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



For the period of 18 - 26 Jan 24, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	11	4-6
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	13	7-10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	11-14
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	17
Others	0	0	18

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

Out of Reporting Period:

12 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Liberia-Flagged Tanker/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB220124

On 12 Jan, at 18:30 (UTC+7), when anchored at Dumai anchorage, Indonesia, a Liberia-flagged tanker was concerned by a boarding attempt. The ISPS Watch noticed five unauthorized persons attempting to board and immediately notified the 00W. Alarms were raised, resulting in the suspected sea robbers aborting and moving away. Nothing was reported stolen, and the incident is reported to the port control and pilot station. The crew was reported safe.

News Link(s)/Info Source: IMB

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

22 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tan Thanh, Ham Thuan Nam District, Viet Nam/ DB260124

On 22 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Tan Thanh, Ham Thuan Nam District, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/don-bien-phong-tan-thanh-cu-10-can-bo-tham-gia-cuu-ho-tau-ca-bi-nan-post471873.html

22 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ Off Sh.Foakaidhoo Island, Maldives/ DB250124

On 22 Jan, a small boat capsized due to an unknown cause off Sh.Foakaidhoo Island, Maldives. The two fishermen were rescued by fishermen in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://sun.mv/187748

19 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Speed Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Buliluyan Pier, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines/ DB250124

On 19 Jan, a speed boat capsized due to an unknown cause off Buliluyan Pier, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/navalforceswest/posts/pfbid0bYeDuCUnr43toBBbJU5DrHNUwm5Cg51BDMKG56W6TzT4FoJYWtx2GEgarrti6LtFl

19 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Puriri Timika, Central Papua, Indonesia, Indonesia/ DB250124

On 19 Jan, a passenger vessel capsized due to bad weather off Puriri Timika, Central Papua, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing and there were two missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://kabarpapua.co/longboat-terbalik-diterjang-ombak-di-perairan-puriri-timika-2-orang-hilang/

23 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Bulk Carrier/ 21 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jigu Reef, China/ DB240124

On 23 Jan, a bulk carrier collided with another bulk carrier off Jigu Reef, China. SAR was conducted and there were 21 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://m.gmw.cn/2024-01/23/content_1303640605.htm

23 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Spratly Islands, South China Sea/ DB240124

On 23 Jan, a fishing vessel sank as it went aground off Spratly Islands, South China Sea. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://baohaiquanvietnam.vn/tin-tuc/tau-hai-quan-471-cuu-5-ngu-dan-tren-tau-ca-bd-96827-ts-bi-nan

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yilan, Taiwan/ DB230124

On 14 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause off Yilan, Taiwan. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_26029220

17 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Romblon, Philippines/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Romblon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid0sPKKkLPemuXpp6gJkukt85FyCAZHJhN5iACZ5h2bZn1Bo3YtjrUyjAi7fD8B22nhl

17 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ferry/ 1 Missing, 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paturia Ghat, Bangladesh/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, a passenger ferry capsized due to an unknown cause off Paturia Ghat, Bangladesh. SAR is still ongoing and there is one missing and 20 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/accidents-fires/news/three-days-ferry-yet-be-salvaged-3524381

16 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ferry/ 175 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Namkhana, India/ DB220124

On 16 Jan, a passenger ferry went aground due to bad weather off Namkhana, India. SAR was conducted and there were 175 rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1747128801723883840

15 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ SAR/ Off Opol, Misamis Oriental, Philippines/ DB220124

On 15 Jan, two barges ran aground due to bad weather off Opol, Misamis Oriental, Philippines. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

"https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fcoastguardph%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02txHfbAprWk4rNguL3fGD2Qa1jMBBgVfi5UCWz2AYPriNa27iLTbiZSJtQc3cRkCRl&show_text=true&width=500"

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

Incidents:

22 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB240124

On 22 Jan, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/23/202401231200/

21 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tg Karang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB230124

On 21 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Tg Karang, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/share/mtp1GKUBRC8CBboB/?mibextid=WC7FNe

21 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB230124

On 21 Jan, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested 14 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/share/c8KpzNucE8vx4AWx/?mibextid=WC7FNe

19 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB220124

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.sisafocus.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=311528

19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 22 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia/ DB220124

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested 22 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://malaysiagazette.com/2024/01/21/22-nelayan-warga-asing-ditahan-turut-ditemui-60-liter-air-ketum/

