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



For the period of 22 - 28 Dec 23, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	1	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	18	4-8
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	7	9-10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	10	11-13
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	14-15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	17
Others	0	0	18

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

Information Update:

07 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Singapore-Flagged Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB261223 (Information Update on DB201223)

It was updated that the location was in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait.

News Link(s)/Info Source: Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)

IFC Comments:

Shipping company shared that the reported location is at point of discovering items stolen, and the incident could have occurred between VTIS sectors 5 to 7.

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

26 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sablayan Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB281223

On 26 Dec, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Sablayan Occidental Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2023/12/26/pcg-rescues-8-onboard-distressed-boat-in-occidental-mindoro

25 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Tug/ 13 Rescued/ Off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam/ DB281223

On 25 Dec, a fishing vessel sank as it collided with a tug off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam. 13 fishermen were rescued by two other fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://tuoitre.vn/cuu-song-13-ngu-dan-bi-chim-tau-tren-bien-khi-va-cham-voi-tau-hang-nuoc-ngoai-20231227151507537.htm

25 Dec - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Missing/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy island, Viet Nam/ DB281223

On 25 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to water ingress off Phu Quy island, Viet Nam. SAR is still ongoing and there were five missing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://vietnam.postsen.com/local/639322/Expand-search-according-to-fishing-vessel-signals.html

25 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ferry vs Passenger Ferry/ 178 Rescued/ SAR/ Tanjung Harapan Port, Selat Panjang, Indonesia/ DB271223

On 25 Dec, a passenger ferry collided with another passenger ferry due to bad weather in Tanjung Harapan Port, Selat Panjang, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 178 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.detik.com/sumut/berita/d-7108290/kapal-dumai-line-tabrak-lambung-dumai-express-di-selat-panjang

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25 Dec - Vessel Detained/Unauthorised Operation/Tanker/Illegal Anchorage/Off Malacca, Malaysia/DB271223

On 25 Dec, a tanker was detained for unauthorised operation off Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/26/kapal-tangki-cameroon-ditahan-di-tanjong-dahan/

24 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing/ SAR/ Off Chang Island Trat, Thailand/ DB271223

On 24 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Chang Island Trat, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were six missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thaipbsworld.com/seven-boats-sink-in-gulf-and-andaman-sea-in-four-days-eight-people-still-missing/

23 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Coral Sea, Papua New Guinea/ DB271223

On 23 Dec, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Coral Sea, Papua New Guinea. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7144220201515954177?updateEntityUrn=urn%3Ali%3Afs_feedUpdate%3A%28V2%2Curn%3Ali%3Aactivity%3A7144220201515954177%29

23 Dec - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 185 Missing/ Andaman Sea/ DB271223

On 23 Dec, an unknown vessel was adrift due to an unknown cause in the Andaman Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.voanews.com/a/un-urges-rescue-of-185-rohingya-adrift-in-indian-ocean/7410567.html

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". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

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24 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Point Calimere, India/ DB261223

On 24 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Point Calimere, India. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1738932208440840609/photo/1

24 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cement Carrier/ Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB261223

On 24 Dec, a cement carrier caught fire due to an unknown cause in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/44089/cement-carrier-fire-taiwan/

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Yacht/ 30 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Lan, Thailand/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, a yacht capsized due to bad weather off Koh Lan, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 30 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.hmetro.com.my/global/asia/2023/12/1044096/kapal-terbalik-27-pelancong-diselamatkan-dari-laut

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam. SAR is still ongoing and there were three missing and six rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://vtv.vn/xa-hoi/khan-truong-tim-kiem-3-thuyen-vien-mat-tich-do-tau-chim-tren-bien-20231225053909594.htm

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Timika, South Papua Waters, Indonesia/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Timika, South Papua Waters, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing and there was one missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.tribunnews.com/regional/2023/12/25/perahu-ketinting-terbalik-di-perairan-asmat-papua-selatan-penumpang-hilang-belum-ditemukan?page=1

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Missing, 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Surin Island, Thailand/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, a passenger vessel capsized due to an unknown cause off Surin Island, Thailand. SAR is still ongoing and there were two missing and 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/tour-boat-capsizes-near-surin-islands-in-phang-nga-two-missing-448566

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/Bad Weather/Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/SAR/Off Pulau Berhala, Sandakan, Sabah/DB261223

On 23 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Pulau Berhala in Sandakan, Sabah. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/24/fishermen-rescued-by-mmea-after-boat-sinks-in-sandakan

22 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Malabrigo Point Batangas, Philippines/ DB261223

On 22 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Malabrigo Point Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://remate.ph/9-katao-nailigtas-sa-palubog-na-bangka-sa-batangas/

22 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 102 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Tao Island, Thailand/ DB261223

On 22 Dec, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Koh Tao Island, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 102 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thaipbsworld.com/passengers-and-crew-rescued-from-sinking-ferry-in-gulf-of-thailand/

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/44057/ferry-sank-samui-panang-waters-tourists-rescued-th/

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/Trawler vs Bulk Carrier/ 4 Dead/ Off Hasail, Padma River, Bangladesh/ DB261223

On 16 Dec, a trawler capsized as it collided with a bulk carrier off Hasail, Padma River, Bangladesh. There were four dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/ry5tz69lpc

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

Incidents:

25 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing in Prohibited Areas and Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Sungai Burung, Perak, Malaysia/ DB271223

On 25 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen, fishing in prohibited areas and illegal carrying of vessel monitoring system off Sungai Burung, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/26/lakukan-pelbagai-kesalahan-bot-tunda-ditahan-apmm/

23 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Eocheongdo, ROK/ DB271223

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear off Eocheongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.jmbc.co.kr/news/view/38623

23 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and illegal carrying of vessel monitoring system off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://berita.rtm.gov.my/nasional/senarai-berita-nasional/senarai-artikel/bot-nelayan-warga-asing-ditahan-maritim-perak

22 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia/ DB261223

On 22 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/24/bot-pukat-tunda-dua-nelayan-myanmar-ditahan-apmm/

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB261223

On 20 Dec, local authorities detained two Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/22/bot-nelayan-vietnam-curi-ikan-musim-tengkujuh-ditahan/?utm_source=dable

20 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB261223

On 20 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://berita.rtm.gov.my/nasional/senarai-berita-nasional/senarai-artikel/maritim-malaysia-tahan-nelayan-kelas-c-di-tanjung-belua

19 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB261223

On 19 Dec, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels for invalid license of fishing vessel off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.lghellovision.net/news/articleView.html?idxno=449659

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

25 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Juata Waters, Tarakan, Indonesia/ DB281223

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 5kg of meth onboard a speed boat in Juata Waters, Tarakan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://kaltara.antaranews.com/video/3889017/ditpolairud-polda-kaltara-berhasil-amankan-5-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia

25 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (3kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Sebatik Waters, Indonesia/ DB281223

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 3kg of meth onboard a cargo vessel in Sebatik Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://peloporwiratama.co.id/2023/12/26/sinergitas-tim-gabungan-tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-3-300-gram-narkoba-di-perairan-sebatik/

25 Dec - Domestic Products/ Rice (2,025 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ From Viet Nam To Philippines/ Port of Orion, Philippines/ DB271223

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 2,025 tons of rice onboard a cargo ship in the Port of Orion, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/12/26/smuggled-vietnamese-rice-seized-at-bataan-port

23 Dec - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (143 Bottles)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Sebatik Waters, Indonesia/ DB271223

On 23 Dec, local authorities seized 143 bottles of alcohol onboard a speed boat in Sebatik waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://tni.mil.id/view-235032-sigap-jaga-perbatasan-jelang-akhir-tahun-2023-tim-gabungan-tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ratusan-botol-miras-non-cukai.html

25 Dec - Fuel/ Gasoline (20 Barrels)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Sandakan, Celebes Sea/ DB261223

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 20 barrels of gasoline onboard a small boat off Sandakan, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.orientaldaily.com.my/news/society/2023/12/25/620033

24 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (35kg)/ Ashore/ Veththalakerni Beach, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/DB261223

On 24 Dec, local authorities seized 35kg of cannabis in Veththalakerni Beach, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/24/202312242030/

23 Dec - Wildlife and Domestic Products/ Alcohol (104 Bottles and 5 Packets), Junglefowl (120), Soft Drinks (24 Small Crates and 4 Large Crates) and White Powder (1 Package)/ Small Boat/ From Philippines to Indonesia/ Sangihe Waters, Indonesia/ DB261223

On 23 Dec, local authorities seized 104 bottles and five packets of alcohol, 120 Junglefowls, 24 small crates and four large crates of soft drinks and one package of white powder onboard a small boat in Sangihe waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mimbarmaritim.com/2023/12/25/satgas-nataru-2023-2024-di-perbatasan-tni-al-berhasil-gagalkan-penyelundupan-sejumlah-barang-illegal/

22 Dec - Drugs/ Cocaine (500 Grams)/ Adrift/ Shore of Mauban Quezon, Philippines/DB261223

On 22 Dec, local authorities seized 500 grams of cocaine at the shore of Mauban Quezon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1878888/cocaine-worth-p2-6m-found-on-quezon-shore

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Dec - Domestic Products/ Rice (4,490kg)/ Small Boat/ From Sabah/ Off Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB261223

On 21 Dec, local authorities seized 4,490kg of rice onboard a small boat off Semporna, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/225877/ppm-rampas-4-490kg-beras/

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03 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (98,000 Cartons)/ Cargo Ship/ To China/ Off Dangan Island, China/ DB261223

On 3 Dec, local authorities seized 98,000 cartons of cigarettes onboard a cargo ship off Dangan Island, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://hk.on.cc/hk/bkn/cnt/cnnews/20231225/bkn-20231225030211279-1225_00952_001.html

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

23 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 185 Rohingya Migrants/ Andaman Sea/ DB271223

On 23 Dec, local authorities arrested 185 rohingya migrants onboard an unknown vessel in the Andaman Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.voanews.com/a/un-urges-rescue-of-185-rohingya-adrift-in-indian-ocean/7410567.html

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". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

24 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 142 Rohingya Migrants/ Off Shaheed Dweep, Andaman and Nicobar Island, India/ DB261223

On 24 Dec, local authorities arrested 142 rohingya migrants onboard a small boat off Shaheed Dweep, Andaman and Nicobar Island, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://theprint.in/india/boat-carrying-suspected-rohingyas-intercepted-in-andaman/1899258/

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/boat-carrying-suspected-rohingyas-intercepted-in-andaman/articleshow/106254082.cms?from=mdr

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22 Dec - Illegal Documentation/ Others/ 6 Myanmarese Migrants/ Sungai Udang, Penang, Malaysia/ DB261223

On 22 Dec, local authorities arrested six Myanmarese migrants in a floating fish farm for illegal documentation in Sungai Udang, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://web.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02zxmGCMiU5P2qGN7RDsNXX6nUJvBLMpfRYS9Pe7Yyxrct8ao3kAwiPzf39vcvJMuQl

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

SECTION I: OTHERS

IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

- All mariners report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
- 2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).
- 3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
- 4. All mariners take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.
- 5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2023

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

2022

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

2021

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

2020

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

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

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

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 - Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 - Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 - Attempted Actions on Tug boat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 - Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches - January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 - Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 - Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 - Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 - Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

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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