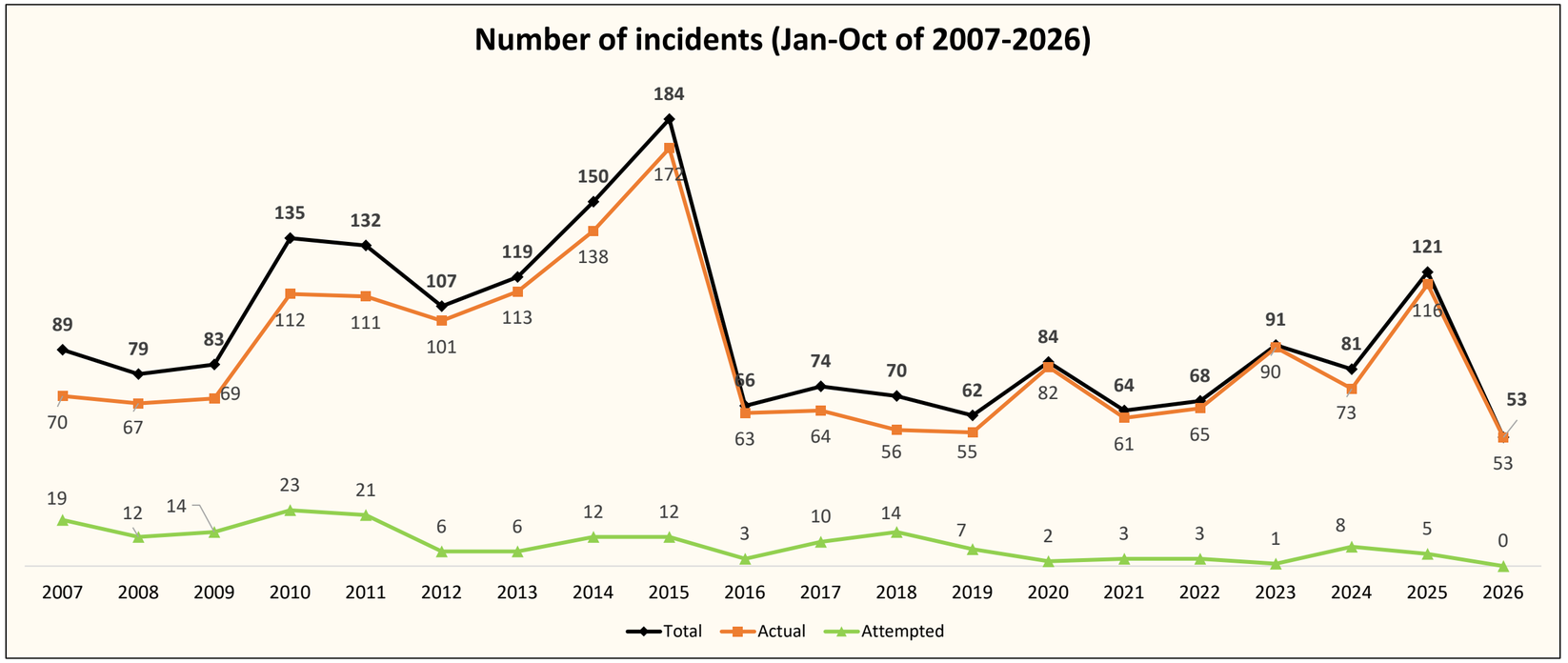
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1. Number of Incidents

- **53 incidents** (all actual)
- **Decrease in number of incidents** compared to January-October 2025 (121 incidents)
- 51 **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)
- two incident of piracy (on high seas)

