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



For the period of 04 -10 Mar 22, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	28	4-10
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	5	11-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	18	13-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	18
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	1	2	19
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	2	20
Others	0	0	21

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

Incidents:

10 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia/ DB100323

1. POCC informed that a Malaysia-Flagged Tug sighted some perpetrators boarding the barge she was towing when transiting along south of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (01°12.81N 103°32.59E) on 10 Mar 23 at 0300 (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 in Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) – Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

Out of Reporting Period:

22 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB080323

While at anchor, the duty crew sighted three perpetrators on board the ship and two other perpetrators in small boat. The duty crew immediately notified the bridge, and the perpetrators subsequently fled via the small boat. The Incident was reported to Panjang Vessel Traffic Scheme (VTS) and the authorities advised ship to stay vigilant and Increase security.

There was no reported damage to the ship and the crew was not injured. Engine spares were reported missing.

Engine spares were stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

GSIS



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

02 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 6 Rescued/ Motor Yacht/ SAR/ Arafura Sea/ DB080323
(Information Update on DB070323)

The latest update was that six tourists who were passengers on the vessel had been evacuated to Australia on Monday, 06 March.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://papua.antaranews.com/berita/700236/kepala-sar-merauke-penumpang-km-vivie-rae-ii-telah-dievakuasi-ke-australia>

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/274752/navy-sends-aircraft-for-stranded-vivie-rae-ii-in-arafura-sea>

02 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Motor Yacht/ SAR/ Arafura Sea/ DB070323
(Information Update on DB060323)

It was updated from a news source that the Indonesian Navy deployed an aircraft to check on the vessel, a navy commander reported on Monday, 06 March. It has also deployed a warship. The Navy had communicated with the crew of the ship and confirmed all passengers were in good health.

The Chief of the Merauke Search and Rescue (SAR) Office Supriyanto Ridwan stated that a joint SAR team was compelled to postpone the operation of evacuating KM Vivie Rae II due to unfavorable weather conditions.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/274752/navy-sends-aircraft-for-stranded-vivie-rae-ii-in-arafura-sea>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41321/charter-yavht-australia-disabled-adrift-arafure-se/>

Incidents:

09 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Myodu Port, Yeosu city, ROK/ DB100323

On 09 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized off Myodu Port, Yeosu city, ROK. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nocutnews.co.kr/news/5906964>

08 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam/ DB100323

On 08 Mar, a barge sunk off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Four people went missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/02-sa-lan-chim-tai-khu-vuc-bien-binh-thuan.htm>

08 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam/ DB100323

On 08 Mar, a barge sunk off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Three people were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/02-sa-lan-chim-tai-khu-vuc-bien-binh-thuan.htm>

07 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Kuala Singkil Waters, Indonesia/ DB090323

On 7 Mar, a passenger vessel sunk at Kuala Singkil Waters, Indonesia due to a collision that happened. 15 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://orbitdigitaldaily.com/kapal-pengangkut-barang-dagangan-ke-pulau-banyak-karam/>

06 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 1 Rescued/ Off Dongbaek Island, Busan, ROK/ DB090323

On 6 Mar, two fishing vessels collided off Dongbaek Island, Busan, ROK. One person was rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.kookje.co.kr/news2011/asp/newsbody.asp?code=0300&key=20230306.99099001522>

08 Mar - Others/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gujarat, India/ DB080323

On 08 Mar, a fishing vessel experienced water ingress off Gujarat, India. Six people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/coast-guard-gujarat-coast-fishermen-8484436/>
<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1633096354640670720?s=20>

07 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship vs Tanker/ 69 Rescued/ Tampi Port, San Jose, Negros Oriental, Philippines/ DB080323

On 07 Mar, there was a collision between and ro-ro cargo ship and a tanker at Tampi Port, San Jose, Negros Oriental, Philippines. 69 people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/492330/2-sea-vessels-collide-near-tampi-port-in-negros-oriental>

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0dA4CnZ8VoQoFs6urGGpLLmRttdtHHj2gRY7c8VCnk46N9AoTgKerRJMN36XbFwNvl&show_text=true&width=500

07 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ Rapu-Rapu Island, Philippines/ DB080323

On 07 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized at Rapu-Rapu Island, Philippines due to bad weather. One person was rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1739598/fisherman-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-in-catanduanes>

06 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Small Boats/ 3 Dead, 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Lumut Pangkor, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080323

On 06 Mar, two small boats collided at Lumut Pangkor, Perak, Malaysia. 18 people have been rescued while three others are found dead. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/886675/three-dead-18-injured-motorboat-collision-lumut>

06 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Missing, 11 Rescued/ New Ireland, Papua New Guinea/ DB080323

On 06 Mar, a small boat capsized at New Ireland, Papua New Guinea. 11 people were rescued while two others are still missing. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/03/02/095240778/tim-sar-evakuasi-kapal-nelayan-km-ntt-sejahtera-yang-mati-mesin-di-perairan>

01 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Oil tanker/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nghi Son Port, Viet Nam/ DB070323

On 01 Mar, an oil tanker caught fire off Nghi Son Port, Viet Nam. Three people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/2-people-dead-three-injured-in-road-accident/>

05 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nha Trang, Viet Nam/ DB080323

On 05 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift off Nha Trang, Viet Nam due to equipment failure. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/tau-bd-97986-ts-hong-may-tha-troi.htm>

<https://baobinhdinhhinh.vn/viewer.aspx?macm=6&macmp=6&mabb=255296>

06 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Missing, 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thuvuru, Maldives/ DB070323

On 06 Mar, a passenger vessel sunk off Thuvuru, Maldives after the vessel caught fire. 14 people have been rescued while SAR is ongoing to find one missing person.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1632516343562944514?s=20

<https://en.sun.mv/81303>

05 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 6 Missing/ SAR/ Ishigaki Island, Japan/ DB070323

On 05 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized at Ishigaki Island, Japan due to bad weather. One person has been found dead while six others are still missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202303060006>

04 Mar - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Ishikawa, Japan/ DB060323

On 04 Mar, a fishing boat went adrift off Ishikawa, Japan. One person is still missing, the cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsdig.tbs.co.jp/articles/-/361763?display=1>

04 Mar - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lombok Island, Indonesia/ DB060323

On 04 Mar, a cargo vessel went missing off Lombok Island, Indonesia. Seven people have been rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://surabaya.kompas.com/read/2023/03/06/055632378/2-hari-hilang-kontak-km-baruna-jaya-rama-ditemukan-7-abk-selamat>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ Rangsang Island, Riau, Indonesia/ DB080323

On 01 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk at Rangsang Island, Riau, Indonesia due to bad weather. Two people were rescued while one other has been found dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riaupos.jawapos.com/keulauan-meranti/04/03/2023/296044/kapal-karam-seorang-nelayan-rangsang-meninggal.html>

02 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nong, Viet Nam/ DB070323

On 02 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk off Da Nong, Viet Nam due to water ingress. Two people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-nan-thanh-cong-2-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-post459295.html>

02 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Malamawi Island, Isabela City, Basilan, Philippines/ DB070323

On 02 Mar, a passenger vessel went adrift at Malamawi Island, Isabela City, Basilan, Philippines due to equipment failure. Four people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196627>

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid02XanvnCaLZ87PFzgJQYdtkatjpxpEGwivgYLziKy8s27aJQyckiAdvzKocyt5pR2pl>

02 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Kolisia, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB070323

On 02 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift at Kolisia, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Four people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/03/02/095240778/tim-sar-evakuasi-kapal-nelayan-km-ntt-sejahtera-yang-mati-mesin-di-perairan>

01 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Oil tanker/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nghi Son Port, Viet Nam/ DB070323

