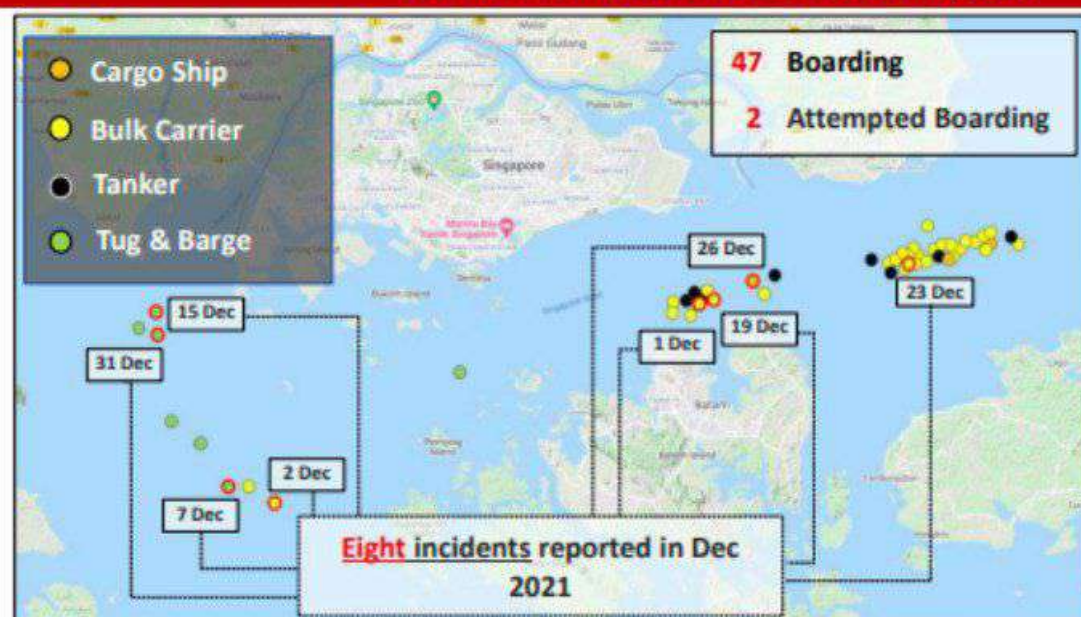


# Summary of Boarding and Attempted Boarding Incidents in the Singapore Strait (caa 6 Jan 2022)

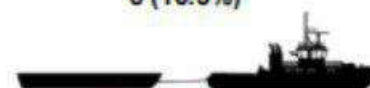
## Number of Incidents & Vessel Types



**Bulk Carriers**  
27 + 4 (63.3%)



**Tankers**  
8 (16.3%)



**Tugs & Barges**  
4 + 3 (14.3%)



**Cargo Ships**  
2 + 1 (6.1%)

## Key Observations

- The IFC recorded a total of **eight** incidents in Dec 2021; these incidents occurred between 1000H-0530H, in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) within the Singapore Strait
- Of note, there were **three** incidents involving tugs and barges in Dec 2021, and **one** in Nov 2021. Prior to these occurrences, the last incident involving tugs and barges within the Singapore Strait was on 18 Mar 2021

## Modus Operandi: Remains Largely Consistent With Petty Crime

- Based on the incident reports, in most cases, perpetrators avoided confrontation, and escaped immediately upon being sighted by crew. Of note, in Dec 2021, there was no reported confrontation between crew and perpetrators. Also, there was no armed perpetrators reported in the last three months
- Perpetrators usually (a) are in group of average 4-6 pax, and (b) use small boats, targeting slow-moving vessels

Cargo Ships, Bulk Carriers & Tankers	Tugs & Barges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>May</u> be armed and confrontational e.g. small arms, knives and steel bars (Out of 49 incidents, 13 reported armed. Total of nine confrontations; two resulted in crew with minor head injuries)</li> <li>Usually target ship's engine parts and stores</li> <li>Same group of perpetrators may target few vessels in succession, in same night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Usually</u> unarmed</li> <li>Usually target scrap metal</li> </ul>

## Recommended Actions for All Transiting Vessels

- Remain vigilant, particularly when transiting the known hotspots off Bintan and Batam
- Adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia, e.g. illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, and deploying sentries etc
- Participate in Voluntary Community Reporting as depicted in 4<sup>th</sup> Edition MARSEC Charts Q6112 and Q6113; upon sighting of suspicious activities, immediately report to local authorities and inform the IFC