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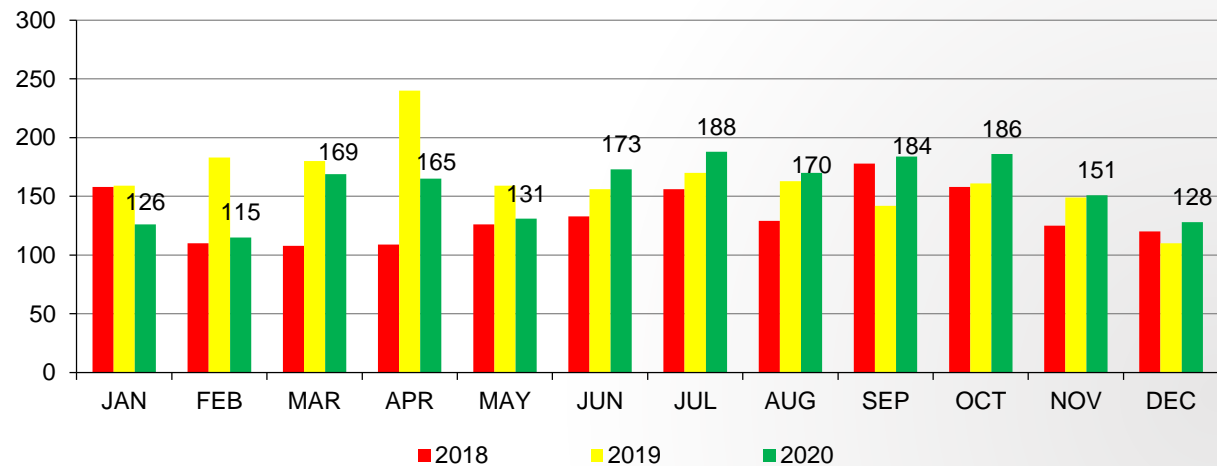


IFC MONTHLY MAP Dec 2020



MARSEC Incidents in IFC AOI

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



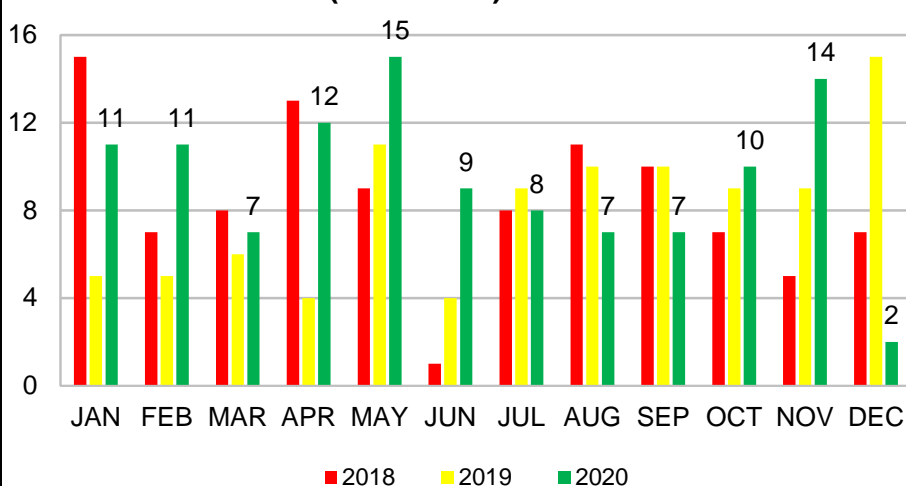
Dec 2020		TOTAL 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2018
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	2	108	15	7
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	5	0	0
Maritime Incident (MI)	70	895	50	91
Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing (IUU)	23	465	24	22
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	30	354	18	17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	3	92	7	5
Others	0	0	0	0
Total Number	128	1919	119	120



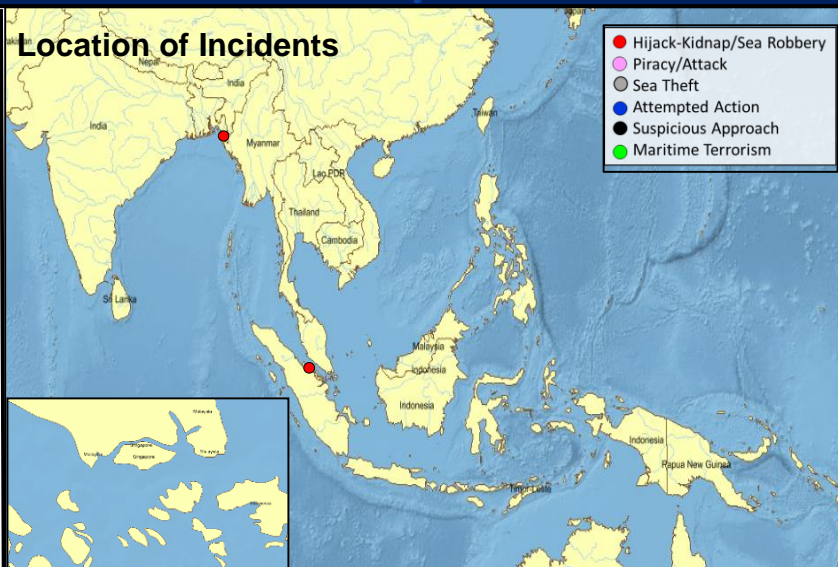


Theft, Robbery and Piracy At Sea – Maritime Terrorism (TRAPS-MT)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



Location of Incidents

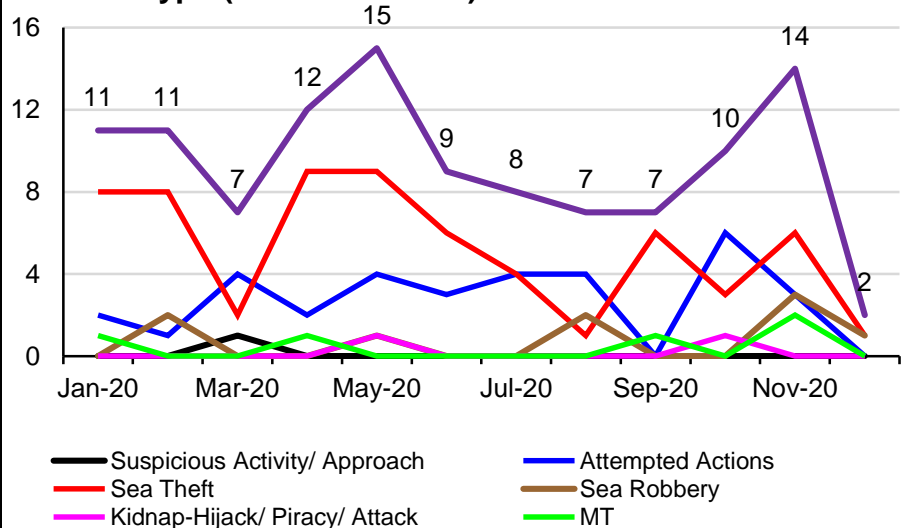


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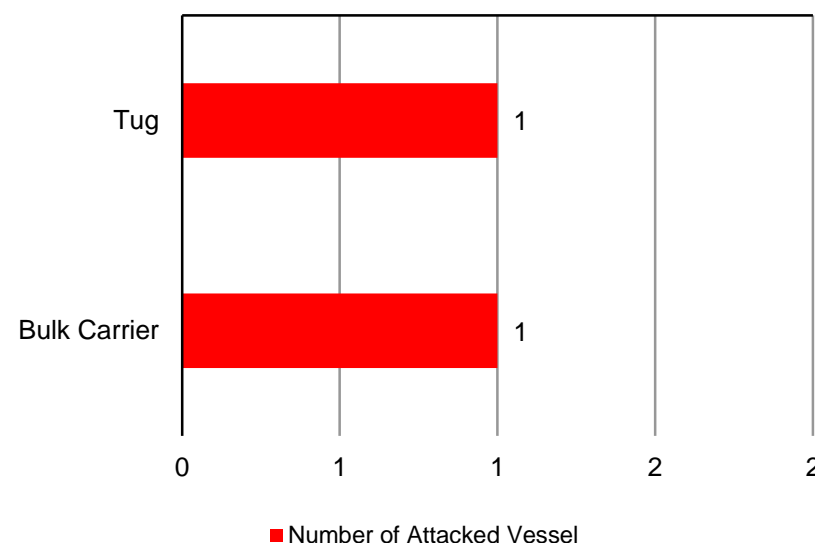
Statistics:

- Two TRAPS-MT incidents occurred in Dec 2020, including Sea Robbery (2).
- The number of incidents was only 13.3% of the incidents in Dec 2019 (15), and only 14,3% of Nov 2020 (14).
- One incident happened during the Period of Darkness (PoD).
- One incident happened on vessel underway and one berthed.
- One Sea Robbery at Chittagong Port with 10 armed perpetrators, boarding a Tug via two small boats, stealing oil drums and hoses. No damage was done to the crew.
- One Sea Robbery in Dumai, Indonesia was reported on a berthed Bulk Carrier. Perpetrators were aggressive and took the duty officer in hostage, but released him before they left the vessel.

Incident Type (Last 12 months)



Type of Vessel Attacked



Comments:

Maritime Terrorism: NSTR

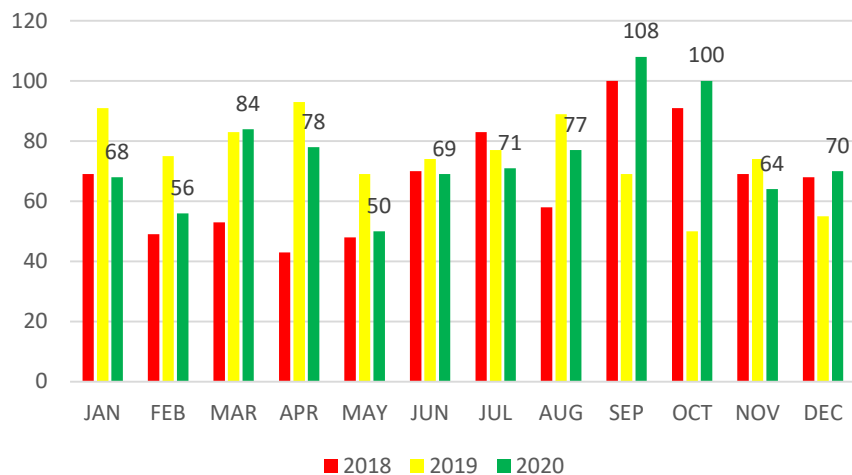
TRAPS:

- Five incidents recorded for Chittagong in 2020, compared to an absence of events in 2019 (but 13 events in 2018 and 12 in 2017).
- Five incidents recorded for Dumai in 2020, compared to a total of 2 in 2019 and 1 in 2018. The perpetrators were armed and acted confrontational towards the crew in three of the five incidents at Dumai.
- December showed a high number of incidents in the past, but December 2020 was with an unusually low number of robbery events (15 in 2019, 7 in 2018, 18 in 2017).
- The absence of events in the Singapore Strait and its approaches is in particular to be highlighted, since a significant number was recorded in the past at this time of year, especially in 2019 (9).



