

# ReCAAP ISC PIRACY AND SEA ROBBERY CONFERENCE 2018

Situation of Piracy and Armed Robbery
Against Ships in Asia

12 June 2018

## Scope



- 1. ReCAAP & ReCAAP ISC
- 2. Incident Reporting & Information Processing
- 3. Situation Update 2017 & 2018 (Jan May )
- 4. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas
- 5. Oil Cargo Theft
- 6. Deliverables of ReCAAP ISC

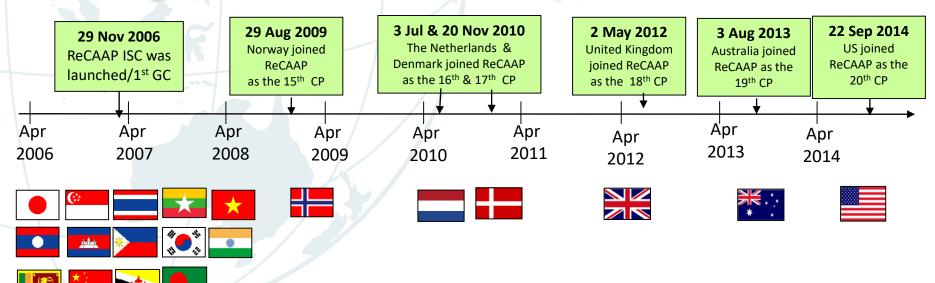
## **ReCAAP**

#### **Government-to-Government Agreement**



# "Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia" (entered into force on 4 Sept. 2006)

#### **Contracting Parties:** 14 countries (in 2006) → 20 countries



#### **ReCAAP**

## **Information Sharing Mechanism**



#### **Focal Points**

- Each ReCAAP signatory designates a Focal Point
- Roles of a Focal Point include:
  - ☑ manage piracy and armed robbery incidents within its territorial waters/within its jurisdiction.
  - ☑ act as **point of information exchange** among the Focal Point Network / ReCAAP ISC
  - **☑** facilitate its country's law enforcement investigations
  - ☑ co-ordinate surveillance and enforcement for piracy and armed robbery with neighbouring Focal Points

# **ReCAAP ISC**

# **ReCAAP Network**













Focal Points:

**Coast Guard** 

**Navies** 

Marine Police

Port Authorities



## **ReCAAP ISC**

## **ReCAAP ISC Network/Connectivity**





## **ReCAAP ISC**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Pillar: Information Sharing

- Objectives
  - ✓ Promote situation awareness
  - Chart patterns and trends
  - Provide analysis
  - ✓ Offer guidance/recommendations
- Primary sources: ReCAAP Focal Points, regional authorities
- Products: Warning, Incident Alert, Update, Special Report, Periodical Report, Guidebooks
- Platforms: ReCAAP Website, Mobile App, Twitter, IFN (FPs)
- **Events**: Forum, Conferences, Discussions, etc









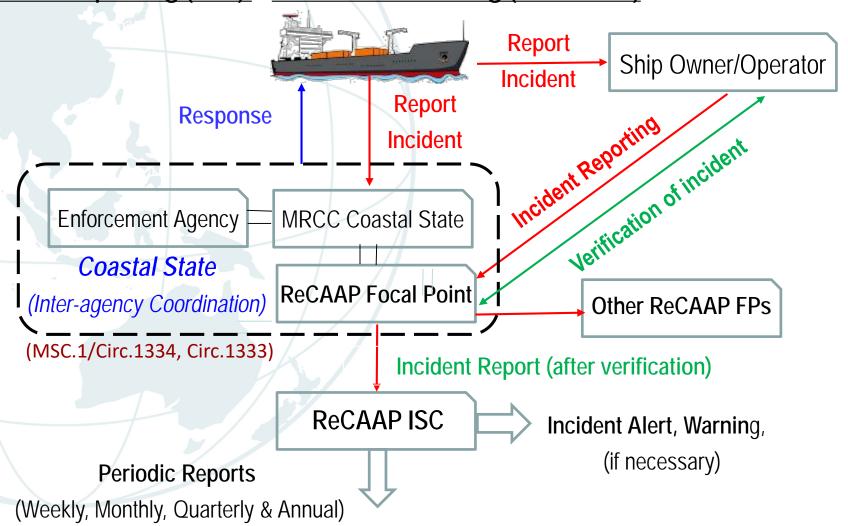


# **Incident Reporting**

Reporting of incidents and Response (Asia)



Incident Reporting (FPs) + Information Sharing (ISC & FPs) nformation Sharing Centre



# **Information Processing**

## **Information Processing (ReCAAP ISC)**









**Receives info of incident** from ship company, FPs, authorities etc.



Disseminates to shipping industry, FPs, authorities, etc







Significance of Incident CAT 1 Very Significant CAT 2 Moderately Significant CAT 4 **Least Significant** 





**Classifies** 



# **Information Processing**

# Classification Methodology



- Definition:
  - Piracy: Part VII; Article 101 of UNCLOS (incidents on High Seas)
  - □ Armed Robbery: IMO's Code of Practice for investigation of the Crime of Piracy & Armed Robbery against ships (incidents in Territorial waters)
- Classification of Incidents (by ReCAAP ISC):

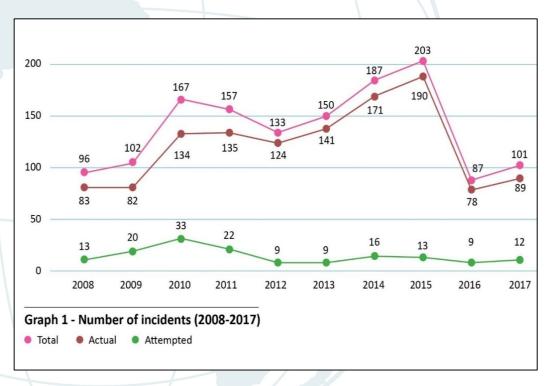
Matrix-based assessment of the severity of incidents with 2 factors:

- **☐** Violence Factor (V-factor)
  - Type of weapon carried by pirates/robbers
  - Treatment of crew
  - Number of pirates/robbers involved
- Economic Factor (E-factor)
  - Type of property taken
- Level of Severity of each incident classified into <u>4 Categories</u>

Category	Significance of Incident	
CAT 1	Very Significant	
CAT 2	Moderately Significant	
CAT 3	Less Significant	
CAT 4	Least Significant	

## (1) Number of Incidents (2008 – 2017)





- ☐ A total of 101 incidents in 2017 (89 actual and 12 attempted)
- ☐ 16% of increase compared to 2016 (87 incidents)
- ☐ Increase of incidents in

  Bangladesh, Philippines, South

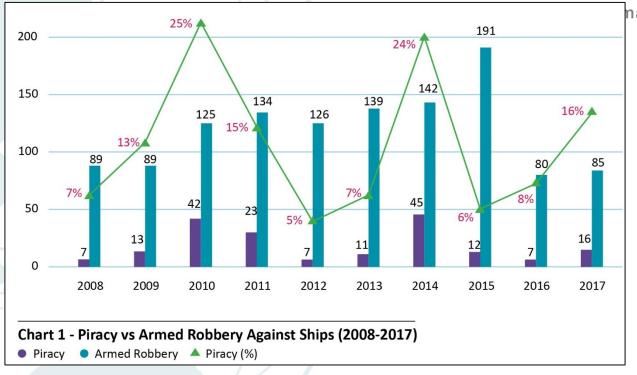
  China Sea and Straits of Malacca

  and Singapore
- ☐ **Decrease** of incidents in <u>India</u>, <u>Malaysia</u> and <u>Vietnam</u>
- ☐ Decrease of incidents of the abduction of crew for ransom in the Sulu-Celebes Seas

#### (2) Piracy vs. Armed Robbery Against Ships



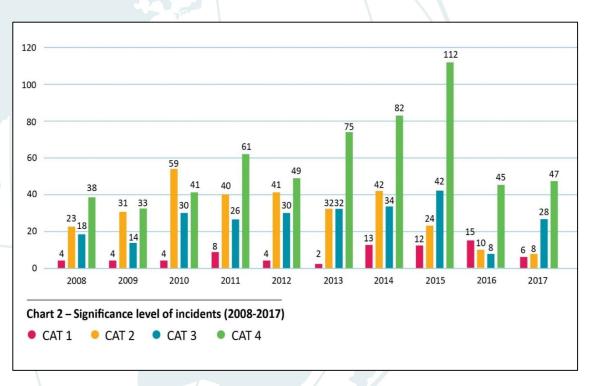




#### Majority of incidents are armed robberies against ships

- Piracy (mostly in South China Sea)
  - > 5%-8% (2008, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
  - ➤ 11% -18% (2007, 2009, 2011, 2017)
  - ➤ 24%-25% (2010, 2014)

## (3) Severity of Incidents (2008 – 2017)





#### ☐ <u>In 2017</u>

- 6 CAT 1
- Decrease compared to 2016, 2015, 2014

#### ☐ In 2016

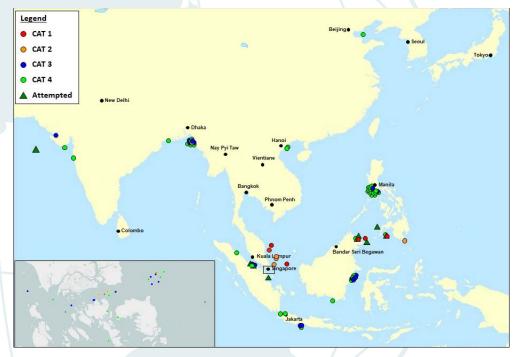
- 15 CAT 1
- Abduction of crew for ransom (12)
- Hijacking of ships for oil cargo theft (3)

#### ☐ In 2014 and 2015:

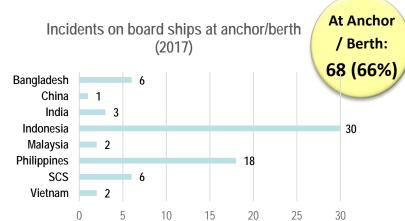
- Hijacking of ships for oil cargo theft
  - 12 (2014)
  - 10 (2015)

## (4) Location & Status of Ships - 2017

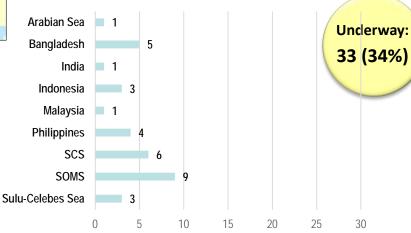




Indonesia (33), Philippines (22), SCS (12),
Bangladesh (11), SOMS (9),
India (4), Malaysia (3), Sulu-Celebes Sea (3),
Vietnam (2), China (1), Arabian Sea (1)

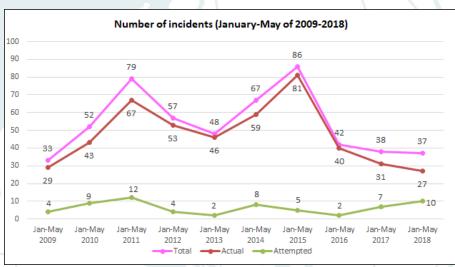


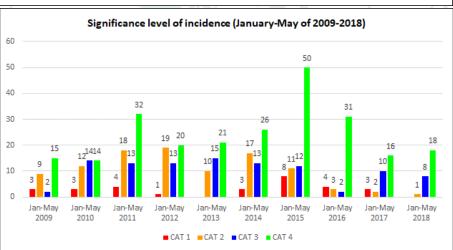




# (5) January – May of 2009 - 2018







#### Number

- 37 incidents (27 actual & 10 attempted)
- **Fairly consistent** with 2017
- Lowest number of actual incidents

#### **Severity Level**

❖ 1 x CAT 2, 8 x CAT 3, 18 x CAT 4 (no CAT 1)

#### Improvement ...

- Ports/anchorages in Philippines, abduction of crew in Sulu/Celebes Seas
- No theft of oil cargo

#### Of concern ...

- Attempted incident in Basilan Strait
- Increase in theft in
  - Straits of Malacca and Singapore
  - Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia

# **Case Study**

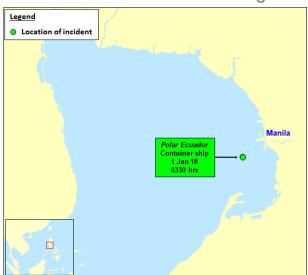
#### **Polar Ecuador – Arrest & Recovery**

- ❖ 1 Jan 18 about 0330 hrs: Container ship, Polar Ecuador anchored South Harbour Anchorage, Manila
- ❖ 7 perpetrators boarded from motor banca ("Shyrill")
- Master reported to Manila port authorities
- PCG deployed *DF 313*, conducted maritime patrol
- ❖ PCG boarded motor banca & arrested 5 perpetrators
  - ☑ 2 other perpetrators jumped overboard, escaped
  - ☑ Recovered stolen items (welding machine, breathing apparatus, extension wire and paint)
- PCG took custody of motor banca [stolen]
- Charge of theft and robbery in court of Manila

#### **Best practices**

- ✓ Timely reporting by Master ✓ Quick response by PCG ✓ PCG deployed asset promptly
- ✓ Cooperation among inter-government agencies
- ✓ Arrest of perpetrators and recovery of stolen items







(Top) Stolen items recovered
All photographs courtesy of ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)

## Situation Update (Mar 2016 – May 2018)



#### **15** actual incidents and **11** attempted incidents

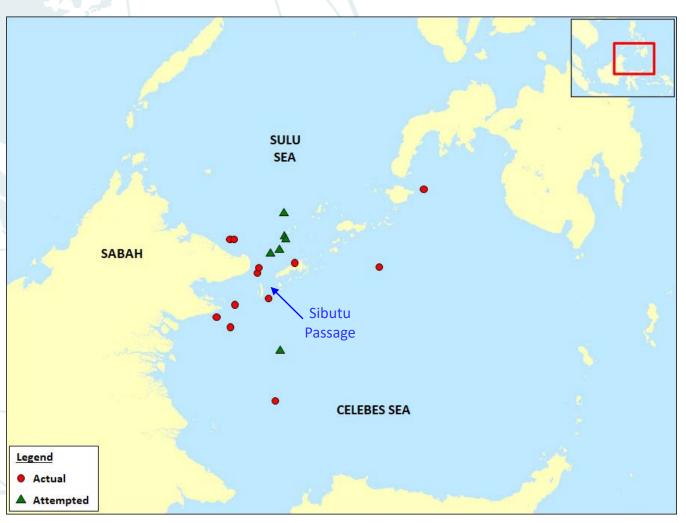
Incident/Type & GT of Ships	2016	2017	2018
<b>Actual</b> (26 Mar 16 – <u>23 Mar 17</u> )	<ul> <li>12</li> <li>5 – Tug boats (60 – 269 GT)</li> <li>5 – Fishing Trawler/Boat (NA)</li> <li>1 – General cargo ship (11,391 GT)</li> <li>1 – Bulk Carrier (2,999 GT)</li> </ul>	· .	<u>O</u>
<b>Attempted</b> (13 Nov 16 – <u>16 Feb 18</u> )	<ul> <li><u>6</u></li> <li>5 – Bulk carrier         <ul> <li>(17,979 – 93,169 GT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>1 – Product tanker (5,557 GT)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4</li> <li>1 – Container ship (NA)</li> <li>1 – Bulk carrier (45,026 GT)</li> <li>1 – General cargo ship (1,599 GT)</li> <li>1 – Passenger/Cargo ferry (NA)</li> </ul>	1 – Container ship (NA)
Status of crew abducted (as on 31 May 18)	Crew released/rescued (45), killed (7), held in captivity (9)		

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#### **Situation Update (2016)**

**12** actual incidents and **6** attempted incidents

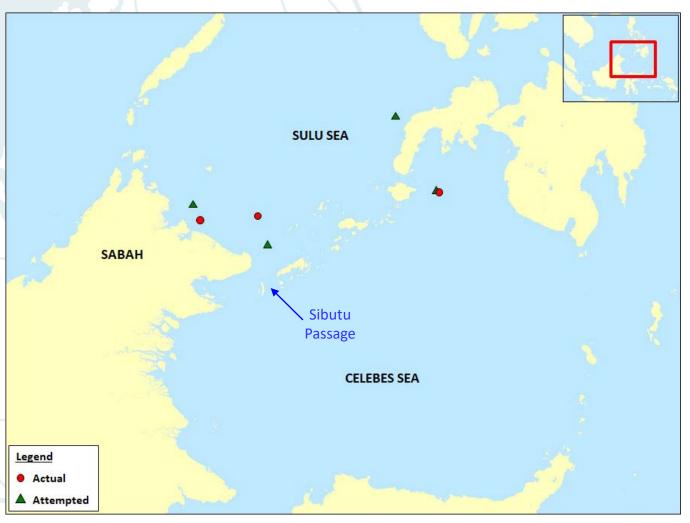




#### **Situation Update (2017)**

<u>3</u> actual incidents and <u>4</u> attempted incidents





## **Situation Update (Up to May 2018)**

**0** actual incidents and **1** attempted incident





#### (8) ReCAAP ISC's Advisory to Shipping Industry

- **❖** Re-route from area, where possible
- **Exercise** extra vigilance and report the incidents
- Maintain communication for monitoring by authorities, and immediate responses in any eventualities





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# **Case Study**

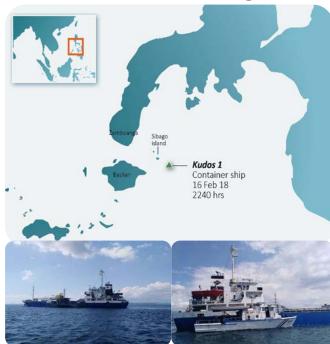
## Attempted boarding of Kudos 1

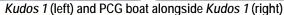
- ❖ 16 Feb 18 at 2240 hrs: Underway approx. 4.4 nm SE Sibago Island, province of Basilan, Philippines
- Three fast boats motorized bancas manoeuvred to the portside amidship
  - ☐ Three perpetrators armed with firearms on board each banca
  - ☐ Attempted to board using ropes and hooks
- ❖ Master and crew splashed hot water and activated flares
- Perpetrators opened fire at ship and distanced themselves
- Authorities alerted by <u>distress signal</u>
  - ☐ PCG provided medical treatment to three injured crew
  - □ PCG and Philippine Navy escorted ship to Zamboanga

#### **Best practices:**

- ✓ Vigilance and quick response by crew
- ✓ Timely reporting by ship master
- ✓ Immediate response by PCG
- ✓ Good coordination among inter-governmental agencies









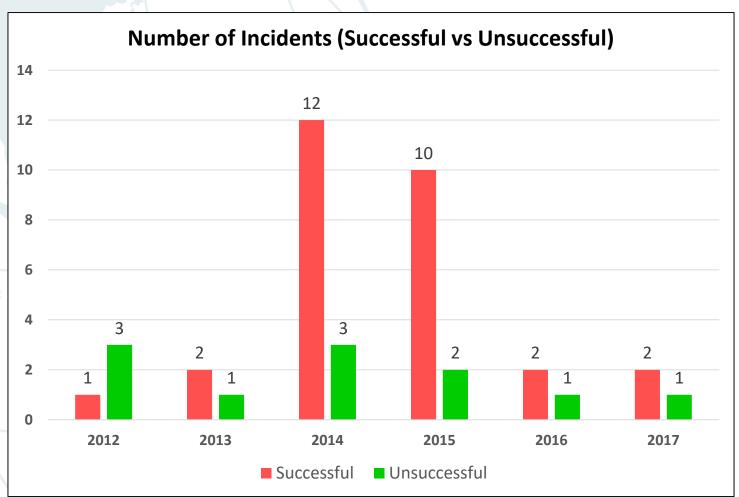


Bullet holes on Kudos 1

# **Oil Cargo Theft**

## Situation Update (2012-2017)





Successful: Perpetrators siphoned oil cargo and escaped

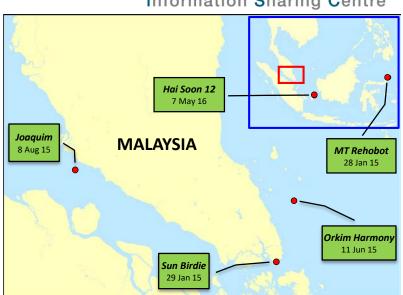
Unsuccessful: Thefts foiled &/or perpetrators arrested

# **Oil Cargo Theft**

#### **Arrests & Prosecution**

- \* Rehobot (28 Jan 15) Indonesia
  - Four perpetrators arrested in Indonesia in Feb 15
  - ☐ Mastermind arrested in Philippines in Nov 15
- Sun Birdie (29 Jan 15) Malaysia
  - Nine perpetrators arrested in Malaysia waters on 29 Jan 15
  - ☐ 10 years imprisonment and 1 stroke of cane
- Orkim Harmony (11 Jun 15) South China Sea
  - ☐ <u>Eight perpetrators arrested</u> in Vietnam in Jun 15
  - A suspect tug boat, *Meulaboh*, detained in Indonesia in Jun 15
  - Two masterminds arrested in Indonesia one in Aug 15, another in Dec 15
  - ☐ Imprisonment 18 years (2), 15 years (6); all 5 strokes of cane







Perpetrators involved in Sun Birdie (left) & Orkim Harmony (right) (Source: World Maritime News and ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam))

# **Oil Cargo Theft**

# **Arrests & Prosecution (cont'd)**

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- ❖ Joaquim (8 Aug 15) Malacca Straits
  - A suspect ship, MT Yacon, detained off
     Dumai, Indonesia in Aug 15
  - Three suspects arrested in Indonesia in Dec 15
- ❖ Hai Soon 12 (8 May 16) Indonesia
  - Boarded and <u>arrested nine perpetrators</u> onboard
  - ☐ Cargo was intact





Perpetrators involved in *Hai Soon 12* (Source: TNI-AL)

# **Case Study**

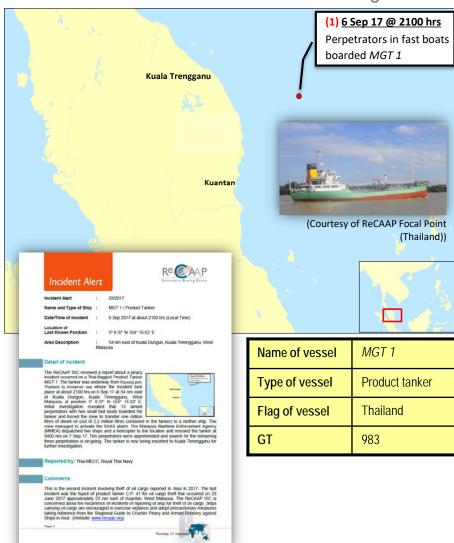
## **Arrest of Perpetrators MGT 1**

- 6 Sep 17: MGT 1 underway Rayong Port, Thailand to Andaman Sea
- 13 armed perpetrators boarded the ship from two fast small boats
- Forced crew to transfer diesel oil to phantom ship, Neptune 09
- Ship crew sent SSAS and distress signal
  - ✓ Flag State, Coastal State and ships in vicinity

#### Action by ReCAAP ISC, FP & MMEA:

- ReCAAP ISC and all FPs on 6 Sep 17
- ❖ MMEA provided inputs
- Recap ISC issued Incident Alert





# **Case Study**

#### Arrest of Perpetrators MGT 1 (Cont'd)

- MMEA deployed Special Task and Rescue Team (STAR Team) and aircraft
- 7 Sep 17: MMEA aircraft located MGT 1 and Neptune 09
- STAR team <u>arrested 10 perpetrators</u>
- 3 perpetrators escaped, arrested 1 later
- MMEA <u>arrested Mastermind</u> (in Johor) on <u>7 Sep 17</u>
- Mastermind & perpetrators 16 yrs
   imprisonment & caned

#### **Best practices**

- ✓ Crew alerted Coastal State and ships in vicinity
- √ Timely reporting by FP and regional authorities
- ✓ Immediate response from authorities → arrest
- ✓ ReCAAP ISC's Alert to warn shipping industry





Perpetrators arrested (Courtesy of MMEA)

## Reports

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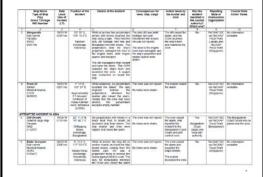
#### **Periodical Reports**

Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Half-Yearly, Annual Reports, Single-sheet summary (quarterly)

☑ CLOSE version (IFN); OPEN version (www.recaap.org)

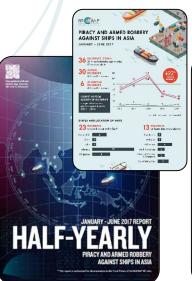
☑ Focal Points disseminate reports to inter-govt agencies, maritime registries, associations, communities, etc.

☑ Shipping Associations to disseminate to their members













## Warnings, Alerts, Special Report

#### **Adhoc Reports**



#### **Warnings**

Information pending verification

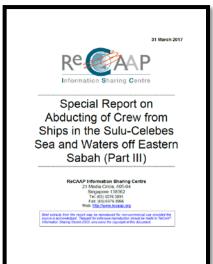
#### **Incident Alerts**

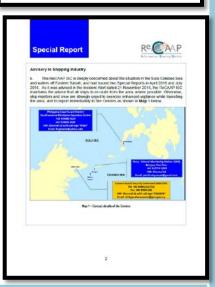
Alert on serious incident as soon as it is verified

#### **Special Reports**

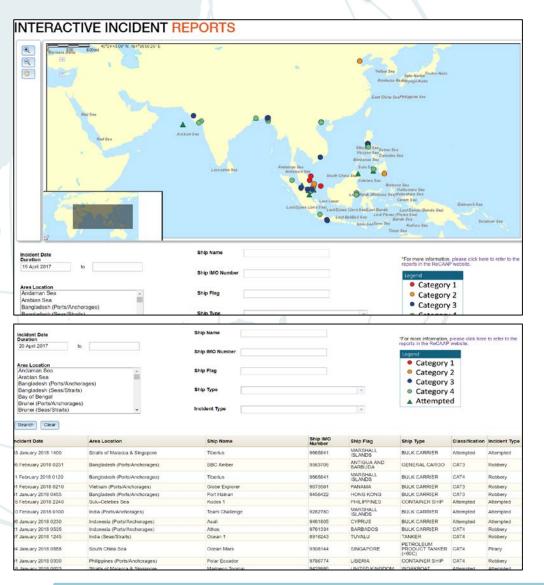
- In-depth analysis of a particular trend observed
- Value-added inputs from Focal Point







## **Interactive Incident Reports**





#### **Map-based Search of Incidents**

#### **ReCAAP Website**

#### **Key Features**

- Filter incidents by date, location, ship type, incident type
- Search incidents by Ship Name, IMO Number, Flag
- Geographical location of incidents on map
- Structured field display of incidents

## **ReCAAP Mobile App**

#### **Key Features**

- Contact Details of ReCAAP FPs
- Latest Publications

- Incident Reporting by Ship/Shipping Company

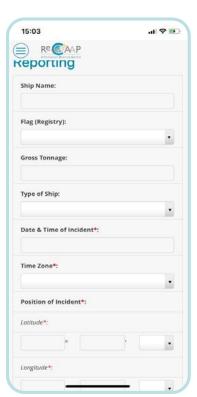
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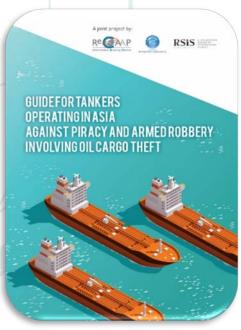
## Guidebooks



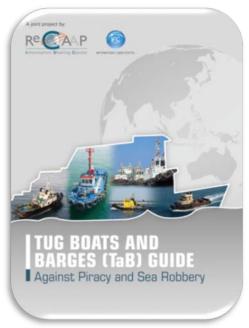
Produce practical Guides on risk assessment, ship protection measures, reporting contacts etc.







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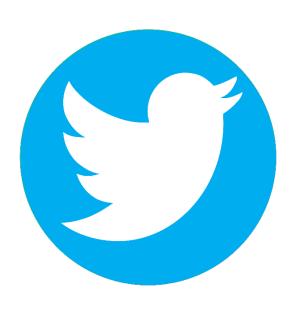
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