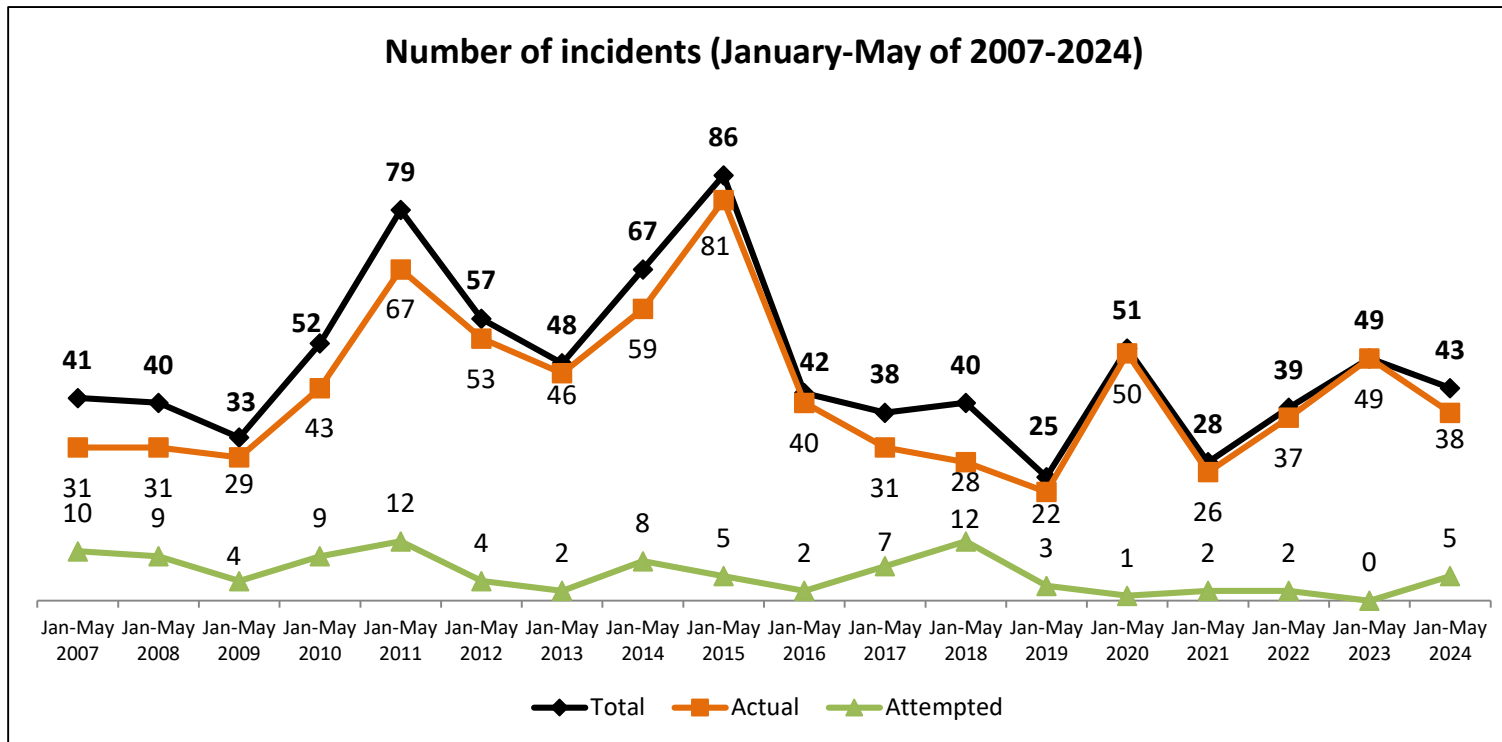


# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

## 1. Number of Incidents

- ❑ **43 incidents** (38 actual & five attempted)
- ❑ **Decreased by 12%** compared to January-May 2023 (49 incidents)
- ❑ **One piracy incident** reported (South China Sea)
- ❑ **42 armed robbery/theft incidents** (internal waters, territorial seas & archipelagic waters – coastal States' jurisdiction)

