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



For the period of 01 - 07 Jan, 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)	28	5-12
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	5	13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	8	14-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	2	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	18
Others	0	19

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

06 Jan - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / KIEN SAN 1 and KIEN SAN 8/ Tug and barge/ Malaysia-flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait / DB 070122

1. POCC informed that Malaysia-flagged tug towing barge, KIEN SAN 1, reported three unauthorised personnel boarded the barge, KIEN SAN 8 when transiting along Westbound lane of TSS (01 12.80 N 103 33.47E) on 061138 (UTC +8) Jan 22.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: KIEN SAN 1
- b. Callsign: 9WDT7
- c. IMO: 9218600
- d. MMSI: 533002870
- e. Flag: Kuching., Malaysia
- f. Type: Tug
- g. Ship Owner: Kien San Metal Sdn Bhd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Kien San Metal Sdn Bhd
- i. NPOC: Info Gap

3. All crew accounted for and safe, and tug master reported nothing stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in Penang, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC

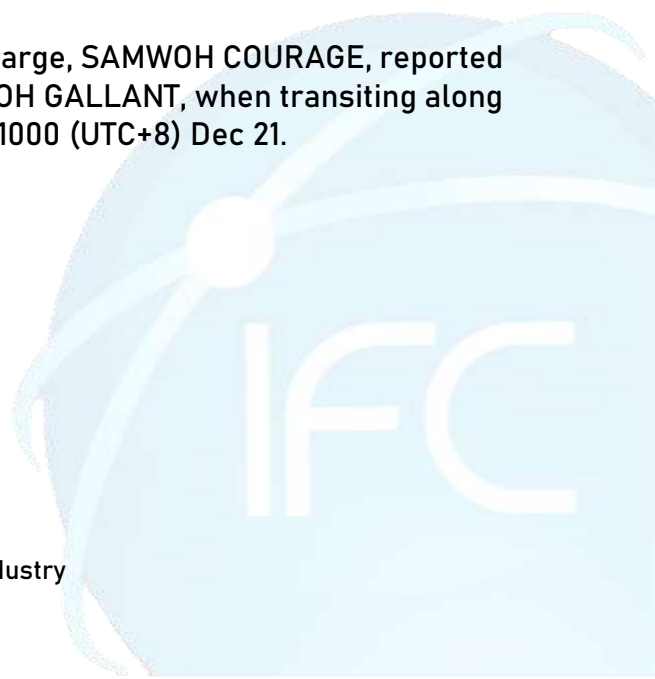
Out of Reporting Period:

31 Dec - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury/ SAMWOH COURAGE & SAMWOH GALLANT / Tug and Barge/ Singapore-flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait / DB040122

1. POCC informed that a Singapore-flagged tug towing barge, SAMWOH COURAGE, reported one unauthorised personnel boarded the barge, SAMWOH GALLANT, when transiting along Westbound Lane of TSS (1°11'16.2"N 103°33'03.0"E) on 311000 (UTC+8) Dec 21.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: SAMWOH COURAGE
- b. Callsign: 9V7615
- c. IMO: 9503328
- d. MMSI: 563011450
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Tug
- g. Ship Owner: Samwoh Group



- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Samwoh Shipping Pte Ltd
- i. NPOC: Indonesia

3. All crew are safe and accounted for, and no items were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in Indonesia.

**IFC Comments:**

RFI has been sent to the ship company for evidence of the boarding and incident details. This is the 49<sup>th</sup> incident that occurred in the Singapore Strait.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

POCC

09 Dec - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury/ BARLIAN 1299 & BS 2102/ Tug and Barge/ Singapore-flagged/ Underway/ Baung, Bangka Strait, Indonesia / DB040122

1. IFC received information that a Singapore-flagged tug towing barge, reported unknown numbers of unauthorised personnel boarded the barge, BS 2102, when transiting towards Baung Bangka Strait, Indonesia (1°42'29"S 104°51.28"E) on 090230 (UTC+8) Dec 21.

**2. Vessel Details:**

- a. Name: BARLIAN 1299 & BS 2102
- b. Callsign: 9V7070
- c. IMO: 9431795
- d. MMSI: 563011450
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Tug
- g. Ship Owner: QSA Marine & Logistics PTE LTD
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: QSA Marine & Logistics PTE LTD
- i. NPOC: Indonesia

3. All crew were reported safe. It was found that two wooden boats were alongside the barge. Seven crates of cargoes on board the barge containing machinery parts were opened and items inside were reported missing. The vessel does not require any assistance and continued her voyage to NPOC in Indonesia.

**IFC Comments:**

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

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

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

POCC



**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

06 Jan - Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Eight Rescued/ Off Seogwipo, Jeju Province, ROK/ DB070121

Eight were rescued after a general cargo ship collided with a fishing vessel off Seogwipo, Jeju Province, ROK on 06 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/01/06/korean-fv-sinking-after-collision-with-freighter-crew-rescued-east-china-sea/>

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/?4546602>

05 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Saumlaki Harbor, Tanimbar Islands, Timor sea, Indonesia/ DB070122

A general cargo ship capsized off Saumlaki Harbor, Tanimbar Islands, Timor sea, Indonesia due to bad weather on 05 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/01/05/coaster-sank-at-port-entrance-caught-in-storm-15-crew-swam-to-shore-indonesia/>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12358693/casualties#322900>

05 Jan - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Anambas, Indonesia/ DB060122

A man was rescued after he fell overboard from a container ship off Anambas, Indonesia on 05 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Indonesia Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre

Indonesia Maritime Coordination Centre

<https://ulasan.co/seorang-abk-kapal-kargo-cnc-neptune-jatuh-di-perairan-anambas/>

04 Jan - Sunk-Capsized / Collision / Bulk Carrier vs Fishing Vessel/ Five Missing/ SAR/ Off Wenzhou, China/ DB060122

Five crew went missing after their fishing vessel collided with a bulk carrier and sank off Wenzhou, China on 04 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/01/05/fishing-vessel-sank-after-collision-with-bulker-all-crew-missing-east-china-sea/>

<https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202201/05/WS61d52c78a310cdd39bc7f38c.html>

04 Jan – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ Jalan Ahmad Yani, Karimun, Indonesia/ DB060122

A general cargo ship allided with a sheet piling at Jalan Ahmad Yani, Karimun, Indonesia on 04 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Damai-Sejahtera-5-8531196.html>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/13145330/casualties#322885>

04 Jan – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Boat/ One Dead, 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maluku, Indonesia/ DB060122

One died and 16 were rescued after their passenger boat capsized off Maluku, Indonesia due to bad weather on 04 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Indonesia Maritime Coordination Centre

<https://www.orasirakyat.com/2022/01/longboat-liliana-terbalik-di-perairan.html>

<https://siwalimanews.com/longboat-terbalik-satu-penumpang-meninggal/>

04 Jan – Violent Confrontation/ Fishery Disputes/ Fishermen vs Fishermen/ Off Vizag City, Visakhapatnam, India/ DB050122

On 04 Jan, a clash broke out between fishermen of Chinajalaripeta and Pedajalaripeta areas in Vizag City over the use of fishing nets in the restricted area in the Bay of Bengal.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/visakhapatnam/vizag-clash-over-use-of-ring-nets-group-sets-fishing-boat-on-fire/articleshow/88687142.cms>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Jan – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, One Missing/ SAR/ Off Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB060122

One died and one went missing after a fishing vessel went missing off Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia on 01 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/05/one-angler-found-drowned-another-still-missing-off-kudat>

03 Jan – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Two Fishing Vessels/ SAR/ Kerala, India/ DB050122

Blaze engulfed two fishing boats berthed near Malinakara Bridge, Kochi late on 03 Jan. At least one among the boats got almost fully gutted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/fishing-boats-catch-fire-no-one-injured/articleshow/88676694.cms>

03 Jan - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB050122

A tug vessel lost its tow rope while towing a multipurpose Offshore vessel on 03 Jan. The two ships involved were in Vietnamese waters and had lost their tugs due to bad weather and drifted into Malaysian waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/288381426648923>  
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12264169/casualties#322807>

03 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Missing/ SAR/ Off V.Fuhsaru, Maldives/ DB050122

Local authorities revealed that a fishing vessel sank late night on 03 Jan and three crew members on the boat are missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/71546>

03 Jan - Others/ Cause Unknown/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Lambidan, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB050122

Local authorities coordinated a SAR operation following a man suspected of drowning in the waters of Lambidan, Sabah on 03 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

02 Jan - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB050122

Local authorities successfully coordinated and rescued seven stranded fishermen from a fishing vessel which experienced engine failure away from Chennai on 02 Jan. The rescue operations began on 31 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/indian-coast-guard-operations-save-seven-fishermen-stranded-at-high-seas-1895445-2022-01-03>  
<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2022/01/03/body-of-last-victim-in-boat-capsized-tragedy-found/>  
<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/indian-coast-guard-operations-save-seven-fishermen-stranded-at-high-seas/ar-AASnwFO>  
[https://twitter.com/Def\\_PRO\\_Chennai/status/1477907798537097217](https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1477907798537097217)



01 Jan – Missing/ Unknown Cause/ Unknown Vessel/ 14 Missing/ SAR/ Off Gizo, Solomon Islands/ DB050122

Local authorities conducted a search and rescue after fourteen people went missing at sea in Solomon Islands after a boat, they were travelling in failed to reach its destination.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/459030/fourteen-people-are-missing-at-sea-in-solomon-islands>

28 Dec - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ship/ Off Maluku Province, Indonesia/ DB050122

78 passengers were evacuated after the passenger ship ran aground on 28 Dec. However, they are unable to unload them yet due to the strong current and position of the vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12354771/casualties#322612>

27 Nov – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gaadhoo Island, Maldives/ DB050122

On 27 Nov, local authorities rescued two personnel from an uninhabited island off Gaadhoo Island, Maldives. Reportedly, the two personnel went missing from a small dinghy on the same day and were stranded in the lagoon area due to the low tide.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/ifc-ior/IFC\\_IOR\\_MMSU\\_NOV\\_2021.pdf](https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/ifc-ior/IFC_IOR_MMSU_NOV_2021.pdf)

27 Nov – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 32 Rescued/ Off Fares-Maathodaa Island, Maldives/ DB050122

On 27 Nov, a fishing vessel with 32 crew members onboard ran aground North-East of Fares-Maathodaa Island, Maldives. The crew members were rescued by two fishing vessels in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/ifc-ior/IFC\\_IOR\\_MMSU\\_NOV\\_2021.pdf](https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/ifc-ior/IFC_IOR_MMSU_NOV_2021.pdf)

02 Jan – Sunk-Capsized / Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Segenting, Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB040122

Five Indonesians were plucked to safety after the wooden boat they were sank in coastal waters near Batu Pahat on 2 January.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/mmea-rescues-five-indonesians-in-waters-off-batu-pahat-LY8717379>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2039716>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/287170926769973>  
<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/02/five-indonesians-rescue-by-mmea-after-boat-capsizes>

01 Jan – MEDEVAC/ Electric Shock/ One Rescued/ SAR / Off Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia/ DB040122

Local authorities rescued a crew who suffered an electric shock onboard a merchant ship off Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia on 01 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/286420146845051>  
<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2039447>

01 Jan – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Two Dead, One Missing, Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB040122

Two children were found dead while one remains missing after a boat capsized in the Tawau district on Jan 1 evening.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/02/two-children-dead-one-missing-after-boat-capsizes-in-tawau>

31 Dec – MEDEVAC/ Deteriorating Health/ One Rescued/ SAR / Off K.Boduhithi, Maldives/ DB040122

Local authorities evacuated a man aboard sea vessel which was returning to Male', K.Boduhithi on 31 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article.php?article=3775>

30 Dec – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Four Dead / SAR / off Pulau Buloh, Kepulauan Sembilan, Malaysia /DB040122

Four bodies, three female and one male, were found floating at a location 14.2 nautical miles west of Pulau Buloh, Kepulauan Sembilan, near Pulau Pangkor in Lumut on Dec 30.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/30/four-bodies-found-floating-near-pulau-pangkor>  
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/285247486962317>

