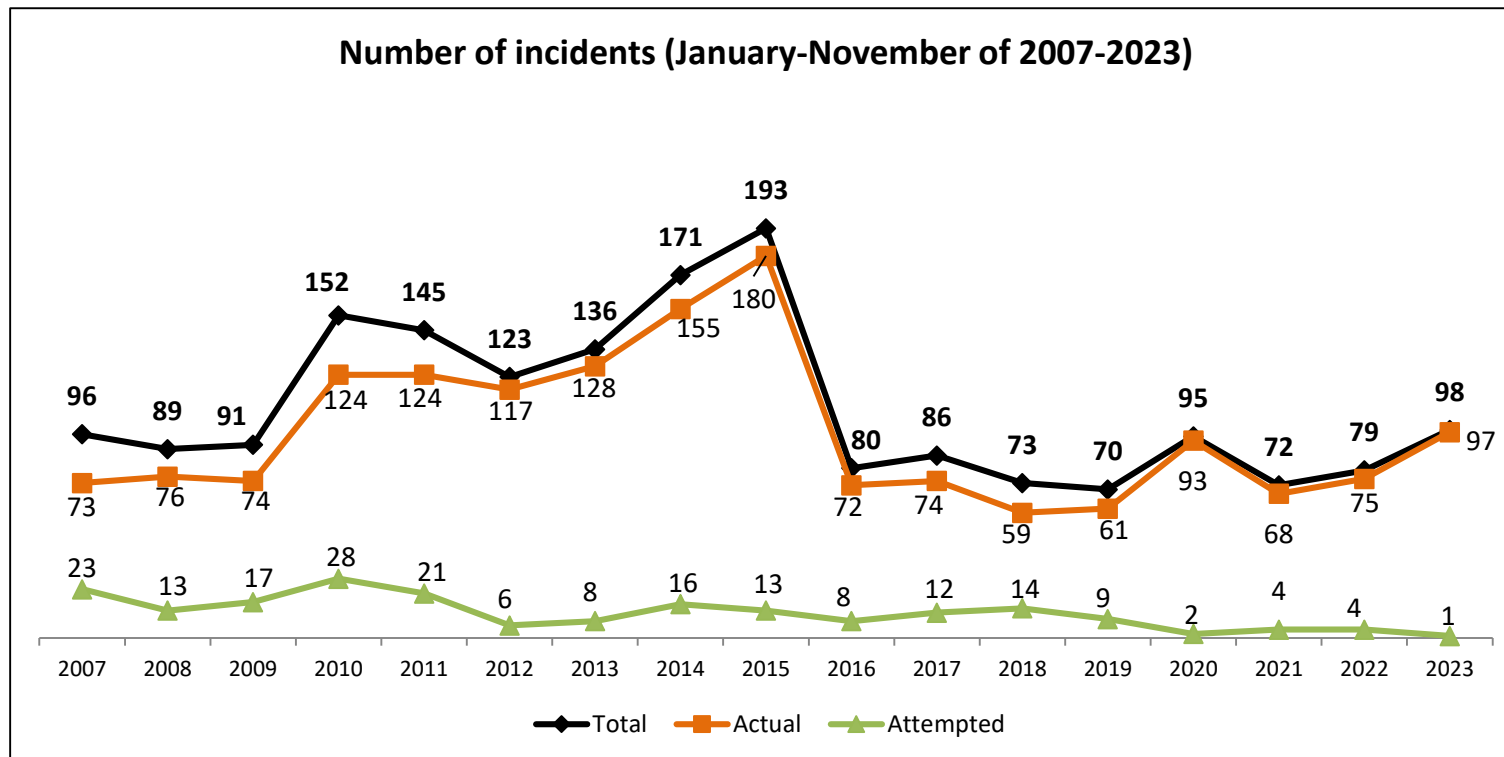


Situation Update (January-November 2023)

