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



For the period of 18 -24 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) | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Maritime Terrorism (MT) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Maritime Incidents (MI) | 0 | 20 | 4-8 |
| Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF) | 0 | 15 | 9-12 |
| Contraband Smuggling (CS) | 0 | 20 | 13-17 |
| Irregular Human Migration (IHM) | 0 | 5 | 18-19 |
| Environmental Security (ENVSEC) | 1 | 4 | 20-21 |
| Cyber Security (CYBSEC) | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 23 |

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)

Incidents:

21 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB240323

On 21 Mar, a cargo vessel was detained for an unauthorised operation off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=612552066972111>

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/03/1080941/maritim-malaysia-tahan-kapal-kargo-bersauh-tanpa-kebenaran>

21 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cargo Mishap/ Cargo Vessel/ Gersik Putih, East Java, Indonesia/ DB240323

On 21 Mar, a cargo vessel sank due to a cargo mishap off Gersik Putih, East Java, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://surabaya.kompas.com/read/2023/03/21/184403278/melebihi-muatan-kapal-angkut-semako-dan-7800-elpiji-karam-di-pelabuhan?source=widgetML&engine=C>

21 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nha Trang, Viet Nam/ DB240323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Nha Trang, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/tau-kh-95346-ts-gay-truc-lap-tha-troi.htm>

22 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Can Gio, Viet Nam/ DB230323

On 22 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized off Can Gio, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there was one dead with six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/tphcm-mot-nguoi-tu-vong-trong-vu-chim-tau-ca-tren-bien-can-gio-18523032220090382.htm>

21 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ Off Terengganu River, Pulau Kapas, Malaysia/ DB220323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to water ingress and three were rescued off Terengganu River, Pulau Kapas, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/03/tiga-nelayan-mangsa-bot-karam-diselamatkan-penyelidik-umt/>

21 Mar - Water Ingress/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Okha, Gujarat, India/ DB220323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel faced equipment failure off Okha, Gujarat, India. SAR was conducted and seven were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/indian-navy-rescue-7-fishermen-flood-boat-gujarat-okha-2349777-2023-03-22>

21 Mar - Adrift/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Palaui Island, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB220323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift off Palaui Island, Cagayan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1746049/4-rescued-from-distressed-boat-in-waters-off-cagayan-town>

21 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB220323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel had sunk with one dead, one missing, and three rescued off Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41429/fishing-vessel-sank-after-collision-tanker-1-dead-/>

20 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Container Vessel/ Port of Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB220323

On 20 Mar, a container vessel collided with a pier off Port of Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://taiwanenglishnews.com/74000-ton-container-ship-crashes-into-wharf-at-port-of-kaohsiung-pilot-suspected-drunk/>

21 Mar - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Batueas Island Waters, Indonesia/ DB210323

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Batueas Island Waters, Indonesia. One is still missing and SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tvonenews.com/daerah/sulawesi/108862-tim-sar-lakukan-pencarian-terhadap-seorang-nelayan-yang-hilang-saat-memancing-di-buton-selatan?page=2>

19 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Koh Ma, Krabi, Thailand/ DB210323

On 19 Mar, a small boat capsized off Koh Ma, Krabi, Thailand. SAR was conducted and seven were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/phuket/tourists-rescued-from-capsized-boat-headed-for-phuket>

19 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR / North Taliabu Waters, Indonesia/ DB200323

On 19 Mar, a cargo vessel capsized due to bad weather off North Taliabu Waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and eight were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voxtimor.pikiran-rakyat.com/nasional/pr-2276445912/kapal-angkut-kopra-tenggelam-di-perairan-taliabu-maluku-utara>

<https://voxtimor.pikiran-rakyat.com/nasional/pr-2276446093/seluruh-abk-kapal-tenggelam-di-perairan-taliabu-dilaporkan-selamat>

18 Mar - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Morotai Waters, Indonesia/ DB200323

On 18 Mar, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Morotai Waters, Indonesia. One is still missing, and SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ambon.antaranews.com/berita/158706/basarnas-ternate-cari-nelayan-hilang-di-perairan-morotai>

<https://indotimur.com/nusantara/nelayan-morotai-dilaporkan-hilang-basarnas-gelar-operasi-sar>

