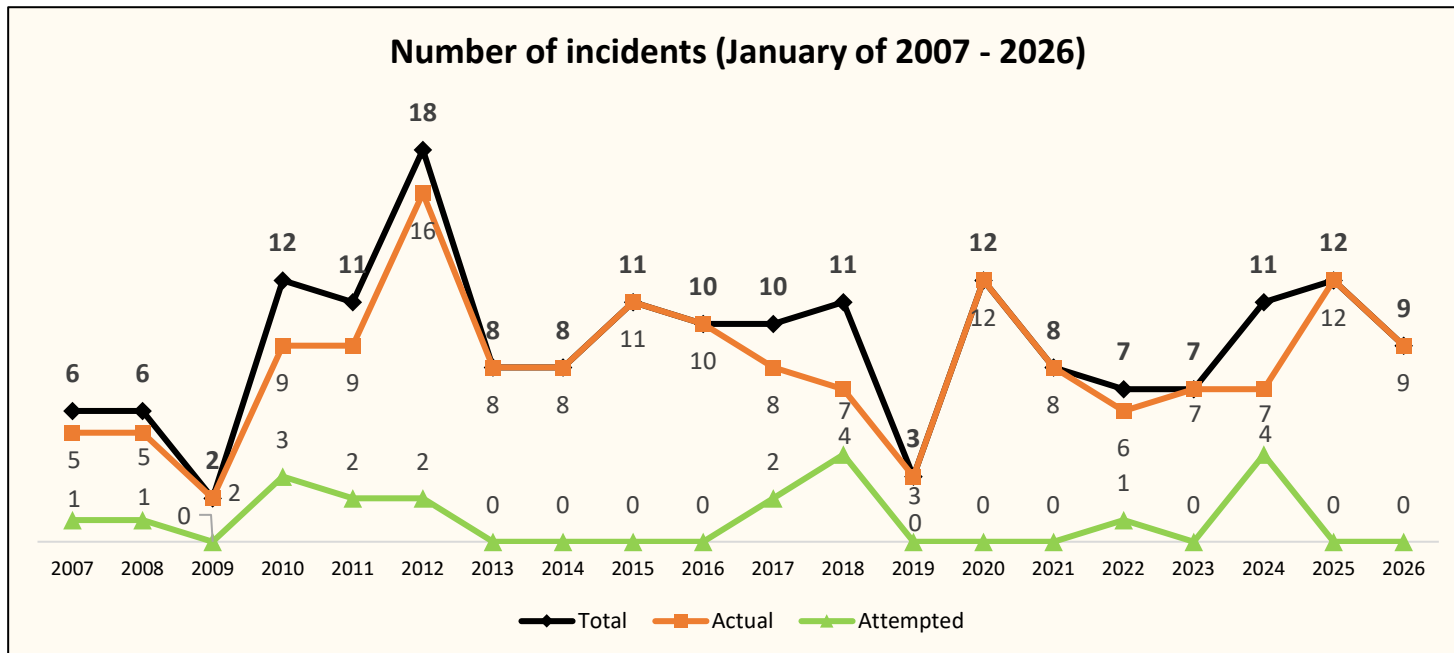


# Situation Update – January 2026

## 1. Number of Incidents

- ❑ 9 incidents (all actual)
- ❑ Decrease in number of incidents compared to January 2025 (12 incidents)
- ❑ All armed robbery/theft incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)

