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



For the period of 22 – 28 Jul 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)	2	6	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	6	31	6-13
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	14-15
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	18	16-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	20
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	22
Others	0	0	23

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

Information Updates:

23 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Batangas Anchorage, Philippines/ DB280723
(Information Update on DB270723)

At 06:00 (UTC+8), the duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed the hawse pipe cover opened and notified the duty officer.

Upon inspecting the vessel, some ship properties were reported to be stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System - GISIS

23 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Product Tanker, Isle of Man-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Tarahan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB280723
(Information Update on DB270723)

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The alarm was raised and upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with some engine spare parts that they stole from the vessel. The local authorities then boarded the vessel for an investigation.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to ship company for incident details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System - GISIS

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22 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB260723

1. IFC received information that a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier reported sighting of four unarmed perpetrators in the engine room when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°08'21.6"N 103°28'14.4"E) on 22 Jul 23 at 0515 (UTC+8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Some engine parts were reported stolen after conducting checks. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

CSO

23 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Off Tanjung Ayam, Johor, Malaysia/ DB250723

Four foreign men suspected of being involved in the theft of scrap metal in national waters were arrested on 23 Jul. Deputy Director (Operations) of Maritime Malaysia Johor State, Maritime Captain Simon Templer Lo Tusa, said the Tanjung Sedili Maritime Zone received information from SWASLA's Maritime (Sea) Surveillance System that detected a suspicious boat moving from Indonesian waters trying to approach a tugboat at 22.20 (UTC+8). He said, as a result of the information, the Malaysian Maritime Patrol boat was immediately dispatched to the location and managed to arrest a boat with four men unloading scrap metal from a barge towed by the tug boat at a position 2.5nm southwest of Tanjung Ayam. "The four men are suspected to be Indonesian citizens aged between 19 and 39 years old. Initial investigations found that they were suspected members of a syndicate targeting scrap metal to be stolen in the water area. All suspects were remanded to assist investigations under Section 380 of the Penal Code and Section 6(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/berita/2023/07/empat-lelaki-warga-asing-disyaki-curi-besi-buruk-ditahan/>

22 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Malta-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB240723

1. A bulk carrier was boarded by six perpetrators with only one armed with a knife while underway (1°04'54.0"N 103°43'00.0"E) when transiting along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait on 22 Jul 23 at 03:37 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Crew reported a mobile phone and torchlight were stolen after conducting checks. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Jul - Attempted Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Cyprus-Registered/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Pulau Lye Kechil, Malacca Strait/ DB250723

1. IFC received a late report from the shipping company of an attempted sea theft on the Cyprus-registered bulk carrier, about 2.4nm from P. lye Kechil within Malacca Strait at 23:45 (UTC+8) on 13 Jul.

The vessel's security patrol noticed an approaching suspicious wooden boat, and the Master was informed immediately. The general alarm was activated, and the perpetrators left immediately. No breach of security occurred.

2. The master reported that the perpetrators tried to board the vessel in a wooden boat using improvised ropes. The ship is safe and is currently en route to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

CSO



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

24 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Off Tanah Laut, South Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB260723
(Information Update on DB250723)

It was updated that the victim was found dead on the second day of the search around 07:00 (UTC+7) on 25 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kanalkalimantan.com/nelayan-kurau-yang-hilang-cari-udang-ditemukan-meninggal-dunia/>

20 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 4 Dead, 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Pulau Burung, Sebuyau, Malaysia/ DB260723
(Information Update on DB210723)

It was updated that the cargo ship capsized after being hit by strong waves and strong winds and that there were eight crew onboard missing. Four of the eight crew members of the ship who were reported missing after the incident were found drowned by fishermen at about 15nm from the Northeast direction from Pulau Burung.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/07/25/apmm-percaya-4-lagi-mangsa-mungkin-terperangkap-dalam-kapal>

19 Jul - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bintan Island, Indonesia/ DB260723
(Information Update on DB210723)

It was updated that the body of a fisherman from Malang Kapan Village, Gunung Kijang District, Bintan Regency, who lost contact and was found drifting into Malaysian waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://keprionline.co.id/keluarga-sepakati-jasad-almarhum-arsad-nelayan-bintan-dikebumikan-di-malaysia/>



20 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Container Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB240723
(Information Update on DB210724)

