PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA
(JANUARY-MARCH 2020)

**Number of Incidents:** 29

- 28 Actual incidents
- 1 Attempted Incident
- Compared to January-March 2019, increase in total number of incidents 3 folds
- All 29 incidents are armed robbery against ships

**Number of Incidents (January-March of 2016-2020):**

- 2016: 17
- 2017: 27
- 2018: 21
- 2019: 10
- 2020: 29

**Status of Ships:**

- 55% of ships: 16 incidents on board ships at anchor/berth
- 45% of ships: 13 incidents on board ships while underway

**JAN-MAR 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-MAR 2019**

- **Improvement**
  - Ports/anchorages in China

- **Increase in Incidents**
  - Mainly at ports and anchorages:
    - Bangladesh [0 incident → 3 incidents]
    - India [0 incident → 6 incidents]
    - Indonesia [3 incidents → 6 incidents]
    - Philippines [2 incidents → 4 incidents]
  - While underway:
    - Singapore Strait [2 incidents → 9 incidents]
    - Sulu-Celebes Seas [1 incident]

**Severity of Incidents**

- 1 x CAT 1 incident (abduction of crew)
- No CAT 2 incident during Jan-Mar of 2019 and 2020
- Increase in number of CAT 3 incidents
- 79% are CAT 4 incidents
SITUATION IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ships to exercise enhanced vigilance and report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately
- Littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement, strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups

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

- Abduction of crew from fishing trawler on 17 Jan off Eastern Sabah, Malaysia
- 5 crew still held in captivity
- Status of Abducted Crew (as of 31 Mar 2020)

Total: 86 crew abducted since 26 Mar 2016

- 71 Released/Rescued
- 10 Killed/Died
- 5 In captivity

WARNING & ADVISORY

- The risk of abduction of crew is high
- 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 (as shown below)
- Refer to the ‘Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah’

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