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



For the period of 01 – 07 Jun 24, 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	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	8	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	6-7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	8-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	14
Others	0	0	15

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

Incident:

29 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Cargo Ship, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Vung Tau Anchorage, Viet Nam/ DB030624

An unauthorised person boarded an anchored ship. Alert duty crew noticed the individual, shouted at him and raised the alarm resulting in the person escaping empty-handed in a wooden boat along with two accomplices.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to VCG ILO for incident details

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

05 Jun - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Townsville, Australia/ DB070624

On 5 Jun, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Townsville, Australia. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: AMSA 2024/4641

05 Jun - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Dead, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Naga City, Cebu, Philippines/ DB070624

On 5 Jun, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Naga City, Cebu, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were six dead and six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1226397

02 Jun - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nhat Le, Viet Nam/ DB060624

On 2 Jun, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Nhat Le, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-binh-tiep-nhan-4-thuyen-vien-tau-ca-qb-92657ts-bi-chim-tren-bien-post476582.html

Out of Reporting Period:

31 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Karang Suji, Indonesia/ DB040624

On 31 May, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Karang Suji, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://bangka.tribunnews.com/2024/06/02/breaking-news-3-abk-yang-hilang-di-laut-suji-ditemukan-selamat-oleh-nelayan-asal-lampung

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30 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam/ DB040624

On 30 May, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-binh-tiep-nhan-4-thuyen-vien-tau-ca-qb-92657ts-bi-chim-tren-bien-post476582.html

16 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Container Ship/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Malacca Strait/ DB040624

On 16 May, a fishing vessel capsized as it collided with a container ship at Malacca Strait. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2024/11250/indonesian-fishermen-rescued-after-boat-collision-in-malacca

31 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Oil Tanker/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak/ DB030624

On 31 May, an oil tanker was detained due to illegal documentation off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0DsP6FbezVeygboiufJCA2m9yYghRBYkZJy6MkeCe9ZQQgiiRDDNuStrHDb75qrS4l

31 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam/ DB030624

On 31 May, a fishing vessel sank as it collided with another fishing vessel off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://baotintuc.vn/bien-dao-viet-nam/tau-ca-bi-chim-sau-va-cham-4-thuyen-vien-may-man-vao-bo-an-toan-20240531185720529.htm

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

Incidents:

04 Jun - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kampung Pasir Putih, Malaysia/ DB060624

On 4 Jun, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Kampung Pasir Putih, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02MRCud3gp6TYeP3kPfPUUa3hb9LAUEag5kgAxRRco8zweR2GpNgPYCQL2Sy34BBiTl

03 Jun - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Berhala, Sandakan, Sabah/ DB040624

On 3 Jun, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Berhala, Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/06/04/maritim-malaysia-rampas-bot-nelayan-tahan-tujuh-warga-

asing?fbclid=lwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1hG8UrZbkFzFZ5jMfNV1wSqJ9cTCkhZajMqDE9TYQ2RcZz2TnxDmvHU6s_aem_ATFlu6uloyFwfVjFY-l7J0YfeY_UR0SBK-MCRDWgbm6uDno2W-ABjaP338QvWkb_YgVJNV9lDQt1Y-DV60DNVz6M

01 Jun - Local/Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/Off Thua Thien Hue, Viet Nam/ DB030624

On 1 Jun, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for fishing in prohibited areas off Thua Thien Hue, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bdbp-thua-thien-hue-bat-giu-2-tau-ca-danh-bat-hai-san-trai-phep-post476547.html

Out of Reporting Period:

29 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 13 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040624

On 29 May, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested 13 fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

05 Jun - Fuel/ Petrol (800 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Kampung Tanah Merah, Sandakan, Sulu Sea/ DB070624

On 5 Jun, local authorities seized 800 litres of petrol onboard a small boat off Kampung Tanah Merah, Sandakan, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0YRm1DjoRPCXkTXndBLw128DM9 NxHdduPoe8pL75RdywbZ79wbiDnWfmRG4Gux4Zjl

03 Jun - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (1,832kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB060624

On 3 Jun, local authorities seized 1,832kg of kendu leaves onboard an unknown vessel at Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/06/04/202406041530/

04 Jun - Wildlife/ Farm Animals/ Local Passenger Vessel/ Off Tanjung Parapat, Sabah/ DB050624

On 4 Jun, local authorities seized farm animals onboard a local passenger vessel off Tanjung Parapat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0hchm13zJJnFKuuAhyY4ku1VJrccSCNccRdK1MWrDUG9V1cJtQG9WcwAyiUqyCAmSl

04 Jun - Drugs/ Meth (4 Packages)/ Small Boat/ Off Buka Head, Malaysia/ DB050624

On 4 Jun, local authorities seized four packages of meth onboard a small boat off Buka Head, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0HtsgRqqYhsQ8xuYwgzc84fXMNnwUdSdrFix9rWPkdRRPjS3K9xqzifbZEsWZsZcjl

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04 Jun - Domestic Products and Fuel/Rice (1,000kg), Sugar (48kg) and Petrol (120 Litres)/Cargo Vessel/From Sabah/Off Tawau, Sabah/DB050624

On 4 Jun, local authorities seized 1,000kg of rice, 48kg of sugar, and 120 litres of petrol onboard a cargo vessel off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/06/04/mmea-foils-bid-to-smuggle-rice-sugar-and-petrol-out-of-sabah

02 Jun - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (200,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Ca Mau, Viet Nam/ DB040624

On 2 Jun, local authorities seized 200,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Ca Mau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://vtv.vn/xa-hoi/bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-trai-phep-khoang-200000-lit-dau-do-20240604042742284.htm

Out of Reporting Period:

10 May - Wildlife/ Lobster Seeds (52 Boxes)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia/ East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia/ DB070624

On 10 May, local authorities seized 52 boxes of lobster seeds onboard an unknown vessel in East Tanjung Jabung Regency, Jambi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2024/hnflzkMVzPJjshhjspPs.pdf

05 May - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (120 Litres)/ Container Vessel/ Murhum Port, Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB070624

On 5 May, local authorities seized 120 litres of alcohol onboard a container vessel at Murhum Port, Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/May2024/hnflzkMVzPJjshhjspPs.pdf

30 May - Wildlife/ Estuarine Crocodiles (52)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia through Malaysia to Thailand/ Tanjung Riau People's Port, Batam, Indonesia/ DB060624

On 30 May, local authorities seized 52 estuarine crocodiles onboard an unknown vessel at Tanjung Riau People's Port, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/1386647/194/52-ekor-anak-buaya-muara-gagal-diselundupkan-ke-thailand-1717067156

25 May - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Sei Apung, Indonesia/ DB060624

On 25 May, local authorities seized 5kg of meth onboard an unknown vessel off Sei Apung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://analisadaily.com/berita/baca/2024/06/04/1052961/peredaran-sabu-5-kg-asal-malaysia-digagalkan-2-pelaku-ditangkap/

30 May - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (617kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Uchcamunai, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB050624

On 30 May, local authorities seized 617kg of kendu leaves onboard a small boat at Uchcamunai, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/05/31/202405311030/

30 May - Domestic Products and Fuel/ LPG Gas (2 Barrels) and Petrol (140 Litres)/ Local Passenger Vessel/ From Sabah to Indonesia/ Off Tanjung Saima, Pulau Sebatik, Celebes Sea/ DB030624

On 30 May, local authorities seized two barrels of LPG gas and 140 litres of petrol onboard a local passenger vessel off Tanjung Saima, Pulau Sebatik, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid032XiW4gqrzMWdJjCY3SKJqjjc9Xrg8eBKRn51EAdPeNDZ2ib18E46sNToyDttKMVKl

30 May - Fuel/ Petrol (175 Litres)/ Local Passenger Vessel/ From Sabah to Indonesia/ Off Tanjung Saima, Pulau Sebatik, Celebes Sea/ DB030624

On 30 May, local authorities seized 175 litres of a local passenger vessel off Tanjung Saima, Pulau Sebatik, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid032XiW4gqrzMWdJjCY3SKJqjjc9Xrg8eBKRn51EAdPeNDZ2ib18E46sNToyDttKMVKl

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05 Mar - Drugs/ Hashish (99kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Mandapam, Sri Lanka/ DB030624

On 5 Mar, local authorities seized 99kg of hashish onboard a small boat off Mandapam, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/99-kg-of-hashish-worth-108-crore-seized-near-mandapam-during-bid-to-smuggle-to-srilanka/article67916756.ece/amp/

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

SECTION I: OTHERS

IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

- All mariners 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 of 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 during your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and 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 Tugboat "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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