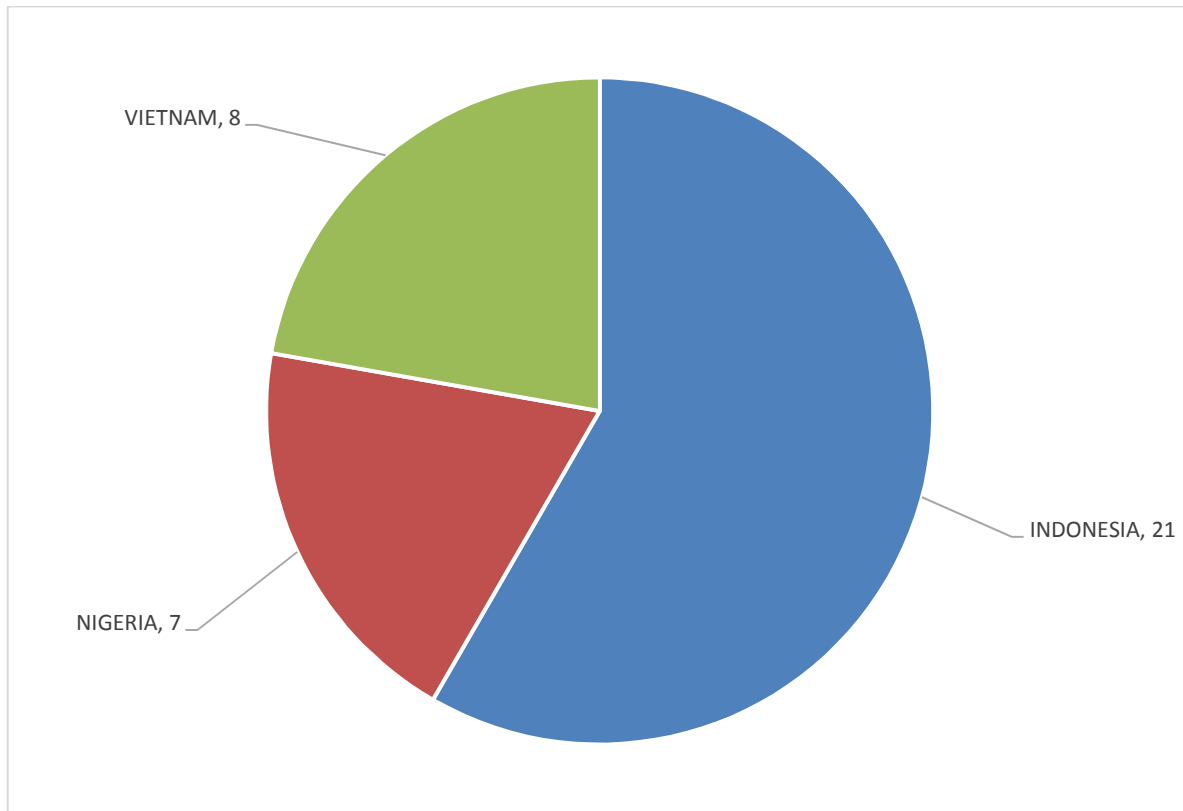
- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks January - March 2010 – 2015

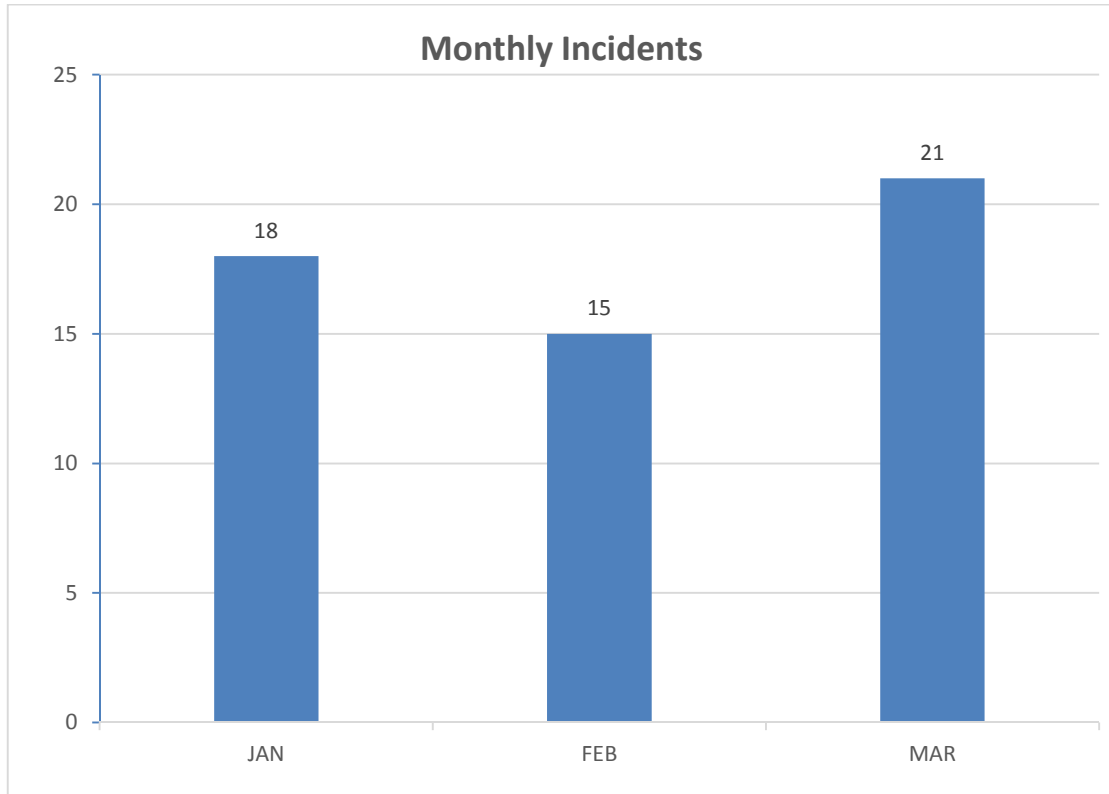
Locations	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia	8	5	18	25	18	21
Malacca Straits						1
Malaysia	4	9	2			3
Philippines	1	1	2	1		2
Singapore Straits		4	2	2	5	2
Thailand						1
<b>FAR EAST</b> South China Sea	2	4		1		
Vietnam	2	2	3	1		8
<b>INDIAN</b> Bangladesh	1	4	3	4	4	1
<b>SUB CONTINENT</b> India	3	3	3	4	2	2
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil		1	1			
Colombia			1	2		1
Costa Rica		2				
Ecuador	1					
Guyana	1			1		
Haiti	1		1			
Peru	2	1	2	2		
<b>AFRICA</b> Angola					1	
Benin		1	1			
Cameroon					1	
Dem. Rep. of Congo Republic			1			
Egypt				1		
Gabon					1	
Ghana			2			2
Guinea	1	1				
Gulf of Aden*	12	10	8	2	2	
Ivory Coast	1	1	3	3		1
Liberia	1				1	
Mauritania				1		
Mozambique			1			
Nigeria	2	5	10	11	6	7
Red Sea*	3	2	7		1	
Somalia	18	85	28	3	2	
Tanzania			1	1	1	
The Congo	1		2	1	3	1
<b>REST OF</b> Arabian Sea*	2					
<b>WORLD</b> Mediterranean Sea		1				
Oman					1	
Papua New Guinea						1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	

All incidents with \* above are attributed to Somali pirates

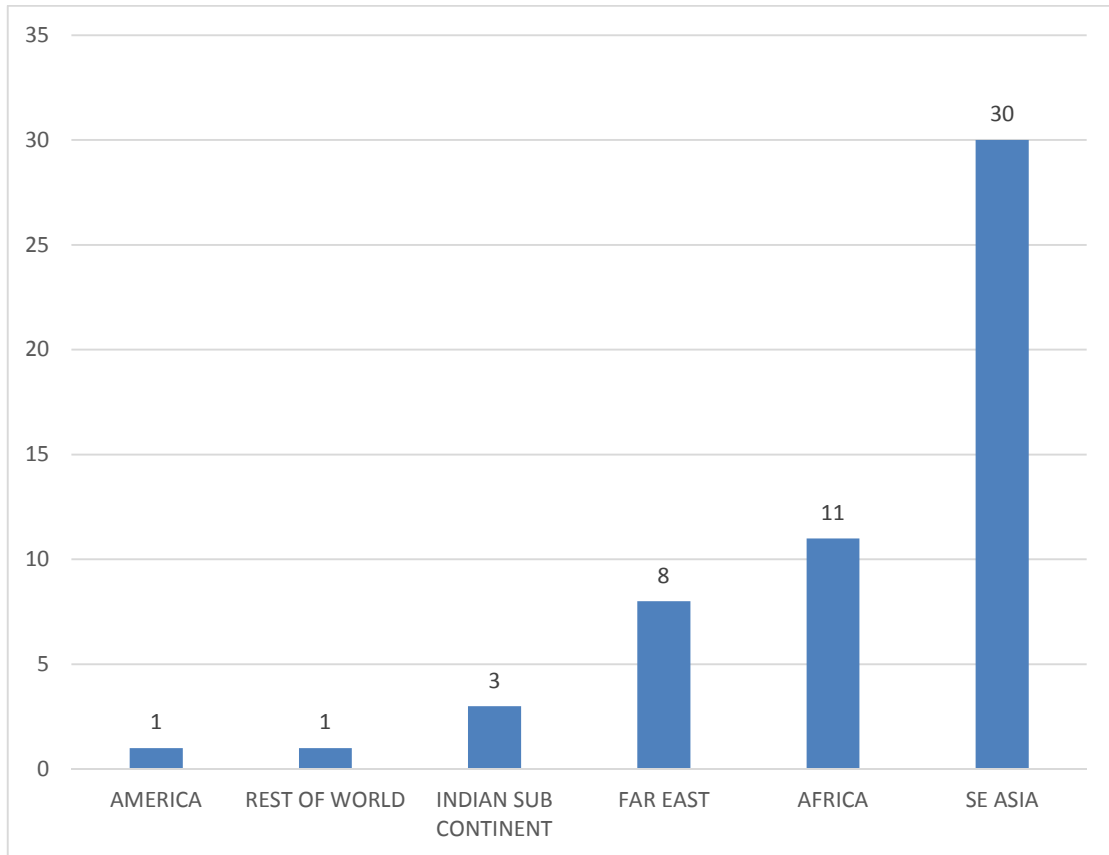
**CHART A: The following three locations were responsible for two thirds of the total 54 reported incidents for the period.**



**Chart B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January - March 2015**



**Chart C: Total incidents as per region of the world January – March 2015**



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January - March 2015**

Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS				ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Detained	Missing	Fired Upon	Attempted Boarding
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia	19	2				
Malacca Straits		1				
Malaysia		3				
Philippines						2
Singapore Straits	2					
Thailand	1					
<b>FAR EAST</b> Vietnam	8					
<b>INDIAN</b> Bangladesh	1					
<b>SUB CONT</b> India	2					
<b>AMERICAS</b> Colombia	1					
<b>AFRICA</b> Ghana	1	1				
Ivory Coast	1					
Nigeria	4	1				2
The Congo	1					
<b>REST OF WORLD</b> Papua New Guinea	1					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>					

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – March 2015**

Country	Location	01.01.2015 to 31.03.2015
Indonesia	Belawan	3
Nigeria	Apapa / Lagos	3
Vietnam	Vung Tau	3

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – March 2015**

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia	2	7	12	
Malacca Straits			1	
Malaysia		1	2	
Singapore Straits			2	
Thailand	1			
<b>FAR EAST</b> Vietnam	1	7		
<b>INDIAN</b> Bangladesh		1		
<b>SUB CONT</b> India		2		
<b>AMERICAS</b> Colombia		1		
<b>AFRICA</b> Ghana			2	



Ivory Coast	1			
Nigeria	2	2	1	
The Congo		1		
<b>REST OF WORLD</b> Papua New Guinea			1	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>50</b>			

**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – March 2015**

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
<b>S E ASIA</b> Philippines			2	
<b>AFRICA</b> Nigeria	1	1		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>4</b>			

**TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - March 2010 – 2015**

Types of Arms	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Guns	33	88	48	20	14	13
Knives	11	16	21	19	17	21
Not stated	22	35	31	26	16	17
Other weapons	1	3	2	1	2	3
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>

**TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - March 2010 – 2015**

Type of Attack	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Attempted	12	34	32	4	5	4
Boarded	26	45	45	51	37	42
Fired upon	18	45	14	7	5	-
Hijack	11	18	11	4	2	8
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>245</b>	

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January - March 2010 – 2015**

Types of Violence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hostage	194	344	212	75	46	140
Kidnap	-	6	3	14	2	5
Threatened	1	4	4	3	3	1
Assaulted	1	2	1	-	-	13
Injured	12	34	9	3	1	3
Killed	-	7	4	1	-	1
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>163</b>

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – March 2015**

Location		Hostage	Threat	Assaulted	Injured	Killed	Kidnap
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	28			2		
	Malacca Straits	15					
	Malaysia	43					
<b>FAR EAST</b>	Vietnam		1				
<b>INDIAN SUB CONTINENT</b>	Bangladesh				1		
<b>AFRICA</b>	Ghana	45				1	
	Nigeria	9					5
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea			13			
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>163</b>					

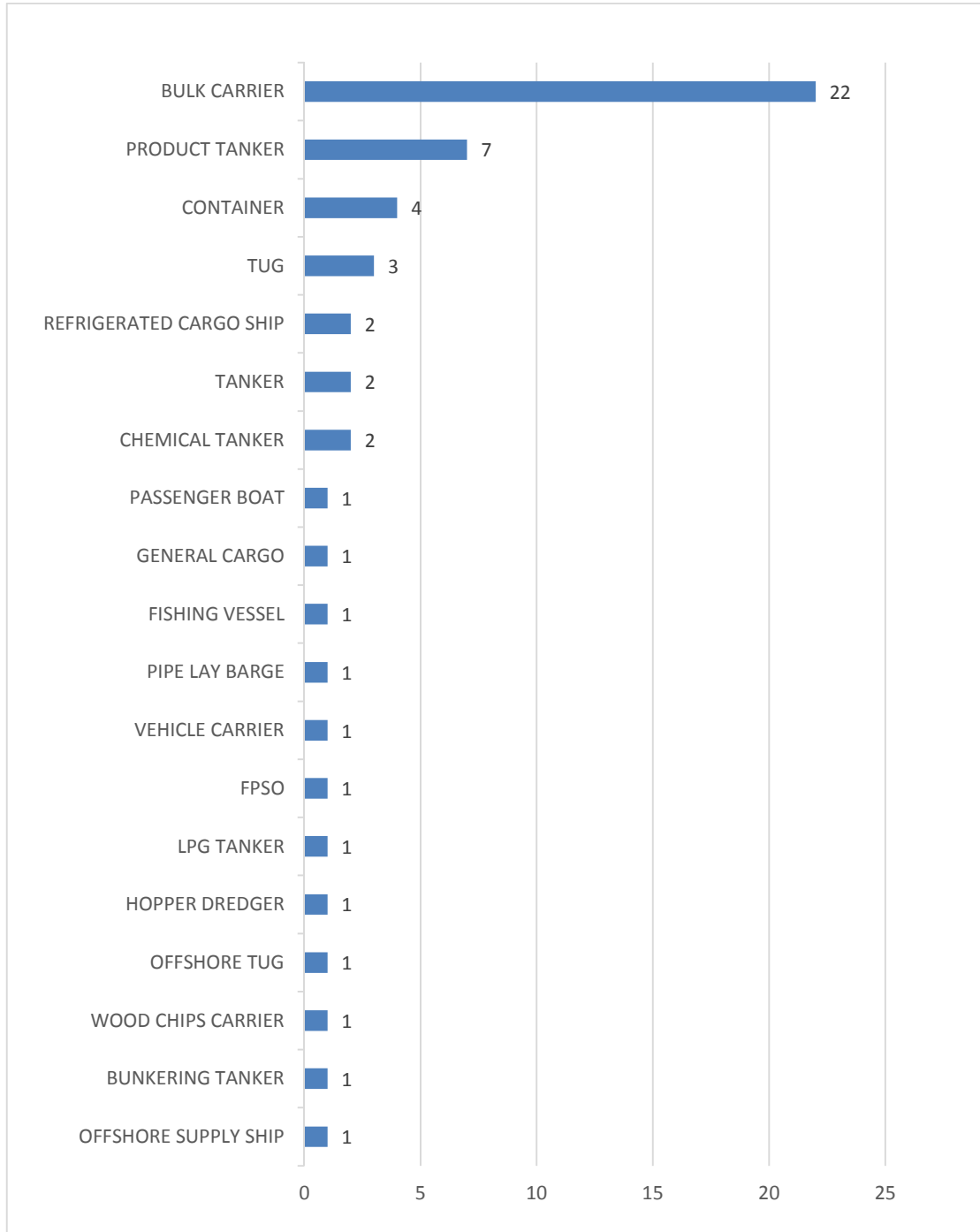
**TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January - March 2015**

