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



For the period of 25 - 31 Mar 22, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	2	6	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	13	6-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	14	10-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	21	14-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	11	19-21
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	1	0	22
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	23
Others	0	0	24

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

Information Updates:

10 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB310323
(Information Update on DB130323)

The location has been updated to be at the Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

27 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB300323
(Information Update on DB270323)

It was updated from a shipping company that the perpetrators stole seven pieces of fuel pump barrel plunger and a piece of rod.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Incidents:

31 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB310323

1. POCC reported that a Marshall Islands-Flagged Tanker, reported sighting of 3 perpetrators armed with knives having boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°03'34.8"N 103°39'45.6"E) on 31 Mar 23 at 0150 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Nothing was reported stolen yet. The vessel require assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore. PCG will be rendering assistance when vessel is in port.

IFC Comments:

PCG has rendered assistance and updated that there were no preparators left onboard the vessel. The vessel was also confirmed to be in a safe condition.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

31 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB310323

1. POCC reported that a Singapore-Flagged Bulk Carrier, reported sighting of 4 perpetrators having boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°05'13.8"N 103°34'49.8"E) on 31 Mar 23 at 0328(UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Nothing was reported stolen yet. The vessel require no assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

29 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB300323

1. POCC reported that a Marshall Islands-Flagged Bulk Carrier, reported sighting of 4 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°04'24.0"N 103°41'06.0"E) on 29 Mar 2023 at 2156 (UTC +8).

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

27 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB270323

1. POCC reported that a Liberia-Flagged Tanker, reported sighting of at least 4 perpetrators armed with knives having boarded her when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°16'30.0"N 104°16'18.0"E) on 27 Mar at 0015 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC China.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



Out of Reporting Period:

19 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ South Harbor, Manila, Philippines/ DB290323

While at anchor, the master reported to Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) Manila that the crew sighted three perpetrators on deck, and two others near the vicinity of the ship.

Upon receipt of the report, the Philippine Coast Guard Station Manila immediately dispatched DF-312 and AB-005 to the location of incident. The crafts arrived at the location, made coordination through VHF radio to check the status of the crew, ship and gather the details of the incident. However, the perpetrators had already escaped. The crafts conducted inspection of spaces, intensified maritime patrol in the vicinity, intercepted and inspected several vessels plying in the area but yielded negative result.

The padlock of the forecastle store was broken, and three pieces of fire nozzles, one box of brass nuts and bolts, one pc of portable fan, and one roll of brass seizing wire were missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
GSIS

19 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Cayman Islands/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB280323

Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain and broke into the paint store. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raise the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
GSIS



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

29 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 29 Died, 7 Missing, 216 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan, Philippines/ DB310323
(Information Update on DB300323)

It was updated that 29 people had died in the fire, while seven were missing and 216 had been rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0Udtn5mnRxJGBgHoemDkCZGHdaE8EWgjH6EiGyuTLEwuSQ82439noAzvXngJmcJiVl>
<https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/3/30/Zamboanga-ship-fire.html>

26 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ 2 Dead, 1 Missing and 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ampenan, Lombok Island, Indonesia/ DB290323
(Information Update on DB270923)

It was updated that two of the crew had died in the incident, while one remains missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2023/03/27/indonesias-pertamina-says-2-crew-killed-after-fire-on-tanker/>
<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41477/tanker-fire-abandoned-lombok-strait-video/>, Basarnas Command Center.

