

Efforts against sea robberies at ports and anchorages; and abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas





SCOPE OF PRESENTATION

- I. Efforts against sea robberies at ports and anchorages in Manila and Batangas
- II. Latest developments on the efforts of the Philippine Government in Sulu & Celebes Seas



Characteristics of Sea Robbery/theft in the Philippines

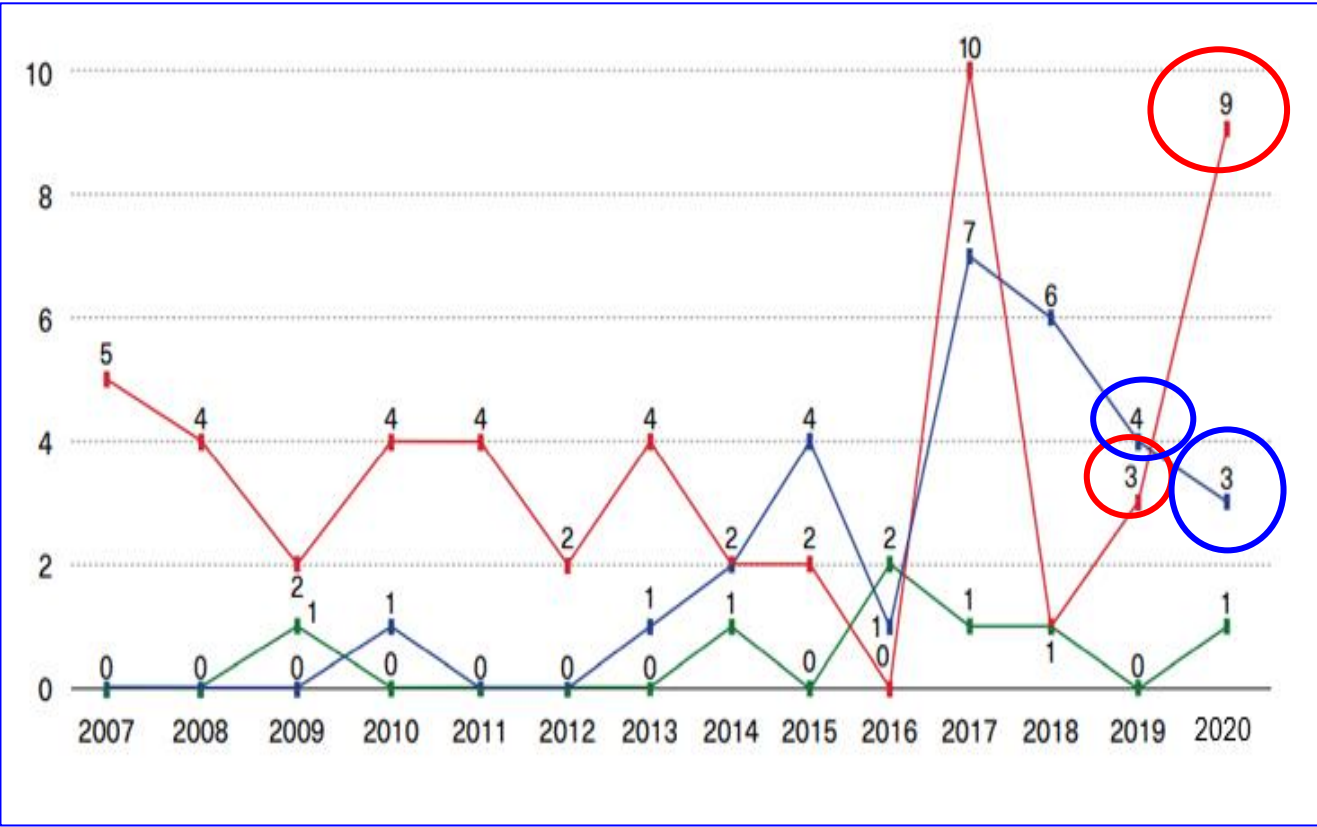
- low level-pirate activity
- simple “hit-and-run” robberies
- mounted close to land by small craft
- perpetrators normally armed with knives
- target portable ship items that can be brought out of the ship



ARMED ROBBERY



Incidents in the ports and anchorages area in the Philippines



Past 5 years ...

