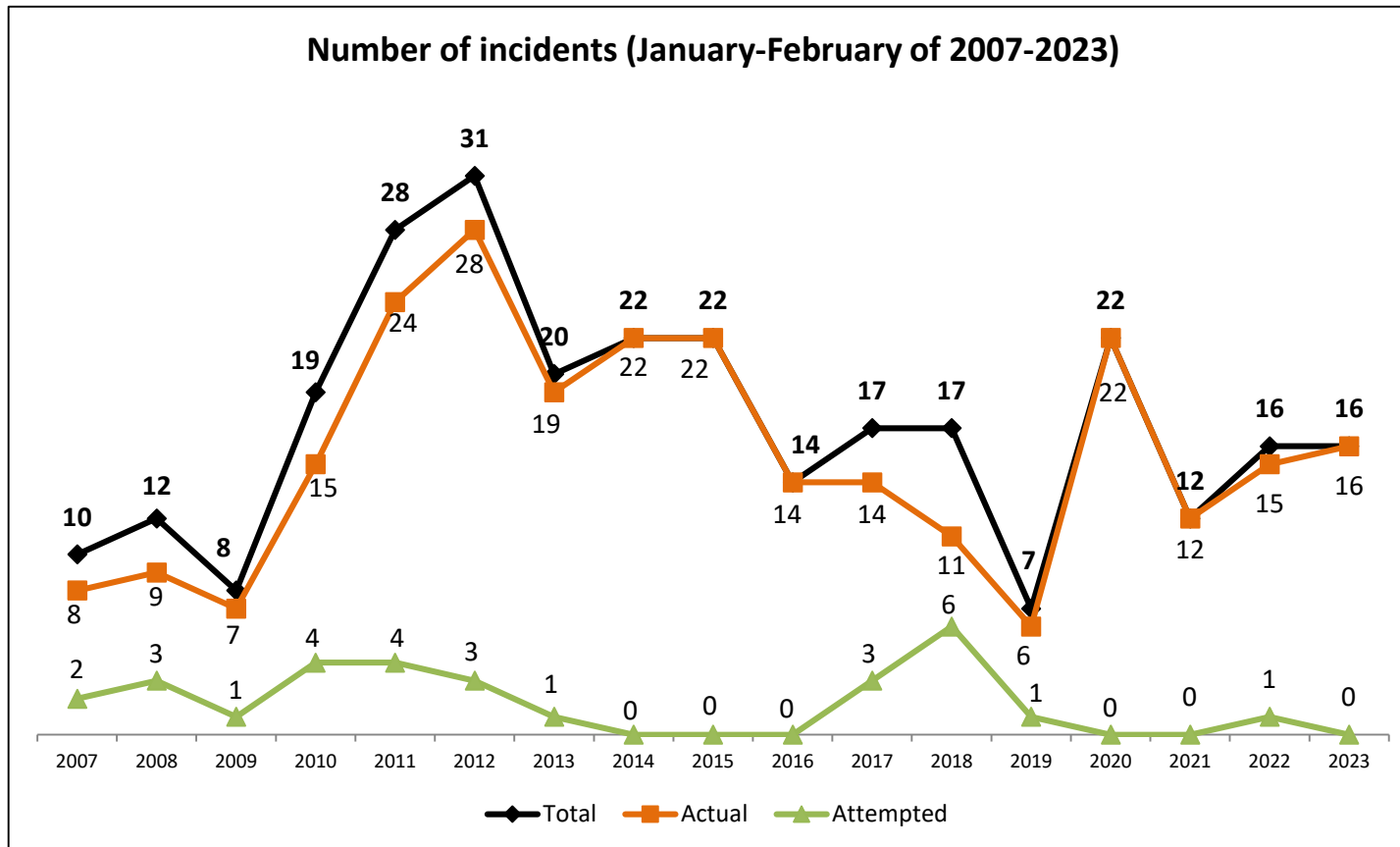


Situation Update - January-February 2023

1. Number of Incidents

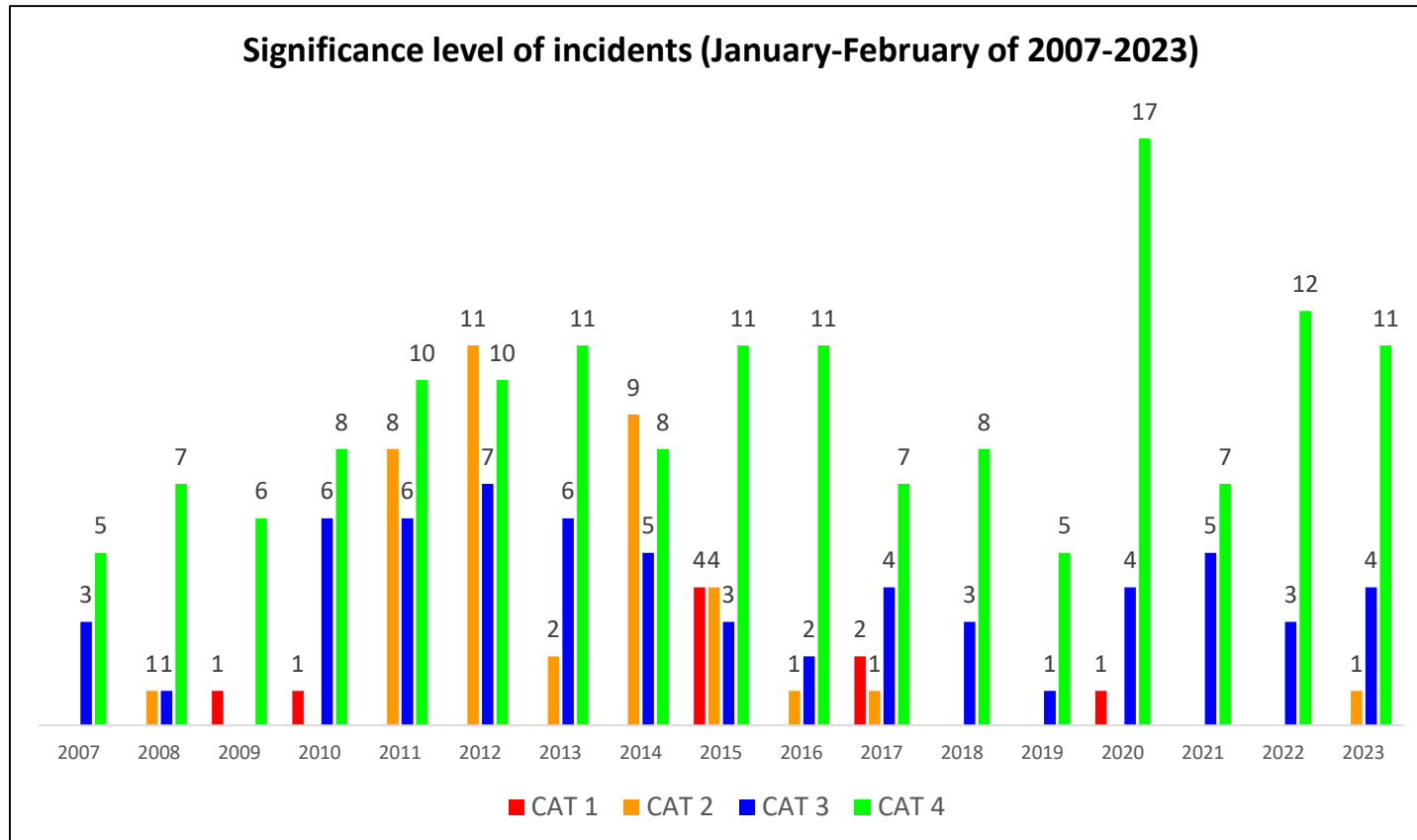
- ❑ 16 incidents (all actual) reported during January-February 2023
- ❑ Similar number of incidents compared to January-February 2022 (16 incidents)



2. Severity of Incidents

❑ 16 actual incidents during January-February 2023

- 1 x CAT 2, 4 x CAT 3 and 11 x CAT 4
- No CAT 1 incident
- Majority (69%) are CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed, crew not harmed)



3. Location of Incidents

Number of incidents in Jan-Feb 2023 vs Jan-Feb 2022

- Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (12)
- Indonesia (3)
- India (1)

☐ Increase of Incidents:

- Indonesia [[3 incidents during Jan-Feb 2023](#) vs 1 incident during Jan-Feb 2022]