On 01 Mar, an oil tanker caught fire off Nghi Son Port, Viet Nam. Three people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-nan-tau-cho-dau-bi-chay-tren-khu-vuc-cang-tong-hop-quoc-te-nghi-son-post459282.html>

19 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Marore, Indonesia/ DB070323

On 19 Feb, two fishing vessels adrift at Pulau Marore, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Two people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid04Ys5KikBPGXuwbAKZHN1U3p2QPtSFgre1wR7hwjSJhuDvkNRH5sfynhLNYNWzHNPI>

05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Hong Island, Takua Thung District, Thailand/ DB070323

On 05 Feb, a small boat capsized at Hong Island, Takua Thung District, Thailand. Nine people have been rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/nine-swedish-tourists-rescued-after-longtail-boat-capsizes-in-thailand>

31 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Thilafushi Reef, Maldives/ DB070323

On 31 Jan, a cargo vessel ran aground at Thilafushi Reef, Maldives. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/81307>

03 Mar - Adrift/ Fire-Explosion/ Cargo Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Taipei, Taiwan/ DB060323

On 03 Mar, a cargo vessel went adrift off Taipei, Taiwan due to a fire that happened in the engine room. 12 people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41305/general-cargo-ship-fire-abandoned/>

02 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Motor Yacht/ SAR/ Arafura Sea/ DB060323

On 02 Mar, a yacht went adrift due to equipment failure at Arafura Sea. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41321/charter-yavht-australia-disabled-adrift-arafure-se/>

27 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Barge/ SAR/ Off Mag-Asawang Tubig River, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB060323

On 27 Feb, a barge went aground off Mag-Asawang Tubig River, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines due to equipment failure. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1736557/coast-guard-observes-spill-near-capsized-fuel-tanker-off-oriental-mindoro>

27 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ Off Kannur Coast, Kerla, India/ DB060323

On 27 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized off Kannur Coast, Kerla, India due to a collision. Nine people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/feb/28/ship-with-hong-kong-flag-rams-kumari-vessel-efforts-on-to-rescue-ninefishers-2551508.html>

23 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Alotau, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea/ DB060323

On 23 Jan, two fishing vessels were detained at Alotau, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea for entering the country waters without permission.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://postcourier.com.pg/chinese-fishing-vessels-detained-in-milne-bay/>



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

Incidents:

06 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Cantrang Nets/ Tangsi, East Java, Indonesia/ DB080323

On 06 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Tangsi, East Java, Indonesia. Five local fishermen were arrested for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://surabaya.kompas.com/read/2023/03/06/183100878/pakai-jaring-cantrang-dekat-pantai-5-nelayan-di-situbondo-ditangkap>

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorized Fishing Area/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB090323

On 28 Feb, an Indonesian fishing vessel was detained off Northwestern Australia due to illegally fishing in an unauthorised fishing area. No fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

23 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 16 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory/ DB070323

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. 16 Indian fishermen were arrested for illegally fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/british-indian-ocean-territory-authorities-detain-kanyakumari-fishing-boat/articleshow/98457896.cms>

02 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB060323

On 02 Mar local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia due to illegal fishing. Five foreign fishermen were arrested for fishing without valid license for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/03/5-nelayan-myanmar-ditahan-bersama-setengah-tan-hasil-laut/?fbclid=IwAR3WeAZPbNmR-Lx6eucKx007UmVtSSmWRQIPva4jvEY8UCGZ_-mzA14ef80

27 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Cantrang Fishing Gear/ Asam Asam, South Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB060323

On 27 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels at Asam Asam, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Unknown number of fishermen were arrested for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1036053/174/gunakan-cantrang-2-kapal-pencari-ikan-dari-jateng-diamankan-nelayan-di-kalsel-1677722616>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Updates:

05 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (710,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ To Thailand/ Chao Phraya River, Phra Pradaeng District, Thailand/ DB070323
(Information Update on DB060323)

It was updated from the Royal Thai Navy 1st Naval Area commander that the tanker was carrying 710,000 litres of smuggled petrol.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2521331/tanker-caught-with-cargo-of-smuggled-petrol>

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid02xYUsoXhhBa5vafgmvYdnYq4DWLYoyJ9xXVwKn1PxMKn4hV7L7rsZtg36uHaZWHx3l>

Incidents:

09 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (720,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ To India/ Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, Mumbai, India/ DB100323

On 09 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, Mumbai, India. Onboard the vessel was 720,000 sticks of cigarettes that were smuggled to India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/jnchcustoms/status/1633844105913700352>

08 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (20.8 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Nunukan Regency North Kalimantan, Malaysia/ DB100323

On 08 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Nunukan Regency North Kalimantan, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 20.8 kg of meth that was smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1041109/174/penyelundupan-208-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia-digagalkan-prajurit-yonif-621manuntung-1678244623>

06 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (150,000 Litres)/ 2 Tankers/ To Malaysia/ Sungai Shanti, Malaysia/ DB100323

On 06 Mar, local authorities detained two tankers at Sungai Shanti, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 150,000 litres of diesel that was smuggled to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/248594/berita/semasa/polis-tahan-9-lelaki-rampas-diesel-subsidi-rm322500>

06 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (1 Container)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Malaysia/ Tawau Container Port, Malaysia/ DB100323

On 06 Mar, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Tawau Container Port, Malaysia. There was one container of frozen goods that was smuggled from Hong Kong to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/03/07/pork-from-hong-kong-seized-at-tawau-port/>

07 Mar - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (50,000 Cans)/ Ashore/ From China to Malaysia/ Kwai Tsing Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB090323

On 7 Mar, local authorities found 50,000 cans of alcohol at Kwai Tsing Container Terminal, Hong Kong. The alcohol were smuggled from China to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.wenweipo.com/a/202303/08/AP6408699ae4b0b6003c006d83.html>

04 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (6.6 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Papua New Guinea to Indonesia/ Port Of Manokwari, Manokwari Regency, Papua, Indonesia/ DB090323

On 4 Mar, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Port Of Manokwari, Manokwari Regency, Papua, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 6.6 kg of cannabis that was smuggled from Papua New Guinea to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/03/08/154840978/bawa-ganja-seberat-66-kilogram-dari-papua-nugini-pemuda-di-manokwari>

07 Mar - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (400 Kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Alankuda, Sri Lanka/ DB080323

On 07 Mar, local authorities found 400kg of kendu leaves adrift at Alankuda, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/08/202303080630/>

06 Mar - Drugs/ Heroin (61 Kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Iran to India/ Off Gujarat, India/ DB070323

On 06 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel of Gujarat, India. Onboard the vessel were 61 kg of heroin that were smuggled from Iran to India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/marsec_osn/status/1632831916134264832?s=20

<https://theprint.in/world/indian-coast-guard-apprehends-iranian-boat-carrying-drugs-worth-rs-425-crore/1423704/>

05 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (300,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ To Thailand/ Chao Phraya River, Phra Pradaeng District, Thailand/ DB060323

On 05 Mar, local authorities detained a tanker at Chao Phraya River, Phra Pradaeng District, Thailand. Onboard the vessel was 300,000 litres of diesel that was smuggled to Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid02xYUsoXhhBa5vafgmvYdnYq4DWLYoyJ9xXVwKn1PxMKn4hV7L7rsZtg36uHaZWx3l>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarette (24,000,000 Sticks)/ Barge/ To Hong Kong/ Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong/ DB090323

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained a barge at Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 24 million sticks of cigarettes that were smuggled to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://skypost.ulifestyle.com.hk/article/3478087/%E8%BA%89%E8%88%B9%E5%83%85%E9%81%8B3%E8%B2%A8%E6%AB%83%E6%83%B9%E6%87%B7%E7%96%91%20%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E6%AA%A2%248900%E8%90%AC%E7%A7%81%E7%85%99>

