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



For the period of 21 – 26 Dec 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	6	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	2	6
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	2	7
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	8
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	9
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	10
Others	0	0	11

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

Incident:

22 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB231224

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Liberia-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along the eastbound lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'46.8"N 103°39'48.6"E) on 22 Dec 24 at 06:06(UTC+8). Crew reportedly sighted 3 unarmed perpetrators.
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing stolen reported yet. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, South Korea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Cyprus-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam/ DB231224

Unnoticed perpetrator(s) boarded an anchored ship and escaped with stolen items from the ship's store. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

22 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nghe An Province, Vietnam/ DB231224

On 22 Dec, a fishing vessel sunk due to collision off Nghe An Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-nan-kip-thoi-4-thuyen-vien-trong-vu-chim-tau-post484898.html>

25 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB261224

On 25 Dec, a small boat was adrift due to equipment failure off Phuket, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AT8rCsFGa/>

23 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 13 Fisherman Rescued/ SAR/ Off Co To island, Vietnam/ DB261224

On 23 Dec, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Co To island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 13 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-ho-thanh-cong-tau-ca-cung-13-ngu-dan-bi-nan-tren-vung-bien-quang-ninh-post484958.html>

21 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Adrift/ Tanker vs Cargo Vessel/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Kupang Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB261224

On 21 Dec, a tanker collided with a cargo vessel due to drifting in Kupang Anchorage, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 20 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2024/11740/general-cargo-vessel-sinks-after-colliding-with-tanker-near->

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Ship/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Dinh, Vietnam/ DB231224

On 20 Dec, a cargo ship sunk due to water ingress off Binh Dinh, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vtv.vn/xa-hoi/cuu-kip-thoi-14-thuyen-vien-tren-tau-hoa-lu-02-gap-nan-tren-bien-20241221130259383.htm>

11 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Bakung, Indonesia/ DB231224

On 11 Dec, a small boat caught fire due to unknown causes off Tanjung Bakung, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.iniriau.com/detail/45042/kapal-motor-terbakar-di-perairan-tanjung-bakung-inhil-dua-abk-luka-bakar>



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

Incidents:

25 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Silawathura, Sri Lanka/ DB261224

On 25 Dec, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested six local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Silawathura, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/12/25/202412251600/>

23 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 17 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB261224

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained two Indian fishing vessels and arrested 17 Indian fishermen due to fishing in prohibited area off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/12/24/202412240930/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

21 Dec - Natural Resources/ Tendu Leaves (2,129kg)/ Adrift/ Off Kudiramalei Point, Sri Lanka/ DB231224

On 21 Dec, local authorities seized 2,129kg of tendu leaves off Kudiramalei Point, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/12/22/202412221315/>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Dec - Domestic Products/ Rubber Lumps (1,440kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Off Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB231224

On 18 Dec, local authorities seized 1,440kg of rubber lumps onboard a small boat off Ranong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AwjPAHbk8/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Trawler/ 102 Rohingya Migrants/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB231224

On 19 Dec, local authorities arrested 102 Rohingya migrants onboard a trawler off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.barrons.com/news/sri-lanka-navy-rescues-boat-of-100-rohingya-refugees-31636165>

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



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

2024

IFC Spot Commentary 03/24 –Phillip Channel – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

IFC Spot Commentary 02/24 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2024

IFC Spot Commentary 01/24 – Singapore Strait – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

2023

IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

2021

IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 – Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 – Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

Analyst Journal 2/20 – Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

Analyst Journal 1/20 – Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel “DWIJAYA 1”, Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tugboat “EVER ALPHA”, Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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