

MARSEC Weekly Report

19 Sep – 25 Sep 26

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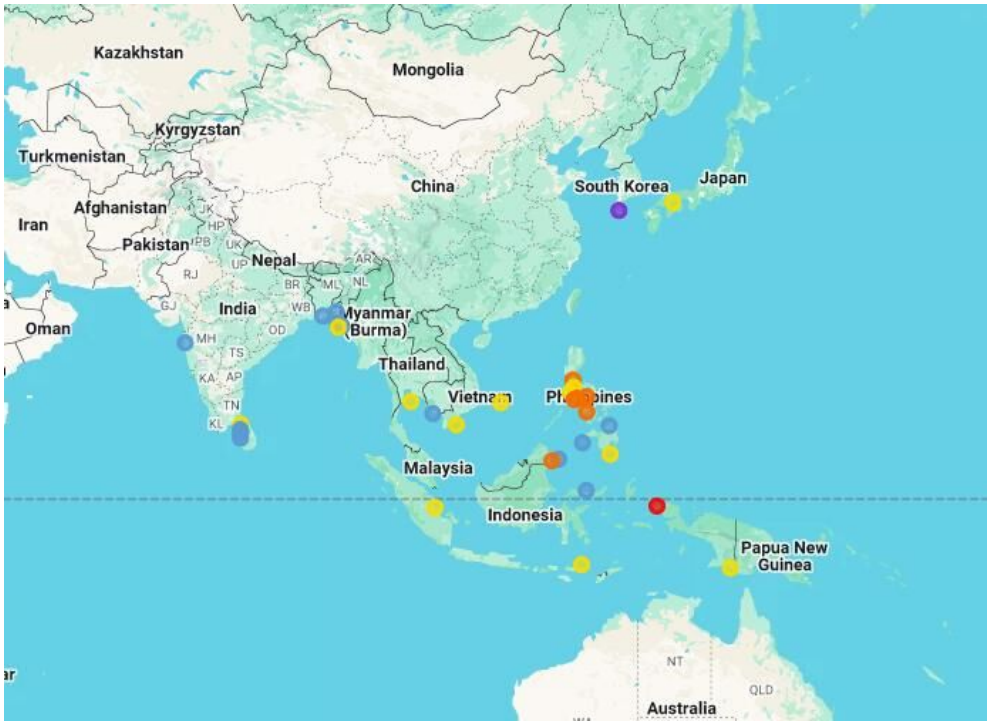
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 19 Sep – 25 Sep 26, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	26	4-9
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	16	10-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	27	14-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	20
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	22
Others	0	0	23

SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

Incidents:

19 Sep – Boarding/ Sea Theft/ 1 Pleasure Craft/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Off Jalan Usaha Mina, Sorong, Southwest Papua, Indonesia/ DB230926

On 19 Sep, at approximately 01:00 (UTC+9), a group of perpetrators boarded an unoccupied private yacht anchored off Jalan Usaha Mina, Sorong, SW Papua, Indonesia.

The vessel was boarded while the owner was ashore. The perpetrators stole high-value equipment and personal effects valued at approximately IDR 250 million (USD 14,000), including mobile phones, a laptop, a drone set, audio equipment, diving gear, a dive computer, spearguns, fishing tackle, and jerrycans.

Following a formal complaint filed, a joint operational force comprising the Sorong City Police Mangewang Mobile Brigade unit and the Macan sector police team initiated investigation operations. Police apprehended one suspect, following brief physical resistance in Sorong, Indonesia, and recovered a portion of the stolen items. Four additional accomplices remain at large and are currently listed on police wanted rosters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://en.antaranews.com/news/432165/indonesian-police-arrest-man-over-theft-from-german-owned-yacht

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR

SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

21 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ 1 Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mukaishima, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan/ DB220926

On 21 Sep, a small boat ran aground due to human error off Mukaishima, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/2f97055d86b5cd0636ffef76dd6abc01f631fa8e

21 Sep - Adrift/ No Fuel/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB220926

On 21 Sep, a fishing vessel was adrift after running out of fuel off Mannar, Sri Lanka. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://island.lk/navy-rescues-distressed-boat-with-two-fishermen/

20 Sep - Others/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 30 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Balahibong Manok, Tingloy, Batangas, Philippines/ DB220926

On 20 Sep, a cargo vessel was emitting smoke due to equipment failure off Balahibong Manok, Tingloy, Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 30 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FSV8x5UMp/

19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Olanivan Island, Sarangani, Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB220926

On 19 Sep, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Olanivan Island, Sarangani, Davao Occidental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18RCq1UZiD/

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19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Other/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ Off Barangay Barahan, Santa Cruz, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB220926

On 19 Sep, a small boat capsized as a dolphin leaped onto the vessel causing the vessel to be destabilised off Barangay Barahan, Santa Cruz, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines. One crew was rescued by nearby a fisherman.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DnthqCiUh/

22 Sep - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Container Vessel/ 25 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Vietnam/ DB230926

On 22 Sep, a container vessel was adrift due to unknown causes off Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 25 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://splash247.com/msc-ship-abandoned-and-adrift-in-south-china-sea/

21 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Dead, 4 Missing, 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Laem Pu Chao Mountain, Chon Buri Province, Thailand/ DB230926

On 21 Sep, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Laem Pu Chao Mountain, Chon Buri Province, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were three dead, four missing and 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3324185/fishing-boat-sinks-off-chon-buri-3-dead-4-missing?utm_source=gemini

19 Sep - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Speed Boat/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Mooi River Estuary, Waan District, Merauke Regency, South Papua, Indonesia/ DB230926

On 19 Sep, a speed boat went missing due to unknown causes off Mooi River Estuary, Waan District, Merauke Regency, South Papua, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://papua.antaranews.com/berita/768285/tim-sar-gabungan-cari-tiga-nelayan-hilang-di-waan-merauke?utm_source=gemini

19 Sep - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Wuring Harbor, Maumere, Indonesia/ DB230926

On 19 Sep, a fishing vessel was adrift due to unknown causes off Wuring Harbor, Maumere, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://ntt.viva.co.id/news/4003-ayah-anak-nelayan-sikka-yang-hilang-kontak-menuju-selayar-ditemukan-selamat?page=1

22 Sep - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Can Tho, Vietnam/ DB240926

On 22 Sep, a fishing vessel was adrift due to bad weather off Can Tho, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://vtv.vn/can-tho-tiep-nhan-5-ngu-dan-gap-nan-tren-bien-100260923174753593.htm?utm_source=gemini

23 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Tanker/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Majelis Bay, East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia/ DB250926

On 23 Sep, a tanker caught fire due to unknown causes off Majelis Bay, East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-8676401/kapal-mt-nurhasanah-lima-terbakar-di-perairan-tanjab-timur-5-abk-luka-bakar?utm_source=gemini

22 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Dead, 1 Missing, 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Baharchhara, Bangladesh/ DB250926

On 22 Sep, a small boat sank due to collision-grounding off Baharchhara, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were two dead, one missing, and 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://asianews.network/child-woman-die-as-boat-carrying-rohingya-refugees-sinks-off-bangladeshs-teknaf/?utm_source=gemini

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Off Ioujima, Nagasaki prefecture, Japan/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, a fishing vessel sank after colliding with a cargo vessel off Ioujima, Nagasaki prefecture, Japan. Two crew were rescued by the cargo vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/948ade7e2474e10a75fb189d2a77908505a00573

18 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nakpo Wharf, Nakpo-dong, Yeosu, ROK/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Nakpo Wharf, Nakpo-dong, Yeosu, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151266

18 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gunsan, ROK/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, a fishing vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Gunsan, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260919_0003796597

17 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Unknown Vessels/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nishinoshima-town, Shimane Prefecture, Japan/ DB210926

On 17 Sep, two unknown vessels sank due to unknown causes off Nishinoshima-town, Shimane Prefecture, Japan. SAR was conducted and there was one dead, one missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/72ad5e6ec76d3c71ec69f8449c3b944049e89720

14 Sep - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Ketam, Malaysia/ DB210926

On 14 Sep, a fishing vessel went missing due to unknown causes and there was one dead, one missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/3vntmsmu
https://tinyurl.com/yz739w5d

14 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Tugboat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Gunsan Port, ROK/ DB210926

On 14 Sep, a tugboat sank due to unknown causes at Gunsan Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260914_0003788752

