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



For the period of 09 - 15 Dec 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                 | 0                   | 2              |
| Maritime Terrorism (MT)                            | 0                 | 0                   | 3              |
| Maritime Incidents (MI)                            | 0                 | 18                  | 4-7            |
| Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF) | 0                 | 16                  | 8-11           |
| Contraband Smuggling (CS)                          | 0                 | 15                  | 12-15          |
| Irregular Human Migration (IHM)                    | 0                 | 7                   | 16-17          |
| Environmental Security (ENVSEC)                    | 0                 | 3                   | 18             |
| Cyber Security (CYBSEC)                            | 0                 | 0                   | 19             |
| Others   | 0                 | 0                   | 20             |

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

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**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

14 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Batang Paloh, Tanjung Manis, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB151223

On 14 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to an unknown cause in Batang Paloh, Tanjung Manis, Sarawak, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

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

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/12/14/four-safe-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-near-btg-paloh-bridge-construction-site/>

13 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Cantilan, Surigao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB151223

On 13 Dec, a small boat capsized due to bad weather in Cantilan, Surigao del Sur, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1215416>

12 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Bulk Carrier/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Candon, Ilocos Sur, Philippines/ DB151223

On 12 Dec, a fishing vessel collided with a bulk carrier due to an unknown cause in Candon, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there seven rescued.

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

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Jawad-9405502.html>

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-fishing-vessel-navigates-to-safety-after-losing-its-bow>

13 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 58 Rescued/ Off Dekefaru, Maldives/ DB141223

On 13 Dec, a passenger vessel went aground due to an unknown cause off Dekefaru, Maldives. A local vessel rescued the 58 people onboard the passenger vessel.

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

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4757>

12 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB141223

On 12 Dec, a cargo vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0aKdmKhvFRq5WNjm6hheB1SPBVUzVUgdEhXbz7BWxCWduwyTw91c7WLhyUGLy3MRI>

11 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Kaimana Waters, West Papua, Indonesia/ DB131223

On 11 Dec, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure in Kaimana waters, West Papua, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 23 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://papua.tribunnews.com/2023/12/12/bbm-habis-dan-terombang-ambing-di-perairan-kaimana-tim-sar-selamatkan-longboat-ditumpangi-23-orang>

11 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ 1 Missing, 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Meranti Waters, Riau Island, Indonesia/ DB131223

On 11 Dec, a tug caught fire due to an unknown cause in Meranti Waters, Riau Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and ten rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rri.co.id/daerah/478178/kapal-terbakar-di-perairan-meranti-pelalawan-satu-abk-hilang>

12 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 46 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Iki City, Japan/ DB121223

On 12 Dec, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Iki City, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were 46 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://rkb.jp/contents/202312/202312129204/>

11 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia/ DB121223

On 11 Dec, a passenger vessel collided into a port's dock due to bad weather at Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2023/12/11/km-sirimau-tabrak-dermaga-pelabuhan-ambon/>

11 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Maumere Waters, Indonesia/ DB121223

On 11 Dec, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Maumere waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/12/11/161131478/kapal-penumpang-mati-mesin-di-ende-tim-sar-upayakan-evakuasi>

11 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 1 Missing, 12 Rescued/ Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB121223

On 11 Dec, a cargo vessel capsized due to an unknown cause in Chattogram, Bangladesh. There was one missing and 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/accidents-fires/news/lighter-vessel-capsizes-the-karnaphuli-one-feared-missing-3491491>

10 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Passenger Vessel/ 44 Rescued/ SAR/ Saint Martins Island, Bangladesh/ DB121223

On 10 Dec, a passenger vessel went aground due to human error in Saint Martins Island, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were 44 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/333535/coast-guard-rescues-stranded-tourists-from-saint>

09 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ VOC Port, India/ DB121223

On 9 Dec, a bulk carrier went aground due to an unknown cause in VOC Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/cargo-vessel-salvage-near-voc-port-in-tuticorin/articleshow/105888586.cms>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Dec - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Ishhoo, Maldives/ DB121223

