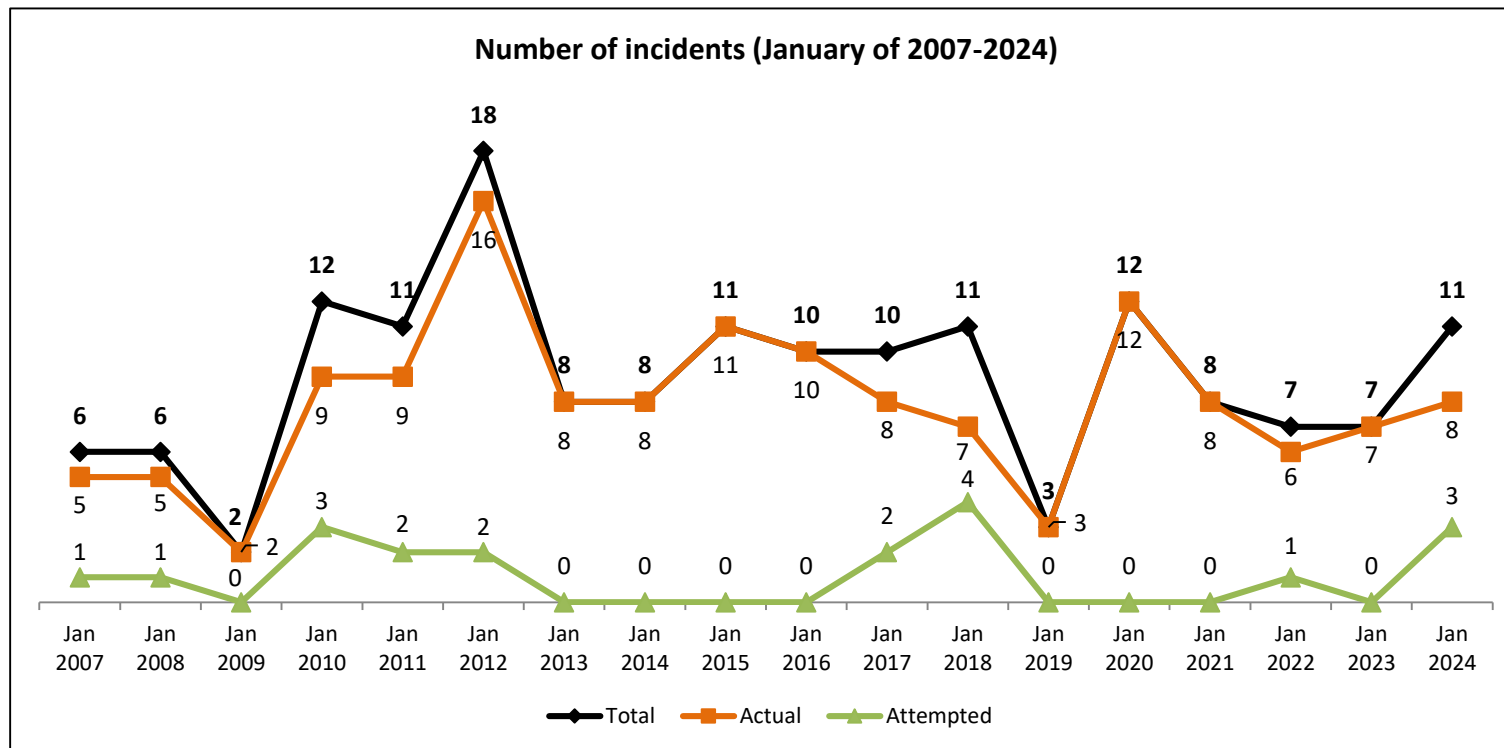


Situation Update (January 2024)

1. Number of Incidents

- ❑ **11 incidents** (eight actual & three attempted)
- ❑ **Increased by 57%** compared to January 2023 (7 incidents)
- ❑ One incident of **piracy** (on high seas) – hijack of fishing vessel in Indian Ocean
- ❑ **10 armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)