02 Mar - Domestic Products/ Refined Sugar (1,508 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines/ DB080323

On 02 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 1,508 tons of refined sugar that was being smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2023/03/07/2249954/p1508-m-worth-smuggled-sugar-seized-subic-port>

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FBureauOfCustomsPH%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0372uoB4inifJypP2S2p7kot9i9YSEBFxmxSG8AED96hCrcAGUnHeTUypef6SzFYKjl&show_text=true&width=500

28 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (10 Tons)/ 2 Small Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Samaturu, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB080323

On 28 Feb, local authorities detained two small boats at Samaturu, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia. Onboard the vessels were a total of 10 tons of diesel that were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sultra.antaranews.com/berita/441054/ditpolairud-polda-sulawesi-tenggara-sita-10-ton-bbm-ilegal-solar-asal-sulsel>

03 Mar - Domestic Products/ Various Items (400 Kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Mohoththuwarem, Sri Lanka/ DB060323

On 03 Mar, local authorities detained two small boats at Mohoththuwarem, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 400 kg of various items that were smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/03/04/202303041345/>

02 Mar - Domestic Products/ Sugar (1,500,000 Kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand to Philippines/ Port of Subic, Zambales, Philippines/ DB060323

On 02 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Port of Subic, Zambales, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 1,500,000 kg of sugar that were smuggled from Thailand to Philippines.

IFC Comments:

Weight of goods based on 50 kg per sack

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/BureauOfCustomsPH/posts/pfbid023Xn6agLSWQU5mv1LH8XiHK1dDYC8mwXopgmp9XN2zuCuRq8o4ZY8u5fKn1qrNRJcl>

01 Mar - Domestic Products/ Liquor (288 Bottles)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Sebatik, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB060323

On 01 Mar, local authorities detained a speed boat at Sebatik, North Kalimantan, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 288 bottles of liquor that were smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/57344/TNI-AL-GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUP-RATUSAN-MIRAS-ASAL-MALAYSIA-DI-SEBATIK/>

01 Mar - Drugs/ Opium Poppies (26,000 Kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Turkiye to Thailand/ Laem Chabang Port, Thailand/ DB060323

On 01 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Laem Chabang Port, Thailand. Onboard the vessel was 26,000 kg of opium poppies that were smuggled from Turkiye to Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.go.th/data_files/e52aef4a0601b31d343963b9c2473a76.pdf
<https://www.facebook.com/customsdepartment.thai/posts/pfbid0F3i69tURXcGMp9K9ur2yWoxBH9x1Y2AQBCFtoLJ2QxnQquGNGCiHZavh7ckaDMcFl>

14 Feb - Domestic Products/ Fish/ Fishing Vessel/ From Taiwan to China/ Keelung City, Taiwan/ DB060323

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Keelung City, Taiwan. Onboard the vessel were fish that were smuggled from Taiwan to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E6%B6%89%E5%8C%85%E5%BA%87%E6%BC%81%E8%88%B9%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81-%E6%B5%B7%E5%B7%A1%E5%AE%98%E5%85%B5-%E8%B6%9F%E6%94%B620%E8%90%AC-050231705.html>

12 Nov - Domestic Products/ Lobster (60,000 Kg)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ From Taiwan to China/ Gaodeng Island, Taiwan/ DB060323

