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



For the period of 20 – 27 Jan 22, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

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Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	1	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	23	5-10
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	9	11-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	2	22	14-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	8	20-22
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	23
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	24
Others	0	0	25

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

#### Information Updates:

20 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands Flagged/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB260123 (Information Update on DB250123)

It was updated that the perpetrators were reportedly armed with knives when they boarded the vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Maritime Port Authority(MPA) - Port Of Control Centre(POCC)

Incidents:

25 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ CETO, Tanker, Panama Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB270123

Around five persons in a small boat approached an anchored tanker. Duty crew on rounds noticed an unauthorised person standing on the poop deck assisting another one to board. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the unauthorised persons escaped with their accomplices in their boat. Incident reported to port control. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: GSIS

20 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands Flagged/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB250123

- 1. Ship Master informed that a Marshall Island Flagged Bulk carrier, reported at five perpetrators inside engine room of the vessel at (1°04'20.4"N 103°35'12.6"E) on 20 Jan 23 at 0115(UTC + 8).
- 2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and nothing was reported stolen yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to the NPOC, Singapore

IFC Comments:

RFI COY on 20 Jan 23 for incident details.

This is the 3rd incident happened in Singapore Strait last was 5 Jan 23

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

#### Out of Reporting Period:

19 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ MH LANGOEY, Chemical Tanker, Norway Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Kandla Anchorage, India/ DB260123

While at anchor, the ship master raised the alarm and made a general announcement after confirmed that three perpetrators had boarded the ship. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators jumped into the water and escaped with stolen items (comprising brass valves, stainless steel bolts and nuts) in an unidentified small orange fishing boat.

The Indian Coast Guard ship C-401 was diverted to investigate the incident. The interceptor boat reached the datum at 2345 (UTC+5.30) on 19 Jan. The master reported the incident to Kandla Signal Station. Upon receipt of the report, Kandla Signal Station advised the ship master to lodge FIR. The ship master was not willing to file any formal complaint with the local authorities about the incident in view of its commercial compulsions and next assigned commitments.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/2022/List%20of%2 Olncidents%20for%202023.pdf

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

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#### **SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)**

#### Information Updates:

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ 8 Dead, 9 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Danjo islands, Japan/ DB270123 (Information Update on DB250123)

It was updated that five of the crew have been rescued, the bodies of eight of the crew have been recovered, and five of the crew are still missing

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40925/chinese-gen-cargo-ship-sank-jeju-20-missing/

https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/rescue-efforts-under-way-for-22-crew-members-on-capsized-cargo-ship

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Karambunai, Malaysia/ DB270123 (Information Update on DB260123)

It was updated that the missing person was rescued from the SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/HQEasternFleet/posts/pfbid0ecEaJFujiPH2XiV9DrUSF7z2zDiGFeHz1gF4paJ3QyTSQBvna6qNEjt5hE4xEWyEl

https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/873370/one-missing-after-boat-capsizes

#### Incidents:

26 Jan - Collision-Grounding/Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sa Huynh, Viet Nam/ DB270123

On 26 Jan a cargo vessel went aground off Sa Huynh, Viet Nam due to bad weather. 11 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-ngai-cuu-tau-hang-gap-nan-tai-khu-vuc-bien-sa-huynh-post458388.html

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off La Gi Estuary, Viet Nam/ DB270123

On 25 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk off La Gi Estuary, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Four people were missing from the incident and eight others have been rescued from a SAR operation.

#### IFC Comments:

Viet Nam ILO updated that there were a total of 13 crew members. 12 people were rescued and one is still missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/binh-thuan-khan-truong-tim-kiem-bon-ngu-dan-trong-vu-chim-tau-ca-post458387.html

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Krabi, Thailand/ DB270123

On 25 Jan, a small boat capsized at Krabi, Thailand due to bad weather. Four people were rescued from a SAR operation.

#### IFC Comments:

Thailand ILO updated that 2 of the rescued died in the hospital.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thesundaily.my/local/malaysian-mother-daughter-die-after-boat-capsizes-in-krabi-IB10555368

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Karambunai, Malaysia/ DB260123

On 25 Jan, a fishing vessel capsized at Karambunai, Malaysia. One person was reported missing while two others have managed to save themselves. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/873370/one-missing-after-boat-capsizes

24 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Bulk Carrier vs Cargo Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Harbaria, Bangladesh/ DB260123

On 24 Jan, there was a collision between a bulk carrier and cargo vessel at Harbaria, Bangladesh. The collision caused the cargo vessel to sink, eight people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/fertiliser-laden-vessel-sinks-in-monglas-poshur-channel-8-crew-rescued/108934

23 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tha. Dhiyamigili Island, Maldives/ DB260123

On 23 Jan, a passenger vessel went aground off Tha. Dhiyamigili Island, Maldives. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4326

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ 18 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Danjo islands, Japan/ DB250123

On 25 Jan, a bulk carrier sunk off Danjo Islands, Japan. 18 people were missing and four were rescued. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is still ongoing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40925/chinese-gen-cargo-ship-sank-jeju-20-missing/

https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/rescue-efforts-under-way-for-22-crew-members-on-capsized-cargo-ship

24 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ 19 rescued/ SAR/ Off Okinawa, Japan/ DB250123

On 24 Jan, a cargo ship went aground off Okinawa, Japan. 19 people were rescued. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40909/general-cargo-ship-aground-okinawa-waters-rescue-v/

22 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Iloilo, Philippines/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, a small boat went adrift off Iloilo, Philippines due to equipment failure. 18 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1719653/pcg-rescues-18-passengers-of-distressed-boat-in-iloilo

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0uyPPNci6B1scLU5jyGPCGiTXKd9jvgrvPWsM9rErwM3n6 5mu3htYJ2ay3cyFo4egl&show\_text=true&width=500"

21 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ Merak Besar Island, Indonesia/ DB250123

On 21 Jan, a passenger vessel went aground at Merak Besar Island, Indonesia. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Port-Link-lii-8604333.html

21 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Komodo National Park, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia/ DB250123

On 21 Jan, a passenger vessel sunk at Komodo National Park, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia. 13 people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

#### IFC Comments:

It was reported that the ship was confiscated due to a similar incident on 28 June 2022. (28 Jun - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ship/ 2 Dead, 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Komodo National Park Area, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB300622) Indonesia ILO updated that there were a total of 13 passengers instead of seventeen.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.detik.com/bali/nusra/d-6532846/sederet-masalah-klm-tiana-yang-tenggelam-di-labuan-bajo

https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/01/22/123322978/kapal-wisata-tenggelam-diperairan-pulau-komodo-labuan-bajo-8-orang-luka?page=all

21 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Cua Lo port, Nghe An province, Viet Nam/ DB250123

On 21 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk at Cua Lo port, Nghe An province, Viet Nam due to water ingression. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-na-90296-ts-bi-chim-thiet-hai-500-trieu-dong-post458369.html

21 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Pangkor, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 21 Jan, a fishing boat went adrift off Pulau Pangkor, Malaysia due to equipment failure. Four people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02ajFzWbhSUv3RvuCkbSv8pa962bpsn7hxqwXj2ChRZomDT9MdCwSPLwq1uAU5RzNml

20 Jan - Vessel Detained/Unauthorised Operation/Tanker/Off Teluk Ramunia, East Johor, Malaysia/DB250123

On 20 Jan, a tanker was detained off Teluk Ramunia, East Johor, Malaysia due to an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/241657/berita/semasa/kapten-kapal-minta-izin-mandi-sebelum-

ditahan?utm\_source=SINAR+HARIAN&utm\_medium=Sinar+Harian&utm\_campaign=Kapten+kapal+minta+izin+mandi+sebelum+ditahan

20 Jan - Collision-Grounding/Bad Weather/Landing Craft Tank/Off Barcelona, Sorsogon, Philippines/DB250123

On 20 Jan, a landing craft tank went aground off Barcelona, Sorsogon, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/22/cargo-ship-grounded-off-sorsogon/

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0wZtScGyCW3uoPei75FK9FMxMfDPeQHes7Nynj4srGvzD Cqoqfri6i1m96u7gFzbFl&show\_text=true&width=500"

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Masinloc Town, Zambales, Philippines/ DB260123

On 17 Jan, a cargo vessel went aground at Masinloc Town, Zambales, Philippines. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Hc-Glory-9500314.html

19 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Container Vessel/ 1 Missing/ Off Kombuthurai, India/ DB250123

On 19 Jan, there was a collision between a fishing vessel and container vessel off Kombuthurai, India. One person is missing from the incident.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/fisherman-missing-as-boat-capsizes/article66409556.ece

18 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines/ DB250123

On 18 Jan, a small boat went adrift off Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines due to equipment failure. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/CGS.Capiz/posts/pfbid02KntmYfBpXmFFZj7Y5HPYrmkNx8gjfC66YzcazoyUe2SRKqkasJ7v9STsC2NHRkMjl

18 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Maduvvari, Maldives/ DB250123

On 18 Jan, a fishing vessel went aground at Maduvvari, Maldives. Nine people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4315

17 Jan - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kulhudhuffushi, Maldives/ DB250123

On 17 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift off Kulhudhuffushi, Maldvies. Five people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF\_Official/status/1615317188545765378

17 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Dead, 2 Missing, 5 Rescued/ Off Canimog Island, Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB250123

On 17 Jan, a fishing vessel capsized off Canimog Island, Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines due to bad weather. Five people was reported to have died from the incident while two others are still missing. There were five people who were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/01/20/news/regions/5-fishermen-dead-as-bad-weather-lingers-over-bicol/1875030

10 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 2 Trawlers/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paradip Coast, India/ DB250123

On 10 Jan, two trawlers went adrift off Paradip Coast, India due to equipment failure. 13 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2023/jan/17/paradip-safe-return-for-13-fishermen-on-board-two-missing-trawlers-2538581.html

26 Dec - Missing/Cause Unknown/Unknown Vessel/180 Missing/Andaman Sea/DB250123

On 26 Dec, an unknown vessel went missing at Andaman Sea. There were 180 people on board. The cause of incident is unknown.

#### 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".

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/deadliest-year-rohingya-sea-years-180-presumed-drowned-2022-12-26/

https://twitter.com/UNHCRAsia/status/1606523665503637507?ref\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctw camp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1606523665503637507%7Ctwgr%5E0aa95bb3b720ba 93e7bf1a96f8c3d353b1f1fd1e%7Ctwcon%5Es1\_&ref\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.reuters.com%2Fworld%2Fasia-pacific%2Fdeadliest-year-rohingya-sea-years-180-presumed-drowned-2022-12-26%2

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

#### Incidents:

24 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing and Illegal Fishing Method/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel, Unauthorised Fishing Equipment/ Off Kuala Kemaman, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 24 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kuala Kemaman, Malaysia. Five foreign fishermen were arrested for illegally fishing and using unauthorised fishing equipment.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0x8YQwLv1mE6rNwVgbpHX6N5LzfPkpoXYEtfuxqpL2CKnztDpbhUQyJvyikgUXfaZl

22 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Small Boats/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Puh Higad, Brgy Bubuan, Hadji Panglima Tahil, Sulu, Philippines/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained five small boats at Puh Higad, Brgy Bubuan, Hadji Panglima Tahil, Sulu, Philippines. Eight local fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fish.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid032mk85hSJm7ZczTCDXjVbxktaUfogvR7RHz2PQEGDiEUN8UkyNmBNH8TVSZNV5693l

22 Jan - Local/Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Thai and 4 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Malaysia. One Thai and four Myanmar fishermen were arrested for having invalid license for their fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02YHcaSySrE44hmyuWZXkdoYYXvEKD6UCHUbJz6XWdSopAaA5KNkeAnJtnKUCw2N4al

20 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Beruwala Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB250123

On 20 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Beruwala Harbour, Sri Lanka. Six local fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fish.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/01/20/202301220923/

#### Out of Reporting Period:

18 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Malaysia. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for having invalid license for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/01/4-pati-myanmar-kendali-bot-nelayan-tempatan-ditahan/

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 8 Trawlers Detained/ Bottom Trawling/ Off Madurai, India/ DB250123

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained eight trawlers off Madurai, India. The trawlers were detained due to illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/2-tonnes-of-fishes-caught-using-banned-nets-seized-auctioned/article66398217.ece

15 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing and Illegal Fishing Methods/ 5 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, Unauthorised Fishing Equipment/ Off Langkawi Island and Kuala Kedah, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 15 Jan, local authorities detained five fishing vessels off Langkawi Island and Kuala Kedah, Malaysia. 20 foreign fishermen were arrested for fishing illegally and using authorised fishing equipment.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/01/19/jabatan-perikanan-sita-bot-hasil-tangkapan-rm1-9-juta/?utm\_source=rss&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=jabatan-perikanan-sita-bot-hasil-tangkapan-rm1-9-juta

10 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Thai Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Rebak Besar, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Pulau Rebak Besar, Langkawi, Malaysia. Three Thai fishermen were arrested for having invalid license of their fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/365395560185251/permalink/5960843157307102

05 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Bingmajiao, Hainan, China/ DB250123

On 05 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Bingmajiao, Hainan, China. 11 local fishermen were arrested for not having valid license for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/Info Source: https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\_0117/2198.html

#### SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

#### Information Updates:

11 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (69,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Taiwan to UK and Japan/ Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong/ DB270123 (Information Update on DB250123)

The Hong Kong police custom updated that the contraband cigarettes most likely came from Taiwan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3207372/hong-kong-customs-officers-seize-hk190-million-worth-black-market-cigarettes-second-largest

12 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (820 Master Cases)/ Unknown/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Digos City, Philippines/ DB270123 (Information Update on DB260123)

#### IFC Comments:

Philippine CG ILO shared that this incident had no maritime nexus.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1715911/bir-maritime-police-seize-825-cases-of-contraband-cigarettes-in-digos-city

#### Incidents:

25 Jan - Domestic Products/ Red Onions (24,000 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Barangay Labuan, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB270123

On 25 Jan, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Barangay Labuan, Zamboanga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 24,000 kg of red onions that were meant to be domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193670

22 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (149 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Meunasah Beurembang, Term Buya District, Pidie Jaya Regency, Indonesia/ DB270123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained an unknown vessel Meunasah Beurembang, Term Buya District, Pidie Jaya Regency, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 149 kg of meth that was smuggled from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/175/peredaran-149-kg-sabu-malaysia-lewat-perairan-aceh-diungkap-polisi-5-orang-ditangkap https://aceh.tribunnews.com/2023/01/25/peredaran-149-kg-sabu-malaysia-lewat-perairan-aceh-diungkap-polisi-5-orang-ditangkap https://www.beacukai.go.id/berita/-siaran-pers-bea-cukai-dan-polri-ungkap-kasus-149-kilogram-sabu-jaringan-malaysia-aceh.html

25 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (49 kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB260123

On 24 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat at Delft Island, Sri Lanka. Onboard the small boat was 49 kg of cannabis that was meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://frontpage.lk/three-nabbed-with-kerala-cannabis-worth-over-rs-16-mn/https://dailynews.lk/2023/01/26/law-order/295978/three-nabbed-kerala-cannabis-worth-over-rs16-mn

24 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (61 kgs)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Analathivu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB250123

On 24 Jan, local authorities found 61 kg of cannabis at Analathivu Island, Sri Lanka. The cannabis were meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/24/202301241700/

24 Jan - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (1105 kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Dungalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB250123

On 24 Jan, local authorities detained two small boats at Dungalpitiya, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 1105 kg of kendu leaves that were meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/24/202301241430/

23 Jan - Domestic Products/ Red Onions (32,000 kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Brgy Cawit, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB250123

On 23 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Brgy Cawit, Zamboanga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 32,000 kg of red onions that were meant to be domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/24/44k-kilos-of-smuggled-onions-seized-in-zamboanga/?utm\_source=rss&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=44k-kilos-of-smuggled-onions-seized-in-zamboanga

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid035QCfurgnc2iLYVy2U2vBzGGaoQUJH7MJMCeSCuHC3U ut9FB5w7GnhpEutGqDMpErl&show\_text=true&width=500

23 Jan - Fuel/ Petroleum Products (300 Drums)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Brgy Cawit, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB250123

On 23 Jan, local authorities detained a small boa off Brgy Cawit, Zamboanga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel were 300 drums of petroleum products that were meant to be domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/24/44k-kilos-of-smuggled-onions-seized-in-

zamboanga/?utm\_source=rss&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=44k-kilos-of-smuggled-onions-seized-in-zamboanga

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid035QCfurgnc2iLYVy2U2vBzGGaoQUJH7MJMCeSCuHC3U ut9FB5w7GnhpEutGqDMpErl&show\_text=true&width=500

22 Jan - Domestic Products/ Red Onions (6,496 kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Philippines/ Off Brgy Labuan, Zambonga City, Philippines/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Brgy Labuan, Zambonga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 6,496 kg of red onions that were smuggled from India to Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/23/p2-5-m-smuggled-onions-seized-in-zamboanga-city/

21 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (158 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tigtabon Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB250123

On 21 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Tigtabon Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel were 158 master cases of cigarettes that were meant to be domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193241.

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Dec - Fuel/ Marine Gas Oil (4,200 Liters)/ 2 Tugboats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tuas, Singapore/ DB270123

On 21 Dec, local authorities detained two tugboats off Tuas, Singapore. A total of 4,200 liters of gas oil that were meant to be smuggled domestically.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/jail-11-crew-members-illegal-sale-4200l-marine-gas-oil-sea-tuas-2094596

12 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (820 Master Cases)/ Unknown/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Digos City, Philippines/ DB260123

On 12 Jan, local authorities found 820 master cases of cigarettes at Digos City, Philippines. The cigarettes were smuggled from Malaysia to Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1715911/bir-maritime-police-seize-825-cases-of-contraband-cigarettes-in-digos-city

19 Jan - Domestic Products/Turmeric (544 kg)/ Small Boat/To Sri Lanka/Off Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka/DB250123

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel were 544 kg of turmeric that were meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/20/202301201115/

19 Jan - Domestic Products/Turmeric (446 kg)/ Small Boat/To Sri Lanka/Off Gurunagar, Sri Lanka/DB250123

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Gurunagar, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel were 446 kg of turmeric that were meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/20/202301201115/

18 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,000 Master Cases)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Mindanao Container Terminal Port, Misamis Oriental, Philippines/ DB250123

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a container ship at Mindanao Container Terminal Port, Misamis Oriental, Philippines. Onboard the vessel were 2,000 master cases of cigarettes that were meant to be smuggled from China to Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193242

14 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (34 kg) and Cannabis (38 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Canada to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB250123

On 14 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel were 34 kg of meth and 38 kg of cannabis that were meant to be smuggled from Canada to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\_id\_3623.html?p=1&y=&m=

13 Jan - Others/Electronic Waste (2 Containers)/ Container Vessel/From USA to Malaysia/Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia/DB250123

On 13 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel were two containers of electronic waste that were meant to be smuggled from USA to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/01/2-kontena-dikesan-bawa-e-sisa-dari-amerika-syarikat/

11 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (1,720 Liters) & Diesel (30 Liters)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Tambalugu River, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 11 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Tambaluga River, Sabah, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 1,720 liters of petrol and 30 liters of diesel that were meant to be smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/01/11/dua-warga-asing-cuba-seludup-keluar-barang-kawalan-ditahan?fbclid=lwAR2rdENOq-sTWRrzjl1DhPJl4-KLlXFbwMVEwBExp9lG81uCxtQ\_uTFtAag

11 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (69,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ To UK and Japan/ Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong/ DB250123

On 11 Jan, local authorities detained a container vessel at Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 69,000,000 cigarettes that were meant to be smuggled from the UK to Japan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3207372/hong-kong-customs-officers-seize-hk190-million-worth-black-market-cigarettes-second-largest

03 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,700 Packs)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Off Tieshan Port, Beihai City, China/ DB250123

On 03 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Tieshan Port, Beihai City, China. Onboard the vessel was 8,700 packs of cigarettes that were smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\_0117/2197.html

03 Jan - Domestic Products and Wildlife/ Seafood (24 Boxes) and Lobster Seed (144 Packs)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 03 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 24 boxes of seafood and 144 packs of lobster seeds that were smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/365395560185251/permalink/5944116522313099

02 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (250 tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Zhejiang, China/ DB250123

