

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2021

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

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55
INCIDENTS

52
ACTUAL

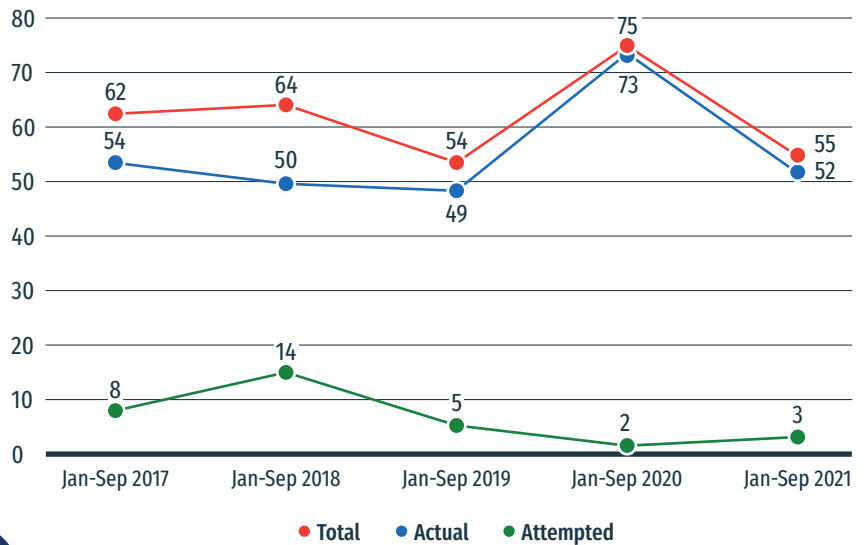
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ATTEMPTED

• ALL INCIDENTS ARE ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

• NO PIRACY INCIDENT

• COMPARED TO JAN-SEP 2020

↓ 27% DECREASE
in total number of incidents



STATUS OF SHIPS

47%

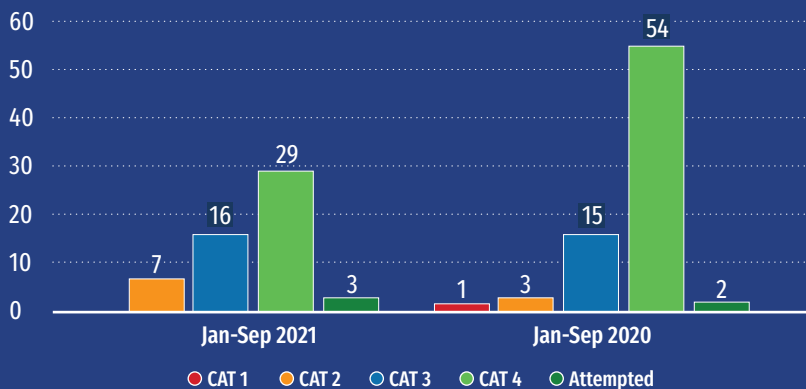
26 incidents on board ships at anchor/berth

53%

29 incidents on board ships while underway

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2021 COMPARED TO JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020

Severity of incidents



- CAT 1** Decrease: 1 incident (Jan-Sep 2020) → No incident (Jan-Sep 2021)
 - CAT 2** Increase: 3 incidents (Jan-Sep 2020) → 7 incidents (Jan-Sep 2021)
 - CAT 3** Increase: 15 incidents (Jan-Sep 2020) → 16 incidents (Jan-Sep 2021)
 - CAT 4** Decrease: 54 incidents (Jan-Sep 2020) → 29 incidents (Jan-Sep 2021)
- Majority are CAT 4 incidents during Jan-Sep 2021 (56%)

