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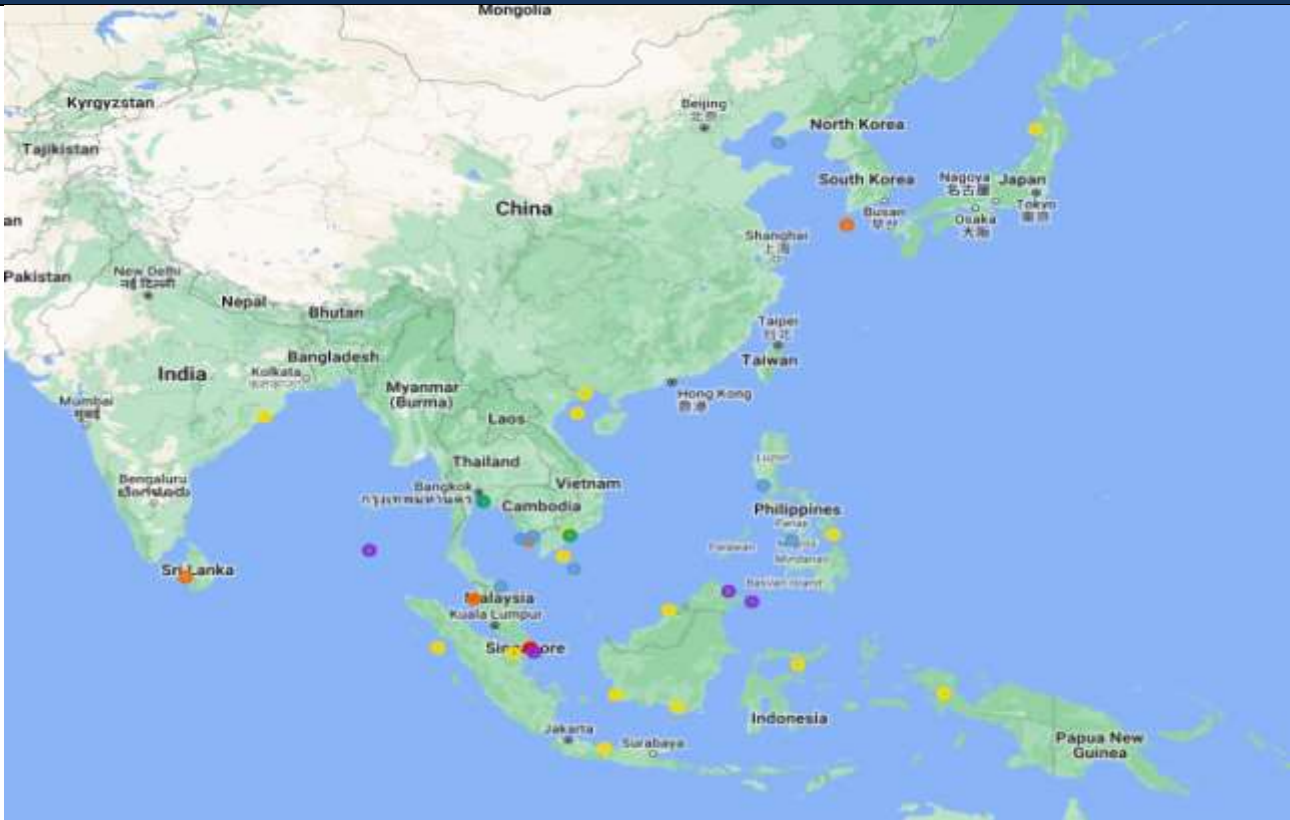
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# OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 11- 17 Feb 22, 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	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	3	20	4-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	10-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	20	12-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	16-18
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	4	19
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	20
Others	0	0	21

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

### Incidents:

15 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB170223

1. POCC reported that a Liberia-Flagged bulk carrier, reported unknown number of perpetrators having boarded the vessel when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°15'37.2"N 104°11'32.4"E) on 15 Feb 23 at 0505 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, some spare parts were reported missing. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, New Zealand.

### IFC Comments:

RFI COY for incident details

This is the 9th Incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2023. The last incident was on 15th Feb 2023.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

15 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier, Pakistan-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB150223

1. POCC informed that a Pakistan Flagged Bulk Carrier, reported at five armed with knives perpetrators inside steering gear compartment of the vessel at (1°16'00.0"N 104°10'00.0"E) on 15 Feb 23 at 0415(UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and nothing was reported stolen yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to the NPOC, China

### IFC Comments:

RFI COY for incident details

This is the 8th Incident that occurred in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2023. The last incident was on 8th Feb 2023.



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Information Updates:

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Song Town, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB150223  
(Information Update on DB140223)

It was updated that the missing victim was found to have drowned from the incident.

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

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/missing-person-in-boat-capsize-found-drowned-FE10633798>

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/02/14/missing-longboat-capsize-victims-body-found-near-log-pond-in-song/>

13 Feb - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ 85 Rescued/ SAR/ Tomini Bay, Indonesia/ DB150223  
(Information Update on DB140223)

It was updated from our Indonesia ILO that the vessel MV Express Priscilia is now safe and is being pulled back to Gorontalo port.

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

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/02/13/213103378/kapal-cepat-berpenumpang-85-orang-alami-mati-mesin-di-teluk-tomini>

08 Feb - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB140223  
(Information Update on DB100223)

It was updated that, following an extensive search by Thai authorities, the fishing vessel was located and towed ashore by another fishing vessel.

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

<https://thethaiger.com/news/phuket/phuket-fishing-crew-missing-since-last-month>

### Incidents:

14 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bintuna Bay, Indonesia/ DB160223

On 14 Feb, three were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Bintuna Bay, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mcwnews.com/read/2023/02/15/202302150003/kapal-terbalik-akibat-cuaca-buruk-tiga-nelayan-di-teluk-bintuni-selamat.html?page=1>

12 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Barge/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Off Van Gia Port, Viet Nam/ DB160223

On 12 Feb, one died after his barge ran aground off Van Gia Port, Viet Nam due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://daidoanket.vn/quang-ninh-phat-hien-thuyen-truong-tu-vong-sau-khi-sa-lan-mac-can-5709675.html>

11 Feb - Others/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 21 Rescued/ SAR/ Noyo River Estuary of North Nias Regency, Indonesia/ DB150223

On 11 Feb, a cargo vessel was successfully rescued from a SAR operation at Noyo River Estuary of North Nias Regency, Indonesia. The vessel was rescued due to bad weather which made the vessel experienced water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56891/NYARIS-TENGCELAM,-KAPAL-MOTOR-BERBENDERA-GABON-DISELAMATKAN-TNI-AL>

13 Feb - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ 85 Missing/ SAR/ Tomini Bay, Indonesia/ DB140223

On 13 Feb, a passenger vessel went missing at Tomini Bay, Indonesia. The vessel went missing due to engine failure, 85 people were onboard at the time of incident. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/02/13/213103378/kapal-cepat-berpenumpang-85-orang-alami-mati-mesin-di-teluk-tomini>

12 Feb - Sunk- Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hon Me, Viet Nam/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, a fishing vessel sank off Hon Me, Viet Nam. The cause of incident was due to a fire explosion onboard the vessel. 10 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/chay-tau-ca-tren-bien-10-thuyen-vien-may-man-thoat-nan-post458781.html>

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ 2 Missing, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, a tug sunk at Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia due to bad weather. Seven people were rescued from the incident while two others are still missing. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-6566610/kapal-tugboat-hendak-angkut-bauksit-di-kalbar-tenggelam-2-abk-hilang>

12 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Ro-Ro Cargo Vessel/ 100 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Puri, India/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, a ro-ro cargo vessel went aground off Puri, India due to equipment failure. 100 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/vessel-gets-stuck-in-chilika-100-remain-stranded-for-hours-in-bhubaneswar/articleshow/97850550.cms?from=mdr>

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ Pemalang Waters, Indonesia/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, a fishing vessel sunk at Pemalang Waters, Indonesia due to bad weather. Three people managed to rescue themselves from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://pemalang.inews.id/read/254308/nekat-melaut-di-tengah-cuaca-buruk-perahu-nelayan-tradisional-di-pemalang->

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Song Town, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, a small boat sunk off Song Town, Sarawak, Malaysia. Six people have been rescued from the incident while one is still missing. SAR is ongoing to find the missing person. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/02/13/boat-carrying-seven-sinks-on-way-to-song-search-launched-for-missing-man/>

11 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Con Dao, Viet Nam/ DB140223

On 11 Feb, a fishing vessel sank off Con Dao, Viet Nam due to water ingress. One person has been rescued from a SAR operation.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tuoitre.vn/thoat-nan-nho-bam-thung-nuoc-sau-4-tieng-troi-tren-bien-con-dao-20230212121633632.htm>

11 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Tanker/ SAR/ Off Hibusong Island, Loreto, Philippines/ DB140223

On 11 Feb, a tanker went adrift off Hibusong Island, Loreto, Philippines due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1729374/coast-guard-tows-cargo-ship-stalled-off-dinagat-islands>

12 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Passenger Vessel/ 241 Rescued/ Off Sungaitohor Village, East Tebingtinggi District, Indonesia/ DB130223

On 12 Feb, 241 were rescued after a passenger vessel ran aground off Sungaitohor Village, East Tebingtinggi District, Indonesia due to human error.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/253526>

<https://batam.tribunnews.com/2023/02/12/dugaan-sementara-penyebab-kapal-dumai-line-9-kandas-di-hutan-bakau-meranti>

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3392133/kapal-karimun-selatpanjang-tabrak-hutan-bakau-di-perairan-meranti>

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Oga City, Japan/ DB130223

On 12 Feb, one went missing after a fishing boat capsized off Oga City, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/lnews/akita/20230212/6010016799.html>

11 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error / Cause Unknown/ Container Vessel vs Container Vessel/ Long Tau river, Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam/ DB130223

On 11 Feb, two container vessels collided with each other at Long Tau river, Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam due to human error.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2023/02/11/container-ships-collided-in-ho-chi-minh-waters/>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/singapore-registered-container-vessel-collides-with-bahamian-ship-in-vietnam-waters>



11 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ship vs Coal Barge/ Barito River, Muara Banjar, Indonesia/ DB130223

On 11 Feb, a passenger ship collided with a coal barge at Barito River, Muara Banjar, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://banjarmasin.tribunnews.com/2023/02/11/kapal-dharma-rucitra-i-ringsek-setelah-bertabrakan-dengan-tongkang-di-muara-banjar-kalsel>

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hinatuan Island, Philippines/ DB130223

On 10 Feb, 23 were rescued after a cargo vessel capsized off Hinatuan Island, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Ops Centre

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/11948>

10 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ SAR/ Off Koh Chang, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB130223

On 10 Feb, a passenger ferry went adrift off Koh Chang, Ranong Province, Thailand due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid02NMsnBPUXrQMhtFmkjfcnGkkgF2p2H4Xqv3Fei9f7WGHgE2ufPV7JqERa4n1VomoSl>

08 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sual, Pangasinan, Philippines/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, five were rescued after a small boat capsized off Sual, Pangasinan, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/PhilippineNavy>

04 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Van Don, Viet Nam/ DB130223

On 4 Feb, one died while two were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Van Don, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tienphong.vn/dam-tau-tren-bien-van-don-mot-ngu-dan-tu-vong-post1507618.tpo>

04 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Off Surabaya, Indonesia/  
DB130223

On 4 Feb, a cargo ship ran aground off Surabaya, Indonesia due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41101/cargo-ship-ran-aground-arrival-russia-indonesia/>



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

### Incidents:

14 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishermen/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB170223

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Malaysia. Five foreign fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing without valid fishing licence.

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

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/02/5-pati-myanmar-ditahan-kendali-bot-nelayan-tempatan/>

13 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Equipment/ An Thoi Island, Phu Quoc, Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB150223

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels at An Thoi Island, Phu Quoc, Kien Giang, Viet Nam. Two local fishermen were arrested for having invalid license of their fishing vessel and for unauthorised fishing equipment.

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

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/xu-ly-tau-ca-vi-pham-quy-dinh-khai-thac-thuy-san-tren-bien-post458788.html>

12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB140223

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka. One fisherman was arrested for illegally harvesting shark.

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

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=674>

11 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 ROK Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Jeju Island, ROK/ DB130223

On 11 Feb, local authorities detained four ROK fishing vessels off Jeju Island, ROK for illegal fishing.

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

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20230211032900056?input=1195m>

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB130223

On 10 Feb, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0AV5iJPG84Bz1h7epqa2nPr89Ao1SUUxB5u2DiZNpJnpgezfh4x84tCWEG6wwa5ul>

09 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB130223

On 9 Feb, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested 13 foreign fishermen off Tok Bali, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/02/879066/vietnamese-fishermen-throw-equipment-pour-diesel-boat-floor-mmea>

<https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/s/427809>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Information Updates:

07 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (700,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ To Philippines/ Mabini, Batangas, Philippines/ DB160223  
(Information Update on DB080223)

It was updated that 700,000 litres of diesel was seized.

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

<https://www.portcalls.com/boc-batangas-seizes-tanker-discharging-unmarked-diesel/>

### Incidents:

15 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (847,000 Litres)/ Oil Tanker/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Corregidor Island, Philippines/ DB170223

On 15 Feb, local authorities detained an oil tanker off Corregidor Island, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 847,000 litres of diesel oil that was being domestically smuggled.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1195336>

14 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (25,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Con Dao island, Viet Nam/ DB170223

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Con Dao island, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 25,000 litres of diesel that did not have valid documents to prove the origin of goods.

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

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canh-sat-bien-3-tam-giu-tau-cho-25-000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc>

13 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (410,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ Off Galeri Tengku Anis, Tumpat, Malaysia/ DB160223

On 13 Feb, local authorities seized 410,000 cigarette sticks from a small boat off Galeri Tengku Anis, Tumpat, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.utusan.com.my/berita/2023/02/penyeludup-lari-tinggalkan-410000-batang-rokok-putih/>

13 Feb - Others/ Scrap Metal (20 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Hon Nho, Ha Tien-Kien Giang City, Viet Nam/ DB150223

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained a cargo vessel off Hon Nho, Ha Tien-Kien Giang city, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel were 20 tons of scrap metal without proper documentations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.archyde.com/detecting-a-ship-carrying-20-tons-of-illegal-scrap-in-the-southwest-sea/>

13 Feb - Fuel/ Fuel (674,200 Tons)/ To China/ Dalian Port, China/ DB150223

On 13 Feb, local authorities seized 674,200 tons of fuel at Dalian Port, China. The fuel were meant to be smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://finance.sina.com.cn/money/future/fmnews/2023-02-13/doc-imyfpshw9354267.shtml>

12 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (133 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Barangay Isio, Cauayan, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB150223

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat at Barangay Isio, Cauayan, Negros Occidental, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 133 master cases of cigarettes that were being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/02/13/p2-m-smuggled-cigarettes-intercepted-in-negros/>

11 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (45,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hon Thom, Viet Nam/ DB130223

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 45,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel off Hon Thom, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/lien-tiep-dau-tranh-bat-giu-02-tau-van-chuyen-khoang-85-000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep-tren-vung-bien-phia-nam>

11 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (40,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hon Thom, Viet Nam/ DB130223

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 40,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel off Hon Thom, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/lien-tiep-dau-tranh-bat-giu-02-tau-van-chuyen-khoang-85-000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep-tren-vung-bien-phia-nam>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (36,890 Litres)/ Trawler/ To India/ Off Pune, India/ DB160223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 36,890 litres of diesel from a trawler off Pune, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/pune-marine-customs-detains-4-for-allegedly-trying-to-smuggle-diesel-from-foreign-vessel>

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/newsindia/pune-marine-customs-detains-4-for-allegedly-trying-to-smuggle-diesel-from-foreign-vessel/ar-AA17trNA>

07 Feb - Drugs/ Cocaine (365 kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Western Australia/ DB160223

On 7 Feb, local authorities seized 365 kg of cocaine from a small boat off Western Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/one-arrested-part-international-investigation-365kg-cocaine-seized-wa>

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,400 Cartons)/ Ashore/ Kuala Terengganu Beach, Malaysia/ DB150223

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 3,400 cartons of cigarettes at Kuala Terengganu Beach, Malaysia. The cigarettes were found ashore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/02/935242/tinggal-rokok-seludup-atas-jalan>

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (42,000,000 Sticks)/ Ashore/ To Hong-Kong/ Tuen Mun, Hong-Kong/ DB150223

On 10 Feb, local authorities found 42,000,000 sticks of cigarettes at Tuen Mun, Hong-Kong. The cigarettes were found ashore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/13/P2023021300460.htm>

10 Feb - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (700 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Pelindo, Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia/ DB130223

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 700 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel at Pelindo, Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56844/PANGKALAN-TNI-AL-LABUAN-BAJO-AMANKAN-MINUMAN-BERALKOHOL-JENIS-SOPI-TANPA-DILENGKAPI-DOKUMEN-/>



09 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (9 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Thailand to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Dangali, Malaysia/ DB130223

On 9 Feb, local authorities seized 9 kg of cannabis from a small boat off Pulau Dangali, Malaysia. The cannabis was smuggled from Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0K22Gc7MqGXFy2HXHnzZwhndVCFHjCUV6CwEKXE9X7Uq6447p6gGVYcnnQcR7a5tl>

09 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (500 Reams)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Dipolog City Port, Philippines/ DB130223

On 9 Feb, local authorities seized 500 reams of cigarettes at Dipolog City Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1728233/about-p600000-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-in-dipolog-pcg>

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/602359298596093>

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1624329899027865601>

09 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (118 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sitio Ayunan, Brgy. Tambara, Malabang, Lanao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB130223