It was updated that the container vessel sank.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E5%B8%9B%E7%90%89%E7%B1%8D%E8%B2%A8%E6%AB%83%E8%88%B9%E9%80%B2%E6%B0%B4%E6%B2%89%E6%B2%92-%E4%B8%8A%E7%99%BE%E5%80%8B%E7%A9%BA%E8%B2%A8%E6%AB%83%E6%BC%82%E6%B5%B7%E4%B8%8A-%E6%81%90%E5%BD%B1%E9%9F%BF%E8%88%B9%E9%9A%BB%E5%87%BA%E5%85%A5-043347908.html>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/42485/container-ship-heavy-list-crew-evacuated-container/>

19 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Piasau Utara, Miri, Malaysia/ DB240723
(Information Update on DB200724)

Three of the four fishermen who were feared drowned after their boats capsized off Miri waters have been found alive, said Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) Miri director Captain Mohd Shafie Paing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/07/22/miri-boat-tragedy-three-fishermen-found-alive-search-for-one-more-to-resume-tomorrow/>

19 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 4 Dead, 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Pulau Burung, Sebuyau, Malaysia/ DB240723
(Information Update on DB210724)

It was updated that there were on 8 crew onboard the vessel and that the incident occurred on 19 Jul and four out of eight missing crew have been found dead. It was also reported that the ship was believed to have capsized following strong waves and wind at 23:00 (UTC+8).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/933805/four-bodies-recovered-mv-tung-sung-capsize-incident-four-others-still>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/42485/container-ship-heavy-list-crew-evacuated-container/>

Incidents:

27 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ Thinadhoo, Maldives/ DB280723

On 27 Jul, a passenger vessel sank off Thinadhoo, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1684436869390675968

27 Jul - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Mentawai Waters, Indonesia/ DB280723

On 27 Jul, two fishermen went missing from a fishing vessel off Mentawai Waters, Indonesia. SAR is currently ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.lintassumbar.co.id/2023/07/dua-kapal-nelayan-mentawai-mati-mesin-di-perairan-saumanganyak.html>

26 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Research Vessel/ 36 Rescued/ SAR/ Karwar, Karnataka, India/ DB280723

On 26 Jul, a research vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Karwar, Karnataka, India. SAR was conducted with 36 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/indian-coast-guard-rescues-36-people-from-research-vessel-off-karwar-coast-8864111/>

26 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ 7 Missing/ SAR/ Aparri, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB280723

On 26 Jul, a tug went aground due to bad weather off Aparri, Cagayan. SAR is currently ongoing with seven still missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/ABSCBNNews/status/1684108212495339520>

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1808370/4-pcg-members-doing-rescue-ops-missing-after-boat-capsizes-in-cagayan>

27 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Fugang Port, Taitung, Taiwan/ DB270723

On 27 Jul, two fishing vessels sunk due to bad weather off Fugang Port, Taitung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.ettoday.net/news/20230727/2548277.htm>

25 Jul - Others/ Equipment Failure/ Tanker/ Off Kozhikode, India/ DB270723

On 25 Jul, a tanker faced an equipment failure off Kozhikode, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Global-Star-9164500.html>

25 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ Off Pakubaun, Kupang, Indonesia/ DB270723

On 25 Jul, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Pakubaun, Kupang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kupang.tribunnews.com/2023/07/26/kapal-nelayan-tenggelm-di-laut-selatan-timor-bpbd-imbau-masyarakat-waspada>

<https://aktual.com/tujuh-nelayan-selamat-setelah-kapal-tenggelm-akibat-gelombang-tinggi-di-perairan-ntt/>

23 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Palghar, India/ DB270723

On 23 Jul, a cargo vessel went aground due to equipment failure off Palghar, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Sea-Siddhee-9701906.html>

26 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Geogeum, Goheong, ROK/ DB260723

On 26 Jul, a fishing vessel collided with another fishing vessel and sank off Geogeum, Goheong, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nocutnews.co.kr/news/5983634>

25 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Civilian LCT/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Wakatobi, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB260723

On 25 Jul, a civilian LCT sank due to bad weather off Wakatobi, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.inews.id/berita/kapal-muatan-pasir-tenggelm-di-buton-3-abk-selamat-usai-terombang-ambing-di-tengah-laut>

25 Jul - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Benoa Port, Bali, Indonesia/ DB260723

On 25 Jul, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an equipment failure in Benoa Port, Bali, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/bali/berita/d-6841277/ledakan-di-kapal-ikan-pelabuhan-benoa-3-abk-luka-bakar>

<https://www.medcom.id/nasional/daerah/ob32rwPN-abk-km-bina-sejati-kritis-akibat-ledakan-pompa>

25 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Eochung, Gunsan, ROK/ DB260723

On 25 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to a fire explosion off Eochung, Gunsan, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20230725_0002390212&cID=10808&pID=10800

24 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ 15 Dead, 33 Rescued/ SAR/ Muna Island, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB250723

On 24 Jul, a passenger vessel sank due to water ingress in Muna Island, South East Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 15 dead and 33 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/indonesia-ferry-sinks-15-dead-all-missing-passengers-found-3650191>

24 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Tanah Laut, South Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB250723

On 24 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause off Tanah Laut, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and one remain missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/07/24/193848678/nelayan-tanah-laut-hilang-saat-melaut-perahunya-ditemukan-terbalik-dan>

23 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Nangdo, Yeosu, ROK/ DB240723

On 23 Jul, one was rescued after a fishing vessel collided with another fishing vessel in Nangdo, Yeosu, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.asiatoday.co.kr/view.php?key=20230723010012822>

23 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather (Tropical Storm Doksuri)/ Civilian LCT/ 24 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cabinet Beach, Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte, Philippines/ DB240723

On 23 Jul, 24 were rescued after a civilian LCT sunk off Cabinet Beach, Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/videos/740883344390963/>

22 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Sailing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ Pink Beach, Komodo Island, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia/ DB240723

On 22 Jul, nine were rescued after a sailing vessel sunk off Pink Beach, Komodo Island, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/933875/tourist-ship-sank-indonesia-7-malaysians-rescued>, <https://www.detik.com/bali/nusra/d-6835884/kapal-wisata-angkut-9-turis-malaysia-tenggelam-di-taman-nasional-komodo>

22 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ Bali Strait, Indonesia/ DB240723

On 22 Jul, one died and two were rescued after a fishing vessel sunk in the Bali Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/bali/berita/d-6836587/perahu-ditumpangi-3-nelayan-terbalik-di-selat-bali-1-orang-tewas>

22 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Day-Asan, Surigao del Norte, Philippines/ DB240723

On 22 Jul, 11 were rescued after a small boat sunk off Day-Asan, Surigao del Norte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0x62HJmu9VxDUkszvjpGQPuLascV7JJlij4sK3RXbjpW1agQtfnMas8RRMQ8ydRjxl>

22 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 50 Rescued/ SAR/ Vadanappally, Kerala, India/ DB240723

On 22 Jul, 50 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Vadanappally, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/fishing-boat-50-workers-rescued-from-sea/article67110103.ece>

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Vessel/ 2 Dead, 3 Missing/ SAR/ East Java, Indonesia/ DB280723

On 19 Jul, a cargo vessel sunk off East Java, Indonesia with two dead and three missing. SAR is currently ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indonesia.postsen.com/local/702710/Ship-Accident-in-East-Java-2-Dead-and-3-People-Still-Missing.html>

17 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ SAR/ Off Koh Chang Island, Trat, Thailand/ DB250723

On 17 Jul, a passenger vessel went adrift due to an equipment failure off Koh Chang Island, Trat, Thailand. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newspressnow.com/multimedia/national_video/dozens-of-tourists-rescued-from-ferry-stuck-in-nets-for-six-hours/video_4698538c-0c5a-5abc-a6df-79e1732191d1.html

11 Jul - Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Indian Ocean, / DB250723

On 11 Jul, a fishing vessel faced a violent confrontation due to an unknown cause in the Indian Ocean. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2023/07/11/fisherman-rescued-from-alleged-attack-on-local-fishing-vessel/>

21 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Oil Products Tanker vs Crane Ship/ Kaohsiung Port, Taiwan/ DB240723

On 21 Jul, an oil products tanker collided with a crane ship in Kaohsiung Port, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/42501/tanker-contacted-brand-new-offshore-wind-installat/>

20 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bulchery Island, West Bengal State, India/ DB240723

On 20 Jul, 17 were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Bulchery Island, West Bengal State, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1682334952782987264>

19 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Passenger Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Tokyo Bay, Japan/ DB240723

On 19 Jul, 10 were rescued after a passenger vessel capsized in Tokyo Bay, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230719/p2a/00m/0na/016000c>

19 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Kalmunai, Sri Lanka/ DB240723

On 19 Jul, a cargo vessel went adrift off Kalmunai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Lord-17-9146091.html>

16 Jul - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 11 Missing/ SAR/ East New Britain, Papua New Guinea/ DB240723

