

# IFC Monthly MARSEC Report Map April 2018

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



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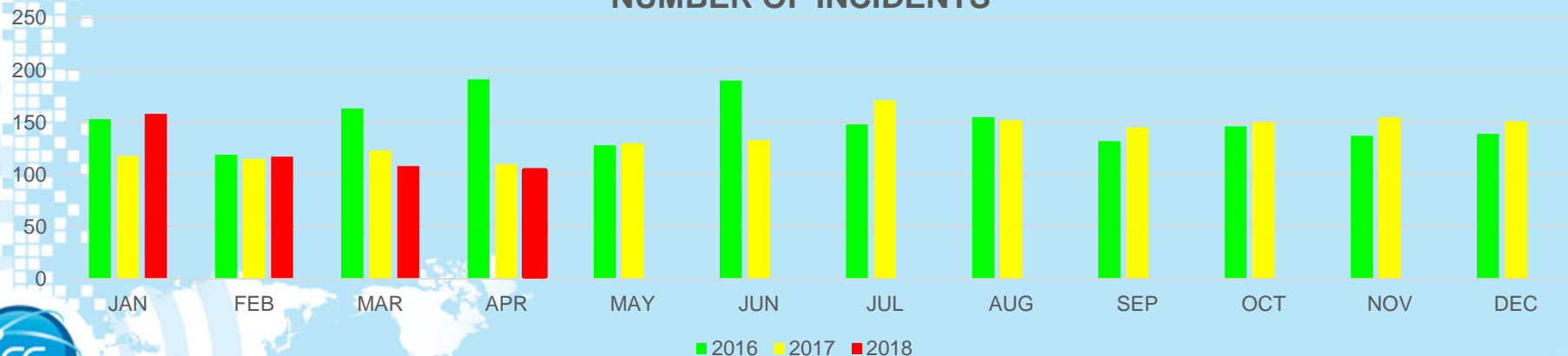


# IFC AOI – MARSEC Events April 2018



	APRIL 2018	TOTAL 2018	APR 2017	APR 2016
Piracy / Sea Robbery	13	43	3	18
IUU Fishing	19	96	32	60
Irregular Human Migration	7	19	6	13
Maritime Incident	41	211	47	54
Contraband Trafficking	27	105	26	43
Maritime Terrorism	0	0	1	0
Others	2	0	0	0

## NUMBER OF INCIDENTS



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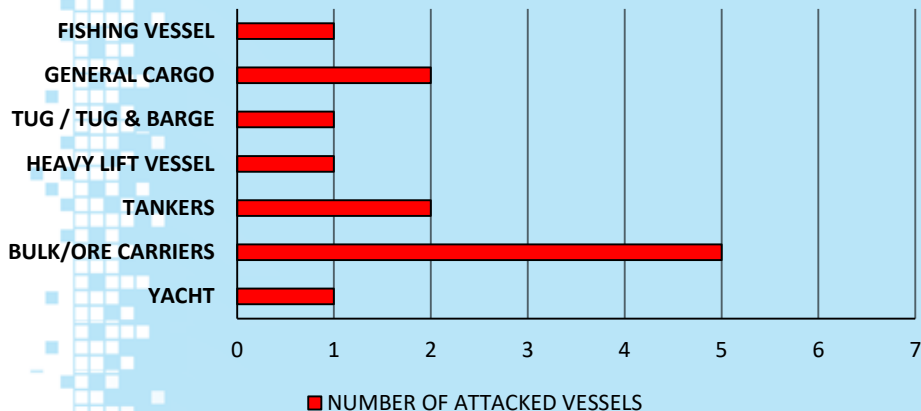
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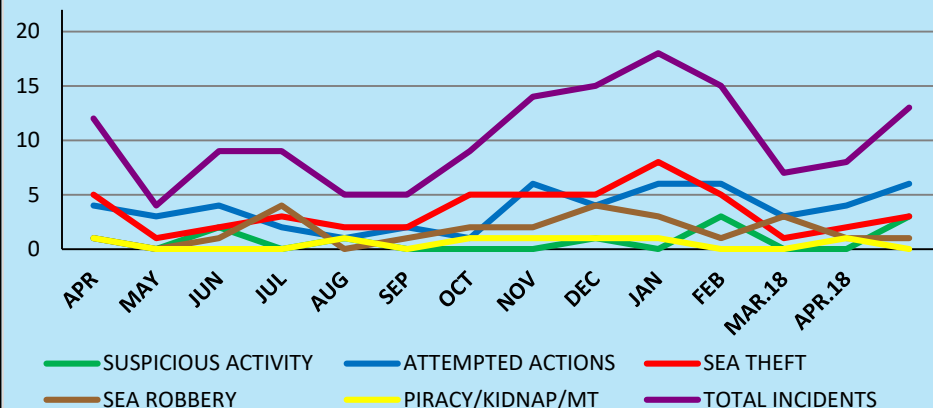
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# TRAPS & MT – April Executive Summary

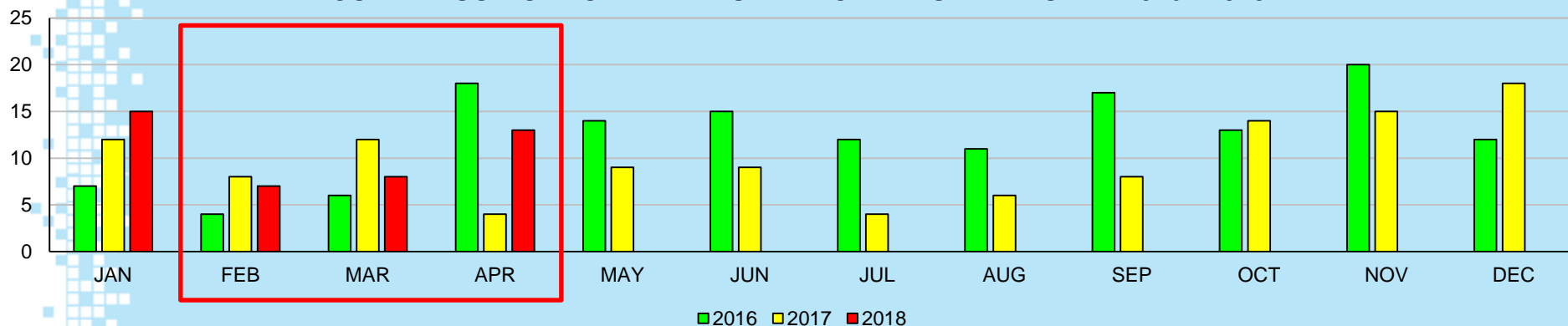
## TYPE OF ATTACKED VESSEL



## INCIDENTS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS



## COMPARISON OF TOTAL TRAPS-MT INCIDENTS PER MONTH 2016 - 2018



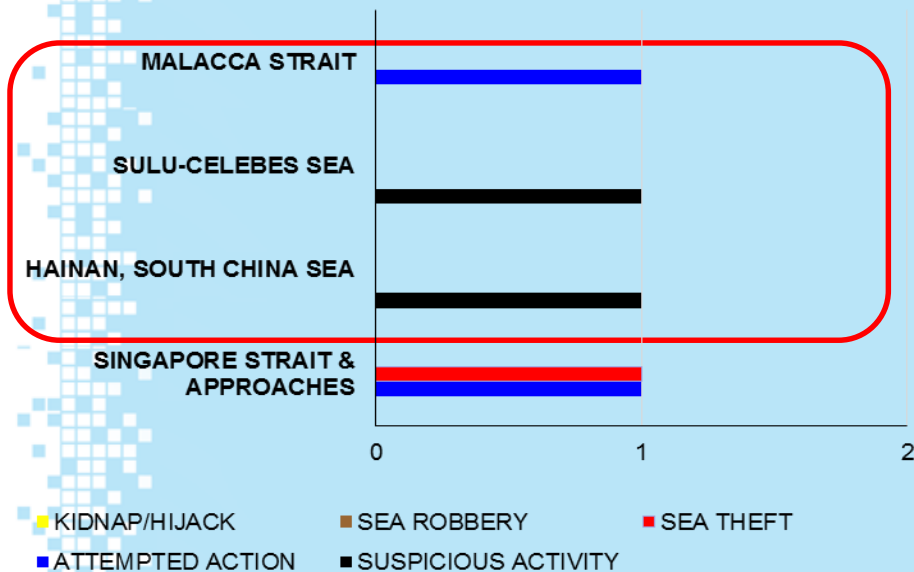
### OBSERVATIONS:

- There is an increase in the number of recorded incidents as compared to the same month of the previous year. **It should be noted however that 9 out of the total incidents recorded for Apr are unsuccessful attempts, 6 are suspicious approaches and 3 are attempted actions, which can be attributed to the crew vigilance and security measures implemented onboard.**
- An upward trend of recorded incidents was noted for the past 3 months, starting from February till April, which is consistent with the trend in 2016, though, with lesser number of incident reported.

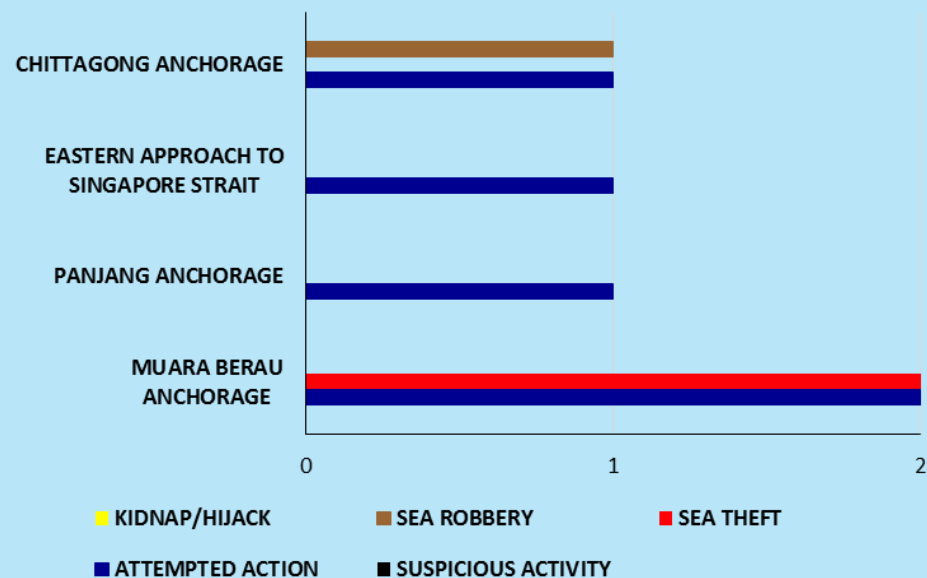


# TRAPS & MT – April Executive Summary

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## INCIDENTS WHILE ANCHORED BY LOCATION



