

IFC Monthly MARSEC Report Map April 2017

The Information Fusion Centre (IFC) Monthly MARSEC Report Map aims to provide the shipping industry with a graphic situational awareness review of the eight maritime threats monitored by the IFC in its Area of Interest.



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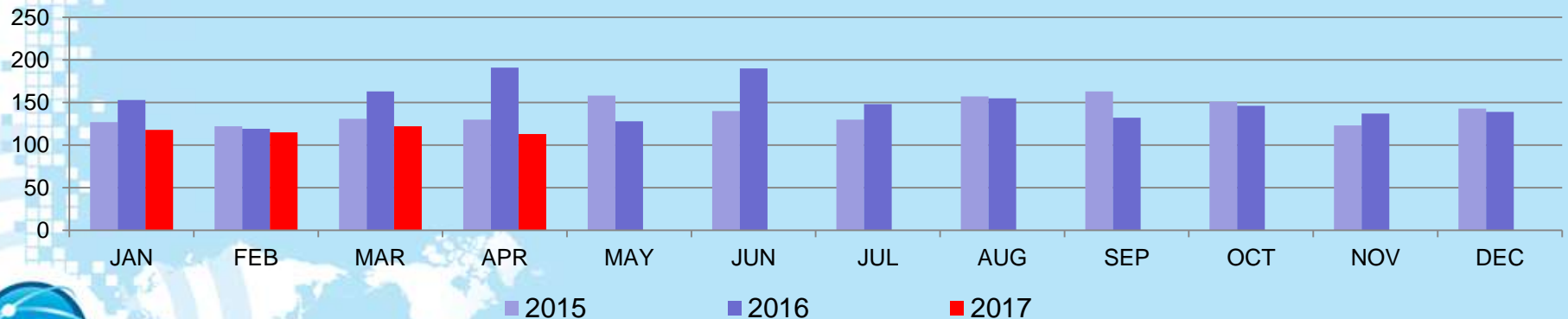


IFC AOI – MARSEC EVENTS APRIL 2017



	APRIL 2017	TOTAL 2017	APR 2016	APR 2015
Piracy / Sea Robbery	3	31	18	26
IUU Fishing	32	119	63	29
Irregular Human Migration	7	23	13	8
Maritime Incident	47	182	54	39
Contraband Trafficking	26	108	42	27
Weapons Trafficking	0	0	0	1
Maritime Terrorism	1	7	2	0
Others	1	4	1	0

Total Number of Incidents by Month



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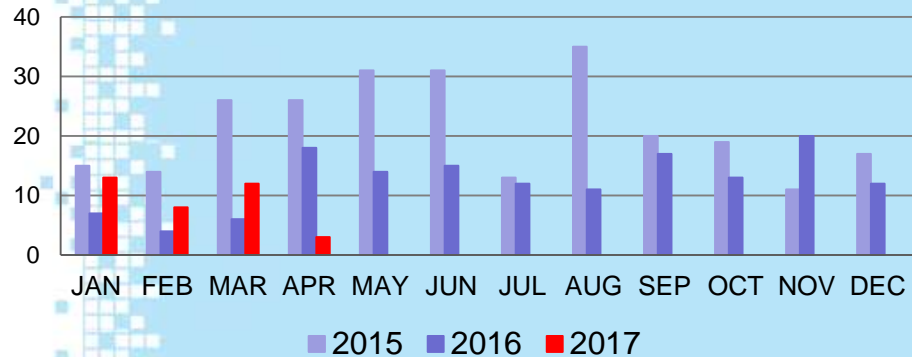
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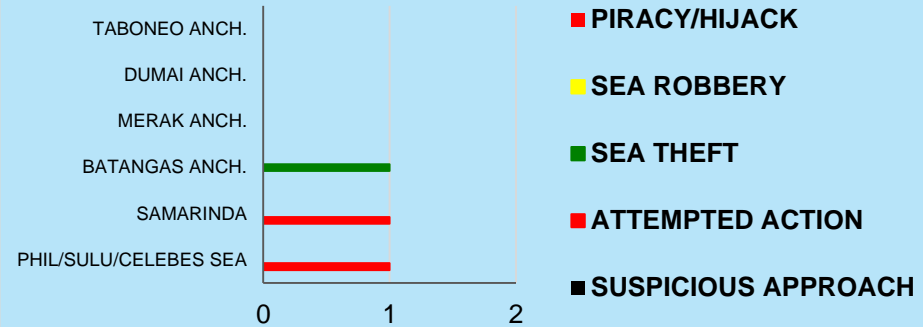
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TRAPS & MT – April Executive Summary

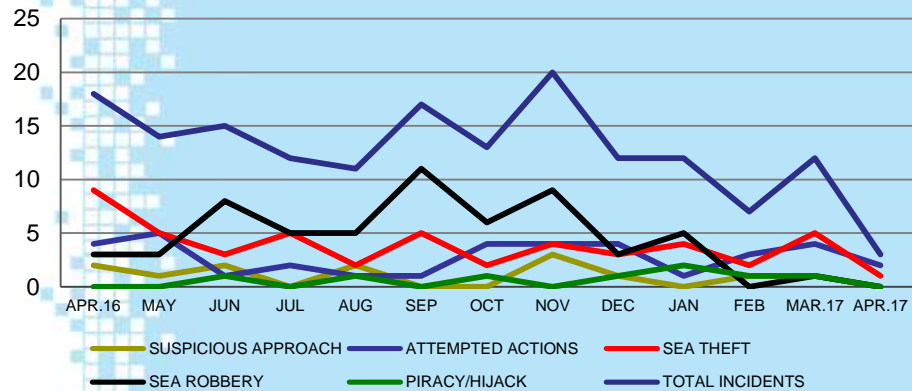
Number of Incidents this Month



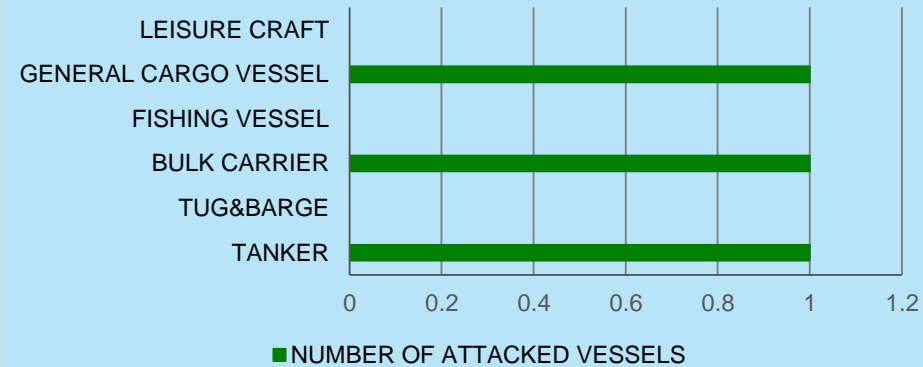
Type of Incidents and Location



Type of Incidents



Type of Attacked Vessels



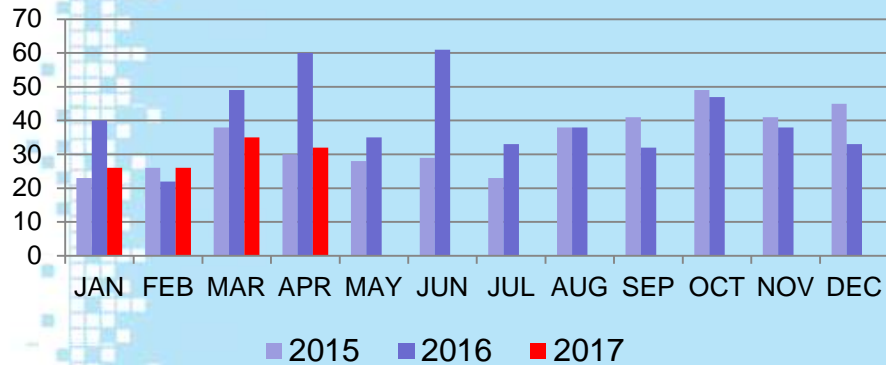
KEY EVENTS :

- MV DOÑA ANABELLE was fired upon and boarding was attempted 50 NM off Zamboanga del Norte. The attempt was thwarted by the timely presence of Philippine Government forces after receiving a distress call. It has not been confirmed the perpetrators were related to the ASG.
- In this period no ASG attack with maritime nexus were recorded in Sulu and Celebes seas, attributed to Philippine Government forces operations carried out in said area. The incident reflected in the data was a case of a hostage beheading.