On 16 Jul, 11 went missing after a small boat went missing in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.postcourier.com.pg/11-missing-at-sea-in-banana-boat/>

15 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Kairiru Island, Papua New Guinea/ DB240723

On 15 Jul, two went missing after a small boat capsized off Kairiru Island, Papua New Guinea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.postcourier.com.pg/black-flight-denied/>

12 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nukuoro Atoll, Micronesia/ DB240723

On 12 Jul, two were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Nukuoro Atoll, Micronesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/2-overdue-fishermen-successfully-rescued-in-fsm/>

IFC Comments:

USCG ILO shared that the vessel lost propulsion and was adrift.

18 Jun - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, Myanmar/ DB240723

On 18 Jun, 17 were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, Myanmar

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gnlnm.com.mm/tatmadaw-navy-rescues-cargo-ship-with-engine-failure-in-myanmar-sea/>

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

Incidents:

27 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Trawler Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Sungai Koris, Johor, Malaysia/ DB280723

On 27 Jul, local authorities detained one local trawler and arrested four local fishermen for illegal fishing off Sungai Koris, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid095V8pP2Qs3zDqCo7F1necqFgQDnEnUnqbZaxKrE6bn1xovqH9Czner23xpXBi6zql&show_text=true&width=500

25 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Small Boats Detained/ 19 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Kokkilai, Sri Lanka/ DB280723

On 25 Jul, local authorities detained four small boats and arrested 19 local fishermen for illegal fishing off Kokkilai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/26/202307261630/>

24 Jul - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB260723

On 24 Jul, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested nine foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/25/202307251030/>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pantai Kapuhu, Indonesia/ DB270723

On 18 Jul, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen for illegal fishing off Pantai Kapuhu, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gorontalopost.jawapos.com/sulawesi-utara/311806641/lima-nelayan-dibekuk-saat-gunakan-kompresor-untuk-menangkap-ikan>

21 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 11 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 16 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB260723

On 21 Jul, local authorities detained 11 local fishing vessels and arrested 16 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/24/202307241245/>

20 Jul - Local/ Illegal fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Yen Hoa, Viet Nam/ DB240723

On 20 Jul, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Yen Hoa, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-2-tau-ca-tang-tru-kich-dien-de-khai-thac-hai-san-trai-phep-post463867.html>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

27 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (15 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Toli-Toli Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB280723

On 27 Jul, local authorities seized 15 kg of meth going from Malaysia to Indonesia off Toli-Toli Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/296817>

26 Jul - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (250 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Ternate, Indonesia/ DB280723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 250 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel in the Port of Ternate, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/26/cops-nab-man-trying-to-smuggle-beer-from-labuan>

25 Jul - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (1,955 Packets)/ Ashore/ From Malaysia/ Lahad Datu, Sabah/ DB280723

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 1,955 packets of cooking oil from Malaysia off Lahad, Datu, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/07/26/cubaan-seludup-1955-paket-minyak-masak-bersubsidi-gagal>

26 Jul - Drugs and Domestic Products/ Marijuana Leaves (30 kg) Sesame Oil (600 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Uvari, India/ DB270723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 30 kg of marijuana leaves and 600 litres of sesame oil from a small boat going from India to Sri Lanka off Uvari, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.dinamalar.com/detail.php?id=3386714>

25 Jul - Domestic Products/ Alcohol/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Menumbok, Sabah/ DB270723

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized alcohol from a small boat for domestic smuggling off Menumbok, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/26/cops-nab-man-trying-to-smuggle-beer-from-labuan>

25 Jul - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (680 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Semporna, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB270723

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 680 kg of cooking oil from a small boat going from Malaysia off Semporna, Sabah, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/26/cops-nab-man-trying-to-smuggle-beer-from-labuan>

23 Jul - Wildlife/ Birds (1,280)/ Ashore/ From Indonesia/ Port of Bakauheni, Lampung, Indonesia/ DB270723

On 23 Jul, local authorities seized 1,280 birds from Indonesia in the Port of Bakauheni, Lampung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rmollampung.id/penyelundupan-1280-burung-tujuan-tangerang-digagalkan-di-bakauheni>

25 Jul - Drugs/ Cannabis (9kg)/ From Afghanistan through Pakistan to India/ Surat, India/ DB260723

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 9kg in Surat, India

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://deshgujarat.com/2023/07/25/narcotics-worth-over-4-5-crore-seized-at-suvali-beach-in-surat/>