10 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gwanlido, Gunsan, ROK/ DB210926

On 10 Sep, a fishing vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Gwanlido, Gunsan, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260911_0003785518

10 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sibidongpado, Okdo-myeon, Gunsan, ROK/ DB210926

On 10 Sep, a small boat was adrift due to equipment failure off Sibidongpado, Okdo-myeon, Gunsan, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260911_0003785518

17 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Other/ 1 Bulk Carrier vs 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Singapore/ DB220926

On 17 Sep, a bulk carrier collided with a fishing vessel due to heavy traffic in the vicinity off Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-chinese-fishing-vessel-survives-dangerous-encounter-with-a-bulker

16 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ Off IGIP Reconstruction Pier, Morowali, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB220926

On 16 Sep, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off International Green Industrial Park (IGIP) Reconstruction Pier, Morowali, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Seven crew were rescued by IGIP emergency response team.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://biz.kompas.com/read/2026/09/17/154531828/igip-selamatkan-tujuh-warga-morowali-yang-terjatuh-dari-perahu-ke-laut

15 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Piso, Banaybanay, Davao Oriental, Philippines / DB220926

On 15 Sep, a small boat was adrift due to equipment failure off Barangay Piso, Banaybanay, Davao Oriental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1HwozCPYj8/

18 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ Off Port of Gladstone, Queensland, Australia/ DB230926

On 18 Sep, a bulk carrier ran aground due to unknown causes off Port of Gladstone, Queensland, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-09-21/qld-cape-falcon-bulk-carrier-ship-runs-aground-gladstone/107178292

18 Sep - Others/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ Off Port of Dung Quat, Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam/ DB230926

On 18 Sep, a bulk carrier experienced hull damage and water ingress due to collision-grounding off Port of Dung Quat, Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://maritime-executive.com/article/capesize-bulker-suffers-flooding-off-dung-quat-vietnam

17 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Support Vessel/ SAR/ Hasa-Hasa Shoal, West Philippine Sea/ DB230926

On 17 Sep, a fishing support vessel ran aground due to unknown causes at Hasa-Hasa Shoal, West Philippine Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/1002806/bfar-vessel-runs-aground-at-hasa-hasa-shoal-in-west-ph-sea-pcg/story/

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SECTION D: ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING (IUUF)

Incidents:

23 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB240926

On 23 Sep, local authorities detained two local vessels and arrested six unknown fishermen due to unauthorised fishing and fishing with illegal gear off Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Dqt2rWzYC/

23 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Barangay Silum, Magdiwang, Romblon, Philippines/ DB240926

On 23 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Barangay Silum, Magdiwang, Romblon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DvAwFQxhB/

22 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Philippines Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kunak, Sabah/ DB240926

On 22 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and three Philippines fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kunak, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1UF1MnuG8G/

22 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sangley Point, Cavite City, Philippines/ DB240926

On 22 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and six unknown fishermen due to unauthorised fishing off Sangley Point, Cavite City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1J6Z4Ydx7n/

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20 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Northern Iloilo, Philippines/ DB240926

On 20 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen due to unauthorised fishing off Northern Iloilo, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DEdDGN9eE/

23 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Brgy. Ambulong, Ilin Island, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB250926

On 23 Sep, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested seven local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Brgy. Ambulong, Ilin Island, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Gae3UQteu/

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 31 Chinese Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Baengnyeongdo, Ongjin-gun, ROK/ DB210926

On 16 Sep, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels and arrested 31 Chinese fishermen after encroaching the Northern Limit Line (NLL) off Baengnyeongdo, Ongjin-gun, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260917_0003794316

10 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Chinese Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Daecheongdo, Ongjin-gun, Incheon, ROK/ DB210926

On 10 Sep, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 10 Chinese fishermen due to license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Daecheongdo, Ongjin-gun, Incheon, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260911_0003786478

17 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Thong Puk Subdistrict, Kanchanadit District, Surat Thani Province, Thailand/ DB220926

On 17 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen due to fishing without a valid license and fishing with illegal gear off Thong Puk Subdistrict, Kanchanadit District, Surat Thani Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14pGPomnxkj/

17 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Koh Mat Wai Yai, Dan Sawi Subdistrict, Sawi District, Chumphon Province, Thailand/ DB220926

