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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (A0I)



For the period of 08 -14 Apr 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 | 3 | 2-3 |
| Maritime Terrorism (MT) | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Maritime Incidents (MI) | 1 | 29 | 5-11 |
| Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF) | 0 | 17 | 12-15 |
| Contraband Smuggling (CS) | 0 | 20 | 16-20 |
| Irregular Human Migration (IHM) | 0 | 7 | 21-22 |
| Environmental Security (ENVSEC) | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| Cyber Security (CYBSEC) | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 25 |

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

Incidents:

13 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB140423

1. POCC informed that a Hong Kong - Flagged Tanker, while underway, the crew discovered four perpetrators boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel at (1°04'48.0"N 103°35'12.0"E) on 13 Apr 23 at 2336(UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, rounds completed and nothing was stolen. Perpetrators assessed to have left the vessel. 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)

10 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Tg Setapa, Singapore Strait/ DB120423

A complaint was received by the Tanjung Sedili Maritime Zone from the master of the tugboat carrying a load of scrap metal on the way to Penang who informed that their barge had been squeezed by several boats and boarded by several suspects believed to be stealing.

Acting on the complaint, the Malaysian Maritime asset immediately went to the location and successfully intercepted a wooden boat laden with a load of stolen scrap metal along with six male Indonesian suspects between 23 and 51 years old.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/berita/2023/04/enam-warga-indonesia-ditahan-rompakbesi-buruk-lima-pati-cuba-masuk/

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Container Vessel, Panama Flagged/ Minor Injury/ Anchored/ Manila North Harbour Anchorage, Philippines/ DB100423

On 03 Apr at about 1802 (UTC+8) eight robbers armed with knives and iron bars boarded an anchored container ship. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, and crew mustered. VTMS informed. The robbers stole ship's properties and escaped. Coast guard boarded the ship for inspection. One crew on duty was injured during the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracyreport/details/179/2341 https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9852 https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Ever-Boomy-9787015.html

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

03 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Rajang River Mouth, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB100423 (Information Update on DB060423)

It was updated from a news article that The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) has found the body of a local fisherman, Wong Pak Wei, 30, who was reported missing on Monday, 3 Apr after the boat he was in sunk in waters near Tanjung Jerijih.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/04/08/body-of-missing-fishermanfound-in-sarawak-waters-says-mmea https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/04/05/five-crewmen-rescued-one-still-missingafter-boat-capsizes-in-belawai/

Incidents:

13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Missing and 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Kuala Tungkal Waters, Indonesia/ DB140423

On 13 Apr, a passenger vessel sunk at Kuala Tungkal Waters, Indonesia due to a collision with a small boat. 15 people have been rescued, while two others are missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://bangka.tribunnews.com/2023/04/14/breaking-news-17-orang-tenggelamsetelah-kapal-bertabrakan-di-tanjung-jabung-barat

13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB140423

On 13 Apr, a fishing vessel sunk off Quang Binh, Viet Nam due to water ingression. Six people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://thanhnien.vn/quang-binh-cuu-ho-kip-thoi-6-ngu-dan-bi-chim-tau-tren-bien-1852304131913506.htm 13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing and 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Belawan, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB140423

On 13 Apr, a passenger vessel sunk at Belawan, North Sumatra, Indonesia due to equipment failure. 10 people have been rescued from the incident, one has died and another is still missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://sumut.jpnn.com/sumut-terkini/3867/basarnas-medan-evakuasi-penumpangkapal-km-maharani-sempurna-yang-karam-di-selat-malaka

12 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Labuan, Malaysia/ DB140423

On 12 Apr, a tug was detained at Labuan, Malaysia due to unauthorised operations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/04/13/two-indonesians-arrested-boatseized-off-labuan-during-maritime-op

12 Apr - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Tanker/ Off Tanjung Gerem, Banten, Indonesia/ DB130423

On 12 Apr, there was a collision incident between two tankers off Tanjung Gerem, Banten, Indonesia. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://indonesia.postsen.com/local/508032/Indonesian-Navy-Secures-Post-Marine-Accident-Waters-in-Banten-%E2%80%93-Indonesiadefensecom.html https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Fortune-Pacific-Xlix-9432086.html https://twitter.com/_TNIAL_/status/1646298373258084352

09 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Panganan Island, Lapu-Lapu, Philippines/ DB130423

On 09 Apr, a small boat went adrift at Panganan Island, Lapu-Lapu, Philippines due to equipment failure. 18 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/497870/18-college-students-in-island-hoppingactivity-in-mactan-rescued-after-boat-malfunctions

09 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Tug and Barge/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Wanatiara Persada, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB130423

On 09 Apr, a tug and barge sunk at Wanatiara Persada, North Maluku, Indonesia due to a collision. One person went missing and two were rescued from a SAR operation.

https://beritadetik.id/2023/04/09/kapal-tongkang-bermuatan-4000-ton-feronikeltenggelam-di-laut-obi-halmahera-satu-abk-jatuh-dan-hilang/

08 Apr - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Morong, Bataan, Philippines/ DB130423

On 08 Apr, a small boat went aground at Morong, Bataan, Philippines. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid033oR4cCM5p3aebw FmnKP1Hbd8LPyDkB1sQrThs1oAqJ9nBBAFWbtvDSxffUApXLnhl

08 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 22 Rescued/ Lamon Bay, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB130423

On 08 Apr, a small boat sunk at Lamon Bay, Camarines Norte, Philippines. 22 people were rescued from the incident. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://pilipinomirror.com/bangka-lumubog-22-pasahero-nasagip/

08 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Donggala, Indonesia/ DB120423

On 8 Apr, a cargo vessel sunk off Donggala, Indonesia due to bad weather. Five people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://headlinekaltim.co/kapal-dihantam-ombak-korban-km-fitri-05-ditemukanselamat-di-perairan-donggala-sulawesi-tengah/

09 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Ulugan Bay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB110423

On 9 Apr, a small boat sunk at Ulugan Bay, Palawan, Philippines due to bad weather. Six people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/PhilippineNavy/posts/pfbid02iKdvvqFfffXM9LkpvBMxYppSxQM gkcXJEAyCm4zTkQK6EGJMRmc9yPsRNh5CZ8JQl https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1199076

08 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Sikakap Waters, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 8 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift at Sikakap Waters, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation.

https://www.halloriau.com/read-rohil-1436966-2023-04-09-kapal-terombangambing-ditengah-laut-5-nelayan-rohil-berhasil-diselamatkan.html

08 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Guindulman, Bohol, Philippines/ DB110423

On 8 Apr, a small boat capsized at Guindulman, Bohol, Philippines due to bad weather. 13 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=199181866177480&set=pcb.199182156177451

09 Apr - Violent Confrontation/ Dispute/ Fishing Vessel/ Isukapalle, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB100423

On 9 Apr, there was a dispute with a fishing vessel at Isukapalle, Andhra Pradesh, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/tiff-between-ap-tnfishermen/articleshow/99350803.cms

09 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cargo Mishap/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 11 Rescued/ Calintaan, Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB100423

On 9 Apr, a passenger vessel capsized due to a cargo mishap at Calintaan, Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines. One person died while 11 were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1754413/1-dead-11-rescued-as-tour-boat-capsizes-offmatnog-sorsogon

08 Apr - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Raja Ampat Regency, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 8 Apr, a small boat went adrift due to water ingression at Raja Ampat Regency, Indonesia. Four people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/271019

08 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Calaguas Island, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB100423

On 8 Apr, a passenger vessel sunk at Calaguas Island, Camarines Norte, Philippines. 15 people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1753985/15-rescued-from-sinking-boat-in-camarines-norte

08 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Off Kuala Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 8 Apr, a tug was detained for an unauthorised operation off Kuala Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02eXuXHq61wxcFwdRaMdZidkNd CUavoJD5WaverSkNKonbe7wkUdG7VXHgwDCQSEigl

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Bagac, Bataan, Philippines/ DB130423

On 7 Apr, a small boat caught fire at Bagac, Bataan, Philippines. 11 people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/coastguarddistrictnationalcapitalregionentralluzon/posts/pfbi d02ALNoH9TQN6ikRGLHb67AjemCcPtWJLoKnBYrLvK1ErotN9g918QrwR5hq5EVL9Gzl

27 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Supply Vessel/ Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB130423

On 27 Mar, a supply vessel was detained at Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. The vessel was detained due to an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/04/12/sealink-mulls-legal-action-against-mmeafor-unlawful-detention-of-vessel-in-kuala-baram/

07 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cape Gambeir, Australia/ DB110423

On 7 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift off Cape Gambeir, Australia. Two people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: Australian Maritime Safety Authority

06 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Ketapang Waters, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 6 Apr, a cargo vessel sunk at Ketapang Waters, West Kalimantan, Indonesia due to bad weather. Six people were rescued from a SAR operation.

https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/58281/LANAL-KETAPANG-LAKSANAKAN-SAR-KLM-TIRTA-SEJATI-3-TENGGELAM-DI-PERAIRAN-KETAPANG/

04 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Unknown Vessel/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Batuatas Waters, South Buton Regency, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 4 Apr, an unknown vessel went adrift at Batuatas Waters, South Buton Regency, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Three people went missing from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://panduanrakyat.com/sebuah-kapal-gt-5-tujuan-kaledupa-alami-kecelakaan-diperairan-batuatas

07 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pantai Kelanang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 7 Apr, a small boat sunk off Pantai Kelanang, Selangor, Malaysia due to grounding. 19 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/04/954009/19-pati-hampir-lemas-botkaram-ketika-cuba-lari-dari-apmm

06 Apr - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan/ DB100423

On 6 Apr, a tanker collided against a beacon at Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Tanzawa-9848211.html

05 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Off Labuan, South China Sea/ DB100423

On 5 Apr, a tanker was detained for an unauthorised operation off Labuan, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/04/896917/mmea-intercepts-tankerdetains-crew-labuan

05 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Boracay Island, Malay, Philippines/ DB100423

On 5 Apr, a fishing vessel sunk after colliding with a speed boat at Boracay Island, Malay, Philippines. One person was found dead from the incident.

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1754003/body-of-missing-ati-chieftain-found-in-boracay

03 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Landing Craft Tank/ 2 Missing, 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sitaro Islands Regency Waters, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 3 Apr, a landing craft tank sunk Off Sitaro Islands Regency Waters, North Sulawesi, Indonesia due to bad weather. Two people are still missing while nine have been rescued. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41601/lct-sank-survivors-drifted-160nm-5-days-indonesia/

03 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Bunyu Island, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 3 Apr, a fishing vessel went missing at Bunyu Island, North Kalimantan, Indonesia. Four people are still missing. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://benuanta.co.id/index.php/2023/04/04/empat-warga-bunyu-dilaporkan-hilangsaat-pergi-memancing-ikan/107158/10/23/17/

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

Incidents:

14 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Documentation of Fishermen/ Off Bagan Datuk, Perak, Malaysia/ DB140423

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels off Bagan Datuk, Perak, Malaysia. Unknown fishermen were arrested for not having valid licenses.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/04/14/dua-bot-nelayan-tempatan-langgar-syaratlesen-ditahan-di-bagan-datuk/

10 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishermen/ Malacca Strait, Malaysia/ DB120423

On 10 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Malacca Strait, Malaysia. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for not having valid licence.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/04/4-pati-myanmar-ditahan-kendali-botnelayan-tempatan-2/

10 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB110423

On 10 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour, Sri Lanka. Six local fishermen were arrested for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=728

08 Apr – Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Akkaraipattu, Sri Lanka/ DB110423

On 8 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat at Akkaraipattu, Sri Lanka. Four local fishermen were arrested for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=727#prettyPhoto

Out of Reporting Period:

22 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Pulau Balambangan, Sabah/ DB140423

On 22 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Pulau Balambangan, Sabah for illegal fishing methods. Three foreign fishermen were arrested for blast fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/211136/illegals-jailed-for-having-bombed-fish/

07 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Philippines Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Celebes Sea, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained five Philippines fishing vessels at Celebes Sea, Indonesia. 13 Foreign fishermen were arrested for having invalid licence of fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://kkp.go.id/artikel/50287-kkp-tangkap-enam-kapal-ilegal-fishing-di-laut-natunadan-sulawesi

25 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Expelled/ 7 Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 25 Mar, local authorities expelled an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Seven fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

24 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 24 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Five fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

24 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 24 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Seven fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

24 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 24 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Six fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Expelled/ 4 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 21 Mar, local authorities expelled an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Four fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 4 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 21 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Four fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 21 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Eight fishermen were released after getting caught.

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

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Expelled/ 4 Fishermen Released/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB110423

On 21 Mar, local authorities expelled an Indonesian fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia, Australia for invalid licence of the fishing vessel. Four fishermen were released after getting caught. News Link(s)/ Info Source: Australian Maritime Border Command

06 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Boat Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Documentation of Fishermen/ Off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 6 Apr, local authorities detained an Indonesian fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for not having valid documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/04/06/ceroboh-perairan-negara-empat-nelayanindonesia-ditahan-apmm/

06 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Tanjung Baram, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 6 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Tanjung Baram, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. Two local fishermen were arrested for not having valid licence for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/04/07/fishing-vessel-seized-for-illegal-fishingoff-tanjung-baram-crew-members-detained/

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Trawling/ Pulau Mund, South Lampung Regency, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Pulau Mund, South Lampung Regency, Indonesia. One local fisherman was arrested for trawling.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

12 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (10 Packets)/ Ashore/ Jakhau, Gujarat, India/ DB140423

On 12 Apr, local authorities recovered 10 packets of cannabis at Jakhau, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://theprint.in/india/bsf-recovers-10-charas-packets-from-island-off-gujaratcoast/1513638/

11 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,800,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Gabang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB140423

On 11 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat off Tanjung Gabang, Selangor, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 4,800,000 sticks of cigarettes that were smuggled to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/04/13/mmea-foils-smuggling-bid-near-tanjung-gabang-seizes-48-million-clove-cigarettes

12 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (21 kg) and Ecstasy (1,897 Pills)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Siak Waters, Indonesia/ DB130423

On 12 Apr, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Siak Waters, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 21 kg of meth and 1,897 pills of ecstasy that were being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/berita/271758/21-kg-sabu-dan-1-897-butir-ekstasi-diselundupkan-melaluikapal-penumpang-di-siak-riau

12 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (20 Kg) and Ecstasy (40,000 Pills)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tg Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia/ DB130423

On 12 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Tg Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 20 kg of meth and 40,000 pills of ecstasy that were smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-6668141/polisi-gagalkanpenyelundupan-20-kg-sabu-40-ribu-pil-ekstasi-dari-malaysia

11 Apr - Domestic Products/ Tripes (15,000 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To China/ Off Chuanshi Island, Fuzhou, China/ DB130423

On 11 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Chuanshi Island, Fuzhou, China. Onboard the vessel was 15,000 kg of tripes that were being smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.chinaqw.com/qx/2023/04-13/356147.shtml

10 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (400,000 Sticks)/ Adrift/ Off Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB120423

On 10 Apr, local authorities seized 400,000 sticks of cigarettes that were adrift off Tok Bali, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO shared that it is unknown whether the cigarettes were being smuggled in or out of Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www-kosmo-com-my.translate.goog/2023/04/11/40-kotak-rokok-seludupditemui-terapung-tengah-laut/?_x_tr_sl=auto&_x_tr_tl=ms&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=wapp

10 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,000,000 Sticks)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Malaysia/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB110423

On 10 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 2,000,000 sticks of cigarettes that were smuggled to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/04/10/cubaan-seludup-masuk-2-juta-rokokdigagalkan-apmm/

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Apr - Chemical Substances/ Urea Nitrogen Fertilizer (520 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ To Viet Nam/ Con Dao, Viet Nam/ DB140423

On 6 Apr, local authorities detained a cargo ship at Con Dao, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 520 tons of nitrogen fertilizer that were smuggled to Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/dieu-tra-xu-ly-tau-cho-520-tan-phandam-ure-khong-ro-nguon-goc

04 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (20,000,000 Sticks)/ Barge/ Off Tsi Yi, Hong Kong/ DB130423

On 4 Apr, local authorities detained a barge off Tsi Yi, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 20,000,000 sticks of cigarettes that were meant to be smuggled.

https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/202524/Three-men-arrestedas-customs-bust-HK\$75m-cigarette-smuggling-case

09 Apr - Drugs/Cannabis (134 kg)/Adrift/To Sri Lanka/Valvettithurai, Sri Lanka/DB110423

On 9 Apr, local authorities found 134 kg of cannabis adrift at Valvettithurai, Sri Lanka. The cannabis was meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/04/10/202304101300/

07 Apr - Wildlife/ Birds (500)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained a cargo vessel off Jakarta, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 500 birds that were meant to be domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://korpolairud-news.com/2023/04/09/polair-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ratusanburung-dilindungi/

02 Apr - Wildlife/ Lobster Seed (60,000)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia/ Durian Island, Riau, Indonesia/ DB110423

On 2 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat at Durian Island, Riau, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 60,000 lobster seeds that was smuggled from Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.niaga.asia/117284-2/

07 Apr - Fuel/Oil/1 Tanker and 1 Tug/Off Penang Island, Malaysia/DB100423

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained a tanker and a tug off Penang Island, Malaysia. The two vessels were engaged in illegal oil transfer.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/kapal-tangki-dan-bot-tunda-bersertakru-ditahan-laku-pemindahan-minyak-tanpa-kebenaran-414519

04 Apr - Domestic Products/ Various Goods (10.5 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Hong Kong To China/ Off Lantau Island, Hong Kong/ DB100423

On 4 Apr, local authorities detained a cargo vessel off Lantau Island, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was various goods weighing 10.5 tons which were smuggled from Hong Kong to China.

