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The ReCAAP ISC alerts the maritime community on the continued occurrence of incidents of sea robbery onboard ships while underway in the Singapore Strait and warns a possibility of further incidents.

Six incidents of sea robbery were reported on ships while transiting the Phillip Channel, in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait (SS) during 2-7 May 2025. Among the six incidents, two incidents occurred on 2 May (between 0255 and 0630 hrs), one incident on 5 May (at 0330 hrs) and three incidents on 7 May (between 0245 and 0403 hrs). These incidents occurred onboard bulk carriers and tankers. Two incidents reported loss of engine spares, and nothing was stolen from the remaining four incidents. The crew members were not injured in all six incidents.

With these six incidents, a total of **50 incidents** were reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS), all in SS, since January 2025. The locations of the incidents are indicated in the map attached. The ReCAAP ISC is concerned with the increasing number of incidents in SOMS compared to the corresponding period in 2024 (1 January - 7 May 2024), where only **14 incidents** were reported.

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. 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 recommended in the *Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*, report all incidents immediately using the ReCAAP ISC Mobile App to the nearest coastal State and flag State, and identify the perpetrators' boat when reporting referring to the ReCAAP ISC's *Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters*.

The contact details of the littoral States of SOMS, as reflected in the Poster on the *Guidelines & Reporting of incidents by vessels – SOMS* are –

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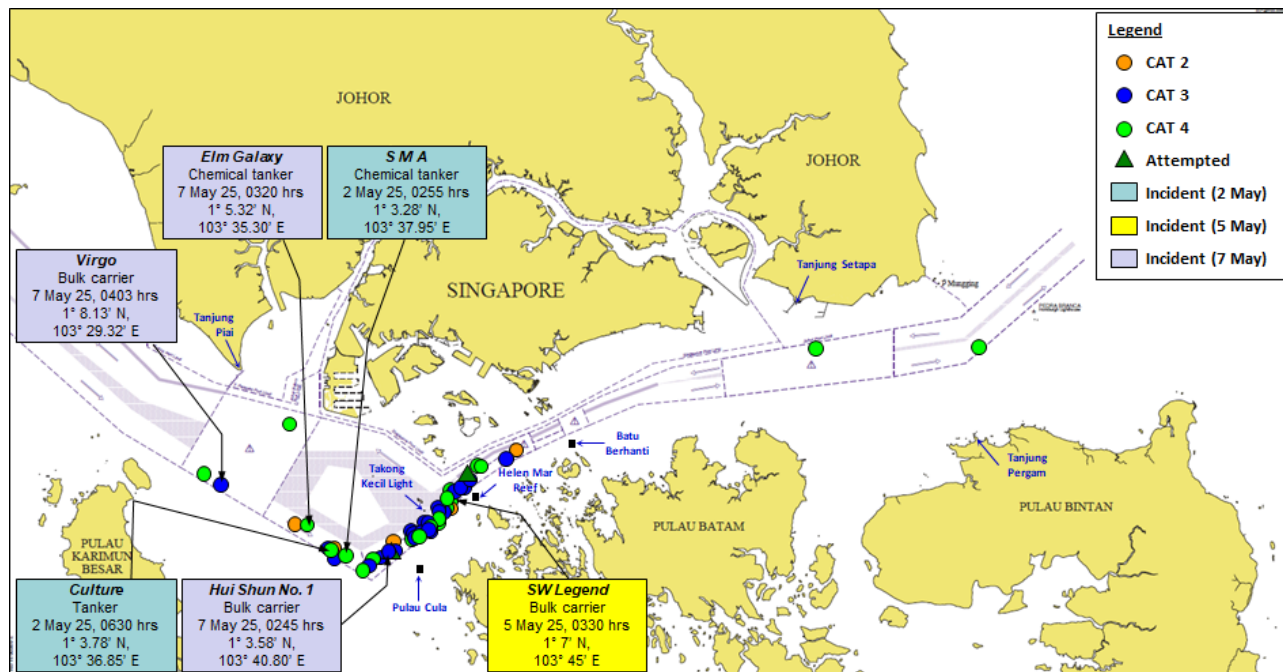


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Location of Incidents in the Singapore Strait (1 January – 7 May 2025)

During 1 January - 7 May 2025, the ReCAAP Focal Points had reported to the ReCAAP ISC **50 incidents** that occurred to ships while underway in the SOMS. The locations of the incidents are shown in the map below.



Location of incidents in the Singapore Strait (1 January 2025 – 7 May 2025)

