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



For the period of 16 - 21 Dec 23, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	9	4-5
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	14	6-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	11	10-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Singapore-Flagged Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Pulau Karimun, Indonesia/ DB201223

While underway, the 3rd Engineer discovered missing engine spares when he went to retrieve some spares from the engine room spare store. The Chief Engineer notified the master of the incident immediately. Further investigation revealed that the perpetrators might have entered the steering gear room through the poop deck manhole. There were no perpetrators found onboard, and the crew did not spot any perpetrators. The crew was not injured.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

18 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead/ Off Bhatkal, Karnataka, India/ DB201223

On 18 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to an unknown cause off Bhatkal, Karnataka, India. There were two dead.

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

<https://www.sahilonline.org/fatal-tragedy-two-fishermen-drown-as-boat-capsizes-in-the-arabian-sea-near-bhatkal>

17 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead/ Off Revupolavaram, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB201223

On 17 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to an unknown cause off Revupolavaram, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. There was one dead.

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

<https://english.jagran.com/india/andhra-pradesh-one-dead-after-boat-capsizes-off-revupolavaram-coast-near-visakhapatnam-watch-10121100>

17 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Selangor, Malaysia/ DB201223

On 17 Dec, a tanker was detained due to unauthorised operation off Selangor, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid028NcUuQ8krUtrhYzhu74J4BnC39EtAwYYfsdi9FW3xisvNSMZGXt4EN3YitY8kCqql>

17 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, Myanmar/ DB201223

On 17 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in the Bay of Bengal, Myanmar. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

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

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0Hwcpv7KNaV2jdeLLQkB9PyE BJNx4vLaKcKrbnyAZ8RfJtRPHx3fHdpffjNAnSFLJl&id=61554665841056](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0Hwcpv7KNaV2jdeLLQkB9PyE BJNx4vLaKcKrbnyAZ8RfJtRPHx3fHdpffjNAnSFLJl&id=61554665841056)

16 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Azhikode, Kerala, India/ DB201223

On 16 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to equipment failure off Azhikode, Kerala, India. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2023/12/18/four-stranded-fishermen-sea-rescued-thrissur-azhikode.html>

18 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Yacht/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cooktown, Australia/ DB191223

On 18 Dec, a yacht went aground due to water ingress off Cooktown, Australia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

17 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang, South China Sea/ DB181223

On 17 Dec, a cargo ship sank due to bad weather off Da Nang, South China Sea. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43993/general-cargo-ship-sank-da-nang-2-missing/>

17 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Ship/ 9 Rescued/ Off Baisha, Taiwan Strait/ DB181223

On 17 Dec, a cargo ship ran aground due to equipment failure off Baisha, Taiwan Strait. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://udn.com/news/story/7320/7647053>

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Speed Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dalian, China/ DB181223

On 21 Nov, a speed boat capsized due to an unknown cause off Dalian, China. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

<https://www.163.com/dy/article/IK7KJE5K0514CRLH.html>

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

### Incidents:

19 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Kalpitiya, Baththalangunduwa and Uchchamunai, Sri Lanka/ DB211223

On 19 Dec, local authorities detained three small boats and arrested eight local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear and fishing non-permitted species off Kalpitiya, Baththalangunduwa and Uchchamunai, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/20/202312200930/>

19 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB211223

On 19 Dec, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in the Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid03174VF7bdkeHWniCGG3sNLFQu38r9kJQuN9TC1nEDBqZFu9uuCR96SiSVpoKKBwGql>

17 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Trawler Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Sri Lanka/ DB191223

On 17 Dec, local authorities detained one Indian trawler and arrested 14 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/18/202312181030/>

16 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB191223

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/640260/berita/semasa/lima-nelayan-myanmar-ditahan-di-pulau-kendi>



16 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Trat Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB191223

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in the Trat Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid025mFGuGS2J2RiUPYcs3RE2JB9QKmrly3SYtQpHfx1MAtsEzBQuujmnbrKDGfUHpZol>

16 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Hue, Viet Nam/ DB191223

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Hue, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bdbp-thua-thien-hue-bat-giu-2-tau-ca-danh-bat-hai-san-trai-phep-post470376.html>

17 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB181223

On 17 Dec, local authorities detained two small boats for fishing non-permitted species off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/17/202312171300/>

16 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 6 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Gosong Rock Cuyo Palawan, Philippines/ DB181223

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested six fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Gosong Rock Cuyo Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://palawan-news.com/illegal-fishing-ops-using-compressor-foiled-in-cuyo/#google\\_vignette](https://palawan-news.com/illegal-fishing-ops-using-compressor-foiled-in-cuyo/#google_vignette)