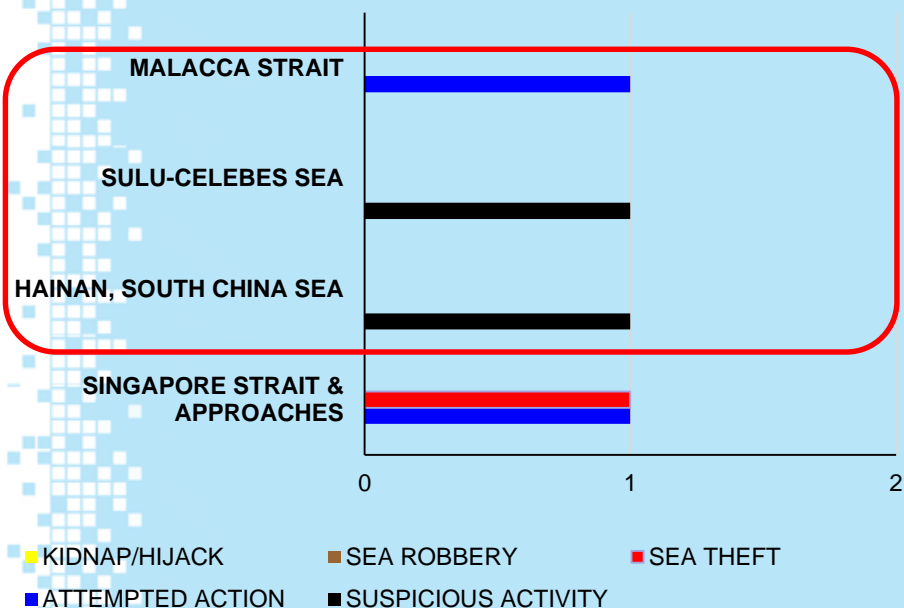
## KEY EVENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:

- A suspicious approach incident was recorded involving a yacht at vicinity 100 NM SE of Hainan Island, South China Sea. According to report, a small ship approached the yacht at high speed within 200m and turned parallel. The yacht made a “mayday” distress call via VHF Channel 16 and increased her speed to 8 knots. Suspect ship moved away from the yacht and continued a parallel course to the yacht. Verification of the incident indicates that the incident is unlikely to be related to any piracy activities. **Validation indicates that the area is a traditional fishing area which may be a case of a fishing vessel riding off the yacht so as not to run through its nets.**
- An Attempted Action incident was recorded involving a Fishing Vessel, while underway E off Batu Pahat, Malaysia. A fishing boat crew was able to sound the distress call prompting the Malaysian Authorities to immediately deploy patrol boat within the site. Report indicates that five perpetrators, three armed with machetes and two with guns onboard a wooden boat ordered the fishing vessel, while attempting to rob and kidnap the crew, to go within Indonesian waters. **Verification indicates that the incident is a fishermen to fishermen confrontation incident wherein the fishermen demands a certain amount of money for trespassing a traditional/marked /local fishing grounds.**

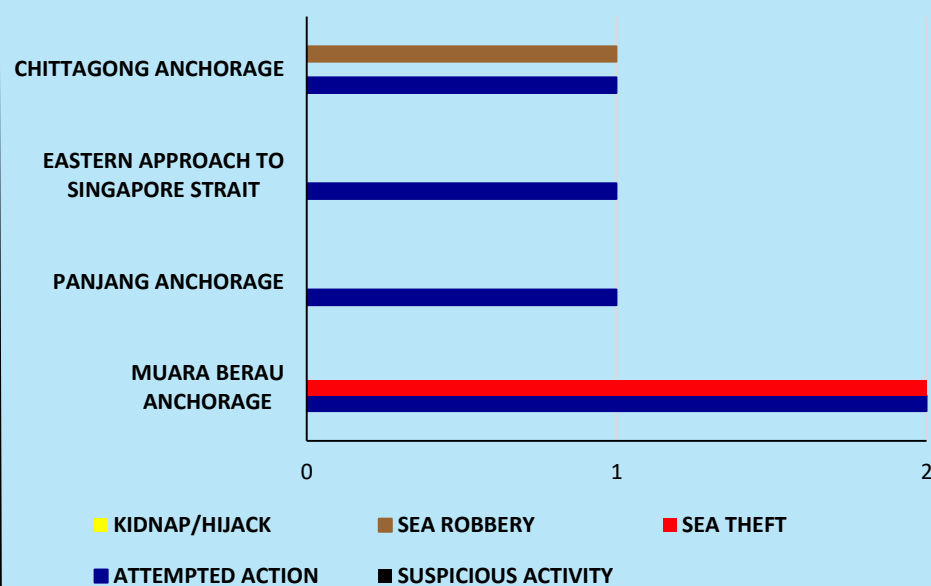


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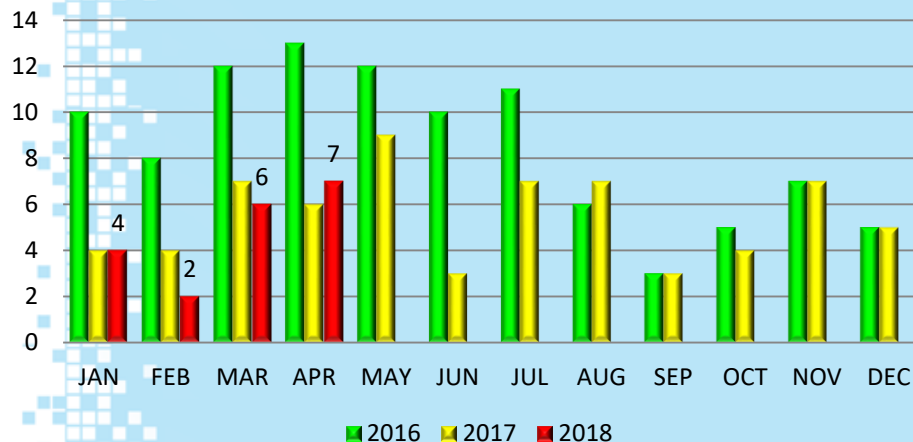
## KEY EVENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:

- A suspicious approach incident was recorded involving an ore carrier at vicinity 6NM WSW of Bongao Island, Philippines. According to report, on or about 241417H Apr 18, two high speed boats were sighted approaching the carrier while underway. The crew sighted a blue coloured boat with two perpetrators wearing face masks and a white coloured boat with one perpetrators wearing a face mask. The high-speed boats closed to three cables from the ship, noticed the hardening, crossed the ship's stern and moved away. Further, it was also reported that while on their way, 2 Philippine Naval patrol vessels contacted the carrier via vhf channel 16 and continuously received cautionary advice while transiting the sibu-tu passage. **Details of the incident indicates that it is unlikely to be related to any piracy activities as it does not conform to the incident-time occurrence pattern and modus operandi established. Further validation showed that based on vessel transit record of LMS Bongao and floating assets in the area, no incident of such kind was reported from 230800H – 250800H April 2018. The presence of patrol vessels and transmission of cautionary advice while in transit is part of the Trilateral Maritime Patrol security protocols existing in the area.**

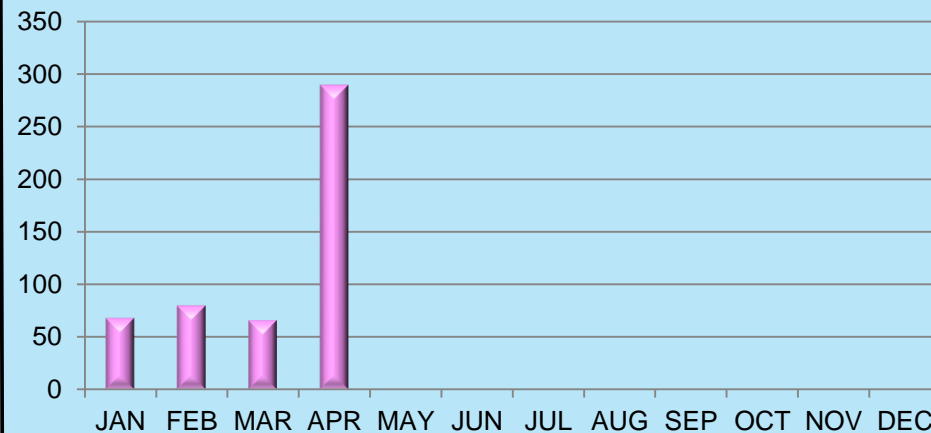


# Irregular Human Migration – April Executive Summary

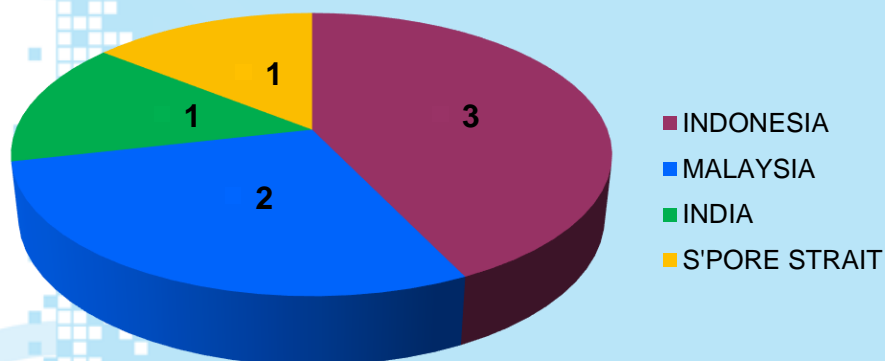
## NUMBER OF INCIDENT PER MONTH



## NUMBER OF MIGRANTS



## NUMBER OF INCIDENT



## KEY EVENTS :

1 April, the first large number (56) of Rohingya refugees arrived and accepted into South East Asia. Authorities are concerned that this arrival could possibly be the start of a future refugee surge into the region. Malaysia's acceptance of these boat refugees is likely to encourage people smugglers to exploit the Rohingya

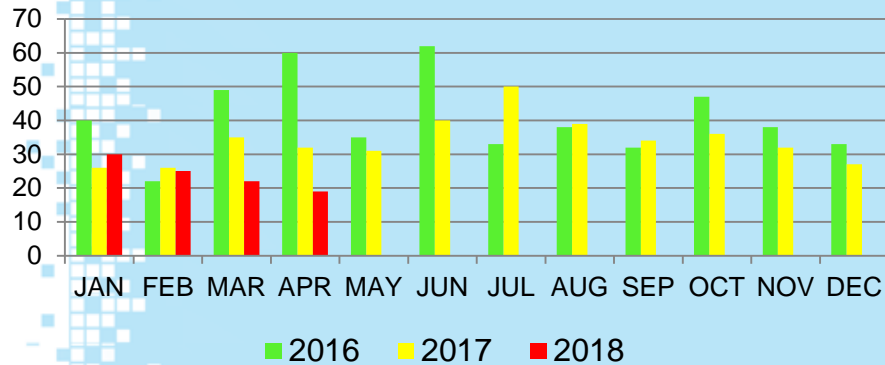
11 April, 39 Illegal migrants were detained whilst trying to get to Tawau Malaysia. This event involved six speed boats. The hot pursuit of three of the speed boat crews resulted in the successful recovery of all illegals and their boat crews. The preparation and coordination of six boats for this type of activity demonstrates a well organised group, with boat crews who were willing to evade authorities.