<https://lenterainspiratif.id/tak-kunjung-kembali-saat-pergi-melaut-seorang-nelayan-di-morotai-dalam-pencarian-tim-sar-gabungan/>

18 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dien Chau, Nghe An, Viet Nam/ DB200323

On 18 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized off Dien Chau, Nghe An, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.phapluatplus.vn/suc-khoe-doi-song/nghe-an-cuu-song-4-thuyen-vien-tren-chiec-tau-bi-chim-ngoai-khoi-d191391.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Dredger/ Kundur Barat District, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB220323

On 16 Mar, a dredger caught fire off Kundur Barat District, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.tribunnews.com/2023/03/17/kapal-keruk-eks-pt-timah-terbakar-di-perairan-karimun-tak-ada-korban-jiwa>

17 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Tanjung Kubong, Labuan, Malaysia/ DB210323

On 17 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized off Tanjung Kubong, Labuan, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/18/mmea-fishermen-rescue-group-of-men-after-boat-sinks-in-labuan-waters>

17 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Small Boat/ Pulau Papan, Labuan, Malaysia/ DB210323

On 17 Mar, a small boat was detained due to unauthorised operations off Pulau Papan, Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/18/mmea-fishermen-rescue-group-of-men-after-boat-sinks-in-labuan-waters>

16 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Kuala Tatau, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB200323

On 16 Mar, a tug and barge were detained off Kuala Tatau Sarawak, Malaysia due to unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid037UagDz3EeDvAdzekU1AoVRHLvedWUctJiZvCZ58MMM16HxMGihgm12k8jN9zHDWsl>

14 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 2 Unknown Vessels/ Shanghai, China/ DB200323

On 14 Mar, two vessels were detained off Shanghai, China due to unauthorised operations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://wap.xinmin.cn/content/32338549.html>

14 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 168 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Hari, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB200323

On 14 Mar, a passenger vessel ran aground off Pulau Hari, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and 168 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1046541/174/detik-detik-kapal-express-cantika-168-tabrak-karang-dan-kandas-bikin-penumpang-panik-1678784611>



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

Incidents:

23 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 12 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Analaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB240323

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 12 Indian fishermen for illegal fishing off Analaitivu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/23/202303230900/>

22 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka/ DB240323

On 22 Mar, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested one local fisherman for illegal fishing off Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/22/202303222345/>

22 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Kuala Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB240323

On 22 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for illegal fishing off Kuala Balingian, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/03/23/mmea-detains-boat-crew-for-fishing-in-prohibited-zone-off-kuala-balingian/>

21 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Tinggi, Malaysia/ DB230323

On 21 Mar, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 11 foreign fishermen due to illegal fishing off Pulau Tinggi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/22/mmea-detains-two-local-vessels-off-mersing-over-fishing-licence-violation>

21 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light Coarse Fishing/ Chundikulam, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220323

On 21 Mar, local authorities detained three small boats and arrested five local fishermen for illegal fishing methods off Chundikulam, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/21/202303211745/>

19 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Violating Regulations/ Off Hongdo, Jeolla Province, ROK/ DB210323

On 19 Mar, local authorities detained two foreign vessel and arrested fishermen for illegal fishing off Hongdo, Jeolla Province, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20230319_0002232301&clD=10447&pID=13000

19 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB210323

On 19 Mar, local authorities detained one Sri Lankan fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/sri-lankan-boat-apprehended/articleshow/98791243.cms>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/detained-sri-lankan-boat-with-fishermen-brought-to-thoothukudi/article66642548.ece>

19 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Filipino Fisherman Arrested/ Kudat, Malaysia/ DB210323

On 19 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested a Filipino fisherman for illegal fishing methods off Kudat, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/03/947630/lelaki-filipina-ditahan-terbabit-aktiviti-bom-ikan>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Mar - Local/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 15 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, Poison Fishing, Suction Guns/ Off Mengalum Island, Sabah, South China Sea/ DB240323

On 17 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested 15 foreign fishermen due to invalid license of fishing vessel, poison fishing and suction guns off Mengalum Island, Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2023/03/18/bot-nelayan-tempatan-gajikan-pendatang-asing-ditahan/>

06 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 7 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 70 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Bingmajiao, Danzhou, Hainan, China/ DB210323

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained seven fishing vessels and arrested 70 local fishermen for illegal fishing off Bingmajiao, Danzhou, Hainan, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0321/2229.html

16 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Alampil, Sri Lanka/ DB200323

On 16 Mar, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested two local fishermen due to illegal fishing methods off Alampil, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/17/202303171900/>

16 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 23 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Invalid Documentation/ Off Co To Island, Viet Nam/ DB200323

On 16 Mar, local authorities detained four local fishing vessels and arrested 23 local fishermen for illegal fishing off Co To island, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vietnamplus.vn/quang-ninh-bat-giu-4-tau-ca-vi-pham-trong-khai-thac-hai-san/851845.vnp>

<https://congly.vn/bat-giu-4-tau-ca-vi-pham-khai-thac-hai-san-315938.html>

15 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Porbandar, India/ DB200323

On 15 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 10 local fishermen for illegal fishing off Porbanda, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/rajkot/10-fishermen-on-tamil-nadu-trawler-held-in-gujarat-for-hunting-dolphins-8501564/>

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Luwuk Banggai Beach, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB200323

On 14 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for illegal fishing methods off Luwuk Banggai Beach, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sumbar.antaranews.com/berita/559551/tiga-orang-diamankan-ketika-akan-pengebom-ikan-di-sekitar-pantai-luwuk-banggai>

13 Mar 22 - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Nationality Small Boat Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB200323

On 13 Mar 22, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested three foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Northwestern Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Mar - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (379 kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Wennappuwa, Sri Lanka/ DB240323

On 23 Mar, local authorities seized 379 kg of Kendu leaves going to Sri Lanka off Wennappuwa, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/22/202303221800/>

22 Mar - Domestic Products/ Various Goods/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB240323

On 22 Mar, local authorities seized various goods from a small boat going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/23/untaxed-food-items-worth-over-rm100000-seized-off-tawau-waters>

20 Mar - Domestic Products/ Lobsters (28 Boxes)/ Speed Boat/ To Hong Kong/ Shengu Wharf, Hong Kong/ DB230323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 28 boxes of lobsters from a speed boat going to Hong Kong off Shengu Wharf, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hk.news.yahoo.com/%E6%B0%B4%E8%AD%A6%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E8%81%AF%E5%90%88%E8%A1%8C%E5%8B%95%E5%A4%A7%E5%B6%BC%E5%B1%B1%E6%AA%A22%E7%AE%B1%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E9%BE%8D%E8%9D%A6-%E5%B8%82%E5%80%BC56%E8%90%AC%E5%85%83-041640931.html>

20 Mar - Natural Resources/ Areca Nut (40 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From UAE to India/ Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB220323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 40 tons of areca nuts from a container vessel going from UAE to India off Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/CustomsVizag/status/1637821008601313281>

20 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (47,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Song Doc, Viet Nam/ DB220323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 47,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel going to Viet Nam off Song Doc, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-tau-ca-cho-gan-50000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-tren-bien-ca-mau-post459773.html>

19 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (60,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ To Viet Nam/ Off Con Dao Island, Viet Nam/ DB220323

On 19 Mar, local authorities seized 60,000 litres of diesel from a small boat going to Viet Nam off Con Dao Island, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/tam-giu-tau-cho-60-000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc>

20 Mar - Wildlife/ Ivory (7 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From Angola to Viet Nam/ Hai Phong Port, Viet Nam/ DB210323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized seven tons of ivory from a container vessel going from Angola to Viet Nam off Hai Phong Port, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baochinhphu.vn/hai-quan-hai-phong-bat-giu-khoang-7-tan-nga-voi-nhap-lau-102230320161725076.htm>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Feb - Domestic Products/ Apparel (1 Container)/ Container Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Philippines/ Mindanao Container Terminal, Philippines/ DB240323

