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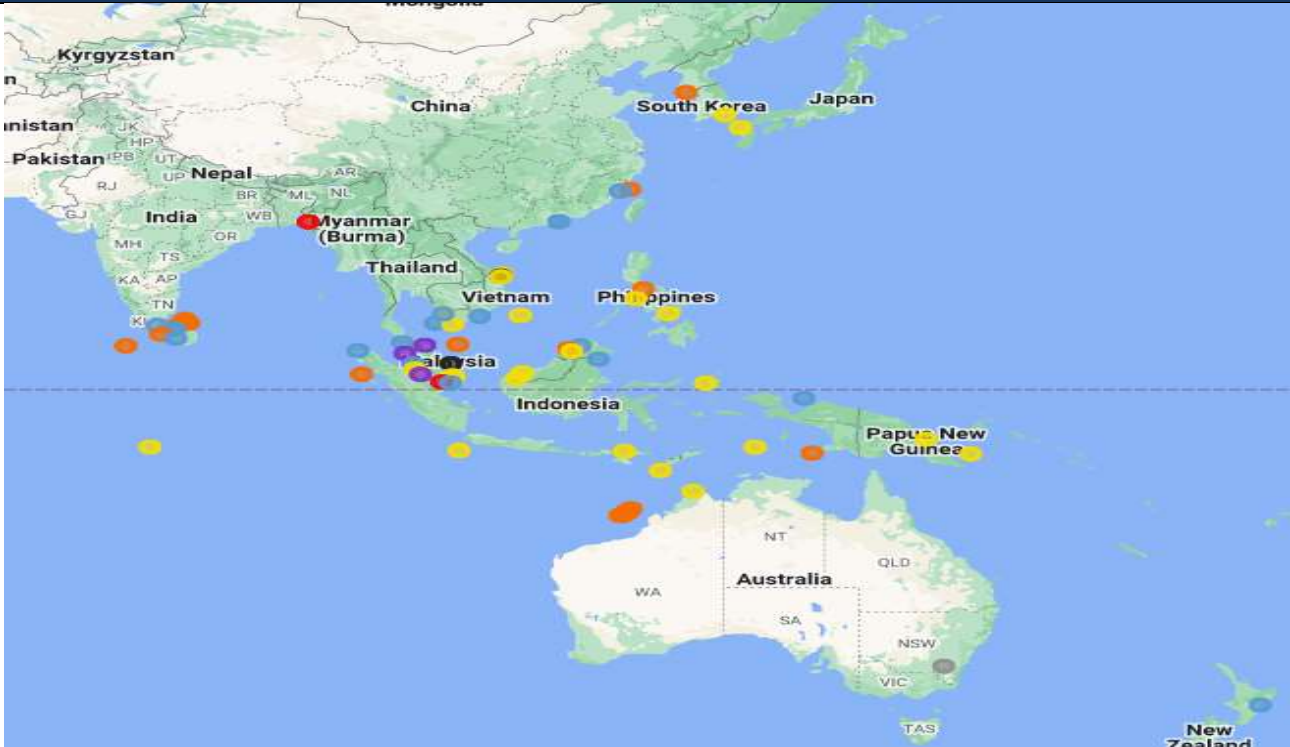
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 20 – 26 May 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)	1	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	3	31	4-11
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	1	23	12-17
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	22	18-23
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	24
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	25
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	26
Others	0	2	27

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

Information Updates:

22 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB260523
(Information Update on DB220523)

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Incidents:

23 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Oil Tanker, India-Flagged/ No Injury/ Berthed/ Chittagong Berth, Bangladesh/ DB250523

Around six to eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker at the Chittagong berth. The crew onboard raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship stores.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9877>

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-report/details/179/2361>

22 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB220523

1. IFC received information from POCC that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier, Lucky Source, while transiting along Phillip Channel (1°02'33.6"N 103°39'22.8"E) on 22 May 23 at 0230 (UTC+8).