Maritime Incidents (MI)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



Location of Incidents



Observations

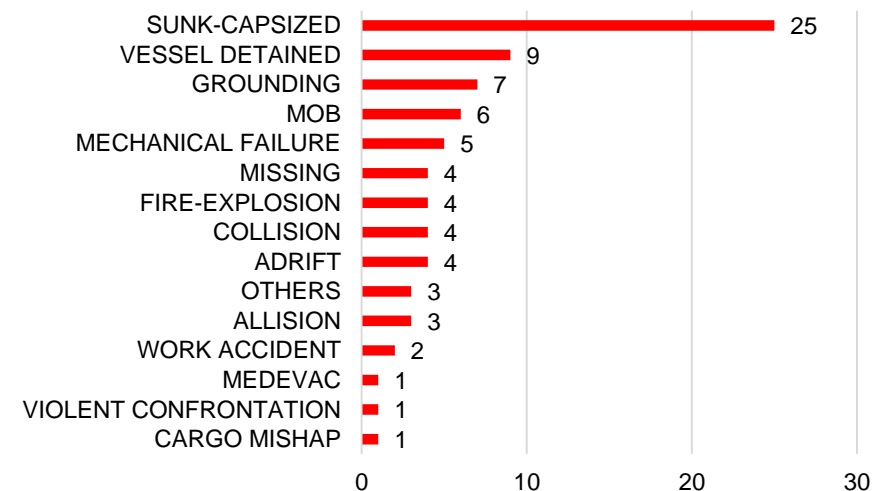
Statistics

- A total of **70 maritime incidents** were reported for the month of Dec 2020 which is 27.2% higher than Dec 2019 (55) and 2.9% higher than Dec 2018 (69). For the period, **83 vessels were involved in the maritime incidents**, of which 30 or 36.1% are registered vessels and 53 or 63.9% are unregistered vessels. Also, **17.1% of the incidents transpired in Malaysia**, 14.3% in both India and Indonesia respectively.
- On top of the maritime incidents, **25 or 31.7% led to sunk-capsized** followed by **vessel detained at 9 or 11.4%** and **7 or 8.9% for grounding**. Meanwhile, MOB, mechanical failure, missing, fire-explosion, collision, adrift, others, allision, work accident, MEDEVAC, violent confrontation and cargo mishap contributed just 48% of the maritime incident for the period.
- Of the **25 sunk-capsized incidents**, only 8 are registered and 17 are unregistered vessels. Similar to sunk-capsized, number of unregistered vessels involved in others and MOB are higher than registered vessels. These unregistered vessels are comprised of fishing vessels, passenger vessels and small boats.
- For the period covered, a total of **59 individuals were reported dead and missing** which is **55.3% higher** than Nov 2020 with 38. Relatively, **35 or 59.3%** of which are seafarers and other users, while fishermen are **24 or 40.7%**.
- Despite the number of death/missing toll, 38 SAR Operations and 1 MEDEVAC were conducted that led to 231 individuals rescued.

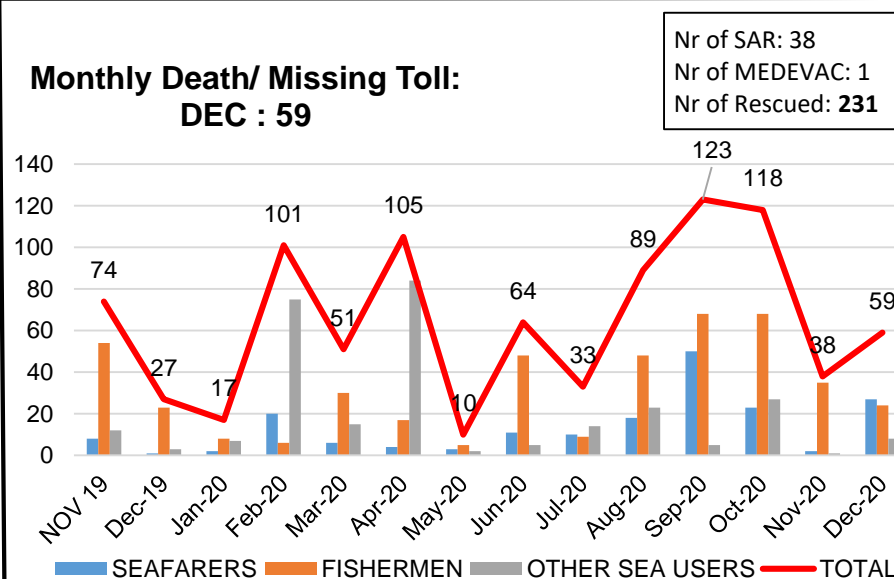
Comments

- Aside from bad weather, rough seas and natural disasters, records state that most cause of the incidents are unknown at 27 or 38.6%. Possibly, this is due to the limited access or information provided by the companies to the authorities on the incidents.
- There is a significant increase in number of casualties on the seafarers and other sea users compared to last month, Nov 2020 with 3. This is mainly because of three sunk-capsized incidents that brought 24 victims of seafarers and others in total.

Types of Maritime Incident



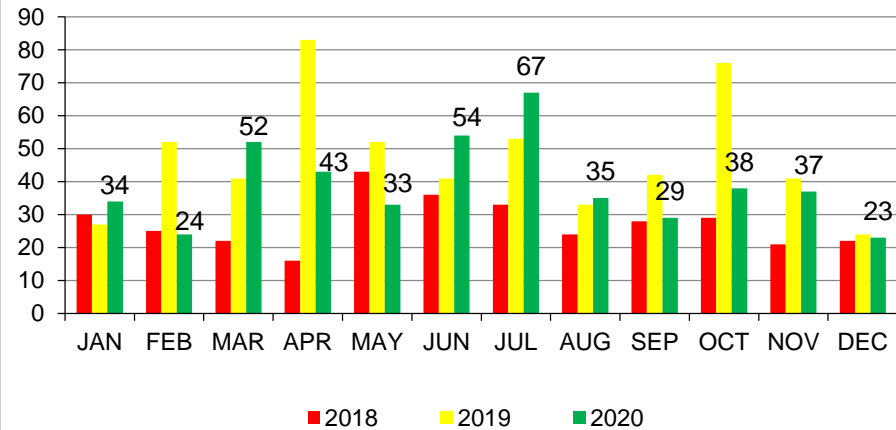
Monthly Death/ Missing Toll: DEC : 59



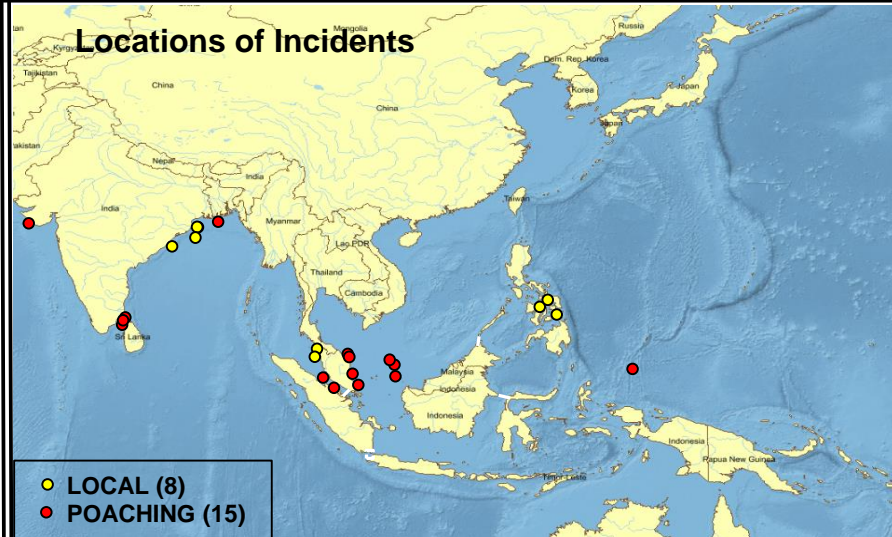


Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing (IUU Fishing)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



Locations of Incidents



Observations

Statistics

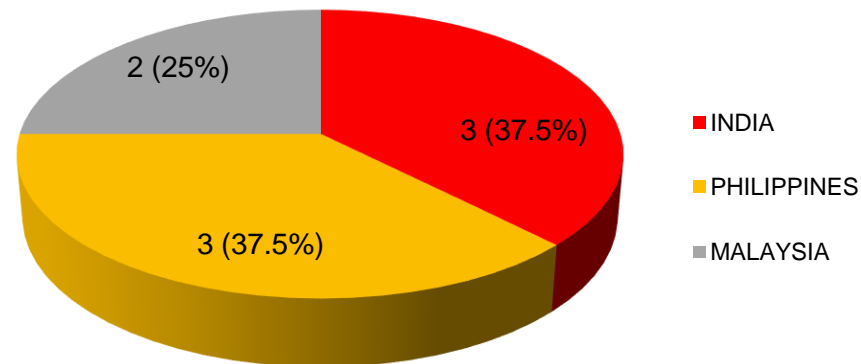
- **Total:** Overall, 23 IUUF incidents were reported in Dec 2020. This number is 14 (37.84%) lower than in Nov 2020 but considered stable compared to Dec 2018 and 2019.
- **Local:** IFC recorded 8 local incidents in Dec 2020. This figure is 5 (38.46%), 7 (46.67%), and 9 (52.94%) lower than in Nov 2020, Dec 2019, and Dec 2018 respectively. Malaysia was the lowest proportion 25% by 2 incidents. Philippines and India shared the same proportion, 37.5%, by 3 incidents each.
- **Poaching:** 15 poaching were recorded in Dec 2020, which was 6 (66.67%) and 10 (200%) higher than in Dec 19 and Dec 18. However, compare to the last month, poaching in Dec 2020 had decreased 9 (37.5%) than in Nov 2020. The largest proportion of poaching in Dec 2020 was committed by Vietnam FVs by 7 (46.67%) incidents, followed by India FVs 4 (26.67%).

Comments

- SOM, Riau Islands and East Coast of Malaysia Peninsula waters area are the prone area of poaching by approximately 9 (60%) incidents, where the EEZs of coastal states are limited.
- In the most of the cases, the Local Authorities detained all FVs which committed poaching instead of expulsion. It resulted 10 Vietnamese FVs were detained in Riau Island waters and 4 Malaysian FVs were detained in SOM by Indonesian Authorities, meanwhile 4 Vietnamese FVs were detained and 4 others were released (1), expelled (3) in the East Coast waters by Malaysian Authorities.
- The low number of IUUF cases in this month can be attributed to inclement weather conditions (monsoons) that may have prevented fishermen for going to the sea

Illegal Practices by Local Vessels or Licensed Foreign Vessels (8 incidents)

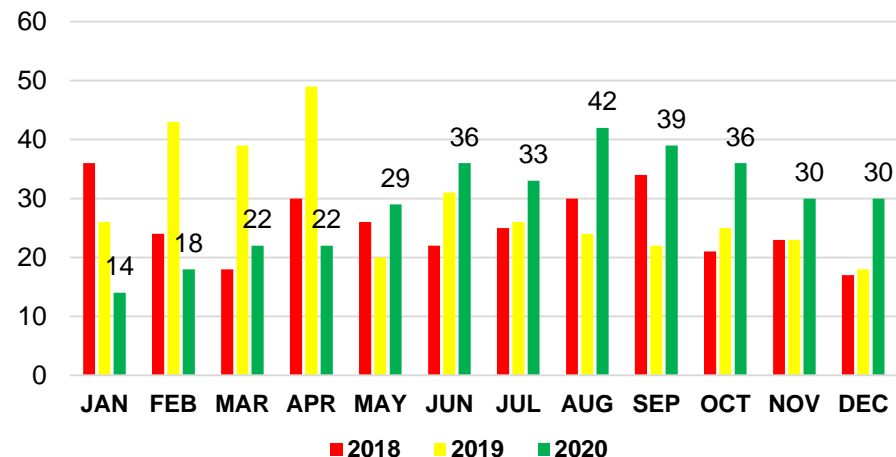
(Countries shown here represent the location of the vessels involved)



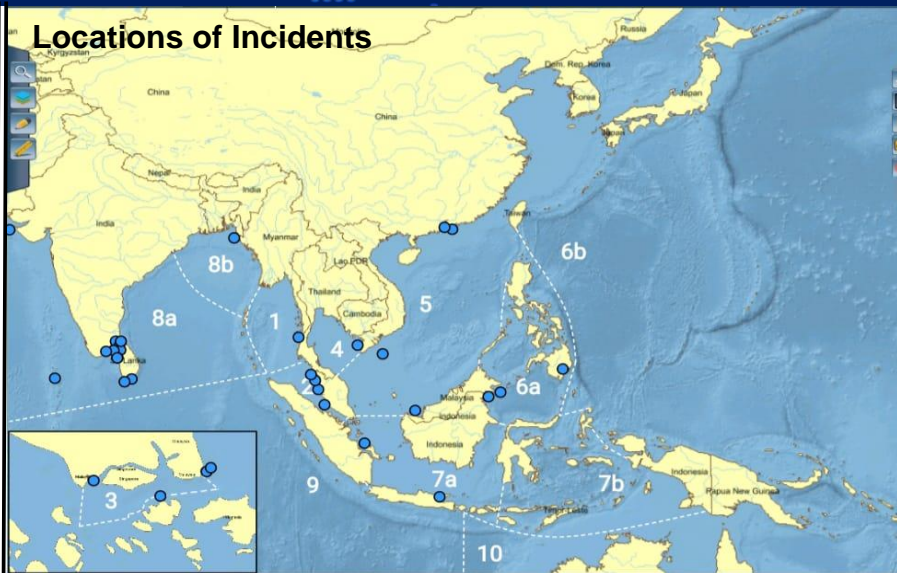


Contraband Smuggling (CS)

Number of Incidents (2018 - 2020)



Locations of Incidents



Observations

Total: 30 incidents in Dec 2020, the same as Nov 2020 (30), but higher than Dec 2018 (17) and Dec 2019 (18).

Drugs : 14 incidents

- 6 seizures: Malaysia - Cannabis (300Kg): Meth (2,398.75kg) and Ecstasy (9.3kg).
- 2 seizures: Sri Lanka - Cannabis 360.3kg; Meth (5.945kg); Heroin (2.047kg).
- 1 seizure each: India - Cannabis (3kg), Taiwan- Heroine (20kg), Bangladesh - Yaba (280, 000 Tablets), Maldives - unknown drug (72kg), Indonesia - (2Kg), and Vietnam - unknown drug (50kg).

Tobacco : 1 incident – 30.6million sticks from a container ship smuggled in Malaysia.

Domestic Products : 8 incidents – 5 Turmeric smuggling, one each cooking oil, sugar, iPhone and birds nets.

Wildlife: 2 Incidents – 259 birds seized in Indonesia and 42,500 of lobster seeds smuggled to Vietnam.

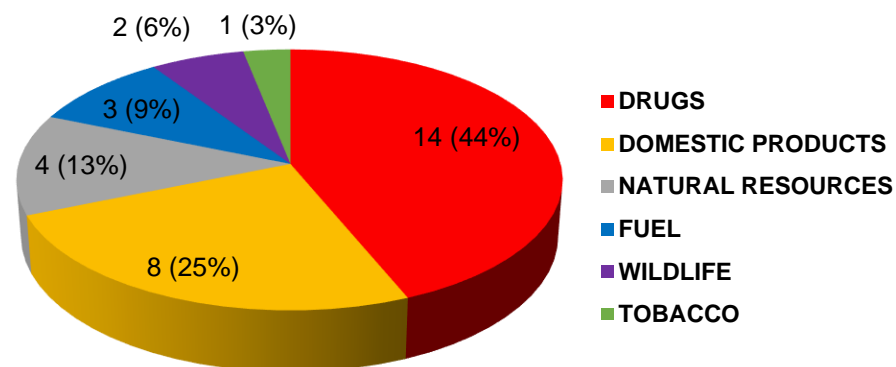
Fuel: 3 Incidents – Petrol (150 litres) and Petroleum gas (10 barrels) seized in Malaysia, and 250,000 litres of diesel seized in Vietnam.

Natural Resources: 4 Incidents – one seizure each; India - Gold (9kg), Malaysia – Gravel (3,500 tonnes), Philippines – Agar wood (671 pieces), and Thailand - Rubber Sheets and Rubber Scraps (3 tonnes).

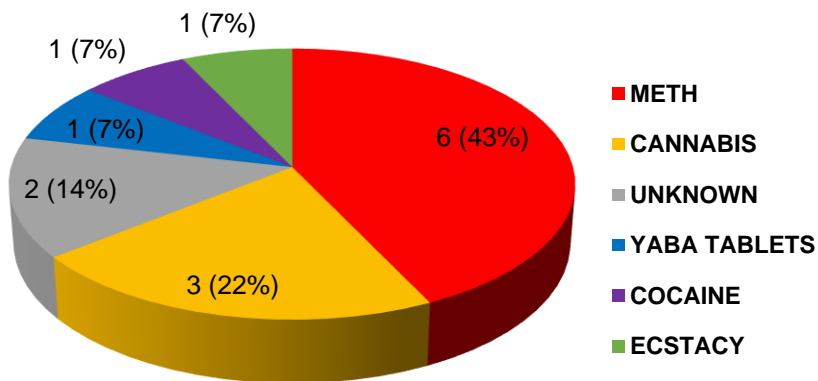
Comments:

- Turmeric smuggling into Sri Lanka has increased in recent past due to enhanced demand, consequent shortages and restrictions on import. (Turmeric's healing properties associated with traditional Ayurveda).
- Small boats continued to account for about half of the seizures, similar to the Nov 2020. COVID-19 economic impact, may exacerbate this trend.
- The number of Drug cases may have increased due to the festive season's high demand.

Types of Contraband



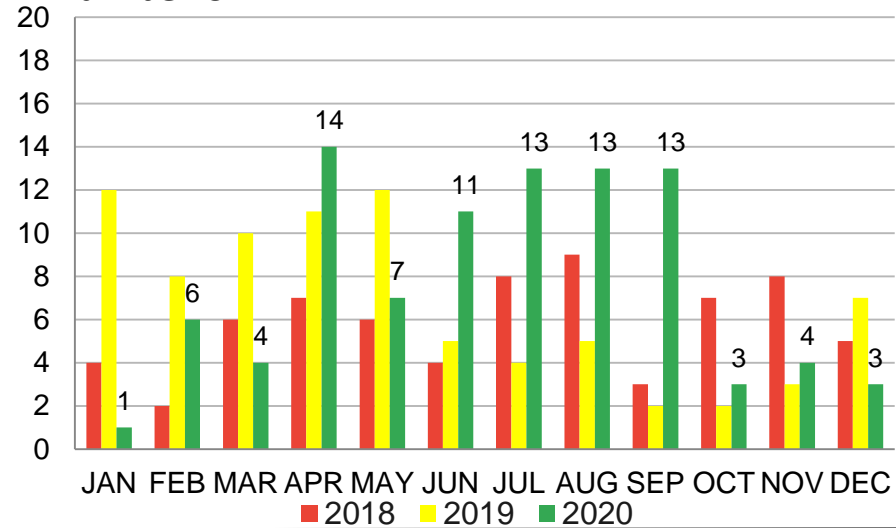
Type of Drug



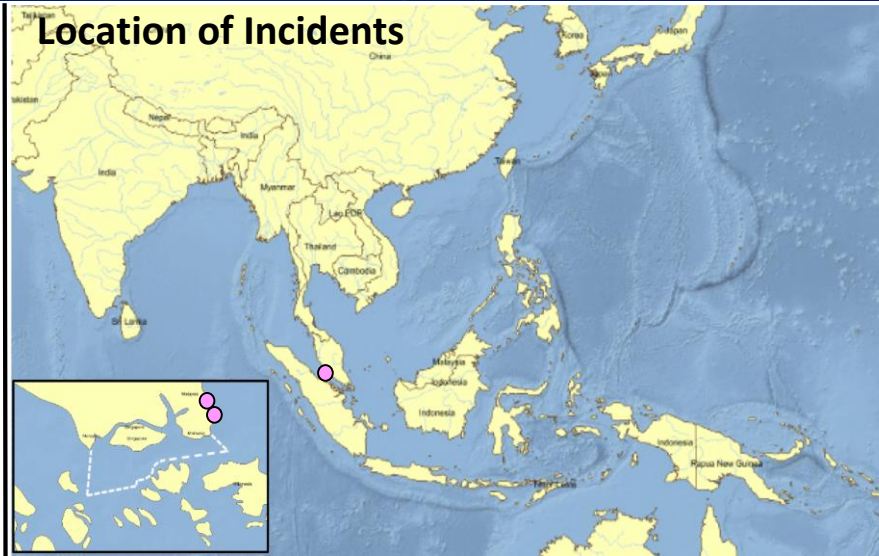


Irregular Human Migration (IHM)

Number of Incidents (2018 – 2020)



Location of Incidents



Observations

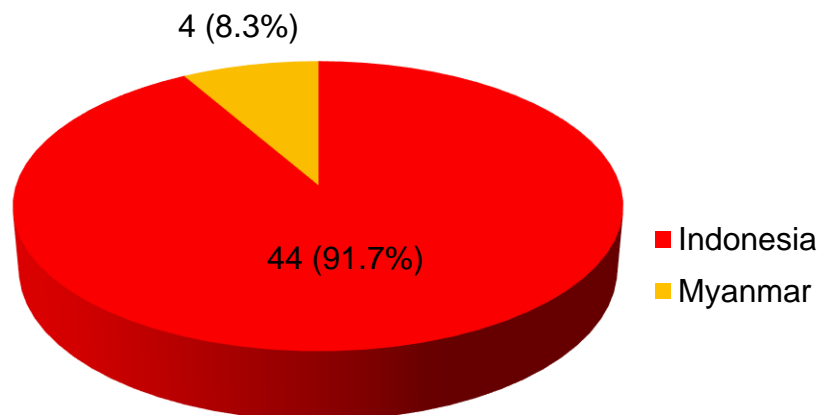
Statistics:

- The smaller number of IHM incidents for Dec 2020 is consistent with Dec trends from 2019 (7) and 2018 (3).
- IFC have observed 3 Human Smuggling incidents in Dec 2020.
- The number of illegal migrants intercepted in Dec 2020 has risen to 48 from 28 recorded in Nov 2020. 44 of the illegal migrants were Indonesians and 4 were Myanmar migrants.

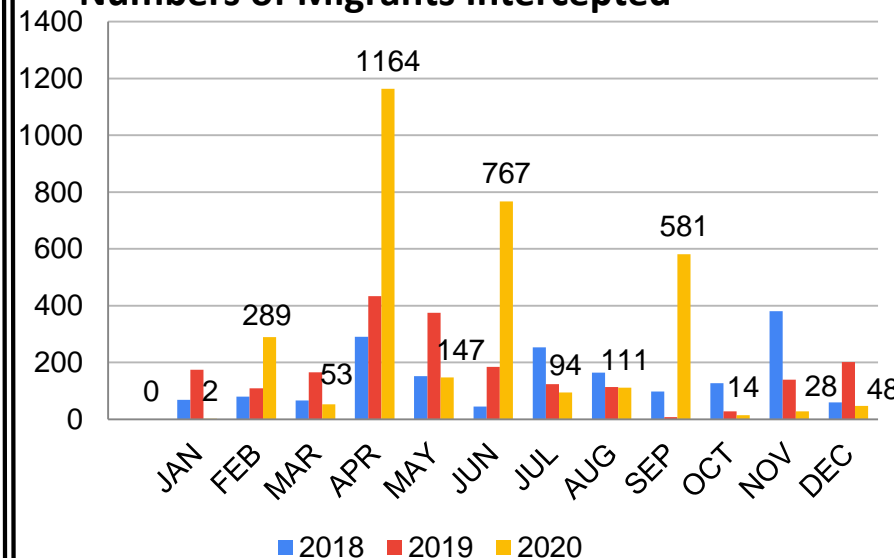
Comments:

- The low numbers of migrants recorded these past three months can be attributed to reasons such as continuous info-sharing, surveillance and interception from the Malaysian authorities of illegal migrants travelling to and from Malaysia as well as unfavourable weather conditions that have made movements at sea difficult.
- Migrants continue to be smuggled through a route from Aceh, Indonesia to Bagan Si Api-Api, where they transit to Selangor, Malaysia via sea.
- Reports stated that large numbers of Rohingya refugees are expected to head towards Malaysia between Nov 2020 and Mar 2021.