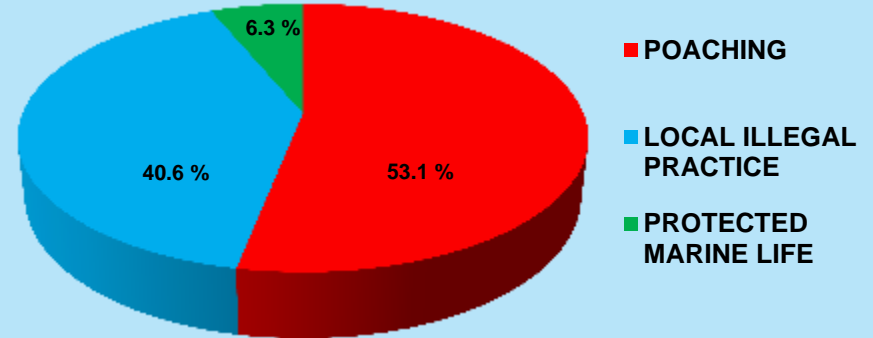


IUU Fishing - April Executive Summary

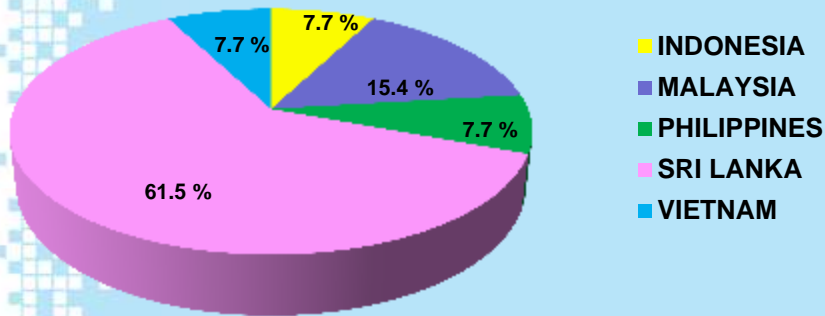
Number of Incidents this Month



Type of Incidents



Illegal Practices by Local Vessel



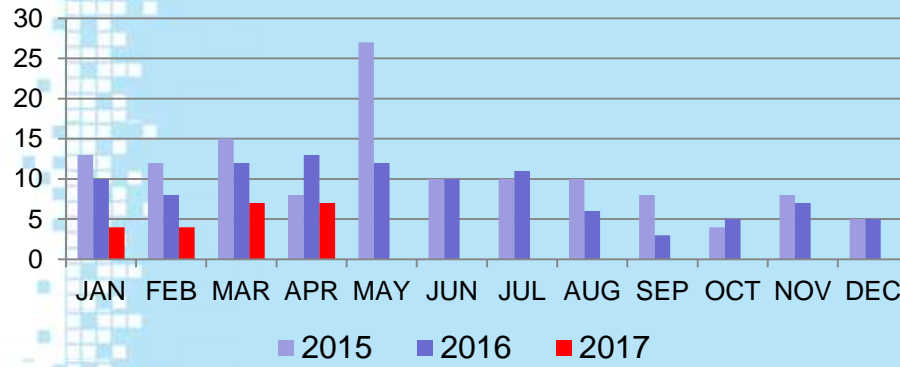
KEY EVENTS :

- A water-gel explosive was found for conducting IUU in Sri Lanka's waters. It is a fuel sensitized explosive mixture consisting of an aqueous ammonium nitrate solution. Water gels that are cap-insensitive are referred to under United States safety regulations as blasting agents.
- The numbers in some areas may be attributed to the stringent preventive measures undertaken by the local authorities as well as active reporting of the incidents by resident media.

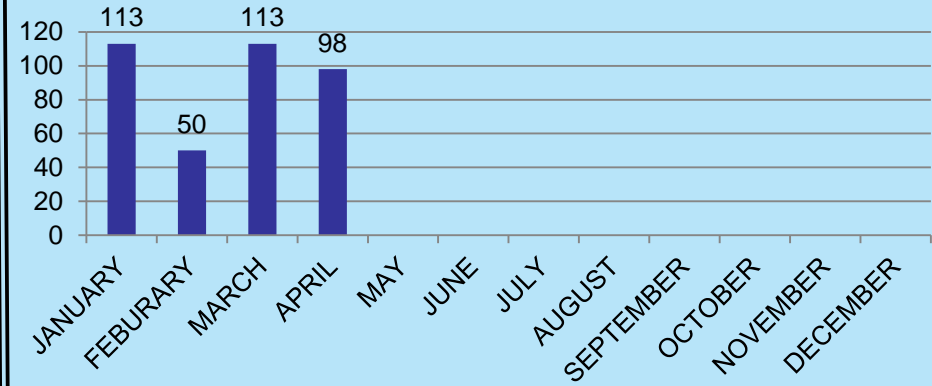


Irregular Human Migration - April Executive Summary

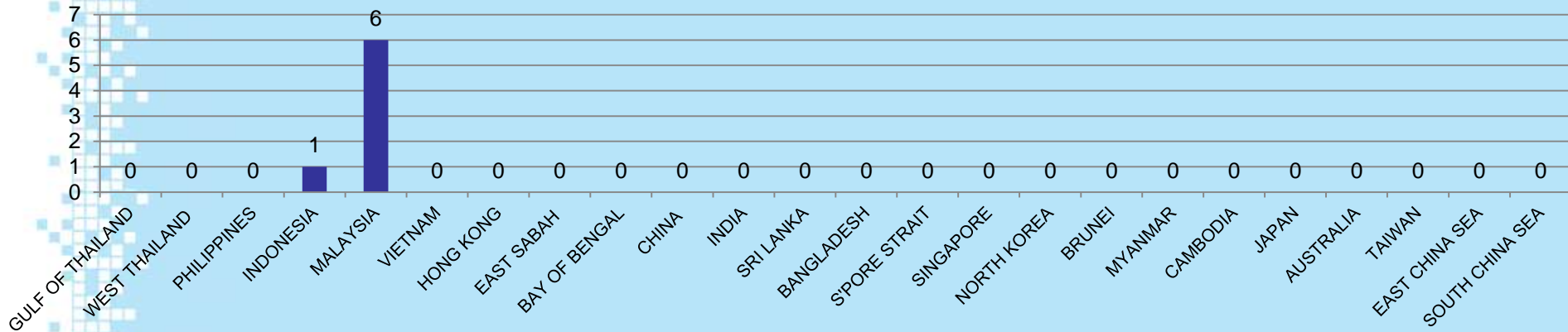
Number of Incidents this Month



Number of Migrants Intercepted



Incident Areas



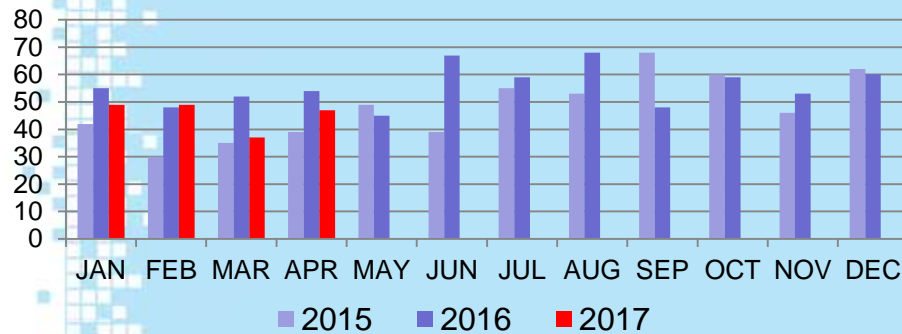
KEY EVENTS :

- IHM figures for Apr are significantly inflated by one incident involving the apprehension of 43 Indonesians whom were deemed to be illegal workers by Malaysian authorities off Palau Hii jau on 09 Apr.

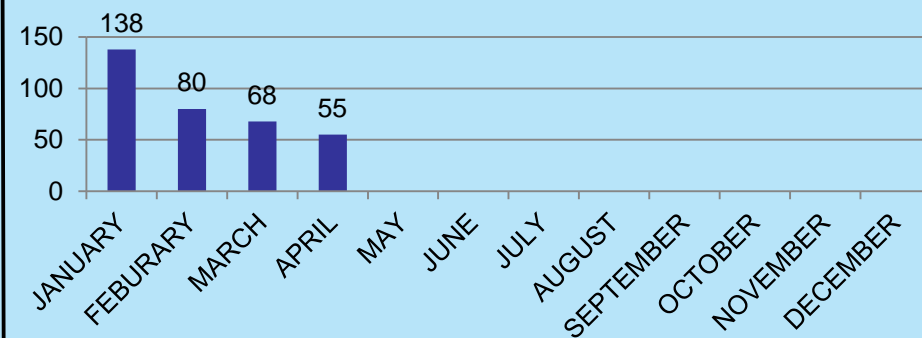


Maritime Incidents - April Executive Summary

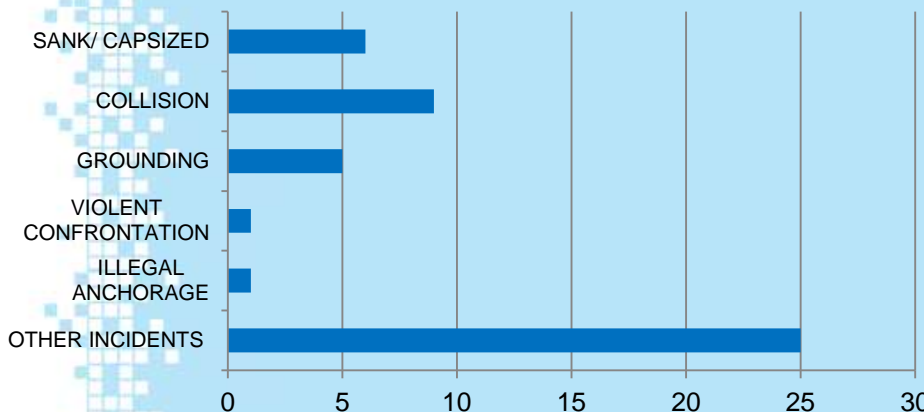
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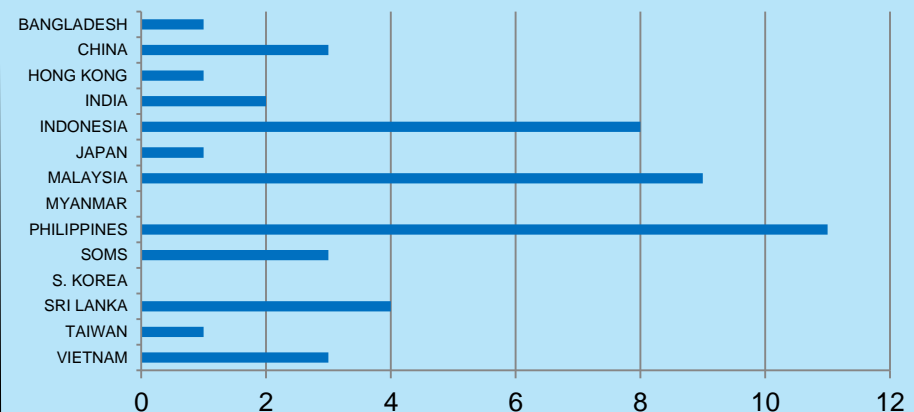
Death Toll in 2017



Type of Incident



Incident Location



KEY EVENTS :

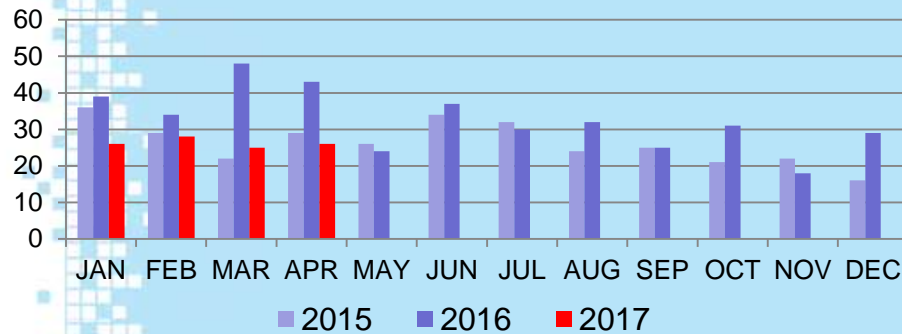
- From 03 Apr to 18 Apr, a container ship experienced a prolonged fire off Sri Lanka and Colombo port.
- On 12 Apr, for the second time in two months, a vessel ran aground in the Karimata straits.
- On 18 Apr, the vessel CHUAN HONG 68, which was suspected of illegal activities in the Indonesian waters escaped from authorities. CHUAN HONG 68 has been apprehended by Indonesian Coast Guard.



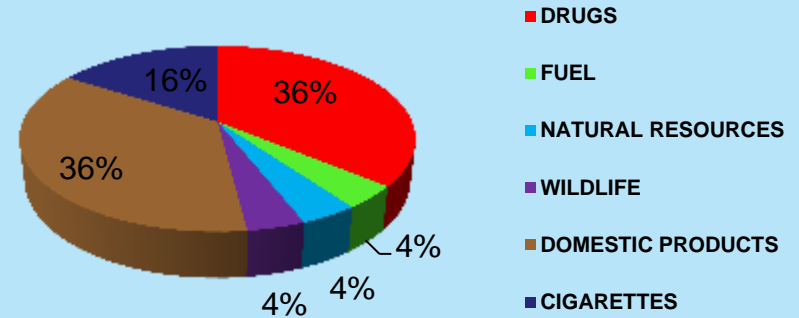
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Contraband Trafficking - April Executive Summary

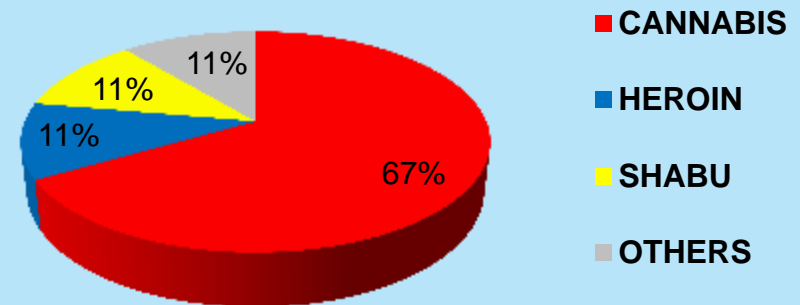
Number of Incidents this Month



Type of Product



Category of Drugs



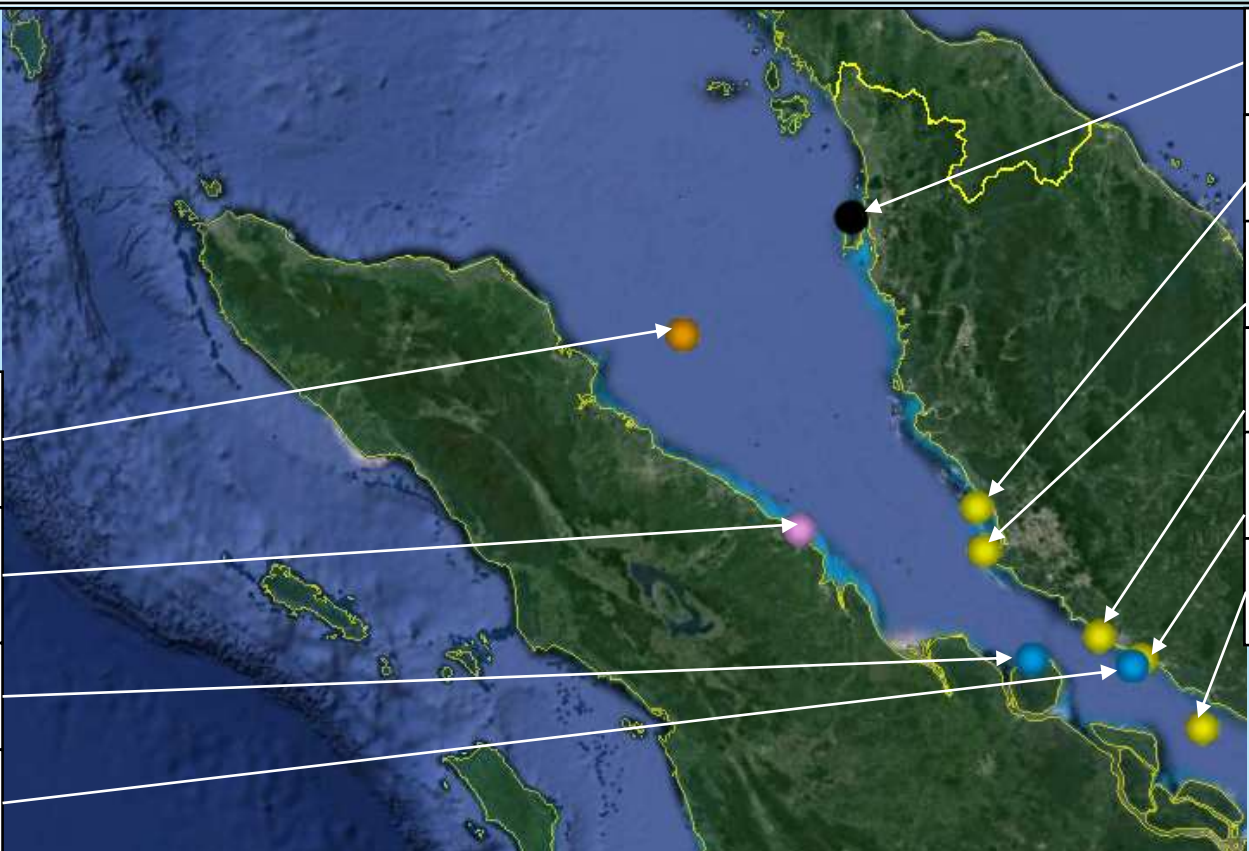
Notes:

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MALACCA STRAIT


<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Foreign Fishing Vessel Date: 16 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Immigration</i> Type: Unmarked Motorized Boat Date: 28 Apr</p>
<p><i>Food Smuggling</i> Type: Local Boat Date: 11 Apr</p>
<p><i>Cigarette Smuggling</i> Type: Fibreglass Boat Date: 24 Apr</p>



<p><i>Consumption Of Drugs</i> Type: Fishing Boat Date: 08 Apr</p>
<p><i>SAR (One Missing)</i> Type: Fishing Vessel Date: 18 Apr</p>
<p><i>Aground</i> Type: Container Ship Date: 07 Apr</p>
<p><i>Cadaver Found</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 02 Apr</p>
<p><i>SAR (Two Missing)</i> Type: Fishing Boat Date: 06 Apr</p>
<p><i>Missing Crew</i> Type: General Cargo Ship Date: 04 Apr</p>