LOCATIONS		Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	3	10		8
	Malacca Straits	1			
	Malaysia	3			
	Philippines				2
	Singapore Straits		1		1
	Thailand		1		
<b>FAR EAST</b>	Vietnam		5	1	2
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh		1		
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India		1	1	
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Colombia				1
<b>AFRICA</b>	Ghana	2			
	Ivory Coast		1		
	Nigeria	3	1	1	2
	The Congo				1
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea	1			
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total for three months</b>		<b>54</b>			

**TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – March 2010 – 2015**

Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Bulk carrier	11	32	21	16	9	22
Container	7	17	17	7	5	4
Crane ship	1					
Dhow		1	4			
General cargo	7	10	6	7	7	1
Guard vessel			1			
Hopper dredger						1
Heavy load carrier		1				
FPSO						1
Landing craft	1					
Livestock carrier		2				
Naval auxiliary ship			1			
Passenger boat						1
Pipe layer vessel			1			1
Refrigerated	1		2	1		2
Research ship			1			
RORO	1	1	2		2	
Seismographic	1					
Supply ship		1	3	4	2	1
Tanker Bunkering						1
Tanker Chem / Product	19	24	24	17	13	9
Tanker Crude Oil	5	30	11	8	7	2
Tanker LPG	2	1	4	3	2	1
Trawler / Fishing	7	2	2	1		1
Tug	2	12	2	2	2	4
Vehicle carrier	2	4				1
Wood Chips carrier		1				1
Yacht		3				
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>
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**Chart D: Type of vessels attacked January – March 2015**

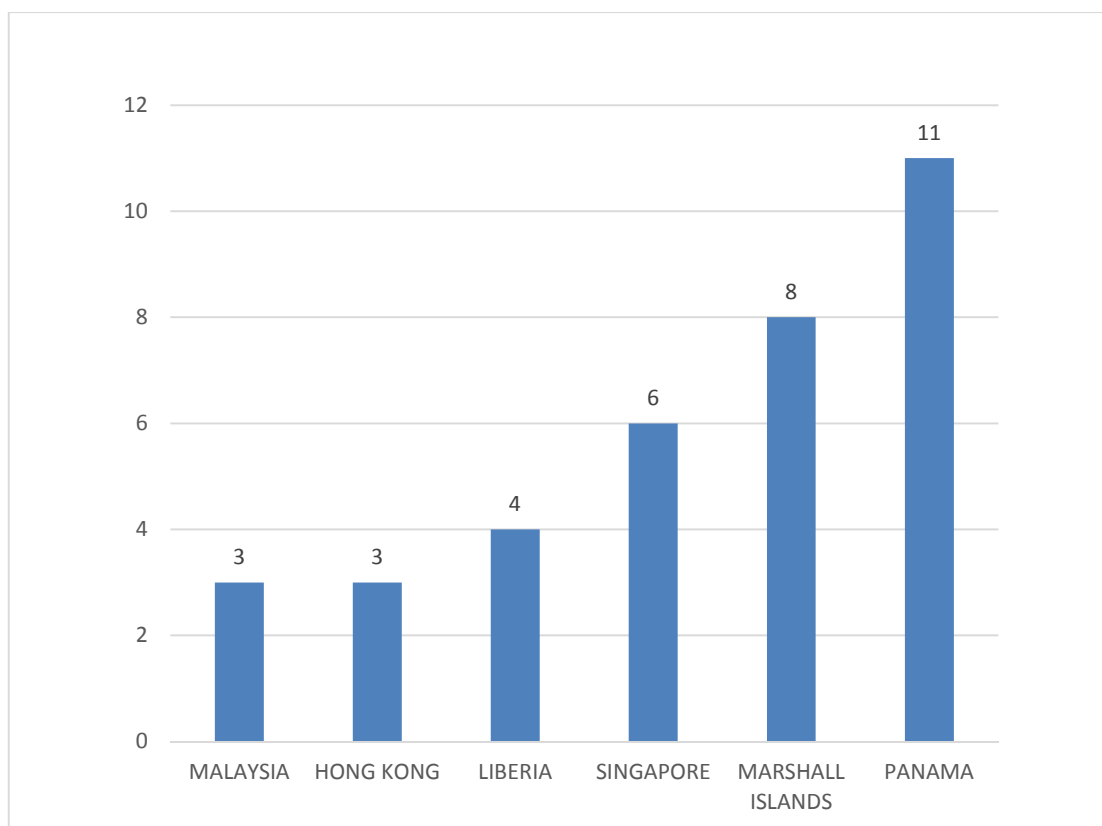


**TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - March 2010 – 2015**

Flag State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Algeria		1				
Antigua and Barbuda	2	4	2	2	2	1
Bahamas	2	4	5	2	1	1
Belgium		2				1
Bermuda	1					
Belize						1
Bolivia			1			
Cayman Island			1			
China		1		2		
Comoros		2				
Cook Islands						1
Croatia				1		
Curacao			1			1
Cyprus		3	1			
Denmark		4	3	2	1	
Dominica		1				
Ethiopia		1	1			
France		2				
Germany		1	2			
Ghana						1
Gibraltar			1	1	1	
Greece		4	2			2
Hong Kong (SAR)		6	5	4	2	3
India	3	3	4			
Indonesia		2				1
Iran				1		
Isle of Man	1	1	1		1	1
Italy	1	1	2		2	
Jamaica	1					
Japan		1				
Korea North	2					
Korea South	1					
Liberia	10	12	19	15	7	4
Libya		2				
Luxemburg		1		2		1
Malaysia	1	4	1	2	1	3
Malta	4	7	3	3	1	2
Marshall Islands	5	15	5	7	8	8
Mongolia		2				
Netherlands			1		2	
Nigeria					1	1
Norway	1	4	1	1	2	
Oman			2			
Panama	9	21	17	9	6	11
Papua New Guinea						1

Philippines		2	1			
Saudi Arabia	1				1	
Seychelles	1					
Sierra Leone	1				1	
Singapore	10	8	14	6	6	6
Spain	1	1	1			
St Vincent Grenadines		1		3		
St. Kitts & Nevis		1	1			
Taiwan	4					
Thailand		1	1			2
Togo		1				
Turkey	1	3	1	1		
UAE		4				
United Kingdom	3	2		1		
USA		2		1	1	
Vanuatu						1
Vietnam	1	1			1	
Yemen		3	2			
Not Stated					1	
<b>Total for three months</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>
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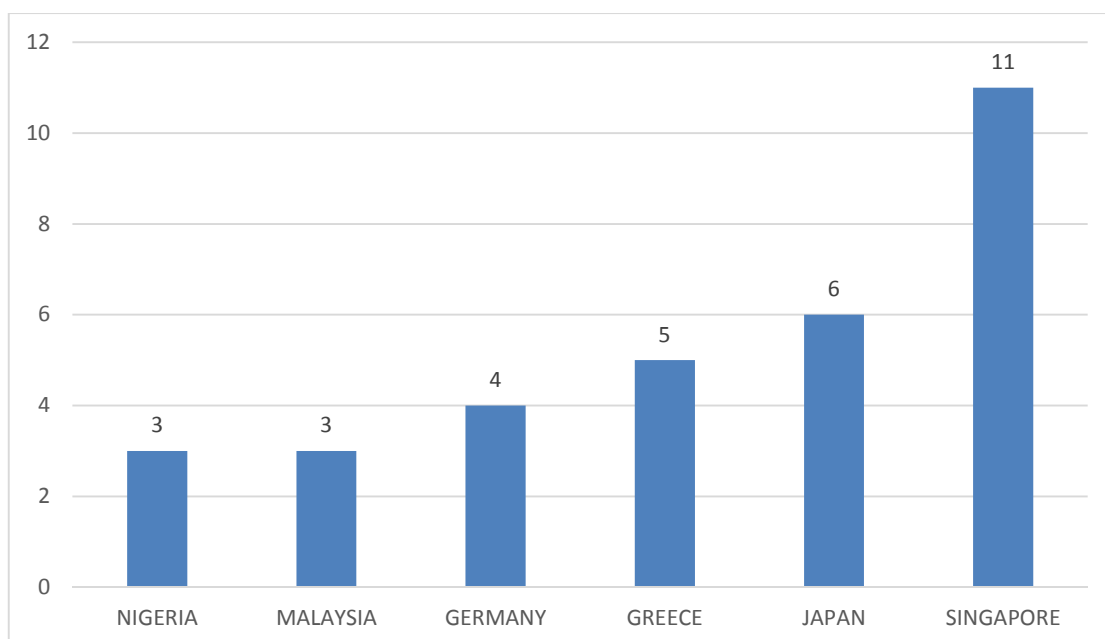
**Chart E: Flag States whose ships have been attacked three or more times from January – March 2015**



