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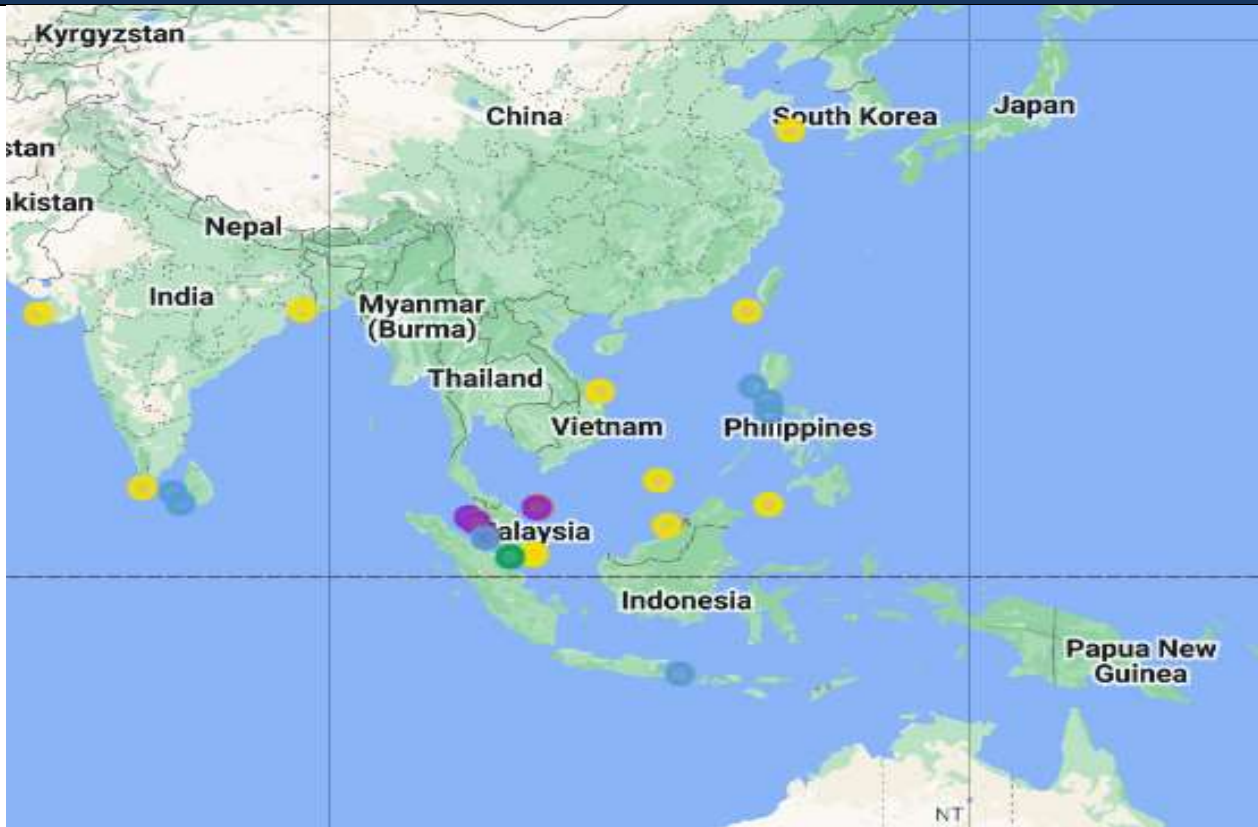
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 14 – 19 Jan 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)	1	15	4-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	9	9-10
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	11
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	13
Others	0	0	14

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)

Information Updates:

12 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Work Accident/ Cargo Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Gresik Port, Indonesia/ DB160123
(Information Update on DB130123)

It was updated that the fire was caused by welding works.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seafarers-evacuated-after-indonesian-cargo-ship-suffers-major-fire/2-1-1387414>

Incidents:

18 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ha Tien Island, Viet Nam/ DB190123

On 18 Jan, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Ha Tien Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/kien-giang-cuu-3-ngu-tren-tau-ca-bi-chim-o-vung-bien-ha-tien-post1543354.html>

18 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Off Tioman Island, Malaysia/ DB190123

On 18 Jan, two were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Tioman Island, Malaysia due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/nasional/2023/01/1053623/pemancing-lembik-dua-hari-terapung-cari-daratan-selepas-bot-karam>

16 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ Off Goa, India/ DB190123

On 16 Jan, six were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Goa, India due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/kerala-boat-sinks-on-way-back-from-grande-island/articleshow/97068455.cms>

16 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Labuan Bajo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB190123

On 16 Jan, a passenger vessel caught fire off Labuan Bajo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/01/16/204637678/kapal-pinisi-terbakar-di-labuan-bajo-api-diduga-berasal-dari-elpiji>

16 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jolo, Philippines/ DB180123

On 16 Jan, 11 were rescued after a passenger vessel ran aground off Jolo, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1192894>

16 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Porbandar, Gujarat, India/ DB180123

On 16 Jan, seven were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire off Porbandar, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.deshgujarat.com/2023/01/16/icg-rescues-7-fisherman-off-porbandar-coast/>

16 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ly Son Island, Viet Nam/ DB180123

On 16 Jan, 13 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Ly Son Island, Viet Nam due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/cuu-ho-tau-ca-voi-13-ngu-dan-gap-nan-tren-bien-2101778.htm/>

16 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Passenger Vessels/ 511 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kakdwip, West Bengal, India/ DB180123

On 16 Jan, 511 were rescued after two passenger vessels ran aground off Kakdwip, West Bengal, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1614980104727449600>



14 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ Off Colachel, India/ DB180123

On 14 Jan, 14 were rescued after a tanker collided with a fishing vessel off Colachel, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/oil-tanker-hits-fishing-boat-off-kanyakumari/articleshow/97047825.cms>

16 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kaohsiung City, Taiwan/ DB170123

On 16 Jan, eight were rescued after a cargo ship sank off Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40841/cargo-ship-capsized-sank-taiwan-strait-video/>

15 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Off Kuala Baram, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 15 Jan, local authorities detained a tug off Kuala Baram, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia?__cft__\[0\]=AZXDYEcuh0MSWTnds81b0fic_lg6Sxigt0934ixryY3F0FHkbqjZq-7YrYGRpjrB-aLYHOP-m90d0CTI73XFfnlPFaTlt5UMkopl6smgu5rWspQcDdrHjnkxxGAKVzuvsxHluX95A6i7xU1HpY94NNxd3RWTSghPZAffnIRlrJrDS06FVSqN5e3S7lCqCEb1GRWllenDvtUldnwcla8isIRM&__tn_=%3C%3C%2CP-R](https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia?__cft__[0]=AZXDYEcuh0MSWTnds81b0fic_lg6Sxigt0934ixryY3F0FHkbqjZq-7YrYGRpjrB-aLYHOP-m90d0CTI73XFfnlPFaTlt5UMkopl6smgu5rWspQcDdrHjnkxxGAKVzuvsxHluX95A6i7xU1HpY94NNxd3RWTSghPZAffnIRlrJrDS06FVSqN5e3S7lCqCEb1GRWllenDvtUldnwcla8isIRM&__tn_=%3C%3C%2CP-R)

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing, 37 Rescued/ Off Man Aung Tai Island, Myanmar/ DB190123

On 10 Jan, two went missing while 37 were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Man Aung Tai Island, Myanmar due to a fire.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://burmese.dvb.no/archives/573289>

13 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Johor, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 13 Jan, local authorities detained a cargo vessel off Johor, Malaysia for unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Tiger-Maanshan-9913559.html>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/14/mmea-impounds-two-vessels-for-illegal-anchoring-off-eastern-johor>

13 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Off Johor, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 13 Jan, local authorities detained a tanker off Johor, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Rhea-9237228.html>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/14/mmea-impounds-two-vessels-for-illegal-anchoring-off-eastern-johor>

08 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Yellow Sea/ DB170123

On 08 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire in the yellow sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/95110_0117/2194.html



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

Incidents:

15 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 15 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Sungai Besar, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02SXRiiTZV29BZxeNkmEUdsZJ6LcXAMj4dUKtz2o7wFU761A6vjEx8bDw3y9Q7cp2Cl>

14 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 14 Jan, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/16/terengganu-mmea-detains-seven-vietnamese-men-for-illegal-fishing-in-m039sian-waters>

14 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB160123

On 14 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested four foreign fishermen off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0JUfRD1SgvPFwCA5qBT4igSD3Goyc97CxH7HowLzWc8MJu8WxdLjXR9VbwqmCvFkwl>

Out of Reporting Period:

12 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 24 Foreign Fishermen Detained/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 12 Jan, local authorities detained four Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 24 foreign fishermen off Tok Bali, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid08amJ1Dx8BGntgnwnZwQX3JR4G2hJQp4CigryYdbmB9mJfLTQ3WvXzAe8tsv7Der7l>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

18 Jan - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (2,469 kg)/ 3 Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Chilaw Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB190123

On 18 Jan, local authorities seized 2,469 kg of kendu leaves from three small boats at Chilaw Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/18/202301181150/>

18 Jan - Domestic Products and Fuel/ Cooking Oil (15 Boxes), Petrol (200 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Pegasan, Kudat, Malaysia/ DB190123

On 18 Jan, local authorities seized 15 boxes of cooking oil and 200 litres of petrol from a small boat off Tanjung Pegasan, Kudat, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/01/925802/cubaan-seludup-petrol-minyak-masak-subsidi-gagal>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Jan - Drugs/ Heroin/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Western Coast, Sri Lanka/ DB170123

On 07 Jan, local authorities seized heroin from two fishing vessels off Western Coast, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/16/202301161600/>

05 Jan - Drugs/ Heroin (23.2 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Beruwala, Sri Lanka/ DB170123

On 05 Jan, local authorities seized 23.2 kg of heroin from a fishing vessel off Beruwala, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/16/202301161600/>

13 Jan - Domestic Products/ Sugar (4,000 tonnes)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Thailand to Philippines/ Port of Batangas, Philippines/ DB160123

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized 4,000 tonnes of sugar from a cargo vessel at the Port of Batangas, Philippines. The sugar was smuggled from Thailand to Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1192746>

12 Jan - Wildlife/ Green Turtles (43 animals)/ 2 Small Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Jembrana, Indonesia/ DB160123

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 43 turtles from two small boats off Jembrana, Indonesia. The turtles were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coconuts.co/bali/news/43-green-sea-turtles-rescued-in-jembrana-after-being-smuggled-from-madura/>

12 Jan - Natural Resources/ Mineral Ores/ Cargo Ship/ From Philippines to China/ Santa Cruz, Zambales, Philippines/ DB160123

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized mineral ores from a cargo ship at Santa Cruz, Zambales, Philippines. The ores were about to be smuggled from Philippines to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064660843959/posts/pfbid02LqinbNNnS5C9T9sEVWqeDiqqVAJfLLBbmZ5pKEQKrZEhrfGSQDYUXVtqzk8z14SQL/?d=w&mibextid=qC1gEa>

11 Jan - Domestic Products/ Sugar (400 tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB160123

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized 400 tonnes of sugar from a vessel at Manila International Container Port, Philippines. The sugar was smuggled from Hong Kong to Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://customs.gov.ph/boc-seizes-p23-8-m-worth-of-smuggled-refined-sugar-at-micp/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

15 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 15 Jan, local authorities arrested five Indonesian migrants in a fishing vessel off Sungai Besar, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02SXRiiTZV29BZxeNkmEUdsZJ6LcXAMj4dUKtz2o7wFU761A6vjEx8bDw3y9Q7cp2Cl>

14 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Vietnamese Migrants/ From Viet Nam to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 14 Jan, local authorities arrested seven Vietnamese migrants in a fishing vessel off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/16/terengganu-mmea-detains-seven-vietnamese-men-for-illegal-fishing-in-m039sian-waters>

14 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 4 Myanmar Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB160123

On 14 Jan, local authorities arrested four Myanmar migrants in two fishing vessels off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0JUfRD1SgvPFwCA5qBT4igSD3GoYc97CxH7HowLzWc8MJu8WxdLjXR9VbwqmCvFkwl>

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Migrants/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 05 Jan, local authorities arrested four Myanmar migrants off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2023/01/06/helah-guna-bot-nelayan-tempatan-tekong-thailand-dan-pati-myanmar-dicekup/>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Jan - Others/ Contaminated Cargo (Red-Legged Ham Beetles)/ Cargo Vessel/ Batu Pahat, Malaysia/ DB170123

On 05 Jan, a commercial vessel bringing in pest-infested copra (dried coconut flesh) weighing 160 tonnes from Indonesia was denied entry at Batu Pahat Jetty and ordered to turn back.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/10/maqis-stops-ship-carrying-160-tonnes-of-pest-infested-copra>



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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