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



For the period of 26 Mar – 01 Apr, 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)	2	0
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0
Maritime Incidents (MI)	27	0
Illegal, Unregulated, & Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	18	0
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	25	0
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	9	0
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	4	0
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0
Others	0	0

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

31 Mar 22 - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ No Injury/ MV Pacific West/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010422

1. IFC received report from the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, MV PACIFIC WEST, that she was boarded by six to seven unauthorised personnel when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°16'54.0"N 104°15'00.0"E) on 31 Mar 22 at 0600 (UTC +8).

2. Vessel Details:

a. Name: PACIFIC WEST

b. Callsign: V7YX5

c. IMO: 9604029

d. MMSI: 538004758

e. Flag: Marshall Islands

f. Type: Bulk Carrier

g. Ship Owner: Care of Sinokor Maritime Co Ltd

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Sinokor Maritime Co Ltd

15. Ship's Management Agent And Company Security Officer: Sinokor Maritime Co Ltd

i. LPOC: Singapore

j. NPOC: Rizhao, China

3. Ship master reported the perpetrators were armed with knives and gun-like object, and tied one crew in the engine room. The crew managed to free himself and alert the ship. All crew are accounted for and safe, and generator spare parts and exhaust seal valve were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in China.

IFC Comments:

IFC had RFI to the Company to clarify some details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

CSO



23 Mar - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / LAMPARD/ Bulk carrier/ Singapore-flagged/ Anchored/ Off Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB290322

1. LAMPARD reported to local authorities that three unauthorised personnel armed with knives were sighted onboard the vessel when ship was anchored off Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia (03°55.00'N 098°46.00'E) on 23 Mar 22 at 0320 (UTC +7).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: LAMPARD
- b. Callsign: 9V5701
- c. IMO: 9723980
- d. MMSI: 563043700
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Super Frank 8 Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Stamford Shipping LLP
- i. LPOC: Indonesia
- j. NPOC: China

3. Three robbers armed with knives boarded the vessel and were spotted by duty crew on routine rounds. The alarm was raised, and the crew mustered which resulted in the perpetrators escaping with stolen items of ship's property. The incident was reported to the port authorities.

IFC Comments:

RFI will be sent to shipping company and local authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IMO



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

23 Mar 22 - MEDEVAC (Work Accident)/ Fall From Height/ Fishing Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paracels Archipelago, Viet Nam/ DB280322

The local authorities brought a fisherman injured during an accident at sea to shore in time for medical treatment.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/fisherman-saved-after-accident-at-sea/224030.vnp>

21 Mar - Mechanical Failure/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Brgy Recodo, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB280322

The local authorities rescued six fishermen onboard a distressed fishing boat at the vicinity waters off Barangay Recodo in Zamboanga City.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

27 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Dead, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chao Phraya River, Phra Samut Chedi, Thailand/ DB280322

An oil tanker exploded and caught fire at the mouth of the Chao Phraya River in Phra Samut Chedi district, killing one crew member and injuring another.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2285958/oil-tanker-explodes-at-mouth-of-chao-phraya-river-1-dead>

24 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Overloading/ Small Boat/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sitio Agusuhin, Barangay Cawag, Subic, Zambales, Philippines/ DB280322

While conducting seaborne patrol operations, the local authorities spotted a small boat sunken along the offshore of Sitio Agusuhin, Barangay Cawag, Subic, Zambales. This prompted the seaborne patrol team to immediately respond and rescue three victims.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/1354462725016472>

16 Mar - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Makassar Port, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB280322

The cargo ship suffered an engine failure near the port of Makassar in South Sulawesi.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Lognus-6-9574999.html>

25 Mar 22 - MEDEVAC (Work Accident)/ Medical Issue/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Sedili, Kota Tinggi, Johor, Malaysia/ DB280322

A local fisherman faced an anxious moment when his finger was cut off while pulling a net in the waters of Tanjung Sedili.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/337956745024724>

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2022/03/26/nelayan-putus-jari-ketika-tarik-pukat/>

27 Mar - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Podang-Podang Island, Pangkep Regency, Indonesia/ DB280322

A fisherman from Maros Regency, Indonesia was found drowned in the waters of Podang-Podang Island, Liukang Tupabiring District, Pangkep Regency, Indonesia after being reported missing for three days at sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://makassar.sindonews.com/read/725151/713/tiga-hari-hilang-saat-melaut-nelayan-asal-maros-ditemukan-tewas-1648364612>

21 Mar - Cargo Mishap/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Off East Japan/ DB280322

On March 21, the container ship lost around 90 containers 1200 miles east of Japan. Nine of these boxes contained dangerous goods such as lithium-ion batteries.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gcaptain.com/maersk-dyros-cargo-loss-pacific/>