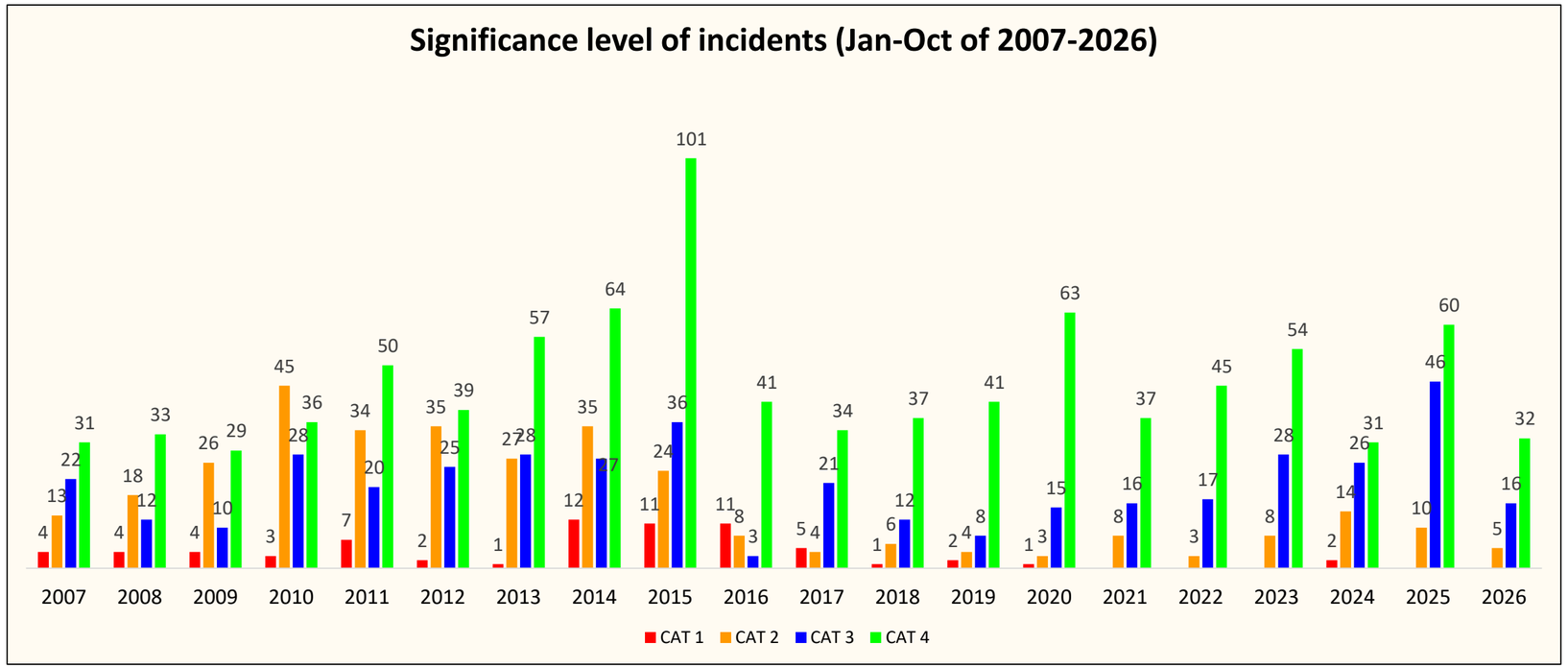


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2. Severity of Incidents

- **53 actual incidents**
  - ➢ 5 x **CAT 2**, 16 x **CAT 3** & 32 x **CAT 4**
  - ➢ Compared to 2025: **Decrease in CAT 2, CAT 3** and **CAT 4** incidents
  - ➢ **No CAT 1** incident