https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3216409/hong-kongcustoms-arrests-2-suspects-over-smuggled-goods-worth-hk11-million-includingrotting-pig

15 Mar - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (65 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Jayapura Port, Papua, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 15 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Jayapura Port, Papua, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 65 litres of alcohol that was being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf

13 Mar – Domestic Products/ Alcohol (2,400 Bottles)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Manado Harbour, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Manado Harbour, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 2,400 bottles of alcohol that was being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf

10 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (20 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tanjung Balai City, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Tanjung Balai City, North Sumatra, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 20kg of meth that was smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf https://www.kilat.com/nasional/8447962889/polda-sumut-amankan-20-kg-sabu-asalmalaysia-di-perairan-tanjung-balai-4-orang-ditangkap

03 Mar - Fuel/ Kerosene (2,260 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Pulau Tatawa, Komodo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Pulau Tatawa, Komodo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 2,260 litres of kerosene that was being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf

02 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (2.4 Kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Serui Sea Port, Yapen Islands Regency, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 2 Mar, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Serui Sea Port, Yapen Islands Regency, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 2.5kg of cannabis that was being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf

01 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (10 Tons)/ 2 Unknown Vessels/ Domestic Smuggling/ Samaturu, Kolaka Regency, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 1 Mar, local authorities detained two unknown vessels at Samaturu, Kolaka Regency, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 10 tons of diesel that was being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

14 Apr - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 2 Indonesian Fishermen/ Off Bagan Datuk, Perak, Malaysia/ DB140423

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels off Bagan Datuk, Perak, Malaysia. Two Indonesian fishermen were arrested for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/04/14/dua-bot-nelayan-tempatan-langgar-syaratlesen-ditahan-di-bagan-datuk/

12 Apr - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 11 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ West Coast, Johor, Malaysia/ DB140423

On 12 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat at West Coast, Johor, Malaysia. On the vessel was 11 Indonesian migrants that were caught going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/04/13/11-pati-warga-indonesia-baru-mendaratdicekup/

10 Apr - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen/ Malacca Strait, Malaysia/ DB120423

On 10 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Malacca Strait, Malaysia. There were four Myanmar fishermen that were onboard the vessel without valid documentations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/04/4-pati-myanmar-ditahan-kendali-botnelayan-tempatan-2/

09 Apr - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 5 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tg Setapa, Singapore Strait/ DB120423

On 9 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat off Tg Setapa, Singapore Strait. There were five Indonesian migrants onboard the vessel that was trying to go from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.utusan.com.my/berita/2023/04/enam-warga-indonesia-ditahan-rompakbesi-buruk-lima-pati-cuba-masuk/

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Apr - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 19 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Pantai Kelanang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat off Pantai Kelanang, Selangor, Malaysia. There were 19 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/04/954009/19-pati-hampir-lemas-botkaram-ketika-cuba-lari-dari-apmm

07 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 1 Passenger Ferry/ 16 Myanmar and 3 Bangladeshi Migrants Arrested/ From Langkawi to Kuala Kedah/ Off Kuala Kedah, Malaysia/ DB100423

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained a passenger ferry off Kuala Kedah, Malaysia. There were 16 Myanmar and three Bangladeshi migrants that were going from Langkawi to Kuala Kedah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02VX1QzDn15QzTqwZM6arzfAMN MU1vFddwrjpHUjxdPtqoPnrgvRUaQCCa4zrkushRl

08 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 19 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Sarang Helang, Asahan Regency, Indonesia/ DB100423

On 8 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Sarang Helang, Asahan Regency, Indonesia. There were 19 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activityreports/April2023/P9Ti8pvUMqG60JT5xd9P.pdf



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

13 Apr - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Unknown Vessel/ Local Contamination/ Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB140423

On 13 Apr, there was an oil pollution at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka from an unknown vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.newsfirst.lk/2023/04/13/mepa-collects-samples-of-tar-like-substancefrom-trinco-shores/

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Mar - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Unknown Vessel/ Local Contamination/ Tuy Hoa Beach, Viet Nam/ DB100423

On 31 Mar, there was a maritime pollution at Tuy Hoa Beach, Viet Nam. There was an oil spill caused by an unknown vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.vietnamplus.vn/phu-yen-thu-gom-vet-dau-von-cuc-xuat-hien-o-bo-bientuy-hoa/854526.vnp

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:

Email: information_fusion_centre@defence.gov.sg

Tel: +65 9626 8965 (Hotline) +65 6594 5728 (Office) Fax: +65 6594 5734

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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