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



For the period of 27 Jan – 02 Feb 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	14	4-7
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	10-13
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	14
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	15
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	16
Others	0	0	17

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

### Incidents:

27 Jan - Attempted Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Panama-Flagged Tanker/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB020224

Watchkeeper onboard an anchored tanker spotted an unauthorised person attempting to board and raised the alarm resulting in the person fleeing from the scene.

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

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

28 Jan - Suspicious Approach/ Sea Theft/ Unknown Vessel/ Underway/ Bismark Sea, Papua New Guinea/ DB290124

A vessel reported a "high speed approach and possible piracy activity" at this location. A HYDROPAC warning was issued which stated, "vessels are advised to keep clear of this position and to exercise extreme caution". The warning further requested any reports to be sent to JRCC Australia (phone 612 6230 6811 or email [RCCAUS@AMSA.GOV.AU](mailto:RCCAUS@AMSA.GOV.AU)) and IMB Piracy Reporting Center (phone 603 2031 0014, fax 603 2078 5769) email [IMBKL@ICC-CCS.ORG](mailto:IMBKL@ICC-CCS.ORG) or [PIRACY@ICC-CCS.ORG](mailto:PIRACY@ICC-CCS.ORG).

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

HYDROPAC 331/24(82)



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

01 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Cantagda, Cajidiocan, Romblon, Philippines/ DB020224

On 1 Feb, a small boat sank as it collided with a whale shark off Barangay Cantagda, Cajidiocan, Romblon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid0224ZhYTiwp3S2zpW6LCdfuHuECPyFSaBiP7wCmaCWs7XhEFD8YdRMW3mm11khkM93l>

28 Jan - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Vietnamese Rescued/ SAR/ Coast of Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB020224

On 28 Jan, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather at the coast of Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand. SAR was conducted and five Vietnamese fishermen were rescued.

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

<https://www.thuethainews.com/228128/>

31 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ferry vs Local Passenger Vessel/ 2 Dead, 141 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Verde Island, Batangas, Philippines/ DB010224

On 31 Jan, a passenger ferry collided with a local passenger vessel due to an unknown cause off Verde Island, Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and 141 rescued.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1218025>

30 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Similajau National Park, Malaysia/ DB010224

On 30 Jan, a fishing vessel went aground due to an unknown cause off Similajau National Park, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

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

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2024/01/30/trio-rescued-after-boat-runs-aground-at-similajau-national-park-beach/>

27 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Pleasure Craft/ 5 Rescued/ Belitung Waters, Indonesia/ DB300124

On 27 Jan, a pleasure craft went adrift due to equipment failure in Belitung waters, Indonesia. Five people onboard the pleasure craft were rescued by a fishing vessel in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2024/01/27/173448378/kapal-wisata-symphony-one-tujuan-singapura-mati-mesin-di-selatan-belitung>

27 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ferry/ 2 Dead, 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Bunaken Waters, Indonesia/ DB290124

On 27 Jan, a passenger ferry sank due to bad weather in Bunaken waters, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and eighteen rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://manado.tribunnews.com/2024/01/27/terungkap-penyebab-perahu-penumpang-tenggelam-di-sekitar-pulau-bunaken-manado-sulawesi-utara>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Pelabuhan Tempat Pendaratan, Indonesia/ DB310124

On 25 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure in Pelabuhan Tempat Pendaratan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/jateng/berita/d-7159804/diduga-korsleting-kapal-nelayan-di-pelabuhan-kluwut-brebes-ludes-terbakar>

24 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Speed Boat/ 11 Missing/ SAR/ Off Ilian Bay, Roxas, Palawan, Philippines/ DB310124

On 24 Jan, a speed boat sank due to an unknown cause off Ilian Bay, Roxas, Palawan, Philippines. SAR is still ongoing as there are 11 missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/navalforceswest/posts/pfbid02Hsi2HpWZPDcaNDhmtB1qy48ad8hpc1HSyNoQmr2Ex3xokjUGdjdZ1sR2fkPHsSm4l>

22 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cua Tung Creek, Viet Nam/ DB310124

On 22 Jan, a fishing vessel went aground due to bad weather off Cua Tung Creek, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tim-phuong-an-cuu-ho-tau-ca-cua-ngu-dan-bi-mac-can-tai-cua-lach-cua-tung-post471964.html>

26 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Roxas, Palawan, Philippines/ DB290124

On 26 Jan, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Roxas, Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid02da3gjRxTeddo9ZuiVvhb3zjaGNAjprdJqa99Qmr96Neeks3c63SueYWZvscfo7M8l>

26 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB290124

On 26 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Quang Binh, Viet Nam. SAR is still ongoing as there are three missing and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/xa-hoi/hai-tau-ca-chim-tren-bien-quang-binh-3-thuyen-vien-mat-tich-20240127190951925.htm>

25 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Minicoy Island, India/ DB290124

