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



For the period of 13 - 19 Apr 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)	2	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	9	5-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	8	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	11	10-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	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)

Information Updates:

14 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Bahamas-Flagged/ No Injury/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB190424
(Information Update on DB150424)

It was updated that the perpetrators were wearing black shirts and shorts.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
CSO

08 Apr - Boarding / Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Off Chittagong, Bangladesh/ DB180424
(Information Update on DB090424)

It was updated that 600 litres of paint, 150 metres of safety chain, 16 pieces of brass fire hydrant caps, and two pieces of fire hoses were stolen and were later recovered by the authorities.

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

Incidents:

14 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Bahamas-Flagged/ No Injury/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB150424

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°04'28.2"N 103°40'43.2"E) on 14 Apr 24 at 0319 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 5 perpetrators with gun-like object inside the engine room and have since fled.

2. Ship master reported all crew are safe and accounted for, nothing was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Viet Nam.

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

14 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB150424

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard a barge towed by Malaysia-Flagged tug boat transiting along Westbound Lane TSS (1°20'55.8"N 104°21'04.8"E) on 14 Apr 24 at 1020 (UTC+8).

2. Ship Master reported the sighting of 3 - 4 perpetrator board the barge. All crew were accounted for, and no injuries were reported. Scrap metals were reported stolen, and no assistance was required by the ship master. NPOC is Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

15 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Human Error/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hinoba-an, Philippines/ DB190424

On 15 Apr, a fishing vessel capsized due to human error off Hinoba-an, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/iloilo/4-fishermen-survive-6-days-at-sea-with-a-fish-and-by-eating-seagrasses>

15 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ Off Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia/ DB180424

On 15 Apr, a tug went missing due to an unknown cause off Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

MPA Singapore

16 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pedra Branca, Singapore/ DB170424

On 16 Apr, a cargo vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause off Pedra Branca, Singapore. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/casualty/12-rescued-burning-freighter-singapore-waters>

13 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Karwar, Karnataka, India/ DB170424

On 13 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Karwar, Karnataka, India. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2018032>

14 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nabeshima Hiroshima, Japan/ DB150424

On 14 Apr, a fishing vessel caught fire due to a unknown cause off Nabeshima Hiroshima, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://topics.smt.docomo.ne.jp/article/tss/region/tss-23762?redirect=1>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Olutanga, Philippines/ DB190424

On 7 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Olutanga, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were ten rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/fishing-boat-with-10-crew-rescued-off-zamboanga-sibugay>

10 Apr - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines/ DB160424

On 10 Apr, a fishing vessel experienced equipment failure due to an unknown cause off Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02gfX725cVvKMv6x1y7K3zUhyb16sKrgsZUmjdHmTspj8ft5Nw6YnrqbchDvPzDxLEl&id=100077380681872

13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mindoro, Philippines/ DB150424

On 13 Apr, a small boat sank due to an unknown cause off Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid02EA4aWLHuNZTamiAoTp1qEe4qJhkBP ePbq4VUv6zKE2FMnSwb5SLeFAJYUgQC2gfml>

12 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Malpe, India/ DB150424

On 12 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Malpe, India. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianCoastGuard/posts/pfbid0cmMDJzJ1jgtPoZ9pHL6MjFJB1jL2PPZK9Qq8i82b5PFHf14dip95xmd6129XvHQvl>

<https://www.ssbcrack.com/2024/04/indian-coast-guard-ship-sujeet-rescues-stranded-fishing-boat-rosary-safeguards-11-lives-at-sea.html>



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

Incidents:

18 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Maharashtra, India/ DB190424

On 18 Apr, local authorities detained four fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Maharashtra, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1781000492770001248>

14 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Small Boats Detained/ 14 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB190424

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained four small boats and arrested 14 fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/15/202404151650/>

15 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fish Carrier Detained and 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Escaped/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Aru Sea, Indonesia/ DB180424

On 15 Apr, local authorities detained one Indonesian fish carrier for fishing in prohibited areas in the Aru Sea. Two Chinese fishing vessels involved in this incident managed to escape.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.tempco.co/read/1857450/authorities-pursue-illegal-chinese-flagged-vessels-in-malukus-arua-sea>

14 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 16 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Taytay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB170424

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 16 fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Taytay, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/CGDPAL1968/posts/pfbid02o8svdmPoHPzioJE9uYD97pKDXEiT rF4KjhvdQbgLayCYv84JWMQcx2mZaDFghpYKl>

13 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB160424

On 13 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0DbX6mdZRpubpN85noftAcmgm4avXDMm9jhQStZCCG5cyUxCwEnEXKKYP8HUPpSaTl>

Out of Reporting Period:

09 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB170424

On 9 Apr, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2024/04/10/nelayan-vietnam-cuba-tangkap-ikan-sehari-sebelum-rayaditahan/>

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/04/1036683/authorities-foil-trespass-attempt-vietnamese-fishermen>

12 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Libucan Island, Philippines/ DB150424

On 12 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Libucan Island, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid02dHpPeJxyKT93wtR8m8nSZwmRGMtqQ8wYuHYuSTYJqTicsRrNwYt7nHy4GomeQRn2l>

11 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 35 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Brgy Cocoro, Magsaysay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB150424

On 11 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 35 fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Brgy Cocoro, Magsaysay, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/CGDPAL1968/posts/pfbid02eRZYf5gCMqyhaxA1GhftmK9TZYh3zg4XjeS8s8AcEndx2tRxpp9ysKxngl1wAJm7Tl>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

16 Apr - Domestic Products/ Palm Oil (7,200 Bottles)/ Speed Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Nunukan, Indonesia/ DB190424

On 16 Apr, local authorities seized 7,200 bottles of palm oil onboard a speed boat in Nunukan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/zh/news/373959>

16 Apr - Domestic Products and Fuel/ Rice (200kg), Cooking Oil (10 Boxes), Sugar (204kg), Gas Cylinders (3 Barrels), Petrol (3 Gallons)/ Small Boat/ From Sabah to Philippines/ Off Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB180424

On 16 Apr, local authorities seized 200kg of rice, ten boxes of cooking oil, 204kg of sugar, three barrels of gas cylinders and three gallons of petrol onboard a small boat off Tawau, Sabah, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2024/04/17/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-kargo-gagal-isytihar-muatan/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3o2S6_VO3afVD87eQeU4LK6TLmL8TkZTd867UxeYU1E_CovAJKgN0IVbU_aem_ASnF0t8xxB0HqxTQgJcDVTzP8n6hhw2BshCTWaG50-wPysJyqDMpg3U53vlfowJyLF-G3Hx6q3rd2_IsbSwWE9cG

14 Apr - Fuel/ Diesel Oil/ Fishing Vessel/ To India/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB180424

On 14 Apr, local authorities seized diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2018125>
<https://twitter.com/spokespersonmod/status/1780583609940017280?s=46&t=8o5BLx7N4LF8bPHdobS5nQ>

16 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (19kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Idi Rayeuk Waters, East Aceh, Indonesia/ DB170424

On 16 Apr, local authorities seized 19kg of meth onboard a fishing vessel in Idi Rayeuk waters, East Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kumparan.com/kumparannews/bareskrim-gagalkan-penyelundupan-19-kg-sabu-asal-malaysia-di-aceh-22YlVrIOHkE>

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (1,381kg)/ Tanker/ Off Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB190424

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 1,381kg of cannabis onboard a tanker off Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202404170020>

04 Apr - Domestic Products and Others/ Electronic Products and Electronic Waste/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Malaysia/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB180424

On 4 Apr, local authorities seized electronic products and electronic waste onboard a container vessel in Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://container-news.com/hong-kong-seizes-duty-unpaid-electronic-waste-and-products-from-container/>

01 Apr - Drugs/ Cocaine (28kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Ulsan, ROK/ DB180424

On 1 Apr, local authorities seized 28kg of cocaine onboard a cargo vessel off Ulsan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/south-koreans-find-cocaine-abandoned-by-smugglers-in-vessel-s-sea-chest>

IFC Comments:

Date of incident is approximate

10 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes ("Thousands" Sticks)/ Passenger Ferry/ Domestic Smuggling/ Batam, Indonesia/ DB160424

On 10 Apr, local authorities seized "thousands" sticks of cigarettes onboard a passenger ferry in Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.inews.id/read/430001/hendak-diselundupkan-ke-bengkalis-bea-dan-cukai-batam-tangkap-truk-bermuatan-rokok-ilegal>

04 Apr - Wildlife/ Birds (4)/ Passenger Ship/ Hunimua Ferry Port, Indonesia/ DB160424

On 4 Apr, local authorities seized four birds onboard a passenger ship at Hunimua Ferry Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2024/04/08/4-ekor-kakatua-maluku-diamankan/>

12 Apr - Drugs/ Heroin (84kg) and Meth (180kg)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Indian Ocean/ DB150424

On 12 Apr, local authorities seized 84kg of heroin and 180kg of meth onboard two fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/14/202404140900/>

12 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (31kg)/ Ashore/ From Thailand to Philippines/ Port Area, Manila, Philippines/ DB150424

On 12 Apr, local authorities seized 31kg of cannabis in Port Area, Manila, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1222606>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Out of Reporting Period:

30 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Cargo Vessel/ 15 Vietnamese Migrants/ From China to Taiwan/ Qigu District, Taiwan/ DB170424

On 30 Mar, local authorities detained a cargo vessel and arrested 15 Vietnamese migrants in Qigu District, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/news/5134737>



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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