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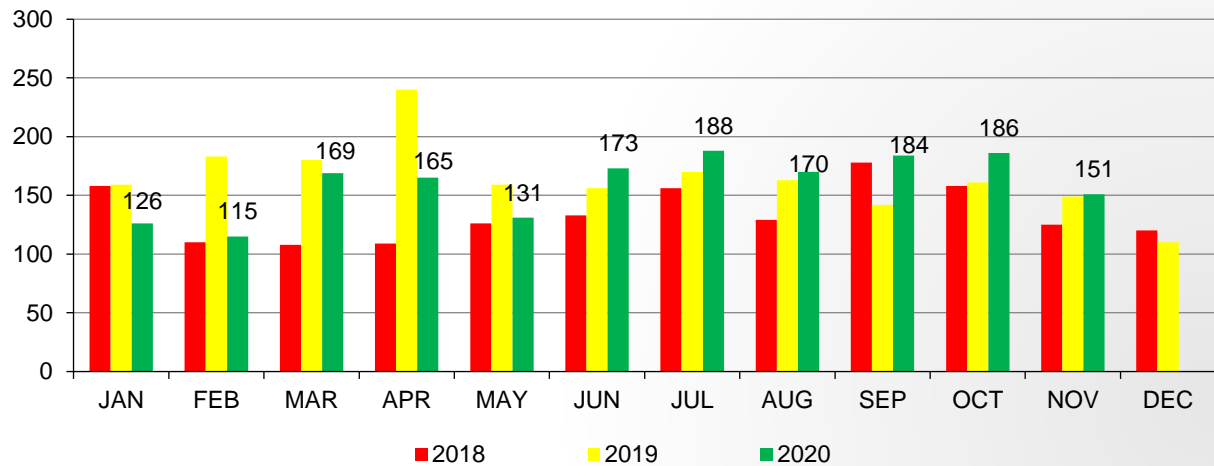
IFC MONTHLY MAP

Nov 2020



MARSEC Incidents in IFC AOI

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



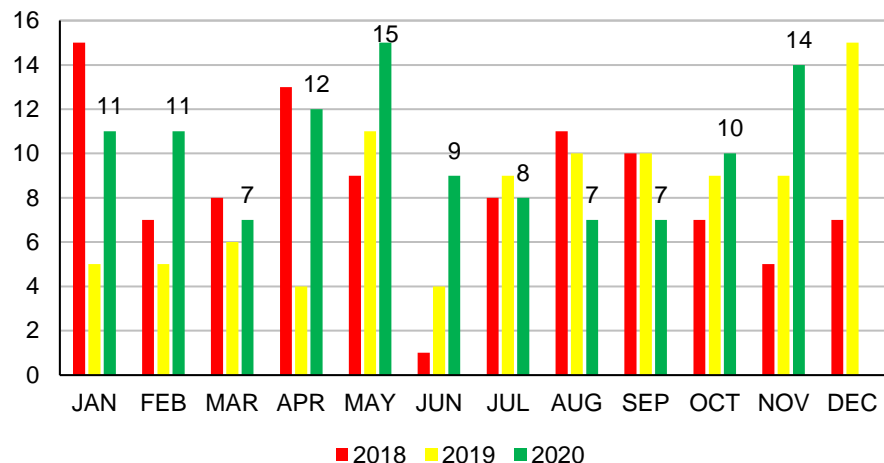
Nov 2020		TOTAL 2020	Nov 2019	Nov 2018
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	14	106	9	5
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	2	5	0	0
Maritime Incident (MI)	64	825	74	69
Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing (IUU)	37	448	41	21
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	30	322	22	22
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	4	89	3	8
Others	0	0	0	0
Total Number	151	1795	148	125



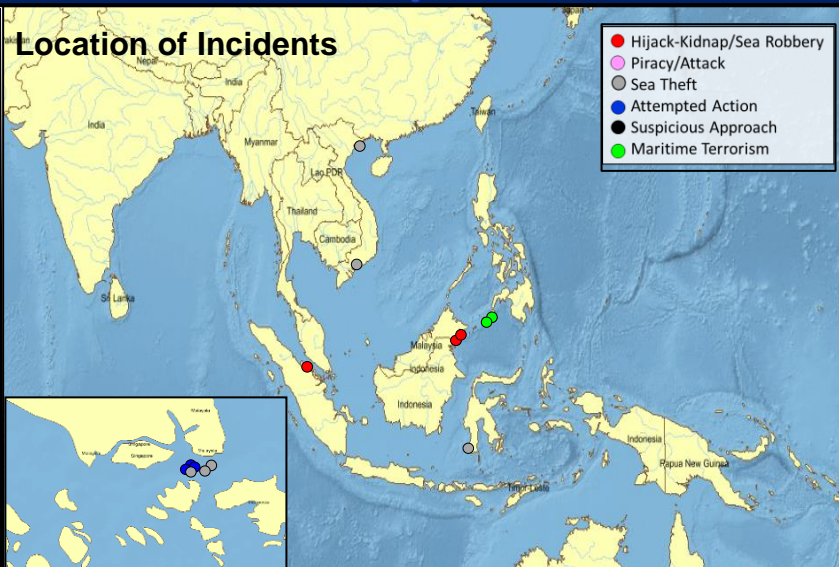


Theft, Robbery and Piracy At Sea – Maritime Terrorism (TRAPS-MT)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



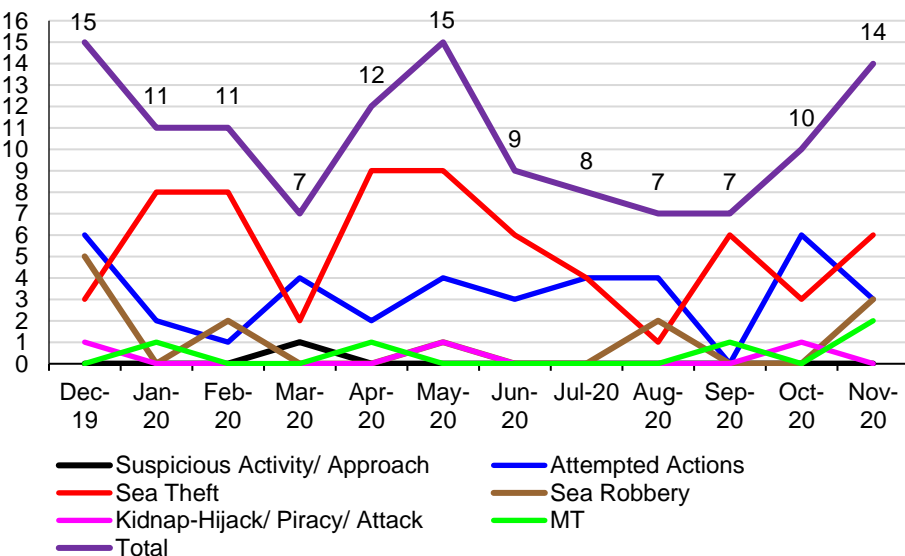
Location of Incidents



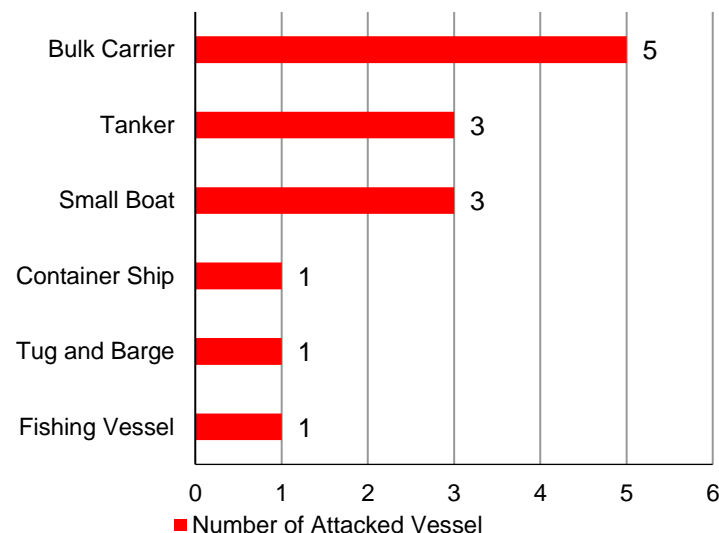
Observations

- 14 TRAPS-MT incidents occurred in Nov 2020, including Maritime Terrorism (2), Sea Robbery (3), Sea Theft (6) and Attempted Actions (3).
- The number of incidents is almost 50% higher than Oct 2020 (10) or Nov 2019 (9) and nearly threefold higher than Nov 2018 (5).
- Maritime Terrorism.** Both incidents involved military counter terrorism operations in the Philippines, in which the ASG insurgents got killed subsequently with few weapons and explosions seized.
- TRAPS**
 - 11 incidents during the Period of Darkness (PoD).
 - Seven incidents on vessels underway, four anchored and one berthed.
 - Two Sea Robberies in Tawau, Malaysia, towards local traditional fishermen on fishing boats and platform (bagang). The perpetrators used machetes and small arms (pistol). A special task force has been formed up to mitigate series of incidents happening in the area. Six perpetrators including evidence were arrested by local authority. The last incident reported here was in Aug 2019.
 - One Sea Robbery in Dumai anchorage, Indonesia on an anchored Tanker. Perpetrators were aggressive and threatened the life of the crew. Four incidents recorded so far in 2020, compared to total of two in 2019 and one in 2018.
 - Six incidents (Sea Thefts (3) and Attempted Actions (3)) in the Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait, on four Bulk Carriers and two Tankers - all underway. Ship stores and engine parts were reportedly stolen during the Sea Thefts. A series of incidents as reported in Oct 2020 occurred on 8 and 9 Nov 20, targeted three vessels within 6.5 hours period. 38 incidents recorded in Singapore Strait so far in 2020, compared to total of 43 in 2019 and 19 in 2018.
 - Two Sea Thefts in Vietnam (Vung Tau and Cam Pha anchorages) on an anchored Containership and a berthed Bulk Carrier. Ship stores (paints) were stolen. Perpetrators remained passive and fled scene after detection. It was the third incident reported this year at Vung Tau (no incident in 2019 and 2018) while the second in Cam Pha in 2020 (no incident in 2019, 3 in 2018).
 - One Sea Theft in Tonasa anchorage, Indonesia on a coal Tug and Barge. The first TRAPS incident recorded in the area by IFC.

Incident Type (Last 12 months)



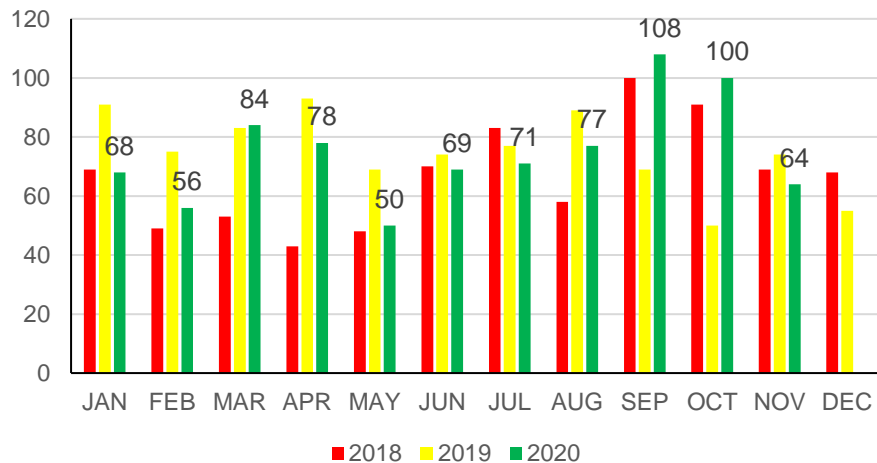
Type of Vessel Attacked



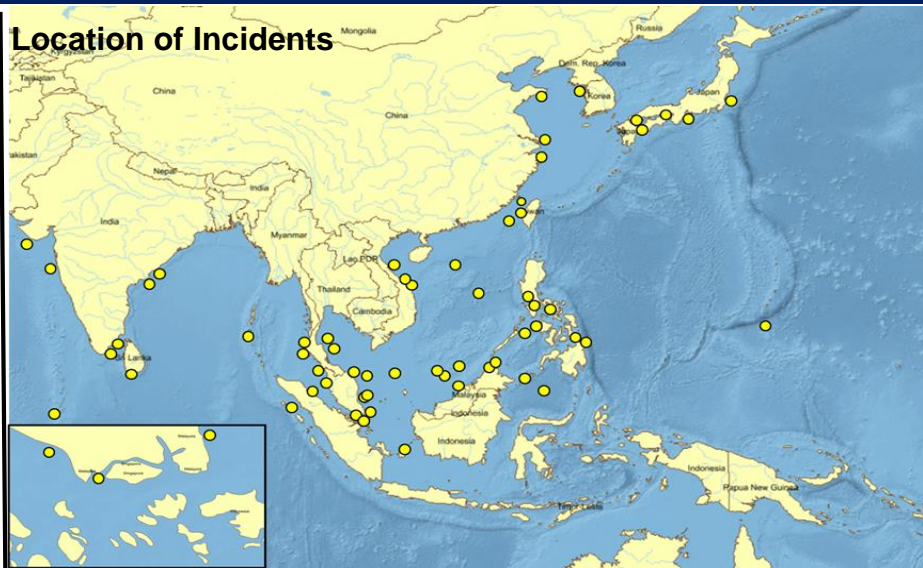


Maritime Incidents (MI)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)