Incidents:

29 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 5 Dead and 195 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan, Philippines/ DB300323

On 29 Mar, a passenger vessel caught fire off Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan, Philippines. Five people died while 195 have been rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/3/30/Zamboanga-ship-fire.html>
https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02gLjyFs39b6Ehapur1vahLaE8byWpMDaBArY8rpCQ9wLgxcBU8hCL879aaZB4bbf1l&show_text=true&width=500

28 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Lifeboat/ 1 Missing and 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Chattogram Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB300323

On 28 Mar, a lifeboat capsized at Chattogram Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh due to equipment failure. One person was reported to be missing and 15 have been rescued. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41505/drill-accident-board-cosco-bulk-carrier-chief-engi/>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/198045/coast-guard-rescues-12-chinese-nationals-stranded-in-bay>

26 Mar - Others/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 4 Missing and 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Panjin City, Liaoning, China/ DB300323

On 26 Mar, there was an incident involving a fishing vessel off Panjin City, Liaoning, China. One person died and four are missing from the incident, while three have been rescued. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://news.hsw.cn/system/2023/0327/1605426.shtml>

26 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanahwangko, Minahasa Regency, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB290323

On 26 Mar, a small boat went adrift Off Tanahwangko, Minahasa Regency, North Sulawesi, Indonesia due to equipment failure. Six people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1056945/193/perahu-mati-mesin-di-tengah-laut-6-nelayan-diselamatkan-basarnas-1679889791>

26 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ 3 Missing and 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ampenan, Lombok Island, Indonesia/ DB270323

On 26 Mar, a tanker caught fire off Ampenan, Lombok Island, Indonesia. 14 people have been rescued and three are missing. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

IFC Comments:

Indonesia ILO updated that investigations are still ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41477/tanker-fire-abandoned-lombok-strait-video/>, Basarnas Command Center.

25 Mar - Adrift/ No Fuel/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Mukah, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 25 Mar, two fishing vessels went adrift at Mukah, Sarawak, Malaysia due to not having enough fuel. Four people are missing from the incident. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/03/25/two-men-reported-missing-off-mukah-confirmed-safe/>

25 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead and 1 Missing/ SAR/ Kuta Selatan Waters, Indonesia/ DB270323

On 25 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized at Kuta Selatan Waters, Indonesia due to bad weather. One person is missing while another has been reported to have died from the incident. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ringtimesbali.pikiran-rakyat.com/news/pr-286477493/sempat-hilang-pemancing-di-pantai-labuan-sait-ditemukan-meninggal-dunia>

25 Mar - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Bau Bau Waters, Indonesia/ DB270323

On 25 Mar, a fishing vessel went missing at Bau Bau Waters, Indonesia. One person is missing. The cause of incident is unknown. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kendariaktual.com/seorang-nelayan-batu-atas-dilaporkan-hilang/>

25 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Tri, Viet Nam/ DB270323

On 25 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized off Quang Tri, Viet Nam due to colliding with an unknown object. Six people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/xa-hoi/tin-tuc/quang-tri-chim-tau-ca-tren-bien-6-thuyen-vien-duoc-ung-cuu-kip-thoi-722898>

Out of Reporting Period:

22 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB300323

On 22 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift at Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia due to equipment failure. Four people have been rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02UgjP8asJpamsC8KW8teSv6iCXpHQrBjNw9GJiD8Y9xKfj7hitqWcgtPC67sivyuPl>

21 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Osakikamijima, Japan/ DB300323

On 21 Mar, a cargo vessel ran aground off Osakikamijima, Japan. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Eiyumaru-No.8-l2331290.html>

23 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Yehliu Fishing Port, Taiwan/ DB290323

On 23 Mar, a fishing vessel caught fire at Yehliu Fishing Port, Taiwan. Three people were rescued from a SAR operation. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E9%87%8E%E6%9F%B3%E5%A4%96%E6%B5%B7%E7%81%AB%E7%87%92%E8%88%B9%E6%BF%83%E7%85%99%E7%AB%84%E5%A4%A9%E9%9A%9B%E8%88%B9%E9%95%B7%E4%B8%89%E4%BA%BA%E9%A9%9A%E9%9AAA%E7%8D%B2%E6%95%91-014211925.html>

19 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 2 Dead and 1 Rescued/ Fedok Waters, Oelolot Village, West Rote District, NTT, Indonesia/ DB290323

