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



For the period of 27 Apr – 03 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	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	7	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	9	6-7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	10	8-10
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	11
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	13
Others	0	0	14

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

Incident:

01 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Oil Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Belawan Anchorage, Malacca Strait/ DB020524

1. MPA reported that an unauthorised boarding involving a Singapore-flagged oil tanker occurred as the vessel anchored in Belawan Anchorage while awaiting loading operation on 1 May 24 at 01:54 (UTC +8). Crew reported 2 perpetrators with knives and took store keys, walkie-talkie and torch light from the crew and have since fled after ship alarm raised.

2. Ship master reported all crew are safe and accounted for, 2 fire hose nozzles was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her loading operation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) and CSO



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

02 May - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Yacht/ 33 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Penga Labuan Bajo Island, Indonesia/ DB030524

On 2 May, a yacht caught fire due to an unknown cause off Penga Labuan Bajo Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 33 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://banten.antaranews.com/berita/283116/kapal-wisata-di-labuan-bajo-terbakar>

https://www.liputan6.com/regional/read/5586476/kapal-wisata-sea-safari-terbakar-di-perairan-labuan-bajo#google_vignette

01 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Inderasabah, Tawau, Celebes Sea/ DB030524

On 1 May, a cargo vessel was detained due to illegal documentation off Inderasabah, Tawau, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid04b4sa1Lj8xH1FD8gh7JwYkChTfn9DsMq6FKTzMykGjGbDxDXku1vWHVaHQ6sqYFQl>

29 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maluku, Indonesia/ DB020524

On 29 Apr, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.instagram.com/p/C6aS3mtP3FF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

28 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Trawler/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Surin islands, Phang Nga, Thailand/ DB300424

On 28 Apr, a trawler caught fire due to an unknown cause off Koh Surin islands, Phang Nga, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://aseannow.com/topic/1326112-fishing-vessel-catches-fire-in-andaman-sea-all-nine-crew-members-rescued/>

27 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Beihai, China/ DB290424

On 27 Apr, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Beihai, China. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://m.gmw.cn/2024-04/28/content_1303724957.htm

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Ship/ 4 Missing, 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Guangdong, China/ DB300424

On 23 Apr, a cargo ship sank as it collided with a bridge off Guangdong, China. SAR is still ongoing and there is four missing and 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2024/11171/ship-collides-with-pier-of-jiujiang-bridge-in-china-four-peo>

25 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Dredger/ Off Sungai Langat, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB290424

On 25 Apr, a dredger was detained due to unauthorised operation off Sungai Langat, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02mbLGG777cZj6WgABcBfVmJvU6cn3gva8vwmHmHzqPrZupP4AMywAo7gnH9fWqfqpl>



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

Incidents:

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Inderasabah, Tawau, Celebes Sea/ DB030524

On 1 May, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two Indonesian fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Inderasabah, Tawau, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid04b4sa1Lj8xH1FD8gh7JwYkChTfn9DsMq6FKTzMykGjGbDxDXku1vWHVaHQ6sqYFQl>

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB030524

On 1 May, local authorities detained three fishing vessels due to illegal carrying of vessel monitoring system off Kien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baomoi.com/bat-giu-tau-vi-pham-thu-giu-14-thiet-bi-giam-sat-hanh-trinh-c48983587.epi>

30 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB020524

On 30 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02E11PJgipnfEEkBJoRb6tPuNz6z48RxUdbi25PytS12SKgu65WHZZou5sbjFS1gJtl>

30 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Trawlers Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Pallimunai, Sri Lanka/ DB020524

On 30 Apr, local authorities detained five trawlers and arrested 11 local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Pallimunai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/05/01/admin-catagories/breaking-news/518350/thirteen-held-for-illegal-harvesting-of-sea-cucumber/>

29 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Vankalai, Sri Lanka/ DB020524

On 29 Apr, local authorities arrested two local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Vankalai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/05/01/admin-catagories/breaking-news/518350/thirteen-held-for-illegal-harvesting-of-sea-cucumber/>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Burmese Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB020524

On 18 Apr, local authorities arrested one local fishing vessel and arrested four Burmese fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02E11PJgipnfEEkBJoRb6tPuNz6z48RxUdbi25PytS12SKgu65WHZZou5sbjFS1gJtl>

27 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Kondachchikuda, Sri Lanka/ DB300424

On 27 Apr, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Kondachchikuda, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/28/202404281300/>

26 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulau Timbun Mata, Kunak, Celebes Sea/ DB300424

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested three local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Pulau Timbun Mata, Kunak, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/233234/mmea-detains-two-boats/>

26 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB300424

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/28/202404281300/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

28 Apr - Drugs/ Heroin (86kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Pakistan to Sri Lanka/ Gujarat Coast, India/ DB300424
(Information Update on DB290424)

It was updated that the narcotics was heroin.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newswire.lk/2024/04/29/india-nabs-boat-from-pakistan-carrying-massive-heroin-haul-to-sri-lanka/>

Incidents:

30 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (1.018kg) and Ecstasy (500 Pills)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Sebatik Waters, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB020524

On 30 Apr, local authorities seized 1.018kg of meth and 500 pills of ecstasy onboard a speed boat in Sebatik waters, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4082976/tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-1018-gram-sabu-di-perbatasan>

28 Apr - Drugs/ Cocaine (500kg)/ Unknown Vessel and Fishing Vessel/ To Australia/ Boyne Island, Queensland, Australia/ DB020524

On 28 Apr, local authorities seized 500kg of cocaine onboard an unknown vessel and a fishing vessel in Boyne Island, Queensland, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/three-arrested-over-alleged-500kg-cocaine-import-queensland>

29 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (30kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Parepare, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB300424

On 29 Apr, local authorities seized 30kg of meth onboard a passenger vessel in Parepare, South Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/377163>

28 Apr - Drugs/ Hashish (173kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To India/ Gujarat Coast, India/ DB300424

On 28 Apr, local authorities seized 173kg of hashish onboard a fishing vessel in Gujarat Coast, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatvnews.com/gujarat/indian-coast-guard-anti-narcotics-operation-indian-fishing-boat-seized-with-173-kg-of-narcotics-latest-updates-2024-04-29-928627>

28 Apr - Drugs/ Narcotics (86kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Pakistan to Sri Lanka/ Gujarat Coast, India/ DB290424

On 28 Apr, local authorities seized 86kg of narcotics onboard a fishing vessel in Gujarat Coast, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/icg-seizes-rs-600-crore-worth-of-narcotics-from-pakistani-boat-off-gujarat-coast-arrests-14-crew-members/articleshow/109666372.cms?from=mdr>

https://twitter.com/ani_digital/status/1784612618763690419?t=qRBfa9nKPeCmrs9Ef9JsaA&s=08

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Jan - Domestic Products/ Wine (240 Bottles)/ Container Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tuas Port, Singapore/ DB030524

On 4 May, local authorities seized 240 bottles of wine onboard a container vessel at Tuas Port, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Immigration.Checkpoints.Authority/posts/pfbid0qbWxBcQjo5s37MJt5r9MuS6iFUYQWmAGbFZzF46hqFMdhYprxm9yrS3yVStHCcd2l>

25 Apr - Drugs/ Ketamine (320kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Taiwan/ Bangkok, Thailand/ DB300424

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 320kg of ketamine onboard an unknown vessel in Bangkok, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.khaosodenglish.com/news/2024/04/26/thailand-australia-and-taiwan-seize-320-kg-of-ketamine-hidden-in-robot-bases/#google_vignette

09 Apr - Wildlife/ Animals (104)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Atapupu Port Service Unit in Belu Regency, Indonesia/ DB300424

On 9 Apr, local authorities seized 104 animals onboard an unknown vessel at Atapupu Port Service Unit in Belu Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/April2024/YuEasRlwDL1lmkAM858t.pdf>

03 Apr - Domestic Products/ Illegal Cosmetics (30 Bottles)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Lalesalok River, North Sebatik District, Indonesia/ DB300424

On 3 Apr, local authorities seized 30 bottles of illegal cosmetics onboard a speed boat in Lalesalok River, North Sebatik District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/371850>

23 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (22 Master Cases)/ Ashore/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao, Philippines/ DB290424

On 23 Apr, local authorities seized 22 master cases of cigarettes off Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/police-seize-p364000-smuggled-cigarettes>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

29 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ 2 Small Boats/ 35 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Kudat, Sabah, Sulu Sea/ DB020524

On 29 Apr, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested 35 Filipino migrants off Kudat, Sabah, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/maritim-malaysia-gagalkan-cubaan-seludup-35-warga-asing-468631?utm_source=grid&utm_medium=microsite&utm_campaign=20240501%20Grid&_ga=2.67866961.1399878336.1714576202-1719430177.1709733081&_gl=1*1jndili*_ga*MTcxOTQzMDE3Ny4xNzA5NzMzMdGx*_ga_2WBWP426R6*MTcxNDU3NjIwMS44LjEuMTcxNDU3NjI4Ny40MS4wLjEzMzgwMTE1MjA

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Apr - Human Trafficking/ Passenger Ferry/ 14 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB290424

On 26 Apr, local authorities rescued 14 Filipino migrants onboard a passenger ferry off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/another-group-of-potential-human-trafficking-victims-rescued>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Apr - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Unknown Vessel/ Kuantan, Malaysia/ DB300424

On 24 Apr, there was an oil spill by an unknown vessel in Kuantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/TankerTrackers/status/1783149434206863644>



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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