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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 12 – 18 Mar, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	23	4-9
Illegal/Unregulated/Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	10	10-12
Contraband/Weapons Smuggling (CS)	18	13-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	17
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	2	18
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	19
Others	1	20

SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

15 Mar - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / WAWASAN TOPAZ/ Tanker/ Panama-flagged/ Berthed/ Port of Chittagong, Bangladesh/DB180322

1. Ship company informed that a Panama-flagged tanker, WAWASAN TOPAZ, reported six unauthorised personnel were sighted on the forecastle area of the vessel when ship was berthed at Port of Chittagong, Bangladesh (22°14.24'N 091°49.35'E) on 15 Mar 22 at 2255 (UTC +6).

2. Vessel Details:

a. Name: WAWASAN TOPAZ

b. Callsign: 3EZS5

c. IMO: 9565601

d. MMSI: 353840000

e. Flag: Panama

f. Type: Tanker

g. Ship Owner: Kimura Shoji Co Ltd

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Aurora Tankers Management Pte

i. LPOC: India

j. NPOC: Bangladesh

3. The perpetrators fled with 10 drums of paint stolen when alarm was raised. All crew are accounted and safe. The vessel reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard and the stolen paint drums were recovered the next day on 16 Mar 22.

IFC Comments:

Ship company reported the incident to IFC that Bangladesh Coast Guard have recovered the stolen items and apprehended the perpetrators.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Ship Master report via Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR)

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9697>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

12 Mar – Adrift(Mechanical Failure)/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Beypore, Kerala, India/DB140322

On 12 Mar, the local authorities conducted SAR and rescued eight crew members after a cargo ship experienced water ingress after a mechanical failure off Beypore, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.aninews.in/videos/national/indian-coast-guard-rescues-stranded-crew-cargo-vessel/>

<https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/coast-guard-rescues-stranded-crew-of-cargo-ship-in-kerala-2022-03-12-764077>

<https://eng.bharattimes.co.in/coast-guard-rescues-stranded-crew-of-cargo-ship-in-kerala/>

12 Mar – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chuksan Port, Yeongdeok-gun, Gyeongbuk, ROK/ DB140322

On 12 Mar, the local authorities conducted SAR and rescued one crew members after a fishing vessel caught fire off Chuksan Port, Yeongdeok-gun, Gyeongbuk, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20220312046500053?section=news>

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/?4613569>

11 Mar – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ One Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Damar Island, Jakarta, Indonesia/DB140322

On 11 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued one and declared on missing after a fishing vessel collided with a cargo ship off Damar Island, Jakarta, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.kompas.tv/article/269762/seorang-nelayan-hilang-dalam-tabrakan-perahu-di-perairan-teluk-jakarta?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

<https://jakarta.suara.com/read/2022/03/12/040000/satu-nelayan-hilang-dalam-tabrakan-kapal-di-perairan-kepulauan-seribu>

11 Mar – Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ Unknown Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pandan Island, Riau, Indonesia/DB140322

On 11 Mar, the local authorities conducted SAR after a cargo vessel experienced water ingress after grounding off Pandan Island, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/219689/navy-rescues-grounded-km-bagas-arsakhans-crew-in-riau-islands>

09 Mar – Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chintapalli, Vizianagaram, India/DB140322

On 09 Mar, the local authorities conducted SAR and rescued three crew members after a fishing vessel experienced engine failure off Chintapalli, Vizianagaram, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2022/mar/12/indian-coast-guard-rescuethree-missing-fishermen-2429161.html>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/visakhapatnam/missing-fishermen-traced-to-vzm-dist/articleshow/90160693.cms>

08 Mar – Mechanical Failure/ Broken Pipe/ Cargo Ship/ Off V.Fulidhoo, Maldives/DB140322

On 08 Mar, a cargo ship experienced mechanical failure due to a broken pipe off V.Fulidhoo, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IFC-IOR (<https://indiannavy.nic.in/ifc-ior/>)

08 Mar – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ship/ 253 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Juanga, Morotai Island, Indonesia/DB140322

On 08 Mar, the local authorities rescued 232 passengers and 21 crew members after a passenger ship grounded due to bad weather off Juanga, Morotai Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp-Ngafi-I1870882.html>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12589134/casualties#325850>

07 Mar – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Torres Strait, Australia/DB140322

On 07 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued three crew members after a small boat capsized at Torres Strait, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/australian-maritime-safety-authority_rescue-helicopter-sar-activity-6907943214376996864-jwoN?utm_source=linkedin_share&utm_medium=ios_app

07 Mar – MOB/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ Three Dead, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Raja Bejamu Kepenghuluan, Rohil, Riau, Indonesia/DB140322

On 07 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued one and found three dead after they fell overboard off Raja Bejamu Kepenghuluan, Rohil, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tribunnews.com/regional/2022/03/07/2-korban-tenggelm-di-rokan-hilir-ditemukan-begini-kondisinya?page=1>

06 Mar – Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Koh Kood, Trat, Thailand/ DB140322

On 06 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a fishing vessel had an altercation onboard off Koh Kood, Trat, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064569764497/posts/320986036730386/>

09 Mar – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Breakwater/ Kanmon Strait, Off Ichihara, Japan/ DB150322

On 09 Mar – a tanker allided with a breakwater while in the Kanmon Strait, Off Ichihara, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Black-Pearl-9554834.html>

08 Mar – Sunk-Capsized/ Overloaded/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ Off Northern Samar, Philippines/ DB150322

On 08 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to its heavy load. One crew member was rescued by a nearby passenger boat off Northern Samar, Philippines

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/824354/fishing-boat-sinks-due-to-heavy-weight-of-fish-caught-in-northern-samar/story/>

10 Mar – MOB (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Three rescued/ SAR/ Off Asahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB150322

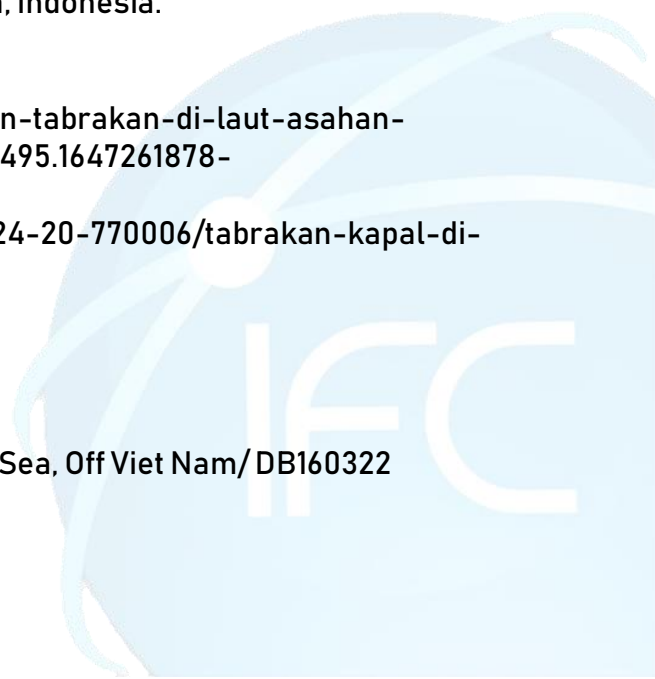
On 10 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued three crew members after a Small boat collided with a fishing boat off North Sumatra, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5978184/kapal-nelayan-tabrakan-di-laut-asahan-sumut-3-penumpang-selamat?_ga=2.22334589.752539495.1647261878-1408171962.1640746436

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20220311152724-20-770006/tabrakan-kapal-di-perairan-asahan-3-abk-dievakuasi>

14 Mar – Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ South China Sea, Off Viet Nam/ DB160322



On 14 Mar, the a cargo ship went adrift after experiencing water ingress off South China Sea, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://msi.nga.mil/>

13 Mar – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ SAR/ Off Shenzhen, Guangdong, China/DB160322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a cargo ship caught fire off Shenzhen, Guangdong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Apl-Cairo-9234109.html>
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/313787/casualties#326072>

13 Mar – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Anchoring/ Tanker/ Off Kuala Bakam, Sarawak, Malaysia/DB160322

On 13 Mar, a tanker was detained by local authorities for unauthorised anchoring off Kuala Bakam, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/330472719106460>
<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/malaysia-port-klang-registered-oil-tanker-detained-over-illegal-anchoring/>

13 Mar – Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Bulk Carrier/ Off Hong Kong/DB160322

On 13 Mar, a bulk carrier went adrift after experiencing engine failure off Hong Kong. It is unknown whether all 11 crew have been rescued.

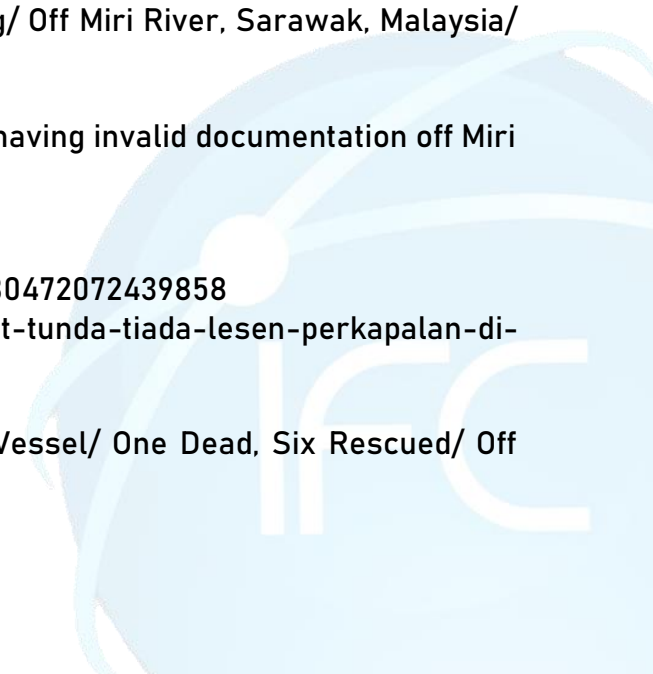
News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/361343/casualties#326070>

12 Mar – Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Tug/ Off Miri River, Sarawak, Malaysia/DB160322

On 12 Mar, a tug was detained by local authorities for having invalid documentation off Miri River, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/330472072439858>
<https://www.airtimes.my/2022/03/14/apmm-tahan-bot-tunda-tiada-lesen-perkapalan-di-miri/>

09 Mar – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Six Rescued/ Off Truong Sa, Viet Nam/DB160322



On 09 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown reasons. Of the seven crew members, six were rescued whereas one was found dead off Truong Sa, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/ba-riavung-tau-six-fishermen-aboard-sunken-boat-rescued/223472.vnp>

17 Mar – Aviation Incident/ Cause Unknown/ Trainer Aircraft/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zambales, Philippines/DB180322

On 17 Mar, a trainer aircraft crashed in the waters off Zambales, Philippines. Local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued six people.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1569707/6-hurt-as-plane-crashes-in-waters-off-zambales>

15 Mar – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off Chavakkad, Thrissur, India/ DB180322

On 15 Mar, a crew member of a fishing vessel went overboard and died off Chavakkad, Thrissur, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/fisherman-drowns-in-sea/articleshow/90242062.cms>

13 Mar – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Comiran Island, Balabac, Palawan, Philippines/DB18032022

On 13 Mar, a crew member of a tanker went overboard, local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued the crew member off Comiran Island, Balabac, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