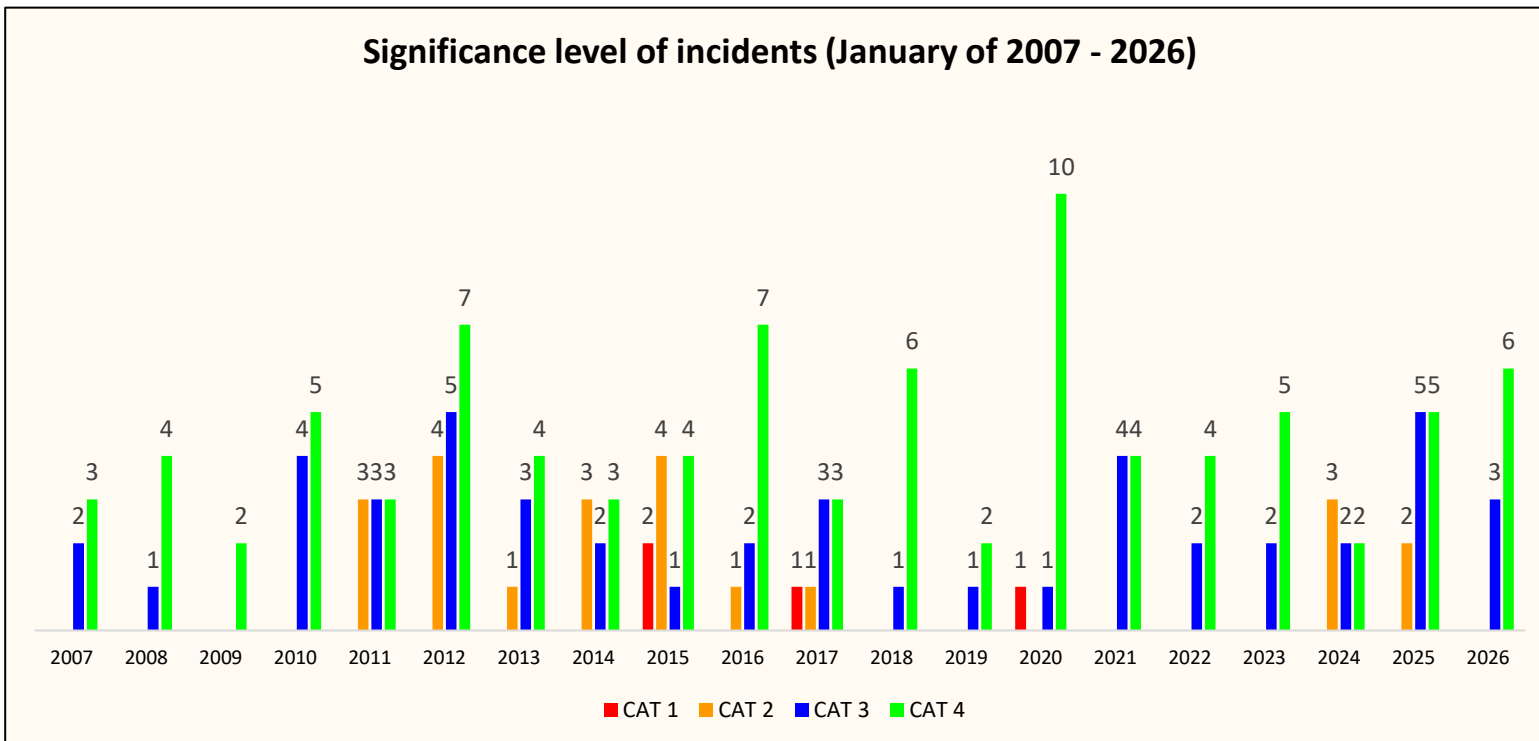


# Situation Update – January 2026

## 2. Severity of Incidents

### ☐ 9 actual incidents

- 3 x **CAT 3** & 6 x **CAT 4**
- Compared to 2025: **Decrease in CAT 3** (*perpetrators carried weapons, crew not injured*) & **Increase in CAT 4** (*perpetrators not armed & crew not injured*) incident
- **No CAT 2** incidents

