

Enhancing Regional Cooperation The Asian Initiative

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Asia Anti-Piracy Challenges 2000

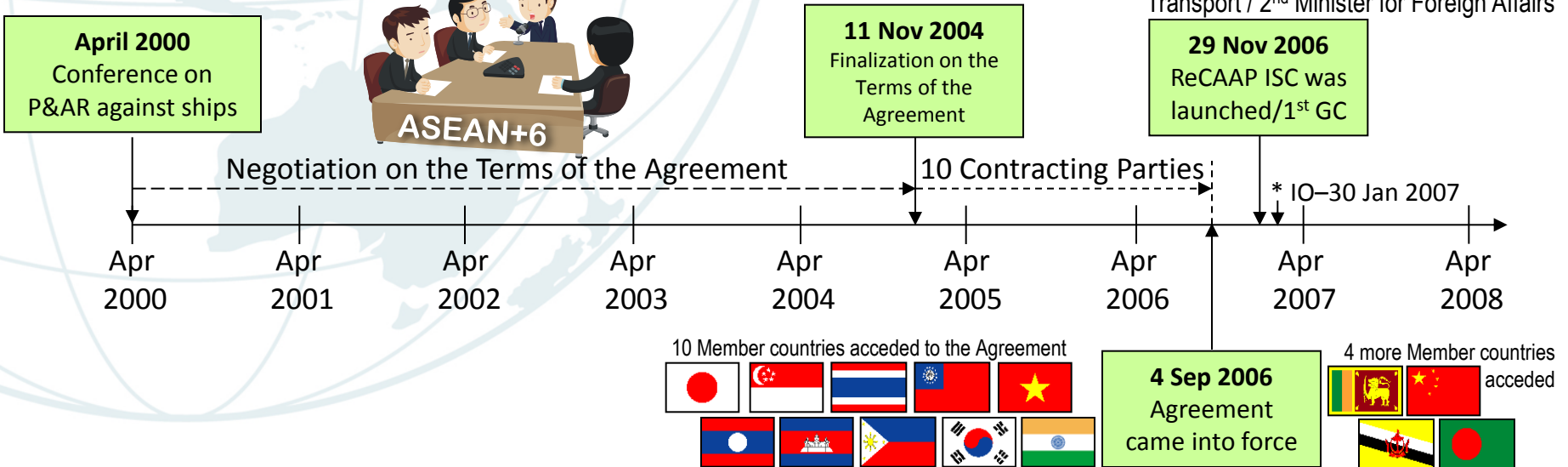
Conference on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (Apr 2000)

