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



For the period of 18 - 24 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)	1	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	9	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	36	7-15
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	11	16-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	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)

### Information Update:

21 May - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB230524  
(Information Update on DB210524)

It was updated that the perpetrators restrained one crew member in the steering engine room and took some ship spare parts.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
POLCOM

### Incidents:

21 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ South China Sea/ DB230524

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding onboard a scrap metal barge towed by a Malaysia-flagged tug in South China Sea (1°30'13.8"N 104°34'36.0"E) on 21 May 24 at 1617 (UTC +8). Crew sighted 5 sampans alongside the barge with unknown number of perpetrators boarded the barge.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Malaysia.

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

21 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB210524

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°02'51.0"N 103°39'42.0"E) on 21 May 24 at 0513 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 5 perpetrators armed with knives inside steering room and have since fled upon raising alarm.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was stolen 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)

**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

NSTR



## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

21 May - Aviation Incident/ Cause Unknown/ Aircraft/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines/ DB230524

On 21 May, an aircraft crashed due to an unknown cause off San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2024/05/21/2356840/2-hurt-cessna-plane-crashes-la-union>

21 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chavakkad, Kerala, India/ DB230524

On 21 May, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause off Chavakkad, Kerala, India. SAR was conducted and there were 13 rescued.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianCoastGuard/posts/pfbid026v4ZRscpgP8sv4Td8zsshedVVKduHwbBX2NqWEE7oXXhM5rwUs5eibyteo8ifspKl>

19 May - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 26 Rescued/ SAR/ Mormugao Harbour, Goa, India/ DB230524

On 19 May, a passenger vessel went adrift due to bad weather in Mormugao Harbour, Goa, India.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1792378493961134328>

19 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Kuala Kemena, Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB210524

On 19 May, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Kemena, Bintulu, Malaysia.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02F53pcgQL6DBTGBoP12XuFt8HUcp7ayPRv4byWB2DcUeVh214FXRnWKA1FF8V65X7l>

19 May - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kapanewon Tanjungsari, Gunungkidul, Indonesia/ DB210524

On 19 May, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Kapanewon Tanjungsari, Gunungkidul, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/jogja/berita/d-7347695/hilang-sejak-jumat-2-nelayan-ditemukan-di-laut-lepas-pantai-baron>

18 May - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tinina, Sarangani Island, Philippines/ DB200524

On 18 May, a fishing vessel went adrift as it had no fuel off Tinina, Sarangani Island, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguard.sarangani/posts/pfbid023GJURxDRDBThCTmhAVcg2vbEsxmcBXL4XYGL6zAsSW9FWWbQhY53MAXUBj9mwMcZl>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Batticaloa, Sri Lanka/ DB240524

On 17 May, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause off Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/05/18/202405181600/>

16 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Speed Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kuala Patah Parang, Indonesia/ DB240524

On 16 May, a speed boat capsized due to bad weather off Kuala Patah Parang, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riau.suara.com/read/2024/05/17/075056/kecelakaan-speedboat-di-indragiri-hilir-tewaskan-nahkoda-dan-abk>

16 May - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia/ DB200524

On 16 May, a fishing vessel collided with a cargo vessel due to bad weather off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0e9reTAxYZoZpm76348L7s4Me2UwMq8Y7hV7MFkbruoU7aABY39kbL1kw2afvNcjBl>





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

### Incidents:

21 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 29 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Agutaya, Palawan, Philippines/ DB230524

On 21 May, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested 29 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Agutaya, Palawan, Philippines.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguard.cuyo.3/posts/1508368856752020>

20 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pantai Alit, Saratok, Sarawak/ DB230524

On 20 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Pantai Alit, Saratok, Sarawak.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02ziefiRqG9FC18KhhADyvKRpXvwC7u4Bv74Tc16gFMrsN1wSASGqTDEBtzG46WCB2l>

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Russian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 18 Foreign and 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Arafura Sea, Indonesia/ DB230524

On 19 May, local authorities detained one Russian fishing vessel. They also arrested 18 foreign and 12 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Arafura Sea, Indonesia.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://x.com/seatodaynews/status/1792859221178069181>

19 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kuala Baram, Miri, Malaysia/ DB210524

On 19 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Kuala Baram, Miri, Malaysia.

#### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02uGA83Ph6DAVj4QDrJKYQESP8Rr9KDsCC61mjQGGKgCpbb6tX4uKYug9xoRbEcsU8l>



19 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Libertad, Antique, Philippines/ DB210524

On 19 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Libertad, Antique, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.brigadanews.ph/darwa-ka-persona-dakup-bangud-sa-iligal-nga-pagpangisda/>

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Filipino Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB210524

On 19 May, local authorities detained three Filipino fishing vessels and arrested 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vLJa66moNA>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local and 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 16 May, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels. They also arrested two local and 13 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/mydof.kedah/posts/pfbid03i5UYi9hFrqDbfqZeSD5R9tX4ia93fudZsFwscpN2mF6rPotL7oRnssABi3dZf7Ql>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Gertak Sanggul, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Muka Head, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Muka Head, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

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13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Muka Head, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Muka Head, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

13 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB230524

On 13 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Payar, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dof.gov.my/en/activities/the-department-of-fisheries-malaysia-has-detained-10-tow-vessels-that-encroached-on-the-no-fishing-zone/>

16 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB200524

On 16 May, local authorities detained two Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 12 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2024/05/19/dua-bot-nelayan-vietnam-curi-sotong-ditahan-apmm-2/>

16 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 2 Fishermen Escaped/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulau Sakar, Lahad Datu, Celebes Sea/ DB200524

On 16 May, local authorities detained one local small boat for fishing with illegal gear. Two fishermen onboard the small boat escaped off Pulau Sakar, Lahad Datu, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0pxBCqUN2mHdstYH16RpBJhdcJu2CDofpiyFgrFWAm3bYFs2pfqJi5EDptCzx6Ns3l>

11 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 11 May, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

10 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Hamtic, Antique, Philippines/ DB200524

On 10 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Hamtic, Antique, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/marigsais.kwatro/posts/2832151586940594>

10 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 10 May, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and ten foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

08 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 8 May, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

06 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 6 May, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and release five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

04 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 4 May, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released nine foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

29 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 29 Apr, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

26 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 26 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

24 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 24 Apr, local authorities released one unknown fishing vessel and seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

23 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 23 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released 14 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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



17 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 17 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released two foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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



16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 1 Foreign Fisherman Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released one foreign fisherman for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released two foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

16 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB200524

On 16 Apr, local authorities disposed one unknown fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

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



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incident:

19 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (45,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam/ DB230524

On 19 May, local authorities seized 45,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Tra Vinh, Viet Nam.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bienphong.com.vn/hai-doan-bien-phong-18-bat-vu-van-chuyen-khoang-45000-lit-dau-do-post476054.html>

### Out of Reporting Period:

14 May - Drugs/ Marijuana (49 Packets)/ Passenger Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Jayapura Sea Port, Indonesia/ DB240524

On 14 May, local authorities seized 49 packets of marijuana onboard a passenger vessel at Jayapura Sea Port, Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.beritapapua.co/kriminal/2024/05/polisi-berhasil-ungkap-2-kasus-peredaran-ganja-di-pelabuhan-jayapura/>

14 May - Drugs/ Heroin (14.8kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Taiwan/ Bangkok, Thailand/ DB240524

On 14 May, local authorities seized 14.8kg of heroin onboard an unknown vessel in Bangkok, Thailand.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13421629/Slush-druggie-Thai-police-seize-14-8-kilograms-heroin-hidden-slurpee-machines.html>

18 Feb - Drugs/ Ecstasy (120kg)/ Commercial Cargo Vessel/ To Australia/ Freemantle, Australia/ DB240524

On 18 Feb, local authorities seized 120kg of ecstasy onboard a commercial cargo vessel in Freemantle, Australia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/multimillion-dollar-mdma-haul-found-hidden-vans-cargo-ship-wa-0>

