# Situation Update (January-August 2024)
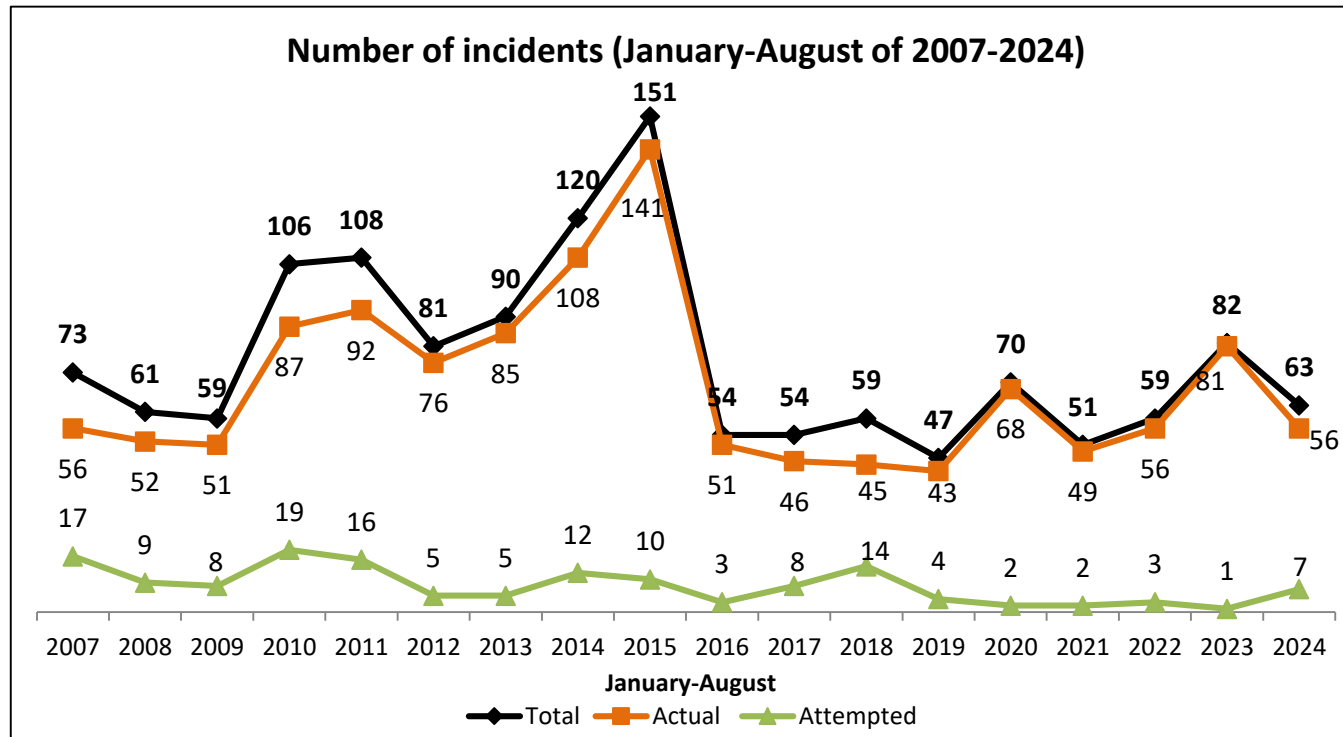
## 1. Number of Incidents

❏ **63 incidents** (56 actual & 7 attempted)

❏ **Decreased by 23%** compared to January-August 2023 (82 incidents)

❏ One **piracy incident** reported (South China Sea)

❏ 62 **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)
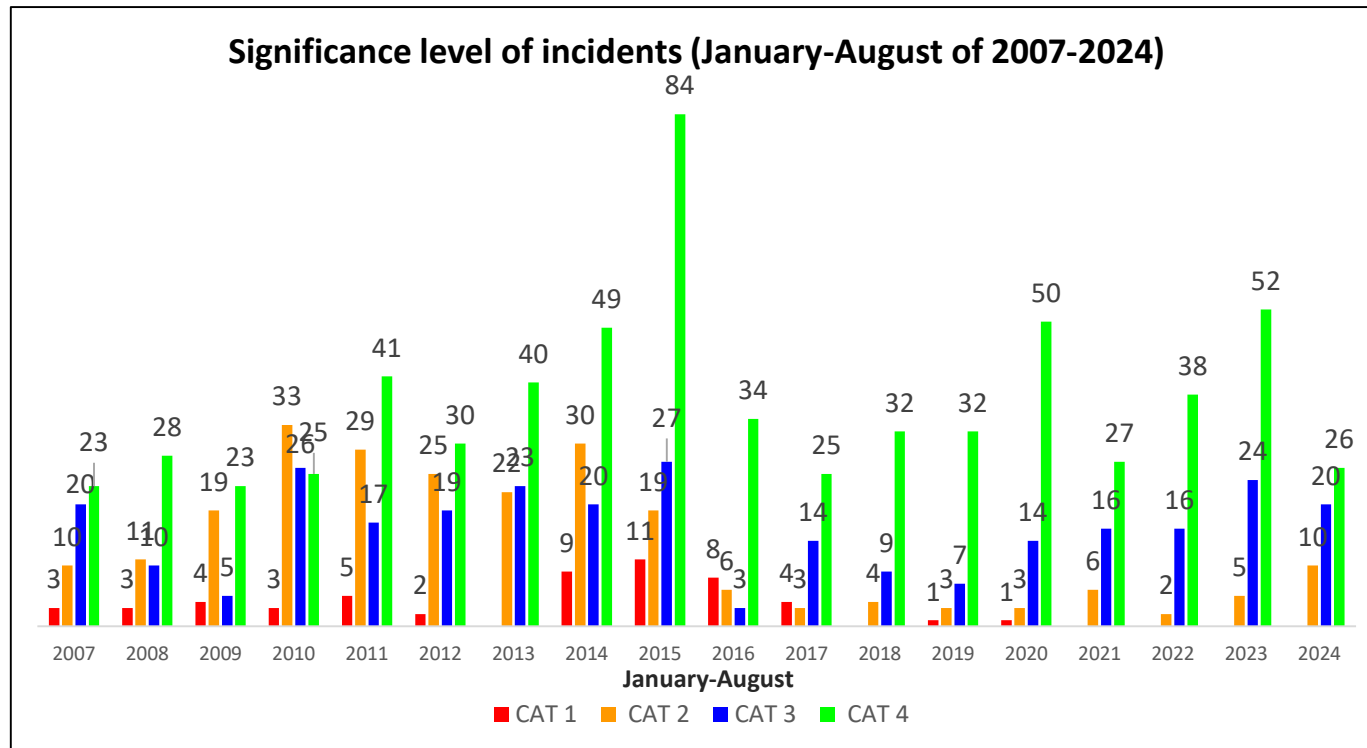


**Number of incidents (January-August of 2007-2024)**

Total — Actual — Attempted

January-August

## 2. Severity of Incidents
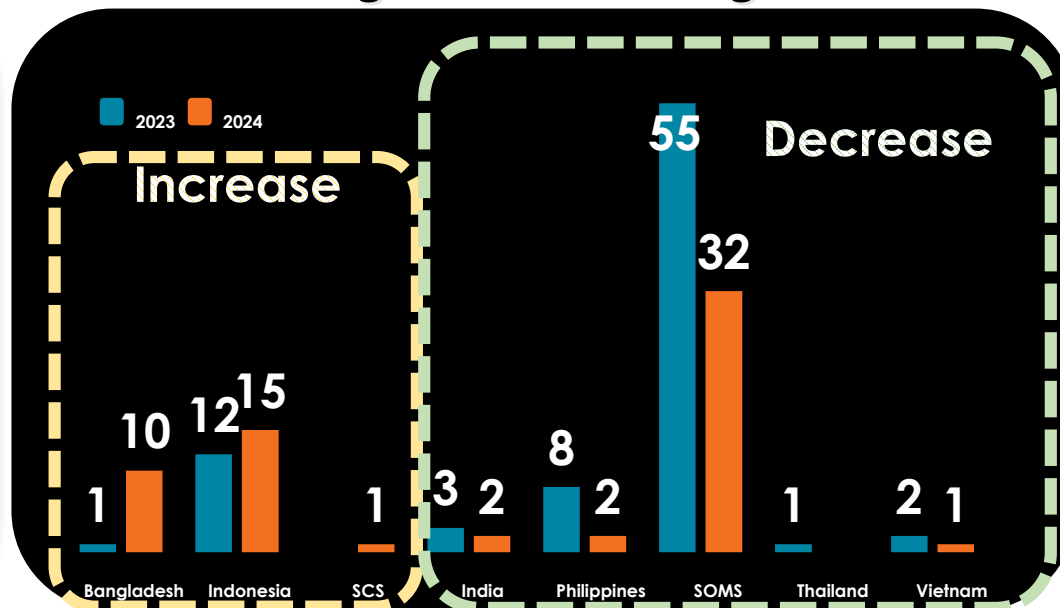
❑ **56 actual incidents**

  ➢ No **CAT 1** incident

  ➢ 10 x **CAT 2**, 20 x **CAT 3** and 26 x **CAT 4**

  ➢ **Majority (46%) CAT 4** incidents (perpetrators <u>not armed</u> & crew <u>not injured</u>)



Significance level of incidents (January-August of 2007-2024)

## 3. Location of Incidents

- **Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)** **(32)**
- **Indonesia** **(15)**
- **Bangladesh** **(10)**
- **India** **(2)**
- **Philippines** **(2)**
- **South China Sea** **(1)**
- **Vietnam** **(1)**

### Jan-Aug 2023 Vs Jan-Aug 2024



**Increase**

| | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Bangladesh | 1 | 10 |
| Indonesia | 12 | 15 |
| SCS | | 1 |

**Decrease**

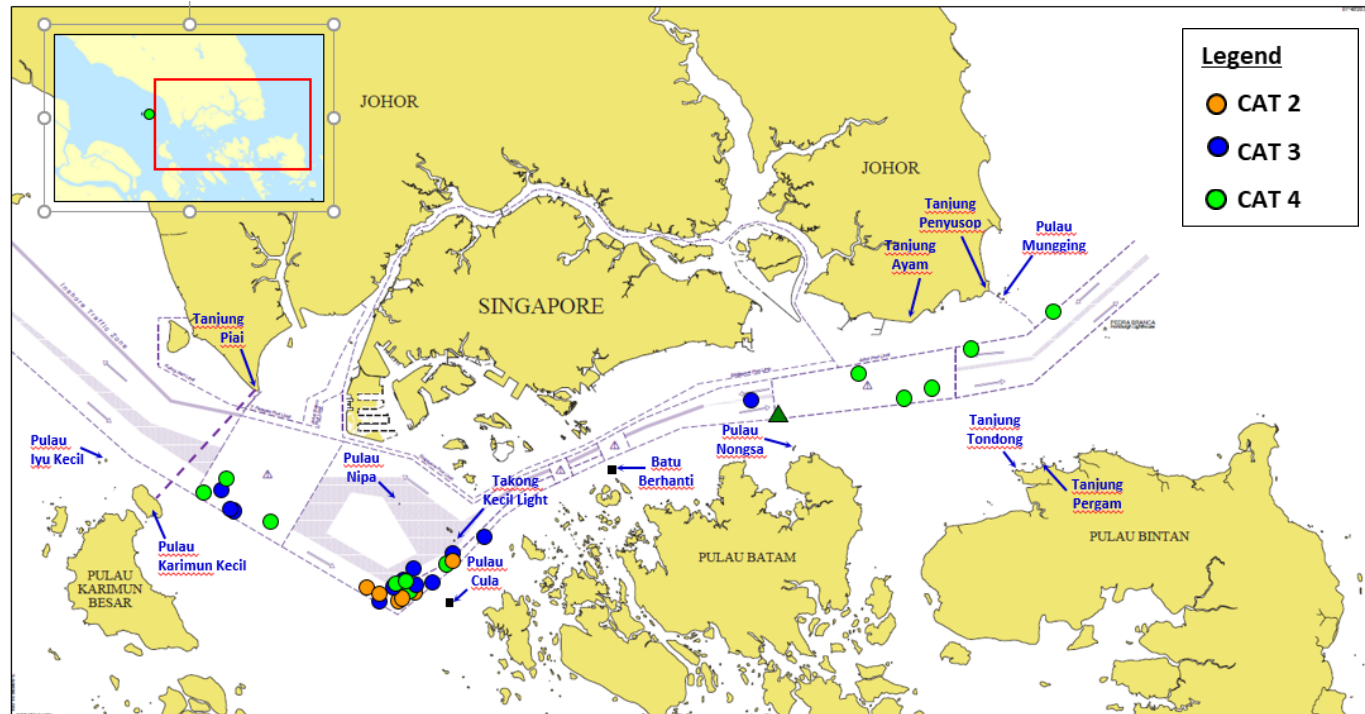| | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| India | 3 | 2 |
| Philippines | 8 | 2 |
| SOMS | 55 | 32 |
| Thailand | 1 | |
| Vietnam | 2 | 1 |

