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# MARSEC Weekly Report 03 - 08 Feb 24

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



For the period of 03 - 08 Feb 24, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

| Category  | Number of<br>Updates | Number of Incidents | Page<br>Reference |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)           | 0                    | 5                   | 2-3               |
| Maritime Terrorism (MT)                             | 0                    | 0                   | 4                 |
| Maritime Incidents (MI)                             | 0                    | 10                  | 5-7               |
| Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF) | 0                    | 5                   | 8-9               |
| Contraband Smuggling (CS)                           | 0                    | 13                  | 10-12             |
| Irregular Human Migration (IHM)                     | 0                    | 3                   | 13                |
| Environmental Security (ENVSEC)                     | 0                    | 0                   | 14                |
| Cyber Security (CYBSEC)                             | 0                    | 0                   | 15                |
| Others  | 0                    | 0                   | 16                |

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

#### Incident:

06 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Cyprus-Flagged Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB060224

- 1. POCC reported that a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier reported sighting of 3-4 perpetrators having boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°09'33.0"N 103°28'21.6"E) on 06 Feb 2024 at 04:05 (UTC +8).
- 2. Crew reported sighting 3-4 pax in the engine room. Search completed. Master reported all crews accounted for, no visual of perpetrators, and nothing was reported missing yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Fishing Vessel/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Off Kodiyakkarai, India/ DB060224

Two fishermen from Arcottuthurai coastal village in Nagapattinam district were attacked by unidentified persons, mid-sea, while they were fishing several nautical miles southeast of the Kodiyakkarai coast and robbed of their belongings around midnight on 2 Feb.

According to police sources, both, hailing from Fishermen Colony in Arcottuthurai near Vedaranyam, had ventured into the sea in a fishing vessel from their village, on 2 Feb afternoon. The fishermen were fishing about 20nm southeast of the Kodiyakkarai coast, around midnight when four people, suspected to be Sri Lankans, approached them, also on a fishing vessel, and intercepted their boats. Three of them reportedly boarded the boats of the Nagapattinam fishermen and assaulted them. They took away Global Positioning System (GPS) gadgets, a mobile phone, and a smartwatch from them. Both groups of fishermen managed to reach the Arcottuthurai coast on 3 Feb.

The Vedaranyam Marine Police of the Coastal Security Group have begun an investigation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tn-fishermen-from-nagapattinam-attacked-mid-sea-robbed-of-their-belongings/article67807233.ece

02 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Fishing Vessel/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Off Kodiyakkarai, India/ DB060224

Three fishermen, from Arcottuthurai coastal village in Nagapattinam district, had also ventured into the sea for fishing, in a fishing vessel. The fishermen were fishing about 20nm southeast of the Kodiyakkarai coast, around midnight when four people, suspected to be Sri Lankans, approached them, also on a fishing vessel, and intercepted their boats.

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01 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Cyprus-Flagged Container Ship/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Manila Bay Anchorage, Philippines/ DB050224

Five robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole the ship's stores and escaped. Alarms were raised, fire hoses activated, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to VTMS Manila. Upon anchoring, the Philippine Coast Guard approached the ship for inspection.

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

31 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Singapore-Flagged Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB050224

Six robbers armed with knives boarded a ship underway. They entered the engine room and tied up the Chief Engineer, oiler and blindfolded the 3rd Engineer. Alarm raised by the alert crew. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's spare parts and personal belongings. Incident reported to local authority.

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

### SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

### **SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)**

### Incidents:

03 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Sailing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Siaba Island, East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia/ DB080224

On 3 Feb, a sailing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause off Siaba Island, East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://kupang.antaranews.com/berita/125535/sar-siapkan-personel-evakuasi-korban-kapal-wisata-terbakar

06 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ SAR/ Off Myeik, Myanmar/ DB070224

On 6 Feb, a cargo ship caught fire due to an unknown cause off Myeik, Myanmar. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www-facebook-

 $com.translate.goog/MizzimaDaily/posts/pfbid0E8c4qRxAyDpHQ6WnqqYn67yXfdr2tpNDY4v1KmRfdk6UkpMzZem3as6CS6zQxQrfl?\_x\_tr\_sl=my&\_x\_tr\_tl=en&\_x\_tr\_hl=en&\_x\_tr\_pto=wapp$ 

