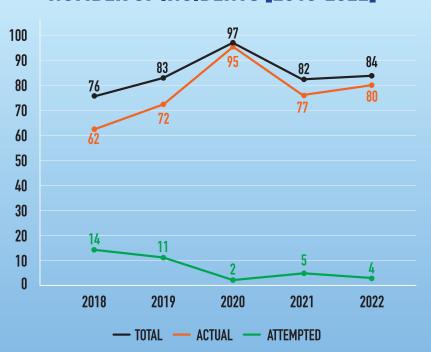
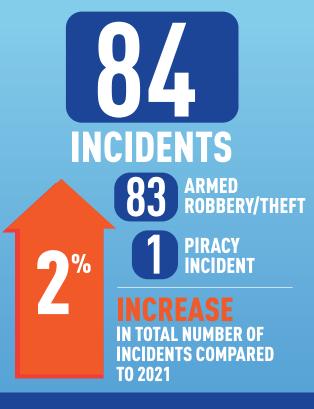


# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (2022)

## **NUMBER OF INCIDENTS [2018-2022]**







26 % 22 INCIDENTS
SHIPS AT
ANCHOR/BERTH

7 4 % 62 INCIDENTS
SHIPS WHILE
UNDERWAY

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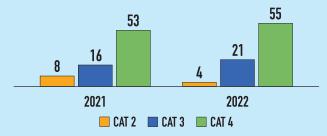
- Continued occurrence of incidents in Singapore Strait
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas (moderate)

## **IMPROVEMENT**

- Indonesia
- Philippines

#### SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

## Less severe in 2022 compared to 2021



- Majority CAT 4 incidents (69%),
   i.e. perpetrators not armed, crew not injured
- Increase of CAT 3 incidents
- <u>Decrease</u> of <u>CAT 2</u> incidents by 50%





## RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **LITTORAL STATES**

- Increase patrols and enforcement
- Respond promptly to incidents
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing
- Arrest and prosecute perpetrators

#### **SHIP MASTER AND CREW**

- Maximise alertness of lookouts and increase vigilance
- Take rounds of ship's compartment prior entering area of concern
- Sound alarm when sighting unauthorised persons on board ship or suspicious boats in the vicinity
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately refer to Poster on **Contact Details**
- Keep abreast of latest situation, advisories & navigational broadcasts

## **ABDUCTION OF CREW IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH**



#### SITUATION

- No abduction of crew incident in 2022
- Last known incident occurred in January 2020
- No crew held in captivity



### **DOWNGRADING OF THREAT ASSESSMENT LEVEL**

 Philippine Coast Guard recommends downgrading of the threat of 'Abduction of crew for ransom in the Sulu-Celebes Seas' from 'POTENTIALLY HIGH' to 'MODERATE' - 'Incidents are possible to occur but are relatively less severe in nature'



#### ADVISORY AND GUIDANCE

- ReCAAP ISC updated Advisory on 15 Sep 2022 to all ships to consider re-route from the area as an option based on its prerogative
- Ship masters & crew transiting the area are encouraged to:
  - Exercise enhanced vigilance
  - Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
  - Maintain communications with coastal authorities
  - Make timely report to national reporting centres of Philippines and Malaysia

Refer to Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah

