ReCAAP
Information Sharing Centre

1. Number of Incidents

☐ **26 incidents** (21 actual & five attempted)

☐ **Decreased by 4%** compared to January-March 2023 (27 incidents)

☐ All **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)

Number of incidents (January-March of 2007-2024)

	Jan-Mar 2007	Jan-Mar 2008	Jan-Mar 2009	Jan-Mar 2010	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012	Jan-Mar 2013	Jan-Mar 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2023	Jan-Mar 2024
Total	19	20	15	26	48	40	29	32	44	17	27	21	10	28	17	23	27	26
Actual	15	15	14	21	38	37	28	31	41	17	21	15	9	27	16	22	27	21
Attempted	4	5	1	5	10	3	1	1	3	0	6	6	1	1	1	1	0	5

—◆— Total —■— Actual —▲— Attempted
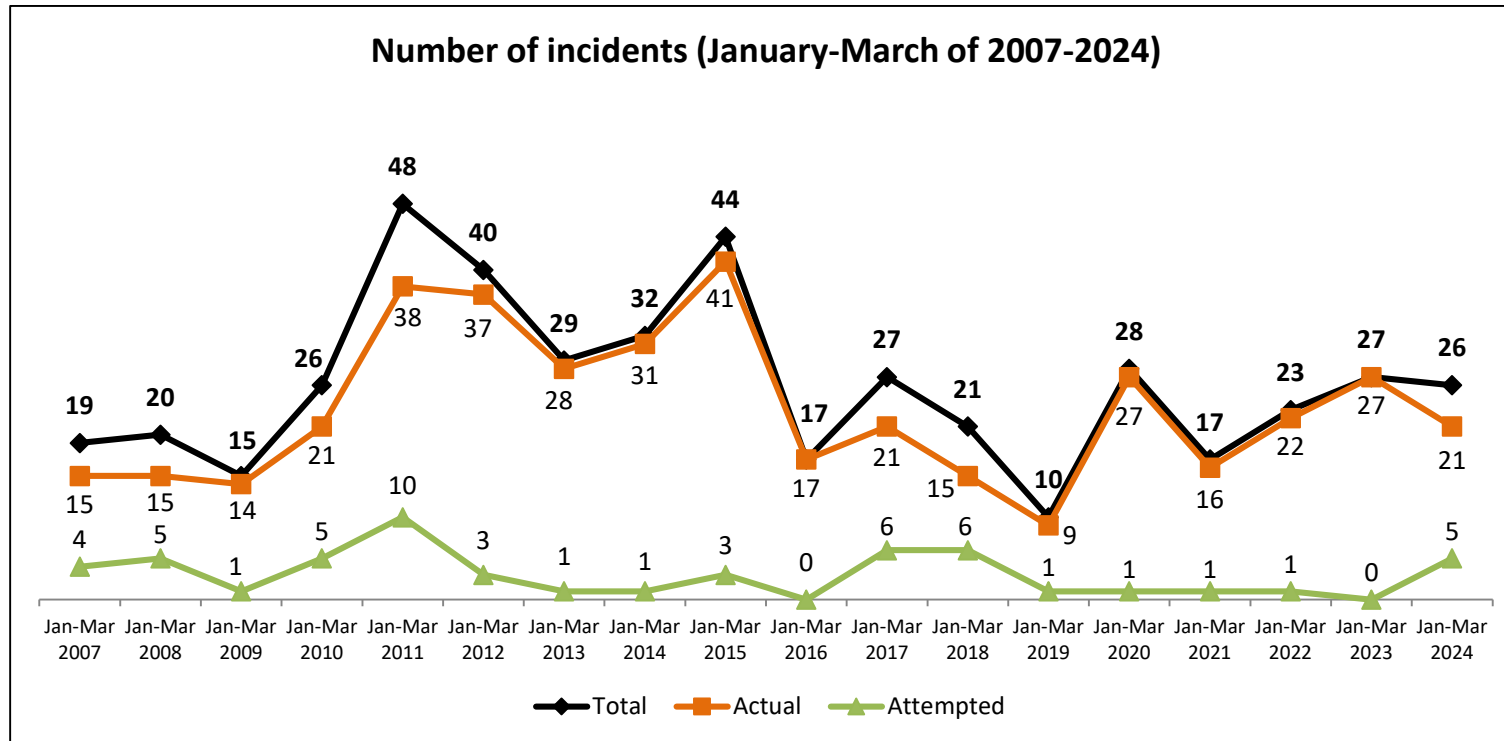
2. Severity of Incidents

❑ **21 actual incidents**

➢ 5 x **CAT 2**, 8 x **CAT 3** and 8 x **CAT 4**

➢ Increase in **CAT 2** incidents – majority involved armed perpetrators (4); crew assaulted (1), temporarily restrained (3) & no injury reported (1)

➢ Slight increase **CAT 3** incidents - perpetrators armed; crew not injured

➢ Decrease in **CAT 4** incidents – perpetrators not armed; crew not injured

Significance level of incidents (January-March of 2007-2024)

