1. Number of Incidents

- **73 incidents** (72 actual and one attempted) reported
- Increased by **40%** compared to January-July 2022 (52 incidents)
- No incident of **piracy** (on high seas)
- All **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States’ jurisdiction)
2. Severity of Incidents

- 72 actual incidents
  - 4 x CAT 2, 19 x CAT 3 & 49 x CAT 4
  - No CAT 1 incident reported
  - Majority (68%) CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed, crew not injured)
3. Location of Incidents

Number of incidents during **Jan-Jul 2023** vs Jan-Jul 2022

- **Increase of Incidents:**
  - Soms [51 incidents vs 34 incidents]
  - Philippines [7 incidents vs 3 incidents]
  - Vietnam [2 incidents vs 0 incident]
  - Thailand [1 incident vs 0 incident]

- **Decrease of incidents:**
  - Bangladesh [1 incident vs 4 incidents]

- **No change:**
  - India [3 incidents]
  - Indonesia [8 incidents]

**Areas of Concern**
- Increase of incidents in Soms
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas
4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)

- A total of **51 incidents in SOMS**
  - [47 incidents in Singapore Strait (SS), 4 incidents in Malacca Strait (MS)]
- 4 x **CAT 2**, 14 x **CAT 3**, 32 x **CAT 4**, 1 x Attempted
- **Bulk carriers (34)**, **Barges towed by tug boats (11)**, **Tankers (5)**, **Supply vessel (1)**
5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

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