

# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

(JANUARY - JUNE 2019)

## NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

Lowest total number and lowest actual number of incidents among January-June of past 13 years (2007-2019)

Jan-Jun 2019

TOTAL 28

incidents  
(25 actual, 3 attempted)

DECREASE BY

32%

TOTAL incidents

14%

ACTUAL incidents

Jan-Jun 2018

TOTAL 41

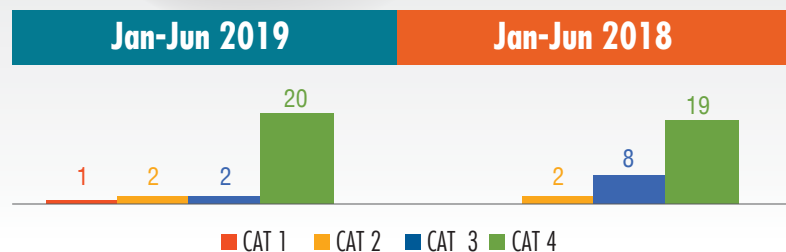
incidents  
(29 actual, 12 attempted)

## SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

Majority CAT 4 incidents

Decrease in number of CAT 3 incidents

1 x CAT 1 incident – abduction of crew



## PIRACY VS ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Majority of incidents are armed robbery against ships

2 Piracy incidents

7%

93%

26 incidents of armed robbery against ships

## STATUS OF SHIPS

17

incidents on board ships at anchor/berth

11

incidents on board ship while underway

JAN-JUN 2019  
COMPARED TO JAN-JUN 2018



## DECREASE IN INCIDENTS

- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- South China Sea



## OF CONCERN

- Risk of abduction of crew for ransom is high as demonstrated by the incident of abduction of 9 crew on 18 Jun 19
- Increase in number of incidents in Singapore Strait [5 incidents (2018) vs 8 incidents (2019)]



## INCIDENTS IN SINGAPORE STRAIT

Jan-Jun 2019:

### 8 INCIDENTS

- Occurred on board barges towed by tug boats
- Underway in westbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
- 4 incidents reported loss of scrap metal, 2 loss of tools and 2 nothing was stolen

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

### Situation Update

- On 18 Jun 19, 9 crew from two fishing boats were abducted off Felda Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia
- The 9 abducted crew were released on 21 Jun 19 and recovered by Philippine authorities in Sulu Province

### Status of Crew (as of 30 Jun 19)

Total 75 crew abducted since 26 Mar 16



### Warning & Advisory

- The risk of abduction of crew is high
- ReCAAP ISC maintains its 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

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