1. Number of Incidents

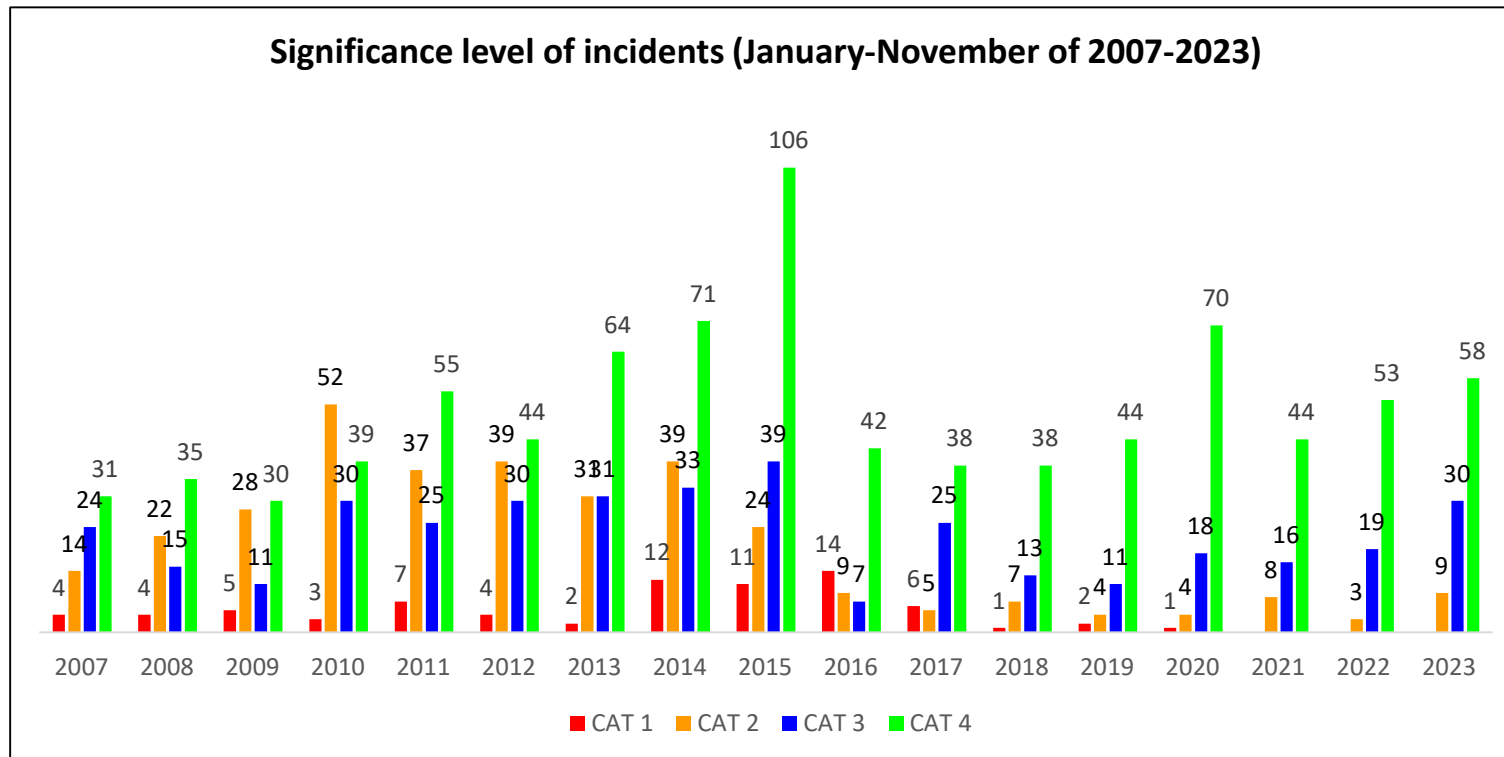
- ❑ **98 incidents** (97 actual and one attempted)
- ❑ **Increased by 24%** compared to January-November 2022 (79 incidents)
- ❑ No incident of **piracy** (on high seas)
- ❑ All **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)



2. Severity of Incidents

☐ 97 actual incidents

- 9 x CAT 2, 30 x CAT 3 & 58 x CAT 4
- No CAT 1 incident reported
- Majority (60%) CAT 4 incidents (perpetrators not armed, crew not injured)



3. Location of Incidents

- Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (62)
- Indonesia (15)
- Philippines (10)
- India (5)
- Vietnam (3)
- Bangladesh (1)
- Malaysia (1)
- Thailand (1)

Number of incidents (Jan-Nov 2023 vs Jan-Nov 2022)

☐ Increase:

- Indonesia [15 vs 10]
- Philippines [10 vs 4]
- SOMS [62 vs 55]
- Thailand [1 vs 0]
- Vietnam [3 vs 2]

☐ Decrease:

- Bangladesh [1 vs 5]
- Malaysia [1 vs 2]

☐ No change:

