INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE for Q1 2016

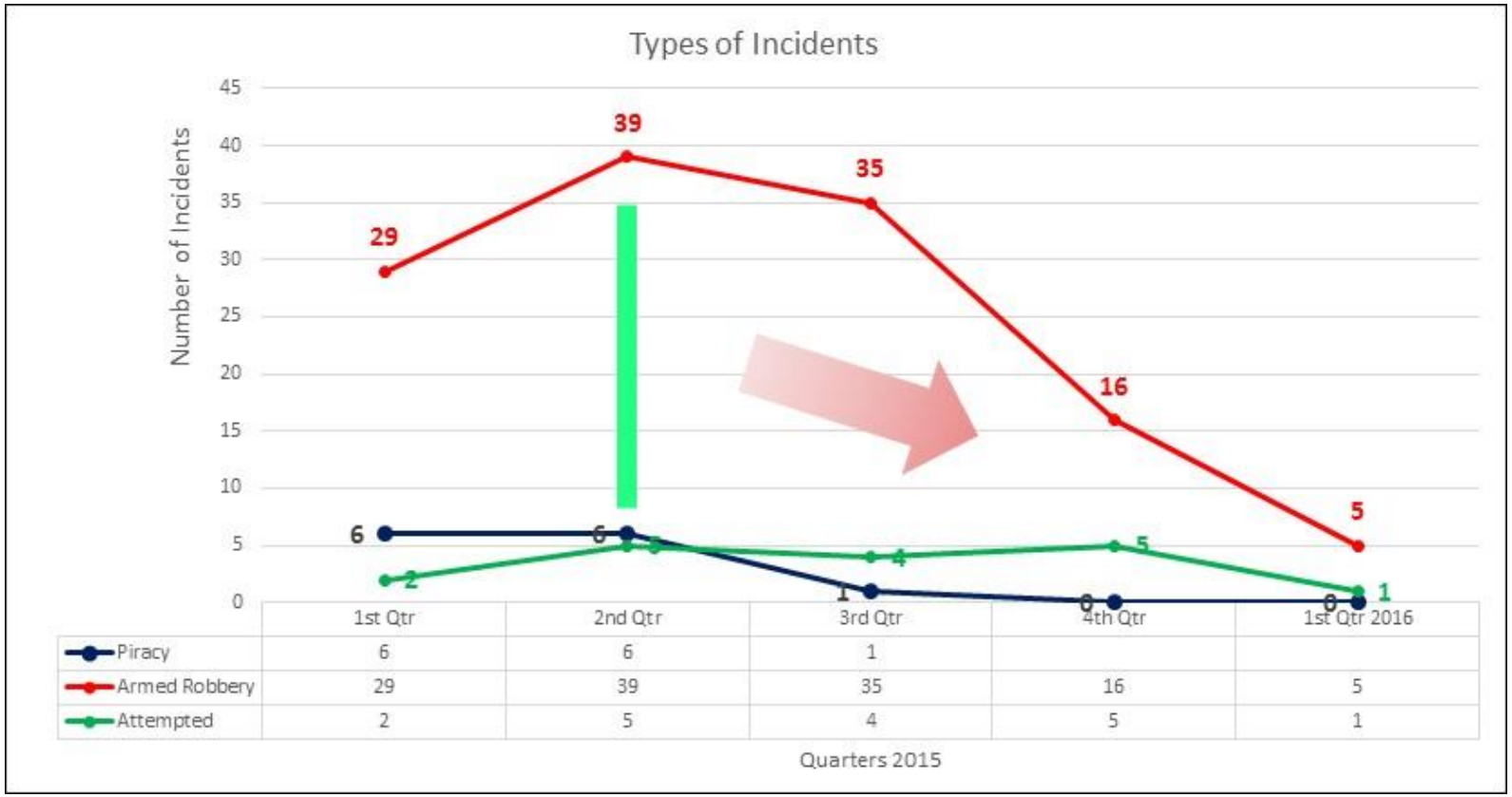
SSA

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE : Q1 2016

Industry's view of the maritime security situation in ASEAN waters

Reported Incidents – Q1 2015 to Q1 2016



Current Situation

- There has been no reports of oil cargo thefts incidents since the last incident involving m.t. Joaquim on 8 August 2015.
- There has been no reports of actual incidents on board ships while underway in the Singapore Straits since November 2015.
- Both ReCAAP ISC and ICC IMB annual reports reported a significant drop in the number of piracy and armed robbery attacks in the region.

