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## **REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**

### **Issued monthly**

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization and, in addition, to issue, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising of any new feature or pattern of significance, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, summaries of reports on incidents received between 30 November 1998 (MSC/Circ.880) and 31 December 1998.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,338, an increase of 9 since 30 November 1998.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the current year being MSC/Circ.835, MSC/Circ.839, MSC/Circ.841, MSC/Circ.844, MSC/Circ.869, MSC/Circ.870, MSC/Circ.873, MSC/Circ.874, MSC/Circ.875, MSC/Circ.877 and MSC/Circ.880.

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# ANNEX

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## Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by Member States or international organizations in consultative status

No.	Name of ship Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was incident reported to the coastal authority? If so, to whom	Reporting State or international organization	Action taken by the Coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	<b>BRIGHT EXPRESS</b> Chemical tanker Panama 42235 9032678	23/10/98	Santan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	Ship's properties stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	<b>LADY ERIKA</b> Gas carrier Panama 4695	25/11/98	Santan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	Ship's properties stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	<b>LAMBERT MARU</b> Bulk carrier Japan 98661 8200448	29/11/98 12:30 hrs	08° 12' .0 S 123° 47' .0 E (Indonesia)	Pirates boarded the ship from a small boat	Ship's and crew's properties stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	<b>PERNAS AMANG</b> Bulk carrier Malaysia 36569	29/11/98	05° 42' .0 S 105° 24' .0 E (Indonesia)	Pirates boarded the ship from a speed boat	Pirates held crew hostage and stole their properties	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	<b>MAERSK LAUNCHER</b> Supply ship Denmark 2311	29/11/98	Douala (Cameroon)	While berthed, about six pirates boarded the ship from two boats and held two crew members hostage	1000 litres of paint stolen	-	Yes, Port Authorities notified	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	<b>BRILLIANCE</b> Tanker Singapore 1287	02/12/98 03:20 UTC	Santan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	Paint stolen	-	Yes, Port Authorities notified	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	MUNDOGAS EUROPE Gas carrier Liberia 18093	10/12/98 01:30 hrs	00° 10' 0 N 117° 38' 0 E Off Bontang Port (Indonesia)	Three unidentified pirates boarded the ship via the anchor chain hawse pipes. When the duty watchman saw the pirates lowering a mooring rope he raised the alarm. Pirates threatened the watchman and eventually left when the crew chased them	-	Duty watchman raised the alarm	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	BONVOY 8 Tanker Panama 3333	13/12/98 01:48 hrs	05° 28' 75 S 105° 17' 34 E Panjang Port (Indonesia)	Six pirates armed with swords boarded the ship	-	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	NIVOSA Tanker Australia 72609	30/12/98 02:00 hrs	Santan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	Ship's properties stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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