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



For the period of 29 Jul – 04 Aug 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	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	2	23	4-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	5	10-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	19	12-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	17
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	18
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	19
Others	0	0	20



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

Information Updates:

22 Jul - Confrontation/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Malta-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/
Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB310723
(Information Update on 240723)

After PCG's investigations, it was updated that two crew were found tied up when the ship master went for rounds.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

01 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Batu, Sandakan, Sabah/ DB030823
(Information Update on DB020823)

It was updated that on 2 Aug, a Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) patrol boat located the remains of the missing passenger, 0.4nm northeast of Tanjung Batu, about 600 meters from where the boat capsized.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/08/02/body-of-drowned-seven-year-old-boy-found-in-sandakan>

26 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather (TS Khanun)/ Tug/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Aparri, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB310723
(Information Update on 280723)

It was updated that on 29 Jul, rescuers have located the seven missing crew members of a distressed tugboat in the vicinity waters of Cagayan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/7/29/seven-crew-members-tugboat-found-Cagayan-.html>

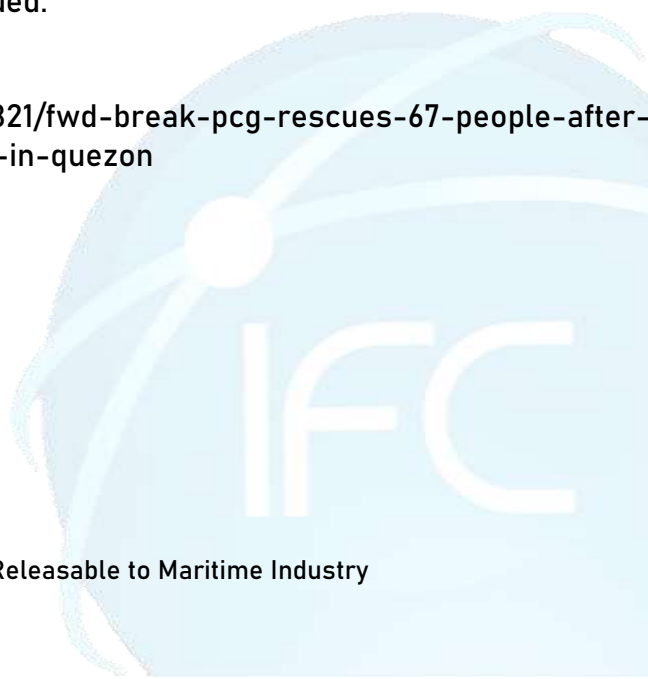
Incidents:

03 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 67 Rescued/ SAR/ Polillo, Quezon, Philippines/ DB040823

On 3 Aug, a passenger vessel sank due to a collision in Polillo, Quezon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 67 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1811821/fwd-break-pcg-rescues-67-people-after-passenger-boat-half-submerges-in-quezon>



02 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Container Vessel/ Hugli River, India/ DB030823

On 2 Aug, a container vessel ran aground due to an equipment failure in Hugli River, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/container-vessel-mtt-singapore-runs-aground-in-hooghly-river-in-bengal-crew-members-safe/cid/1956265>

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/my-kolkata/news/malaysian-vessel-bringing-cargo-to-kolkata-port-ran-aground-near-garchumuk-after-steering-malfunction/cid/1956314>

02 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Puthiyappa Fishing Harbour, Kerala, India, India/ DB030823

On 2 Aug, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Puthiyappa Fishing Harbour, Kerala, India, India. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kozhikode/fishing-boat-gutted-in-fire-at-puthiyappa-harbour/article67151370.ece>

02 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 50 Rescued/ SAR/ Barangay Pilar, San Antonio, Northern Samar, Philippines/ DB030823

On 2 Aug, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather in Barangay Pilar, San Antonio, Northern Samar, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 50 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02P6EHfHyq5LN9Fx9C9om9yk2uhauvBduejWBDwwydo1KCvB8aVYKbBMEKKJrmz4K1Ul&id=100064660843959&mibextid=Nif5oz

02 Aug - Others/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ Ta'arumanu, Solomon Islands/ DB030823

On 2 Aug, a passenger vessel was forced to take shelter after experiencing a water ingress in Ta'arumanu, Solomon Islands.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/ship-takes-shelter-from-bad-weather/>

01 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Tanjung Pinang Waters, Indonesia/ DB030823

On 1 Aug, a cargo ship caught fire due to an unknown cause in Tanjung Pinang Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ulasan.co/kapal-barang-di-tanjungpinang-terbakar-ini-dugaan-penyebabnya/>

01 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Patharpratima, West Bengal, India/ DB030823

On 1 Aug, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Patharpratima, West Bengal, India. SAR was conducted and there were 17 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/my-kolkata/news/17-fishermen-rescued-alive-after-trawler-capsizes-in-bay-of-bengal/cid/1956158>

31 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead/ SAR/ Byndoor Coast, Udupi District, India/ DB030823

On 31 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause in Byndoor Coast, Udupi District, India. SAR was conducted and there were two dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/karnataka-boat-mishap-body-of-missing-fisherman-found-2415223-2023-08-02>

01 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Batu, Sandakan, Sabah/ DB020823

On 1 Aug, a small boat sank due to a collision off Tanjung Batu, Sandakan, Sabah. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2023/08/994514/bot-penumpang-terbalik-kanak-kanak-dipercayai-lemas>

31 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Selangor, Malaysia/ DB010823

On 31 Jul, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather in Selangor, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and 11 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/07/31/ship-sinks-in-malacca-strait-11-crew-members-missing>

<https://www.jpnn.com/news/11-abk-km-lintang-timur-samudera-dipastikan-selamat-nakhoda-trauma>



30 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Rushikonda Beach, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB010823

On 30 Jul, a small boat sank due to bad weather in Rushikonda Beach, Andhra Pradesh, India. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Visakhapatnam/speed-boat-overturms-at-rushikonda-beach-in-visakhapatnam-two-tourists-driver-rescued/article67139121.ece>

30 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Merun, Lepar Pongok Waters, South Bangka Regency, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 30 Jul, a cargo ship sank due to bad weather off Tanjung Merun, Lepar Pongok Waters, South Bangka Regency, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and 16 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://babelpos.disway.id/read/652760/dihantam-ombak-tinggi-kapal-bermuatan-400-ton-kandas-di-lepar-pongok>

30 Jul - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mentayu Island, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 30 Jul, a passenger vessel went adrift due to water ingress off Mentayu Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and seven were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.tribunnews.com/2023/07/30/kapal-turis-berbendera-malaysia-alami-kebocoran-di-perairan-anambas>

29 Jul - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Nias Waters, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, a tug caught fire due to an unknown cause in Nias Waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and six were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://lintaswarta.co.id/kapal-tanker-pengangkut-bbm-di-tello-nisel-terbakar/>

29 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather (TS Khanun)/ Tug/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Palau Island, Barangay San Vicente, Santa Ana, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, a tug went aground due to bad weather off Palau Island, Barangay San Vicente, Santa Ana, Cagayan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 11 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0sPDgYPgw9iPnxvbPQJbBnmiGVu5PiX486cnZKvfABpfNqHd2uPyMSWVje2mahaMZl>

29 Jul - Others/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Kochi, Kerala, India/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, a fishing vessel suffered flooding due to water ingress in Kochi, Kerala, India. SAR was conducted and eight were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1685276138602627073>

29 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather (TY Dusurui)/ Fishing Vessel/ Anping Fishing Port, Tainan City, Taiwan/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Anping Fishing Port, Tainan City, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinatimes.com/realtimenews/20230729001441-260405?chdtv>

29 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1684978885631561728>

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Ranongga Island, Solomon Islands/ DB030823

On 28 Jul, a small boat sank due to an equipment failure in Ranongga Island, Solomon Islands. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.solomonstarnews.com/tragic-boat-accident-claims-one-life/>

28 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Gigantes Island, Carles, Iloilo, Philippines/ DB020823

On 28 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Gigantes Island, Carles, Iloilo, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0az1246WLQhEPCMFyc5mSYCK28KV6H8ej2Wnsj2pwK2eW1FaTpGSjVNtRcFMGCtckl&id=100068929850336

28 Jul - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 36 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tamil Nadu, India/ DB310723

On 28 Jul, a fishing vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Tamil Nadu, India. SAR was conducted and 36 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/after-saving-36-fishermen-in-bay-of-bengal-ins-khanjar-arrives-in-sri-lanka20230729215136/>

28 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather (TY Dusurui)/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Penghu, Taiwan/ DB310723

On 28 Jul, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Penghu, Taiwan. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.tvbs.com.tw/life/2192441>

25 Jul - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Research Vessel/ 36 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Karnataka, India/ DB310723

On 25 Jul, a research vessel went adrift due to an equipment failure off Karnataka, India. SAR was conducted and 36 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/42585/disabled-indian-research-vessel-tow-arabian-sea/>

