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



For the period of 28 Oct – 03 Nov 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)	0	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	14	4-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	26	8-14
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	14	15-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	7	19-20
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	21
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	22
Others	0	0	23

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

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Update:

22 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Others/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Maldives/ DB031123
(Information Update on DB241023)

On 1 Oct, a fishing vessel set sail with 12 fishermen from Tharuvaikulam Fish Landing Centre. On 22 Oct, it drifted into the Maldives' waters due to inclement weather. The Coast Guard of the Maldives detained the boat along with the 12 fishermen and their fish consignment.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/maldives-imposes-227-crore-fine-on-detained-tn-fishing-boat/article67489166.ece>

Incidents:

02 Nov - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Castilla, Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB031123

On 2 Nov a cargo vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Castilla, Sorsogon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?height=314&href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fvideos%2F1031491134667949%2F&show_text=true&width=560&t=0

28 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ Off Cua Loc, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam/ DB021123

On 28 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Cua Loc, Ha Tinh, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/gay-truc-may-chinh-tau-ca-nghe-an-dang-duoc-tau-ca-thanh-hoa-ho-tro-lai-keo-vao-bo-post468205.html>

29 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Off Labuan Haji, Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB311023

On 29 Oct, a small boat collided with a passenger vessel off Labuan Haji, Semporna, Celebes Sea. SAR was conducted and there was one dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/nelayan-maut-berlanggar-bot-pelancong-443942>

28 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in the Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka. SAR is still ongoing and there are six missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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28 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Landing Craft Tank/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Romblon, Philippines/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, a landing craft tank went aground due to bad weather in Romblon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02mQJvzJtpvGKYybxas95HSMNzXyghZksge7q7k6cH6FbD7iThSkjgbR9trN4ospXSl&show_text=true&width=500

28 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Barge/ SAR/ Maratua Waters, East Borneo, Indonesia/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, a barge capsized due to water ingress in Maratua Waters, East Borneo, Indonesia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-232848-tongkang-kandas-di-perairan-maratua-tim-sfqr-koarmada-ii-gerak-cepat-bantu-penanganan.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ SAR/ Mamolo, Nunukan, Indonesia/ DB031123

On 27 Oct, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Mamolo, Nunukan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp.manta-li-9686041.html>

07 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Johor, Malaysia/ DB031123

On 7 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Johor, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bataminfo.co.id/2023/11/01/lima-nelayan-indonesia-terbawa-arus-hingga-laut-malaysia/>

<https://www.tvonenews.com/daerah/sumatera/163741-terbongkar-lima-nelayan-yang-dijemput-basarnas-dari-malaysia-ternyata-pelaku-pencurian-suku-cadang-kapal?page=1>

https://voi.id/en/news/325842#google_vignette

02 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Ship/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ South China Sea/ DB031123

On 2 Sep, a cargo ship went adrift due to equipment failure in South China Sea. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ccg.gov.cn//2023/95110_0904/2321.html

18 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ha Tinh, Hon Ngu Island, Viet Nam/ DB021123

On 18 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Ha Tinh, Hon Ngu Island, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-tim-kiem-ngu-dan-gap-nan-tren-bien-post467649.html>

17 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off My Duc Commune, Viet Nam/ DB021123

On 17 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off My Duc Commune, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were three dead and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://thanhnien.vn/binh-dinh-tau-ca-bi-chim-cung-thi-the-mot-ngu-dan-185231018174631689.htm?utm_source=dable

27 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Speed Boat/ Rongcheng Waters of Weihai, China/ DB311023

On 27 Oct, a speed boat was detained for unauthorised operation in Rongcheng Waters of Weihai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1780901202977436035&wfr=spider&for=pc>

26 Oct - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ South China Sea/ DB311023

On 26 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift as it had no fuel in South China Sea. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/886636/2-missing-filipino-fishermen-rescued-in-wps/story/>

26 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Other/ Fish Carrier/ 1 Dead/ Off Hokkaido, Japan/ DB311023

On 26 Oct, a fish carrier caught fire due to acetylene cylinders onboard exploding off Hokkaido, Japan. There was one dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43441/fitter-killed-steel-door-board-russian-reefer-nort/>

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

Incidents:

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ East of Tok Bali, Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB031123

On 30 Oct, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in the East of Tok Bali, Kelantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/berita/2023/11/maritim-kelantan-tahan-lima-nelayan-vietnam-ceroboh-perairan-negara>

