PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA
(JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2018)

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

January-September 2018
- CAT 1, CAT 2 and CAT 3 incidents were among the lowest during the 10-year period of January-September of 2009-2018
- Majority were CAT 4 incidents (petty theft)

STATUS OF SHIPS
January-September 2018
- 49 Incidents on board ships AT ANCHOR / BERTH (77%)
- 15 Incidents on board ships UNDERWAY (23%)
Jan 1-Sept 2018 compared to Jan-Sep 2017

**Improve**
- Decrease:
  - incidents at ports/anchorages in Philippines
- Decrease:
  - abduction of crew for ransom
- No successful:
  - hijacking of ships for theft of oil cargo

**Concern**
- Recurrence:
  - one actual abduction of crew for ransom on 11 Sep 18 and one attempted incident on 16 Feb 18
- Increase:
  - incidents in Singapore Strait
  - incidents at ports/anchorages (particularly, Chittagong, Bangladesh and Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia)

Abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes seas and waters off Eastern Sabah

**Situation update**
Despite a decrease of incidents, the threat remains as demonstrated by latest incident on 11 Sep 18.
- Two Indonesian crew abducted from fishing boat, Sri Dewi 1

**Status of abducted crew (as of 30 Sep 18)**
- 7 killed
- 8 in captivity
- 48 released/rescued
- 63 total

**Warning and advisory**
- 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

**Contact details of reporting centres:**

**Philippine Coast Guard District**
Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre
Zamboanga, Philippines
Tel: +63 929686 4129
+63 916626 0689
VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign "NEPTUNE"
Email: hcgdswm@yahoo.com

**Navy - littoral monitoring station (LMS)**
Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines
Tel: +63 917774 2293
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**Eastern Sabah security command (ESSCOM)**
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**Recommendation**
The ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting areas of concern to:
- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Maintain all round 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*