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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (A0I)



For the period of 30 Dec 22 - 06 Jan 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	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	1	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	13	5-7
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	11	9-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	4	12-13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

Incidents:

05 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Malaysia-Flagged/ Underway /Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB060123

- 1. POCC informed that a Malaysia-Flagged Tug reported 3 sampans went alongside and 10 perpetrators boarded the barge she was towing when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, in Singapore Strait (1°19'05.4"N 104°17'19.2"E) on 5 Jan 23 at 1455 (UTC +8).
- 2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and unknown amount of scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her Port Klang, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

RFI sent to the shipping company for more incident details.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority

04 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tug and Barge/ Singapore-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB050123

- 1. POCC was informed that on 4 Jan 23 at 1355 (UTC +8), a Singapore-flagged tug spotted three perpetrators boarding the barge she was towing while transiting along the eastbound lane of the TSS in Singapore Strait (1°17'46.2" N, 104°10'18.0" E).
- 2. The ship master reported that all crewmembers are safe and that an unknown amount of scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Jakarta, Indonesia.

IFC Comments:

RFI sent to the shipping company for more incident details.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre - Maritime Port Authority

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Chemical Tanker/ No Injury/ Marshall Island/ Anchored/ Off Kandla Anchorage, India/ DB040123

On 26 Dec, a chemical tanker was boarded by three perpetrators while anchored off Kandla Anchorage, India. The perpetrators managed to steal some spool pieces and escape in a small boat.

News Link(s)/Info Source: ReCAAP



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Dec - Bombing/ IED/ Passenger Vessel/ 17 Injured/ Yangon River, Myanmar/ DB040123

17 people were injured in a hand-made mine blast on a ferry in Yangon River on 18 Dec at night.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/more-than-15-passengers-injured-in-bomb-blast-aboard-yangon-ferry

https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-ferry-blast-injures-at-least-17-people-in-yangon.html

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/yangon-river-bomb-12192022052302.html

SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

03 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 29 Rescued/ Off Bali, Indonesia/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, 29 were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Bali, Indonesia due to a collision with some debris.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40713/shuttle-fast-boat-foreign-tourists-sank-bali-water/

02 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 2 Rescued/ Off Kodiyakarai, India/ DB040123

On 02 Jan, one died while two were rescued after a small boat sank off Kodiyakarai, India due to a collision.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/jan/03/nagapattinamfisherman-diesin-collision-between-boats-near-kodiyakarai-2534156.html

01 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Supply Ship/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Arabian Sea, Off Gujarat, India/ DB040123

On 01 Jan, 12 were rescued after a supply ship sank in the Arabian Sea, off Gujarat, India due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://safety4sea.com/indian-coast-guard-rescues-12/

02 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Miaowan Island, China/ DB030123

On 02 Jan, 13 were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire off Miaowan Island, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4B7aLxaQmRN

31 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Civilian LCT/ 1 Missing, 9 Rescued/ Off West Papua, Indonesia/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, nine were rescued while one went missing after a civilian LCT sank off West Papua, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://papua.inews.id/berita/ini-identitas-10-korban-kapal-lct-ronnysa-and-dwi-yang-tenggelam-di-raja-ampat

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/40677/landing-craft-sank-5-missing-indonesia/

31 Dec - Fire Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ma-aing Village Group, Kyunsu Township, Myanmar/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, three were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire off Ma-aing Village Group, Kyunsu Township, Myanmar due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/Info Source: MRCC Myanmar

31 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fangchenggang City, China/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, five were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Fangchenggang City, China due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://yc.smartjx.com/rd/2023/0102/253012588.html

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Songkhla, Thailand/ DB050123

On 18 Dec, three died while one was rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Songkhla, Thailand due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2469089/body-wearing-navy-shirt-washed-ashore-in-songkhla http://fmonair.com/news.php?id=346

28 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ 36 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Muara Sungsang, South Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB040123

On 28 Dec, 36 were rescued after a barge sank off Muara Sungsang, South Sumatra, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/55666/TNI-AL-BANTU-EVAKUASI-ABK-KAPAL-TENGGELAM-DI-PERAIRAN-MUARA-SUNGSANG-/

28 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ SAR/ Off Vakkaru, Maldives/ DB040123

On 28 Dec, a small boat ran aground and capsized off Vakkaru, Maldives due to a collision.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4290

27 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Isle Anglaise, Salomon Island, British Indian Ocean Territory/ DB040123

On 27 Dec, 14 were rescued after their fishing vessel went adrift near Isle Anglaise, Salomon Island, British Indian Ocean Territory due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/DefencePROTvm/status/1609880534225948673?s=20&t=uQT3Z8bE6qAgJI3PA0gzcA

28 Dec - Adrift/Engine Failure/Passenger RO-RO/Off Riau Islands, Indonesia/DB030123

On 28 Dec, a passenger RO-RO went adrift off Riau Islands, Indonesia due to an engine failure.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40645/chinese-ro-pax-disabled-adrift-south-china-sea/

22 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Dead, 6 Missing/ SAR/ Off Shidao, China/ DB030123

On 22 Dec, five died and six went missing after a fishing vessel sank off Shidao, China due to a collision.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.rfa.org/mandarin/Xinwen/3-12292022095801.html

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

Incidents:

03 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Lack of Documentation/ Off Kendi Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen off Kendi Island, Perak, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/04/penang-mmea-detains-six-people-in-two-separate-operations

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02btJZgA7YWj34iV2p7DRhde2qa4rTcfv4bbQsJqd8m5U8yqSbfSLZSskye8xd4PVgl

03 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Underaged Labour/ Off Batu Kawan, Malaysia/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen off Batu Kawan, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/04/penang-mmea-detains-six-people-in-two-separate-operations

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02btJZgA7YWj34iV2p7DRhde2qa4rTcfv4bbQsJqd8m5U8yqSbfSLZSskye8xd4PVgl

31 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local and two foreign fishermen off Sungai Besar, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.airtimes.my/2022/12/31/apmm-tahan-2-nelayan-warga-asing/

30 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Off Tanjung Belua, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB030123

On 30 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Tanjung Belua, Langkawi, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2022/12/bot-tunda-ikan-ditahan-maritim-malaysia/

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

03 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1 Million Boxes)/ Container Ship/ From China to Hong Kong/ Tsing Yi Customs, Hong Kong/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, local authorities seized 1 million boxes of cigarettes from a container ship at Tsing Yi Customs, Hong Kong. The cigarettes were smuggled in from China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bastillepost.com/hongkong/article/12006671-

%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E5%81%B5%E7%A0%B4%E5%85%A9%E5%AE%97%E7%96%91%E6% B5%B7%E8%B7%AF%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E9%A6%99%E7%85%99%E6%A1%88%E3%80% 80%E6%AA%A2100%E8%90%AC%E6%94%AF%E7%A7%81%E7%85%99

03 Jan - Domestic Products/Frozen Meat (23 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/To Hong Kong/ Off Cheung Chau, Hong Kong/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, local authorities seized 23 tons of frozen meat from a cargo ship off Cheung Chau, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.hk01.com/%E7%AA%81%E7%99%BC/853609/%E6%B0%B4%E8%AD%A6%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E6%88%AA%E8%B2%A8%E8%88%B9%E6%8B%89%E5%85%A9%E7%94%B7%E6%AA%A223%E5%99%B8%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E6%80%A5%E5%87%8D%E8%82%89%E7%B4%84%E5%80%BC-280%E8%90%AC

01 Jan - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (300 kg)/ Ashore/ Pamban Lighthouse, Rameshwaram, India/ DB040123

On 01 Jan, local authorities seized 300 kg of sea cucumber ashore at Pamban Lighthouse, Rameshwaram, India.

IFC Comments:

The date of report is used as the incident date is unknown.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def_PRO_Chennai/status/1609533894944231424?s=20&t=uQT3Z8bE6qAgJI3PA0gzcA

31 Dec - Domestic Products/ Liquor (1,920 Cans)/ Small Boat/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, local authorities seized 1,920 cans of liquor from a small boat off Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2022/12/31/cubaan-seludup-keluar-minuman-keras-gagal/

31 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cosmetics and Health Products/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Sungai Tawau, Malaysia/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, local authorities seized cosmetics and health products from a small boat off Kuala Sungai Tawau, Malaysia. The domestic products were smuggled in from Indonesian.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2023/01/01/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-kargo-bawa-produk-kesihatan-kosmetik-tanpa-permit/

31 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (7.2 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tunon Taka Port, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB030123

On 31 Dec, local authorities seized 7.2 kg of meth from a passenger vessel at Tunon Taka Port, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/983971/174/2-wanita-muda-bawa-72-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia-ditangkap-di-km-queen-soya-1672470750

30 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel/ 2 Tankers/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/ DB030123

On 30 Dec, local authorities seized diesel that was being transferred between two local tankers off Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2022/12/30/dua-kapal-tangki-ditahan-lakukan-pemindahan-minyak/

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Dec - Domestic Products/ Yellow Onion (3 Containers)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Port of Manila, Philippines/ DB040123

On 23 Dec, local authorities seized three containers of yellow onions from a container ship at the Port of Manila, Philippines. The onions were smuggled in from China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/856183/boc-seizes-p17m-worth-of-smuggled-yellow-onions-from-china/story/://mb.com.ph/2023/01/03/boc-foils-smuggling-of-p17m-worth-of-onions/

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29 Dec - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (150kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitya, Sri Lanka/ DB030123

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 150 kg of kendu leaves that were adrift off Kalpitya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/12/29/202212291830/

09 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (348 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Canada to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/DB030123

On 09 Dec, local authorities seized 348 kg of cannabis from a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong. The drugs were smuggled in from Canada.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/pressrelease/index_id_3599.html?p=1&y=&m=

25 Nov - Drugs/ Cocaine (31 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Malaysia to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/DB030123

On 25 Nov, local authorities seized 31 kg of cocaine from a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong. The drugs were smuggled in from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/pressrelease/index_id_3600.html?p=1&y=&m=

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Information Updates:

27 Dec - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 46 Rohingya Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Phuket, Thailand/ DB060123 (Information Update on DB050123)

Thailand ILO has updated that the migrants were going to Malaysia instead of Thailand.

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.voanews.com/a/malaysia-bound-rohingya-refugees-make-it-to-thailand-/6897471.html

Incidents:

03 Dec - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 5 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia/ DB060123

On 03 Jan, local authorities arrested five Indonesia migrants off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia. The migrants were going from Indonesia to Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/01/bot-kayu-rosak-tiga-pati-gagal-susup-masuk/

03 Jan - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Kendi Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB050123

On 03 Jan, local authorities arrested four Myanmar migrants in a fishing vessel off Kendi Island, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/04/penang-mmea-detains-six-people-in-two-separate-operations

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02btJZgA7YWj34iV2p7DRhde2qa4rTcfv4bbQsJqd8m5U8yqSbfSLZSskye8xd4PVgl

31 Dec - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Foreign Fishermen/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB030123

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On 31 Dec, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Sungai Besar, Malaysia. There were two foreign fishermen onboard who did not have valid documentation to be in Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.airtimes.my/2022/12/31/apmm-tahan-2-nelayan-warga-asing/

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Dec - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 46 Rohingya Migrants/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Phuket, Thailand/ DB050123

On 27 Dec, local authorities arrested 46 Rohingya migrants in a small boat in Phuket, Thailand.

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.voanews.com/a/malaysia-bound-rohingya-refugees-make-it-to-thailand-/6897471.html

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

02 Jan - MARPOL/ Crude Oil/ Water Pollution/ Off Male, Maldives/ DB040123

Recently, the Maldives National Defence Force and the Male Area Army have jointly extracted some crude oil that was dumped in a lake near the official wall of Male, Maldives.

IFC Comments:

The date of report is used as the incident date is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1609838928420548608?s=20&t=uQT3Z8bE6qAgJI3PA0gzcA

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1610282311660212228?s=20&t=uQT3Z8bE6qAgJI3PA0gzcA



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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