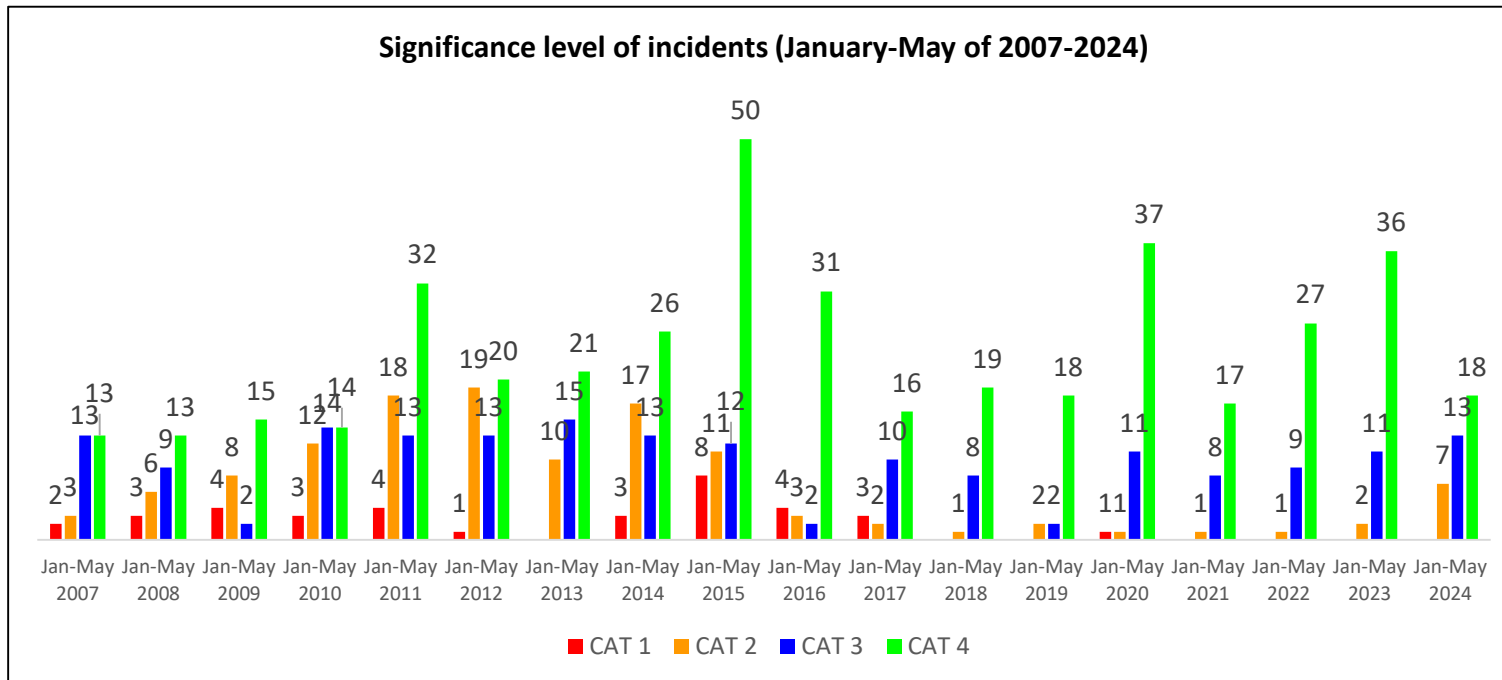


# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

## 2. Severity of Incidents

### ❑ 38 actual incidents

- 7 x **CAT 2**, 13 x **CAT 3** and 18 x **CAT 4**
- Increase in **CAT 2** incidents – majority involved armed perpetrators (6); crew assaulted (1), temporarily restrained (4) & no injury reported (2)
- Slight increase in **CAT 3** incidents – majority involved armed perpetrators (12); temporarily restrained (1), threatened (1) & no injury reported (11)
- Decrease in **CAT 4** incidents – perpetrators not armed; crew not injured



# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

## 3. Location of Incidents

- Straits of Malacca & Singapore (SOMS) (16)
- Indonesia (12)
- Bangladesh (9)
- India (2)
- Philippines (2)
- South China Sea (SCS) (1)
- Vietnam (1)

### Number of incidents (Jan-May 2024 vs Jan-May 2023)

#### ☐ Increase:

- Bangladesh [9 vs 1]
- Indonesia [12 vs 5]
- SCS [1 vs 0]

#### ☐ Decrease:

- India [2 vs 3]
- SOMS [16 vs 31]
- Philippines [2 vs 6]
- Vietnam [1 vs 2]

