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



For the period of 07 – 13 Oct 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)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	16	4-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	16	8-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	13	12-14
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	17
Others	0	0	18

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

Incidents:

08 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Cyprus-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB091023

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier as vessel transited the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'30.0"N 103°40'24.0"E) on 8 Oct 23 at 00:01 (UTC + 8). Crew reportedly sighted two armed perpetrators with knives in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that search was completed, and all crew are accounted for. Nothing was 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)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

09 Oct - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Bay of Bengal, / DB131023

On 9 Oct, a tanker went adrift due to an unknown cause in the Bay of Bengal.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://splash247.com/cameroon-flagged-dark-tanker-adrift-off-indonesia/>

09 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Ferry/ 4 Rescued/ Off Jibei, Taiwan/ DB121023

On 9 Oct, four were rescued after a passenger ferry went aground off Jibei, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/5016546>

09 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ LPG Tanker vs General Cargo Ship/ Off Kikuma Coast, Japan Inner Sea, Japan/ DB111023

On 9 Oct, an LPG Tanker collided with a General Cargo Ship off Kikuma Coast, Japan Inner Sea, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43233/lpg-tanker-and-dry-cargo-collided-inner-japan-sea/>

09 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia/ DB111023

On 9 Oct, a cargo ship was detained for unauthorised operation off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-ppinang-tahan-kapal-kargo-berlabuh-tanpa-kebenaran-441197>

08 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Shanghai, China/ DB111023

On 8 Oct, 13 were rescued after a bulk carrier sank off Shanghai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/13-rescued-from-sinking-bulker-off-shanghai>

08 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Co To Con, Viet Nam/ DB111023

On 8 Oct, four were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Co To Con, Viet Nam

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nhandan.vn/quang-ninh-cuu-ho-thanh-cong-4-ngu-dan-bi-dam-tau-tren-bien-post776603.html>

07 Oct - Cargo Mishap/ Human Error/ Passenger Ferry/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Cebu Port, Philippines/ DB101023

On 7 Oct, 20 were rescued after a passenger ferry experienced a cargo mishap in Cebu Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2023/10/09/more-than-20-crew-poisoned-by-spilled-chemical-on-board-of-ferry/>

07 Oct - Adrift/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Pamban, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB091023

On 7 Oct, 10 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift Pamban, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1710339374142181647>

07 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship vs Tanker/ Tsuruga Port, Western Honshu, Japan/ DB091023

On 7 Oct, a Ro-Ro cargo ship collided with a tanker in Tsuruga Port, Western Honshu, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43201/korean-ro-ro-collided-japanese-tanker-japan/>

07 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ Toyama Bay, Japan Sea, Japan/ DB091023

On 7 Oct, four were rescued after a fishing vessel collided with a cargo vessel in Toyama Bay, Japan Sea, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43197/japanese-fishing-vessel-capsized-after-collision-c/>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ Off Shengsi Yangshan, Zhejiang, China/ DB121023

On 25 Oct, 11 were rescued after a cargo vessel sank off Shengsi Yangshan, Zhejiang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.weibo.cn/detail/4954648017375640>

05 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, India/ DB111023

On 5 Oct, 14 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, India

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1711386202220454220>

01 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Ishikawa Power Plant, Okinawa, Japan/ DB101023

On 1 Oct, a cargo vessel went aground off Ishikawa Power Plant, Okinawa, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Yuusei-1014321.html>

06 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB091023

On 6 Oct, a cargo vessel collided with a breakwater off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43197/japanese-fishing-vessel-capsized-after-collision-c/>

05 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Dead, 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Munambam, Kerala, India/ DB091023

On 5 Oct, three died, one missing and three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank in Munambam, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2023/10/08/munambam-boat-accident-body-of-third-missing-fisherman-found.html>

05 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Mooring-Anchoring/ Offshore Tug/ Benete, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB091023