**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed,  
January – March 2015**

Country	No of Ships
Belgium	2
China	2
Cyprus	1
Egypt	1
France	1
Germany	4
Greece	5
Hong Kong	1
India	1
Indonesia	1
Japan	6
Malaysia	3
Monaco	1
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	3
Norway	2
Papua New Guinea	1
Poland	2
Singapore	11
Taiwan	2
Thailand	2
United Kingdom	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

**Chart F: Managing countries whose ships have been attacked three or more times from January – March 2015**



***OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE***

**From 1 January to 31 March 2015, the IMB PRC has receive no new incidents.**

**The combined efforts of the Navies in the region, along with the increased hardening of vessels and BMP4 compliance, employment of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP), and the stabilizing factor of the central government within Somalia have resulted in this positive sign.**

**As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region it cautions ship owners and Masters against complacency. Somali pirates still have the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. The IMB PRC believes that a single successful hijacking of a merchant vessel, will rekindle the Somali pirates' passion to resume its piracy efforts.**

**As of 31 March 2015, suspected Somali pirates continue to hold 29 crew members for ransom. Four Thai crew members of the FV Prantalay 12 were released on 24 February 2015 and arrived safely in Thailand on 28 February 2015.**



## ***PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS***

*Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:*

### **SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT**

**Bangladesh:** Robbers targeting ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Attacks in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, off Bintan Island, Muara Berau, off Karimun Island, Nipah and Belawan anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew.

Recent meetings between the Indonesian Marine Police and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which had so far brought incidents to come down.

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.

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 Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
5. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
6. Taboneo: 04:41.30S-114:28.00E
7. Adang bay: 01:40.00S-116:40.00E
8. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
9. Muara Jawa: 01:09.00S-117:13.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E
11. Bintan Island: 01:21.00N-104:29.00E

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

**Malacca Straits:** Although the number of attacks have dropped substantially due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce.

**Malaysia:** Tanjung Piai: Increase in the number of attacks recently.

**Singapore Straits:** Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watch and measures. Pirates / robbers attack ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night.

**South China Sea:** Although attacks have dropped significantly in the vicinity off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant. A number of hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of

Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore in the South China Sea. This trend started in April 2014 and is continuing with much concern.

**Vietnam:** Vung Tau: Increase in attacks especially at anchorages recently.

## **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

**Nigeria** (Lagos): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked, hijacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Attacks reported up to about 170nm from coast. In many incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crewmembers were also injured and kidnapped in past attacks. Generally, all waters in Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported. Attacks also reported at Apapa recently.

**Benin** (Cotonou): Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Past attacks showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and are violent and in some incidents have fired upon and hijacked ships. The pirates force Masters to sail to unknown location where ship's properties and sometimes part cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past. Recent patrols by Benin and Nigerian Authorities has resulted in a drop in the number of attacks. However, vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

**Togo** (Lome): Attacks have dropped but the area remains a concern and risky. Pirates / robbers in the area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some attacks resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

**Ivory Coast** (Abidjan): Attacks dropped but remains risky.

**The Congo:** Pointe Noire

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** Attacks related to Somali pirates have reduced. However, the risk of being approached or attacked still exists. Vessels are advised and encouraged to remain vigilant and comply with all BMP4 procedures. The threat of these attacks still exist in the waters off southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique as well as in the Indian ocean and off the west and south coasts of India and west Maldives. Incidents have also been reported close to the east African coastlines.

Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons and RPG and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows, to conduct attacks far from the Somali coast. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to follow the latest BMP procedures and ensure that the vessel is hardened prior to entering the High Risk Area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Early sightings / detection enable an accurate assessment, keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, allowing the Masters and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary take evasive actions, increase speed 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.

**Egypt:** Past attacks reported at Suez and Alexandria anchorages. No recent attacks but vessels advised to remain vigilant.

## **SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS**

**Ecuador:** Guayaquil. Attacks stopped but ships advised to be vigilant.

### **Reporting of incidents**

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: [imbkl@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbkl@icc-ccs.org)**

**The Centre's 24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014**

### ***IMB Maritime Security Hotline***

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also launched 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 maritime crime and security including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities.

All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

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

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: [imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 54 attacks for 01 January to 31 March 2015 are listed on pages 26 to 36. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Ghana:**

On 14 January 2015, a Panamanian Bulk Carrier MV Ocean Splendor was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:24 North and Longitude 001:21 East, around 157nm SSE of Accra, Ghana at approximately 2130 UTC. Around eight heavily armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the drifting ship. They opened fire with their AK 47 to intimidate the crew members. They threatened to kill the crew members and burn the ship. The pirates destroyed the ship's communication equipment, manhandled some of the crew members and stole crew and ship's cash and properties. Before leaving the ship on 15 January 2015 at 0215 UTC, the crew members were warned not to sail until sunrise. The ship windows and other parts were damaged due to gunshots.

On 30 January 2015, a Ghanaian flagged Fishing Vessel FV Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:26 North and Longitude 001:43 West, around 27nm south of Takoradi, Ghana at approximately 0500 LT. Armed pirates attacked and successfully boarded the fishing vessel. They hijacked the vessel while the Togo Navy responded and engaged the pirates. Twenty crew members jumped overboard in an attempt to escape and were rescued by the patrol boat. The remaining seven crew members were taken hostage as the pirates headed out to sea with the fishing vessel. The pirates later left the fishing vessel and the crew sailed the vessel towards a safe port. One crew reported killed in the incident and three crew members were missing.

### **Indonesia:**

On 28 January 2015, an Indonesian Tanker MT Rehobot was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the vicinity of Lembah Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia at approximately 2230 LT. About eight armed pirates in a fast boat boarded and successfully hijacked the tanker. All the crew members were set adrift in a life raft and later saved by local fisherman. The Indonesian Marine Police arrested two suspects and together with the cooperation of IMB and the Philippines Authorities / Coast Guard, the tanker was located aground off Davao City, Philippines. Local Authorities are now investigating.

On 09 March 2015, a Malaysian Product Tanker MT Singa Berlian was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:43 North and Longitude 105:50 East, around 37nm south of Pulau Repong, Indonesia at approximately 2108 UTC. Around seven masked pirates in a small speed boat armed with guns and long knives attacked and boarded the tanker. They took hostage all 10 crew members, damaged all the communication and navigational equipment and transferred the MFO cargo into another unknown tanker and escaped. One crew member suffered minor injury during the incident. The Owners informed MMEA who had dispatched their patrol vessel for investigations.

### **Malacca Straits:**

On 13 February 2015, a Thai Product Tanker MT Lapin was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:11 North and Longitude 100:43 East, in the Malacca Straits at approximately 1955 LT. About eight pirates armed with guns and long knives in a speed boat attacked and successfully boarded the tanker. They took all 15 crew members hostage and hijacked the tanker. The pirates then transferred all the fuel oil cargo and some bunker oil into another unknown pirate tanker. The pirates also stole the crew and ship's properties and valuables. On 14 February 2015, the pirates disembarked from the tanker and escaped. All crew members were reported safe. The tanker then sailed to a safe port in Thailand where the local Authorities boarded for investigations.

