PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-JUNE 2018

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
January - June 2018

LOWEST IN TOTAL NUMBER among 10-year period of January-June

DECREASE BY 15% compared with Jan-Jun 2017

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 40

37 ARMED ROBBERY
3 PIRACY

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS
January - June 2018

LEAST SEVERE among 10-year period of January-June

STATUS OF SHIPS
January - June 2018

31 Incidents on board ships AT ANCHOR / BERTH
9 Incidents on board ships UNDERWAY
JANUARY - JUNE 2018
COMPARED TO JANUARY - JUNE 2017

IMPROVEMENT

DECREASE 
incidents at Philippines ports/anchorages

NO SUCCESSFUL
• abduction of crew
• theft of oil cargo

ARRESTS AND RECOVERY
of stolen items

OF CONCERN

INCREASE 
 • incidents in Singapore Strait
 • incidents at Vietnam ports/anchorages

ONE ATTEMPTED
ABDUCTION of crew and
ONE ATTEMPTED THEFT
of oil cargo

ABDUCTION OF CREW FOR RANSOM IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS

• Attempted incident on 16 Feb 18 (Kudos 1)
• Status of abducted crew (as of 31 Jun 18):

7 killed
9 still in captivity
45 released/rescued
61 TOTAL

• Threat not totally eliminated, maintain ReCAAP ISC’s Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise
» Exercise enhanced vigilance
» Conduct risk assessment
» Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
» Make timely report
» Maintain comms with authorities

THEFT OF OIL CARGO

• Attempted incident on 1 Jun 18 (Lee Bo)
• MMEA and Indonesian Navy arrested the perpetrators and mastermind

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RECOMMENDATION

The ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting areas of concern to:

• Exercise enhanced vigilance
• Maintain look-out for suspicious approaches
• Report incidents to nearest coastal State and flag State immediately
• Keep abreast of the latest situation (www.recaap.org)
• Implement preventive measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia