

IFC Monthly MARSEC Report Map February 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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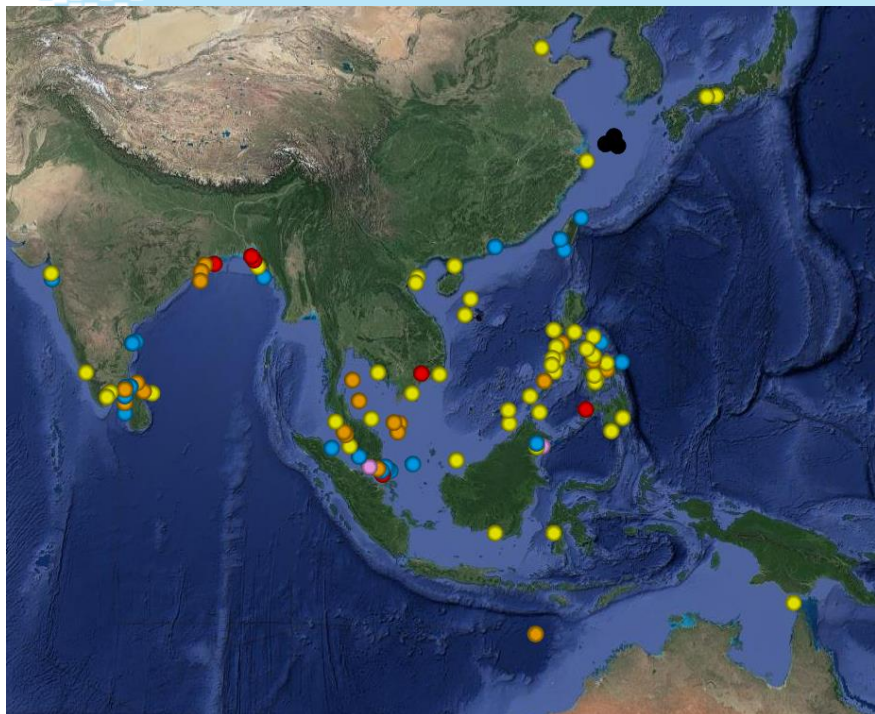
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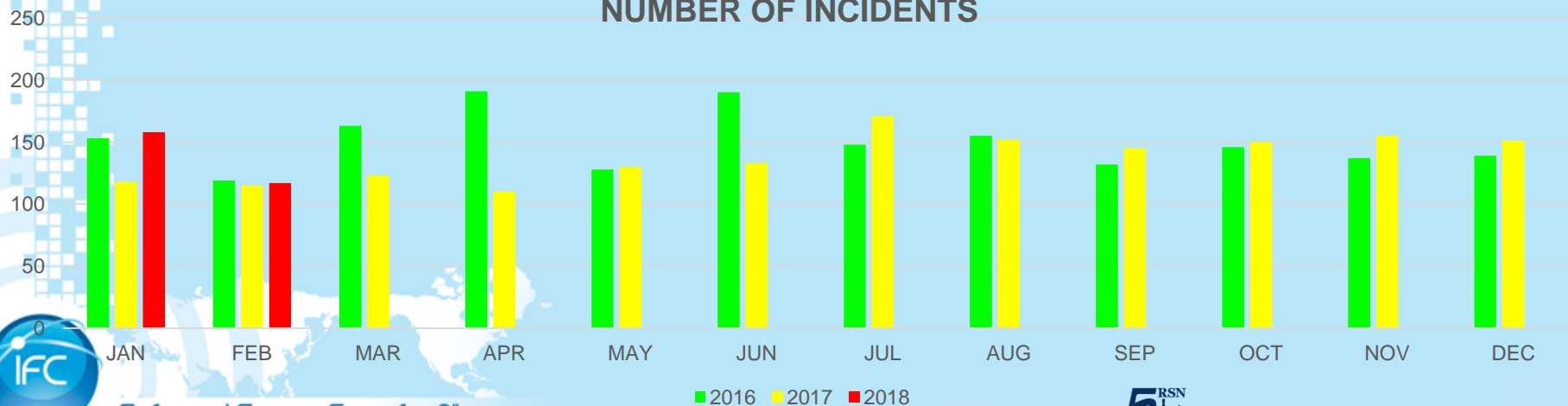


IFC AOI – MARSEC EVENTS FEBRUARY 2018



	FEBRUARY 2018	TOTAL 2018	FEB 2017	FEB 2016
Piracy / Sea Robbery	7	22	8	4
IUU Fishing	22	54	26	22
Irregular Human Migration	2	6	4	8
Maritime Incident	48	117	49	55
Contraband Trafficking	24	61	32	34
Maritime Terrorism	0	0	1	0
Others	3	5	1	1

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS



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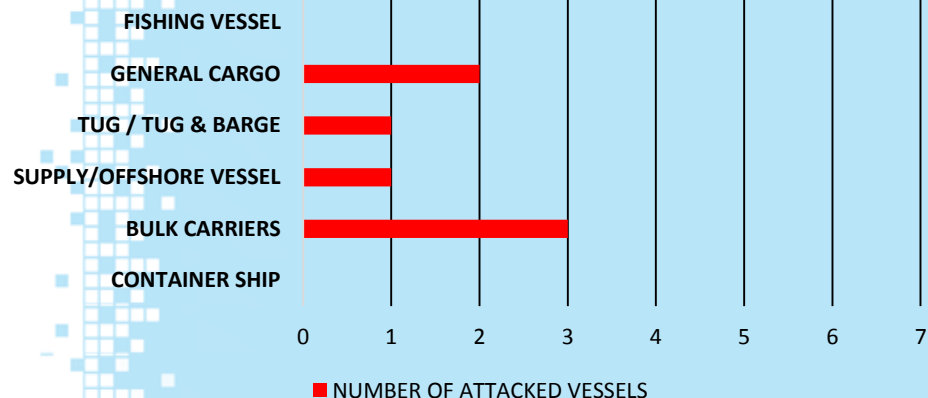
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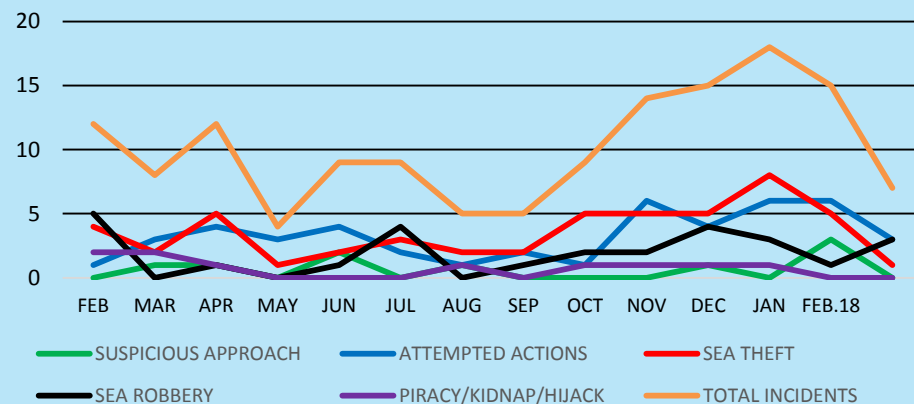
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TRAPS & MT – February Executive Summary

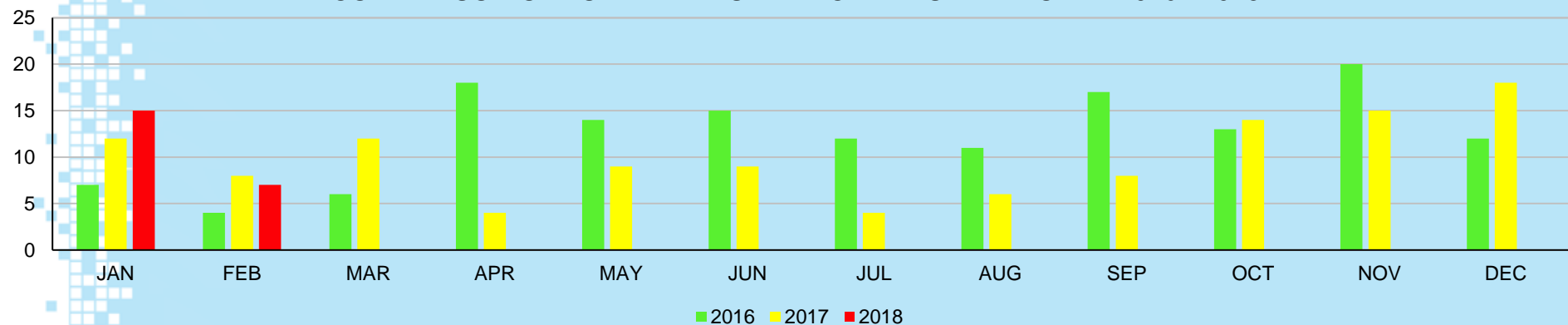
TYPE OF ATTACKED VESSEL



INCIDENTS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS



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



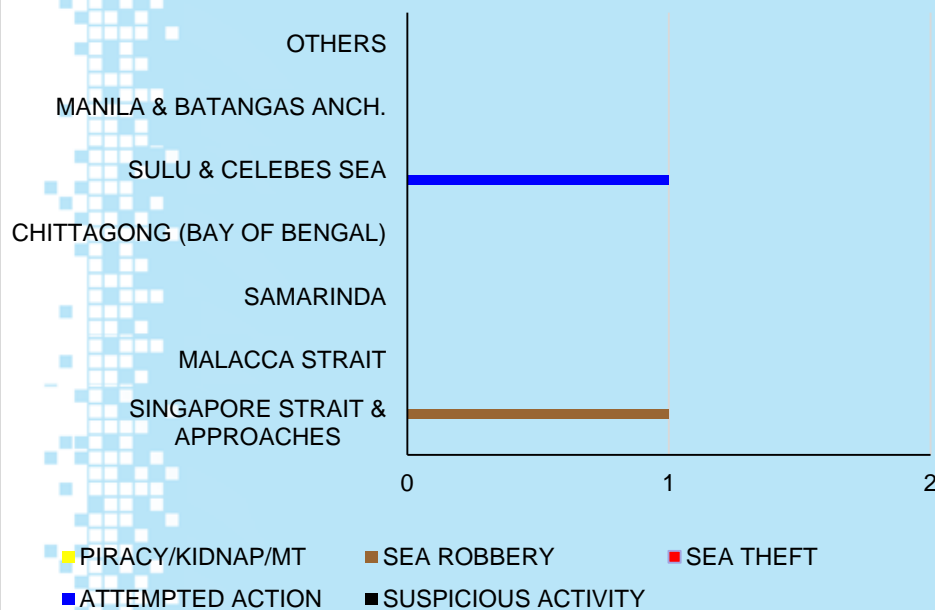
KEY EVENTS & OBSERVATIONS:

- The recorded incidents for this month (7 incidents) as compared to Feb.2017 are slightly lower (8 incidents).
- 5 out of 7 incidents, transpired while the attacked vessels were at anchor.
- A total of 2 incidents were recorded in the Singapore Strait indicating same pattern of incident occurrence (POD and/or low visibility). 1 incident occurred in Batu Ampar Port's designated anchorage area adjacent to Singapore strait and the other at 12 NM south west of the western section of Singapore strait while underway (refer to Spot Commentary 1/18 for the identification of the areas and characteristics of the incidents in Singapore Strait).

