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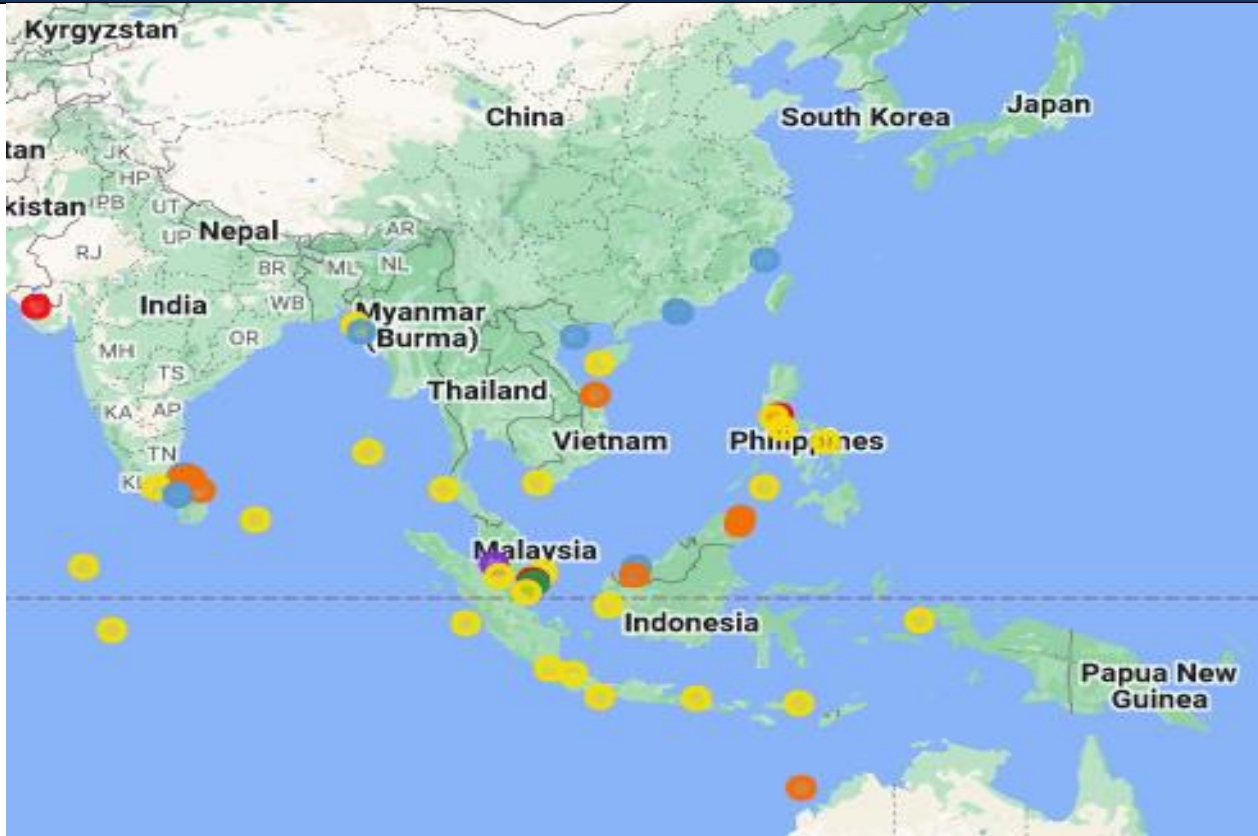
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 29 Apr - 05 May 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	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	14	5-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	9	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	4	10
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	11
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	13
Others	0	0	14

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

Incidents:

01 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Off Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait, Singapore/ DB020523

1. POCC informed that a Hong Kong - Flagged Tanker, while underway, the crew discovered four perpetrators boarded the vessel when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait at (1°15'36.0"N 104°13'30.6"E) on 1 May 23 at 02:36 (UTC + 8).

