

IFC Regional Maritime Security Situation Brief

**Illegal, Unregulated,
Unreported Fishing, &
Contraband Smuggling**

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Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)

Number of IUUF incidents in 2022: 559

↑ +54% vs 2021
364 incidents in 2021



- IFC recorded a total of 559 IUUF incidents in the IFC's AOI, which was 54% and 19% higher than 2021 (364 incidents) and 2020 (469 incidents) respectively
- The month of June accounted for the highest number of incidents (65 incidents). Consistent with the past two years, the month of December had the lowest incident numbers recorded at 24.



Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)

- Higher overall IUUF incidents attributed to:
 - Resumption on fishing activities in regional countries
 - Increase in OPCEN reporting in areas such as Northern Australia
 - Stepped-up enforcement efforts by authorities from countries like Malaysia, Thailand, India & Sri Lanka
- IFC assesses, the number of IUUF incidents in 2023 will likely continue to remain high, and possibly even increase

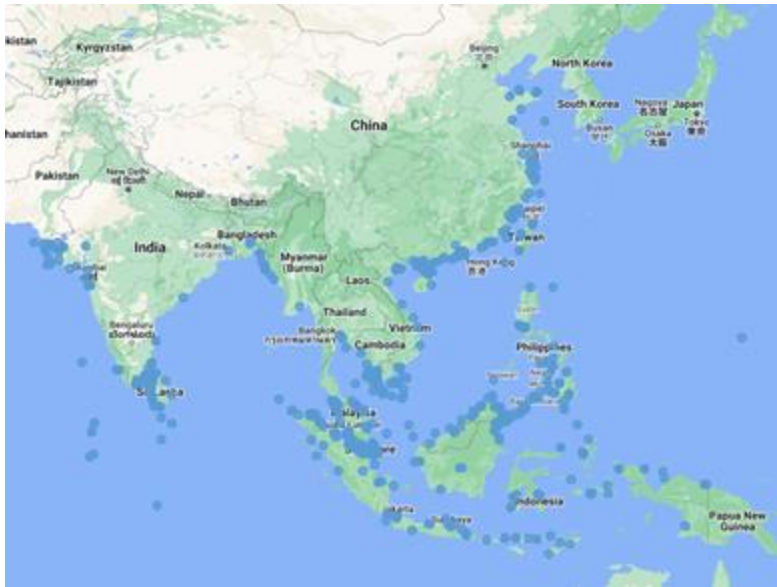




Contraband Smuggling (CS)

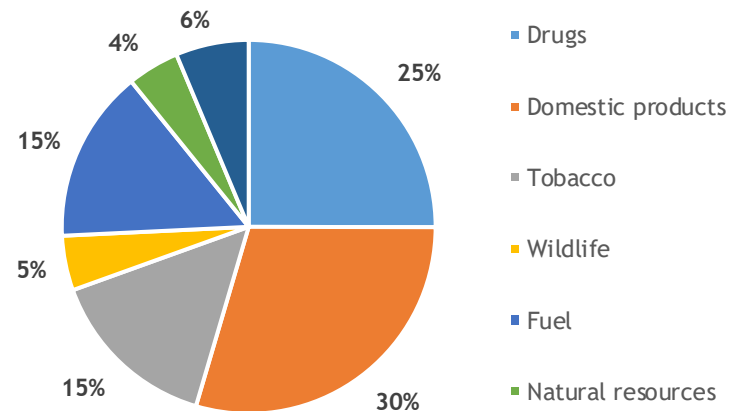
Number of CS incidents in 2022: 823

↑ +47% vs 2021
561 incidents in 2021

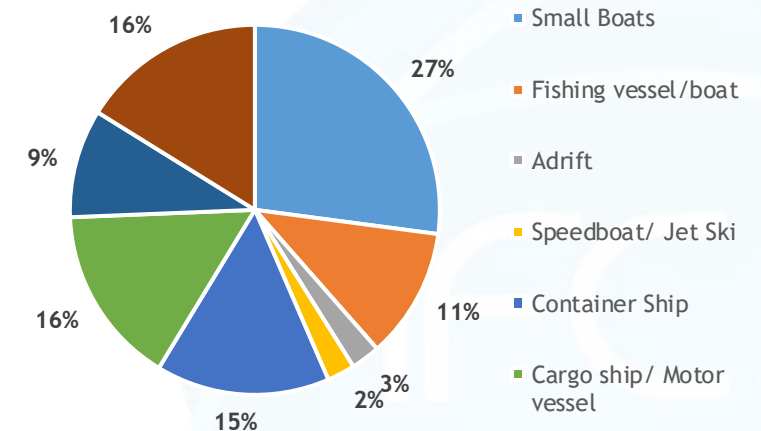


- The IFC recorded an increase in CS incidents
- Drugs and Domestic Product Smuggling incidents contributed to the majority of CS incidents

Type of Goods Smuggled



Type of Vessels Involved





Contraband Smuggling (CS)

South East Asia

- 1 • Most of the smuggling came from three categories: Domestic Products, Drugs (mainly methamphetamine), and Fuel

South Asia

- 2 • Drug smuggling in India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh was driven by the flow of Afghanistan heroin, smuggled by boat from the Persian Gulf, and also Meth (including yaba) coming from both Afghanistan and the Golden Triangle

North East Asia

- 3 • Smuggling of domestic products in China, Hong Kong and Macau, particularly frozen meat due to supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 restrictions in China and to avoid high tariffs.



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