- Model Action Plan
- Tokyo Appeal

- Response
- Self Protection
- Legal Framework
- Information sharing

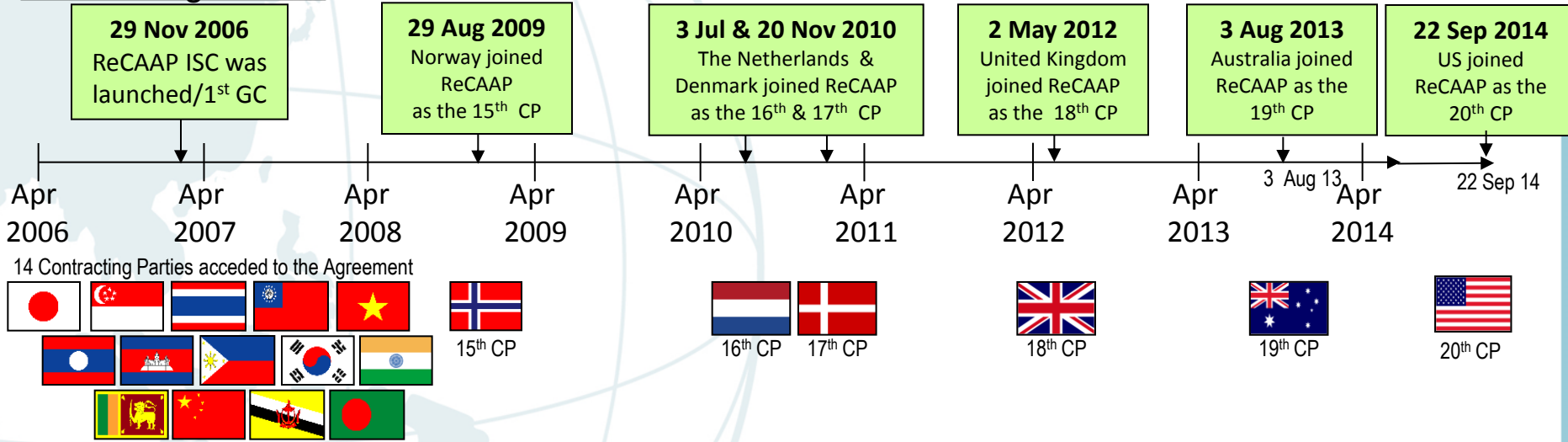


Mr Yoshiaki Ito & Mr Raymond Lim, Minister for Transport / 2nd Minister for Foreign Affairs



Contracting Parties/Partner Orgn

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Partner Organisations :



ReCAAP ISC Network



Focal Points :

