



# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

**JANUARY-JUNE 2022** 



TOTAL INCIDENTS
All armed robbery against ships, no piracy incident

40 ACTUAL 2 ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS

1 1% INCREASE IN TOTAL INCIDENTS
Compared to Jan-Jun 2021

STATUS OF SHIPS

**29**%

12 INCIDENTS on board ships at anchor/berth

71%

30 INCIDENTS on board ships while underway

# **JAN-JUN 2022 COMPARED TO JAN-JUN 2021**

# **OF CONCERN**



- Continued occurrence of incidents in Singapore Strait (27 incidents vs 20 incidents)
- Threat of abduction of crew incidents in Sulu-Celebes Seas remains potentially high

# **SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS**



#### **MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS**

during Jan-Jun 2022 were CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed and crew not harmed)

**73**<sup>%</sup>



# **RECOMMENDATIONS**



# **LITTORAL STATES**

- To increase surveillance and enforcement
- Respond promptly to incidents
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing
- Arrest and prosecute perpetrators

# **SHIP MASTER AND CREW**

- Keep abreast of latest situation (www.recaap.org), tune-in to advisories and navigational broadcasts
- Maximise vigilance and lookouts
- 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

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



No abduction of crew incident reported during January-June 2022





No crew is held in captivity (as of 30 June 2022)

# **ADVISORY AND GUIDANCE**

- Threat of abduction of crew remains potentially high
- ReCAAP ISC Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise:
  - Exercise enhanced vigilance
  - Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
  - Maintain communications with authorities
  - Make timely report to national reporting centres of Philippines and Malaysia
- Refer to Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah

