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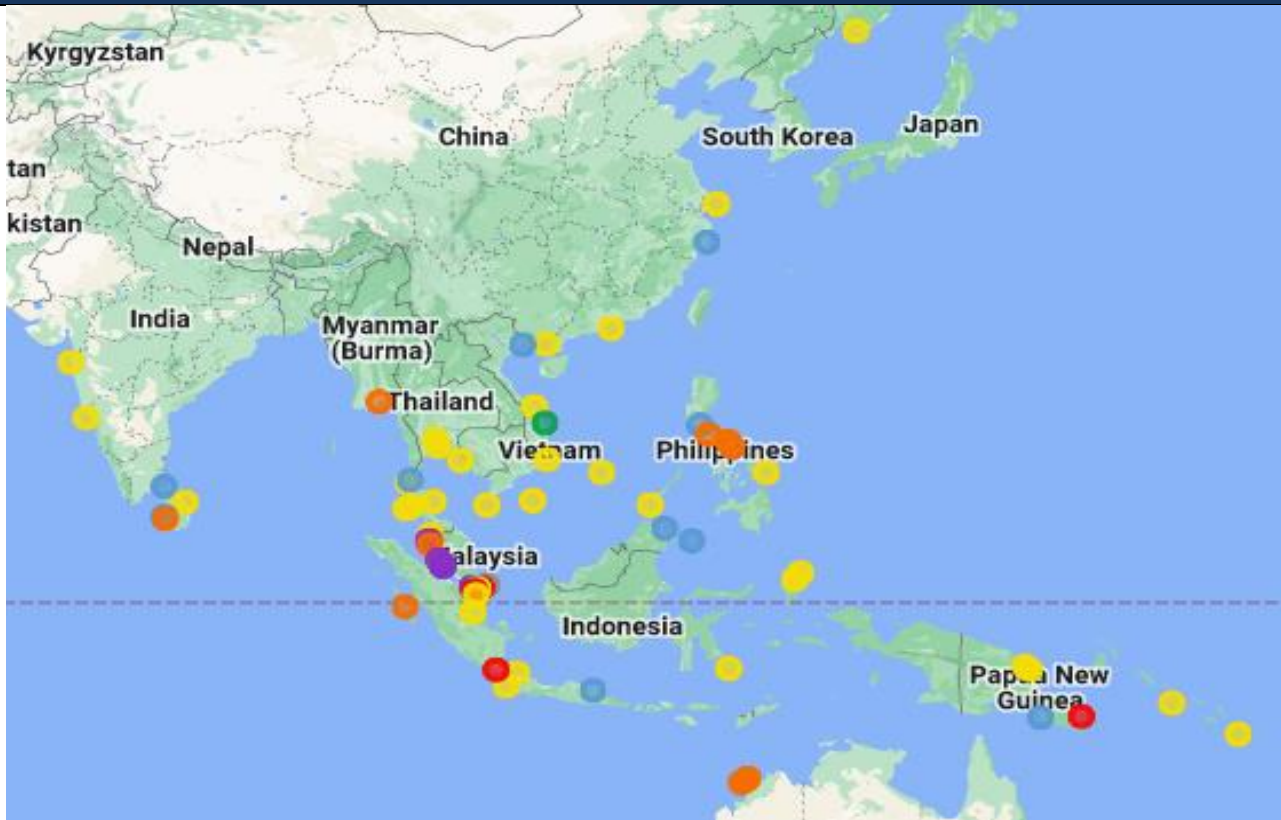
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## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 28 Jan – 03 Feb 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)	0	5	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	34	6-13
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	14	14-16
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	13	17-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	5	20-21
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	22
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	23
Others	0	0	24

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

### Incidents:

03 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ Underway/ Phillip Channel/ DB030223

1. POCC reported that a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier was boarded by at least nine perpetrators with knives while transiting along the Phillip Channel (1°3'6.0"N 103°37'00.0"E) on 3 Feb 23 at 0145 (UTC +8).
2. The ship master reported that all crew members are safe and accounted for and that no items were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to her NPOC, Singapore.

### IFC Comments:

IFC sent an RFI to the COY for incident details on 3 Feb.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB020223

1. POCC informed that a Singapore-flagged tug sighted two perpetrators boarding the barge she was towing while transiting along the Westbound Lane of TSS in the Singapore Strait (1°17'70"N 104°9'55"E) on 1 Feb 23 at 1940 (UTC +8).
2. The ship master reported that all crew members are safe, and some scrap metals were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her next port of call, Viet Nam.

### IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the shipping company for more incident details.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



29 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Malta-Flagged/ No injury/ Anchored/ Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB300123

1. On 29 Jan, 0917 (UTC +8), the CSO of NYK informed IFC that four perpetrators boarded a Malta-flagged bulk carrier at 0400 (UTC +8), at the position (5°30'14"S, 105°17'19"E). An engineer reported that, while working, he sighted four people trying to open the workshop door. Initially, he believed them to be oilers, but then he understood that the oilers were in another location. After warning the perpetrators, the engineer quickly locked the steering flat door. The details were quickly shared with the Indonesia ILO and were subsequently shared with the Indonesia Local authority.

2. The Indonesia Marine Police boarded the bulk carrier and found that the perpetrators had escaped in a vessel. A search was conducted throughout the ship and no anomaly was found. The ship Master reported that the crew is safe, and nothing was stolen.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the COY for more incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

CSO of NYK

Ship master

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Island Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB300123

1. POCC informed that on 27 Jan, at 2335 (UTC+8), the crew of a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier sighted two perpetrators inside the steering gear compartment at the position (1°2'50.0"N 103°39'7.0"E).

2. The ship master reported that all crew are safe, and nothing was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Singapore.

IFC Comments:

IFC sent an RFI to the COY for incident details on 28 Jan. On 28 Jan, COY replied and confirmed that nothing was stolen. This is the 4th Incident that happened in the Singapore Strait. The last was on 20 Jan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

06 Jan - Hijacking/ Sea Robbery/ Small Boat/ No Injury/ Underway/ Goodenough Island, Papua New Guinea/ DB300123

Six men are on the run after robbing people on a dinghy near Bokowa point, Goodenough Island, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea. The provincial police commander said the six suspects wore masks and were armed with a shot gun and four homemade guns.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/six-men-at-large-after-robbing-passenger-boat/>



**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Information Updates:

17 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Dead, 2 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Canimog Island, Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB310123  
(Information Update on DB250123)

It was updated that a SAR operation was conducted.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193103>

### Incidents:

02 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lankapatuna, Sri Lanka/ DB030223

On 2 Feb, four were rescued after a fishing vessel collided against a reef off Lankapatuna, Sri Lanka due to bad weather.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/02/202302021815/>

01 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Madang, Papua New Guinea/ DB030223

On 1 Feb, 16 were rescued after a small boat went adrift off Madang, Papua New Guinea due to equipment failure.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/police-officers-lead-search-party-to-rescue-16-stranded-at-sea/>

31 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ Off Kelwe Beach, Mumbai, India/ DB030223

On 31 Jan, five were rescued after a small boat sank off Kelwe Beach, Mumbai, India.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gallinews.com/police-patrolling-ki-doobti-boat-se-5-police-walon-ki-jaan-bachaya-koli-logon-ne-at-palghar/>

30 Jan - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Spratly Islands, Viet Nam/ DB030223

On 30 Jan, five were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Spratly Islands, Viet Nam due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/bien-dao-viet-nam/dao-da-lon-ung-cuu-kip-thoi-5-ngu-dan-tau-ca-phu-yen-gap-nan-tren-bien-truong-sa-20230131112951233.htm>

31 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ South China Sea, Off Viet Nam/ DB020223

On 31 Jan, nine were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift in the South China Sea due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://baoapbac.vn/xa-hoi/202302/vung-2-hai-quan-cuu-tau-ca-va-9-ngu-dan-bi-troi-dat-tren-bien-970453/>

31 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Vessel/ Off Batu Berhanti Buoy, Indonesia/ DB010223

On 31 Jan, a container vessel ran aground off Batu Berhanti Buoy, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

30 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ Off Port Karya Jaya, Buton, Indonesia/ DB010223

On 30 Jan, one was rescued after a small boat exploded off Port Karya Jaya, Buton, Indonesia due to an equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://panduanrakyat.com/hendak-mancing-di-wakatobi-kapal-nelayan-km-khairul-meledak-dan-terbakar-di-pelabuhan>

30 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Pattaya City, Thailand/ DB010223

On 30 Jan, a passenger vessel sank off Pattaya City, Thailand due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/01/31/pirate-themed-floating-restaurant-seating-100-sinks-off-pattaya>



29 Jan - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Kuala Tungkal, Jambi, Indonesia/ DB010223

On 29 Jan, two went missing off Kuala Tungkal, Jambi, Indonesia after their fishing vessel experienced equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://metrojambi.com/read/2023/01/30/75992/kapal-mati-mesin-dua-nelayan-hilang-di-perairan-ambang-luar->

29 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kawthoung, Myanmar/ DB010223

On 29 Jan, nine were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Kawthoung, Myanmar due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

MRCC Myanmar

30 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Barge/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kuala Muda estuary, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB310123

On 30 Jan, eight were rescued after a barge capsized off Kuala Muda estuary, Kedah, Malaysia due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/875024/barge-carrying-containers-thailand-almost-capsized>

30 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lamma Power Station, Hong Kong/ DB310123

On 30 Jan, one died while 12 were rescued after a cargo vessel caught fire off Lamma Power Station, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40981/fire-ships-engine-room-1-crew-died-hong-kong/>

29 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 46 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Balabac, Palawan, Philippines/ DB300123

On 29 Jan, 46 were rescued after a small boat capsized off Balabac, Palawan, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0GrXo4YNmnBma4GQA1qiD8uPRSTh7F5NWfupSB51a8HEADXvy64bKB9hwjpaos3h5l&show\\_text=true&width=500](https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0GrXo4YNmnBma4GQA1qiD8uPRSTh7F5NWfupSB51a8HEADXvy64bKB9hwjpaos3h5l&show_text=true&width=500)

28 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ Off Laem Yai Tui, Koh Kood, Trat Province, Thailand/ DB300123

On 28 Jan, three were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Laem Yai Tui, Koh Kood, Trat Province, Thailand due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid02UM3GrCdABm4ev8ZkdMNUCR7FqGjmAV8Frj8SEQ5rN54ZEwgd2aSmYNtSr6MVJ4LEl>

28 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Container Vessel vs Container Vessel/ Off Bangkok, Thailand/ DB300123

On 28 Jan, two container vessels collided with each other off Bangkok, Thailand due to human error.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40965/container-ships-collided-bangkok-fairway/>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Jan - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cihara, Lebak, Baten, Indonesia/ DB030223

On 26 Jan, one was rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Cihara, Lebak, Baten, Indonesia due to no fuel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://poskota.co.id/2023/01/31/selama-4-hari-terombang-ambing-di-laut-nelayan-lebak-terdampar-di-tasikmalaya>

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-6539107/nelayan-dilaporkan-hilang-di-perairan-cihara-lebak>

25 Jan - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Passenger Vessel/ 41 Rescued/ Off Madang, Papua New Guinea/ DB030223

On 25 Jan, 41 were rescued after a passenger vessel went adrift off Madang, Papua New Guinea due to no fuel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://postcourier.com.pg/41-saved-at-sea-off-basamuk/>

26 Jan - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ SAR/ Off Durian Besar Island, Indonesia/ DB010223

On 26 Jan, a cargo vessel went adrift off Durian Besar Island, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56535/TNI-AL-SELAMATKAN-KM-NURAINI-JAYA-01-YANG-RUSAK-AKIBAT-TERJANGAN-GELOMBANG/>

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pak Phanang, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand/ DB010223

On 7 Jan, five were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Pak Phanang, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/hot-news/weather/marine-department-warns-boats-after-trawler-sinks-in-south-thailand>

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ Off Krabi, Thailand/ DB010223

On 7 Jan, three were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Krabi, Thailand due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/foreign-tourists-rescued-from-sinking-long-tail-boat-in-southern-thailand-video>

25 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket Island, Thailand/ DB310123

On 25 Jan, seven were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Phuket Island, Thailand due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/phuket/thai-navy-rescues-tourists-caught-in-large-phuket-waves>

22 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Equipment Failure/ Bulk Carrier/ Nakhodka, Russia/ DB310123

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained a bulk carrier in Nakhodka, Russia for heating system repairs.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Rose-lii-9592070.html>

16 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Missing, 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tamana, Solomon Islands/ DB310123

On 16 Jan, one died while two were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Tamana, Solomon Islands due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/483071/search-continues-in-solomon-islands-for-two-missing-children>

27 Jan - Equipment Failure/ Engine Failure/ Motor Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ Off Tanjung Gorango Bacan, Indonesia/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, 12 were rescued after a motor vessel experienced an engine failure off Tanjung Gorango Bacan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3369012/basarnas-selamatkan-km-inka-mina-berpenumpang-12-orang>

27 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hon Chut Island, Viet Nam/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, five were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Hon Chut Island, Viet Nam due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/tau-405-vung-4-hai-quan-lai-keo-tau-ca-gap-nan-tren-bien-ve-bo-an-toan-20230128181245302.htm>

27 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Tho Quang lock, Son Tra district, Da Nang city, Viet Nam/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, two fishing vessels caught fire at Tho Quang lock, Son Tra district, Da Nang city, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/chay-2-tau-ca-tai-au-thuyen-tho-quang-post998445.vov>

26 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ South China Sea/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, a cargo vessel went adrift in the South China Sea due to an equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Xin-Ao-Yuan-Jian-9452567.html>

26 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Tanker/ 3 Rescued/ Off Pulau Mettit, Indonesia/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, three were rescued after a tanker sank off Pulau Mettit, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20230127174103-20-905784/kapal-bermuatan-10-ton-solar-pln-tenggelm-di-perairan-morotai-malut>,

<https://halmaherapost.com/2023/01/27/kapal-bermuatan-bbm-tenggelay-di-perairan-morotai-abk-selamatkan-diri-pakai-jeriken/>

26 Jan - Equipment Failure/ Damaged Hull/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Suluan island, Eastern Samar, Philippines/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, seven were rescued after their fishing vessel's hull got damaged off Suluan island, Eastern Samar, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/28/7-chinese-crew-of-distressed-fishing-boat-rescued-in-eastern-samar>

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1722479/pcg-rescues-crew-of-7-on-a-chinese-ship-off-eastern-samar>

26 Jan - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Goa, India/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, three were rescued after their fishing vessel went adrift off Goa, India due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.lokmatimes.com/national/goa-indian-coast-guard-rescues-three-fishermen-from-distressed-boat/>

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing, 22 Rescued/ SAR/ North Sea of Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB300123

On 25 Jan, six went missing while 22 were rescued after a fishing vessel sank in the North Sea of Jakarta, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://jateng.tribunnews.com/2023/01/28/kapal-nelayan-brebes-tenggelay-22-abk-selamat-dan-6-abk-hilang-bukan-di-bangka-belitung>

24 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Mooring-Anchoring/ Oil Tanker/ Sheshan, Chongming, China/ DB300123

On 24 Jan, local authorities detained an oil tanker at Sheshan, Chongming, China for illegal anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/MqvxDwulP>

23 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Nanwan, Beihai City, China/ DB300123

On 23 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire at Nanwan, Beihai City, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/MqvK264uy>

16 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Noro, Western Province, Solomon Islands/ DB300123

On 16 Jan, a passenger vessel sank off Noro, Western Province, Solomon Islands due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/passenger-boat-sinks-near-noro/>



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

### Incidents:

02 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Rimau, Malaysia/ DB030223

On 2 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen off Pulau Rimau, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0VyQF7B6JcGJWUtcZku2xgw9jShTfeBdA68qBTf9Y4GF3TzbG8MwceCr8K2gdTDRXl>

01 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB030223

On 1 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen off Sungai Besar, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0jW5M87Du6r5uyrptkdHJmSQCGmrdUj7xk8ZGbwZhwyQe7FfLh66YZpv4c32QpHvRl>

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Method/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Liquid Chemicals/ Off Batu Island, Indonesia/ DB030223

On 31 Jan, local authorities arrested two local fishermen off Batu Island, Indonesia for using illegal fishing methods.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1011219/717/tangkap-ikan-pakai-potasium-nelayan-di-nias-selatan-ditangkap-polisi-1675227735>

30 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka/ DB010223

On 30 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 14 local fishermen at Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/01/30/202301310216/>

29 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 7 Crew/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Northwestern Australia/ DB310123

On 29 Jan, local authorities stopped a fishing vessel with seven crew from conducting illegal fishing off Northwestern Australia.

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

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Andaman Sea, Myanmar/ DB030223

On 23 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen in the Andaman Sea, Myanmar for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://ceylontoday.lk/2023/01/31/five-fishers-detained-by-myanmar-police/>

27 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid026noXwJ4L3vS6BsPVhFzin2fKo2cYfD38d1oiq59mMjsVztxMYKEFtcU22hpliqWWl>

27 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Purse Seine Trap/ Off Balatan, Camarines Sur, Philippines/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off Balatan, Camarines Sur, Philippines for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193765>

27 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Blast Fishing/ Off Brgy Barra, Lucena Province, Philippines/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off Brgy Barra, Lucena Province, Philippines for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/28/authorities-seize-p1-m-worth-of-fishing-gears-tools-illegally-caught-fishes-in-quezon-raid/>



26 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four local and two foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02fgV5LG8QyKHwuHe4AtEMUHQHmh1D7D98hYHa7T71co1GeZeXpkbTooxPka2YEhBvl>

26 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Kuala Kurau Perak, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested four local fishermen off Kuala Kurau Perak, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0mfZBMZaLm9EC62qavoAJVb9iptPSr2fg2PKMk37EM1bMbR62ckDTU1XUsTNdHt7fl>

25 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Claveria, Masbate, Philippines/ DB300123

On 25 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off Claveria, Masbate, Philippines for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193765>

17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Northwestern Australia/ DB300123

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

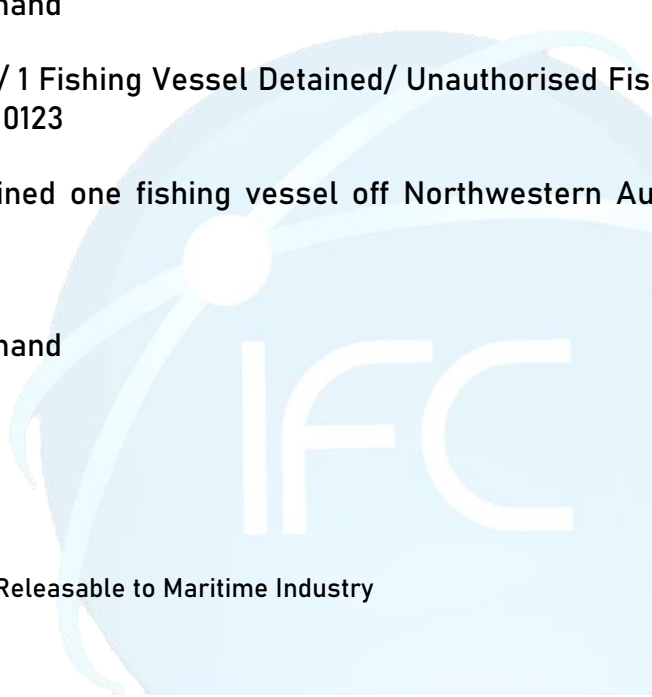
Australian Maritime Border Command

13 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Northwestern Australia/ DB300123

On 13 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel off Northwestern Australia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australian Maritime Border Command



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

02 Feb - Wildlife/ Ivory Horns (490 kg)/ Container Vessel/ Hai Phong Port, Viet Nam/ DB030223

On 2 Feb, local authorities seized 490 kg of ivory horns from a container vessel at Hai Phong Port, Viet Nam.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/phap-luat/hai-phong-bat-giu-gan-nua-tan-nga-voi-nhap-lau-20230203060640200.htm>

29 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (30,000 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Navotas Fish Port, Philippines/ DB010223

On 29 Jan, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of fuel from a cargo vessel at Navotas Fish Port, Philippines.

#### IFC Comments:

PCG ILO updated that Philippine authorities are currently conducting thorough investigations regarding the incident.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1722883/fwd-coast-guard-arrests-ship-crews-for-fuel-theft>

<https://tribune.net.ph/2023/01/31/paihi-suspects-nabbed/>

28 Jan - Wildlife/ Birds (1,000 Animals)/ RO-RO Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Tanjung Perak, Surabaya, Indonesia/ DB010223

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 1,000 birds from a RO-RO vessel at the Port of Tanjung Perak, Surabaya, Indonesia.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://ksdae.menlhk.go.id/berita/11710/seribu-burung-illegal-digagalkan-beredar-di-jawa-timur.html>

28 Jan - Fuel/ Petroleum Products (123,900 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Off Tandubas, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB300123

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 123,900 litres of petroleum products from a small boat off Tandubas, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1193834>

28 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (12 kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Analaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB300123

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 12kg of cannabis that was ashore at Analaitivu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/29/202301290915/>

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Jan - Domestic Products/ House Plants (30 Pots)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tanjong Pagar, Singapore/ DB020223

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized 30 pots of house plants from a container vessel at Tanjong Pagar, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0okzvD73EJgpQrVMhV9nh6fXtQ9vY6wzZYQpJ4mKQTfuyXzXyxRFVuQawsv3BXXSgl>

31 Dec 22 - Domestic Products/ Counterfeit Apparel/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tanjong Pagar, Singapore/ DB020223

On 31 Dec 22, local authorities seized some counterfeit apparel from a container vessel at Tanjong Pagar, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0okzvD73EJgpQrVMhV9nh6fXtQ9vY6wzZYQpJ4mKQTfuyXzXyxRFVuQawsv3BXXSgl>

27 Jan - Natural Resources/ Rubber Sheets (4,000 kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Off Khlong La-un, Ban Nai Rai, Thailand/ DB010223

On 27 Jan, local authorities seized 4,000 kg of rubber sheets from a small boat off Khlong La-un, Ban Nai Rai, Thailand. The sheets were smuggled in from Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid0P2QrCyivXfphtZi9LNFhe7CkWvcsqFgc oenmYTbNHXMaZDbbMxa1oC9Ryr1LAzBhl>

25 Jan - Fuel/ Fuel (400,000 Litres)/ 2 Supply Vessels/ From Malaysia to Philippines and Domestic Smuggling/ Turtle Island, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB310123

On 25 Jan, local authorities seized 400,000 litres of fuel from two supply vessels at Turtle Island, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. One of the vessels arrived from Malaysia while the other arrived from Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/01/30/2-ships-smuggling-fuel-apprehended-in-tawi-tawi/>

16 Jan - Domestic Products/ Chicken Tails (740 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From China to Papua New Guinea/ Motukea International Terminal, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea/ DB310123

On 16 Jan, local authorities seized 740 kg of chicken tails from a container vessel at Motukea International Terminal, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The meat was smuggled in from China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/caught-importing-banned-chicken/>

27 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (100 tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Second Jiaojiang Bridge, Taizhou, China/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, local authorities seized 100 tons of frozen goods from a cargo vessel at Second Jiaojiang Bridge, Taizhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/MqvxaAhz>

26 Jan - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (1,027 kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 1,027kg of kendu leaves that was adrift of Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/27/202301270930/>

26 Jan - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (421 kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 421kg of kendu leaves from a small boat at Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/01/27/202301270930/>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Information Updates:

26 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 7 Indonesian and 26 Myanmar Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Rhu, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB310123  
(Information Update on DB300123)

It was updated that of the 33 migrants onboard, 26 were Indonesian and seven were from Myanmar. It was also updated that the vessel arrived from Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/27/mmea-nabs-33-foreigners-off-tanjung-rhu-waters-for-illegal-entry>

### Incidents:

02 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB030223

On 2 Feb, local authorities arrested three Myanmar fishermen in a fishing vessel off Sungai Besar, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0jW5M87Du6r5uyrptkdHJmSQCGmrdUj7xk8ZGbwZhwyQe7FfLh66YZpv4c32QpHvRI>