On 8 Dec, a passenger vessel experienced equipment failure due to an unknown cause in Ishhoo, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://twitter.com/MNDF\\_Official/status/1732995652911825025](https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1732995652911825025)



08 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ Changxing Island, Shanghai, China/ DB121223

On 8 Dec, a bulk carrier ran aground due to an unknown cause in Changxing Island, Shanghai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43897/laden-bulk-carrier-aground-shanghai/>

03 Dec - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Dead, 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Da Lian, China/ DB111223

On 3 Dec, a fishing vessel went missing due to an unknown cause off Da Lian, China SAR was conducted and there were four dead and three missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail\\_forward\\_25532093](https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_25532093)

26 Nov - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Sailing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dong Fang, China/ DB111223

On 26 Nov, a sailing vessel went missing due to an unknown cause off Dong Fang, China. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1783626030161597374&wfr=spider&for=pc>

13 Nov - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ SAR/ Off Ning De, China/ DB111223

On 13 Nov, a cargo vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Ning De, China. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://fj.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202311/25/WS65615996a310d5acd8770670.html?from=single\\_message](https://fj.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202311/25/WS65615996a310d5acd8770670.html?from=single_message)



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

### Incidents:

13 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Silawathura, Sri Lanka/ DB151223

On 13 Dec, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested seven local fishermen for invalid license of fishermen in Silawathura, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/13/202312131400/>

13 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Trawler Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Sri Lanka/ DB151223

On 13 Dec, local authorities detained one Indian trawler and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/13/202312132300/>

12 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Out of Season/ Off Gahirmatha, Odisha, India/ DB141223

On 12 Dec, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested ten local fishermen for fishing out of season off Gahirmatha, Odisha, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://odishatv.in/news/odisha/fishing-ban-forest-dept-accused-of-setting-free-seized-trawler-in-gahirmatha--222431>

11 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB131223

On 11 Dec, local authorities detained one Malaysian fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0hx9qaSpqW6UGCL213t7Lnh9Pwzgb69mLPsnU73mjBNizPte9NocpKAJ3yv8B7ioVI>

09 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel and 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local and 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Labuan, Sabah/ DB121223

On 9 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and one small boat. They also arrested one local and six foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear and invalid license of fishing vessel off Labuan, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/bm/news.php?id=2253009>

09 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Hongdo Island, ROK/ DB121223

On 9 Dec, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for not reporting catches off Hongdo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscj.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=3089209>

09 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Coron Island, Philippines/ DB121223

On 9 Dec, local authorities detained one local small boat and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Coron Island, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/two-fishermen-arrested-for-using-compressor-in-coron-waters/>

09 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 25 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Point Pedro, Sri Lanka/ DB111223

On 9 Dec, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 25 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Point Pedro, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/10/202312100945/>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Filipino Fishing Vessels Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Colebra, Talotoan and Salvacion Islands, Philippines/ DB131223

On 8 Dec, local authorities detained two Filipino fishing vessels and arrested nine local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Colebra, Talotoan and Salvacion Islands, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.panaynews.net/9-nabbed-for-dynamite-fishing-in-concepcion/>

04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 4 Dec, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

02 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 2 Dec, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

01 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 1 Dec, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and ten foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

30 Nov - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 30 Nov, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

30 Nov - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 30 Nov, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

29 Nov - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB131223

On 29 Nov, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

26 Nov - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Dan Zhou, China/ DB111223

On 26 Nov, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested nine fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in Dan Zhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1783991439113244542&wfr=spider&for=pc>

## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

11 Dec - Domestic Products/ Medicine (6,000 Pills)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Oluthuduwai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB151223

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 6,000 pills of medicine in Oluthuduwai, Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/13/202312131515/>

09 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (20,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Ca Mau, Viet Nam/ DB151223

On 9 Dec, local authorities seized 20,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Ca Mau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bdbp-ca-mau-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-trai-phep-hon-20000-lit-dau-tren-bien-post470294.html>

12 Dec - Fuel/ Octane Oil (1,500 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Teknaf Marine Drive, Bangladesh/ DB141223

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 1,500 litres of octane oil onboard a small boat in Teknaf Marine Drive, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/333770/one-held-with-1-500-litres-of-oil-while-smuggling>

12 Dec - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (5,472 Cans)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Labuan, South China Sea/ DB131223

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 5,472 cans of alcohol onboard a small boat off Labuan, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://berita.rtm.gov.my/jenayah/senarai-berita-jenayah/senarai-artikel/lebih-5-000-arak-seludup-dirampas-di-labuan?fbclid=IwAR1HzKiRJYJ3MhTXj8gF9TmoHqGUFonblbQShvuCTHvYxSS7E-s-hE6WUVo>

12 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (31kg) and Ecstasy (100 Pills)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Nunukan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB131223

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 31kg of meth and 100 pills of ecstasy onboard an unknown vessel in Nunukan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://voi.id/en/news/338527>

12 Dec - Domestic Products/ Medicine (600,000 Pills)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Gulf of Mannar, India/ DB13122

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 600,000 pills of medicine onboard a small boat in the Gulf of Mannar, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/indian-coast-guard-seizes-six-lakh-capsules-being-smuggled-on-boat/articleshow/105938465.cms>

11 Dec - Domestic Products/ Ethanol (28,000 Litres)/ Container Vessel/ From China to India/ Nhava Sheva Port, India/ DB131223

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 28,000 litres of ethanol onboard a container vessel in Nhava Sheva Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/navi-mumbai-state-excise-seizes-28000-litres-of-illicit-ethanol-misdeclared-as-lab-chemicals-at-nhava-sheva-port-exposes-customs-lapses>

11 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (450kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Vembar, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB121223

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 450kg of cannabis onboard a small boat in Vembar, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/two-held-with-450-kg-of-ganja/article67627723.ece>

10 Dec - Fuel/ Petrol (21,075 Litres)/ Ashore/ From Malaysia/ Pulau Danawan, Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB121223

On 10 Dec, local authorities seized 21,075 litres of petrol in Pulau Danawan, Semporna, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
[https://sabahfirstinfo.com/cubaan-seludup-21075-liter-petrol-gagal/?fbclid=IwAR1WiTTAddsv8iAjHxiq5JcKz4E8\\_g5Wk-xrF4DxpRgGoFUckltRNtInrc](https://sabahfirstinfo.com/cubaan-seludup-21075-liter-petrol-gagal/?fbclid=IwAR1WiTTAddsv8iAjHxiq5JcKz4E8_g5Wk-xrF4DxpRgGoFUckltRNtInrc)



Out of Reporting Period:

30 Nov - Drugs/ Meth (20kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Kuala Idi, Idi Rayeuk, East Aceh Regency, Indonesia/ DB121223

On 30 Nov, local authorities seized 20kg of meth onboard a small boat in Kuala Idi, Idi Rayeuk, East Aceh Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/334577>

08 Dec - Natural Resources/ Gold (4kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Puttalam Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB111223

On 8 Dec, local authorities seized 4kg of gold onboard a small boat in Puttalam Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/09/202312091145/>

07 Dec - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (1,286kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Sethapola, Norochcholai, Sri Lanka/ DB111223

On 7 Dec, local authorities seized 1,286kg of Kendu leaves onboard an unknown vessel in Sethapola, Norochcholai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/07/202312071530/>

06 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (130,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB111223

On 6 Dec, local authorities seized 130,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a tanker in Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/08/police-seized-over-130000-litres-of-subsidised-diesel-in-raid#:~:text=PETALING%20JAYA%3A%20More%20than%20130%2C000,smuggling%20syndicate%20in%20Port%20Klang.>



05 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,630,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ To India/ Jawaharlal Nehru Port, India/ DB111223

On 5 Dec, local authorities seized 8,630,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel in Jawaharlal Nehru Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/dri-seizes-smuggled-cigarettes-worth-14-67-crore-from-jnpt-port-101702149212266.html>

25 Nov - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (20 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ To China/ Zhu Hai, China/ DB111223

On 25 Nov, local authorities seized 20 tons of frozen goods onboard a fishing vessel in Zhu Hai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://news.foodmate.net/2023/12/676519.html>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

13 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Yacht/ 4 Chinese and 4 Cambodians Migrants/ To Viet Nam/ Duong Dong Port, Phu Quoc, Viet Nam/ DB151223

On 13 Dec, local authorities arrested four Chinese and four Cambodian migrants in Duong Dong Port, Phu Quoc, Viet Nam.