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft	Sea Robbery / Kidnap
Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
Verification in progress	Sea Theft
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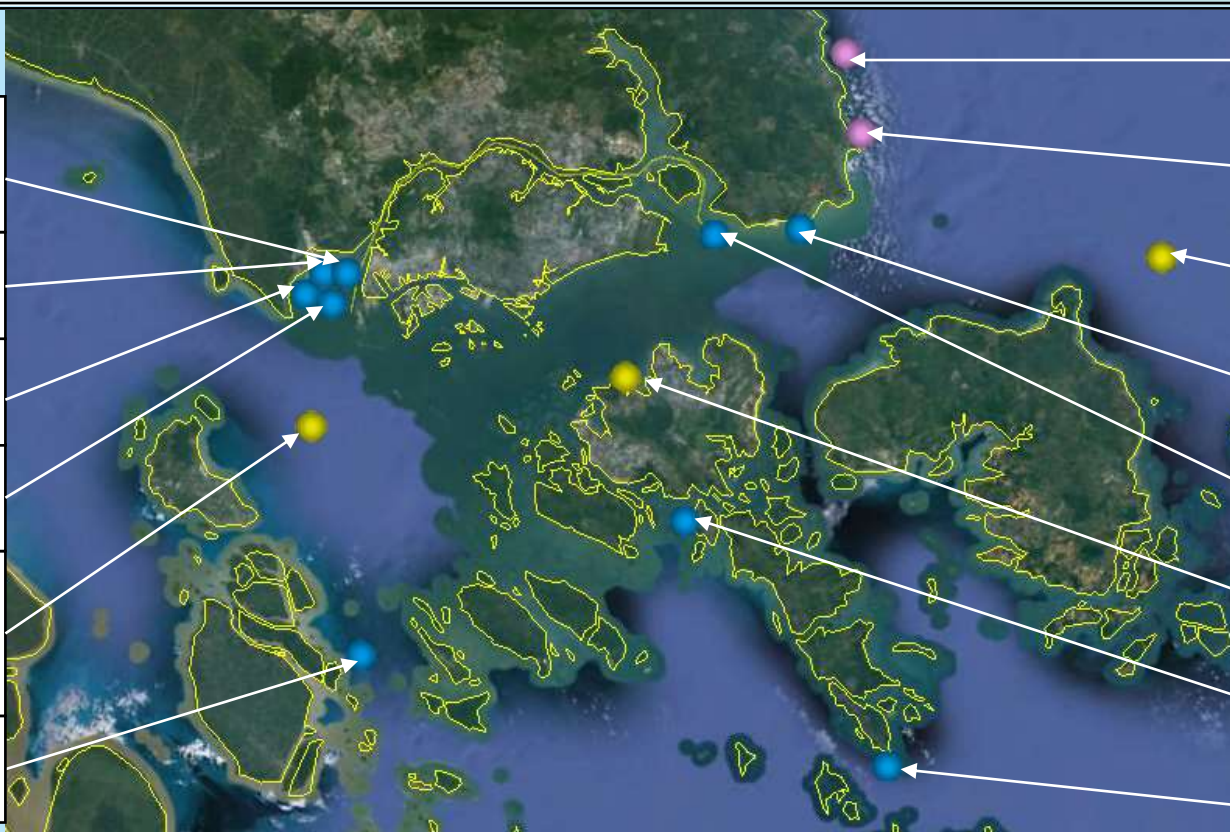
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SINGAPORE STRAIT

<i>Commodities Smuggling</i> Type: Jongkong (Long Boat) Date: 05 Apr
<i>Contraband Smuggling</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 22 Apr
<i>Alcohol Smuggling</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 17 Apr
<i>Alcohol Smuggling</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 20 Apr
<i>Collision</i> Type: Chemical/Product Tanker and General Cargo Ship Date: 03 Apr
<i>Food Smuggling</i> Type: Wooden Cargo Date: 19 Apr



<i>Illegal Migration</i> Type: Boat Date: 09 Apr
<i>Illegal Migration</i> Type: Foreign Boat Date: 07 Apr
<i>Lost Communications</i> Type: Sailing Yacht Date: 29 Apr
<i>Cigarettes Smuggling</i> Type: Local Boat Date: 30 Apr
<i>Cigarettes Smuggling</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 19 Apr
<i>Arrested</i> Type: Product Tanker Date: 23 Apr
<i>Fuel Smuggling</i> Type: Tugboat Date: 03 Apr
<i>Cigarettes Smuggling</i> Type: Speedboat Date: 03 Apr

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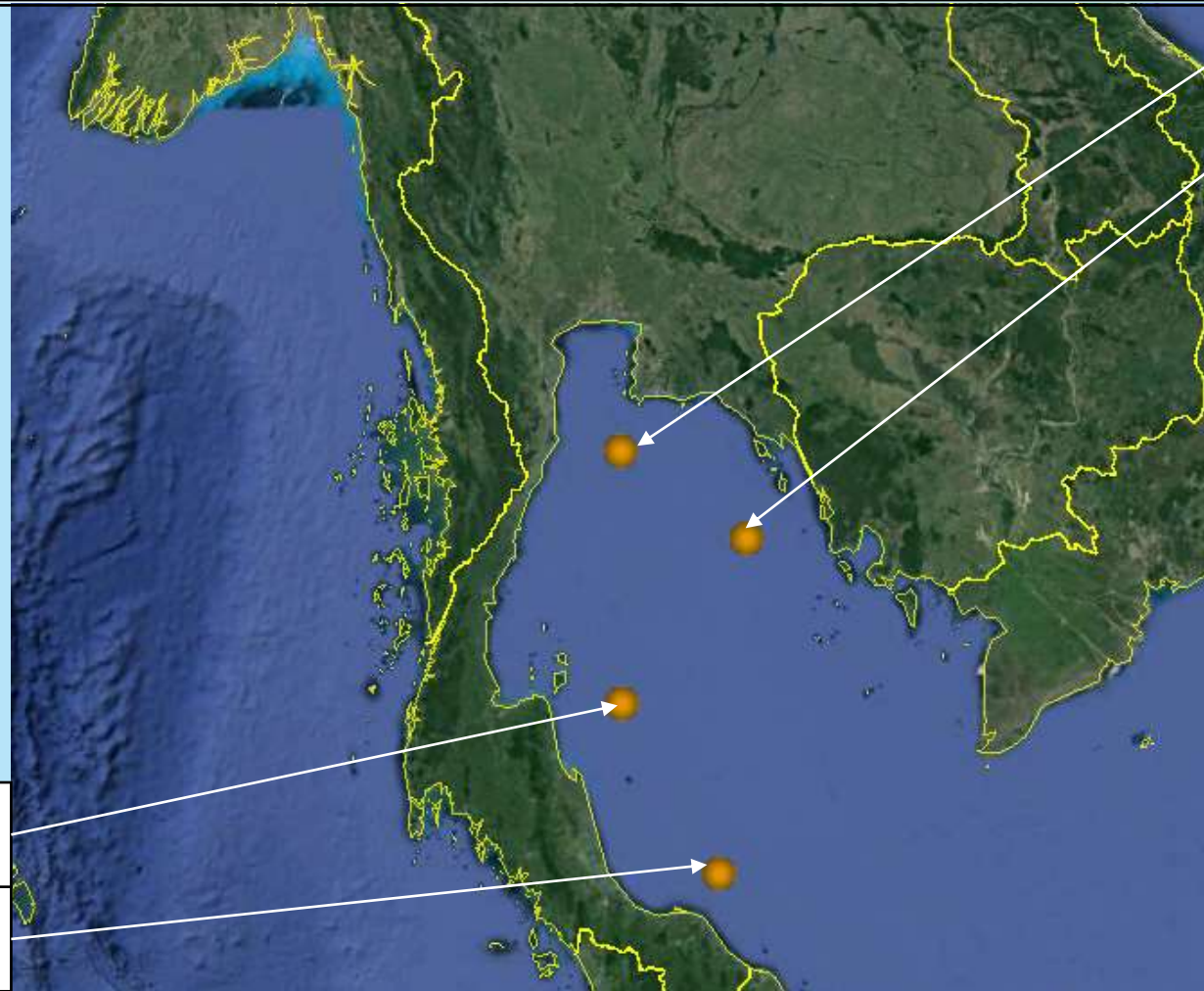
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ANDAMAN SEA & GULF OF THAILAND











Illegal Fishing
 Type: Foreign Fishing Boats
 Date: 08 Apr

Illegal Fishing
 Type: Foreign Trawlers
 Date: 03 Apr

Illegal Poaching
 Type: Foreign Fishing Boats
 Date: 01 Apr

Illegal Fishing
 Type: Foreign Fishing Boats
 Date: 06 Apr

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|  Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft |  Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap |
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SOUTH CHINA SEA (1/2)

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Boats
Date: 07 Apr

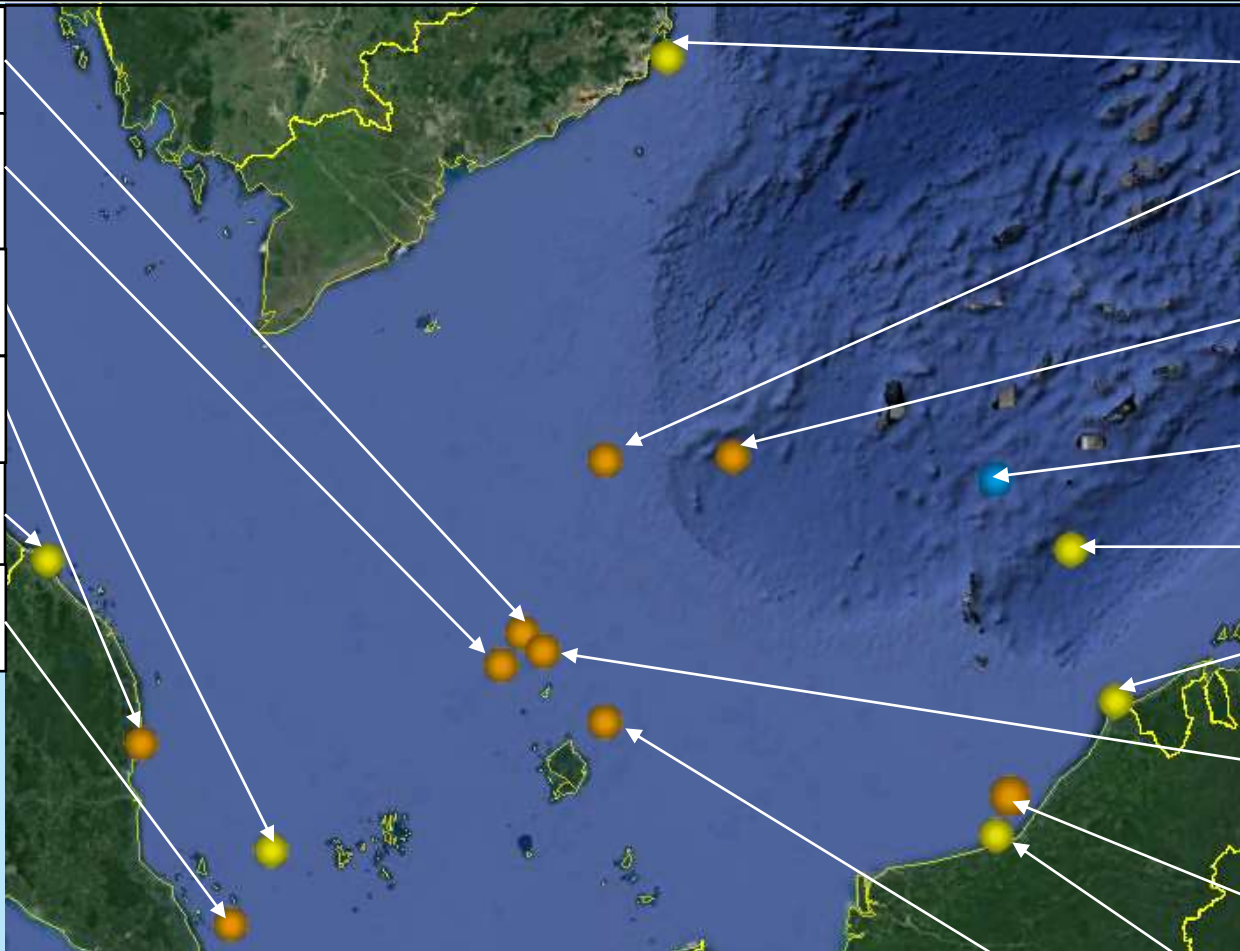
Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Vessels
Date: 09 Apr