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and ten foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and nine foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

30 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 30 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

29 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 29 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

29 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 29 Oct, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

28 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 28 Oct, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

28 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 23 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, local authorities detained three Indian trawlers and arrested 23 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/10/29/202310290900/>

28 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 14 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/10/29/202310290900/>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 16 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Chagwi Island, Jeju City, ROK/ DB011123

On 26 Oct, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 16 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Chagwi Island, Jeju City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/5212924>

26 Oct - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 3 Chinese Fishing Vessels Released/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Eocheong Island, Okdo-myeon, Gunsan-si, ROK/ DB011123

On 26 Oct, local authorities released three Chinese fishing vessels for misreporting catches off Eocheong Island, Okdo-myeon, Gunsan-si, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.seoul.co.kr/news/newsView.php?id=20231027500151&wlog_tag3=naver

27 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 27 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

25 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Trawler Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB311023

On 25 Oct, local authorities detained one Indian trawler and arrested five local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species in Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1717505153060987277

21 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 21 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and nine foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

21 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 15 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 21 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and 15 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

21 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 21 Oct, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia MBC

21 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 21 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

19 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 19 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

19 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 19 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

17 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 17 Oct, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

17 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB311023

On 17 Oct, local authorities disposed one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

25 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Talaimannar, Sri Lanka/ DB301023

On 25 Oct, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested five local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species in Talaimannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/10/27/202310271400/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

29 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (600,000 Sticks)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Shanghai, China/ DB011123
(Information Update on DB311023)

It was updated that there were 600,000 sticks of cigarettes.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://3w.huanqiu.com/a/6ef4b9/4F8XJbFtOP9>

Incidents:

01 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (528,000 Sticks)/ Ashore/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia/ DB031123

On 1 Nov, local authorities seized 528,000 sticks of cigarettes in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/ppm-tahan-lelaki-bersama-rokok-seludup-bernilai-rm609-840-444429?amp=1>

31 Oct - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (32 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Brunei Bay, South China Sea/ DB031123

On 31 Oct, local authorities seized 32 cartons of alcohol onboard a small boat in Brunei Bay, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/11/01/smugglers-ditch-contraband-alcohol-into-sea-in-bid-to-escape-off-labuan>

30 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (2,600kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Kawthaung, Myanmar/ DB031123

On 30 Oct, local authorities seized 2,600kg of meth onboard a small boat off Kawthaung, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news--eleven-com.translate.google.com/article/283399?fbclid=IwAR2sqzi8LjwDCJAMCTGvWMsQtPM3YHhoZoW4j2Y6HBlvdJQkjb2cMt2L2Ag&_x_tr_sl=my&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=wapp

30 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (90,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Vietnam/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB031123

On 30 Oct, local authorities seized 90,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/canh-sat-bien-lien-tuc-bat-giu-tau-ca-cho-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-185231101185119223.htm>

29 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,000 Sticks)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Shanghai, China/ DB311023

On 29 Oct, local authorities seized 3,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a cargo vessel in Shanghai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://3w.huanqiu.com/a/6ef4b9/4F8XJbFtOP9>

29 Oct - Chemical Substances/ Insecticide (15 Sacks)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB301023

On 29 Oct, local authorities seized 15 sacks of insecticide onboard a small boat in Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/10/29/202310291830/>

29 Oct - Domestic Product and Fuel/ Cooking Oil (816 Packets), Cooking Gas (3 Canisters), Petrol (5 Barrels)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Off Banggi Island, Sabah, Sulu Sea/ DB301023

On 29 Oct, local authorities seized 816 packets of cooking oil, three canisters of cooking gas and 5 barrels of petrol onboard a passenger vessel off Banggi Island, Sabah, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/3-warga-asing-cuba-seludup-petrol-tong-gas-dan-minyak-masak-ditahan/?fbclid=IwAR0QXrgImZGRCpR-yh7_MwUKMQtXzvNQ-OrWzU2UG6Mk9pRs1SVrq_hwYnc

28 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (30,000 Litres)/ Cargo Ship/ To Vietnam/ Off Con Dao, Viet Nam/ DB301023

On 28 Oct, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a cargo ship off Con Dao, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vtv.vn/phap-luat/canh-sat-bien-bat-giu-tau-cho-30000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-xuat-xu-20231029182421087.htm>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Oct - Drugs/ Heroin (13.5kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB011123

On 18 Oct, local authorities seized 13.5kg of heroin onboard a cargo vessel in Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3951.html?p=1&y=&m=

05 Oct - Drugs/ Cannabis (76kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Canada to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB011123

On 5 Oct, local authorities seized 76kg of cannabis onboard a container vessel in Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3931.html?p=2&y=&m=

20 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (423 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sinunoc, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB311023

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized 423 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat in Sinunoc, Zamboanga, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://customs.gov.ph/boc-zamboanga-intercepts-smuggled-cigarettes-worth-p24-6m/>

27 Oct - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (154 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Menumbok, Sabah, South China Sea/ DB301023

On 27 Oct, local authorities seized 154 cartons of alcohol onboard a small boat off Menumbok, Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/10/28/ppm-rampas-154-karton-minuman-keras-bernilai-rm25000>

27 Oct - Domestic Products/ Rice (1,520kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Sibet Bay, Celebes Sea/ DB301023

On 27 Oct, local authorities seized 1,520kg of rice onboard a small boat off Sibet Bay, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/10/27/maritim-malaysia-rampas-1520-kg-beras-cuba-diseludup-ke-negara-jiran>

25 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (411kg) and Cocaine (101kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Pakistan to Malaysia/ Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB301023

On 25 Oct, local authorities seized 411kg of meth and 101kg of cocaine onboard a container vessel in Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/10/28/drug-syndicate-smashed?utm_campaign=later-linkinbio-thestaronline&utm_content=later-38825953&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linkin.bio



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

31 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 13 Bangladesh Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Hong Kong/ Shek Kwu Chau, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 31 Oct, local authorities rescued and arrested 13 Bangladesh migrants in Shek Kwu Chau, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/section-news/section/11/257448/Group-of-suspected-illegal-immigrants-rescued-from-island>

31 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 6 Bangladesh and Indian Migrants/ From Bangladesh and India to Hong Kong/ Yi O, Lantau Island, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 31 Oct, local authorities arrested six Bangladesh and Indian migrants in Yi O, Lantau Island, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/section-news/section/11/257448/Group-of-suspected-illegal-immigrants-rescued-from-island>

28 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 18 Bangladesh, 7 Indian and 3 Pakistani Migrants/ To Hong Kong/ Po Toi Island, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 28 Oct, local authorities arrested 18 Bangladesh, seven Indian and three Pakistani migrants in Po Toi Island, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/section-news/section/11/257448/Group-of-suspected-illegal-immigrants-rescued-from-island>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 28 Bangladesh Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Hong Kong/ Waglan Island Lighthouse, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 27 Oct, local authorities arrested 28 Bangladesh migrants in Waglan Island Lighthouse, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/section-news/section/11/257448/Group-of-suspected-illegal-immigrants-rescued-from-island>

25 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 15 Unknown Migrants/ To Hong Kong/ High Island Reservoir, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 25 Oct, local authorities arrested 15 unknown migrants in High Island Reservoir, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3239539/hong-kong-police-arrest-28-men-found-po-toi-island-suspicion-entering-city-illegally>

23 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 19 Pakistani Migrants/ From Pakistan Through China To Hong Kong/ Shue Long Chau, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 23 Oct, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 19 Pakistani migrants in Shue Long Chau, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3239047/south-asia-hong-kong-mainland-china-popular-route-people-who-want-enter-city-illegally-ethnic>

23 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 10 Pakistani Migrants/ From Pakistan through China to Hong Kong/ Deep Bay, Hong Kong/ DB031123

On 23 Oct, local authorities arrested ten Pakistani migrants in Deep Bay, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3239539/hong-kong-police-arrest-28-men-found-po-toi-island-suspicion-entering-city-illegally>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incident:

04 Apr - Spoofing/ Global Navigation Satellite Systems/ 2 Tankers/ Incorrect Location Data/ Taiwan Strait/ DB311023

On 4 Apr, the UN Security Council's 1718 Sanctions Committee (DPRK) Panel of Experts monitored two tankers on a maritime AI analytics platform giving incorrect location data in Taiwan Strait.

IFC Comments:

Based on the Midterm report of the Panel of Experts submitted pursuant to resolution 2680 (2023) published on 12 Sep 2023.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1718/panel_experts/reports



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

2023

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

2022

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

2021

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

2020

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

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

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

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

2019

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

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

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

2018

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

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

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

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

2017

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

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

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

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

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

2016

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

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



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



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