24 Mar - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Wanci Waters, Wakatobi Regency, Indonesia/ DB280322

The passenger vessel was reported to be departing from Kaledupa, Wakatobi Regency, Indonesia to Kendari City at around 14.00 (UTC +8). However, at 15:20 (UTC +8), on its way around Wanci waters, the ship encountered engine problems.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.okezone.com/read/2022/03/24/340/2567464/kapal-mati-mesin-basarnas-evakuasi-12-penumpang-di-perairan-wakatobi>

23 Mar - MOB/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Barasanga Island, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB280322

The local authorities said that a fisherman who was reported missing on Wednesday, March 23, when his boat was hit by waves in the waters of Barasanga Island was found dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/berita/150200/nelayan-yang-sejak-rabu-hilang-di-perairan-pulau-barasanga-sulawesi-tenggara-ditemukan-meninggal-oleh-basarnas>

24 Mar - Grounding/ Engine Failure/ Dredger/ Off Kochi, Kerala, India/ DB290322

Trailing suction hopper dredger ran aground off Kochi, Kerala, India. Reportedly, the vessel lost control after engine failure and eventually ran aground.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/11265292/casualties>

27 Mar - MOB (Work Accident)/ Lowering of Fishing Gear/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Selakau, Sambas, Indonesia/ DB290322

A man fell into sea while trying to the lower the wings of his fishing boat. The local authorities conducted a search for the fisherman with the assistance of locals.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.klikwarta.com/nelayan-hilang-spkkk-sambas-bersama-rapala-lakukan-pencarian-di-perairan-selakau>

https://bakamla.go.id/publication/detail_news/spkkk-sambas-bersama-rapala-cari-nelayan-hilang-di-perairan-selakau

28 Jan - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Barge/ Off Masalembu Island, East Java, Indonesia/ DB290322

A ship carrying coal was stranded in the waters of Masalembu Island, East Java, Indonesia, and reported its cargo has since spilled into the waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20220324130528-20-775594/kapal-pengangkut-batu-bara-terdampar-perairan-masalembu-menghitam>

24 Mar - MEDEVAC/ Medical Issue/ Cargo Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB290322

The local authorities evacuated a crew member from a Vietnam flagged cargo vessel off Phuket, Thailand. Reportedly, the crew member sustained a head injury while working onboard and required medical assistance.

IFC Comments:

Thai ILO shared that the crew fell down and suffered a head injury.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC

<https://www.thepuketnews.com/navy-assists-injured-vietnamese-crewman-83588.php>

24 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Four Unknown Vessels/ Off East Johor, Malaysia/ DB290322

The local authorities arrested four merchant ships for failing to report arrival and anchoring without permission.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/JabatanLautMalaysia/posts/342306551275210>

27 Mar 22 - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tawau, Malaysia/ DB300322

Nine local fishermen were rescued after their boat capsized in Tinagat waters on Sunday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/189691/nine-local-anglers-rescued/>

28 Mar 22 - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Anchoring/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB300322

The local authorities detained a cargo ship suspected of anchoring without permission in the waters of East Johor.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

28 Mar 22 - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Cape Mayachny, Russia/ DB300322

A dry cargo ship ran aground in the Primorsky Territory on rocks in the area of Cape Mayachny with nine crew members on board.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://astv.ru/news/criminal/2022-03-29-sahalinskoe-sudno-selo-na-mel-v-primor-e>

15 Mar 22 - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Activities/ Seven Small Boats/ Off Qishui Port, Guangdong Province, China/ DB300322

The local authorities got clues and found a suspected high speed motorboat assembly point in the waters near Qishui, Leizhou. After investigation, seven motorboats were detained, all equipped with two super-horsepower engines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1728619679723825337&wfr=spider&for=pc>

28 Mar 22 - Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tongyeong, Republic of Korea/ DB300322

The local authorities announced that it had urgently rescued a fishing boat, which was adrift in the waters bordering the South Sea's exclusive economic zone.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20220328152100003?section=news>

28 Mar 22 - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Two Small Boats/ Four Missing/ SAR/ Off Thousand Islands, Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB310322

The local authorities noted that four fishermen were missing due to the tornado in the Thousand Islands, Jakarta on Monday (28 Mar).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://megapolitan.kompas.com/read/2022/03/29/22104131/4-nelayan-hilang-akibat-puting-beliung-di-kepulauan-seribu>

29 Mar 22 - Sunk-Capsized/ Unknown Cause/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Pantai Kermak, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB310322

A fisherman was found dead around Kermak Beach, Manyak Payed District, Wednesday (30 Mar).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dialeksis.com/aceh/tenggelam-di-laut-nelayan-aceh-tamiang-ditemukan-meninggal-dunia/>

29 Mar 22 - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Xiamen, China/ DB310322

A general cargo ship suffered blackout after generator failure, followed by engine failure, in Xiamen harbor while proceeding to berth on arrival from Taiwan, in the morning 29 Mar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/03/30/chipolbrok-general-cargo-ship-troubled-in-xiamen/> <https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/1925914/casualties#326987>

25 Mar 22 - Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, India/ DB310322

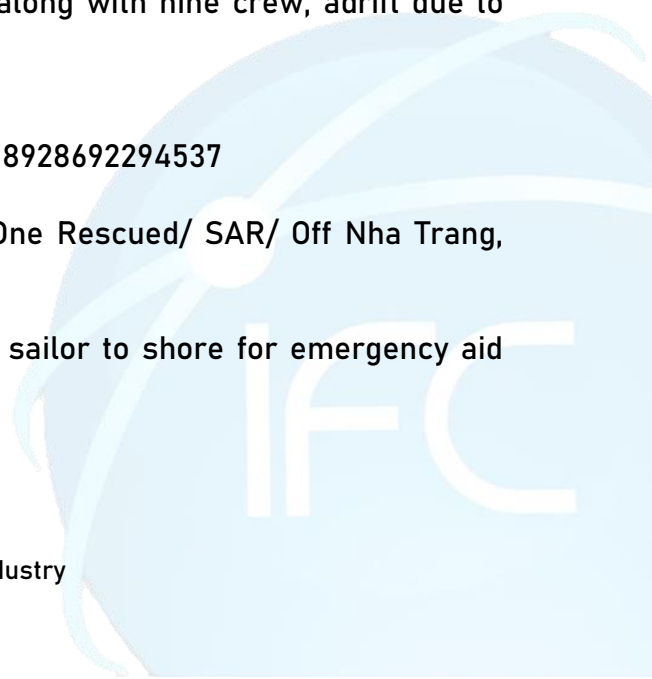
The local authorities located a stranded fishing boat along with nine crew, adrift due to engine failure at Bay of Bengal.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianCoastGuard/posts/1118928692294537>

30 Mar 22 - MEDEVAC/ Medical Issue/ Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa, Vietnam/ DB010422

Rescuers in central Viet Nam returned a Bangladesh sailor to shore for emergency aid after he experienced chest pain early Wednesday.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnam-saves-bangladeshi-sailor-from-heart-attack-4445331.html>

30 Mar 22 - Others/ Entangled Vessel/ Bulk Carrier/ Off Ghoramara Island, India/ DB010422

A Bangladeshi vessel, which allegedly strayed into Indian waters was stuck in the near Ghoramara island till late at night as the ship's propeller got entangled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bangla-ship-stuck-in-fishing-net/articleshow/90553028.cms>

30 Mar 22 - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Eight Rescued/ Off Nolhivaranfaru Island, Maldives/ DB010422

A local cargo vessel ran aground off Nolhivaranfaru Island, Maldives. Later, the vessel was refloated and towed to safety. All crew members were reported to be safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IFC-IOR



SECTION D: Illegal, Unregulated, & Unreported Fishing (IUUF)

17 Mar 22 - Local/ Seven Fishing Vessels Detained/ 65 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Hainan, China/ DB280322

From March 8 to 17, the local authorities successively detained 7 fishing boats suspected of illegal fishing operations and arrested 65 people involved. More than 11.5 tons of fish was obtained.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0323/1485.html

https://weibo.com/u/6586732953?refer_flag=1005055013_&is_all=1#_0

25 Mar - Poaching/ One Unknown Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Pulau Perak, Malaysia/ DB280322

The local authorities detained a fishing boat without a registration number northwest of Sungai Perak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/474236081159160>

25 Mar 22 - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Alicia, Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB290322

Six fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing by the local authorities in the municipal waters of Alicia, Zamboanga Sibugay province, the police reported.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1924819/zamboanga/local-news/6-fishermen-arrested-off-alicia-sibugay-province>

27 Mar - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Raja Ampat, Indonesia/ DB290322

The local authorities arrested 22 fishing vessels in a surveillance operation carried out in six fishery management areas.

IFC Comments:

The publishing date of this report is used as the actual incident date is unknown. This is one of the six incidents reported in this article.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.antaranews.com/berita/2784749/kkp-tangkap-22-kapal-ikan-ilegal-di-enam-wilayah-pengelolaan-perikanan?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

27 Mar - Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Lampung, Indonesia/ DB290322

The local authorities arrested 22 fishing vessels in a surveillance operation carried out in six fishery management areas.

IFC Comments:

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27 Mar - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB290322

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27 Mar - Local/ Six Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Java Sea, Indonesia/ DB290322

The local authorities arrested 22 fishing vessels in a surveillance operation carried out in six fishery management areas.

IFC Comments:

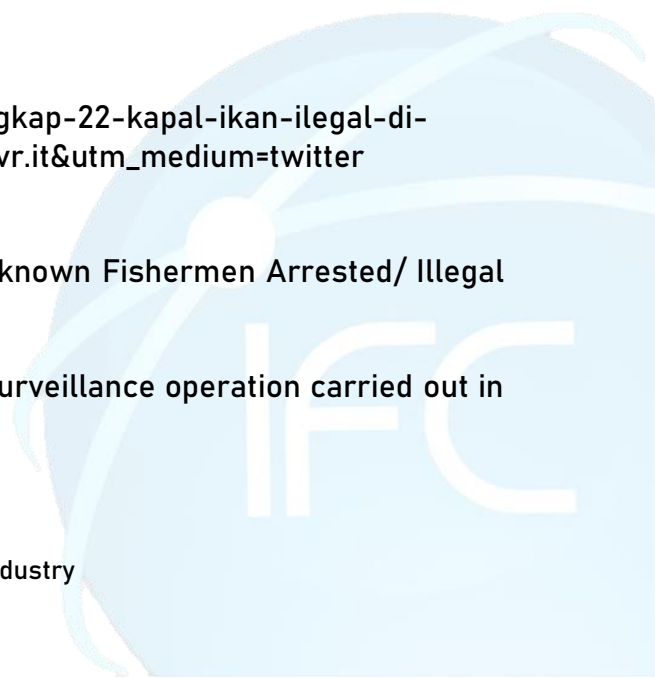
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27 Mar 22 - Local/ Nine Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tolo Bay, Indonesia/ DB290322

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27 Mar - Poaching/ One Unknown Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB290322

The local authorities arrested 22 fishing vessels in a surveillance operation carried out in six fishery management areas.

IFC Comments:

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News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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27 Mar - Poaching/ One Thailand Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kawthaung, Myanmar/ DB290322

Two men were arrested by the local authorities while fishing near Koh Son, in Myanmar waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2286422/thai-fishermen-held-by-myanmar-police>

29 Mar 22 - Poaching/ One Indian Trawler Detained/ Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kachchatheevu, Sri Lanka/ DB300322

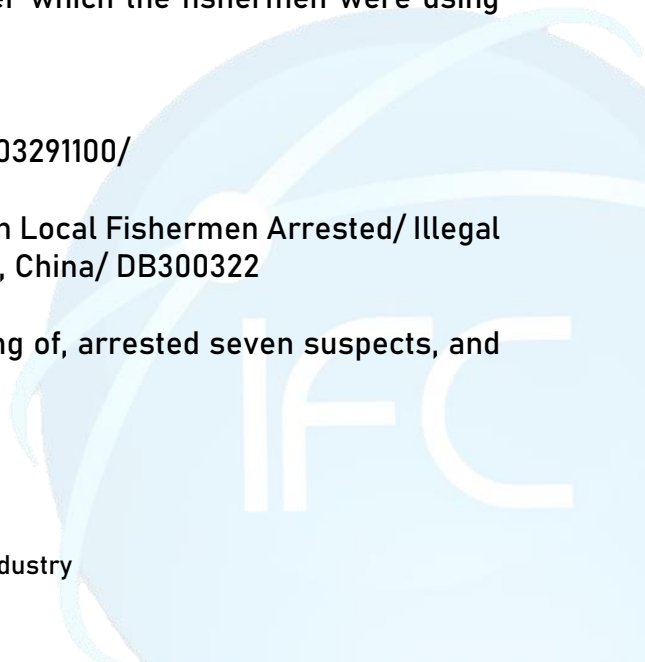
The local authorities arrested four fishermen for allegedly partaking in fishing that violated the Sri Lanka maritime border on Tuesday. The trawler which the fishermen were using was also seized.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2022/03/29/202203291100/>

28 Mar 22 - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Changli Gold Coast Nature Reserve, Hebei, China/ DB300322

The local authorities cracked two cases of illegal fishing of, arrested seven suspects, and seized more than 610 kilograms of fish.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0328/1515.html

29 Mar 22 - Poaching/ One Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Point Calimere, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB310322

The local authorities apprehended a Sri Lankan fisherman and confiscated his boat off Point Calimere.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Tiruchirapalli/sri-lankan-fisherman-apprehended-on-indian-side-of-imbl/article65270863.ece>

29 Mar 22 - Poaching/ Four Unknown Fishing Vessels Expelled/ No Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Perak, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB310322

The local authorities foiled an attempt by four foreign fishing boats to invade the country's waters near Pulau Perak, Kedah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2022/03/30/tldm-usir-empat-bot-nelayan-asing/>

29 Mar 22 - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Panglao, Bohol, Philippines/ DB310322

The local authorities in Bohol arrested two fishermen engaged in illegal fishing using light attractors.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

