

# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-JUNE 2018

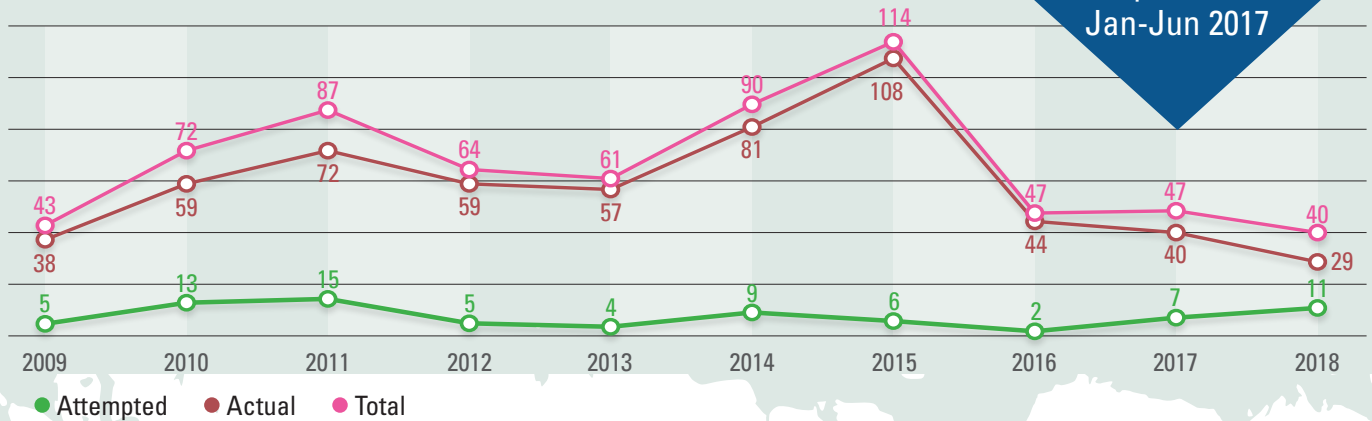


DECREASE BY **15%** compared with Jan-Jun 2017

## NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

January - June 2018

**LOWEST IN TOTAL NUMBER** among 10-year period of January-June



**TOTAL INCIDENTS: 40**

<b>ACTUAL</b>	29 incidents
<b>ATTEMPTED</b>	11 incidents

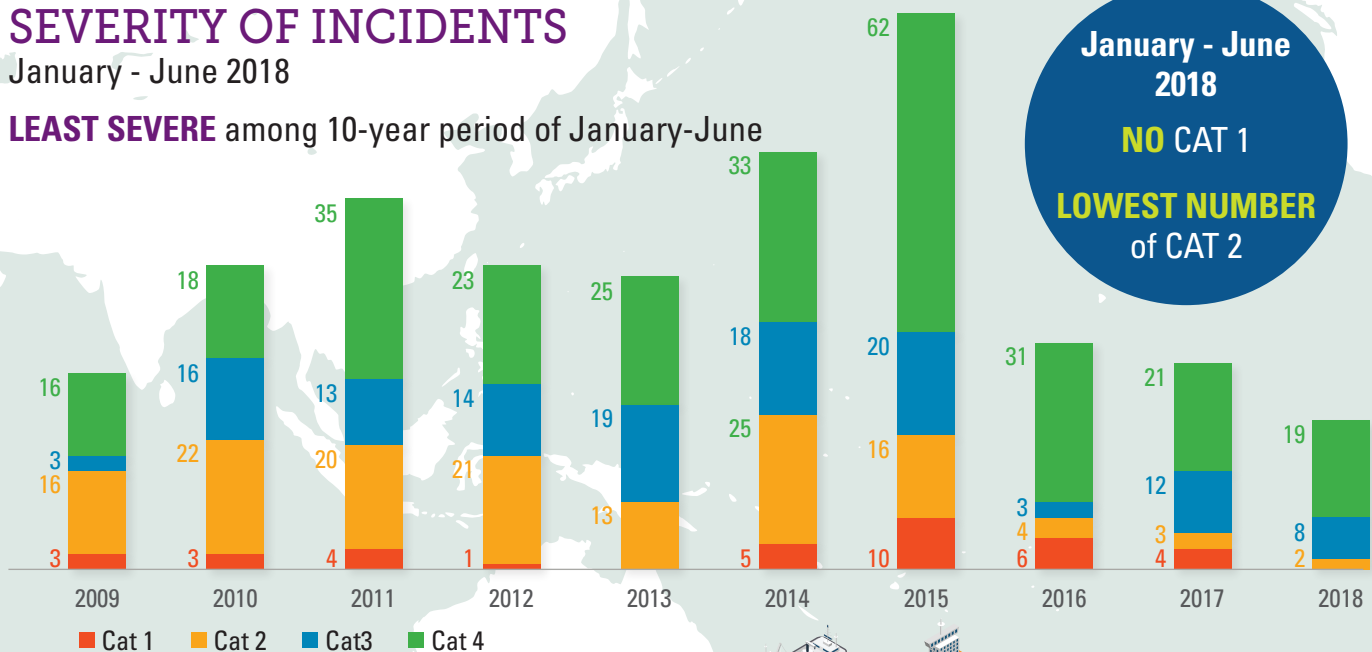
**37** ARMED ROBBERY

**3** PIRACY

## SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

January - June 2018

**LEAST SEVERE** among 10-year period of January-June



January - June 2018  
**NO CAT 1**  
**LOWEST NUMBER** of CAT 2

## STATUS OF SHIPS

January - June 2018

**31** Incidents on board ships **AT ANCHOR / BERTH**

**9** Incidents on board ships **UNDERWAY**



# JANUARY - JUNE 2018

## COMPARED TO JANUARY - JUNE 2017



### IMPROVEMENT

**DECREASE** ▼  
incidents at Philippines  
ports/anchorages

**NO SUCCESSFUL**  
• abduction of crew  
• theft of oil cargo

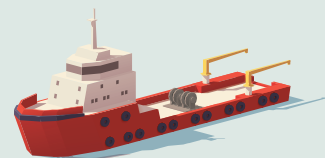
**ARRESTS AND RECOVERY**  
of stolen items



### OF CONCERN

**INCREASE** ▲  
• incidents in  
Singapore Strait  
• incidents at Vietnam  
ports/anchorages

**ONE ATTEMPTED  
ABDUCTION**  
of crew and  
**ONE ATTEMPTED THEFT**  
of oil cargo



## ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS

- **Attempted incident**  
on 16 Feb 18 (*Kudos 1*)
- Status of abducted crew  
(as of 31 Jun 18):

7 killed  
9 still in captivity

45  
released/  
rescued

61 TOTAL



- Threat not totally eliminated,  
maintain ReCAAP ISC's  
Advisory to ships to re-route  
where possible, otherwise
  - » Exercise enhanced  
vigilance
  - » Conduct risk assessment
  - » Adopt piracy  
countermeasures to  
mitigate risk
  - » Make timely report
  - » Maintain comms with  
authorities

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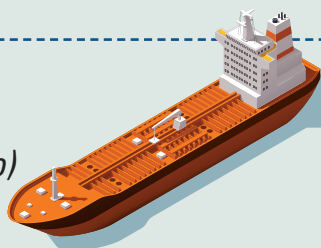
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## THEFT OF OIL CARGO

- Attempted incident on 1 Jun 18 (*Lee Bo*)
- MMEA and Indonesian Navy arrested  
the perpetrators and mastermind



## RECOMMENDATION

The ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting areas of concern to:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Maintain look-out for suspicious approaches
- Report incidents to nearest coastal State and  
flag State immediately
- Keep abreast of the latest situation  
([www.recaap.org](http://www.recaap.org))
- Implement preventive measures recommended  
in the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and  
Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*