On 5 Oct, an offshore tug went aground in Benete, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43185/offshore-construction-boat-aground-indonesia/>



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

Incidents:

11 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 37 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tioman Island, Malaysia/ DB131023

On 11 Oct, local authorities detained three foreign fishing vessels and arrested 37 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Tioman Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/628920/berita/semasa/nelayan-asing-rompak-hasil-perikanan-negara-ditahan>

11 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Baengnyeong Island, ROK/ DB121023

On 11 Oct, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested nine fishermen for illegal fishing off Baengnyeong Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20231011_0002478349&cID=10802&pID=14000

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News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20231011_0002478349&cID=10802&pID=14000

11 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 7 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Mong Cai, Viet Nam/ DB121023

On 11 Oct, local authorities detained seven fishing vessels for illegal fishing off Mong Cai, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baoquangninh.vn/don-bien-phong-cua-khau-cang-van-gia-bat-giu-7-tau-khai-thac-thuy-san-trai-phep-3264053.html>

10 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB121023

On 10 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia>

09 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia/ DB111023

On 9 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one local and two foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0wgNMvp9PQMN1aLt2kMfTA48gsxdsZSWfSXx66k1RSzHs4Q3V1W32A7r4KjxyJ76Ql>

08 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB101023

On 8 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kuala Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/10/09/enam-pekerja-asing-tanpa-permit-kendali-bot-nelayan-tempatan-ditahan/>

08 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Andaman Sea, Phuket, Thailand/ DB091023

On 8 Oct, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested 12 fishermen for illegal fishing in the Andaman Sea, Phuket, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Third Naval Area Command, THAI - MECC

08 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 16 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Andaman Sea, Phuket, Thailand/ DB091023

On 8 Oct, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested 16 fishermen for illegal fishing in the Andaman Sea, Phuket, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Third Naval Area Command, THAI - MECC

08 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Andaman Sea, Phuket Thailand/ DB091023

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News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Third Naval Area Command, THAI - MECC

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Small Boats Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Vakarei, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

From 5 to 6 Oct, local authorities detained a total of six small boats and arrested 13 local fishermen for illegal fishing in Vakarei, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/07/202310071530/>

05 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Nagar Kovil, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

On 5 Oct, local authorities detained three small boats and arrested nine local fishermen for illegal fishing in Nagar Kovil, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/07/202310071530/>

05 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Sallimunai Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

On 5 Oct, local authorities and arrested two local fishermen for illegal fishing in Sallimunai Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/07/202310071530/>

04 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Norway Islet, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

On 4 Oct, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested seven local fishermen for illegal fishing in Norway Islet, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/05/202310051445/>

03 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Bolder Point, Jayanagar, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

On 3 Oct, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested seven local fishermen for illegal fishing in Bolder Point, Jayanagar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/05/202310051445/>

03 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Walaithottam Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB111023

On 3 Oct, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested one local fishermen for illegal fishing in Vakarei, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/07/202310071530/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

12 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (70,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tho Chu, Viet Nam/ DB131023

On 12 Oct, local authorities seized 70,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Tho Chu, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/canh-sat-bien-viet-nam-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-khoang-70-000-lit-dau-d-o-trai-phep-tren-bien>

11 Oct - Domestic Products/ Agricultural Produce/ Passenger Ferry/ To Malaysia/ Port Dickson, Malaysia/ DB131023

On 11 Oct, local authorities seized agricultural produce onboard a passenger ferry at Port Dickson, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/10/12/maqis-patahkan-cubaan-bawa-masuk-cili-limau-tanpa-permit/>

10 Oct - Domestic Products/ Dried Sea Cucumbers (274kg)/ Ashore/ Kudawa Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB131023

On 10 Oct, local authorities seized 274kg of dried sea cucumbers in Kudawa Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/11/202310112230/>

08 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (90 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Maasin Village Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB091023

On 8 Oct, local authorities seized 90 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Maasin Village Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1975025/zamboanga/local-news/3-arrested-p31-m-smuggled-cigarettes-seized>

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (622kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Australia/ Melbourne, Australia/ DB131023

On 4 Oct, local authorities seized 622kg of meth onboard an unknown vessel in Melbourne, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/four-men-charged-after-600kg-methamphetamine-hidden-toilet-rolls-seized>

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/10/12/polis-siasat-warga-malaysia-disyaki-seludup-662-kg-dadah-ke-australia/>

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/four-men-charged-after-600kg-methamphetamine-hidden-toilet-rolls-seized>

03 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,900,000 Sticks)/ Container Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tuen Mun Inland River Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB121023

On 3 Oct, local authorities seized 4,900,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container ship at Tuen Mun Inland River Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3919.html?p=1&y=&m=

29 Sep - Domestic Products/ Electronic Products (167 Boards)/ Container Ship/ From Hong Kong to Shanghai and Malaysia/ Hong Kong/ DB121023

On 29 Sep, local authorities seized 167 boards of electronic products onboard a container ship in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.chinanews.com/wap/detail/chs/zw/hm6516fcef6a79c6c6862c487.shtml>

29 Sep - Domestic Products/ Electronic Products and Cosmetics/ Container Ship/ Hong Kong/ DB121023

On 29 Sep, local authorities seized electronic products and cosmetics onboard a container ship in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.chinanews.com/wap/detail/chs/zw/hm6516fcef6a79c6c6862c487.shtml>

20 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,400,000 Sticks)/ Container Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tuen Mun Inland River Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB121023

On 20 Sep, local authorities seized 3,400,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container ship at Tuen Mun Inland River Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3919.html?p=1&y=&m=

21 Sep - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Counterfeit Goods (20,000 Pieces) and Nicotine Oil (3,000 Bottles)/ Container Vessel/ From China to Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB111023

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 20,000 pieces of counterfeit goods and 3,000 bottles of nicotine oil onboard a container vessel at Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3921.html?p=1&y=&m=

06 Oct - Domestic Products/ CPU (160 Units)/ Ashore/ To China/ Qingmao Port, Macau, China/ DB101023

On 6 Oct, local authorities seized 160 units of CPUs at Qingmao Port, Macau, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.hangzhou.com.cn/shxw/content/2023-10/10/content_8627639.htm

04 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (4kg)/ Ashore/ From Sabah to Indonesia/ Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB091023

On 4 Oct, local authorities seized 4kg of meth at Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100079948387646/posts/pfbid0cXowtBKuJ1tkijQfQqv8yU8ATQfX7dnyo9AzhVrucbY8oRaiy5jopcZVTSuiDQrel/>

<https://www.astroawani.com/videos/video-terkini-x7sio1/suami-isteri-ditahan-bersama-syabu-rm240000-x8olt1b>

04 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (323kg)/ Container Ship/ From Mexico to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB091023

On 4 Oct, local authorities seized 323kg of meth onboard a container ship at the Manila International Container Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2023/10/07/2301802/p219-billion-shabu-concealed-beef-jerky-mexico-intercepted>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

09 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 25 Indonesian Migrants/ Off Carey Island, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB101023

On 9 Oct, local authorities detained 25 Indonesian migrants off Carey Island, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/10/09/bot-pom-pom-bawa-25-pati-dipintas-di-pulau-carey/>

IFC Comment:

Malaysia ILO confirms that all the illegal migrants are Indonesian nationals.

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ Container Ship/ 1 Bangladeshi Migrant/ From Bangladesh to Singapore/ Chittagong, Bangladesh/ DB101023

On 24 Sep, Chittagong Port Authorities detained one stowaway (Bangladeshi migrant) in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Haian-View-9470727.html>

IFC Comments:

The stowaway was discovered by the ship crew while enroute to Singapore, and he was not allowed to go on shore. He was subsequently handed over to the Chittagong Port Authorities for investigation.

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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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

2023

IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung 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 Manila 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.



SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL



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