Illegal Activities
Type: Hopper Dregger
Date: 20 Apr

Illegal Poaching
Type: Local Fishing Boat
Date: 23 Apr

Cadaver Found
Type: Info Gap
Date: 01 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Cargo Ships
Date: 11 Apr



Fisherman Rescued
Type: Fishing Boat
Date: 02 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Vessels
Date: 19 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Vessel
Date: 12 Apr

Wildlife Smuggling
Type: Vessel
Date: 17 Apr

Collapsed And Died
Type: Merchant Ship
Date: 05 Apr

Cadaver Found
Type: Tugboat
Date: 06 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Vessel
Date: 13 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Boats
Date: 02 Apr

SAR (One Missing)
Type: Fishing Vessels
Date: 17 Apr

Illegal Poaching
Type: Foreign Fishing Boat
Date: 12 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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 Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	 Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
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SOUTH CHINA SEA (2/2)



Illegal Fishing Methods
Type: Local Pump Boats
Date: 12 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Vessels
Date: 30 Apr

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing Boat
Date: 24 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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| Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft | Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap |
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SOUTH CHINA SEA & PHILIPPINES (NORTH)/ PHILIPPINE SEA

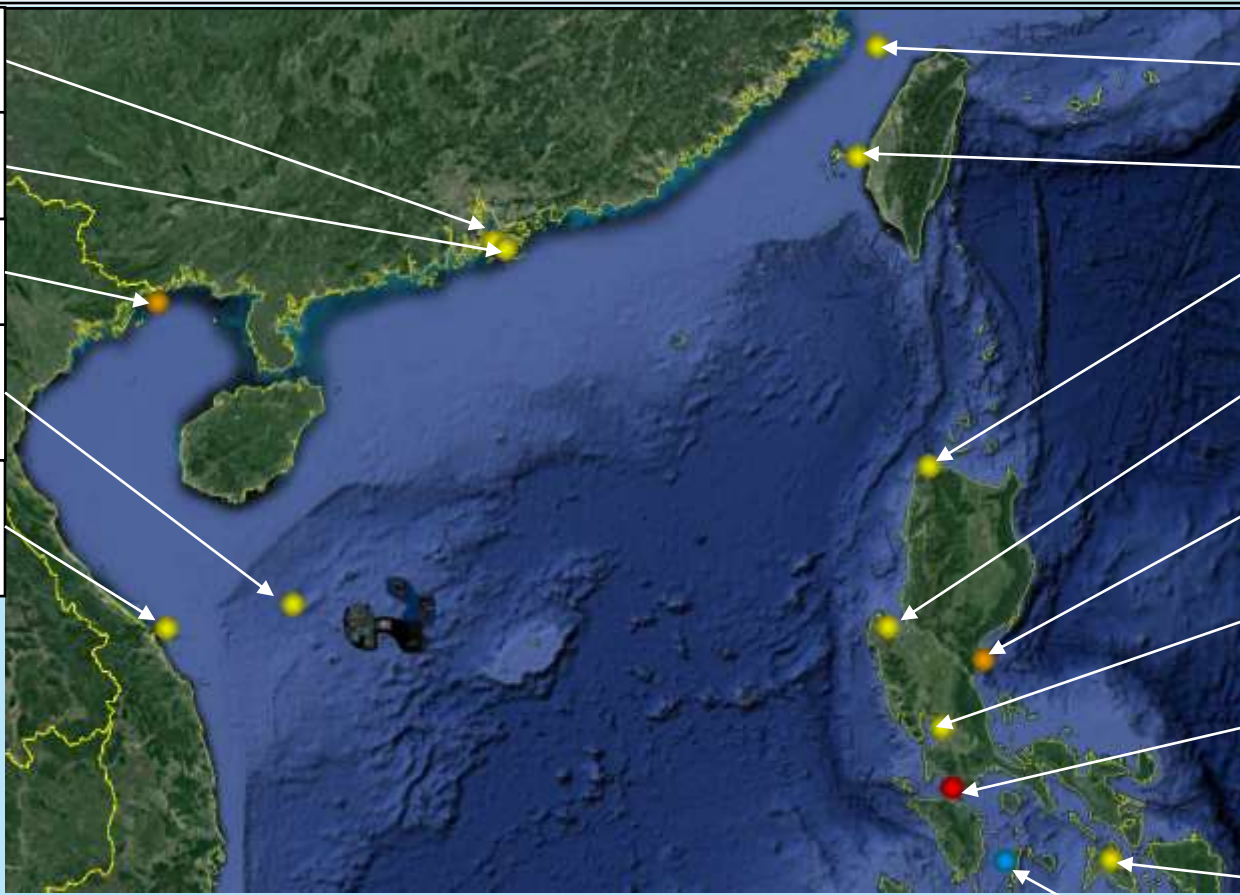
Collision
 Type: Bulk Carrier
 Date: 18 Apr

Allision (Five Injured)
 Type: Ferry
 Date: 03 Apr

Illegal Fishing Methods
 Type: Foreign Fishing Boat
 Date: 06 Apr

Rescue At Sea (11 Rescued)
 Type: Fishing Boat
 Date: 14 Apr

Collision (Three Rescued)
 Type: Cargo Ship & Fishing Vessel
 Date: 08 Apr



Collision (One Missing)
 Type: Oil Products Tanker
 Date: 01 Apr

Aground (346 Evacuated)
 Type: Passenger Ship
 Date: 07 Apr

Capsized (25 Rescued)
 Type: Motor Banca
 Date: 13 Apr

Rescue At Sea (15 Rescued)
 Type: Motor Banca
 Date: 16 Apr

Illegal Fishing
 Type: Bancas
 Date: 07 Apr

Cadavers Retrieved
 Type: Info Gap
 Date: 23 Apr

Sea Theft
 Type: LPG Tanker
 PSN: 13°40'0"N, 121°3'0"E
 Date: 22 Apr

Engine Malfunction (Six Rescued)
 Type: Motor Banca
 Date: 20 Apr

Drugs Smuggling
 Type: Info Gap
 Date: 09 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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 Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	 Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
 Verification in progress	 Sea Theft
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EAST CHINA SEA – YELLOW SEA