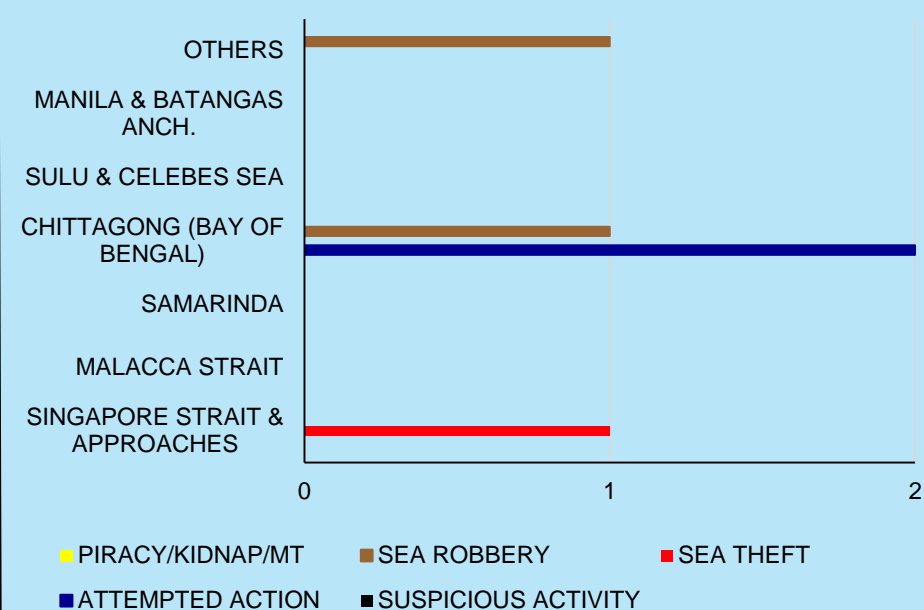


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INCIDENTS WHILE UNDERWAY BY LOCATION



INCIDENTS WHILE ANCHORED BY LOCATION



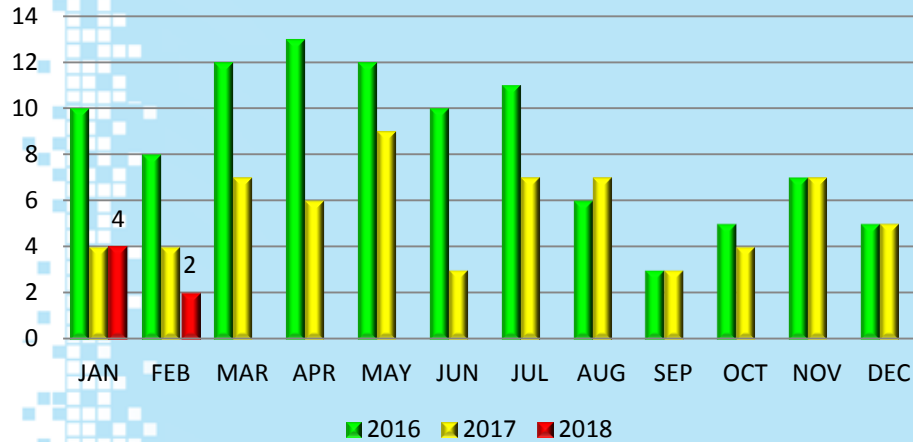
KEY EVENTS & OBSERVATIONS:

- A total of 3 incidents were recorded in the Bay of Bengal (BB), out of them, 2 in the Chittagong anchorage area, where 8 incidents have been recorded since January 2017 (4 Sea Robbery, 1 Sea Theft and 3 attempted actions), 11 since 2016, and 20 since 2015; all of them with same characteristics, namely: incidents transpired during the POD, while anchored, perpetrators escaped when spotted or when alarm raised by crew, little to no violence although usually spotted with weapons.
- One foiled boarding incident was recorded in Sulu & Celebes Sea at vicinity 18.36NM E off Sibago Island. The attack was prevented through vessel's cooperation to the emplaced TCA Maritime security protocols, crew vigilance, resourcefulness and prompt response. Apparently, the vessel/shipmaster was constantly in communication/reporting to the respective Littoral Monitoring Stations (LMS) while in transit enabling Philippine maritime forces to efficiently locate the distressed vessel while the crew/shipmaster employ ways to negate, evade and delay the boarding attack. A total of 7 Philippine vessels (2 coastguard and 5 navy) and 2 PAF aircraft came to rush for assistance as soon as the ship master simultaneously fired the 5 rocket flares.

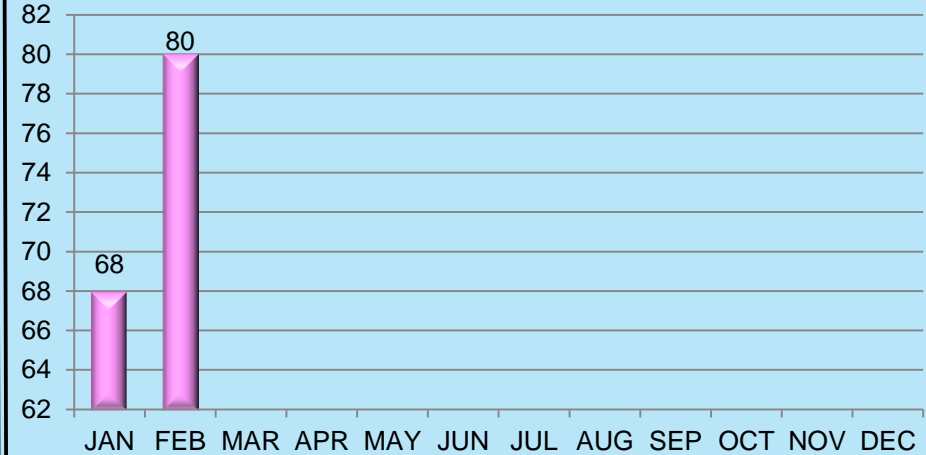


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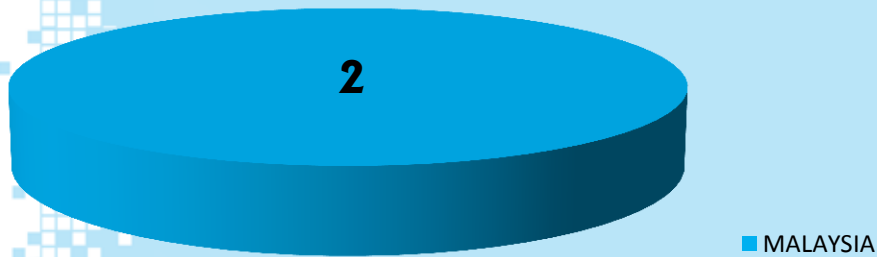
NUMBER OF INCIDENT PER MONTH



NUMBER OF MIGRANTS INTERCEPTED



AREA OF INCIDENT



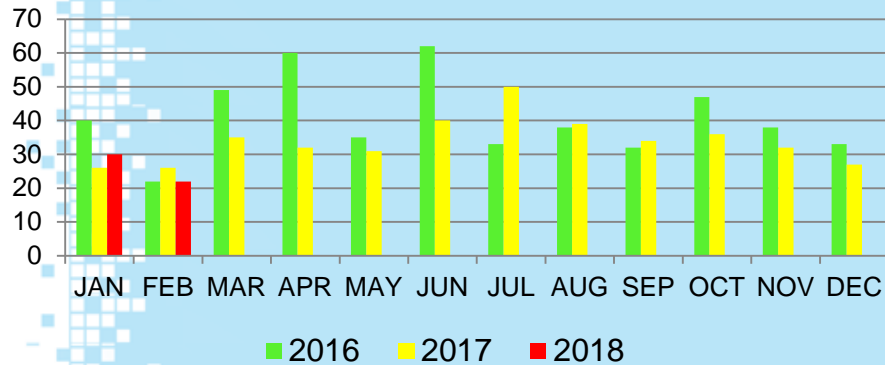
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The Tawau Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized six boats carrying 111 foreign fishing crew members in the waters off Inderasabah on 7 Feb morning. 52 of the crew members who failed to produce their identification documents were detained for further investigation.

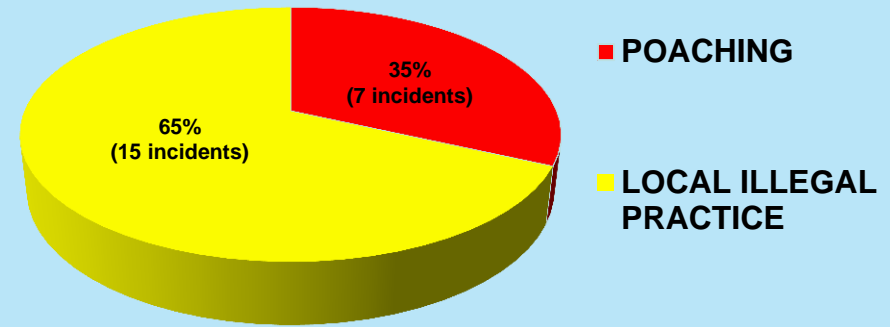


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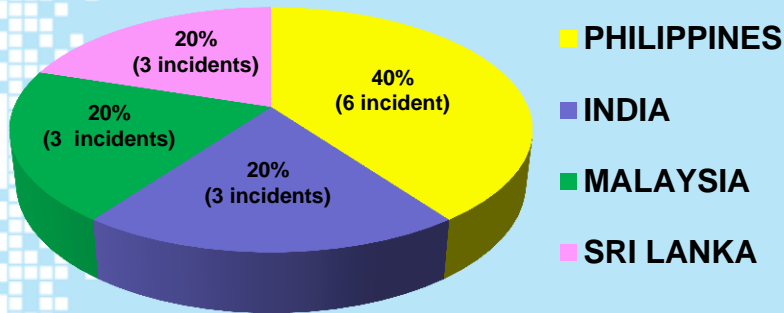
Number of Incidents this Month



Type of Incidents



Illegal Practices by Local Vessel

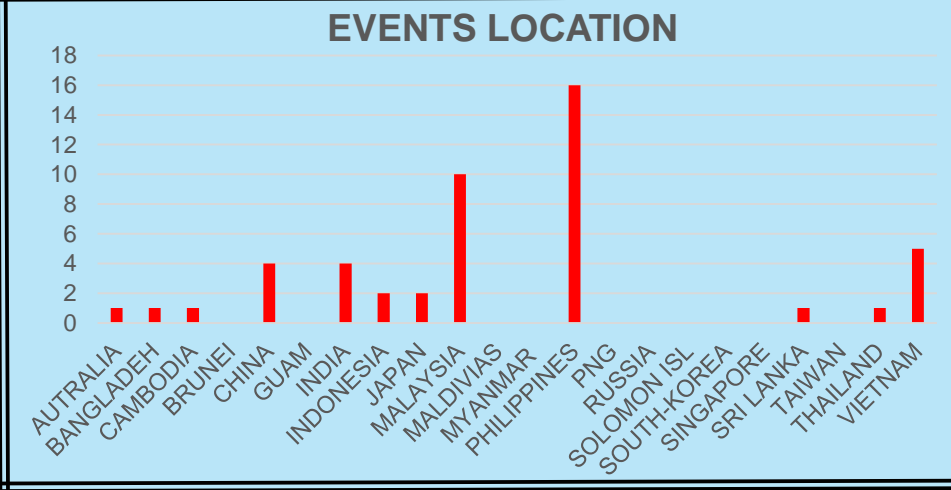
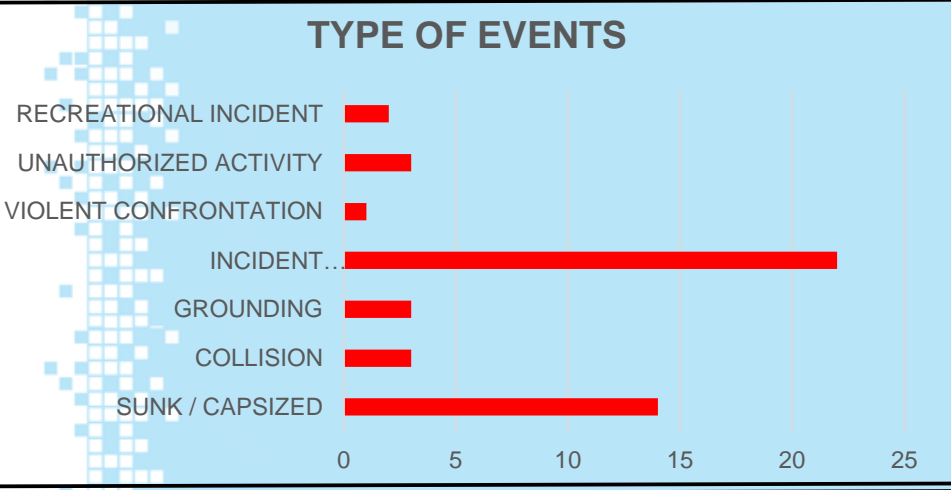
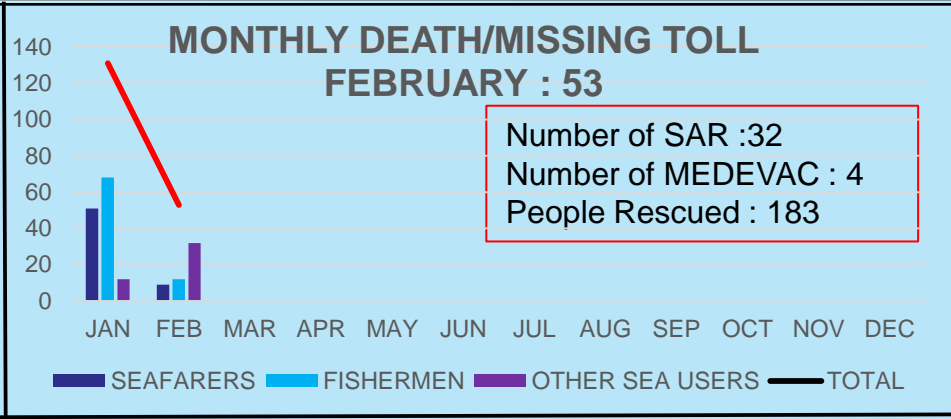
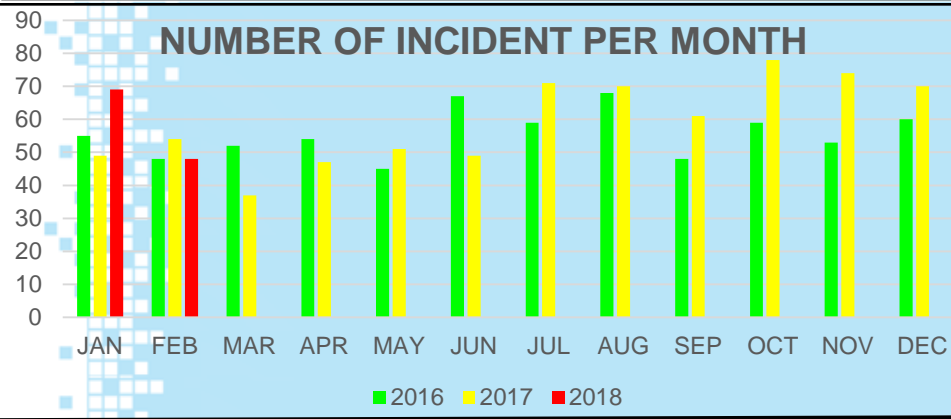


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Maritime Incidents - February Executive Summary

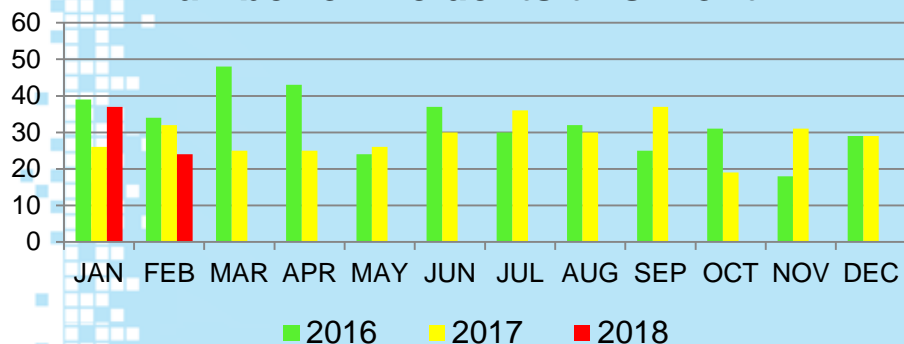


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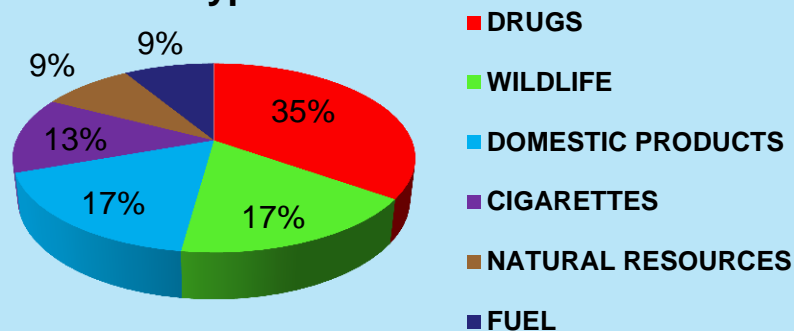
- After the spike of collision in January (20), February witnessed only 3 of them, but the first one of the year in the straits of Singapore between two tankers on 22 Feb 18.
- On 24 Feb, an Indonesian tanker, previously arrested for illegal anchoring by the MMEA, went missing. On 26 Feb, this tanker was relocated by TNI Navy and handed over to the Malaysian authorities.

Contraband Trafficking - February Executive Summary

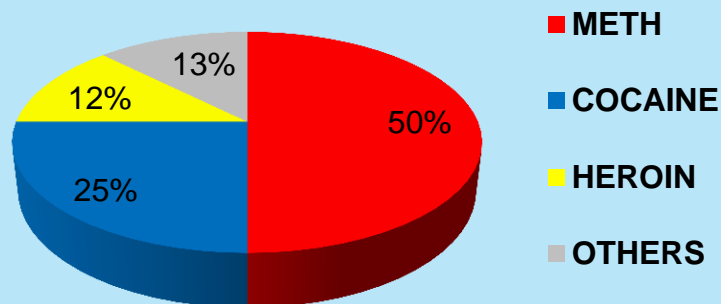
Number of Incidents this Month



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.
- Two major Meth seizures were successfully undertaken by Indonesian authorities (07 & 20 Feb). The modus operandi of both the incidents were observed to be similar. Both vessels were long Tuna fishing vessels having Taiwanese crew onboard and hiding under a false identity by flying Singapore flag. Both vessels were involved in smuggling huge quantities of meth (One tonne and 1.6 tonne respectively).



MALACCA STRAIT

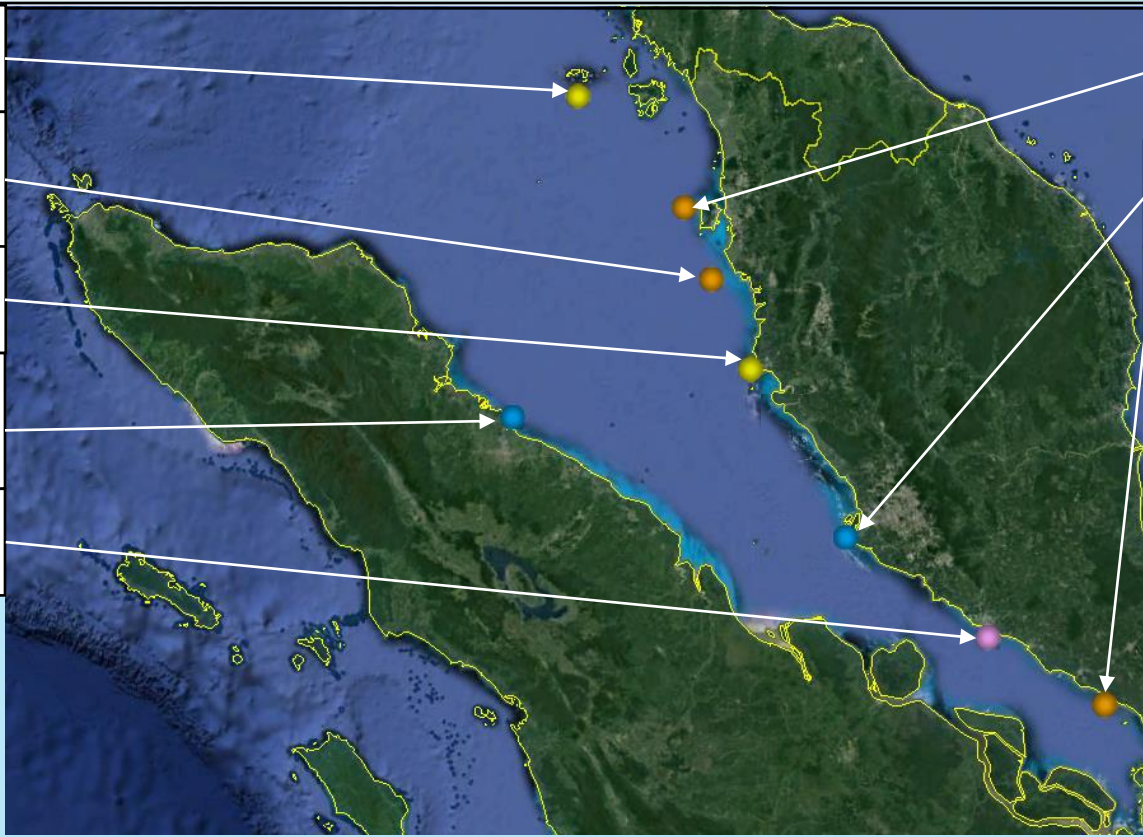
18 Feb – Incident/ Man Overboard/ SAR/ Cruise Ship/ Ko Lipe, Thailand

02 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel/ Illegal Fishing/12.6 NM SW of Tanjung Piandang, Malaysia

02 Feb – Unauthorized Activity/ Illegal Anchoring/ Pangkor Island, Malaysia

06 Feb – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Red Onions/ Passenger Ship/ Belawan, Indonesia

08 Feb – 28 Migrants From Indonesia/ Padang Temu, Malaysia



04 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel/ Five Local Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ 5.7 NM off Sungai Pinang, Malaysia

04 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Methamphetamine/ Pulau Indah, Malaysia

13 Feb – Two Local Fishing Vessels/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Methods/ Off Rengit, Malaysia

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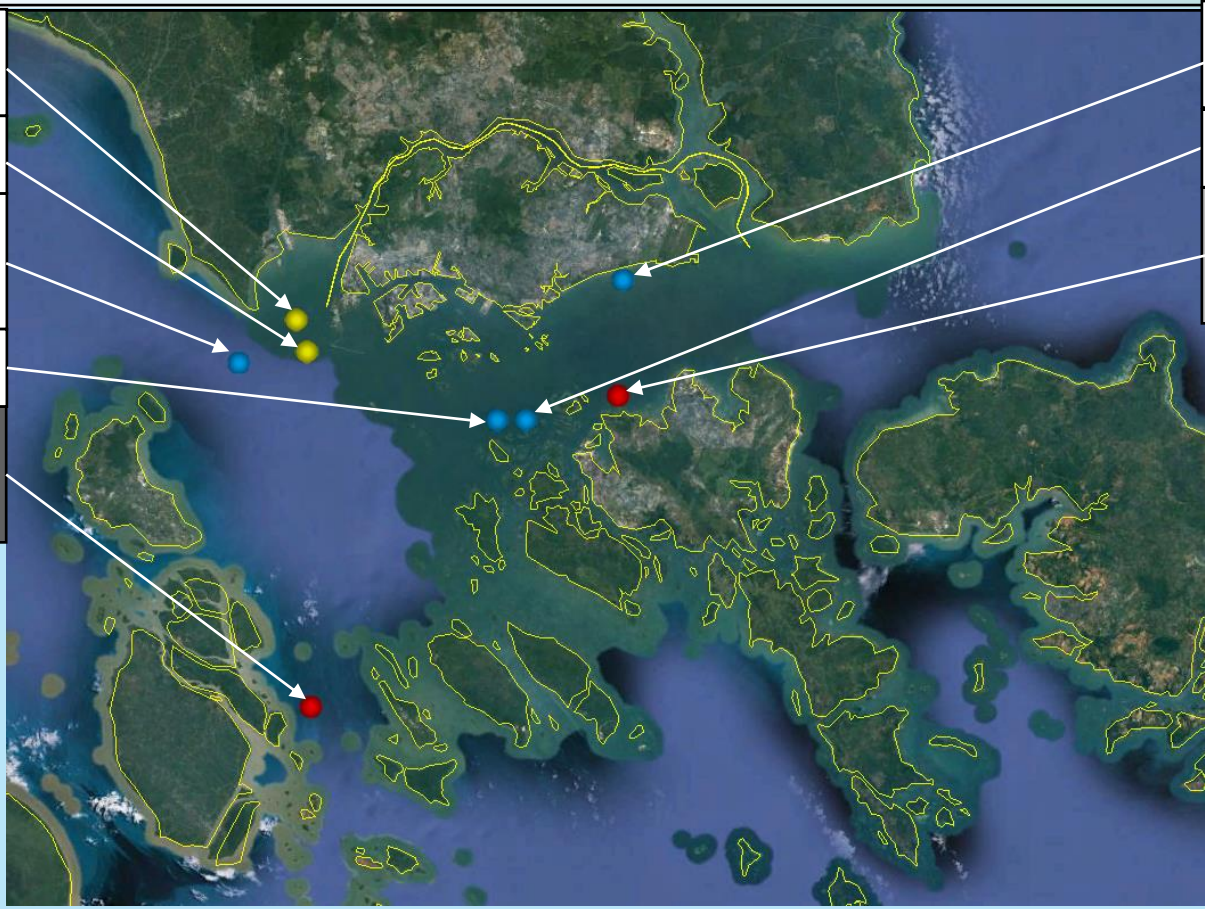
24 Feb – Incident/ Missing Tanker/ Tanjung Piai, Malaysia

22 Feb – Collision/ Tanker vs Tanker/ Tg Piai, Malaysia

10 Feb – Tobacco Smuggling/ Cigarettes/ 1.9 Nautical Miles Off Tanjung Piai, Pontian, Malaysia

07 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Meth/ Batam, Indonesia

24 Feb – Sea Robbery/ Selat Durian/ Tug Boat/ Indonesia Flagged/ Mitra Samudera 28/ Underway



05 Feb – Fuel Smuggling/ Marine Gas Oil/ Tug Boat/ Bedok Jetty, Singapore

20 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Meth/ Batam, Indonesia

19 Feb - Sea Theft/ Batu Ampar, Indonesia/ Norway-Flagged/ SIEM GARNET/ Anchored

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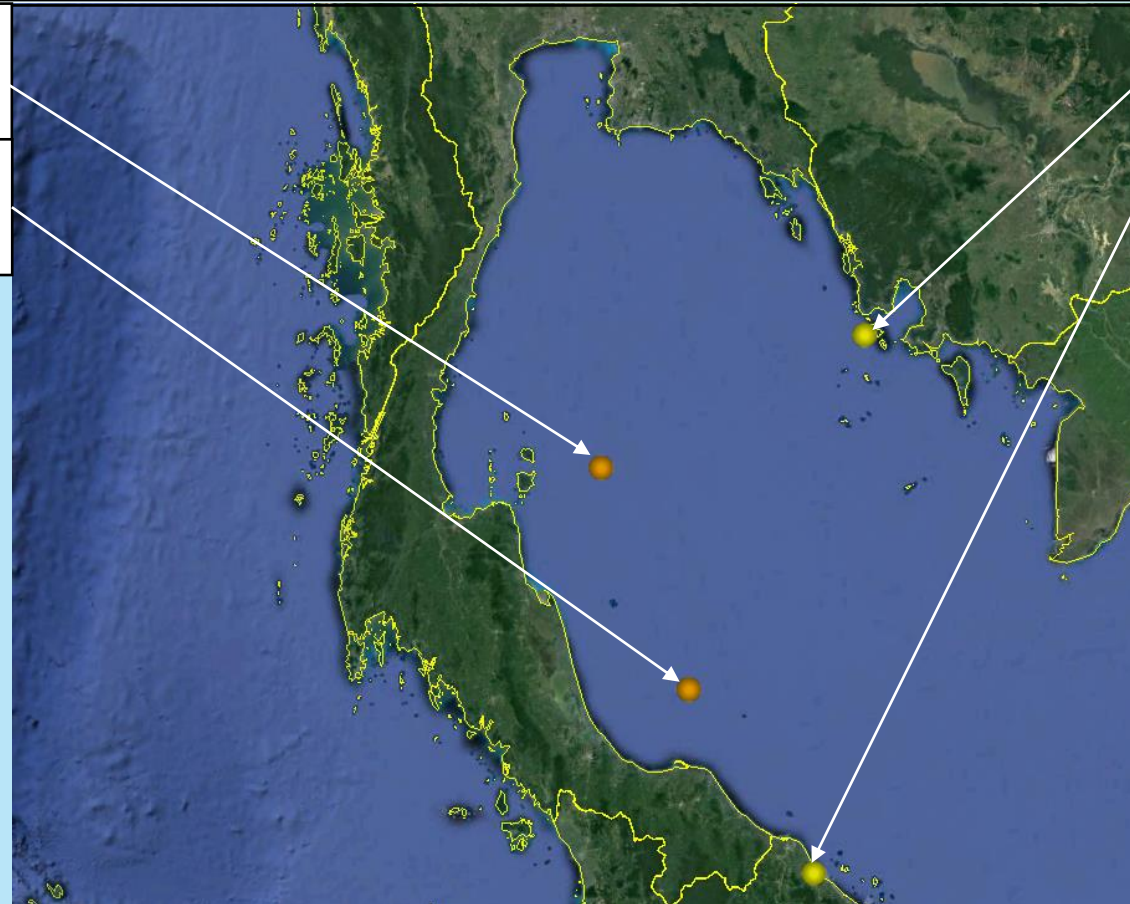
ANDAMAN SEA & GULF OF THAILAND

15 Feb – One Foreign Fishing Vessel/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Thailand

07 Feb – Two Foreign Fishing Vessels/ Nine Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Thailand

26 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Passenger Boat/ One Dead/ Off Koh Rong Island, Cambodia

16 Feb – Recreational Incident/ Five Drowned/ SAR/ Kota Baru, Malaysia



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SOUTH CHINA SEA

01 Feb – Sea Robbery/ Godau Port, Vietnam/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama-Flagged/ Globe Explorer/ Anchored

