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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (A0I)



For the period of 22 - 28 Jan 22, 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)	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	7	5-6
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	3	7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	8	8-9
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	10
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	3	11-12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	13
Others	0	14

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

24 Jan - Suspicious Approach/ No Injury/ SANS PEUR/ Pleasure Craft/ Netherlands-Flagged/ Underway/ Off Coast of Sri Lanka, India Ocean/ DB260122

- 1. Master informed that a Netherland-Flagged Pleasure Craft, SANS PEUR, reported, 5 to 6 perpetrators onboard a skiff approached the vessel and closed to 200m, he Master reported that there were two more sailing vessels behind them on the same course, which could also come across this small craft at (5°24'42.0"N 81°36'21.0"E) on 24 Jan 0630(UTC +4).
- 2. Vessel Details:

a. Name: SANS PEUR b. Callsign: PA5324 c. IMO: Info Gap d. MMSI: 244615780 e. Flag: Netherland f. Type: Pleasure Craft

g. Ship Owner: Info gap

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Info gap

j. LPOC: Info Gap i. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Subsequently, the skiff aborted the approach and fled away. The crew and the vessel were reported to be safe.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the IFC-IOR and Sri Lankan Navy for evidence of the boarding and incident details

News Link(s)/Info Source: UKMT0

20 Jan - Hijacked/ Piracy/ Serious Injury/ One Dead, Six Missing & One Rescued/ Small Boat/ Underway/ Off Pik Island, Madang, Papa New Guinea / DB260122

On 20 Jan, a boat of eight passengers were hijacked by pirates while underway in waters off Pik Island, Madang, Papua New Guinea.

IFC Comments:

This open-source information has not been verified or confirmed by ship/cargo owners, ILOs, OPCENs or local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thenational.com.pg/piracy-1-dead-6-missing/

19 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ ROSE & VIMLA-1 / Tug & Barge/ India-Flagged/ Underway/ Off Alang, India/ DB260122

- 1. Master informed that an India-flagged Tugboat, ROSE, reported Three or Four perpetrators had boarded the unmanned barge, VIMLA-1 towed by the tugboat at (21°21'06.0"N 72°18'25.8"E) on 19 Jan 2010(UTC +5).
- 2. Vessel Details:

a. Name: ROSE / VILMA-1 barge

b. Callsign: VWPKc. IMO: 9220512d. MMSI: 419003400

e. Flag: India

f. Type: Tugboat / Barge g. Ship Owner: Info gap

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Ajwa Logistic Pvt Ltd

j. LPOC: Info Gap i. NPOC: Info Gap

3. The crew was not harmed, and the items lost were not known. The master of the tugboat reported the incident to VTS Khambhat who subsequently shared the information of the incident with Indian Coast Guard Station (ICGS) Pipavav/ MRCC Mumbai. ICGS Pipavav reported the incident to the respective law enforcement agencies for investigation. In addition, VTS Khambhat was advised to alert the merchant traffic in area to enhance vigilance and adhere to the standard norms of security and SOPs especially during nighttime and hours of darkness.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the ship company for evidence of the boarding and incident details

News Link(s)/Info Source:

IMB: https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9657

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

26 Jan – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger RO-RO/ Off Samarinda, Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB280122

A passenger RO-RO caught fire off Samarinda, Kalimantan, Indonesia on 26 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/213057/casualties#323621

23 Jan – Grounding/Cause Unknown/General Cargo Ship/Kitakyushu, Japan/DB250122

A general cargo ship ran aground at Kitakyushu, Japan on 23 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/11969628/casualties#323161

22 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Six Rescued/ Off Muang, Chumphon, Thailand/ DB240122

On 22 Jan, an oil tanker sank for unknown reasons off Muang, Chumphon, Thailand. Six crew members went overboard but were rescued by a passing ship.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2252135/bid-to-prevent-oil-slick-reaching-gulf-of-thailand-shore

https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/?__cft__[0]=AZXb3Zi9N3u63OAqN5j6BczipkmZ1aHCZ8UZ2kgCixHitfgZvDyyulgvm-7N2cOVDa9QqxDoR-

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22 Jan - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Ten Rescued/ SAR/ Andaman Sea, Off Car Nicobar Island, India/ DB240122

On 22 Jan local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued ten fishermen after floating in the Andaman Sea for 10 days on a raft. The incident occurred after their fishing vessel capsized while en route to Malaysia

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2022/jan/22/indian-coast-guard-rescues-10-myanmarese-fishermen-floating-in-andaman-sea-for-10-days-2410029.html https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/coast-guard-rescues-10-myanmarese-fishermen-floating-in-andaman-sea-for-10-days/articleshow/89054121.cms https://www.eastmojo.com/world/2022/01/22/10-myanmarese-fishermen-floating-in-andaman-sea-for-10-days-rescued/

20 Jan - Grounding/ Steering Failure/ Container Ship/ Off Manora, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB240122

On 20 Jan, a container ship ran aground due to a steering failure near Manora, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.dawn.com/news/1670766/container-ship-refloated-after-running-aground https://www.brecorder.com/news/40148671/liberian-ship-runs-aground

20 Jan - Collision/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Vehicle Carrier/ Off Yokkaichi Port, Japan/ DB240122

On 20 Jan, a general cargo ship collided with a vehicle carrier off Yokkaichi Port, Japan causing some vehicles to fall into the sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12239894/casualties#323442

19 Jan - Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Sri Lankan Navy vs Fishermen/ Off Katchatheevu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB240122

On 19 Jan, a group of Indian fishermen were confronted by Sri Lankan Navy personnel when fishing near Sri Lankan's waters off Katchatheevu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2022/jan/20/sri-lanka-navy-personnel-sink-boat-of-tn-fishermen-chase-them-away-2409145.html https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/trichy/seven-rameswaram-fishermen-rescued-after-lankan-navy-vessel-attack-their-vessel/articleshow/89020000.cms

Information Updates:

22 Jan – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Six Dead, Two Missing, 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Teluk Ramunia, Malaysia/ DB240122 (Information Update to DB210122)

It was updated that one man who was amongst the three missing was found dead.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2045470 https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2022/01/23/mmea-recover-body-of-man-believed-to-be-missing-victim-of-pengerang-boat-tr/2036996 https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/21/rescuers-still-searching-for-three-victims-of-boat-mishap-off-kota-tinggi

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

24 Jan - Poaching/ One Foreign Fishing Vessel Expelled/One Foreign Fisherman/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Nunuyan Island, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB280122

Local authorities expelled a small boat carrying a Filipino man for illegal fishing off Nunuyan Island, Sabah, Malaysia on 24 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/435566495026119

22 Jan - Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB250122

Local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia on 22 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/300298648790534

21 Jan - Poaching/ One Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Chagwi Island, Jeju Province, ROK/ DB250122

Local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 11 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Chagwi Island, Jeju Province, ROK on 21 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20220122046700056?input=1195m http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/replay/viewNewsReplayDetail/2022012221303639934?feed=na http://www.jejumaeil.net/news/articleView.html?idxno=311038

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

10 Jan - Drugs/Cocaine (135kg)/Cargo Ship/Kwai Chung, Hong Kong/DB280122

Local authorities seized 135kg of cocaine from a cargo ship at Kwai Chung, Hong Kong on 10 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3393.html

22 Jan – Drugs/ Meth (150kg), Ecstasy (145,000 pills), Nimetazepam (20,000 pills)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Aceh, Indonesia/ DB270122

On 22 Jan, local authorities seized 150kg of meth, as well as 165,00 pills of Ecstasy and Nimetazepam which was headed from Malaysia to Indonesia. The authorities seized the drugs off Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/20220125/0907b5ad56c745ec8b3e12c6a83f6854/c.html

https://voi.id/en/news/127865/polda-aceh-amankan-enam-orang-dalam-kasus-penyelundupan-sabu-150-kg

17 Jan - Drugs/Heroin (330kg)/Fishing Vessel/Off Dondra, Sri Lanka/DB260122

Local authorities seized 330kg of heroin from a fishing vessel off Dondra, Sri Lanka on 17 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/01/24/202201242130/

22 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (278 Cases)/ Small Boat/ Off Sulade Island, Philippines/DB250122

Local authorities seized 278 cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Sulade Island, Philippines on 22 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.ptvnews.ph/p9-7-m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-off-sulu/

21 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Meat (60 Tonnes)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Hong Kong International Airport/ DB250122

Local authorities seized 60 tonnes of frozen meat from a cargo ship off Hong Kong International Airport on 21 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3389.html

11 Jan – Domestic Products/ Garments/ Unknown Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Philippines/ Chattogram Port, Bangladesh/ DB240122

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized garments coming from Bangladesh that were headed to Philippines. The seizure took place at Chattogram Port, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newagebd.net/article/160479/garments-worth-tk-662-crore-seized-at-ctg-port

18 Jan – Drugs & Weapons/ Yabba (1,195,600 Pills), Gun (One)/ Fishing Vessel/ St Matin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB240122

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained around 1.2 million pieces of yaba and a firearm near St Matin's Island, Bangladesh from a fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newagebd.net/article/160374/12-lakh-yaba-firearms-seized-in-coxs-bazar

07 Jan - Natural Resources/ Sea Sand (4,000 Tonnes)/ Shantou, Guangdong, China/DB240122

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained 4,000 tonnes of sea sand from an unknown vessel and arrested 12 people involved in the incident which took place in Shantou, Guangdong, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://weibo.com/2818807271/LbPwKzEe5?refer_flag=1001030103_

Information Updates:

31 Dec – Drugs/ Cannabis (110kg)/ From Canada to Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB240122 (Information Update to DB 181221)

There was an update on the date of the incident.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3380.html

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

25 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Three Filipino Migrants Going to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Pulau Mataking, Semporna, Malaysia/ DB280122

Local authorities expelled three Filipino migrants in small boat Off Pulau Mataking, Semporna, Malaysia for entering the country illegally boat on 25 Jan.

News Link(s)/Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/436176294965139

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

25 Jan - MARPOL/Liquid/Oil Leak/Undersea Pipeline/Oil Slicks (180,000 ~ 200,000 litres) on Surface/Off Map Ta Phut, Rayong, Thailand/DB280122

An operation is underway to contain an estimated 400,000 litres (106,000 gallons) of crude oil that has leaked from an underwater pipeline off the coast of Rayong, Thailand.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newsweek.com/crude-oil-leak-pipe-thailand-rayong-star-petroleum-100000-gallons-400000-litres-1673005

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/thai-cleanup-underway-after-oil-spill-off-eastern-coast-2022-01-26/

19 Jan - Contagion/ COVID-19/ Two Infected/ Passenger Ship/ Two Quarantined/ Off Bacolod City, Philippines/ DB250122

Two women who tested positive for COVID-19 had tampered with their swab test results in order to board a ship from Manila to Bacolod City.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1544025/2-covid-carriers-caught-entering-bacolod-with-tampered-swab-test-results#ixzz7IsazqyV9

22 Jan - MARPOL/Liquid/Oil Spill/Tanker/Sea Pollution/Chumphon, Thailand/DB240122

On 22 Jan, an oil tanker sank and over 500,000 litres of oil polluted the sea off Chumphon, Thailand.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2252135/bid-to-prevent-oil-slick-reaching-gulf-of-thailand-shore

https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/?__cft__[0]=AZXb3Zi9N3u63OAqN5j6BczipkmZ1aHCZ8UZ2kgCixHitfgZvDyyulgvm-7N2cOVDa9QgxDoR-

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Information Updates:

22 Jan - MARPOL/Liquid/Oil Spill/Tanker/Sea Pollution/Chumphon, Thailand/DB270122 (Information Update to DB250122)

It was updated that the local authorities have ordered the Oil Trade company to salvage the ship within 15 days and clean up the oil spill.

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News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2253783/oil-spill-off-rayong-slick-heading-to-coast

https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/marine-dept-orders-salvage-of-oil-tanker-in-gulf-of-thailand-urgently-387399

22 Jan - MARPOL/Liquid/Oil Spill/Tanker/Sea Pollution/Chumphon, Thailand/DB250122 (Information Update to DB240122)

Updated that the Royal Thai Navy will expedite the monitoring of an oil spill in the Gulf of Thailand.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2252267/navy-to-keep-eye-on-oil-spill https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2252135/bid-to-prevent-oil-slick-reaching-gulf-of-thailand-shore

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).
- 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.

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2021

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

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

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

2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches—South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 - Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 - Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.

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.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 - Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 - Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

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.

2016

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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