

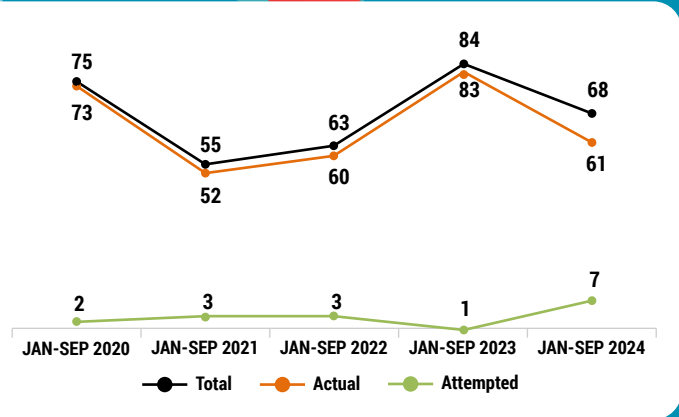
# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2024

**68**  
INCIDENTS

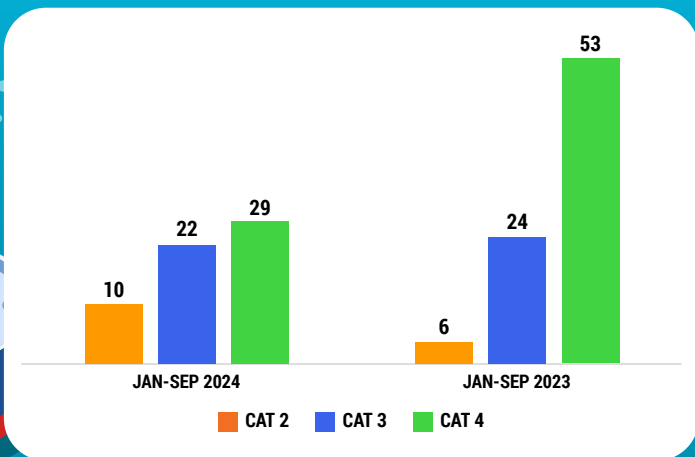
**19% DECREASE** COMPARED TO JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2023 (84)

ONE piracy incident  
67 armed robbery against ships



## SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

JAN-SEP 2024 vs JAN-SEP 2023



- Bulk of the incidents involved 4-6 men
- More incidents involving perpetrators carrying knives
  - Knives were not used to harm the crew
  - Knives were used to intimidate the crew into submission (*crew tied up*)
- Engines spares commonly stolen

## STATUS & LOCATION

STATUS OF SHIPS

**31** ANCHORED

**37** UNDERWAY

LOCATION OF INCIDENTS

35 SOMS	16 INDONESIA
10 BANGLADESH	2 INDIA
2 PHILIPPINES	1 MALAYSIA
1 SOUTH CHINA SEA	1 VIETNAM

## COMMENDABLE EFFORTS

ARRESTS OF PERPETRATORS

Bangladesh authorities arrested perpetrators & recovered stolen items in **3 INCIDENTS**

**NO INCIDENTS** in Bangladesh during Jul-Sep 2024

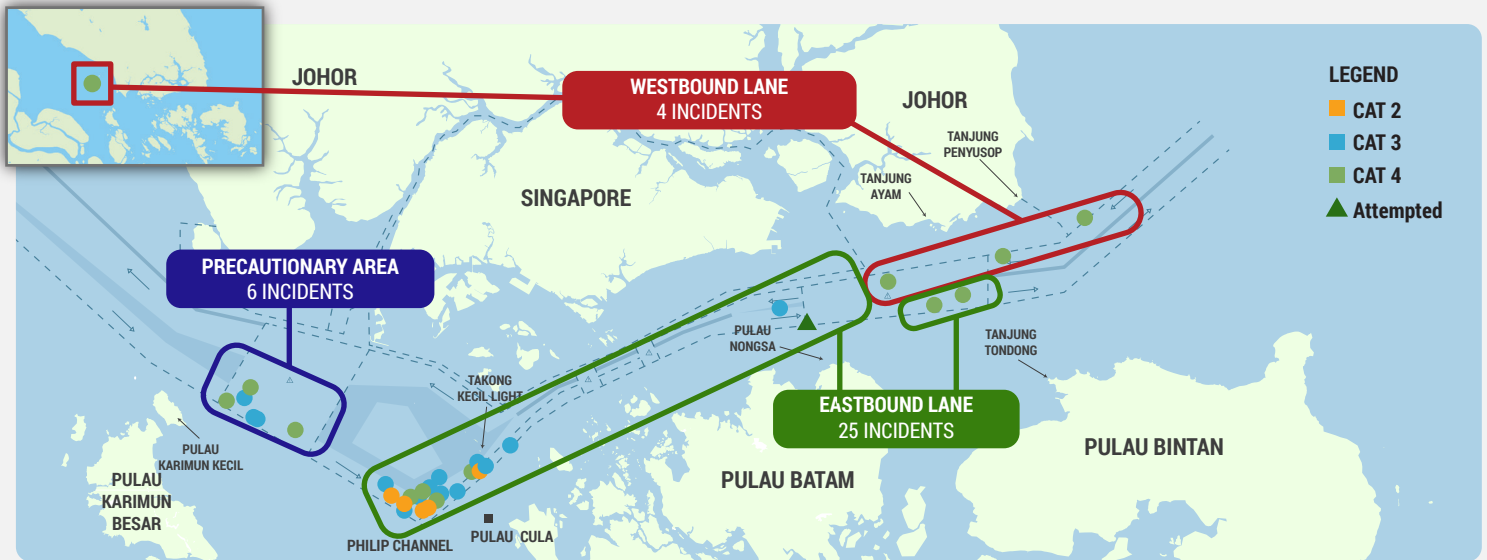
VIGILANCE OF CREW

Prevented unauthorised boarding in **7 INCIDENTS**

in Bangladesh, Indonesia, SOMS & Vietnam



# STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE (SOMS)



**35** INCIDENTS

**6** CAT 2

**14** CAT 3

**14** CAT 4

**1** ATTEMPTED

**DECREASE BY 38%** | compared with Jan-Sep 2023 (56 incidents)

**86%** CREW NOT INJURED

**11%** CREW TIED UP

**3%** CREW SUFFERED MINOR INJURY

**TIME OF INCIDENTS [MAJORITY]**  
0001-0459 HRS (MOSTLY DURING 0200-0315 HRS)

**80%** Bulk carriers

**17%** Tug boats towing barges/drill ship

**3%** Chemical tanker

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

- No incident reported during Jan-Sep 2024; last known incident on 17 Jan 2020
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in the Sulu-Celebes Seas remains at:

**'MODERATE LOW'** - 'Incidents are unlikely to occur due to perpetrators' perceived lack of capability to orchestrate an attack. Nevertheless, minimal damages are expected to the vessel and crew in case of an attack.'

## ADVISORY & GUIDANCE

- ReCAAP ISC Advisory – ships to exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area
- Refer to *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah*