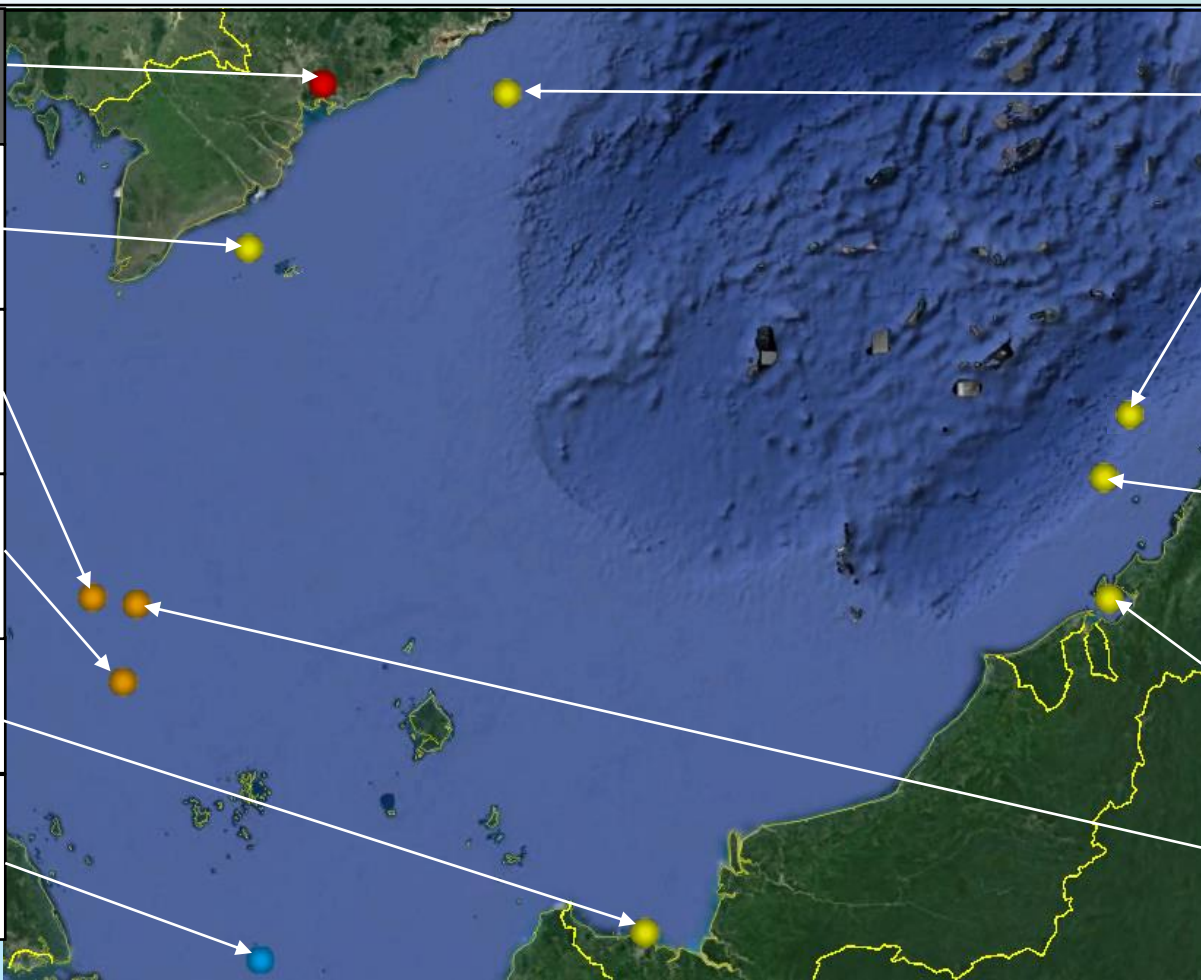
14 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Three Missing, Eight Rescued/ SAR/ 100NM SW Vung Tau, Vietnam

20 Feb – Two Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ 105 NM East off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

18 Feb – Three Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 40 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ 123 NM SE off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

02 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ One Drowned, One Rescued/ SAR/ Kampung Bako, Malaysia

16 Feb – Others / 1,377 Sacks Of Ammonium Nitrate Smuggled/ Merchant Vessel/ Pengibu Island, Riau Islands, Indonesia



03 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ One Fishing Vessel/ 12 Fishermen Rescued/ SAR Conducted/ Phu Quy Island, Vietnam

18 Feb – Unauthorized Activity/ Carrying Passengers In Excess Of Their Permitted Number/ Three Passenger Boats/ Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

18 Feb – Unauthorized Activity/ Skipped By People Whose Names Were Not Stipulated In Their Respective Permits/ Three Passenger Boats/ Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

06 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Speedboat/ 14 Rescued/ SAR Conducted/ Pulau Daat, Labuan, Malaysia

23 Feb – Two Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ 115 NM From The Estuary Of Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

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SOUTH CHINA SEA & PHILIPPINES (NORTH)/ PHILIPPINE SEA

03 Feb – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Counterfeit Luxury Products/ Hong Kong, China

21 Feb – Collision/ Ferry vs Cargo Vessel/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Off Hainan, China

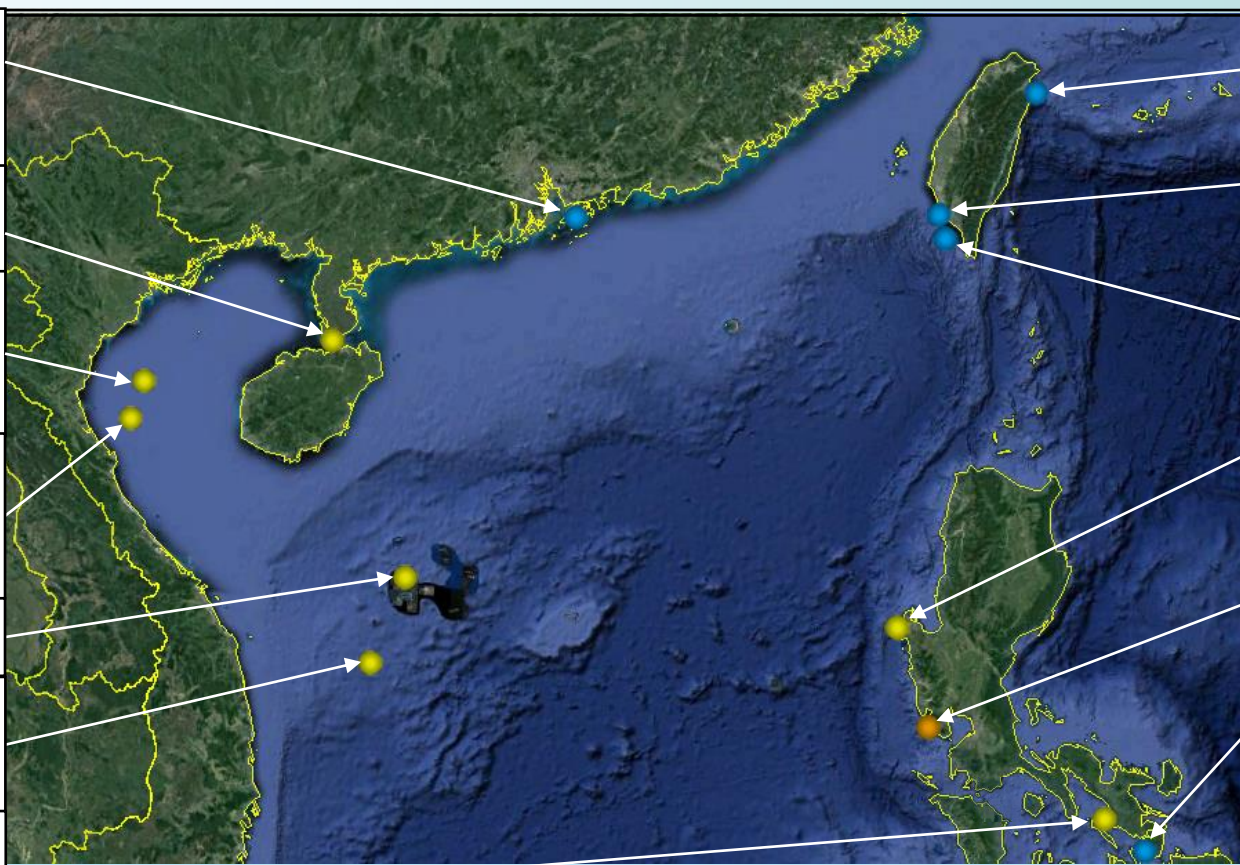
03 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Six Fishermen Rescued/ SAR/ Hon Me Island, Vietnam

23 Feb – Sunk-capsized/ General Cargo Ship/ Eight Rescued/ SAR/ 40 Nm Off Ha Tinh Province Coast, Gulf Of Tonkin, Vietnam

15 Feb – Grounding/ Car Carrier/ Duncan Island

28 Feb – Incident/ MEDEVAC/ Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ Off Tri Ton, Paracel Islands

24 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Pumpboat/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Barangay Caorasan, Bula, Camarines Sur, Philippines/



09 Feb - Cigarettes Smuggling/ Fishing Vessel/ Yilan, Taiwan

03 Feb – Wildlife Smuggling/ 4000 Pangolins /Container /Kaohsiung, Taiwan

02 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ 1300 kg of Ketamine/ Fishing Vessel/ Kaohsiung, Taiwan

07 Feb – Incident / Missing Vessel/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Agno, Pangasinan, Philippines

18 Feb – Three Local Fishing Vessels/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Bataan, Philippines

06 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Cocaine/ Sorsogon, Isabela, Philippines

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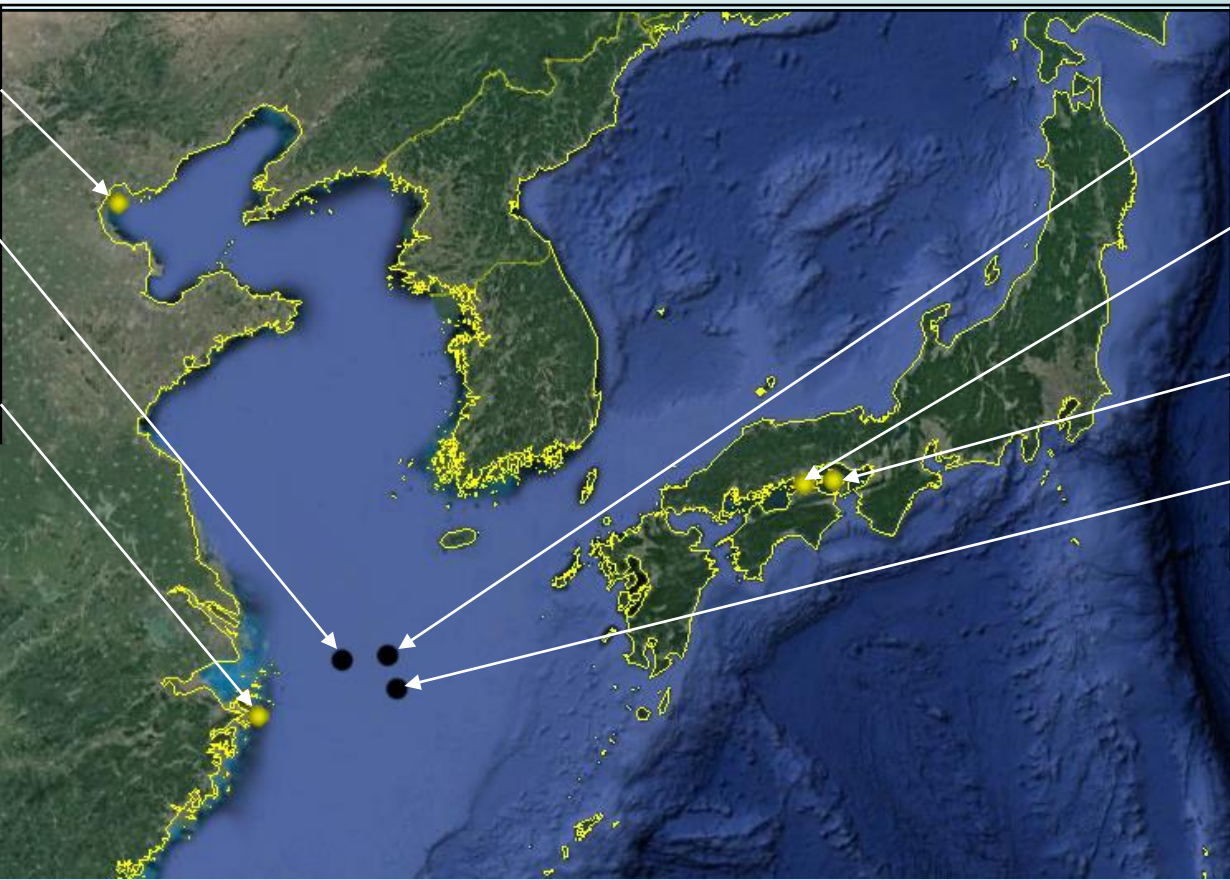


EAST CHINA SEA – YELLOW SEA

24 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/
Fishing Vessel/ One Dead,
Three Missing/ SAR/ 12 NM
Off The Coast Of Binhai,
China

24 Feb – Other/ US
Banned/ Suspected Oil
Cargo/ NK Tanker &
Maldivian Tanker/ East
China Sea

03 Feb – Fire/ Cargo Ship/
No Injured/ SAR/
Zhoushan, China



13 Feb – Other/ UN
Sanction/ Suspected Oil
Cargo/ NK & HK Oil Tankers/
East China Sea

23 Feb – Collision/ General
Cargo Ship vs General Cargo
Ship/ Bisan Seto Passage
and Uko West Passage,
Japan

05 Feb – Incident/
Mechanical Failure/ General
Cargo Vessel/ No Casualties/
Harina-Nada, Japan

21 Feb – Other/ UN
Sanction/ Suspected Oil
Cargo/ NK Tanker & Suspect
Vessel/ East China Sea

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19 Feb – Sunk-capsized/ Motor Boat/ Three Dead/ SAR/ Busuanga, Palawan, Philippines

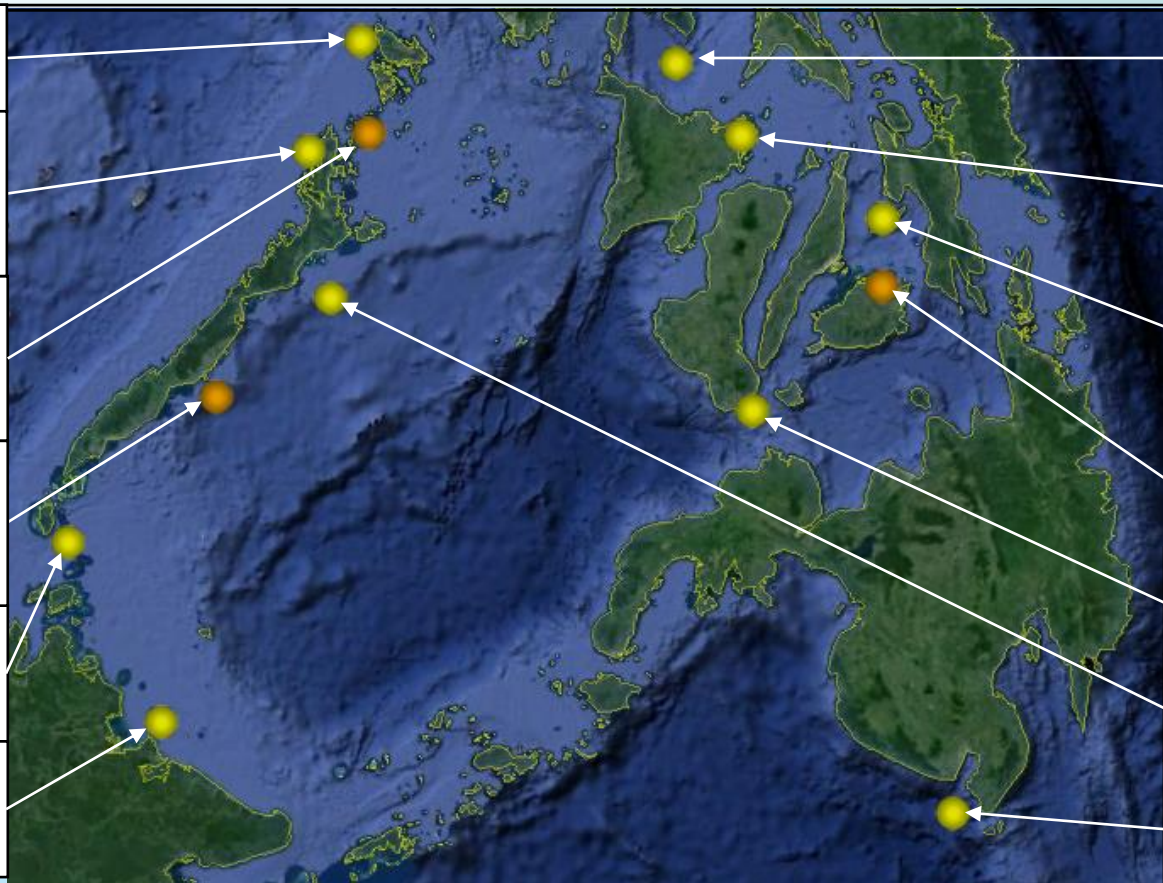
04 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Small Boat/ 32 Passengers Rescued/ SAR/ Cadlao Island, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines

12 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel/ 26 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Linapacan, Palawan, Philippines

19 Feb – Two Local Fishing Vessels/ 48 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Aborlan, Palawan, Philippines

23 Feb- Incident/ Crocodile Attack/ One Dead/ SAR/ Barangay Catagupan, Balabac, Palawan, Philippines

22 Feb – Violent Confrontation/ Fishermen vs Fishermen/ Off Kuala Segama, Sulu Sea, Malaysia



04 Feb – Medevac/ Yacht/ One Rescued/ 37 Nm Off Boracay Island, Philippines

13 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Fishing Vessel/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Calebra Island, Batad, Iloilo, Philippines

06 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ Two Drowned, 29 Rescued, Three Missing/ SAR/ Cebu Philippines

05 Feb – Two Local Fishing Boats/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Barangay Pinamgu, Bien Unido, Philippines

17 Feb – Recreational Incident/ Hit By Boat/ One Dead/ Apo Island, Philippines

05 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Araceli, Palawan, Philippines

06 Feb – Incident/ MOB/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ 1 NM of Sitio Saub, Barangay Mabay, Sarangani Province, Philippines

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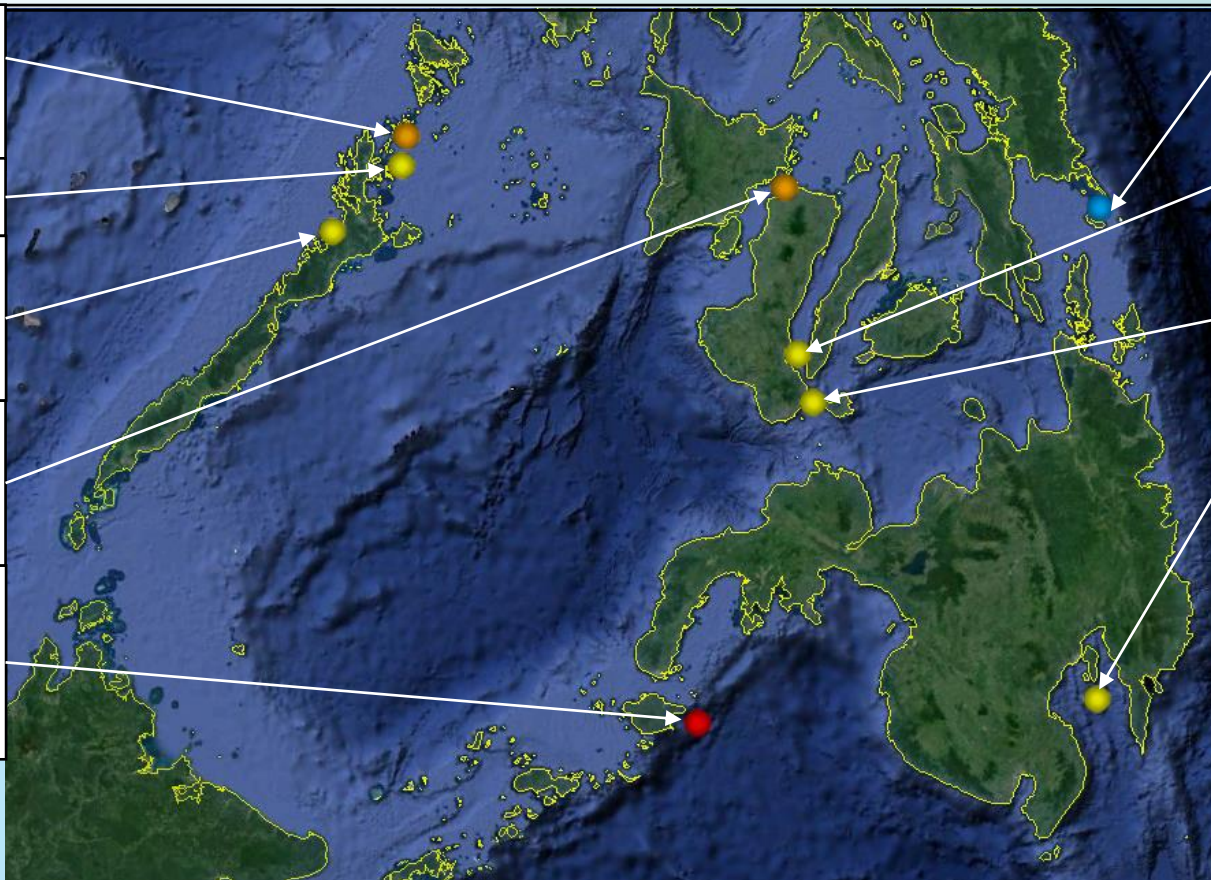
09 Feb – 25 Local Fishing Boat/ 25 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Nagato Reef, Palawan, Philippines

04 Feb – Grounding/ LCT/ El Nido, Philippines

04 Feb – Incident/ Plane Crash/ Light Plane/ One Injured/ SAR/ Agutaya Long Beach, San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines

01 Feb – Local Fishing Vessel/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Method/ Ajuy, Iloilo, Philippines

16 Feb – Attempted Boarding/ 4.4NM Off Sibago Island, Basila Strait, Philippines/ General Cargo Vessel/ Philippines Flagged/ KUDOS 1/ Underway



10 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Cocaine/ Homonhon Island Off Guiuan, Philippines

23 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Negros Oriental, Philippines