On 19 Mar, a small boat capsized at Fedok Waters, Oelolot Village, West Rote District, NTT, Indonesia due to bad weather. Two people were reported to have died from the incident while one was rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kompas.tv/article/389847/perahu-terbalik-usai-memancing-2-kepala-desa-di-rote-ndao-ntt-tenggelam-dan-meninggal>



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

Incidents:

27 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ North Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB310323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a Vietnamese fishing vessel at North Natuna Sea, Indonesia. Two foreign fishermen were arrested for invalid licence of fishing vessel

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://finance.detik.com/berita-ekonomi-bisnis/d-6646679/tangkap-ikan-di-laut-natuna-kapal-asal-vietnam-diciduk-kkp>

28 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Violation Regulation/ Off Chagwi Island, Jeju, ROK/ DB300323

On 28 Mar, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels off Chagwi Island, Jeju, ROK. An unknown number of fishermen were arrested for violating the fishing regulations in ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/4997625>

27 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Socheong Island, Incheon, ROK/ DB300323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels off Socheong Island, Incheon, ROK. An unknown number of fishermen were arrested for poaching.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.kmib.co.kr/article/view.asp?arcid=0018099456&code=61121211&cp=nv>
<https://cn.yna.co.kr/view/ACK20230328005900881>

27 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Tanjung Sirik, Daro, Malaysia/ DB300323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Tanjung Sirik, Daro, Malaysia. Four local and two foreign fishermen were arrested for fishing in an unauthorised area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0258jMaP1AwJ3M2R3uzox4mNf9dbFzrTSaqWjERrVUHoim9xt479VhYgrTux2jagXil>

28 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ South West Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB290323

On 28 Mar, local authorities detained two Indonesian fishing vessels at South West Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia. Nine foreign fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing without valid fishing permits.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/03/2-bot-nelayan-indonesia-ceroboh-perairan-negara-ditahan/>

27 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorized Fishing Area/ Off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia/ DB290323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel Off Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia. Four foreign fishermen were arrested for illegally fishing in an unauthorised fishing area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/03/28/four-thai-nationals-nabbed-by-mmea-for-fishing-in-unauthorised-areas>

26 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Night Diving/ Nidangala, Kirinda, Sri Lanka/ DB290323

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Nidangala, Kirinda, Sri Lanka. One fisherman was arrested for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=706>

25 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB290323

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour, Sri Lanka. Six local fishermen were arrested for illegally harvesting fishes.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/03/28/202303271630/>

25 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Trawlers Detained/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Songkhla, Thailand/ DB290323

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained two Vietnamese trawlers off Songkhla, Thailand. 11 foreign fishermen were arrested for illegally fishing in an unauthorised fishing area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2536484/2-vietnamese-trawlers-11-crewmen-seized-off-songkhla>

26 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB280323

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained four local fishing vessels off Vung Tau, Viet Nam due to illegal fishing. An unknown number of fishermen were arrested for not having valid license of fishing vessel and for fishing in unauthorised area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/bat-qua-tang-4-tau-ca-vuot-tram-danh-bat-thuy-san-bat-hop-phap-post1009951.vov>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 21 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Purse Seine Nets/ Back Bay, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB290323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained three small boats at Back Bay, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. 21 local fishermen were arrested for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=709>

24 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Landfall Island, India/ DB270323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel off Landfall Island, India. 12 foreign fishermen were arrested for poaching.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.andamansheekha.com/113620/>

22 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 24 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 22 Mar, local authorities detained two foreign fishing vessels off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia. 24 foreign fishermen were arrested for poaching.

IFC Comments:

According to MMEA, the two boats were detained at 70-80nm from Muara Tok Bali (The distance was misprinted in the article.)

