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



For the period of 06 - 12 May 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	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	22	5-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	1	13	10-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	20	13-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	8	18-19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	21
Others	0	0	22

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

### Information Update:

27 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Oil Tanker/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Sangley Point Anchorage, Cavite, Philippines/ DB030523  
(Information Update on DB080523)

It was updated that one box of rope, one life craft, one fire nozzle, one fire bell, and one fire hydrant was missing.

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

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/weekly/2023/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Weekly%20Report%20%20\(25%20April%20-%201%20May%2023\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/weekly/2023/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Weekly%20Report%20%20(25%20April%20-%201%20May%2023).pdf)  
GISIS

### Incident:

10 May - Suspicious Approach/ Sea Theft/ Anchor Handling Tug Supply, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel/ DB120523

1. IFC received information from the CSO that a Singapore-flagged Anchor Handling Vessel sighted 3 to 4 small boats surrounding her while she was transiting in the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°07'250" N, 103°30'907" E).
2. The CSO updated IFC that all crew members are safe and that there are no items stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
CSO

### IFC Comments:

This is the first "suspicious approach" incident recorded in 2023.



Outside of Reporting Period:

05 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Panama - Flagged/ No Injuries/ Anchored/ Manila Bay Anchorage, Philippines/ DB100523

While at anchor, duty roving noticed two perpetrators jump into the sea during their watch. Crew members of the said vessel conducted an assessment to identify missing items on board. Ship properties and stores were stolen. Personnel of CGS Manila together with the Philippines Coast Guard (PCGA) Squadron on board PCGAR H1B101-425 immediately proceeded to the said location and conducted assessments and monitoring of any suspicious motor bancas and watercraft within the area.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to PH ILO for more incident details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

GISIS



## SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

11 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ East China Sea/ DB120523

On 11 May, 6 were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire in the East China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202305110007>

11 May - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Gaafaru, Maldives/ DB120523

On 11 May, 2 are missing after a cargo vessel went missing off Gaafaru, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4510>

10 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Ro-Ro/ Bali Strait, Indonesia/ DB110523

On 10 May, a passenger Ro-Ro went adrift off Bali Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp.-Perkasa-Prima-5-I2297258.html>

<https://www.detik.com/bali/berita/d-6713097/kapal-feri-mati-mesin-di-selat-bali-terbawa-arus>

10 May - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ro-Ro/ Ternate Port, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB110523

On 10 May, a passenger Ro-Ro went collided with a ferry pier ramp off Ternate Port, North Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41865/ferry-destroyed-pier-ramp-indonesia-video/>

07 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ Malacca Strait, Indonesia/ DB110523

On 7 May, a passenger vessel went adrift off Malacca Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/berita/d-6708623/mesin-mati-3357-penumpang-km-kelud-tujuan-jakarta-terombang-ambing-di-laut>

06 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Kuala Besut Estuary, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB110523

On 6 May, a passenger vessel was detained off Kuala Besut Estuary, Terengganu, Malaysia for unauthorized operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/05/seorang-pemandu-bot-bawa-penumpang-lebih-kapasiti-ditahan/>

09 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Ulsan, ROK/ DB100523

On 9 May, a tanker collided with a fishing vessel off Ulsan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41861/two-crude-oil-tankers-collided-two-fv-japan-sea/>

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06 May - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ 30 Rescued/ SAR/ Feeali, Maldives/ DB100523

On 6 May, 30 were rescued after a passenger vessel went adrift off Feeali, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sun.mv/177051>

06 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Inguraidhoo, Maldives/ DB100523

On 6 May, four were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off Inguraidhoo, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://twitter.com/MNDF\\_Official/status/1654944526392496128](https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1654944526392496128)

06 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 79 Rescued/ SAR/ Bidong Island, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB100523

On 6 May, 79 were rescued after a passenger vessel caught fire off Bidong Island, Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/79-passengers-rescued-after-ferry-catches-fire-near-pulau-bidong-GM10940677>

07 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 72 Rescued/ SAR/ Pakiputan Strait, Philippines/ DB090523

On 7 May, 72 were rescued after a passenger vessel went adrift off Pakiputan Strait, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1766430/72-passengers-rescued-as-boat-engine-conks-out-off-samal-island-pcg>

07 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 21 Dead, 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Tanur, Kerala, India/ DB080523

On 7 May, 21 died and 19 were rescued after a passenger vessel capsized off Tanur, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/several-dead-injured-boat-capsizes-kerala-malappuram-rescue-operations-2376114-2023-05-07>

06 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Pohang, ROK/ DB080523

On 6 May, a cargo vessel went adrift off Pohang, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41841/cement-carrier-troubled-stormy-japan-sea/>

06 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cargo Mishap/ Ro-Ro Passenger Vessel/ 146 Rescued/ SAR/ Sunda Strait, Indonesia/ DB080523

On 6 May, 146 were rescued after a Ro-Ro passenger vessel caught fire off Sunda Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41849/ferry-fire-evacuation-process-sunda-strait-video/>

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20230507103157-20-946249/kronologi-penyelamatan-kapal-royce-1-yang-terbakar-di-selat-sunda>



Outside of Reporting Period:

02 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat vs Cargo Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Madhuban, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India/ DB100523

On 2 May, two were rescued after a small boat capsized off Madhuban, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Itt-Jaguar-8222795.html>

05 May - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ Little Santa Cruz Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB080523

On 5 May, a cargo vessel went aground off Little Santa Cruz Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0PugpkAMB7rug4VRpMbSQVuXeZR83XJ4DJjsXgExEp2hsNS7yPcJdztpUJy4ao6Fwl>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41845/coaster-aground-mindanao/>

05 May - Adrift/ Fire-Explosion/ Passenger Vessel/ 62 Rescued/ SAR/ Kusu Island, Singapore/ DB080523

On 5 May, 62 were rescued after a passenger vessel went adrift off Kusu Island, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/mpa-passenger-ferry-queen-star-2-fire-batam-3467481>

04 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB080523

On 4 May, a cargo vessel was detained for unauthorized operation off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0H446pidxc1nZqQakfoWYhK819mGGnNPQowr93Gy61J49QfFFqsmGJWL4B3XhuCGcl>

04 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Fulidhoo, Maldives/ DB080523

On 4 May, six were rescued after a cargo vessel capsized off Fulidhoo, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://twitter.com/MNDF\\_Official/status/1654140311902334976](https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1654140311902334976)

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4501>

<https://en.sun.mv/82302>

04 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Bulk Carrier/ Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka/ DB080523

On 4 May, a bulk carrier went adrift off the Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Vishva-Anand-9515046.html>

26 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ Indian Ocean/ DB080523

On 26 Apr, 10 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift in the Indian Ocean.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1654739637561352192>

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2023/may/06/coast-guard-rescue-10-indian-fishermen-from-maldivian-waters-2572657.html>



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

### Information Update:

30 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel/ 8 Foreign Fishermen/ Off Northwestern Australia/ DB030523  
(Information Update on DB090523)

It was updated that the nationality of the fishing vessel is Indonesian.

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

Maritime Border Command, Australia

### Incidents:

10 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Laotian Fisherman/ License of Fisherman/ Kuala Endau, Rompin, Malaysia/ DB120523

On 10 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off and arrested one Laotian fisherman off Kuala Endau, Rompin, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

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

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/258005/berita/semasa/bot-nelayan-tempatan-kelas-a-ditahan>

11 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Harvesting/ Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB110523

On 11 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India for illegal fishing.

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

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1656331151102058498>

07 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Prohibited Equipment/ Tanjung Kempit, Johor, Malaysia/ DB110523

On 7 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested nine foreign fishermen off Tanjung Kempit, Johor, Malaysia for illegal fishing methods.

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

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/257469/berita/semasa/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-nelayan-guna-peralatan-terlarang>

08 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Vankalai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB100523

On 8 May, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested seven local fishermen off Vankalai, Mannar, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/09/202305091700/>

Outside of Reporting Period:

05 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB100523

On 5 May, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and eight foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia, Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

05 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB100523

On 5 May, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released three foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia, Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

05 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB100523

On 5 May, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia, Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command

05 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB100523

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News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australian Maritime Border Command

04 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB100523

On 4 May, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and eight foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia, Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australian Maritime Border Command

02 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Aceh Singkil Regency, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 2 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested an unknown number of fishermen off Aceh Singkil Regency, Indonesia for illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/L5nsj2ofcChYlBroUoTg.pdf>

02 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Violation of Prohibited Period/ Off Hongdo Island, ROK/ DB090523

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested an unknown number of fishermen off Hongdo Island, ROK for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
[https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20230502\\_0002288751&cID=10447&pID=13000](https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20230502_0002288751&cID=10447&pID=13000)

05 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 3 Small Boats/ 5 Local Fishermen/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Kokkilai, Sri Lanka/ DB080523

On 5 May, local authorities detained three small boats and five local fishmen off Kokkilai, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/06/202305061400/>

05 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 5 Small Boats Detained/ 16 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Kokkilai Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB080523

On 5 May, local authorities detained five small boats and arrested 16 local fishermen off Kokkilai Lagoon, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/06/202305061400/>

## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

10 May - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Petrol (1,913 Litres) and Sugar (48 Packets)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Sandakan, Malaysia/ DB120523

On 10 May, local authorities seized 1,913 litres of Petrol and 48 packets of Sugar onboard a small boat off Sandakan, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/11/marine-cops-foil-bid-to-smuggle-out-subsidised-petrol-sugar-in-sandakan>

09 May - Domestic Products/ Used Clothing (50 Boxes)/ Ro-Ro Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB110523

On 9 May, local authorities seized 50 boxes of used clothing onboard a Ro-Ro vessel in the Port of Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0eWHWYwyPMqPd99jUh3Xo84GEJxFBYbxaue62ZEwcMASfyysuFiNGzYRq1YwHG511l>

08 May - Domestic Products/ Clothes (6 Sacks) and Cosmetics (2,400 Packets)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Nunukan Waters, Indonesia/ DB110523

On 8 May, local authorities seized 6 sacks of clothes and 2,400 packets of cosmetics onboard a small boat off Nunukan Waters, Indonesia.

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

<https://koarmada2.tnial.mil.id/2023/05/10/pangkalan-tni-al-nunukan-kembali-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ballpress-dan-kosmetik-ilegal/>

06 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (470 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Kampung Pengkalan Gelap, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB110523

On 6 May, local authorities seized 470 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Kampung Pengkalan Gelap, Terengganu, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.airtimes.my/2023/05/10/kastam-rampas-rokok-seludup-bernilai-lebih-setengah-juta-di-kuala-terengganu/>

08 May - Drugs/ Cannabis (85kg)/ Ashore/ Domestic Smuggling/ Mandaitivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB090523

On 8 May, local authorities seized 85kg of Cannabis on Mandaitivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/08/202305081830/>

06 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (20 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ 3 Indonesian Nationals Arrested/ From Indonesia to Philippines/ Off Maasim, Sarangani Province, Philippines/ DB080523

On 6 May, local authorities arrested three Indonesian nationals and seized 20 boxes of Cigarettes onboard a small boat off Maasim, Sarangani Province, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02LN3YKnZbFFYGzcsdXDoxHzpWUrHpWqW6nZ6HbCGpHqfcmyh3gD3kqhkgqDQzRbhl&show\\_text=true&width=500](https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02LN3YKnZbFFYGzcsdXDoxHzpWUrHpWqW6nZ6HbCGpHqfcmyh3gD3kqhkgqDQzRbhl&show_text=true&width=500)

Outside of Reporting Period:

28 Apr - Fuel/ Diesel (4,500 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ Phuket Deep Sea Port, Thailand/ DB120523

On 28 Apr, local authorities seized 4,500 litres of Diesel onboard a cargo vessel off Phuket Deep Sea Port, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://koarmada2.tnial.mil.id/2023/05/10/pangkalan-tni-al-nunukan-kembali-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ballpress-dan-kosmestik-ilegal/>

25 Apr - Drugs/ Ecstasy (1 Ton)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore to Malaysia/ North Butterworth Container Terminal, Penang, Malaysia/ DB120523

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 1 ton of Ecstasy onboard a container vessel in North Butterworth Container Terminal, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/226-million-in-ecstasy-pills-seized-at-penang-port-container-was-transferred-in-s-pore-waters>

05 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (126 Master Cases)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Barangay Recodo, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB110523

On 5 May, local authorities seized 126 master cases of cigarettes onboard a cargo vessel off Barangay Recodo, Zamboanga, Philippines.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://customs.gov.ph/boc-poz-intercepts-p4-4-million-worth-of-undocumented-cigarettes/>

02 May - Drugs/ Liquid Meth (264kg)/ Small Boat/ To Indonesia/ Pandeglang Regency, Banten, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 2 May, local authorities seized 264kg of liquid meth onboard a small boat off Pandeglang Regency, Banten, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/278850>

04 May - Wildlife/ Antlers (1.6 Tons)/ Speedboat/ From China to Hong Kong/ Off Tanjiaozi, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong/ DB100523

On 4 May, local authorities seized 1.6 tons of Antlers onboard a speedboat off Tanjiaozi, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www2.hkej.com/instantnews/current/article/3450281/%E6%B6%89%E5%BF%AB%E8%89%87%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E7%B4%84%E5%80%BC2000%E8%90%AC%E9%B9%BF%E8%8C%B8+%E5%85%A9%E5%85%A7%E5%9C%B0%E7%94%B7%E8%A2%AB%E6%8D%95>

17 Apr - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumbers (105kg)/ From India/ Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB100523

On 17 Apr, local authorities seized 105kg of Sea Cucumbers off Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/icg-seizes-105kg-of-sea-cucumbers/articleshow/99545769.cms?from=mdr>

30 Mar - Domestic Products/ Liquor (850 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Bontang City, East Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 30 Mar, local authorities seized 850 litres of Liquor onboard a passenger vessel off Bontang City, East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/L5nsj2ofcChYlBroUoTg.pdf>

29 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (419,541 Packs)/ Small Boat/ Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 29 March, local authorities seized 419,541 packs of Cigarettes onboard a small boat off Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/L5nsj2ofcChYlBroUoTg.pdf>

19 Mar - Natural Resources/ Timber (25 Cubic Meters)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tiga Island, Natuna Regency, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 19 Mar, local authorities seized 25 cubic metres of Timber onboard a cargo vessel off Tiga Island, Natuna Regency, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/L5nsj2ofcChYlBroUoTg.pdf>

07 Mar - Wildlife/ Birds (64 Animals)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Wanci Harbour, Indonesia/ DB100523

On 7 Mar, local authorities seized 64 animals onboard a passenger vessel off Wanci Harbour, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/L5nsj2ofcChYlBroUoTg.pdf>

05 May - Fuel/ Diesel (840 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Papua New Guinea/ Jayapura City, Papua, Indonesia/ DB090523

On 5 May, local authorities seized 840 litres of Diesel onboard a small boat off Jayapura City, Papua, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3527046/polair-polda-papua-gagalkan-penyelundupan-840-liter-bbm-ke-png>

03 May - Drugs/ Meth (1kg) and Yaba (3,000 Pills)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Teknaf Upazila, Bangladesh/ DB090523

On 3 May, local authorities seized 1kg of Meth and 3,000 Yaba pills onboard a fishing vessel off Teknaf Upazila, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/man-held-with-drugs-at-teknaf/114632>

04 May - Drugs/ Meth (6kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Bagan Asahan, Asahan Regency, Indonesia/ DB080523

On 4 May, local authorities seized 6kg of Meth onboard a fishing vessel off Bagan Asahan, Asahan Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/58842/TANGKAP-PENYELUNDUP-NARKOBA-DI-PERAIRAN-SELAT-MALAKA,-TNI-AL-SELALU-SIAGA-DI-WILAYAH-RAWAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-NARKOBA/>

04 May - Natural Resources and Domestic Products/ Black Pepper (53 Tonnes), Areca Nut (136 Tonnes), and Cosmetics/ Container Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Krishnapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB080523

On 4 May, local authorities seized 53 tonnes of Black Pepper, 136 tonnes of Areca Nuts and cosmetic products onboard a container vessel off Krishnapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/CustomsVijayaw1/status/1654140776954167305>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

10 May - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Laotian Fisherman arrested/ Kuala Endau, Rompin, Malaysia/ DB120523

On 10 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one Laotian fisherman off Kuala Endau, Rompin, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/258005/berita/semasa/bot-nelayan-tempatan-kelas-a-ditahan>

08 May - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 48 Philippine Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB110523

On 8 May, local authorities detained 48 Philippine migrants off Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga, Philippines

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1201198>

06 May - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 10 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB080523

On 6 May, local authorities detained 10 Sri Lankan migrants off Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India.

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

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/10-more-tamil-refugees-from-sri-lanka-reach-dhanushkodi-islet/article66819585.ece>

### Outside of Reporting Period:

02 May - Human Smuggling/ Fishing Vessel/ 41 Sri Lanka Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to Australia/ Australia/ DB110523

On 2 May, local authorities detained 41 Sri Lanka migrants off Australia.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/10/202305101000/>

05 May - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 9 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Nunukan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB080523

On 5 May, local authorities detained a small boat and nine Indonesian migrants off Nunukan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/58856/TNI-AL-GAGALKAN-PENGIRIMAN-TKI-ILEGAL-KE-TAWAU-MALAYSIA/>

05 May - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 6 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Erukkalampiddy, Sri Lanka/ DB080523

On 5 May, local authorities detained a small boat and six Sri Lankan migrants off Erukkalampiddy, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/06/202305060900/>

04 May - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Myanmar Fishermen/ Pulau Tinggi, Mersing, Johor, Malaysia/ DB080523

On 4 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and three Myanmar Fishermen off Pulau Tinggi, Mersing, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/05/vessel-detained-by-mmea-in-johor-for-unlicensed-fishing>

03 May - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Myanmar Fishermen/ Kuala Gula, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080523

On 3 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and three Myanmar fishermen off Kuala Gula, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid032Lnz2q6UPY2zPByuwMZc16vnHhKZmdVGhpKpK58wC5GifQR5yPGNY5h2Ysfu1l>



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

06 May - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Dredger/ Local Contamination/ Mariveles, Bataan, Philippines/ DB080523

On 6 May, an oil spill that originated from a capsized dredger polluted the waters of Mariveles, Bataan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/5/6/pcg-containing-another-oil-spill-as-dredger-involved-in-corregidor-collision-sinks>



## 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

### 2022

IFC Spot Commentary 1/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs And Barges in Waters Off Tanjong Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

### 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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