On 02 Jan, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Zhejiang, China. Onboard the vessel was 250 tons of frozen goods that were meant to be smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong\_0117/2196.html

22 Dec - Drugs/ Cocaine (300 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Brazil to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB250123

On 22 Dec, local authorities detained a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was 300 kg of cocaine that were smuggled from Brazil to Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\_id\_3625.html?p=1&y=&m=

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

#### Incidents:

23 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 5 Sri Lankan Migrants/ Going from Sri Lanka to India/ Rameswaram, India/ DB250123

On 23 Jan, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Rameswaram, India for human smuggling. Five Sri Lankan Migrants were going from Sri Lanka to India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/family-of-five-sri-lankan-nationals-arrives-in-rameswaram-refugee-numbers-in-tn-go-up-to-217/article66423070.ece

22 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Myanmar Nationals/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Malaysia. Two Myanmar nationals were onboard the vessel without valid documentation, they were going from Myanmar to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02YHcaSySrE44hmyuWZXkdoYYXvEKD6UCHUbJz6XWdSopAaA5KNkeAnJtnKUCw2N4al

22 Jan - Human Trafficking/ Passenger vessel/ 7 Filipino nationals/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Port of Bongao, Tawi-tawi, Philippines/ DB250123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at the Port of Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines for human trafficking. Seven Filipino nationals were going from Philippines to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/24/seven-human-trafficking-victims-rescued-in-tawi-tawi/

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Jan - Human Smuggling/Trawler/ 38 Sri Lankan Migrants/From Sri Lanka to Réunion/Réunion/DB270123

On 14 Jan, local authorities detained a trawler at Réunion for human smuggling. Onboard the trawler was 38 Sri Lankan migrants that were travelling from Sri Lanka to Réunion.

#### IFC Comments:

The incident is out of the IFC's area of interest (AOI) but has been reported as the vessel departed from within the AOI.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/26/202301261115/

19 Jan - Human Trafficking/ Small Boat/ 7 Filipino nationals/ From Philippines to Cambodia/ Off Lupa Pula, Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB250123

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat off Lupa Pula, Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines for human trafficking. Seven Filipino nationals were going from Philippines to Cambodia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid02S5sicv52Vsd4eWaovLKVrGoCHzFdfUVXZy1DgS42DL2WE6NASLs3J9jj3pQcv2syl

18 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Nationals/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB250123

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Malaysia. Four Myanmar nationals were onboard the vessel without valid documentation, they were going from Myanmar to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/01/4-pati-myanmar-kendali-bot-nelayan-tempatan-ditahan/

26 Dec - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 180 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh/ Andaman Sea/ DB250123

On 26 Dec, there was an unknown vessel carrying 180 Rohingya migrants going from Bangladesh.

#### 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".

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/deadliest-year-rohingya-sea-years-180-presumed-drowned-2022-12-26/

https://twitter.com/UNHCRAsia/status/1606523665503637507?ref\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctw camp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1606523665503637507%7Ctwgr%5E0aa95bb3b720ba93e7bf1a96f8c3d353b1f1fd1e%7Ctwcon%5Es1\_&ref\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.reuters.com%2Fworld%2Fasia-pacific%2Fdeadliest-year-rohingya-sea-years-180-presumed-drowned-2022-12-26%2F

21 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Trawler/ 149 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Off Sonadia Island, Bangladesh/ DB250123

On 21 Mar, local authorities detained a trawler off Sonadia Island, Bangladesh for human smuggling. 149 Rohingya Migrants were travelling from Bangladesh to Malaysia.

#### 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".

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/98170

https://www.thedailystar.net/top-news/news/135-malaysia-bound-rohingya-refugees-arrested-sonadia-island-2987986

### SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

#### Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - MARPOL/ Solid (Container of Meat Products)/ Container Vessel/ Local Contamination/ North Siantan District, Anambas Regency, Riau Islands Province, Indonesia/ DB250123

On 16 Jan, there was a container vessel that contaminated the sea with container of meat products at North Siantan District, Anambas Regency, Riau Islands Province, Indonesia.

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

https://batam.tribunnews.com/2023/01/19/kontainer-berisi-daging-ditemukan-hanyut-diperairan-anambas-diduga-asal-brasil



## 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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