**Areas of Concern**
- Continued occurrence of incidents in SOMS
- Increase of incidents in Bangladesh
- Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas

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## 4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)

**32 incidents (Jan-Aug 2024)**



**EASTBOUND LANE**
22 incidents

**PRECAUTIONARY AREA**
6 incidents

**WESTBOUND LANE**
4 incidents

- Significance level of incidents: 6 x **CAT 2**, **12 x CAT 3**, 13 x **CAT 4**, 1 x Attempted

- Type of ships boarded: **Bulk carriers (25)**, Tug boat & drill ship/barge (6), chemical tanker (1)

- Time of incidents: 1800-0159 hrs (8), **0200-0559 hrs (19)**, 1000-1659 hrs (5)

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## 5. Abduction of Crew in Sulu-Celebes Seas

- ❑ <u>No incident</u> since January 2020

- ❑ <u>No crew</u> held in captivity

- ❑ Philippine Coast Guard <u>downgraded threat of abduction of crew</u>

HIGH ➜ **POTENTIALLY HIGH** (May 2022) ➜ **MODERATE** (Sep 2022) ➜ **MODERATE LOW** (Oct 2023)

- ❑ **Moderate Low**: "*Incidents are unlikely to occur due to perpetrators' perceived lack of capability to orchestrate an attack. Nevertheless, minimal damages are expected to the vessel and crew in case of an attack*"

- ❑ ReCAAP ISC updated <u>Advisory</u> to ships to "<u>exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area</u>"

  - ➢ Ships to maintain communication with the authorities & report all incidents to Operation Centre of the Philippines & Malaysia

## 6. Thrust Area

❑ Maintain latest situation update

  ❖ ReCAAP Interactive Dashboard – *'Re-VAMP'*

❑ Crew to maintain lookout, exercise caution, implement BMP when transiting areas of concern & ensure CCTV, VDR, camera operational to capture data

  ❖ *'Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia'*

❑ Use **Mobile App** & **Posters** to facilitate timely reporting of incident (actual & attempted) to nearest coastal State's RCC & flag State -

  ❖ Mobile Application - *'ReCAAP' (download from Apple & Goggle Play Store)*

  ❖ *'Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia: Reporting of Incidents - Contact Details'*

  ❖ *'Guidelines & Reporting of Incident by Vessels – Straits of Malacca & Singapore'*

❑ Report all incidents, suspicious activities & sightings of boats in vicinity

  ❖ *'Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters (version 2)'*