Littoral States Efforts on Piracy & Armed Robbery

Demonstrated commitment by Littoral states to combat Piracy and Armed Robbery.

Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

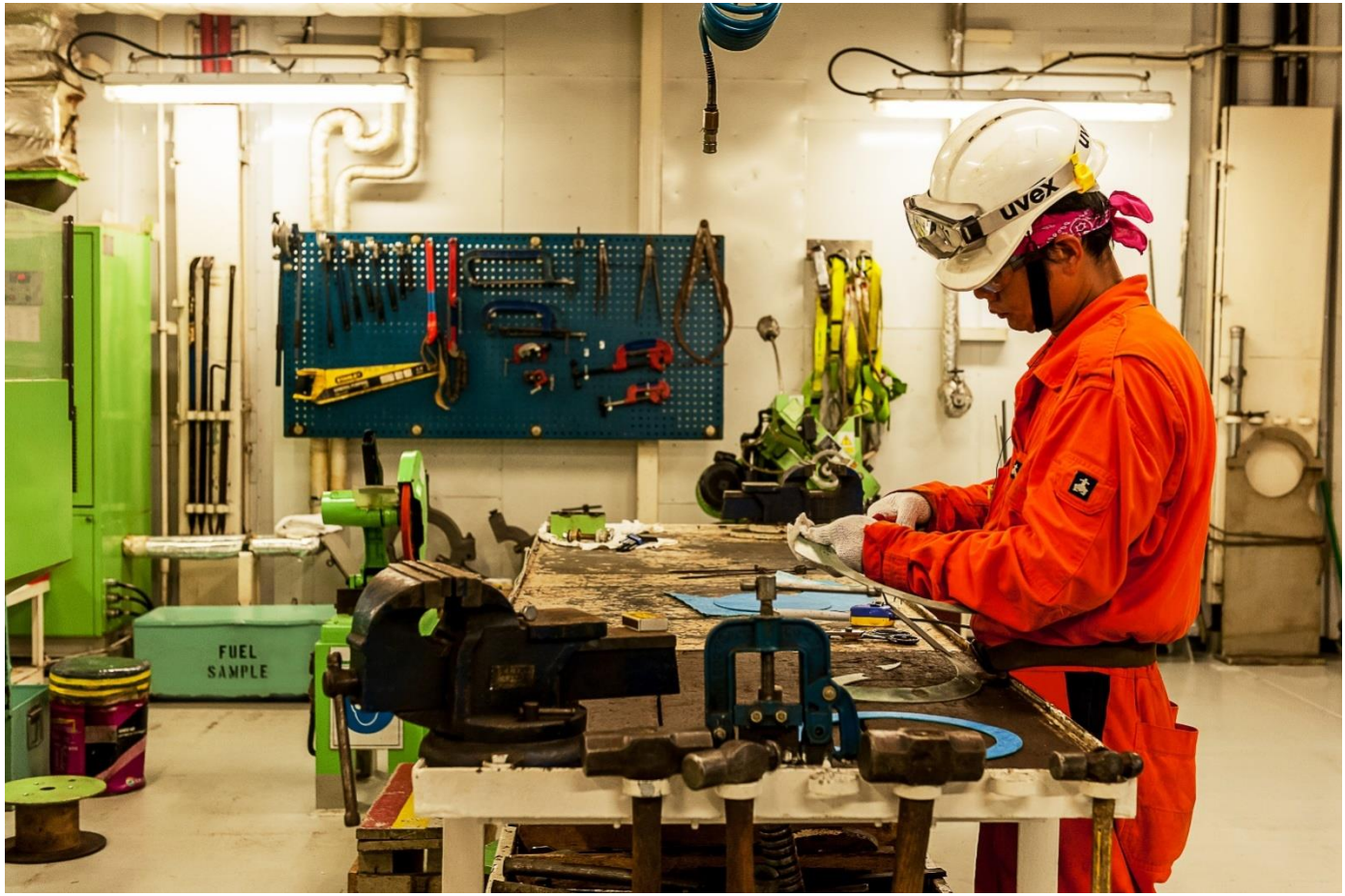
SSA SINGAPORE SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

What does this mean for Industry ?