On 9 Feb, local authorities seized 118 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat at Sitio Ayunan, Brgy. Tambara, Malabang, Lanao Del Sur, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NFWMspeaks/posts/pfbid02j9L7aSEsCNWaknLXNo35DF2pE9nKqd71hixx76hMX6DNgV5SGrDZRFkzHhN3jenYl>

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1194927>

08 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (10,280 Packs)/ Passenger vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Pier 1, Cebu City, Philippines/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 10,280 packs of cigarettes from a passenger vessel at Pier 1, Cebu City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0mz29kVwvGSs1rMgoMfoJGgxFbithDQDd54UobhAxCf6oF7GBUYkkfLnxbhwfPKdiul&show\\_text=true&width=500](https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0mz29kVwvGSs1rMgoMfoJGgxFbithDQDd54UobhAxCf6oF7GBUYkkfLnxbhwfPKdiul&show_text=true&width=500)

<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/488704/coast-guard-in-cebu-city-seizes-p1-million-smuggled-cigarettes-in-passenger-ship>

08 Feb - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (30 Tonnes)/ Fishing Vessel/ To China/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 30 tonnes of frozen goods from a fishing vessel off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4Be2b9uLU4c>

08 Feb - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (100 Tonnes)/ Fishing Vessel/ To China/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 100 tonnes of frozen goods from a fishing vessel off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4Be2b9uLU4c>

30 Jan - Domestic Products/ Solar Cells (1 Container)/ Container Vessel/ From China to India/ Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House, India/ DB130223

On 30 Jan, local authorities seized one container of solar cells from a container vessel at Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/jnchcustoms/status/1623363321570406400>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

14 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 35 Migrants/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Off Pulau Berhala, Sandakan, Malaysia/ DB160223

On 14 Feb, local authorities arrested 35 migrants (various nationalities, including some unidentified) aboard a passenger vessel off Pulau Berhala, Sandakan, Malaysia. The migrants were travelling from Malaysia to Philippines.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/15/sandakan-mmea-foils-attempt-of-unregistered-boat-to-leave-state-illegally>

12 Feb - Human Trafficking/ Passenger Ferry/ 6 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines/ Bongao Port, Philippines/ DB160223

On 12 Feb, local authorities arrested six Filipino migrants aboard a passenger ferry at Bongao Port, Philippines.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1195099>

13 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Indonesian Migrant/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Sri Bintan Pura Port, Malaysia/ DB140223

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Sri Bintan Pura Port, Malaysia. The passenger vessel had an Indonesian migrant that was travelling from Indonesia to Malaysia.

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

<https://voi.id/en/news/254020/penyelundup-pmi-ilegal-dibekuk-di-pelabuhan-kepri-saat-hendak-berangkatkan-warga-ntt-ke-malaysia>

13 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 69 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Car Nicobar, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Indonesia/ DB140223

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat at Car Nicobar, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Indonesia. 69 Rohingya migrants were onboard the vessel that was travelling from Bangladesh to Indonesia.

### 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".

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/boat-with-69-rohingyas-from-bangladesh-reach-andaman-and-nicobar/article66504128.ece>



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

12 Feb - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Container Vessel/ Sea Pollution/ Laem Chabang Port, Thailand/ DB170223

On 12 Feb, a container vessel polluted the sea with oil at Laem Chabang Port, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2506100/oil-slick-worry-at-laem-chabang>

12 Feb - MIE/ Sand Mining/ 2 Dredgers/ Can Gio, Can Gio district, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam/ DB150223

On 12 Feb, two dredgers were detained for sand mining at Can Gio, Can Gio district, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-2-phuong-tien-khai-thac-cat-trai-phep-tren-vung-bien-can-gio-post458787.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Feb - MARPOL/ Solid (15,000 Cigarette Packs)/ Contaminated Shoreline/ Ninh Thuan Beach, Viet Nam/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, the patrol team of Phuoc Dinh Border Post discovered 15,000 packs of cigarettes that drifted along the coast of Ninh Thuan Beach, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/thuoc-la-ngoai-troi-dat-vao-doc-bo-bien-ninh-thuan-post458649.html>

08 Feb - Others/ Solid (Mud)/ Dredger/ Disturbed Marine Ecology/ Off Dahu Island, China/ DB130223

On 8 Feb, law enforcement officers discovered that there were several boats illegally dumping mud off Dahu Island, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://news.southcn.com/node\\_54a44f01a2/a302897922.shtml](https://news.southcn.com/node_54a44f01a2/a302897922.shtml)

## 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

### 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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