2. Ship master reported that five perpetrators in the engine room and fled upon sighted. All crew accounted for, and no injuries reported. The master reported that some engine spares parts and some personal belongings of one of the crew was stolen. The vessel requires no assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

15 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Dead, 25 Missing/ Indian Ocean/ DB250523
(Information Update on DB230523)

It was updated that the Sri Lankan Navy has found a total of 14 bodies so far and SAR is still ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/capsized-chinese-fishing-boat-lu-peng-yuan-yu-14-bodies-found-3511326>

15 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Dead, 31 Missing/ Indian Ocean/ DB230523
(Information Update on DB220523)

It was updated from a news article that seven bodies were recovered from a Chinese fishing vessel that capsized in the central Indian Ocean on Monday, 22 May. Several countries, including Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, the Maldives, and the Philippines, joined in rescue efforts for 39 missing crew members. According to state media, 13 ships are still in the vicinity of where the boat sank.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/seven-bodies-recovered-after-chinese-vessel-capsized-indian-ocean-3506376>

MRCC Colombo

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41885/chinese-longliner-30-crew-capsized-indian-ocean/>

15 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 38 Missing/ Indian Ocean/ DB220523
(Information Update on DB170523)

It was updated that on 20 May, a diving team deployed by Sri Lankan Navy had recovered a dead body from the captain's cabin of the vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

MRCC Colombo

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41885/chinese-longliner-30-crew-capsized-indian-ocean/>

Incidents:

24 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB260523

On 24 May, a barge sunk off Kien Giang, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Four people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/kien-giang-cuu-4-nguoi-bi-nan-ngoai-cua-bien-dua-vao-bo-an-toan-post1022464.vov>

22 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ Panyi Island, Phang Nga Province, Thailand/ DB260523

On 22 May, a small boat capsized near Panyi Island, Phang Nga Province, Thailand. Seven people were rescued from a nearby vessel. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/longtail-boat-capsizes-in-thailand-5-foreign-tourists-rescued-from-sea>

23 May - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Hiri Ternate Island, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB250523

On 23 May, a cargo vessel went adrift at Hiri Ternate Island, North Maluku, Indonesia due to engine failure. 19 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/282042>

23 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 3 Dredgers/ Off Carey Island, Malaysia/ DB250523

On 23 May, three dredgers were detained off Carey Island, Malaysia due to an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-selangor-tahan-tiga-kapal-korek-beroperasi-tanpa-kebenaran-421038>

23 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship vs Cargo Ship/ Hakata Port, Japan/ DB250523

On 23 May, there was a collision between two cargo ships at Hakata Port, Japan. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Odelmar-9773313.html>

23 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Makamdasse, Maluku, Indonesia/ DB240523

On 23 May, seven were rescued after a small boat capsized off Makamdasse, Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/281706>

<https://ambon.antaranews.com/berita/166908/pos-sar-saumlaki-evakuasi-tujuh-penumpang-longboat-yang-tenggelam>

23 May - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Chau Than Beach, Viet Nam/ DB240523

On 23 May, a fishing vessel caught fire at Chau Than Beach, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vnexpress.net/tau-boc-chay-tren-bien-4608829.html>

22 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ off Tanjong Po, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB240523

On 22 May, a cargo vessel was detained off Tanjong Po, Sarawak, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid028aj5gsFjugxXFxN6vP1k61JhYrApbUhUT6snXesfwSHwQ5oaFkqRG15K1mZv5mbXl&show_text=true&width=500

21 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Labuan, Malaysia/ DB240523

On 21 May, a tug was detained off Labuan, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/apmm-labuan-tahan-bot-tunda-langgar-syarat-lesen-420550>

21 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ off Muara Belawai, Malaysia/ DB240523

On 21 May, a tug was detained off Muara Belawai, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0wuBCAfNJb4WFmhPhtwASHiEnm7CEffjDAwERXrrAnjhNp9eZeyrv6xTem8NfEiUwl&show_text=true&width=500

