

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA 2021

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
2021

82
INCIDENTS

77
ACTUAL

5
ATTEMPTED

ALL ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS,
NO PIRACY INCIDENT

COMPARED TO 2020
15%
DECREASE in total number of incidents

STATUS OF SHIPS

35%

29 incidents on board ships at anchor/berth

65%

53 incidents on board ships while underway

2021 COMPARED TO 2020

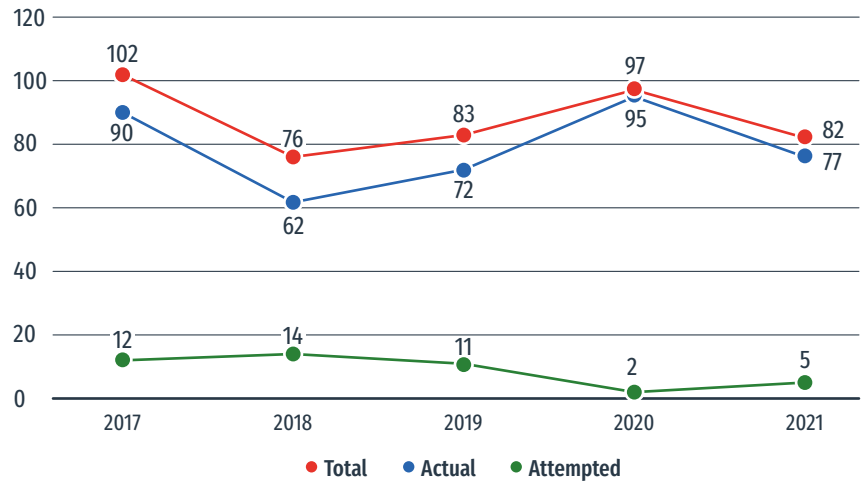
OF CONCERN:

- Increase of incidents in Singapore Strait
34 INCIDENTS → 49 INCIDENTS
- Increase of violence to crew in incidents at Manila Anchorages
2 CAT 3 7 CAT 4 → 4 CAT 2 5 CAT 3
- Threat of abduction of crew incidents in Sulu-Celebes Seas remains high

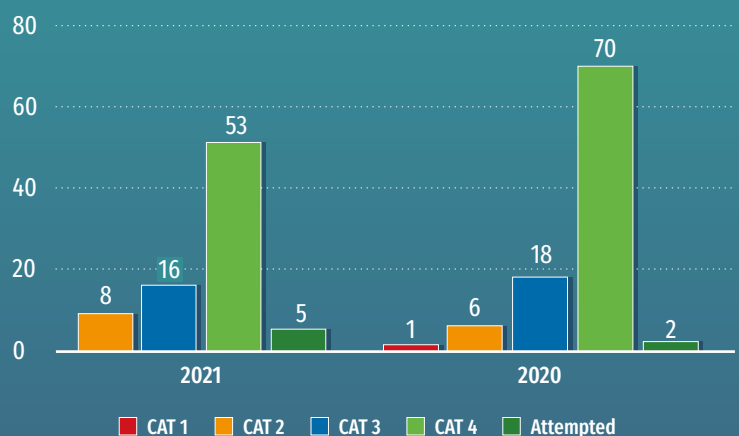
IMPROVEMENT

Bangladesh 5 incidents → 0 incident	The Philippines 13 incidents → 11 incidents
India 9 incidents → 5 incidents	Vietnam 6 incidents → 2 incidents
Indonesia 22 incidents → 13 incidents	South China Sea 4 incidents → 0 incident
Malaysia 3 incidents → 1 incident	Sulu-Celebes Seas 1 incident → 0 incident

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (2017-2021)



SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS



CAT 1 Decrease: 1 incident 2020 → No incident 2021

CAT 2 Increase: 6 incidents 2020 → 8 incidents 2021

CAT 3 Decrease: 18 incidents 2020 → 16 incidents 2021

CAT 4 Decrease: 70 incidents 2020 → 53 incidents 2021

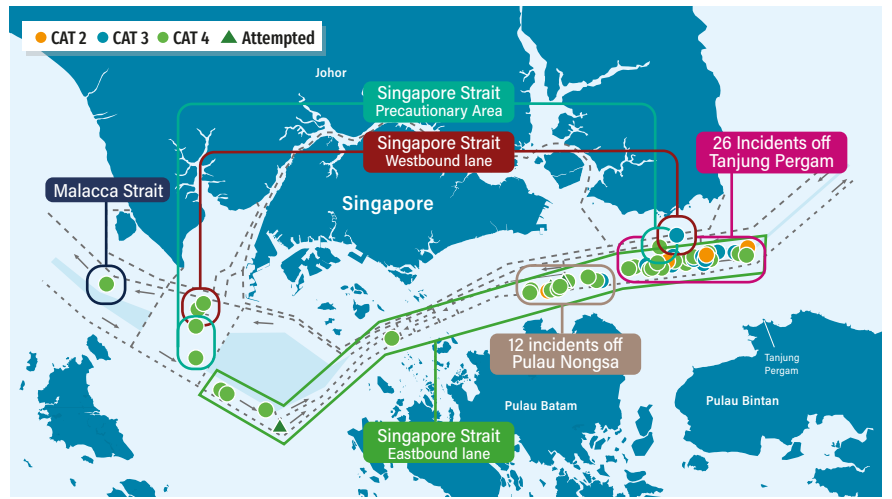
Majority were CAT 4 incidents in 2021 (69%)

STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

Of the **50** incidents reported in 2021

49 incidents in the Singapore Strait

1 incident in the Malacca Strait



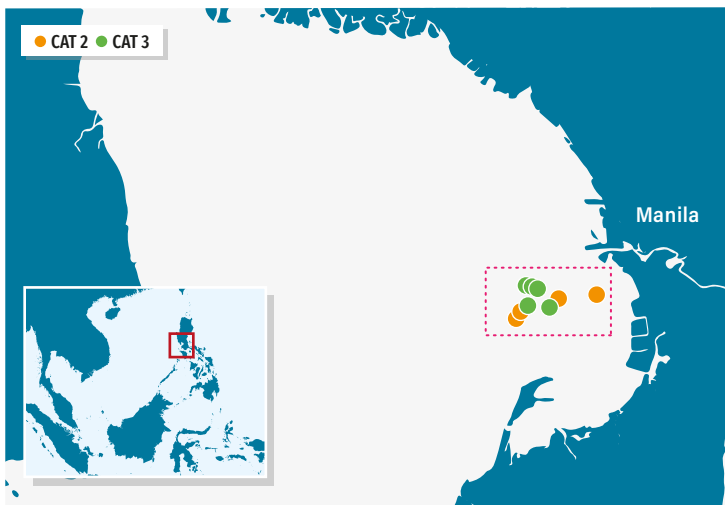
RECOMMENDATIONS

■ Littoral States

- Increase patrols and enforcement
- Respond promptly to incidents
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing
- Arrest and prosecute perpetrators involved

■ Ship master and crew

- Maximise alertness of lookouts and increase watch keeping
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State and flag State immediately
- Sound alarm when sighted unauthorised persons on board ship or suspicious boats in vicinity
- Keep abreast of latest situation (www.recaap.org), tune-in to advisories and navigational broadcasts

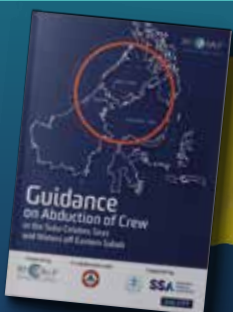


MANILA ANCHORAGE AREAS, THE PHILIPPINES

- Arrest of the leader and two members of the criminal group responsible for the incidents in September and November
- No incident in the area since September
- Philippine authorities continued operations against other members of the group

ABDUCTION OF CREW IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

- No abduction of crew incident reported in 2021
- Last known incident occurred in January 2020
- No crew is held in captivity (as of 31 Dec 21)



Refer to *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah*

WARNING AND ADVISORY

■ Threat of abduction of crew remains high

- ASG leaders responsible for abduction of crew are still at large

■ ReCAAP ISC Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
- Maintain comms with authorities
- Make timely report to national reporting centres