Allision
 Type: General Cargo &
 Forest-Product Carrier
 Date: 30 Apr

Sank (12 Missing)
 Type: General Cargo Ship
 Date: 06 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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 Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	 Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
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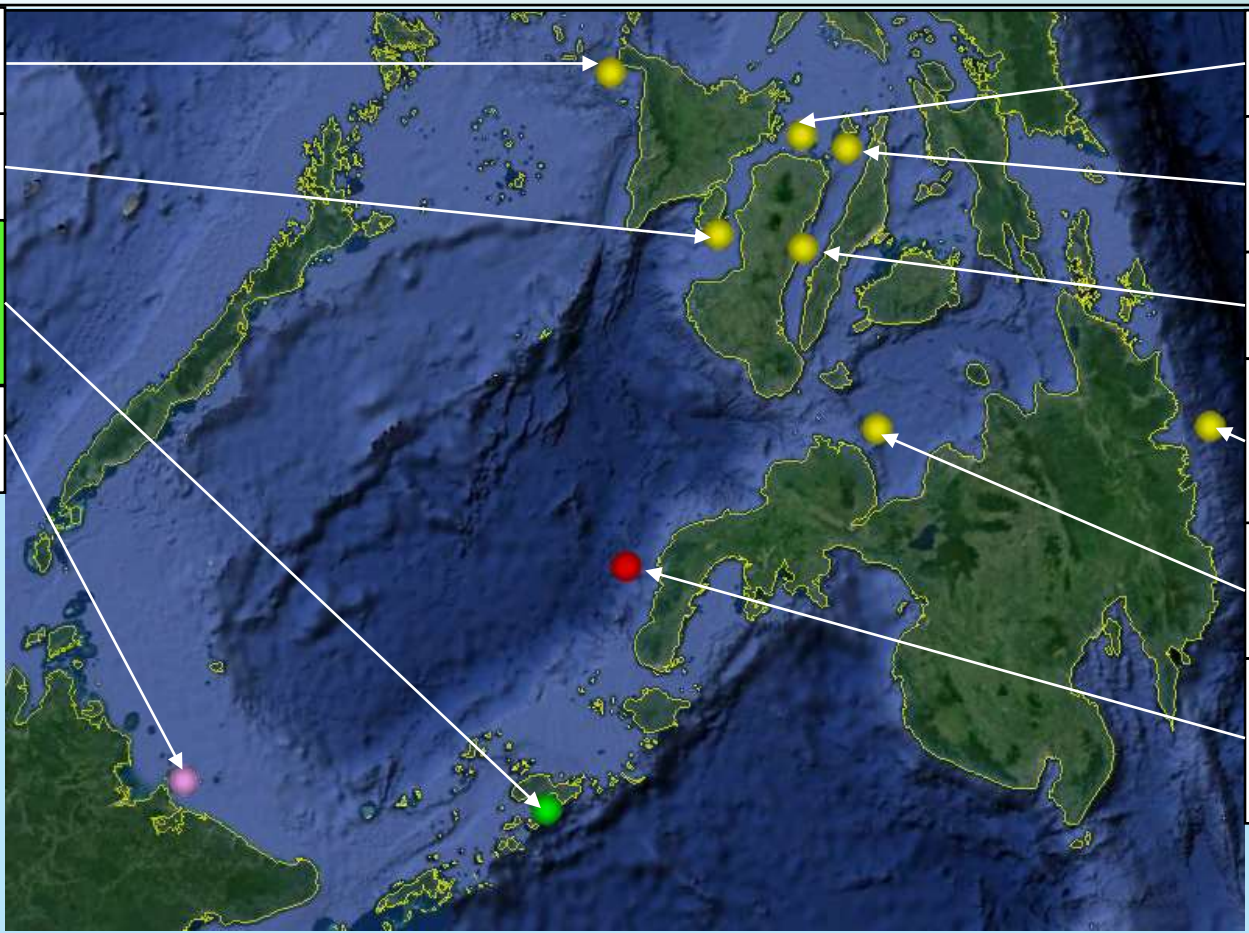
PHILIPPINES & SULU SEA

Collision (27 Assisted)
 Type: Motor Bancas
 Date: 17 Apr

Capsized (Four Rescued)
 Type: Motor Banca
 Date: 25 Apr

Hostage Beheaded
 Type: Fishing Boat
 PSN: 5°48'60.00"N, 121°9'0.00"E
 Date: 13 Apr

Illegal Immigration
 Type: Info Gap
 Date: 25 Apr



Fisherman Missing
 Type: Info Gap
 Date: 03 Apr

Violent Confrontation
 Type: Fishing Vessel & Small Boat
 Date: 23 Apr

Cadaver Recovered
 Type: Info Gap
 Date: 06 Apr

Engine Malfunction (284 Rescued)
 Type: Passenger/Cargo Ship
 Date: 01 Apr

Lost Propulsion (619 Evacuated)
 Type: Passenger Ship
 Date: 17 Apr

Fired Upon
 Type: Cargo Vessel
 PSN: 7°44'0.00"N, 121°51'0.00"E
 Date: 18 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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 Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	 Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
 Verification in progress	 Sea Theft
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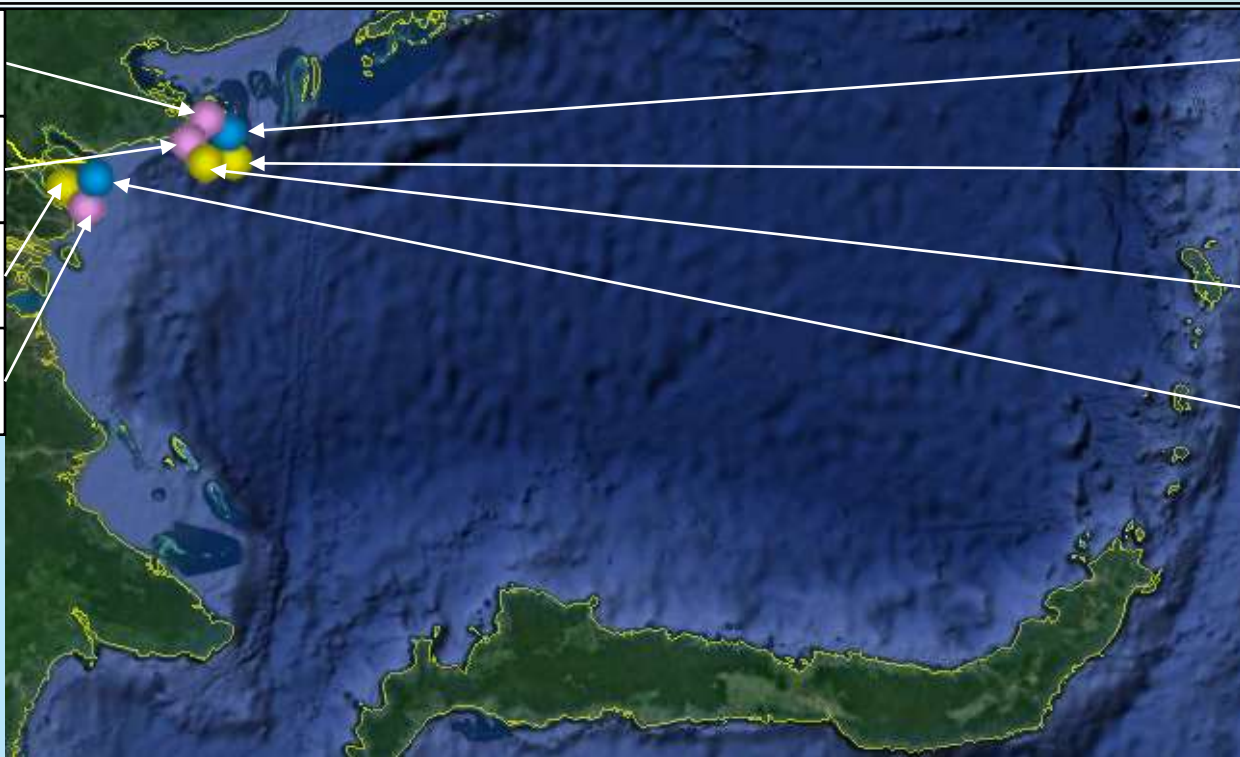
CELEBES SEA – NORTH SULAWESI NORTH MOLUKU ISLANDS

Human Trafficking
Type: Info Gap
Date: 12 Apr

Illegal Immigration
Type: Foreign Boat
Date: 30 Apr

Fire On Board
Type: Wooden Cargo Ship
Date: 18 Apr

Illegal Immigration
Type: Motorized Boats
Date: 13 Apr



Drug Smuggling
Type: Info Gap
Date: 12 Apr

Cadaver Found
Type: Fishing Boat
Date: 18 Apr

Capsized (One Died, Three Injured)
Type: Tour Vessel
Date: 19 Apr

Contraband Smuggling
Type: Fibreglass Boat
Date: 07 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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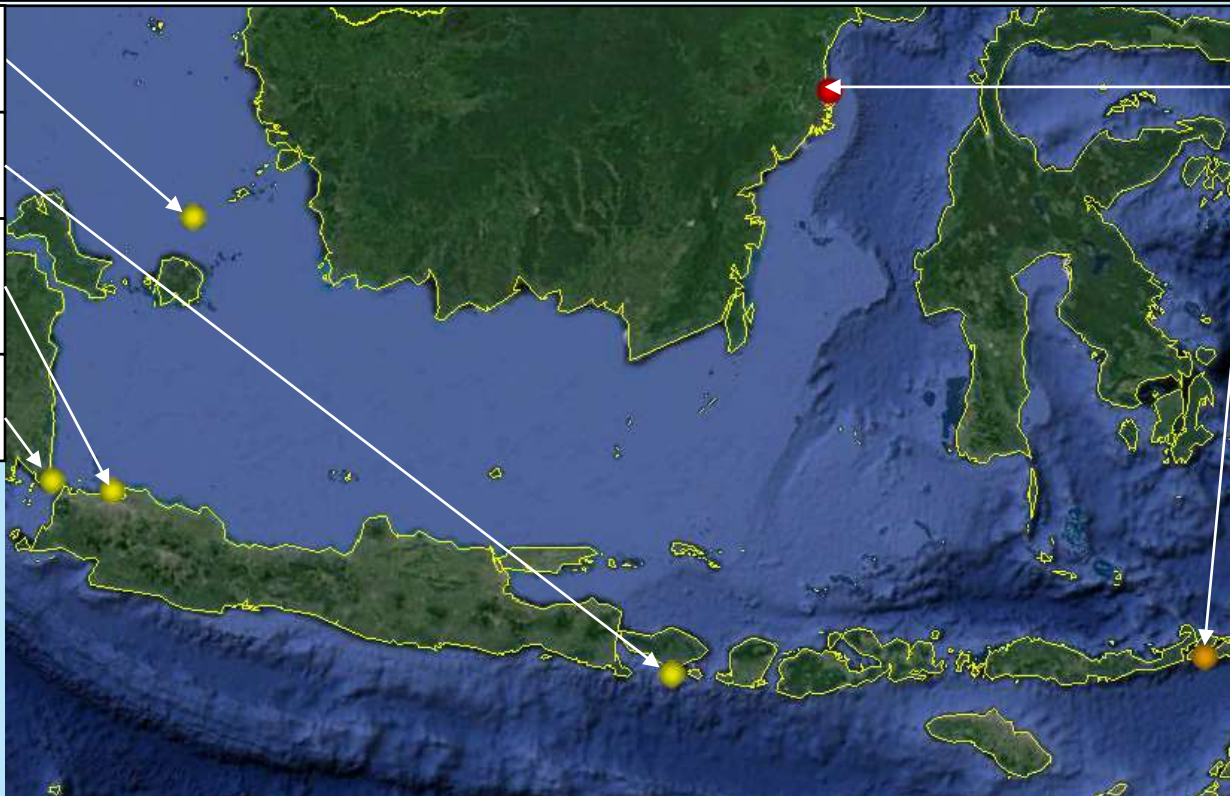
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JAVA SEA – MAKASSAR STRAIT – BALI SEA - FLORES SEA