21 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ship/ 50 Rescued/ Muwo Island, Papua New Guinea/ DB230523

On 21 May, a passenger vessel ran aground at Muwo Island, Papua New Guinea. 50 people were rescued from the incident. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

21 May - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ Troughton Island, Australia/ DB230523

On 21 May, a fishing vessel went adrift at Troughton Island, Australia due to water ingress. Eight people were rescued from the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

21 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Rote island, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 21 May, a cargo vessel went adrift at Rote Island, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Seven people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-6731030/bakamla-evakuasi-korban-kapal-mati-mesin-di-perairan-rote>
<https://twitter.com/HumasBakamlaRI/status/1660187852796465153>

21 May - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel vs LCT/ 208 Rescued/ SAR/ Mactan Channel, Cebu City, Philippines/ DB220523

On 21 May, there was a collision between a passenger vessel and an LCT at Mactan Channel, Cebu City, Philippines due to equipment failure. 208 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/505628/fast-craft-cargo-vessel-figure-in-sea-collision-near-mactan-bridge>
<https://www.facebook.com/supercatfastferry/posts/pfbid02M2GvhibRT15jALL2McjKAZ84gVbM4snjQHbXAfYExpi4BBBQTKqnEHKHDbErQpKNl>
<https://www.philstar.com/the-freeman/cebu-news/2023/05/22/2268110/fast-craft-cargo-vessel-collide>

20 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Batu Tiga, Boleng, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 20 May, a passenger vessel sunk at Batu Tiga, Boleng, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to bad weather. 18 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-6730775/kapal-wisata-tenggelam-di-labuan-bajo-kronologi-dan-jumlah-korban-luka>

20 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nui Thanh, Quang Nam, Viet Nam/ DB220523

On 20 May, a fishing vessel sank off Nui Thanh, Quang Nam, Viet Nam due to a collision with another vessel. Three people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nld.com.vn/thoi-su/tau-ca-quang-nam-bi-mot-tau-sat-dam-chim-20230520123826716.htm>

Out of Reporting Period:

04 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ Gili Raja, East Java, Indonesia/ DB260523

On 04 May, a cargo vessel sunk at Gili Raja, East Java, Indonesia. Two people were rescued from a nearby vessel and one is currently still missing. The cause of incident is unknown

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20230504153925-20-945286/kapal-muatan-garam-tenggelam-di-sumenep-satu-abk-dilaporkan-hilang>

26 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision/ Small Boat vs Landing Craft/ 12 Rescued/ Pahawang Island, Lampung, Indonesia/ DB260523

On 26 Apr, there was a collision between a small boat and a landing craft at Pahawang Island, Lampung, Indonesia. The small boat sank due to the collision. 12 people were rescued by the landing craft.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://lampung.tribunnews.com/2023/04/26/kapal-ketinting-tertabrak-km-madona-di-pulau-pahawang-pesawaran>

22 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Batu Juring, Aru Islands Regency, Indonesia/ DB260523

On 22 Apr, a small boat went adrift at Batu Juring, Aru Islands Regency, Indonesia due to an equipment failure. 15 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tribun-maluku.com/mati-mesin-dan-terombang-ambing-di-laut-tim-sar-evakuasi-penumpang-ke-dobo/04/22/>

18 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Pemana Besar, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB260523

On 18 Apr, a small boat went adrift at Pemana Besar, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to an equipment failure. 12 people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://florespos.net/index.php/2023/04/18/tim-sar-gabungan-evakuasi-9-penumpang-dan-3-kru-kapal-yang-mati-mesin-ke-pulau-sukun/>

19 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB240523

On 19 May, 14 were rescued after a fishing vessel sunk off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/kip-thoi-cuu-vot-14-ngu-dan-tau-ca-binh-dinh-bi-chim-tren-bien-post1021991.vov>