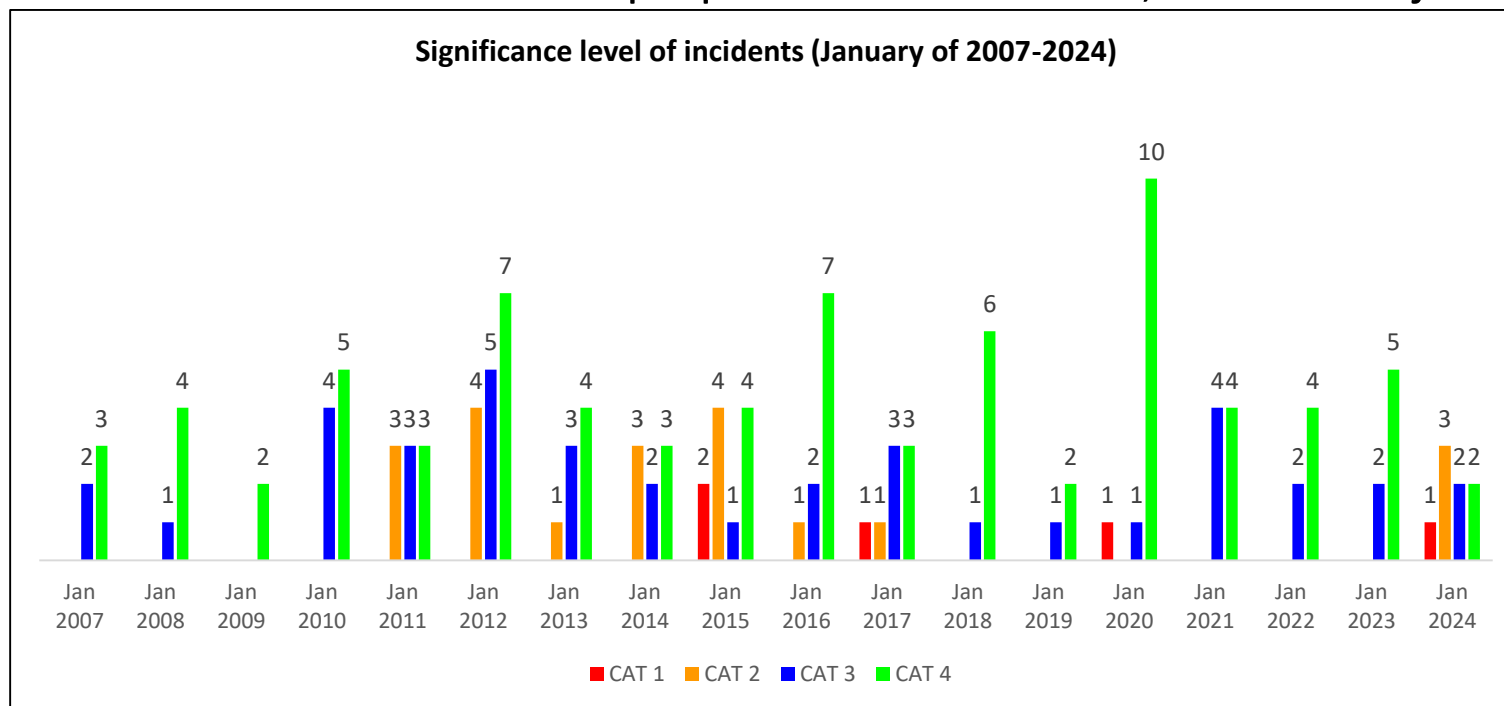


Situation Update (January 2024)

2. Severity of Incidents

☐ Eight actual incidents

- 1 x **CAT 1**, 3 x **CAT 2**, 2 x **CAT 3** and 2 x **CAT 4**
- First **CAT 1** incident since Jan 2020 – hijack of fishing vessel; crew taken hostage
- Three **CAT 2** incidents - perpetrators armed; crew assaulted (1), temporarily restrained (1) and no injury reported (1)
- Decrease in **CAT 4** incidents – perpetrators not armed; crew not injured



3. Location of Incidents

- Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (4)
- Indonesia (3)
- India (2)
- Bangladesh (1)
- Indian Ocean (1)

Number of incidents (January 2024 vs January 2023)

☐ Increase:

- Indonesia [3 vs 2]
- India [2 vs 1]
- Bangladesh [1 vs 0]
- Indian Ocean [1 vs 0]

☐ No change:

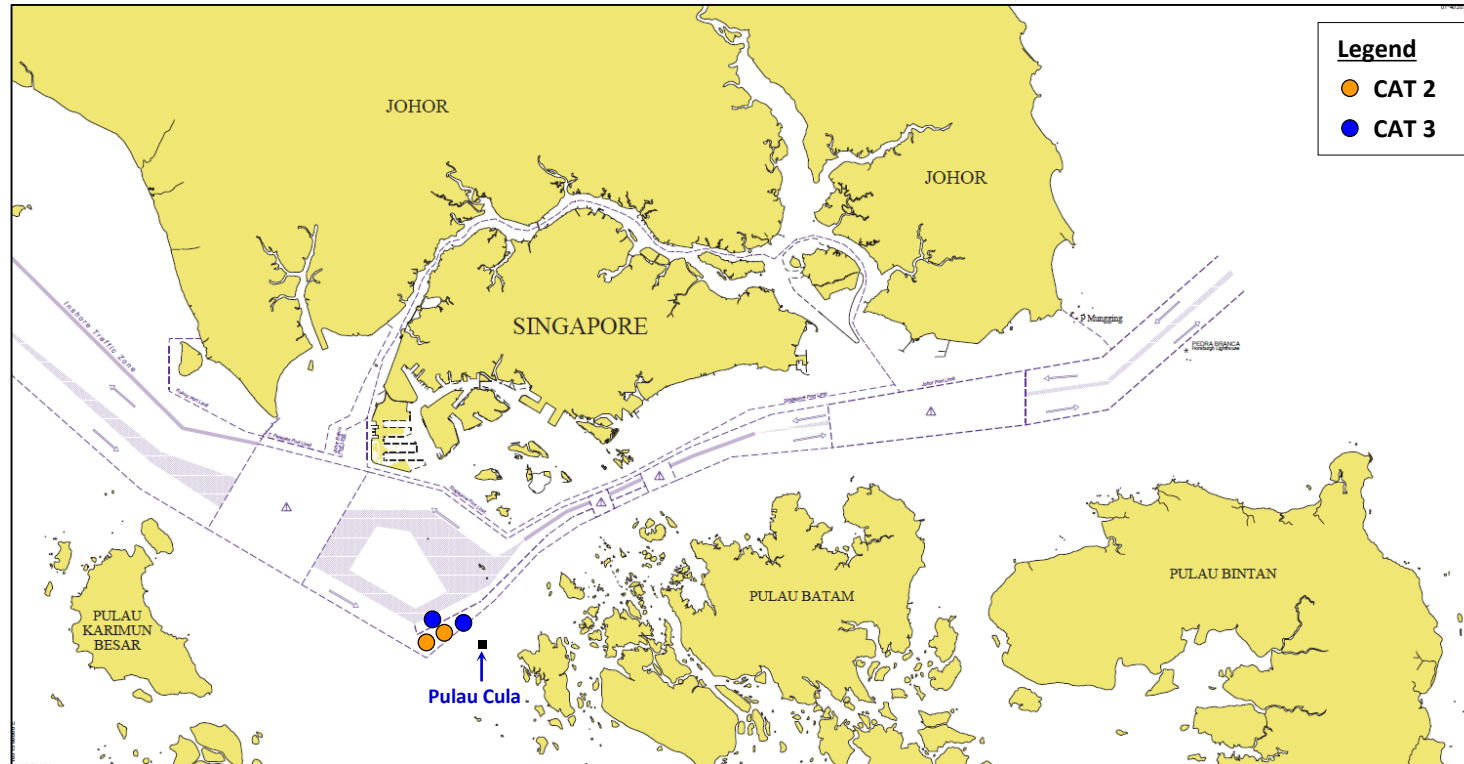
- SOMS [4]

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)

4 incidents (Jan 2024)



- All in eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
 - 2 x **CAT 2**, 2 x **CAT 3**
- Occurred onboard bulk carriers
- Time of incidents: 0200-0259 hrs (3), 0300-0359 hrs (1)

5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- ❑ No incident since January 2020
- ❑ No crew held in captivity
- ❑ Philippine Coast Guard downgraded threat of abduction of crew



- ❑ **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 Advisory to ships to “exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area”
 - 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’*]