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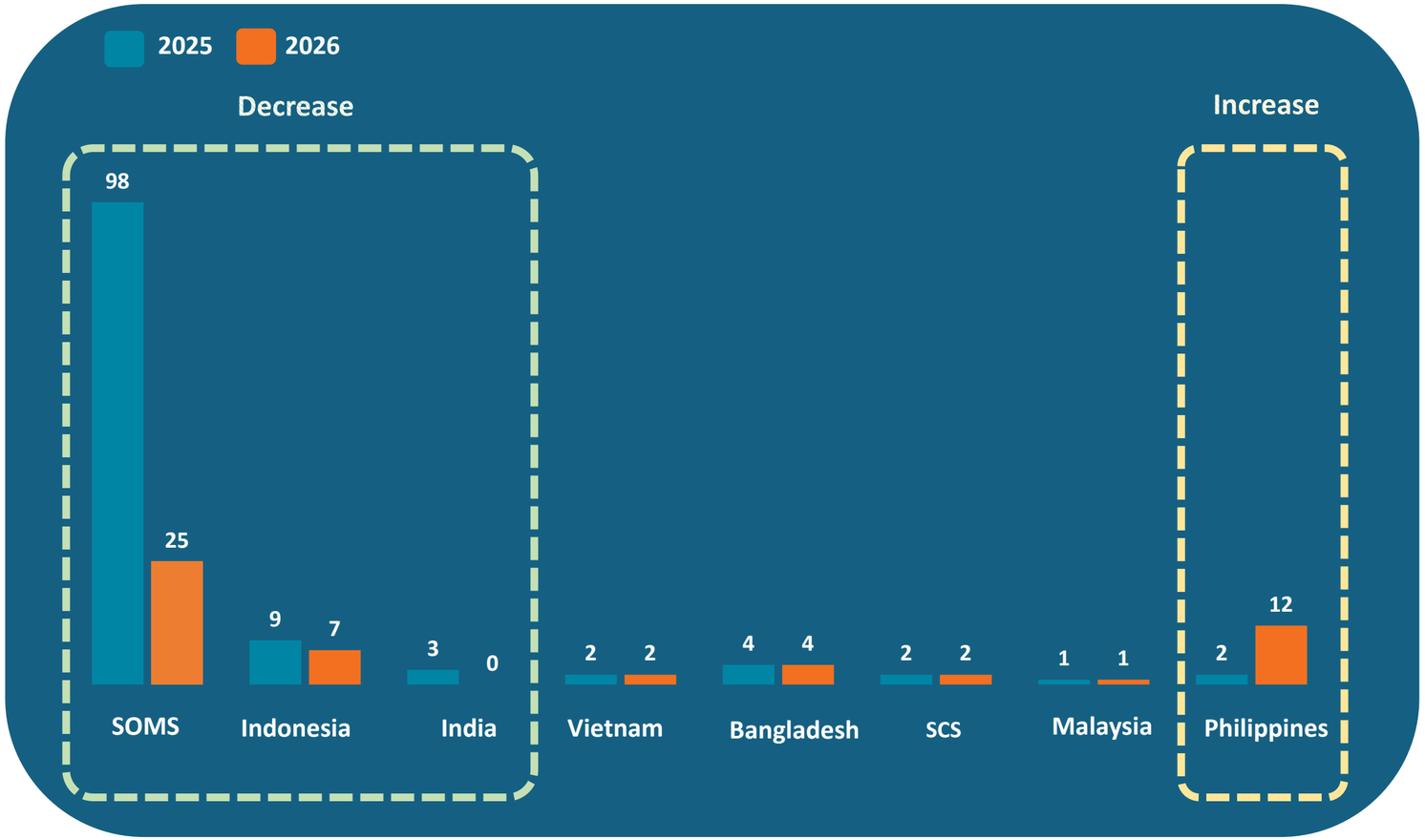
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Location of Incidents