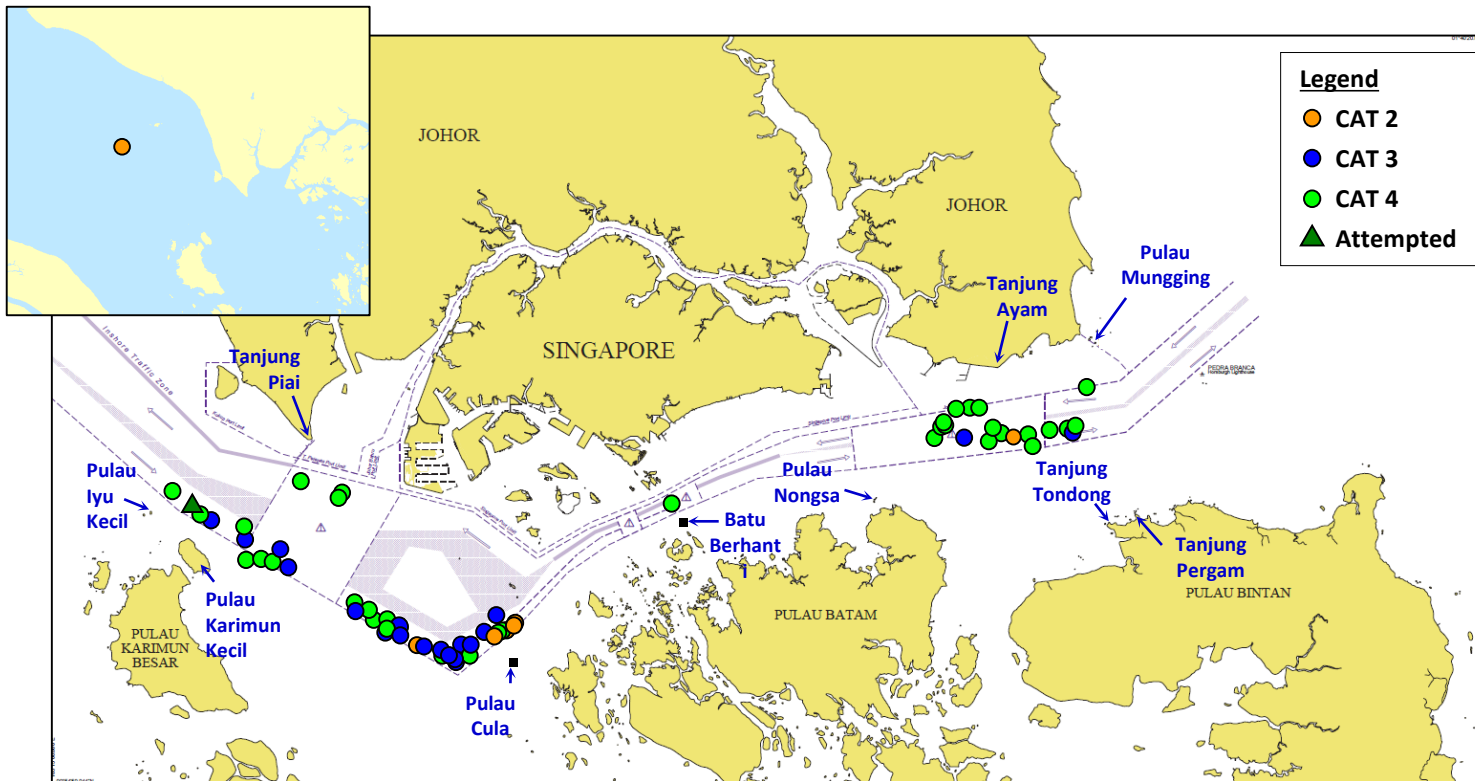
- India [5]

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)

62 incidents (Jan-Nov 2023) Vs 55 in 2022



Eastbound lane (44 incidents)

Bulk carrier (35)
Tanker (7)
Tug boat & barge (1)
Supply vessel (1)

Precautionary Area (11 incidents)

Bulk carrier (7)
Tug boat & barge (4)

Westbound lane (6 incidents)

Tug boat & barge (6)

Outside TSS (1 incident)

Bulk carrier (1)

❑ 57 incidents in Singapore Strait, 5 incidents in Malacca Strait

❑ 7 x **CAT 2**, 19 x **CAT 3**, 35 x **CAT 4**, 1 x Attempted

❑ Bulk carriers (43), Barges towed by tug boats (11), Tankers (7), Supply vessel (1)

5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- No incident since January 2020
- No crew held in captivity
- Philippine Coast Guard downgraded threat of abduction of crew



- **Moderate Low:** *‘Incidents are unlikely to occur due to perpetrators’ perceived lack of capability to orchestrate an attack. Nevertheless, minimal damages are expected to the vessel and crew in case of an attack’*
- ReCAAP ISC updated Advisory to ships to “exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area”
 - Ships to maintain communication with the authorities & report all incidents to Operation Centre of the Philippines & Malaysia

6. Thrust Area

- Maintain latest situation update
 - [[ReCAAP Interactive Dashboard – ‘Re-VAMP’](#)]
- Brief crew, maintain proper lookout, exercise caution & implement BMP when transiting areas of concern
- Ensure CCTV, VDR & camera operational to capture data
 - [[‘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
 - [1. [Poster on ‘Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Reporting of Incidents - Contact Details’](#)
 - 2. [Poster on ‘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’](#)]