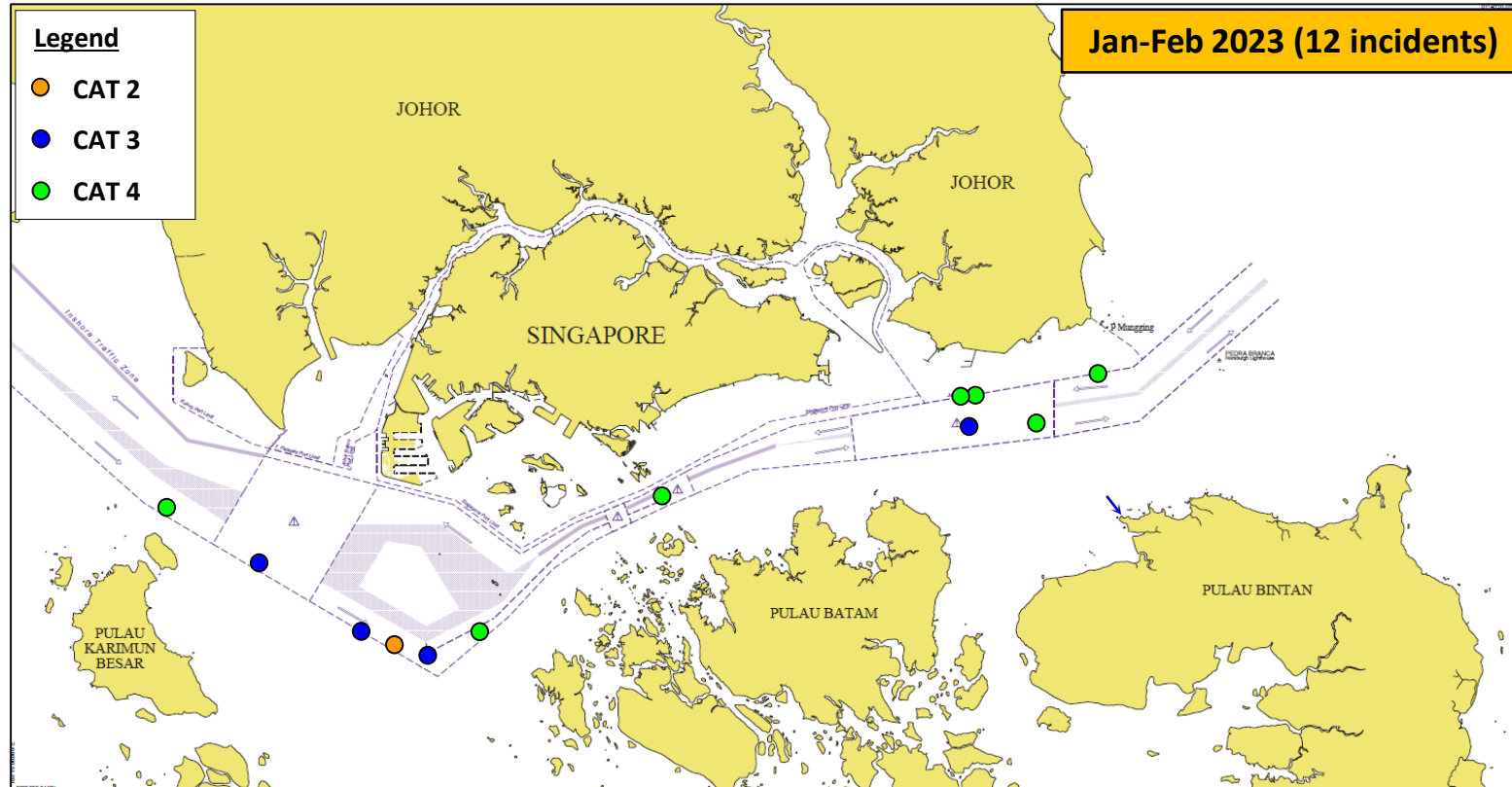
☐ Decrease of incidents:

- India [[1 incident during Jan-Feb 2023](#) vs 2 incidents during Jan-Feb 2022]
- SOMS [[12 incidents during Jan-Feb 2023](#) vs 13 incidents during Jan-Feb 2022]

Areas of Concern

- Continued occurrence of incidents in SOMS
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas

4. Situation in Straits of Malacca & Singapore



- 1 incident** in **Malacca Strait** & **11 incidents** in **Singapore Strait**
- 6 incidents** in **eastbound lane**, **3 incidents** in **westbound lane** & **3 incidents** in **precautionary area** of the TSS
- 1 x **CAT 2**, 4 x **CAT 3**, 7 x **CAT 4**
- Bulk carriers** (8), **barges towed by tug boats** (4)

5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- No incident reported since January 2020
- No crew currently held in captivity
- Philippine Coast Guard recommends downgrading threat of abduction of crew from 'Potentially High' to '**Moderate**'
[means *Incidents possible to occur but relatively less severe in nature*]
- ReCAAP ISC updated Advisory to ships to consider re-route from area as an option
 - For ships transiting area, ship master encouraged to exercise vigilance & report immediately to Operation Centres of Philippines & Malaysia

6. Thrust Area

- Brief crew & maintain proper lookout
- Exercise caution & implement BMP when transiting areas of concern
- Maintain CCTV, VDR & camera operational to capture data

[Refer to *'Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia'*]

- Timely reporting of incident (actual & attempted) to nearest coastal State & flag State

[Refer to Poster on *'Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Reporting of Incidents - Contact Details'*]

- Report all incidents, suspicious activities & sightings of boats in vicinity

[Refer to *'Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters'*]