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



For the period of 11 - 17 May 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	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	9	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	29	7-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	15	14-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	4	18-19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	21
Others	0	0	22

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

Incident:

12 May - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB150524

Five robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on rounds noticed some movements on the poop deck and raised the alarm. The crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Two watchmen were found tied up. The paint store lock was broken, and the ship's store was stolen. The incident was reported to the Coast Guard.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to India ILO for incident details

Out of Reporting Period:

09 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Portugal-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB150524

Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons near the forecastle. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered, resulting in the persons escaping with stolen ship's stores. All crew members are safe. The incident was reported to VTMS Manila and the Philippine Coast Guard.

The Philippine Coast Guard ILO updated that there were two perpetrators, and the stolen items are 40 metre cable wire, three grinders, one drill machine, one cutter machine, two heavy grinders, and two brass nozzles.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to Philippine Coast Guard ILO for incident details

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

16 May - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Exmouth, Australia/ DB170524

On 16 May, an unknown vessel experienced equipment failure due to an unknown cause off Exmouth, Australia. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
AMSA Report 2024/4021

16 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Raffles Reserved Anchorage, Singapore/ DB170524

On 16 May, a tanker caught fire due to an unknown cause in Raffles Reserved Anchorage, Singapore. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/scdf-regular-officer-dies-after-fighting-fire-on-board-marine-vessel-anchored-in-s-pore-waters>

14 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship/ Off Allen, Northern Samar, Philippines/ DB170524

On 14 May, a ro-ro cargo ship sank due to an unknown cause off Allen, Northern Samar, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://mb.com.ph/2024/5/15/ship-involved-in-maritime-accident-found-half-submerged-in-northern-samar>

13 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ 2 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Edakkazhiyoor, Thrissur, India/ DB170524

On 16 May, a fishing vessel sank as it collided with a cargo ship off Edakkazhiyoor, Thrissur, India. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/2-dead-after-cargo-ship-collides-with-fishing-boat-off-keralas-ponani-coast/>

15 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Missing/ SAR/ East Cape, Papua New Guinea/ DB160524

On 15 May, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather in East Cape, Papua New Guinea. SAR is still ongoing and there are 13 missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
AMSA Incident 2024/3995

13 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak/ DB140524

On 13 May, a tug and barge was detained due to illegal documentation off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/05/13/bot-tunda-tongkang-dan-lapan-kru-ditahan-maritim-malaysia?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR10bUvSbhGewOgkcRpGl8pawCzQRKVy-jHxtJBCG21jBVNtjnmt4KxKxMI_aem_AYKZfWLDcvzWdKGQ2ZKi3TV-fJpYlfY55FJP2AHyhGXp0VSieMa2syBrkUI2WNsdSM3e-H1SR9lzyR0QCEp6-qm-

12 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Silay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB130524

On 12 May, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Silay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/bacolod/six-fishermen-rescued-off-silay-city-coast>

11 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak/ DB130524

On 11 May, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Baram, Miri, Sarawak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02Zti6nCLVgGxeRTL9wEUCV4ftPobJgVw5xxYC6LnECW6n3NhVv1VS95XD1CZfFncDI>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 May - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Ro-Ro Vessel/ Off Dumangas Port, Ilo-ilo, Philippines/ DB150524

On 8 May, a ro-ro vessel went aground due to human error off Dumangas Port, Ilo-ilo, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/regional/tv/news/101843/ro-ro-vessel-runs-aground-off-dumangas-port-in-iloilo/story/>



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

Incidents:

16 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Mamuju, Indonesia/ DB170524

On 16 May, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Mamuju, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://makassar.antaranews.com/berita/538995/polda-sulbar-tangkap-tiga-pelaku-bom-ikan-di-perairan-bala-balakang-mamuju>

16 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Failure to Operate Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam/ DB170524

On 16 May, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels for failure to operate vessel monitoring system off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/xu-phat-50-trieu-dong-doi-voi-2-tau-ca-khong-duy-tri-keo-noi-thiet-bi-giam-sat-hanh-trinh-tren-10-ngay-post475923.html>

16 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Point Calimere, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB170524

On 16 May, local authorities detained five Sri Lankan fishing vessels and arrested 14 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Point Calimere, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/coast-guard-detains-14-sri-lankan-fishermen-seizes-five-boats-for-poaching/cid/2020306>

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Mertang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one foreign fisherman for invalid license of fishing vessel off Pulau Mertang, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/05/16/local-fishing-vessel-detained-by-mmea-during-ops-in-johor-waters>

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off St Bernard, Southern Leyte, Philippines/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off St Bernard, Southern Leyte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2390000954542535&id=100005979619140&ref=embed_post

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 9 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 22 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities detained nine local fishing vessels and arrested 22 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2024/05/16/navy-apprehends-29-persons-for-illegal-fishing>

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested seven local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2024/05/16/navy-apprehends-29-persons-for-illegal-fishing>

14 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB160524

On 14 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid029YJai2ueRxxm6Tgo8hWjFNHn7KeE8yVYUt247v21YNMQWHAibAYUgqMagjQdBKXYl>

14 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Po, Kuching, Sarawak/ DB160524

On 14 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Po, Kuching, Sarawak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0crcGXMkKintPF5UdPEJ3GL466LfghuFZdapF6esG39frZK5THYYS2Jc3qHiXuLTBl>

11 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 10 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 34 Local and Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Kedah and Penang Waters, Malaysia/ DB160524

On 11 May, local authorities detained ten local fishing vessels. They also arrested 34 local and foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in Kedah and Penang Waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/news.php?id=2297316>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Cua Lo, Nghe An Province, Viet Nam/ DB150524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off Cua Lo, Nghe An Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baonghean.vn/bi-phat-hien-vi-pham-tau-ca-bat-hop-tac-voi-doan-lien-nganh-chong-khai-thac-hai-san-trai-phep-post289311.html>

11 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 25 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB130524

On 11 May, local authorities detained five Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 25 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid0dn7vMj1VGBvKF713DBmsC5s4vuW9qKtuCZJQ8wzNtZdV2epofZjaA39oYzjPR2SRI>

11 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Pahang, Kuantan, Malaysia/ DB130524

On 11 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Kuala Pahang, Kuantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02guJGxjDRzhSDN8yZPdePyTWCmFC8e1KPN9PtSwx5BqWg1YpGGjDeifAzcejwNzVAL>

Out of Reporting Period:

09 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off New Washington, Aklan, Philippines/ DB170524

On 9 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off New Washington, Aklan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/605thA/status/1789998193159102818>

07 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB170524

On 7 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear off Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/hrmu.nir.1/posts/1936164093506116?ref=embed_post

05 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Panglima Sugala, Tawi-tawi, Philippines/ DB170524

On 5 May, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Panglima Sugala, Tawi-tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/1381683619232720?ref=embed_post

02 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Silay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB170524

On 2 May, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Silay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/hrmu.nir.1/posts/1932984840490708?ref=embed_post

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Sebaste, Antique, Philippines/ DB170524

On 1 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested eight local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Sebaste, Antique, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/marigsais.kwatro/posts/2819837461505340?ref=embed_post

09 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 7 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB160524

On 9 May, local authorities detained seven local fishing vessels and 13 local fishermen fishing non-permitted species off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/05/10/202405101630/>

04 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Failure to Operate Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Soc Trang Province, Viet Nam/ DB150524

On 4 May, local authorities detained three fishing vessels for failure to operate vessel monitoring system off Soc Trang Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.baosoctrang.org.vn/bien-dao-que-huong/bien-phong-soc-trang-xu-phat-vi-pham-hanh-chinh-trong-linh-vuc-thuy-san-73402.html>

03 May - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 3 May, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for not reporting catches off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.kbs.co.kr/news/pc/view/view.do?ncd=7956070&ref=A>

13 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing and Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Not Reporting Catches and Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 13 Apr, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen for not reporting catches and fishing non-permitted species off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20240415_0002699373&cID=10813&pID=10800

13 Apr - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 16 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Misreporting Catches and Not Reporting Catches/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 13 Apr, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels and arrested 16 foreign fishermen for misreporting catches and not reporting catches off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jejumaeil.net/news/articleView.html?idxno=336073>

11 Apr - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Gageo Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 11 Apr, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for misreporting catches off Gageo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscj.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=3129130>

08 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Gunsan, ROK/ DB130524

On 8 Apr, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Gunsan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20240503_0002723673&cID=10899&pID=10800

05 Apr - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 5 Apr, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 12 foreign fishermen for not reporting catches off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20240405_0002689909&cID=10813&pID=10800

05 Apr - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Hongdo Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 5 Apr, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels for not reporting catches off Hongdo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.namdonews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=765897>

27 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Yeonpyeong Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Yeonpyeong Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.newswhoplus.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=7239>

27 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Mara Island, ROK/ DB130524

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for arrested nine foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Mara Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.newswhoplus.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=7239>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

11 Mar - Drugs/ Heroin (80kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Porbandar, Gujarat, India/ DB130524
(Information Update on DB130324)

It was reported that the narcotics found on the vessel was heroin.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://english.jagran.com/india/pakistan-boat-with-six-crew-members-carrying-heroin-over-rs-400-crore-apprehended-off-gujarat-coast-10139527>

Incidents:

16 May - Wildlife/ Lobster Seeds (177,600)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Off Bangka Belitung Islands, Indonesia/ DB170524

On 16 May, local authorities seized 177,600 lobster seeds onboard an unknown vessel off Bangka Belitung Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://babelpos.disway.id/read/664031/polairud-polda-babel-gagalkan-penyelundupan-177600-benih-lobster-senilai-rp-35-miliar>

15 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (25 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ To India/ Off Gujarat, India/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities seized 25 tons of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mumbai-indian-coast-guard-busts-illegal-diesel-smuggling-racket-5-arrested>

15 May - Tobacco/ Tendu Leaves (338kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Sri Lanka/ Ippanthivu Sea, Sri Lanka/ DB170524

On 15 May, local authorities seized 338kg of tendu leaves onboard an unknown vessel in Ippanthivu Sea, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/05/16/202405161600/>

13 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,485 Reams)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Maputi, Banaybanay, Davao Oriental, Philippines/ DB160524

On 13 May, local authorities seized 2,485 reams of cigarettes onboard an unknown vessel off Maputi, Banaybanay, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/cgdsem/posts/853191210168509?ref=embed_post

14 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (5,268 Master Cases)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB150524

On 14 May, local authorities seized 5,268 master cases of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Manila International Container Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1224725>

13 May - Fuel/ Petrol (12 Containers)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia To Philippines/ Kudat Waters, Sabah, Sulu Sea/ DB150524

On 13 May, local authorities seized 12 containers of petrol onboard a small boat in Kudat Waters, Sabah, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://thesun.my/local_news/kudat-zone-mmea-detains-two-filipinos-trying-to-smuggle-petrol-0C12453269?utm_source=Newswav&utm_medium=Website

13 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (30,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB140524

On 13 May, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianCoastGuard/posts/pfbid0tUBEzwT8QCT8vxDtEf4ZoDmUovBHeE6HPaGRBXb2eXKAKAoqd2qnyTp7J8e561dFl>

12 May - Domestic Products/ Cosmetics (26 Boxes)/ Speed Boat/ From Philippines To Malaysia/ Off Pulau Larak, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB140524

On 12 May, local authorities seized 26 boxes of cosmetics onboard a speed boat off Pulau Larak, Sabah, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/05/13/cubaan-seludup-masuk-kosmetik-bernilai-rm50000-gagal>

