

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020)

Jan-Sep 2020

75
Incidents

73

Actual

71

Armed robbery
against ships

2

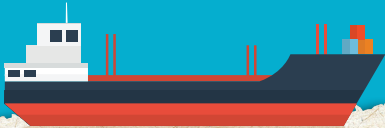
Attempted

4

Piracy

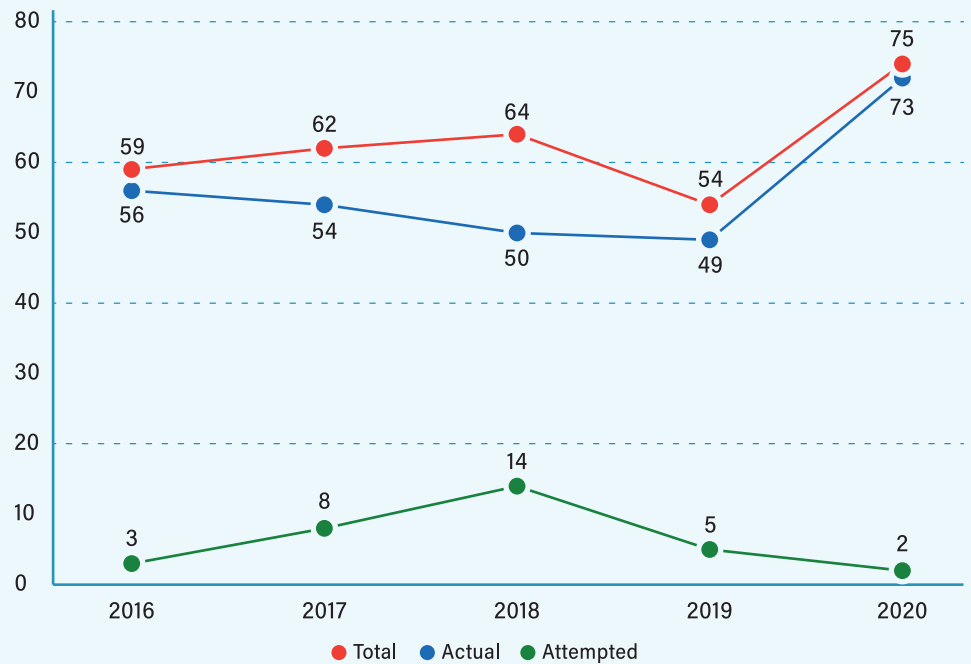
Compared to Jan-Sep 2019

39% increase in
total number
of incidents



NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

(Jan-Sep of 2016-2020)



SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

1 X CAT 1

abduction of crew

3 X CAT 2

lowest number among
Jan-Sep of 2007-2020

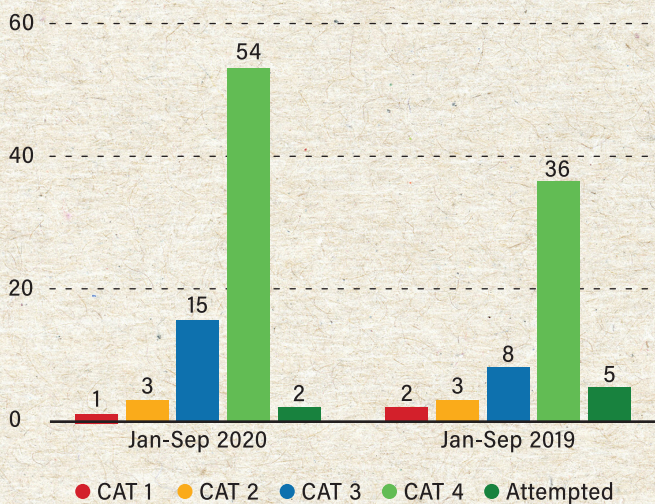
15 X CAT 3

perpetrators armed
with knives/machetes

54 X CAT 4

majority of
incidents (74%)