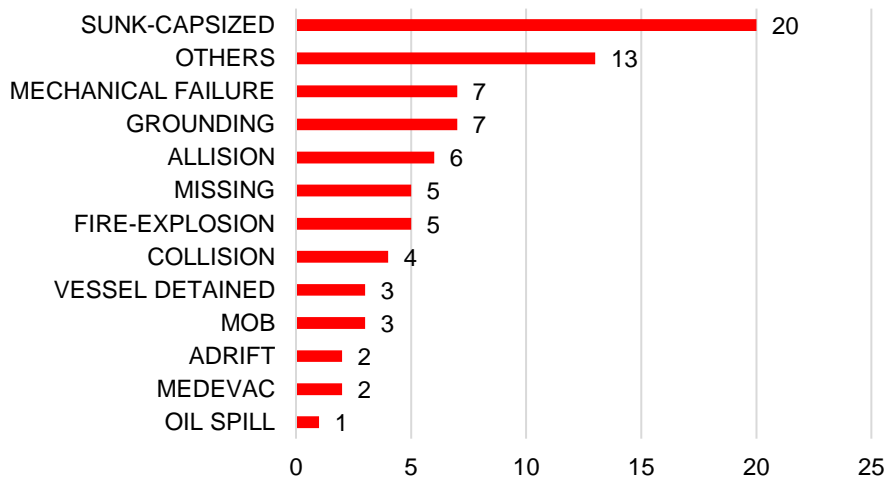
Location of Incidents



Observations

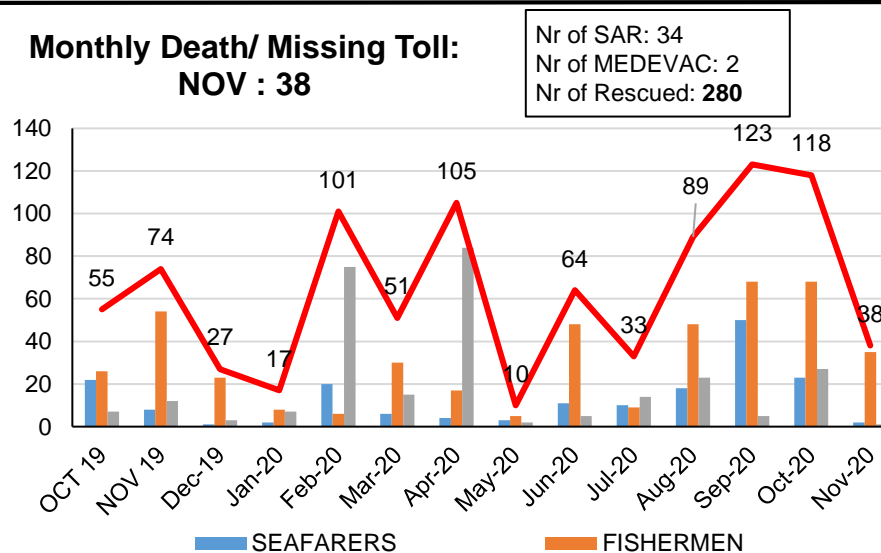
- A total of **64 maritime incidents** were reported for the month of Nov 2020 which is 13.5% lower than Nov 2019 (74) and 7.2% higher than Nov 2018 (69). For the period, **80 vessels were involved in the maritime incidents**, of which 27 or 34% are registered vessels and 53 or 66% are unregistered vessels. Also, **18.7% of the incidents transpired in Malaysia**, 17.2% in the Indonesia and 15.6% in Philippines.
- On top of the maritime incidents, **20 (25.6%) led to sunk-capsized** followed by **others at 13 (17%)** and **7 (9%) each for mechanical failure and grounding**. Meanwhile, allision, missing, fire-explosion, collision, vessel detained, MOB, adrift, MEDEVAC and oil spill contributed just 40% of the maritime incident for the period.
- Of the **20 sunk-capsized incidents**, only 6 are registered and 14 are unregistered vessels. Similar to sunk-capsized, number of unregistered vessels involved in others and grounding are higher than registered vessels. These unregistered vessels are comprised of fishing vessels, passenger vessels and small boats.
- Aside from bad weather, rough seas and natural disasters, records state that most cause of the incidents are **unknown at 28 (44%)**. Possibly, this is due to the limited access or information provided by the companies to the authorities on the incidents.
- For the period covered, a total of **38 individuals were reported dead and missing** which is 68% lower than Nov 2020 with 118. Relatively, **3 (8%)** of which are seafarers and other users, while fishermen remain with most number of casualties at **35 (92%)**. As a result, there is a **94% decrease** in number of casualties on the seafarers and other sea users compared to last month, Oct 2020 with 50.
- Despite the number of death/missing toll, 34 SAR Operations and 2 MEDEVAC were conducted that led to 280 individuals rescued.

Types of Maritime Incident



Monthly Death/ Missing Toll:

NOV : 38

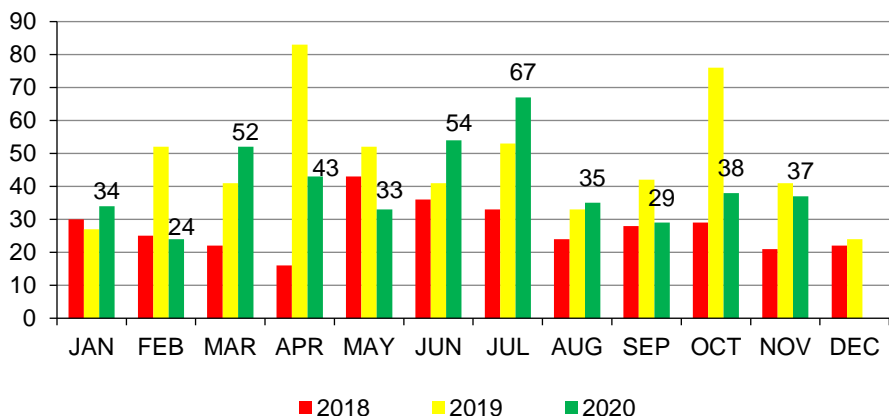


Nr of SAR: 34
Nr of MEDEVAC: 2
Nr of Rescued: 280

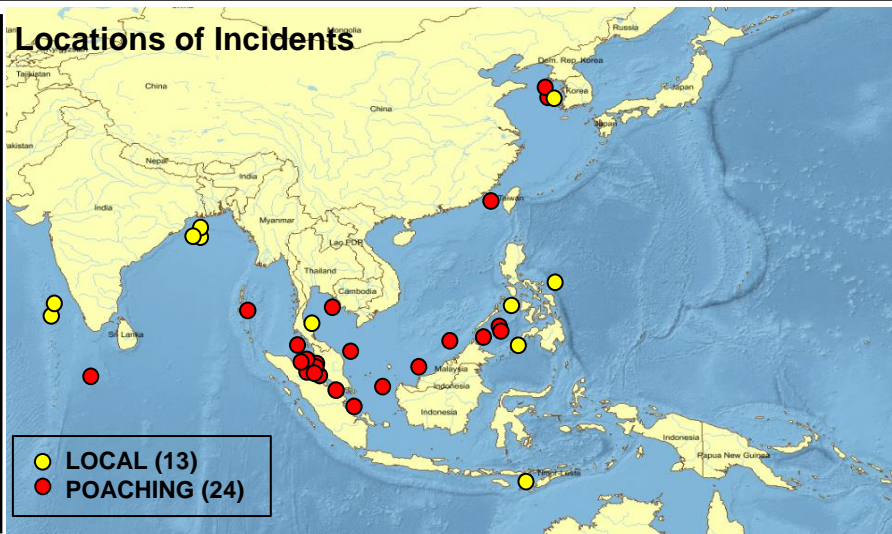


Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated Fishing (IUU Fishing)

Number of Incidents (2018-2020)

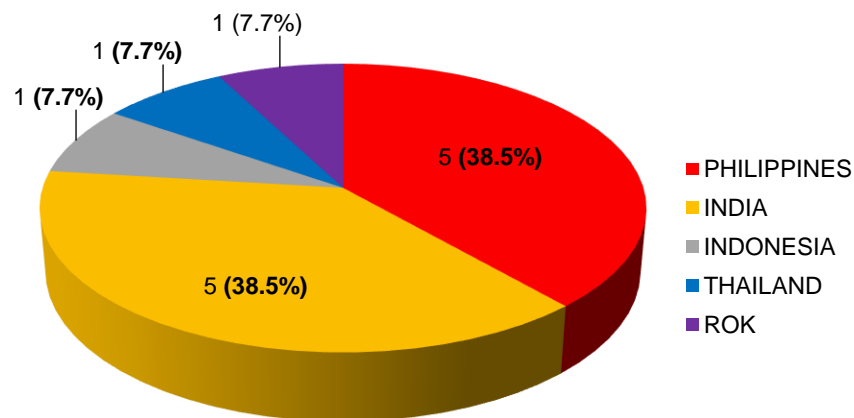


Locations of Incidents



Illegal Practices by Local Vessels or Licensed Foreign Vessels (13 incidents)

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



Observations

Statistics

- Total:** Overall, 37 IUUF incidents were reported in Nov 2020. This number is almost the same of that in Oct 2020 (38) and 4 (9.8%) lower than in Nov 2019, but about three-quarters 16 (76%) higher than in Nov 2018.
- Local:** IFC recorded 13 local incidents in Nov 2020. This figure is 5 (27.7%), 18 (58%), and 3 (18.8%) lower than in Oct 2020, Nov 2019, and Nov 2018 respectively. India and the Philippines share the same and highest proportion, 38.46%, by 5 incidents each.
- Poaching:** 24 poaching were recorded in Nov 2020, which is higher than in Oct 2020 by 4 (20%). However, compare to the same period of previous years, poaching in Nov 2020 has increased steeply, 14 (140%) higher than in Nov 2019 and 19 (380%) higher than in Nov 2018. The largest proportion of poaching in Nov 2020 committed by Indonesian FVs by 9 (34.8%) incidents, followed by Malaysian, Vietnam, and Chinese FVs by 3 (13%) incidents.

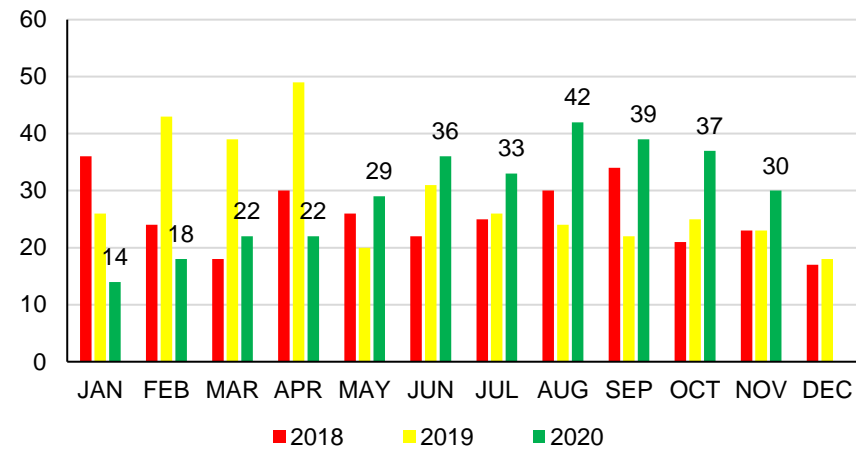
Comments:

- SOM is the prone area of poaching by approximately 17 (50%) where EEZs of coastal states are limited.
- There was 1 (12.5%) local IUUF committed by licensed Chinese FV in ROK water. Notedly, there is no report of the measures to expel foreign FVs committing IUUF in ROK compared to expelling of 1,130 Chinese FVs in Oct 2020 by ROK authorities.
- Most of the cases, Malaysian authorities have implemented the measures to expel or release including 69 Indonesian FVs, 2 Vietnamese FVs, 2 Thai FVs and 2 Foreign FVs instead of detaining.

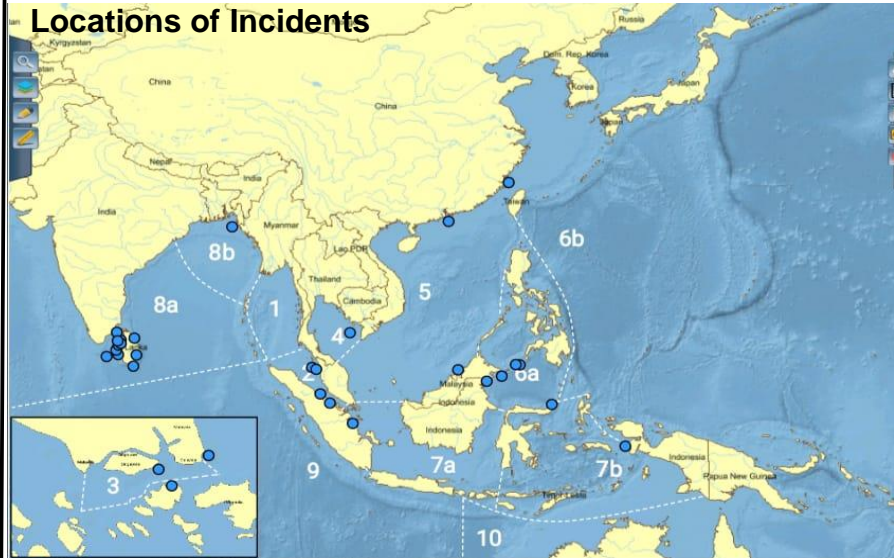


Contraband Smuggling (CS)

Number of Incidents (2018 - 2020)



Locations of Incidents



Observations

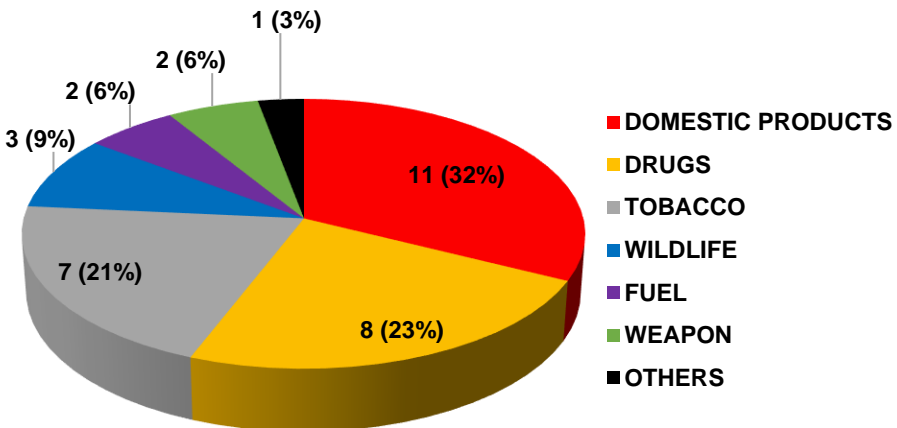
Statistics

- Total:** 30 incidents in Nov 2020, lower than Oct 2020 (37), but higher than 23 incidents each in Nov 2018 and Nov 2019
- Drugs : 8 incidents**
 - Malaysia – 3 Seizures. Cannabis (300 kg); Ketum leaves (1.5 tonnes); Meth (54.4 kg) and Ecstasy (234 pills)
 - Sri Lanka – 3 Cannabis seizure (total 316.7 kg)
 - India – 1 seizure. Heroin (100 kg), Synthetic Drug (20 boxes) from Pakistan
 - Indonesia - 1 meth seizure (33 kg) from Malaysia
- Tobacco : 7 incidents** - The Philippines – 3, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore – 1 each.
- Domestic Products : 11 incidents** - 6 Turmeric smuggling, 2 alcohol, one each textile, fruits and painkiller tablets.
- Wildlife: 3 Incident** – 74 birds seized in Indonesia and 450 in Malaysia. 9 Dogs and 34 cats smuggled from China seized in Hong Kong.
- Fuel: 2 Incidents** – 1000 tonnes of refined oil seized in China and 50,000 litres of diesel seized in Vietnam
- Weapon: 2 Incidents** - 6 guns, 3 magazines and 43 bullets smuggled from Philippines and seized in Indonesia. 5 Pistols, originating from Pakistan seized from a Sri Lankan boat by India.
- Others: 1 Incident** – 1200 vials of multi-vitamin injections, destined for Sri Lanka, seized by India.

