

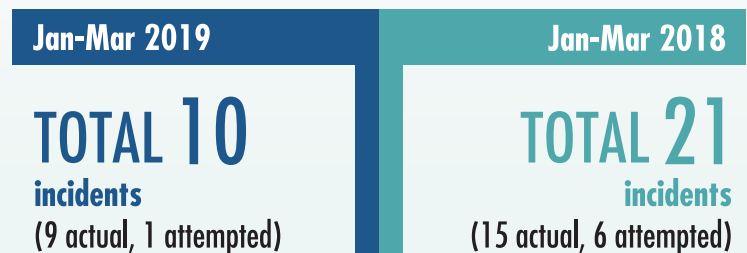
# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

## (JANUARY - MARCH 2019)

### NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

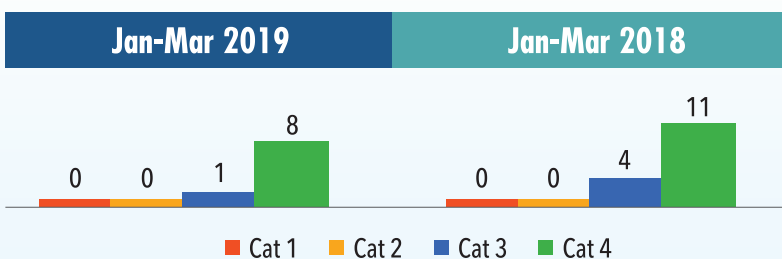


**Lowest total number** and **lowest actual number** of incidents among Jan-Mar of past 13 years (2007-2019)



**Decrease by**  
**TOTAL incidents 52%**  
**ACTUAL incidents 40%**

### SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS



**STATUS OF SHIPS** **8** incidents on board ships at anchor/berth : **2** incidents on board ship while underway



### JAN-MAR 2019 COMPARED TO JAN-MAR 2018

#### IMPROVEMENT

- ↓ **DECREASE IN INCIDENTS**
  - Ports/anchorage in Indonesia

- ⊗ **NO INCIDENTS**
  - Bangladesh
  - Vietnam
  - Abduction of crew for ransom

#### OF CONCERN

- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom remains
- Incidents at anchorages in China (3 incidents)
- Incidents in Singapore Strait (2 incidents)

## THEFT OF SCRAP METAL FROM BARGES IN SINGAPORE STRAIT

- Two incidents occurred in close proximity & during daylight hours
- Ship master to exercise vigilance, look out for suspicious boats in vicinity and report incident immediately to littoral States



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

### SITUATION UPDATE

- No incident reported during Jan-Mar 2019
- Last actual incident occurred on 5 Dec 18

### STATUS OF CREW (AS OF 31 MAR 2019)

Total 66 crew abducted since 26 Mar 16

50

Released/rescued

7

killed

9

Still in captivity

### WARNING & ADVISORY

- Despite a decrease of abduction incidents, threat remains
- 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

## CONTACT DETAILS OF REPORTING CENTRES:

### PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD DISTRICT

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## GENERAL RECOMMENDATION



ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting areas of concern to:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State and flag State immediately
- Be updated of latest situation ([www.recaap.org](http://www.recaap.org))
- Implement preventive measures recommended in the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*