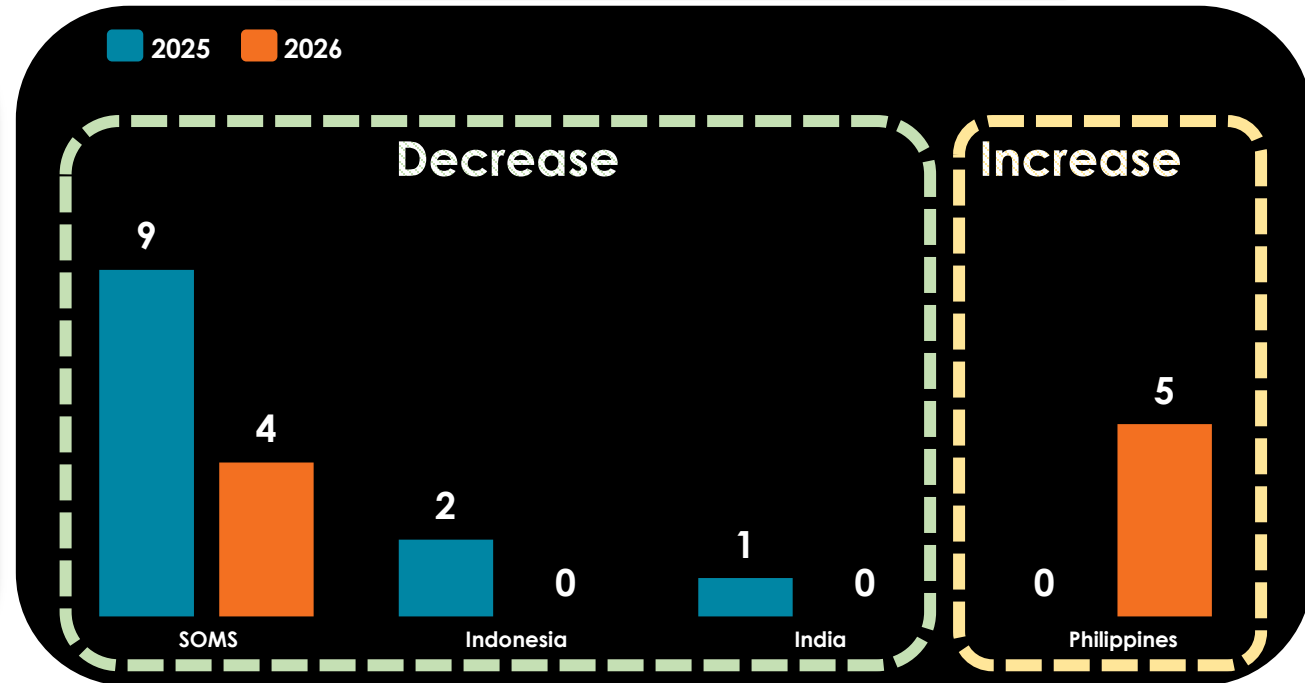


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## 3. Location of Incidents

Jan 2025 Vs Jan 2026

- Philippines (5)
- Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (4)