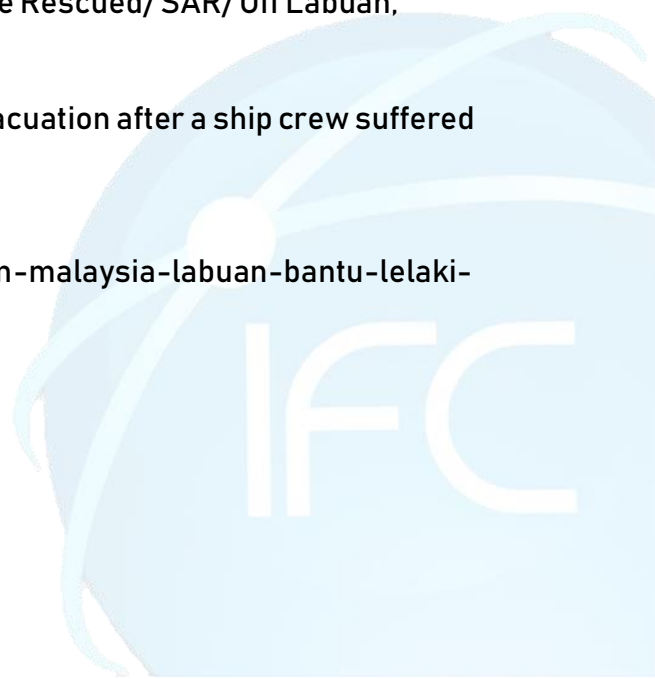
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12 Mar – MEDEVAC/ Medical Issue/ Unknown Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/DB180322

On 12 Mar, local authorities conducted an emergency evacuation after a ship crew suffered from appendicitis off Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2022/03/14/maritim-malaysia-labuan-bantu-lelaki-diserang-apendiks?fbclid=IwAR2pbYyqXRU->



SECTION D: ILLEGAL/UNREGULATED/UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)



09 Mar – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local and Two Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sungai Tiang, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB140322

On 09 Mar, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local and two foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Sungai Tiang, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia>

08 Mar – Poaching/ One Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Gulf of Mannar, India/ DB140322

On 08 Mar, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fisherman for illegal fishing at the Gulf of Mannar, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.uniindia.com/story/ICG-apprehends-Lankan-boat-5-crew-members-in-GoM>

<https://dailykiran.com/icg-apprehends-lankan-boat-5-crew-members-in-gom/>

13 Mar – Poaching/ One Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Gageo Island, South Jeolla Province, ROK/ DB150322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and six fishermen for illegal fishing off Gageo Island, South Jeolla Province, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://view.asiae.co.kr/article/2022031414475718888>

25 Feb – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ 19 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Hainan Pingmajiao, Danzhou, China/ DB150322

On 07 Mar, the local authorities detained three fishing vessels and arrested 19 fishermen for illegal fishing off Hainan Pingmajiao, Danzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/Lj77X5B2c?pagetype=profilefeed>

23 Feb – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Pulau Talang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB160322

On 23 Feb, the local authorities detained three fishing vessels and arrested six fishermen for using illegal fishing methods off Pulau Talang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/330401495780249>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia>



13 Mar – Poaching/One Thailand Fishing Vessel Detained/Two Foreign Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing/Off Pulau Ketam, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/DB160322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen for illegal fishing off Pulau Ketam, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/330378749115857>

13 Mar – Local/Two Fishing Vessels Detained/Four Local Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing Methods/Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/DB160322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested four fishermen for using illegal fishing methods off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/330378749115857>

14 Feb – Poaching/ Five Sri Lankan Fishing Vessels Detained/ 25 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing/Off Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, India/DB180322

On 14 Feb, the local authorities detained five fishing vessels and arrested 25 fishermen for illegal fishing off Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/indian-coast-guard-apprehends-sri-lankan-fishermen-1460048-2019-02-19>

17 Feb – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 16 Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/Off Subi Island, Indonesia/DB180322

On 17 Feb, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested 16 fishermen for illegal fishing off Subi Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/artikel/38710-kkp-tindak-tegas-kapal-ikan-asal-pantura-yang-beroperasi-ilegal-di-natuna>

15 Mar – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/Off Pulau Lalang, Perak, Malaysia/DB180322

On 15 Mar, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three fishermen for illegal fishing off Pulau Lalang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

07 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (450kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Thalamuthu Nagar, Thoothukudi, India/DB140322

On 07 Mar, the local authorities seized 450kg of Cannabis from a small boat off Thalamuthu Nagar, Thoothukudi, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dtnext.in/News/TamilNadu/2022/03/07080808/1356857/Q-Branch-police-seize-450-kg-ganja-being-smuggled-.vpf>

19 Jan – Drugs/ Cannabis (90 packets)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Mundra Port, Gujarat, India/ DB140322

On 19 Jan, the local authorities seized 90 packets of Cannabis from an unknown vessel off Mundra Port, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dtnext.in/News/TamilNadu/2022/03/07080808/1356857/Q-Branch-police-seize-450-kg-ganja-being-smuggled-.vpf>

14 Jan – Fuel/ Diesel (21,000 litres)/ Two Small Boats/ Off Ulwe Jetty, Mumbai, India/ DB140322

On 14 Jan, the local authorities seized 21,000 litres of diesel from two small boats off Ulwe Jetty, Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/navi-mumbai-five-held-with-21000-liters-of-illegal-diesel-two-boats-also-seized>

08 Feb – Weapons/ Katana Sword/ Unknown Vessel/ Tanjong Pagar Terminal, Singapore/ DB140322

On 08 Feb, the local authorities seized katana swords from an unknown vessel at Tanjong Pagar Terminal, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tnp.straitstimes.com/news/singapore/ica-seizes-3-swords-spotted-shipping-container-tanjong-pagar-scanning-station>

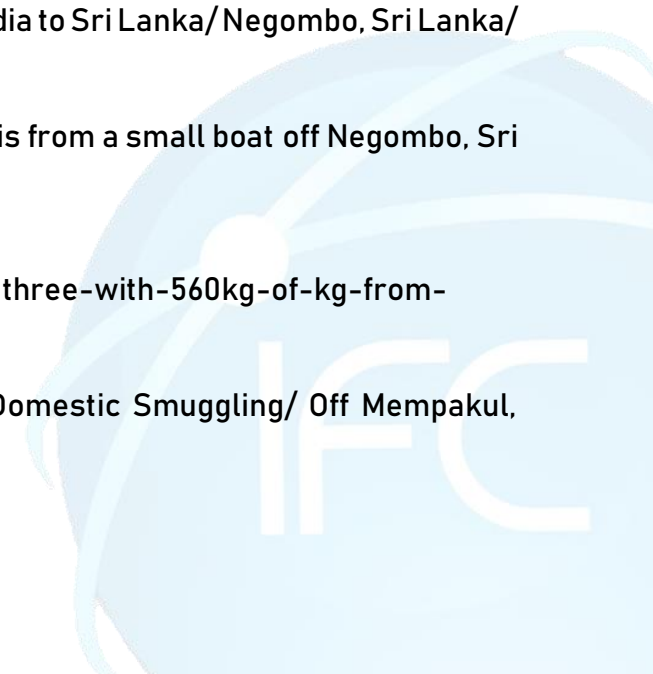
13 Mar – Drugs/ Cannabis (560kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB140322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities seized 560kg of cannabis from a small boat off Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2022/03/13/stf-apprehends-three-with-560kg-of-kg-from-india/>

10 Mar – Domestic Products/ Alcohol/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Mempakul, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB140322



On 10 Mar, the local authorities seized alcohol from a small boat off Mempakul, Sabah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2022/03/11/bid-to-smuggle-beer-from-labuan-to-sabah-foiled/>

25 Feb – Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (64 Tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Qingzhou, China/DB150322

On 25 Feb, the local authorities seized 64 tonnes of frozen goods from an unknown vessel off Qingzhou, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0314/1430.html

27 Feb – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (20,473 cartons)/ Small Boat/ Off Dacun, Hepu County, China/DB150322

On 27 Feb, the local authorities seized 20,473 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Dacun, Hepu County, Taiwan, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0314/1429.html

01 Mar – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,620 cartons)/ Small Boat/ Off Shatian Town, China/DB150322

On 01 Mar, the local authorities seized 8,620 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Shatian Town, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0314/1429.html

29 Jan – Wildlife/ Birds(37 Red Lory Parrots)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Bima Harbor, Indonesia/DB160322