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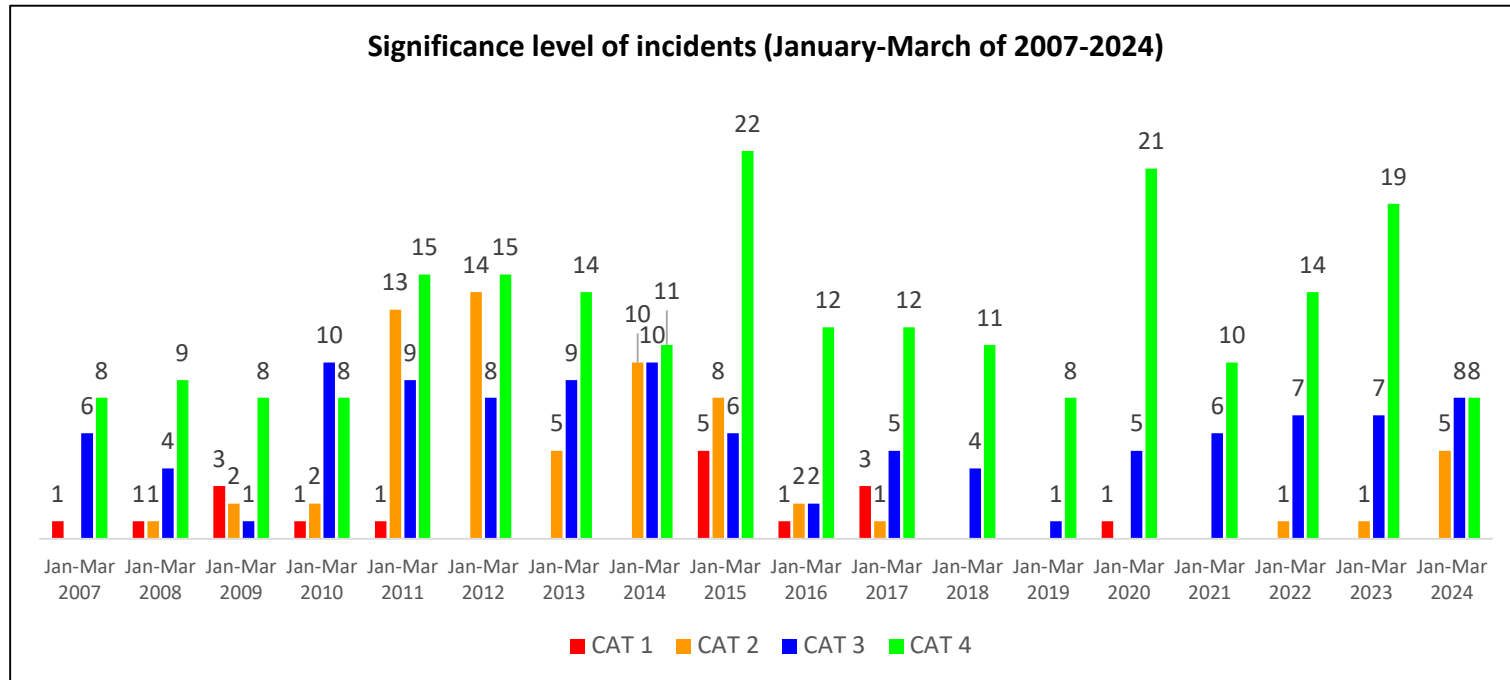
3. Location of Incidents

- **Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)** **(11)**
- **Indonesia** **(7)**
- **Bangladesh** **(5)**
- **India** **(2)**
- **Philippines** **(1)**

Number of incidents
(Jan-Mar 2024 vs Jan-Mar 2023)

❏ **Increase**:
- **Bangladesh [5 vs 0]**
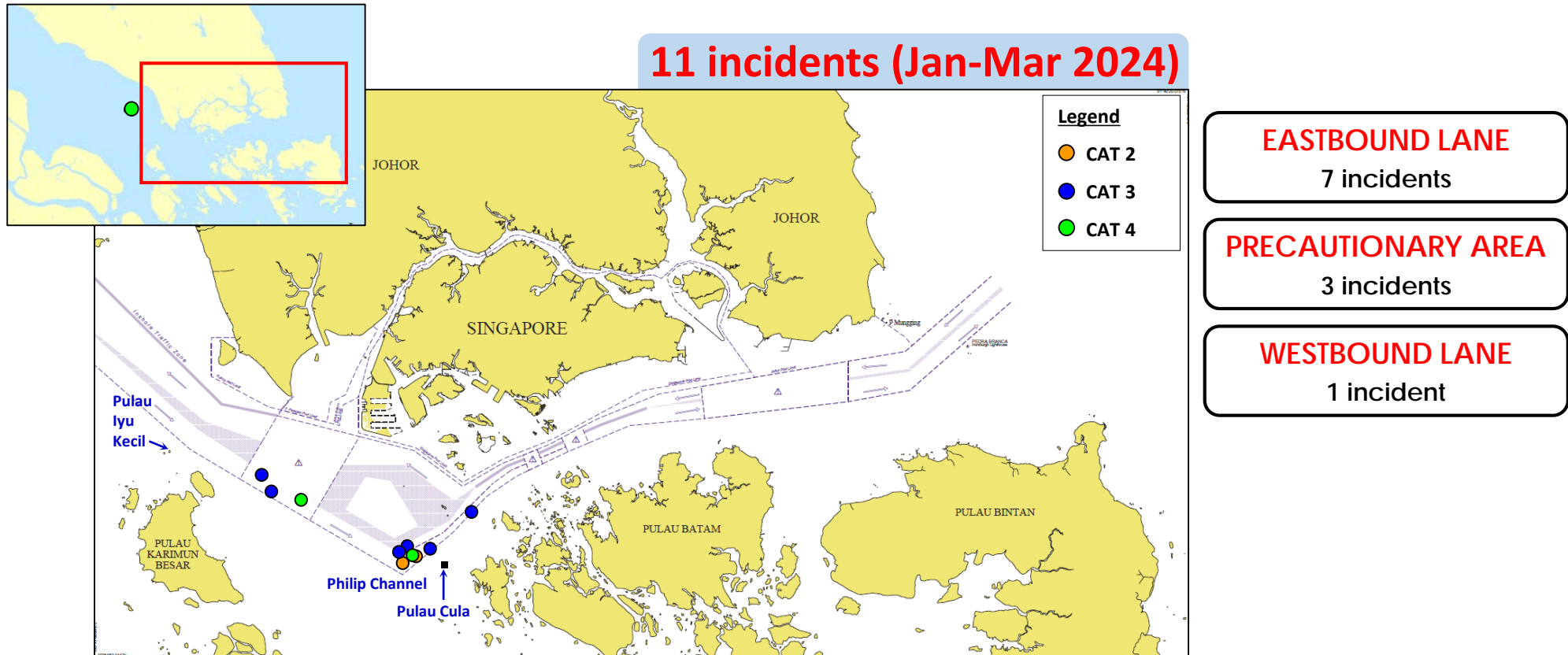- **Indonesia [7 vs 4]**
- **India [2 vs 1]**

❏ **Decrease**:
- **SOMS [11 vs 20]**
- **Philippines [1 vs 2]**

Areas of Concern
- **Continued occurrence of incidents in SOMS**
- **Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas**

4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)

11 incidents (Jan-Mar 2024)

Legend
- 🟠 CAT 2
- 🔵 CAT 3
- 🟢 CAT 4

JOHOR

JOHOR

SINGAPORE

Pulau Iyu Kecil

PULAU KARIMUN BESAR

Philip Channel

Pulau Cula

PULAU BATAM

PULAU BINTAN

P Mingging

PEDRA BRANCA

EASTBOUND LANE
7 incidents

PRECAUTIONARY AREA
3 incidents

WESTBOUND LANE
1 incident

- ❑ Significance level of incidents: 2 x **CAT 2**, **6 x CAT 3**, 3 x **CAT 4**
- ❑ Type of ships boarded: **Bulk carriers (10)**, Tug boat & drill ship (1)
- ❑ Time of incidents: 0000-0059 hrs (2), **0200-0459 hrs (7)**, 1400-1459 hrs (1), 2300-2359 hrs (1)

5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

❑ <u>No incident</u> since January 2020

❑ <u>No crew</u> held in captivity

❑ Philippine Coast Guard <u>downgraded threat of abduction of crew</u>

HIGH → **POTENTIALLY HIGH** (May 2022) → **MODERATE** (Sep 2022) → **MODERATE LOW** (Oct 2023)

❑ **Moderate Low**: "*Incidents are unlikely to occur due to perpetrators' perceived lack of capability to orchestrate an attack. Nevertheless, minimal damages are expected to the vessel and crew in case of an attack*"

❑ ReCAAP ISC updated <u>Advisory</u> to ships to "<u>exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area</u>"

➢ Ships to maintain communication with the authorities & report all incidents to Operation Centre of the Philippines & Malaysia

6. Thrust Area

❑ Maintain latest situation update
   [Provide ReCAAP Interactive Dashboard – '*Re-VAMP*']

❑ Brief crew, maintain proper lookout, exercise caution & implement BMP when transiting areas of concern

❑ Ensure CCTV, VDR & camera operational to capture data
   ['*Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*']

❑ Produce **Posters** to facilitate timely reporting of incident (actual & attempted) to nearest coastal State's RCC & flag State -
   [1. '*Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia: Reporting of Incidents - Contact Details*'
   2. '*Guidelines & Reporting of Incident by Vessels – Straits of Malacca & Singapore*']

❑ Report all incidents, suspicious activities & sightings of boats in vicinity
   ['*Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters (version 2)*']