Nationality/Ethnicity of Migrants

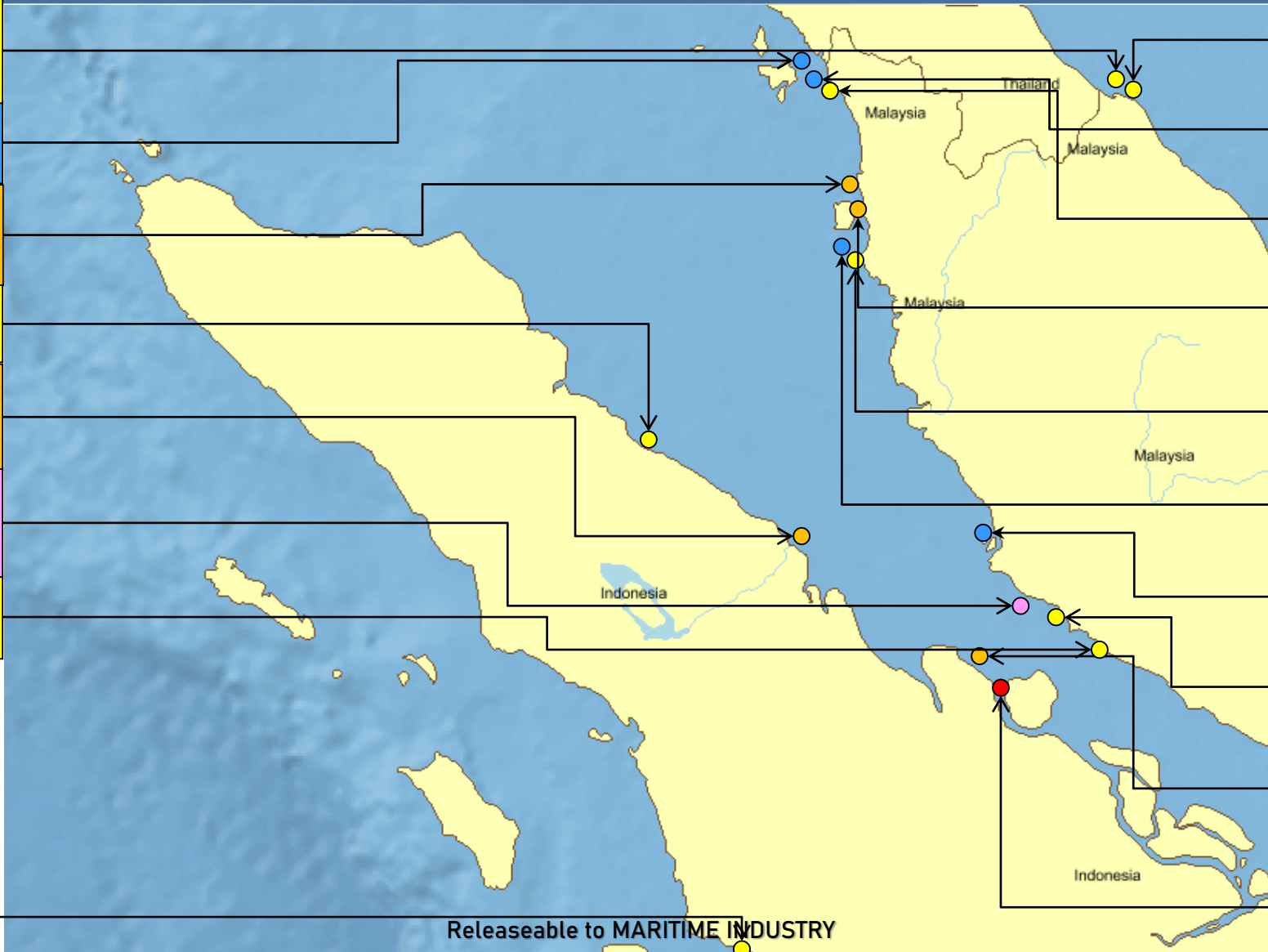


Numbers of Migrants Intercepted



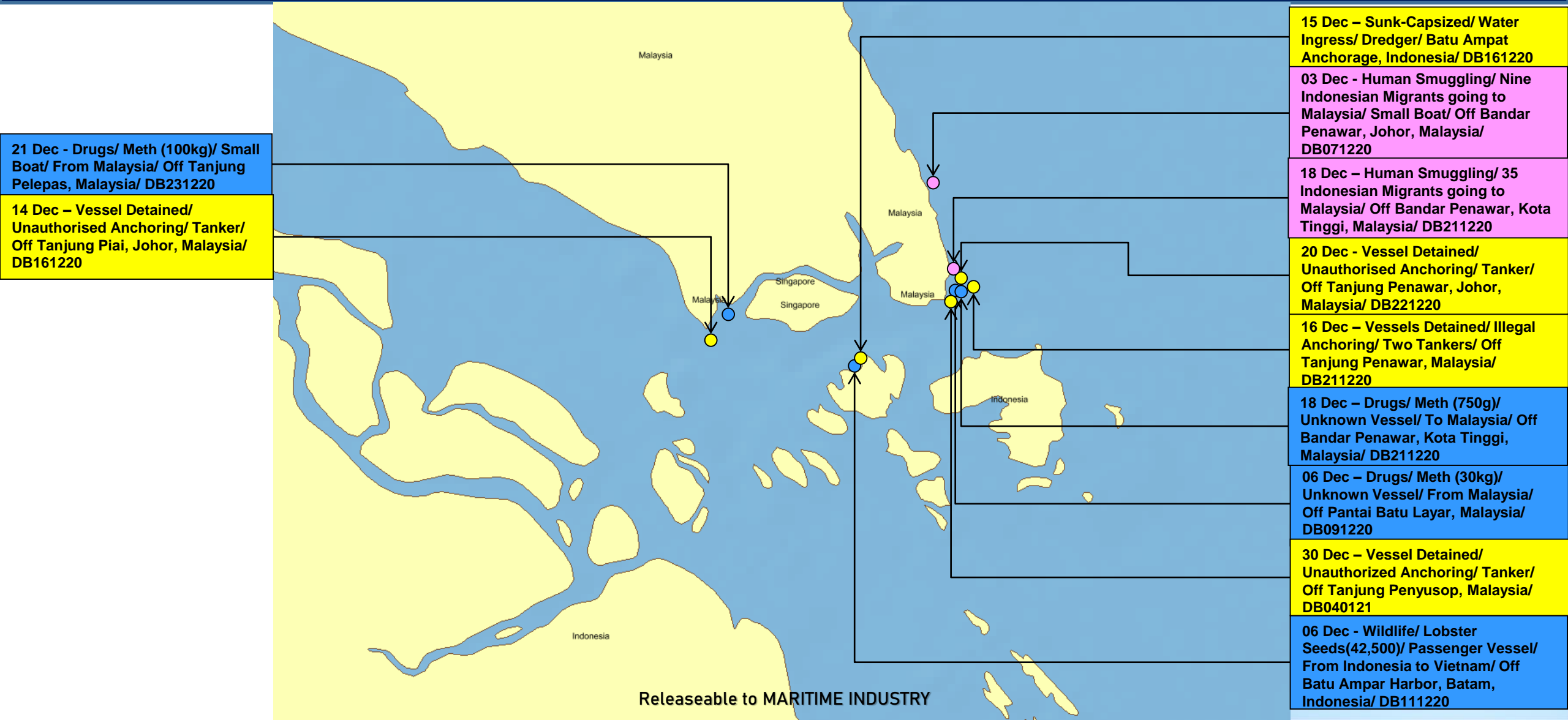
Malacca Strait

31 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing, Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Perhentian, Malaysia/ DB040121
25 Dec – Drugs/ Cannabis (300kg)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Kuala Perlis, Perlis, Malaysia/ DB291220
16 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Yan, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB171220
25 Dec – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Belawan, Indonesia/ DB301220
30 Dec – Poaching/ Three Malaysian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Aruah Island, Indonesia/ DB040121
30 Dec – Human Smuggling/ Four Myanmar Migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Pantai Morib, Malaysia/ DB040121
30 Dec – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Tanker/ Off Upeh Island, Malaysia/ DB040121
02 Dec - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Tuapejat port, West Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB071220