Coast Guard

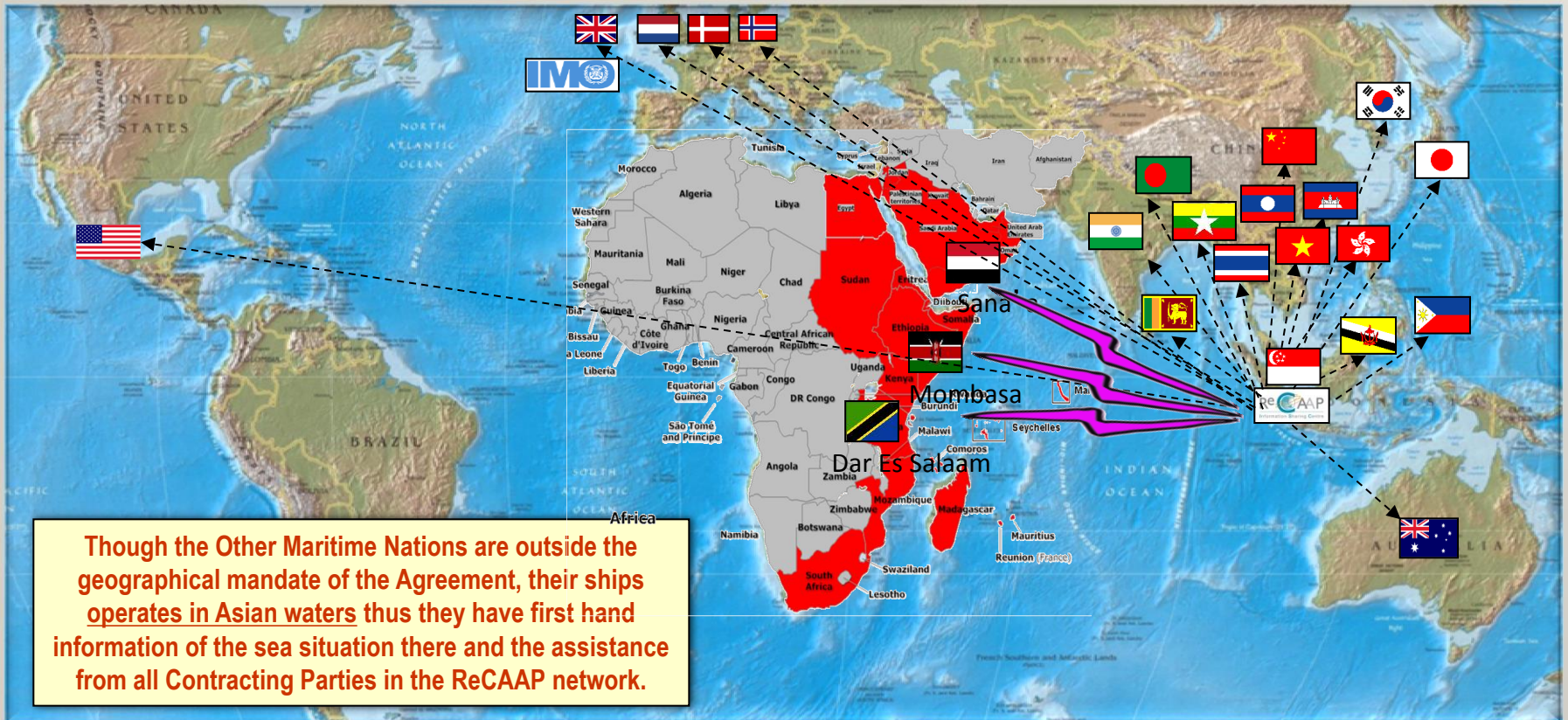
Navies

Marine Police

Customs

Port Authorities

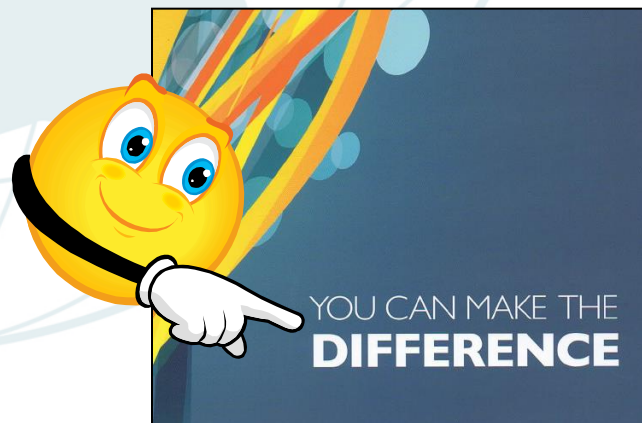
& Centre to Centre Linkages



Though the Other Maritime Nations are outside the geographical mandate of the Agreement, their ships operates in Asian waters thus they have first hand information of the sea situation there and the assistance from all Contracting Parties in the ReCAAP network.

Acknowledged/Recognized:

- Resources are LIMITED.
- Shared maritime responsibilities to suppress the maritime crime :
 - Law enforcement
 - Maritime community
- The need to :
 - Communicate (report/feedback)
 - Cooperate (Share Information)
 - Collaborate (Build Capacity)



Reality : **Resources are LIMITED**

NO ONE
AGENCY/ORGANISATION
CAN SUPPRESS PIRACY &
ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST
SHIPS

ALONE !!!

3 Pillars of the ReCAAP



MISSION : To enhance regional co-operation through *information sharing, capacity building* and *cooperative arrangements* in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

VISION : To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against Ships in Asia.



Key operating principles of ReCAAP ISC :
Respect for countries' sovereignty,
effectiveness & transparency.

Inter-twined relationship.



Information Sharing :

Cooperative Arrangement :

Capacity Building :

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The fundamental need to have “a face” to the emails, phone calls, faxes, etc.

Constant engagements to build relationships ... form teams enhance network establish trust



Capacity Building :

- Bonding & Confidence Building.
- Conduit for Communication linkages.
- Education & situation awareness.

Cooperative Arrangement.



Cooperative Arrangement :

- Bridging of operational gaps.
- Training & operational exchanges.
- Joint/collaborative activities.



Information Sharing



✓ Information Sharing :

- Meeting operational requirements.
- Provision of mutual support.
- Enlarge operational capability & capacity.



