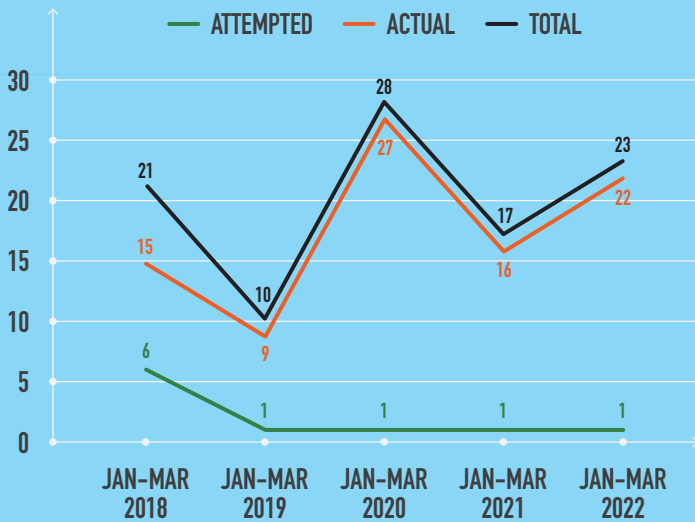


# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-MARCH 2022



**23 INCIDENTS IN TOTAL**

All armed robbery against ships  
No piracy incident

**22 ACTUAL INCIDENTS**

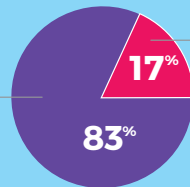
**1 ATTEMPTED INCIDENT**

**35% INCREASE IN TOTAL INCIDENTS**

Compared to Jan-Mar 2021

## STATUS OF SHIPS

**19 INCIDENTS** on board ships while underway



**4 INCIDENTS** on board ships at anchor/berth

## JAN-MAR 2022 COMPARED TO JAN-MAR 2021

### OF CONCERN

- Continued occurrence of incidents in Singapore Strait (**18 incidents** vs 7 incidents)
- Threat of abduction of crew incidents in Sulu-Celebes Seas remains potentially high

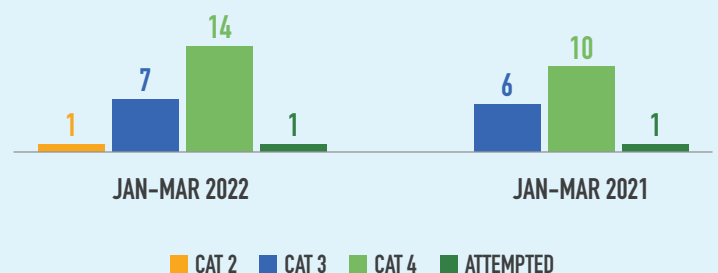
### IMPROVEMENTS

- Indonesia (**2 incidents** vs 5 incidents)
- Philippines (**0 incident** vs 2 incidents)
- Vietnam (**0 incident** vs 2 incidents)

### INCREASE OF INCIDENTS

- Bangladesh (**1 incident** vs 0 incident)
- India (**2 incidents** vs 1 incident)

## SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS



**MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS** during Jan-Mar 2022 were **64%** CAT 4 incidents

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**STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

- All 18 incidents reported during January-March 2022 occurred in the Singapore Strait
- Largest cluster of incidents: off Nongsa, Batam Island, Indonesia (9 incidents)

## 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](http://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-March 2022



Last known incident occurred in January 2020



No crew is held in captivity (as of 31 Mar 22)

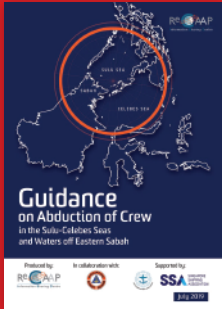
## WARNING AND ADVISORY

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*



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