

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2016)

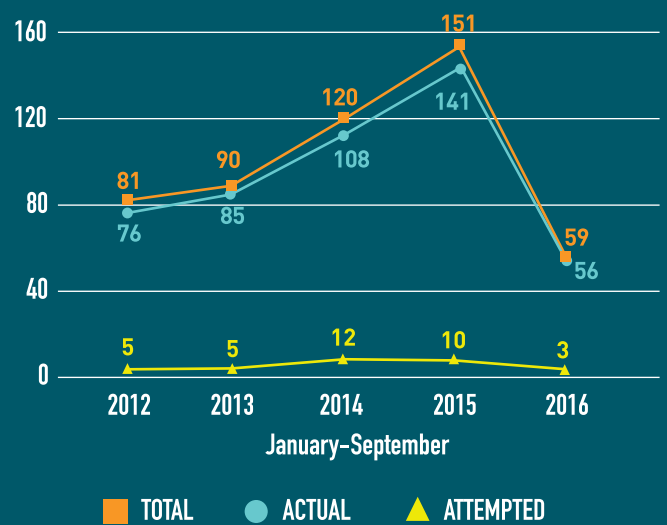
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INCIDENTS

3 PIRACY

56 ARMED ROBBERY

65%
DECREASE
COMPARED
TO 2015

LOWEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS YEAR-ON-YEAR



IMPROVEMENT STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE:



Contribute to
decrease in
overall number

2 incidents in 2016,
compared to **96** in 2015



Arrest of
perpetrators



Enhanced
surveillance
and patrol by
littoral States

DECREASE IN HIJACKING OF SHIPS FOR OIL CARGO THEFT:

2 incidents in 2016,
compared to **12** in 2015

- Product tanker, *Hai Soon 12* (8 May 16) foiled by Indonesian authorities (arrest perpetrators and recovery of cargo)
- Ever Prosper* (2 Jun 16) (loss of crude palm oil)

LOCATION AND STATUS OF SHIPS

AT PORTS AND ANCHORAGES **73%**

43 

Mainly opportunistic

UNDERWAY **27%**

16 

Abduction of crew (7)
Theft of oil cargo (2)
Others – theft (7)

ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM

off eastern Sabah and southwest Philippines

36 Crew abducted (7 incidents) **24** Released till date **2** Managed to escape **10** In captivity

Philippine Coast Guard recommends shipping industry to report to its operation centre in southwest Mindanao for monitoring when their ships are transiting the area and for immediate responses in any eventualities:

Philippine Coast Guard District
Southwestern Mindanao
Operation Centre
+63 929686 4129 / +63 916626 0689
VHF: Channel 16 with call sign "ENVY"
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Actions by littoral States

- SOP on trilateral maritime cooperation
- Joint patrols at command borders
- Night patrols by PCG
- Hot pursuits permitted by Philippines
- Seek and destroy ASG on land



BEST PRACTICES

- Vigilance of crew (*Nautica Tg Puteri*)
- Immediate operational responses – arrest (*Hai Soon 12*)
- Effective and efficient information sharing and operational response among littoral States (*Posh Viking, situation in Sulu Sea*)
- Collaboration between shipping industry with authorities (arrest at Kandla Port)

CONCLUSION

- No room for complacency
 - Concern over incidents of abduction of crew
 - Incidents at certain ports and anchorages
- Authorities to step up surveillance, conduct patrols and initiate timely operational responses
- Industry to exercise enhanced vigilance and adopt best practices as recommended in the 'Regional guide to counter piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia'