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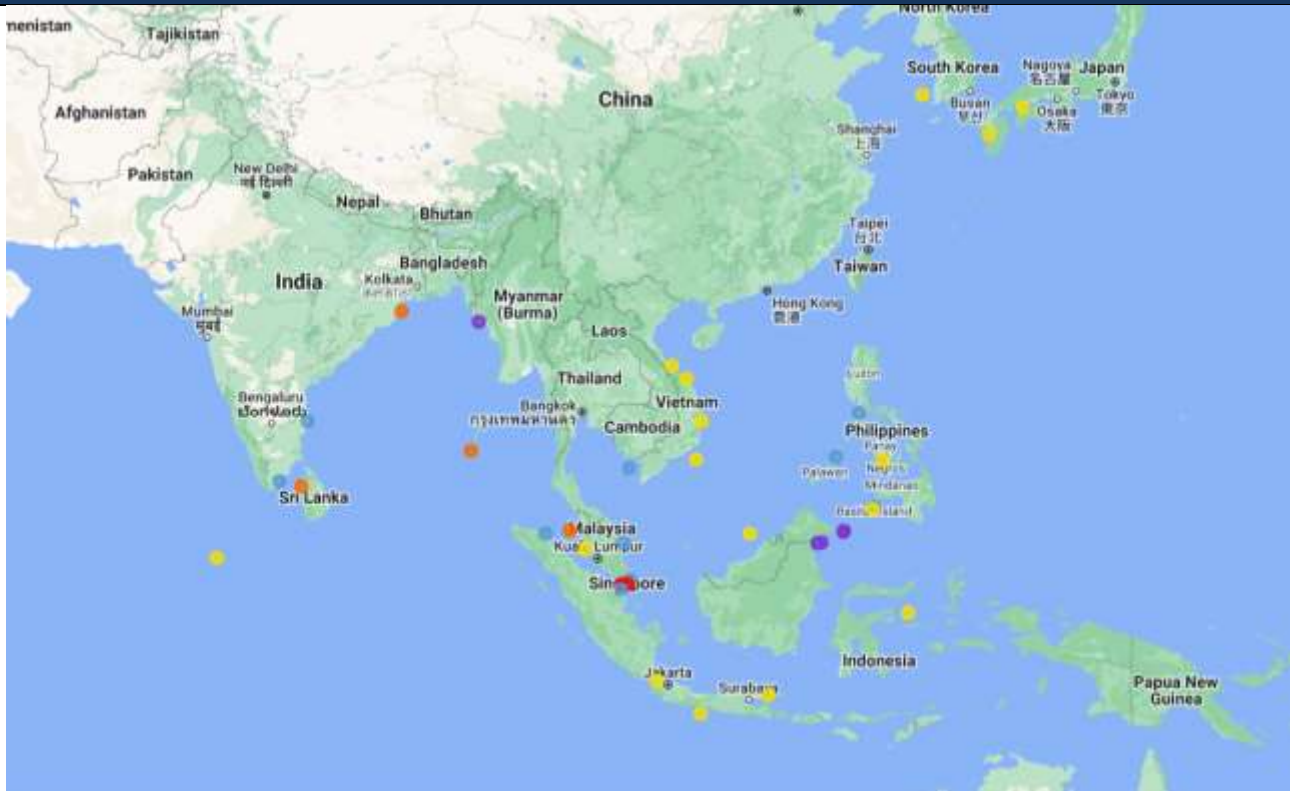
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## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 04 Feb – 10 Feb 23, 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)	2	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	22	5-10
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	10	11-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	15	14-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	9	18-20
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	22
Others	0	0	23

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

### Information Updates:

01 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB090223

It has been updated that personnel from Malaysia Coast Guard went onboard the barge to investigate and collected statement from ship master.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

03 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ Underway/ Phillip Channel/ DB080223

It has been updated that it is a sea robbery instead of sea theft.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

### Incidents:

08 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB090223

1. POCC informed that a Singapore-Flagged Tug sighted unknown number of perpetrators boarded the barge she was towing when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, in Singapore Strait (1°11'29.4"N 103° 52'24.0"E) on 8 Feb 23 at 1730 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and some scrap metal were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her next port Kuantan, Malaysia

### IFC Comments:

RFI COY for details

This is the 7th Incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2023. The last incident was on 3rd Feb 2023.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

04 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft, No injury/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Island Flagged/ Off Pulau Karimun Kecil, Malacca Strait/ DB060223

1. POCC informed that a Marshall Islands- Flagged Bulk carrier, reported at four perpetrators inside steering gear compartment of the vessel at (01°11'24.0"N 103°24'00.0"E) on 4 Feb 2023 at 0130 (UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and nothing was reported stolen yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to the NPOC, Singapore

IFC Comments:

RFI to COY on 4th Feb

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Information Updates:

06 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 68 Rescued/ SAR/ Basilan, Philippines/ DB100223  
(Information Update on DB080223)

It has been updated that there were 68 people rescued and PCG had deploy forces to rescue the vessel.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/02/05/nine-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-in-south-korea>  
<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20230207008000054?input=1195m>

05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Dead, 4 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Sinan County, ROK/ DB0980223

It has been updated that there were 5 dead and 4 missing.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/02/05/nine-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-in-south-korea>  
<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20230207008000054?input=1195m>

05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Dead, 6 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Sinan County, ROK/ DB0780223  
(Information Update on DB060223)

ROK authorities stated that the cause of the incident was water ingress into the vessel's machinery spaces and updated that the bodies of three of the missing crew members had been recovered.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/02/05/nine-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-in-south-korea>

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 2 Cargo Vessels/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Kurushima Strait, Japan/ DB070223  
(Information Update on DB060223)

It was updated that the body of one of the missing crew has been recovered.

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

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Seiryu-135576.html>

Incidents:

09 Feb - Missing/ Lost at Sea/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Makian Island Waters, Indonesia/ DB100223

On 9 Feb, a fishing vessel went missing off Makian Island Waters, Indonesia. There was one missing and SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://infopublik.id/kategori/nusantara/710033/hilang-saat-melaut-nelayan-asal-makian-dicari-tim-rescue-basarnas?video=>

08 Feb - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, a fishing vessel went missing due to equipment failure off Phuket, Thailand with four missing and three rescued. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/phuket/phuket-fishing-crew-missing-since-last-month>

08 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nellore District, India/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Nellore District, India. SAR was conducted and nine were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/nellore-9-people-stranded-in-sea-rescued-chennayapalem-beach-2331849-2023-02-08>

08 Feb - Violent Confrontation/ Fishery Dispute/ Unknown Fishing Vessels/ Idinthakarai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, a fishery dispute took place between fishing vessels off Idinthakarai, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/country-bombs-hurled-on-mechanised-boats-in-sea/article66485910.ece>

08 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ Subukin Port, Philippines/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, a tug sunk due to bad weather in Subukin port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1727838/motor-tug-sinks-in-batangas-causing-oil-spill-pcg>

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid07VKwxEZPW1gBDarv7tJrH9NHTUJhT3hwXK8JcHTxecFjxkTSGGrdsbo97iM9VPuvl>

08 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cua Tung, Viet Nam/ DB090223

On 8 Feb, a fishing vessel collided with rocks due to bad weather off Cua Tung, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and 10 people were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vtv.vn/phap-luat/quang-tri-cuu-ho-kip-thoi-tau-ca-cung-10-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-20230208164950727.htm>

07 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang, Viet Nam/ DB090223

On 7 Feb, a fishing vessel collided with a cargo vessel off Da Nang, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted with one dead and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/chim-tau-ca-tren-bien-da-nang-1-ngu-dan-tu-vong-post458645.html>

07 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ Dhiggaru, Maldives/ DB080223

On 7 Feb, a small boat exploded off Dhiggaru, Maldives and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/80833>

06 Feb - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Widarapayung Coast, Indonesia/ DB080223

On 6 Feb, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Widarapayung Coast, Indonesia with one dead, one missing and three rescued. SAR is currently ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/02/07/195018978/update-kapal-ikan-hilang-kontak-di-perairan-cilacap-1-abk-ditemukan-tewas>

06 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 28 Rescued/ SAR/ Basilan, Philippines/ DB080223

On 6 Feb, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 28 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1726749/navy-rescues-crew-passengers-from-stalled-boat-off-basilan>



<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1194625>

06 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Kotsuku Island, Japan/ DB070223

On 6 Feb, a cargo vessel ran aground off Kotsuku Island, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41049/general-cargo-ship-grounding-japan/>

06 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Ro-Ro Passenger Vessel/ Merak Port, Indonesia/ DB070223

On 6 Feb, a passenger vessel collided into Merak Port, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bantennews.co.id/diterjang-angin-kencang-kmp-mabuhay-nusantara-tabrak-side-ramp-dermaga-i-pelabuhan-merak/>

05 Feb - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Sailing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Port of Bintaro Waters, Sumenep, Indonesia/ DB070223

On 5 Feb, a sailing vessel went missing due to bad weather off the port of Bintaro Waters, Sumenep, Indonesia. Four people are currently still missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://surabaya.kompas.com/read/2023/02/06/192921378/klm-sumber-jaya-hilang-kontak-di-perairan-sumenep-1-nakhoda-dan-3-abk-belum?page=all#page2>

05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Sinan County, ROK/ DB060223

On 5 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized in Sinan County, ROK. SAR was conducted and 9 remained missing with 3 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/02/05/nine-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-in-south-korea>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB070223

On 3 Feb, a small boat capsized due to bad weather and 9 were rescued off Negros Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1952681/bacolod/local-news/9-rescued-after-motor-banca-from-ajuy-capsized-in-negros>

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Engine Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Missing, 3 Rescued/ East Taliabu, Taliabu Island Regency, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB070223

On 2 Feb, a small boat capsized due to engine failure 2 remain missing and 3 were rescued off East Taliabu, Taliabu Island Regency, North Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kalesang.id/2023/02/02/longboat-terbalik-di-pulau-taliabu-2-penumpang-belum-ditemukan/>

<https://www.kilat.com/nasional/pr-8447325096/longboat-tenggelam-di-perairan-taliabu-timur-2-orang-dilaporkan-belum-ditemukan>

03 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Off Bagan Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB060223

On 3 Feb, a tanker was detained due to unauthorised operation off Bagan Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0t5JwuKoyeYx7mocpnBuoPpMP6897zhooMLQBWubmmMKaHdp8fZPHaBTGGqvgcumYl>

03 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Car Carrier/ Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB060223

On 3 Feb, a car carrier caught fire off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41033/korean-car-carrier-fire-south-china-sea/>

<https://tuoitre.vn/cuu-kip-tau-ah-shin-cho-hon-4-500-o-to-phat-chay-o-vung-tau-20230205212709168.htm>

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 2 Cargo Vessels/ 2 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Kurushima Strait, Japan/ DB060223

On 2 Feb, two cargo vessels collided with each other. SAR was conducted off Kurushima Strait, Japan with 2 missing and 3 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-japanese-cargo-ship-capsizes-and-sinks-after-collision>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Koei-Maru-I768133.html>

31 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Fishermen Rescued/ Off Da That River, Viet Nam/ DB060223

On 31 Jan, a fishing vessel had capsized off Da That River, Viet Nam due to bad Weather and five fishermen were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tuoitre.vn/tau-ca-vua-ve-toi-cua-bien-thi-bi-song-quat-vo-tan-nam-thuyen-vien-duoc-cuu-20230202194951646.htm>

30 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Miri, Malaysia/ DB060223

On 30 Jan, a fishing vessel had capsized due to bad weather off Miri, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/02/05/fish-barrel-saves-four-fishermen-after-boat-sinks-off-miri-river-mouth/>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid037xjavUzzTojKZWS2RfUSEi59tfRHaa94PeD4bjrTiazYeDekQkTgXnxGL2fbow6Wl>



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

### Incidents:

08 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tanjung Resang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested 5 local fishermen due to an invalid license of fishing vessel off Tanjung Resang, Johor, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/09/trawler-with-five-crewmen-nabbed-for-illegal-fishing-in-mersing>

08 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen due to an invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0kQwLkYupq3FqeYTdLEbZaKn6bAzryWR55WKwHYJLXAmTMAZr5p3kXx7r8HCWSrGnl>

08 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 23 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested 23 foreign fishermen due to an invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi Malaysia.

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

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/02/1061943/bot-nelayan-tempatan-gaji-23-kru-warga-asing>

07 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 7 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to an invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi Malaysia.

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

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/mmea-detains-five-indonesian-fishermen-over-illegal-fishing-DG10612463>

06 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to an invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/02/07/lagi-bot-tempatan-dikendalikan-nelayan-warga-asing-ditahan/>

04 Feb - Local/ 3 Trawlers Detained/ 19 Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India/ DB080223

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained 3 trawlers and arrested 19 fishermen due to fishing in an unauthorised fishing area off Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2023/feb/05/forest-officials-seized-three-trawlers-arrests-19for-illegally-fishing-at-gahirmatha-2544525.html>

04 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB060223

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Pulau Rimau, Malaysia for invalid license of fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/05/mmea-arrests-five-vietnamese-fishermen-off-pulau-kendi>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02CxaaMay1ndgeXFuRcE99fiVngoKjxP43PmeoyVs7jdT3KJXkAknvQKF3bTzQVfal>

04 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Ippantivu, Sri Lanka/ DB060223

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three local fishermen off Ippantivu, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/05/202302051400/>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Myanmar Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India/ DB070223

On 3 Feb, local authorities detained one Myanmar fishing vessel and arrested 10 foreign fishermen off Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India for invalid license of fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.andamansheekha.com/111963/>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Information Updates:

02 Feb - Wildlife/ Ivory Horns (615 kg)/ Container Vessel/ Hai Phong Port, Viet Nam/ DB070223  
(Information Update on DB030223)

It was updated that the total amount of ivory transported was 615kg.

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

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-1-lien-tiep-phoi-hop-bat-giu-nga-voi-nhap-lau>

### Incidents:

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,400 Boxes and 22,000 Sticks)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Dangan Island, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China/ DB100223

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 4,400 boxes and 22,000 sticks of cigarettes from a cargo vessel going to China, off Dangan Island, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China.

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

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/MskBpj4pJ>

08 Feb - Natural Resources/ Gold (17.7 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Mandapam, Ramanathapuram, India/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 17.7kg of gold from a small boat going from Sri Lanka to India off Mandapam, Ramanathapuram, India.

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

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/feb/10/three-held-for-trying-to-smuggle-rs-105-crore-worth-of-gold-bars-in-ramanathapuram-tamil-nadu-2546004.html>

07 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (410,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Kuala Besut Estuary, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 7 Feb, local authorities seized 410,000 sticks of cigarettes from a small boat going to Malaysia off Kuala Besut Estuary, Terengganu, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/t-ganu-mmea-seizes-contraband-cigarettes-worth-rm250000-EG10612723>

07 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (219 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Santa Cruz Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB080223

On 7 Feb, local authorities seized 219 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Santa Cruz Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/02/07/p7-6-m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-intercepted-in-zamboanga-waters/>

07 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel/ Tanker/ To Philippines/ Mabini, Batangas, Philippines/ DB080223

On 7 Feb, local authorities seized diesel fuel from a tanker going to Philippines off Mabini, Batangas, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1194615>

06 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (80,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ From Malaysia/ Sungai Lebam, Malaysia/ DB080223

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 80,000 litres of diesel fuel from a tanker from Malaysia off Sungai Lebam, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/johor-mmea-foils-syndicate-suspected-of-smuggling-diesel-IH10605814>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/07/10-nabbed-as-mmea-foils-rm3mil-diesel-smuggling-bid-off-kota-tinggi>

06 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (847,395 Litres)/ Tanker/ To Philippines/ San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines/ DB080223

On 6 Feb, local authorities seized 847,395 litres of diesel fuel going to Philippines off San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1194615>

06 Feb - Natural Resources/ Areca Nuts (46 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore and Dubai to India/ Tuticorin Port, India/ DB070223

On 6 Feb, local authorities seized 46 tons of areca nuts from a container vessel going from Singapore and Dubai to India off Tuticorin Port, India.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://theprint.in/india/dri-seizes-114-mt-areca-nuts-worth-rs-8-61-crores-at-chennai-ports/1358352/>

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1896781#:~:text=Based%20on%20specific%20information%20that,at%20Tuticorin%20port%20and%203>

06 Feb - Natural Resources/ Areca Nut (68 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore and Dubai to India/ Chennai Port, India/ DB070223

On 6 Feb, local authorities seized 68 tons of areca nuts from a container vessel going from Singapore and Dubai to India off Chennai Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://theprint.in/india/dri-seizes-114-mt-areca-nuts-worth-rs-8-61-crores-at-chennai-ports/1358352/>

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1896781#:~:text=Based%20on%20specific%20information%20that,at%20Tuticorin%20port%20and%203>

04 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Domestic Smuggling/ Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB060223

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 10,000 litres of diesel oil from a tanker at Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0PApuLe9svnrULbFkRtbehLrfVVWa4FY6F2NvSxgQwmZu2Yb6bQ87gvGVi7GPwMiEl>

04 Feb - Fuel/ LPG (17 Cylinders)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tawau, Malaysia/ DB060223

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 17 cylinders of LPG from a small boat at Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/05/alleged-smuggler-nabbed-after-high-speed-chase-in-tawau>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (46 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Matang Rayeuk Beach, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB070223

On 26 Jan, local authorities 46kg of Meth from a small boat going from Malaysia to Indonesia off Matang Rayeuk Beach, Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://megapolitan.antaranews.com/berita/229668/polda-serambi-mekkah-gagalkan-penyelundupan-42-kg-sabu-sa>

03 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (28,000 sticks)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Tawau, Malaysia/  
DB060223

On 3 Feb, local authorities seized 28,000 sticks of cigarettes from a small boat going to Malaysia in Tawau Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/03/tawau-mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-contraband-cigarettes>

03 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (200,000 Litres)/ 3 Fishing Vessels/ Off Kien Giang, Vietnam/  
DB060223

On 3 Feb, local authorities seized 200,000 litres of diesel oil from 3 fishing vessels off Kien Giang, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-can-h-sat-bien-4-lien-tiep-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-dau-do-trai-phep>

27 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (7.3 kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Karimun Regency, Indonesia/  
DB060223

On 27 Jan, local authorities seized 7.3kg of meth from a cargo vessel going from Malaysia in Karimun Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/01/27/125819278/hendak-selundupkan-73-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia-ke-jambi-pria-ini-ditangkap-di>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

08 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Fishing Vessel/ 18 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to Reunion/ Pointe des Galets, Reunion/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel. Onboard was 18 Sri Lankan migrants going from Sri Lanka to Reunion, off Pointe des Galets, Reunion.

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

<https://www.clicanoo.re/article/faits-divers/2023/02/08/le-navire-sri-lankais-vient-daccoster-cest-le-deuxieme-depuis-le-debut-de-lannee>

08 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel. Onboard was 4 Myanmar migrants off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0kQwLkYupq3FqeYTdLEbZaKn6bAzryWR55WKwHYJLXAmTMAZr5p3kXx7r8HCWSrGnl>

08 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Cambodian Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel. Onboard was 13 Cambodian Fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/02/1061943/bot-nelayan-tempatan-gaji-23-kru-warga-asing>

06 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB100223

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel. Onboard was five Myanmar fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/02/07/lagi-bot-tempatan-dikendalikan-nelayan-warga-asing-ditahan/>

06 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 2 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tawau, Malaysia/ DB080223

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat. Onboard was 2 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/07/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-in-illegals-off-tawau>

06 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Inderasabah, Tawau, Malaysia/ DB080223

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat. Onboard was 3 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Inderasabah, Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/07/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-in-illegals-off-tawau>

04 Feb - Human Trafficking/ Passenger Vessel/ 10 Filipino Migrants/ To Malaysia/ Port of Bongao, Tawi Tawi, Philippines/ DB070223

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained a passenger vessel. Onboard was 10 Filipino migrants going to Malaysia off the port of Bongao, Tawi Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1952763/zamboanga/local-news/10-trafficking-in-person-victims-rescued-in-tawi-tawi>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 4 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB070223

On 3 Feb, local authorities detained a passenger vessel. Onboard was 4 Filipino migrants going to Malaysia off the port of Bongao, Tawi Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid02vikRGrKAaQ7jZicYDbN3WVMknHELPhZkFPF11PZhMTFjw6sfk8MVnHxBxZttMZABl&id=100083159291177](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02vikRGrKAaQ7jZicYDbN3WVMknHELPhZkFPF11PZhMTFjw6sfk8MVnHxBxZttMZABl&id=100083159291177)



02 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 36 Rohingya Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Sittwe, Myanmar/ DB060223

On 02 Jan, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Sittwe, Myanmar. Onboard the vessel were 36 Rohingya migrants that were going from Myanmar to Malaysia.

**IFC Comments:**

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

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

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/rohingya-arrests-02022023054912.html>



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

08 Feb - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Vessel Wreck/ Local Contamination/ Barangay Subukin, San Juan, Batangas, Philippines/ DB100223

On 8 Feb, an oil spill occurred due to a vessel wreck off Barangay Subukin, San Juan, Batangas, Philippines.

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

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1727838/motor-tug-sinks-in-batangas-causing-oil-spill-pcg>

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid07VKwxEZPW1gBDarv7tJrH9NHTUJhT3hwXK8JcHTxecFjkxTSGGrdsbo97iM9VPuvl>



## 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.



## 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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