

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-JUNE 2021

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS January-June 2021

37
INCIDENTS

35
ACTUAL

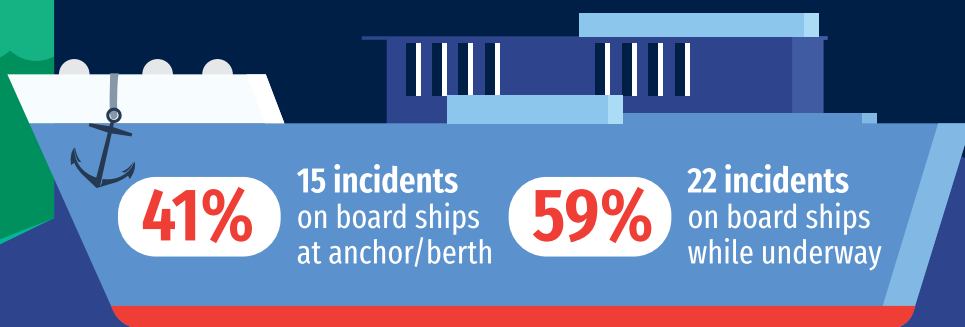
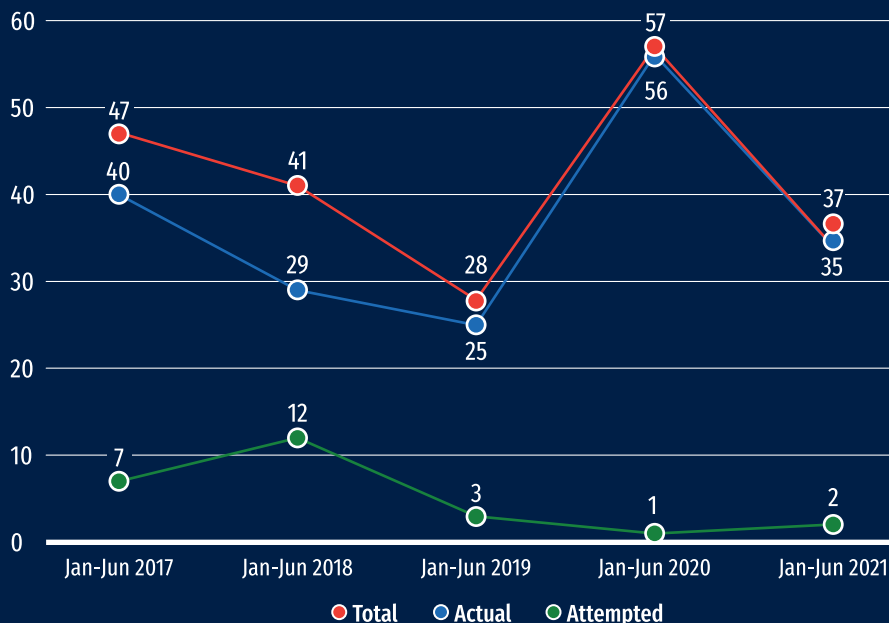
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ATTEMPTED



All armed robbery against ships,
no piracy incident

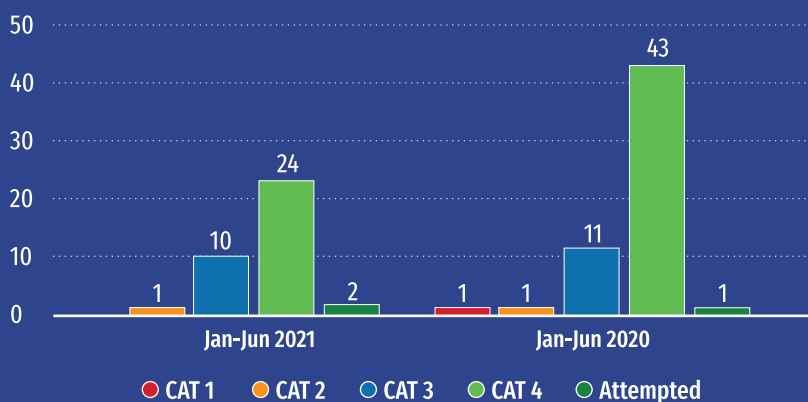
Compared to Jan-Jun 2020

35% Decrease
in total number
of incidents



JANUARY-JUNE 2021 COMPARED TO JANUARY-JUNE 2020

Severity of incidents



- CAT 1** Decrease: One incident (Jan-Jun 2020) → No incident (Jan-Jun 2021)
- CAT 2** Same number of incidents during (Jan-Jun 2020) and (Jan-Jun 2021)
- CAT 3** Decrease: 11 incidents (Jan-Jun 2020) → 10 incidents (Jan-Jun 2021)
- CAT 4** Decrease: 43 incidents (Jan-Jun 2020) → 24 incidents (Jan-Jun 2021)
Majority of incidents during Jan-Jun 2021 (69%)

Improvement

- ✓ Bangladesh
3 incidents > 0 incident
- ✓ India
7 incidents > 2 incidents
- ✓ Indonesia
17 incidents > 6 incidents
- ✓ Philippines
7 incidents > 6 incidents
- ✓ South China Sea
2 incidents > 0 incident
- ✓ Sulu-Celebes Seas
1 incident > 0 incident
- ✓ Vietnam
3 incidents > 2 incidents

Increase of number of incidents

- ↑ Singapore Strait
16 incidents > 20 incidents

SITUATION IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT



Increase of 4 incidents
compared to Jan-Jun 2020

20 incidents

19 incidents in eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)	1 incident in westbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
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Of the 20 incidents reported during Jan-Jun 2021, 16 incidents occurred off Tanjung Pergam.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Littoral States of the Singapore Strait

- Increase patrols and enforcement in their respective waters
- Respond promptly to incidents
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups involved
- Arrest and prosecute perpetrators involved

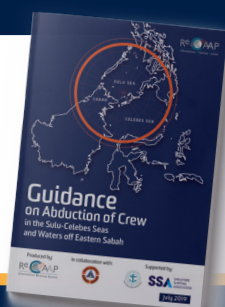
Ship master and crew

- Maximise alertness of lookouts and increase watch keeping
- Maintain constant communication with shipping company
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately
- Sound alarm when sighted unauthorised persons on board or suspicious boats loitering in the vicinity
- Keep abreast of situation and tune-in to advisories and navigational broadcasts

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

- No abduction of crew incident reported during Jan-Jun 2021
- No crew is held in captivity (as of 30 Jun 21)

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



WARNING AND ADVISORY

- **The risk of abduction of crew is high**
 - The Philippine authorities foiled a kidnap-for-ransom plan by the ASG in an operation on 3 Nov 20
 - ASG leaders responsible for abduction of crew are still at large
- **ReCAAP ISC 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