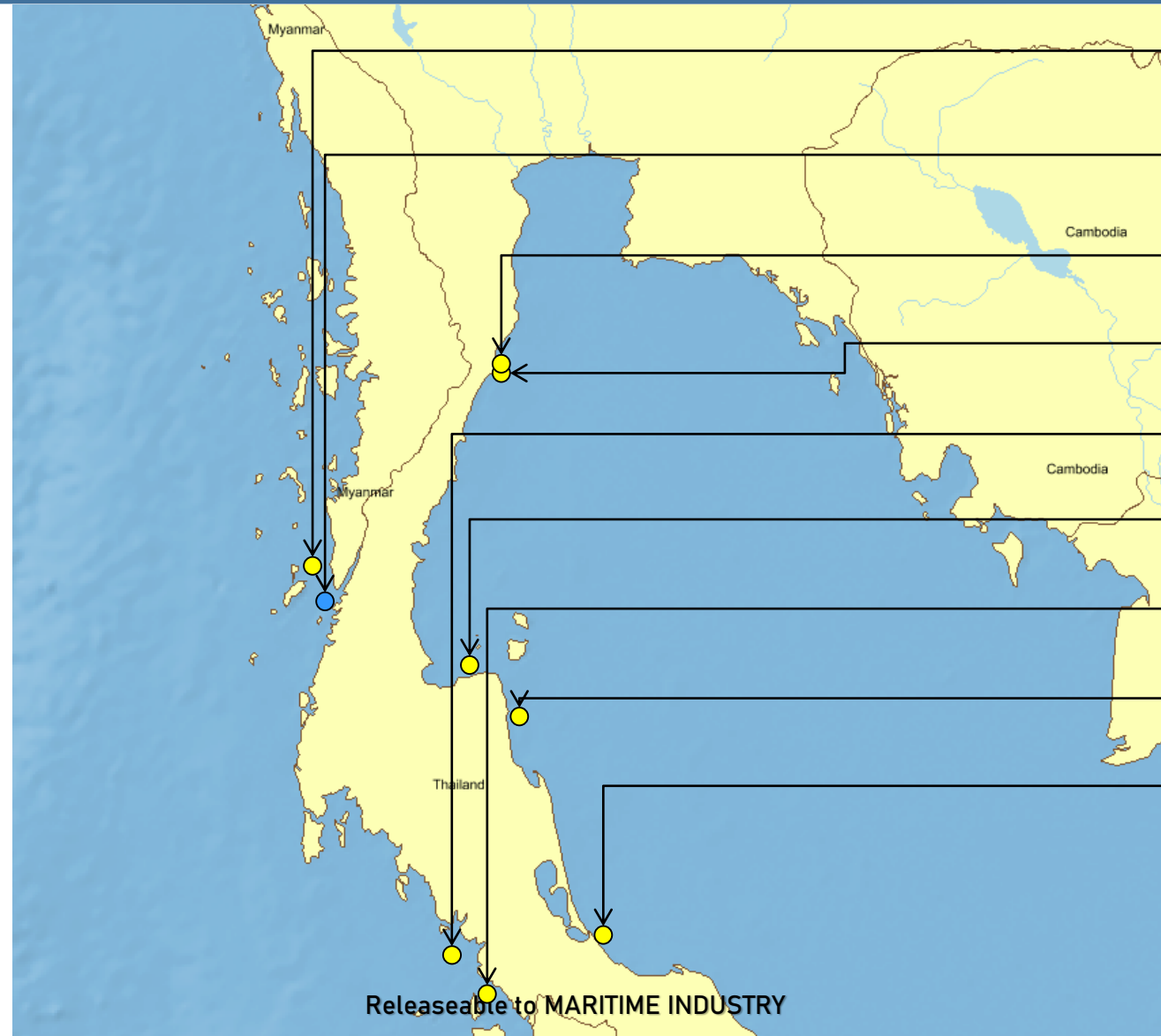


18 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Illegal Oil Transfer/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Pasir Putih Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB241220
03 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (240kg), Ecstasy Pill (9.3kg)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Pulau Betong, Penang, Malaysia/ DB091220
10 Dec – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB141220
11 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuala Kedah, Malaysia/ DB141220
15 Dec – Allision, MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Buoy/ One Dead, Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB171220
09 Dec – Drugs/ Meth (2,118kg)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB141220
07 Dec – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (30.6 Million Sticks)/ Container Ship/ To Malaysia/ Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB141220
25 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tugboat/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Melaka, Malaysia/ DB281220
06 Dec – Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Foreign and One Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB101220
15 Dec – Sea Robbery/ VANTAGE RIDER/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia Flagged/ Berthed/ Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai, Indonesia/ DB171220

Singapore Strait & Approaches



Andaman Sea & Gulf Of Thailand



21 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zardetkyee Island, Myanmar/ DB241220

27 Dec – Natural Resource/ Rubber Sheets and Rubber Scraps (3 tonnes)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Kra Buri River Channel, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB281220

15 Dec - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Prachuap Bay, Prachuab Khiri Khan Province, Thailand / DB161220

08 Dec – Work Accident/ Drowning/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Pranburi, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, Thailand/ DB091220

20 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off La-Ngu District, Satun province, Thailand/ DB221220

03 Dec – MEDEVAC/ Abdominal Pain/ Unknown Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chumphon, Thailand/ DB041220

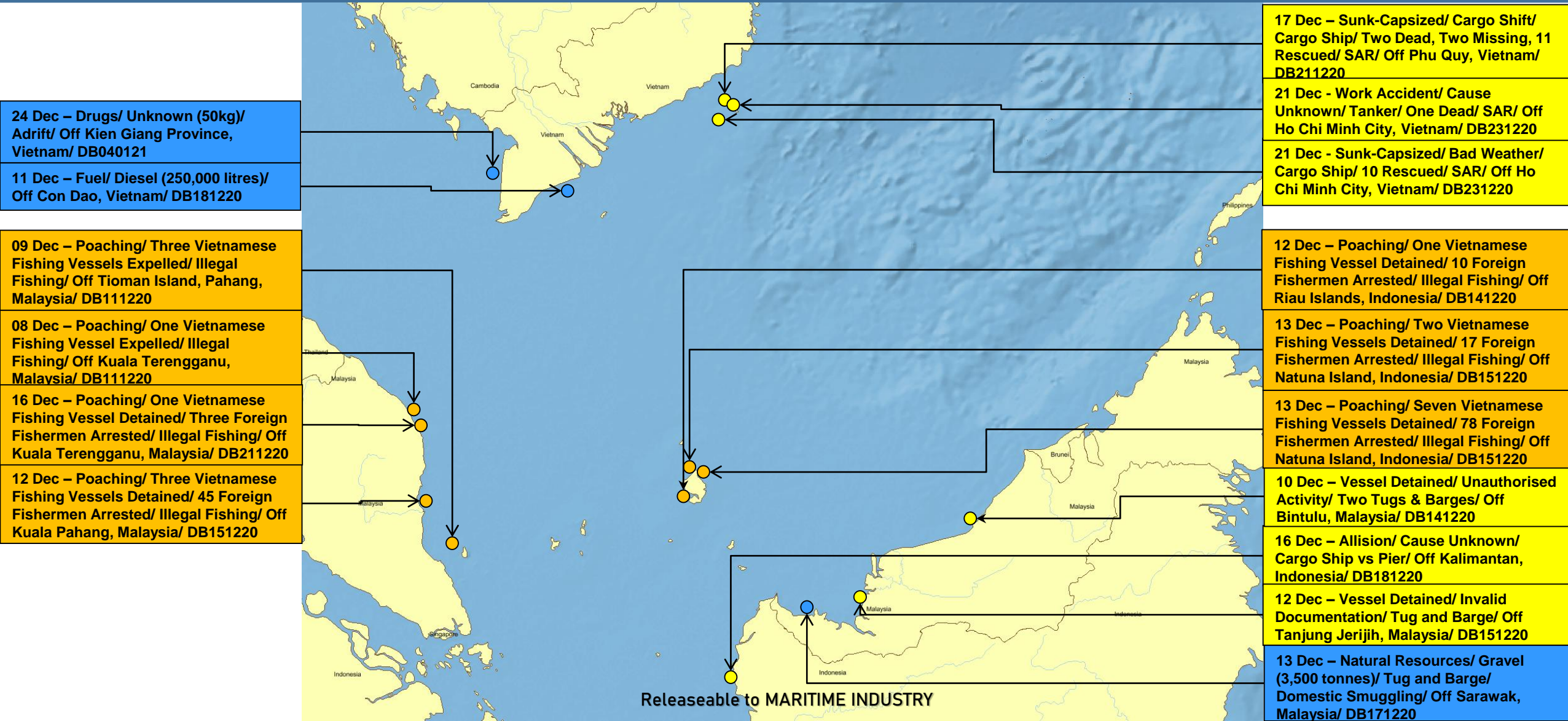
01 Dec - MOB/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Lipe Island, Satun Province, Thailand/ DB041220

02 Dec - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Thailand/ DB041220

21 Dec – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Songkla River, Songkla Province, Thailand/ DB231220

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South China Sea



South China Sea & Philippines (North)/ Philippine Sea

03 Dec – Domestic Products/ iPhones, Birds Nests, Abalone/ Speedboat/ From Hong Kong to China/ Off Hong Kong/ DB071220

08 Dec - Drugs/ Cocaine (20kg)/ Speedboat/ To Hong Kong/ Off Lantau Island, Hong Kong/ DB181220

05 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ 10 Rescued/ Off Quang Nam Province, Vietnam/ DB071220

10 Dec – Grounding, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ 11 Rescued/ Off Binh Dinh, Vietnam/ DB141220

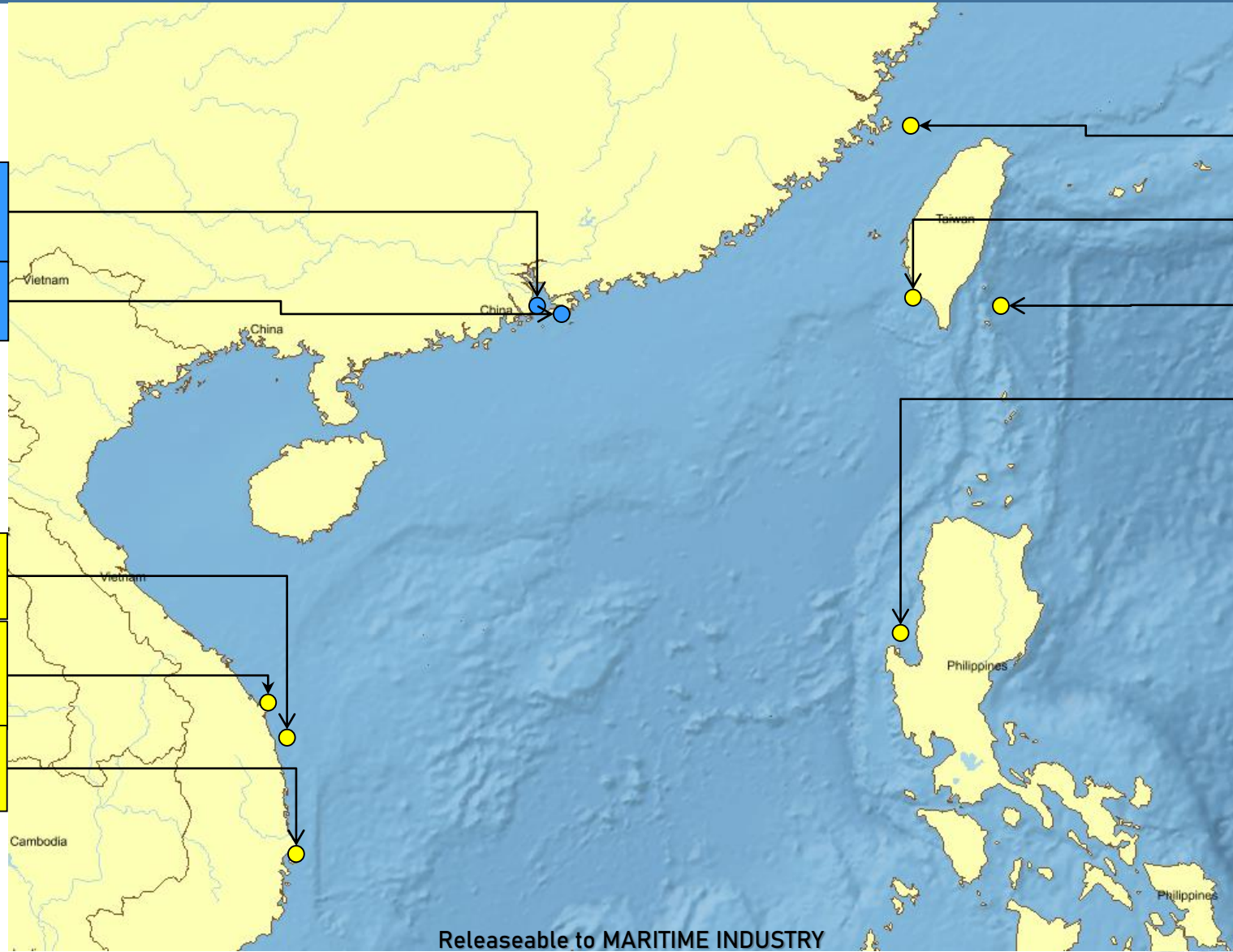
19 Dec - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Container Ship/ Off Nha Trang, Southern Vietnam/ DB221220

10 Dec – Grounding, Sunk Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ Off Nangan Island, Taiwan/ DB141220

09 Dec – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship vs Bulk Carrier/ Off Kaohsiung Port, Taiwan/ DB111220

08 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ SAR/ Off Orchid Island, Taiwan/ DB091220

17 Dec – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Off Infanta, Pangasinan, Philippines/ DB291220



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East China Sea – Yellow Sea

29 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Missing/ SAR/ Off Jeju Island, ROK/ DB040121