18 May - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam/ DB230523

On 18 May, a small boat went adrift off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Nine people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-ho-thanh-cong-tau-bi-nan-tren-vung-bien-kien-giang-post461342.html>

18 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ca Mau, Viet Nam/ DB230523

On 18 May, a fishing vessel sank off Ca Mau, Viet Nam due to bad weather. Two people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-nan-kip-thoi-2-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-post461324.html>

08 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Lae, Papua New Guinea/ DB230523

On 08 May, a tug was detained at Lae, Papua New Guinea for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/charged-over-unseaworthy-ship/>

19 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Factory Ship/ Busan Port, ROK/ DB220523

On 19 May, a fishing factory ship caught fire at Busan Port, ROK. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41925/russian-fish-factory-fire-65-crew-evacuated/>

18 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Tanjung Sedili Kechil, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 18 May, a cargo ship was detained at Tanjung Sedili Kechil, Johor, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911480/mmea-detains-4-merchant-ships-illegally-anchoring-johor>

17 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 17 May, a tanker was detained at Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911480/mmea-detains-4-merchant-ships-illegally-anchoring-johor>

17 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB220523

On 17 May, a small boat sunk off San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines due to bad weather. Seven people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/5/19/pcg-rescues-7-passengers-from-half-sunken-boat>

16 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 11 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Indian Ocean/ DB220523

On 16 May, a fishing vessel caught fire in the Indian Ocean. Two people have been rescued from a SAR operation while 11 others are still missing. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/280972>

15 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Tanjung Siang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 15 May, a tanker was detained at Tanjung Sedili Kechil, Johor, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911480/mmea-detains-4-merchant-ships-illegally-anchoring-johor>

13 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Tanjung Sedili Besar, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 13 May, a tanker was detained at Tanjung Sedili Besar, Johor, Malaysia for an unauthorised operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911480/mmea-detains-4-merchant-ships-illegally-anchoring-johor>



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

Information Updates:

24 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Maldives/ DB260523
(Information Update on DB250523)

It was updated that the Sri Lankan fishing vessel which was seized by the MNDF Coast Guard on 24 May while illegally fishing in the Special Economic Zone of Sri Lanka, was handed over to the police at 0600 (UTC+5) on 26 May. The vessel, with a total of six crew members, was intercepted by the coast guard 109 nautical miles off the east coast of Wa Atoll.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1661777025148006402

Incidents:

25 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 2 Small Boats/ 8 Local Fishermen Detained/ Light-Coarse Fishing and Unauthorised Nets/ Arisimalai, Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka/ DB260523

On 25 May, local authorities detained two small boats at Arisimalai, Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka. Eight local fishermen were detained for illegal fishing methods mainly light-coarse fishing and the use of unauthorised nets.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/25/202305252000/>

24 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 6 Small Boats Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Chundikulam, Sri Lanka/ DB250523

On 24 May, local authorities detained six small boats at Chundikulam, Sri Lanka. Six local fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing methods mainly light coarse fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/24/202305241130/>

24 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Maldives/ DB250523

On 24 May, local authorities detained an unknown fishing vessel at Maldives. The vessels were detained for not having valid licence for their fishing vessels.

IFC Comments:

The location of incident is indicative only

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1661254066364899329

<https://en.sun.mv/82667>

22 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 3 Local Small Boats Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB240523

On 22 May, local authorities detained three local small boats and arrested 10 local fishermen off Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/23/202305231130/>

22 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Small Boats Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Light Coarse Fishing/ Kokkilai, Sri Lanka/ DB240523

On 22 May, local authorities detained four local small boats and arrested six local fishermen off Kokkilai, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/23/202305231130/>

22 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB230523

On 22 May, local authorities detained a Sri Lankan fishing vessel at Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India. Five foreign fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing without valid licence.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/indian-coast-guard-detains-sri-lankan-fishermen/articleshow/100423850.cms>