30 Mar 22 - Poaching/ One Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Katchatheevu, Sri Lanka/ DB010422

The local authorities arrested three Indian fishermen from for allegedly fishing in its territorial waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2022/mar/31/three-indian-fishermen-arrested-by-sri-lankan-navy-2436269.html>

30 Mar 2022 - Poaching/ One Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Karainagar, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB010422

The local authorities carried out a special operation to chase away a large number of Indian trawlers poaching in Sri Lankan waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/03/31/202203311125/>

28 Mar 22 - Poaching/ One Unknown Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel and Fishermen)/ Jarak Island, Malaysia/ DB010422

The local authorities detained a foreign fishing boat without registration northeast of the Island Jarak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/340464254773973>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

22 Mar - Drugs/ Cocaine (Two Bricks)/ Adrift/ Off Fuga village, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB280322

The local authorities said at least five bricks of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of more than P30 million (US \$573,822) were found by local fishermen floating off the waters of Cagayan province.

IFC Comments:

Discovery of the first three bricks shared in DB230322. Philippine Coast Guard ILO shared that the two bricks weigh between 2kg to 3kg.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/philippines/cocaine-bricks-found-floating-off-philippine-waters--again-1.1648139436356>

26 Feb - Drugs/ Cocaine (120kg)/ Container Ship/ From Costa Rica to Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB280322

Hong Kong customs officers have arrested two teenagers after confiscating HK\$110 million (US \$14 million) worth of cocaine concealed in an electric transformer that arrived from Costa Rica via a seaborne container.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202203/26/P2022032500731p.htm>
<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3171971/hong-kong-customs-arrests-2-teenagers-seizes-hk110>

23 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (500 tons)/ Three Cargo Vessels/ To China/ Off Lvsu Port, Nantong, China/ DB280322

On March 23, the local authorities opened a case of smuggled frozen goods, seized 3 ships, and arrested 20 persons involved.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.163.com/dy/article/H3EV9AS00552ADWT.html>

19 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (22 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Pulau Buaya, Kota Batam, Indonesia/ DB280322

The smuggling of 22 kilograms of methamphetamine from Malaysia to South Sumatra was successfully thwarted by local authorities in the waters of Pulau Buaya, Batam City.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kompas.tv/article/272010/dari-malaysia-ke-sumsel-22-kilogram-sabu-diselundup-lewat-perairan-pulau-buaya-batam>

08 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (23 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Banyuasih, Banten, Indonesia/ DB280322

The local authorities managed to thwart the delivery of a 23kg package of methamphetamine from an international network that entered from the coast of Banten, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.merdeka.com/peristiwa/polisi-gagalkan-penyelundupan-23-kg-sabu-kemasan-teh-china-di-pandeglang.html>

11 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (296 Boxes)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Guangdong, China/ DB280322

On January 11, the local authorities successfully seized a case of smuggled frozen goods in a cargo ship "disguised" as a transport ship and seized one ship.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sohu.com/a/516359618_100116740

26 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (36,000 Sticks)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Semporna, Malaysia/ DB290322

The local authorities intercepted an attempt to smuggle in 36,000 sticks of contraband cigarettes in the waters of Kg Alor.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/189631/mmea-foils-bid-to-smuggle-in-contraband-cigarettes/>

26 Mar - Wildlife/ Lobster Seed (138,000)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ off Riau Island, Indonesia/ DB290322

The local authorities thwarted an attempt to smuggle 138,000 sand lobster and pearl lobster seeds worth Rp14 billion (US \$974,794) into Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/222153/riau-islands-customs-thwarts-smuggling-of-lobster-seeds-into-singapore>

22 Mar 22 - Natural Resources/ Red Sanders (10.23 tonnes)/ Container Vessel/ From India to UAE/ Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB290322

The local authorities seized red sanders worth over Rs 5 crore (US \$672,000) in Chennai Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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<https://www.dtnext.in/News/City/2022/03/23025810/1359393/Red-sanders-worth-Rs-511-crore-seized-at-Chennai-port.vpf>

23 Mar 22 - Fuel/ Marine Gas Oil/ Tug/ To Singapore/ Sembawang, Singapore/ DB300322

Ten men have been arrested for their suspected involvement in an illegal transaction of marine gas oil, said the local authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/10-men-arrested-illegal-marine-gas-oil-transaction-sembawang-shipyard-2585196>

10 Mar 22 - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (114 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Huilai, Guangdong Province, China/ DB300322

The local authorities seized a case of suspected smuggled of frozen products in Huilai waters, seized one ship involved, and seized about 114 tons of suspected smuggled frozen products.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://news.foodmate.net/2022/03/624644.html>

26 Mar 22 - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (70 tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Dadongyu Island, Ningde, China/ DB300322

The local authorities seized frozen goods smuggled by sea, arrested four people involved, and seized 70 tons of frozen goods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1728605943154652752&wfr=spider&for=pc>

