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



For the period of 12 – 18 Aug 23, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	22	4-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	2	11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	14
Others	0	0	15

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

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Aug – Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Container Ship, Malta-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB140823

IFC received information from CSO that eight perpetrators armed with knives and a gun boarded the vessel via the anchor hawser, and one crew was tied up by the perpetrators. The ship alarm was sounded, and the perpetrators immediately jumped off the vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: CSO

IFC Comments: Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) ILO updated that PCG is currently conducting investigations.

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

13 Aug – Missing/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 6 Rescued, 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Banyak Island, Aceh Singkil Regency, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB160823 (Information Update on DB150823)

It was updated that the four Australians have been found alive after their boat went missing off the east coast of Indonesia's Aceh province on 13 Aug. However, at least one of the three Indonesian crew members is believed to still be missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/four-australians-missing-en-route-to-privateisland-in-indonesia-20230814-p5dwfx.html https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2023/08/15/rescuers-find-4australian-surfers-missing-off-indonesian-coast/

08 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 23 Dead, 30 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Sittwe, Myanmar/ DB140823 (Information Update on DB100823)

It was updated that the bodies of 23 victims have been recovered. 30 others are still missing, while eight people are reported to have survived the accident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/rohingya-boat-sinks-08082023051608.html https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-66470497

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".

Incidents:

17 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 3 Rescued/ Off Pulau Tinggi, Johor, Malaysia/ DB180823

On 17 Aug, a fishing vessel caught fire off Off Pulau Tinggi, Johor, Malaysia. There was one dead and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2023/08/17/fisherman-killed-aftergas-tank-on-boat-explodes/

14 Aug - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB180823

On 14 Aug, a fishing vessel went missing due to an unknown cause off Quang Binh, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/ngu-dan-va-tau-ca-quang-binh-nghi-mat-tich-khi-di-bien-caumuc-post1039492.vov

12 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ Off Pulau Pemanggil, Johor, Malaysia/ DB170823

On 12 Aug, four were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off Pulau Pemanggil, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/08/1000220/4-kru-kapal-warga-indonesiaditemukan-terdampar-di-pulau-pemanggil

15 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 11 Rescued, 3 Missing/ Malacca Strait/ DB160823

On 15 Aug, 11 were rescued and three are missing after a vessel capsized in the Malacca Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/08/943381/boat-capsize-ferry-dumairescues-11-indonesians-found-drifting-sea https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-6878145/kapal-johor-indonesia-hanyut-2warga-jambi-masuk-daftar-korban

15 Aug - Adrift/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 41 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fani Island, Raja Ampat Regency, Indonesia/ DB160823

On 15 Aug, 41 were resuced after a fishing vessel went adrift off Fani Island, Raja Ampat Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-6877896/kapal-ikan-bawa-41-abk-hilang-kontakdi-raja-ampat-ditemukan-semua-selamat

15 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pasia Tiku, Tanjung Mutiara District, West Pasaman, Indonesia/ DB160823

On 15 Aug, 14 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Pasia Tiku, Tanjung Mutiara District, West Pasaman, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/301930

15 Aug - Others/ Fire-Explosion/ Tanker/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Karimata Strait, Indonesia/ DB160823

On 15 Aug, two were rescued after a tanker caught fire in Karimata Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/302071

14 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Tayabas Bay, Philippines/ DB160823

On 14 Aug, four were rescued after a fishing vessel sank in Tayabas Bay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://mb.com.ph/2023/8/15/4-fishers-rescued-from-boat-hit-by-tornado

14 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 52 Unknown Vessel/ Jongor Port, Tegal City, Central Java, Indonesia/ DB160823

On 14 Aug, 52 vessels caught fire in Jongor Port, Tegal City, Central Java, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/301758

13 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Changi, Singapore/ DB160823

On 13 Aug, 12 were rescued after a vessel sank off Changi, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/media-statement-in-response-topartially-submerged-indonesian-flagged-vessel-near-changi

12 Aug - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Tanjung Po, Malaysia/ DB160823

On 12 Aug, a cargo vessel was detained in Tanjung Po, Malaysia for unauthorised operations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/08/14/mmea-detains-cargo-ship/

12 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Unknown Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ Sele Strait, Central Salawati District, Sorong, Indonesia/ DB160823

On 12 Aug, eight were rescued after a collision between a cargo vessel and another vessel in Sele Strait, Central Salawati District, Sorong, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-6878714/detik-detik-kapal-bawa-215-ton-bbmtenggelam-gegara-tabrakan-di-sorong

13 Aug - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 7 Missing/ SAR/ Off Banyak Island, Aceh Singkil Regency, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB150823

On 13 Aug, seven went missing together with their small boat off Banyak Island, Aceh Singkil Regency, Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/four-australians-missing-en-route-to-privateisland-in-indonesia-20230814-p5dwfx.html

13 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phetchaburi, Gulf of Thailand/ DB150823

On 13 Aug, one is missing, one has died and five were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Phetchaburi, Gulf of Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2628514/tour-boat-hit-sunk-bywaterspout-2-missing

12 Aug - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Tampa Garam Beach, Sorong City, Southwest Papua, Indonesia/ DB150823

On 12 Aug, a cargo vessel was detained off Tampa Garam Beach, Sorong City, Southwest Papua, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/301099

13 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Tug/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Sikeli Waters, Indonesia/ DB140823

On 13 Aug, 10 were rescued after a tug ran aground in Sikeli Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.patinews.com/tug-boat-sea-dragon-303-kandas-di-perairan-sikeli/

12 Aug – Fire-Explosion/ Cargo Mishap/ Container Vessel/ SAR/ Pantai Acheh, Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB140823

On 12 Aug, a container vessel caught fire near Pantai Acheh, Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/08/13/fire-on-container-ship-bringsunder-control-within-two-hours

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Barge/1 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bangka Regency, Bangka Belitung Province, Indonesia/ DB150823

On 8 Aug, one crew member was rescued, and one found dead after a fishing vessel collided with a barge off Bangka Regency, Bangka Belitung Province, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/299981 https://voi.id/en/news/300729

11 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Galle Lighthouse, Sri Lanka/ DB140823

On 11 Aug, seven were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Galle Lighthouse, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/12/202308121530/

08 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 175 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pasir Padi Beach, Kepulauan Bangka Belitung, Indonesia/ DB140823

On 8 Aug, 175 were rescued after a passenger vessel ran aground off Pasir Padi Beach, Kepulauan Bangka Belitung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Star-Belitung-7214650.html

07 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Mizushima Port, Japan/ DB140823

On 7 Aug, a cargo vessel ran aground in Mizushima Port, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Gensyumaru-I2372438.html

07 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off North Sukar Island, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB140823

On 7 Aug, nine were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off North Sukar Island, North Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Km-Sahabat-I2426756.html https://bali.tribunnews.com/2023/08/10/kapal-perang-tni-al-selamatkan-km-sahabatyang-terombang-ambing-di-perairan-teluk-weda

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

Incidents:

16 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Rumbia, Perak, Malaysia/ DB180823

On 16 Aug, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Rumbia, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02HVtDzqa6mUvLNLuB7yrubR1uDTEqSkHLRn83T3aZ wMzj1RnHpymFhtkSygK5MRV1l&show_text=true&width=500

16 Aug – Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Maldives/ DB170823

On 16 Aug, local authorities detained one Sri Lankan fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4633

13 Aug – Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Baniakhali, Sundarbans Khulna, Bay of Bengal/ DB170823

On 13 Aug, local authorities detained six local fishing vessels and arrested 14 fishermen for illegal fishing off Baniakhali, Sundarbans Khulna, Bay of Bengal.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.bd-pratidin.com/country/2023/08/13/911598

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Aug - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Riau Islands, Natuna Sea/ DB150823

On 11 Aug, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested 12 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Riau islands, Natuna sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://en.antaranews.com/news/290952/indonesias-bakamla-seizes-vietnamesefishing-boat-in-natuna-sea https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/243/bakamla-tangkap-kapal-ikan-vietnam-diperairan-natuna

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

12 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1.7 Million Sticks)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Hong Kong/ St Stephen's Beach, Hong Kong/ DB170823

On 12 Aug, local authorities seized 1.7 million sticks of cigarettes going to Hong Kong off St Stephen's Beach, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/pressrelease/index_id_3844.html?p=1&y=&m=

12 Aug - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (318kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Serakkuliya, Sri Lanka/ DB140823

On 12 Aug, local authorities seized 318kg of kendu leaves in Serakkuliya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/08/13/202308131500/

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

16 Aug - Illegal Documentation/ Passenger Ferry/ 9 Myanmarese/ From Langkawi to Kuala Kedah/ Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB180823

On 16 Aug, local authorities detained a passenger ferry and arrested nine Myanmarese for illegal documentation in Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02BC94RLbyVpvZGhJME99jEWmsUZ2bMWKMPb5a6e SYZgzJMCP9CQ1EqehHFGY53mcTl&show_text=true&width=500

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Aug - Illegal Documentation/ Unknown Vessel/ 72 Myanmarese Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Off Kaing Thani Village, Myanmar/ DB170823

On 4 Aug, local authorities detained 72 myanmarese migrants off Kaing Thani Village, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://rohingyakhobor.com/more-than-70-rohingya-going-to-malaysia-arrested-inlaputta-irrawaddy/

IFC Comment:

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".



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

- 1. All mariners to report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
- 2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).
- 3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
- 4. All mariners to take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.
- 5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/port/ flag authorities.

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

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.

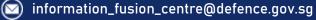
IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



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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