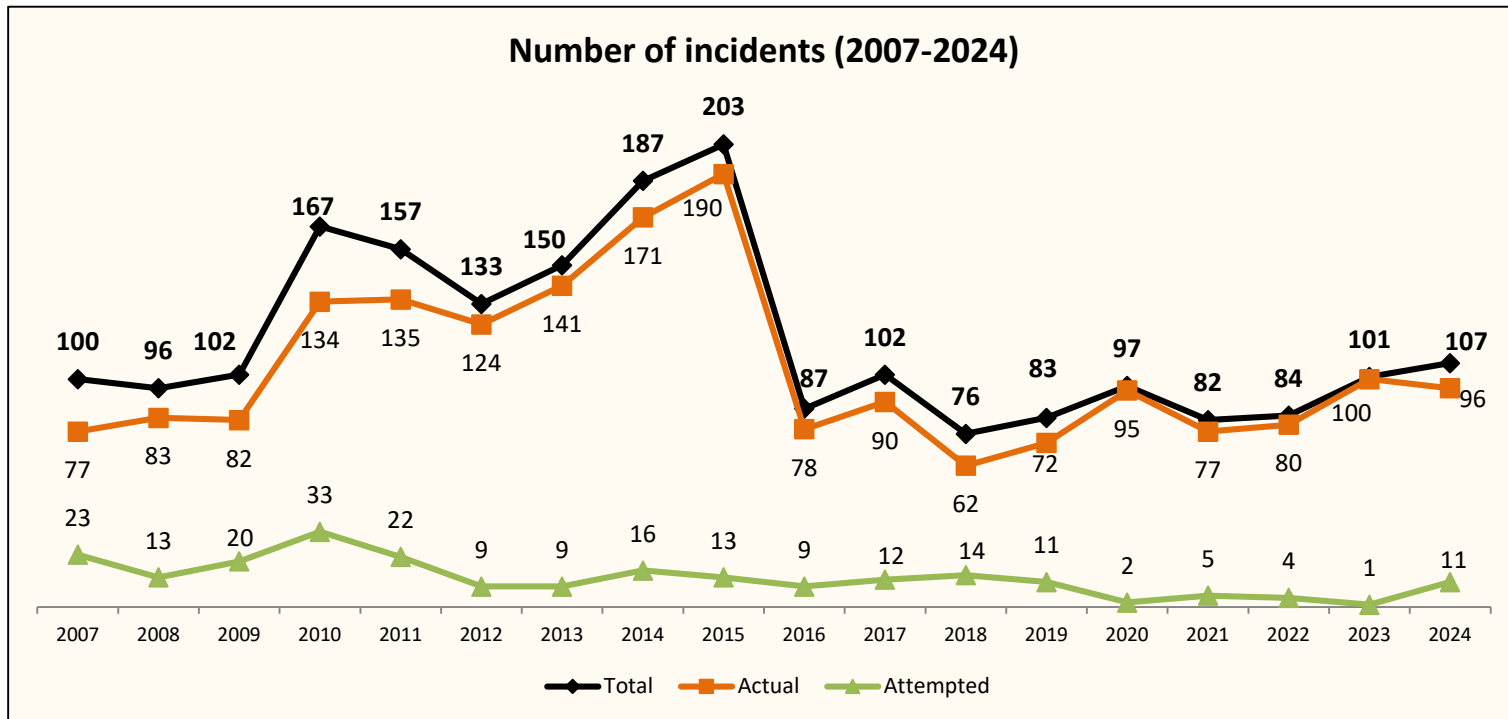# Situation Update - 2024

1. Number of Incidents

- ❑ **107 incidents** (96 actual & 11 attempted)
- ❑ **Increased by <u>6%</u>** compared to 2023 (101 incidents)
  - ⬆ **<u>Increase in attempted incidents</u>** (1 in 2023 → 11 in 2024)
  - ⬇ **<u>Decrease in actual incidents</u>** (100 in 2023 → 96 in 2024)
- ❑ <u>Two</u> **piracy incidents** reported (South China Sea); <u>105</u> **armed robbery/theft** incidents (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)
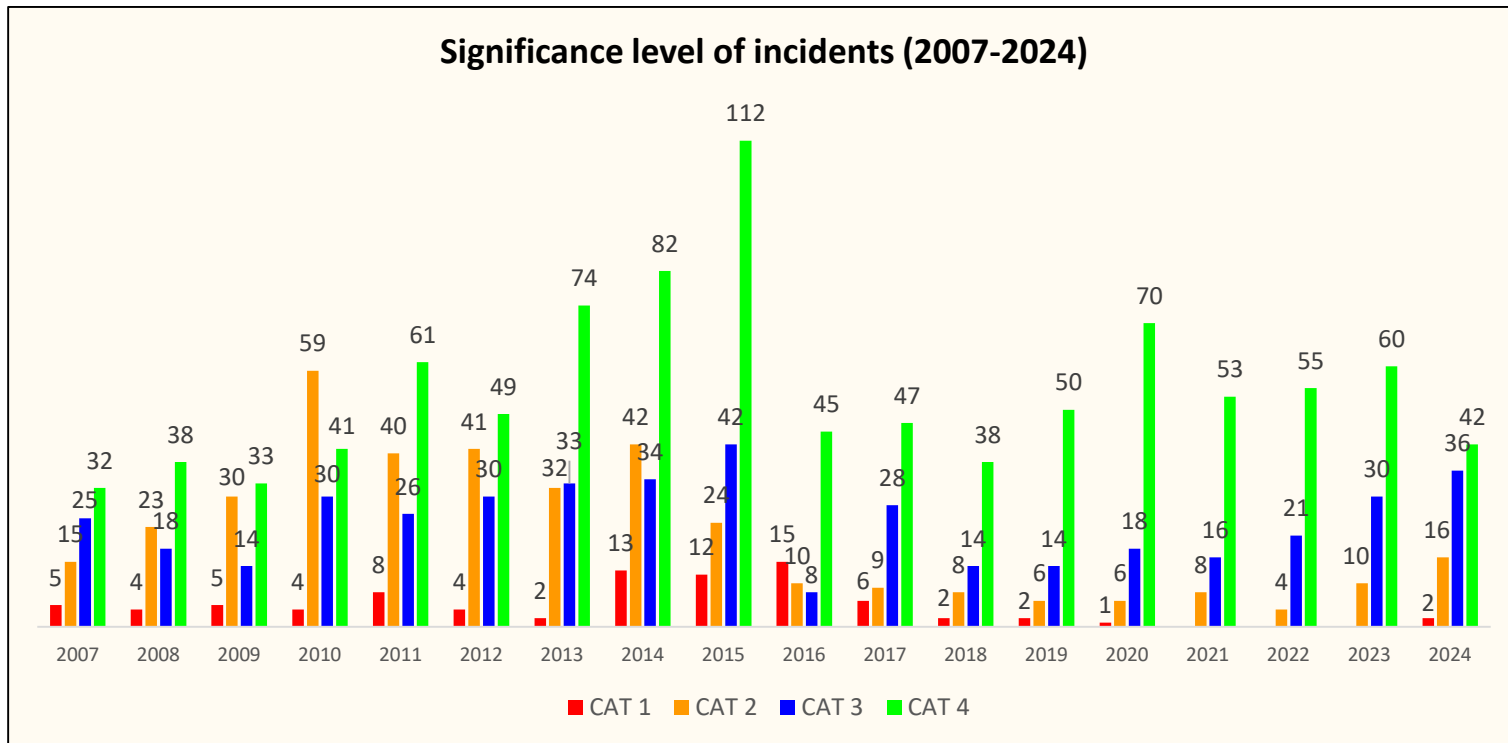

Number of incidents (2007-2024)

2. Severity of Incidents

❑ **96 actual incidents**

➢ 2 x **CAT 1**, 16 x **CAT 2**, 36 x **CAT 3** & 42 x **CAT 4**

➢ Compared to 2023: **Increase** in **CAT 1**, **CAT 2** & **CAT 3** incidents
(*perpetrators carried weapons, crew subjected to duress in one-third of incidents*)

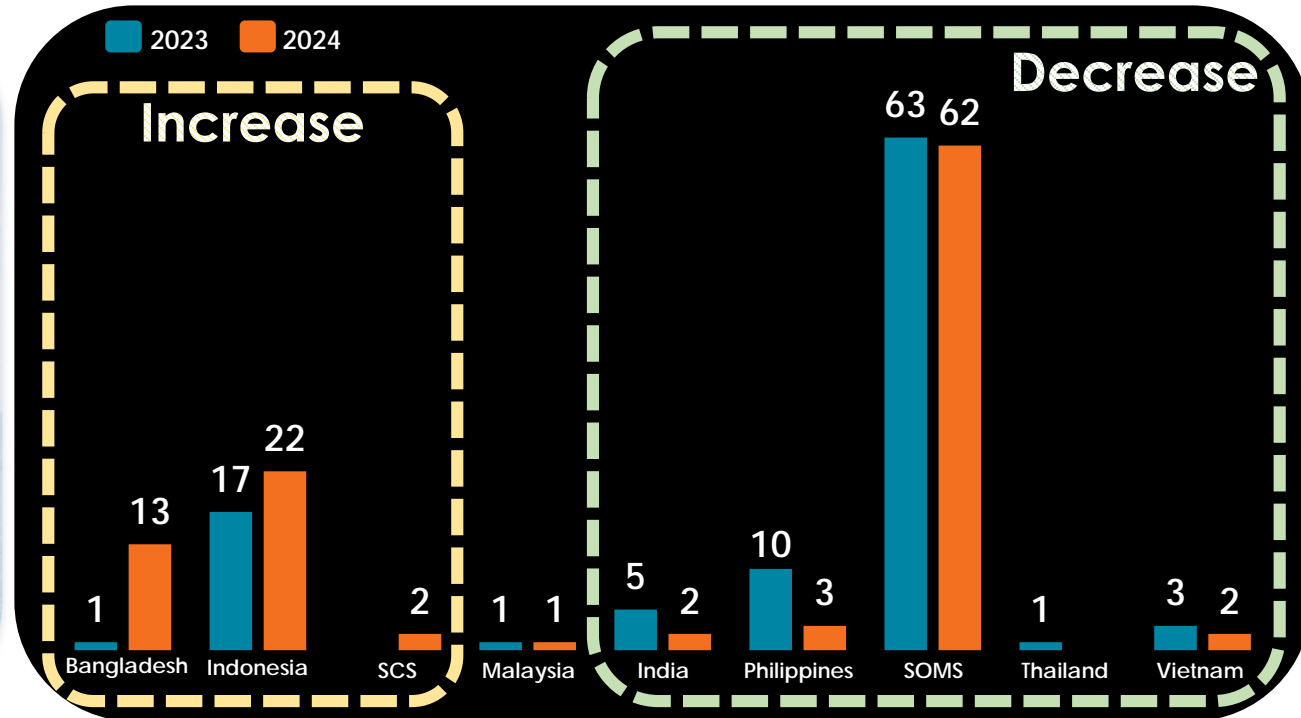➢ **Majority (44%) CAT 4** incidents (*perpetrators <u>not armed</u> & crew <u>not injured</u>*)

Significance level of incidents (2007-2024)

3. Location of Incidents

2023 Vs 2024

- **Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS)** **(62)**
- **Indonesia** **(22)**
- **Bangladesh** **(13)**
- **Philippines** **(3)**
- **India** **(2)**
- **South China Sea** **(2)**
- **Vietnam** **(2)**
- **Malaysia** **(1)**

Chart: 2023 vs 2024 incidents

Increase
- Bangladesh: 2023 = 1, 2024 = 13
- Indonesia: 2023 = 17, 2024 = 22
- SCS: 2024 = 2
- Malaysia: 2023 = 1, 2024 = 1

Decrease
- India: 2023 = 5, 2024 = 2
- Philippines: 2023 = 10, 2024 = 3
- SOMS: 2023 = 63, 2024 = 62
- Thailand: 2023 = 1
- Vietnam: 2023 = 3, 2024 = 2

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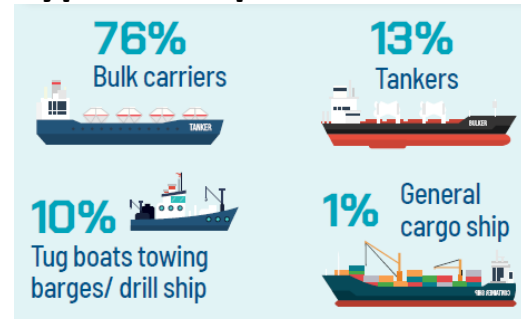- ➤ **Threat of abduction of crew for ransom in Sulu-Celebes Seas**

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4. Situation in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) – **62 incidents**

EASTBOUND LANE — 52 Incidents

PRECAUTIONARY AREA — 6 Incidents

WESTBOUND LANE — 4 Incidents

Legend
- CAT 2
- CAT 3
- CAT 4
- Attempted

Map labels: SINGAPORE, Tanjung Piai, Pulau Karimun Kecil, Philip Channel, Pulau Cula, Pulau Nongsa, PULAU BATAM, Tanjung Ayam, Pulau Penyusop, Tanjung Tondong, PULAU BINTAN

Crew Treatment

- **86%** Crew not injured
- **8%** Crew tied up
- **3%** Crew threatened
- **3%** Crew suffered injury

Type of Ships Boarded

- **76%** Bulk carriers
- **13%** Tankers
- **10%** Tug boats towing barges/ drill ship
- **1%** General cargo ship

CAT 2 — 10
CAT 3 — 27
CAT 4 — 22
Attempted — 3

Time of Incidents — **84%** 2300-0559 hrs in particular 0200-0259 hrs

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)*'