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

<https://plo.vn/bien-phong-cua-khau-cang-duong-dong-phat-hien-8-nguoi-nghi-nhap-can-h-trai-phep-post766558.html>

12 Dec - Human Trafficking/ Unknown Vessel/ 24 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Teknaf, Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh/ DB151223

On 12 Dec, local authorities rescued 24 rohingya migrants onboard an unknown vessel in Teknaf, Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh.

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

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/police-rescue-24-rohingya-refugees-while-being-trafficked-malaysia-756750>

### IFC Comments:

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". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

10 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 315 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Off Lamreh, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB111223

On 10 Dec, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 315 rohingya off Lamreh, Aceh, Indonesia.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/12/10/over-300-rohingya-muslims-fleeing-myanmar-arrive-in-indonesia039s-aceh-region-after-weeks-at-sea>

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Out of Reporting Period:

01 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 78 Unknown Migrants/ To Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB151223

On 1 Dec, local authorities arrested 78 unknown migrants onboard an unknown vessel in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.hkcna.hk/docDetail.jsp?id=100537118>

03 Dec - Human Trafficking/ Passenger Vessel/ 5 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB121223

On 3 Dec, local authorities rescued five Filipino migrants onboard a passenger vessel from human trafficking in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0mUGEZMJoujuWPrZcBYpoP2uAavVkG1vX2s5NAdDsHmb5TmKXbRzDfnofdhi8czWXL&id=100067926407780&mibextid=Nif5oz&paipv=0&eav=Afb2T7tG9r2cAmf8lvEilq0us9Wuw100gXaKedh\\_V-5qQYGG2VpF8HK6ZdAk0tCPnzs&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0mUGEZMJoujuWPrZcBYpoP2uAavVkG1vX2s5NAdDsHmb5TmKXbRzDfnofdhi8czWXL&id=100067926407780&mibextid=Nif5oz&paipv=0&eav=Afb2T7tG9r2cAmf8lvEilq0us9Wuw100gXaKedh_V-5qQYGG2VpF8HK6ZdAk0tCPnzs&_rdr)

28 Nov - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 12 Vietnamese, 4 Bangladesh and 2 Pakistani Migrants/ To Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB121223

On 28 Nov, local authorities arrested 12 Vietnamese, four Bangladesh and two Pakistani migrants onboard a small boat in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3243590/hong-kong-mainland-chinese-law-enforcement-team-crackdown-illegal-immigration>

08 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 1 Chinese Migrant/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Carey Island, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB111223

On 8 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested one Chinese migrant off Carey Island, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/09/broken-mast-foils-chinese-national039s-attempt-to-leave-malaysia-illegally-in-unlicensed-sailboat>

## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

13 Dec - Others/ Fish Kill (Cause Unknown)/ Nakiri Fishing Port, Shima, Mie, Japan/ DB151223

On 13 Dec, a large number of Japanese-scaled sardines were washed up at Nakiri Fishing Port, Shima, Mie, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20231213/p2a/00m/0na/025000c>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Dec - Others/ Fish Kill (Cause Unknown)/ Off Hokodate City, Japan/ DB151223

On 7 Dec, 1,200 tons of dead sardines and mackerel washed up off Hokodate City, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/15082569>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/dec/14/ive-never-seen-anything-like-this-japan-says-reason-behind-1200-tonnes-of-fish-washing-ashore-is-unknown>

08 Dec - MIE/ Sea Sand/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Tien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB131223

On 8 Dec, a cargo vessel was illegally exploiting sand without a valid license off Tien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/doan-trinh-sat-so-2-bat-giu-2-tau-khai-thac-cat-trai-phep/11483/81>

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

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### 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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