18 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB220124

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained two Indonesian fishing vessels and arrested ten foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02Eo36YNeTrZf9jsToPmczJWwfTVQmpmk7oToCugVFhSdVPgE9LK12LLhdFTZbkoryl

18 Jan - Local/Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/Fishing with Illegal Gear/Off Samar Sea, Philippines/DB220124

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Samar Sea, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1217246

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB230124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained four local fishing vessels and arrested 12 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear and fishing non-permitted species off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.lankadeepa.lk/latest_news/%E0%B6%B1%E0%B7%93%E0%B6%AD%E0%B7%92-%E0%B7%80%E0%B7%92%E0%B6%BB%E0%B7%9D%E0%B6%B0%E0%B7%92%E0%B7%80-%E0%B6%9A%E0%B7%96%E0%B6%A9%E0%B7%90%E0%B6%BD%E0%B7%8A%E0%B6%BD%E0%B7%8A-%E0%B6%87%E0%B6%BD%E0%B7%8A%E0%B6%BD%E0%B7%96-12%E0%B6%9A%E0%B7%8A-

%E0%B6%85%E0%B6%AD%E0%B7%8A%E0%B6%85%E0%B6%A9%E0%B6%82%E0%B6%9C%E 0%B7%94%E0%B7%80%E0%B6%A7/1-646307 17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Gulf of Thailand, Pattani Province, Thailand/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in the Gulf of Thailand, Pattani Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/share/p/jz88K9vZoweGGQ8U/?mibextid=WC7FNe

17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulau Tiga, South China Sea/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Pulau Tiga, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/227296/fish-bombing-2-foreigners-nabbed-near-pulau-tiga/

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Tanjung Dawai, Malaysia/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Tanjung Dawai, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/01/1002400/mmea-detains-4-fishermen-seizes-banned-fishing-gear

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing with Illegal Gear and Unregistered Communication Set/ Off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen, fishing with illegal gear and unregistered communication set off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0XtmvhFw7efQqLmmhpc5YtNQ8 PY9dqGcbxvsFsn49qXySFbp4mjjamFPrsWbbe3Yvl

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Quang Binh Province, Viet Nam/ DB220124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear off Quang Binh Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-xu-ly-doi-tuong-co-hanh-vi-tang-tru-trai-phep-vat-lieu-no-de-danh-bat-hai-san-post471697.html

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Jan - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (521kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mampuri, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB260124

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized 521kg of kendu leaves off Mampuri, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/24/202401241200/

22 Jan - Drugs/ Ketamine (980kg) and Methamphetamine (532kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Cambodia to Taiwan/ Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia/ DB260124

On 22 Jan, local authorities seized 980kg of ketamine and 532kg of methamphetamine onboard two fishing vessels in Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/5-foreigners-arrested-in-cambodia-for-suspected-drug-trafficking-15-tonnes-of-drugs-seized

20 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (104,000 Litres)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Kor Thalu, Rayong Province, Thailand/ DB260124

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 104,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a cargo ship off Kor Thalu, Rayong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid02DXKeKkQ6QL1Z23CqTiG9hcfuLDfP613 CnpMUVcC4DCs39tSgcBHmvUpnDhzus1Uxl

23 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (300 Litres) and Diesel Oil (600 Litres)/ 2 Cargo Ships/ Off Tawau, Celebes Sea/ DB240124

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized 300 litres of petrol and 600 litres of diesel oil onboard two cargo ships off Tawau, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0xLDQRPZJUb8X7sqQwaT6YQMwKumdy6FTBNhA7bWef4RjED1CxsYrx85sH79CdcYAl&show_text=true&width=500

21 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (44 Barrels)/ Small Boat/ From Sabah to Philippines/ Off Tg Pegasan, Pitas, Sabah/ DB220124

On 21 Jan, local authorities seized 44 barrels of petrol onboard a small boat off Tg Pegasan, Pitas, Sabah.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.hmetro.com.my/amp/mutakhir/2024/01/1052797/cubaan-seludup-44-tong-dram-berisi-petrol-ke-filipina-gagal

20 Jan - Drugs/ Heroin (65kg)/ Trawler/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Dondra Head, Sri Lanka/ DB220124

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 65kg of heroin onboard a trawler off Dondra Head, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/20/202401201730/