<https://www.livemint.com/news/indian-coast-guard-rescues-ship-with-36-onboard-off-karwar-coast-after-engine-failure-11690468083521.html>



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

Incidents:

29 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Singa Besar, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB310723

On 29 Jul, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Singa Besar, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02KAxmjqTXcoA75eTKXGbdgBzHsq7yrue36gyc9c6LtB7PmYs949Rx996SPCQkGXW8l>

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Escaped/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Berau Regency, Indonesia/ DB040823

On 14 Jul, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear in Berau Regency, Indonesia. One local fisherman escaped.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/publikasi/laporan-aktifitas>

27 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Kokilai, Pulmude, Sri Lanka/ DB030823

On 27 Jul, local authorities detained one local small boat and arrested three local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Kokilai, Pulmude, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/07/28/202307281615/>

28 Jul - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Kunak Tiga, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB310723

On 28 Jul, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in Kunak Tiga, Sabah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/217205/illegal-fishing-boat-detained-in-lahad-datu/>

21 Jun - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Tanjung Topa, West Bacan, South Halmahera, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 21 Jun, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Tanjung Topa, West Bacan, South.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/July2023/9JygyCXNQTJdj7Hcyv2P.pdf>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

02 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Bachok, Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB030823

On 2 Aug, local authorities seized cigarettes onboard a small boat off Bachok, Kelantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fpermalink.php%3Fstory_fbid%3Dpfbid0CTQs3r8u5E7GyqoxYjxcUPnk63Cu3ca8GwRrmWMp2C2vQj159YCtQG456QdZJkil%26id%3D100068911102033&show_text=true&width=500

02 Aug - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (130kg)/ Ashore/ From India/ Uchipuli, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB020823

On 2 Aug, local authorities seized 130kg of sea cucumber in Uchipuli, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1686410929330921472

31 Jul - Fuel/ Petrol (600 Litres)/ Fishing Trawler/ From Malaysia/ Off Esplanade, Kudat, Sabah/ DB020823

On 31 Jul, local authorities seized 600 litres of petrol onboard a fishing trawler off Esplanade, Kudat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2023/08/01/maritim-malaysia-tahan-dua-warga-filipina-bersama-bot-tunda/>

30 Jul - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (50,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off An Thoi Ward, Viet Nam/ DB020823

On 30 Jul, local authorities seized 50,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off An Thoi Ward, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tuoitrenews.vn/news/society/20230801/fishing-vessel-seized-for-transporting-50000-liters-of-smuggled-oil-into-southern-vietnam/74727.html>

28 Jul - Domestic Products/ Cars (4)/ Ashore/ To Philippines/ Port of Davao, Philippines/ DB020823

On 28 Jul, local authorities seized four cars in Port Of Davao, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/CustomsPH/status/1685897893159350272>

<https://customs.gov.ph/boc-davao-successfully-thwarts-4-used-motor-vehicles/>

31 Jul - Natural Resources/ Gold (9kg)/ Small Boat/ To India/ Thangachimadam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB010823

On 31 Jul, local authorities seized 9kg of gold onboard a small boat in Thangachimadam, Tamil Nadu, India

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/gold-worth-530-crore-seized-by-dri-officials-in-ramanathapuram/article67143117.ece>

28 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (10kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Tanjung Keling, Malacca, Malaysia/ DB010823

On 28 Jul, local authorities seized 10kg of meth onboard a small boat off Tanjung Keling, Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0mr2wTHaAAycL7u6iRX9K6oV8Jsa4264soCctrzsf8vaZQkCynBvo8nLEmbbViQUSl&show_text=true&width=500

31 Jul - Wildlife/ Turtle Eggs (6,266)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kapek Port, Semparuk District, Sambas Regency, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 31 Jul, local authorities seized 6,266 turtle eggs onboard a small boat in Kapek Port, Semparuk District, Sambas Regency, West Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://harianberkat.com/2023/07/27/ditpolairud-polda-kalbar-tangkap-dua-tersangka-penyelundup-telur-penyu-ilegal/>



Out of Reporting Period:

25 Jul - Wildlife/ Green Turtle Meat (300kg)/ Passenger Ferry/ Lombok Strait, Indonesia/ DB040823

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 300kg of green turtle meat onboard a passenger ferry in Lombok Strait, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://humas.polri.go.id/2023/08/01/polda-ntb-gagalkan-penyelundupan-300-kg-daging-penyu-hijau/>

07 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (4kg) and Ecstasy (1,000 Pills)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tanjung Pinang City, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB040823

On 7 Jul, local authorities seized 4kg of meth and 1,000 pills of ecstasy onboard an unknown vessel in Tanjung Pinang City, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/publikasi/laporan-aktifitas>

<https://www.tvonenews.com/daerah/sumatera/135920-polresta-tanjungpinang-gagalkan-penyelundupan-4-kg-sabu-dan-ribuan-pil-ekstasi-dari-malaysia>

26 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (3kg)/ Speed Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Palembang Waters, Indonesia/ DB030823

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 3kg of meth onboard a speed boat in Palembang Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2023/08/01/130952278/jalur-penyelundupan-narkoba-ke-pulau-bangka-diambil-di-aceh-masuk-lewat>

28 Jul - Wildlife/ Bird's Tail (2,509)/ Ashore/ Domestic Smuggling/ Bakauheni Port, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 2,509 bird's tail in Bakauheni Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3658323/polisi-lampung-selatan-gagalkan-penyelundupan-2509-ekor-burung>

27 Jul - Drugs/ Heroin (32kg)/ Ashore/ From Thailand to Australia/ Nakhon Pathom, Thailand/ DB310723

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 32kg of heroin in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2619002/australia-bound-heroin-found-in-crates-of-sculptures>

26 Jul - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3.3 Million) and Tobacco Products (5,600kg)/ Ashore/ Hong Kong to Australia/ Kwai Chung Logistic Centre, Hong Kong/ DB310723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 3.3 million cigarettes and 5,600kg of tobacco products in Kwai Chung Logistic Centre, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.stheadline.com/breaking-news/3258278/%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E8%91%B5%E6%B6%8C%E9%80%A3%E7%A0%B43%E5%AE%97%E7%A7%81%E7%85%99%E6%A1%88-%E6%AA%A24100%E8%90%AC%E5%85%83%E8%B2%A8>

26 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (102kg)/ Container Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sepanggar Port, Sabah/ DB310723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 102kg of meth onboard a container ship in Sepanggar Port, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/sabah-customs-seize-100kg-drugs-worth-rm336-mln-BD11302289>

26 Jul - Wildlife/ Baby Lobsters (5,500)/ Passenger Ferry/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Port of Tanjung Riau Batam, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 26 Jul, local authorities seized 5,500 baby lobsters onboard a passenger ferry in Port of Tanjung Riau Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ntmcpolri.info/polda-kepri-ungkap-penyelundupan-5-500-ekor-benur-lobster-ke-singapura/>

25 Jun - Natural Resources/ Logs (84 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sei Lekop Port, Sagulung, Batam, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 25 Jun, local authorities seized 84 tons of log onboard a cargo vessel; in Sei Lekop Port, Sagulung, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/July2023/9JygyCXNQTJdj7Hcyv2P.pdf>



24 Jun - Domestic Products/ Liquor (250 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Melonguane Public Port, Talaud Islands, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 24 Jun, local authorities seized 250 litres of liquor onboard a passenger vessel in Melonguane Public Port, Talaud Islands, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/July2023/9JygyCXNQTJdj7Hcyv2P.pdf>

19 Jun - Wildlife/ Turtles (3 Animals)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Logbon Waisai Port, Raja Ampat, Southwest Papua, Indonesia/ DB310723

On 19 Jun, local authorities seized 3 turtles onboard a passenger vessel in Logbon Waisai Port, Raja Ampat, Southwest Papua, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/July2023/9JygyCXNQTJdj7Hcyv2P.pdf>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

03 Aug - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 9 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Off Kudat, Sabah/ DB040823

On 3 Aug, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested nine filipino migrants for irregular human migration off Kudat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/publikasi/laporan-aktifitas>

05 Jul - Irregular Human Migration/ Speed Boat/ 2 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Putri Nongsa Island, Batam City, Indonesia/ DB040823

On 5 Jul, local authorities detained a speed boat and arrested two Indonesian migrants in Putri Nongsa Island, Batam City, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/publikasi/laporan-aktifitas>

31 Jul - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 4 Sri Lankan Migrants/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB010823

On 31 Jul, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested four Sri Lankan Migrants in Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/four-sri-lankans-arrive-in-dhanushkodi-say-economic-crisis-has-made-life-unaffordable-in-the-island-nation/article67141703.ece>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

28 Jul - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil Spill)/ Fishing Vessel/ Local Port/ Off Seogwipo, Jeju, ROK/
DB020823

On 28 Jul, an oil spill occurred due to a fishing vessel off Seogwipo, Jeju, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/articles/articlesDetail/32876?feed=na>



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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