26 Mar 22 - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (200 litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Sorong City, West Papua, Indonesia/ DB300322

The local authorities managed to thwart the smuggling of 200 litres of local liquor Cap Tikus. This liquor was found by local authorities on board the KM Tatamailau ship docked at Sorong Harbor.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kapabar.com/2022/03/26/polsek-kawasan-pelabuhan-sorong-temukan-200-liter-ct-tak-bertuan/>

22 Mar 22 - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,099,800 sticks)/ Vehicle Carrier/ Domestic Smuggling/ Barru Harbour, Makassar City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB300322

The local authorities thwarted the circulation of 1,099,800 illegal cigarettes that were about to enter Sulawesi Island.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.jpnn.com/news/bea-cukai-amankan-sejuta-rokok-ilegal-saat-dibuka-tulisannya-mengejutkan>

28 Mar 22 - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (200 Tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Shandong Weihai, China/ DB300322

The local authorities cracked a smuggling case at sea, seized more than 200 tons of suspected smuggled frozen products, 1 ship suspected of smuggling and arrested 5 persons involved in the case.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0328/1513.html

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/LIRJf2Rxo?pagetype=profilefeed>

28 Mar 22 - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (80 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ Weizhou Island, Guangxi, China/ DB300322

The local authorities seized six suspected smuggled cases of frozen goods worth more than eight million yuan (US \$1,257,031).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.gmw.cn/baijia/2022-03/29/35619751.html>

30 Mar 22 - Domestic and Chemical Products/ Herbs (1828kg Dried Turmeric, 137kg Cardamom and 134 bottles Herbicide)/ Small Boat/ Off Kayts Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB310322

The local authorities managed to seize about 1828kg of dried turmeric, 137kg of cardamom and 134 bottles of herbicide, attempted to be smuggled into the island.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/03/30/202203301115/>

28 Mar 22 - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB310322

The local authorities arrested a drug dealer in the Pesalai area with a stock of nearly 5kg of crystal methamphetamine worth over 50 million rupees (US \$659,783.50).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_22A/Mar28_1648484143CH.php

24 Mar 22 - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (690 Master Cases)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Philippines/ Hagonoy, Philippines/ DB310322

The port of Davao has confiscated P20 million (US \$384,690) worth of smuggled cigarettes in Hagonoy, Davao del Sur.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1575037/p20m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-by-customs-in-port-of-davao>

28 Mar 22 - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (14 Master Cases)/ Wooden Boat/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB310322

The local authorities in Zamboanga City intercepted a motor pump boat loaded with smuggled cigarettes and arrest three suspects onboard in the seawaters off Brgy Marikit, Zamboanga City.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

24 Mar 22 - Natural Resources/ Timber Wood (24 Tons)/ Two Unknown Vessels/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Off Sittwe District, Myanmar/ DB010422

Two timber smuggling boats were fired upon by the military in Pauktaw Township, Sittwe District.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

IFC-IOR

<http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/524189>

30 Mar 22 - Natural Resources/ Sea Sand (27,500 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Baoshan, China/ DB010422

The local authorities seized a case of illegal transportation of sea sand, detained one ship involved in the case, and arrested 17 persons involved in the case.

IFC Comments:

The publishing date of this report is used as the actual incident date is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0330/1525.html

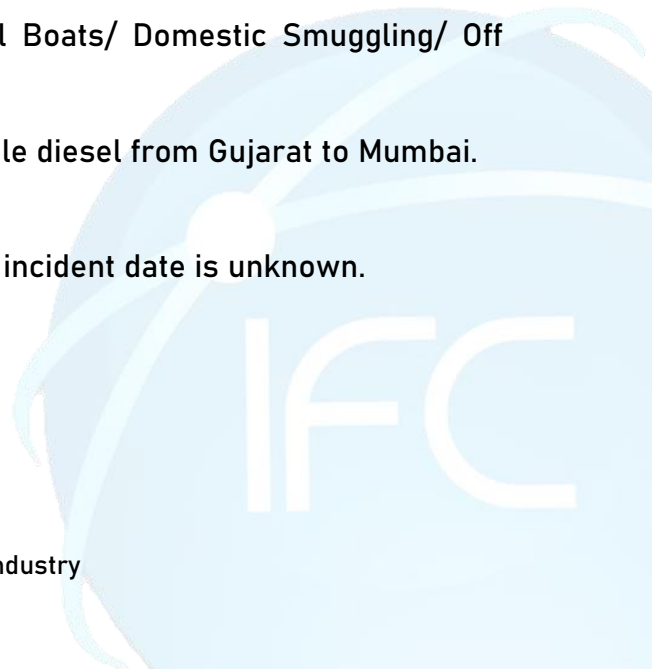
<https://weibo.com/6586732953/Lmah13QrO?pagetype=profilefeed>

29 Mar 22 - Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ Two Small Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB010422

The local authorities busted a gang that used to smuggle diesel from Gujarat to Mumbai.