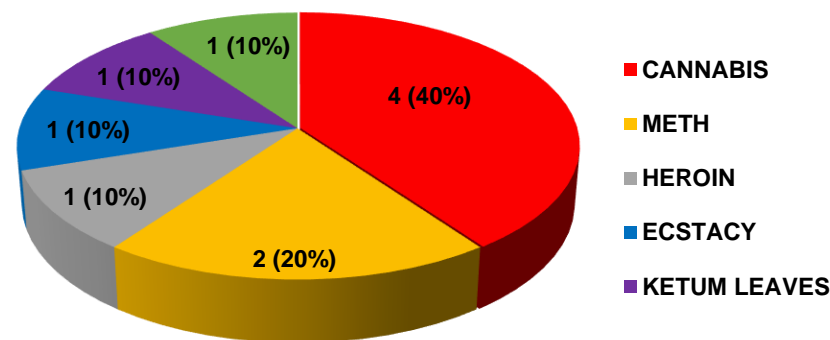
Comments

- 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 Oct 2020. COVID-19 economic impact, may exacerbate this trend.

Types of Contraband



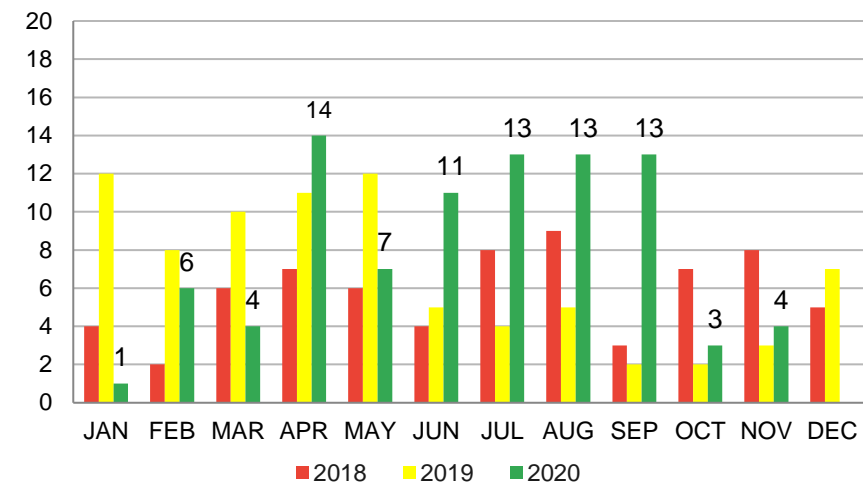
Types of Drug





Irregular Human Migration (IHM)

Number of Incidents (2018 – 2020)



Location of Incidents



Observations

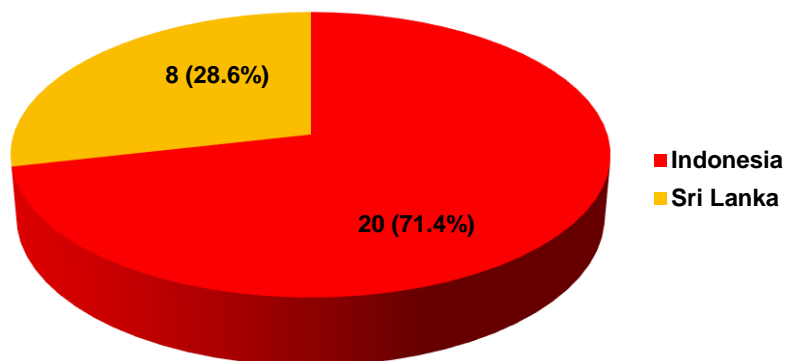
Statistics:

- The number of IHM incidents for Nov 2020(4) is comparative to 2019(3) and lower than 2018(8).
- This month, IFC has observed 4 Human Smuggling incidents.
- The number of illegal migrants intercepted in Nov 2020 has risen to 28 compared to last month's 14 people. 20 of the illegal migrants were Indonesians and 8 were Sri Lankans.

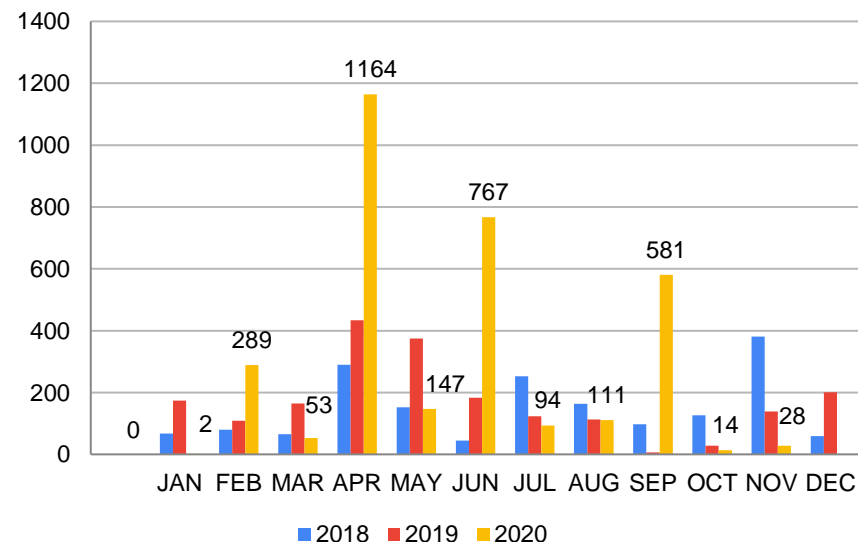
Comments:

- The low numbers of migrants recorded these past two months can be attributed to continuous surveillance and interception from the Malaysian authorities of illegal migrants travelling to and from Malaysia. Additionally unfavourable weather conditions may have rendered movements at sea difficult.
- Unsubstantiated reporting claims that there are large numbers of Rohingya refugees expected to arrive in the vicinity of Malaysia between Nov 2020 and Mar 2021.
- Bangladesh is currently addressing resettlement and rehabilitation issues for the Rohingya refugees due to ongoing financial constraints as well as addressing COVID-19 problems.
- Rohingya disharmony, frustration and concerns associated with COVID-19 empowers smuggling syndicates to take advantage in convincing desperate Rohingya in taking risks and travelling on the sea, across proven routes, in exchange for money.
- NGO's and Regional Government authorities and enforcement agencies continue to seek solutions in addressing Rohingya maritime migration.

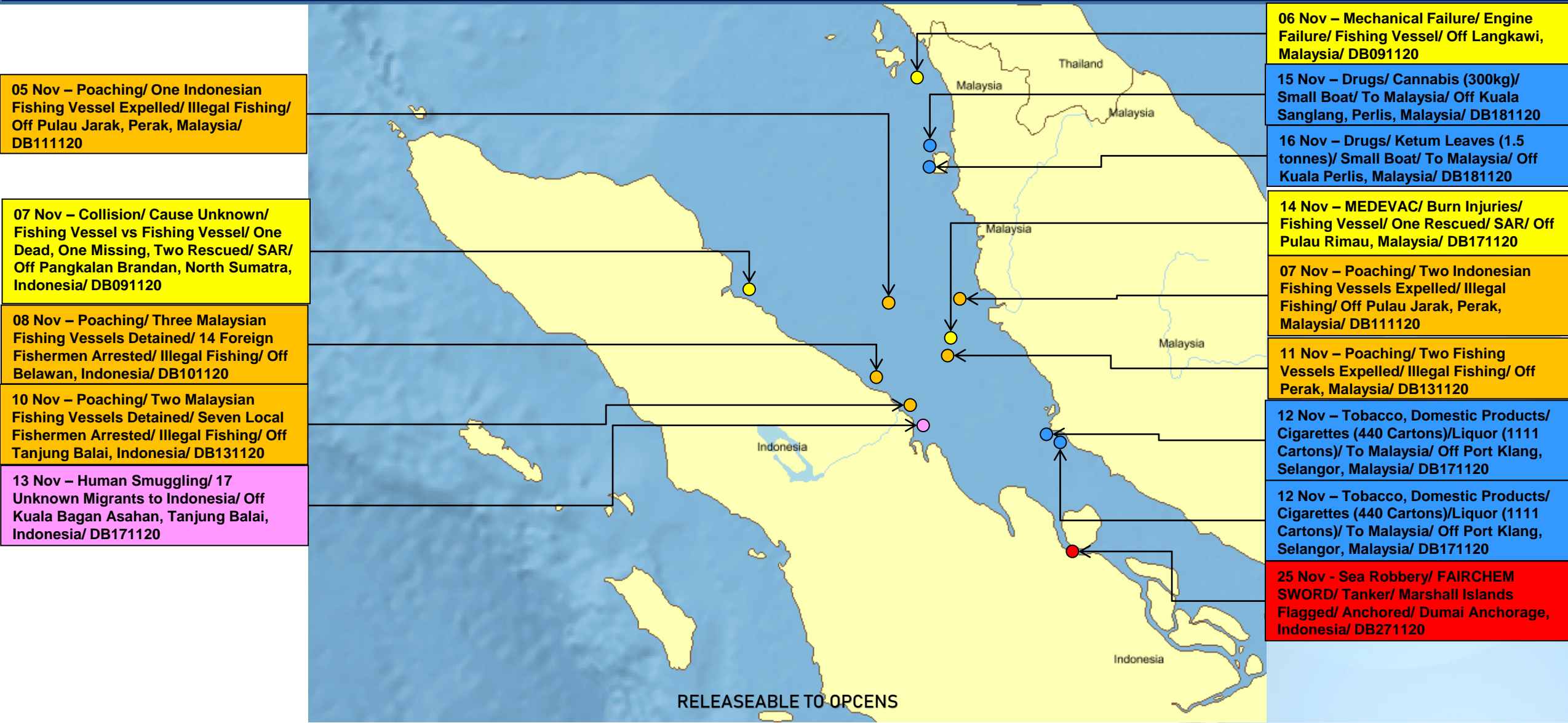
Nationality/Ethnicity of Migrants



Number of Migrants Intercepted



Malacca Strait



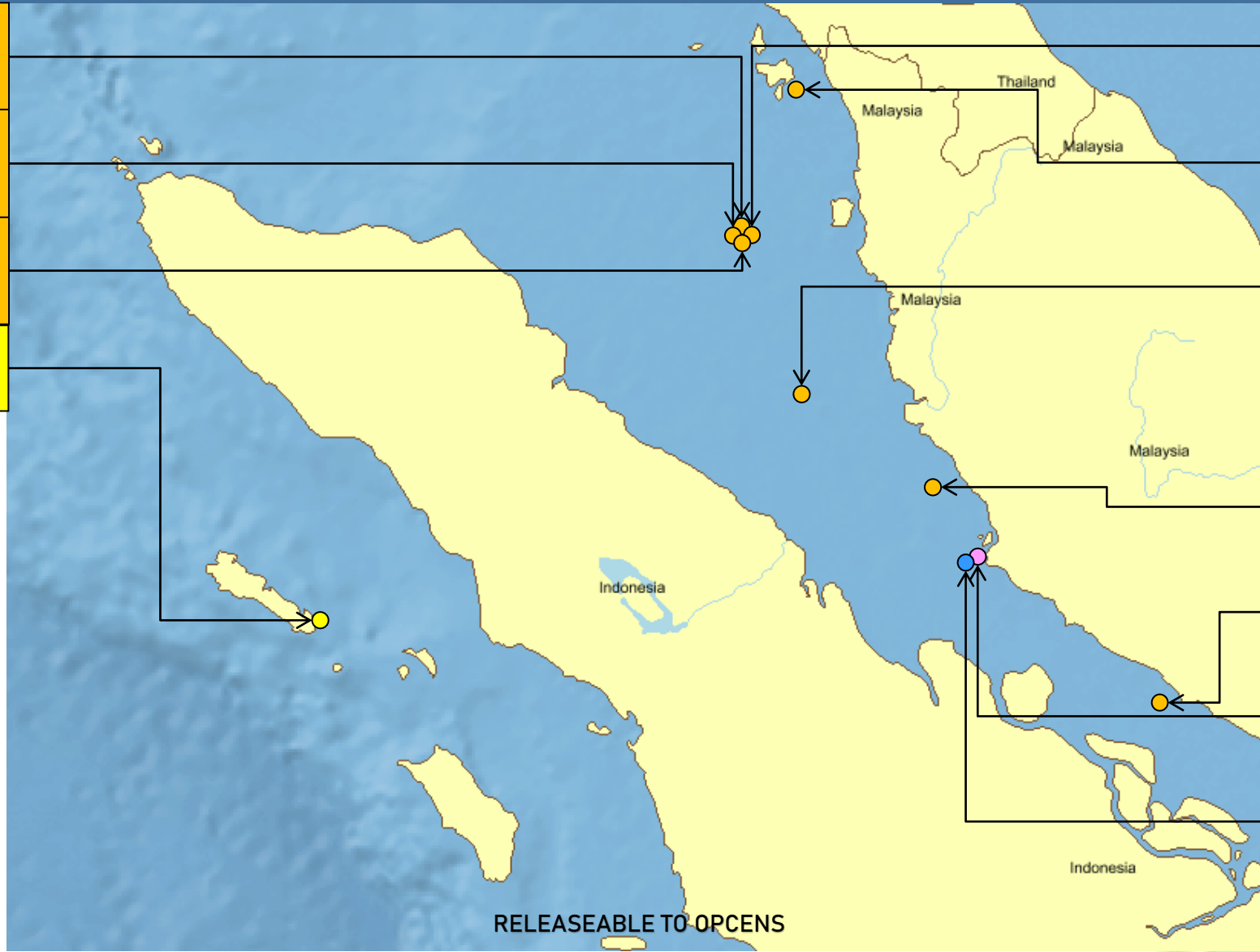
Malacca Strait

09 Nov - Poaching/ Three Indonesian Fishing Vessels Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Perak, Malaysia/ DB201120

