

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2023

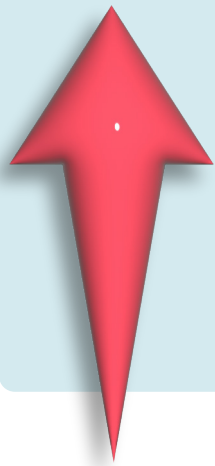
NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

84 incidents

January-September 2023

Highest number of incidents amongst Jan-Sep of 2019-2023

No piracy incident, all armed robbery against ships

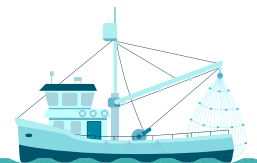
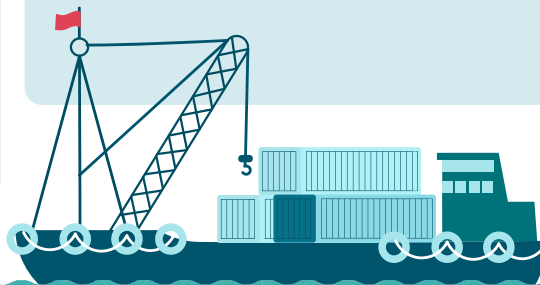
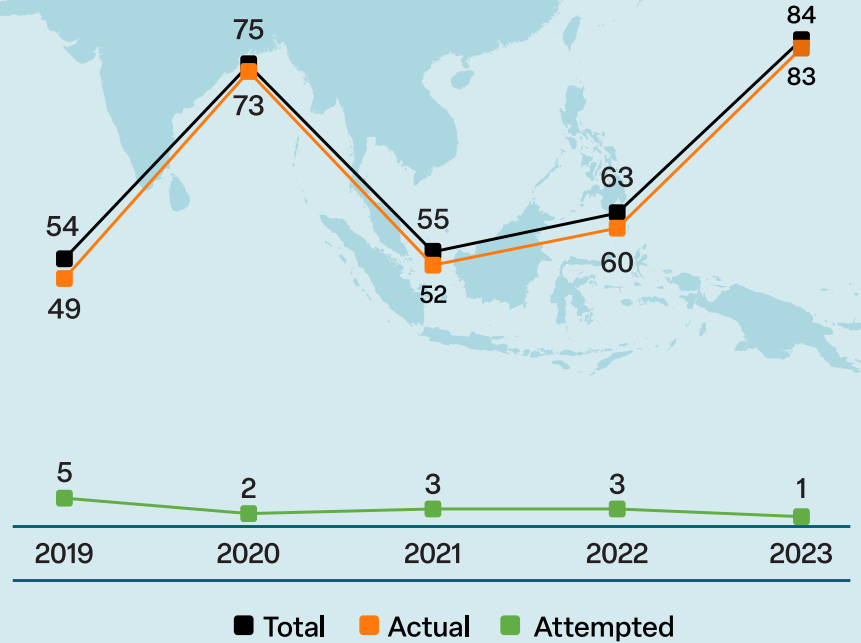


Compared to Jan-Sep 2022 (63)

33% increase

in total number of incidents

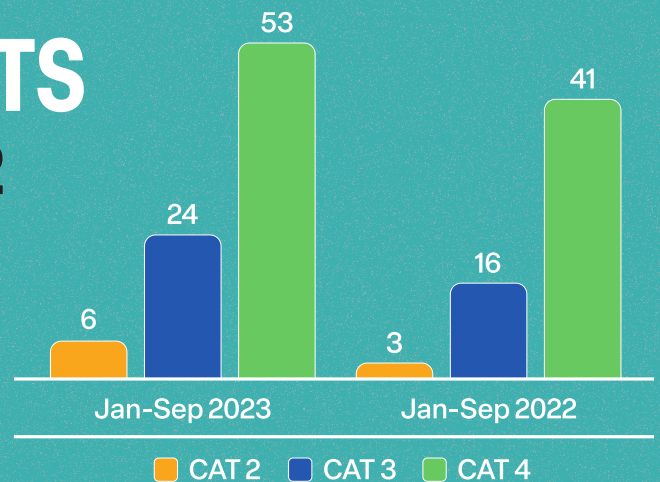
Number of incidents (January-September of 2019-2023)



SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

JAN-SEP 2023 VS JAN-SEP 2022

- More incidents of crew being tied up [6 vs 0]
- Crew sustained minor injuries [2 vs 1]
- Majority are CAT 4 incidents [64% vs 68%]

