



# MINERVA

## Incident Report: “Ramtin”



Name: "Ramtin"  
Flag: Iran  
Class: Suezmax  
Reg'd Owner:  
Tabuk Maritime  
IMO: 9003237

## "Ramtin": Overview

Ramtin

Hamoda K

Star Bright

SEP 12

1

Oil-laden "Ramtin" departs Bandar Abbas, Iran

SEP 12 – OCT 15

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En-route to Singapore, "Ramtin" engages in identity-spoofing scheme, falsely transmitting as "Hamoda K"

OCT 27-28

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"Ramtin" approaches VLCC "Star Bright" and conducts probable Ship-to-Ship Transfer

OCT 28-Present

4

"Star Bright" continues as Floating Storage Unit, granting Iranian oil access to global oil market

“Ramtin” (IMO 9003237)



## Incident Summary

- Time period: September 10, 2013, to October 28, 2013
- The Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL)-linked vessel “Ramtin” loads oil at the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas
- The “Ramtin” undergoes complex efforts to disguise its identity and route while en route to Singapore
- The “Ramtin” approaches the VLCC “Star Bright,” a Singapore-based Floating Storage Unit (FSU), in a crowded area near the Singapore/Malaysia maritime boundary.
- The “Ramtin” engages in a probable Ship to Ship (STS) transfer, transferring Iranian crude to the “Star Bright”

**Name:** “Ramtin”

**Registered Owner at time of Incident:**

Tabuk Maritime Inc.

**Previous Owners or Operators:**

Irano-Hind Shipping Co., Auris Marine Co Ltd

**Beneficial Owner:** IRISL

**Type:** Suezmax oil tanker

**Insurance:**

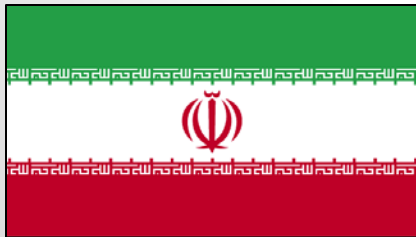
**Flag:** Iran





## Incident Overview

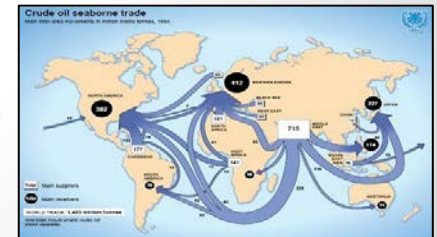
- September 12, 2013: “Ramtin” leaves Bandar Abbas, Iran
- September 12- October 25, 2013: The “Ramtin” engages in an identity-spoofing scheme while en route to Singapore, using the identity of the UAE-based tanker “Hamoda K”
- October 25, 2013: The “Ramtin” appears in shipping lane immediately south of Singapore, then heads west to crowded STS anchorage zone
- October 27-28, 2013: The “Ramtin” approaches the VLCC “Star Bright,” operated by Singapore based **Southernpec Pte Ltd.**, and begins a probable STS transfer on October 27, 2013 at ~5:00 UTC
- October 28, 2013-ongoing: The “Star Bright” continues its operations as a FSU, allowing Iranian oil access to the global oil market



*Iran*



*Singapore*



*Global Oil Market*

## The “Ramtin’s” Loading of oil at Bandar Abbas

- Prior to September 10, 2013: “Ramtin” operates under the Mobile Maritime Service Identity # 422046300. MMSI numbers are identity signals that can be changed by the ship captain, and form the basis for a range of identity-concealing tactics used in smuggling operations
- September 10-12, 2013: “Ramtin” anchors near Bandar Abbas