22 Nov - Poaching/ Five Indonesian Fishing Vessels Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Perak Island, Malaysia/ DB271120

23 Nov - Poaching/ 20 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Perak Island, Malaysia/ DB271120

25 Nov - Others/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Sinabang, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB011220



16 Nov - Poaching/ One Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Perak, Malaysia/ DB201120

18 Nov - Poaching/ One Thailand Fishing Vessel Detained, Two Thailand Fishing Vessels Expelled/ Three Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Langgun, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB201120

14 Nov - Poaching/ 40 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Expelled/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB171120

11 Nov - Poaching/ Two Indonesian Fishing Vessels Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB201120

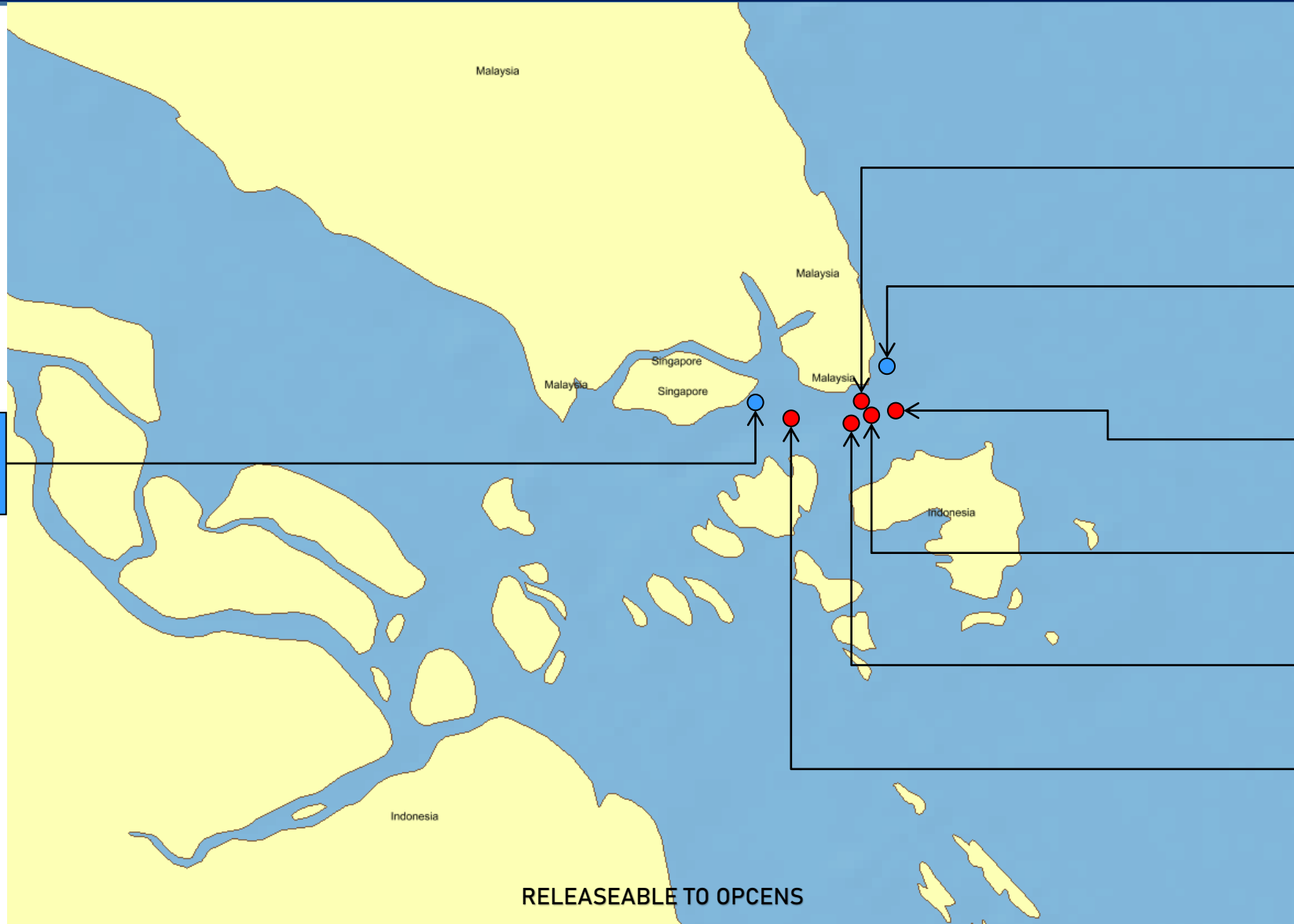
18 Nov - Poaching/ One Thailand Fishing Vessel Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Langgun, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB201120

28 Nov - Human Smuggling/ Three Unknown Migrants going from Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Gabang, Malaysia/ DB011220

28 Nov - Domestic Products/ Durian Fruit (40 boxes)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Gabang, Malaysia/ DB011220

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Singapore Strait & Approaches



19 Nov - Attempted Action/ MTM AMSTERDAM/ Tanker / Singapore Flagged / Underway / Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB191120

02 Nov – Wildlife/ Birds (450 Oriental Magpies)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Teluk Ramunia, Malaysia/ DB091120

09 Nov - Sea Theft/ LEFKADA/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB091120

09 Nov - Attempted Action/ ATLANTIC DIANA/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB091120

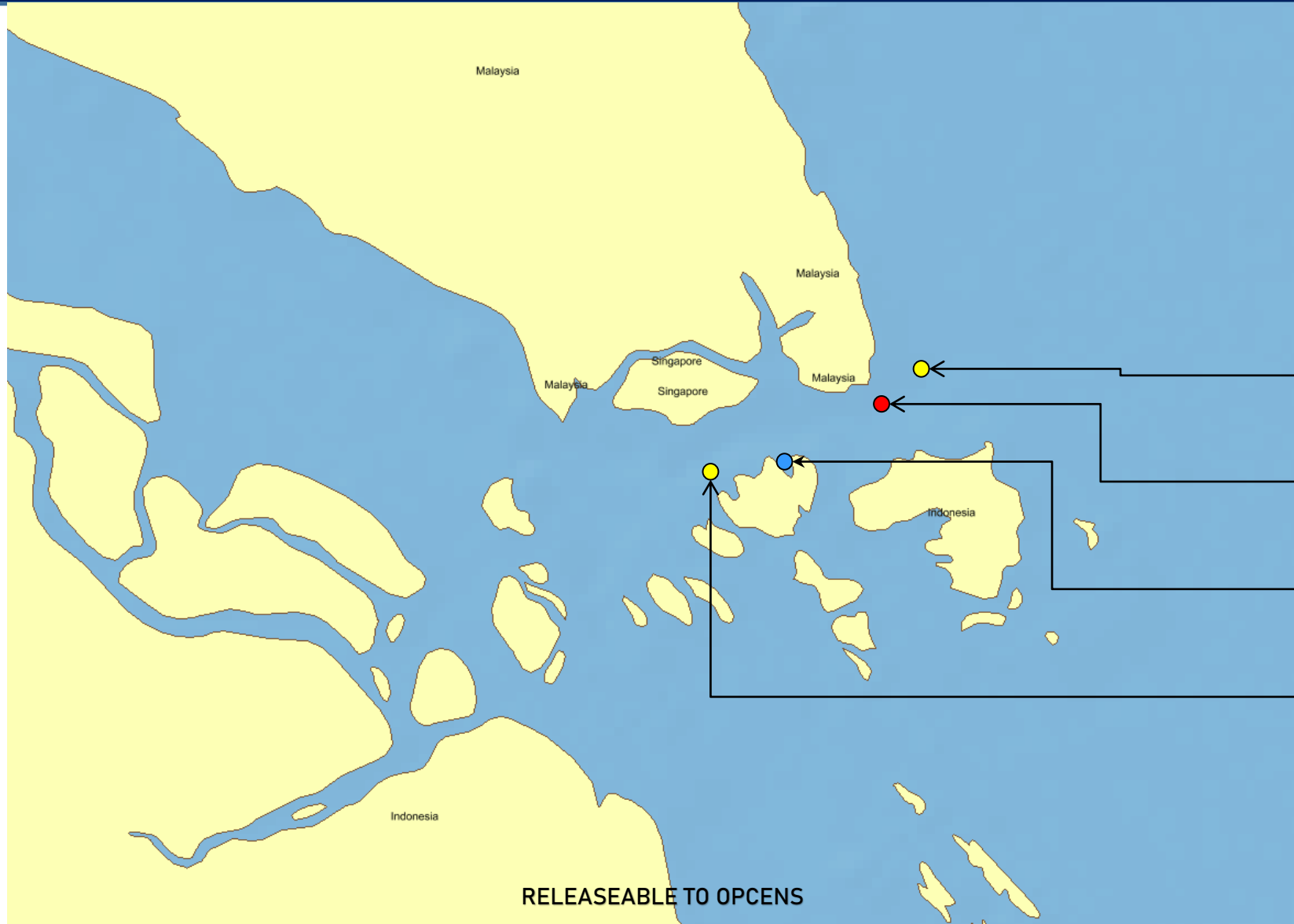
08 Nov - Sea Theft/ ZENO/ Tanker/ Liberia Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB091120

17 Nov - Attempted Action/ ASIA SPRING/ Bulk carrier/ Panama Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB181120

18 Nov – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (300 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ To Singapore/ Off Changi, Singapore/ DB201120

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Singapore Strait & Approaches



28 Nov - Others/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Five Merchant Vessels/ Off Tompok Utara, Malaysia/ DB301120

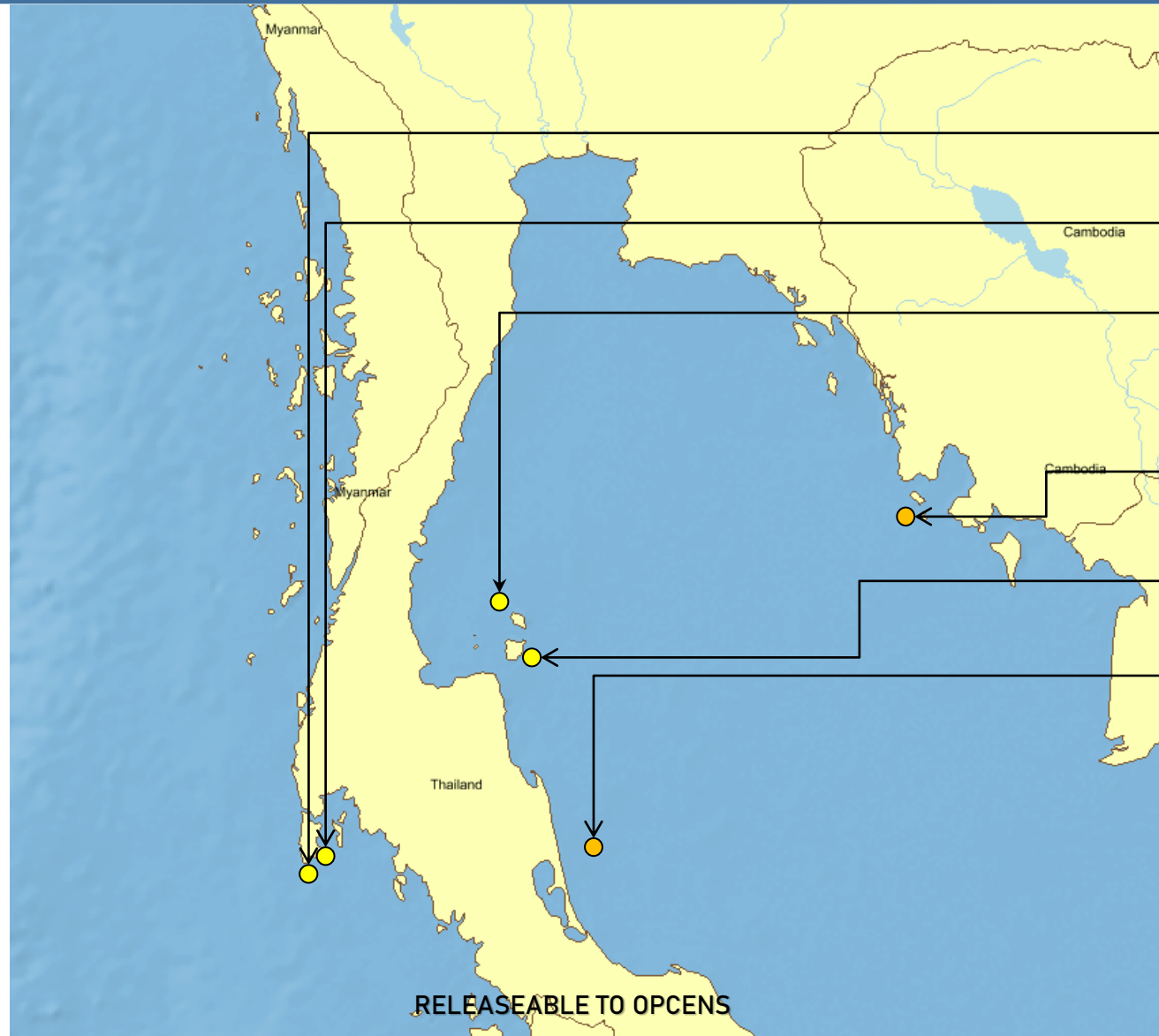
30 Nov – Sea Theft/ SEMIRIO/ Bulk Carrier / Marshall Islands Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB301120

09 Nov – Drugs/ Meth (33kg)/ Speedboat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Pulau Putri, Nongsa, Batam City, Indonesia/ DB231120

22 Nov – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Off Batu Berhanti, Batam, Indonesia/ DB241120

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Andaman Sea & Gulf Of Thailand



12 Nov – MEDEVAC/ Struck by Ship Winch/
Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket,
Thailand/ DB131120

08 Nov – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Small
Boat/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Thap Lamu Boat Pier,
Thailand/ DB101120

20 Nov - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/
One Missing/ SAR/ Surat Thani, Thailand/
DB231120

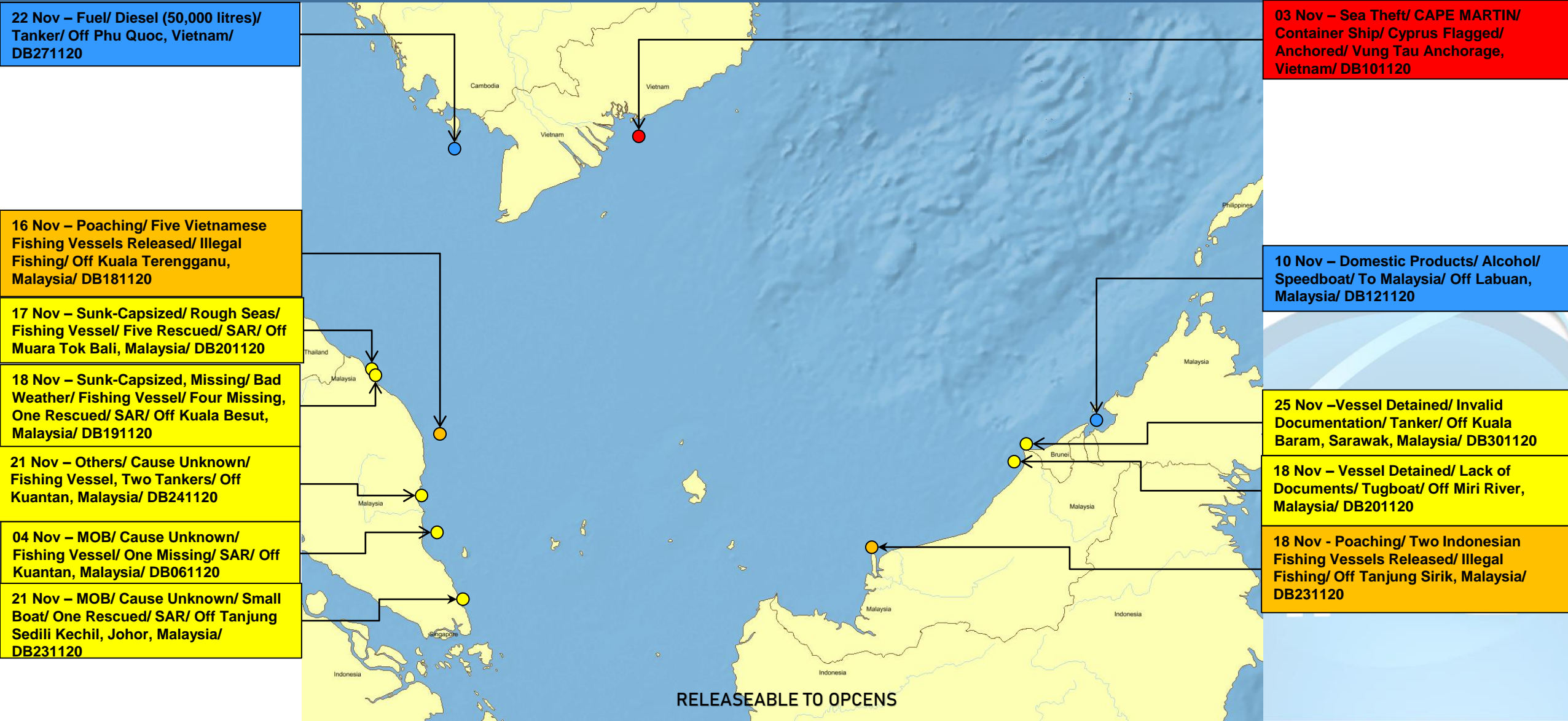
07 Nov – Poaching/ One Cambodian Fishing
Vessel Detained/ Five Cambodian Fishermen
Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kut Island, Trat
Province, Eastern Thailand/ DB091120

29 Nov - Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/
Fishing Vessel/ Off Samui Island, Surat Thani
Province, Thailand/ DB011220

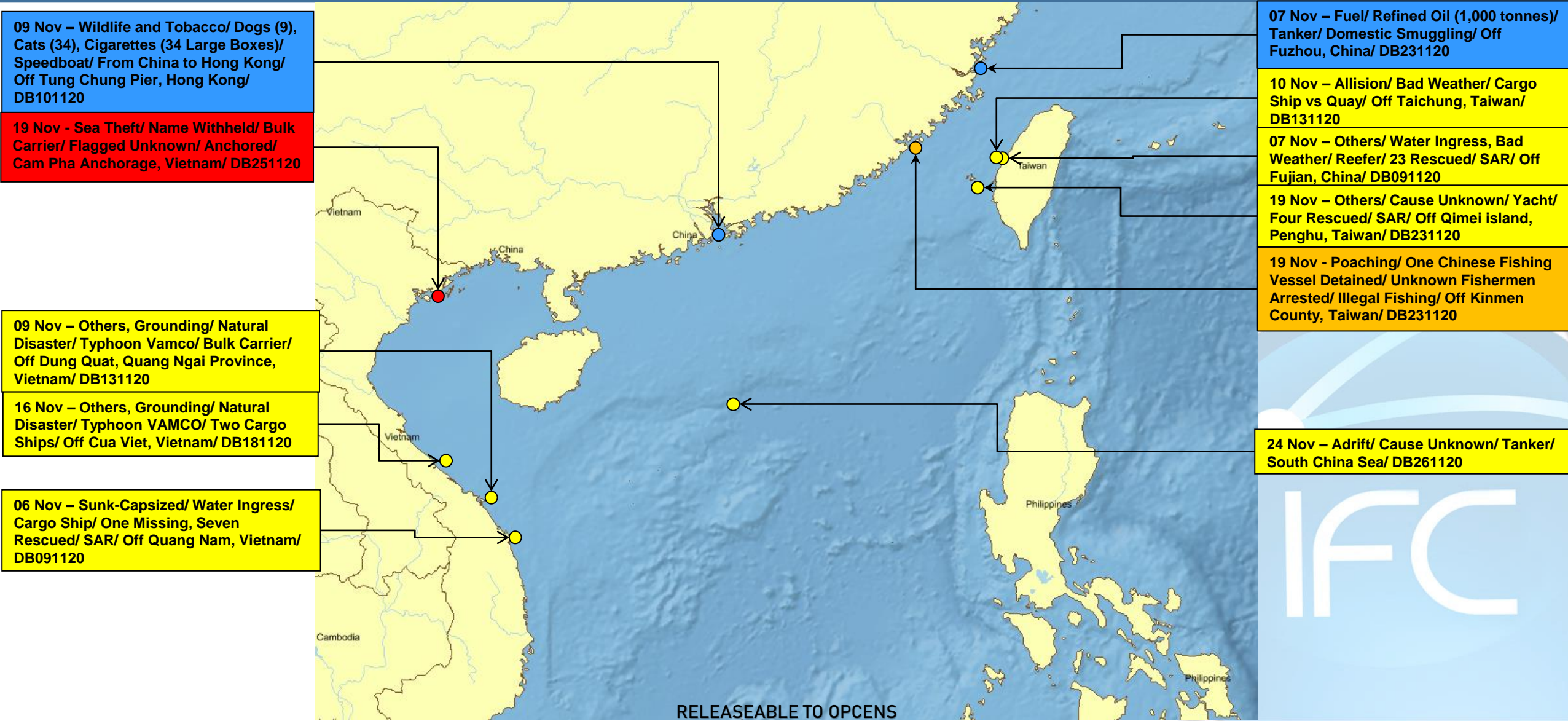
17 Nov - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two
Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/
Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand/ DB201120

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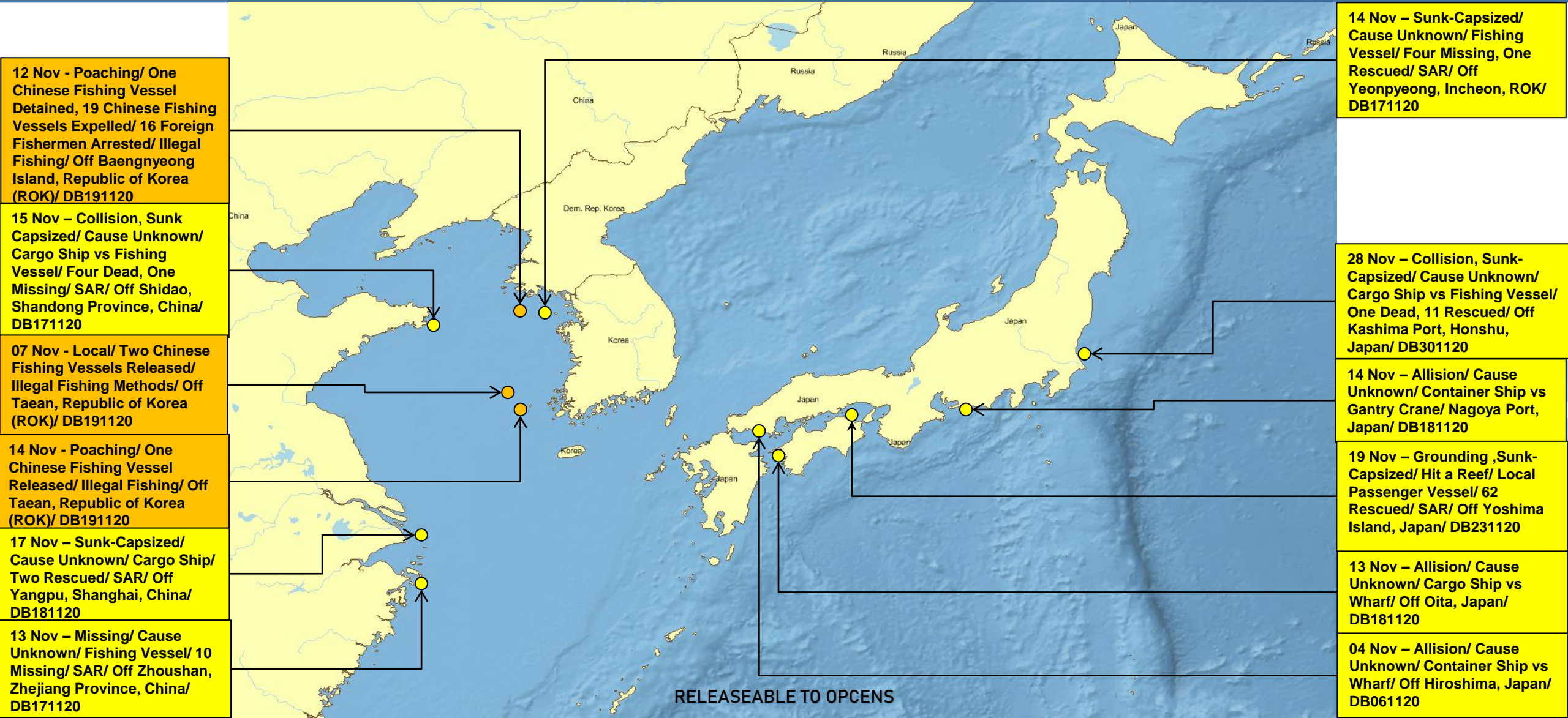
South China Sea



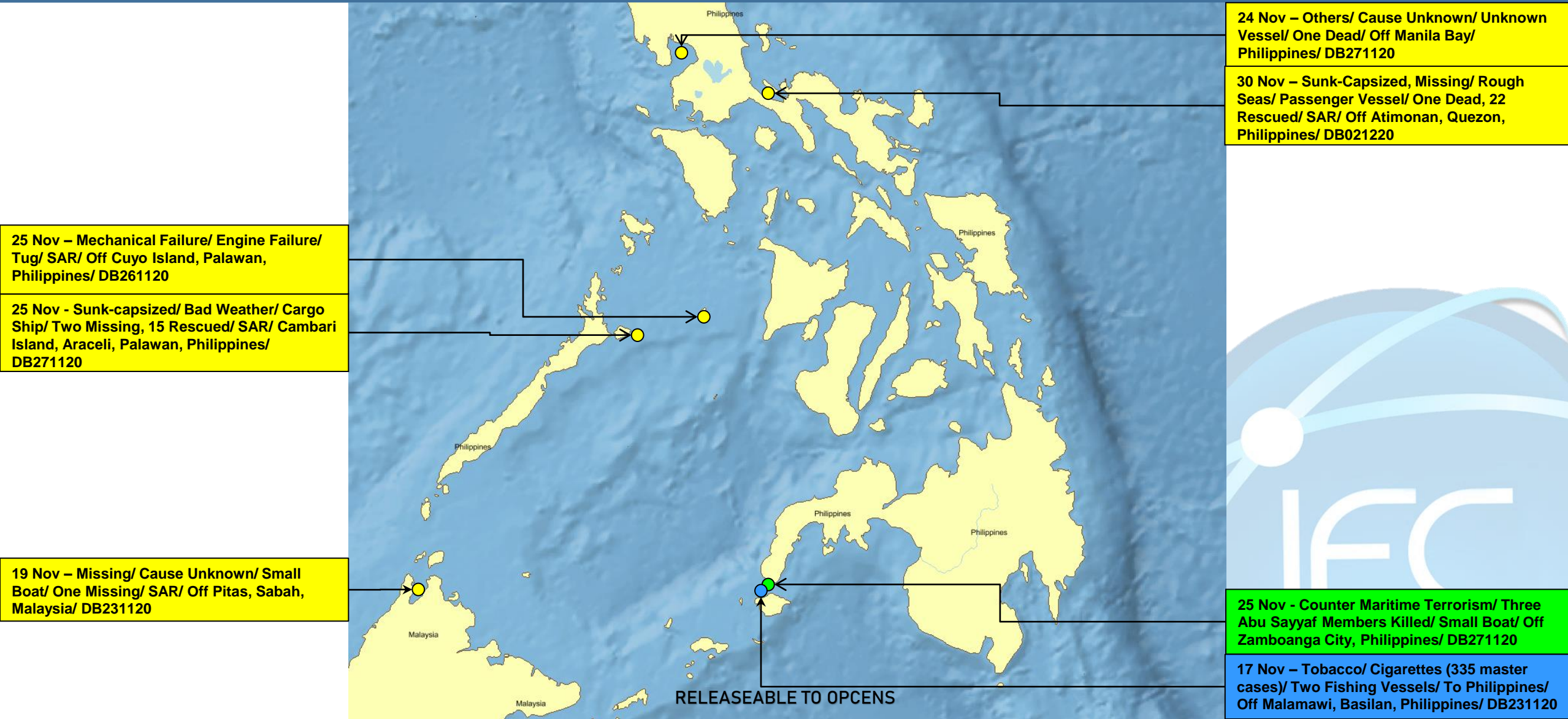
South China Sea & Philippines (North)/ Philippine Sea



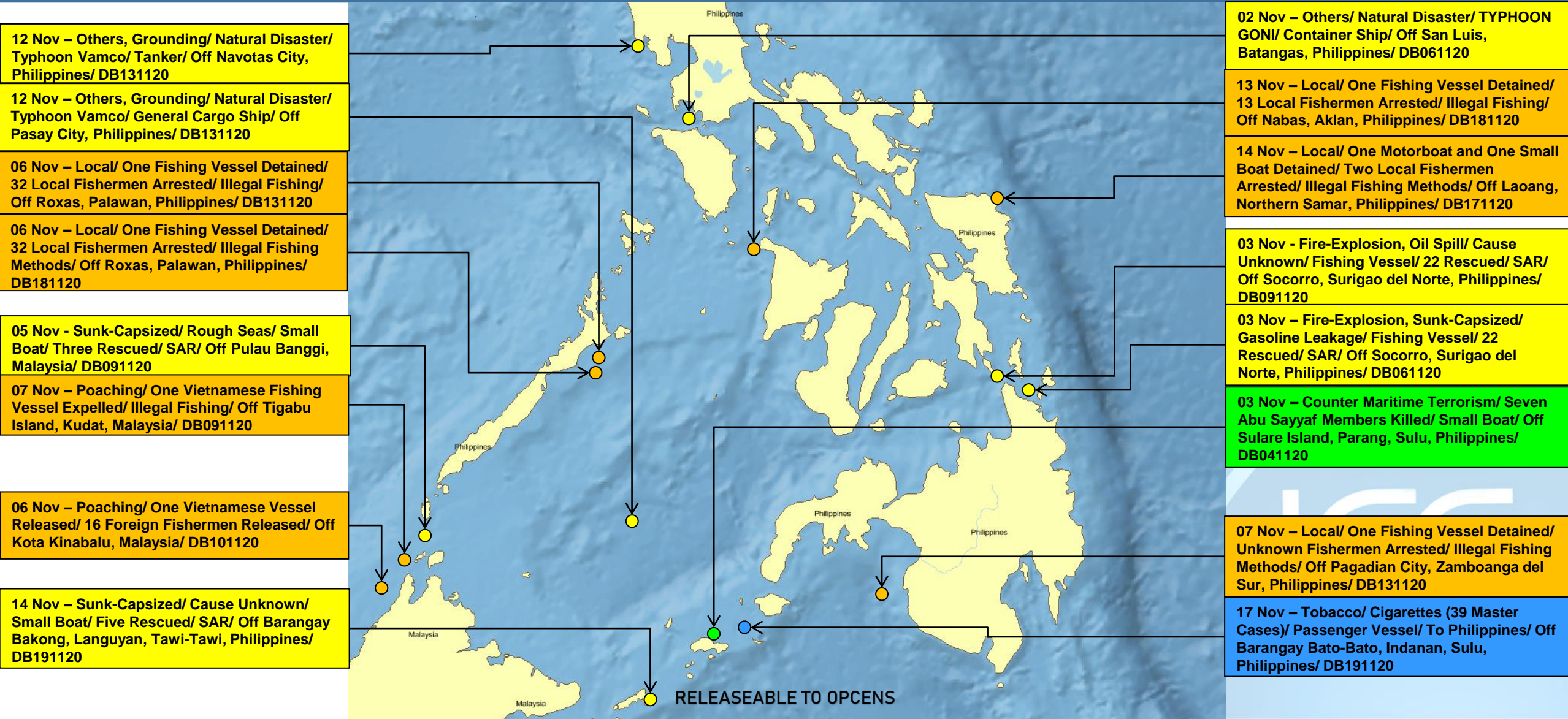
East China Sea – Yellow Sea



Philippines & Sulu Sea (1/2)



Philippines & Sulu Sea (2/2)



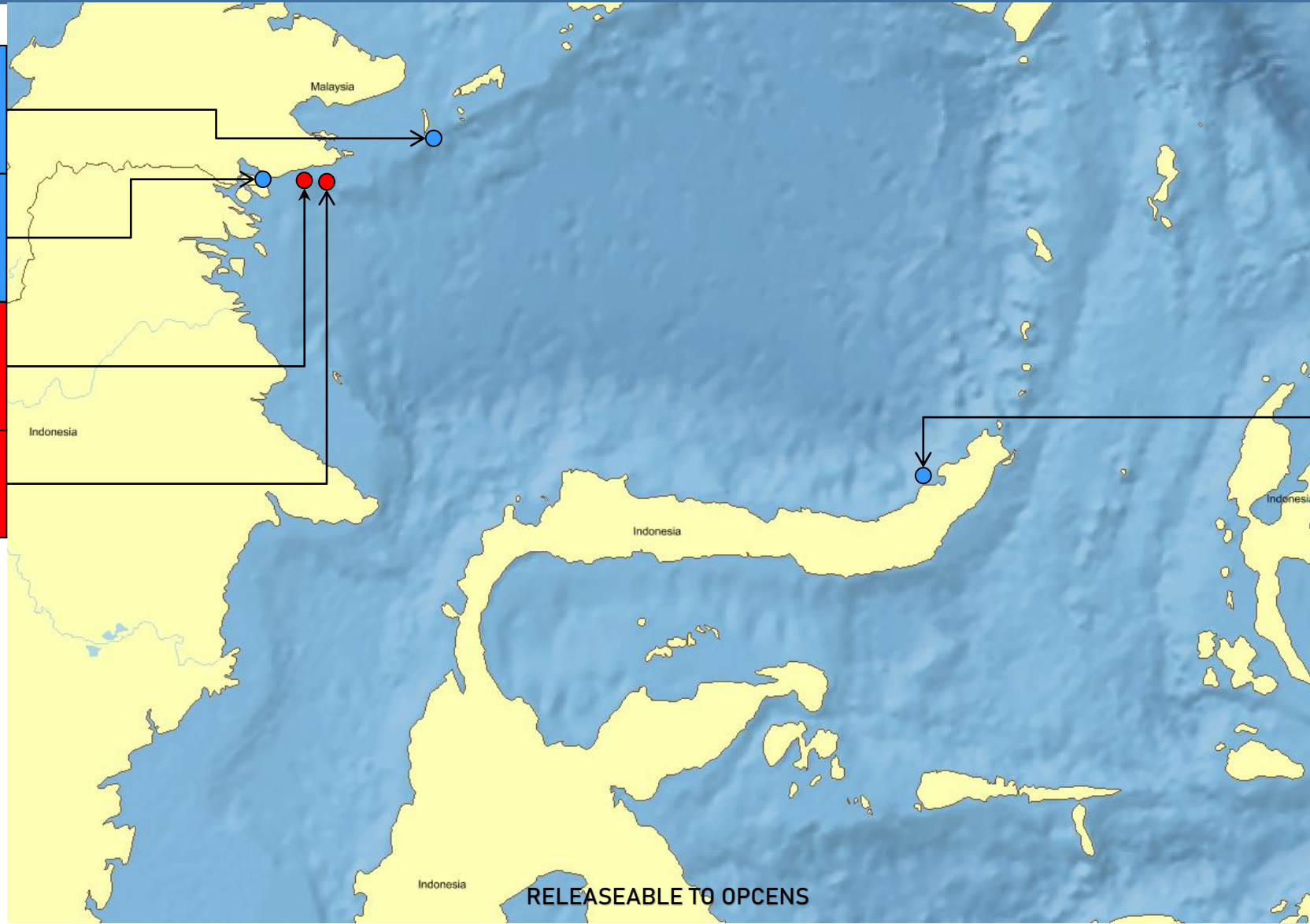
Celebes Sea – North Sulawesi North Maluku Islands

05 Nov – Tobacco/ Cigarettes
(3,000 Master Cases)/ Passenger
Vessel/ From Indonesia to
Philippines/ Off Simunul, Tawi-
Tawi, Philippines/ DB091120

23 Nov – Drugs/ Meth (54.35kg),
Ecstasy (234 pills)/ Speedboat/
From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off
Sungai Tawau, Malaysia/
DB261120

20 Nov - Sea Robbery/ Name
Withheld/ Fishing Vessel/ Malaysia
Flagged/ Underway/ Off
Inderasabah, Tawau, Malaysia/
DB231120

08 Nov – Sea Robbery/ Name
Unknown/ Fishing Platform, Small
Boat/ Moored/ Off Kanak, Sabah,
Malaysia/ DB181120



17 Nov – Weapons/ Firearms (Six
guns, Three magazines, 43 bullets)/
Unknown Vessel/ From Philippines
to Indonesia/ Off Manado,
Indonesia/ DB191120

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Java Sea – Makassar Strait – Bali Sea – Flores Sea

12 Nov – Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Berhala Island, North Sumatra Province, Indonesia/ DB171120

27 Nov – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Off Belitung Islands, Indonesia/ DB301120

10 Nov – Allision/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ship vs Barge/ Off Tanjung Emas, Semarang, Indonesia/ DB121120

06 Nov – Allision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Wreck/ One Dead, 13 Rescued/ Off Muara Angke Port, North Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB091120

11 Nov – Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pesisir Barat Regency, Indonesia/ DB171120

10 Nov - Sea Theft/ TB Maverick TK, BG PBM 878/ Tug & Barge/ Indonesian Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Tonasa, Pangkep Regency, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB231120

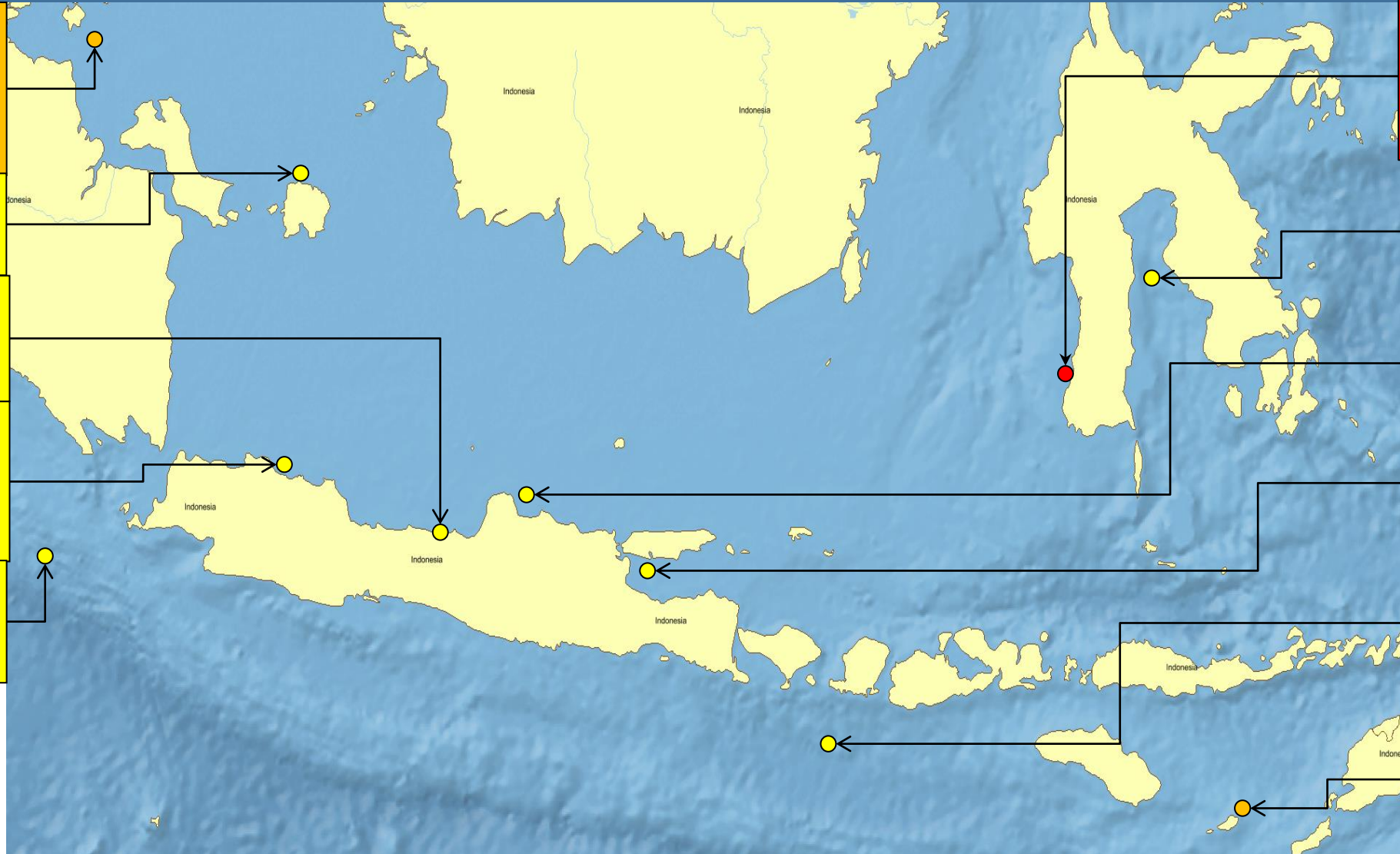
15 Nov – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kolaka District, Sulawesi Province, Indonesia/ DB171120

