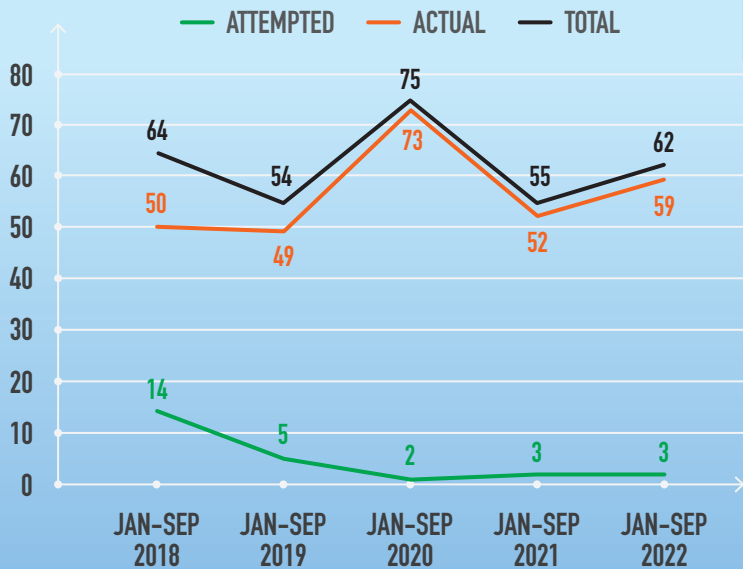




PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2022



62 TOTAL INCIDENTS
All armed robbery against ships, no piracy incident

59 ACTUAL INCIDENTS **3** ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS

13% INCREASE IN TOTAL INCIDENTS
Compared to Jan-Sep 2021

STATUS OF SHIPS

26%

16 INCIDENTS
on board ships at anchor/berth

74%

46 INCIDENTS
on board ships while underway

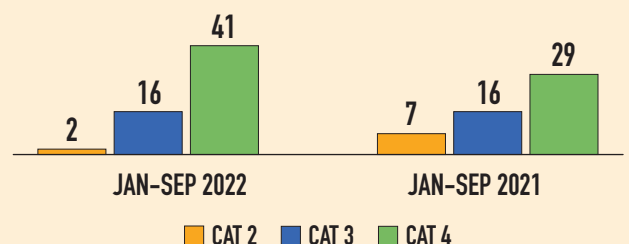
JAN-SEP 2022 COMPARED TO JAN-SEP 2021

! OF CONCERN

- Increase in number of incidents in Singapore Strait (41 incidents vs 27 incidents)
- Threat of abduction of crew incidents in Sulu-Celebes Seas remains, although assessment level has been reduced

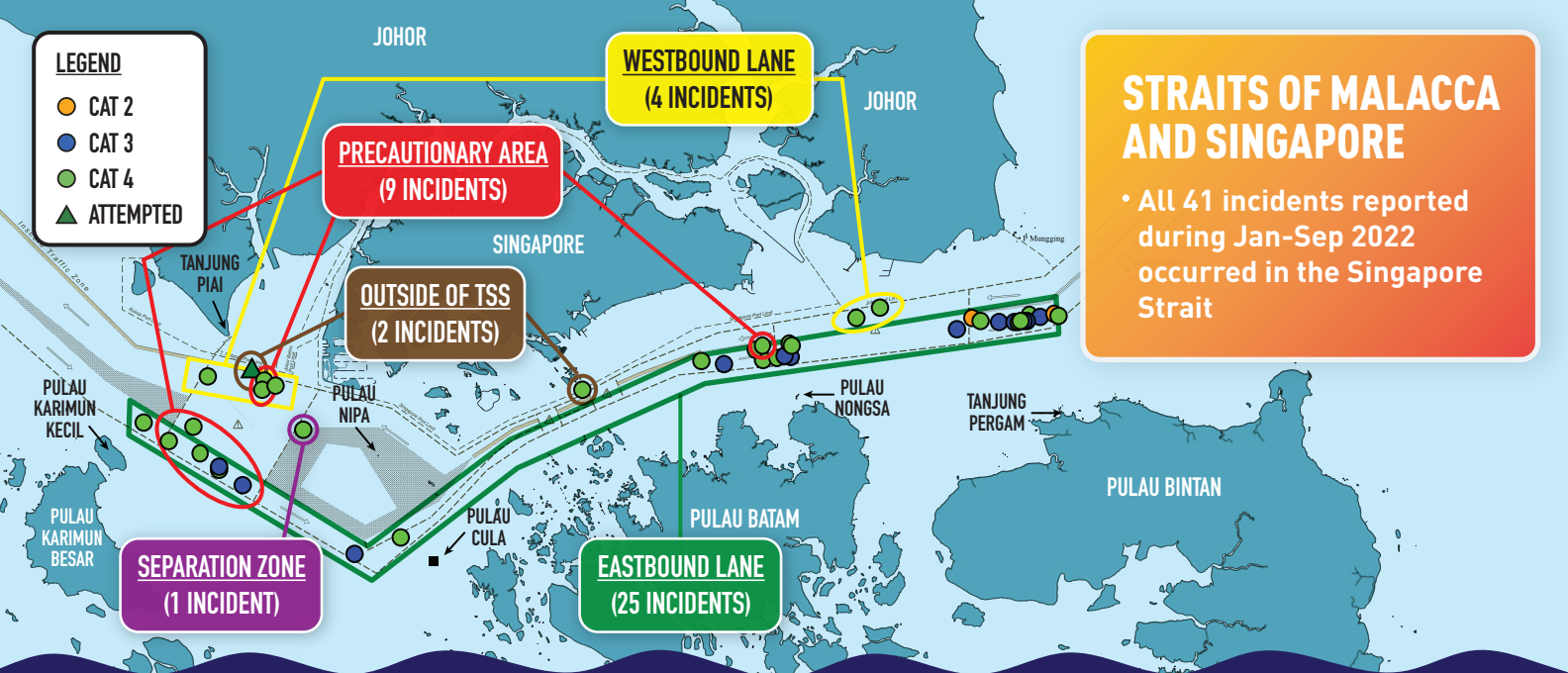


🔍 SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS



MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS during Jan-Sep 2022 were CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed and crew not harmed)

69%



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), 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-September 2022

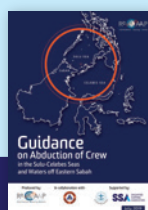
Last known incident occurred in January 2020, no crew held in captivity

↓ DOWNGRADING OF THREAT ASSESSMENT LEVEL

- Continued ground military operations by authorities have reduced strength of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)
- Threat of abduction of crew diminishes
- Philippine Coast Guard recommends downgrading threat to 'MODERATE' *'Incidents are possible to occur but are relatively less severe in nature'*

📍 ADVISORY AND GUIDANCE

- ReCAAP ISC updated Advisory on 15 Sep 2022 - all ships to consider re-route from the area as an option based on its prerogative
- Ship masters & crew transiting the area are encouraged to:
 - 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*