PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA (JANUARY - MARCH 2019)

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

- **Total Incidents**: 10
  - **Actual Incidents**: 9
  - **Attempted Incident**: 1

Lowest total number and lowest actual number of incidents among Jan-Mar of past 13 years (2007-2019)

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Decrease by

- **Total incidents**: 52%
- **Actual incidents**: 40%

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

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Decrease in severity

- No CAT 1, no CAT 2
- CAT 3 decreased
- Majority are petty thefts (CAT 4)

STATUS OF SHIPS

- 8 incidents on board ships at anchor/berth
- 2 incidents on board ship while underway

JAN-MAR 2019 COMPARED TO JAN-MAR 2018

IMPROVEMENT

- **Decrease in Incidents**
  - Ports/anchorages in Indonesia

NO INCIDENTS

- Bangladesh
- Vietnam
- Abduction of crew for ransom

OF CONCERN

- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom remains
- Incidents at anchorages in China (3 incidents)
- Incidents in Singapore Strait (2 incidents)
THEFT OF SCRAP METAL FROM BARGES IN SINGAPORE STRAIT

- Two incidents occurred in close proximity & during daylight hours
- Ship master to exercise vigilance, look out for suspicious boats in vicinity and report incident immediately to littoral States

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

SITUATION UPDATE

- No incident reported during Jan-Mar 2019
- Last actual incident occurred on 5 Dec 18

STATUS OF CREW (AS OF 31 MAR 2019)

Total 66 crew abducted since 26 Mar 16

- 50 Released/rescued
- 7 killed
- 9 Still in captivity

WARNING & ADVISORY

- Despite a decrease of abduction incidents, threat remains
- ReCAAP ISC maintains its 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

CONTACT DETAILS OF REPORTING CENTRES:

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GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting areas of concern to:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Report all incidents to nearest coastal State and flag State immediately
- Be updated of latest situation (www.recaap.org)
- Implement preventive measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia