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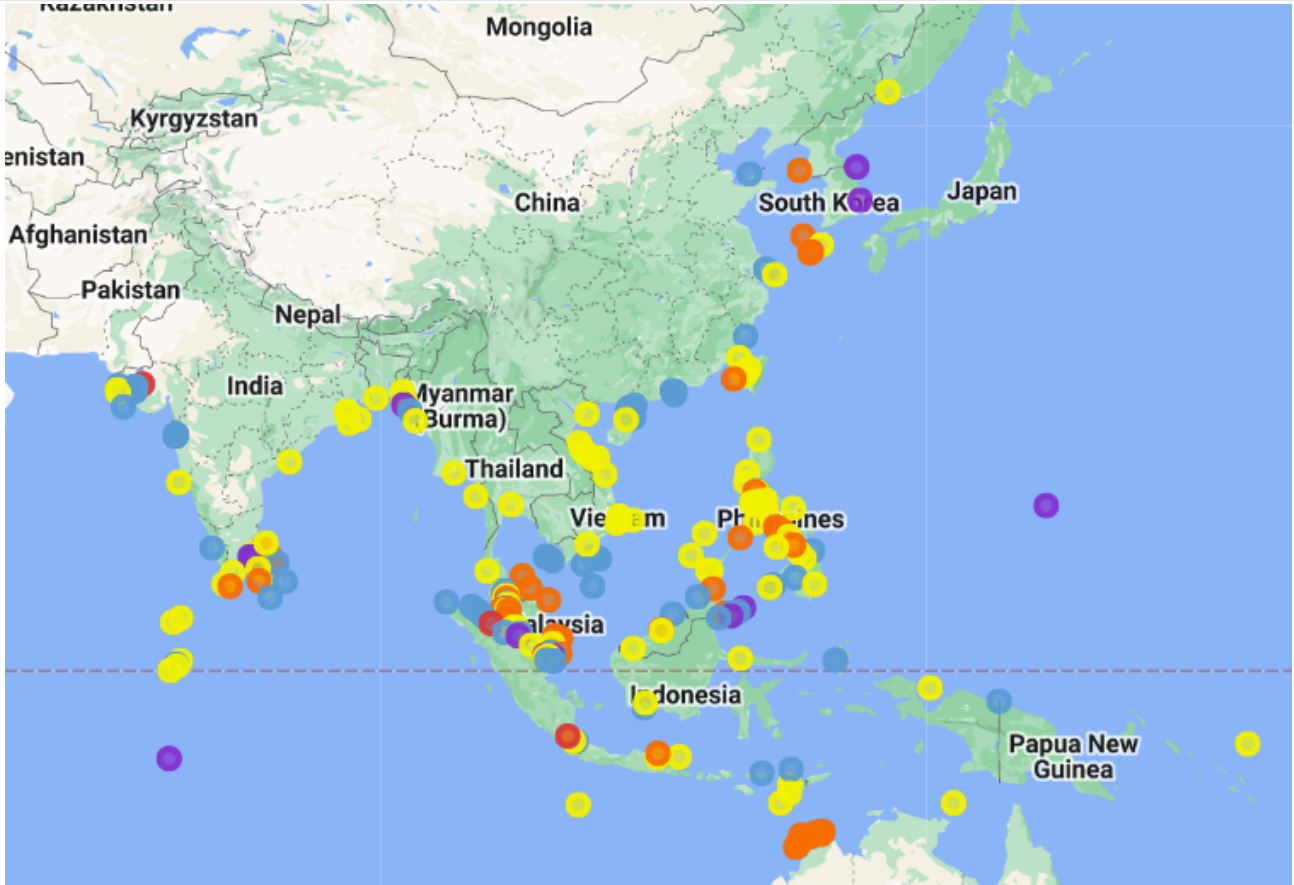
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 19 Nov – 25 Nov 22, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	6	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	3	14	6-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	12	10-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	13-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	18
Others	0	0	19

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

Incidents:

24 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Singapore-Flagged/ Underway / Eastbound Lane of TSS, in Singapore Strait/ DB241122

1. POCC informed that a Singapore-Flagged bulk carrier, reported three perpetrators boarded the vessel when transiting along eastbound Lane of TSS, in Phillip Channel (1°03'52.2"N 103°36'02.4"E) on 24 Nov 22 at 0100 (UTC + 8).
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and generator spare parts were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to Singapore

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC

21 Nov - Hijacking/ Sea Robbery/ Minor Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia Flagged/ Anchored/ Mongla Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB231122

About 18 robbers in two long wooden boats armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship using ropes. They took hostage the deck watchman on routine rounds, threatened him with a knife on his throat and tied him up. Alarm raised, pilot station and coast guard notified by VHF and all non-essential crew retreated into the citadel. The robbers broke into the paint locker, the bosun and forecastle stores and started stealing ship's properties and stores.

Three of the robbers approached the accommodation and using the deck watchman's UHF radio contacted the Master and asked for a ransom. The Master offered a reduced amount which was rejected. The robbers told the Master that they would leave once they had taken the ship's stores and properties. Later, the deck watch man was released and was found to have sustained minor injuries because of the knife being pressed on his neck and the hands being tied.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IMO GSIS

21 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Vanuatu Flagged/ Underway/ Kukup Island, Johor, Malaysia/ DB231122

Four persons in two small boats boarded a barge under tow. Ship master reported the incident to VTS Port Klang and Malaysian Coast Guard. All crew reported safe. The tug and barge continued their journey.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO has informed that the Malaysian Coast Guard had deployed assets to the vessel to investigate.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IMO GSIS

21 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Malaysia-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB211122

1. POCC was informed that a Malaysia-flagged Tug was boarded by 14 perpetrators while transiting along the Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°12'41.4"N 103°32'46.2"E) on 21 Nov 22 at 1010 (UTC +8).

2. The ship master reported that all crew are safe and that an unknown amount of scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to Port Klang, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

This is the 49th incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2022.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

21 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Belize-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB211122

1. POCC was informed that a Belize-flagged Tug and barge was boarded by nine perpetrators while transiting along the Westbound Lane of TSS in the Phillip Channel (1°13'18.6"N 103°32'31.8"E) on 21 Nov 22 at 0845 (UTC + 8).

2. The ship master reported that all crew are safe, and an unknown amount of scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to Port Klang, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

This is the 48th incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2022.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

19 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Phillip Channel/ DB211122

1. POCC was informed that the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier was boarded by five perpetrators while transiting along the Eastbound Lane of TSS in the Phillip Channel (1°05'00.0"N 103°43'12.0"E) on 19 Nov 22, 0115 (UTC + 8).

2. The ship master reported that all crew are safe and nothing has been found stolen yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to Singapore.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the ship company for evidence of boarding and incident details. This is the 47th incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2022.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)
Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

15 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 5 Dead, 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kabil, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB241122 (Information Update on DB171122)

It was updated from a news source that a total of five people died from the incident and one is still missing

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gokepri.com/tim-sar-temukan-5-korban-meninggal-kapal-tenggelam-di-perairan-kabil-satu-orang-selamat/>

21 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Balut Island, Philippines/ DB231122 (Information Update on DB221122)

It was updated from a news source that the distressed vessel was HERMES II and the name of the Philippines Navy Vessel was added.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2022/11/22/7-filipino-passengers-saved-from-damaged-bancanear-indonesian-border>

16 Nov - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 262 Rescued/ SAR/ Bali Strait, Indonesia/ DB211122 (Information Update on DB171122)

It was updated that the ferry sank due to massive amounts of water ingress caused by the fire. Also, the number of people rescued has been corrected to 262.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/11/18/ferry-with-270-people-on-board-on-fire-off-bali-update-sank/>

Incidents:

24 Nov - MEDEVAC/ Work Accident/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pipavav, Gujarat, India/ DB251122

On 24 Nov, a MEDEVAC operation was conducted onboard a fishing vessel off Pipavav, Gujarat, India for 1 crew member involved in work accident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/DefencePRO_Guj/status/1595755082976559104

23 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Off West Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB251122

On 23 Nov, a passenger vessel went adrift due to engine failure and 20 were rescued off West Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/54522/PANGKALAN-TNI-AL-MAMUJU-BANTU-EVAKUASI-P-ENUMPANG-KM.-DIA-YANG-MENGALAMI-MATI-MESIN/>

23 Nov - Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ 24 Small Boats/ Off Xiangzhou, Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China/ DB251122

On 23 Nov, 24 small boats were detained due to invalid documentation off Xiangzhou, Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/haijingzaixingdong_1123/2168.html

23 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Batu Itam Water, Belitung Regency, Indonesia/ DB251122

On 23 Nov, two fishing vessels had sunk due to bad weather which caused a death and two were rescued Batu Itam Water, Belitung Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://belitongekspres.disway.id/read/641574/dihajar-gelombang-dua-kapal-nelayan-belitung-tenggelam-2-selamat-1-meninggal-dunia>
Indonesia POC

22 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Trouble/ Passenger Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sibutu Island, Philippines/ DB241122

On 22 Nov, a passenger vessel went adrift off Sibutu Island, Philippines due to engine failure. Eight people were rescued, SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1189221>

<https://www.facebook.com/PhilippineNavy/posts/pfbid0ihWgauDYCYCJbSKbVYKi9zR9FkRzjs3MHDZUCsTLrves36Pt2eoDRyjEKtkoGDC5kl>

21 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Tetabuan, Malaysia/ DB231122

On 21 Nov, a passenger vessel went adrift off Pulau Tetabuan, Malaysia due to engine failure. Eight people were rescued, and SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02phfukqrVPg1s3rWTt6Rw8uNkCnRCAN65tPN9XBhFjiJbb9FEidg3c721kQhs2LBXI>

20 Nov - Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Ro-Ro Passenger Vessel vs Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ Off Batangas, Philippines/ DB231122

On 20 Nov, there was a collision between a Ro-Ro vessel and a small boat. Three people were rescued, the cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2022/11/20/ro-ro-collides-with-motorbanca-in-batangas-city/>

21 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Balut Island, Philippines/ DB221122

On 21 Nov, a small boat was adrift due to an engine failure and 7 was rescued off Balut Island, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

PH PCG ILO & IFC Watchfloor

19 Nov - MEDEVAC/ Medical Issues/ Bulk Carrier/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang, Viet Nam/ DB221122

On 19 Nov, a MEDEVAC operation was conducted onboard a bulk carrier and 1 was rescued off Da Nang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wti12_9qA00

<https://vtv.vn/xa-hoi/kip-thoi-cuu-thuyen-vien-tau-nuoc-ngoai-gap-nan-tren-bien-20221120114050578.htm>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Nov - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Ujunggebang Waters, Indramayu Regency, Indonesia/ DB231122

On 18 Nov, a man overboard occurred onboard a passenger vessel off Ujunggebang Waters, Indramayu Regency, Indonesia. One person is missing, SAR is ongoing. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/946493/701/abk-jatuh-di-laut-indramayu-timsar-susuri-laut-seluas-221-km-1668921068>

<https://news.okezone.com/read/2022/11/20/525/2711204/abk-terjatuh-di-lautindramayu-tim-sar-susuri-laut-seluas-22-km?page=2>

17 Nov - MEDEVAC/ Medical Issues/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Rebak, Malaysia/ DB231122

On 17 Nov, there was a medical evacuation onboard a fishing vessel off Pulau Rebak, Malaysia. One person was rescued due to medical issues.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02jJnYKuTV8Y4GJ6son1QcK9Tj1BbxHayikKWYV5BDHjXRUKEnTvPn78aDeJ9LCmmel>

13 Nov - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Research Vessel/ Off South China Sea/ DB231122

On 13 Nov, a research vessel went adrift off South China Sea. The cause of incident was due to engine failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40269/disabled-research-shiptowed-kaohsiung-video/>

17 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Bawean Island, Indonesia/ DB221122

On 17 Nov, a fishing vessel had sunk due to bad weather and 5 were rescued off Bawean Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://beritautama.co/semangat-dikabarkan-hilang-akhirnya-dua-nelayan-asal-pulau-bawean-sudah-ditemukan/>

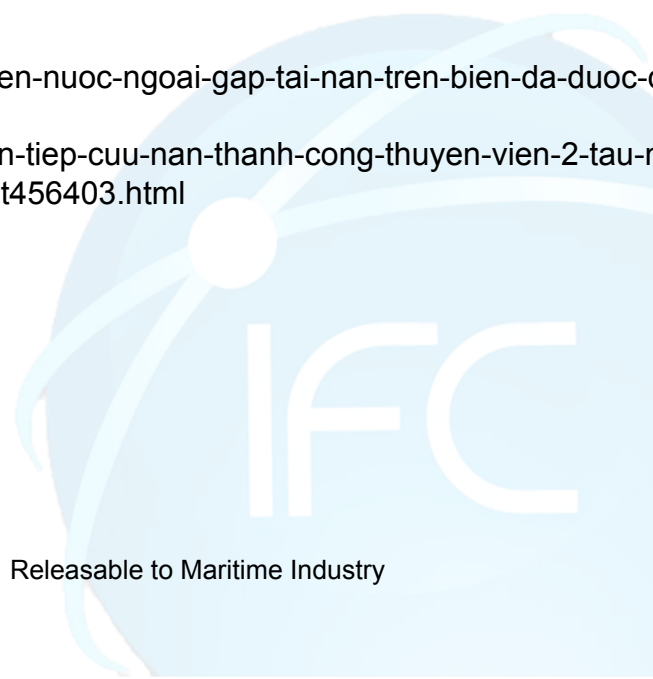
17 Nov - MEDEVAC/ Work Accident/ 2 Bulk Carriers/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nha Trang City, Khanh Hoa Province, Viet Nam/ DB211122

On 17 Nov, a MEDEVAC operation was conducted on board 2 bulk carriers off Nha Trang City, Khanh Hoa Province, Viet Nam for 2 crew involved in work accidents.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/hai-thuyen-vien-nuoc-ngoai-gap-tai-nan-tren-bien-da-duoc-dua-vao-bo-post984887.vov>

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lien-tiep-cuu-nan-thanh-cong-thuyen-vien-2-tau-nuoc-ngoai-bi-tai-nan-lao-dong-tren-bien-post456403.html>



SECTION D: ILLEGAL, UNREGULATED AND UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

Incidents:

20 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of a Fishing Vessel)/ Off Malé, Maldives/ DB221122

On 20 Nov, a foreign fishing vessel was detained, and an unknown number of fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing off Malé, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vaguthu.mv/news/798326>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northwestern, Australia/ DB251122

On 17 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northwestern, Australia. Four crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

15 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northwestern, Australia/ DB251122

On 15 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northwestern, Australia. Five crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

15 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northwestern, Australia/ DB251122

On 15 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northwestern, Australia. Nine crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

15 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northwestern, Australia/ DB251122

On 15 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northwestern, Australia. Seven crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

11 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Philippine Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License Of Fishing Vessel)/ Sulawesi Sea, Indonesia/ DB251122

On 11 Nov, local authorities detained one Philippine fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to invalid license of fishing vessel Sulawesi Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/djpsdkp/artikel/46748-kkp-tangkap-kapal-ikan-asing-berbendera-filipina>

13 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northern Western Australia/ DB241122

On 13 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northern Western Australia. Seven crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

13 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northern Western Australia/ DB241122

On 13 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northern Western Australia. Eight crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

09 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northern Western Australia/ DB241122

On 09 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northern Western Australia. Eight crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

09 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Northern Western Australia/ DB241122

On 09 Nov, local authorities detained an Indonesian Fishing vessel off Northern Western Australia. Four crew were onboard, but no fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

16 Nov - Local/ 1 Trawler Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (Illegal Harvesting)/ Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB221122

On 16 Nov, a trawler was detained, and 6 fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing at Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=593>

16 Nov - Poaching/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 38 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessels, Trawling)/ North Natuna Sea/ DB221122

On 16 Nov, 2 Vietnamese fishing vessels were detained, and 38 fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing in the North Natuna Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.agrofarm.co.id/2022/11/terdeteksi-beroperasi-ilegal-dua-kapal-ikan-asing-berbendera-vietnam-dihentikan-kkp/>

<https://kkp.go.id/kkp/artikel/46841-terdeteksi-ilegal-dua-kapal-ikan-asing-berbendera-vietnam-dihentikan-kkp>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (72 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB241122

On 23 Nov, local authorities detained a small boat at off Zamboanga City, Philippines. There were 72 master cases of cigarettes that were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1189231>

21 Nov - Fuel/ Diesel (130,000 litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Rayong International Port, Thailand/ DB241122

On 21 Nov, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Rayong International Port, Thailand. There were 130,000 litres of diesel that were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid0izL6feAdpz5baUDM3dESVVVQ2WLxiwLLvAXBWJEDan2NwRJCGEmQrFJ67oHWJ9GKI>

19 Nov - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (150 tons)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Shanghai, China/ DB241122

On 19 Nov, local authorities detained a cargo ship off Shanghai, China. On the vessel were 150 tons of frozen goods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4AZujQ8I8GB>

23 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (24,697 cartons)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Jiaowei Bay, Zhanjiang, China/ DB231122

On 23 Nov, local authorities detained a small boat at Jiaowei Bay, Zhanjiang China. Onboard the vessel were 24,697 cartons of cigarettes that were smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/MgjC5bzXW>