IFC Comments:

The publishing date of this report is used as the actual incident date is unknown.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dailyindia.net/thousands-of-liters-of-diesel-found-from-fishing-boat-smuggling-gang-busted/170162/>

<https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/crime/2-gujarat-fishermen-nabbed-by-mumbai-police-for-smuggling-diesel-worth-rs-80-lakh-article-90545541>

31 Mar 22 - Drug/ Cannabis (66.6 kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Kovilan Point Lighthouse, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB010422

A special operation conducted by local authorities in seas off Kovilan Point Lighthouse in Jaffna led to the seizure of a large amount of cannabis.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/03/31/202203311615/>

31 Mar 22 - Fuel/ Kerosene (5.5 tons)/ Small Boat/ To Indonesia/ Off Tanjung Boleng, West Manggarai Regency, Indonesia/ DB010422

The local authorities found a ship carrying 5.5 tons of kerosene fuel without official documents in the waters of Rangko Cave. The crew had immediately jumped into the sea when the military vessel approached.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maluku.inews.id/berita/tni-al-labuan-bajo-temukan-kapal-bawa-55-ton-minyak-tanah-ilegal-abk-loncat-ke-laut>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

23 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Six Indonesian Migrants to Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Near Kampung Punggai, Malaysia/ DB280322

Six foreign immigrants had been arrested for illegal entry via uncharted waters near Kampung Punggai, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/03/23/six-undocumented-migrants-nabbed-by-armed-forces>

25 Mar - Human Smuggling/ One Indonesian Migrant Going from Indonesia to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Sebatik Island, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB280322

The local authorities successfully failed the attempt of an unlicensed immigrant who tried to infiltrate the country through Tawau waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/473609587888476>

25 Mar - Human Smuggling/ 38 Indonesian Migrants Going From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Kampung Parit Baru Sungai Air Tawar, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB280322

The plan of 38 unauthorized immigrants of working in Malaysia was thwarted when they were arrested by authorities in the palm oil farm at Kampung Parit Baru Sungai Air Tawar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/473608724555229>

26 Mar - Human Smuggling/23 Solomon Island Migrants going from Solomon Islands to Papua New Guinea/ Off Buka, Papua New Guinea/ DB290322

The local authorities have arrested 23 suspects who crossed the border between Solomon Islands (SI) and Papua New Guinea over the weekend.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/23-solomon-islanders-arrested-in-buka-for-illegal-border-crossing/>

28 March 22 - Human Smuggling/ 14 Indonesian Migrants Going To Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Jalan Banting-Sepang, Malaysia/ DB300322

14 unauthorised immigrants were detained after being found hiding in a bush near Jalan Banting-Sepang, Morib, Selangor on 28 March.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/195033/BERITA/Semasa/Dua-tekong-14-PATI-sembunyi-dalam-semak-diberkas?fbclid=IwAR08Gl8mPJA4TCBnNuA1zHzqj_W-tM4z5h7_P_NyX-PKQRFTEkHffIfFyt4

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/475665851016183>

28 Mar 22 – Human Smuggling/ 43 Indonesian Migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Sungai Janggut, Malaysia/ DB300322

An attempt to bring 43 illegal immigrants by boat to Malaysia was thwarted when they were caught by the local authorities in Sungai Janggut, Kapar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/195062/BERITA/Semasa/Gagal-seludup-masuk-43-PATI-warga-Indonesia?fbclid=IwAR3N0s5YJaclvOdiHyEHPG-lqBbg4dVDP0Do_Zimecmfsw71CR3dL-6-D7Q

18 Mar 22 – Human Smuggling/ Five Filipino Migrants Going To Indonesia/ Small Boat/ Tanjung Buton, Siak, Riau, Indonesia/ DB310322

The local authorities arrested five Filipino foreign nationals because they did not enter Indonesia through the official channel of the Head of the Regional Office of the Riau Ministry of Law and Human Rights.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/716145/174/5-wna-filipina-diamankan-imigrasi-masuk-indonesia-lewat-jalur-ilegal-1647551039?showpage=all>

25 Mar 22 – Human Smuggling/ 57 Rohingya and One Bangladeshi Migrants Going From Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB310322

The local authorities rescued 57 Rohingyas, and a Bangladeshi national, off the Ukhiya Chepatkhali coast in Cox's Bazar while being trafficked to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