12 May - Natural Resources/ Rubber Sheets (2,000kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Kraburi River, La-Un, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB140524

On 12 May, local authorities seized 2,000kg of rubber sheets onboard a small boat in Kraburi River, La-Un, Ranong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid0HgQqjgcDgktQK3PCEoLFz7FuqiEeyqaVQePLAk6YW2HkDJzPogo8FiawBFhkFB17l>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 May - Domestic Products/ Assorted Goods/ Ocean-going Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Taiwan/ Kwai Chung Container Terminals, Hong Kong/ DB160524

On 7 May, local authorities seized assorted goods onboard an ocean-going vessel at Kwai Chung Container Terminals, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/216375/Customs-record-first-Taiwan-vessel-smuggling-case-involving-about-HK\\$160m-of-goods](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/216375/Customs-record-first-Taiwan-vessel-smuggling-case-involving-about-HK$160m-of-goods)

02 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (11,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Taiwan/ Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB160524

On 2 May, local authorities seized 11,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4185.html?p=1&y=&m=

30 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Japan to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB160524

On 30 Apr, local authorities seized 2,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4185.html?p=1&y=&m=

06 May - Fuel/ Petroleum (223.2 Tons)/ Tanker/ Off Zhanjiang, China/ DB140524

On 6 May, local authorities seized 223.2 tons of petroleum onboard a tanker off Zhanjiang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1798581393262637548&wfr=spider&for=pc>

07 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (914,600 Sticks)/ Fishing Vessels/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Bio Island, Kota Tinggi, Malaysia/ DB130524

On 7 May, local authorities seized 914,600 sticks of cigarettes onboard fishing vessels off Bio Island, Kota Tinggi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/05/1049703/suspected-smuggler-abandons-rm137m-worth-contraband-cigarettes>

27 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (3,089kg), Meth (158kg) and Morphine (25kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Gujarat, India/ DB130524

On 27 Feb, local authorities seized 3,089kg of cannabis, 158kg of meth and 25kg of morphine onboard a cargo vessel off Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/indian-agencies-seize-record-3-300-kg-of-narcotics-off-gujarat-coast-124022800262_1.html

<https://twitter.com/indiannavy/status/1762672069865841062>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Information Update:

16 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 39 South Asian Migrants (Pakistan, Bangladesh, India)/ From Indonesia to Australia/ Beagle Bay, Australia/ DB140524 (Information Update on DB190224)

It was updated that the total number of foreign nationals was 39.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-21/boat-landing-beagle-bay-asylum-seekers/103488396>

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Speed Boat/ 5 Indonesian Migrants/ Off Pongkar Beach, Indonesia/ DB160524

On 31 Mar, local authorities detained a speed boat and arrested five Indonesian migrants off Pongkar Beach, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://koarmada1.tnial.mil.id/berita/amankan-selat-malaka-4-perompak-tug-boat-diamankan-tim-f1qr-lanal-tbk>

10 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 4 Vietnamese Migrants/ From Indonesia to Australia/ Timor Sea, Australia/ DB140524

On 10 May, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested four Vietnamese migrants in Timor Sea, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.skynews.com.au/australia-news/australian-border-force-intercepts-another-asylum-boat-off-wa-coast-days-after-two-other-attempted-arrivals/news-story/3c6a8b17e3f23b07892f598ef8c02f>

09 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 33 Unknown Migrants/ To Australia/ Christmas Island, Australia/ DB130524

On 9 May, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 33 unknown migrants in Christmas Island, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-10/boat-carrying-33-suspected-asylum-seekers-intercepted-in-austral/103833802?utm_source=abc_news_app&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_campaign=abc_news_app&utm_content=other

08 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 6 Chinese Migrants/ From Indonesia to Australia/ Kupang, Indonesia/ DB130524

On 8 May, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested six Chinese migrants in Kupang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-11/indonesian-police-name-people-smuggling-suspects/103835362>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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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 Manila 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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