17 Feb – Sank-capsized/ Motor Banca/ One Dead, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

23 Feb – Incident/ Medevac/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Motor Boat/ Babusanta Beach, Philippines

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CELEBES SEA – NORTH SULAWESI NORTH MOLUKU ISLANDS

12 Feb – Domestic Products Smuggling / Cooking Gas / Barter Trade Boat / Tawau, Malaysia

22 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ Two Missing, Five Rescued/ SAR/ Tawau, Malaysia

07 Feb – 52 Migrants From A Non Specified Country/ Six Fishing Boats/ Inderasabah, Malaysia



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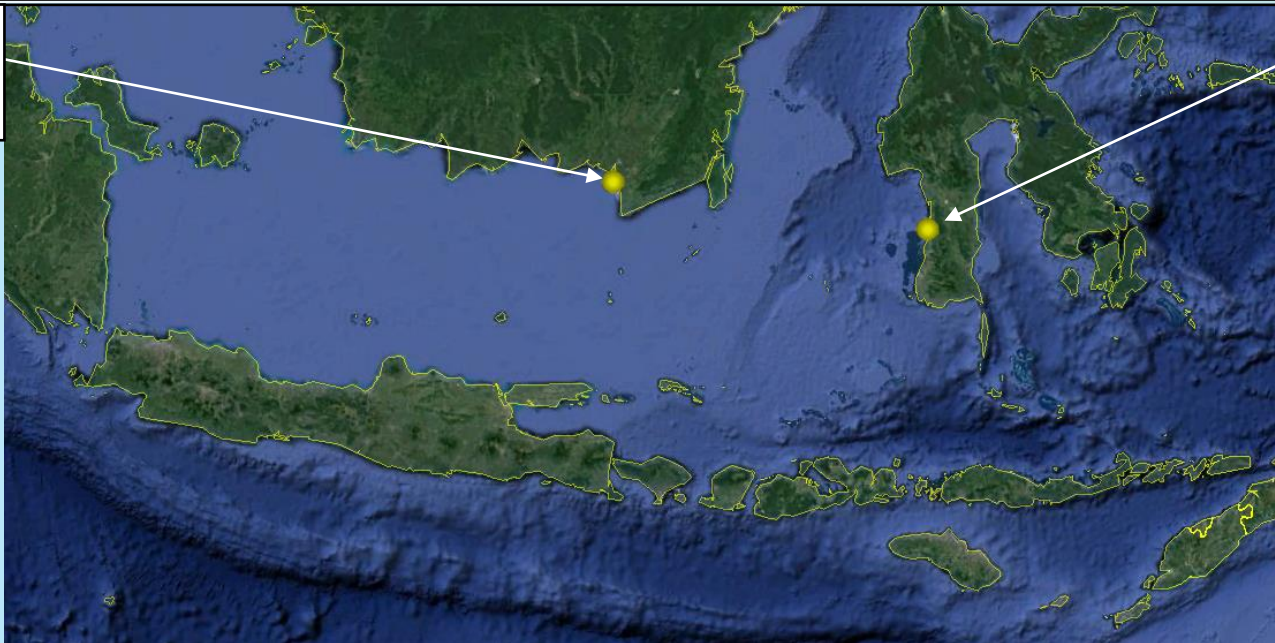


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





JAVA SEA – MAKASSAR STRAIT – BALI SEA - FLORES SEA

24 Feb – Incident/ Port Incident/ Aggregates Carrier/ Five Died/ Banjarmasin, Indonesia

01 Feb – Grounding/ Ferry/ No Casualty/ No SAR/ Coast of Barru Regency, Indonesia



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








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

02 Feb – Incident/
Mechanical Failure/
Fishing Vessel / Nine
Rescued/ SAR/ Torres
Strait, Australia



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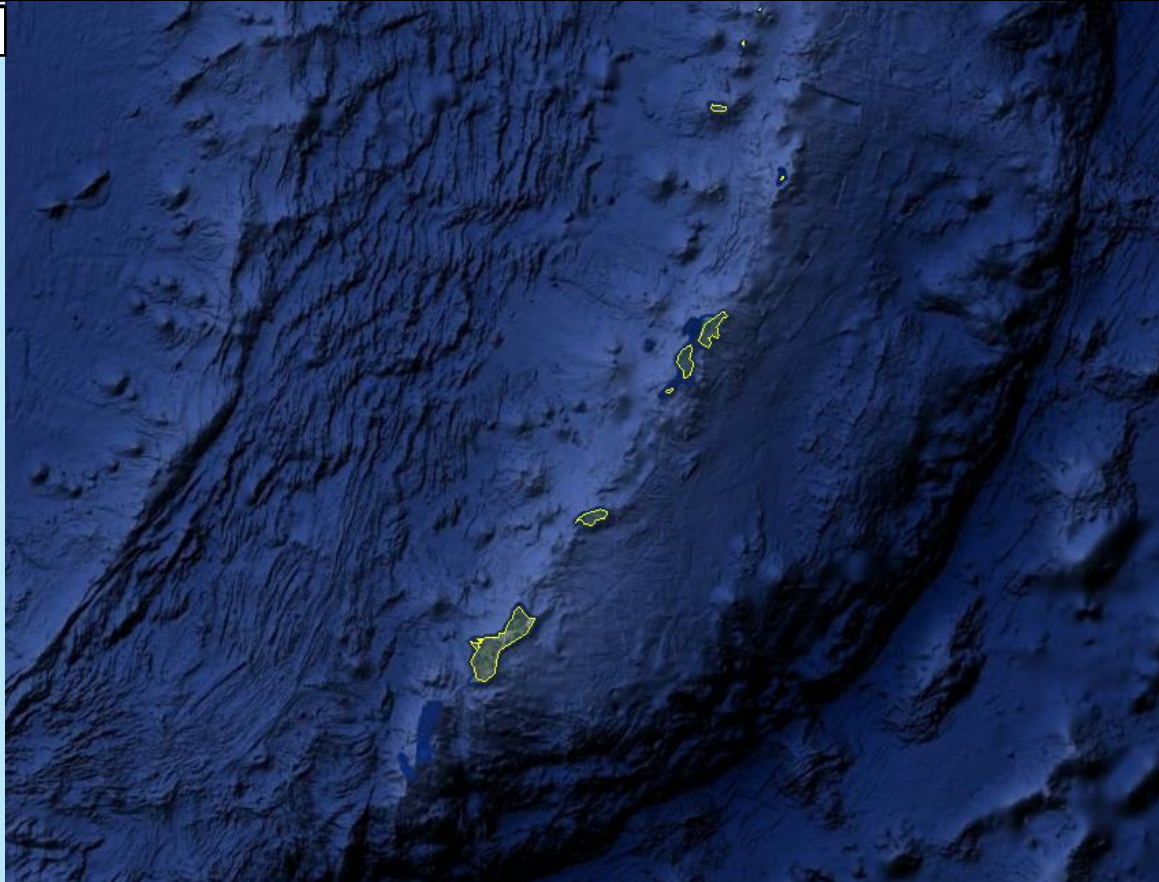
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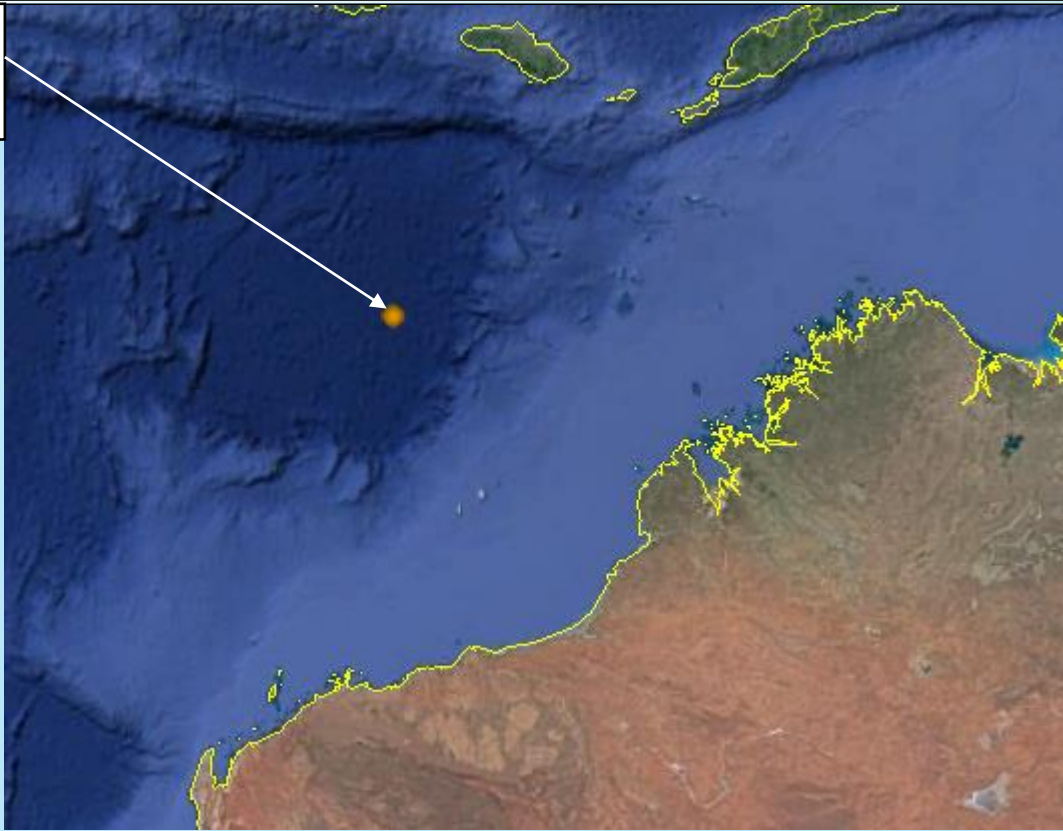
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








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SAVU SEA – TIMOR SEA

24 Feb – One Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 15 Foreign Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ West Australian Coast, Australia



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NORTH BAY OF BENGAL

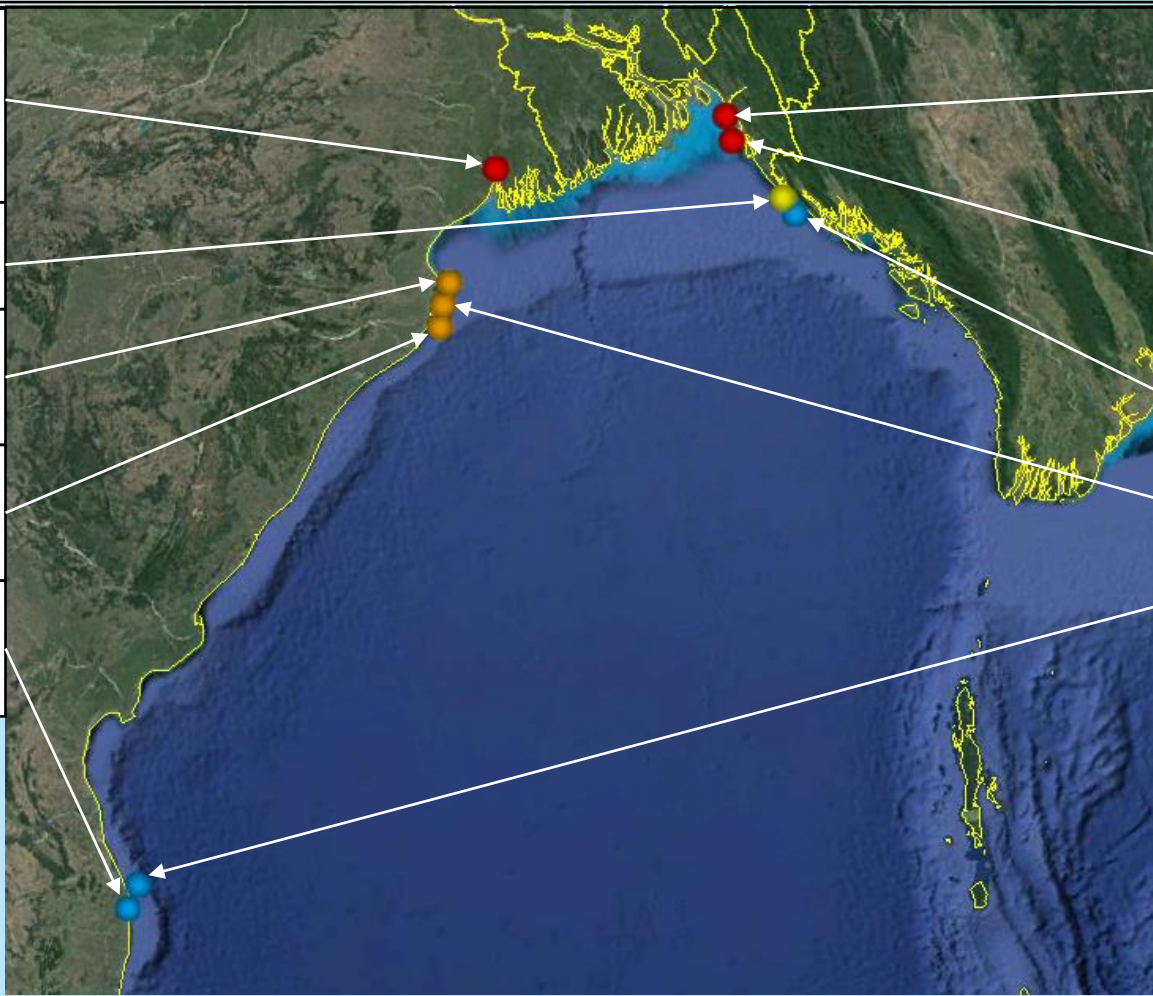
10 Feb – Attempted Sea Theft/ Diamond Harbour Anchorage, Kolkata, India/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ TEAM CHALLENGE/ Anchored

08 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Small Boat/ Three Drowned /Tekhnaf, Bangladesh

20 Feb – Five Local Fishing Vessels / 40 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Off Gahirmatha, India

24 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel, Eight Local Fishermen Arrested/ Off Gahirmatha, India

05 Feb – Cigarettes Smuggling/ Cigarettes/ Container Vessel/ Chennai, India



07 Feb – Sea Robbery/ Chittagong Anchorage C, Bangladesh/ General Cargo Vessel/ Antigua & Barbuda Flagged/ BBC AMBER/ Anchored

12 Feb – Attempted Sea Robbery/ Chittagong Anchorage C, Bangladesh/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ TIBERIUS/ Anchored

28 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Methamphetamine/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh

08 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel/ 10 Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Gahirmatha, India

15 Feb – Domestic Products Smuggling/ Adult Toys/ Chennai, India

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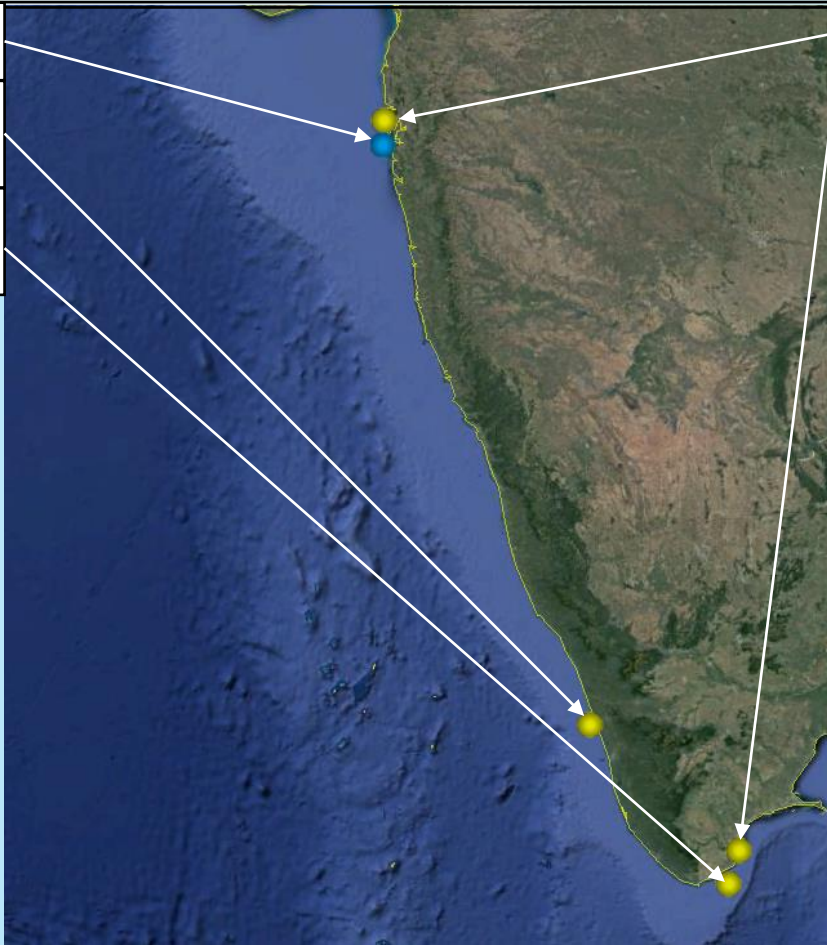
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BAY OF BENGAL – INDIAN COAST

25 Feb – Fuel Smuggling/ Diesel/ Fishing Vessel/ Mumbai, India

13 Feb – Incident/ Explosion/ Drilling Ship/ Five Killed, 15 Injured, Two Missing/ Kerala, India

26 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ 10 NM Off Periyathazhai Coast, India



24 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Passenger Boat/ 11 Rescued/ Mumbai, India

23 Feb – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Kerala, India

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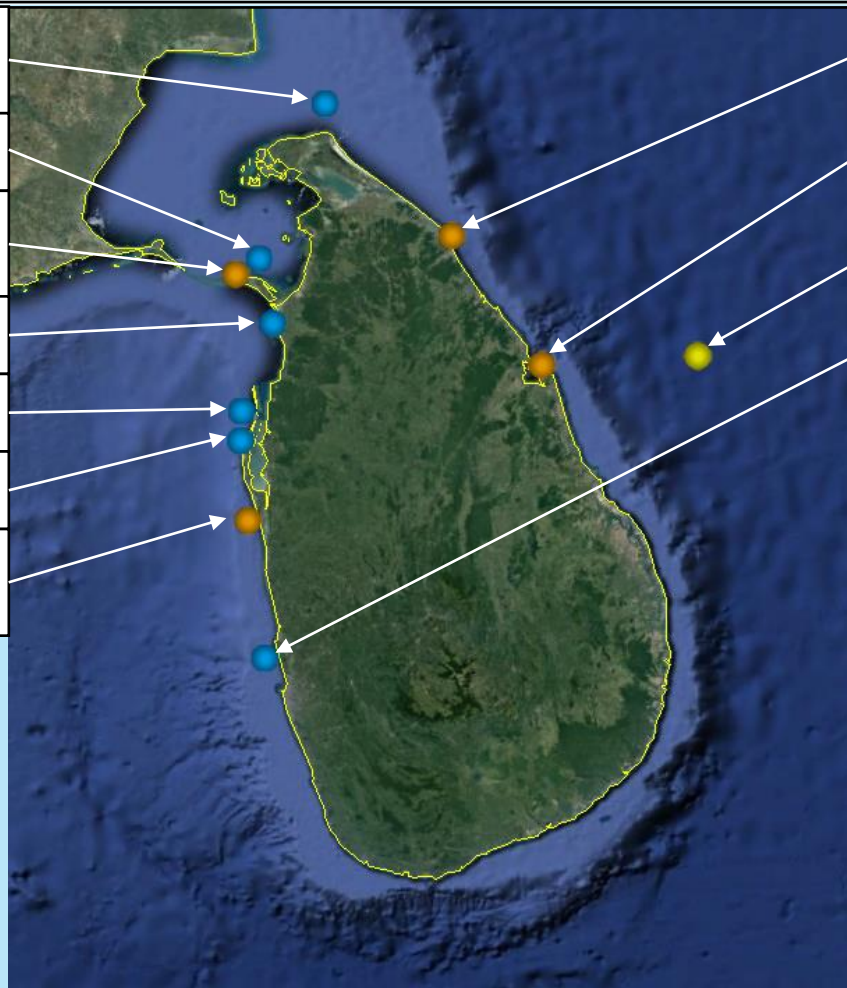
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SRI LANKA – PALK STRAIT

- 06 Feb – Natural Resources Smuggling/ Gold/ Small Boat/ NW Off Kankesanthurai Lighthouse, Sri Lanka
- 02 Feb – Drug Smuggling/ Heroin/ Small Fishing Boat/ Mannar Light House, Sri Lanka
- 08 Feb – One Foreign Fishing Trawler/ Seven Foreign Fishermen/ Illegal Fishing/ North of Thalai-Mannar, Sri Lanka
- 08 Feb – Wildlife Smuggling/ Turtle Meat/ Vankalai, Sri Lanka
- 24 Feb – Natural Resources Smuggling/ Gold/ Kalpitiya/ Sri Lanka
- 01 Feb – Wildlife Smuggling/ Conch Shells/ Kalpitiya/ Sri Lanka
- 23 Feb – One Local Fishing Vessel/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Sinnapadu Sea, Sri Lanka



- 21 Feb – Seven Local Fishing Vessels/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Mulativu Sea, Sri Lanka
- 17 Feb – One Local Dinghy/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Blast Fishing/ Uppural, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
- 28 Feb – Incident/ Medevac/ One Rescued/ Fishing Trawler/ 54 NM Off Foul Point, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
- 09 Feb – Wildlife Smuggling/ Shark Meat/ Negombo Harbour, Sri Lanka

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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

In case of any doubt, incidents at sea, suspicious approaches or any unusual activity observed at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer at:

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