- ❖ (2016) → 3
- ❖ (2017) → 19
- ❖ (2018) → 9
- ❖ (2019) → 7
- ❖ (Jan-Dec 2020) → 13

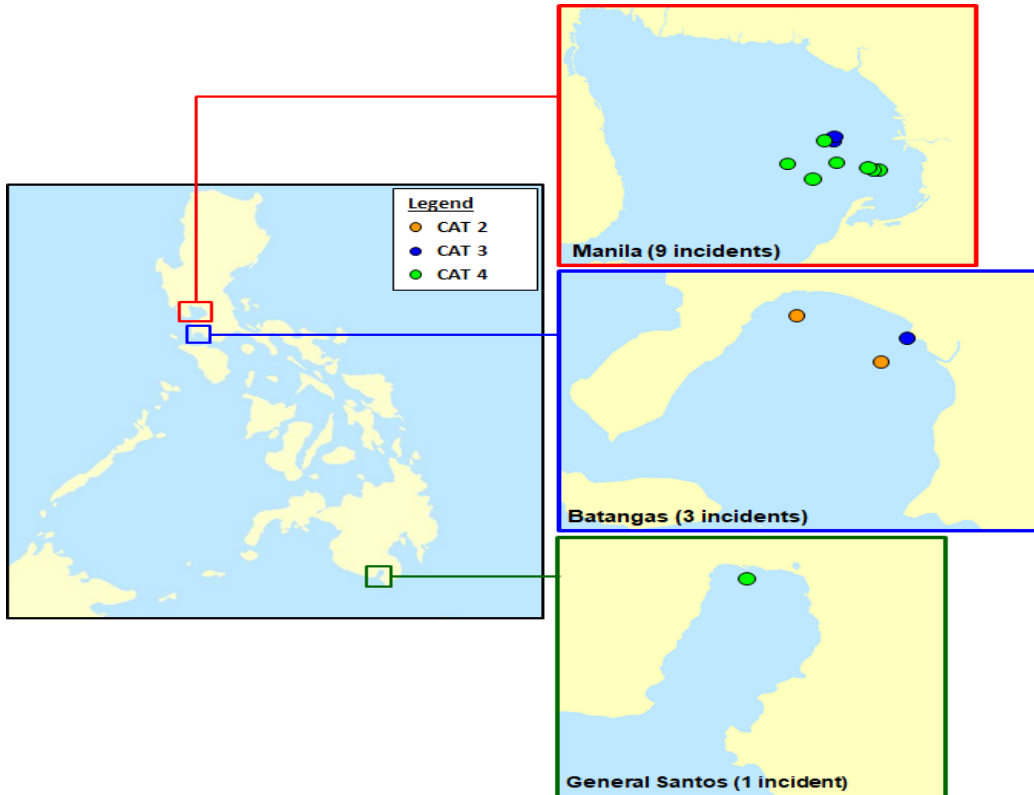
CY- 2019 vs. CY-2020

- ❖ Increase of incidents at Manila anchorage (3 → 9)
- ❖ Improvement at Batangas anchorage (4 → 3)

Manila Batangas Others

Source: ReCAAP ISC 3rd Quarter 2020 Report

Incidents in the ports and anchorages area in the Philippines from January – December 2020



- 9 in Manila, 3 in Batangas, 1 in General Santos
- Manila ports and anchorages was designated as one of the Green Zone for crew change by the IMO due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- Out of 9 reported incidents in Manila, 3 incidents happened in South anchorage area within three consecutive days from 4 to 6 Sept 2020.
- Out of 3 incidents in Batangas, 2 were transpired in August

Efforts by the PCG:

(Manila & Batangas ports & anchorages)



Intensified intelligence gathering & sustained maritime patrol;



Increased boarding inspections on suspicious vessels and watercraft during night-time



Intensified the implementation of the Safety, Security, and Environmental Numbering (SSEN) System



Hourly broadcast thru VHF & encourage ships to report incidents or any suspicious activities



Coordinated w/ various law enforcement agencies & local government units





CG STATION BATANGAS ADVISORY (dated 6 Sep 2020)

Ships were advised:

- to be vigilant and watchful esp. during night time ;
- Provide double watch;
- Immediately report to CG Station Batangas or nearest sub-stations



Philippine Coast Guard
Coast Guard District Southern Tagalog
COAST GUARD STATION BATANGAS
PPA Compound, Sta. Clara, Batangas City

MEMORANDUM

To : All Foreign Vessel Calling Port of Batangas
From : Acting Commander, Coast Guard Station Batangas
Subject : Advisory Notice re: Armed Robbery at Sea
Date : 06 September 2020
References : a. IMO Res. A. 1025 (26) / Res. 1025 dated 18 January 2010
b. IMO Res. A. 1069 (28) / Res. 1069 dated 05 February 2014
c. IMO MSC. 1 / Circ. 1333 / Rev.1 dated 12 June 2015
d. IMO MSC. 1 / Circ. 1334 dated 23 June 2009
e. IMO MSC. 1 / Circ. 1585 dated 05 July 2017
f. IMO MSC. 99 / inf. 18 dated 13 March 2018

1. The herein references urge all member States, in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to actively combat armed robbery at sea by adopting measures, including those relating to capacity – building through training of sea farers, port staff, and enforcement personnel in the prevention, reporting and investigation of incidents involving armed robbery at sea. Moreover, it is also recommended for Members State to bring the aforementioned regulations to the attention of all ship owners, ship operators, shipping companies, shipmasters, officers and crew.

