



# Tackling piracy and sea robbery in the region

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## **About Singapore's maritime security and law enforcement agencies**

# Maritime Security Agencies



- Regulates port and marine services, facilities and activities
- Develop Singapore into a top international maritime centre
- Safeguard strategic maritime interests in the international arena



- Provides for seaward defence of Singapore and her SLOC
- Works closely with international and homefront maritime agencies
- Maritime Security Task Force – The Lead Agency for maritime security of Singapore



- Prevent, Deter and Detect Crime in Singapore Territorial Waters

# Responsibilities as a member of the international community

- Security of ships calling at the Singapore Port
- Security of Singapore-flagged ships calling at overseas ports
- Security of vital shipping lanes (e.g. SOMS)



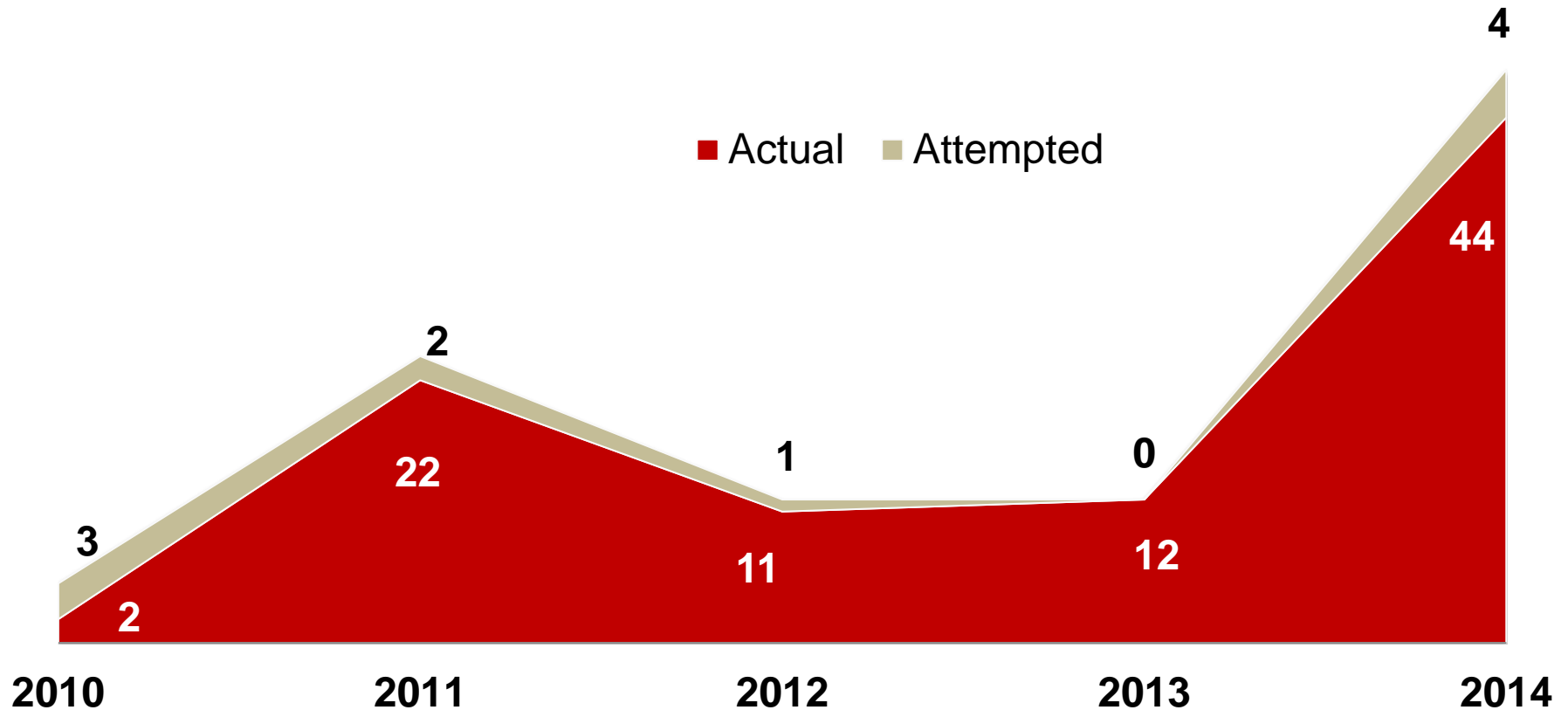




## Importance of key waterways in the region

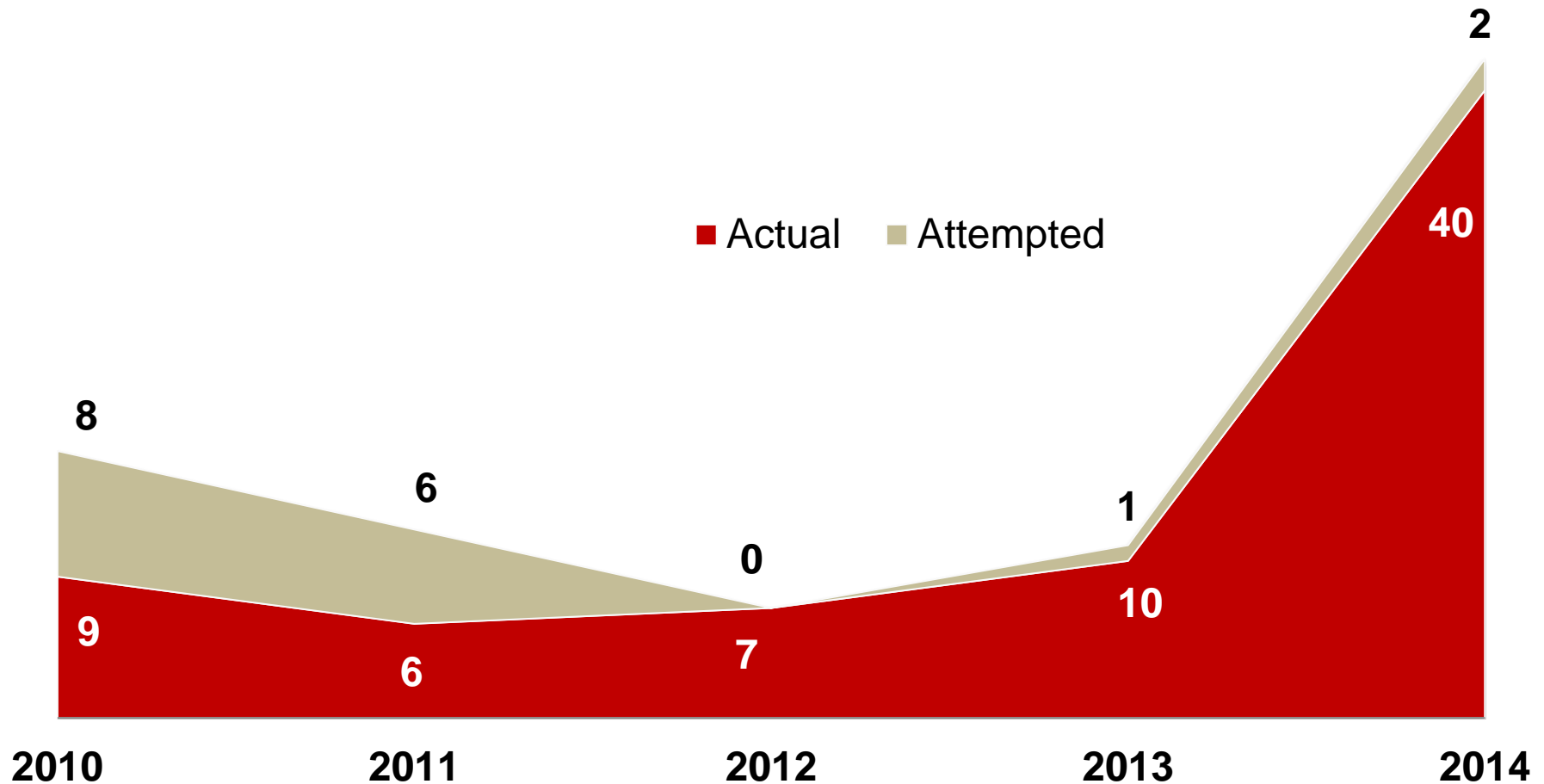


# Piracy and sea robbery situation in the SOMS



Source: ReCAAP ISC

# Piracy and sea robbery situation in the SCS



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## **Efforts to deter and combat piracy and sea robbery in the region**

