

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

(JANUARY-MARCH 2020)

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS: **29**

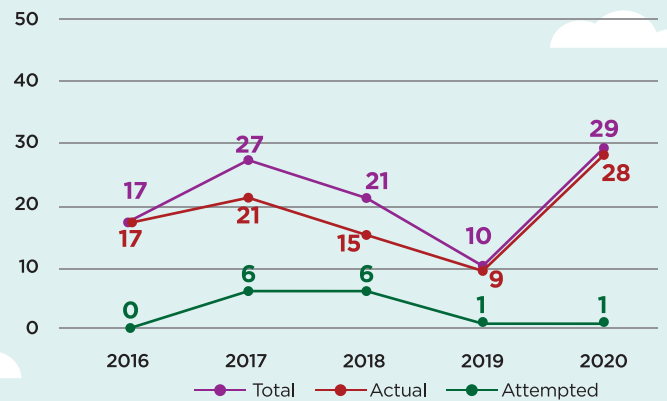
28
Actual Incidents

1
Attempted Incident

Compared to January-March 2019, increase in total number of incidents **↑3 folds**

All **29** incidents are armed robbery against ships

Number of incidents (January-March of 2016-2020)



STATUS OF SHIPS

55%

16 incidents on board ships at anchor/berth

45%

13 incidents on board ships while underway

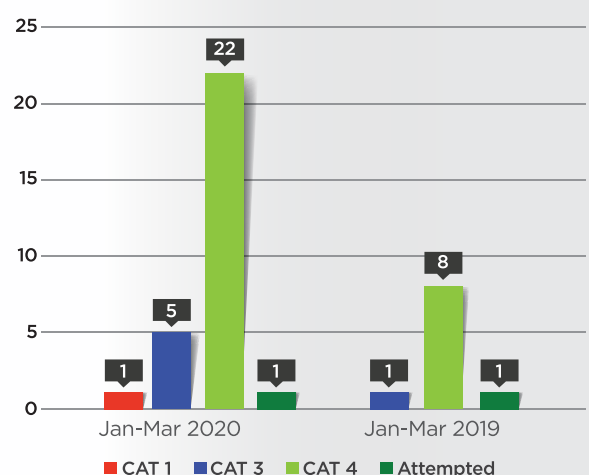
JAN-MAR 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-MAR 2019

Improvement

- Ports/anchorages in China

Increase in Incidents

- Mainly at ports and anchorages:**
 - Bangladesh [0 incident → 3 incidents]
 - India [0 incident → 6 incidents]
 - Indonesia [3 incidents → 6 incidents]
 - Philippines [2 incidents → 4 incidents]
- While underway**
 - Singapore Strait [2 incidents → 9 incidents]
 - Sulu-Celebes Seas [1 incident]



Severity of Incidents

- 1 x CAT 1 incident (abduction of crew)
- No CAT 2 incident during Jan-Mar of 2019 and 2020
- Increase in number of CAT 3 incidents
- 79% are CAT 4 incidents

SITUATION IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT

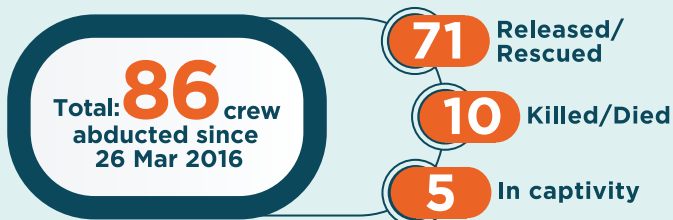
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ships to exercise enhanced vigilance and report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately
- Littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement, strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups



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

- Abduction of crew from fishing trawler on 17 Jan off Eastern Sabah, Malaysia
- 5 crew still held in captivity
- Status of Abducted Crew (as of 31 Mar 2020)



WARNING & ADVISORY

- The risk of abduction of crew is high
- 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 (as shown below)
- Refer to the 'Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah'

CONTACT DETAILS OF REPORTING CENTRES

PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD DISTRICT
Southwestern Mindanao (CGDSW)
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PHILIPPINE NAVY - LITTORAL MONITORING STATION (LMS)

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