On 24 Feb, local authorities seized one container of apparel from a container vessel going from Bangladesh to Philippines at Mindanao Container Terminal, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://customs.gov.ph/boc-port-of-cdo-seizes-counterfeit-goods-worth-p48-9-m-in-mindanao-container-terminal-port/?fbclid=IwAR0iQDxiESQAxAH2wc1rJsKRvHpDZvd99VRInV--HmjYhgq0A_KFr7SfAAc

30 Nov 22 - Domestic Products/ Beer (3 Containers)/ Container Vessel/ From China to Malaysia/ Pasir Gudang Port, Malaysia/ DB240323

On 30 Nov 22, local authorities seized three containers of beer from a container vessel going from China to Malaysia off Pasir Gudang Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/19/johor-customs-dept-nabs-smuggled-cigarettes-alcohol-worth-rm314mil>

14 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (8,500 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To India/ Off Dapoli, Maharashtra, India/ DB230323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 8,500 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel going to India off Dapoli, Maharashtra, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/navi-mumbai/diesel-mafia-busted-after-boat-chase-in-maharashtra-3-men-held/articleshow/98926594.cms>

14 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (37,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To India/ Off Dapoli, Maharashtra, India/ DB230323

On 14 Mar, local authorities seized 37,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel going to India off Dapoli, Maharashtra, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/navi-mumbai/diesel-mafia-busted-after-boat-chase-in-maharashtra-3-men-held/articleshow/98926594.cms>

04 Feb - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (144 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Ende Port, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB230323

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 144 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel off Ende Port, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

11 Mar - Domestic Products/ Apparel (74 Pieces)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tuas Port, Singapore/ DB220323

On 11 Mar, local authorities seized 74 pieces of apparel from a container vessel going to Singapore off Tuas Port, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0j4KzKwyzRaTAbcU1EQ9bgUru3JdNXguLgyjoT5M92o7pjtvqBrH88sCp7KWucTN4l>

02 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (50kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Aceh, Indonesia/ DB210323

On 2 Mar, local authorities seized 50kg of meth from a vessel going from Malaysia to Indonesia off Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nasional.tempo.co/read/1705018/bareskrim-polri-bongkar-sindikatan-penyelundupan-50-kg-sabu-dalam-kemasan-teh-cina-dari-malaysia>

17 Mar - Natural Resources/ Sand (90,000 kg)/ Barge/ To Viet Nam/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB200323

On 17 Mar, local authorities seized 90,000 kg of sand from a barge going to Viet Nam off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/tam-giu-sa-lan-cho-90-met-khoi-cat-khong-ro-nguon-goc>

16 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (200 Master Cases)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Thailand/ Taba Community Port, Narathiwat Province, Thailand/ DB200323

On 16 Mar, local authorities seized 200 master cases of cigarettes from a vessel going to Thailand off Taba Community Port, Narathiwat Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid0rnrPmN7yt2Fv8k53dvzxUKMLSGX54PyKQdcB3sMgM7JwQzrGBryuY5XxScCXoGhfl>

15 Mar - Domestic Products/ Refined Sugar (780,000 kg)/ Container Vessel/ Port of Subic, Zambales, Philippines/ DB200323

On 15 Mar, local authorities seized 780,000 kg of refined sugar from a container vessel off Port of Subic, Zambales, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ptvnews.ph/p85-m-smuggled-refined-sugar-seized-in-subic/>

01 Dec 22 - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (443,000 Cartons)/ 10 Unknown Vessels/ To China/ East China Sea, China/ DB200323

On 1 Dec 22, local authorities seized 443,000 cartons of cigarettes from 10 vessels going to China off East China Sea, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/hjyw_0129/2202.html

04 Nov 22 - Tobacco and Domestic Products/ Cigarettes and Frozen Goods (100 Tons)/ 7 Unknown Vessel/ To China/ Guangdong Province, China/ DB200323

On 4 Nov 22, local authorities seized 100 tons of cigarettes and frozen goods from seven vessels going to China off Guangdong Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/hjyw_0129/2202.html

15 Jun 22 - Drugs/ Ketamine (600.3 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ To China/ Fujian, China/
DB200323

On 15 Jun 22, local authorities seized 600.3 kg of Ketamine going to China off Fujian, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/hjyw_0117/2193.html



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Fishing Vessel/ Unknown Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Batu Ampar, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB240323