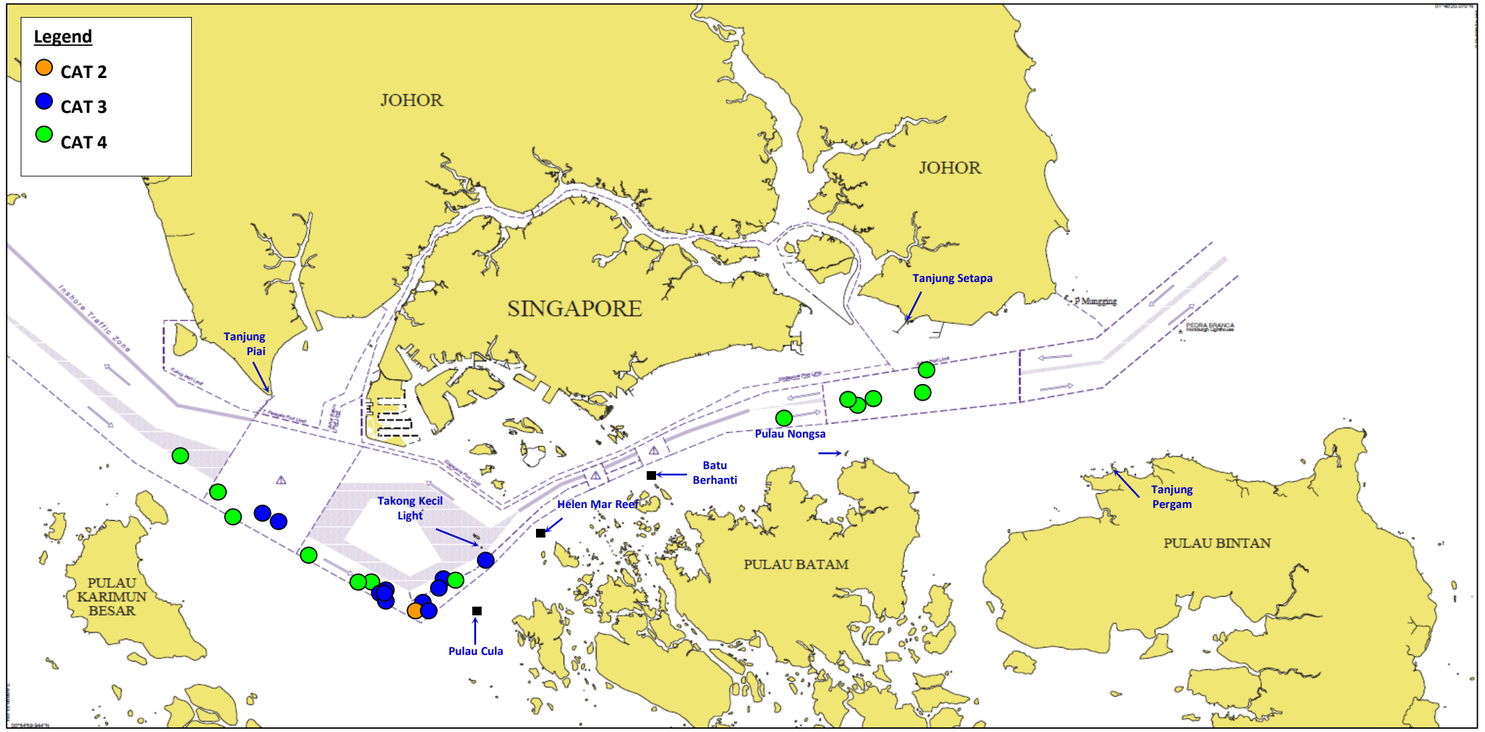
- **Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (25)**
- **Philippines (12)**
- **Indonesia (7)**
- **Bangladesh (4)**
- **SCS (2)**
- **Vietnam (2)**
- **Malaysia (1)**

Jan-Oct 2025 vs Jan-Oct 2026



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4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore – 25 incidents



- Type of ships boarded: **Bulk carriers (15),** Tug boat and barge (7), Tanker (3)
- Time of incidents: **0000-0559 hrs (17)**, 0600-1159 hrs (1), 1200-1759 hrs (5), 1800-2359 hrs (2)
- All occurred in eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme except for one incident which occurred in the precautionary area
- Continued occurrence of incidents at Phillip Channel [Sector 7]

5. Abduction of crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- **No incident** reported after 17 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

6. 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