29 Dec – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ Kulur Village, Saparua, Indonesia/ DB040122

Passenger vessel ran aground on Dec 28, 2021, after being hit by waves and strong winds when about to dock.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp.layur-8505109.html>

29 Dec – Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Engine Failure/ Tug/ South China Sea/ DB040122

Local authorities reported that a tug, with six crew members on board, reportedly disabled and drifting due to engine failure in the South China Sea, on December 29.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/392995/casualties#322610>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/317DAERYONG-9047594.html>

29 Dec – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ferry/ Off Kandang Lunik Island, Lampung, Indonesia DB040122

On Dec 29, a passenger ferry ran aground with 342 passengers and 97 vehicles on board off the uninhabited Kandang Lunik Island, Lampung, serving the Bakauheni Sumatra – Merak Java route.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Hanilcarferry1-9031521.html>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/30/ferry-with-some-350-passengers-aground-on-uninhabited-island/>

28 Dec – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, India/ DB040122

Local authorities rescued local civilians from drowning close to the Kavaratti island harbour mouth in Lakshadweep, a defence release said on 28 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indian-navy-rescues-3-civilians-from-drowning-in-lakshadweep-2679366>

28 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Punta Bilar, Surigao Del Norte, Philippines/ DB040122

Local authorities rescued three fishermen on board a fishing vessel that capsized at the vicinity waters off Barangay Punta Bilar, Surigao Del Norte, Philippines on 28 December 2021.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=292763449555681&set=pcb.292764532888906>

20 Dec – Mechanical Failure/ Generators Malfunction/ Containership Ship/ Male, Maldives/ DB040122

Container ship was disabled on Dec 20 at 395 nm SW of Male, Maldives, while en route from Nacala Mozambique to either Mundra or Dubai, with ETA Dec 22.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/01/01/cma-cgm-container-ship-under-tow-after-11-day-drift-indian-ocean/>

Information Updates:

01 Jan - Missing/ Unknown Cause/ Small Boat/ One Dead, 13 Missing/ SAR/ Off Gizo, Solomon Islands/ DB070122  
(Information Update to DB050122)

Updated that a female body was found on 4 Jan 22 near Zinoa Island, Vouza in Choiseul Province, and northwest of the Solomons capital Honiara.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/459135/body-found-in-search-for-missing-14-in-solomons>

03 Jan - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB060122  
(Information Update to DB050122)

Updated that the tug has been towed to a safe location by the local authorities

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/288866753267057>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/05/039ghost-ship039-risk-to-petronas-oil-rig-now-under-tow>

<https://www.theedgemarkets.com/article/ghost-ship-risk-petronas-oil-rig-now-under-tow>

03 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off V.Fuhsaru, Maldives/ DB060122  
(Information Update to DB050122)

Updated that the two Bangladeshi men had been rescued on 5 Jan 21 and the Maldivian boat captain remains missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/71569>

<https://avas.mv/en/112394>

01 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Three Dead, Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB050122  
(Information Update to DB040122)

Updated on the body of the last victim of the boat tragedy involving six siblings in Batu Payung on 31 Dec was found.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2022/01/03/body-of-last-victim-in-boat-capsized-tragedy-found/>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/03/boat-capsized-in-tawau-last-victim-found>

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2022/01/03/body-of-last-victim-found-after-boat-capsized-in-tawau/2032694>

27 Dec - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ Off Silaqui Island, Bolinao Town, Pangasinan, Philippines/ DB040122

(Information Update from DB301221)

Updated the name of the vessels and provided an account of the incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/292739602891399>



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

### Out of Reporting Period:

03 Jan – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB050122

Local authorities arrested two local fishermen with 20 sets of dragon traps southwest of Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak on 03 Jan.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/271233741697025>

### Information Updates:

24 Dec – Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ North Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB050122  
(Information Update to 291221)

Updated the location of the incident.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/12/26/indonesia-seizes-vietnamese-boat-accused-of-illegal-fishing>

<https://www.niaga.asia/bakamla-ri-tangkap-kapal-vietnam-curi-ikan-di-laut-natuna-utara/>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

