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



For the period of 11 -17 Mar 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)	1	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	14	4-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	18	8-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	21	12-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	17
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	18
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	19
Others	0	0	20

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

### Information Updates:

10 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia/ DB130323  
(Information Update on DB100323)

POCC updated that 10 perpetrators boarded the tug.

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

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

### Incidents:

12 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB140323

1. On 12 Mar at 20:50 (UTC+8), a Liberia-flagged container ship was boarded by some perpetrators while anchored at Manila Anchorage, Philippines (14°35.70'N 120°52.00'E).
2. The alarm was raised when the duty crew noticed that the forecastle store door was open. After the entire crew conducted a search, they found that some of the ship's properties were stolen. VTMS Port has been informed of this incident.

### IFC Comments:

This is the first vessel boarding reported in Manila Anchorage since at least Jan 23.

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

GSIS: Piracy and Armed Robbery

11 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Greece-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel/ DB130323

1. The ship master of a Greece-flagged bulk carrier reported that on 11 Mar 23, 05:18 (UTC+8), three perpetrators boarded his vessel's engine room while she was underway along Phillip Channel at 1°05'00.0"N 103°34'24.0"E.
2. All crew members are safe, and nothing was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Singapore.

### IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the shipping company for more incident details.

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

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

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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Information Updates:

13 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bunyu Island, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB140323  
(Information Update on DB130323)

It was updated that the one of the crew members was found dead while four were rescued.

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

<https://kepri.antaranews.com/berita/151179/seorang-abk-meninggal-dunia-saat-kapal-barang-tenggelam-di-perairan-bunyu>

### Incidents:

16 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ Off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam/ DB170323

On 16 Mar, eight were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam.

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

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/binh-thuan-tau-ca-bi-chim-tren-bien-8-ngu-dan-duoc-cuu-vot-an-toan-post459644.html>

14 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 26 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tay Tay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB160323

On 14 Mar, 26 were rescued after a small boat went adrift off Tay Tay, Palawan, Philippines due to equipment failure.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pangalawangsou.mg/posts/pfbid0PosTJfVNfaWCP5qAq2VqYEAwJpH7AWP1TLR1RbFwntP1reWo7N9enwwhjEANpEHCl>

12 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Renyu Island, China/ DB150323

On 12 Mar, seven were rescued after a fishing boat sank off Renyu Island, China due to bad weather.

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

[https://news.hangzhou.com.cn/shxw/content/2023-03/14/content\\_8491212.htm](https://news.hangzhou.com.cn/shxw/content/2023-03/14/content_8491212.htm)

13 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam/ DB140323

On 13 Mar, five were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam due to an equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/don-bien-phong-tho-chau-cuu-nan-thanh-cong-5-thuyen-vien-tren-tau-ca-bi-chay-post459550.html>

13 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bunyu Island, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB130323

On 13 Mar, five went missing after a cargo vessel sank off Bunyu Island, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/03/13/072410478/kapal-bermuatan-semako-rute-sebatik-tarakan-tenggelam-5-orang-dicari>

11 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB130323

On 11 Mar, five were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02VLQ5kru8xa7EyCviByYcjhwJzNpwnKQ1o1EFRCsbGnMbKzNsFq1DrVmdQXapFyhil&show\\_text=true&width=500](https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02VLQ5kru8xa7EyCviByYcjhwJzNpwnKQ1o1EFRCsbGnMbKzNsFq1DrVmdQXapFyhil&show_text=true&width=500)

11 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 2 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 11 Mar, two went missing while five were rescued after a cargo ship sank off Phu Quy Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/xa-hoi/tin-tuc/khan-truong-tim-kiem-2-thuyen-vien-tau-tuan-tu-09-chim-tren-bien-binh-thuan-721450>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Water Ingress/ Floating Storage Unit/ 1 Dead/ Gulf of Thailand, / DB170323

On 1 Jan, one died after a floating storage unit caught fire in the Gulf of Thailand due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage?locale=th\\_TH](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage?locale=th_TH)

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41409/floating-storage-stern-flooded-evac-1-worker-died-/>

<https://twitter.com/prroyalthainavy/status/1636323086567112704>

25 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Bulk Carrier/ SAR/ South China Sea/ DB160323

On 25 Feb, a bulk carrier went adrift in the South China Sea due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41401/chinese-panamax-bulker-towed-safety-after-week-lon/>

10 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Trawler/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB150323

On 10 Mar, six were rescued after a trawler went adrift off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/10/202303101700/>

19 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Construction Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nansha District, Guangdong, China/ DB150323

On 19 Feb, eight were rescued after a construction vessel caught fire off Nansha District, Guangdong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/95110\\_0303/2214.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/95110_0303/2214.html)

10 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ General Cargo Ship/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bin Thuan, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, 11 were rescued after a general cargo ship became half-submerged off Bin Thuan, Viet Nam due to water ingress.

IFC Comments:

Viet Nam ILO updated that the general cargo ship is being towed back to Vung Tau Port.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://plo.vn/tau-xuyen-a-126-tu-y-roi-khoi-vung-bien-ke-ga-khi-chua-duoc-cho-phiep-post723464.html>

10 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Off Sadu, East Tanjung Jabung, Indonesia/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, two were rescued after a cargo vessel sank off Sadu, East Tanjung Jabung, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/berita/d-6612404/dihantam-ombak-kapal-bermuatan-40-ton-sawit-tenggelam-di-perairan-jambi>

08 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Tug and Barge/ Bay of Bengal/ DB130323

On 8 Mar, a tug went adrift in the Bay of Bengal due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Mt-Shivali-9226217.html>





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

### Incidents:

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Falsifying Fishing Log/ Off Chaqwi Island, Jeju, ROK/ DB160323

On 14 Mar, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel off Chaqwi Island, Jeju, ROK for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jejusori.net/news/articleView.html?idxno=412899>

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Hon La Port, Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB160323

On 14 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen at Hon La Port, Quang Binh, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-tau-danh-ca-tang-tru-vat-lieu-no-post459580.html>

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Off Aceh Singkil, Indonesia/ DB150323

On 14 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested eight local fishermen off Aceh Singkil, Indonesia for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3439926/polisi-tangkap-nelayan-gunakan-bahan-peledak-di-perairan-aceh-singkil>

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB150323

On 14 Mar, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 10 foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/03/13/10-lelaki-myanmar-kendalikan-dua-bot-nelayan-ditahan/>

13 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB150323

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested 11 local fishermen at Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=698>

13 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Silavathurai, Sri Lanka/ DB150323

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three local fishermen off Silavathurai, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/14/202303141700/>

13 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Vankalai, Sri Lanka/ DB150323

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested five local fishermen off Vankalai, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/14/202303141700/>

12 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 16 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Analativu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB130323

On 12 Mar, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 16 foreign fishermen off Analativu Island, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/12/202303121330/>

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 6 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Gill Nets/ Off Thanh Lan, Co To, Viet Nam/ DB140323

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained six fishing vessels and arrested six local fishermen off Thanh Lan, Co To, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-tau-ca-khai-thac-thuy-san-trai-phep-post459508.html>

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen at Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=694#prettyPhoto>

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Rake Fishing/ Off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lien-tiep-bat-giu-8-phuong-tien-su-dung-da-cau-danh-bat-hai-san-sai-quy-dinh-post459502.html>

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishermen/ Off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-tahan-dua-bot-nelayan-gaji-warga-asing-410186>

10 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB130323

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-tahan-dua-bot-nelayan-gaji-warga-asing-410186>

09 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Roxas, Zamboanga Del Norte, Philippines/ DB130323

On 9 Mar, local authorities detained two fishing vessels off Roxas, Zamboanga Del Norte, Philippines for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1197136>

09 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fish Bait/ Off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 9 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lien-tiep-bat-giu-8-phuong-tien-su-dung-da-cau-danh-bat-hai-san-sai-quy-dinh-post459502.html>

08 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 6 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Rake Fishing/ Off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 8 Mar, local authorities detained six fishing vessels and arrested six local fishermen off Cam Xuyen, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lien-tiep-bat-giu-8-phuong-tien-su-dung-da-cau-danh-bat-hai-san-sai-quy-dinh-post459502.html>

08 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing and Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel and Dragon Traps/ Off Bagan Tengkorak, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB130323

On 8 Mar, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen off Bagan Tengkorak, Selangor, Malaysia for illegal fishing and illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02tRKENobAcJkNQr1kBrnkFmiQZZm8Kqyu2P9uKG1MsJ4oKVKfSnPIG9b2m4w21N5Cl>

11 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Trawlers Detained/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Haikou Island, China/ DB150323

On 11 Feb, local authorities detained two trawlers that were used for illegal fishing off Haikou Island, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0222/2217.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0222/2217.html)



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

16 Mar - Domestic Products/ Various Products (18 Tonnes)/ To China/ Ling Ding Yang Channel, Zhongshan, Guangdong Province, China/ DB170323

On 16 Mar, local authorities seized 18 tonnes of various products at Lingdingyang Channel, Zhongshan, Guangdong Province, China.