✓ Improvement

Bangladesh

3 incidents → 0 incident

India

8 incidents → 4 incidents

Indonesia

19 incidents → 10 incidents

Malaysia

2 incidents → 1 incident

The Philippines

13 incidents → 11 incidents

Vietnam

3 incidents → 2 incidents

South China Sea

4 incidents → 0 incident

Sulu-Celebes Seas

1 incident → 0 incident

↑ Increase of number of incidents

Straits of Malacca and Singapore

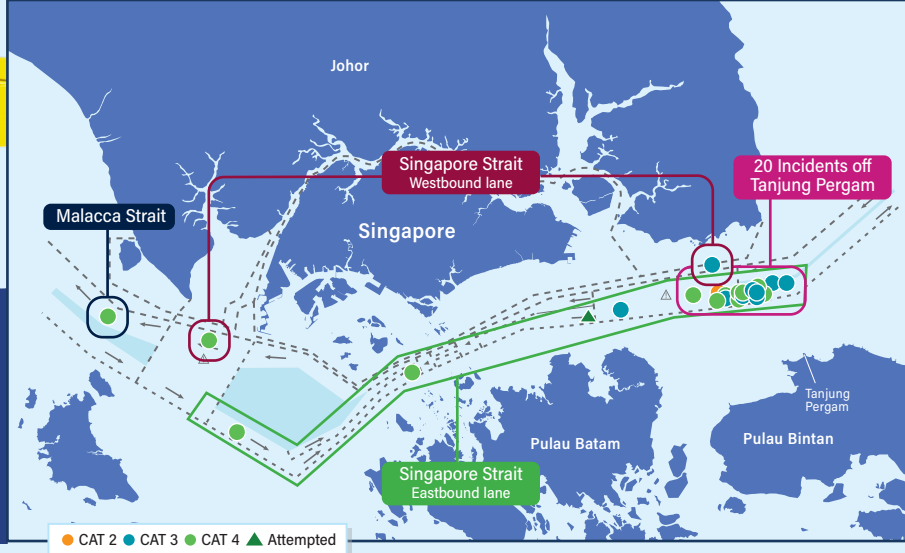
22 incidents → 27 incidents

STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

Of the **27 incidents** reported during Jan-Sep 2021

26 incidents occurred in the Singapore Strait

1 incident in the Malacca Strait



RECOMMENDATIONS

• Littoral States

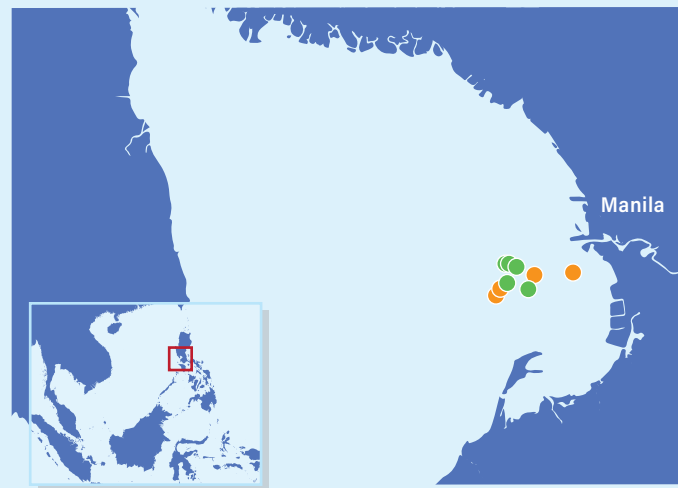
- Increase patrols and enforcement
- Respond promptly to incidents
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing
- Arrest and prosecute perpetrators involved

• Ship master and crew

- Maximise alertness of lookouts and increase watch keeping
- Maintain constant communication with shipping company
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately
- Sound alarm when sighted unauthorised persons on board ship or suspicious boats in vicinity
- Tune in to advisories and navigational broadcasts

MANILA ANCHORAGE AREAS, THE PHILIPPINES

- 9 incidents occurred at South Harbour Anchorage Area, Manila during Jan-Sep 2021
- 4 incidents involved perpetrators armed with guns and knives
- Perpetrators used guns and knives to threaten the crew and tied them up
- Arrest of the leader and one member of the criminal group on 27 and 29 Sep
- Joint law enforcement agencies continued operations against other members of the group



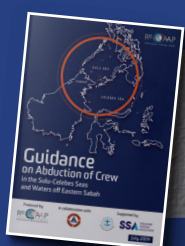
ABDUCTION OF CREW IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

- No abduction of crew incident reported since January 2020
- No crew is held in captivity (as of 30 Sep 21)



WARNING AND ADVISORY

- **Threat of abduction of crew remains high**
 - ASG leaders responsible for abduction of crew are still at large
- **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 Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah*