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## Incident Alert

# Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

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## Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

**The ReCAAP ISC alerts the maritime community on the continued occurrence of incidents of sea robbery on board ships while underway in the Singapore Strait, and warns a possibility of further incidents.**

A total of two incidents were reported onboard ships while underway in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait (SS) on 14 September 2024. The two incidents occurred within an interval of 1 hour and at close proximity to each other (2 nm apart) in the eastbound lane of the TSS. The incidents occurred onboard bulk carriers while transiting the **Phillip Channel**. Engine spares were stolen in one incident, and nothing was stolen in the other. The crew members were not injured in both incidents.

With these two incidents, a total of **34 incidents** were reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) since January 2024. Of which, 33 incidents occurred in the SS and one incident in the Malacca Strait (MS). The locations of the 34 incidents are indicated in the map next page.

The ReCAAP ISC urges the littoral States to increase patrols/surveillance in their respective waters, respond promptly to incidents reported by ships, strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups involved to arrest the perpetrators. Ships are advised to intensify vigilance and maintain sharp look-out while transiting the areas of concern, particularly during hours of darkness, adopt preventive measures recommended in the *Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*, and report all incidents immediately to the nearest coastal State and flag State. Contact details of the littoral States are -

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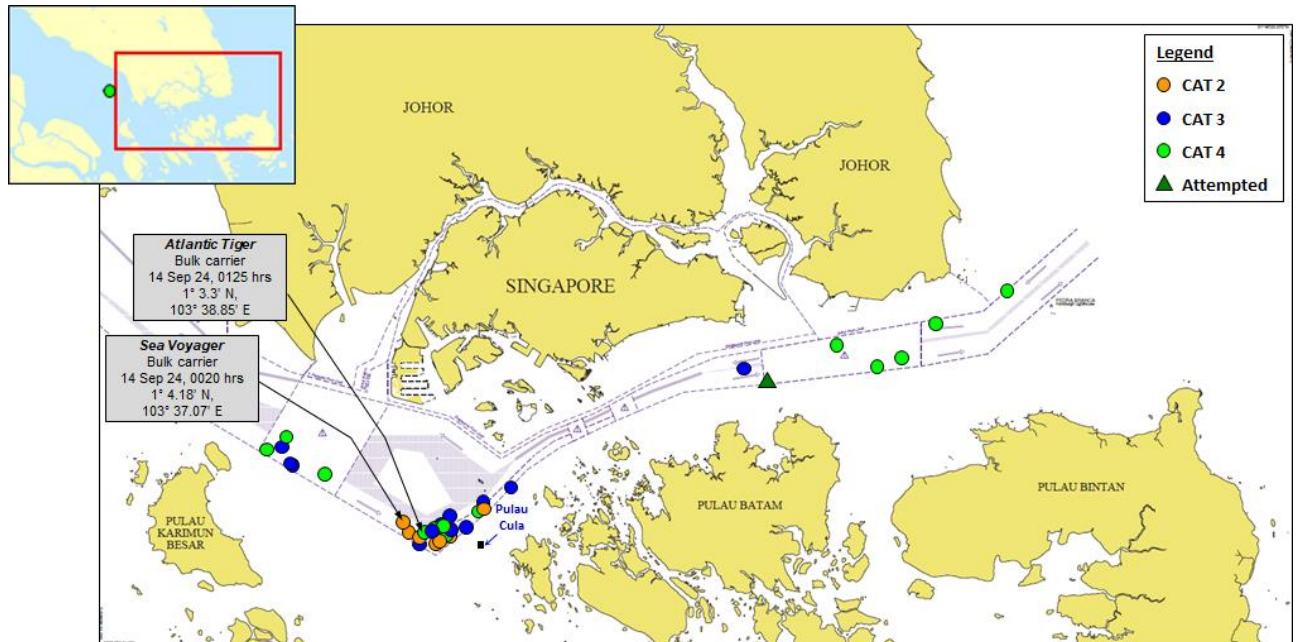
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## Location of Incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (1 January- 14 September 2024)

Since January 2024 till 14 September 2024, ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported to the ReCAAP ISC **34 incidents** that occurred to ships while underway in the SOMS.

The locations of the 34 incidents are shown in the map below; and description of the two incidents occurred on 14 September 2024 are in Annex A.



Location of incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (1 January-14 September 2024)



## Annex A

The description of the two incidents occurred on 14 September 2024 as shown below:

S/N	Date/Time/location (UTC+8)	Details of Incidents
1.	<p>14/09/24 0020 hrs SOMS</p> <p>Approx 5.9 nm northwest of Pulau Cula, Indonesia (1.0; 4.18' N 103.0; 37.07' E)</p>	<p>While underway, the master of bulk carrier <i>Sea Voyager</i> sighted 5 perpetrators in the steering room. The perpetrators were reported to be carrying a knife. The master raised alarm, mustered the crew and carried out a search for the perpetrators. No perpetrators were found, crew were accounted for and no items were missing. Ship resumed her voyage to pick Singapore pilot. Upon the arrival at the port of Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted a thorough search onboard. No perpetrators were found onboard the ship.</p> <p>Safety navigational broadcast initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) were notified of the incident. PCG boarded the ship at anchor and confirmed no perpetrators on board and all in order. Information of incident was shared with the Indonesian authorities</p>
2.	<p>14/09/24 0125 hrs SOMS</p> <p>Approx 4 nm northwest of Pulau Cula, Indonesia (1.0; 3.3' N 103.0; 38.85' E)</p>	<p>While underway, the master of bulk carrier, <i>Atlantic Tiger</i> reported to Singapore VTIS that 6 to 7 perpetrators were sighted in the port quarter of the ship. The master reported that all crew were accounted for, no injury reported and engine spares were stolen. Ship resumed her voyage to pick Singapore pilot. Upon arrival at port of Singapore, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted a thorough search on board. No perpetrators were found onboard the ship.</p> <p>Safety navigational broadcast initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) were notified of the incident. Information of incident was shared with the Indonesian authorities.</p>

