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

<OVERVIEW>

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 54
ACTUAL INCIDENTS: 49
ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS: 5

PIRACY VS ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Majority of incidents are armed robbery against ships

96% 

52 incidents of armed robbery against ships

4% 

2 Piracy incidents

SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

Jan-Sep 2019
Jan-Sep 2018

Total 54 incidents
(49 actual, 5 attempted)

Total 64 incidents
(50 actual, 14 attempted)

Majority CAT 4 incidents
Decrease in number of CAT 2 and CAT 3 incidents
2 x CAT 1 incident — abduction of crew

JAN-SEP 2019 COMPARED TO JAN-SEP 2018

DECREASE IN INCIDENTS

- Bangladesh
- Indonesia

OF CONCERN

- Risk of abduction of crew for ransom is high (1 actual incident 2018 vs 2 actual incidents 2019)
- Incidents in Singapore Strait (7 incidents 2018 vs 15 incidents 2019)
- Incidents off Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia (No incident 2018 vs 5 2019)

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

SITUATION UPDATE

- 18 Jun 19: 9 crew abducted from two fishing boats off Felda Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia. All crew released on 21 Jun 19
- 23 Sep 19: 3 crew abducted from a fishing boat off Tambisan Island, Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia. Crew still in captivity

STATUS OF ABducted CREW (AS OF 30 Sep 19)

- Total 78 crew abducted since 26 Mar 16

- Released/rescued: 65
- Killed/died: 10
- In captivity: 3
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

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<INCIDENTS IN SINGAPORE STRAIT JAN-SEP 2019>
- 14 incidents occurred on board barges towed by tug boats underway in westbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
- 1 incident occurred on board bulk carrier underway in eastbound lane of TSS
- Loss of scrap metal (9), tools (2), nothing stolen (4)

<INCIDENTS OFF BANDAR PENAWAR, JOHOR, MALAYSIA JAN-SEP 2019>
- 5 incidents occurred to ships at anchor/berth
- Loss of ship stores and equipment (4), nothing stolen (1)