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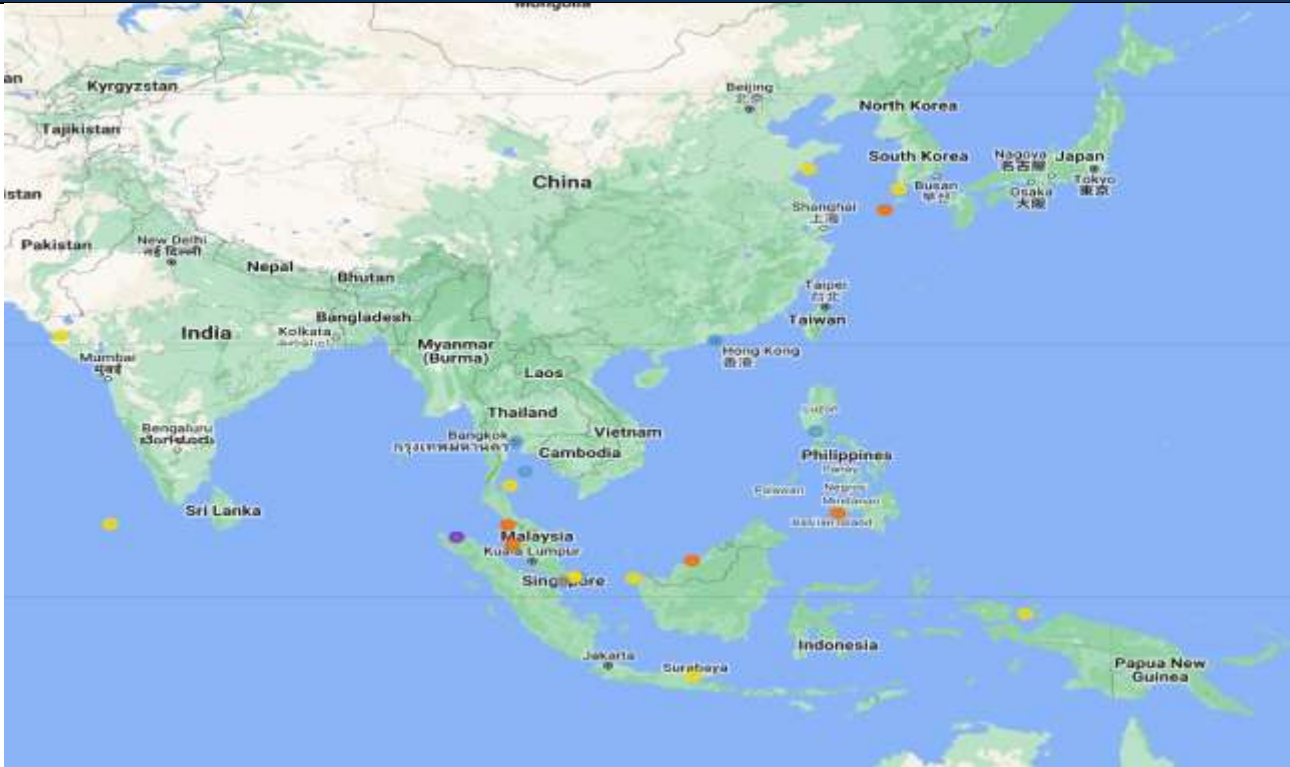
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 07 – 13 Jan 23, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	2	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	25	4-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	1	23	10-15
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	16-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	20
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	22
Others	0	0	23

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

Information Updates:

05 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Malaysia-Flagged/ Underway /Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB100123
(Information Update on DB060123)

POCC has also updated that the vessel was transiting through westbound lane of TSS instead of eastbound.

POCC has updated that the vessel had been boarded twice on the same day. The second boarding happened at 1650 (UTC +8). Eight perpetrators boarded the vessel and scrap metal was stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority

04 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ HK TUG 3 and Barge (LKH 9889)/ Tug and Barge/ Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB100123
(Information Update on DB050123)

POCC has also updated that the vessel was transiting through westbound lane of TSS instead of eastbound.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

12 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Gresik Port, Indonesia/ DB130123

On 12 Jan, a cargo vessel caught on fire at Gresik Port, Indonesia. 17 people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40813/general-cargo-ship-major-fire-indonesia-video/>

12 Jan - Others/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Wando Port, ROK/ DB130123

On 12 Jan, a cargo vessel experienced water ingress off Wando Port, ROK. Nine people were rescued from a SAR operation that managed to bring the boat to the port.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40809/korean-freighter-near-sink-wando-korea/>

10 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Tanker/ 2 Missing, 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Qingdao, China/ DB130123

On 10 Jan, a tanker sunk off Qingdao, China due to an explosion. Two people is still missing while 15 others have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40805/explosion-broke-tanker-two-15-crew-rescued-2-missi/>

09 Jan - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Missing/ SAR/ Pemangkat, Indonesia/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, a cargo vessel went missing at Pemangkat, Indonesia. Five people went missing form the incident, SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/malaysia-cargo-ship-missing-indonesia-waters-maritime-steel-pipes-3195271>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40781/cargo-ship-disappeared-south-china-sea-epirb-found/>

09 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Merchant Vessel/ Tanjung Siang, Malaysia/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained a merchant vessel at Tanjung Siang, Malaysia. The vessel was detained due to illegally anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/01/868978/penang-vessel-detained-johor-illegally-transferring-fuel-panama>

09 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Tanker/ Tanjung Balau, Malaysia/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained a tanker at Tanjung Balau, Malaysia. The vessel was detained due to illegally anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/01/868978/penang-vessel-detained-johor-illegally-transferring-fuel-panama>

08 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Dead, 3 Missing and 9 Rescued/ Off Serui, Yapan Islands, Papua, Indonesia/ DB110123

On 08 Jan, a small boat capsized off Serui, Yapan Islands, Papua, Indonesia due to bad weather. Two people were reported to have died, three are still missing and nine people have been rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/01/08/214448578/sebuah-kapal-terbalik-di-yapen-2-penumpang-tewas-3-lainnya-hilang>

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ 9 Rescued/ Off Koh Phangan Island, Thailand/ DB090123

On 07 Jan, a tug sank off Koh Phangan Island, Thailand due to bad weather. Nine people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40761/tug-sank-gulf-siam-crew-rescued/>

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cargo Mishap/ Container Vessel/ Mundra Port, India/ DB090123

On 07 Jan, a container vessel capsized at Mundra Port, India due to a cargo mishap.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40749/container-ship-capsized-mundra-port-india-video/>

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Ferry/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Noomaraa, Maldives/ DB090123

On 07 Jan, a ferry capsized at Noomaraa, Maldives. Eight people were rescued from a SAR operation, the cause of incident is still unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4298>

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ Off Kudat, Malaysia/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, a small boat capsized off Kudat, Malaysia due to bad weather. One person was rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2023/01/06/kd-todak-selamatkan-mangsa-bot-karam-di-perairan-kudat/>

05 Jan - Others (Death at Sea)/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 1 Dead/ Tanjung Laut, South Bontang, Indonesia/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, a person was reported dead at Tanjung Laut, South Bontang, Indonesia. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kaltim.tribunnews.com/2023/01/05/jasad-nelayan-ditemukan-di-dalam-kapal-saat-melaut-disekitar-perairan-tanjung-laut-indah-bontang>

05 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ Off Kuakata, Patuakhali, Bangladesh/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire off Kuakata, Patuakhali, Bangladesh due to equipment failure. 13 people were rescued from this incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2022/12/23/unhcr-this-shocking-ordeal-and-tragedy-must-not-continue>

05 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Oil Products Tanker/ Off Pangkor Island, Malaysia/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, Malaysian authorities detained an oil tanker off Pangkor Island, Malaysia. The tanker was detained due to unauthorised anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/foreign-tanker-detained-for-anchoring-without-permission-off-pulau-pangkor-HA10459860>

04 Jan - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Supply Ship/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB100123

On 04 Jan, a supply ship went adrift off Mumbai, India due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40717/offshore-supply-tug-suffering-water-ingress-arabia/>

03 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ 26 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ulingan Tanjung, East Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB100123

On 03 Jan, a small boat sunk off Ulingan Tanjung, East Kalimantan, Indonesia due to water ingress. 26 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://peloporwiratama.co.id/2023/01/04/prajurit-tni-al-evakuasi-korban-tenggelmnya-speed-boat-di-perairan-tanjung-batu-kalimantan-timur/>

02 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ Off Nha Trang, Viet Nam/ DB100123

On 02 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk off Nha Trang, Viet Nam. Eight people were rescued from the incident. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/tau-ca-quang-ngai-bi-chim-tren-bien-8-ngu-dan-duoc-cuu-song-20230102170326488.htm>

01 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kukusan Island, Labuan Bajo, West Manggarai Regency, Indonesia/ DB100123

On 01 Jan, a passenger vessel sank off Kukusan Island, Labuan Bajo, West Manggarai Regency, Indonesia due to equipment failure. 11 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/161/kapal-wisata-angkut-turis-di-labuan-bajo-tenggelm-dihantam-gelombang>



01 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chân Mây Port, Viet Nam/ DB100123

On 01 Jan, a small boat went adrift off Chân Mây Port, Viet Nam due to equipment failure. Seven people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/quang-binh-khan-truong-ho-tro-ung-cuu-tau-ca-gap-nan-tren-bien-20230101184126127.htm>

01 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ Off Quảng Trạch District, Viet Nam/ DB100123

On 01 Jan, a small boat went aground off Quảng Trạch District, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Four people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/quang-binh-khan-truong-ho-tro-ung-cuu-tau-ca-gap-nan-tren-bien-20230101184126127.htm>

30 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 8 Rescued/ Off Hòn Gió Island, Viet Nam/ DB100123

On 30 Dec, a small boat sunk off Hòn Gió Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Eight people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-8-ngu-dan-truoc-khi-tau-chim-tren-bien-post457734.htm>

06 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ Off Anambas, Indonesia/ DB090123

On 06 Jan, a small boat capsized off Anambas, Indonesia. One person is missing from the incident. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mediakepri.co/regional/pr-1036444851/pencarian-nelayan-jatuh-dan-hilang-di-anambas-terhambat-cuaca-ekstrem>

04 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ Tangerang Regency, Indonesia/ DB090123

On 04 Jan, a fishing vessel capsized off Tangerang Regency, Indonesia due to bad weather. 10 people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://belitongekspres.disway.id/read/642005/kapal-tenggelam-10-nelayan-tangerang-banten-selamat-tiba-di-pelabuhan-tanjungpandan>

28 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB090123

On 28 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh due to equipment failure. 15 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thedailynewnation.com/news/344354/Navy-rescues-15-fishermen-alive-from-deep-sea>

<https://www.facebook.com/bangladeshnavy.mil.bd/posts/pfbid02VVkhFjwLPtTJD2S9cDGk2Y4KiyeAp4zfCrk3cd43PTRsjLfZLncvk7RAueotgjw7l>

24 Dec - Others/ Mooring-Anchoring/ Barge/ Gili Ketapang Island, Indonesia/ DB090123

On 24 Dec, an anchor from a barge cause a pipeline to burst at Gili Ketapang Island, Indonesia. The incident caused locals to not have clean water.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/jatim/berita/d-6491758/pipa-pdam-di-laut-rusak-warga-pulau-gili-ketapang-kesulitan-air-bersih>



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

Information Updates:

04 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorized Fishing Area/ Kuala Tatau, Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB100123
(Information Update on DB090123)

It was updated from a news source that the total fish amounted to 200 kilograms and the estimated value of seizure was US\$ 114,246.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0JJcT5FFWxKvAoxQkJJpUhNec2eXs3WJPCeJCNbNRCYTpCiT8ZVyXfoB4xtSVxu7nlt>
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0xZsMJifJzkNq3oLQ42hEkw8S8kx5xZsSvLz9CqDN1JV1pBFSJhxxKLVmwZ6uKfmBl>

Incidents:

12 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Documentation of Fishermen/ Off Mukah Head, Malaysia/ DB130123

On 12 Jan, a fishing vessel was detained off Mukah Head, Malaysia due to illegally fishing. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for not having valid documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid05Zb8oyA7suDkVaLzmXHwwhqY uHHucxkMB3AsZpzLzxm3sxsNS4zTe5SYvwdMQfnpl>

09 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Terung, Malaysia/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kuala Terung, Malaysia. Three foreign fishermen were arrested for having invalid license for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02Kdw4wDd6Kz4sviPqDqJyUD9V81N5Z8VtNKsoXwmmh8kMEXc4n8QHrtQt2aAT3ihvl>

08 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 33 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ False Report/ Off Jeju Island, ROK/ DB110123

On 08 Jan, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels off Jeju Island, ROK. 33 foreign fishermen were arrested for falsely reporting the number of fish they caught.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://cn.yna.co.kr/view/ACK20230109004600881>

08 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Number of Local Fishermen Arrested/ Trawling/ Off Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB100123

On 08 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines. Unknown number of fishermen were arrested for fishing with illegal fishing methods mainly trawling.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/578532067645483>

07 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Small Boats Detained/ 16 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Shellfishing/ Kurung Tengar, Perlis, Malaysia/ DB100123

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained six small boats detained at Kurung Tengar, Perlis, Malaysia. 16 foreign fishermen were arrested for shellfishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02xku9EuYngkgHVCzLz9u98r9cXcdACFW3NJedVdR7v6yooL8S6U1F5A9e22jk28HPI>

07 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Kuala Balingian, Malaysia/ DB090123

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kuala Balingian, Malaysia. Seven fishermen were arrested for illegally fishing in an unauthorised fishing area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/01/08/mmea-detains-vessel-crew-for-allegedly-fishing-outside-permitted-zone-near-kuala-balingian/>

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 21 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command



19 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 19 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

16 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

11 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 11 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

11 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 11 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

10 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 10 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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



06 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 06 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

06 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 06 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

05 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 05 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 04 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 04 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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



04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 04 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 04 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

01 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ No Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off North Western, Australia/ DB130123

On 01 Dec, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off North Western, Australia for illegal fishing. The fishermen did not have valid license for their fishing vessel.

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

05 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Trawlers Detained/ 14 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Negambo and Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB090123

On 05 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing trawlers at Negambo and Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka. 14 local fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fish.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=639>

05 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Achchankulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB090123

On 05 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Achchankulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka. Nine local fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fish.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/05/202301051530/>

04 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorized Fishing Area/ Kuala Tatau, Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB090123

On 04 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Kuala Tatau, Bintulu, Malaysia. Two local and four foreign fishermen were arrested for fishing in unauthorised fishing area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0xZsMJifJzkNq3oLQ42hEkw8S8kx5xZsSvLz9CqDN1JV1pBFSJhxkKLVmwZ6uKfmBl>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

12 Jan - Domestic Products/ Onions (7 Containers)/ Container Vessel/ From China to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB130123

On 12 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Manila International Container Port, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was seven containers of onions that were smuggled from China to Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/12/boc-intercepts-p153-6m-worth-of-smuggled-onions/>
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1192549>

09 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (51 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Bangkok Port, Thailand/ DB130123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Bangkok Port, Thailand. Onboard the vessel as 51 kg of meth that were smuggled from Thailand to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/customsdepartment.thai/posts/pfbid02ws8tQFeDgDWgeyU6oCDG2aRpvzTBLcSFhbRDrwFP2x26E3jnS4PAD6B2UMmKnoH6l>

07 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1.9 million sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Australia/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB130123

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 1.9 million sticks of cigarettes that were meant to be smuggled from Hong Kong to Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3607.html?p=1&y=&m=

09 Jan - Fuel/ Fuel/ 2 Tankers/ Off Tanjung Sedili Besar, Malaysia/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained two tankers off Tanjung Sedili Besar, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/01/868978/penang-vessel-detained-johor-illegally-transferring-fuel-panama>
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02d5yyPLkZXZvqribtxcPECjcKRtNAysYLqhKZTNvp5qCmwj8fBweqTucVeZi16kSPl>

09 Jan - Drugs/ Khat (5,600 kg)/ Container Vessel/ To Thailand/ Laem Chabang Por Chon Burit, Thailand/ DB110123

On 09 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Laem Chabang Por Chon Burit, Thailand. Onboard the vessel was 5,600 kg of khat that were smuggled to Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.go.th/data_files/e2a021a569f9d162cc5672f7729d86b2.pdf?fbclid=IwAR10xQbnN4xBKtAFGdBaCxSQ031sLsClzM2z5hXZV603NuCjFpLzrAm03YE

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3 million sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Australia/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB130123