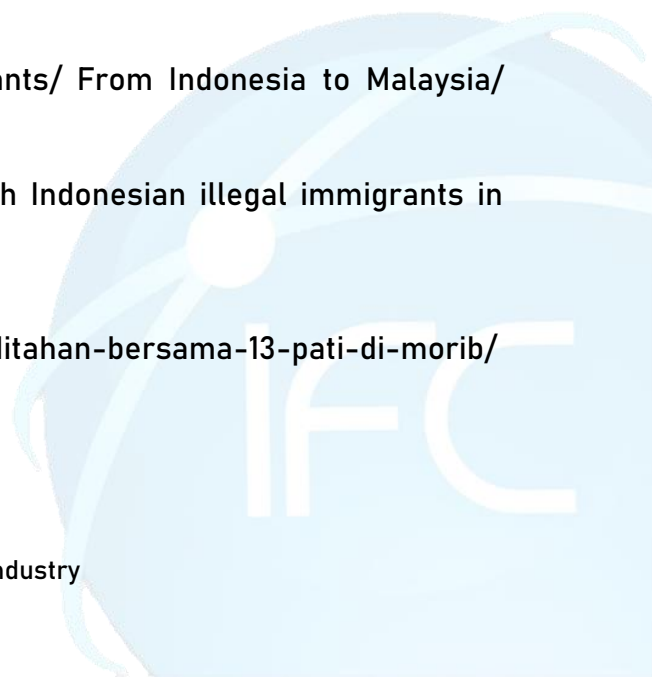
<https://www.dhakatribune.com/nation/2022/03/29/1200-rohingyas-on-way-to-bhasan-char>

31 Mar 22 – Human Smuggling/ 13 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Jalan Banting, Malaysia/ DB010422

A local skipper was among those detained along with Indonesian illegal immigrants in Jalan Banting heading to Sepang.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2022/03/31/3-tekong-darat-ditahan-bersama-13-pati-di-morib/>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

21 Mar - MARPOL/ Solid/ Coal from Stranded Barge/ Woodman 37 Barge/ Damage to Local Marine Life/ Off Masalembu Island, East Java, Indonesia/ DB290322

A ship carrying coal was stranded in the waters of Masalembu Island, East Java, Indonesia. This incident made the waters around the location turn black.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20220324130528-20-775594/kapal-pengangkut-batu-bara-terdampar-perairan-masalembu-menghitam>

29 Mar 22 - MARPOL/ Liquid/ Diesel Fuel Oil/ Underwater Pipe/ Local Sea Contamination/ Off Balongan Village, West Java, Indonesia/ DB310322

Bubbles of diesel oil that come out of the sea can be seen floating around off Balongan Village in Indonesia. It is confirmed that they are coming from a leak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.depokpos.com/2022/03/pipa-minyak-up-6-pertamina-bocor-nelayan-balongan-menjerit/>

29 Mar 22 - Wildlife/ Turtle Organs/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Kampung Bangau, Malaysia/ DB010422

The local authorities successfully foiled an attempt to kill and sell turtle organs in Kampung Bangau-bangau.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO shared that these turtles are protected species in Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

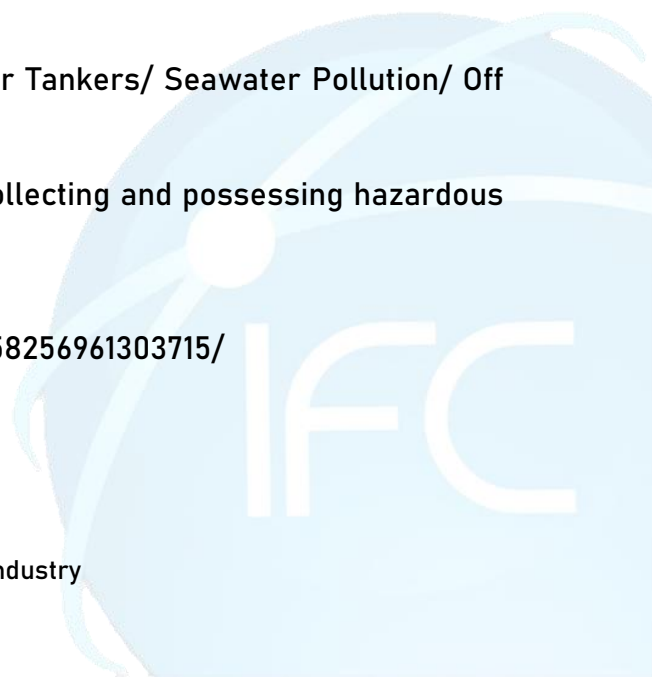
<https://www.airtimes.my/2022/03/30/polis-marin-gagalkan-penjualan-organ-penyu-di-semporna-1/>

29 Mar 22 - MARPOL/ Liquid/ Sewage from Two Motor Tankers/ Seawater Pollution/ Off Navotas City, Philippines/ DB010422

The local authorities arrested eight men involved in collecting and possessing hazardous waste materials in the seawaters of Navotas City.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/146098862519537/posts/1358256961303715/>



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

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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.



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