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



For the period of 31 Oct – 08 Nov 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	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)	0	5	8-9
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	10
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	11
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	5	12-13
Others	0	0	14

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

Information Update:

22 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tug & Barge, Indonesian-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Tanjung Malatayur, Pulang Pisau Regency, Central Kalimantan Waters, Indonesia/ DB041124

(Information Update on DB260924)

It was updated that Central Kalimantan Police personnel arrested 14 suspected perpetrators regarding this incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://28minutenews.blogspot.com/2024/11/polda-kalteng-ringkus-14-perompak.html?m=1>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB051124

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°08'00.0"N 103°30'36.0"E) on 25 Oct 2024 at 0100 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted 4 perpetrators (reportedly armed with gun-like object) in the engine room, and fled upon sighting.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some engine spares were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Indonesia.

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

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incident:

04 Nov - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Barge/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Je-ju Island, ROK/ DB061124

On 4 Nov, a barge went aground due to an unknown cause off Je-ju Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hg-times.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=266590>

04 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Tri Province, Vietnam/ DB061124

On 4 Nov, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-vot-ngu-dan-va-thuyen-danh-ca-dua-vao-bo-an-toan-post483006.html>

08 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead, 12 Missing, 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Je-ju Island, ROK/ DB081124

On 8 Nov, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause off Je-ju Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two dead, 12 missing and 13 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://n.news.naver.com/mnews/article/001/0015033545?rc=N&ntype=RANKING>

06 Nov - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Off Kuala Baram, Malaysia/ DB081124

On 6 Nov, a tug was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Baram, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02K2ABFus8z3BCZcjSxH1dfSbXrjnoRcQ3BGhvxvJKNKeE3f6DyfZpwFe3jqK7RaLoSl?rdid=iC58nh689r1LC1v5#>

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Out of Reporting Period:

26 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Bangsi, Indonesia/ DB051124

On 26 Oct, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Tanjung Bangsi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/23593/kapal-km-sabar-indah->

22 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bunyu Island, Indonesia/ DB051124

On 22 Oct, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Bunyu Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/23596/km-wangi-cendana-karam-di-perairan-bunyu-satu-kru-hilang-km-wangi-cendana-sinks-in-bunyu-waters-one-crew-member-missing>

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

Incident:

01 Nov - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Chungcheongnam-do, ROK/ DB051124

On 1 Nov, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for license of fishing vessel off Chungcheongnam-do, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscj.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=3195584>

01 Nov - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB051124

On 1 Nov, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/11/02/202411021315/>

01 Nov - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pandaraweli, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 1 Nov, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and six local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Pandaraweli, Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/11/01/202411011545/>

05 Nov - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB081124

On 5 Nov, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/11/06/202411061200/>

Out of Reporting Period:

29 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 29 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for fishing non-permitted species off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/10/30/202410301000/>

28 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Gwang-do, Yeosu, ROK/ DB061124

On 28 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear off Gwang-do, Yeosu, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20241028_0002936852

27 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Point Pedro, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 27 Oct, local authorities detained one Indian fishing vessel and arrested 12 Indian fishermen for license of fishing vessel off Point Pedro, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/10/27/202410271000/>

23 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 16 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kachchativu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 23 Oct, local authorities detained two Indian fishing vessels and arrested 16 Indian fishermen for license of fishing vessel off Kachchativu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/10/24/202410241720/>

21 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sallikovil, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 21 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Sallikovil, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/10/23/202410231930/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incident:

04 Nov - Fuel/ Diesel (700,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ To Vietnam/ Kiên Giang, Vietnam/ DB061124

On 4 Nov, local authorities seized 700,000 litres of diesel onboard a tanker in Kiên Giang, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/thuc-thi-phap-luat/12393/81>

04 Nov - Natural Resources/ Tendu Leaves (1287kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB061124

On 4 Nov, local authorities seized 1287kg of tendu leaves ashore in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/11/04/202411041700/>

02 Nov - Fuel/ Oil (15 Drums and 10 Containers)/ Small Boat/ To Philippines/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB081124

On 2 Nov, local authorities seized 15 drums and ten containers of oil onboard a small boat off Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid02N5jZhT4gWqsPggNroY2rc8Ws9fHvXmgCKUsuDJNCMtTYDtnaUwrTGaNRg1pGVUE9l?rdid=w6C57byEExiwbxdX>

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Oct - Fuel/ Fuel/ Tanker/ From Russia to DPRK/ Vostochnyy Port, Russia/ DB041124

On 29 Oct, it was reported that a tanker was carrying a type of sanctioned fuel from Russia to DPRK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/sanctions/1718/materials/1718-Designated-Vessels-List>

<https://www.lloydlist.com/LL1151181/Sanctioned-North-Korean-ship-deviates-from-norm-to-make-traceable-call-to-Russia>

<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n16/407/50/pdf/n1640750.pdf>

26 Sep - Domestic Products/ Various Goods/ Cargo Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Philippines/ Hong Kong/ DB061124

On 26 Sep, local authorities seized various goods onboard a cargo vessel in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4378.html?p=1&y=&m=



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incident:

31 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 90 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Off Aceh, Indonesia/ DB041124

On 31 Oct, local authorities rescued 90 Rohingya migrants onboard a small boat off Aceh, Indonesia. Six migrants were found dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3284618/dozens-rohingya-refugees-stranded-indonesia-beach-traffickers-6-bodies-found>

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:

29 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 18 Indonesian Migrants Arrested/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB051124

On 29 Oct, local authorities arrested 18 Indonesian migrants onboard a small boat off Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/77162/TNI-AL-KEMBALI-GAGALKAN-UPAYA-PENGIRIMAN-PMI-NON-PROSEDURAL-DI-BATAM/>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB041124

On 26 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/RtFY>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:375434/mmsi:620999317/imo:9288875/vessel:YUG>

<https://app.spectator.earth/channels?&@1.7647,104.6627,10z>

IFC Comments:

NZ ILO updated that the vessel could be spoofing AIS.