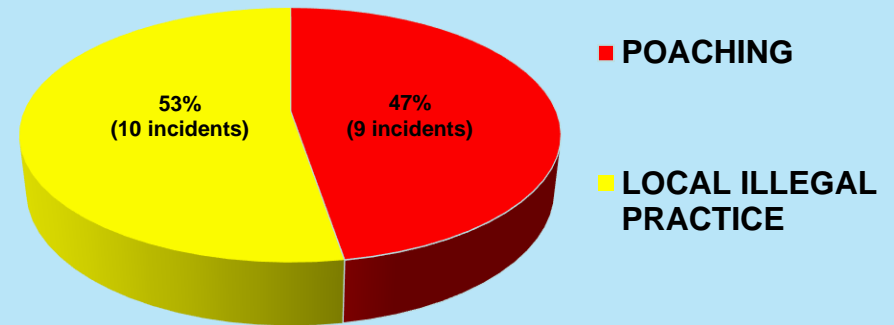


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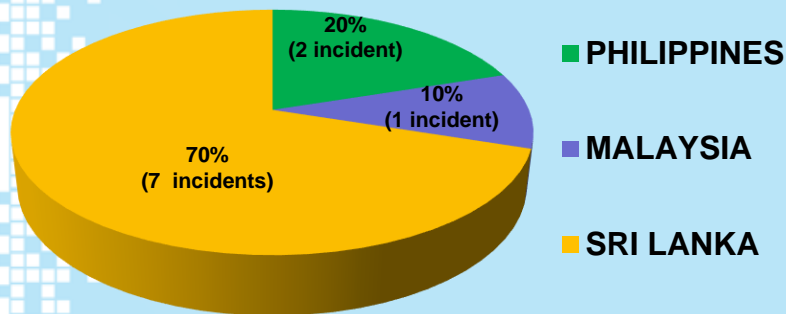
## Number of Incidents this Month



## Type of Incidents



## Illegal Practices by Local Vessel

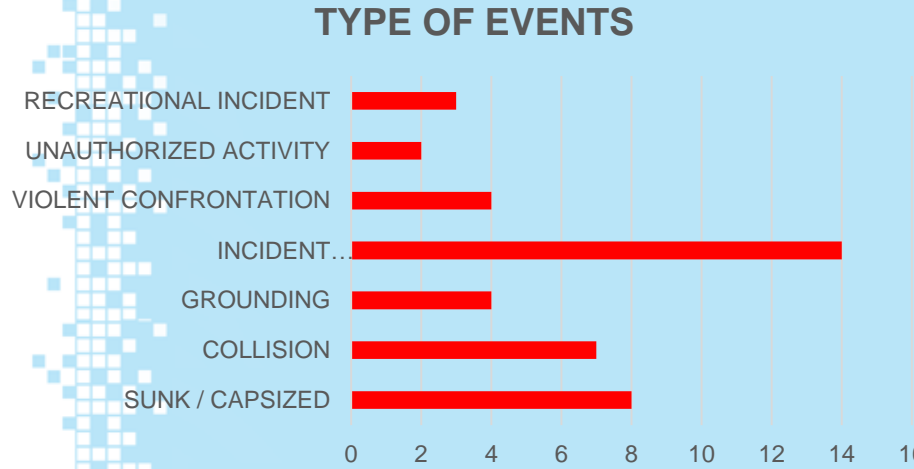
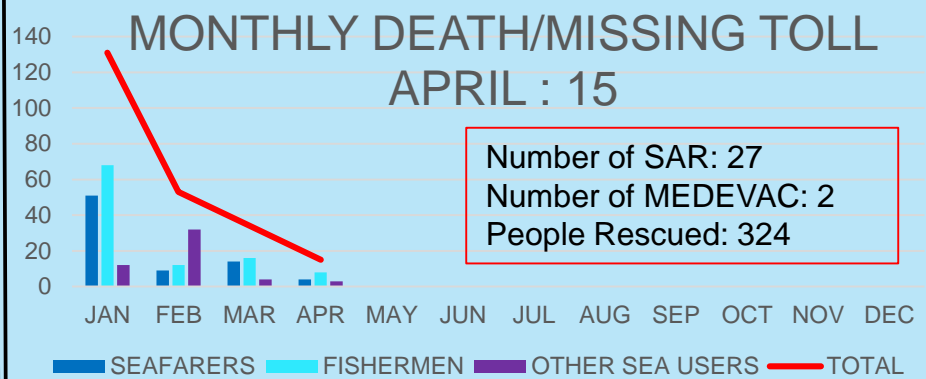
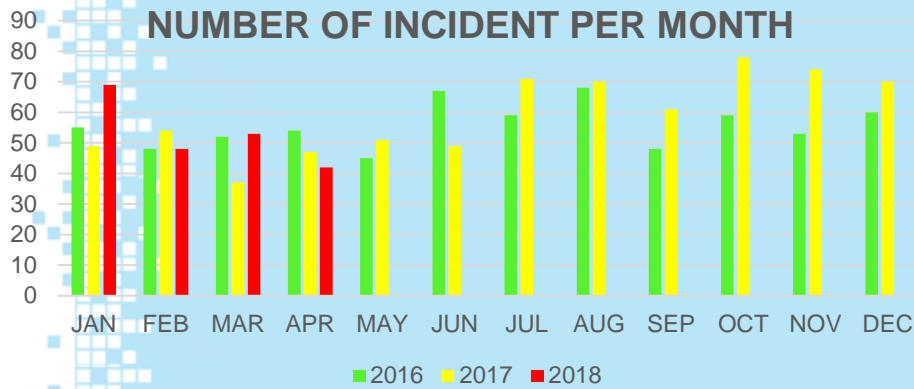


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# Maritime Incidents - April Executive Summary



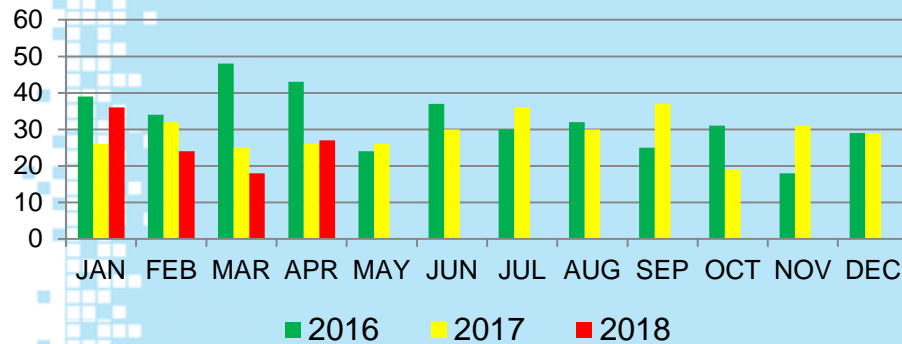
## KEY EVENTS :

- A total of 15 dead or missing persons were recorded this month, this is a statistical low with the least number of deaths ever recorded since this data started to be monitored.
- On 17 Apr, one oil tanker collided with an LPG tanker in the strait of Singapore causing a minor spill quickly dealt with by Singaporean authorities. This is the third collision in the strait of Singapore in 2018 (7 in 2017).

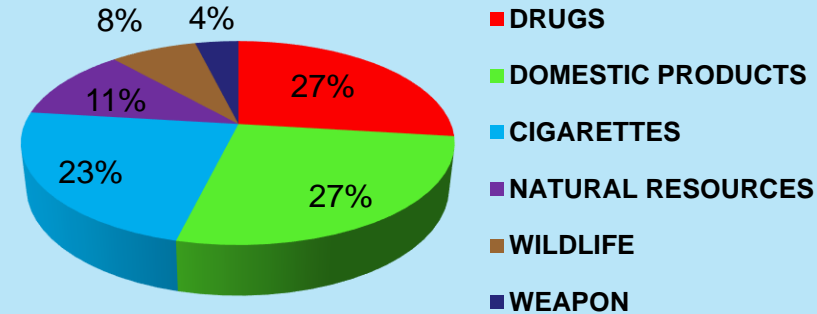


# Contraband Trafficking - April Executive Summary

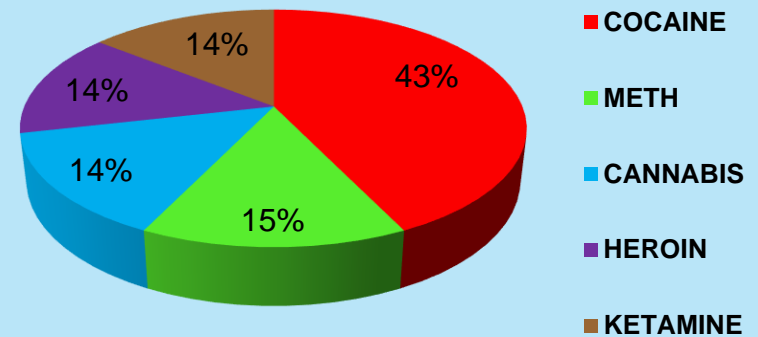
## Number of Incidents this Month



## Type of Product



## Category of Drugs



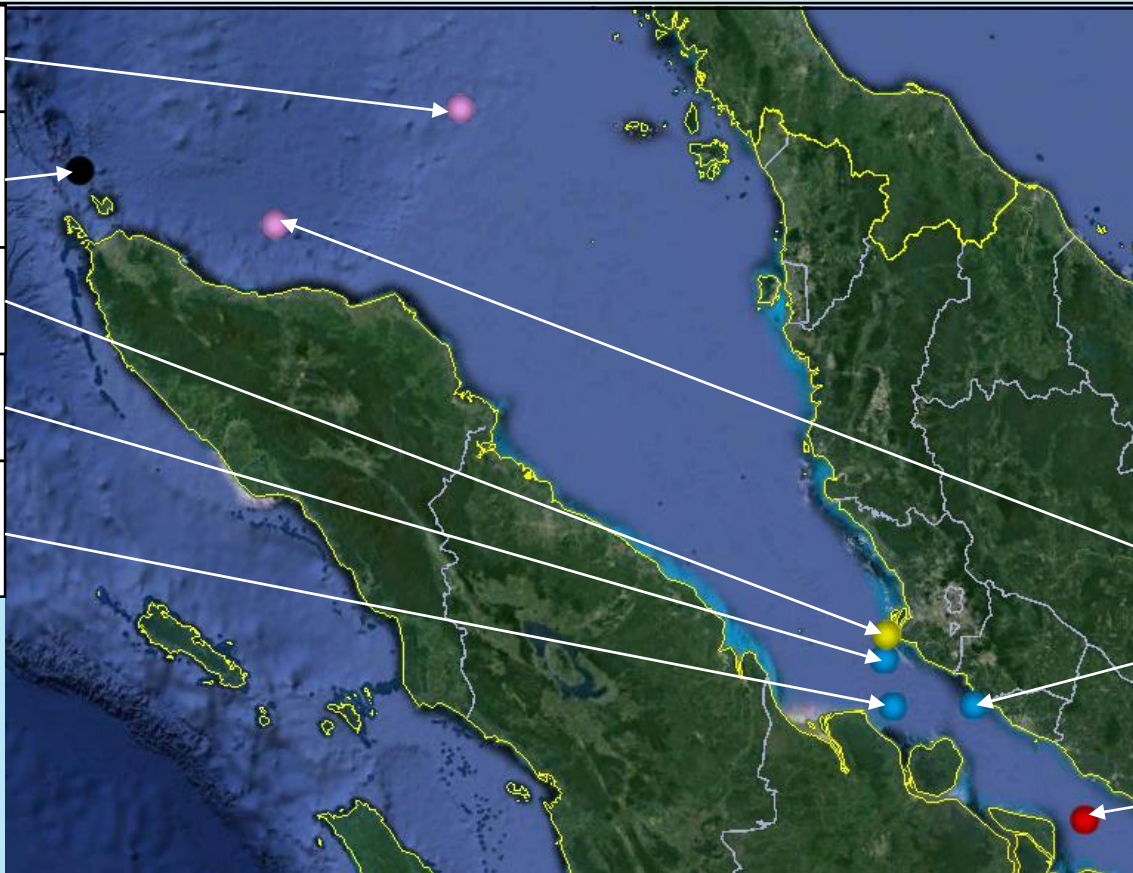
### Notes:

- 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.
- There was a **noticeable increase in cocaine seizures in the area** indicating an increase in the movement of this drug. Two peculiar cases pertaining to cocaine packets washing up on the shores of Philippines were reported. It was followed by seizure of a device by Philippine authorities looking similar to a buoy featuring a plastic neon orange top, contained a GPS (global positioning system) instrument which was being used for tracking drugs confirming suspicions that drug dealers have been transporting narcotics by sea.



# MALACCA STRAIT

- 07 Apr – Five Illegal Migrants/  
Small Boat/ Aceh, Indonesia/  
DB090418
- 08 Apr – Indonesian Western  
Fleet Command Captures FV  
STS 50 (Previously Known As  
Sea Breeze)
- 11 Apr – Incident/ MOB/ Dredger/  
One Missing/ SAR/ Port Klang,  
Malaysia/ DB160418
- 08 Apr – Drugs Smuggling/  
Ketamine/ Port Klang, Malaysia/  
DB200418
- 18 Apr – Drugs Smuggling/  
Methamphetamine/ Speed Boat/  
Dumai, Pekanbaru, Indonesia/  
DB020518



- 20 Apr – 76 Illegal Migrants/  
Fishing Vessel/ Aceh,  
Indonesia/ DB230418
- 27 Apr – Cigarettes Smuggling/  
Fibre Glass Boat/ Pengkalan  
Balak, Masjid Tanah, Malaysia/  
DB020518
- 24 Apr – Attempted Action/ Off  
Batu Pahat, Malaysia/ Malaysia-  
Flagged/ Fishing Vessel/ JHF  
2529/ Underway/ DB260418

**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
Refer to contents within box	Maritime Terrorism (MT)
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# SINGAPORE STRAIT

10 Apr – Incident/ MOB/  
Rescued/ SAR/ Off St John  
Island, Singapore/ DB110418

17 Apr – Collision/ Crude Oil  
Tanker vs LPG Tanker/ SAR/  
Off Tanjong Piai, Malaysia/  
DB170418

10 Apr – Sea Theft/ Off  
Batam, Indonesia/ Tug And  
Barge/ Indonesia Flagged/  
DIAN PACIFIC And LIMIN  
2803/ Underway/ DB260418



19 Apr – 102 Migrants From  
Indonesia/ Motor Boat/ NE  
Of Horsburgh Lighthouse,  
Singapore/ DB240418

19 Apr – Incident/ Mechanical  
Failure/ Motor Boat/ 104  
Rescued, One Missing/ SAR/  
NE of Horsburgh Lighthouse,  
Singapore/ DB190418

22 Apr – Attempted Sea  
Theft/ Off South of Sungai  
Rengit, Malaysia/ Bulk  
Carrier/ Cyprus-Flagged/  
KATERINA/ Underway/  
DB230418

11 Apr – Liquor Smuggling/  
KM Setia Kawan/ Karang  
Galang, Batam, Indonesia/  
DB130418

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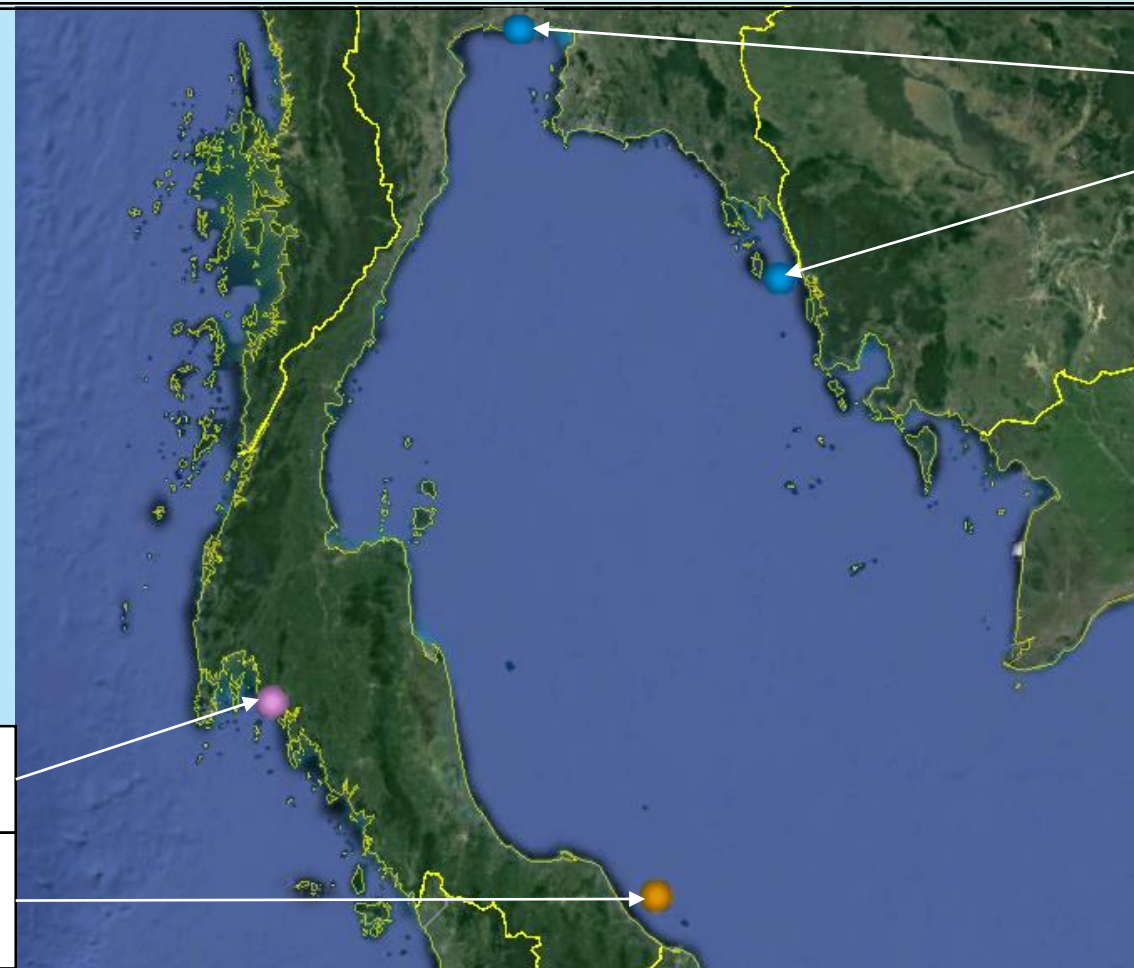
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# ANDAMAN SEA & GULF OF THAILAND



08 Apr – Drug Smuggling/  
Heroin/ Container Ship/  
Bangkok, Thailand/ DB100418

10 Apr – Weapons Smuggling/  
Assault Rifles/ Chalalai Port,  
Thailand/ DB130418

01 Apr – 56 Illegal Migrants  
From Asia/ One Fishing Boat/  
Krabi, Thailand/ DB 030418

01 Apr – Two Foreign Fishing  
Vessels/ 10 Foreign Fishermen  
Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/  
Thailand/ DB260418

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# SOUTH CHINA SEA

14 Apr – Incident/ MOB/ Off Nha Trang Port, Vietnam/ DB240418

05 April – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/ 31 Foreign Fishermen/ North Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB130418

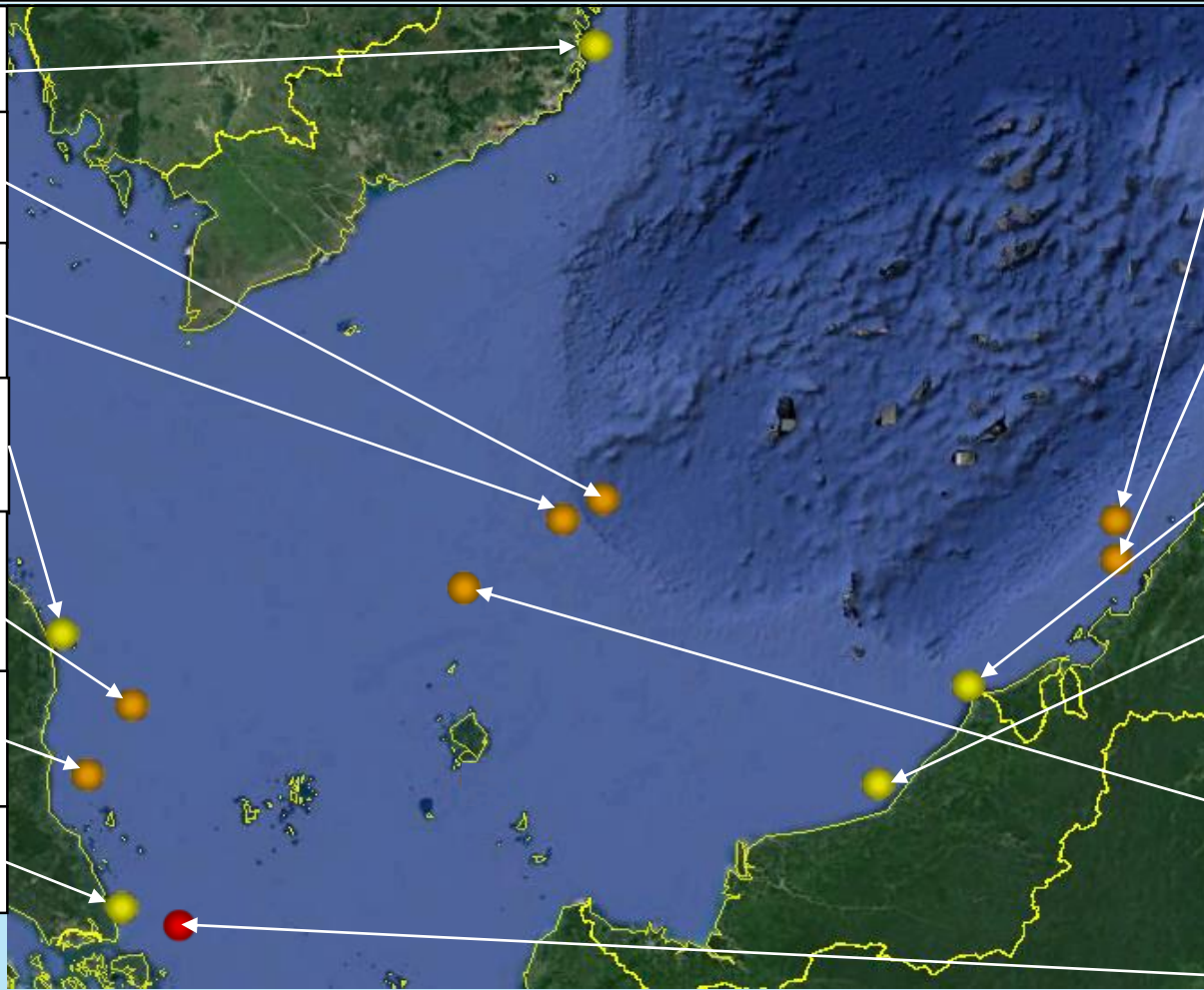
06 April – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/ 14 Foreign Fishermen/ North Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB130418