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/masih-aktif-ceroboh-perairan-negara-empat-bot-31-nelayan-vietnam-ditahan-412600>

20 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 20 Mar, local authorities detained two foreign fishing vessels off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia. Seven foreign fishermen were arrested for poaching.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/masih-aktif-ceroboh-perairan-negara-empat-bot-31-nelayan-vietnam-ditahan-412600>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

28 Mar - Chemical Products/ Sulphuric Acid (126 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From India to Myanmar/ Laem Chabang Port, Thailand/ DB310323

On 28 Mar, local authorities detained a container vessel at Laem Chabang Port, Thailand. Onboard the vessel was 126 tons of sulphuric acid that was smuggled from India to Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thaibsworld.com/126-tonnes-of-sulfuric-acid-bound-for-myanmar-impounded-at-laem-chabang-port/>

<https://twitter.com/johnwseap/status/1641253991807074304?s=46&t=8o5BLx7N4LF8bPHdobS5nQ>

27 Mar - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (230 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Sri Lanka/ Pallemunai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB310323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Pallemunai, Mannar, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 230 kg of sea cucumber that was meant to be smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/28/202303281300/>

28 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (165 Kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Madagal, Sri Lanka/ DB300323

On 28 Mar, local authorities found 165kg of cannabis ashore at Madagal, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/03/29/202303291030/>

27 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (120,000 Litres)/ Landing Craft/ From Malaysia/ Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB300323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a landing craft at Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 120,000 litres of diesel that was meant to be smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02juhH79uAh49hP7H1CwspC4vva vY58R7nE7fB3Aco2Y4Vv3mmnligzRVpaiZqLEMtl>

26 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (100,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Hon Khoai, Viet Nam/ DB300323

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Hon Khoai, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel 100,000 litres of diesel 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-khoang-100-000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep>

25 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Brunei/ Muara Jetty, Brunei/ DB300323

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Muara Jetty, Brunei. Onboard the vessel was 10,000 litres of diesel that was meant to be smuggled out of Brunei.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/03/29/ten-foreigners-charged-with-smuggling-diesel>

25 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (9,500 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Brunei/ Jalan Serasa, Brunei/ DB300323

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Jalan Serasa, Brunei. Onboard the vessel was 9,500 litres of diesel that was meant to be smuggled out of Brunei.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/03/29/ten-foreigners-charged-with-smuggling-diesel>

27 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (100,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Ben Tre, Viet Nam/ DB290323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Ben Tre, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 100,000 litres of diesel that was smuggled to Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-khoang-100-ngan-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post459981.html>

27 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (24,950 Reams)/ Small Boat/ Off Sta Cruz, Davao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB280323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat off Sta Cruz, Davao Del Sur, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 24,950 reams of cigarettes.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://customs.gov.ph/boc-intercept-illicit-cigarettes-worth-p19-m/?fbclid=IwAR0EFjB4TtKo3lh23bsTNkKXaFaL4N6EoEhMd3vLEf8XchJP5Ppkg1Kgnk4://ne>

wsinfo.inquirer.net/1748826/boc-seizes-p19-million-worth-of-allegedly-smuggled-cigarettes-in-davao-del-sur

Out of Reporting Period:

1 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (100 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Dinghai District, Zhoushan, Zhejiang, China/ DB300323

On 1 Mar, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Dinghai District, Zhoushan, Zhejiang, China. Onboard the vessel was 100 tons of frozen goods that was meant to be smuggled to China

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/haijingzaixingdong_0316/2222.html

24 Mar - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (634 Kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Iranawila Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB290323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained two small boats at Iranawila Beach, Sri Lanka. Onboard the vessel was 634 kg of kendu leaves that was smuggled to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/03/24/202303270946/>

24 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,550,000 Sticks)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Taiwan/ Keelung Commercial Port, Taiwan/ DB290323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Keelung Commercial Port, Taiwan. Onboard the vessel was 4,550,000 sticks of cigarettes that was smuggled to Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E9%80%BE11%E8%90%AC%E5%8C%85%E7%A7%81%E8%8F%B8%E8%97%8F%E5%AF%86%E8%89%99-%E5%9F%BA%E9%9A%86%E8%88%B9%E9%95%B7%E8%88%87%E6%BC%81%E5%B7%A55%E4%BA%BA%E9%80%81%E8%BE%A6-061731271.html>

<https://news.ltn.com.tw/news/society/paper/1574455>

19 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (4 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Nunukan Island, Indonesia/ DB290323