02 Feb - People Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 9 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Sungai Buntu, Johor, Malaysia/ DB030223

On 2 Feb, local authorities arrested nine Indonesian migrants in a vessel off Sungai Buntu, Johor, Malaysia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/02/nine-foreigners-nabbed-in-johor-for-trying-to-enter-malaysia-illegally>

### Out of Reporting Period:

27 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Myanmar Nationals/ Off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 27 Jan, local authorities arrested two Myanmar nationals in a fishing vessel off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid026noXwJ4L3vS6BsPVhFzin2fKo2cYfD38d1oiq59mMjsVztxMYKEFtcU22hp1iqWWl>

26 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 33 Myanmar and Indonesian Migrants/ To Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Rhu, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities arrested 33 Myanmar and Indonesian migrants in a small boat off Tanjung Rhu, Selangor, Malaysia for human smuggling.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/27/mmea-nabs-33-foreigners-off-tanjung-rhu-waters-for-illegal-entry>

26 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Myanmar Nationals/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB300123

On 26 Jan, local authorities arrested two Myanmar nationals in a fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02fgV5LG8QyKHwuHe4AtEMUHQHmh1D7D98hYHa7T71co1GeZeXpkbTooxPka2YEhBvl>



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incidents:

28 Jan - MARPOL/ Solid (Clothing)/ Cargo Vessel/ Shoreline Pollution/ Duc Pho Town, Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam/ DB300123

On the evening of 28 Jan, the leader of the People's Committee of Pho Quang Ward (Duc Pho Town, Quang Ngai Province) said that after being informed by the border guards that more than 200 bras had washed up on the beach of Pho Quang Ward, the local government directed the authorities to collect and bury the bras to clean up the environment.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/xem-nhanh-12h-ngay-29-1-hang-tram-ao-nguc-dat-vao-quang-ngai-chang-trai-mat-lien-lac-tren-duong-ve-que-post1545366.html>



## SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

### Incidents:

30 Jan - Others/ Undersea Cables/ Degraded Internet Connection/ Off Singapore, Natuna Sea/ DB010223

Four out of five undersea cables connecting Vietnam to the world are broken in one way or another, causing internet speeds across the country to slow to a snail's pace. A local internet service provider reported Monday that the Intra Asia (IA) cable has been encountering problems since last Saturday. There was a breakage at a cable section located about 130 km from a shoreline station in Singapore, causing a total loss of international data from Vietnam to Singapore through the IA cable.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/internet-slows-to-a-crawl-as-four-undersea-cables-encounter-simultaneous-issues-4564855.html>





**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:

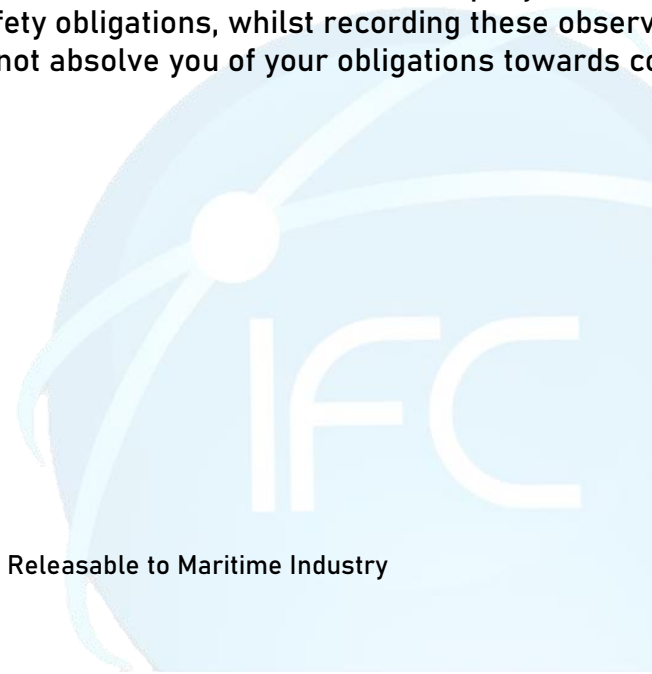
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The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also health and safety obligations, whilst recording 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.

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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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