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.
### IFC AOI – MARSEC Events April 2018

#### APRIL 2018

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#### NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

![Map showing incidents in the region]

The map illustrates the distribution of incidents across the region for each month from January to December 2018. The incidents are categorized into Piracy/Sea Robbery, IUU Fishing, Irregular Human Migration, Maritime Incident, Contraband Trafficking, Maritime Terrorism, and Others. The number of incidents for each category is shown for 2016, 2017, and 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.

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**TRAPS & MT – April Executive Summary**

### Compare of Total TRAPS-MT Incidents Per Month 2016 - 2018

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**Comparison of Total TRAPS-MT Incidents Per Month 2016 - 2018**

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**
- **ATTEMPTED ACTIONS**
- **SEA THEFT**
- **SEA ROBBERY**
- **PIRACY/KIDNAP/MT**
- **TOTAL INCIDENTS**
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.**
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 perpetrator 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 sibutu 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.
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.
IUU Fishing – April Executive Summary

Number of Incidents this Month

Type of Incidents

POACHING

LOCAL ILLEGAL PRACTICE

53% (10 incidents)

47% (9 incidents)

Illegal Practices by Local Vessel

PHILIPPINES

MALAYSIA

SRI LANKA

70% (7 incidents)

20% (2 incidents)

10% (1 incident)

KEY EVENTS:
- 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.
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

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
- Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft
- Verification in progress
- Refer to contents within box

Sea Robbery / Kidnap
Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
Sea Theft
Maritime Terrorism (MT)
+ve info on MT

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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

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

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- Sea Theft
- Maritime Terrorism (MT)
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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

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

10 Apr – Weapons Smuggling/ Assault Rifles/ Chalalai Port, Thailand/ DB130418
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
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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Sea Robbery / Kidnap
Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
Sea Theft
Maritime Terrorism (MT)
+ve info on MT
07 Apr – Incident/ Mechanical Failure/ LCT/ SAR/ Off Fortune Island, Philippines/ DB110418

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

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

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

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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/ DB130418

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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Sea Theft
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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

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

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Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
Sea Theft
Maritime Terrorism (MT)
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05 Apr – Incident/ Water Ingress/ SAR/ Bangka Strait, Indonesia/ DB090418

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

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

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

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

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

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- **White**: Attempted Boarding, Sea Robbery/Theft
- **Yellow**: Verification in progress
- **Red**: Refer to contents within box
- **Gray**: Sea Robbery / Kidnap
- **Black**: Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
- **Light Gray**: Sea Theft
- **Green**: Maritime Terrorism (MT)
- **Green Arrow**: +ve info on MT
PACIFIC OCEAN - GUAM

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- **Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap**
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- **Maritime Terrorism (MT)**
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SAVU SEA – TIMOR SEA

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- **yellow** Verification in progress
- **red** Refer to contents within box

Sea Robbery / Kidnap
Piracy / Hijacking / Kidnap
Sea Theft
Maritime Terrorism (MT)
+ve info on MT

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

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

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

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

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- **green** Maritime Terrorism (MT)
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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/ Rameswaram, 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

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 Methods/ Norway Point, Sri Lanka/ DB240418

01 Apr – One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Rameswaram, Sri Lanka/ DB030418

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

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

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

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

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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
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.

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