12 Nov – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Five Fishing Vessels/ SAR/ Off Banyutowo Pier, Dukuhseti District, Indonesia/ DB171120

15 Nov – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Off Teluk Lamong, Surabaya, Indonesia/ DB181120

17 Nov – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Four Missing, Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lombok Island, West Nusa, Indonesia/ DB191120

12 Nov – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Oseli, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB171120



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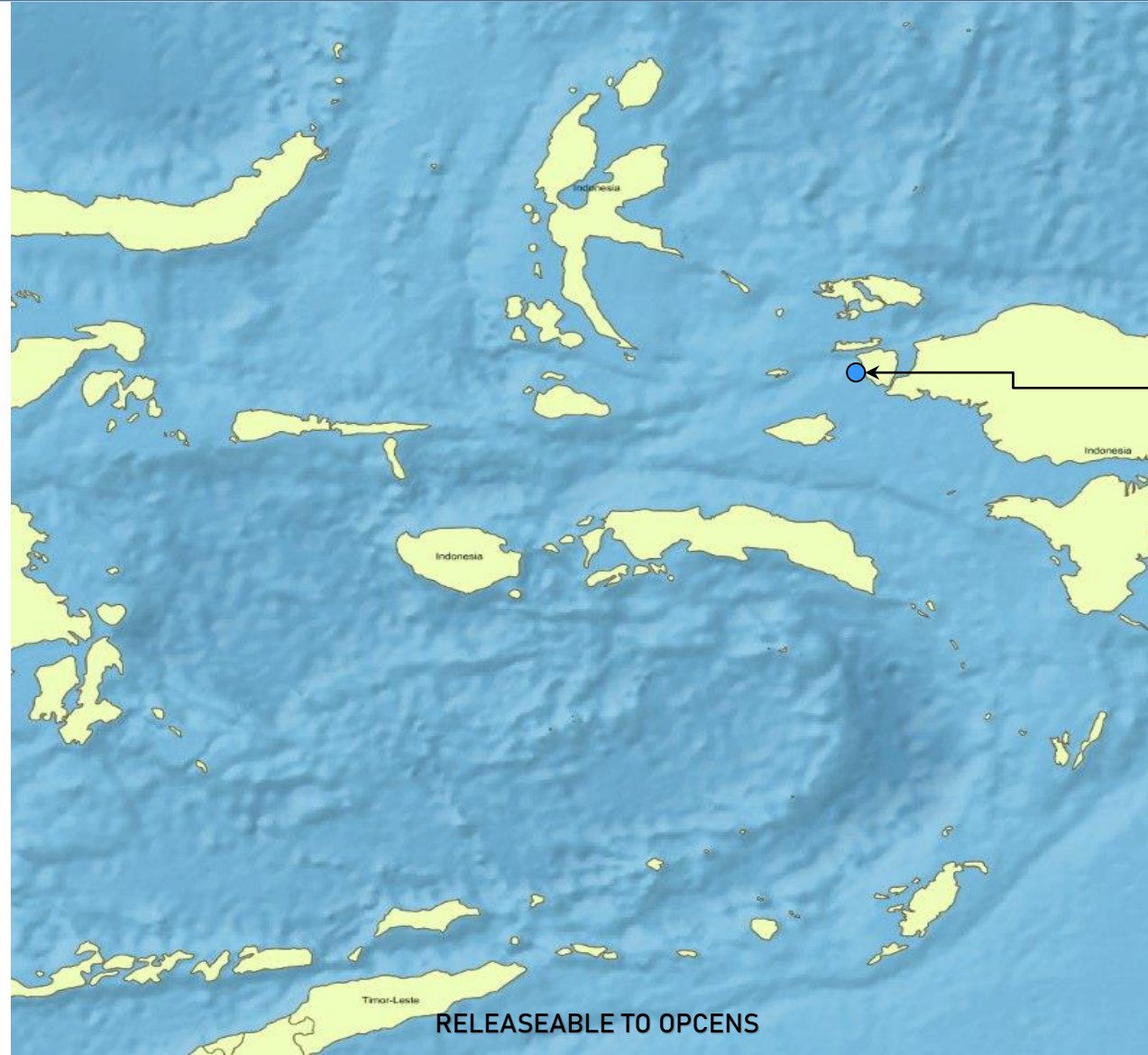
Java Sea – Makassar Strait – Bali Sea – Flores Sea

04 Nov – Domestic
Products/ Textiles (1,000
rolls)/ Cargo Vessel/
Domestic Smuggling/ Off
Kampung Laut, Jambi,
Indonesia/ DB231120



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Molucca Sea – Halmahera Sea – Ceram Sea – Banda Sea

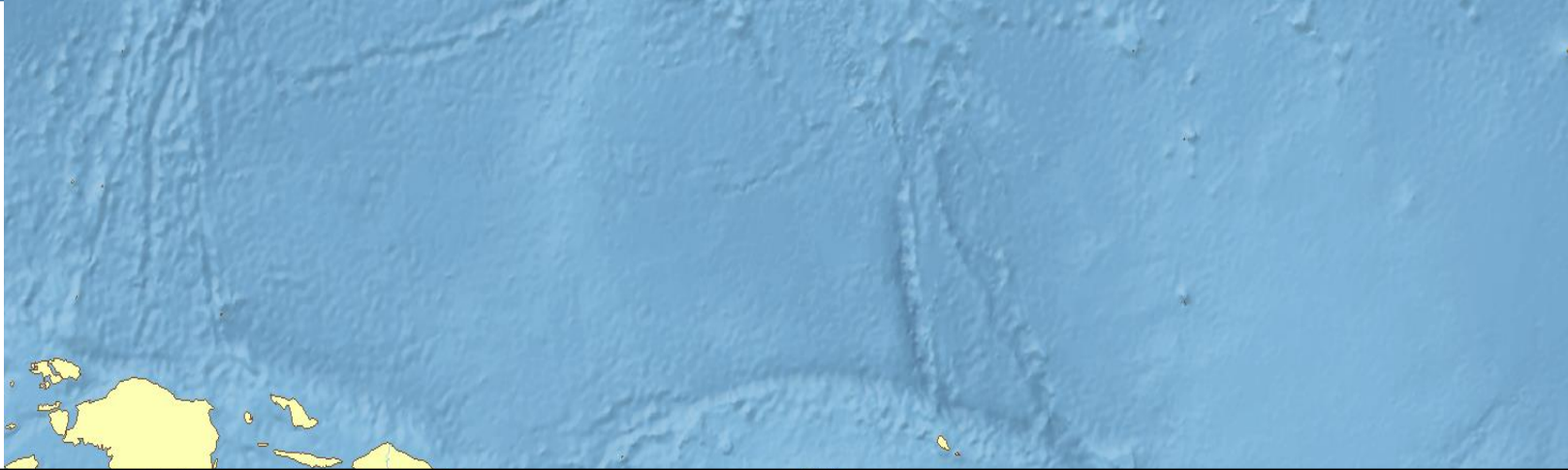


19 Nov – Wildlife/ Birds (74 Black-capped Lories)/ Passenger Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Off Fakfak, Papua, Indonesia/ DB231120

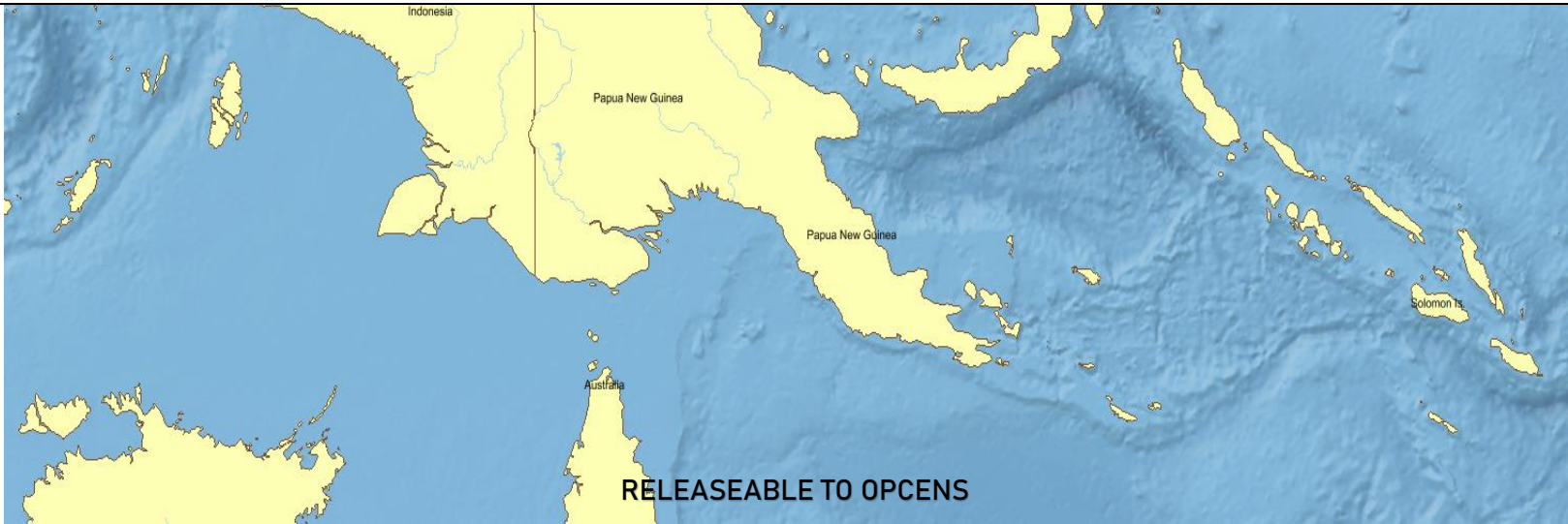
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Arafura Sea – Bismarck Sea – Solomon Sea – Philippine Sea (South) – Banda Sea



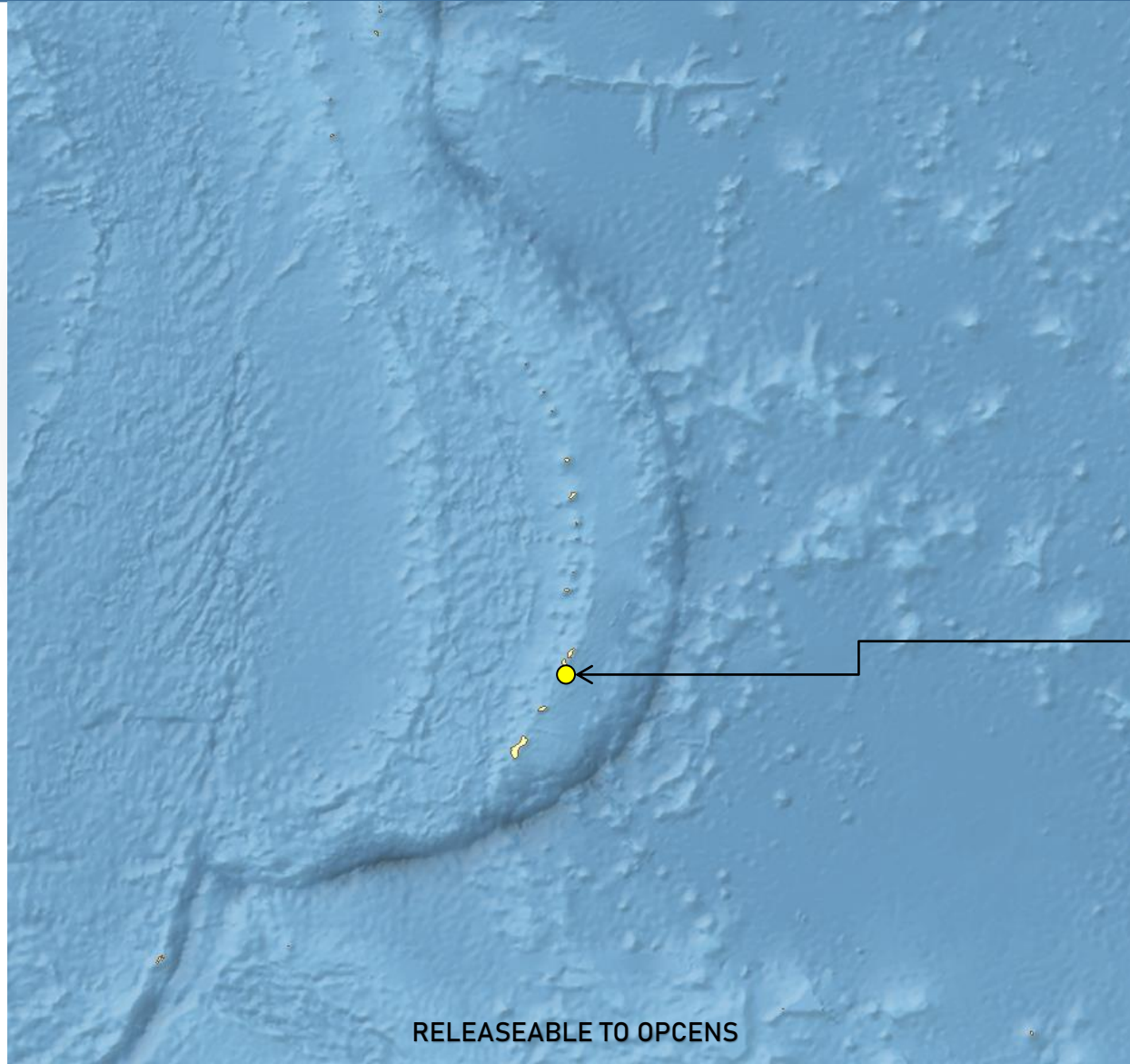
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Pacific Ocean - Guam



