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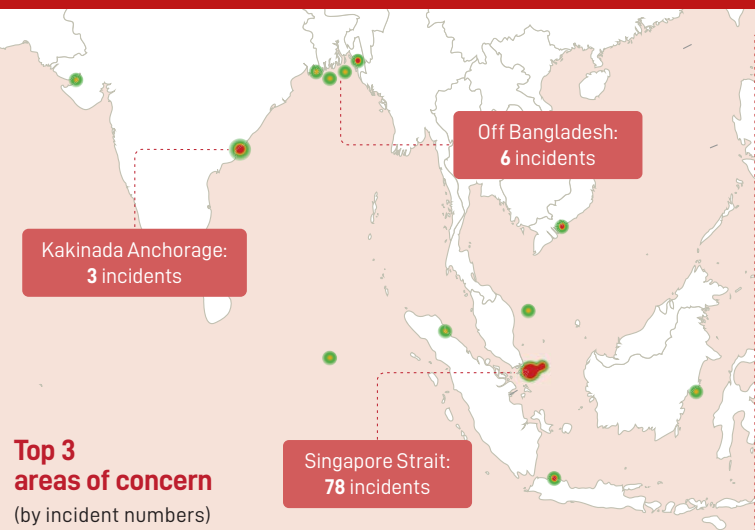
MID-YEAR REPORT 2025 (JAN-JUN) MARSEC OVERVIEW IN IFC'S AREA OF INTEREST

In the first half of 2025, the IFC recorded a total of 1,183 incidents, a 23% decrease from the same period in 2024 (1,529 incidents), which is due to a significant drop in incidents numbers for the MARSEC categories of (a) Maritime Incidents (MI), (b) Contraband Smuggling (CS), and (c) Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF).

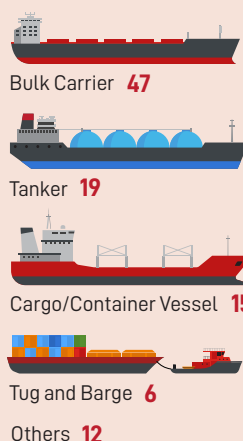
THEFT, ROBBERY, AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(66 in 2024 over same period)

99 **50%**



Types of vessels targeted



OBSERVATIONS

- The number of incidents has increased compared to the same period in 2024. The increase is mainly in the Singapore Strait, likely due to the combined effects of (a) Northeast Monsoon (Dec to Mar), which exacerbated the challenging sea conditions in the South China Sea and affected fishing activity/yield; and (b) increased financial burdens leading up to festivities, causing locals to resort to petty crime in coastal waters to supplement their income.
- Based on past trends, the IFC expects the number of incidents in the second half of 2025 to remain high, likely due to increased financial obligations leading up to year-end festivities, and poor sea conditions caused by the Southwest Monsoon (Jul-Sep), which may continue disrupting fishing activities.

MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

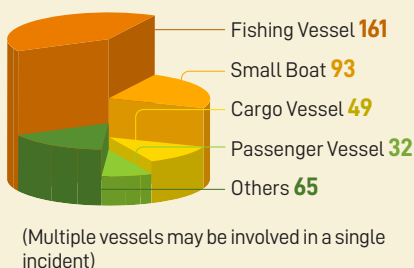
Reported incidents in 2025:
(478 in 2024 over same period)

359 **25%**

Top 3 types of incidents

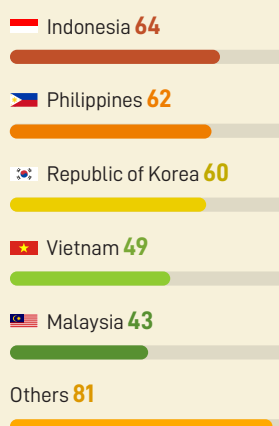


Types of vessels



Compared to 2024, the number of dead/missing persons in 2025 more than doubled, largely due to two incidents in May involving small boats that sank while carrying a total of 487 persons

Locations of incidents



OBSERVATIONS

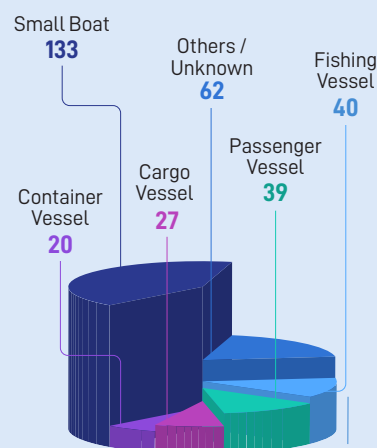
- The number of incidents has decreased significantly compared to the same period in 2024, largely due to a drop in incidents in Indonesia, which faced severe weather conditions last year. Bad weather and equipment failures continue to be the main causes of the incidents.
- Based on past trends, the IFC expects the number of incidents in the second half of 2025 to increase, likely due to the onset of the Southwest Monsoon (Jul-Sep) and Pacific Typhoon Season (Jul-Oct), leading to rougher seas and more extreme weather conditions that may impact maritime activities.

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

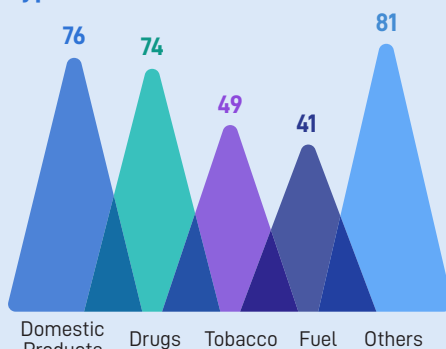
Reported incidents in 2025:
(460 in 2024 over same period)

321 **30%**

Types of vessels



Types of contraband



Alcohol is the most commonly smuggled domestic product, while Methamphetamine is the top smuggled drug.