22 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Violation of Wildlife Conservation / Arippu, Sri Lanka/ DB230523

On 22 May, local authorities detained a small boat at Arippu, Sri Lanka. Two local fishermen were arrested for the violation of wildlife conservation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/22/202305221700/>



Out of Reporting Period:

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB240523

On 19 May, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australian Maritime Border Command

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB240523

On 19 May, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released four foreign fishermen for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australian Maritime Border Command

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18 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB240523

On 18 May, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released four foreign fishermen for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australian Maritime Border Command

19 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Licence of Fishing Vessels/ Tayabas Bay, Philippines/ DB220523

On 19 May, local authorities detained three fishing vessels at Tayabas Bay, Philippines. The vessels were detained due to not having a licence for their fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/5/20/three-vessels-caught-for-alleged-unauthorized-fishing-in-tayabas-bay>

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 41 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessels/ Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 19 May, local authorities detained three Vietnamese fishing vessels at Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. 41 foreign fishermen were arrested for not having a licence for their fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/05/22/padam-nombor-pendaftaran-bot-taktik-baharu-nelayan-vietnam/>

18 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 18 May, local authorities detained a small boat off Labuan, Malaysia. 1 fisherman was arrested for not having a licence for the fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/18/labuan-mmea-detains-man-for-fishing-without-licence-boat-seized>

18 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Trawler Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Dongyin Island, Taiwan/ DB220523

On 18 May, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing trawler off Dongyin Island, Taiwan. Five foreign fishermen were arrested for fishing in an unauthorised area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/4895602>

17 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Yeonpyeong Island, ROK/ DB220523

On 17 May, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing vessel off Yeonpyeong Island, ROK. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for not having a licence for their fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20230517_0002307067&cID=10802&pID=14000

14 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Lasia Island, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Lasia Island, Indonesia. Eight local fishermen were arrested for blast fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/40w1JDvwJEXXhbIDkDCb.pdf>

01 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Arafura Sea, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 01 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Arafura Sea, Indonesia. Unknown number of fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fishes.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/40w1JDvwJEXXhbIDkDCb.pdf>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Updates:

22 May – Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (1,100 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Off Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB260523
(Information Update on DB240523)

It was updated that the location was off Semporna, Celebes Sea and that the petrol that was initially seized was the petrol used to power the boat, thus it is not considered as a smuggled item.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/23/marine-cops-foil-cooking-oil-fuel-smuggling-bid-in-semporna>

Incidents:

26 May – Tobacco and Domestic Products/ E-Cigarettes (20,920 pieces), Toys (24,300 pieces)/ Container Vessel/ To India/ Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, India/ DB260523

On 26 May, local authorities detained a container vessel at Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal, India. Onboard the vessel was 20,920 pieces of e-cigarettes and 24,000 pieces of toys that were smuggled to India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/jnchcustoms/status/1661772752460861440>

23 May – Drugs/ Cocaine (3.11 kg)/ Adrift/ Anambas Islands Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB260523

On 23 May, local authorities found 3.11 kg of cocaine that was adrift at Anambas Islands Regency, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-6736922/nelayan-di-anambas-temukan-3-kg-kokain-saat-mencari-siput>

25 May – Domestic Products/ Sharks Fin (5 Tons) and Medicine/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to China/ Hong Kong/ DB250523

On 25 May, local authorities detained a container vessel at Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was five tons of sharks fin and medicine that were smuggled from Hong Kong to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.southcn.com/node_0183de080d/b69bef95eb.shtml

24 May - Tobacco/ Hookah Tobacco (8,000kg)/ Container Vessel/ From UAE to Sri Lanka/ Orugodawatta Container Yard, Sri Lanka/ DB240523

On 24 May, local authorities seized 8,000kg of Hookah Tobacco onboard a container vessel at Orugodawatta Container Yard, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsradio.lk/blog/rs-164-million-worth-of-narcotics-used-in-shisha-smoking-devices-seized-by-customs/>

