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



For the period of 05 – 11 Aug 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)	1	4	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	22	6-10
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	8	11-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	19	13-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	5	18-19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	1	2	20-21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	22
Others	0	0	23



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

Information Update:

07 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB100823
(Information Update on DB070823)

It was updated that fuel injection pump, some main engine and generator spares were stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Incidents:

09 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Cyprus-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB100823

1. POCC reported of an unauthorised boarding onboard a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier while underway off Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait. Crew sighted 3 perpetrators (reportedly unarmed) in the engine room (1°04'45.0"N 103°42'20.0"E) on 9 Aug 23 at 0335 (UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and engine spares were found missing. A plastic moulded replica toy gun was later found by the crew during security checks. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

Based on the proximity of the three incident locations, time intervals, and number of perpetrators observed (3 to 4 pax), IFC assesses that it is likely that the same group of perpetrators were involved in all three incidents.

RFI has been sent to the ship company for more incident details.



08 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB100823

1. POCC reported of an unauthorised boarding onboard a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway off Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait. Crew sighted 4 perpetrators (reportedly unarmed) in the engine room (1°02'51.0"N 103°38'37.2"E) on 8 Aug 23 at 2150 (UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and some main engine spares were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

Based on the proximity of the three incident locations, time intervals, and number of perpetrators observed (3 to 4 pax), IFC assesses that it is likely that the same group of perpetrators were involved in all three incidents.

RFI has been sent to the ship company for more incident details.

08 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB100823

1. POCC reported that a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier reported sighting of 4 perpetrators (reportedly armed with knives) boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°02'37.8"N 103°39'13.2"E) on 8 Aug 23 at 2230(UTC +8). One crew was reportedly tied up and found unharmed in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel required assistance and Singapore Police Coast Guard will render assistance to her.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

Based on the proximity of the three incident locations, time intervals, and number of perpetrators observed (3 to 4 pax), IFC assesses that it is likely that the same group of perpetrators were involved in all three incidents.

RFI has been sent to the ship company for more incident details.



07 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB070823

1. POCC reported of an unauthorised boarding onboard a Marshall-Islands registered bulk carrier, while underway in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°16'43.8"N 104°16'40.2"E) on 7 Aug 23 at 00:58 (UTC+8). Crew sighted one unarmed perpetrator in the engine room, and he fled upon being sighted.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and some main engine, generator and fuel injection spares were missing after a search. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to the NPOC, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

06 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Other Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ Inner Sea, Japan/ DB110823

On 6 Aug, a vessel sank due to a collision with a cargo vessel in Inner Sea, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Taisei-Marun-No.22-9109196.html>

09 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 4 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Pantai Gladak, East Java, Indonesia/ DB100823

On 9 Aug, four died and four went missing after two fishing vessels capsized in Pantai Gladak, East Java, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/300364>

09 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Vedaranyam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB100823

On 9 Aug, three were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift in Vedaranyam, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sundaytimes.lk/online/news-online/Three-Lankan-fishermen-arrested-by-TN-Coastal-Security-police/2-1142806>

08 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Dead, 45 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sittwe, Myanmar/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, eight were rescued, 45 are missing and two died after a passenger vessel capsized off Sittwe, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0705/2294.html

IFC Comment:

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".

08 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ Mamuju Waters, Indonesia/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, 11 were rescued after a cargo vessel capsized in Mamuju Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tvonenews.com/daerah/sulawesi/143611-foto-detik-detik-tenggelamnya-kapal-layar-motor-klm-fajar-pratama-terekam-kamera-warga?page=1>

07 Aug - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ East Taliabu Waters, Indonesia/ DB080823

On 7 Aug, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather in East Taliabu waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted but two remain missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mediainvestigasi.net/dua-orang-nelayan-dikabarkan-hilang-saat-melaut-mencari-telur-ikan-terbang-hinggah-sampai-saat-ini-belum-ditemukan/>