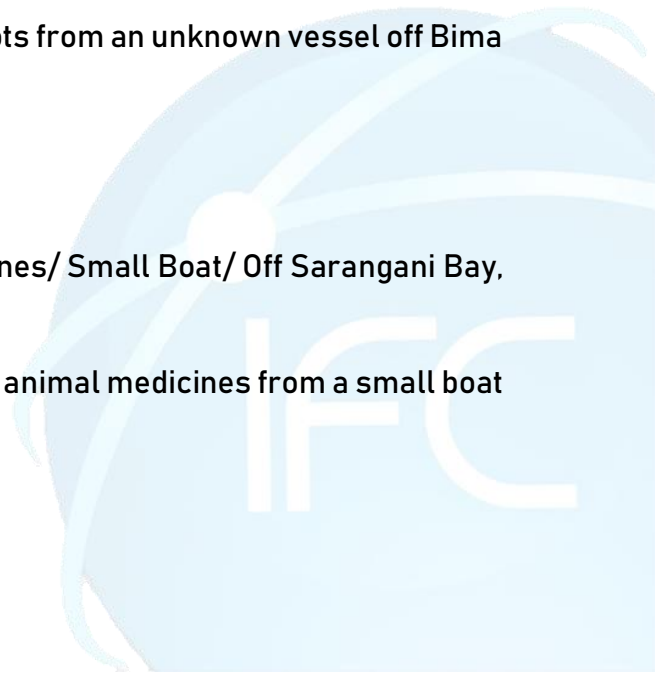
On 29 Jan, the local authorities seized 27 Red Lory Parrots from an unknown vessel off Bima Harbor, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://today.line.me/id/v2/article/0M3NjjL>

09 Mar – Wildlife/ Birds (190 Roosters) & Animal Medicines/ Small Boat/ Off Sarangani Bay, Philippines/DB160322

On 09 Mar, the local authorities seized 190 Roosters and animal medicines from a small boat off Sarangani Bay, Philippines.



News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/344823401016352>

08 Mar – Drugs/ Mitragynine (52 Tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to Hong Kong/ Off Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB180322

On 08 Mar, the local authorities seized 52 Tonnes of mytragynine from an unknown vessel coming from Indonesia to Hong Kong. The seizure took place at Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3413.html

18 Feb – Fuel/ Diesel (110,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Off Con Dao Islands, Viet Nam/ DB180322

On 18 Feb, the local authorities seized 110,000 litres of diesel from a tanker off Con Dao Islands, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/vietnam-coast-guard-detains-oil-tanker-transporting-110000-litres-of-illegal-diesel-oil/>

04 Jan – Fuel/ Gasoline (100,000 Litres) & Diesel (70,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Off Hai Phong, Viet Nam/ DB180322

On 04 Jan, the local authorities seized 100,000 litres of gasoline and 70,000 litres of diesel from a tanker off Hai Phong, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/vietnam-coast-guard-seizes-duc-minh-06-for-illegally-transporting-oil-at-sea/>

14 Mar – Others/ Pesticides/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Tharuvaikulam, India/ DB180322

On 14 Mar, the local authorities seized pesticides from a small boat going from India to Sri Lanka. The seizure took place off Tharuvaikulam, India.

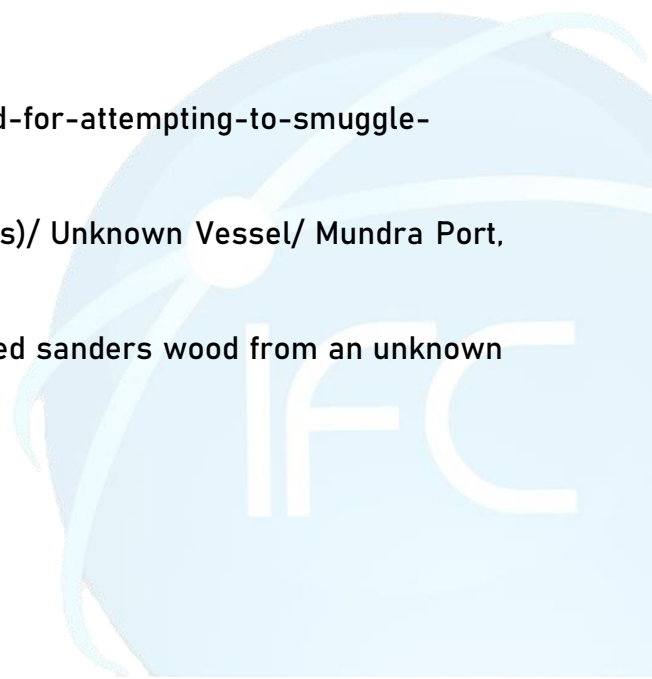
News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/3-held-for-attempting-to-smuggle-pesticides/article65228104.ece>