On 17 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Koh Mat Wai Yai, Dan Sawi Subdistrict, Sawi District, Chumphon Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HbbtWT2af/

17 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sitio California, Brgy. Opong, Taganaan, Surigao, Philippines/ DB220926

On 17 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Sitio California, Brgy. Opong, Taganaan, Surigao, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E2BiUkJnZ/

10 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Nghia Hung Village, Quynh Phu Commune, Nghe An Province, Vietnam/ DB220926

On 10 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested a local fisherman due to seizure of illegal gear off Nghia Hung Village, Quynh Phu Commune, Nghe An Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-145-kip-no-va-thuoc-no-tren-tau-ca-post507479.html

08 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, India/ DB220926

On 8 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested nine local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://newstodaynet.com/2026/09/09/nine-tuticorin-fishermen-detained-near-lakshadweep/

17 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Batan, Aklan, Philippines/ DB240926

On 17 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen due to unauthorised fishing and fishing with illegal gear off Batan, Aklan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EznEdMkPG/

14 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Thi Nai Lagoon, Nhan An Village, Tuy Phuoc Commune, Gia Lai Province, Vietnam/ DB240926

On 14 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen due to seizure of illegal fishing gear in Thi Nai Lagoon, Nhan An Village, Tuy Phuoc Commune, Gia Lai Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tam-giu-2-tau-ca-tang-tru-kich-dien-de-khai-thac-thuy-san-post507707.html

14 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Badu Island, Torres Strait, Australia/ DB240926

On 14 Sep, local authorities detained an Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested unknown Indonesian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Badu Island, Torres Strait, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Operation-BROADSTAFF-maintains-pressure-on-illegal-foreign-fishing-in-Torres-Strait-.aspx

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

20 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cardamom and Ginger/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Baththalangunduwa, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB210926

On 20 Sep, local authorities seized cardamom and ginger from a fishing vessel off Baththalangunduwa, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-thwarts-smuggling-attempt-consignment-of-spices-seized-with-5-suspects-in-kalpitiya-seas.html

19 Sep - Domestic Products/ Fertilizer (12,000kg), Garlic (3,800kg) and Onion (4,500kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB210926

On 19 Sep, local authorities seized 12,000kg of fertilizer, 3,800kg of garlic and 4,500kg of onion from a small baot off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/bdd49ed3

21 Sep - Drugs/ Yaba (14,000 Pieces)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Naf River, Bangladesh/ DB220926

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 14,000 pieces of Yaba from an unknown vessel in the Naf River, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/2rffbnd6

22 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (94 Master Cases and 34 Reams)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Barangay Campo Islam, Philippines/ DB230926

On 22 Sep, local authorities seized 94 master cases and 34 reams of cigarettes from a small boat at Barangay Campo Islam, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.philstar.com/nation/2026/09/23/2558152/p14-million-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-zamboanga

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21 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (821kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Puttalam, Sri Lanka/ DB230926

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 821kg of Kendu leaves from two small boats Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-821kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-puttalam.html

21 Sep - Chemical Substances/ Cyanide (3,000kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Philippines to Indonesia/ Off North Gorontalo Regency, Indonesia/ DB240926

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 3,000kg of cyanide from a small boat off North Gorontalo Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/693/lanal-gorontalo-menggagalkan-penyelundupan-3-ton-sianida-asal-filipina

21 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (409kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Kudamaduwella Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB240926

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 409kg of Kendu leaves at Kudamaduwella Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/09/22/202609221025/

24 Sep - Domestic Products/ Fertilizer (30,000kg)/ Unknown Cargo Vessels/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB250926

On 24 Sep, local authorities seized 30,000kg of fertilizer from unknown number of cargo vessels off Chattogram, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/588a9we5

24 Sep - Fuel, Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Petrol (600 Litres), Gas Cylinder (7), Empty Fuel Container (20), Cigarettes (40,000)/ 2 Small Boats/ From Sabah to Unknown/ Off Tanjung Sinakut, Felda Sahabat, Lahad Datu, Sabah/ DB250926

On 24 Sep, local authorities seized 600 litres of petrol, seven gas cylinders, 20 empty fuel containers and 40,000 cigarettes from two small boats off Tanjung Sinakut, Felda Sahabat, Lahad Datu, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/mr268pdw

24 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Port of Nasipit, Agusan del Norte, Philippines/ DB250926

On 24 Sep, local authorities seized cigarettes from container trucks at the Port of Nasipit, Agusan del Norte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tribune.net.ph/2026/09/24/p32-b-smuggled-cigarettes-seized

23 Sep - Drugs and Weapons/ Narcotics (840kg), Firearms (49), Magazines (108), Ammunition (7,937), Suppressors (8)/ 1 Speed Boat/ From Unknown to Cambodia/ Off Koh Russei, Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia/ DB250926

On 23 Sep, local authorities seized 840kg of narcotics, 49 firearms, 108 magazines, 7,937 rounds of ammunition and eight suppressors from a speed boat off Koh Russei, Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14p6G3RZvXP/

23 Sep - Domestic Products/ Textile (14,973)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Patharghata, Barguna, Bangladesh/ DB250926

On 23 Sep, local authorities seized 14,973 textiles from a fishing vessel off Patharghata, Barguna, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/3u38wsvm

23 Sep - Domestic Products/ Firecrackers (19,800)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Unknown to India/ Nhava Sheva Port, Maharashtra, India/ DB250926

On 23 Sep, local authorities seized 19,800 firecrackers from a container vessel at Nhava Sheva Port, Maharashtra, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.jurishour.in/indirect-taxes/firecrackers-bottles-wallpaper-nhava-sheva-port/

22 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (908kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Gagewadiya, Puttalam, Sri Lanka/ DB250926

On 22 Sep, local authorities seized 908kg of Kendu leaves at Gagewadiya, Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-over-900kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-puttalam.html

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cement (25,500kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Bangla Bazar Ghat, Bangladesh/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, local authorities seized 25,500kg of cement from a small boat off Bangla Bazar Ghat, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/2evmednf

18 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (810kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, local authorities seized 810kg of Kendu leaves from a small boat off Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/si/operations-news/2026/september/navy-foils-smuggling-attempt-over-810kg-of-kendu-leaves-seized-off-negombo.html

17 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cement (37,500kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Patenga, Bangladesh/ DB210926

On 17 Sep, local authorities seized 37,500kg of cement from a small boat off Patenga, Bnagladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/2evmednf

17 Sep - Natural Resources/ Tin Sand (9,000kg)/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Selindang Hamlet Harbour, Senyubuk Village, Kelapa Kampit District, East Belitung, Indonesia/ DB210926

On 17 Sep, local authorities seized 9,000kg of tin sand at Selindang Hamlet Harbour, Senyubuk Village, Kelapa Kampit District, East Belitung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/692/polres-belitung-timur-gagalkan-penyelundupan-9-ton-pasir-timah-ke-malaysia

17 Sep - Drugs/ Ketamine (1kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to ROK/ Gwangchigi Beach, ROK/ DB210926

On 17 Sep, local authorities seized 1kg of ketamine at Gwangchigi Beach, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260917_0003794531https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260917_0003794531

15 Sep - Domestic Products/ Agricultural Products (5 Tons)/ From China to ROK/ Pyeontaek, ROK/ DB210926

On 15 Sep, local authorities seized 5 tons of agricultural products at Pyeontaek, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260915_0003789767

12 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (23,680,000 Sticks)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Dwikora Port, Pontianak, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB210926

On 12 Sep, local authorities seized 23,680,000 sticks of cigarettes from a cargo vessel at Dwikora Port, Pontianak, West Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/691/kodaeral-xii-pontianak-gagalkan-penyelundupan-23-6-juta-batang-rokok-ilegal-di-pelabuhan-dwikora

16 Sep - Natural Resources/ Tin Sand (8 Tons)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to Unknown/ Roda Emas Port, Lenggang Gantung District, East Belitung Regency, Indonesia/ DB220926

On 16 Sep, local authorities seized eight tons of tin sand from an unknown vessel at Roda Emas Port, Lenggang Gantung District, East Belitung Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://babel.antaranews.com/berita/583023/ditpolairud-polda-babel-gagalkan-penyelundupan-8-ton-pasir-timah-di-belitung-timur

15 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,550,000 Sticks)/ 2 Speed Boats/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Sungai Seguntur, Sabah/ DB220926