21 Nov - Drugs/ Cannabis (300 kg) and Hashish Oil (0.5 kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB231122

On 21 Nov, local authorities detained a small boat off Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India. Onboard the vessel was 300kg of cannabis and 0.5kg of hashish oil.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1594958739576356864

20 Nov - Domestic Products/ Smart Phones (10,000)/ Speed Boat/ Tai O, Hong Kong/ DB221122

On 20 Nov, local authorities seized 10,000 smart phones from a speed boat in Tai O, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3642.html

20 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,900 cartons)/ Ashore/ To Malaysia/ Tanjung Logok, Johor, Malaysia/ DB221122

On 20 Nov, local authorities seized 1,900 cartons of cigarettes from Tanjung Logok, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

kosmo.com.my/2022/11/20/1900-karton-rokok-seludup-baru-mendarat-dirampas/

19 Nov - Domestic Products/ Mobile Phone Accessories/ Container Vessel/ To India/ Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, India/ DB221122

On 19 Nov, local authorities seized mobile phone accessories from a container vessel in Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/jnchcustoms/status/1593885460082085890>

20 Nov - Fuel/ Diesel (62,500 litres)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Off Tho Chu Island, Kien Giang Province, Viet Nam/ DB211122

On 20 Nov, local authorities seized 62,500 litres of diesel from 2 fishing vessels off Tho Chu Island, Kien Giang Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tam-giu-2-phuong-tien-van-chuyen-62500-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post456468.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Nov - Drugs/ Cannabis (6.3 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Papua New Guinea to Indonesia / Off Port of Manokwari, West Papua, Indonesia/ DB241122

On 18 Nov, local authorities detained a passenger vessel off Port of Manokwari, West Papua, Indonesia. There were 6.3kg of cannabis that were being smuggled from Papua New Guinea to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kalteng.antaranews.com/berita/606777/pembawa-63-kilogram-ganja-tujuan-manok-wari-ditangkap>

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2022/11/23/230000278/polda-papua-barat-ungkap-pere-daran-ganja-6392-kg-dari-papua-nugini?page=all>

18 Nov - Domestic Products/ Liquor (710 Bottles) and Various goods/ Container Vessel/ From China to Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun, Hong Kong/ DB231122

On 18 Nov, local authorities detained a container vessel at Tuen Mun, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 710 bottles of liquor and various goods that were meant to be smuggled from China to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3643.html

16 Nov - Drugs/ Meth (19 kg) and Heroin (6 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Viet Nam to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB231122

On 16 Nov, local authorities detained a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 19kg of meth and 6kg of heroin that were smuggled from Viet Nam to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.rthk.hk/rthk/en/component/k2/1676682-20221122.htm?spTabChangeable=0>

17 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (60,000 cartons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Off Dongshan County, Fujian, China/ DB221122

On 17 Nov, local authorities seized 60,000 cartons of cigarettes from a cargo vessel off Dongshan County, Fujian, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinaqw.com/m/qx/2022/11-21/3452>

07 Nov - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (50 tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Off Ningde, Fujian, China/ DB221122

On 07 Nov, local authorities seized 50 tons of frozen goods from a cargo vessel Off Ningde, Fujian, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/haijingzaixingdong_1121/2164.html

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

23 Nov - Human Smuggling/ 10 Sri Lankan Migrants Going From Sri Lanka to India/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB251122

On 23 Nov, local authorities arrested 10 Sri Lankan migrants going from Sri Lanka to India from an unknown vessel off Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/tamil-nadu-10-more-sri-lankans-land-at-dhanushkodi/articleshow/95725089.cms>

Out of Reporting Period:

12 Nov - Human Smuggling/ 3 Indonesian Migrants going From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB221122

On 12 Nov, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 3 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.metrobatam.com/2022/11/satpolairud-polresta-barelang-tangkap-pelaku-pengiriman-pmi-ilegal-di-batam/>

<https://kepri.antarane.ws.com/berita/139485/polairud-polresta-barelang-gagalkan-pengiriman-pmi-ilegal-dari-batam-ke-malaysia>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

24 Nov - MARPOL/ Liquid/ Oil Leak/ Vessel Wreck/ Contaminated Shoreline and Water/ Vura Village, Northwest Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands/ DB251122

On 24 Nov, a vessel wreck caused an oil leak which then contaminated the shoreline and water of Vura Village, Northwest, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sibconline.com.sb/oil-spill-suspected-to-be-from-a-world-war-2-wreckage-discovered-in-north-guadalcanal/>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners to report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).
3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
4. 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.
5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. 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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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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