24 Jul - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (455 Bottles and 52 Cans)/ Passenger Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Vaadhoo Island, Maldives/ DB260723

On 24 Jul, local authorities seized 455 bottles and 52 cans of alcohol onboard a passenger ship ashore Vaadhoo Island, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://raajje.mv/139464>

24 Jul - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (606kg)/ Adrift/ Off Mattutivu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB260723

On 24 Jul, local authorities seized 606kg of kendu leaves off Mattutivu Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/25/202307251230/>

23 Jul - Drugs/ Cannabis (165kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB250723

On 23 Jul, local authorities seized 165kg of cannabis onboard a small boat off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://island.lk/kerala-cannabis-valued-at-over-rs-54-mn-held-in-northern-waters/>

23 Jul - Drugs/ Cannabis (87kg)/ Adrift/ Off Kudairippu, Sri Lanka/ DB250723

On 23 Jul, local authorities seized 87kg of cannabis off Kudairippu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/24/202307241530/>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jul - Wildlife/ Baby Lobsters (70,800)/ Speedboat/ From Indonesia/ Off Batang Tuaka, Indonesia/ DB250723

On 17 Jul, local authorities seized 70,800 of baby lobsters onboard a speedboat off Batang Tuaka, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/295935>

<https://riaupos.jawapos.com/indragiri-hilir/24/07/2023/306344/polres-inhil-gagalkan-penyeludupan-ribuan-baby-lobster.html>

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-6838977/polisi-gagalkan-penyelundupan-70-ribu-baby-lobster-rp-14-miliar-di-inhil>

21 Jul - Domestic Products/ Assorted Goods (30 boxes)/ Small Boat/ From Hong Kong/ Tai Wong Kung, Hong Kong/ DB240723

On 21 Jul, local authorities seized 30 boxes of assorted goods onboard a small boat in Tai Wong Kung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://today.line.me/hk/v2/article/eLeIVyB>

<https://www.881903.com/news/local/2495240/%E6%B0%B4%E8%AD%A6%E8%A5%BF%E8%B2%A2%E5%8F%8D%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E6%AA%A2%E7%B4%84410%E8%90%AC%E5%85%83%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E7%89%A9%E5%93%81>

21 Jul - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (114 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sinunuc Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB240723

On 21 Jul, local authorities seized 114 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Sinunuc Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1967650/zamboanga/local-news/cops-arrest-5-seize-over-p4-m-smuggled-cigarettes>

21 Jul - Fuel/ Petrol (550 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Terespuram, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB240723

On 21 Jul, local authorities seized 550 litres of petrol onboard a small boat in Terespuram, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/550-litre-petrol-seized-one-arrested-in-thoothukudi/article67105747.ece>

20 Jul - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (80 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ To China/ Minjiang Estuary, Fuzhou, China/ DB240723

On 20 Jul, local authorities seized 80 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo ship in Minjiang Estuary, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.fj.chinanews.com.cn/news/2023/2023-07-23/528995.html>

19 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (99kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Pidie Regency, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB240723

On 19 Jul, local authorities seized 99kg of meth onboard a fishing vessel in Pidie Regency, Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/294714>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

24 Jul - Illegal Documentation/ Local Fishing Vessel/ 3 Thai Migrants, 16 Myanmarese Migrants/ Off Sungai Tiang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB260723

On 24 Jul, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three Thai migrants and 16 Myanmarese migrants for illegal documentation off Sungai Tiang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02ZrUDzA1VQBDLkmXtKpgXdrmXWxBeVWt3UYXRjnXxQRuNnivivhXPv9XRZDZSKxWyl&show_text=true&width=500

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Jul - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Ferry/ 8 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Arichal Munai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB240723

On 15 Jul, local authorities detained eight Sri Lankan migrants in Arichal Munai, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/eight-more-sri-lankans-arrive-in-dhanushkodi-seeking-asylum-in-india/articleshow/101777685.cms>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Jul - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil Spill) /Container Vessel/ Off Kaoshiung Port, Taiwan/
DB240723

On 20 Jul an oil spill occurred off Kaoshiung Port, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://udn.com/news/story/7320/7315816>

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202307220011>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

24 May - Others/ Undersea Cables/ Degraded Internet Connection/ Off Guam/ DB240723

On 24 May, undersea cables were damaged off Guam. This led to degraded internet connection.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pacificislandtimes.com/post/mawar-takes-its-toll-on-palau-s-cable-network>



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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