On 19 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Nunukan Island, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 4 kg of meth that was smuggled from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.niaga.asia/polisi-tangkap-dua-perempuan-malaysia-selundupkan-sabu-4-kilogram-ke-sebatik/>

22 Mar - Wildlife/ Clams (9 Sacks)/ From Malaysia/ Malacca Strait, Malaysia/ DB280323

On 22 Mar, local authorities seized nine sacks of clams at Malacca Strait, Malaysia. The clams were smuggled out of Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/03/948974/curi-anak-kerang-3-lelaki-ditahan>

24 Mar - Domestic Products/ Various Goods/ From China to Indonesia/ Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB270323

On 24 Mar, local authorities thwarted the smuggling of various goods at Jakarta, Indonesia. The goods were smuggled from China to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.tempo.co/read/1706765/police-thwarts-smuggling-attempt-of-used-clothing-and-illegal-phones>

24 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (8,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Kuala Perlis, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 8,000 litres of diesel that was smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2023/03/25/apmm-tahan-bot-nelayan-cuba-seludup-8000-litres-diesel/>

23 Mar - Domestic Products/ Various Goods/ Speedboat/ From Hong Kong to China/ Ma Wan Chung pier, Tung Chung, Lantau Island, Hong Kong/ DB270323

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained a speedboat at Ma Wan Chung pier, Tung Chung, Lantau Island, Hong Kong. Onboard the vessel was various goods that were smuggled from Hong Kong to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://life.mingpao.com/general/article?issue=20230326&nodeid=1679768057142>

23 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (630,000 Litres)/ Tug Boat and Tanker/ From Malaysia/ Sungai Baong, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained a tug and tanker at Sungai Baong, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. Onboard the vessel was 630,000 litres of diesel that was smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/03/24/authorities-seize-diesel-worth-over-rm2-mln-during-raid-in-miri/>

23 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (40,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Soc Trang, Viet Nam/ DB270323

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Soc Trang, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 40,000 litres of diesel that was meant to be smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/tau-ca-cho-40000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-tren-vung-bien-soc-trang-185230324115520311.htm>

23 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (20,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Viet Nam/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB270323

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Vung Tau, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 20,000 litres of diesel that meant to be smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/phap-luat/an-ninh-trat-tu/bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-20-000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-722825>

21 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (141 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Brgy Arena Blanco, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB270323

On 21 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat off Brgy Arena Blanco, Zamboanga City, Philippines. Onboard the vessel was 141 master cases of cigarettes that were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://customs.gov.ph/boc-zamboanga-intercepts-p4-9-m-worth-of-undocumented-cigarettes/?fbclid=IwAR2r6uerhflZj2NXUoB_2SnQvc0TnZgQnHxm314h3x-xp3Xg_JznimL_900 <https://mb.com.ph/2023/3/25/p4-9-m-worth-of-undocumented-cigarettes-seized-in-zamboanga-city>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Information Updates:

24 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 1 Sri Lankan Migrant/ From United Kingdom to Sri Lanka/ Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB310323
(Information Update on DB270323)

A Sri Lankan national who attempted to take an illegal ferry from Pamban to Sri Lanka was apprehended by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on Friday, 24 Mar. Police investigation revealed that the apprehended Sri Lankan man was from Valvettithurai, Sri Lanka. He went to the United Kingdom and registered himself as a refugee in 2010. He attempted to return to Sri Lanka but he did not get permission from UK authorities. So, he decided to take an illegal ferry through India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1639251241174986752>

Incidents:

29 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 7 Myanmar Immigrants Arrested/ From Langkawi to Kuala Kedah/ Kuala Kedah, Malaysia/ DB310323

On 29 Mar, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Kuala Kedah, Malaysia. Seven Myanmar immigrants were arrested for trying to go from Langkawi to Kuala Kedah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/252098/berita/semasa/tujuh-pati-warga-myanmar-ditahan>