07 Aug - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lach Huyen Port, Hai Phong, Viet Nam/ DB080823

On 7 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Lach Huyen Port, Hai Phong, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and seven were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vtv.vn/xa-hoi/hai-phong-cuu-nan-thanh-cong-7-thuyen-vien-tau-hong-kong-trung-quoc-20230807200857661.htm>

06 Aug - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Nusakambangan Waters, Indonesia/ DB070823

On 6 Aug, a fishing vessel went missing due to an unknown cause in Nusakambangan Waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and two remain missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.beritasatu.com/nusantara/1060828/kapal-ikan-hilang-kontak-di-perairan-nusakambangan-2-nelayan-hilang>

06 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Landing Craft Tank/ 3 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ South Halmahera Waters, Indonesia/ DB070823

On 6 Aug, a landing craft tank sank due to bad weather in South Halmahera Waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-6861867/kronologi-kapal-lct-tenggelam-di-perairan-halsel-hingga-3-abk-hilang>

05 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Versova, Maharashtra, India/ DB070823

On 5 Aug. a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in Versova, Maharashtra, India. SAR was conducted and there was one dead, one missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/mumbai-tragedy-strikes-versova-gaon-as-fishing-boat-sinks-two-missing/articleshow/102469572.cms>

05 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Thiruvannamiyur Kupam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB070823

On 5 Aug, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in Thiruvannamiyur Kupam, Tamil Nadu, India. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/thiruvannamiyur-fisherman-drowns-in-sea/article67164629.ece>

05 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Perak Island, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 5 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due to an equipment failure in Perak Island, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2023/08/06/malaysian-navy-rescues-anglers-adrift-at-sea-for-three-days-near-pulau-perak/83886>

05 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 41 Rescued/ SAR/ Kelor Island, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB070823

On 5 Aug, a passenger vessel went aground due to an unknown cause in Kelor Island, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 41 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/290340/labuan-bajo-motorboat-runs-aground-37-tourists-evacuated>



05 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 94 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Concuera, Romblon, Philippines/ DB070823

On 5 Aug, a passenger vessel capsized due to a collision off Concuera, Romblon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and 94 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/878002/1-dead-as-boat-capsizes-in-romblon/story/>

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fweb.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0saai94DbwLwuq8KLTmddzpJYi5LVz2zvBtHmEJiwWCK9z8G9N1XiXpVpa7Ju7y9nl&show_text=true&width=500

Out of Reporting Period:

30 Jul - Others/ Water Ingress/ Other Vessel/ Laccadive Sea, Maldives/ DB110823

On 30 Jul, a vessel required assistance due to water ingress in Laccadive Sea, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Adway-9563081.html>

19 Jun - Vessel Detained/ Other/ Speed Boat/ Haidaoxiang, Xiapu County, Ningde, Fujian, China/ DB080823

On 19 Jun. a speed boat was detained due to illegal modifications in Haidaoxiang, Xiapu County, Ningde, Fujian, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0705/2294.html

12 Jun - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Fangchenggang City, Guangxi, China/ DB080823

On 12 Jun, a fishing vessel went adrift due to an unknown cause in Fangchenggang City, Guangxi, China. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/95110_0707/2291.html

04 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 3 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands/ DB070823

On 4 Aug, a small boat sank due to bad weather in New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands. SAR was conducted and there was one dead, three missing and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/one-dead-3-missing-after-boat-disaster/>

03 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Tai Po, Hong Kong/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Tai Po, Hong Kong. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/transport/article/3229861/8-people-rescued-after-fishing-boat-catches-fire-hong-kong>

03 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 16 Rescued/ Muthalapozhi Harbour, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in Muthalapozhi Harbour, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. 16 people were rescued by the local people.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/boat-capsizes-off-muthalapozhi-harbour-16-fishermen-rescued/article67154497.ece>

03 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Tanjung Setapa, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due to an equipment failure in Tanjung Setapa, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and eight crew were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indonesia.postsen.com/local/725310/Boat-Crashed-by-Waves-8-Riau-Islands-Fishermen-Drift-to-Malaysia-and-Saved.html>

03 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Kuala Pahang, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in Kuala Pahang, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2023/08/06/two-rescued-one-missing-after-boat-capsizes-in-kuala-pahang/83857>



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

Incidents:

09 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local & 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Banting, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB110823

On 9 Aug, local authorities detained one local small boat and arrested one local and two foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Banting, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid05d6MCibnRFmwnzpenyWTw1uhq18EDxFSY69Skмна2yJni1tTutvjexVeZpwchQ9l&id=100064312044774

08 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Sepetang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen for invalid license off Kuala Sepetang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/08/09/dua-nelayan-warga-myanmar-ditahan-apmm-3/>

07 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kuala Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 7 Aug, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local and three foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Kuala Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/08/09/langgar-syarat-sah-lesen-vesel-nelayan-tempatan-ditahan>



07 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 7 Aug, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one local and four foreign fishermen for invalid license off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/08/08/bot-nelayan-tempatan-dikendali-warga-asing-ditahan/>

07 Aug - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Alampil, Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB100823

On 7 Aug, local authorities detained one Indian fishing vessel and arrested 10 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Alampil, Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/07/202308071545/>

06 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080823

On 6 Aug, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/05/202308051200/>

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Small Boats Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-permitted Species/ Off Lankapatuna, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB070823

On 4 Aug, local authorities detained three local small boats and arrested nine local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Lankapatuna, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/05/202308051200/>

03 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Nilaweli, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, local authorities arrested one local fisherman for fishing with illegal gear off Nilaweli, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/05/202308051200/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

10 Aug - Domestic Products/ Cosmetics/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Pulau Gaya, Sabah/ DB110823

On 10 Aug, local authorities seized cosmetics onboard a small boat off Pulau Gaya, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/08/10/semporna-mmea-intercepts-over-rm26000-worth-of-contraband-cosmetics>

08 Aug - Natural Resources/ Areca Nuts (50 Tons)/ Container Ship/ From UAE to India/ Mumbai Port, India/ DB110823

On 8 Aug, local authorities seized 50 tons of areca nuts onboard a container ship in Mumbai Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mid-day.com/mumbai/mumbai-news/article/mumbai-dri-seizes-50-metric-tonnes-of-areca-nuts-worth-rs-4-43-crore-23302790>

08 Aug - Domestic Products/ Frozen Beef, Dried Shark Fins and Used Tablets/ Speed Boat/ From Hong Kong/ Tai O, Hong Kong/ DB110823

On 8 Aug, local authorities seized frozen beef, dried shark fins and used tablets onboard a speed boat in Tai O, Hong Kong.

09 Aug - Drugs/ Yaba (700,000 Pills)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB100823

On 9 Aug, local authorities seized 700,000 yaba pills onboard a fishing vessel in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/coast-guard-seizes-700000-pieces-of-yaba-pills-in-teknaf/120101>



08 Aug - Fuel/ Diesel (28,000 Litres)/ Tug/ From Malaysia/ Muara Sungai Paloh, Pasir Gudang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, local authorities seized 28,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a tug in Muara Sungai Paloh, Pasir Gudang, Johor, Malaysi.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/08/940437/smuggling-28000-litres-subsidised-diesel-foiled>

08 Aug - Drugs/ Cocaine (1.04kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Ecuador to India/ Mundra Port, Gujarat, India/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, local authorities seized 1.04kg of cocaine onboard a container vessel in Mundra Port, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/dri-seizes-104-kg-cocaine-worth-over-rs-104-crore20230808215855/>

07 Aug - Fuel/ Petrol (25,754 Litres)/ 2 Tankers/ Sungai Igan, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 7 Aug, local authorities seized 25,754 litres of diesel oil onboard two tankers in Sungai Igan, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/08/08/lelaki-kantoi-seludup-25754-liter-diesel/>

06 Aug - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Petrol (300 Litres), Gas (160kg), Cooking Oil (12kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Kudat, Sabah/ DB080823

On 6 Aug, local authorities seized 300 litres of petrol, 160kg of gas and 12kg of cooking oil onboard a fishing vessel in Kudat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/08/1136190/imigresen-serbu-jeti-pelantar-ikan-tahan-61-pati>

05 Aug - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (190,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 2 Aug, local authorities seized 190,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a tanker off Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2023/08/06/mmea-labuan-detain-tanker-with-diesel-worth-rm400000/83917>

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Nusantara Port, Parepare, Indonesia/ DB110823

On 28 Jul, local authorities seized 5kg of meth onboard an unknown vessel in Nusantara Port, Parepare, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/290736/pinrang-police-seize-18-kg-crystal-meth-transported-from-nunukan>

01 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,043,200 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Malaysia to Australia/ West Port, Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB100823

On 1 Aug, local authorities seized 1,043,200 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel in West Port, Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/08/08/kastam-patahkan-cubaan-seludup-rokok-ke-australia/>

31 Jul - Domestic Products/ Mobile Phone (68)/ Unknown Vessel/ To China/ Qingdao Port, China/ DB100823

On 31 Jul, local authorities seized 68 mobile phones onboard an unknown vessel in Qingdao Port, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/23/08/06/man-fails-to-smuggle-68-iphones-by-taping-them-to-his-body>

04 Aug - Wildlife/ Baby Lobsters (49,463)/ Indonesia to Singapore/ Nongsapura International Port, Batam, Indonesia/ DB080823

On 4 Aug, local authorities seized 49,463 baby lobsters in Nongsapura International Port, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://poskota.co/hukum-kriminal/bea-cukai-batam-gagalkan-penyeludupan-benih-baby-lobster-tujuan-singapura/>



05 Jul - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (320 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Qinhuangdao, Hebei, China/ DB080823

On 5 Jul, local authorities seized 320 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo vessel in Qinhuangdao, Hebei, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0705/2293.html

25 Jun - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (30 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Luoyuan Bay, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China/ DB080823

On 25 Jun, local authorities seized 30 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo vessel in Luoyuan Bay, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0705/2295.html

19 Jun - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (50 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Simu Islet, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China/ DB080823

On 19 Jun, local authorities seized 50 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo vessel in Simu Islet, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0705/2295.html

04 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (102,440 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 4 Aug, local authorities seized 102,440 sticks of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/08/06/maritim-malaysia-rampas-rokok-kretek-seludup-bernilai-lebih-rm100000/>

04 Aug - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (120 Bottles)/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Tabu-Tabu, Celebes Sea/ DB070823

On 4 Jul, local authorities seized 120 bottles of alcohol onboard a small boat off Tanjung Tabu-Tabu, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02vRNxktrTFm3rz8JeRK4oVfw24KE7xGXfqFgXZKCh24URiDUwAhG6QWS6XmPQAKnjI&show_text=true&width=500

04 Aug - Domestic Products/ Alcohol/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Klias Menumbok, Sabah, South China Sea/ DB070823

On 4 Aug, local authorities seized alcohol onboard a small boat off Tanjung Klias Menumbok, Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2213105

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/217553/bid-to-smuggle-alcoholic-beverages-foiled/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

10 Aug - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Vessel/ 40 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Rungkup, Perak, Malaysia/ DB110823

On 10 Aug, local authorities detained a passenger vessel and arrested 40 Indonesian migrants off Rungkup, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/08/bot-tersangkut-di-beting-pasir-40-pati-indonesia-ditahan/#google_vignette

08 Aug - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Vessel/ 55 Rohingya Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Sittwe, Myanmar/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, 55 Rohingya migrants attempted to travel from Myanmar to Malaysia onboard a passenger vessel off Sittwe, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/rohingya-boat-sinks-08082023051608.html>

IFC Comment:

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".

06 Aug - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Myanmarese Fishermen/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080823

On 6 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested two Myanmarese for illegal documentation off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/08/07/dua-nelayan-warga-myanmar-ditahan-apmm-2/>

05 Aug - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Thai, 13 Indonesian, 2 Vietnamese & 45 Myanmarese/ Hutan Melintang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 5 Aug, local authorities arrested one Thai, 13 Indonesian, two Vietnamese and 45 Myanmarese for illegal documentation in Hutan Melintang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/08/1136190/imigresen-serbu-jeti-pelantar-ikan-tahan-61-pati>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Aug - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Thai, 14 Myanmarese and 1 Cambodian/ Local Fishing Vessel/ Off Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB070823

On 3 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested five Thai, 14 Myanmarese and one Cambodian off Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/08/1136190/imigresen-serbu-jeti-pelantar-ikan-tahan-61-pati>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Information Update:

04 Aug - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Unknown Vessel/ Coastal Contamination/ Phuket, Thailand/ DB100823
(Information Update on DB070823)

It was updated that, as of 8 Aug, at least three tonnes of oil from a slick suspected to have come from a ship, have been removed from Sirinan National Park and Koh Racha Yai after being washed ashore. The spill is believed to have originated from neighbouring Phangnga province on 2 Aug before reaching Koh Racha Yai in Phuket on 6 Aug.

The environmental impact was also being assessed as the slick posed a threat to 4,000 rai of undersea coral extending from Phangnga to Phuket. Four sea turtles had died as a result of the slick, with oil found in their stomachs suggested it had come from a tanker or cargo ship.

To establish the slick's source, the department has conducted a simulation of sea currents and wind speed over the past 10 days. The test results showed the spill might have occurred about 90 nautical miles east of Phuket.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2624587/search-on-for-source-of-phuket-oil-slicks>

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2625829/race-is-on-to-clean-up-large-oil-spill>

Incidents:

08 Aug - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Oil Tanker/ Local Contamination/ Off Odong Island, Yeosu, ROK/ DB100823

On 8 Aug, oil leaking from an oil tanker led to an oil spill off Odong Island, Yeosu, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20230808009500054?input=1195m>



Out of Reporting Period:

04 Aug - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Unknown Vessel/ Coastal Contamination/ Phuket, Thailand/
DB070823

On 4 Aug, an oil spill occurred due to an unknown vessel and it caused coastal contamination at Phuket, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2624587/search-on-for-source-of-phuket-oil-slicks>



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:

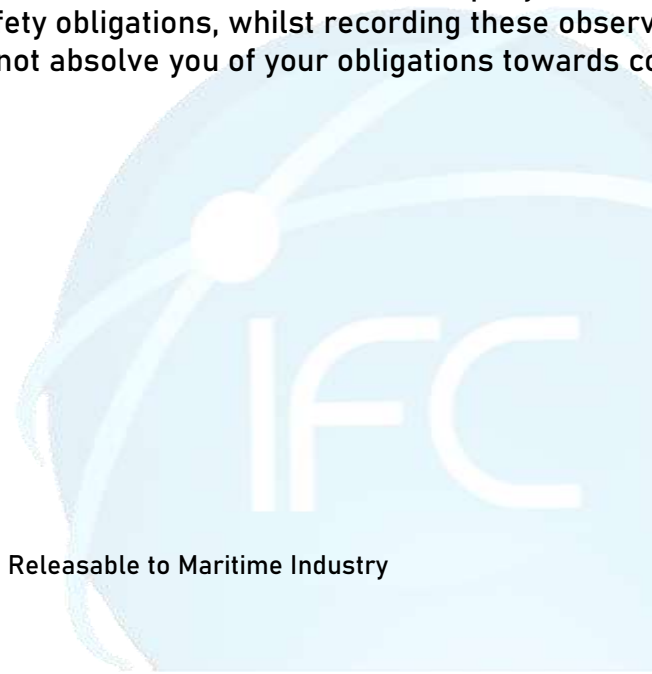
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The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also health and safety obligations, whilst recording 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.

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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