**Malaysia:**

On 28 January 2015 a Malaysian Chemical Tanker MT Sun Birdie was attacked and hijacked by nine persons while at anchor in position Latitude 01:19.41 North and Longitude 104:12.37 East, around 0.9nm SSE of Tanjung Ayam, Johor, Malaysia. The unauthorised persons armed with guns boarded and hijacked the chemical tanker and took her 10 crew as hostage. The Owners reported the incident to MMEA who immediately deployed several patrol boats to search for the tanker. On 29 January 2015 a patrol boat intercepted the tanker. Upon seeing the MMEA personnel boarding, two unauthorised persons jumped overboard. They were later rescued by a passing vessel and handed over to a MMEA patrol boat. The remaining seven were arrested. The tanker sailed to Pengerang, Johor for investigation. All crew members safe.

On 20 February 2015, a Thai Product Tanker MT Phubai Pattra 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:08.6 North and Longitude 104:39.2 East, around 18 nm SE of Pulau Aur, Johor, Malaysia, at approximately 2130 LT. Around seven masked pirates in a small boat armed with guns attacked and boarded the tanker. All 19 crew members were taken hostage and pirates thereafter transferred part of the cargo of gasoline into another unknown pirate tanker. The pirates also stole crew's and ship's valuables and properties. They disembarked and escaped on 21 February 2015. All crew reported safe.

On 22 March 2015, a Vanuatu offshore tug TB David Tide II and Singapore Barge Miclyn 259 were attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:50.6 North and Longitude 104:30.7 East, around 18 nm East of Tioman Island, Malaysia, at approximately 2215 LT. Around ten pirates armed with guns and knives attacked and boarded the tug towing a barge. They successfully entered the bridge, apprehended the bridge team, then took them to the Chief Engineer's cabin where they robbed and held them hostage. The pirates thereafter took the Chief Engineer to the Engine Room and transferred part of the tug's bunkers into a small unknown tanker. Before departing, the pirates stole some equipment and damaged the tug's communication and CCTV equipment. The entire operation lasted about five hours.

**Nigeria:**

On 11 January 2015, a Cook Islands Product Tanker MT Mariam was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:44 North and Longitude 004:59 East, around 63nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria at approximately 0500 LT. Around 10 pirates armed with AK47 rifles attacked and boarded the tanker. They hijacked the tanker and took hostage all nine crew members. They later transferred the fuel oil cargo into another unknown vessel where two pirates departed with that vessel. The Ghanaian Navy dispatched a naval vessel to investigate as the tanker moved into its waters. The naval boarding team arrested the remaining eight pirates. During the incident the crew members were mistreated by the pirates.

On 19 March 2015, a Belize Offshore supply ship MV Maridive 603 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 04:14.1 North and Longitude 008:02.1 East, around 19 nm south of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria at approximately 0030 LT. Around six pirates armed with rifles boarded the vessel. They took hostage 31 ship's personnel. Master raised the alarm, sent SSAS Alert and all crew mustered. Two crew members were kidnapped and ship's properties stolen. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location 15 minutes after the call. Remaining crew reported safe.

On 21 March 2015, a Marshall Islands FPSO MT Yoho was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 04:02 North and Longitude 007:31 East, around 36 nm SE of Bonny Islands, Nigeria at approximately 2230 LT. Six pirates armed with guns from a small craft boarded the vessel. They entered the accommodation area but were deterred by the sounding of the alarm. The pirates fled kidnapping three crew members.

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## **TRENDS**

A total of 54 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships have been reported to the IMB PRC in the first three months of 2015. This represents a slight increase on the 49 reports received for the corresponding period in 2014.

So far in 2015, 42 vessels have been boarded, eight hijacked and there have been four attempted boarding of vessels. There has been increase in the number of vessels hijacked with two reported in the first quarter of 2014 compared to eight hijackings in 2015. The continued hijacking of small tankers in SE Asia is attributed for the increase, where at least five such incidents were reported in the first quarter of 2015 along with the hijacking of an offshore tug and the illegal transfer and theft of its bunkers.

The successful hijacking of such vessels in SE Asia is now occurring at least once every two weeks and becoming an increasing and worrying cause for concern. A number of these incidents have occurred in international waters and a robust and coordinated regional response is required in order to counter these threats. One gang has been apprehended by the actions of the Malaysian authorities and are awaiting trial.

A total of 140 crew have been taken hostage in the first quarter (compared to 46 in the first quarter of 2014), 13 assaulted, five kidnapped, three injured and one killed. All five kidnappings occurred in Nigeria in two separate incidents in March.

Eleven incidents are recorded for West Africa. Seven incidents are recorded for Nigeria, including the hijacking of a small product tanker approximately 60nm SW of Bayelsa. A small fishing vessel and its 28 man crew was also hijacked off Ghana. One of the crew members was killed during this incident.

As a country, Indonesia accounts for almost 40% of the 2015 figures with 19 vessels boarded and two hijackings. It must be stressed that the overwhelming majority of incidents are low level opportunistic thefts from vessels although the attackers are armed with knives and guns.

In Vietnam, eight incidents have been recorded compared to zero in the corresponding period in 2014. These are mainly low level thefts aimed at anchored vessels. Five of the incidents have occurred in and around Hai Phong with a further three at Vung Tau anchorage.

Zero incidents have been reported for Somalia. The IMB PRC continues to advise shipmasters to follow the industry's Best Management Practices, as the threat of Somali piracy has not been totally eliminated.

The IMB PRC is the world's only independent office to receive reports of pirate attacks 24-hours-a-day from across the globe. IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB PRC. This first step in the response chain is vital to ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle piracy. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

## **PIRACY NEWS**

### **Indonesian Marine Police and IMB PRC collaboration continues to show positive results into 2015.**

The 11 designated areas where Indonesian Marine Police patrols are as follows:-

	<b>Locations</b>	<b>2013 Total</b>	<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>2015 1st</b>
1	Belawan: 03:55.00N - 098:45.30E	18	9	3
2	Dumai: 01:42.00N - 101:28.00E	12	1	
3	Nipah: 01:07.30N - 103:37.00E	14	-	5
4	Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S - 106:54.00E	6	9	2
5	Gresik: 07:09.00S - 112:40.00E	4	1	
6	Taboneo: 04:41.30S - 114:28.00E	8	2	1
7	Adang Bay: 01:40.00S - 116:40.00E	4	-	
8	Muara Berau: 00:17.00S - 117:36.00E	4	6	
9	Muara Jawa: 01:09.00S - 117:13.00E	4	-	
10	Balikpapan: 01:22.00S - 116:53.00E	5	1	
11	Bintan Island: 01:21.00N - 104:29.00E	-	35	

Attacks have dropped in almost all the 11 key protected areas where the Indonesian Marine Police had designated for ships to anchor or wait before berthing. Only Nipah has showed an increase. Zero attacks are recorded off Bintan in first quarter. The Indonesian Authorities / Indonesian Marine Police appear to have increased patrols which have lead to the reduction in attacks. The IMB PRC will continue to monitor the above areas and cooperate with the Indonesian Authorities.

The IMB PRC is encouraged with the actions of the Indonesian Marine Police and will continue to meet and correspond in order to find ways to assist ships and make safer seas.

Merchant ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities including the IMB PRC who will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

### **Worrying trend for hijackings of small product tankers in South East Asia**

There are no signs that the hijackings of small product tankers of below 6,000 GRT carrying Gas Oil / Diesel Oil is stopping. On average a tanker has been hijacked once every two weeks since April 2014.

Regional Authorities must cooperate to stop this menace, failing which it may be more difficult to stop in the future especially if more syndicates/criminals jump into this act. The IMB PRC continues to notify the regional Authorities and INTERPOL on all these incidents to request for appropriate action. It is hoped that the Authorities will find out who is responsible for these hijackings and arrest them soon.

The hijackings follow a specific modus operandi, where armed pirates seize a small tanker and siphon off its cargo to large bunker barges or other small tankers via a ship-to-ship operation. The navigational equipment is destroyed but the crew are usually left unhurt. They then release the hijacked tanker.

The IMB PRC advises all ships particularly small product tankers, to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and measures. Successful hijackings requires these criminals to attack and board the



tankers by surprised/unnoticed. Normally, the pirates will abort the attempted attack once they are spotted and alarm sounded and Authorities notified.

Vessels are advised to monitor the IMB PRC satellite broadcast warnings via INMARSAT C EGC Safety Net and to report all attacks and suspicious sightings to local Authorities and to the IMB-PRC.