05 Apr – Recreational Incident/ Drowning/ One Missing/ SAR/ Teluk Bidara Beach, Dungun, Malaysia/ DB060418

13 Apr – One Foreign Fishing Vessel/ Six Foreign Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ Kemaman, Malaysia/ DB180418

09 Apr – One Foreign Cargo Vessel/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Kuala Pahang, Malaysia/ DB110418

30 Apr – Recreational Incident/ Drowning/ One Dead/ Kota Tinggi, Malaysia/ DB020518



04 Apr – Two Local Fishing Boats/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia/ DB120418

05 Apr – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Pulau Mengalum, Malaysia/ DB090418

17 Apr – Incident/ Fire/ Drilling Ship/ 37 Rescued, One Missing/ SAR/ Off Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB170418

21 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ LCT/ One Dead/ SAR/ Sungai Pandan, Sebauh, Malaysia/ DB 260418

25 Apr – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/ 21 Foreign Fishermen/ Off Natunas Island, Indonesia/ DB270418

29 Apr – Attempted Actions/ Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia/ Netherlands Flagged/ Heavy Lift Vessel/ BIGROLL BEAUFORT/ Anchored/ DB070518

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# SEA(1/2)

08 Apr – Collision/ General Cargo Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued, One Missing/ SAR/ Shantou, China/ DB160418

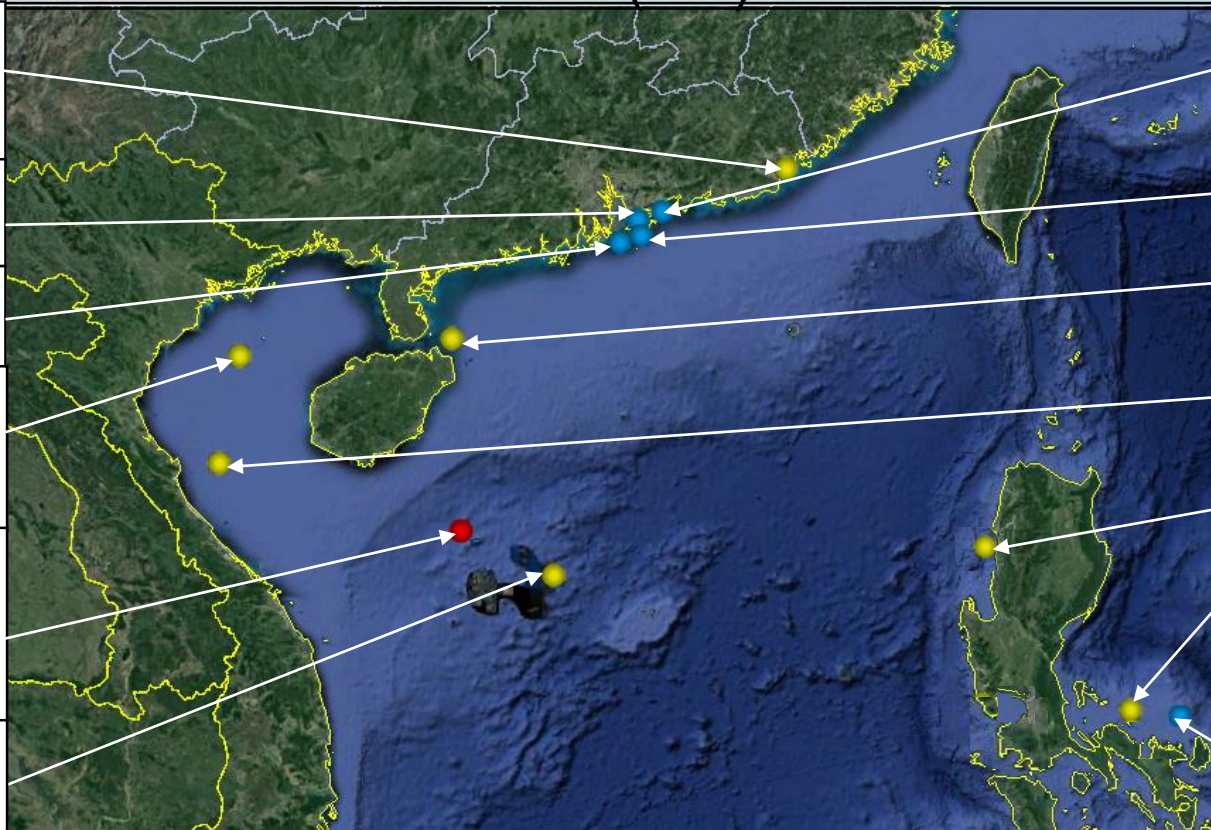
24 Apr – Drug Smuggling/ Cocaine/ Shanwei, China/ DB260418

17 Apr – Wildlife Smuggling/ Turtles / Hong Kong, China/ DB190418

04 Apr – Collision/ Unknown Ship Vs Two Fishing Vessels/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ NE Off Thanh Hoa, Vietnam/ DB060418

06 Apr – Suspicious Approach/ South China Sea, 100 NM SE of Hainan Island/ Hong-Kong Flagged/ Yacht/ Swiss Prestige/ Underway/ DB110418

20 Apr – Violent Confrontation/ Fishermen vs Fishermen/ Off Lincoln Island, Paracels Islands/ DB260418



10 Apr – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Smartphones, Tablets/ Speedboats/ Hong Kong, China/ DB120418

19 Apr – Natural Resources Smuggling/ Rose Wood/ Hong Kong, China/ DB230418

05 Apr – Collision/ Container Vessel Vs Ferry/ Hainan Strait, China/ DB090418

10 Apr – Mechanical Failure/ Fishing Boat/ NE Off Gianh Port, Vietnam/ DB 130418

07 Apr – Grounding/ General Cargo Vessel/ Barangay Pantoc, Philippines/ DB090418

07 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB110418

15 Apr – Drug Smuggling/ Cocaine/ Off Camarines Sur, Philippines/ DB180418

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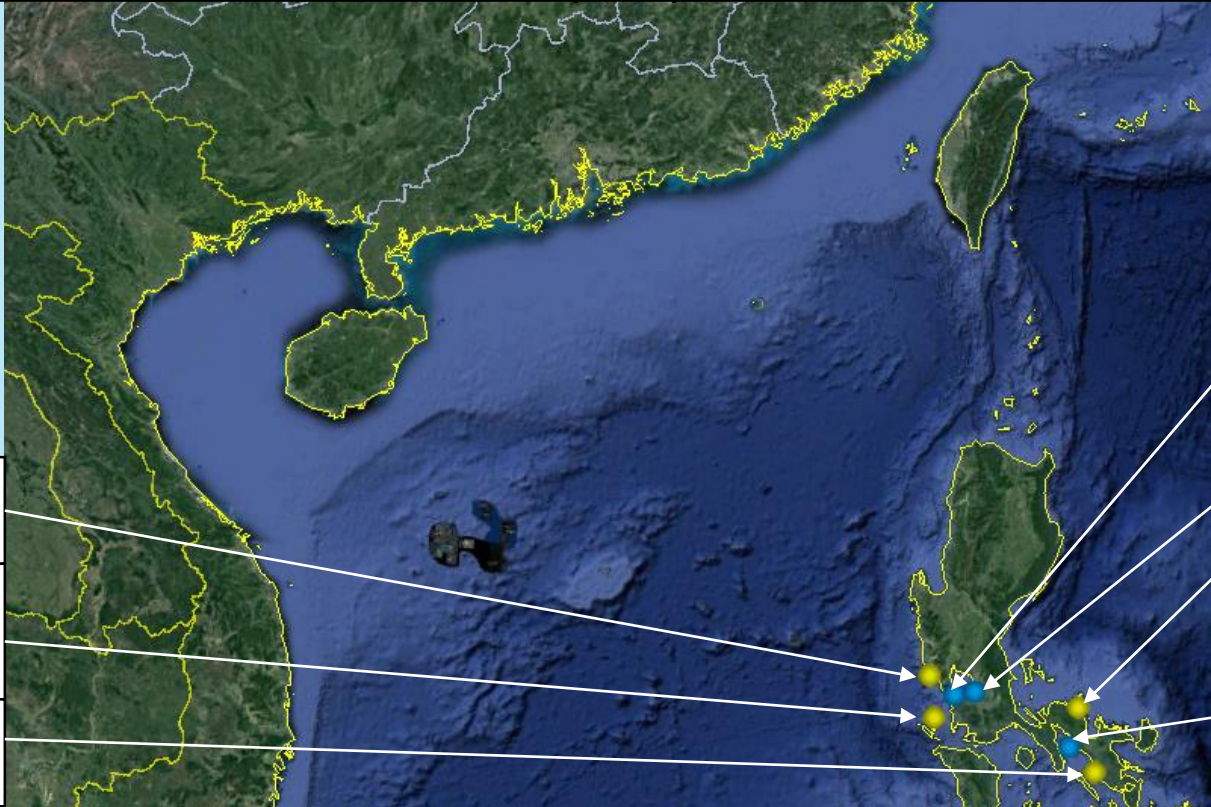


# SOUTH CHINA SEA & PHILIPPINES (NORTH) / PHILIPPINE SEA (2/2)

19 Apr – Grounding/  
Container Vessel/ Subic  
Bay, Philippines/ DB200418

07 Apr – Incident/  
Mechanical Failure/ LCT/  
SAR/ Off Fortune Island,  
Philippines/ DB110418

24 Apr – Grounding/ Ferry/  
Albay Province, Philippines/  
DB250418



23 Apr – Domestic Product  
Smuggling/ Onion/ Manila,  
Philippines/ DB270418

10 Apr – Cigarettes  
Smuggling/ Manila,  
Philippines/ DB170418

16 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/  
Small Boat/ 20 rescued/ SAR/  
Camarines Norte, Philippines/  
DB200418

27 Apr – Cigarettes  
Smuggling/ Small Boat/  
Camarines Sur, Philippines/  
DB020518

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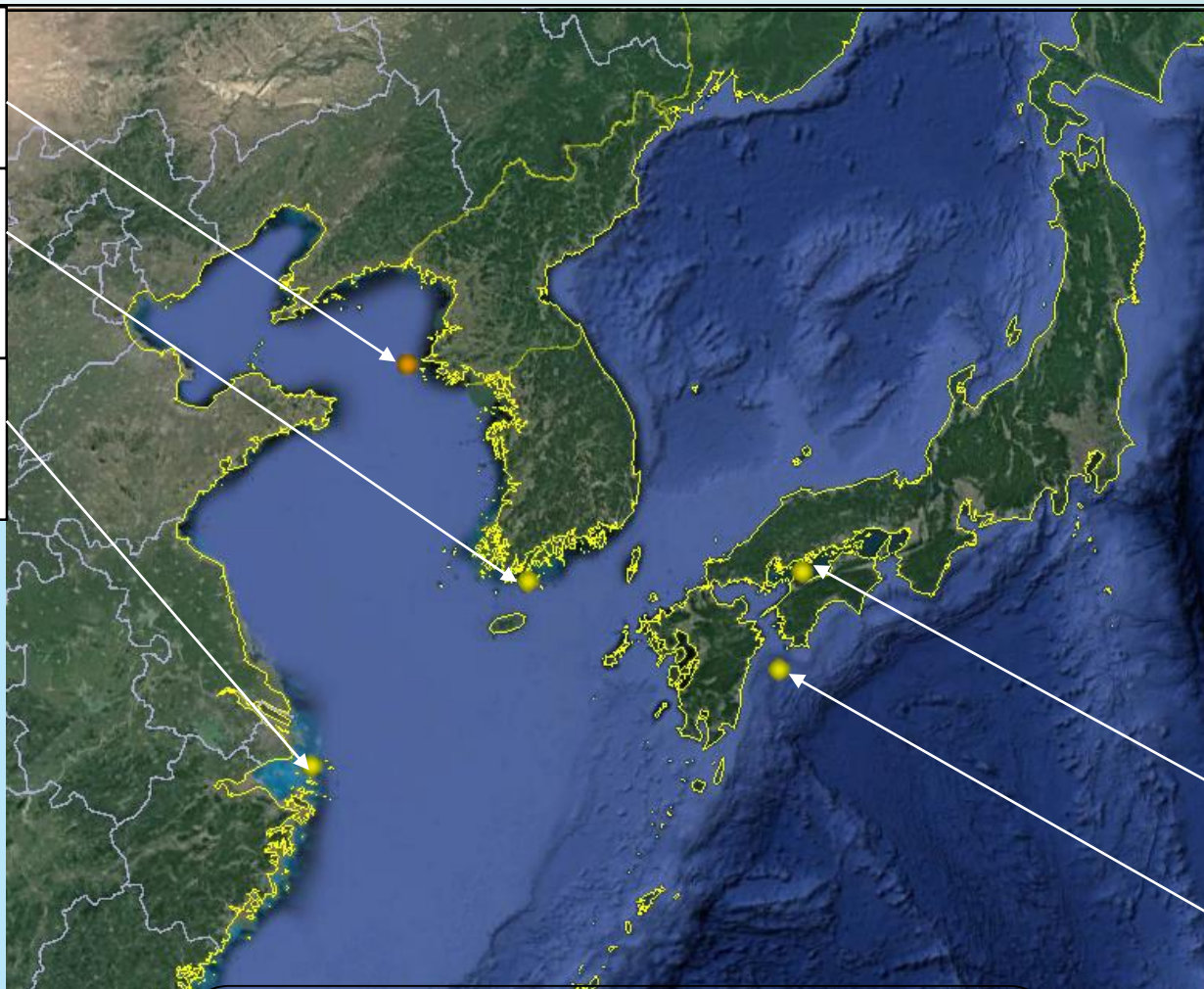
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# EAST CHINA SEA – YELLOW SEA

14 Apr – One Foreign Fishing Vessel/ One Foreign Fishermen Detained/ Bayengyeong, S Korea/ DB160418

12 Apr – Collision/ Fishing Boat Vs Freighter/ Three Dead, Three Missing/ SAR/ 10km Northwest Of Shinan, South Korea/ DB 130418

06 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ General Cargo Vessel/ 12 Rescued, One Dead/ SAR/ Off Zhoushan, China/ DB090418



07 Apr – Collision/ Cargo Ship & Unknown Ship/ No Injury/ Kurushima Straits, Japan/ DB110418

08 Apr – Incident/ Medevac/ Tanker/ One Rescued/ SAR/ 8NM Off Kunisato City, Japan/ DB100418

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# PHILIPPINES & SULU SEA

27 April – Three Local Fishing Boat/ 16 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing and Methods/ Masbate, Philippines/ DB020518

08 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ Passenger Boat/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ El Nido, Philippines/ DB100418

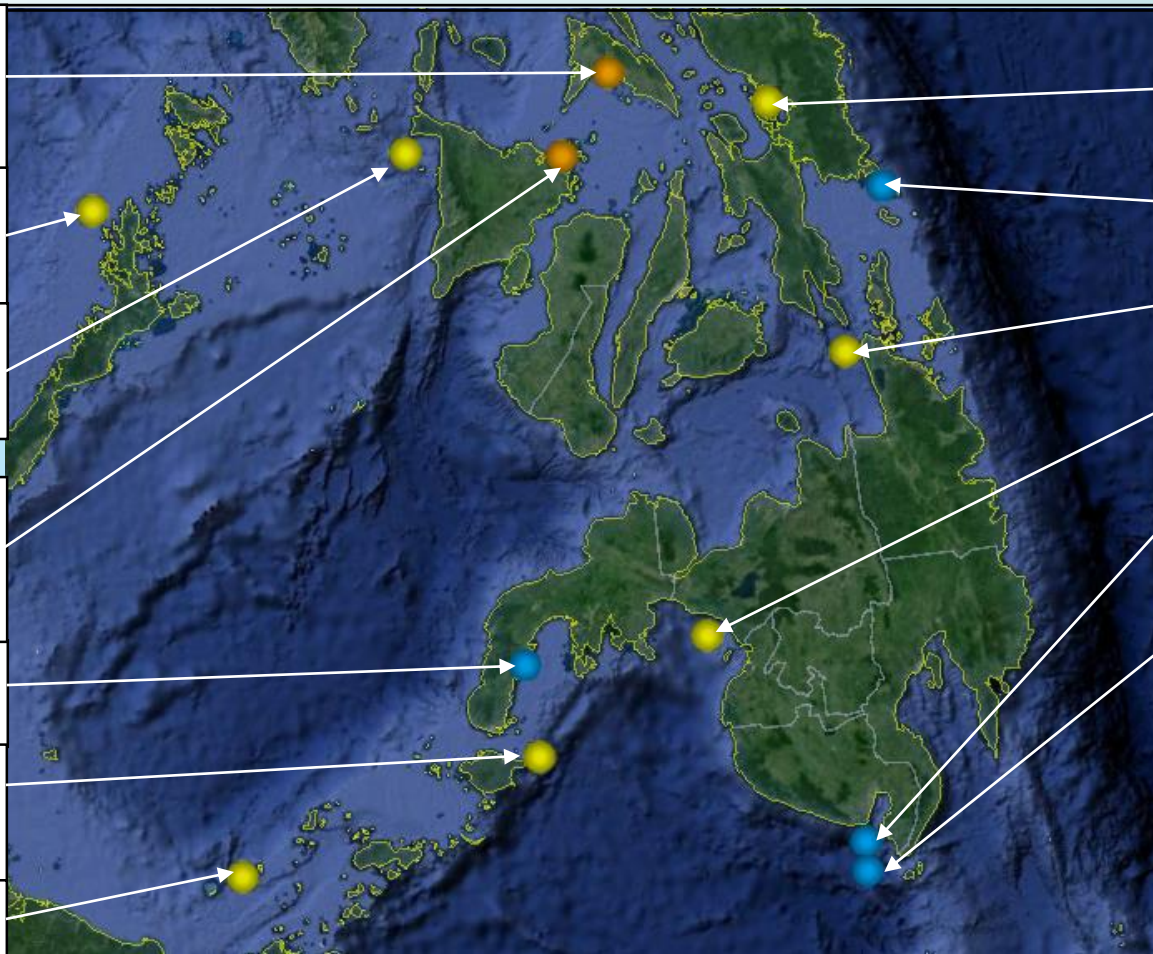
04 Apr – Unauthorized Activity/ Invalid Documentation/ Passenger Boat/ Boracay Island, Philippines/ DB060418

24 Apr – One Local Fishing Boat/ 28 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Masbate, Philippines/ DB260418

14 Apr – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Rice/ Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB160418

11 Apr – Violent Confrontation/ Fishermen vs Fishermen/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Sibago Island, Philippines/ DB160418

24 Apr – Incident/ Medevac/ Off Sulu, Philippines/ DB250418



13 Apr – Collision/ Passenger Boat Vs Submerged Object/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Catbalogan, Philippines/ DB160418

16 Apr – Drug Smuggling/ Cocaine/ Guiuan, Eastern Samar, Philippines/ DB230418

10 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ 22 Rescued/ SAR/ Surigao City, Philippines/ DB130418

24 Apr – Sunk-capsized/ Pump Boat/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Lanao Del Norte, Philippines/ DB260418

24 Apr – Cigarette Smuggling/ Four Fishing Boats/ General Santos, Philippines/ DB260418

09 Apr – Cigarette Smuggling/ Fishing Boat/ Barangay Calumpang, Philippines/ DB120418

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# CELEBES SEA – NORTH SULAWESI NORTH MOLUKU ISLANDS

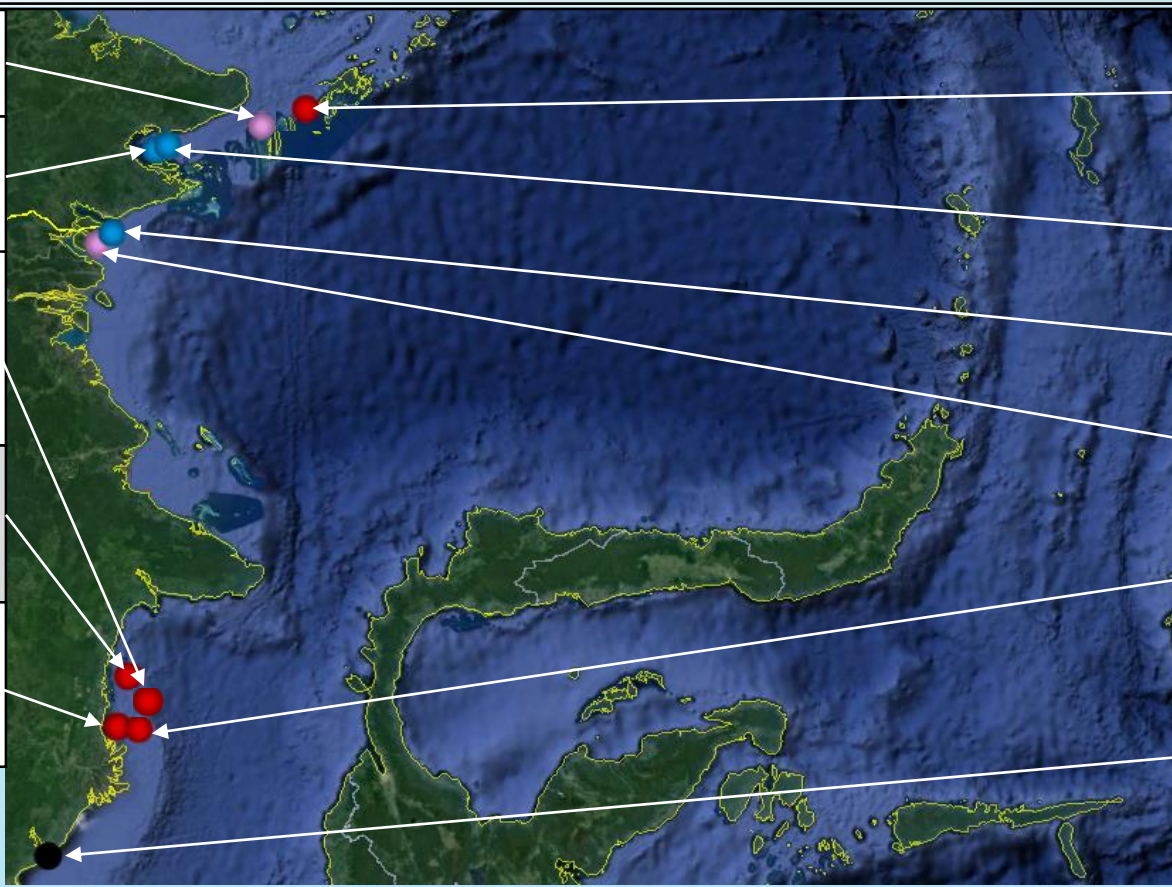
03 Apr – Eight Illegal Migrants/  
Small Boat/ Kelang Tanduo,  
Malaysia/ DB050418