06 Feb - Collision-Grounding/Equipment Failure/Fishing Vessel/SAR/Off Palk Bay, India/DB070224

On 6 Feb, a fishing vessel went aground due to equipment failure off Palk Bay, India. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Def\_PRO\_Chennai/status/1754844328638431292

04 Feb - Fire-Explosion/Others (Lighting Strike)/Small Boat/1 Missing, 12 Rescued/SAR/Timika Waters, Indonesia/DB050224

On 4 Feb, a small boat caught fire due to a lightning strike in Timika Waters, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing and there is one missing and 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

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03 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Muaro Anai Waters, Padang, Indonesia/ DB050224

On 3 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in Muaro Anai Waters, Padang, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing and there was one dead, one missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3947256/basarnas-padang-cari-nelayan-hilang-karena-kecelakaan-kapal

03 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Barge/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Tanah Laut Waters, South Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB050224

On 3 Feb, a barge sank due to water ingress in Tanah Laut Waters, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://banjarmasin.tribunnews.com/2024/02/04/kapal-spob-tenggelam-di-laut-jawa-dekat-tabanio-tala-nelayan-selamatkan-abk-dan-evakuasi-ke-daratan

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB070224

On 2 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Fangchenggang, China. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1790035237531975815&wfr=spider&for=pc

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Trawler/ 5 Rescued/ Off Ullal, India/ DB050224

On 2 Feb, a trawler sank as it collided with a rock off Ullal, India. Five people onboard the trawler were rescued by fishermen in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1164117

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ Off Berakit Waters, Bintan, Indonesia/ DB050224

On 2 Feb, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Berakit Waters, Bintan, Indonesia. Five people onboard the boat were rescued by fishermen in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.antaranews.com/berita/3945804/km-putra-baru-tenggelam-dihantam-gelombang-tinggi-di-perairan-bintan

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01 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing, 34 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB050224

On 1 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause off Zamboanga, Philippines. SAR is still ongoing and there are four missing and 34 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/896260/4-missing-after-fishing-vessel-submerges-in-zamboanga/story/

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

#### Incidents:

04 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Mukah, Malaysia/ DB060224

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained two Vietnamese fishing vessels for fishing in prohibited areas off Mukah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.theborneopost.com/2024/02/04/mmeas-opv1-detains-two-vietnamese-fishing-vessels-off-mukah/

03 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Fishing Trawlers Detained/ 23 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB060224

On 3 Feb, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 23 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.deccanherald.com/india/sri-lanka-arrests-23-indian-fishermen-for-poaching-in-its-waters-2879770

03 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 5 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB050224

On 3 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested five fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://brigadanews.ph/5-mangingisda-mula-sa-camarines-sur-huli-sa-iligal-na-pangingisda-sa-karagatang-sakop-ng-mercedes-camarines-norte/

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Somnath, Gujarat, India/ DB080224

On 2 Feb, local authorities detained six fishing vessels for invalid license of fishing vessel off Somnath, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://deshgujarat.com/2024/02/03/6-maharashtra-boats-seized-for-illegal-line-fishing-off-gujarat-coast/

02 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Natura Sea, Indonesia/ DB050224

On 2 Feb, local authorities detained five Vietnamese fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Natuna Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source: https://voi.id/en/news/353737

### **SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)**

### Incidents:

04 Feb - Drugs/ Narcotic Pills (192,000 Pills)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Wattala, Sri Lanka/ DB080224

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 192,000 narcotic pills onboard an unknown vessel in Wattala, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/02/05/lawnorder/382038/man-smuggling-narcotic-pills-worth-rs-100-mn-arrested/

03 Feb - Natural Resources/ Gold Plated Bars (4.3kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ To India/ Off Ramanathapuram, Ramnad, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB080224

On 3 Feb, local authorities seized 4.3kg of gold plated bars onboard an unknown vessel off Ramanathapuram, Ramnad, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/4-43kg-of-gold-biscuits-seized-in-ramnad-ramanathapuram/articleshow/107395280.cms

05 Feb - Wildlife/ Shrimp Seeds (312 Packs)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Sanglang, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB060224

On 5 Feb, local authorities seized 312 packs of shrimp seeds onboard an unknown vessel off Kuala Sanglang, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0DRKhGMPANCdKvvVH1p6T94poYKHpxJBywGZthuRQ wfkWQWyDRJGTaDFbhv54LPxkl&show\_text=true&width=500

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Jan - Drugs/ Cocaine (139kg)/ Car Carrier/ From Singapore to Australia/ Freemantle, Australia/ DB080224

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 139kg of cocaine onboard a car carrier in Freemantle, Australia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://maritime-executive.com/article/australia-seizes-cocaine-hidden-on-buses-imported-on-car-carrier

26 Jan - Domestic Products/ Pine Nuts (100 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Yantai, China/ DB070224

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 100 tons of pine nuts onboard a cargo ship off Yantai, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1790195021618114562&wfr=spider&for=pc

01 Feb - Drugs/ Cocaine (100kg)/ Cargo Ship/ From South America to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung, Hong Kong/ DB060224

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 100kg of cocaine onboard a cargo ship in Kwai Chung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1789697759146259866&wfr=spider&for=pc

02 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (482 Master Cases)/ Speed Boat/ To Philippines/ Off Brgy. Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB050224

On 2 Feb, local authorities seized 482 master cases onboard a speed boat off Brgy. Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://tribune.net.ph/2024/02/02/boc-zamboanga-intercepts-p276-m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes

01 Feb - Wildlife/Rare Birds (17)/ Small Boat/From North Maluku to Manado/Manado Port, Indonesia/ DB050224

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 17 rare birds onboard a small boat at Manado Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://sindomanado.com/2024/02/02/karantina-sulawesi-utara-gagalkan-penyelundupan-17-satwa-liar-dilindungi/,

https://manado.inews.id/read/402901/penyelundupan-17-ekor-satwa-liar-dilindungi-berhasil-digagalkan-karantina-sulawesi-utara

01 Feb - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (493kg) and Sugar (480kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Tawau, Malaysia, Celebes Sea/ DB050224

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 493kg of cooking oil and 480kg of sugar onboard a passenger vessel off Tawau, Malaysia, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/02/02/mmea-stops-passenger-boat-carrying-controlled-goods-off-tawau

28 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (80 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ To China/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB050224

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 80 tons of frozen goods onboard an unknown vessel off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.sina.com.cn/minsheng/2024-01-30/doc-inafiqsx9783167.shtml

28 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (50 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ To China/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB050224

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 50 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo ship off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.sina.com.cn/minsheng/2024-01-30/doc-inafiqsx9783167.shtml

25 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (300 Tons)/ Container Ship/ To China/ Off Shenzhen, China/ DB050224

On 25 Jan, local authorities seized 300 tons of frozen goods onboard a container ship off Shenzhen, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1789992416344589560&wfr=spider&for=pc

21 Jan - Wildlife/Lobster (80 Boxes)/ Cargo Ship/To China/Off Zhuhai, China/DB050224

On 21 Jan, local authorities seized 80 boxes of lobster onboard a cargo ship off Zhuhai, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://finance.eastmoney.com/a/202401292975690623.html

### SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incident:

05 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmarese Migrants/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB060224

On 5 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested five Myanmarese migrants for illegal documentation off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0ELqSqfCjGT2ry2U1ESTNyoMfAMWLjZ9aYzGoxz4hVF2 HcN9ndvfW7Hj62ksRRzDHl&show\_text=true&width=500

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 4 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Tanjong Piai, Malaysia/ DB050224

On 2 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested four Indonesian migrants off Tanjong Piai, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/02/03/mmea-nabs-five-attempting-to-leave-country-illegally-near-tanjung-piai

01 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 38 Bengali Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Rakhine, Myanmar/ DB050224

On 1 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 38 Bengali migrants off Rakhine, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: Myanmar Head Quarter

### SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

### SECTION I: OTHERS

### IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

### The IFC advises:

- 1. 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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