



# INFORMATION FUSION CENTRE

## MID-YEAR REPORT MARSEC SITUATION IN IFC'S AREA OF INTEREST (JAN-JUN 2022)

### THEFT, ROBBERY, AND PIRACY AT SEA

Total number  
of incidents: 59  
(42 in 2021)

**40%** ↑



Boarding



Attempted  
Boarding



Hijacked



Suspicious  
Approach

### TYPES OF VESSELS TARGETED



Tankers (34%)



Bulk Carriers (32%)

Tugs and Barges (11%)

Fishing Vessels (7%)



Container Ships (5%)



Others (11%)

### EFFECT ON SEAFARERS

No injury (96.7%) Injury (3.3%)



### OBSERVATIONS

1. Slow moving vessel types with low freeboard (bulk carriers, tankers, and tugs and barges) were the most targeted vessels in the Singapore Strait.
2. Tankers and Bulk Carriers were the most targeted vessel types in anchorage areas as in Chittagong, Bangladesh and Belawan, Indonesia.
3. 16 incidents involving armed perpetrators (knives, crowbars or gun-like objects) were recorded (13 in 2021), with 2 resulting in injuries.
4. Incidents are consistent with known modus operandi of petty crime with minimal or no confrontation.

### MARITIME INCIDENTS

Total number  
of incidents: 592  
(458 in 2021)

**29%** ↑

### MAIN TYPES OF INCIDENTS



Sunk-Capsized: 163



Adrift: 56



Grounding: 53

### LOCATION WITH MOST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

1 Indonesia: 137 2 Malaysia: 113 3 India: 67

**482** Number of  
Dead/Missing

**4,695** Number of  
Rescued



### OBSERVATIONS

1. 398 of 824 involved are fishing vessels.
2. Spike of incidents in May due to cyclones (ASANI and KARIM).
3. Notable increase of incidents involving passenger vessels. Possibly due to easing of COVID-19 measures resulting in an increase in maritime travel and tourism.

### ILLEGAL, UNREGULATED, AND UNREPORTED FISHING

Total number  
of incidents: 279  
(176 in 2021)

**58.5%** ↑

### LOCATION OF OCCURRENCES IN WATERS OFF

1 Malaysia: 104 4 Sri Lanka: 21  
2 Indonesia: 40 5 China: 20  
3 Philippines: 32

### Main incident areas

Malaysia: 62

Indonesia: 33

Philippines: 32

### Main poaching incident areas

Vietnam: 39

Indonesia: 19

India, China: 13



### OBSERVATIONS

1. Increase in incidents are likely attributed to (a) lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, and (b) reopening of the fishing industry.
2. Waters off Malaysia and Indonesia were the most vulnerable to IUUF incidents.
3. Vietnamese fishing vessels were involved in the highest number of poaching incidents, with 39 incidents (33.6%) recorded.