



ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND ADVICE TO SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN SINGAPORE STRAIT

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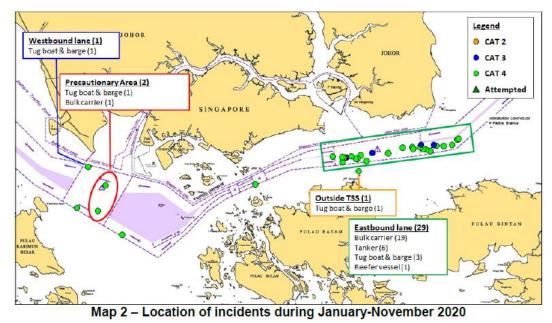
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RECAAP SPECIAL REPORT ON INCIDENTS AGAINST SHIPS IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT

- 33 incidents of robbery and theft against ships were reported in 2020 as of 20 Nov
- 2) All incidents

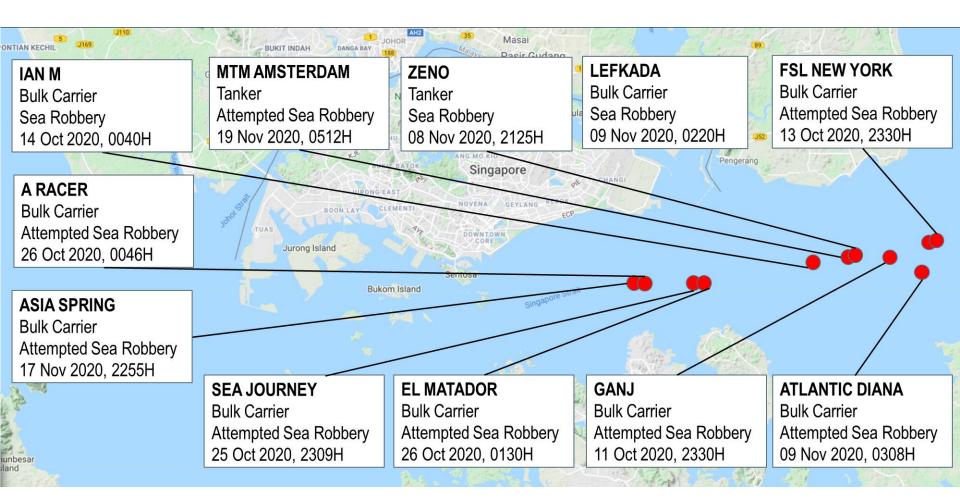
occurred outside Singapore waters

3) Only 1 incidentreported crewbeing assaulted



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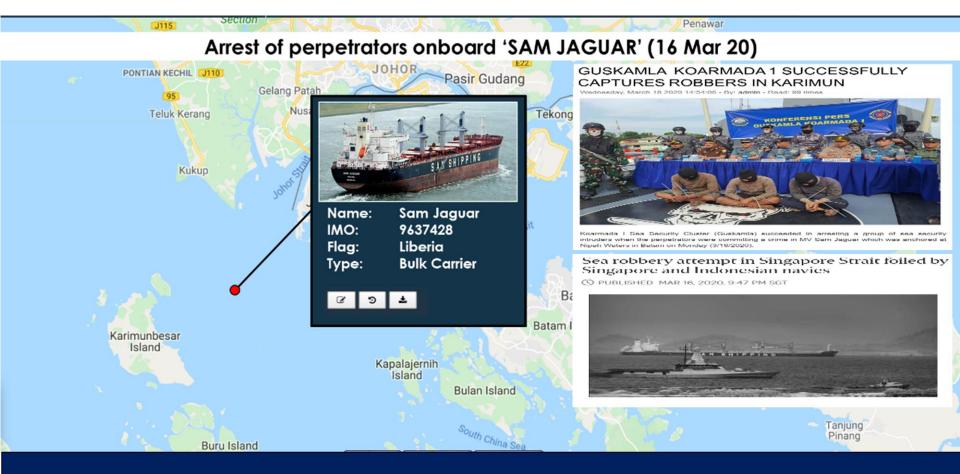
SPIKE IN CASES FROM 1 OCT TO NOV 2020



ADVICE TO THE SHIPPING COMMUNITY

- 1) Continue to adopt ship protection measures
- 2) Contact the local authorities immediately when you have sighted suspicious activities
- 3) Not to confront the perpetrators.

TIMELY REPORTING THAT LED TO SUCCESSFUL ENFORCEMENT ACTION



You play a key role in allowing enforcement agencies to achieve mission success.

OUR COMMITMENT IN SAFEGUARDING OUR WATERS

Collective efforts by MARSEC agencies

- 1) Sharing of safety messages and advisories to transiting vessels by MPA
- 2) Ensuring the safety of crew when vessels call at Singapore after encountering sea robbers by PCG
- 3) Strong partnerships with regional agencies



- Increased in frequency of VHF broadcasts on the VTIS (i.e., Vessel Traffic Information System) from two-hourly to hourly during hours of darkness
- 2) Navigation Telex (NAVTEX) anti-piracy messages are broadcasted (4-hourly) throughout the day on the specific locations where incidents have occurred
- 3) Through ReCAAP and industry associations, MPA encourages the adoption of Best Management Practices (e.g., *"Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia"* prepared by ReCAAP and its partners, to increase awareness of the guidelines to safeguard themselves.)



- 1) If vessels call at Singapore after encountering sea robbers and require assistance from PCG, PCG officers will board the vessel within Singapore waters to ensure that there are no unauthorised personnel on board
- 2) Since 2017, each PCG patrol boat has Emergency Response Team (ERT) officers to respond to security threats. They are highly trained with counter-assault skills and armed with sub-machine guns to counter threats on vessels in our waters.
- 3) When vessels encounter sea robbery, you can inform the following:
 - a) Whether the perpetrators are still on board
 - b) Number of perpetrators
 - c) If the perpetrators are armed
 - d) Location of the perpetrators on board

LOCAL INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION







CONCLUSION

- 1) Maritime domain remains vulnerable to crime.
- 2) The Shipping Community plays a key role in ensuring successful enforcement outcome.
- 3) Enforcement agencies continue to safeguard our waters for all vessels.



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