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained migrants from a fishing vessel going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Batu Ampar, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.batamtoday.com/berita-187495-Ungkap-Pengiriman-PMI-Ilegal-Modus-Mancing-Ikan,-Satpolairud-Polresta-Barelang-Bekuk-2-Pelaku.html>

16 Mar - People Smuggling/ Ashore/ 25 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Selinsing Village, Medang Kampai District, Indonesia/ DB210323

On 16 Mar, local authorities arrested 25 Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Selinsing Village, Medang Kampai District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riaupos.jawapos.com/dumai/18/03/2023/297161/25-pmi-ilegal-digagalkan-ke-malaysia.html>

06 Mar - People Smuggling/ Ashore/ 17 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Sepahat Beach, Bengkalis Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB210323

On 6 Mar, local authorities arrested 17 Indonesia migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Sepahat Beach, Bengkalis Regency, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riaupos.jawapos.com/dumai/08/03/2023/296345/17-pmi-ilegal-gagal-ke-malaysia-tiap-calon-bayar-rp512-juta.html>

15 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 10 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Harbour Bay Ferry Terminal, Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB200323

On 15 Mar, local authorities arrested 10 Indonesian migrants from a passenger vessel off Harbour Bay Ferry Terminal, Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia. The migrants were going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.metrobatam.com/2023/03/2-pelaku-tpo-ditangkap-polisi-di-pelabuhan-internasional-harbourbay-batam/>

19 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ Unknown Chinese Migrants/ From China to Unknown/ Off Fujian, China/ DB200323

On 19 Feb, local authorities arrested Chinese migrants from a vessel off Fujian, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/hjyw_0117/2192.ht



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Information Update:

20 Mar - MIE/ Sand Mining/ Dredger/ Sea Sand Mining/ Kota Belud, Sabah, South China Sea/ DB220323

It has been updated that the location of incident is Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/21/foreign-dredger-ship-sand-worth-rm75mil-seized-off-kota-belud>

Incidents:

21 Mar - MARPOL/ Solid (Various Goods)/ Cargo Vessel/ Local Contamination/ Gersik Putih, East Java, Indonesia/ DB240323

On 21 Mar, a cargo vessel filled with various goods sank off Gersik Putih, East Java, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.batamtoday.com/berita-187495-Ungkap-Pengiriman-PMI-Ilegal-Modus-Mancing-Ikan,-Satpolairud-Polresta-Barelang-Bekuk-2-Pelaku.html>

20 Mar - MIE/ Sand Mining/ Dredger/ Sea Sand Mining/ Kota Belud, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB220323

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized a dredger for sand mining off Kota Belud, Sabah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/21/foreign-dredger-ship-sand-worth-rm75mil-seized-off-kota-belud>

18 Mar - MARPOL/ Solid (Dead Fish)/ Fishing Vessel/ Local Contamination/ Bangsaen Beach, Chon Buri, Thailand/ DB200323

On 18 Mar, dead fish from a fishing vessel contaminated the beach off Bangsaen Beach, Chon Buri, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/chon-buri/8000kg-of-dead-fish-wash-up-on-chon-buri-beach>

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Mar - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil Leak)/ Unknown/ Local Contamination/ Songkhla, Thailand/
DB200323

On 14 Mar, an oil leak occurred off Songkhla, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid05uwPzymX7vfbYW2ZMXrYvkrkKEQH2V
yQochuAA8XCNsZTNKFEjCvxT6Xvnx7u2Nl](https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid05uwPzymX7vfbYW2ZMXrYvkrkKEQH2V
yQochuAA8XCNsZTNKFEjCvxT6Xvnx7u2Nl)

<https://www.thaipbs.or.th/news/content/325501>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

18 Mar - Malware/ Information Technology/ Royal Dirkzwager/ Data Theft/ Maassluis, Netherlands/ DB220323

On 18 Mar, a company was hit by malware and data was stolen in Maassluis, Netherlands.

IFC Comments:

The IFC has reported this out of area Cyber incident, as the international nature of maritime supply chains and networks means an attack in one country can have a global impact.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://therecord.media/royal-dirkzwager-ransomware-attack-dutch-shipping>



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 Manila 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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