05 Jan – Fuel/ Diesel (2,000 litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Satun, Thailand/ DB070122

Local authorities seized 2,000 litres of diesel from a small boat off Satun, Thailand on 05 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Thai-MECC 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Command

04 Jan – Drugs/ Ketum Leaves (5 tonnes)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling / Off Kuala Kedah Estuary, Malaysia/ DB060122

Local authorities foiled an attempt to smuggle out 5 tonnes of ketum leaves off Kuala Kedah Estuary, Malaysia on 04 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
[https://www.bernama.com/en/crime\\_courts/news.php?id=2040621](https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2040621)

Out of Reporting Period:

30 Dec – Drugs/ Meth (193kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Australia/ Bangkok Port, Thailand/ DB050122

Authorities have seized crystal meth stuffed inside boxing punching bags bound for Australia, officials said on 30 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2236807/customs-officers-seize-b1-2bn-of-crystal-meth-hidden-in-punching-bags>

29 Dec – Domestic Products/ Frozen Meat (32 tonnes)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Lantau Island, Hong Kong/ DB050122

On 29 Dec, Local authorities detected a suspected cargo vessel smuggling case. About 32 tonnes of suspected smuggled frozen meat were seized in Lantau Island.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication\\_press/press/index\\_id\\_3367.html](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3367.html)

23 Dec – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (21 million sticks)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off San Tin, Yuen Long, Hong Kong/ DB050122

On 23 Dec, Local authorities seized about 21 million suspected illicit cigarettes found in two 40-foot containers in Yuen Long. Two men were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication\\_press/press/index\\_id\\_3364.html](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3364.html)

31 Dec - Wildlife/ Sea Turtles (32 Turtles)/ Three Fishing Vessels/ Off Bali, Indonesia/ DB040122

Local authorities seized 32 sea turtles from three fishing vessels off Bali, Indonesia on 31 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/12/31/navy-seizes-32-sea-turtles-off-bali-halting-smuggling-operation>

30 Dec - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (3560kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Hong Kong/ Off Cheung Chau, Hong Kong/ DB040122

Local authorities seized 3560kg of sea cucumber on 30 Dec off Cheung Chau, Hong Kong from an unknown vessel from Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/12/31/hong-kong-customs-officers-seize-hk17-million-worth-of-contraband-sea-cucumber-arrest-seven>

29 Dec - Tobacco/ Vape liquid (593 Bottles)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Sungai Golok , Malaysia/ DB040122

Local authorities seized 593 bottles of vape liquid from an unknown vessel off Sungai Golok, Malaysia on 29 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.bernama.com/en/crime\\_courts/news.php?id=2038488](https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2038488)





## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

05 Jan – Human Smuggling/ Six Filipino Migrants Going to Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB070122

Local authorities turned away six Filipino migrants off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia on 05 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/06/undocumented-migrants-turned-back-from-sabah-waters>

<https://www.facebook.com/100064435706713/posts/286710523486802/?d=n>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Dec – Human Smuggling/ Two Myanmar Migrants Going to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB060122

Local authorities caught a boat operator for attempting to traffic two Myanmar migrants off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia on 24 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2022/01/760190/perlis-boat-operator-charged-trafficking-migrants-nsttv>

Information Updates:

26 Dec - Human Smuggling/ 105 Rohingya Migrants/ Wooden Boat/ Off Aceh, Indonesia/ DB040122

(Information Update from DB291221)

The Indonesian government allowed for the safe disembarkation of 105 Rohingya refugees who had been adrift. The eight men, 50 women and 47 children who disembarked on Thursday evening.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/30/drugs-worth-almost-rm1bil-seized-from-jan-to-nov-says-deputy-igp>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/world/news.php?id=2039147>

05 Jan – Human Smuggling/ Six Filipino Migrants Going to Malaysia/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB070122

Local authorities turned away six Filipino migrants off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia on 05 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/01/06/undocumented-migrants-turned-back-from-sabah-waters>

<https://www.facebook.com/100064435706713/posts/286710523486802/?d=n>



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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.



## 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.

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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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