PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA JANUARY-MARCH 2018 (Q1)

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

January - March (2009-2018)



PIRACY

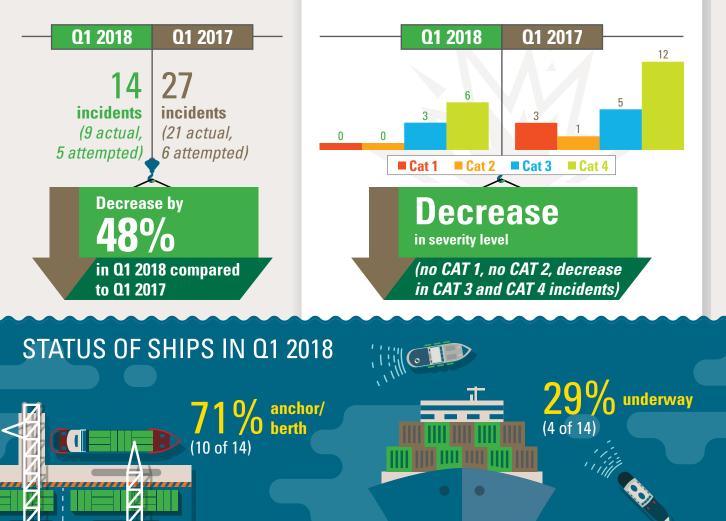
1 incident (1 actual)

ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

13 incidents (8 actual, 5 attempted)

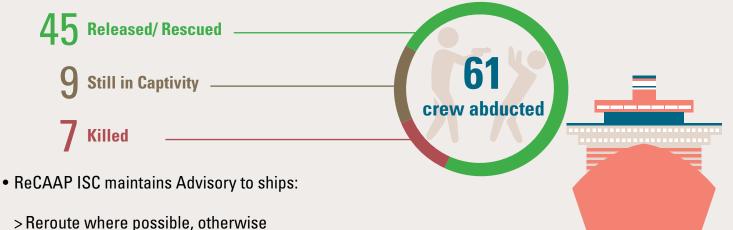
Mostly are robbery and theft at ports & anchorages

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS



ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM IN SULU-CELEBES SEA

- One attempted incident in 2018 (Jan-Mar)
- Between March 2016 and March 2018, 15 incidents with...



- » Exercise enhanced vigilance
- » Conduct risk assessment
- » Adopt piracy counter-measures to mitigate risk
- » Maintain communications with authorities
- » Make timely report (Reporting Centres in Zamboanga, Bongao, Lahad Datu)

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CONCLUSION

Overall situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Q1 2018 improved compared to Q1 2017.

- Number of incidents in Q1 2018 decrease by 48% compared to Q1 2017.
- Incidents in Q1 2018 relatively less severe compared to Q1 2017. No CAT 1 and CAT 2 in Q1 2018.

There are improvements at ports/ anchorages in Bangladesh and Philippines, no actual abduction of crew and no hijacking of ship for theft of oil cargo.

The ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting the areas of concern to exercise enhanced vigilance, maintain look-out for suspicious approach by boats, report all incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately, keep abreast of the latest situation and implement preventive measures recommended in the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia.*