29 Dec – Grounding/ Rough Sea/ Cargo Ship/ Off Yantai, China/ DB301220

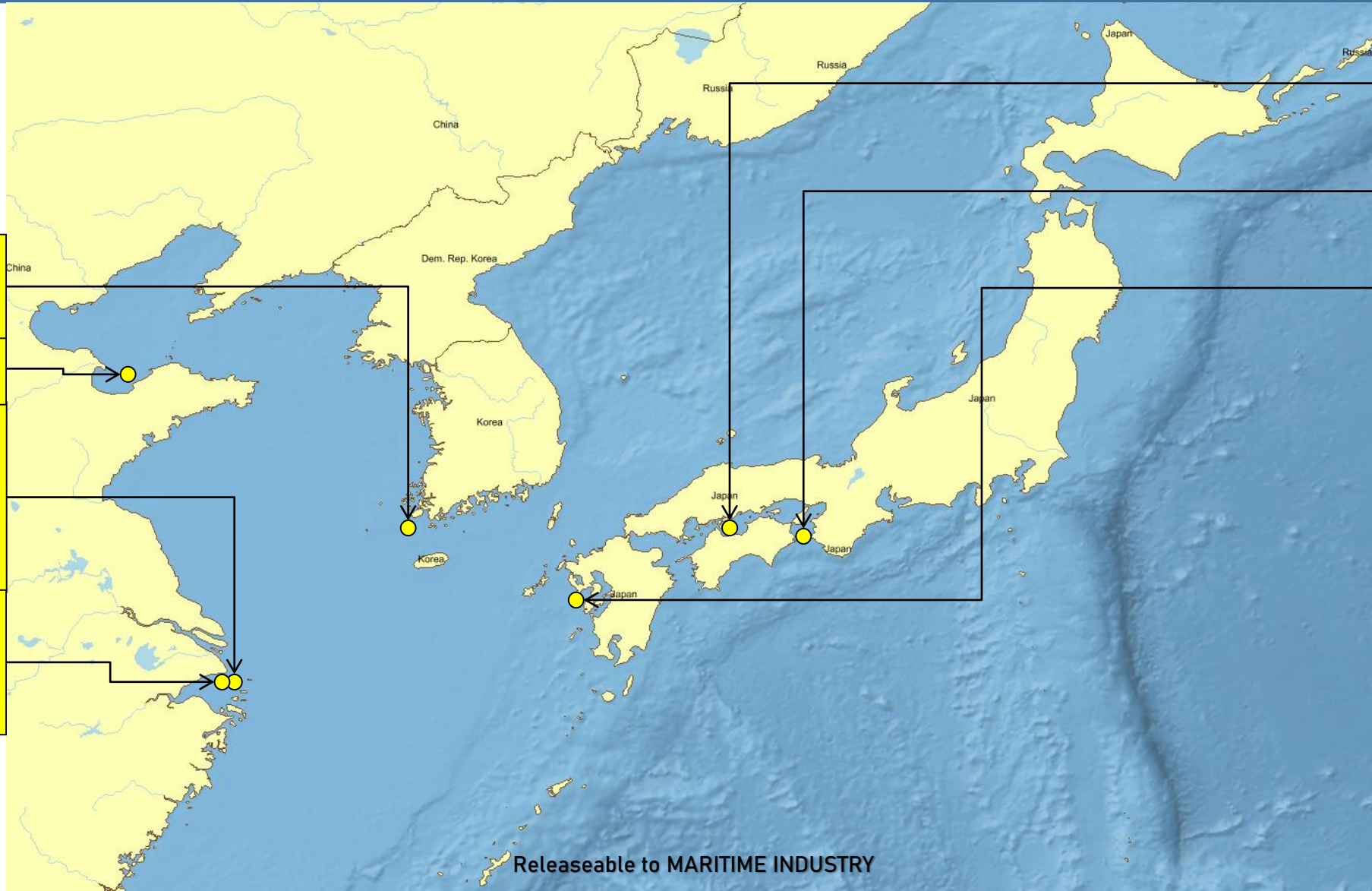
13 Dec – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Engine Failure/ Container Vessel vs Container Vessel/ Three Dead, Five Missing, Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yangtze River, Shanghai, China/ DB151220

30 Dec – Others/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ Two Dead, Seven Missing, Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hangzhou Bay, Shanghai, China/ DB040121

07 Dec - Fire-Explosion, Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Off Osakikamijima, Hiroshima, Japan/ DB091220

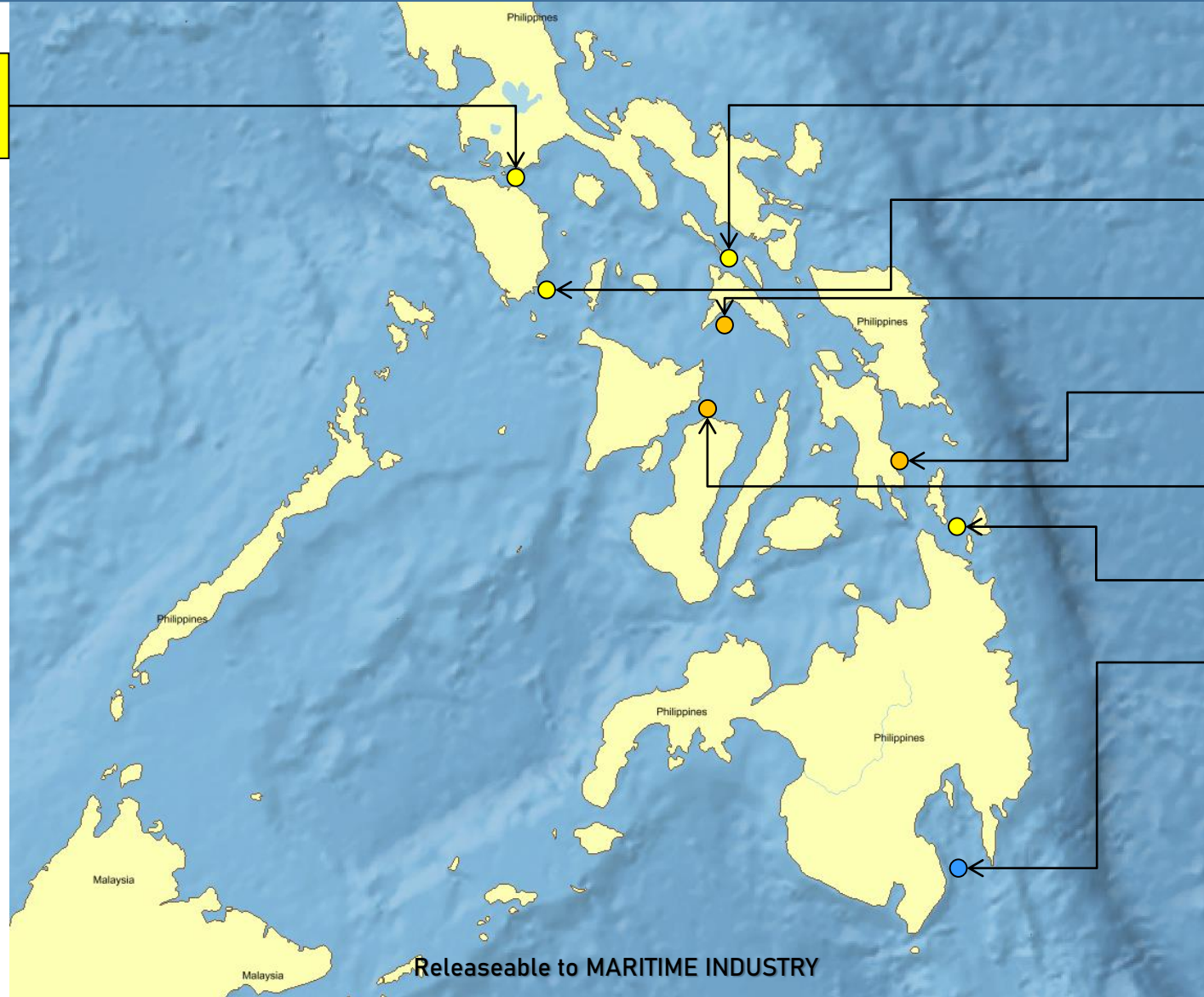
02 Dec – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Akashi, Japan/ DB041220

30 Dec – Cargo Mishap/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Off Shimokushiki-Jima Island, Japan/ DB040121



Philippines & Sulu Sea

30 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/
Passenger Vessel/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off
Barangay Silonay, Calapan City, Oriental
Mindoro, Philippines/ DB040121



19 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/
Passenger Vessel/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off
Brgy. Misibis, Bacacay, Albay, Philippines/
DB231220

02 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Fishing
Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Caluya
Island, Philippines/ DB071220

05 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/
Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal
Fishing Methods/ Off Bantayan, Cebu,
Philippines/ DB291220

07 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/
Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/
Off Southern Leyte, Philippines/ DB121020

12 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/
Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal
Fishing Methods/ Off Bantayan, Cebu,
Philippines/ DB171220

26 Dec – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/
Tanker/ Off Raza Island, Surigao Del Norte,
Philippines/ DB291220

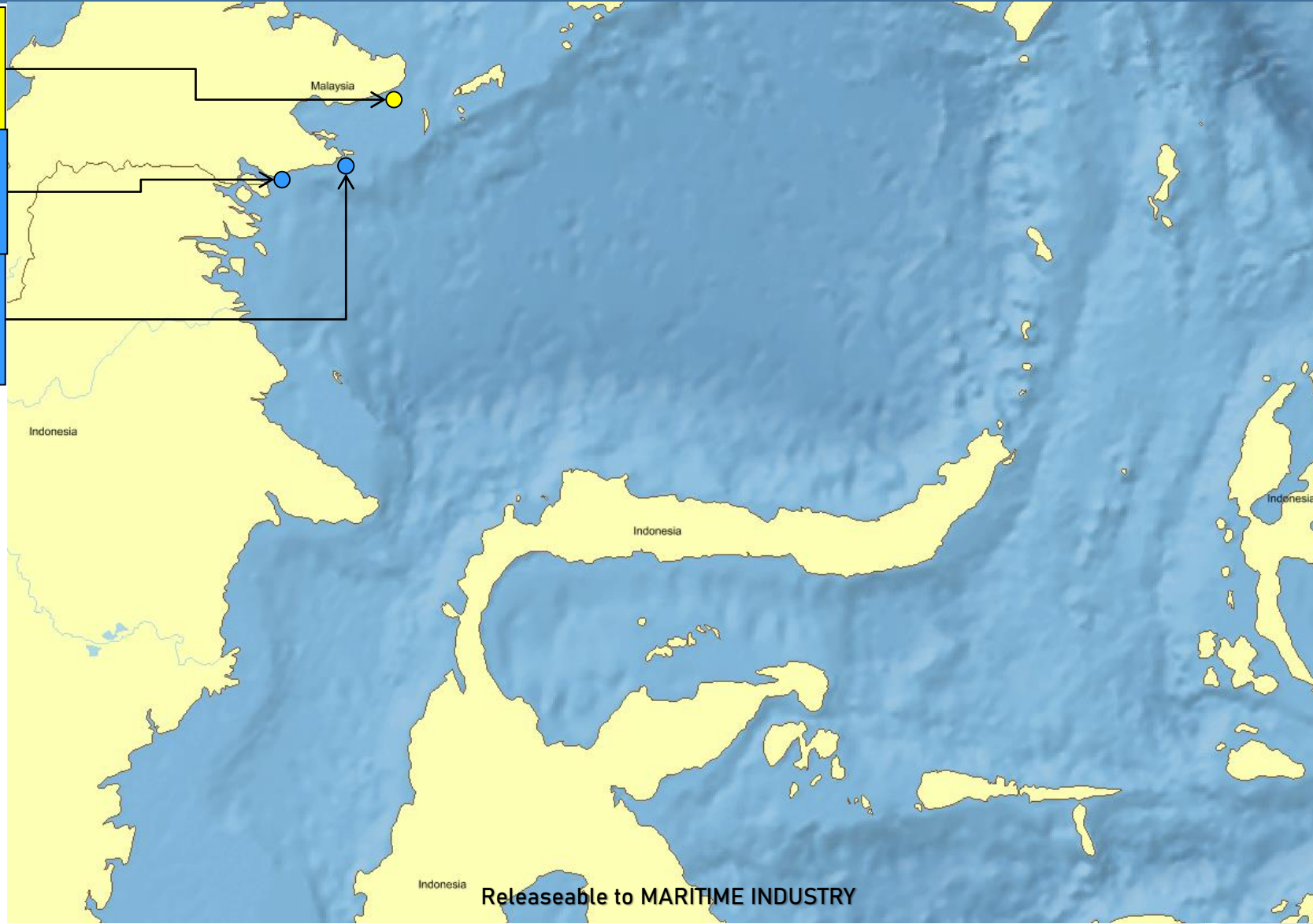
10 Dec – Natural Resources/ Agarwood (671
pieces)/ From Philippines/ Off Davao Port,
Davao City, Philippines/ DB211220