2. Hence, you are hereby advised to be vigilant and watchful especially during night time and provide double watch while at the Batangas Bay Anchorage or moored at terminals to avoid the abovementioned subject to happen. Furthermore, besides the VHF channel 16 being the maritime communication frequency, you may also reach this Coast Guard Station thru cellphone numbers +63 917-842-6649 (Globe) or +63 998 585 5846 (Smart) for fastest and other means of communication during such emergency situation.


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SUCCESSFUL MARITIME SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

- ❑ Apprehension and filing of case in court against fourteen perpetrators while in the act of pilfering sacks of corn kernels and processed chicken feeds from the barge towed by M/TUG MIKA *in Manila Bay* last 30 Oct 2020.
- ❑ Apprehensions of 10 motor bancas *in Batangas* for violation of various maritime laws & regulations;
- ❑ No incidents of armed robbery/ theft against ships were reported since the last reported incidents in Manila last September and in Batangas last August.



ABDUCTION OF CREW

since 2016

20 ACTUAL INCIDENTS

Incidents	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Actual	12	3	2	2	1
Attempted	6	4	1		



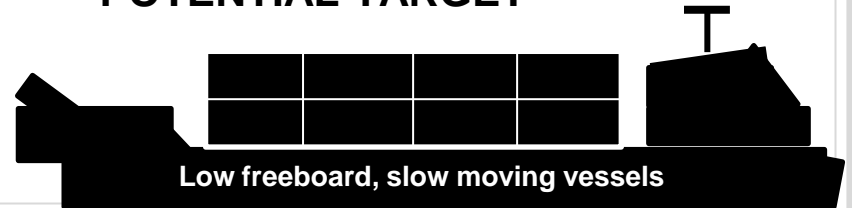
PERPETRATORS



Where?

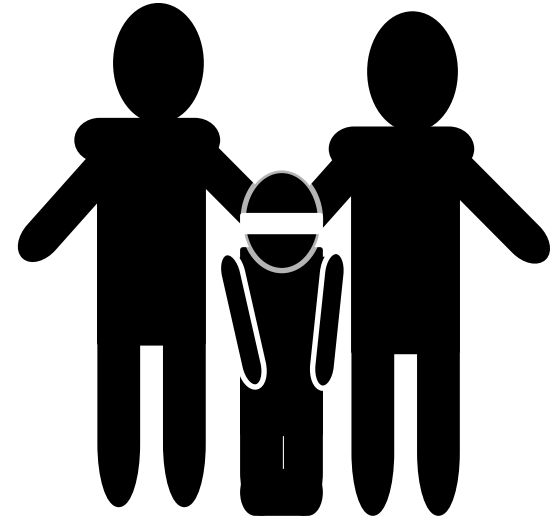


POTENTIAL TARGET





- ❑ 17 January 2020
- ❑ Malaysian Registered Fishing Boat
- ❑ 8 Indonesian Fishing Crew
- ❑ 3 rescued
- ❑ 5 still in Captivity
- ❑ Sulare Island, Sulu
- ❑ Abu Sayyaf group



Most recent Abduction Incident



- ❑ Continuous Military ground Operations
- ❑ Intensified intelligence gathering
- ❑ Cooperation from local populace
- ❑ Additional PCG floating assets
- ❑ Conduct of PCG's regular Maritime Patrol
- ❑ Effective collaboration and coordination between the AFP, PCG and other LEAs



PCG's EFFORTS AND WAY FORWARD

**Implementation
of policies**



**Cooperation and
coordination**



**Info
sharing**



**Infra
development**



Deployment of floating assets in ZAMBAZULTA



One (1) 44 meters Multi-Mission Response Vessels from Japan



One (1) 24 meters fast boat



One (1) 30-meters DF 316



One (1) Monitoring Counter Surveillance (MCS) vessel

RADAR STATIONS IN SIBUTU, SAN RAMON AND RIO HONDO

100% OPERATIONAL

CG RADAR STATION RIO-HONDO



CG RADAR STATION BASE SIBUTU



Efforts to Combat Abduction of Crew



**PCG-PN
MOU**

JTF Sulu



**PCG-PA
MOU**

DOMESTIC COOPERATION

Efforts to Combat Abduction of Crew



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON MARITIME COOPERATION BETWEEN BAKAMLA, INDONESIA AND PCG


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