On 12 Nov, local authorities detained two fishing vessels at Gaodeng Island, Taiwan. Onboard the vessel was 60,000 kg of lobster that were smuggled from Taiwan to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E6%8F%AD%E9%96%8B%E6%BE%B3%E6%B4%B2%E9%BE%8D%E8%9D%A6%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E6%B5%B7%E4%B8%8A%E4%BA%A4%E6%98%93%E7%B7%9A%E8%88%B9%E5%85%AC%E5%8F%B8%E3%80%81%E5%9C%B0%E6%96%B9%E9%A0%AD%E4%BA%BA%E3%80%81%E9%BB%91%E9%81%93%EF%BC%9A%E9%87%91%E9%A6%AC%E3%80%8C%E9%BE%8D%E8%9D%A6%E6%84%8F%E5%A4%96%E8%B2%A1%E3%80%8D%E6%8D%B2%E8%B5%B7%E7%9A%84%E5%88%A9%E7%9B%8A%E5%92%8C%E8%A1%9D%E7%AA%81-001405556.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALASo_AEC5guzSP9KJ-heLc8M83B1hpaW3BRA_Woj15o8YKlR--OLDS2utYOJZz5TMTjcAfmmT4lnpcc0h2Wtcdh296RT2Ae68VBtzDqUMWKqf1trYzUMtjNlBiEvlivqeEuETsY-yd0IUfaZ09FFjulqn9rhMmnBdqOcm_T19Ae



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

05 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Fishermen/ Northern Territory, Australia/ DB070323

On 05 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Northern Territory, Australia, Australia. Four fishermen were arrested for not having valid documents.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-06/illegal-fishermen-northern-territory-boat-storm/102059384>

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penag, Malaysia/ DB060323

On 02 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi, Penag, Malaysia. Five Myanmar fishermen were arrested for not having valid documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/03/5-nelayan-myanmar-ditahan-bersama-setengah-tan-hasil-laut/?fbclid=IwAR3WeAZPbNmR-Lx6eucKx007UmVtSSmWRQIPva4jvEY8UCGZ_-mzA14ef80



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Information Updates:

28 Feb - MARPOL/ Oil Spill (Vessel Wreck)/ Tanker/ Oil Slick, Local Fishing Ban/ Off Mindoro, Philippines/ DB060323
(Information Update on DB010323)

It was updated from a news article that the oil spill happened from a tanker that sunk. The incident also caused an oil slick in the sea and led to a local fishing ban.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/208640/fishing-banned-as-philippine-oil-spill-spreads/>

https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/philippines-sinking-tanker-diesel-spill-princess-empress-bataan-manila-3312236?cid=internal_sharetool_androidphone_01032023_cna

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Mar - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil Leak)/ Undersea Pipe/ Local Contamination/ Panangudi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB080323

On 02 Mar, there was an oil leak through an undersea pipe at Panangudi, Tamil Nadu, India which led to local contamination of the waters nearby.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/cpcl-temporarily-arrests-oil-leakage-into-sea-off-nagappattinam-coast/articleshow/98408220.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

20 Feb - MARPOL/ Solid (Coal Washings)/ Tug and Barge/ Local Contamination/ Ko Tarutao, Mueang Satun District, Satun, Thailand/ DB060323

On 20 Feb, there was a maritime pollution which involved a tug and barge at Ko Tarutao, Mueang Satun District, Satun, Thailand. The pollution was because of coal washing which contaminated the sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid034BM6Y7d9nxVXNFNiv1iYuM5Tax4VAc tzsjMxWhJfcmY5FMm5TK9LNxfWCEQat3vXI>

SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

08 Feb - Others/ Undersea Cables/ Degraded Internet Connection/ Matsu Island, Taiwan/
DB100323

On 08 Feb, there was an incident of undersea cables being severed at Matsu, Taiwan. This led to degrading internet connection in Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mbtmag.com/global/news/22751416/taiwan-suspects-chinese-ships-cut-islands-internet-cables>

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Feb - Others/ Undersea Cables/ Degraded Internet Connection/ Matsu, Taiwan/
DB090323

On 2 Feb, there was an incident of undersea cables being severed at Matsu, Taiwan. This led to degrading internet connection in Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mbtmag.com/global/news/22751416/taiwan-suspects-chinese-ships-cut-islands-internet-cables>



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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Tel: +65 9626 8965 (Hotline)

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The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2021

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

2020

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

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

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

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

2019

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

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

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

2018

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

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

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

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 - Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches - January to December 2017.

2017

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

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

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 - Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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