29 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen/ North Malacca Strait, Malaysia/ DB310323

On 29 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at North Malacca Strait, Malaysia. Five Myanmar fishermen were arrested for not having legal documentations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0i23qg8ghspsm7sFb3ffoitKUYujeEA478mDEVob96u5r1pypuaBWEU2ZAJBcQsvA>

29 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 5 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Tanjung Bulat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB300323

On 29 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat at Tanjung Bulat, Johor, Malaysia. Aboard the vessel was five Indonesian migrants that are going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2023/03/29/cubaan-membawa-masuk-pati-ke-perairan-tanjung-bulat-gagal/>

27 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 8 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB290323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India. Aboard the vessel was eight Sri Lankan migrants that was going from Sri Lanka to India

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/eight-persons-from-sri-lanka-reach-dhanushkodi-islet-one-of-them-was-with-ltte-police/article66671819.ece>

27 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 184 Rohingya Immigrant/ Going from Myanmar to Malaysia/ Peurelak waters, Indonesia/ DB280323

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Peurelak Waters, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel was 184 Rohingya immigrants that were going from Myanmar to Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/03/27/153642378/184-pengungsi-rohingya-terdampar-di-aceh-timur-diturunkan-paksa-dari-kapal?page=all>

26 Mar - Human Smuggling/ 1 Patrol Boat/ 5 Filipino Immigrants/ Menumbok to Labuan/ Labuan, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained a patrol boat at Labuan, Malaysia. Aboard the vessel was five Filipino immigrants that were trying to go from Menumbok to Labuan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/210092/five-filipino-illegals-arrested-in-labuan-waters/>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Local Passenger Vessel/ 64 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Asahan Regency, Indonesia/ DB290323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained a local passenger vessel at Asahan Regency, Indonesia. Aboard the vessel was 64 Indonesian migrants going from Malaysia to Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1055263/717/angkut-64-tki-ilegal-kapal-kayu-ditangkap-polisi-saat-melintasi-jalur-tikus-1679663012>

24 Mar - Human Smuggling/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 10 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Malacca, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained a passenger vessel off Malacca, Malaysia. Aboard the vessel was 10 Indonesian migrants that were going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/03/24/10-pati-ditahan-tengah-laut-bawa-wang-tunai-rm16594/>

24 Mar - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 1 Sri Lankan Migrant/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB270323

On 24 Mar, local authorities detained an unknown vessel at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India. Aboard the vessel was a Sri Lankan migrant going from Sri Lanka to India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1639251241174986752>

22 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 24 Vietnamese Fishermen/ Off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 22 Mar, local authorities detained two fishing vessels off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia. Aboard the vessel was 24 Vietnamese fishermen that did not have valid documentation.

IFC Comments:

According to MMEA, the two boats were detained at 70-80nm from Muara Tok Bali (The distance was misprinted in the article.)

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/masih-aktif-ceroboh-perairan-negara-empat-bot-31-nelayan-vietnam-ditahan-412600>

20 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 7 Vietnamese Fishermen/ Off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia/ DB270323

On 20 Mar, local authorities detained two fishing vessels off Pasir Puteh, Malaysia. Aboard the vessel was 7 Vietnamese fishermen that did not have valid documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/masih-aktif-ceroboh-perairan-negara-empat-bot-31-nelayan-vietnam-ditahan-412600>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Information Updates:

28 Feb - MARPOL/ Oil Spill (Vessel Wreck)/ Tanker/ 112 Square km Oil Slick/ Off Mindoro, Philippines/ DB290323
(Information Update on DB060323)

It was updated that, a month since the vessel sank, it is estimated that 400,000 litres of oil have escaped from the vessel, leaving a further 400,000 litres left onboard. The area affected by the oil spill has reached 112 square kilometers.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1749594/pcg-sunken-oil-tanker-in-oriental-mindoro-now-half-empty>

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/865348/extent-of-oil-spill-almost-the-size-of-quezon-city-philsa/story/>

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1640871384317595649>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

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

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



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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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