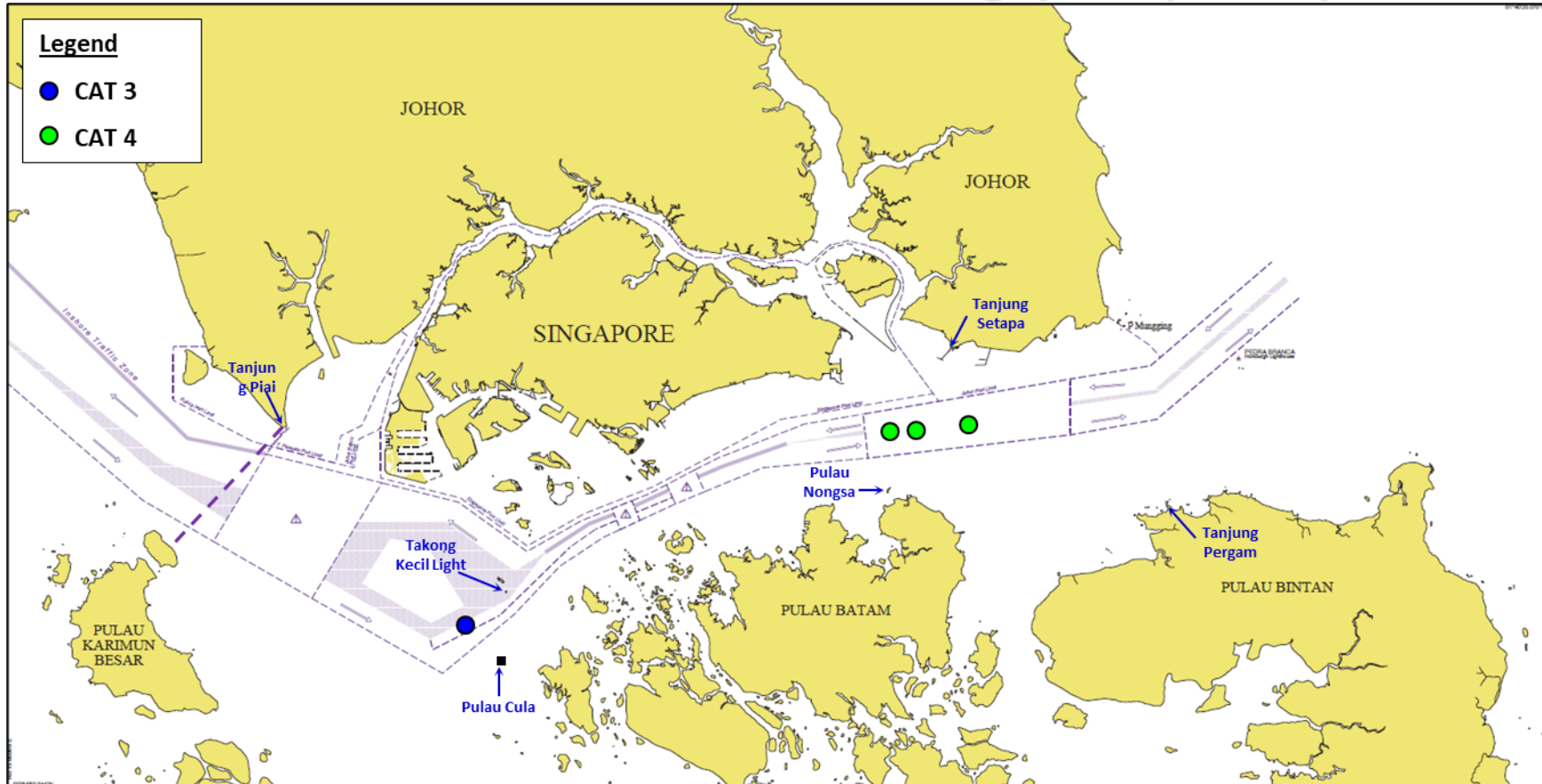


### Areas of Concern

- Continued occurrence of incidents in SOMS
- Increase of incidents in the Philippines

# Situation Update – January 2026

## 4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) – 4 incidents



- ❑ Type of ships boarded: Bulk carriers (1), **Tug-boat and barge (3)**
- ❑ Time of incidents: **1300-1359 hrs (2)**, 1400-1459 hrs (1), 0300-0359 (1)
- ❑ All occurred in **eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme**
- ❑ More incidents in NW of Pulau Bintan [Sector 9]

# Arrests of Perpetrators – January 2026

## Heightened Patrols Lead to Two Arrests by Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) at Batangas Port/Anchorages



**3 January 2026**

*(Photograph courtesy of PCG)*



**22 January 2026**

*(Photograph courtesy of PCG)*

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## 5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- **No incident** reported since January 2020 & **no crew** currently in captivity
- Philippine Coast Guard downgraded threat of abduction of crew



- **LOW** : *‘No information or monitored activities suggest an impending attack; hence incidents are not expected to occur’*
- ReCAAP ISC updated Advisory to ships to **“exercise vigilance when transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas & report incidents to the Operation Centres of the Philippines & Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)”**
- ReCAAP ISC commends coordinated efforts of littoral States of Sulu-Celebes Seas in ensuring incident-free passage for seafarers

# Situation Update – January 2026

## Thrust Area

- ❑ Maintain latest situation update
  - ❖ [ReCAAP Interactive Dashboard – ‘Re-VAMP’](#)
- ❑ Crew to maintain lookout, exercise caution, implement BMP when transiting areas of concern & ensure CCTV, VDR, camera are operational
  - ❖ [‘Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia’](#)
- ❑ Use **Mobile App & Posters** to facilitate timely reporting of incident (actual & attempted) to nearest coastal State’s RCC & flag State -
  - ❖ [Mobile Application - ‘ReCAAP’](#) (download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store)
  - ❖ [Poster - ‘Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia: Reporting of Incidents - Contact Details’](#)
  - ❖ [Poster - ‘Guidelines & Reporting of Incident by Vessels – Straits of Malacca & Singapore’](#)
- ❑ Report all incidents, suspicious activities & sightings of boats in vicinity
  - ❖ [‘Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters \(version 2\)’](#)
- ❑ Engage law enforcement agencies of the littoral states for maintaining sustained pressure on potential perpetrators