23 May - Natural Resources/ Sand (200 Cubic Meters)/ Dredger/ to Viet Nam/ off Ham Luong, Viet Nam/ DB240523

On 23 May, local authorities seized 200 cubic meters of sand onboard a dredger off Ham Luong, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/chong-buon-lau-hang-gia/canh-sat-bien-tam-giu-tau-cho-cat-khong-ro-nguon-goc-20230523172328544.htm>

23 May - Drugs/ Cocaine (1.4kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB240523

On 23 May, local authorities seized 1.4kg of cocaine onboard a cargo vessel off Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/281724>

22 May - Fuel/ Cooking Oil (1,100 Litres) and Petrol (25 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Off Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, South China Sea/ DB240523

On 22 May, local authorities seized 1,100 litres of cooking oil and 25 litres of petrol onboard a small boat off Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/23/marine-cops-foil-cooking-oil-fuel-smuggling-bid-in-semporna>

22 May - Fuel/ Diesel (8,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Thailand/ off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB240523

On 22 May, local authorities seized 8,000 litres of diesel onboard a fishing vessel off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/05/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-nelayan-cuba-seludup-8000-liter-diesel/>

21 May - Domestic products/ Beef Tripe and Chicken Meat (100 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ Minjiang River, Fuzhou, China/ DB240523

On 21 May, local authorities seized 100 tons of beef tripe and chicken meat onboard a cargo vessel in the Minjiang River, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.chinaqw.com/m/qx/2023/05-23/358417.shtm>

21 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (30,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam/ DB230523

On 21 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 30,000 litres of diesel oil that was smuggled to Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-4-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-dau-do-trai-phep-tren->

20 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (10,000 Litres)/ Fishing vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Phu Quoc island, Viet Nam/ DB220523

On 20 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Phu Quoc Island. Onboard the vessel was 10,000 litres of diesel oil that was smuggled to Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bdbp-kien-giang-bat-giu-tau-ca-van-chuyen-10000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post461392.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 May - Drugs/ Kendu Leaves (332 kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Marawila, Sri Lanka/ DB260523

On 18 May, local authorities detained a small boat at Marawila, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 322 kg of kendu leaves that was smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/05/23/202350232053>



10 May - Others/ Cash (US\$ 26,300)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Singapore Cruise Centre, Singapore/ DB260523

On 10 May, local authorities found cash amounting to US\$ 26,000 from a passenger vessel at Singapore Cruise Centre, Singapore. The cash were brought from Indonesia to Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid02bV7xdpYwHvNqsKeT4p5fUE5FwzEMANsduXGbZKfwPZA8rYTDPT8hv1vSLV6sTC2LL>

19 May - Drugs/ Methamphetamine (30kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Sekinchan, Malaysia/ DB250523

On 19 May, local authorities detained a small boat at Sekinchan, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 30 kg that were smuggled from Malaysia to an Unknown location.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/05/empat-nelayan-indonesia-dicekup-seludup-syabu-rm1-08-juta/>

05 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (83 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From South Africa to New Zealand/ Napier, New Zealand/ DB250523

On 05 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Napier, New Zealand. Onboard the vessel contained 83 kg of meth that were smuggled from South Africa to New Zealand.

IFC Comments:

The New Zealand ILO confirmed that the drugs had been shipped through the IFC's AOI

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/joint-nz-police-customs-operation-viceroy-four-people-arrested-as-part-of-methamphetamine-operation/>

03 May - Domestic Products/ Electronic Products (25 Containers)/ 2 Container Vessels/ From Hong Kong to Malaysia/ Hong Kong/ DB240523

On 03 May, local authorities seized 25 containers of electronic products onboard two container vessels off Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3760.html?p=1&y=&m=



12 May - Drugs/ Meth (7 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Indonesia/ Pante Raja, Pidie Jaya Regency, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB230523

