

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA - 2023

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

100 incidents

No piracy incident, all armed robbery against ships

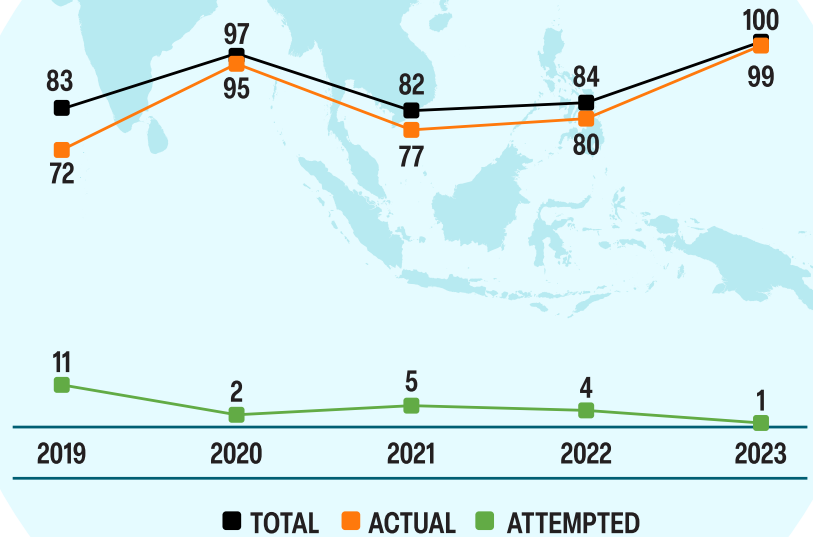
Compared to 2022

19% increase

in total number of incidents



Number of incidents (2019-2023)



SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

2023 vs 2022

Increase in CAT 3 incidents

- More incidents of perpetrators carried knives
37% vs 27%

Treatment of crew

- Serious injury to crew **1 vs 1**
- Crew being tied up **7 vs 0**
- Crew sustained minor injuries **3 vs 2**



CONCERNS



Increase of incidents in Straits of Malacca & Singapore



Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas

STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE (SOMS) - 63 incidents



Type of vessels targeted



- Majority CAT 4 incidents (57%)
Perpetrators not armed and crew not injured
- Perpetrators escaped empty-handed upon sighted (38%)
- Crew not injured (37%)



Arrests of Perpetrators & Recovery of Stolen Items
Bangladesh, India, the Philippines, SOMS

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



Last known incident on 17 Jan 2020

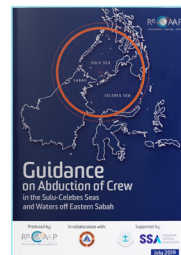


Philippine Coast Guard downgraded the threat of 'Abduction of crew for ransom in the Sulu-Celebes Seas' to 'MODERATE LOW'

Incidents are unlikely to occur due to perpetrators' perceived lack of capability to orchestrate an attack. Nevertheless, minimal damages are expected to the vessel and crew in case of an attack

Advisory & Guidance

ReCAAP ISC Advisory updated on 18 Oct 2023 – ships to exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area



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

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