On 25 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Minicoy Island, India. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1751146182095843386/photo/1>

22 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Bintulu, Sarawak/ DB290124

On 22 Jan, a tug and barge were detained due to unauthorised operation off Bintulu, Sarawak.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/01/25/apmm-bintulu-tahan-kapal-tunda-tongkang-di-kuala-kemena>



21 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Java Sea, Indonesia/ DB290124

On 21 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress in Java Sea, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing as there are 12 missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tribunnews.com/regional/2024/01/27/kapal-nelayan-berkah-aminah-2-tenggelam-12-abk-belum-diketahui-nasibnya?page=2>





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

### Incidents:

30 Jan - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB020224

On 30 Jan, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels for not reporting catches off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/5306672>

27 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB300124

On 27 Jan, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels for invalid license of fishing vessel off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mpmbc.co.kr/article/akGsj4wamJJlw0JiX>

### Out of Reporting Period:

26 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Chagwido, ROK/ DB300124

On 26 Jan, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing with illegal gear off Chagwido, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20240129\\_0002608796&cID=10813&pID=10800](https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20240129_0002608796&cID=10813&pID=10800)

26 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Sri Lankan Fishing Trawlers Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Maldivian Waters, Maldives/ DB290124

On 26 Jan, local authorities detained two Sri Lankan fishing trawlers and arrested 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Maldivian Waters, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://raajje.mv/148714#:~:text=Two%20foreign%20fishing%20vessels%20have,Zone%2C%20in%20violation%20of%20regulations.>

24 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Skinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB290124

On 24 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Skinchan, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://web.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid08Xou9shDvZtwZZ6V2JfpgZUaaLTol1JYBQb7RTyWi5ZBRskatWQcprNZrCjwJxv4l>

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 20 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Dongying, China/ DB290124

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained six local fishing vessels and arrested 20 foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Dongying, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1788783137068122118&wfr=spider&for=pc>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

01 Feb - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (30,864 Bottles)/ Container Ship/ From Singapore to Indonesia/ Batu Ampar Port, Batam, Indonesia/ DB020224

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 30,864 bottles of alcohol onboard a container ship at Batu Ampar Port, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.tempo.co/read/1828631/batam-customs-thwart-smuggling-of-illegal-alcoholic-beverages-from-singapore>

01 Feb - Drugs/ Marijuana (183kg)/ Container Ship/ From Thailand To Taiwan/ Keelung Port, Taiwan/ DB020224

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 183kg of marijuana onboard a container ship at Keelung Port, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinatimes.com/realtimenews/20240201004546-260402?chdtv>

31 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (38 Tons)/ Speed Boat and Unknown Vessel/ Fangcheng Port, China/ DB020224

On 31 Jan, local authorities seized 38 tons of frozen goods onboard eight speed boats and two unknown vessels at Fangcheng Port, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/2024/02-01/10156865.shtml>

30 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (40.37kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ Sekinchan Fishermen's Jetty in Sabak Bernam, Malaysia/ DB020224

On 30 Jan, local authorities seized 40.37kg of meth onboard a fishing vessel at Sekinchan Fishermen's Jetty in Sabak Bernam, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2024/02/01/selangor-mmea-foils-bid-to-smuggle-meth-worth-rm1-32mil/>

29 Jan - Domestic Products/ Dried Shark Skin (4,200kg)/ Container Ship/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung, Hong Kong/ DB010224

On 29 Jan, local authorities seized 4,200kg of dried shark fin onboard a container ship in Kwai Chung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4068.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4068.html?p=1&y=&m=)

28 Jan - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (160 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia/ DB300124

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 160 litres of alcohol onboard a passenger vessel at Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sulsel.idntimes.com/news/indonesia/muhammad-jaya-7/penumpang-kapal-di-ambon-ketahui-bawa-160-liter-miras-sopi>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (8 Packets)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Kuala Kantan, Malaysia/ DB310124

On 25 Jan, local authorities seized eight packets of meth onboard a small boat off Kuala Kantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02rz22dRe8uyqy6iThAEiU9hQGXdUa5SyCCZ1fYXMqqBtXe78K8jGpj8dFQemCWscdl>

26 Jan - Wildlife and Domestic Products/ Venison Tails (24 Boxes), Aquarium Animals (14 Boxes), and Dried Shark Fins (10 Bags)/ Speed Boat/ Tung Chung, Hong Kong/ DB300124

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 24 boxes of venison tails, 14 boxes of aquarium animals and ten bags of dried shark fins onboard a speed boat in Tung Chung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4065.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4065.html?p=1&y=&m=)

26 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,981 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB300124

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 1,981 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/p114-m-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-in-zamboanga-city>

26 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (100kg)/ Container Ship/ From Mexico to Australia/ Sydney, Australia/ DB300124

