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(U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 26 January – 23 February 2022**



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1. (U) **Scope Note**

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

2. (U) **Warnings and Advisories:**

3. (U) **Summary:**

A. (U) ANGOLA: On 23 February, robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel at Luanda Anchorage.

B. (U) INDONESIA: On 18 February, two unauthorized personnel boarded an underway tanker in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

C. (U) GHANA: On 18 February, four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier at Takoradi Anchorage.

D. (U) HAITI: On 17 February, three robbers armed with guns and machetes boarded a container ship anchored at Port Lafito pilot boarding station.

4. (U) **Monthly Incidents by Region**

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the last 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that

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incidents are not double-counted. In the event that double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

A. (U) NORTH AMERICA: No current incidents to report.

B. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA:

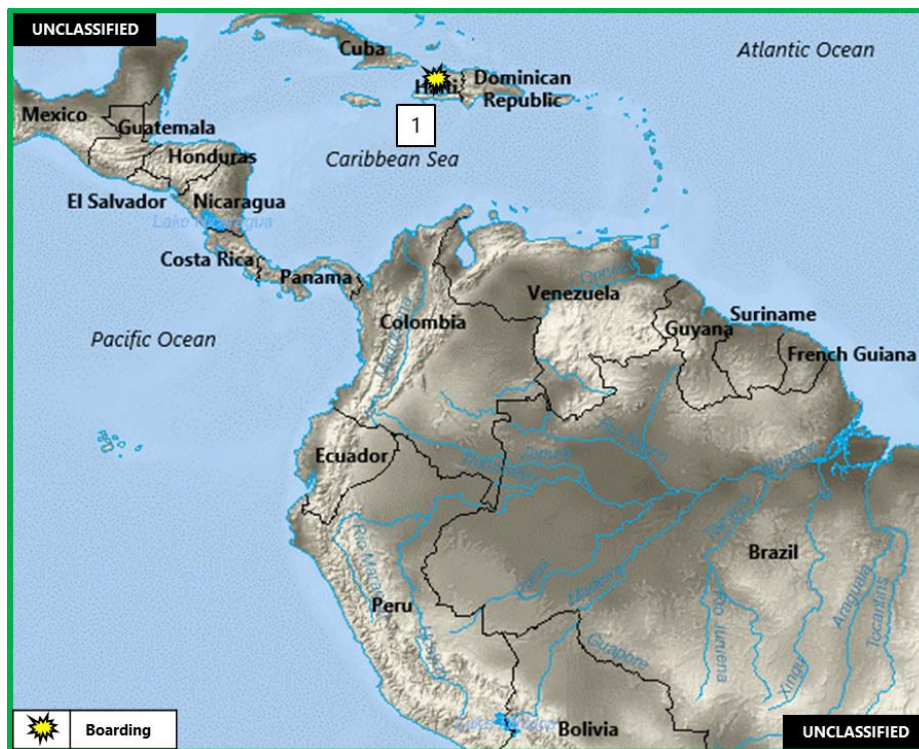


Figure 1. Central America – Caribbean – South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) HAITI: On 17 February, at 1840 local time, three robbers armed with guns and machetes boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship TAMPA TRADER anchored at Port Lafito pilot boarding station, near position 18:40N – 072:23W. The roving duty crew discovered that two crew members had been restrained by the robbers. The duty officer was immediately contacted and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators released the crew members and escaped. The crew mustered and searched the vessel. The robbers stole mooring lines, mobile phones, and a handheld radio. The incident was reported to the local authorities. All crew were reported safe. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) PERU: On 4 February, at 0200 local time, three robbers armed with knives boarded the Malta-flagged bulk carrier ATLANTIC ELM anchored at Callao Anchorage, near position 12:01S – 077:13W. Robbers restrained the roving crew on-duty. The on-duty officer noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The perpetrators escaped on a waiting boat with stolen ship's property. The incident was reported to the agent and port authorities. (ReCAAP; IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