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 3 million sticks of cigarettes that were meant to be smuggled from Hong Kong to Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3607.html?p=1&y=&m=

06 Jan - Domestic Products/ Meat/ 2 Speed Boats/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Ambalat, Indonesia/ DB130123

On 06 Jan, local authorities detained two speed boats off Ambalat, Indonesia. Onboard the vessels were meat that were meant to be smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/169/penyelundupan-ratusan-karung-daging-ilegal-asal-malaysia-digagalkan-di-perairan-ambalat-aparat-sempat-beri-tembakan-peringatan>

04 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (50 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Pantai Cermin, Serdang Bedage, Indonesia/ DB130123

On 04 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat at Pantai Cermin, Serdang Bedage, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 50 kg of meth that was meant to be smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-6508064/10-orang-ditangkap-gegara-selundupkan-50-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia>

06 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Thailand/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB110123

On 06 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kuala Peris, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel were diesel that were smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid08UyQfqUN6aVmvjNpMnhuizKoqRPMiDWxMX2LKhYNWPBEkEPXvpX6RTdDpUci2Qq3l>

06 Jan - Domestic Products/ Brown Sugar (600 Tonnes)/ Container Vessel/ Colombo Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB100123

On 06 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Colombo Harbour, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel were 600 tonnes of brown sugar that were mis declared as white sugar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hirunews.lk/324434/>

05 Jan - Drugs/ Unknown Drugs (600,000 Tablets)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Vedalai, Ramanathapuram, India/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat at Vedalai, Ramanathapuram, India. Onboard the vessel were 600,000 tablets of unknown drugs that were smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://theprint.in/india/tn-police-thwarts-smuggling-of-6-lakh-tablets-near-ramanathapuram-coast/1299543/>

05 Jan - Drugs/ Heroin (21 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ Beruwala Fishing Port, India/ DB100123

On 05 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Beruwala Fishing Port, India. Onboard the vessel was 21 kg of heroin.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hirunews.lk/324370/>

04 Jan - Fuel/ Fuel (13 Barrels)/ Fishing Vessel/ Gujarat, India/ DB090123

On 04 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Gujarat, India. On the vessel was 13 barrels of fuel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.siasat.com/2730-liters-of-highly-inflammable-fuel-seized-in-gujarat-8-arrested-2495181/>

04 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,700 boxes)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Tieshan Port, China/
DB090123

On 04 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat at Tieshan Port, China. On the vessel was 8,700 boxes of cigarettes that were smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.xuehua.us/a/63b96f25717f6b4924d543cb>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

12 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen/ Documentation of Fishermen/ Off Mukah Head, Malaysia/ DB130123

On 12 Jan, local authorities detained four Myanmar fishermen off Mukah Head, Malaysia. The Myanmar fishermen did not have valid documentation to be fishing in Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid05Zb8oyA7suDkVaLzmXHwwhqY uHHucxkMB3AsZpzLzxm3sxsNS4zTe5SYvwdMQfnpl>

08 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Fishing Vessel/ 184 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Aceh, Indonesia/ DB090123

On 08 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Aceh, Indonesia. 184 Rohingya migrants were being smuggled from Bangladesh to Indonesia.

IFC Comments:

The Indonesian ILO confirmed there were 184 migrants with 69 males, 75 females and 40 children.

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sg.news.yahoo.com/nearly-200-rohingya-refugees-land-142003723.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALASo_AEC5guzSP9KJ-heLc8M83B1hpaW3BRA_Woj15o8YKlR--OLDS2utYOJZ5TMTjcAfmmT4lnpcc0h2Wtcdh296RT2Ae68VBtzDqUMWKqf1trYzUMtjNlBiEvIivqeEuETsY-yd0IUfaZ09FFjulqn9rhMmnBdqOcm_T19Ae

<https://www.voanews.com/a/boat-with-185-rohingya-refugees-lands-in-indonesia-s-aceh-/6909178.html>

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/rohingya-refugees-boat-185-indonesia-aceh-3190836>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

07 Jan - Malware/ Information Technology/ DNV/ Unknown/ Singapore/ DB130123

On 07 Jan, there was a ransomware that affected DNV. The impact of the incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/dnv-reports-cyber-attack-on-its-shipmanager-software-74466>



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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