- Aground*
Type: Tanker
Date: 12 Apr
- Collision (110 On Board)*
Type: Passenger Ship
Date: 26 Apr
- Collision (21 Injured)*
Type: Oil Products Tanker & Cargo Ship
Date: 07 Apr
- Fire (113 On Board)*
Type: Ro-Ro Ship
Date: 09 Apr



- Attempted Sea Theft*
Type: Bulk Carrier
PSN: 0° 15.70' S, 117° 34.50' E
Date: 20 Apr
- Blast Fishing*
Type: Fishing Boat
Date: 16 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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







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ARAFURA SEA – BISMARCK SEA – SOLOMON SEA – PHILIPPINE SEA (SOUTH)

No Information Available



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|  | <i>Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft</i> |  | Sea Robbery / Kidnap |
|  | Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft |  | Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap |
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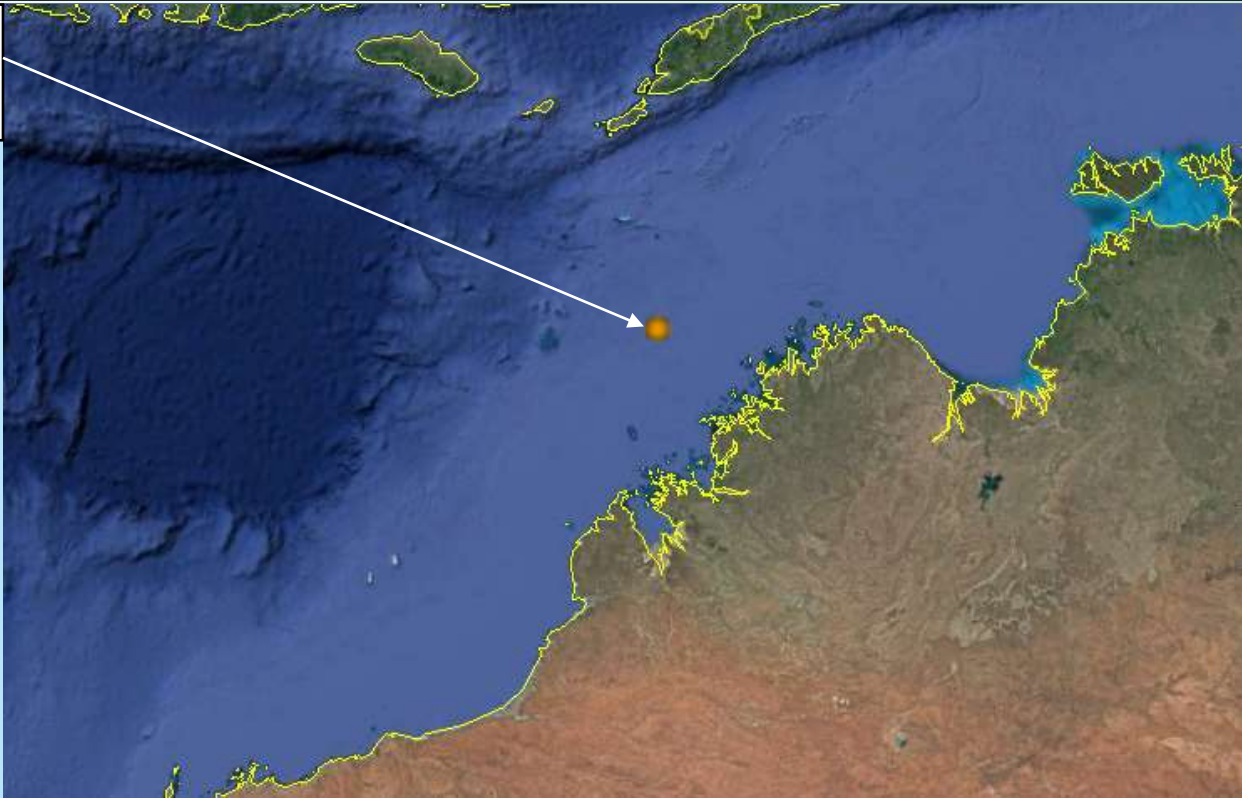
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SAVU SEA – TIMOR SEA

Illegal Fishing
Type: Foreign Fishing
Vessel
Date: 27 Apr



INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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| Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft | Sea Robbery / Kidnap |
| Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft | Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap |
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NORTH BAY OF BENGAL

Capsized (25 Missing)
Type: Passenger Boat
Date: 02 Apr



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	<i>Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft</i>		Sea Robbery / Kidnap
	Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft		Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
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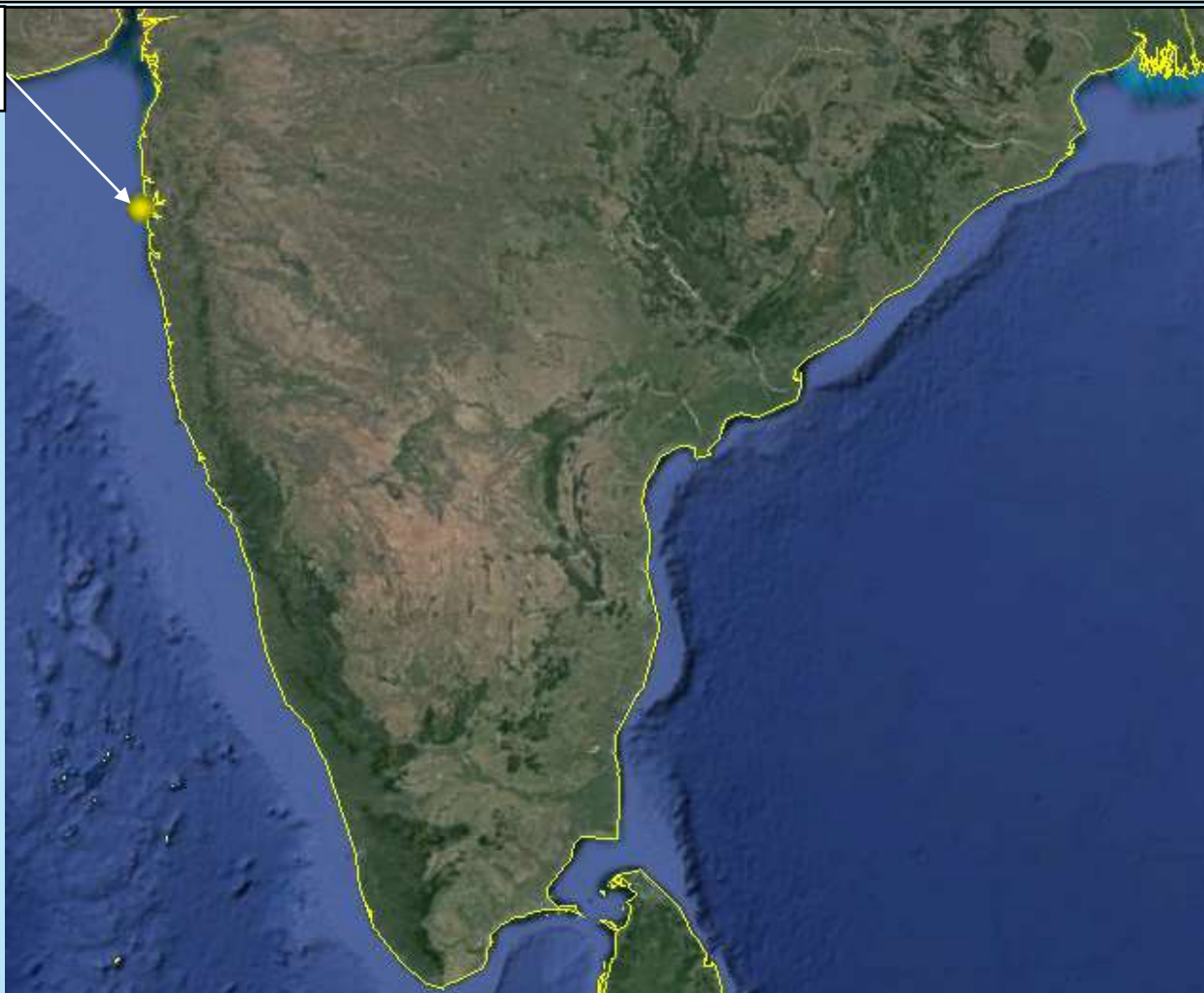
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


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BAY OF BENGAL – INDIAN COAST

