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## NIGERIAN PIRACY ATTACKS

### --- MARSHALL ISLANDS SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY NO. 13-12

The office of the Maritime Administration of Marshall Islands (RMI) issued Ship Security Advisory No.13-12 on February 13, 2012 to Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, and Owners/Agents to put out a warning for ships to steer clear of waters off Nigeria due to a trio of recent piracy attacks. The unofficial Chinese translation to Ship Advisory No.13-12 has been provided to ship-owners and ship companies for easy reference, and can be downloaded from [http://www.ccs.org.cn/en/InformationService/InformationService2\\_1.htm](http://www.ccs.org.cn/en/InformationService/InformationService2_1.htm).

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The Administrator urges all vessels operating in the region to actively implement appropriate Best Management Practices for anti-piracy measures, continue to maintain a heightened state of awareness, maintain strict 24 hour anti-piracy visual and radar watches, and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (24 hours anti-piracy helpline: +603 2031 0014, Email: [piracy@icc-ccs.org](mailto:piracy@icc-ccs.org), Telex: MA 34199). ”<sup>i</sup>

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