

Stowaway incidents and ports

between Jan 2010 and Jul 2017

Ref. IC17120, 22 Aug 2017

Statistics

According to following sources at IMO, there were **658 incidents** of stowaways reported between Jan 2010 and Jul 2017 with **1713 stowaways**:

- 1) IMO circulars:
 - a. FAL.2/Circ.121, Annual statistics of stowaway incidents for the year 2010
 - b. FAL.2/Circ.125, Annual statistics of stowaway incidents for the year 2011
 - c. FAL.2/Circ.126, Annual statistics of stowaway incidents for the year 2012
 - d. FAL.2/Circ.128, Annual statistics of stowaway incidents for the year 2013
 - e. FAL.2/Circ.129, Annual statistics of stowaway incidents for the year 2014
- 2) Page 20, FAL 41/17 on the report of 41st session of IMO Facilitation Committee, held in Apr 2017
- 3) <https://gisis.imo.org/Members/FAL/Stowaways/Default.aspx>, the IMO web-based database, for stowaway records between Jan 2015 and Jul 2017

Findings

Findings from the information received and used for the analysis:

- Some stowaways boarded the ship dressed as stevedores.
- In most cases stowaways were found in containers, car decks, trailers, engine-rooms, hold ventilation, holes, holds, under or near the stern, ballast tanks, rudder trunks and lifeboats.

Ports of incidents

In the following table, there were 84 ports with reported incidents of stowaways. At bottom of the table, there were no records to show where the 788 stowaways boarded the ships, representing 44% of the total stowaways. It suggests that there could be more than 84 ports as listed for the crew to take extra caution to guard the ships and security search on-board.

Ports of incidents	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Jul 2017	Total
Aalborg								1	1
Abidjan	19	14	1	19	4	11	1	5	74
Agadir	1		6	3			2		12
Algiers	15		4		1				20
Annaba								2	2
Antwerp		1	1						2
Apapa							7	2	9
Barcelona				1				4	5

Ports of incidents	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Jul 2017	Total
Bari								2	2
Benin, Cotonou					1	1	1	2	5
Calabar						1			1
Cape Town		5	1	7	12	1	9		35
Casablanca	6				5				11
Caucedo	12			1					13
Ceyhan							7		7
Conakry	4	4	5				2		15
Corinto	36		8						44
Dakar	5		4	7	3	7	1	4	31
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania				1	1		1	1	4
Der es Salaam, S Africa						1			1
Djibouti	3		4	5	4	2	1		19
Douala		14	3		5	5	12	2	41
Doula				4	2				6
Dover			2						2
Dubrovnik	1								1
Durban	6	10		1	5	5	6	7	40
Fangcheng			1						1
Freetown		7		3					10
Greenville						3			3
Guaira				1					1
Guayaquil								2	2
Gibraltar	3								3
Hamburg	3								3
Haydarpasa						1	10		11
Hong kong					1				1
Igoumenitsa							5	1	6
Istanbul				6					6
Jorf Losfar						4			4
Kingston				3					3
Laayoounne				2					2
Lagos	16	8	5	5	19	30	48	21	152
Liverpool	4								4
Lome	1	3	2				8	1	15
Luanda			6						6
melilla						2			2
Manzanillo	4								4
Matadi		2	1	2	4	2	2		13
Moin		1							1
monbasa, Kenya					3				3
monbasa, S Africa					1				1

Ports of incidents	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Jul 2017	Total
Monrovia				8					8
Nador					1				1
Nassau						1			1
Nouakchott					2				2
Oostende	22								22
Oran	2								2
Patras				38					38
Point Lisas, Trinidad and Tobago							1		1
Pointe Noire		1							1
Port Elizabeth				1					1
Port Harcourt	5			5					10
Port Mariel						1			1
Port Sudan		1							1
Puerto Bolivar			2	1		3			6
Puerto Cabello	4		2						6
Richard's Bay	3		2		2				7
Rio Haina	1				5				6
Said					1				1
Safi	1						3		4
San Juan						6			6
San Pedro	4				2		3		9
Santos	1								1
shanghai					1				1
Sudan				1					1
Takoradi	1	5	2	5	2		5		20
tanger med					2				2
Tangier		1							1
Tema	8	7	1	8	10	4			38
Texas			2						2
Tincan, Nigeria					3	4			7
Tripoli				2					2
Tunis							12		12
Turbo	2								2
Zeebrugge	42								42
Unknown	485	109	102	62	17		13		788
Total Stowaways	721	193	166	202	120	88	164	59	1713
Total incidents	253	73	90	70	61	28	58	25	
**incidents on Bulk carrier	5	28	17	15	10	not sure	not sure	not sure	

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