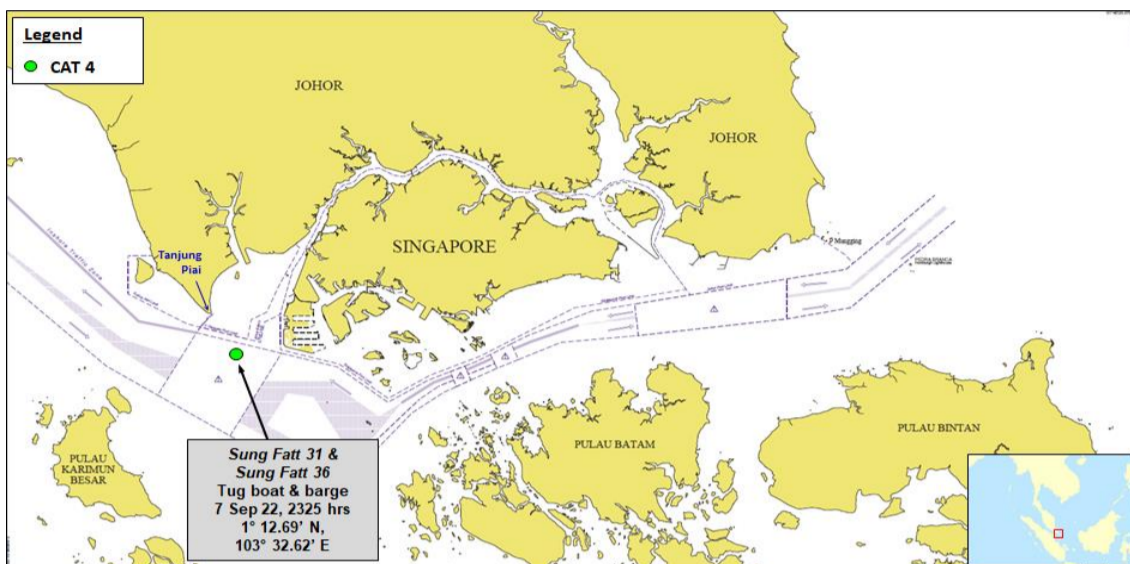


OVERVIEW

One CAT 4¹ incident of armed robbery against ships in Asia was reported to ReCAAP ISC during the period. The incident occurred on board a barge towed by a tug boat on 7 Sep 22 at approximately 3.5 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, West Johor (Malaysia), in the precautionary area of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait. Details of the incident in table (*).



Factors	Location
	In precautionary area of TSS off Tanjung Piai, West Johor, Malaysia (1 incident)
Type of ship	Tugboat & Barge
Time of incident	Hours of darkness
Number of perpetrators	Not reported
Weapons	Not reported
Treatment of crew	No injuries
Significance level ²	CAT 4
Items stolen	Scrap metal

AREA OF CONCERN

The ReCAAP ISC is concerned with the continued occurrence of incidents in the Singapore Strait (SS). An Incident Alert (IA 03/2022) was issued on 1 Aug 22 to alert the shipping community, urge littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement, and advise all ships to intensify vigilance when transiting the area. (Visit www.recaap.org for Incident Alert & safety measures.)

With this incident, a total of 38 incidents were reported since January 2022 in the SS; comprising 24 incidents in eastbound lane of TSS, eight incidents in precautionary area, three incidents in westbound lane, two incidents outside TSS, and one in the separation zone.

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

Latest

- No incident of abduction of crew reported since January 2020
- No crew currently held in captivity by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)

Advisory

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 Nov 16 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, the ship master and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the area, and report all incidents immediately to the Operation Centres of the Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The **Contact Details** of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia are as shown in Picture 1.

The ReCAAP ISC advises the shipping industry and ships to enhance their situation awareness by referring to the *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah* produced by ReCAAP ISC in July 2019. The Guidance is available at <http://www.recaap.org>.



Picture 1

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt appropriate preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

(*) Table at [https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/2022/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202022%20\(caa%208%20Sep%202022\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/2022/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202022%20(caa%208%20Sep%202022).pdf) for details of the incidents.

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¹ CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as "least significant" in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators were not armed, and the crew not harmed.