26 Nov – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/
Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tinian, Northern Mariana
Islands/ DB031220

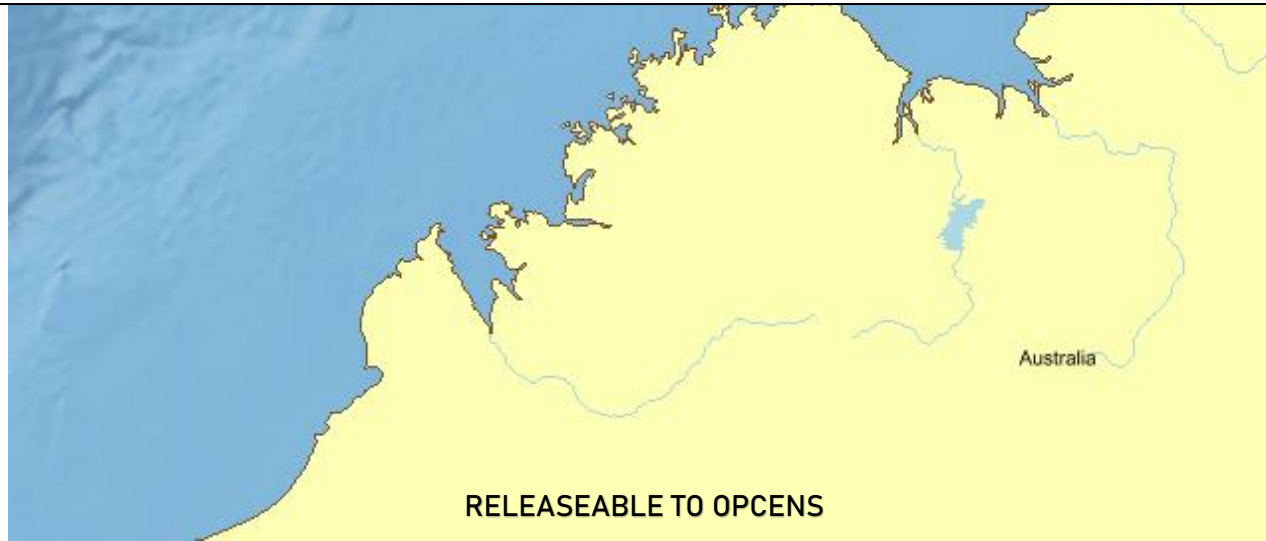
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Savu Sea – Timor Sea



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North Bay of Bengal

**06 Nov – Local/ One Fishing Vessel
Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen
Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Gahirmatha,
India/ DB091120**

**12 Nov – Local/ One Fishing Vessel
Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen
Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Gahirmatha,
Kendrapara District, India/ DB171120**

**12 Nov – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/
Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off
Viaskhapatnam, India/ DB171120**

25 Nov - Others/ Cause Unknown/ Drilling Ship/ Off Kakinada, India/ DB301120

12 Nov – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (850 Boxes)/ To Bangladesh/ Off Chattogram Port, Bangladesh/ DB171120

07 Nov – Poaching/ One Myanmar Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India/ DB091120

**20 Nov – Mechanical Failure, Adrift/
Power Failure/ Tanker/ Off Katchall Island,
India/ DB231120**

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Arabian Sea – Indian Coast



29 Nov – Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Unknown Vessel/ SAR/
Off Gujarat, India/ DB021220

28 Nov – Sunk-Capsized/ Hit an Object/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven
Rescued/ Off Maharashtra, India/ DB301120

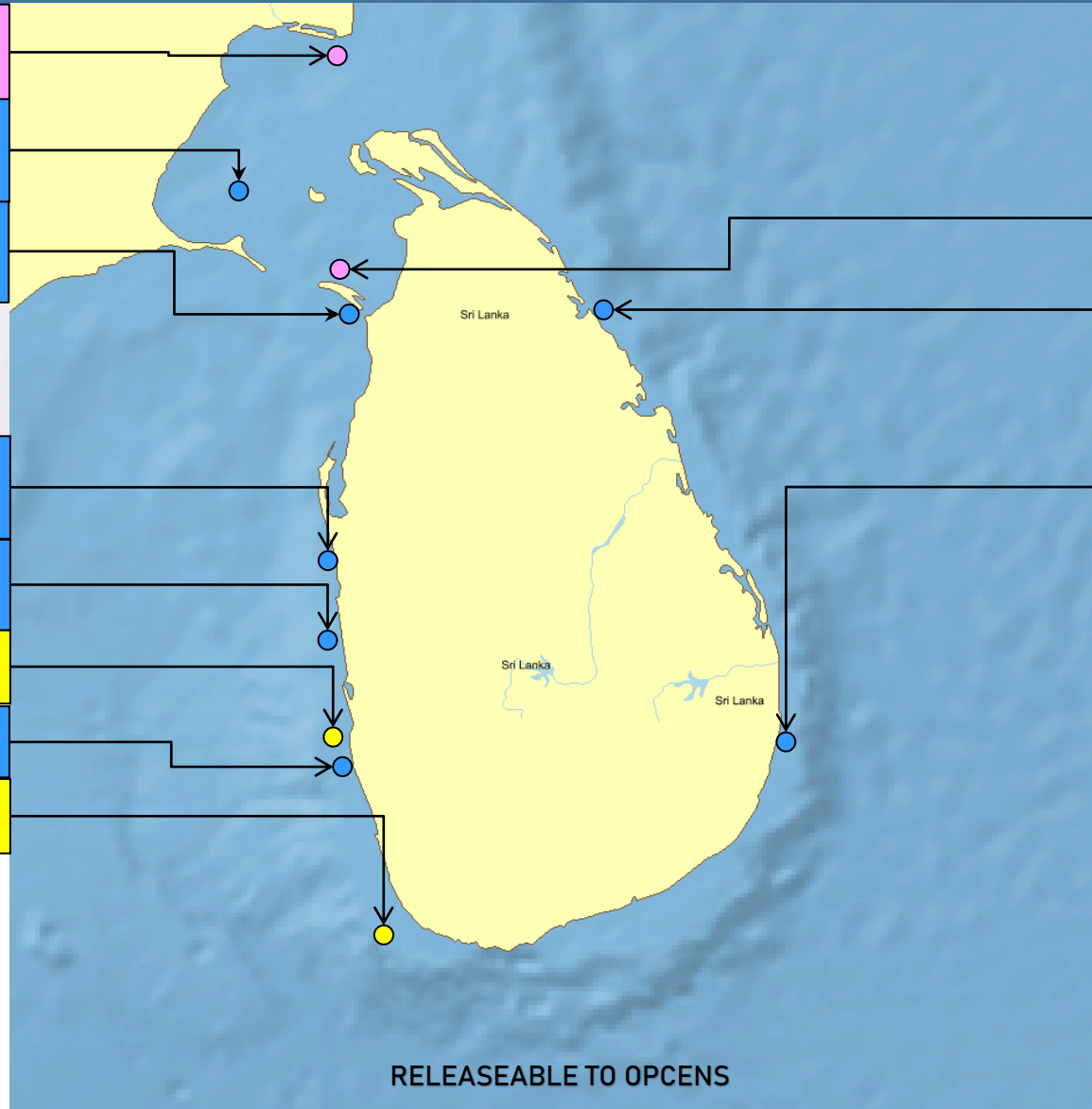
06 Nov – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen
Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Gangolli, India/ DB091120

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06 Nov - Human Smuggling/ Three Sri Lankans going from Sri Lanka to India/ Small Boat/ Kodiyaarai, India/ DB091120
20 Nov – Others/ Multi-vitamins (1,200 Vials)/ Unknown Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Tangachimadam, Palkbay, India/ DB231120
20 Nov – Drugs, Domestic Products/ Cannabis (3.7kg), Turmeric (710kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB231120
06 Nov – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (3,218kg)/ Dhow, Small Boat/ From India To Sri Lanka/ Off Kudiramalei Point, Sri Lanka/ DB091120
12 Nov – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (800kg)/ Two Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Daluwa, Sri Lanka/ DB131120
05 Nov - Mechanical Failure/ Rough Seas/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mandapam, India/ DB091120
05 Nov – Drugs/ Cannabis (213kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Vettalakeni, Sri Lanka/ DB061120
07 Nov – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Trawler/ SAR/ Off Koggala, Sri Lanka/ DB091120

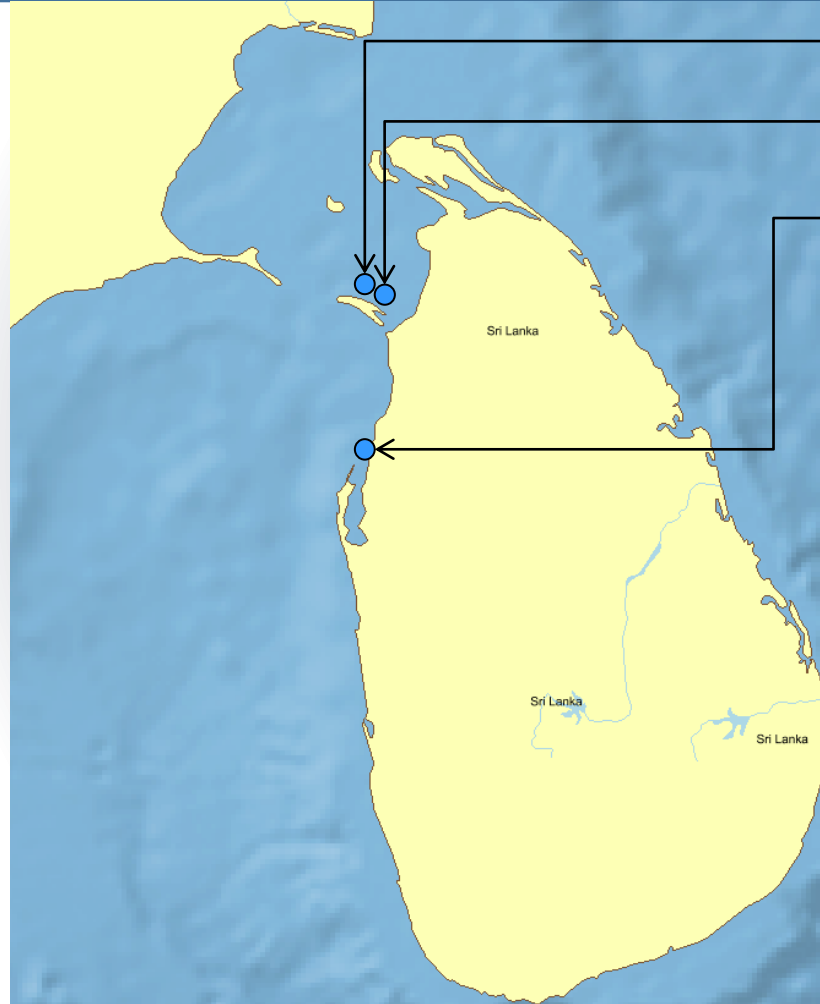


22 Nov – Human Smuggling/ Five Sri Lankan Migrants going from Sri Lanka to India/ Small Boat/ Off Pesalai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB301120
29 Nov – Domestic Products/ Painkillers (11,750 tablets), Cigarette Paper (944 boxes)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Sawariyapuram, Silawathura, Sri Lanka/ DB011220
10 Nov – Drugs/ Cannabis (100kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Madagalthurei, Sri Lanka/ DB111120



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29 Nov – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (753.5kg)/ Two Small Boats/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB021220

30 Nov – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (632kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB021220

28 Nov - Domestic Product/ Turmeric (1,372.3 kg)/ Dhow/ From India To Sri Lanka/ Off Kudiramalei Point, Sri Lanka/ DB011220

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17 Nov – Local/ One Local Fishing Vessel Detained/
10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off
Minicoy Island, India/ DB231120

24 Nov – Drugs/ Heroin (100kg), Synthetic Drug (20
boxes)/ Dhow/ From Pakistan/ Off Thoothukudi, India/
DB261120

25 Nov - Others/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ Eight
Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tuticorin, India/ DB301120

30 Nov – Poaching/ One Foreign Fishing Vessel
Detained/ Six Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal
Fishing/ Off Atoll, Maldives/ DB021220

23 Nov – Fire-Explosion/ Gas Leakage/ Small Boat/
Off Thinadhoo Island, Gaafu Dhaalu, Maldives/
DB241120

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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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