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



For the period of 25 Feb – 03 Mar 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	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	19	5-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	1	10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	22	11-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	3	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	18
Others	0	0	19

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

Information Updates:

08 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010323
(Information Update on DB090223)

It was updated that there was three perpetrators sighted on the barge.

IFC Comments:

RFI COY for details

This is the 7th Incident that happened in the Singapore Strait since Jan 2023. The last incident was on 3rd Feb 2023

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

Incidents:

02 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel/ DB030323

1. POCC reported that a Panama-Flagged Bulk Carrier, reported sighting of four perpetrators having boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°03'22.8"N 103°37'24.0"E) on 2 Mar 23 at 2330 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. No items were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

IFC Comments:

IFC had RFI the COY for incident details and media details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



Out of Reporting Period:

17 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, China Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB010323

1. Ship Master informed that a China - Flagged bulk carrier, while underway, the crew discovered that unauthorized entry into the engine room at (1°04'12.0"N 103°42'00.0"E) on 17 Feb 23 at 0430 (UTC+8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and some auxiliary engine spare parts were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to the NPOC.

IFC Comments:

RFI COY for incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/25/attempts-by-smugglers-to-pass-off-items-as-soya-beans-green-peas-foiled>

07 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Small Boat, Indonesian Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Pulau Panjang, Batam, Indonesia/ DB010323

On 7 Feb, the Indonesian Navy arrested three perpetrators suspected of stealing outboard engine from a small boat during patrol on Panjang Island, Batam, Riau Islands. While patrolling Batam Naval Base, the local authorities saw two boats from the direction of Jaloh Island to Judah Island in tandem.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

<http://m.batamtoday.com/berita186542-TNI-AL-Ringkus-3-Pencuri-Mesin-Kapal-di-Perairan-Pulau-Panjang.html>

29 Jan - Hijacked/ Sea Robbery/ Fishing Vessel, Bangladesh-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Off Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh/ DB270223

Police said that on 29 Jan, 16 fishermen were attacked by pirates after they anchored their fishing vessel off Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. The pirates boarded the vessel and took hostages at gunpoint before leaving with some loot. All the fishermen were rescued by the Maheshkhali Police Station.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/521zc2h1jb>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

07 Feb - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea/ DB030323
(Information Update DB230223)

It was updated from a news article that the four Papua New Guinea fishermen who went missing at sea three weeks ago have been found alive. The Family spokesperson Motu Lohia told RNZ Pacific the four were found drifting off Domara village, Abau, along the south-eastern coast of Central Province for about two weeks.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/485056/four-men-missing-for-weeks-found-in-a-village>
<https://www.thenational.com.pg/families-of-missing-fishermen-hoping-for-results/>

18 Feb - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing/ SAR/ Off Malakal Island, Palau/ DB020323
(Information Update on DB220223)

It was updated that SAR is currently ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202302200023>
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid037swXPgRXSeJ7HkAMmnTQsuFaRphUD83zvnX5TXE2g9y3U9LEy2zeBoSQ5Pyz25LLl&id=100064660843959&mibextid=Nif5oz

Incidents:

02 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Pungu Besar, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB030323

On 2 Mar, a passenger vessel capsized off Pulau Pungu Besar, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia due to bad weather. Six people were rescued from a SAR operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kupang.antaranews.com/berita/107628/tim-sar-evakuasi-enam-korban-kapal-tenggelam-di-labuan-bajo>

02 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ Higashi-Ogishima port, Yokohama, Japan/ DB030323

On 02 Mar, a container vessel and cargo ship collided at Higashi-Ogishima port, Yokohama, Japan. The cause of incident is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41281/container-and-cargo-ships-collided-yokohama-waters/>

02 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather (Cyclone Judy)/ Small Boat/ SAR/ Off Honiara, Solomon Islands/ DB030323

On 02 Mar, a small boat capsized off Honiara, Solomon Islands due to "Cyclone Judy". SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomontimes.com/news/wild-weather-smashes-honiara/12451>

01 Mar - Aviation Incident/ Cause Unknown/ Aircraft/ 5 Missing/ SAR/ Balabac Island, Philippines/ DB030323

On 01 Mar, an aircraft went missing at Balabac Island, Philippines. Five people are still missing from the incident. SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/philippines-medical-helicopter-missing-with-5-on-board>

01 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather (Cyclone Judy)/ Cargo Vessel/ Honiara, Solomon Islands/ DB030323

On 01 Mar, a cargo vessel went aground at Honiara, Solomon Islands due to 'Cyclone Judy'.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/mv-vatud-star-runs-aground/>

01 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Idinthakarai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB020323

On 1 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to a collision and two were rescued off Idinthakarai, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/two-injured-as-mechanised-vessel-hits-country-boat/article66568569.ece>

28 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ship/ 143 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Talibon, Bohol, Philippines/ DB020323

On 28 Feb, a passenger ship ran aground off Talibon, Bohol, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 143 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/03/01/23/143-rescued-after-ship-runs-aground-off-bohol-pcg>

28 Feb - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hadji Mutahmad, Basilan, Philippines/ DB020323

On 28 Feb, a small boat went adrift due to bad weather off Hadji Mutahmad, Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 6 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196352>

28 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Indian Ocean, Indonesia/ DB020323

On 28 Feb, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather in the Indian Ocean, Indonesia. 10 crew still remained missing while 5 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Basarnas and Bakamla Station Bali. <https://www.detik.com/bali/berita/d-6596192/pencarian-kedua-10-abk-kapal-ikan-tenggela-masih-nihil>

28 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Tanker/ 20 Rescued/ Off Mindoro, Philippines/ DB010323

On 28 Feb, a tanker had sunk due to bad weather off Mindoro, Philippines. 20 crew members were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41265/tanker-800-tons-oil-sank-philippines-waters/>

26 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 26 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maumere, Indonesia/ DB270223

On 26 Feb, 26 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Maumere, Indonesia due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/02/26/100723278/dihantam-gelombang-tinggi-kapal-km-jangkar-samudera-mati-mesin-di-perairan#google_vignette

25 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ Manila Bay, Philippines/ DB270223

On 25 Feb, a cargo ship ran aground at Manila Bay, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41257/cargo-ship-grounded-storm-philippines/>

25 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Olutanga, Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB270223

On 25 Feb, eight were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Olutanga, Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1629727976270213121>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 24 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tagupi Island, Malaysia/ DB020323

On 24 Feb, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Tagupi Island, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and 24 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1736343/fwd-ph-navy-rescues-24-people-stranded-in-a-ph-vessel-in-eastern-malaysia>

https://twitter.com/Philippine_Navy/status/1630491717362393095

10 Feb - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Flores Sea, Indonesia/ DB020323

On 10 Feb, a small boat went missing due to bad weather in the Flores Sea, India. SAR is still ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Indonesia DA in Canberra, Bakamla

22 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Tanker/ SAR/ Japan/ DB010323

On 22 Feb, a tanker was adrift due to an equipment failure off Japan SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Nw-Stormpetrel-9045132.html>

27 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ Kannur, Kerala, India/ DB010323

On 7 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk due to a collision. Nine were rescued off Kannur, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/feb/28/ship-with-hong-kong-flag-rams-kumari-vessel-efforts-on-to-rescue-ninefishers-2551508.html>

24 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead/ Off Padubidri, Udupi District, India/ DB270223

On 24 Feb, one died after a fishing vessel capsized off Padubidri, Udupi District, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/fisherman-drowns-in-sea/article66552491.ece>

22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Alcoba, Magsaysay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB270223

On 22 Feb, eight were rescued after a small boat capsized off Alcoba, Magsaysay, Palawan, Philippines due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1629349868849491968>



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

Incidents:

27 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB020323

On 27 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested five fishermen due to illegal fishing off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2023/02/884301/mmea-detains-5-men-suspicion-illegal-fishing-pulau-kendi>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

28 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (125,000 Packs)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Taiwan/ Hsinchu Fishing Port, Hsinchu City, Taiwan/ DB030323

On 28 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Hsinchu Fishing Port, Hsinchu City, Taiwan. Onboard the vessel were 125,000 packs of cigarettes that were smuggled to Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.ltn.com.tw/news/society/breakingnews/4226505>

28 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (38 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Manalipa Island, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB020323

On 28 Feb, local authorities seized 38 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Manalipa Island, Zamboanga, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196315>

27 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (30,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam/ DB020323

On 27 Feb, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel off Tho Chu Island, 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-30-000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep>

26 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (309 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Off Banten, Indonesia/ DB270223

On 26 Feb, local authorities seized 309 kg of meth from a fishing vessel off Banten, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://buddyku.com/politik-peristiwa/48c54e536929463cb80a248a1986c929/sadis-bawa-309-kg-sabu-kapal-nelayan-berbendera-iran-disergap-bnn-dan-bea-cukai>

<https://voi.id/en/economy/258257/sri-mulyani-buka-suara-soal-penyelundupan-309-kg-sabu-yang-digagalkan-bea-cukai>

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (102,400 Packs)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sekupang, Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB030323

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained a passenger vessel at Sekupang, Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia. Onboard the vessel were 102,400 packs of cigarettes that were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-6593725/bea-cukai-batam-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ratusan-ribu-rokok-ilegal-ke-riau>

12 Feb - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (100 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Minjiang River, Mawei District, Fuzhou, China/ DB030323

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Minjiang River, Mawei District, Fuzhou, China. Onboard the vessel were 100 tons of frozen goods that were smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.chinaqw.com/qx/2023/02-13/351536.shtml>

18 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (145 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Shantou, Guangdong Province, China/ DB030323

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Shantou, Guangdong Province, China. Onboard the vessel were 145 tons of frozen goods that were smuggled to China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.dahuawang.com/shantou/content/202302/08/c117926.html>

07 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (150 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Muyu Island, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China/ DB030323

On 07 Jan, local authorities detained a cargo vessel at Muyu Island, Lianjiang County, Fuzhou, China. Onboard the vessel were 150 tons of frozen goods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4BDS0KQyvfJ>

23 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (26,500,000 Sticks)/ Barge/ Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong/ DB010323

On 23 Feb, local authorities seized 26,500,000 sticks of cigarettes from a barge off Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3667.html?p=1&y=&m=

20 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (44.2 kgs)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB010323

On 20 Feb, local authorities seized 44.2 kg of cannabis going to Sri Lanka off Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/25/202302251030/>

14 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (9 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB010323

On 14 Feb, local authorities seized 9 tons of diesel fuel from a fishing vessel off North Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indotimur.com/hukrim/polda-malut-amankan-9-ton-solar-ilegal>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

12 Feb - Natural Resources/ Logs (5 Cubic Metres)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia/ DB010323

On 12 Feb, local authorities seized 5 cubic metres of logs from a small boat off East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

<https://jambi.tribunnews.com/2023/02/14/pelaku-penyelundup-kayu-5-7-kubik-tanpa-dokumen-ditangkap-polres-tanjabtim>

17 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (150 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Longhu District, Shantou, Guangdong Province, China/ DB010323

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 150 tons of frozen goods from a cargo vessel going to China off Longhu District, Shantou, Guangdong Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.dahuawang.com/shantou/content/202302/22/c118553.html>

13 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (44,270,000 Sticks)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Shanwei, Guangdong Province, China/ DB010323

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized 44,270,000 sticks of cigarette from a cargo vessel going to China from Shanwei, Guangdong Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sohu.com/a/645521363_161795

11 Jan - Others/ Refuse (118.5 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ Yamen, China/ DB010323

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized 118.5 tons of refuse off Yamen, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sohu.com/a/645521363_161795

24 Feb - Alcohol/ Beer (23,520 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ Sepanggar Port, Malaysia/ DB280223

On 24 Feb, local authorities seized 23,520 litres of beer at Sepanggar Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/25/attempts-by-smugglers-to-pass-off-items-as-soya-beans-green-peas-foiled>

24 Feb - Domestic Products/ Rice (41,000 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Sepanggar Port, Malaysia/ DB280223

On 24 Feb, local authorities seized 41,000 kg of rice at Sepanggar Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/25/attempts-by-smugglers-to-pass-off-items-as-soya-beans-green-peas-foiled>

21 Feb - Others/ Used Electronics (13 Tons)/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Malaysia/ Hong Kong/ DB280223

On 21 Feb, local authorities seized 13 tons of used electronics off Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gbcode.rthk.hk/TuniS/news.rthk.hk/rthk/ch/component/k2/1689702-20230227.htm?spTabChangeable=0>

<https://www.chinapress.com.my/20230227/%E8%BF%90%E5%BE%80%E9%A9%AC%E6%9D%A5%E8%A5%BF%E4%BA%9A-%E6%B8%AF%E7%A0%B4%E8%BF%9C%E6%B4%8B%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E7%94%B5%E5%AD%90%E5%BA%9F%E7%89%A9/>

<https://hk.epochtimes.com/news/2023-02-27/83085702>

23 Feb - Tobacco/ Electronic Cigarettes/ Ferry/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB270223

On 23 Feb, local authorities seized some electronic cigarettes from a ferry at Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia. The cigarettes were smuggled from Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/246796/edisi/johor/maritim-rampas-3000-vape-seludup-dari-indonesia>

22 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Rank Container Terminal, Sri Lanka/ DB270223

On 22 Feb, local authorities seized 3,000,000 sticks of cigarettes from a container vessel at Rank Container Terminal, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.hirunews.lk/328054>

08 Feb - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (900 Tons)/ Container Ship/ To China/ Off Beijian Island, China/ DB270223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 900 tons of frozen goods from a container ship off Beijian Island, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://finance.sina.com.cn/tech/roll/2023-02-26/doc-imyhxzhe8159412.shtml>

06 Feb - Domestic Products/ Sugar (11 Containers)/ Ashore/ To Philippines/ Manila International Port, Philippines/ DB270223

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 11 containers of sugar that were ashore at Manila International Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196018>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Out of Reporting Period:

12 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 8 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Bengkalis Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB010323

On 12 Feb, local authorities arrested eight Indonesian migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia off Bengkalis Regency, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/Dj9ZghUTgnU0sgHHb1RF.pdf>

<https://www.gorau.com/ragam/satpolairud-polres-bengkalis-gagalkan-penyelundupan-8-calon-pmi-ke-malaysia-berhasil-tangkap-2-calo.html>

22 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Speed Boat/ Unknown Chinese Migrants/ From China to Hong Kong/ Nanshuizhen, Guangdong Province, China/ DB010323

On 22 Jan, local authorities arrested Chinese migrants from a small boat going from China to Hong Kong Off Nanshuizhen, Guangdong Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sohu.com/a/645521363_161795

21 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Passenger Vessel/ 16 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB270223

On 21 Feb, local authorities arrested 16 Filipino migrants in a passenger vessel at Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1195800>

17 Feb - Human Exploitation/ Cargo Vessel/ 10 Vietnamese and 9 Indian Workers/ Nakhodka Port, Primorye, Russia/ DB270223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained a cargo vessel with 10 Vietnamese and nine Indian workers due to human exploitation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Vsg-Dream-9217802.html>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

26 Feb - MIE/ Sand Mining/ Small Boat/ Barangay Marang-Marang, Malamawi Island, Isabela City, Basilan, Philippines/ DB020323

On 26 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat for sand mining off Barangay Marang-Marang, Malamawi Island, Isabela City, Basilan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1630397974089170944>

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02BtT7irS53xcMfAWho1yz95fTrswbaUQs7G3iPa3cqQg3LeyZt2teCTRaDZU8NDUNI&id=100064660843959&mibextid=Nif5oz

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid035yK7nZ5LCgj9cVgnCZJHa82BX6mPX4jBtQCC4Gtjqt6c3Lat7HXaKTsYDGez6dol&id=100077260635001&eav=Afbm5Gs2QC27CZfAqJSanwz6NHSf6NdsFqIEYMprYkhSDSRy59fkeKDfZXHDJb-n07s&paipv=0

28 Feb - MARPOL/ Oil Spill/ Tanker/ Off Mindoro, Philippines/ DB010323

On 26 Feb, an oil spill from a tanker occurred off Mindoro, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/coastguardph/status/1630422413933674504?s=20>

https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/philippines-sinking-tanker-diesel-spill-princess-empress-bataan-manila-3312236?cid=internal_sharetool_androidphone_01032023_cna

26 Feb - MARPOL/ Oil Spill/ Unknown Vessel/ Lach Huyen International Port, Viet Nam/ DB280223

On 26 Feb, an oil spill occurred off Lach Huyen International Port, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/co-ban-khac-phuc-xong-su-co-tran-dau-o-thi-tran-cat-hai-20230227145810847.htm>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

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

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



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2021

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

2020

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

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

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

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

2019

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

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

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

2018

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

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

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

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

2017

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

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

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

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

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

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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