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“Converging Solutions” Some thoughts on Regional Cooperative Efforts to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery.

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Industry wants above all clarity of information, timely information and the right messages.



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- Is it getting it? Even if it is – what can it do ?
- SE Asia = Armed Robbery – is this a failure of law enforcement efforts or the ISPS Code?



Regional maritime cooperative efforts to counter piracy are successful and efficient?



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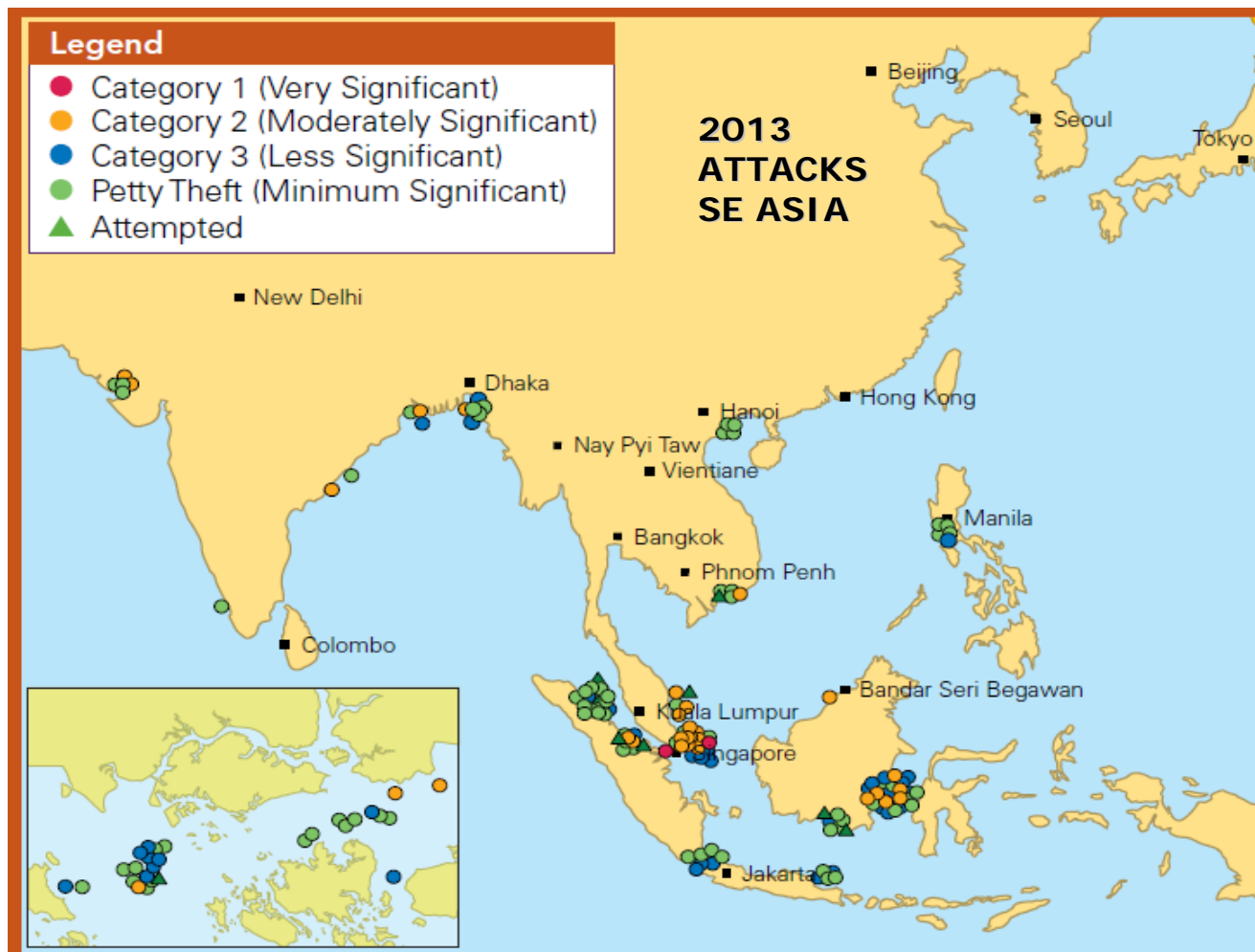
- Piracy tends to occur close to land but now spread onto the high seas.
- We tend to be a little naïve about this e.g.
 - Malacca Strait to..... South China seas
 - Gulf of Aden toIndian Ocean
 - Gulf of Guinea to.....????
- Initially always littoral states the driving issue – their economic and political instability ashore creates instability at sea.
- Then spreads unless regional cooperative efforts are established – which is what ReCAAP has done
- But what is the actual reality ?



ReCAAP REPORT 2013



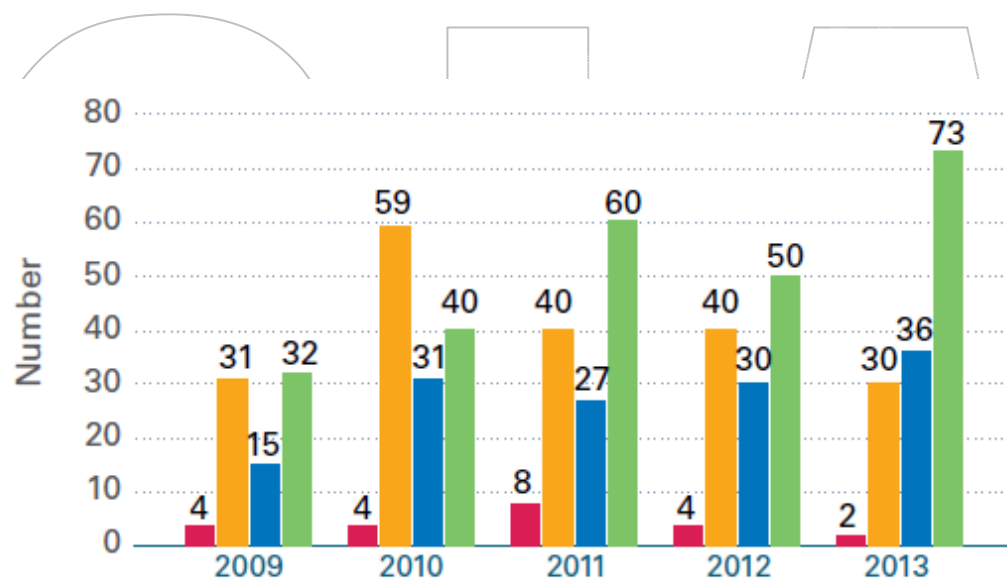
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ReCAAP Trends SE Asia



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Category 1 (Very Significant)

Category 2 (Moderately Significant)

Category 3 (Less Significant)

Petty Theft (Minimum Significant)

However defined that is 141 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery in 2013!

Modus Operandi

A "moderately significant" incident



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In the incident involving tug boat *PU 2417* (top) on 9 Jun 13, six robbers armed with revolvers and machetes boarded the tug boat from a white speed boat. They forced the crew to pump fuel oil from the tug boat to an unknown fishing boat. Before leaving the tug boat, they tied up the crew, took their personal belongings and ship stores.



Important Trends



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- Growth in illegal maritime activities in /off coastal failed/weak states
 - Growth in violence – everywhere
 - Growth in fuel hijacking from product tankers West Africa and now SE Asia
 - Growth in "vessel" and "people " hijacking.
 - Growth in lack of reporting (exempt NW Indian Ocean)
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Convergence



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- Intelligence and Information Sharing
 - Communication
 - Reporting
-are of little use unless there is a local or regional capability to:
- React and Deter
 - Implement ISPS code effectively
 - Arrest and Prosecute
-and strategically unless local Governments provide:
- Conditions ashore that provide alternatives
 - Conditions ashore that deter criminality



Only Ship Owner Option

.....BMP - Aide Memoir



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Self defence measures



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Cooperative efforts essential but provide real challenges



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- How to increase domain awareness and information sharing:
 - All stakeholders – there are many
 - Political will to change/enforce?
- How to enhance co-operation, co-ordination and integration:
 - Regulation/Guidance – international BMP?
 - Open up the ISPS Code – Pandora's Box?
- How to mobilise decreasing but expensive assets:
 - The paradigm change
- How to increase capacity building efforts:
 - Effective and efficient partnerships are key?
 - PPP Security?



In Summary



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- Significant disruption of commerce is clearly easily possible
- The more globalised the problem the more exposed we are to vulnerabilities
- The coordination and dissemination of information **and** the reaction to it is a vital part of the solution