Information are SHARED instantaneously via a SECURED Web based VPN Network with all Focal Points

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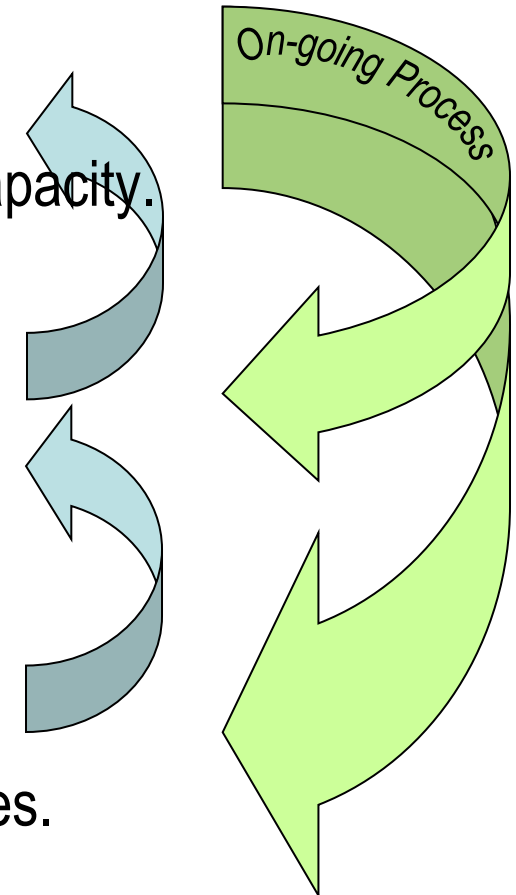
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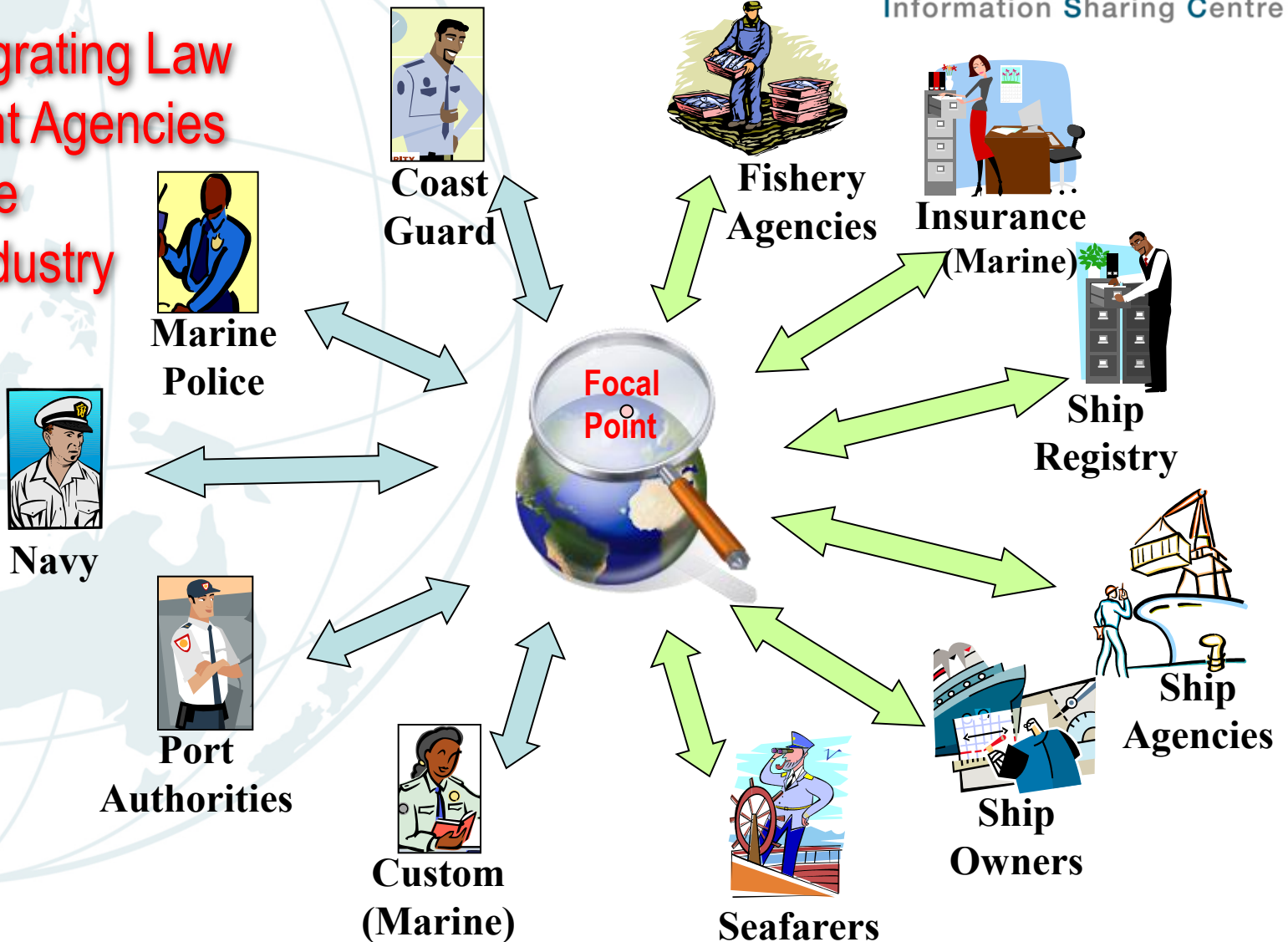
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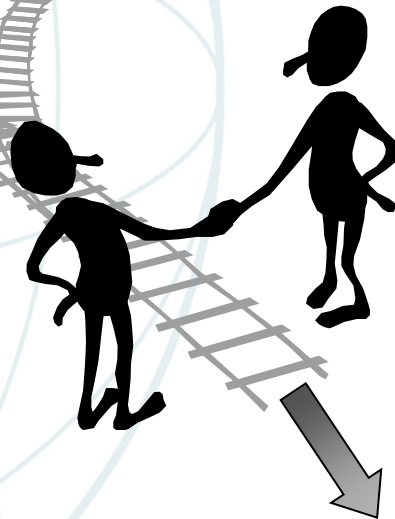
Integrating Law Enforcement Agencies with the Maritime Industry