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 100kg of meth onboard a container ship in Sydney, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/AFP-and-ABF-seize-100kg-of-methylamphetamine-concealed-in-window-frames.aspx>

15 Jan - Drugs/ Cocaine (100kg)/ Container Ship/ From Brazil Through Singapore and Hong Kong to ROK/ Busan New Port, ROK/ DB300124

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 100kg of cocaine onboard a container ship at Busan New Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hankookilbo.com/News/Read/A2024011617010002590?did=NA>

26 Jan - Fuel/ Fuel Oil (20 Tons)/ Tanker/ Off Quang Ninh Province, Viet Nam/ DB290124

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 20 tons of fuel oil onboard a tanker off Quang Ninh Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo-tu-lenh-vung-can-h-sat-bien-1-tam-giu-20-000-kg-dau-fo-khong-ro-nguon-goc/11637/81>

23 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (10kg)/ Speed Boat/ Off Sadar Upazila, Bhola District, Meghna River, Bangladesh/ DB290124

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized 10kg of cannabis onboard a speed boat off Sadar Upazila, Bhola District, Meghna River, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid02CAh2hpzMycLz5s2vH44P1QDxdmVMYD8UhWigcjaSTa2Ducsh4brmKXKMpsqSNvHxl&id=100064758784221&mibextid=Nif5oz](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02CAh2hpzMycLz5s2vH44P1QDxdmVMYD8UhWigcjaSTa2Ducsh4brmKXKMpsqSNvHxl&id=100064758784221&mibextid=Nif5oz)

23 Jan - Domestic Products/ Assorted Goods/ Container Vessel/ Asia World Port Terminal, Myanmar/ DB290124

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized assorted goods onboard a container vessel at Asia World Port Terminal, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gnlm.com.mm/illegal-timbers-industrial-materials-medications-consumer-goods-motorbikes-and-vehicles-confiscated/>

19 Jan - Wildlife/ Shark Fins, Yellow Croakers and Lobsters (50 Boxes)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Zhangzhou, China/ DB290124

On 19 Jan, local authorities seized 50 boxes of shark fins, yellow croakers and lobsters onboard a fishing vessel off Zhangzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/cj/2024/01-25/10152503.shtml>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

01 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 130 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Off Kuala Parek, East Aceh, Indonesia/ DB020224

On 1 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 130 Rohingya Migrants off Kuala Parek, East Aceh, Indonesia.

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

<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/more-130-rohingya-arrive-indonesias-aceh>

<https://aceh.tribunnews.com/2024/01/31/kapal-diduga-milik-etnis-rohingya-terdeteksi-berlayar-di-perairan-kuala-parek-aceh-timur-arah-langsa>

#### 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.

30 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ Speed Boat/ 24 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Pelintung Beach, Dumai, Indonesia/ DB010224

On 30 Jan, local authorities detained a speed boat and arrested 24 Indonesian migrants in Pelintung Beach, Dumai, Indonesia.

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

<https://kumparan.com/kumparannews/24-orang-coba-masuk-ke-indonesia-dari-malaysia-secara-ilegal-via-dumai-224Jhtl5Jz6/full>,

<https://www.rri.co.id/daerah/537698/tni-al-amankan-pekerja-migran-ilegal-di-dumai>

#### Out of Reporting Period:

06 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 6 Chinese Migrants/ To Guam/ Guam/ DB290124

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested six Chinese migrants in Guam.

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

[https://www.mvariety.com/news/local/6-chinese-nationals-rescued-by-coast-guard/article\\_1cb29262-ae2f-11ee-a19c-5b5b314c158b.html](https://www.mvariety.com/news/local/6-chinese-nationals-rescued-by-coast-guard/article_1cb29262-ae2f-11ee-a19c-5b5b314c158b.html)

[https://www.saipantribune.com/news/local/man-previously-arrested-in-scheme-to-illegally-enter-guam-attempts-it-again/article\\_a3fed17c-af92-11ee-85fd-3b9f325bc391.html](https://www.saipantribune.com/news/local/man-previously-arrested-in-scheme-to-illegally-enter-guam-attempts-it-again/article_a3fed17c-af92-11ee-85fd-3b9f325bc391.html)



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incident:

01 Jan - MARPOL/ Solid Pollution/ Other Vessel/ Off Danzhou, China/ DB020224

On 1 Jan, three engineering ships were responsible for solid pollution off Danzhou, China.

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

<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/more-130-rohingya-arrive-indonesias-aceh>

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1789611595938046176&wfr=spider&for=pc>

### Out of Reporting Period:

19 Jan - MARPOL/ Solid Pollution (Dredged Material)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Shanghai, China/ DB290124

On 19 Jan, a cargo ship was responsible for solid pollution off Shanghai, China.

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

[http://www.legaldaily.com.cn/army/content/2024-01/24/content\\_8954116.html](http://www.legaldaily.com.cn/army/content/2024-01/24/content_8954116.html)



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 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 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 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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