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

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0316/2223.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0316/2223.html)

14 Mar - Natural Resources/ Sand (500 Cubic Metres)/ Barge/ To Viet Nam/ Off Cat Ba Island, Viet Nam/ DB160323

On 14 Mar, local authorities seized 500 cubic meters of sand from a barge off Cat Ba Island, Viet Nam.

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

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lien-tiep-phat-hien-tam-giu-cac-phuong-tien-vi-pham-ve-mua-ban-van-chuyen-khoang-san-post459615.html>

13 Mar - Weapons/ Replica Guns (20), Magazines (54)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tuas Port, Singapore/ DB160323

On 13 Mar, local authorities seized 20 replica guns and 54 magazines from a container vessel at Tuas Port, Singapore.

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

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/man-arrested-replica-guns-magazines-importing-3349446>

12 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (36 kg)/ Small Boat/ To Indonesia/ Off Lhokseumawe, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB150323

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 36 kg of meth from a small boat off Lhokseumawe, Aceh, Indonesia.

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

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/57716/TNI-AL-BERHASIL-GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-NARKOBA-36-KG-SABU/>

<https://aceh.inews.id/berita/tni-al-gagalkan-peredaran-36-kg-sabu-di-perairan-lhokseumawe-2-pelaku-ditangkap/all>

12 Mar - Fuel/ Gasoline (5,000 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ To Thailand/ Off Ko Sarai, Muang Satun, Thailand/ DB140323

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 5,000 litres of gasoline from a cargo vessel off Ko Sarai, Muang Satun, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2526714/smuggled-petrol-seized-from-boat>

11 Mar - Tobacco/ Illegal Cigarettes (2,600,000 Sticks)/ Ferry/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Merak, Indonesia/ DB130323

On 11 Mar, local authorities seized 2,600,000 sticks of illegal cigarettes from a ferry at the Port of Merak, Indonesia. The cigarettes were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://pandeglang.inews.id/read/267288/tni-al-dan-bea-cukai-gagalkan-penyelundupan-jutaan-batang-rokok-ilegal-di-pelabuhan-merak>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Fishing Vessel/ From Hong Kong to China/ Off Fang Cheng Gang City, China/ DB170323

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized cigarettes from a fishing vessel off Fang Cheng Gang City, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0316/2221.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0316/2221.html)

08 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (20 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Off Dong Chong Kou, China/ DB170323

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized 20 tons of frozen goods from a cargo vessel off Dong Chong Kou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0316/2224.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0316/2224.html)

03 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Small Boat/ Off Tie Shan Port, Beihai, China/ DB170323

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized cigarettes from a small boat off Tie Shan Port, Beihai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0316/2221.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0316/2221.html)

17 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,546 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Fangchenggang City, Guangxi, China/ DB150323

On 17 Feb, local authorities seized 8,546 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat at Fangchenggang City, Guangxi, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0222/2218.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0222/2218.html)

11 Feb - Domestic Products/ Lobster (2.86 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ To China/ Pingtan County, Fuzhou, China/ DB150323

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 2.86 tons of lobsters from a fishing vessel at Pingtan County, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0222/2216.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0222/2216.html)

10 Mar - Domestic Products/ Red and Yellow Onions (18 Containers)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port (MICP), Philippines/ DB140323

On 10 Mar, local authorities seized 18 containers of red and yellow onions from a container ship at Manila International Container Port, Philippines. The onions were smuggled from China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://customs.gov.ph/boc-foils-18-containers-of-misdeclared-onions/?fbclid=IwAR0ZMmA0W7P-](https://customs.gov.ph/boc-foils-18-containers-of-misdeclared-onions/?fbclid=IwAR0ZMmA0W7P-VdA_u7F3cbjMAysur5loZwfEwpw6yy1zAFCVLULb5WshieQ)

[VdA\\_u7F3cbjMAysur5loZwfEwpw6yy1zAFCVLULb5WshieQ](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1197216)

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1197216>

08 Mar - Domestic Products/ Consumer Goods and Raw Industrial Materials (2 Containers)/ Container Ship/ To Myanmar/ Myanmar Industrial Port Terminal, Yangon, Myanmar/ DB140323

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized two containers of consumer goods and raw industrial materials from a container ship at Myanmar Industrial Port Terminal, Yangon, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gnlm.com.mm/illegal-timbers-consumer-goods-industrial-materials-raw-industrial-materials-and-vehicles-confiscated/>

07 Mar - Domestic Products/ Consumer Goods and Raw Industrial Materials (9 Containers)/ Container Ship/ To Myanmar/ Asia World Terminal Port, Yangon, Myanmar/ DB140323

On 7 Mar, local authorities seized nine containers of consumer goods and raw industrial materials from a container ship at Asia World Terminal Port, Yangon, Myanmar.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/cgk9force/posts/pfbid02cMcrQ6NKcpnaxbTUAu8QnDpMG8Rk8Lmu1QV6kqrQq9WVnpHYHe2428g7DsYuZUiFl>

03 Mar - Domestic Products/ Liquor (165 Plastic Bags)/ Small Boat/ To Indonesia/ Pelabuhan Speedboat Terminal, Ternate, Indonesia/ DB140323

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized 165 plastic bags of liquor from a small boat at Pelabuhan Speedboat Terminal, Ternate, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indotimur.com/hukrim/165-kantong-captikus-disita-dua-terduga-pemilik-ditangkap-sat-sabhara-polres-ternate>

10 Mar - Domestic Products/ Liquor (40 Bags)/ Small Boat/ Tidore Port, Indonesia/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities seized 40 bags of liquor from a small boat at Tidore Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://porostimur.com/polresta-tikep-berhasil-gagalkan-penyelundupan-40-kantong-miras-yang-dipasok-dari-halbar/>

09 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (3,800 Liters)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Nha Trang, Viet Nam/ DB130323

On 9 Mar, local authorities seized 3,800 litres of diesel oil from a fishing vessel off Nha Trang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-vu-van-chuyen-gan-4000-lit-dau-diesel-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post459482.html>

02 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods and Sugar/ Container Vessel/ From China and Hong Kong to Philippines/ Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines/ DB130323

On 2 Mar, local authorities seized frozen goods and sugar from a container vessel at Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines. The domestic products were smuggled from China and Hong Kong to Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/cgk9force/posts/pfbid02cMcrQ6NKcpnaxbTUAu8QnDpMG8Rk8Lmu1QV6kqrQq9WVnpHYHe2428g7DsYuZUiFl>

23 Jan - Tobacco/ Electronic Cigarette Pods (58,776 Units)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tuas Port, Singapore/ DB130323

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized 58,776 units of electronic cigarette pods from a container vessel at Tuas Port, Singapore.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=515475674054790>

17 Jan - Drugs/ Medicine (19,000 Pills)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore/ DB130323

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 19,000 pills of medicine from a container vessel at Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0BaDgvcTwZgx3sjepEkmndgjNZ4XWV21NrtpFZkFCsw2mFq1vaYdGKMna3onGijYl>

03 Jan - Drugs/ Medicine (17,000 Pills)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore/ DB130323

On 3 Jan, local authorities seized 17,000 pills of medicine from a container vessel at Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0BaDgvcTwZgx3sjepEkmndgjNZ4XWV21NrtpFZkFCsw2mFq1vaYdGKMna3onGijYl>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

14 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 10 Burmese Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB150323

On 14 Mar, local authorities arrested 10 Burmese fishermen in two fishing vessels off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/03/13/10-lelaki-myanmar-kendalikan-dua-bot-nelayan-ditahan/>

12 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 5 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Libaran, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB140323

On 12 Mar, local authorities arrested five Filipino migrants in a small boat off Pulau Libaran, Sabah, Malaysia. The migrants arrived from Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

### Out of Reporting Period:

10 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen/ Off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities arrested five Myanmar migrants in a fishing vessel off Muka Head, Penang, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-tahan-dua-bot-nelayan-gaji-warga-asing-410186>

10 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Thai and 2 Myanmar Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB130323

On 10 Mar, local authorities arrested one Thai and two Myanmar fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-tahan-dua-bot-nelayan-gaji-warga-asing-410186>

## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

17 Feb - MIE/ Sand Mining/ Dredger/ Sea Sand Mining/ Zhangpu County, China/ DB150323

On 17 Feb, China's Fujian Zhangzhou Maritime Police Bureau seized an illegal mining case in the waters near Zhangpu County. A ship and seven people were involved in the case, and more than 6,000 tons of sea sand.

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

[https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\\_0222/2219.html](https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0222/2219.html)



## 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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