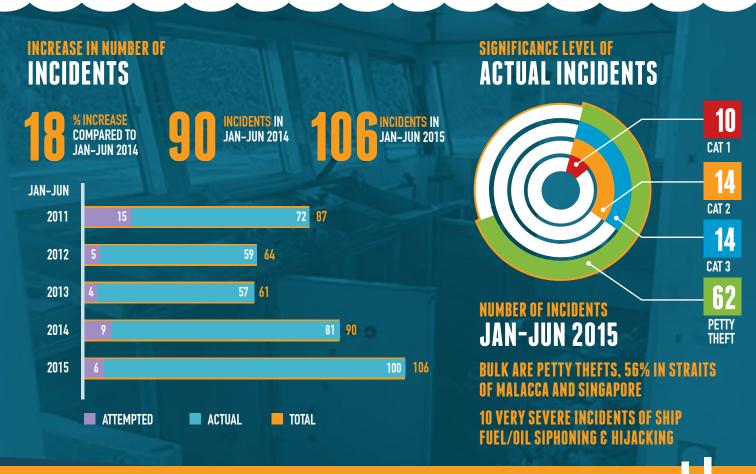
PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (JANUARY - JUNE 2015)





SHIP FUEL/OIL SIPHONING AND HIJACKING

At least one incident reported each month of January-June 2015. A total of 11 incidents of siphoning & hijacking.

TYPE OF VESSELS

Product tankers (7), chemical tanker (2), tanker (1), supply vessel (1).

KEY TARGET

Cargo of ship fuel/oil carried onboard. Perpetrators left after siphoning is completed.

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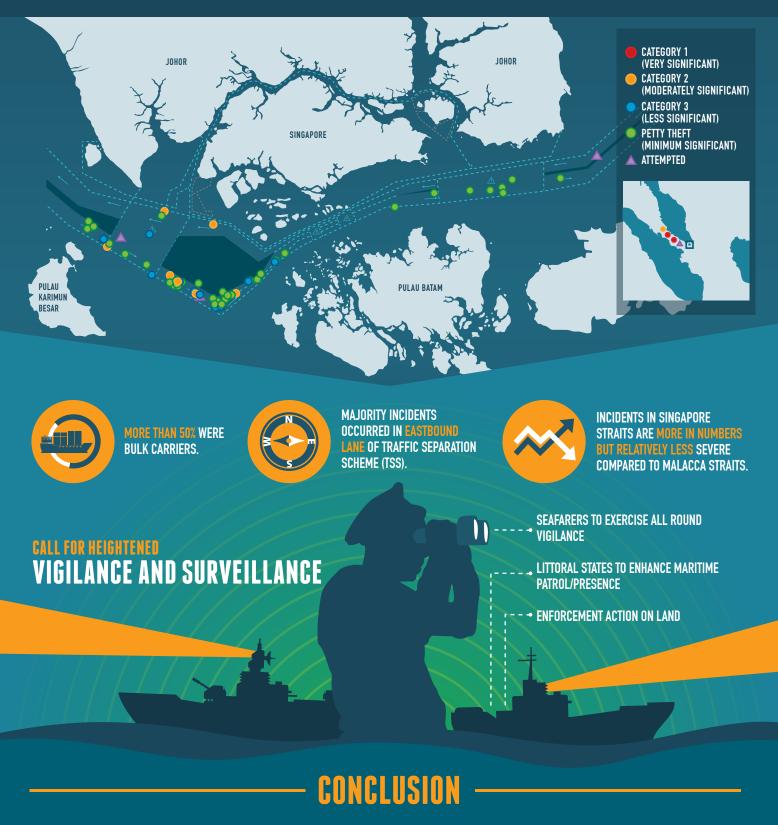
SIZE OF VESSELS (GT)	NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS	TYPE OF WEAPONS USED	TREATMENT OF CREW	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT DAMAGED?
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ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF HIJACKERS - SERVE AS DETERRENCE

A welcome move and much waited for...

- Nine hijackers of Sun Birdie charged for armed gang robbery which carries a maximum of 20 years' jail and canning
- Arrest of the eight hijackers of Orkim Harmony

INCIDENTS INVOLVING VESSELS UNDERWAY IN STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE



Already 106 incidents were reported at the half-way mark of 2015; this signals the urgency and importance of more need to be done by authorities, shipping industry and the ReCAAP ISC towards improvements in the coming 2^{nd} half of 2015.

The ReCAAP ISC continues to work closely with its Focal Points and regional authorities to ensure timely sharing of information, enhanced patrol/presence and effective responses to render assistance to victim ships. Collective and concerted efforts are essential to address the increasing incidents of siphoning/ hijacking of ships through collaboration and cooperation with our stakeholders; including INTERPOL leveraging on its expertise on transnational and syndicate crimes.