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## Incident Alert

# Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

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## Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

**The ReCAAP ISC alerts the maritime community on the continued occurrence of incidents of sea robbery on board ships while underway in the Singapore Strait (SS).**

Within a period of five days (27 – 31 Mar 2023), four incidents were reported on board ships while underway in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the SS. Three incidents occurred off Pulu Cula, Indonesia and one incident off Tg Pergam, Indonesia. In two incidents, the perpetrators were armed with knives, and no reports of the perpetrators with arms in the other two incidents. The crew was not injured in all the four incidents. Engine spares were stolen in one incident, spare parts for the fuel pumps stolen in another incident, and nothing was stolen in the other two incidents.

With these four incidents, a total 18 incidents were reported in the SS since January 2023. **As the perpetrators are not arrested, there is a possibility of further incidents in the Singapore Strait.**

The ReCAAP ISC urges the littoral States to increase patrols/surveillance in their respective waters, respond promptly to incidents reported by ships, strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups involved to arrest the perpetrators. The Centre looking forward for a positive outcome from the Indonesia-Singapore Coordinated Patrols in securing the Singapore Strait and Phillip Channel shipping lanes.

**All ships are advised to intensify vigilance and maintain sharp look-out while transiting the areas of concern, particularly during hours of darkness, adopt preventive measures and report all incidents immediately to the nearest coastal State.** Ship masters and crew are advised to get the latest information (at [www.recaap.org](http://www.recaap.org)) and tune-in to advisories and navigational broadcasts announced by the littoral States.



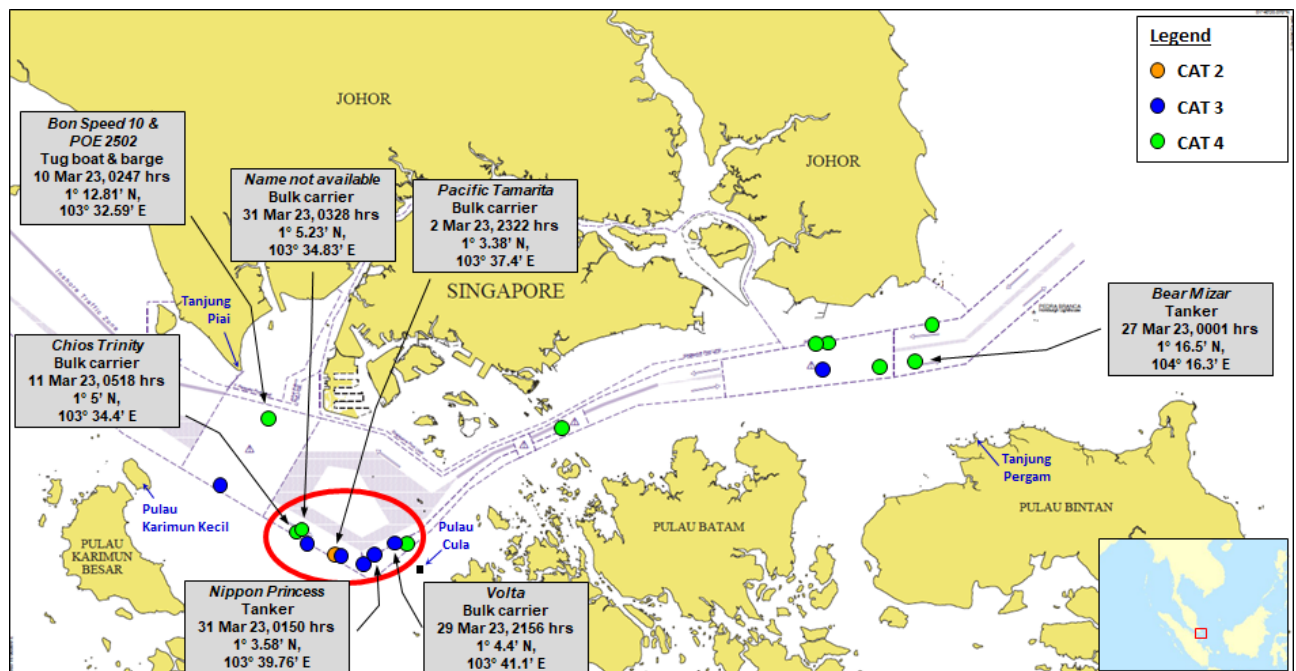
## Location of Incidents in the Singapore Strait (January-March 2023)

The ReCAAP Focal Points reported to the ReCAAP ISC a total of **18 incidents** that occurred on board ships while underway in the SS during January-March 2023. A total of **four** incidents occurred in January 2023 (4 Jan, 5 Jan, 20 Jan and 27 Jan), **seven** incidents in February 2023 (1 Feb, 3 Feb, 8 Feb, 15 Feb, 17 Feb, 18 Feb and 23 Feb) and **seven** incidents in March 2023 (2 Mar, 10 Mar, 11 Mar, 27 Mar, 29 Mar and two incidents on 31 Mar).

From a quarter-to-quarter comparison, the number of incidents during January-March 2023 is the same as that during January-March 2022.

The ReCAAP ISC is concerned with the continued occurrence of incidents in the SS, in particular, the cluster of incidents off Pulau Cula (Indonesia) [nine incidents], and the involvement of armed perpetrators as reported in six of the nine incidents in this cluster.

The locations of the 18 incidents are shown in the map below.



Location of incidents in Singapore Strait (January-March 2023)