03 Apr – Domestic Product  
Smuggling/ Wheat, Cooking  
Oil, Gas/ Small Boat/ Kelang  
Tanduo, Malaysia/ DB050418

28 Apr – Attempted Action/  
Muara Berau Anchorage,  
Indonesia/ Panama-Flagged/  
General Cargo Vessel/  
APOLLO TROTH/ Anchored/  
DB020518

18 Apr – Sea Theft/ Muara  
Berau Anchorage, Indonesia/  
Singapore-Flagged/ Bulk  
Carrier/ PPS LUCK/ Anchored/  
DB230418

21 Apr – Attempted Action/  
Muara Berau Anchorage,  
Indonesia/ Liberia flagged/  
Bulk Carrier/ ALKYONIS/  
Anchored/ DB260418



24 Apr – Suspicious Approach/  
WSW of Bongao Island,  
Philippines/ Info Gap/ Ore  
Carrier/ NAME WITHHELD/  
Underway/ DB090518

15 Apr – Cigarettes  
Smuggling/ Kampung Air,  
Malaysia/ DB170418

04 Apr – Domestic Products  
Smuggling/ Mangrove Crabs/  
Tawau, Malaysia/ DB050418

11 April – 39 Illegal Migrants/  
Two Speed Boats/ Sebatik  
Island, Indonesia/ DB130418

04 Apr – Sea Theft/  
Samarinda, Indonesia/  
Singapore Flag/ Bulk Carrier  
"African Lunde"/ Anchored/  
DB090418

02 Apr – Others/ Unauthorized  
Activity/ Bulk Carrier/ Missing  
Or Unsatisfactory Ship's  
Documents/ Balikpapan,  
Indonesia/ DB180418

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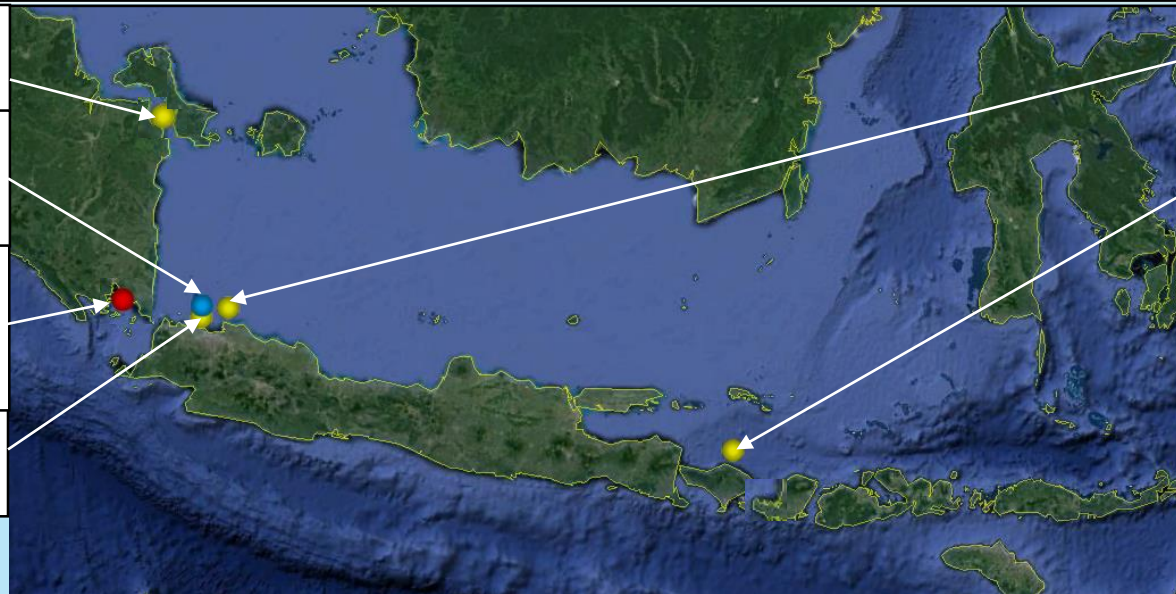
# JAVA SEA – MAKASSAR STRAIT – BALI SEA - FLORES SEA

05 Apr – Incident/ Water Ingress/ SAR/ Bangka Strait, Indonesia/ DB090418

12 Apr – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Luxury Vehicles/ Ro-Ro/ Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB160418

28 Apr – Suspicious Approach/ Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia/ Singapore-Flagged/ Products Tanker/ KIRANA TRITYA/ Anchored/ DB090518










22 Apr – Incident/ Explosion/ Boat/ Nine Injured/ Panggang Island, Indonesia/ DB240418



27 Apr – Incident/ Fire/ Container Ship/ 18 Crew Rescued/ SAR/ North of Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB300418

28 Apr – Recreational Incident/ Drowning/ One Dead/ Bali, Indonesia/ DB020518

## INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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








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



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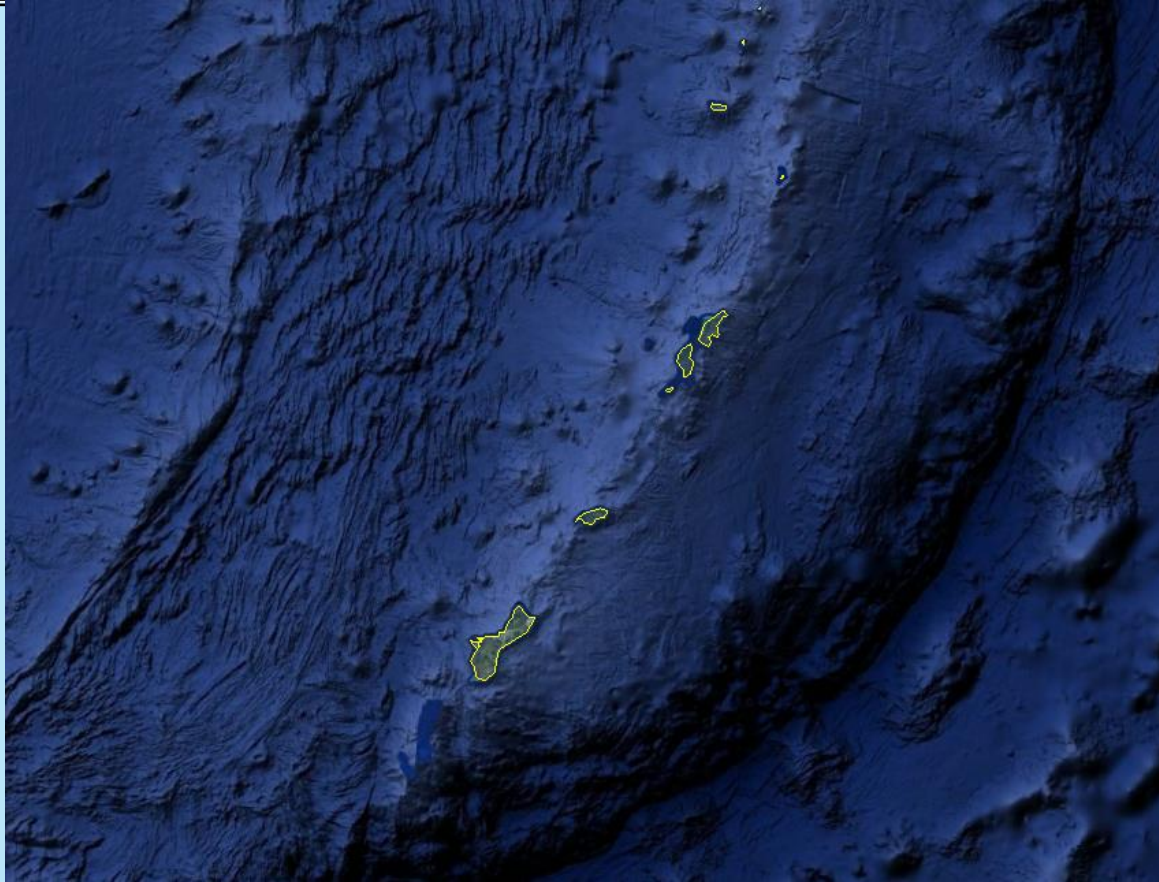
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





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# PACIFIC OCEAN - GUAM



## INCIDENT DESCRIPTION KEY

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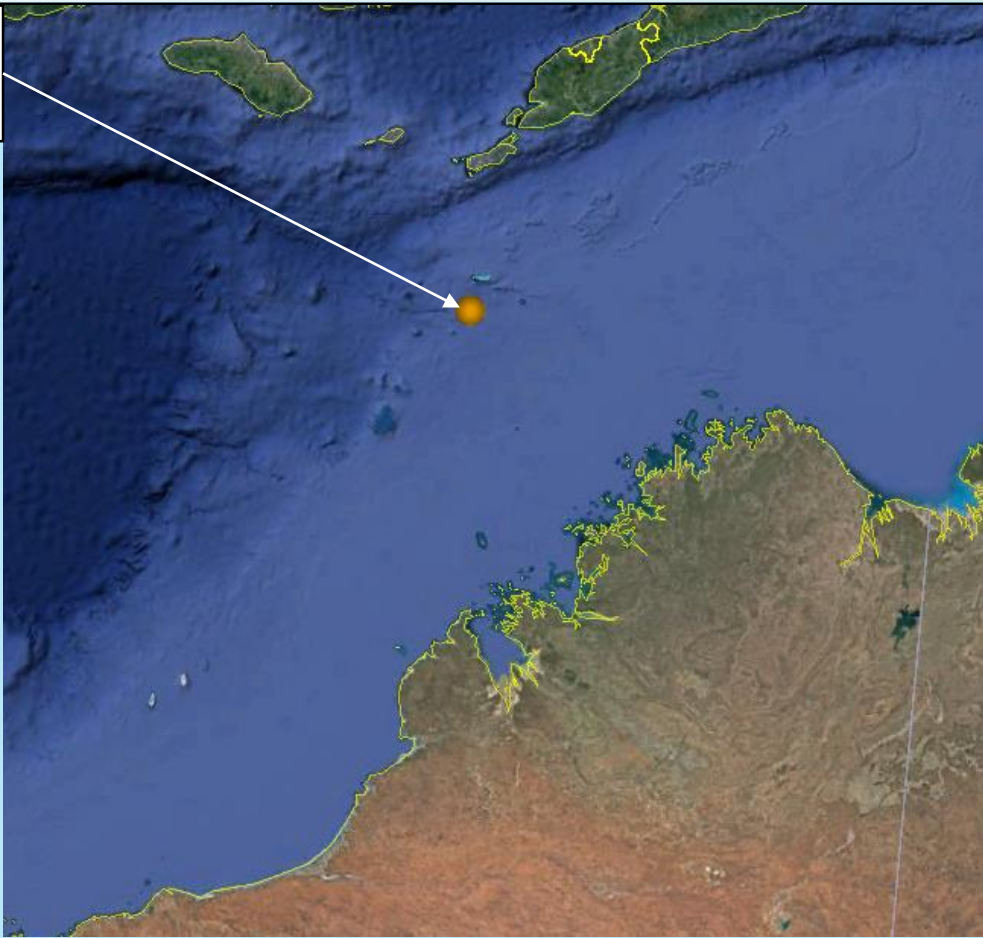
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