On 12 May, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Pante Raja, Pidie Jaya Regency, Aceh, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 7kg of meth that was smuggled from Thailand to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://portalsatu.com/polres-aceh-utara-tangkap-tiga-tersangka-sabu-12-kg-disita/>

19 May - Wildlife and Domestic Products/ Sea Cucumber (603 kg) and Cosmetics (60 kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB220523

On 19 May, local authorities found 603 kg of sea cucumber and 60 kg of cosmetics at Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka. The goods were believed to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/20/202305201130/>

18 May - Wildlife/ Ambergris (18.1 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Harbour Beach, Tuticorin, India/ DB220523

On 18 May, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Harbour Beach, Tuticorin, India. Onboard the vessel was 18.1 kg of ambergris that was smuggled from India to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1925854>

18 May - Wildlife and Domestic Products/ Dried Sea Cucumber (193 kg), Cosmetics (200 kg), and Equipment/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB220523

On 18 May, local authorities detained a small boat at Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 193 kg of dried sea cucumbers, 200 kg of cosmetics and various equipment. The goods were believed to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/19/202305191200/>

10 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (3.3 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Nunukan, Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 10 Apr, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Nunukan, Kalimantan, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 3.3 kg of meth that was domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/40w1JDvwJEXXhblDkDCb.pdf>

05 Apr - Wildlife/ Snakes (42 animals), Lizards (66 animals), Unprotected animals (136 animals)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Meosido, Papua, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 05 Apr, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Meosido, Papua, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was various wildlife that were being domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/40w1JDvwJEXXhblDkDCb.pdf>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

22 May - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 10 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Teluk Ramunia, Johor, Malaysia/ DB260523

On 22 May, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Teluk Ramunia, Johor, Malaysia. There were 10 Indonesian migrants that were going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2023/05/22/tentera-darat-tahan-10-pati-indonesia-termasuk-2-wanita-di-teluk-ramunia/>

22 May - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Local Fishing Boat / 3 Indonesian Fishermen / off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia/ DB240523

On 22 May, local authorities detained one local fishing boat and arrested three Indonesian fishermen off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/05/23/tiga-nelayan-warga-indonesia-ditahan/>

21 May - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 8 Myanmar Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Kampung Kubang Binjai, Malaysia/ DB220523

On 21 May, local authorities detained a small boat at Kampung Kubang Binjai, Malaysia. There were eight Myanmar migrants that were going from Myanmar to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/259604/berita/semasa/pati-semunyi-dalam-kebun-sawit-dicekup>

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Apr - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 21 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Rupert Island, Riau, Indonesia/ DB220523

On 06 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat at Rupert Island, Riau, Indonesia. There were 21 Indonesian migrants that were going from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2023/40w1JDvwJEXXhblDkDCb.pdf>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

25 May - MALWARE/ Critical Infrastructure/ United States/ Compromise of Systems/
United States / DB250523

On 25 May, there was a malware attack on critical infrastructure in the United States which led to a compromise of systems.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/about-us/advisories/prc-state-sponsored-cyber-actor-living-off-the-land-to-evade-detection>



SECTION I: OTHERS

Out of Reporting Period:

17 May - Others/ Looting of Antiquities/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Quang Ngai, Viet Nam/ DB250523

On 17 May, there was an incident of divers looting antiquities from the bottom of the ocean. A fishing vessel was detained because of this incident off Quang Ngai, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tienphong.vn/quang-ngai-tam-giu-nhieu-do-vat-gom-su-nghi-co-vat-tren-tau-ca-post1535399.tpo>

19 May - Others/ Illegal Scrap Recovery/ Grab Dredger/ South China Sea, Malaysia/ DB230523

On 19 May, illegal salvage operators have resumed their activities in the South China Sea, Malaysia. The operators are mainly targeting the World War 2 ships.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911880/scavengers-return-plunder-ww2-ships>

https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/912141/british-govt-condemns-desecration-sunken-warships-thanks-malaysian#google_vignette



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.



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2021

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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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