OBSERVATIONS

- The number of incidents has decreased compared to the same period in 2024, likely due to enhanced enforcement efforts and cross-border collaborations by law enforcement agencies, making it difficult for CS activities to take place.
- The IFC expects CS to remain an area of concern in the second half of 2025, likely due to the increasingly unstable global economic and political conditions, which may impact enforcement efforts.



ILLEGAL, UNREGULATED, AND UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(433 in 2024 over same period)

335 ^{23%}

Top 3 IUUF locations

Australia 102

Malaysia 78

Republic of Korea 34

Top 3 local locations

Malaysia 69

Philippines 25

Republic of Korea 21

Top 3 poaching locations

Australia 102

Republic of Korea 13

Sri Lanka 12



OBSERVATIONS

1. The number of incidents has decreased compared to the same period in 2024, with the majority occurring mainly in the waters off Australia, Malaysia, and Republic of Korea.
2. The IFC expects the number of incidents in the second half of 2025 to be comparable to last year, likely driven by similar trends observed in 2024, and shifting fish migration patterns due to climate change, which continue to push fishermen away from traditional habitats.

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(70 in 2024 over same period)

44 ^{37%}

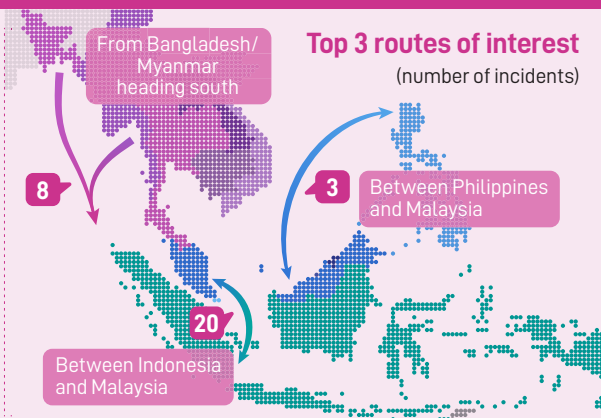
Top 3 departure locations

(number of migrants)

Bangladesh / Myanmar 998

Indonesia 277

Malaysia 137



Top 3 routes of interest

(number of incidents)

OBSERVATIONS

1. The number of incidents has decreased compared to the same period in 2024, likely due to the prolonged poor sea conditions caused by the extended Northeast Monsoon, and enhanced enforcement efforts by regional authorities, making it difficult for IHM activities to take place. However, there has been a pronounced increase in the number of people heading south from Bangladesh and Myanmar, likely due to the deterioration of conditions within UN displaced persons camps in Bangladesh.
2. The IFC expects IHM to remain an area of concern in the second half of 2025, as economic or political insecurity, conflict, and displacement of minorities continue to be main IHM catalysts.

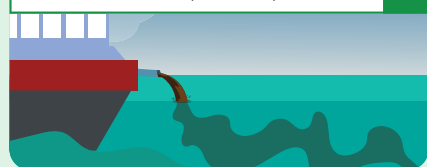
ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(18 in 2024 over same period)

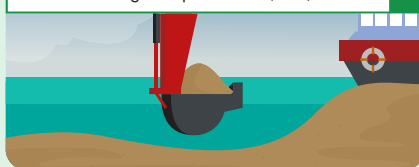
19 ^{6%}

Types of incidents

Maritime Pollution (MARPOL) 17



Maritime Illegal Exploitation (MIE) 1



Others 1

OBSERVATIONS

1. The number of incidents remained comparable to the same period in 2024. The majority of the incidents are due to MARPOL, mainly in waters off Republic of Korea, Indonesia, and Thailand.
2. The IFC expects ENVSEC to remain an area of concern in the second half of 2025, likely due to continued high levels of maritime activity, which contribute to a high likelihood of indiscriminate waste disposal from ships, and a heightened risk of spillages and accidents.

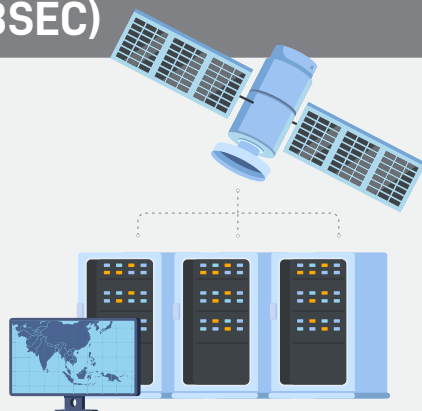
CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(4 in 2024 over same period)

6 ^{50%}

OBSERVATIONS

1. While the overall number of incidents remained low, it is likely that many incidents remain unreported.
2. The IFC expects cyber security threats in the industry to remain significant in the second half of 2025, as demonstrated by the cyberattacks and subsea cable incidents that continue to occur globally.



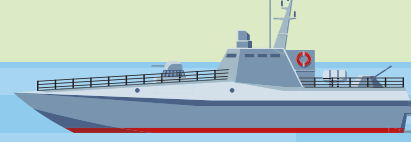
MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

Reported incidents in 2025:
(0 in 2024 over same period)

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OBSERVATIONS

There has been no incident since 2021, likely due to the ongoing enforcement effort by authorities.



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