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# SAVU SEA – TIMOR SEA

19 Apr – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/  
 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal  
 Fishing/ East Ashmore Island, Australia/  
 DB020518



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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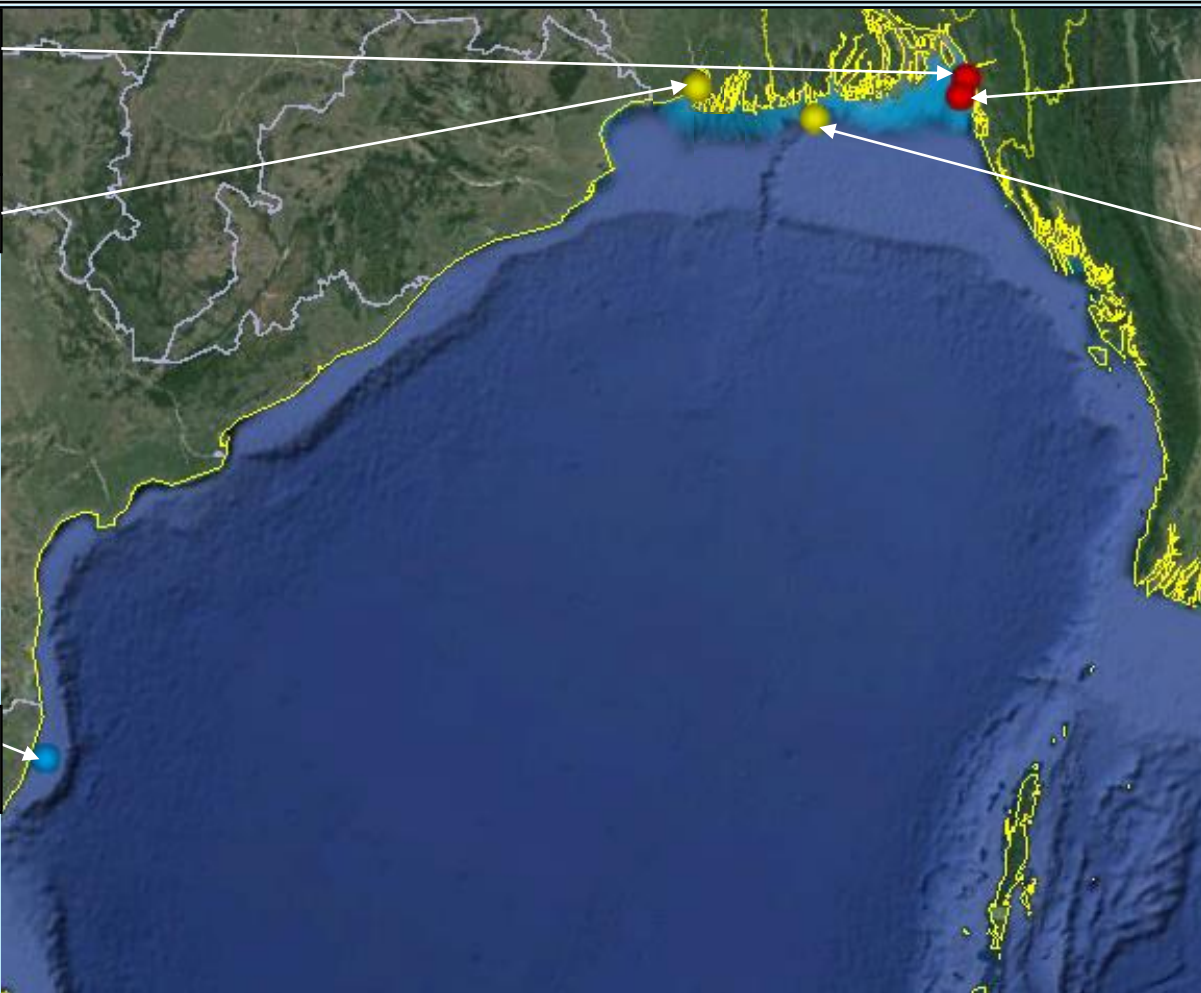
# NORTH BAY OF BENGAL

12 Apr – Sea Robbery/  
Chittagong Anchorage,  
Bangladesh/ Bahamas Flag /  
Tanker/ BERTINA/ Vessel at  
Anchor/ DB180418

04 Apr – Grounding/ Ferry/  
Kolkata, India/ DB090418

18 Apr – Attempted Action/  
Chittagong Anchorage/  
Panama Flag/ General Cargo  
Vessel/ ION DOODLE/  
Anchored/ DB230418

14 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/  
Cargo Vessel/ Seven  
Rescued/ SAR/ Mongla port,  
Bangladesh/ DB170418



20 Apr – Fuel Smuggling/  
Diesel/ Chennai Port, India/  
DB240418

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









# BAY OF BENGAL – INDIAN COAST

07 Apr – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/  
Fishing Boat/ Karwar, India/ DB100418



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# SRI LANKA – PALK STRAIT

07 Apr – Violent Confrontation/ Fishermen vs Fishermen/ Four Injured/ Off Kodiyakkarai Coast, Sri Lanka/ DB160418

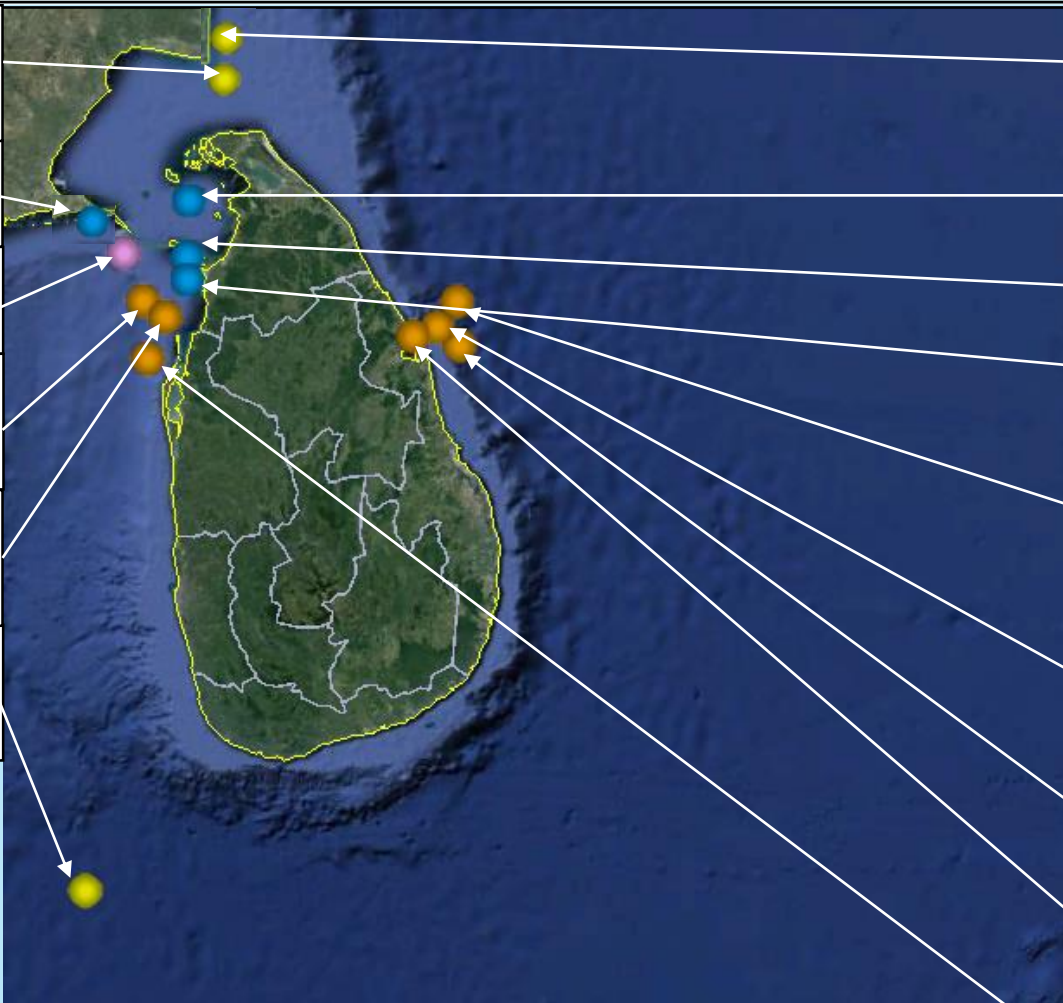
10 Apr – Drugs Smuggling/ Cannabis/ Fishing Vessel/ Mandapam, India/ DB120418

07 Apr – One Illegal Migrant From Turkey/ Small Boat/ Rameswaran, India/ DB100418

11 Apr – Two Local Fishing Vessels/ 11 Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Kudiramalei, Sri Lanka/ DB180418

26 Apr – One Local Fishing Boat/ Four Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing Methods: Blasting Fishing/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB020518

14 Apr – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Sailing Ship/ No Casualty/ SAR/ Off Galle Light House, Sri Lanka/ DB160418



05 Apr – Violent Confrontation/ Five Injured/ Palk Strait, Thopputhrai/ DB110418

02 Apr – Wildlife Smuggling/ Pigeons/ Dinghy/ Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB100418

08 Apr – Natural Resources Smuggling/ Gold/ Pesalai, Sri Lanka/ DB 110418

11 Apr – Natural Resources Smuggling/ Gold/ North of Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB 130418

04 Apr – Four Local Fishing Dinghys/ 32 Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing Methods: Illegal Fishing Nets/ Chapel Island And Foul Point, Sri Lanka/ DB100418

11 Apr – Four Local Fishing Vessels/ 24 Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB180418

19 Apr – One Local Fishing Vessel/ Four Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ Norway Point, Sri Lanka/ DB240418

01 Apr – One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Rameswaran, Sri Lanka/ DB 030418

20 Apr – Two Local Fishing Vessels/ Four Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Kimbulbokka, Sri Lanka/ DB240418

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

## IFC Advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents in a timely manner to the nearest coastal state and the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. Ships moving at slow speeds or 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 of a 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 1/18 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 has been 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 the Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia and the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware of 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.*

## CONTACT

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