Stranded (Four Rescued)
Type: Tugboat
Date: 17 Apr



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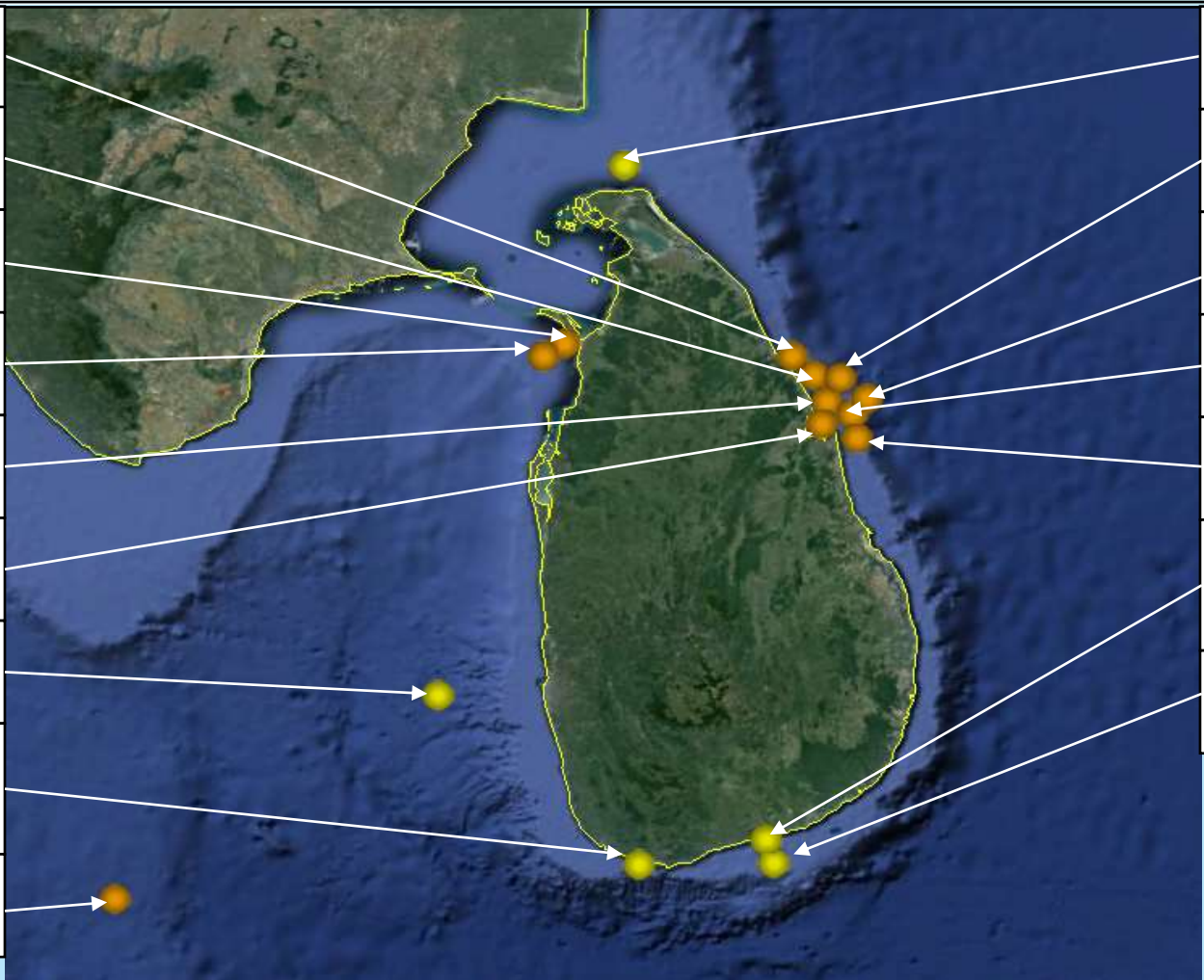
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SRI LANKA – PALK STRAIT (1/2)

<p><i>Illegal Fishing Methods</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 03 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing Practices</i> Type: Local Fishing Boat Date: 23 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 09 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Local Fishing Boat Date: 26 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing Methods</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 09 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Local Fishing Boat Date: 19 Apr</p>
<p><i>Fire</i> Type: Container Vessels Date: 03 Apr</p>
<p><i>Fire On Board</i> Type: Whale Watching Boats Date: 14 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Foreign Fishing Boat Date: 04 Apr</p>



<p><i>Fisherman Rescued</i> Type: Fishing Trawler Date: 01 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing Methods</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 03 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing</i> Type: Local Fishing Boats Date: 16 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing Practices</i> Type: Local Fishing Boat Date: 22 Apr</p>
<p><i>Illegal Fishing Practices</i> Type: Info Gap Date: 17 Apr</p>
<p><i>Explosion (One Dead, Four Injured)</i> Type: Fishing Trawler Date: 24 Apr</p>
<p><i>Rescue At Sea</i> Type: Yacht Date: 25 Apr</p>

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

	<i>Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft</i>		Sea Robbery / Kidnap
	Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft		Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
	Verification in progress		Sea Theft
	Refer to contents within box		Maritime Terrorism



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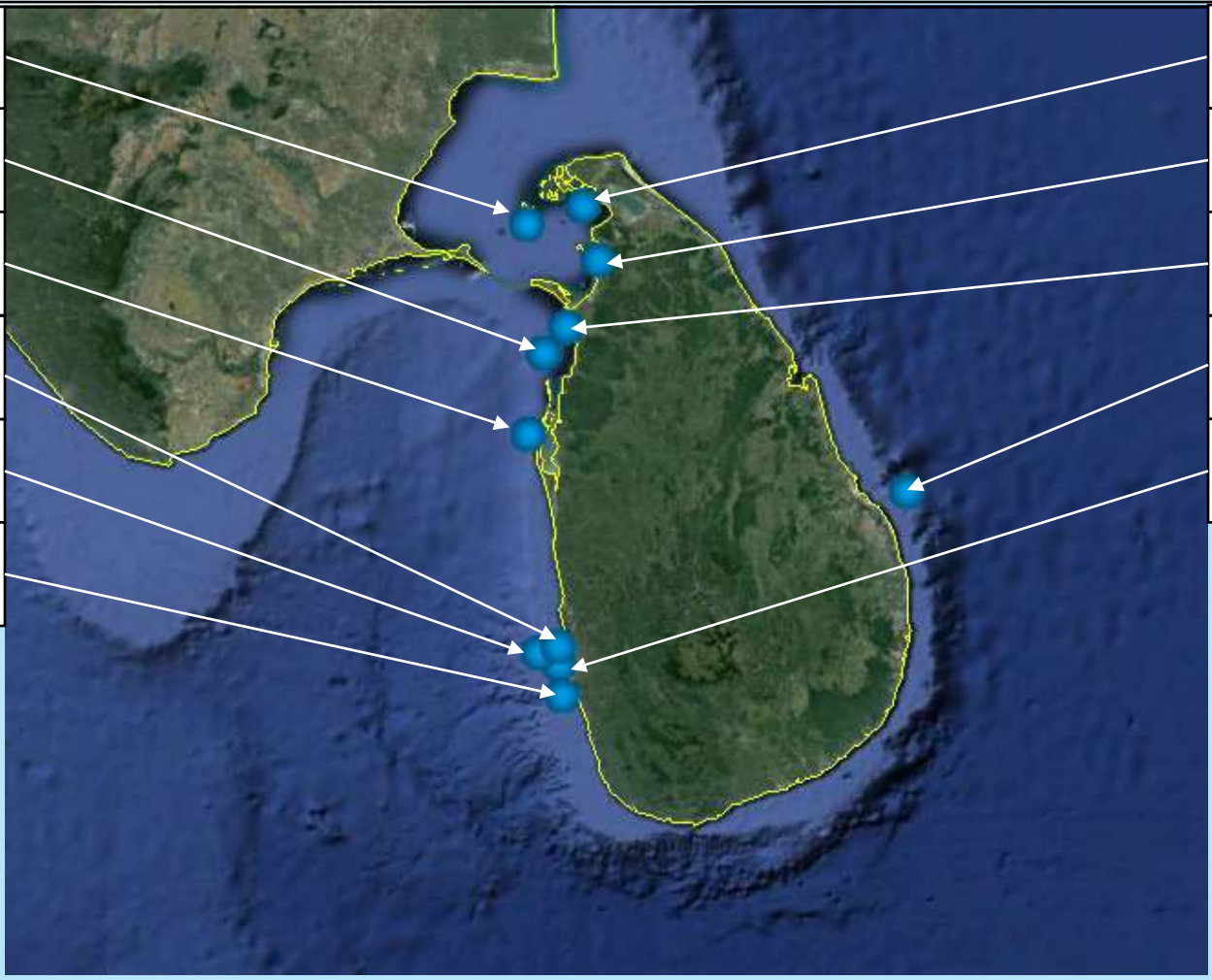
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SRI LANKA – PALK STRAIT (2/2)

Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 12 Apr
Food Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 26 Apr
Sandalwood Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 23 Apr
Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 19 Apr
Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 22 Apr
Alcohol Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 19 Apr



Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 18 Apr
Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 01 Apr
Drug Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 01 Apr
Drug Smuggling Type: Foreign Fishing Boat Date: 02 Apr
Chemical Smuggling Type: Info Gap Date: 21 Apr

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

x Non Piracy, Sea Robbery or Sea Theft	 Sea Robbery / Kidnap
 Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft	 Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
 Verification in progress	 Sea Theft
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RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC Advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and to the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. Ships moving at slow speed or are choosing to remain at anchor in areas where sea robbery/theft is regularly reported should remain vigilant and adopt necessary and/or added security measures.
3. All mariners to take note on 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.
4. Shippers and Seafarers operating in Sulu Sea and in vicinity of East Sabah Waters are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with both Malaysian and Philippines Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 for the latest assessment of the situation in that affected area.
5. Shippers are advised to take note that the threat of terrorist activity in the maritime domain remains a possibility in the region due to ISIS and the Al-Qaeda. The possibility of this threat was previously quoted in Al-Qaeda's online magazine "Resurgence", which called for the disruption of global trade and shipping through acts of piracy, among other tactics. Shippers are therefore advised to exercise vigilance and to adopt self-defensive measures as stated in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia, especially when transiting narrow choke points and areas which are known to have experienced incidents of sea robbery/piracy.

Note: Information herein was derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant 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, and if applicable, BMP4). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.

The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also 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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