16 Mar – Natural Resources/ Red Sanders (11.7 Tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Mundra Port, Gujarat, India/ DB180322

On 16 Mar, the local authorities seized 11.7 tonnes of red sanders wood from an unknown vessel off Mundra Port, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:



<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/dri-seizes-117-tonnes-of-red-sanders-from-mundra-port-1091943.html>

02 Mar – Domestic Products/ Red Oil (100 Tons), Frozen Products/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Dong'ao Island, Zhuhai, China/ DB180322

On 02 Mar, the local authorities seized 100 tonnes of red oil and frozen products from an unknown vessel off Off Dong'ao Island, Zhuhai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://s.weibo.com/weibo?q=%23%E5%B9%BF%E4%B8%9C%E6%B5%B7%E8%AD%A6%E5%B1%80%E6%9F%A5%E6%89%A3%E2%80%9C%E4%B8%89%E6%97%A0%E2%80%9D%E8%88%B9%E8%88%B6%E4%B8%A4%E8%89%98%E3%80%81%E6%B6%89%E5%AB%8C%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E8%B4%A7%E7%89%A9%E4%B8%A4%E6%89%B9%EF%BC%8C%E6%8A%93%E8%8E%B7%E6%B6%89%E6%A1%88%E4%BA%BA%E5%91%987%E5%90%8D%23>

04 Mar – Wildlife/ Lobster Seeds (183,700 grains)/ Small Boat/ Off Banyuasin, Indonesia/ DB180322

On 04 Mar, the local authorities seized 183,700 grains of lobster seeds from a small boat off Banyuasin, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.beacukai.go.id/berita/sinergi-bea-cukai-dan-kepolisian-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ratusan-ribu-benih-lobster-senilai-rp18-6-miliar.html>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

13 Mar – Human Smuggling/ Four Indonesian Migrants Going From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Tawau, Malaysia/ DB180322

On 13 Mar, the local authorities caught four Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia on a small boat off Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:



<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/188772/marine-cops-stop-bid-by-4-illegals-to-enter-tawau/>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

13 Feb – MIE/ Natural Mineral/ Sea Sand Mining/ Dredger/ Off Rupert Island, Bengkalis Regency, Indonesia/DB150322

On 13 Feb, the local authorities stopped illegal sea mining activities in the waters off Rupert Island, Bengkalis Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2022/02/14/210552578/sedot-13000-metrik-ton-pasir-laut-kkp-hentikan-kapal-penambang-ilegal-di?page=all>

10 Mar - Others/ Breach of Wildlife Act/ Auctioning Endangered Sawfish/ Malpe Fishing Port, India/DB160322

On 10 Mar, a boat owner was caught auctioning an endangered sawfish which is a breach of Wildlife act at Malpe Fishing Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehansindia.com/karnataka/udupi-fisherman-booked-under-wildlife-act-733393?infinitescroll=1>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

13 Mar – Others/ 50 Fishermen Going From Solomon Islands to Papa New Guinea/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Bougainville, Papa New Guinea/ DB180322

Local authorities caught 50 fishermen going from Solomon Islands to Papua New Guinea to sell fish and buy food. The fishermen were caught in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea

IFC Comments:

The article was published on 13 Mar 2022

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/illegal-border-crossing/>



IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

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, Malaysia and Indonesia 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.



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IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 - Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines.

2020

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IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

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IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 - Attempted Actions on Tug boat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 - Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches - January to December 2017.

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IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 - Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 - Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

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IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



Note: Information herein were 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 Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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