17 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (10,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Ca Mau, Viet Nam/ DB230524

On 17 May, local authorities seized 10,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Ca Mau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://congthuong.vn/bat-giu-2-tau-cho-10000-lit-dau-do-va-1000m3-cat-san-lap-khong-ro-nguon-goc-321478.html>

09 May - Drugs/ Cannabis (77kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB230524

On 9 May, local authorities seized 77kg of cannabis onboard a container vessel in Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4188.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4188.html?p=1&y=&m=)

17 May - Drugs/ Meth (2kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tanjung Kumpul, Asahan, Tanjung Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia/ DB210524

On 17 May, local authorities seized 2kg of meth onboard a fishing vessel in Tanjung Kumpul, Asahan, Tanjung Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://medanbisnisdaily.com/news/online/read/2024/05/19/179912/warga\\_batubara\\_bawa\\_sabu\\_2\\_kg\\_naik\\_perahu\\_dari\\_malaysia\\_ditangkap\\_ditpolairud\\_polda\\_sumut/](https://medanbisnisdaily.com/news/online/read/2024/05/19/179912/warga_batubara_bawa_sabu_2_kg_naik_perahu_dari_malaysia_ditangkap_ditpolairud_polda_sumut/)

17 May - Drugs/ Meth (0.142kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Sabah to Indonesia/ Sawmill Sebatik Traditional Port, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB200524

On 17 May, local authorities seized 0.142kg of meth onboard an unknown vessel at Sawmill Sebatik Traditional Port, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kaltara.antaranews.com/berita/507552/tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-142-gram-sabu-asal-malaysia>

17 May - Drugs/ Cocaine (225kg)/ Container Vessel/ From South America to Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB200524

On 17 May, local authorities seized 225kg of cocaine onboard a container vessel in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/216529/Two-arrested-in-HK\\$204m-cocaine-bust](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/216529/Two-arrested-in-HK$204m-cocaine-bust)

Out of Reporting Period:

15 May - Wildlife/ Cows (4) and Goats (4)/ Small Boat/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Pulau Balambangan, Sabah, Sulu Sea/ DB200524

On 15 May, local authorities seized four cows and four goats onboard a small boat off Pulau Balambangan, Sabah, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.buletintv3.my/jenayah/apmm-patahkan-cubaan-seludup-lembu-kambing-dari-negarajiran/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR0nLvpwx5ot2AmmL08a6VtF2-cQA0PopDs4ijnn0o-](https://www.buletintv3.my/jenayah/apmm-patahkan-cubaan-seludup-lembu-kambing-dari-negarajiran/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR0nLvpwx5ot2AmmL08a6VtF2-cQA0PopDs4ijnn0o-leTxqwhVp4lghk6g_aem_AeNZlzX_1g87vxsKh36WGHWrJbMdPCffPIguNFY3XJSA7R1Y1iqq9SA8HvyVmJRZ2a2fkMUIz8ptAkRd3x9Muy1E)

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15 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (90,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Con Island, Viet Nam/ DB200524

On 15 May, local authorities seized 90,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Con Island, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/phoi-hop-bat-tau-van-chuyen-dau-trai-phep-tren-bien/11939/81>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incident:

22 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 50 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Langkat, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB240524

On 22 May, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested 50 Rohingya migrants in Langkat, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/around-50-rohingya-muslims-land-in-indonesias-north-sumatra>

### 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". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

### Out of Reporting Period:

16 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 23 Unknown Migrants/ Off Perairan Kabupaten Batubara, South Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB240524

On 16 May, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 23 unknown migrants off Perairan Kabupaten Batubara, South Sumatra, Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indomaritim.com/2024/05/19/lanal-tanjung-balai-asahan-gagalkan-penyelundupan-calon-pekerja-migran-indonesia-ke-malaysia/>

16 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 23 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB200524

On 16 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 23 Indonesian migrants in North Sumatra, Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mimbarmaritim.com/2024/05/18/tni-al-kembali-gagalkan-penyeludupan-puluhan-pmi-non-prosedural-ke-malaysia/>

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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