Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia

Situation Update (January-October 2021)

- **64 incidents** (61 actual and three attempted) **during Jan-Oct 2021**
- Decrease by **24% (20 incidents)** compared to Jan-Oct 2020 (84 incidents)
- **2nd lowest** in total number of incidents among Jan-Oct of past 15-years (2007-2021)
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Severity of Incidents

- **61** actual incidents during Jan-Oct 2021
  - 9 x CAT 2, 16 x CAT 3 and 36 x CAT 4
  - Increase of CAT 2 incidents compared to Jan-Oct of past 5 years (2016-2020) [armed perpetrators demonstrating violence against crew]
  - Majority (59%) are CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed, crew not harmed)
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Location of Incidents

- Singapore Strait (35)
- The Philippines (11)
- Indonesia (10)
- India (4)
- Vietnam (2)
- Malaysia (1)
- Malacca Strait (1)

Mostly at ports/anchorages

India (-5)
Jan-Oct 2020: 9
Jan-Oct 2021: 4

The Philippines (-2)
Jan-Oct 2020: 13
Jan-Oct 2021: 11

Indonesia (-10)
Jan-Oct 2020: 20
Jan-Oct 2021: 10

Vietnam (-2)
Jan-Oct 2020: 4
Jan-Oct 2021: 2

Malaysia (-1)
Jan-Oct 2020: 2
Jan-Oct 2021: 1

While underway

Singapore Strait (+7)
Jan-Oct 2020: 28
Jan-Oct 2021: 35

Areas of Concern
- Singapore Strait
- Sulu-Celebes Seas

All incidents are armed robbery against ships: in territorial seas/archipelagic waters
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Situation in Singapore Strait

- **32 incidents** in **eastbound lane** of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
  - 4 x **CAT 2**, 10 x **CAT 3**, 17 x **CAT 4**, 1 x **Attempted**
  - 23 incidents occurred off Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia
- **2 incidents** in **westbound lane** of the TSS (1 x **CAT 3**, 1 x **CAT 4**)
- **1 incident** in **precautionary area** of the TSS (1 x **CAT 4**)
- **Bulk carriers** (23), **tankers** (7), **barges/rig towed by tug boats** (3), **general cargo ships** (2)
Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

Number of incidents & status of abducted crew

- No incident was reported since January 2020
  No crew is currently held in captivity.
  However, **threat of abduction of crew remains high** as kidnapping group (Abu Sayyaf Group) is still at large.

- Number of incidents

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- Status of past abducted crew

  Total 86: Released/Rescued 75, Killed/Died 11, Crew in captivity 0