### **Missing tanker recovered off Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia**

A Malaysian-flagged chemical tanker, MT Sun Birdie, has been found off Malaysia, after losing all communications with its owner.

The anchored chemical tanker was boarded by nine unauthorised persons armed with guns. They took hostage 10 crew members and hijacked the tanker, laden with a cargo of 700mt of MFO. Suspecting the vessel was hijacked the Owners reported the incident to the MMEA on 28 January 2015 at 2200 LT, that they had lost contact with the tanker.

The MMEA immediately deployed several patrol boats to search for the tanker. On 29 January 2015 at 2253 LT, the MMEA patrol boat had intercepted the tanker in position 01:42.03N – 104:30.46E, around 17nm NE of Tg. Kelisa, Malaysia. Upon seeing the MMEA personnel boarding the tanker, two persons tried to escape by jumping overboard. The remaining seven were arrested. On 30 January 2015, a passing vessel rescued the two unauthorized persons and handed them over to a MMEA patrol boat. All crew members are safe. The tanker was brought to Pengerang, Johor for investigation.

## NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

**1 January – 31 March 2015**

### ACTUAL ATTACKS

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	13.02.2015 1955 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Lapin</b> Product Tanker Thailand 1848 7808786	03:11N – 100:43E, Malacca Straits	Eight pirates armed with guns and long knives in a speedboat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew taken hostage. The pirates transferred all the fuel oil cargo and some bunker oil into another vessel. They stole crew and ship's properties and escaped on 14.02.2015. All crew safe. The tanker sailed to a safe port in Thailand where the Authorities are investigating the incident.

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.01.2015 0234 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Songa Breeze</b> Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11919 9423645	01:07.3N – 104:10.7E, Kabil Anchorage, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	Duty watchman on routine rounds, on board an anchored tanker heard the sound of a boat engine. Upon checking he found persons were boarding the tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A boat was seen departing from near the bow as the crew carried out checks throughout the tanker. Port Control informed.
2.	08.01.2015 1430 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Kien San 1</b> Tug Malaysia 192 9218600  <b>Kien San 8</b> Barge Malaysia 2132 -	01:11N – 103:37E, Around 2.7nm NW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Robbers in three small boats approached and boarded the barge under tow. They stole some of the cargo and escaped. The tug reported the incident to the Local Authorities.
3.	10.01.2015 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Musanah</b> LPG Tanker Panama 47985 9415648	01:04.8N – 104:10.9E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Three armed robbers boarded an anchored tanker and took hostage the duty AB. They entered the engine room store with intention to steal spares. Before leaving the tanker, the robbers freed the AB who reported the incident to the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. On searching the tanker no stores were found missing. AB sustained slight bruises on his wrists and a mild swelling on his forehead.

				Remaining crew safe. Port Authority was informed immediately via VHF channel.
4.	14.01.2015 0550 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>BW Loyalty</b> Tug Singapore 160 9492622  <b>Bayswater 128</b> Barge Singapore 921 -	01:02.1N – 103:54.8E, PT Idros Private Jetty, Tanjung Uncang, Batam, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard the berthed tug spotted several robbers armed with long knives. The AB raised the alarm, armed himself with a long knife and started shouting at the robbers. One of the robbers tried to attack the AB. However, seeing the alerted crew members, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out throughout the tug and barge. Ship's property from the barge were found stolen. Incident reported to the terminal security department.
5.	18.01.2015 0632 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Mineral Faith</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 91971 9575668	01:07N – 103:31E, Around 6nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard the ship underway noticed two robbers on the poop deck. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out throughout the ship. No robbers found onboard, but ship's properties were stolen from the emergency generator room. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
6.	22.01.2015 0350 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Egret Oasis</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 41254 9592006	01:06N – 103:32E, Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia	Bosun on board the ship underway noticed five robbers armed with long knives on the poop deck. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers assaulted some of the crew who came on deck to assist the bosun. The crew retaliated. The bosun was injured in the fight. As more crew arrived to assist the robbers escaped empty handed in their boat.
7.	22.01.2015 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Fujitrans World</b> Vehicle Carrier Liberia 27286 9210000	05:50.6S – 106:55.8E, Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty oiler during routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed four robbers in the engine room. One of the robbers took him as hostage and threatened him with a knife. The remaining robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised and all crew alerted. Port Authority informed.
8.	28.01.2015 0600 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>White Coral</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 19817 9378826	01:02.5N – 103:39.0E, Around 5.9nm South of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Alarm raised and search initiated. All crew safe.
9.	28.01.2015 1230 LT Anchored Hijacked	<b>Sun Birdie</b> Chemical tanker Malaysia 1138 9073256	01:19.41N – 104:12.37E, Around 0.9nm SSE of Tanjung Ayam, Johor, Malaysia	Nine unauthorised persons armed with guns boarded and hijacked an anchored chemical tanker and took her 10 crew as hostage. The Owners reported the incident to MMEA who immediately deployed several patrol boats to search for the tanker. On 29 Jan 2015 a patrol boat intercepted the tanker. Upon seeing the MMEA personnel boarding, two unauthorised persons jumped overboard and were later rescued by a passing vessel which handed them to a MMEA

				patrol boat. The remaining seven were arrested. All crew reported safe. The tanker sailed to Pengerang, Johor for investigation.
10.	28.01.2015 2230 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Rehobot</b> Tanker Indonesia 728 8916683	Vicinity of Lembah Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	Eight pirates on a fast boat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew were set adrift in a life raft and later saved by local fisherman. On 24.02.2015 the tanker was located grounded off Davao City, Philippines. The authorities are investigating.
11.	29.01.2015 0050 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Amber Halo</b> Bulk Carrier Liberia 25074 9111929	06:01.2S – 106:55.1E, Tanjung Priok Outer Roads, Jakarta, Indonesia	Two deck watchmen on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle deck. They immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with their accomplices in their boat. The crew members carried out a thorough search. Nothing stolen. The incident was reported to Port Control via VHF channel 12.
12.	31.01.2015 1530 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Name Withheld</b> Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 32376 -	03:55N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a child on the forecastle deck. He immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the child jumped overboard and swam to a nearby boat in which the AB noticed two other persons. On investigating it was noticed that the child had accessed the forecastle deck by climbing the anchor chain and passes through the hawse pipe cover opening. Nothing stolen.
13.	31.01.2015 0505 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Global Aquarius</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 17021 9550436	01:09.4N – 103:27.2E, Around 2.7nm ENE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a short gun and knives boarded the ship underway and entered the engine room. The Chief Engineer noticed the robbers and informed bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Incident reported to local authorities. Investigation revealed that ship's engine spares were stolen. Upon arriving at Eastern Boarding Ground, the Singaporean Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
14.	12.02.2015 2000 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Bridgagate</b> Bulk Carrier Singapore 29977 9538945	03:41S – 114:28E, Around 11nm from Entrance of Banjarmasin, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship using hooks attached with ropes. Duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that two padlocks were broken but nothing stolen.
15.	14.02.2015 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Sea Star</b> Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33042 9624500	03:47.3N – 098:41.9E, Berth 107, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Local authorities boarded the ship. Seeing the alerted authorities the

				robbers escaped with stolen ship's cargoes.
16.	20.02.2015 2130 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Phubai Pattra 1</b> Product Tanker Thailand 5681 9481386	02:08.6N – 104:39.2E, Around 18nm SE of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Seven pirates armed with guns and knives in a small boat boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All crew taken hostage. The pirates transferred part of the base gasoline cargo into another vessel. They stole crew properties and ship's cash and escaped on 21.02.2015. All crew safe.
17.	21.02.2015 0515 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Amber Beverly</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32521 9599717	01:10.2N – 103:26.2E, Around 2nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Duty engine crew onboard the ship underway noticed two robbers in the engine room. He immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
18.	25.02.2015 0430 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>LBC Earth</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 42744 9644548	01:08N – 103:28E, Around 3nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
19.	25.02.2015 0615 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Cape Mercury</b> Bulk Carrier Singapore 85722 9150755	01:04.4N – 103:36.4E, Around 5nm SW of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. 4/E noticed the robbers and informed the bridge who raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and crew mustered. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness. A search was carried out throughout the ship and the generator spares were reported stolen. When the ship arrived and dropped anchor at Singapore, the police boarded for investigation.
20.	09.03.2015 2108 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Singa Berlian</b> Product Tanker Malaysia 998 9062439	01:43N – 105:50E, Around 37nm South of Pulau Repong, Indonesia	Seven masked pirates in a speed boat, armed with guns and long knives boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took hostage the crew members, damaged all the communication and navigational equipment, transferred the MFO cargo into another vessel and escaped. One crew suffered minor injury during the incident. The Owners informed the MMEA who dispatched their vessel for investigations.
21.	19.03.2015 0248 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Ore Pantanal</b> Bulk Carrier Singapore 93196 9569774	01:16.7N – 104:16.6E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered at the bridge. Master informed VTIS who then dispatched a patrol boat to investigate. The robbers escaped when the patrol boat approached the ship. All crew safe.
22.	21.03.2015 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Union Explorer</b> Bulk Carrier Greece 33280 9449259	03:56N – 098:45E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and tied him up. The robbers stole ship's stores from the paint locker and escaped. The AB managed to untie himself and informed

