PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA 2019


- Total: 82 incidents
- Actual: 71 incidents
- Attempted: 11 incidents

8% compared with 2018
2nd lowest in number of incidents in the last 13 years

SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL
- 2 x CAT 1 incidents (Abduction of crew)
- Decrease in number of CAT 2 incidents
- Majority are CAT 4 incidents

IMPROVEMENT
- Decrease of incidents
  - Bangladesh
  - Indonesia

 OF CONCERN
- Risk of abduction of crew for ransom
- Increase of incidents in Singapore Strait

2019: 2 INCIDENTS
2018: 7 INCIDENTS
2019: 31 INCIDENTS
ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

2 INCIDENTS IN 2019
- 9 crew abducted
- All crew released on 21 Jun
- 3 crew abducted
- 2 crew rescued on 22 Dec
- 1 crew still in captivity

78 CREW ABDUCTED SINCE 26 MAR 16
- 67 Released/Rescued
- 10 Killed/Died
- 1 In Captivity

WARNING AND ADVISORY
- Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise:
  - Exercise enhanced vigilance
  - Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
  - Maintain comms with authorities
  - Make timely report to national reporting centres
- Refer to the "Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah"

INCREASE OF INCIDENTS IN SINGAPORE STRAIT (2019)

Westbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme
- 15 INCIDENTS
  - Ships boarded: Tug boat & barge 14, Tanker 1
  - Losses: Scrap metal 9, Tools 2, Nothing stolen 4

Eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme
- 16 INCIDENTS
  - Ships boarded: Bulk carrier 8, Tanker 4, Tug boat & barge 3, VLCC 1
  - Losses: Engine spares 7, Scrap metal 7, Twist locks & ropes 3, Personal gold chain 3, Nothing stolen 10