Peace of mind and safe passage

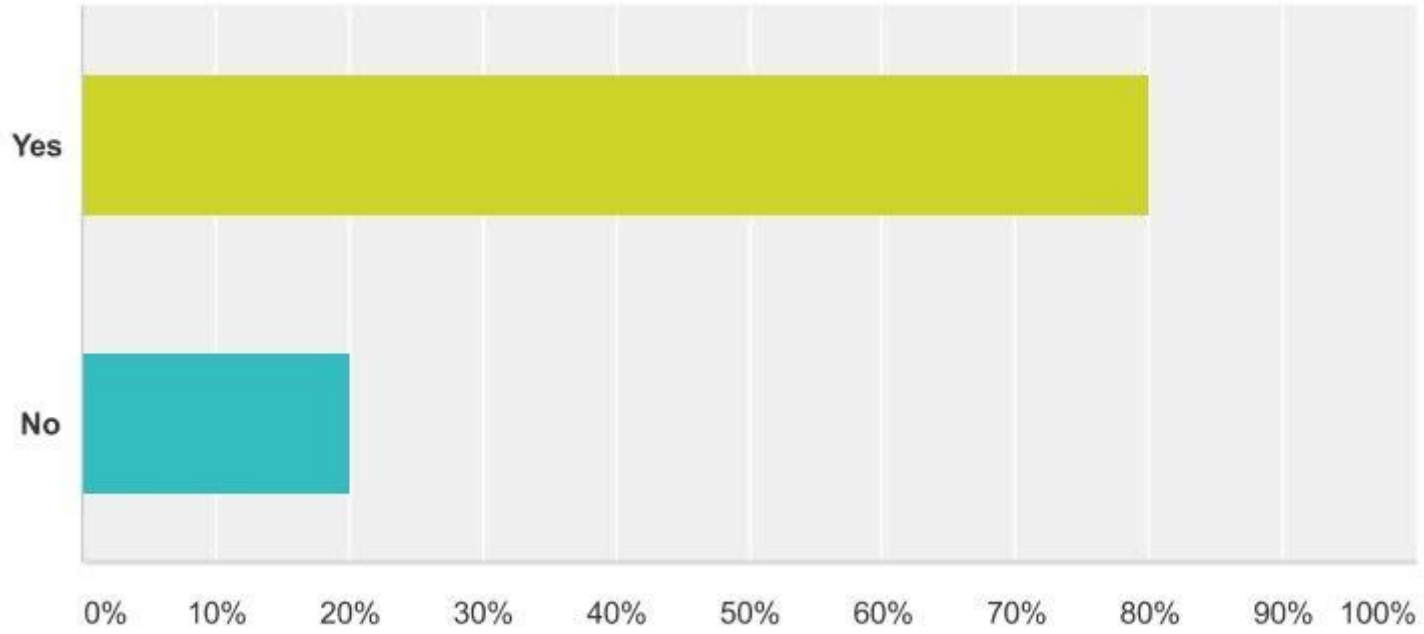
Reduced costs in operational planning, level of security etc..

No HRA zone, impact on P&I and risks cover premiums



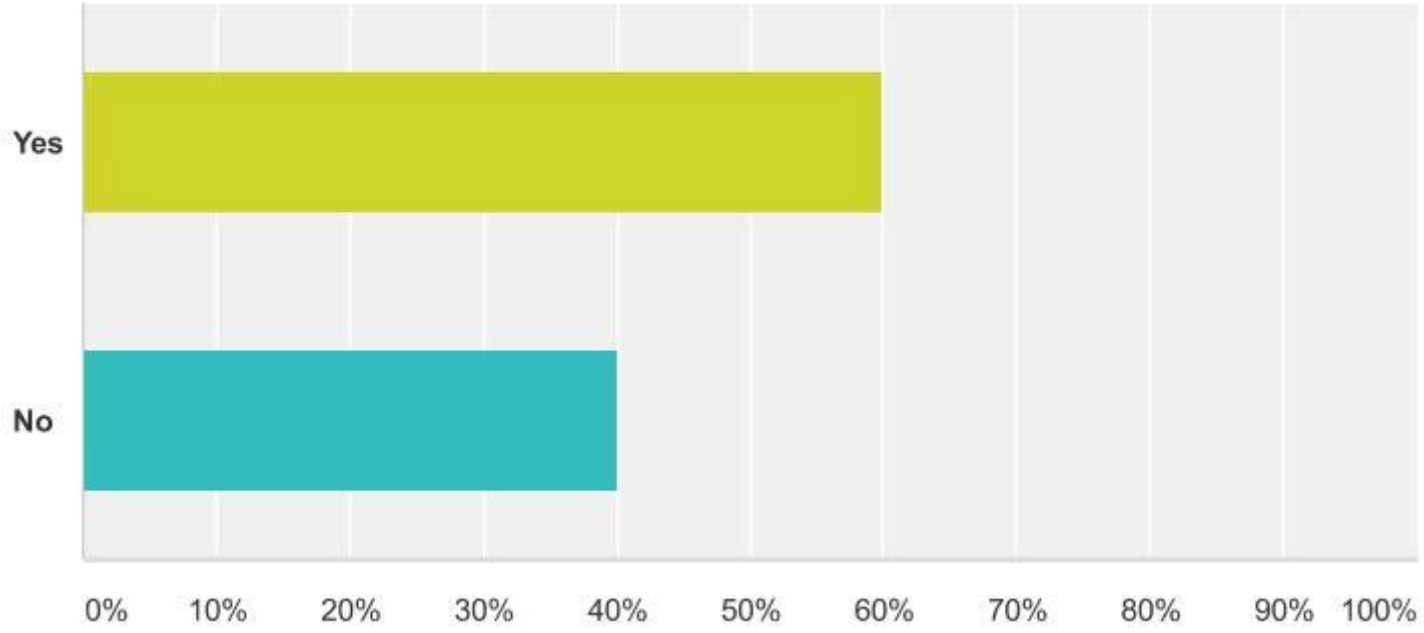
Industry Perceptions – Q2 2016

Do you feel that the Straits of Malacca & Singapore are safer for ships?



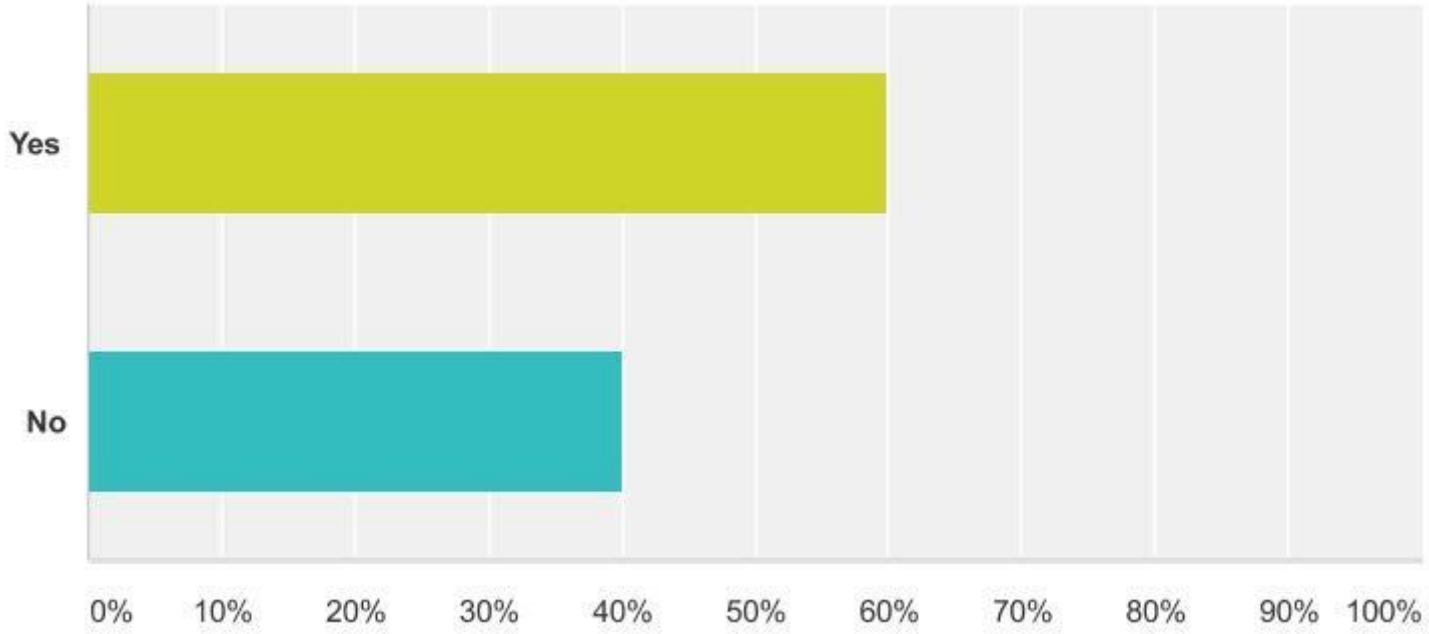
Industry Perceptions – Q2 2016

Have you noticed an increase in the security presence in the Straits of Malacca & Singapore?



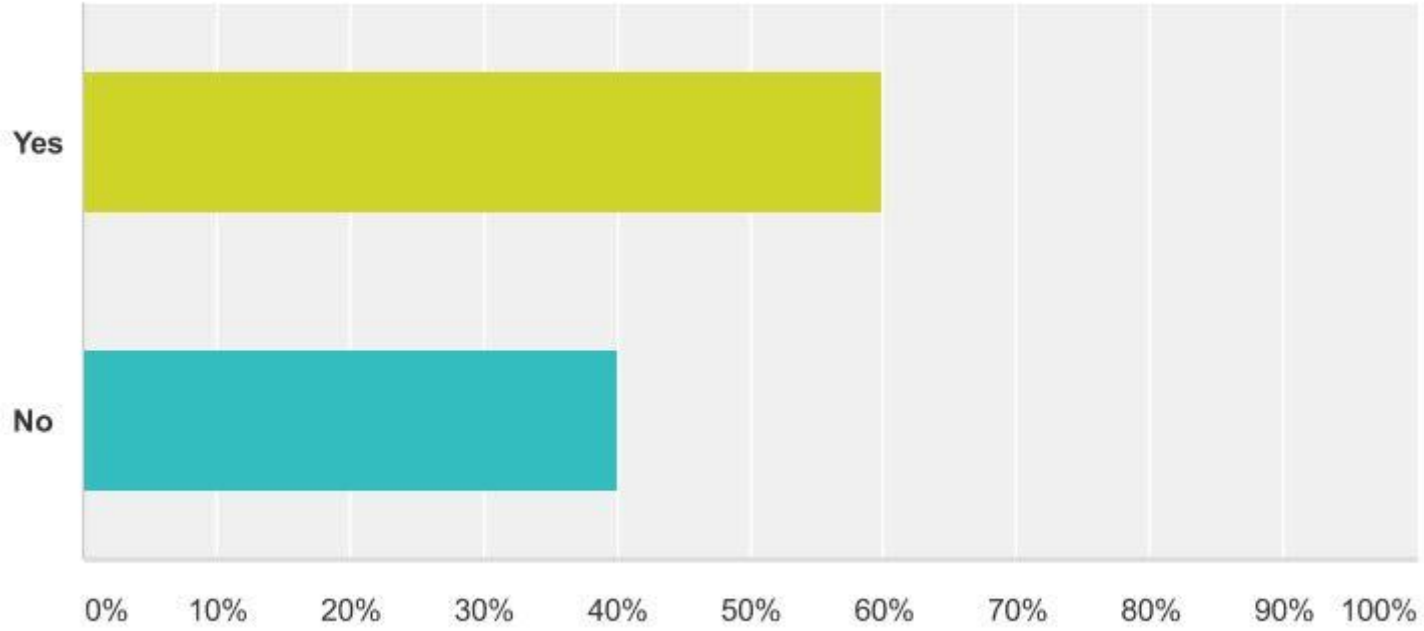
Industry Perceptions – Q2 2016

Do you feel that the South China Sea is safer for ships?



Industry Perceptions – Q2 2016

Have you noticed an increase in the security presence in the South China Sea?



What's Working – Q2 2016

Ongoing Engagement of IFC, ReCAAP ISC with Industry Stakeholders

Supportive & Demonstrative efforts from littoral states to counter piracy / armed robbery