On 15 Sep, local authorities seized 3,550,000 sticks of cigarettes from two speed boats in Sungai Seguntur, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/ppm-sprm-bongkar-penyeludupan-rokok-rm4-89-juta/

03 Sep - Drugs/ Etomidate Vape (40 Cartridges)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Singapore to Indonesia/ Harbour Bay International Ferry Terminal, Indonesia/ DB220926

On 3 Sep, local authorities seized 40 cartridges of etomidate vapes from a passenger on a passenger vessel at Harbour Bay International Ferry Terminal, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://revamp.nst.com.my/news/nation/2026/09/1537605/singaporean-woman-nabbed-batam-40-etomidate-vape-cartridges-underwear?utm_source=gemini

12 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (6,650 Reams)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Barangay Sinunuc, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB240926

On 12 Sep, local authorities seized 6,650 reams of cigarettes from an unknown vessel off Barangay Sinunuc, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ho7YKuypM/

02 Sep - Drugs/ Cannabis (535kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Thailand to China/ Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong, China/ DB240926

On 2 Sep, local authorities seized 535kg of cannabis from a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5643.html?p=1&y=&m=

09 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (47.57kg), Ecstasy Pills (20,044), Etomidate (9 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Rokan Hilir, Riau, Indonesia/ DB250926

On 9 Sep, local authorities seized 47.57kg of meth, 20,044 pills of ecstasy and nine litres of etomidate from a small boat off Rokan Hilir, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/694/bareskrim-bongkar-penyelundupan-47-5-kg-sabu-dan-20-ribu-ekstasi-di-riau

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

22 Sep - Illegal Documentation/ 18 Unknown Nationals/ Jeju Port, ROK/ DB230926

On 22 Sep, local authorities arrested 18 unknown nationals at Jeju Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151337

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 36 Indonesian Migrants/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Perak, Malaysia/ DB210926

On 18 Sep, local authorities arrested 36 Indonesian migrants from a fishing vessel off Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://sarawakdaily.com/mmea-detains-vessel-36-indonesians-illegal/

18 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ 1 Indian and 1 Sri Lankan Migrant/ From Unknown, Through Indonesia to Australia/ Bolok Ferry Port, Kupang, Indonesia/ DB220926

On 18 Sep, local authorities arrested one Indian and one Sri Lankan migrant from an unknown vessel at Bolok Ferry Port, Kupang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://regional.kompas.com/read/2026/09/21/140129678/polda-ntt-gagalkan-penyelundupan-2-wna-ke-australia-lewat-rote-ndao-1-wni?utm_source=gemini

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Sep – Maritime Pollution/ Oil Spill/ Unknown Vessels/ No Impact/ Off Busan Port, ROK/ DB210926

On 13 Sep, there was an oil spill observed off Busan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260913_0003787326

SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.

2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).

3. All mariners are advised to 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, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).

4. All mariners to take note of the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.

5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

   Email: information_fusion_centre@defence.gov.sg
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The IFC seeks your observations during your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.

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PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2025

IFC Infographic on CCTV Footage and Photo Evidence of Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait
IFC Recommended Measures to Deter Unauthorised Boardings in Singapore Strait
IFC Spot Commentary 02/25 – Phillip Channel - 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night on 5 Jun 2025
IFC Spot Commentary 01/25 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2025

2024

IFC Spot Commentary 03/24 –Phillip Channel – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night
IFC Spot Commentary 02/24 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2024
IFC Spot Commentary 01/24 – Singapore Strait – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

2023

IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

2021

IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 - Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait
Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)
Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches
IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

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2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches
IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019
IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah
IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.
IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tugboat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.
IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.
IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

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Note: Information herein were derived and compiled through the collaborative efforts of our International Liaison Officers (ILOs), utilising a combination of open-source news/reports and voluntary data-sharing from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs, and other maritime stakeholders.

Given that IFC's information-sharing mechanism relies heavily on availability of reports online and voluntary contributions, certain data gaps or "blind spots" may exist in terms of trending and analysis. Areas that have no or limited reported incidents should thus not be assumed to be "incident free"; likewise, in comparison, areas with high reported incident numbers should not be assumed to be "danger areas". We applaud all partners who have stepped up enforcement efforts and openly reported the incidents for shared awareness. Seafarers should remain vigilant at all times, especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries.

Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.

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