

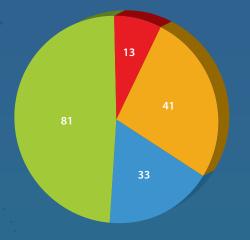
# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (2014)

### **INCREASE IN NUMBER IN 2014**

- The number of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia has increased.
- A total of 183 incidents comprising 168 actual incidents and 15 attempted incidents were reported.
- This is a 22% increase compared to 2013.



## MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS -LESS SEVERE IN NATURE



 CAT 1 - South China Sea (SCS)
CAT 2 - Ports & Anchorages
CAT 3 & Petty theft - SCS, Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS), Ports & Anchorages

## INCREASE IN REPORTS OF SIPHONING OF SHIP FUEL/OIL

- Most incidents occurred onboard oil/product tankers of 1000-2000 GT, during 2000-2345 hrs, and perpetrators were armed with guns and knives, although the guns were not fired.
- After boarding the ship, perpetrators tied and locked crew in the cabin and steered the ship to SCS to commence siphoning to another vessel which came alongside.
- Perpetrators' motive was the ship fuel/oil, and had no intention to hijack the ship or kidnap the crew.



• Crew was not harmed.

Refer to 'Special Report on Incidents of Siphoning of Fuel/Oil at Sea in Asia (Part II)' for ReCAAP ISC's recommendations.

# **LOCATION OF ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN 2014**

Robbery (Anchored/Underway) - Majority Petty theft, CAT 3, CAT 2 112 incidents Robbery (SOMS) - Majority Petty theft, CAT 3 44 incidents

Piracy (Fuel/oil siphoning) - CAT 1

#### IMPROVEMENT AT ports and anchorages IN INDONESIA DECREASE

### NEED FOR ENHANCED VIGILANCE AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

- The number of incidents accounts for one-quarter of the total number of incidents reported in 2014.
- Worth commending was the Indonesian authorities' recent arrest of some perpetrators.
- The ReCAAP ISC recommends the need for continual monitoring, enhanced vigilance and enforcement in these areas.

# CONCLUSION

- The ReCAAP ISC strongly advocates sustained coordinated efforts by the littoral states in SOMS and SCS.
- Enhanced vigilance and timely reporting of all incidents by the shipping community to the nearest coastal States.
- Together with the authorities and shipping industry, the ReCAAP ISC with its Focal Points is committed to work towards reducing the number of incidents in Asia by providing timely updates, assessments and recommendations.