Celebes Sea – North Sulawesi North Maluku Islands

**03 Dec – Mechanical Failure, Adrift/
Cause Unknown/ Passenger
Vessel/ 33 Rescued/ SAR/ Off
Laparan Island, Tawi-Tawi,
Philippines/ DB101220**

**27 Dec – Fuel, Domestic Products/
Liquid Petroleum Gas (10 Barrels),
Sugar (720kg)/ Passenger Vessel/
To Malaysia/ Off Tawau, Malaysia/
DB301220**

**09 Dec - Domestic Products, Fuel/
Cooking Oil (323kg), Petrol (150
litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia
to Philippines/ Off Pulau Bohey
Dulang, Malaysia/ DB101220**



Java Sea – Makassar Strait – Bali Sea – Flores Sea

06 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/
Water Ingress/ Unknown
Vessel/ Five Rescued/ SAR/
Off Bangka Belitung Islands,
Indonesia/ DB181220

07 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/
Bad Weather/ Tug/ Three
Missing, Five Rescued/ SAR/
Off Bawean Island,
Indonesia/ DB141220

20 Dec - Grounding/ Buoy
Lights Malfunction/ Local
Passenger Vessel/ Off Merak
Port, Lumpung, Indonesia/
DB221220

16 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/
Rough Sea/ Unknown
Vessel/ Six Rescued/ Off
East Java, Indonesia/
DB301220

09 Dec – Wildlife/ Birds (209
Greater Green Leaf Birds
and 50 Magpies)/ Passenger
Vessel/ Domestic
Smuggling/ Off Surabaya,
Java, Indonesia/ DB181220

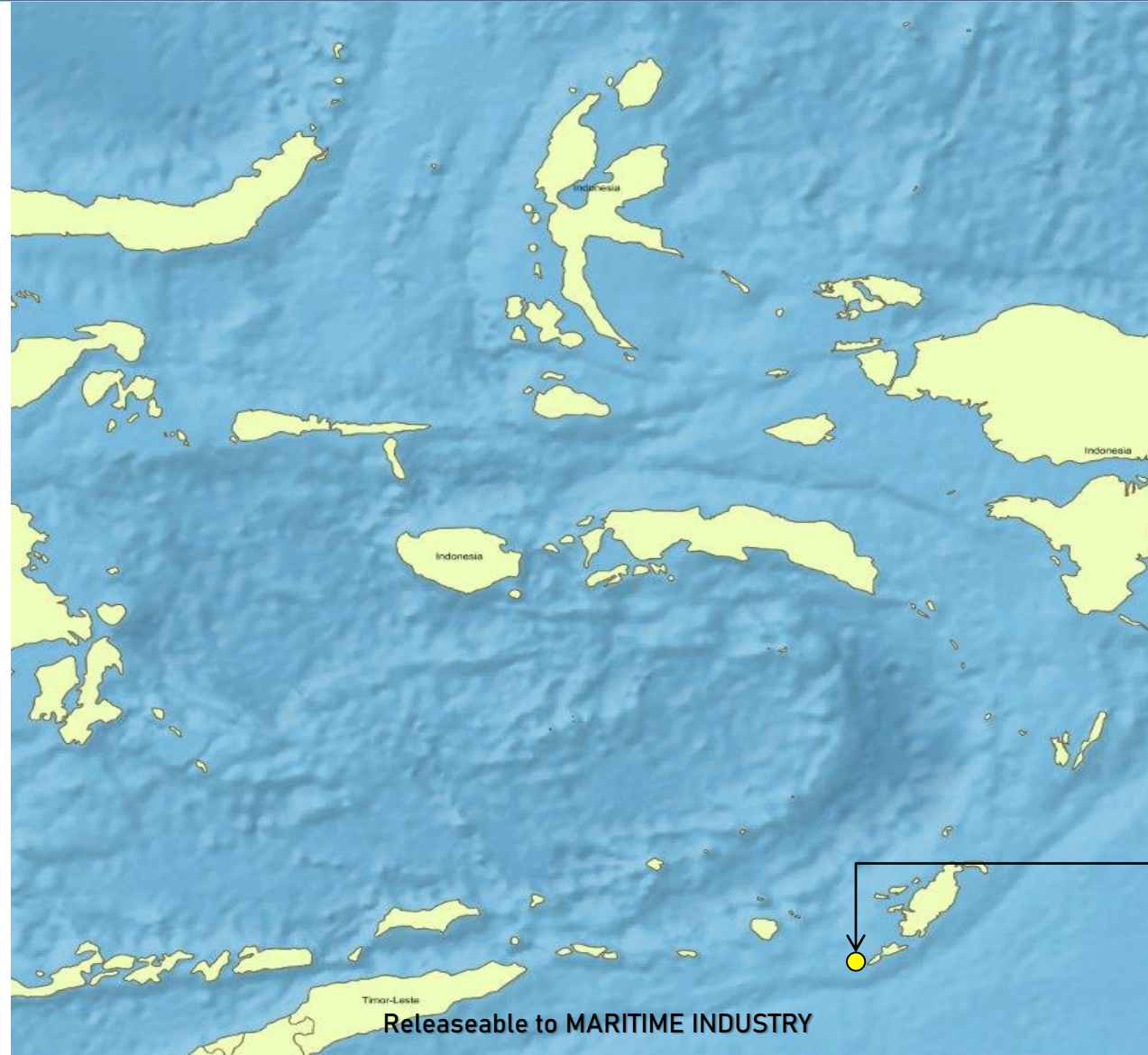
15 Dec – Collision, Sunk-
Capsized/ Cause Unknown/
Cargo Ship vs Cargo Boat/
Eight Rescued/ Off
Surabaya, East Java,
Indonesia/ DB211220

24 Dec – Drugs/ Meth (2kg)/
Passenger Vessel/ Domestic
Smuggling/ Tanjung Kalian
Muntok Port, Indonesia/
DB301220

09 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad
Weather/ Small Boat/ Six
Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gili
Trawangan, Indonesia/
DB151220



Molucca Sea – Halmahera Sea – Ceram Sea – Banda Sea



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29 Dec – Missing, Mechanical Failure/ Bad Weather/
Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Timor Sea, Indian
Ocean/ DB040121

Arafura Sea – Bismarck Sea – Solomon Sea – Philippine Sea (South) – Banda Sea

10 Dec – Poaching/ One Chinese
Fishing Vessel Detained/ 28 Foreign
Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/
Off Palau/ DB281220



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Pacific Ocean - Guam



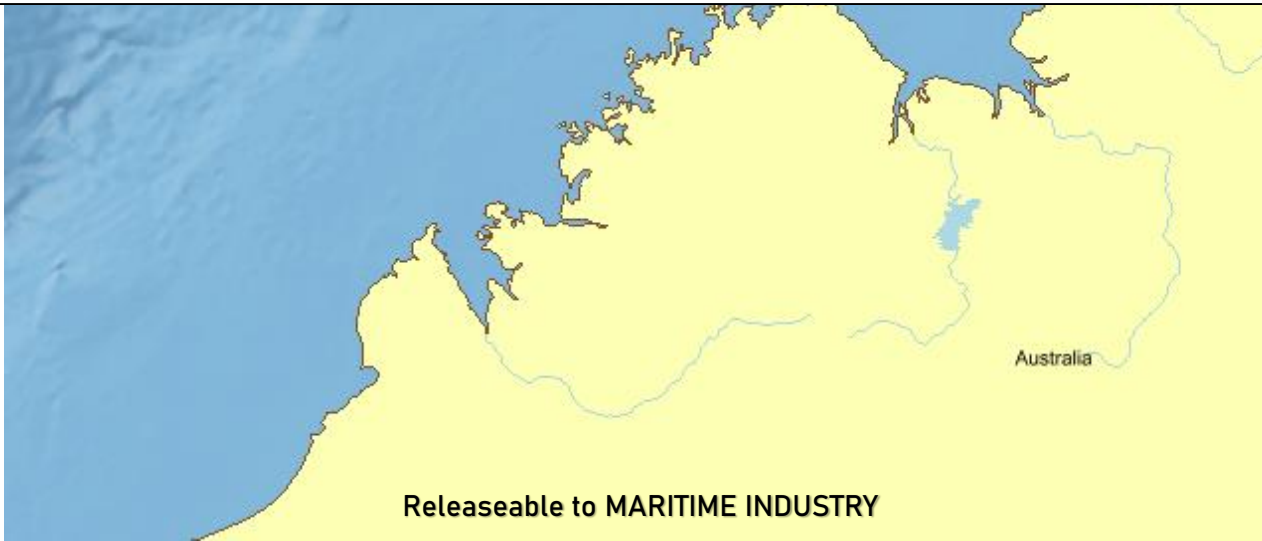
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Savu Sea – Timor Sea