				bridge who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
23.	21.03.2015 0100 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Capetan Giorgis</b> Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 39967 9288423	01:13.6N – 103:58.3E, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. Duty Engineer spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and Master informed the VTIS. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. All crew safe.
24.	21.03.2015 0530 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>MSC Vancouver</b> Container Luxemburg 83133 9285691	01:07N – 103:34E, Around 5nm WSW of Nipah Island, Indonesia	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They robbed the 2/E of his personal belongings, tied him and escaped. The duty wiper on routine rounds noticed the 2/E and released him. The Master informed the VTIS. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. All crew safe.
25.	22.03.2015 2215 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>David Tide II</b> Offshore Tug Vanuatu 1529 9528093  <b>Miclyn 259</b> Barge Singapore 2257 -	02:50.6N – 104:30.7E, Around 18nm East of Tioman Island, Malaysia	Around ten pirates armed with guns and knives boarded and hijacked a tug towing a barge. They entered the bridge, apprehended the bridge team, then took them to the Chief Engineer's cabin where they robbed and held them hostage. The pirates took the Chief Engineer to the engine room and transferred part of the tug's bunkers into a small tanker. Before departing the pirates stole some equipment and damaged the tug's communication equipment. The entire operation lasted about five hours.
26.	25.03.2015 1930 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Global Trinity</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 17019 9590735	Dolphin Buoy No. 16, Bangkok, Thailand	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
27.	29.03.2015 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Aqua-Terra 7</b> Bunkering Tanker Singapore 4855 9648790	01:05N – 103:35E, Around 5nm SW of Nipah Island, Indonesia	Ship's crew noticed three robbers on the poop deck. Alarm raised, crew mustered on the bridge and all water tight doors locked. A search was carried out and engine spares were discovered missing. VTIS informed.

### FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2015 0655 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Bulk Atacama</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 34801 9683130	10:10.7N – 107:02.1E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty officer onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed a small fishing boat approaching the ship. He alerted the duty AB to check. The AB noticed the boat slowly moving away from the ship. As he continued his patrol he noticed five robbers stealing ship's stores. Seeing the approaching AB the robbers chased him with long pipes and knives. The AB retreated into the

				accommodation, secured it, and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. Upon inspection, it was reported that stores from the paint locker were stolen. Port Control was informed and the Harbour Master boarded the ship for investigation.
2.	04.02.2015 0730 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Cala Pinguino</b> Container Panama 17518 9377705	10:12N – 107:03E, Around 7nm South of Vung Tau, Vietnam	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
3.	10.02.2015 0350 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Sara</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 9590 9322243	Nam Hai Container Terminal, Haiphong, Vietnam	During routine rounds, deck watchman onboard the berthed ship noticed two robbers near the forward store. He alerted the Chief Officer and the local police onboard the ship. Seeing the watchman the robbers escaped. Upon investigation ship's stores were found missing. The police personnel onboard the ship refused to take any action. Agent and port authorities notified.
4.	12.02.2015 0254 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Anne Kjersti</b> Bulk Carrier Singapore 32637 9432361	20:41N – 107:12E, Around 4nm SSE of L'Orange Island, Hongai Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. OOW noticed some movements on the forecandle and instructed the duty AB to check. As the AB proceeded forward the OOW directed the Aldis lamp towards the robbers who escaped in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that ship's stores and property were stolen.
5.	14.02.2015 2210 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Cape Franklin</b> Container Marshall Islands 15995 9359301	20:36.9N – 106:51.3E, Haiphong OPL Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB on routine rounds noticed five robbers on the forecandle deck. He immediately informed OOW, who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their wooden motor boat. Investigation revealed that the paint store door was damaged and ship's stores stolen. Incident reported to Port Control via VHF channel 16.
6.	25.02.2015 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Global Mirai</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 32376 9558256	20:41.8N – 107:17.0E, Off Hon Gai, Vietnam	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. OOW raised the alarm and all crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Agent and port authorities notified.
7.	11.03.2015 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Mahitis</b> Bulk Carrier Greece 40832 9225067	10:15N – 107:02E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed robbers on deck. He immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. No injury to crew.
8.	23.03.2015 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Pax Silva</b> Wood Chips Carrier Panama	20:43N – 107:11E, Cailan Outer Anchorage,	Robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forward store, stole ship's property and escaped unnoticed.

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### INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.03.2015 1900 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Name Withheld</b> Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29993 -	17:38.3N – 083:25.2E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, unnoticed, stole ship stores and escaped. The theft was detected in the morning.
2.	21.03.2015 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Southwind</b> Tug Curacao 298 9577484	22:06N – 091:44E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Armed robbers boarded an anchored tug and stole ship's stores and properties. Alarm raised and crew mustered. As the crew approached the robbers, they threw stones at the crew resulting in the Master being injured. The robbers escaped with the stolen items in their boat. The Master heaved up the anchor and sailed further away from the anchorage area.
3.	30.03.2015 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Brabo</b> Hopper Dredger Belgium 11136 9382372	16:59N – 082:18E, Kakinada Inner Anchorage, India	Four robbers in a fishing boat approached an anchored dredger. Two robbers boarded the ship. They were noticed by the 2nd Officer on routine rounds, who informed the bridge and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Pilot Station informed.

### AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2015 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Name Withheld</b> General Cargo Liberia 19354 -	10:18.31N – 075:33.14W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded an anchored ship during bunkering operations and stole the forward life raft. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during departure time. Incident reported to the Harbour Authorities.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.01.2015 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Mariam</b> Product Tanker Cook Islands 1100 8666472	03:44N – 004:59E, Around 63nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Ten pirates armed with AK47 rifles boarded and hijacked the tanker and took hostage all nine crew. They transferred the fuel oil cargo into another vessel and two pirates departed with that vessel. The Ghanaian navy dispatched a naval vessel to investigate



				as the tanker moved into its waters and arrested the eight pirates remaining onboard. During the incident the crew were mistreated by the pirates.
2.	14.01.2015 2130 UTC Steaming Boarded	<b>Ocean Splendor</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 31756 9622825	03:24N – 001:21E, Around 157nm SSE of Accra, Ghana	Eight heavily armed pirates boarded the drifting ship. They opened fire to intimidate the crew. The pirates destroyed the communication equipment, manhandled some crew members and stole crew and ship's properties. Before leaving the ship on 15.01.15 at 0215 UTC, the crew were warned not to sail until sunrise.
3.	30.01.2015 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917</b> Fishing Vessel Ghana 299 8673906	04:26N – 001:43W, Around 27nm South of Takoradi, Ghana	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel underway. The Togo Navy responded and engaged the pirates. Twenty crew jumped overboard in an attempt to escape, and were rescued by the patrol boat. The remaining seven crew were taken hostage as the pirates fled headed out to sea. The pirates later left the vessel and the crew sailed towards a safe port. One crew has been reported killed in the incident and three crew were missing.
4.	03.03.2015 0425 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Green Klipper</b> Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 4091 9001904	Berth No.9, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Eight robbers boarded the berthed ship. Ship's security watch spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
5.	12.03.2015 2254 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Sea Force</b> Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9322102	Terminal 5, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty pump man onboard the berthed tanker, noticed two robbers hiding near the hatch cover of COT 1 Port. He immediately informed the duty officer and alerted all crew. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers jumped overboard, disconnected their own hoses and escaped. Upon inspection, it was noticed that around five cubic meters of base oil cargo was stolen. Agents and Port Security Officer were informed.
6.	14.03.2015 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Geocean Protis</b> Pipe Lay Barge Panama 16198 -	04:45S – 011:48E, Pointe Noire Outer Anchorage, The Congo	Unnoticed by ship's crew, robbers boarded an anchored barge. They broke open store room, stole ship's properties and escaped. The incident was detected the next morning.
7.	19.03.2015 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Maridive 603</b> Offshore Supply Ship Belize 3231 9647007	04:14.1N – 008:02.1E, Around 19nm South of Kwa Ibo, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with rifles boarded the vessel. Master raised the alarm, sent SSAS alert and crew mustered. Two crew members were kidnapped and ship's properties were stolen. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location 15 minutes after the call. Remaining crew reported safe.
8.	21.03.2015 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Name Withheld</b> FPSO Marshall Islands 132492 -	04:02N – 007:31E, Around 36nm SE of Bonny Islands,	Six pirates armed with guns boarded an anchored FPSO. They entered the accommodation area but were deterred by the sounding of the alarm. The pirates