JAN-SEP 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-SEP 2019



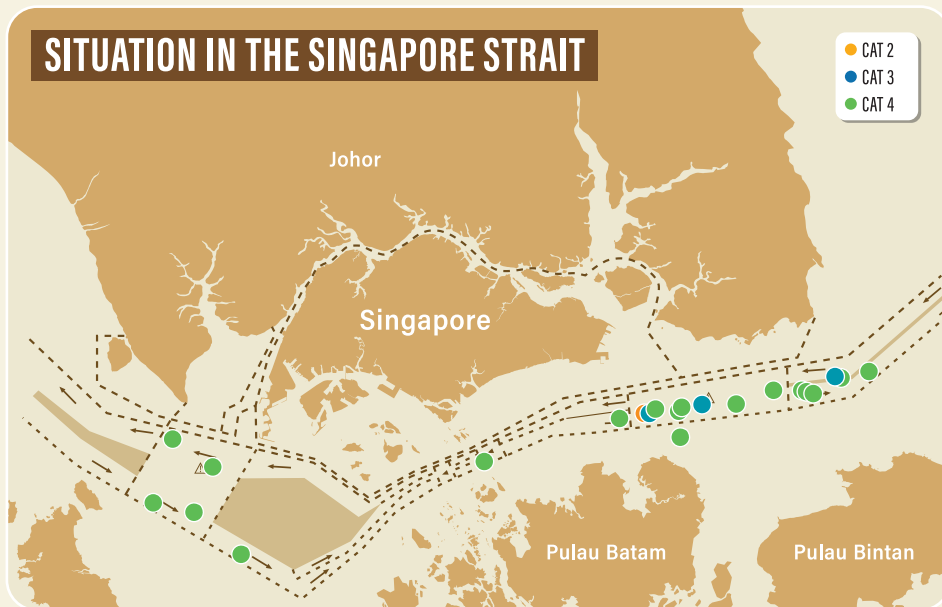
INCREASE OF INCIDENTS :

- Mostly at anchorages/ports in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam
- Mostly on ships while underway in the Singapore Strait and South China Sea

IMPROVEMENTS :

- Anchorage in China and Malaysia
- Abduction of crew incident (1 in Jan-Sep 2020 vs 2 in Jan-Sep 2019)

SITUATION IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT



22 Incidents

- 18 Eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
- 2 Precautionary area
- 1 Westbound lane of TSS
- 1 Just outside (south) of TSS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing among littoral States
- Ships to exercise enhanced vigilance and report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately

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

- On 17 Jan, 1 incident of abduction of crew from fishing trawler (5 crew abducted)
- On 29 Sep, the body of one of the abducted crew was found, 4 crew still held in captivity

Status of abducted crew (as of 30 Sep 20)

86
Crew
Abducted
(since Mar 2016)

- 71 released/rescued
- 11 killed/died
- 4 in captivity

WARNING AND ADVISORY

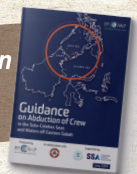
Risk of abduction of crew is high

- 1 X abduction of crew on 17 Jan
- Information of planned kidnapping in Sabah and Semporna, Malaysia targeting crew of ships passing by Tawi-Tawi and Sabah waters

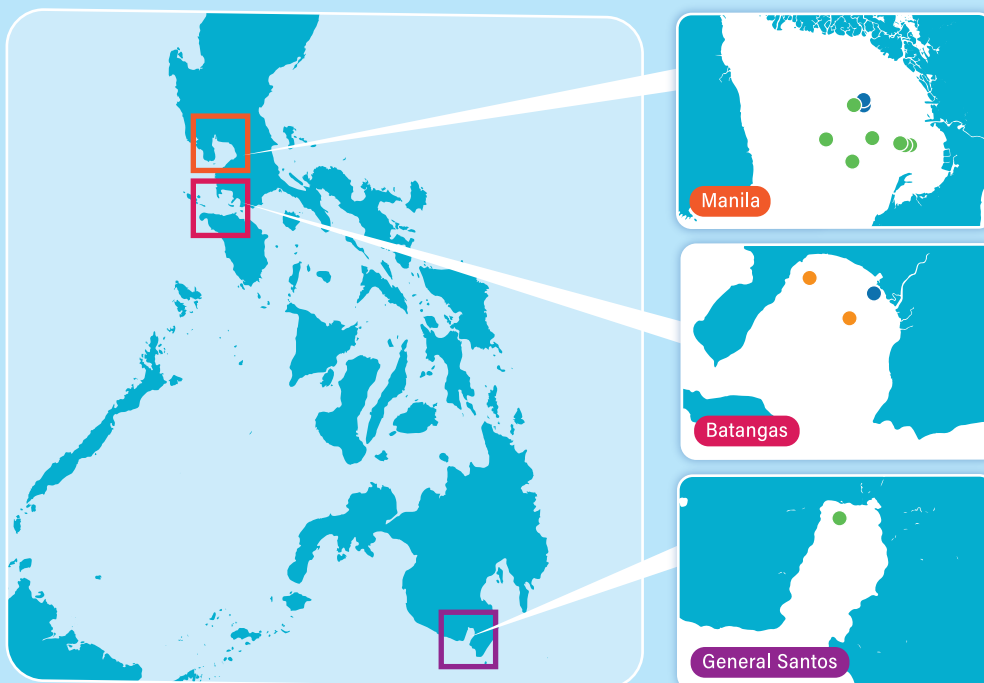
ReCAAP ISC Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
- Maintain comms with authorities
- Make timely report to national reporting centres

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



SITUATION AT ANCHORAGES/PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES



13 Incidents

- 9 Manila
- 3 Batangas
- 1 General Santos

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ship masters are advised to adopt measures to be taken by ships (as per Advisory in Special Report 01/2020), and report all incidents to the local authorities immediately