16 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB181223

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in the Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid0LhHP9B6n1uPAdpGT9iA2SwBSHraPmK6BJP6KQzV3FThKLCULms9VG23XSLj7X1p9l>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB181223

On 15 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and three foreign fishermen for illegally carrying vessel monitoring system off Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/16/empat-nelayan-ditahan-guna-radar-peranti-tanpa-lesen/>

13 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Silawathura, Sri Lanka/ DB181223

On 13 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Silawathura, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/14/202312142300/>

13 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Vankalai, Sri Lanka/ DB181223

On 13 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Vankalai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/14/202312142300/>

13 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 7 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB181223

On 13 Dec, local authorities detained three small boats and arrested seven fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/14/202312142300/>

04 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Yantai, China/ DB181223

On 4 Dec, local authorities detained three fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Yantai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1784357543180628386&wfr=spider&for=pc>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

19 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (22,000 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Hai Phong, Viet Nam/ DB211223

On 19 Dec, local authorities seized 22,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a cargo vessel off Hai Phong, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/phap-luat/an-ninh-trat-tu/canh-sat-bien-bat-giu-tau-cho-22-000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep-756302>

19 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (3kg) and Ecstasy (1 Gram)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling (From Batam to Jakarta)/ Kualatungkal LLASDP Port, Indonesia/ DB211223

On 19 Dec, local authorities seized 3kg of meth and one gram of ecstasy onboard an unknown vessel in Kualatungkal LLASDP Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.metrojambi.com/hukum/133635942/gagalkan-pengiriman-narkotika-dari-batam-tujuan-jakarta-polres-tanjabbar-perketat-pengamanan-jalur-laut>

17 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (100kg)/ Land Based/ To Sri Lanka/ Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB211223

On 17 Dec, local authorities seized 100kg of cannabis onboard three vehicles in Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Tiruchirapalli/100-kg-ganja-seized-in-pudukottai-couple-among-three-arrested/article67650885.ece>

19 Dec - Drugs/ Cocaine (40kg)/ Container Vessel/ From South America via Malaysia to China/ Port of Johor Bahru, Malaysia/ DB201223

On 19 Dec, local authorities seized 40kg of cocaine onboard an unknown vessel in the Port of Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/19/rm10mil-cocaine-seized-in-seafood-container>

19 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (454 Master Cases)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sultan Kudarat, Philippines/ DB201223

On 19 Dec, local authorities seized 454 master cases of cigarettes onboard a fishing vessel in Sultan Kudarat, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://radyo.inquirer.net/336911/p17-milyong-halaga-ng-smuggled-na-sigarilyo-nasabat-sa-sultan-kudarat>

17 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis/ Unknown Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Ja-Ela, Sri Lanka/ DB201223

On 17 Dec, local authorities seized cannabis onboard an unknown vessel in Ja-Ela, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hirunews.lk/356831/>

16 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (35,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam/ DB191223

On 16 Dec, local authorities seized 35,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo%CC%A3-tu-le%CC%A3nh-vu%CC%80ng-ca%CC%89nh-sa%CC%81t-bie%CC%89n-4-ba%CC%81t-giu%CC%83-ta%CC%80u-va%CC%A3n-chuye%CC%89n-da%CC%80u-do-tra%CC%81i-phe%CC%81p/11497/81>

17 Dec - Tobacco/ Tendu Leaves (1,143kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB181223

On 17 Dec, local authorities seized 1,143kg of Tendu leaves onboard a small boat off Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/17/202312171800/>

16 Dec - Fuel/ Unmarked Fuel (146,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Anchorage Area at Alas-asin Bataan, Philippines/ DB181223

On 16 Dec, local authorities seized 146,000 litres of unmarked fuel onboard a tanker in an anchorage area at Alas-asin Bataan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1876528/boc-intercepts-alleged-smuggling-of-146000-liters-of-fuel-in-bataan>

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**15 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cars (2)/ Container Ship/ From Korea to Philippines/ Mindanao Container Terminal in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental, Philippines/ DB211223**

**On 15 Dec, local authorities seized two cars onboard a container ship in Mindanao Container Terminal in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental, Philippines.**

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

**<https://www.portcalls.com/boc-cagayan-de-oro-seizes-porsche-cars-worth-p30m/>**

**15 Dec - Domestic Products/ Various Products (245 Boxes)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Off Quanzhou, China/ DB181223**

**On 15 Dec, local authorities seized 246 boxes of various products onboard a cargo vessel off Quanzhou, China.**

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

**[https://qz.fjsen.com/2023-12/17/content\\_31481973.htm](https://qz.fjsen.com/2023-12/17/content_31481973.htm)**



**SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)**

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

## PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

### 2023

IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

### 2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

### 2021

IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 – Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines

### 2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 – Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

Analyst Journal 2/20 – Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

Analyst Journal 1/20 – Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

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.

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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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