C. (U) **ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

D. (U) **NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

E. (U) **MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA:** No current incidents to report.

F. (U) **WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA:**

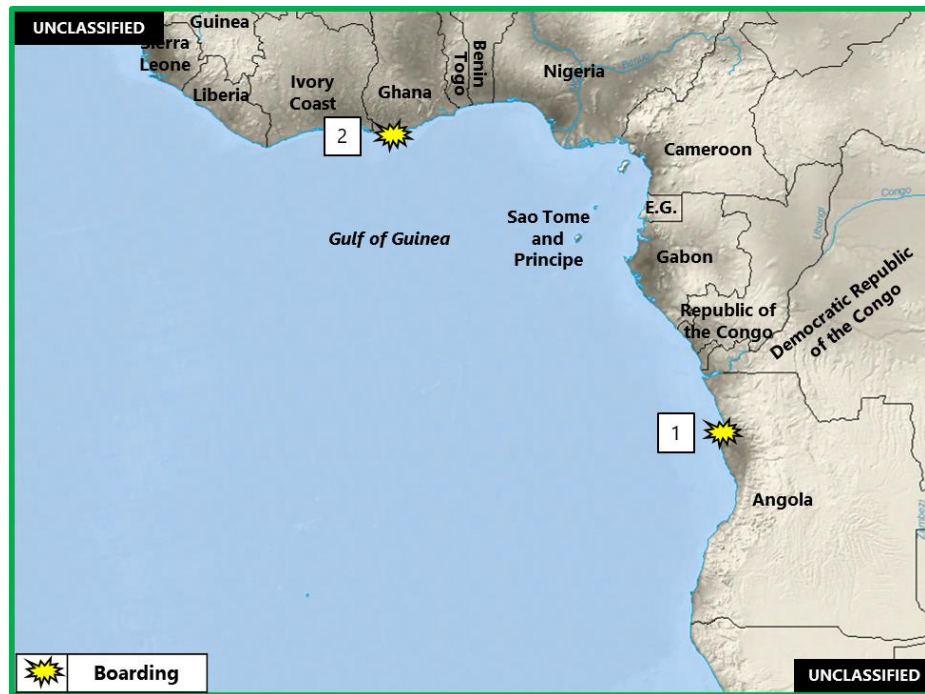


Figure 2. West Africa – Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) ANGOLA: On 23 February, at 0300 local time, robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel at Luanda Anchorage, near position 08:46S – 013:15E. The robbers escaped with stolen mooring ropes and fire hoses. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) GHANA: On 18 February, at 0050 local time, four robbers armed with knives were sighted by the duty crew member onboard the anchored Liberia-flagged bulk carrier AG NEKTARIOS at Takoradi Anchorage, near position 04:54N – 001:41W. The alarm was raised, the crew were mustered, and the vessel was searched. The robbers managed to escape with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) GHANA: On 9 February, at 0040 local time, two robbers were sighted on the main deck onboard the Bahamas-flagged general cargo BALTIC SPRINGS anchored at Takoradi Anchorage, near position 04:54N – 001:42W. The alarm was raised, the crew were mustered, and the vessel was searched. It was later confirmed that

the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (MDAT-GoG; vesseltrcker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 8 February, a group of fishing boats were attacked while fishing in the vicinity of Brass Island, Bayelsa State, near position 04:15N – 006:12E. According to press reports, and as narrated by one of the survivors, an unknown number of perpetrators armed with guns onboard six speed boats came close to the fishermen and opened fire. One fisherman was killed instantly, while the rest of the fishermen jumped overboard. The attackers then took the fishing boats' engines and set the boats ablaze. A number of fishermen were reported wounded or missing. The incident was reported to the local authorities and divers were dispatched to search for the missing fishermen. (The Sun; Sahara Reporters NY; Punch NG; Daily Trust; naijaonpoint.com)

5. (U) ANGOLA: On 8 February, at 0415 local time, a robbery occurred on the anchored Marshall Islands-flagged tanker BW THOR at Luanda Anchorage, near position 08:44S – 013:18E. The robbers boarded the vessel by climbing through the anchor chain and escaped unnoticed with stolen ship's property. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

6. (U) NIGERIA: On 4 February, seven hostages were released. They were part of a group of 17 kidnapped on 17 January from an underway passenger boat while in transit from Safe Journey Beach in Calabar, Cross River State, to Oron Beach in Akwa Ibom State waterways. Five hostages remain in captivity. (Clearwater Dynamics)

7. (U) GHANA: On 2 February, at 0116 local time, a robber was sighted attempting to board the Cyprus-flagged container vessel WARNOV MATE anchored at Takoradi Anchorage, near position 04:54N – 001:42W, through the anchor chain. The alarm was raised, and the robber escaped on a waiting boat with two accomplices onboard. All the crew were safe and the incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

8. (U) ANGOLA: On 29 January, at 0210 local time, three robbers boarded two Panama-flagged crew boats, SURFER 3601 and SURFER 3602, alongside each other at Luanda Anchorage, near position 08:47S – 013:15E. After being spotted by the port security, the robbers escaped on a canoe powered by a small motor. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

9. (U) EQUATORIAL GUINEA: On 29 January, armed pirates onboard a speed boat approached and fired upon the underway St. Vincent and the Grenadines-flagged roll-on roll-off ship DONA CANDIDA between Bata and Malabo, near position 02:05N – 009:35W. The armed military guards onboard the ferry returned fire, which resulted in the pirates moving away. (vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

G. (U) ARABIAN GULF: No current incidents to report.

H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA:

1. (U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: On 5 February, at 1445 local time, an attempted boarding occurred on an anchored tanker at Khor Fakkan Anchorage, approximately 9 NM east of the port, near position 25:20N – 056:32E. A small boat with two people onboard wearing diving suits was spotted alongside the vessel. Following the raising

of the alarm, the boat left the area. The crew and the vessel were reported safe and the port authorities were informed. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) SOUTH AFRICA: On 2 February, at 2115 local time, a robbery occurred on the Panama-flagged bulk carrier ISABELLA M while berthed at the port of Durban, near position 29:52S – 031:02E. The robbers stole crew's valuables and belongings and escaped unnoticed. The incident was reported to local authorities. (vesseltracker.com; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics).

I. (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA:

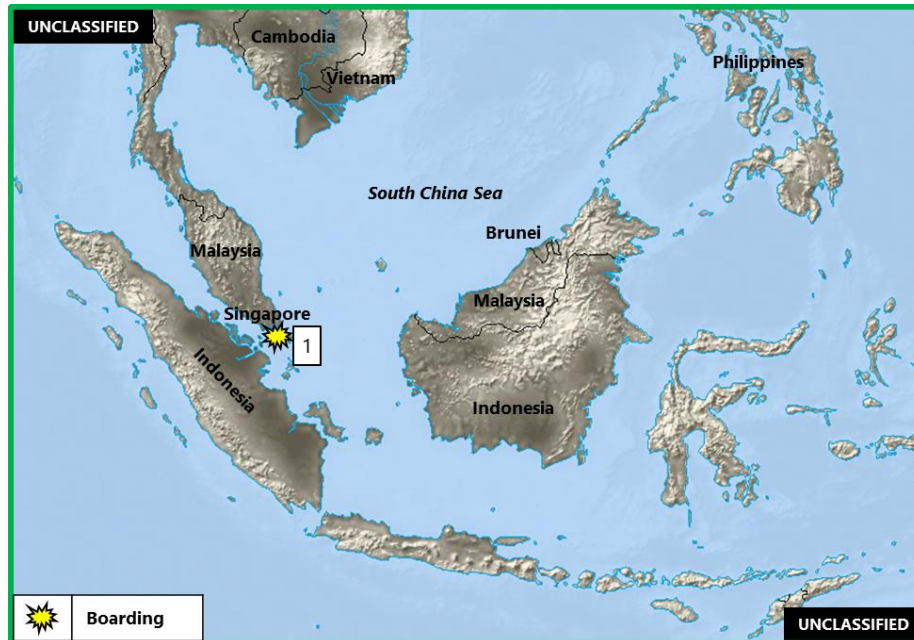


Figure 3. East Asia – Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 18 February, at 2050 local time, two unauthorized personnel were sighted in the engine room of the Liberia-flagged tanker DELTA EURYDICE underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), near position 01:15N – 104:02E. After hearing the alarm, the two perpetrators escaped into a small boat. The crew mustered and searched the vessel. Nothing was reported stolen. The incident was reported to the local authorities. The ship and all the crew were reported safe and did not require any assistance. (ReCAAP; IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 February, at 0208 local time, two unauthorized personnel boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier GOLDEN LEAF underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:12N – 104:01E. When spotted by the on-duty crewmembers, the two perpetrators made their escape in a waiting sampan. Nothing was reported stolen and all crew were reported safe. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 February, at 2158 local time, two unauthorized personnel boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier NAVIOS BONHEUR underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:14N

– 104:03E. The two robbers jumped overboard after being seen by on-duty crewmembers. It was reported that the ship and all the crew were safe and nothing was stolen. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 12 February, at 0330 local time, two robbers boarded the underway Portugal-flagged bulk carrier THEODOR OLDENDORFF in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:17N – 104:18E. The two perpetrators were spotted in the engine room. After the alarm was raised, the crew mustered and searched the vessel. It was later reported that the robbers escaped with stolen engine spare parts. The incident was reported to the local authorities. The ship and all the crew were reported safe and did not require any assistance. (IMB; ReCAAP; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 February, at 0126 local time, four unauthorized personnel boarded the underway Liberia-flagged tanker FPMC C JADE in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:14N – 104:04E. The four perpetrators were spotted in the engine room. The alarm was raised, and the robbers escaped empty-handed. All crew were reported safe. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

6. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 February, at 0114 local time, two robbers boarded the Germany-flagged tanker AVALON anchored at inner Balikpapan Anchorage, near position 01:16S – 116:47E. The robbers used a hook attached to a rope to board the vessel. The on-duty crew member sighted the perpetrator at the forecandle and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped into a waiting boat with two accomplices onboard. The crew mustered and searched the vessel. It was reported that the forecandle boatswain's store was breached and ship's stores were stolen. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

7. (U) MALAYSIA: On 2 February, at 0540 local time, a robber boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker PS STARS while berthed at Sandakan Port, Sabah, near position 05:47N – 118:01E. The on-duty crew member sighted the perpetrator near the forecandle store and raised the alarm. The crew mustered and searched the vessel. The robber escaped and, following a search of the tanker, it was reported that the forecandle store was breached and ship's stores were stolen. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

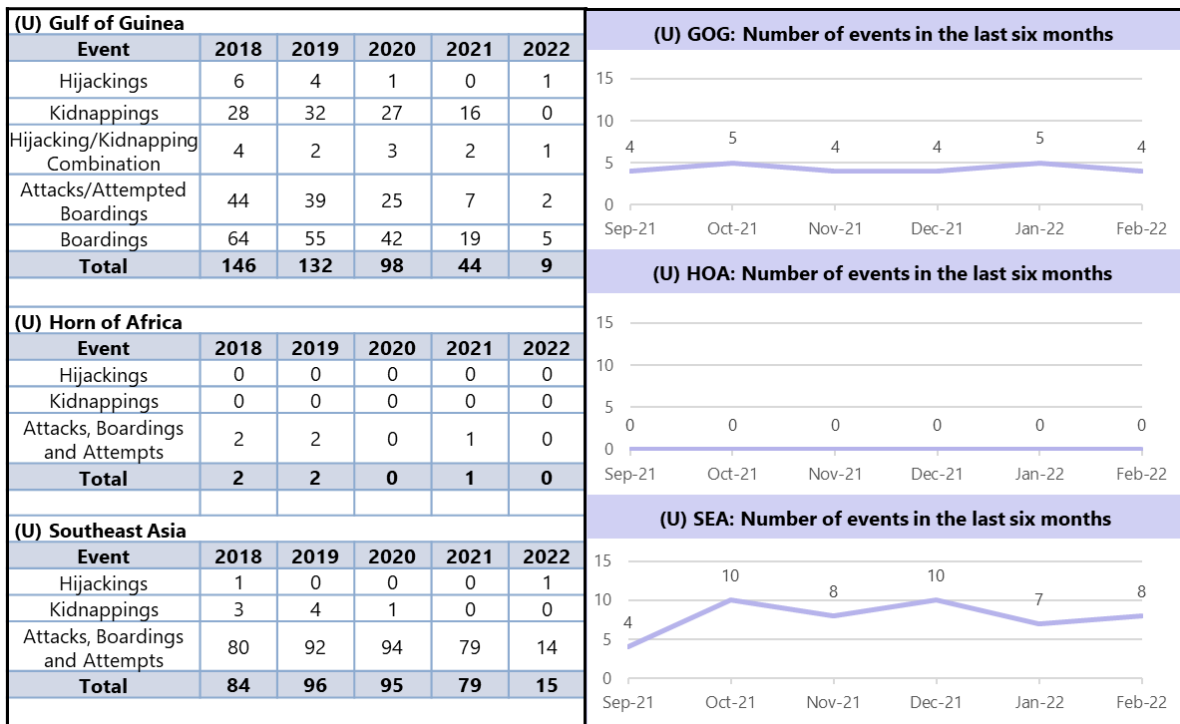
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 2 February, at 0435 local time, three robbers armed with knives boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier BOBIC anchored at Belawan Anchorage, near position 03:55N – 098:47E. The robbers used a hook attached to a rope to board the vessel. They chased the on-duty crew member who was on routine rounds. The crew member managed to escape and raised the alarm. The crew mustered, and searched the vessel. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB; vesseltracker.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

9. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 January, at 0428 local time, two robbers boarded the underway Vietnam-flagged tugboat HAI DUONG 29 while towing the Panama-flagged platform HAKURYU 5 about 4.6 NM northeast of Karimun Kecil Island in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:10N – 103:29E. The robbers were seen on the vessel's closed circuit television system as they boarded. It was reported that nothing was stolen and that all crew were safe. The ship required no assistance and resumed her voyage. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT: No current incidents to report.

K. (U) **AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

5. (U) **Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends**



6. (U) **Appendix B: Definitions and Sourcing**

A. (U) **Definitions:** In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis.

- (U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) **Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

- (U) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

B. (U) Sourcing: ONI derives information in this report primarily from government agencies, piracy reporting centers, maritime security companies, and open press.

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(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intelligence Portal:
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