“Splendour’s” route: 5/25-6/23



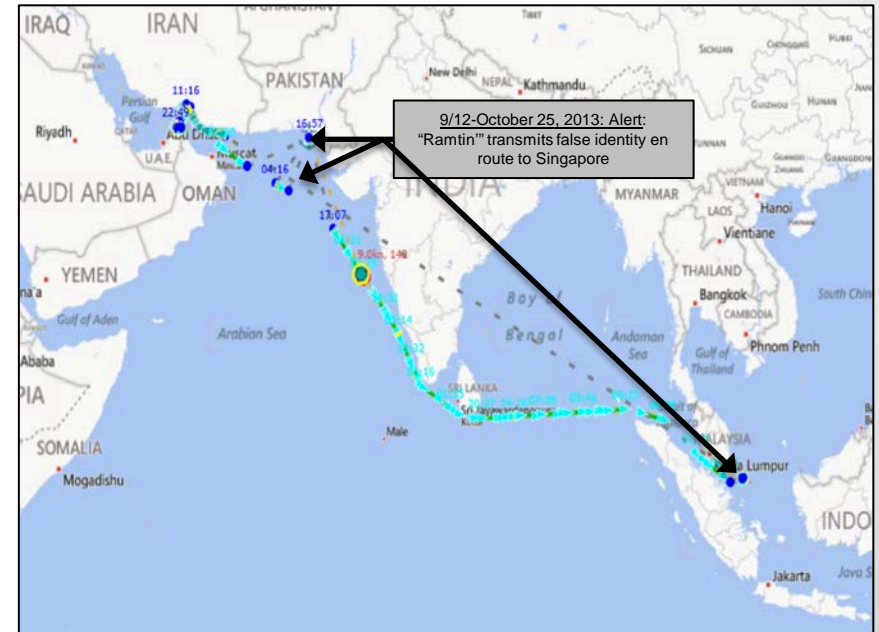
Port of Bandar Abbas, Iran

## “Ramtin’s” Route to Singapore

- September 12, 2013: The “Ramtin” ceases using its historical MMSI identity 422046300
- September 12-October 25, 2013: The “Ramtin” begins transmitting its identity as MMSI 671291000, the MMSI number historically used by a UAE-based tanker.
- October 25, 2013: The “Ramtin” arrives in Singapore



The “Ramtin” using MMSI 422046300



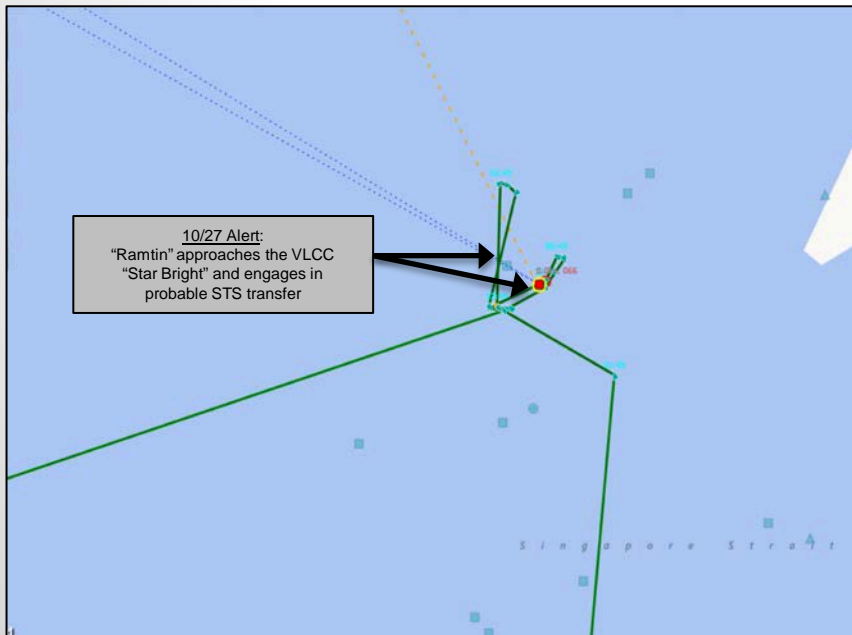
The “Ramtin” using MMSI 671291000

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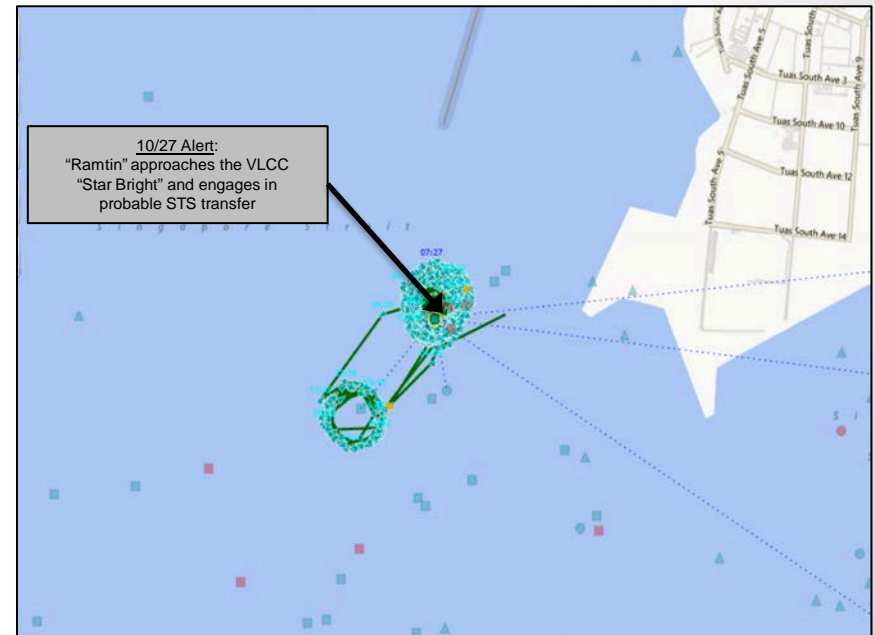


## STS Transfer: “Ramtin”-“Star Bright”

- October 27, 2013: The “Ramtin” approaches the VLCC “Star Bright”
- October 27-28, 2013: The “Ramtin” begins a probable STS transfer with the “Star Bright”
- October 28, 2013: Following the transfer, Iranian oil becomes effectively blended into the global oil market



“Ramtin’s” route during the STS transfer



“Star Bright’s” route during the STS transfer





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