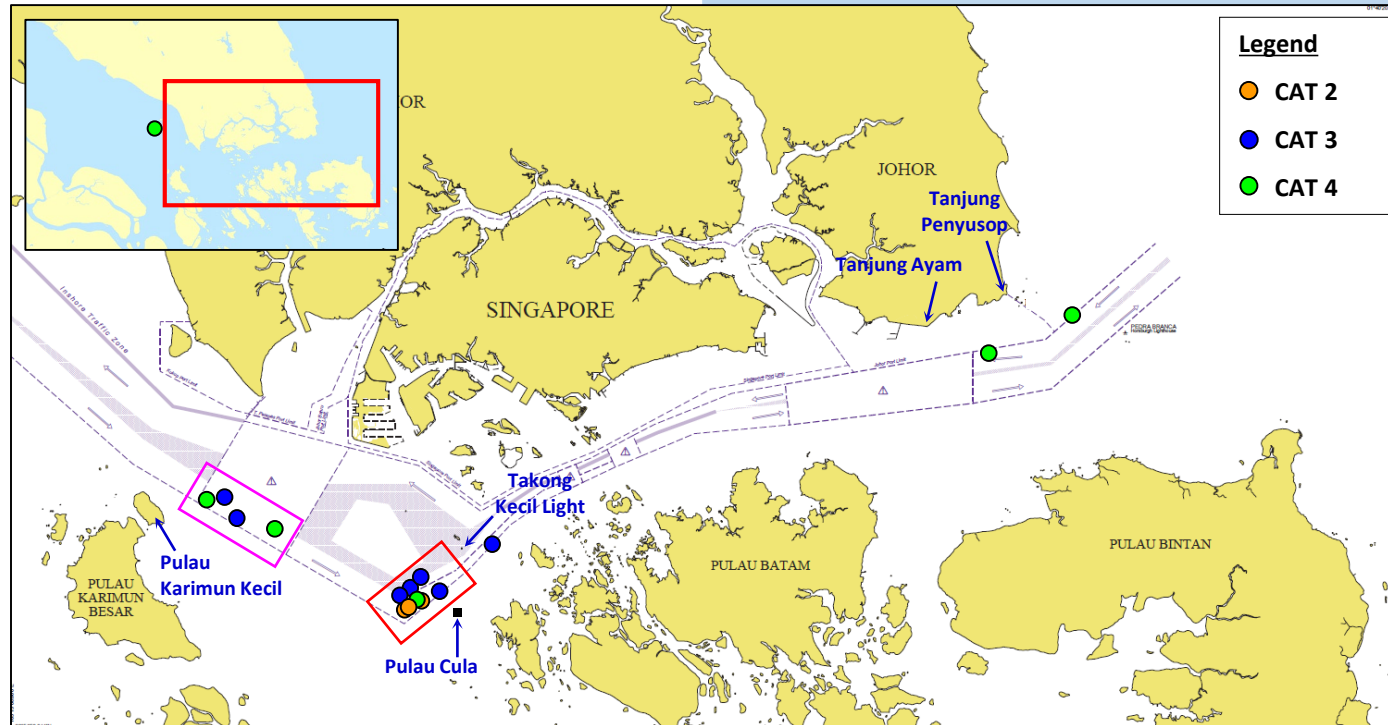
### Areas of Concern

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

# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

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

16 incidents (Jan-May 2024)



**EASTBOUND LANE**

9 incidents

**PRECAUTIONARY AREA**

4 incidents

**WESTBOUND LANE**

3 incidents

- ❑ Significance level of incidents: 3 x **CAT 2**, 7 x **CAT 3**, 6 x **CAT 4**
- ❑ Type of ships boarded: **Bulk carriers (13)**, Tug boat & drill ship/barge (3)
- ❑ Time of incidents: 2300-0059 hrs (3), 0200-0559 hrs (10), 1000-1659 hrs (3)

# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

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

- ❑ No incident since January 2020
- ❑ No crew held in captivity
- ❑ Philippine Coast Guard downgraded threat of abduction of crew



- ❑ **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 Advisory to ships to “exercise vigilance & adopt necessary preventive measures while transiting the area”
  - Ships to maintain communication with the authorities & report all incidents to Operation Centre of the Philippines & Malaysia

# Situation Update (January-May 2024)

## 6. Thrust Area

- ❑ Maintain latest situation update
  - ❖ ReCAAP Interactive Dashboard – *'Re-VAMP'*
- ❑ Brief crew, maintain proper 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'*
- ❑ Produced **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)'*