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre (POCC), Maritime Port Authority

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Oil Tanker/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Sangley Point Anchorage, Cavite, Philippines/ DB030523

On 27 Apr, a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker was boarded by two perpetrators while anchored at Sangley Point Anchorage, Cavite, Philippines. None of the crew were injured, but some ship stores were stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/weekly/2023/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Weekly%20Report%20%20\(25%20April%20-%201%20May%2023\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/weekly/2023/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Weekly%20Report%20%20(25%20April%20-%201%20May%2023).pdf)

24 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Product Tanker, Liberia - Flagged/ No Injuries/ Anchored/ Kandia Anchorage, India/ DB020523

Crew onboard an anchored tanker observed ship's cargo equipment missing. Checking the CCTV footage showed five unauthorized persons onboard the tanker. Incident reported to port control.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

GISIS



14 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Hong Kong - Flagged/ No Injuries/
Anchored/ Manila Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines/ DB020523

Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored container ship noticed the forward store broken into and ship's properties were reported stolen. The theft was reported to Manila VTMS and the authorities boarded for investigation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
GISIS



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

03 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off U Minh, Viet Nam/ DB050523

On 3 May, four were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off U Minh, Viet Nam due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/kip-thoi-cuu-4-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-vung-bien-ca-mau-20230504134137295.htm>

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/cuu-ho-kip-thoi-4-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-post1018016.vov>

02 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Aguin, Northern Samar, Philippines/ DB050523

On 2 May, nine were rescued after a small boat capsized off Barangay Aguin, Northern Samar, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1764374/9-rescued-as-boat-capsizes-off-northern-samar>

04 May - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ Sunda Kelapa Port, Indonesia/ DB040523

On 4 May, a small boat caught fire at Sunda Kelapa Port, Indonesia due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://jakarta.tribunnews.com/2023/05/03/kebakaran-kapal-kayu-di-pelabuhan-sunda-kelapa-abk-lompat-selamatkan-diri>

02 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs General Cargo Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Port Blair, India/ DB040523

On 2 May, two were rescued after a fishing vessel collided with a general cargo vessel off Port Blair, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1653396189260427267?s=20>

29 Apr - Cargo Mishap/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ Bali Sea, Indonesia/ DB030523

On 29 Apr, a passenger vessel experienced a cargo mishap in Bali Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12359014/casualties#342338>

01 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ 3 Missing, 25 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sedili, Johor, South China Sea/ DB020523

On 1 May, three went missing and 25 were rescued after a tanker caught fire off Sedili, Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/41791/afamax-tanker-fire-singapore-south-china-sea/>

<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/25-crew-of-gabon-registered-tanker-rescued-in-singapore-maritime-search-and-rescue-region.-3-remain-unaccounted-for>

30 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Dredger/ 2 Dead, 3 Missing, 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Corregidor Island, Mariveles, Bataan, Philippines/ DB020523

On 30 Apr, two died, three went missing and 15 were rescued after a dredger capsized off Corregidor Island, Mariveles, Bataan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Moskva-9671292.html>

30 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Motor Yacht/ 4 Missing, 28 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tubbataha Reef, Palawan, Philippines/ DB020523

On 30 Apr, 4 went missing and 28 were rescued after a motor yacht capsized off Tubbataha Reef, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/04/30/2262772/coast-guard-conducts-search-rescue-ops-after-tubbataha-sinking>

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02Xg4kUrrmZiDmMcRqqnS7u2Z8YdixsDWedY85XrDYLWVKyta3ZE5cn2Wf4NvnfVTal&show_text=true&width=500

30 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Besar, Sikka Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB020523

On 30 Apr, 5 were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Pulau Besar, Sikka Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/bali/nusra/d-6697860/terombang-ambing-di-laut-5-penumpang-kapal-dievakui-dalam-kondisi-lemas>

29 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Vilufushi, Maldives/ DB020523

On 29 Apr, 4 were rescued after a vessel capsized off Vilufushi, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1652888646398398464

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Apr - Adrift/ Mechanical Failure/ Bulk Carrier/ SAR/ Indian Ocean, Off Sri Lanka/ DB030523

On 28 Apr, a bulk carrier went adrift in the Indian Ocean, off Sri Lanka, due to a mechanical failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/10149209/casualties#342353>

28 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ Pahawang Island, Punduh Pidada, Pesawaran Regency, Lampung, Indonesia/ DB020523

On 28 Apr, 12 were rescued after a passenger vessel capsized off Pahawang Island, Punduh Pidada, Pesawaran Regency, Lampung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/berita/d-6693966/viral-tabrakan-kapal-wisata-di-lampung-evakuasi-korban-dramatis>

27 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 11 Dead, 1 Missing, 62 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Burung, Indragiri Hilir Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB020523

On 27 Apr, 11 died, 1 went missing and 62 were rescued after a passenger vessel capsized off Pulau Burung, Indragiri Hilir Regency, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/_TNIAL_/status/1652488508551073793?s=20

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/58661/REAKSI-CEPAT-TNI-AL-LAKSANAKAN-SAR-LAKA-LAUT-DI-PERAIRAN-INDRAGIRI-HILIR-RIAU/>

15 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Sungai Kemena, Sebauh, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB020523

On 15 Apr, a tug and barge were detained for conducting an unauthorized operation off Sungai Kemena, Sebauh, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02Tk9JZtj84LEAEWdN8KrfhVHguDtdaP1rLtD1SamzC75kww6dMmnqVy9sdrLcU2Kxl>

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

Incidents:

02 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 5 Small Boats Detained/ 25 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Nets/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB050523

On 2 May, local authorities detained five small boats and arrested 25 local fishermen off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/04/202305040930/>

02 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Electric Pulse Gun/ Off Da Nang, Viet Nam/ DB050523

On 2 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen off Da Nang, Viet Nam for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://plo.vn/1-ngu-dan-bi-xu-phat-vi-dung-sung-xung-dien-bat-ca-ven-bien-post731455.html>

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Sandakan, Sabah, Sulu Sea/ DB050523

On 1 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman off Sandakan, Sabah, Sulu Sea for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/03/sandakan-man-detained-for-fishing-in-prohibited-waters>

03 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Sandakan, Sulu Sea/ DB040523

On 3 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman off Sandakan, Sulu Sea for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/05/03/200-kilogram-hasil-laut-dirampas-nelayan-ditahan>

30 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Trawler Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kabong, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB040523

On 30 Apr, local authorities detained one trawler and arrested six local fishermen off Kabong, Sarawak, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/05/02/mmea-detains-fishing-boat-six-crewmen-for-allegedly-violating-fishing-licence-conditions-off-kabong/>

30 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light-Coarse Fishing/ Off Chundikulam, Sri Lanka/ DB040523

On 30 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen off Chundikulam, Sri Lanka for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/02/202305021100/>

30 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 8 Foreign Fishermen/ Off Northwestern Australia/ DB030523

On 30 Apr, local authorities apprehended and released one foreign fishing vessel with eight foreign fishermen off Northwestern Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Border Command, Australia

Outside of Reporting Period:

20 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Ashore/ Unknown Number of Fishermen/ Illegal Harvesting/ Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB040523

On 20 Apr, local authorities found evidence of illegal harvesting and seized 115kg of sea cucumber that were ashore at Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1648755987044777985

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1648891298647261187>

16 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Ashore/ Unknown Number of Fishermen/ Illegal Harvesting/ Attangarai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB040523

On 16 Apr, local authorities found evidence of illegal harvesting and seized 105kg of sea cucumbers that were ashore at Attangarai, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1647425448358608903

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1647314573366820864>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

30 Apr - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (12,000 Litres), Fuel Oil (60,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ 3 Crew/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Haiphong, Viet Nam/ DB030523

On 30 May, local authorities seized 12,000 litres of diesel oil and 60,000 litres of fuel oil from a small boat off Haiphong, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-1-tam-giu-tau-cho-dau-khong-ro-nguon-goc>

01 May - Drugs/ Cannabis (286kg)/ Ashore/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kudawa Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB020523

On 1 May, local authorities seized 286kg of Cannabis that were ashore at Kudawa Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/01/202305011045/>

30 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (550kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB020523

On 30 Apr, local authorities seized 550kg of Cannabis onboard a small boat off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/05/01/202305011045/>

29 Apr - Fuel/ Diesel (200,000 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Batang Rajang, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB020523

On 29 Apr, local authorities seized 200,000 Litres of Diesel Oil onboard a cargo vessel off Batang Rajang, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/04/30/two-detained-over-illegal-possession-of-diesel-worth-over-rm14mil>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

02 May - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 17 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Sekinchan, Malaysia/ DB050523

On 2 May, local authorities arrested 17 Indonesian migrants in a small boat at Sekinchan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/geng-riccy-seludup-pati-masuk-jerat-418023>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

03 May - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Tanker/ Regional Contamination/ Off Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB040523

An oil spill that allegedly originated from a burning tanker ship in the Malaysian waters polluted the Kampung Melayu Beach in Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/280317/oil-spill-allegedly-from-burning-tanker-pollutes-riau-islands-beach>



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

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 1/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs And Barges in Waters Off Tanjong 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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