Integrating LEAs with Industry

Law Enforcement Agencies

Maritime Industry



Shared Responsibility
to combat / suppress Piracy &
Armed Robbery at sea

ReCAAP ISC – C³ Network

(Communicate, Cooperate & Collaborate)



Enhancing Regional Cooperation

Situation Update : 2016 (Asia)

Piracy & Armed Robbery Situation in 2016 - (ASIA)

Total: 85 (5 piracy, 80 robberies)

❖ 76 actual, 9 attempted

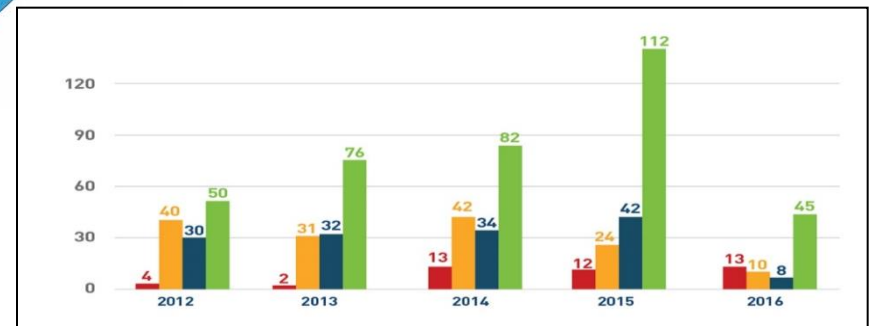
❖ Decrease across all CATs
(except CAT 1)

❖ 13 x CAT 1 incidents

☑ Abduction of crew (10)

(serious concern)

☑ Hijack of ships for oil cargo (3)



Situation in 2016 (Asia)



Compared to past 5 years :

- Lowest in overall number.
- 58% decrease compared to 2015

Areas contribute to decrease

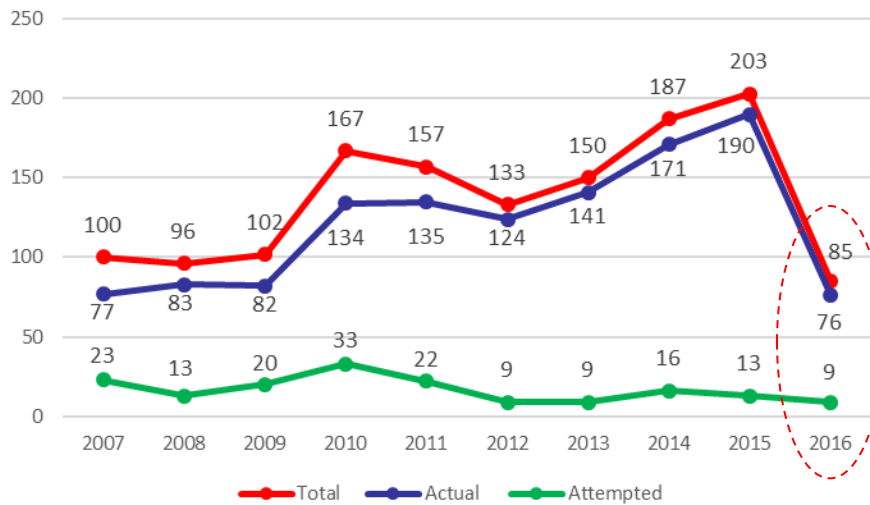
- Marked improvement in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS).
- Decrease in hijack of ships for oil cargo theft.
- Improvement at certain ports / anchorages.

Possible reasons for decrease :

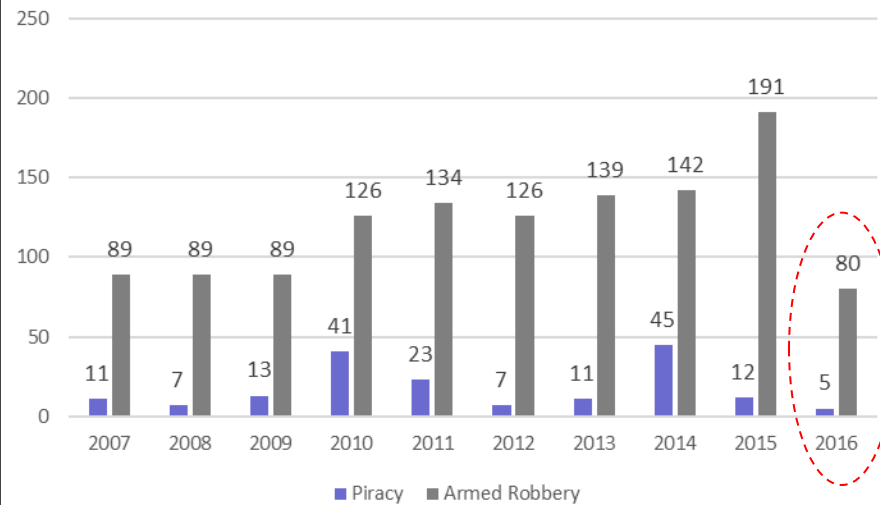
- Commitment and co-ordinated efforts by littoral States led to land operations / arrests of perpetrators / head of syndicate (Kingpin).
- Implement tight port security measures.
- Vigilance and anti-piracy measures by crew.

Situation (2012-2016)

Number of Incidents



Piracy vs Armed Robbery



- No. of incidents fluctuates
- **Lowest in 2016** year-on-year comparison (in the last 10 years)

Average ...10% piracy
90% armed robbery

Questions ??



Have a nice day !!!

THANK YOU