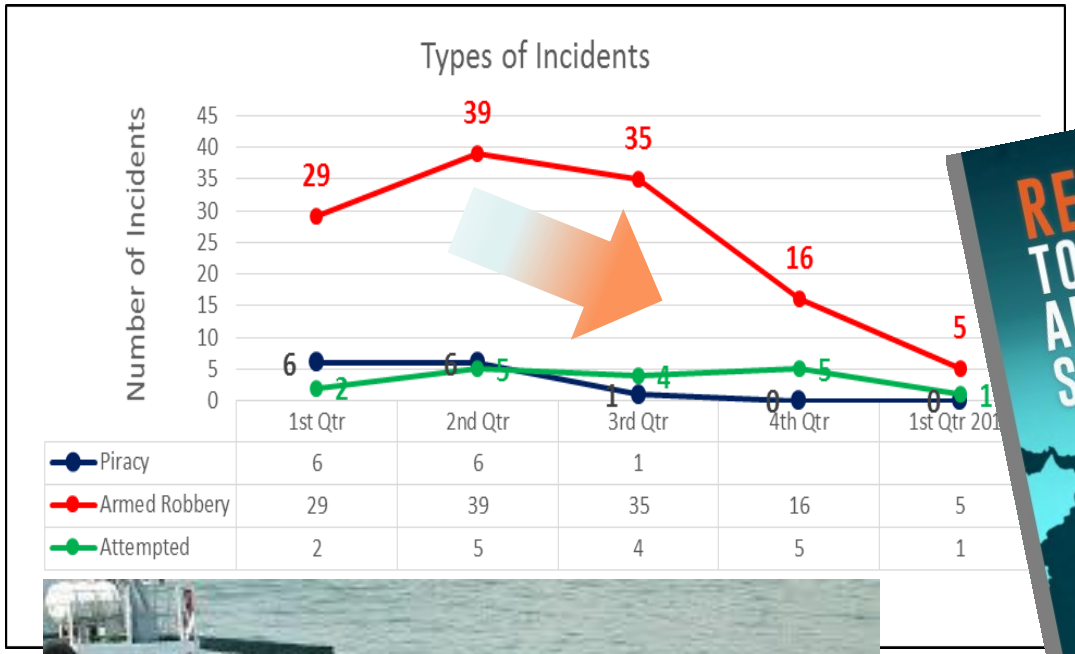
Cooperative framework (patrols, info sharing) among various enforcement agencies from littoral states (navy, marine police, coast guard..)

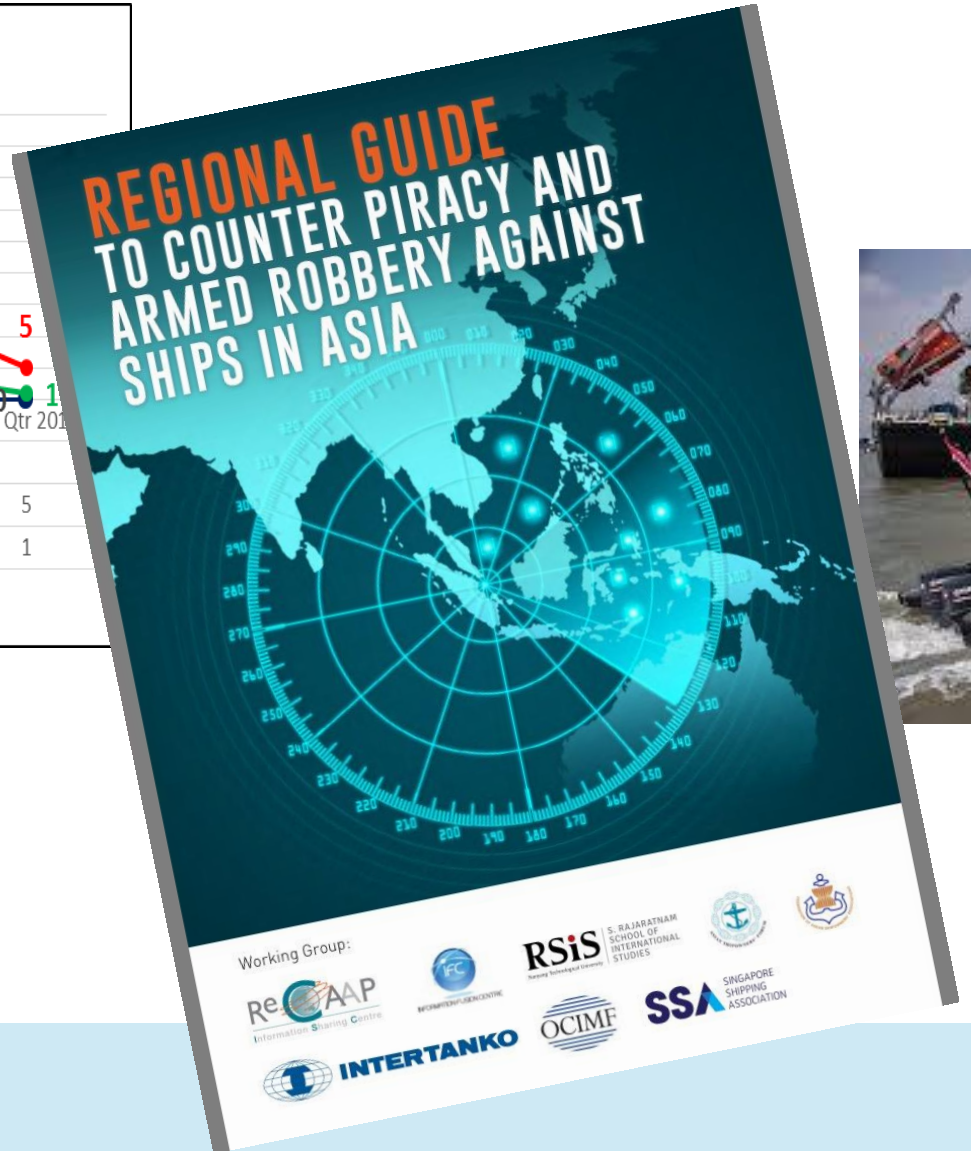
Sustaining Efforts to :

- Promote security awareness training for merchant officers.
- Develop and adhere to best practices for vessels sailing in the region.

- Foster closer collaboration with enforcement agencies.

IINDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE : WHAT'S WORKING





SSA SINGAPORE SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

Effectiveness of Regional Efforts

- Cooperation between the Governments of the Littoral States.
- Cooperation and collaboration by the private sector within the region.
- Publications for the region to combat piracy and armed robbery. Publication of SSA Technical Report: Update on Status of Piracy and Armed Robbery, March 2016. http://www.ssa.org.sg/images/ssa/pdf/Circularforms/Piracy-Technical-Report-with-FAQs_Update-March-2016.pdf
- Clearer understanding of the sovereignty of territorial waters, e.g. mv Seaman Guard Ohio.

Going Forward

- Support the publication of a comprehensive world guide of which the Asian guide will be included as a sub-section.
- Support the concept of a single-reporting point similar to the MTISC (Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre) set up for Gulf of Guinea.

A worrying new trend?

NEWS UPDATE

Indonesia issues Islamicist pirate warning to shipping in the Sulu Sea

INDONESIAN maritime authorities are issuing piracy warnings to shipping, fearing its coast line bordering the Philippines will become as pirate infested as the waters off Somalia.

Fears were ignited after a series of kidnappings by pirates affiliated with Islamacist paramilitaries, Reuters reports, adding that the route carries US$40 billion worth of cargo each year.

The route is taken by fully laden supertankers from the Indian Ocean that cannot use the crowded Malacca Strait.

Concerns over maritime attacks by suspected Islamist militants are disrupting the coal trade, with at least two Indonesian coal ports suspending shipments to the Philippines.

Up to 18 Indonesians and Malaysians have been kidnapped in three attacks on tugboats in Philippine waters by groups suspected of ties to the Abu Sayyaf militant network.

Abu Sayyaf, which has posted videos on social media pledging allegiance to Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, has demanded PHP50 million (US$1.06 million) to free the Indonesian crew.

"We don't want to see this become a new Somalia," Indonesian Security Minister Luhut Pandjaitan told reporters, referring to the southern Philippine waters of the Sulu Sea, where the abductions took place.

Piracy near Somalia's coast has subsided in the last few years, mainly due to shipping firms hiring private security details and the presence of international warships.

The foreign ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines will meet in Jakarta to discuss the possibility of joint patrols, Mr Pandjaitan said.

He said the armed forces chiefs of the three countries would hold talks in Jakarta on May 3.

The Indonesian Navy has instructed all commercial vessels "to avoid piracy-prone waters around the southern Philippines", a spokesman for the Indonesian military said.

The navy is increasing patrols around Indonesia's borders with Malaysia and the Philippines "to prevent acts of piracy and hijacking", Tatang Sulaiman told Reuters.

The Kuala Lumpur-based Piracy Reporting Centre has also warned ships sailing in the Celebes Sea and northeast of the Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo to stay clear of suspicious small vessels.

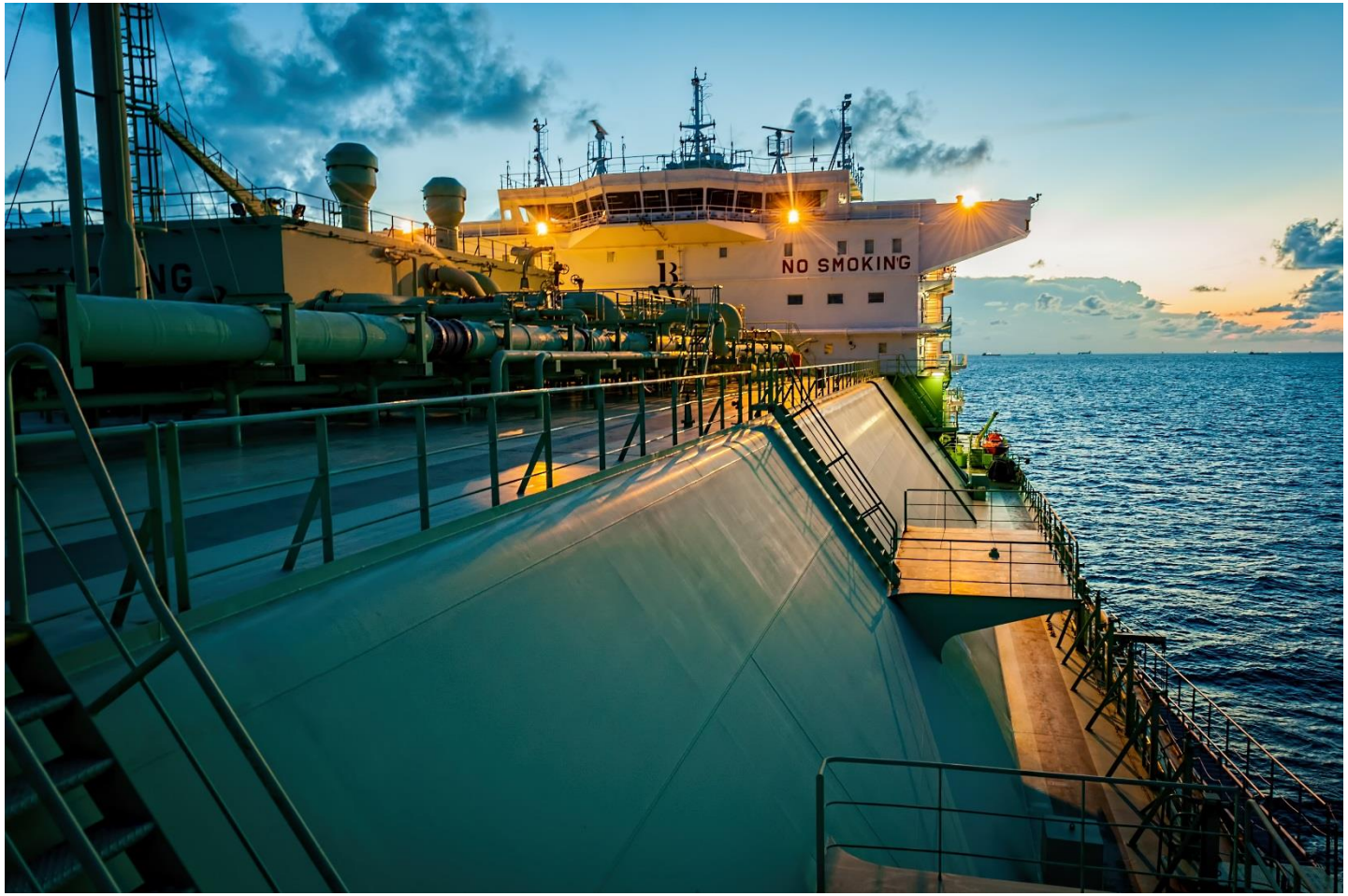
What More Can Be Done?

Governments:

- Closer and more visible collaboration between littoral states – patrols as well as information-sharing, prosecution etc.
- More and more visible patrolling, especially in the South China Sea
- Joint / Trilateral / Coordinated patrols of the Sulu Sea
- AIS tracking and continued monitoring of known hot spots
- Developing cross-boundary mutually supporting prosecutional laws on Crimes committed at Sea and in territorial waters

Other news

- Hacking by pirates and armed robbers such the security breach of the MTISC-GoG and report of series of pirate attacks targeting high-value containers
- Fake piracy reporting and risk pay – reports of false alarms by crew in order to claim risk pay
- Investment in naval assets. Malaysia will spend RM9bn on 6 state-of-the art Littoral Combat Ships (LCS)
  http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2015/03/22/stealth-corvettes-for-navy-by-2019/
- New threat in the waters of the Sulu Sea – Abu Sayyaf
  http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/security-in-sulu-and-sulawesi-waters-to-be-beefed-up



THANK YOU