PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (2016)

LOWEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS YEAR-ON-YEAR (2012-2016)

58% DROP in number of incidents compared to 2015

85 INCIDENTS, 5 ARE PIRACY AND 80 ARE ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS (ACTUAL INCIDENTS)

INCREASE
CAT 1 (most significant incident)
13 in 2016 (12 in 2015)
10 abduction of crew
3 theft of oil cargo

DECREASE
CAT 2, 3 and 4 incidents

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (2012-2016)

SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL OF INCIDENTS (2012-2016)

IMPROVEMENTS

Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)
Most Drastic Decrease 104 cases in 2015 to 2 cases in 2016
- Arrest of perpetrators
- Joint coordinated patrol & surveillance by littoral States

Hijacking of ships for theft of oil cargo
Decrease 12 cases in 2015 to 3 cases in 2016
- Commitment by littoral States to clamp down crime
- Arrest of head of syndicates in 2015

Ports/Anchorages in Vietnam
Decrease 27 cases in 2015 to 9 cases in 2016
- Concerted efforts by Vietnamese authorities
- Vigilance by master and crew
SERIOUS CONCERN

ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM IN SULU-CELEBES SEA AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH SINCE MARCH 2016:

10 ACTUAL INCIDENTS WITH ABDUCTION OF 48 CREW
(33 released and 15 still in captivity)

6 ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS

Actions by ReCAAP ISC
- Published 2 x Special Reports on modus operandi of abductors in consultation with Philippine Coast Guard, Focal Point for Philippines
- Issued Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016: advise industry to re-route (where possible), to report, to exercise extra vigilance, to adopt anti-piracy measures from Regional Guide for Asia

Responses by Others
- Advisories issued by US Maritime Administration (MARAD), Japanese Foreign Ministry, MRCC (Mumbai) India Coast Guard, UK Department of Transport

Conclusion
- Lowest number of incidents in 2016 based on year-on-year for 5-year period (2012-2016).
- 58% decrease in number of incidents compared to 2015.
- No room for complacency.
  - Of serious concern are the incidents of abduction of crew in Sulu-Celebes Sea and waters off Eastern Sabah.
  - Incidents at certain ports and anchorages in Indonesia have increased.
- The ReCAAP ISC urges littoral States to step up surveillance, enhance patrols and initiate timely operational responses.
- The ReCAAP ISC also urges shipping industry to exercise enhanced vigilance, keep abreast of latest situation update by connecting to ReCAAP ISC website and reports, and adopt relevant anti-piracy measures as recommended in the Regional Guide for Asia.