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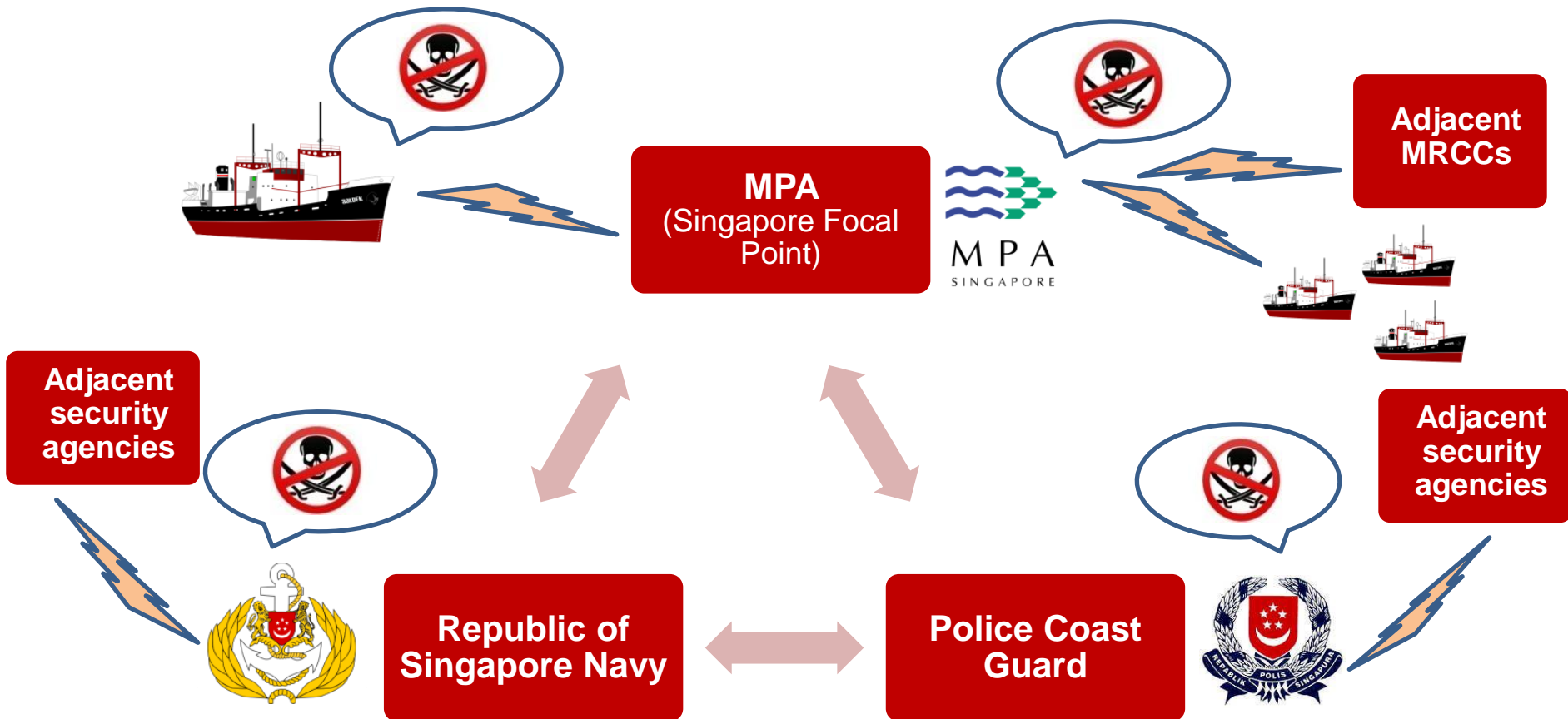
# Security of our port and port waters

## Coordinated efforts with security and enforcement agencies

- Multi-agency approach for smooth implementation of security measures:
  - Prohibited areas around sensitive installations
  - Designated routes for regional ferries and leisure craft
  - Designated landing points to facilitate customs and immigration
  - 24/7 Maritime Surveillance, Presence and Boarding Operations
- Formation of Task Forces, Committees and Working Groups to address different aspects of maritime security



# Interagency coordination & consultation for piracy and sea robberies in the region



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# Coordinated regional response

## Straits of Malacca and Singapore – consensus on 3 principles:

- 1 Primary responsibility for security of the Straits lies with littoral States
- 2 International community, including user States & the International Maritime Organization, has a role to play
- 3 New measures should be developed in line with international law and with respect for national sovereignty

## Malacca Strait Patrols

- Malacca Straits Sea Patrols (MSSP) launched in 2004
- 'Eyes in the Sky' maritime air patrols launched in 2005

## Indo-Sin Coordinated Patrol



# International/regional fora

## Continual Engagements with our Partners

- Annual Regional MARSEC Practitioner Course (RMPC)
- Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX)

## Influential voice in the International Maritime Organization

- IMO Council Member under Category “C”
- Vice-Chairmanship of the Maritime Safety Committee

## Active participation in ASEAN and other forums

- ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Maritime Forum
- ASEAN Defence Minister Plus (ADMM+) Forums
- Head of Asian Coast Guard Meeting (HACGAM)



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# Participation in ReCAAP

- Regional Co-operation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)
- Host country – ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre
- Co-host / co-organise ReCAAP ISC events and activities



8<sup>th</sup> Annual ReCAAP ISC Governing Council Meeting, Singapore



7<sup>th</sup> ReCAAP ISC Capacity Building Workshop, Busan, Republic of Korea



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# Industry engagement



**Consultative approach built on trust and credibility**

**Regular engagement through multiple channels**

- anti-piracy events jointly organised by the industry
- regular dialogue sessions
- one-to-one meetings



***Thank you***