

Republic of the Marshall Islands

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SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY No. 06-24

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Company Security Officers, Recognized Security Organizations

Subject: SECURITY INCIDENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Date: 14 August 2024

This Ship Security Advisory (SSA) supersedes SSA No. 05-23.

1.0 Recent Incidents

1.1 The Information Fusion Centre (IFC) Singapore recorded 26 incidents in the Singapore Strait from January through July 2024, with the majority of incidents occurring in the Phillip Channel and waters off Bintan and Batam Islands. The most targeted vessel types in recent years were bulk carriers, tankers, tugs, and barges. In July 2024, six incidents were reported with two incidents occurring back-to-back, accounting for approximately 30% of total incidents for the year. Additional incident details can be found on the [IFC Singapore website](#).

2.0 Risk Mitigation Measures

2.1 The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) reminds all vessels transiting the Singapore Strait to adopt the following basic protective measures, as advised by IFC Singapore:

- .1 Maintain an all-round lookout from an elevated position, with a focus on suspicious small craft(s) approaching or in proximity of the ship’s aft.
- .2 Turn on weather deck lighting around the accommodation block and rear-facing lighting on the poop deck.
- .3 Sound the ship’s alarm when suspicious small craft(s) are sighted.

2.2 IFC Singapore also encourages ships to provide photographic or video evidence to educate the industry on the modus operandi of the perpetrators and help the authorities with their investigation.

This SSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

3.0 Additional IFC Singapore Resources and Guidance

3.1 The [IFC Singapore website](#) provides informative threat assessment and response tools for ships transiting the Asian region, including:

- .1 a [Bridge Card](#) to outline the Voluntary Community of Reporting (VCR) scheme;
- .2 [recommended shipboard protection measures](#);
- .3 weekly, monthly, and annual [incident reports](#); and
- .4 [infographics](#) to help visualize incidents in the region.

4.0 Contact Information

4.1 All security incidents and suspicious activities must be reported by RMI-flagged vessels to the Administrator, as per §12.5 of RMI Marine Notice [2-011-39](#).

The Administrator:

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International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC)

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WEBSITE: <https://www.icc-ccs.org/piracy-reporting-centre>

FORM: IMB PRC - [Piracy & Armed Robbery Report](#)

Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)

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See the ReCAAP [Regional Guide](#) for additional Contact Point details

5.0 References

- .1 RMI Marine Notice [2-011-39](#), *Piracy, Armed Robbery, and the Use of Armed Security*
- .2 IMO Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1333/Rev.1](#), *Recommendations to Governments for Preventing and Suppressing Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships*
- .3 IMO Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1334](#), *Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships: Guidance to Shipowners and Ship Operators, Shipmasters and Crews on Preventing and Suppressing Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships*
- .4 ReCAAP [Guidance](#), *Regional Guide 2 To Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery in Asia*
- .5 Maritime Global Security Guidance ([GBMP](#)), *Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers*