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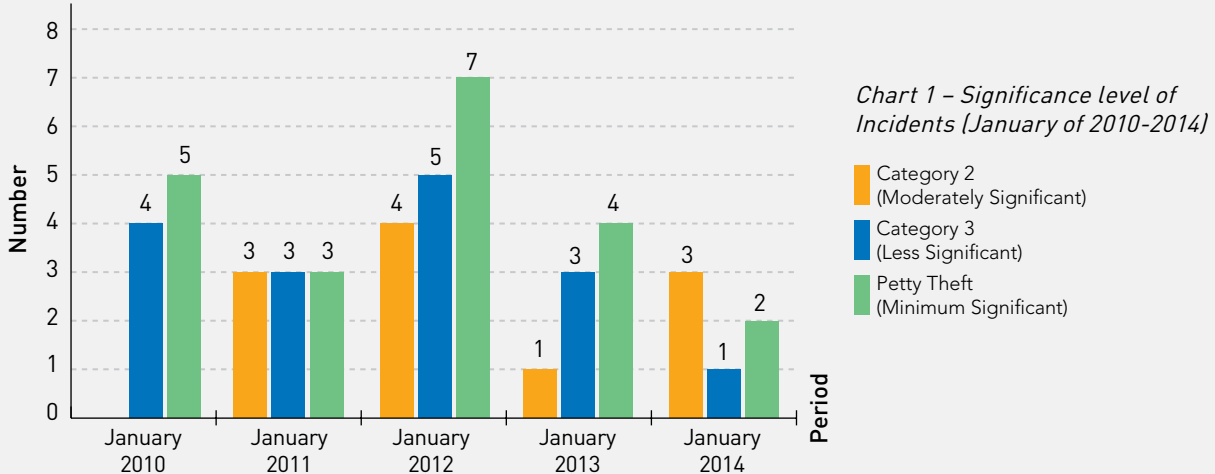
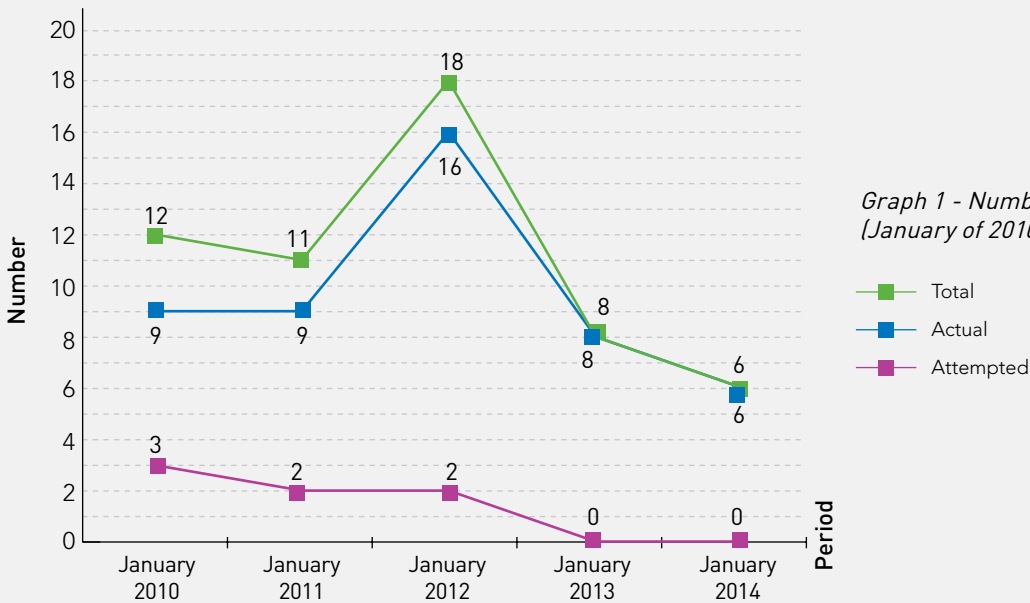
Executive Summary

There has been a reduction in the number of incidents of armed robbery against ships reported in Asia in January 2014 compared to the same period in past four years (January of 2010-2013). A total of six incidents were reported in January 2014 and all were robberies against ships¹. No incident of piracy was reported.

Of the six incidents reported in January 2014, three were Category 2 (moderately significant) incidents, one was a Category 3 (less significant) incident and two were petty theft (minimum significant) incidents. There was no Category 1 (very significant) incident reported in January 2014.

Category 2 incidents

Although there has been a reduction in the number of incidents reported in January 2014 compared to the same period during 2010-2013, half of the six incidents reported in January 2014 were Category 2 incidents. All three Category 2 incidents reported in January 2014 involved robbers who were armed with guns and knives. Compared to the same period in 2010-2013, two incidents involving robbers armed with guns were reported in January 2011 and one incident in January 2012.



¹ Refer to ReCAAP ISC website at http://www.recaap.org/AlertsReports/IncidentReports.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=290 for the definitions of piracy and armed robbery against ships as adopted by the ReCAAP ISC.



Of the three Category 2 incidents reported in January 2014, one incident reported the discharge of firearms by the robbers. The incident occurred on 18 Jan 14 when five robbers boarded bulk carrier, *Oriental Sapphire* while anchored at Eastern Batam anchorage, Indonesia. The crew spotted the robbers and gathered on the bridge where they locked themselves in. The master reported the incident to Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) who alerted the Rescue and Search Centre (RSC) of Tanjung Pinang for assistance immediately. The RSC of Tanjung Pinang later informed Singapore POCC that the robbers had left the vessel and some items were stolen. It was also reported that the vessel was fired upon and dent marks were found on the vessel. The crew was not injured.

The other two incidents occurred on 3 Jan 14 when bulk carrier, *Giovanna Iuliano* was anchored at Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia; and on 17 Jan 14 when general cargo ship, *Au Co 01* was anchored at Tanjung Priok anchorage, Indonesia. On 3 Jan 14, three robbers armed with a gun boarded *Giovanna Iuliano* and held the A/B hostage. The robbers tied the A/B and stole his personal effects. The robbers also broke into the fore-castle store, stole ship's property before they escaped. On 17 Jan 14, four robbers armed with a gun and long knives boarded *Au Co 01* from a small boat. They held the duty watchman hostage, entered the engine room, held another crew hostage and stole some engine spares before escaped in their boat. The crew was not injured.

Category 3 and petty theft incidents

The one Category 3 incident and two petty theft incidents occurred at Gresik inner anchorage, Taboneo anchorage and Belawan anchorage, Indonesia respectively.

Location of incidents

All six incidents reported in January 2014 occurred at the ports and anchorages in Indonesia. Refer to Map 1 for the approximate location of these incidents.

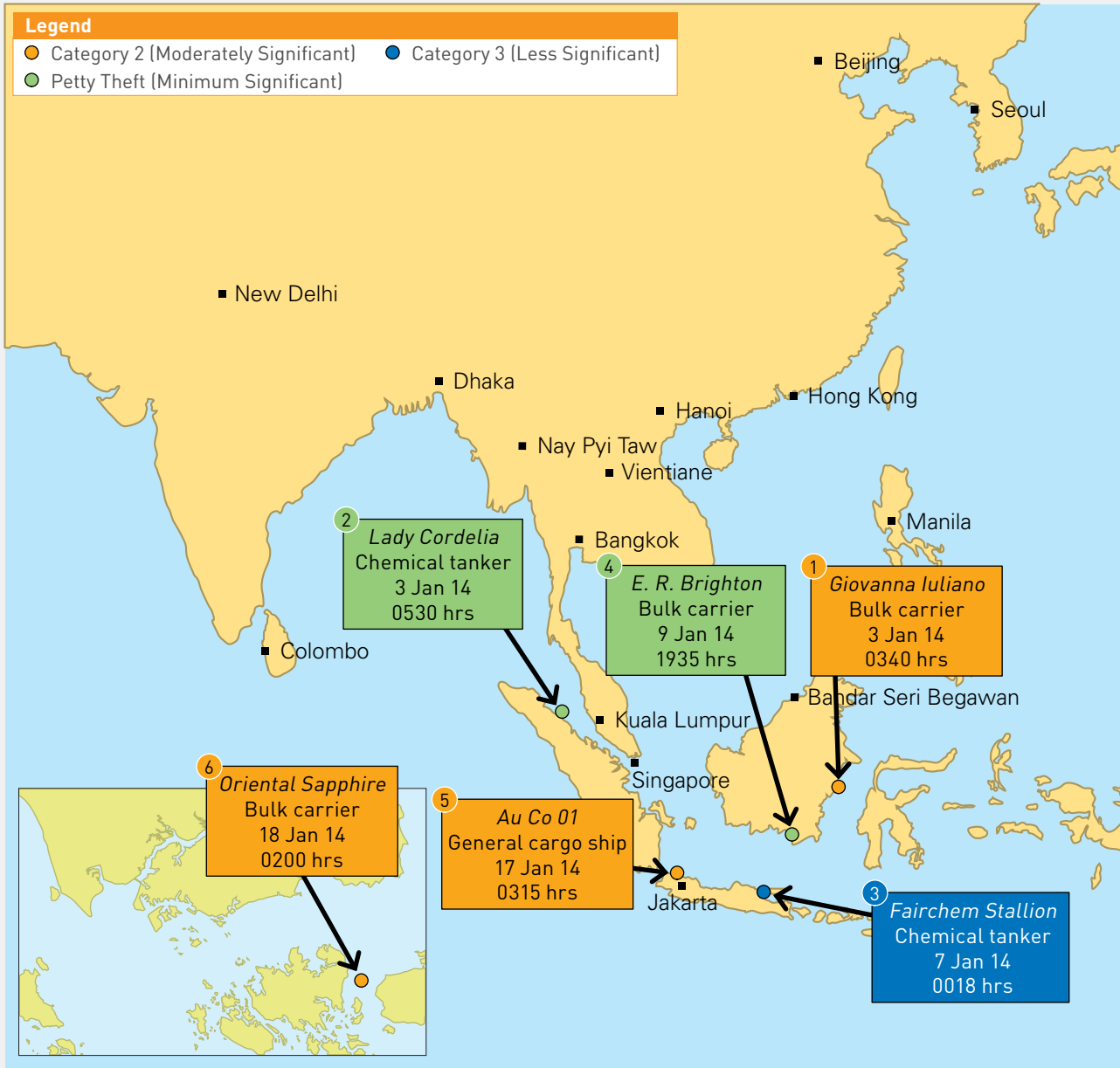
Conclusion

Although the number of incidents reported in January 2014 was the lowest among the five-year reporting period (January of 2010-2014), half of the incidents were Category 2 in nature. The situation at ports and anchorages remains a key concern. The ReCAAP ISC urges ship masters to report all incidents, actual and attempted, to the nearest coastal State so that the enforcement agencies may be able to render immediate assistance whenever necessary.

To avoid incidents at ports and anchorages, ship masters and crew are encouraged to increase security watch and maintain vigilance especially during hours of darkness when their ships were at anchor/berth. In the event that the pirates/robbers manage to board the vessel, the crew was encouraged to raise the alarm immediately, blow the ship whistle and muster the crew. Such activities has on several occasions resulted in the pirates/robbers escape immediately.

The relevant authorities are also advised to increase their presence, step up surveillance and port security, and provide immediate assistance to victim vessels whenever necessary.

Location of Incidents



Map 1 - Location of Incidents in January 2014



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