			Nigeria	managed to kidnap and escape with three crew members.
9.	25.03.2015 0230 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Green Glacier</b> Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 5136 9004401	Fishing Port Berth DNP 23, Abidjan, Ivory Coast	Four robbers boarded the berthed ship. 2nd Officer on routine rounds noticed the padlock to the central store room missing. As he opened the door to investigate four robbers pushed him and escaped. One robber jumped overboard while the other three left the ship by the gangway. Local security watchman saw the incident but did not take any action. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. A number of cartons had been removed from the cargo holds and lay ready to lower into a wooden boat, however due to the alert 2/O, no cargo was stolen.

### REST OF THE WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.02.2015 1630 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Kwadima II</b> Passenger Boat Papua New Guinea 18 -	10:37S – 150:45E, Papua New Guinea	Six robbers armed with guns and knives in an orange and white dingy approached and boarded a local passenger boat. Shots were fired in the air and the Captain and some crew were assaulted. The robbers stole crew and ship cash and property, destroyed communication and navigation equipment and escaped. The crew sailed to Alotau island where the Authorities boarded for investigation. Captain provided medical attention, rest of the crew reported safe.

**ATTEMPTED ATTACKS****1 January – 31 March 2015****SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.03.2015 0930 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Brahms</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 41074 9473327	06:13.11N – 119:50.18E, Around 18nm NNW of Laparan Island, Philippines	A suspected mother vessel disguised as fishing vessel deployed six high speed skiffs which chased the ship underway. The persons onboard the skiffs wearing camouflage clothes circled around and attempted to board the ship. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, broadcast security messages via VHF Ch 16 and contacted Philippines navy for assistance. Upon hearing the Philippines navy's reply on VHF, the skiffs aborted the attempted attack and moved away.
2.	20.03.2015 1155 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Amis Wisdom III</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 34795 9573866	06:00N – 119:13E, Around 27nm WNW of Pearl Bank, Philippines	Persons in four speed boats approached the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, called Malaysian navy via VHF channel, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated anti-piracy preventive measures. The boats chased the ship for around 20 minutes and then moved away.

**AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
NO	ATTACKS	REPORTED	DURING	THIS QUARTER

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.02.2015 1830 UTC Anchored Attempted	<b>Remi</b> Tanker Nigeria 22607 8805470	05:28N – 005:05E, Around 10nm SW of Escravos Offshore, Nigeria	Two crew on the forecastle of an anchored tanker noticed a boat approaching at high speed. As the boat closed in the crew noticed something being thrown towards the tanker. The boat moved away and waited. After a while the two crew noticed the boat slowly approach the tanker again. The crew noticed the persons in the boat light an object and throw it towards the tanker, which hit the ship's rail and fell into the water. A loud explosion was heard. The

				boat moved away. Nigerian Navy and Port Authority informed. A gun boat was deployed and the tanker moved to a secure anchorage.
2.	05.02.2015 0320 LT Berthed Attempted	<b>Sira</b> Product Tanker Marshall Islands 12105 9408803	Berth 5&6, ENL Jetty, Lagos Harbours, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard the berthed tanker spotted a robber attempting to board the tanker. He alerted the onboard security team who chased the robbers away. After a while the robbers attempted to return and the security team fired one warning shot resulting in the robbers aborting the approach.



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**Total number of attacks - 54**



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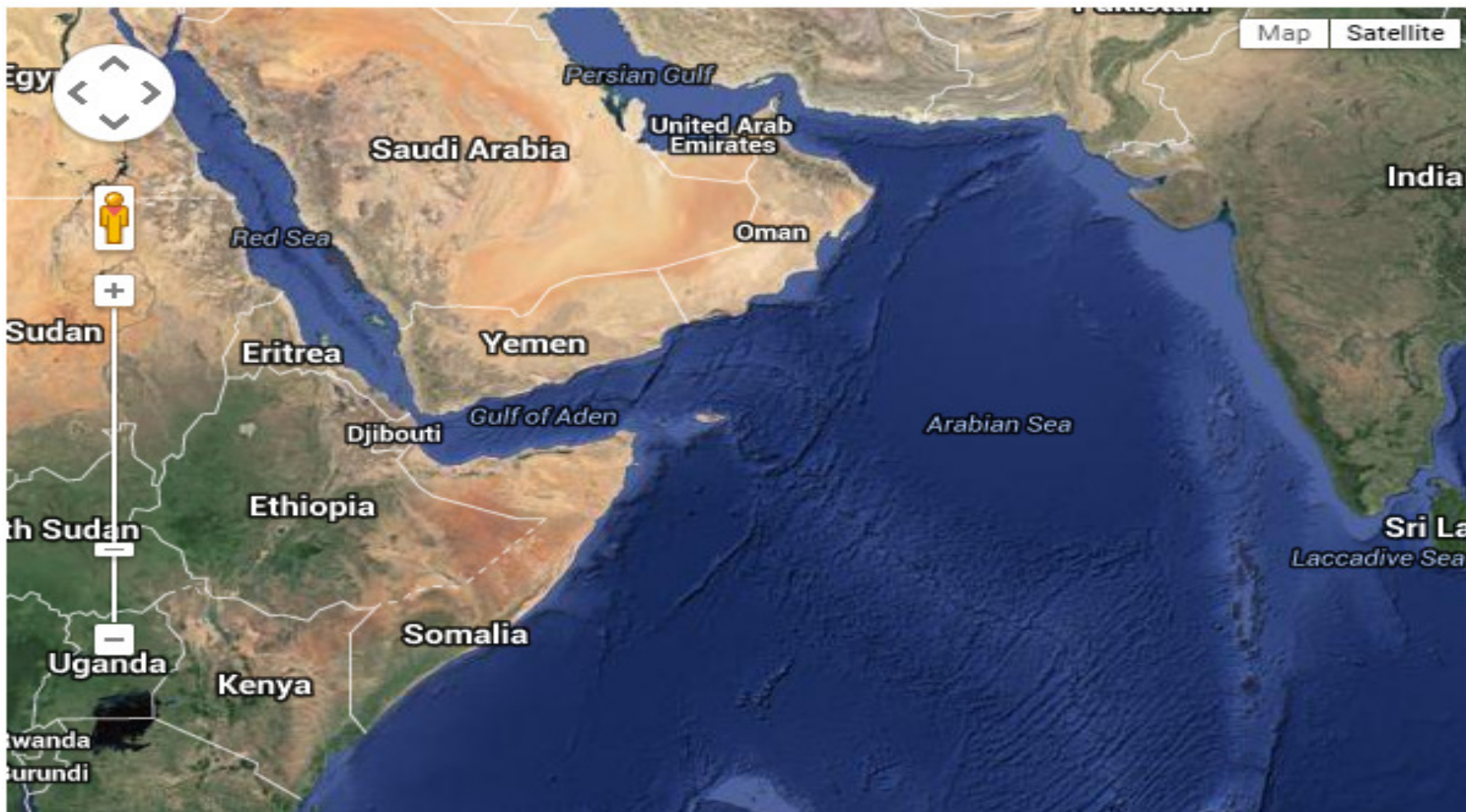
**Total attacks Indian Sub Continent – 3**

**Total attacks Far East & SE Asia - 38**



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**Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 0**

**Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0**



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**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea - 11**