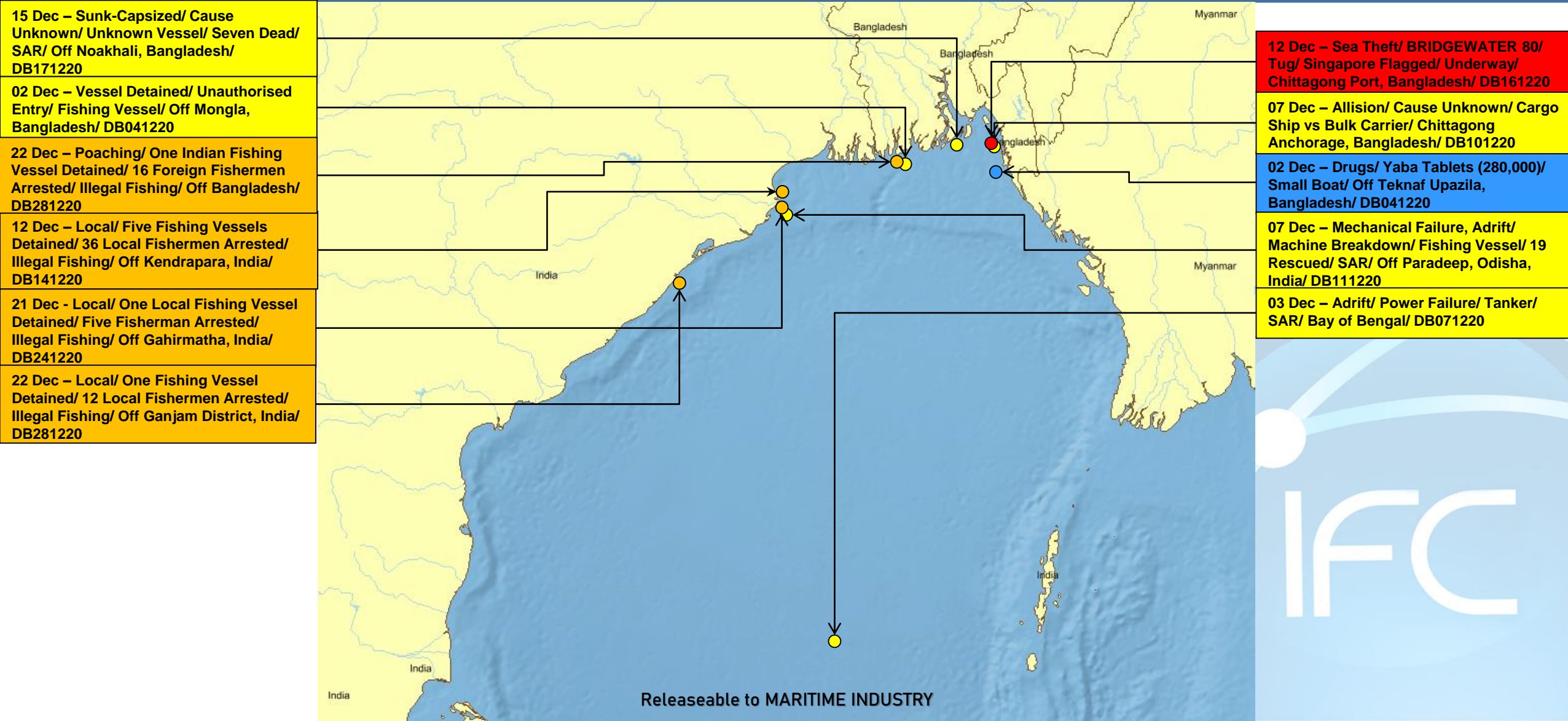
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North Bay of Bengal



Arabian Sea – Indian Coast

25 Dec – Drugs/ Cannabis (3kg)/ Adrift/ Off Jakhau, India/ DB281220

25 Dec – Violent Confrontation/ Fishing Dispute/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Vasai, India/ DB040121

18 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Dwarka, India/ DB231220

16 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Rescued/ Off Diu, India/ DB040121

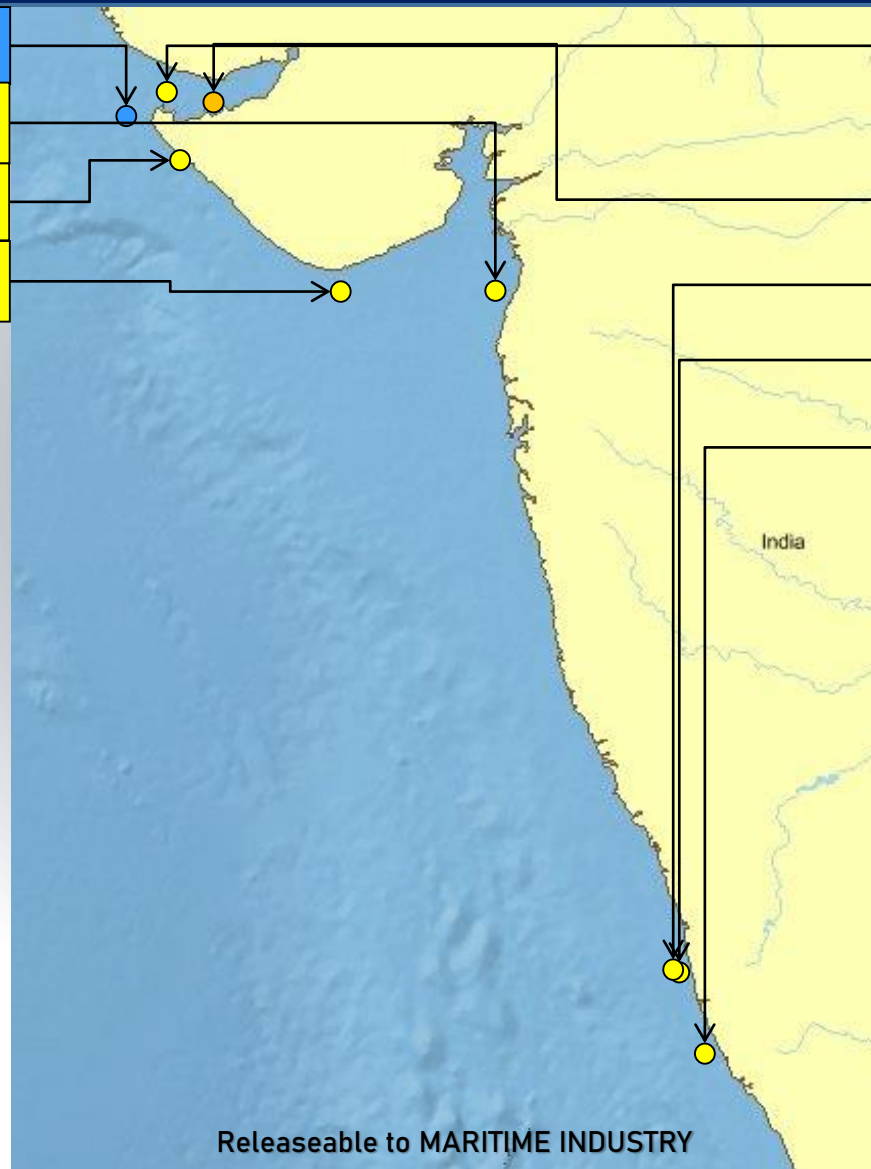
17 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Okha, India/ DB211220

20 Dec - Poaching/ One Pakistan Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Gulf of Kutch, India/ DB241220

21 Dec – MOB/ Rough Sea/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ Off Malpe, India/ DB301220

21 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Alvekodi, India/ DB231220

01 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Dead, Three Missing, 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mangaluru, India/ DB031220

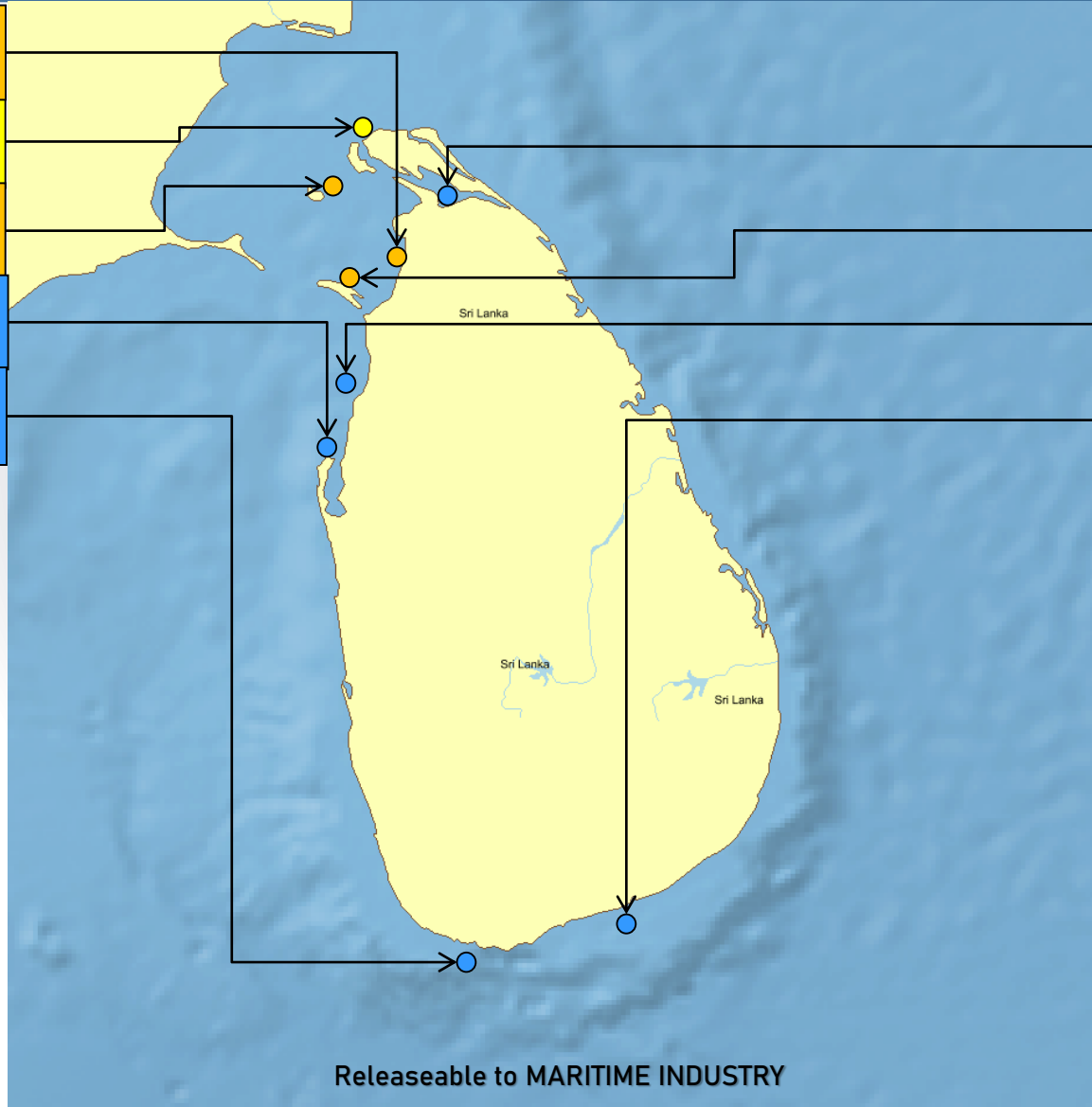


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15 Dec – Poaching/ Two Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB161220
03 Dec - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Unknown Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Manalli Tivu Island, India/ DB071220
15 Dec – Poaching/ Three Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 22 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB161220
11 Dec – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (480kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitiya Dutch Bay, Sri Lanka/ DB151220
31 Dec – Drugs/ Meth (5.945kg), Heroin (2.047kg), Cannabis (3g)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Dodanduwa, Galle, Sri Lanka/ DB040121



27 Dec – Drugs/ Cannabis (360kg)/ Adrift/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB301220
20 Dec - Poaching/ One Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Eluvativu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB221220
20 Dec - Domestic Products/ Turmeric (1,900 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Sinnapadu, Mundalama, Sri Lanka/ DB241220
27 Dec – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (20,000kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From India To Sri Lanka/ Off Southern Sri Lanka/ DB301220



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12 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Kolhufushi, Maldives/ DB141220

08 Dec – Drugs/ Unknown Drugs (72kg)/ Speed Boat and Fishing Vessel/ To Maldives/ Off Malé City, Maldives/ DB161220

03 Dec – Others/ Natural Disaster/ CYCLONE BUREVI/ Two Unknown Vessels/ SAR/ Off Kumundhoo, Maldives/ DB101220

03 Dec - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Two Fishing Vessels/ SAR/ Off Kumundhoo, Maldives/ DB071220

08 Dec – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Kochi, India/ DB111220

12 Dec – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (3,000kg)/ Small Boat/ From India/ Off Mannar, India/ DB1411220

12 Dec – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (2,404.3kg)/ Dhow/ Off Kudiramalei Point, Puttalam, Sri Lanka/ DB151220

10 Dec – Natural Resources/ Gold (9kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Off Tamil Nadu, India/ DB141220

15 Dec – Wildlife/ Sea Cucumbers (955 kg)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Vembar, India/ DB211220



IFC Recommendations

The 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 the Sulu-Celebes seas are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with the Philippines, Malaysian and Indonesian Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 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.
6. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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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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