25 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB041124

On 25 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/YMVF>

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/ZJpV>

https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:8101834/mmsi:351073000/imo:9262766/vessel:FIONA_II

IFC Comments:

NZ ILO updated that the vessel could be spoofing AIS.

25 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB041124

On 25 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/1xHx>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:8825470/mmsi:677090100/imo:9237539/vessel:AROON>

IFC Comments:

NZ ILO updated that the vessel could be spoofing AIS.

21 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB041124

On 21 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/wm7Z>

https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:288956/mmsi:352002042/imo:9365776/vessel:LYDIA_II

<https://app.spectator.earth/channels?&@1.6429,104.3832,10z>

IFC Comments:

NZ ILO updated that the vessel could be spoofing AIS.

19 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB041124

On 19 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/gRPA>

<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/Details.aspx?id=51047>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:417318/mmsi:352002316/imo:9308778/vessel:SATINA>

IFC Comments:

NZ ILO updated that the vessel could be spoofing AIS.



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 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.

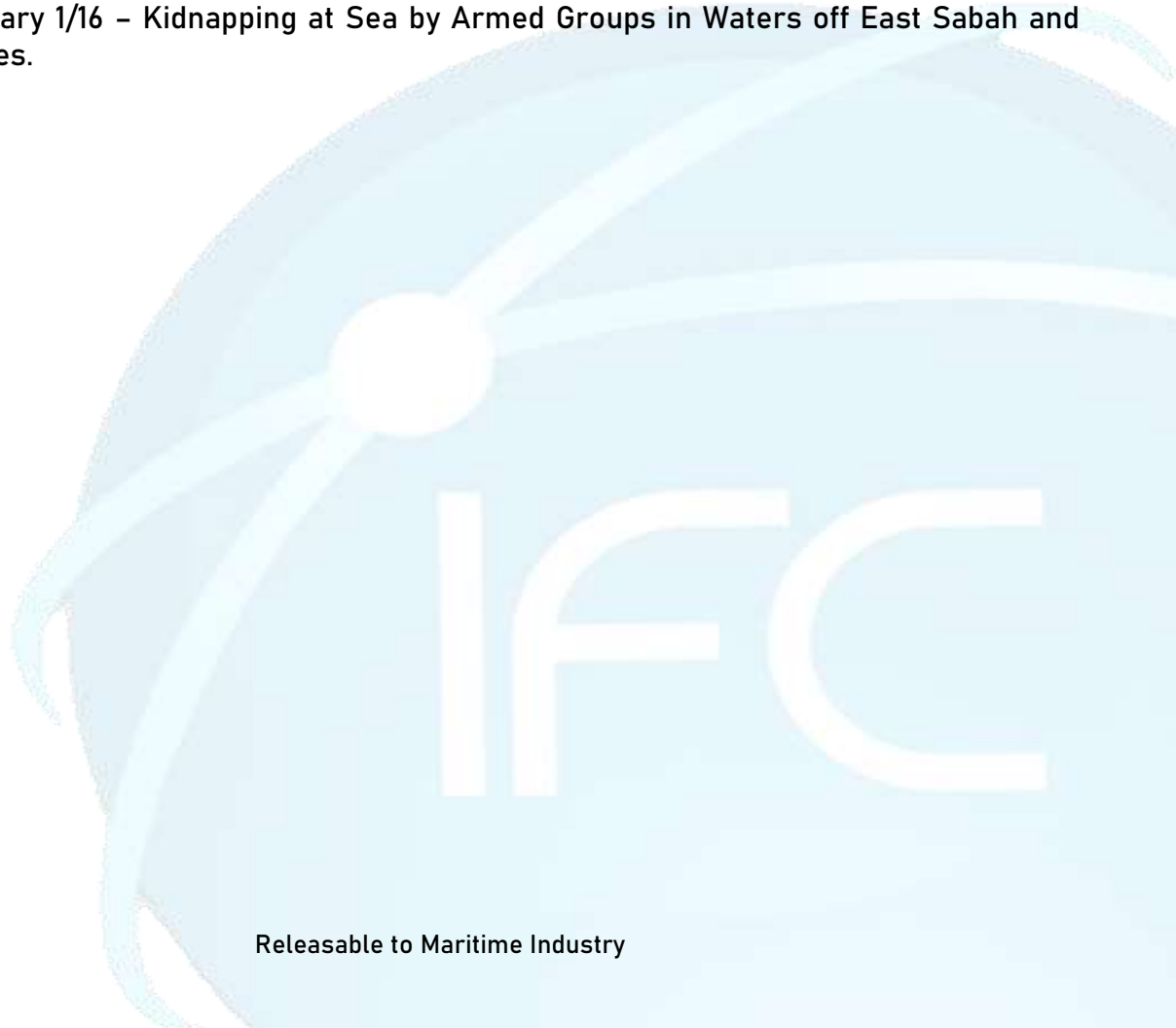
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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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