20 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (200 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Sabah/ Sandakan, Sabah/ DB220124

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 200 litres of petrol onboard a fishing vessel in Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid036Hqsm91BkG2f6jqsuNjrADCEj U2mcCJMBai7yGa8gERZsKmjWXWuL9x8RtszjcGNl

Out of Reporting Period:

09 Jan - Wildlife/ Reptiles (230 Animals)/ Passenger Vessel/ Tanjung Perak Port, Indonesia/ DB250124

On 9 Jan, local authorities seized 230 animals onboard a passenger vessel at Tanjung Perak Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://imic.bakamla.go.id/ebook/details/101

04 Jan - Wildlife/ Turtle Eggs (230)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling (From Wakatobi to Asmat)/ Asmat Port, South Papua, Indonesia/ DB250124

On 9 Jan, local authorities seized 230 turtle eggs onboard a passenger vessel at Asmat Port, South Papua, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://imic.bakamla.go.id/ebook/details/101

15 Jan - Wildlife/Conch Shells (14,163)/ Ashore/Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/DB230124

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 14,163 conch shells off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/18/202401181630/

16 Jan - Domestic Products/ Electronic Goods/ Speed Boat/ Tai Sang Wai, Hong Kong/ DB220124

On 16 Jan, local authorities seized electronic goods onboard a speed boat in Tai Sang Wai, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4055.html?p=1&y=&m=

14 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (700 Master Cases)/ Speed Boat/ Off North Ubian Pangutaran, Philippines/ DB220124

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 700 master cases of cigarettes onboard a speed boat off North Ubian Pangutaran, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/navy-intercepts-3-vessels-loaded-with-p243-m-contraband

14 Jan - Fuel and Chemical Substances/ Petrol and Ammonium Nitrate/ Speed Boat/ Off Pangutaran, Philippines/ DB220124

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized petrol and ammonium nitrate onboard a speed boat off Pangutaran, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/navy-intercepts-3-vessels-loaded-with-p243-m-contraband

14 Jan - Fuel/Petrol (100,000 Litres)/Speed Boat/Off Basbas Island, Philippines/DB220124

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 100,000 litres of petrol onboard a speed boat off Basbas Island, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/navy-intercepts-3-vessels-loaded-with-p243-m-contraband

12 Jan - Wildlife/Geoduck (15,000kg)/Cargo Ship/Off Liaoning, China/DB220124

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 15,000kg of geoduck onboard a cargo ship off Liaoning, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/2024/01-19/10149126.shtml

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

20 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/Fishing Vessel/27 Filipino Migrants/From Philippines to Malaysia/Off Tuaran, Sabah, South China Sea/DB220124

On 20 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 27 Filipino migrants off Tuaran, Sabah, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bharian.com.my/amp/berita/kes/2024/01/1202908/bot-menuju-perairan-sabah-ditahan-bersama-28-individu-mencurigakan-dari https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02Uo1mhD6pHHpuDDrGJ88rVwY8fWosTTb9MCvAHxWcwub3VrSJ4i4fFYVTU4YfRvgPl

20 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Indonesian Migrant/ Off Tanjung Tuan, Malaysia/ DB220124

On 20 Jan, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested one Indonesian migrants off Tanjung Tuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid0w26QJRb5tMLo8SJWjPRBtMVdx6KgtbpXhDNKbtv8zi tUADsvmKAcZUE2QmFjSPQ2l&show_text=true&width=500

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incident:

22 Jan - MARPOL/Liquid (Oil)/Container Ship/Anchored/Off Busan North Port 7th Pier, ROK/DB230124

On 22 Jan, there was an oil spill caused by a container ship off Busan North Port 7th Pier, ROK.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20240122107600051?input=1195m

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - MARPOL/ Solid Pollution/ Engineering Ship/ Off Lianyungang, China/ DB220124

On 16 Jan, two engineering ships were responsible for solid pollution off Lianyungang, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://m.ourjiangsu.com/news/2024/1/17/1197175151038304256.html

SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Feb - Others/ Container Ship/ Off Shantou, China/ DB240124

On 21 Feb, there was a major submarine cable damage due to a container ship off Shantou, China.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.gd.xinhuanet.com/20240115/7206c0d3b4c44bbfa0250e359059c7ed/c.html

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 take note on 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 also 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 Tug boat "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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