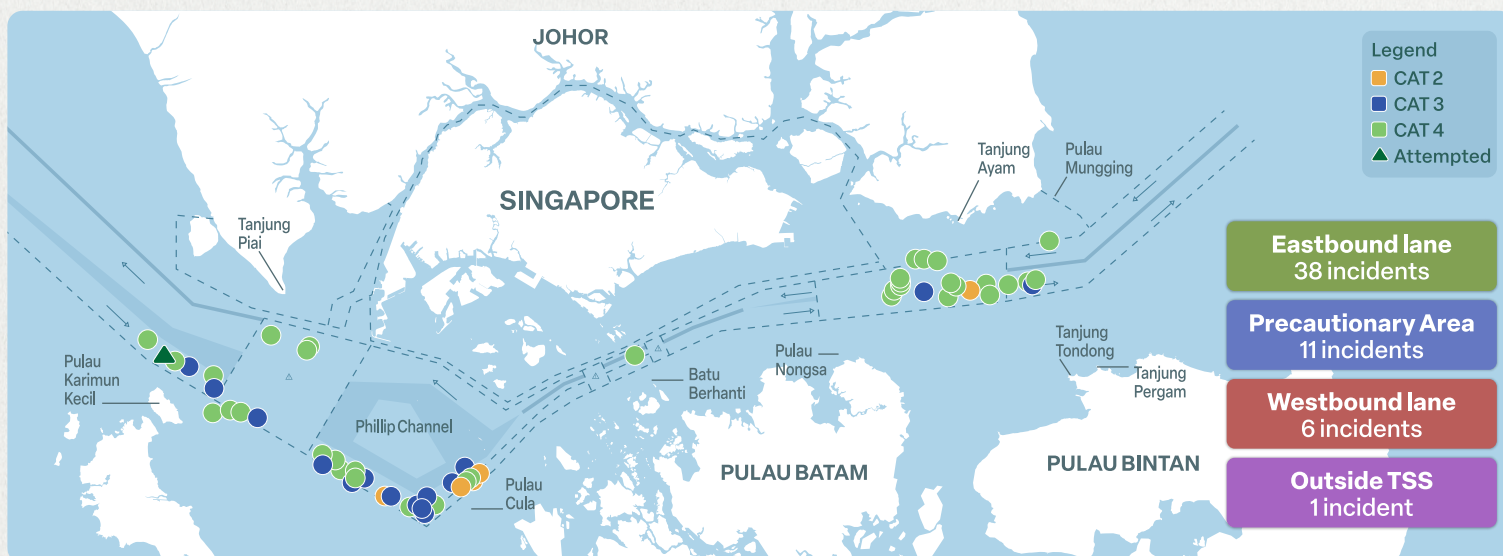


CONCERNS

- Continued occurrence of incidents in Straits of Malacca & Singapore
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas

STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE (SOMS)

56 incidents (52 in Singapore Strait, 4 in Malacca Strait)



RECOMMENDATIONS

Littoral States

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

Ship master and crew

- Maximise alertness of lookouts and increase vigilance
- Take rounds of ship's compartment prior entering area of concern
- Sound alarm when sighting unauthorised persons on board ship or suspicious boats in the vicinity
- Keep abreast of latest situation, advisories & navigational broadcasts
- Report all incidents to nearest littoral State immediately, with contact details as follows:

CONTACT DETAILS OF LITTORAL STATES

INDONESIA

Indonesian Coast Guard (BAKAMLA)

Jakarta

Tel: +62 895 6003 00846

(maritime incident reporting)

Email: puskodala@bakamla.go.id

Tel: +62 821 2518 9898, +62 021 1503 21

(general purposes reporting)

Email: contactcenter@bakamla.go.id

BAKAMLA – Contact Centre Western Zone

Pulau Batam

Tel: +62 813 6387 7299

Regional Marine & Air Police of Riau

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Tel: +62 822 8372 3721

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Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency

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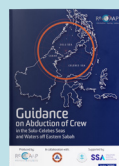
ABDUCTION OF CREW IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

Latest Situation

- Last known incident on 17 Jan 2020
- Philippine Coast Guard recommended downgrading of the threat of 'Abduction of crew for ransom in the Sulu-Celebes Seas' to 'MODERATE' - 'Incidents are possible to occur but are relatively less severe in nature'

Advisory & Guidance

ReCAAP ISC Advisory dated 15 Sep 2022 - all ships to consider re-route from the area as an option based on its prerogative



Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah

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