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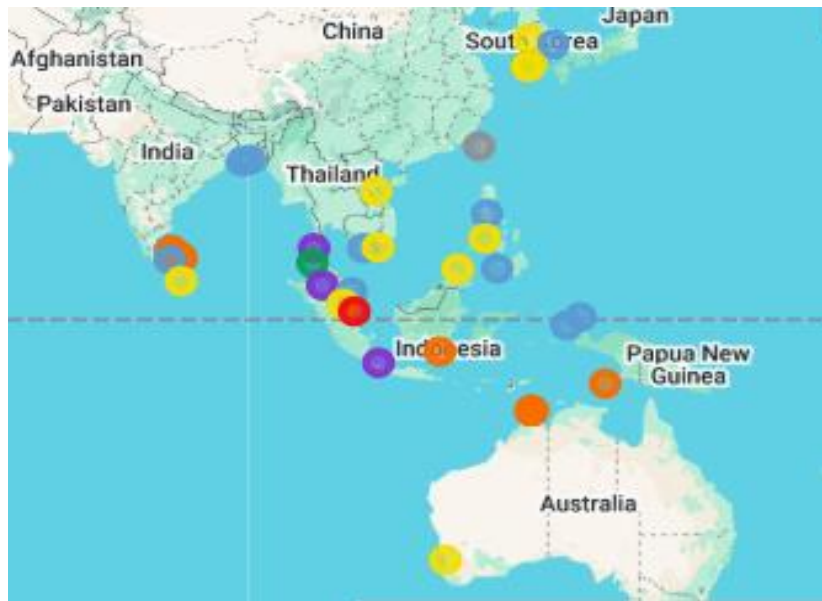
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 01 - 07 Mar 25, 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	7	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	15	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	19	6-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	17	10-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	5	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	14
Others	0	0	15

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

Incident:

03 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Gambia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Philip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB030325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Gambia-flagged tanker, AILAMA, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°04'39.0"N 103°42'25.8"E) on 3 Mar, at around 05:00 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted four to five perpetrators, one armed with gun-like object in the engine room.

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

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)

Incidents:

01 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hwang-Do Island, ROK/ DB030325

On 1 Mar, a fishing vessel ran aground due to unknown causes off Hwang-Do Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 18 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.edaily.co.kr/News/Read?newsId=02154966642099056&mediaCodeNo=257&OutLnkChk=Y>

03 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Binh Province, Vietnam/ DB040325

On 3 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to unknown causes off Quang Binh Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-binh-tau-ca-gap-nan-5-ngu-dan-dan-duocuu-1-ngu-dan-mat-tich-post487191.html>

02 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Jeju City, ROK/ DB040325

On 2 Mar, a small boat capsized due to water ingress at Jeju City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=133982>

01 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Jocheon Port, ROK/ DB040325

On 3 Mar, a small boat capsized due to water ingress at Jocheon Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=133982>

01 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Hangyeong-Myeon, Jeju City, ROK/ DB040325

On 1 Mar, a small boat capsized due to water ingress at Hangyeong-Myeon, Jeju City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=133982>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 34 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB030325

On 27 Feb, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Sri Lanka. SAR was conducted and there were 34 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/bulgarian-bulker-saves-34-fishermen-from-burning-boat-in-the-indian-ocean>

24 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB030325

On 24 Feb, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

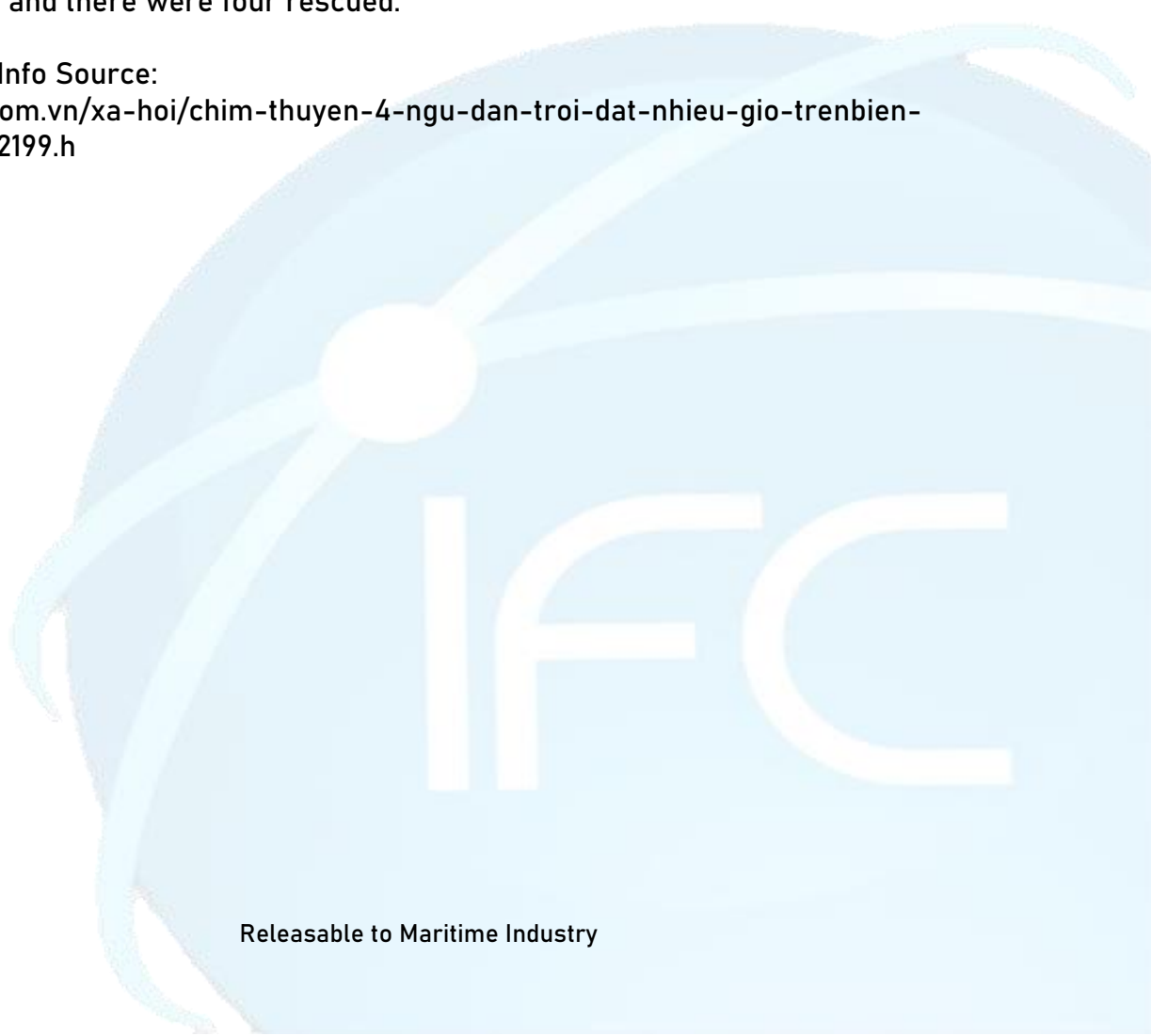
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/154DyT4CqW/>

28 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ben Tre Province, Vietnam/ DB040325

On 28 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Ben Tre Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dantri.com.vn/xa-hoi/chim-thuyen-4-ngu-dan-troi-dat-nhieu-gio-trenbien-20250301124752199.h>



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

Incidents:

06 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kalumpang, Malaysia/ DB070325

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Kalumpang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16BXUceiE1/>

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Feb - Local/ Illegal fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 76 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing With Illegal Gear/ Off Tanah Laut, Indonesia/ DB030325

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained four local fishing vessels and arrested 76 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Tanah Laut, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mediaindonesia.com/nusantara/746307/empat-kapal-gunakan-pukat-cantrang-ditangkap-di-perairan-kalsel>

21 Feb - Local/ Illegal fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Transferring Aquatic Animals Without Authorization/ Arafura Sea, Indonesia/ DB030325

On 21 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested a local fisherman due to transferring aquatic animals without authorization in Arafura Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/news/news-detail/kkp-tindak-tegas-kapal-pelaku-transshipment-di-laut-arau-6WY7.html>

23 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

Location provided is for indication only.

23 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

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18 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 8 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 18 Feb, local authorities arrested eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

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15 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 7 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 15 Feb, local authorities arrested seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

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14 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 8 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 14 Feb, local authorities arrested eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:
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11 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 7 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB040325

On 11 Feb, Local authorities arrested seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited area off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:
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24 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Off Vankalai, Sri Lanka/ DB050325

On 24 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to illegal fishing off Vankalai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/28/202502281600/>

22 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB050325

On 22 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen due to illegal fishing off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/28/202502281600/>

21 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB050325

On 21 Feb, local authorities arrested two local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/28/202502281600/>

28 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ North West, Australia/ DB070325

On 28 Feb, local authorities arrested six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off North West, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

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27 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Foreign Fishermen/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ North West, Australia/ DB070325

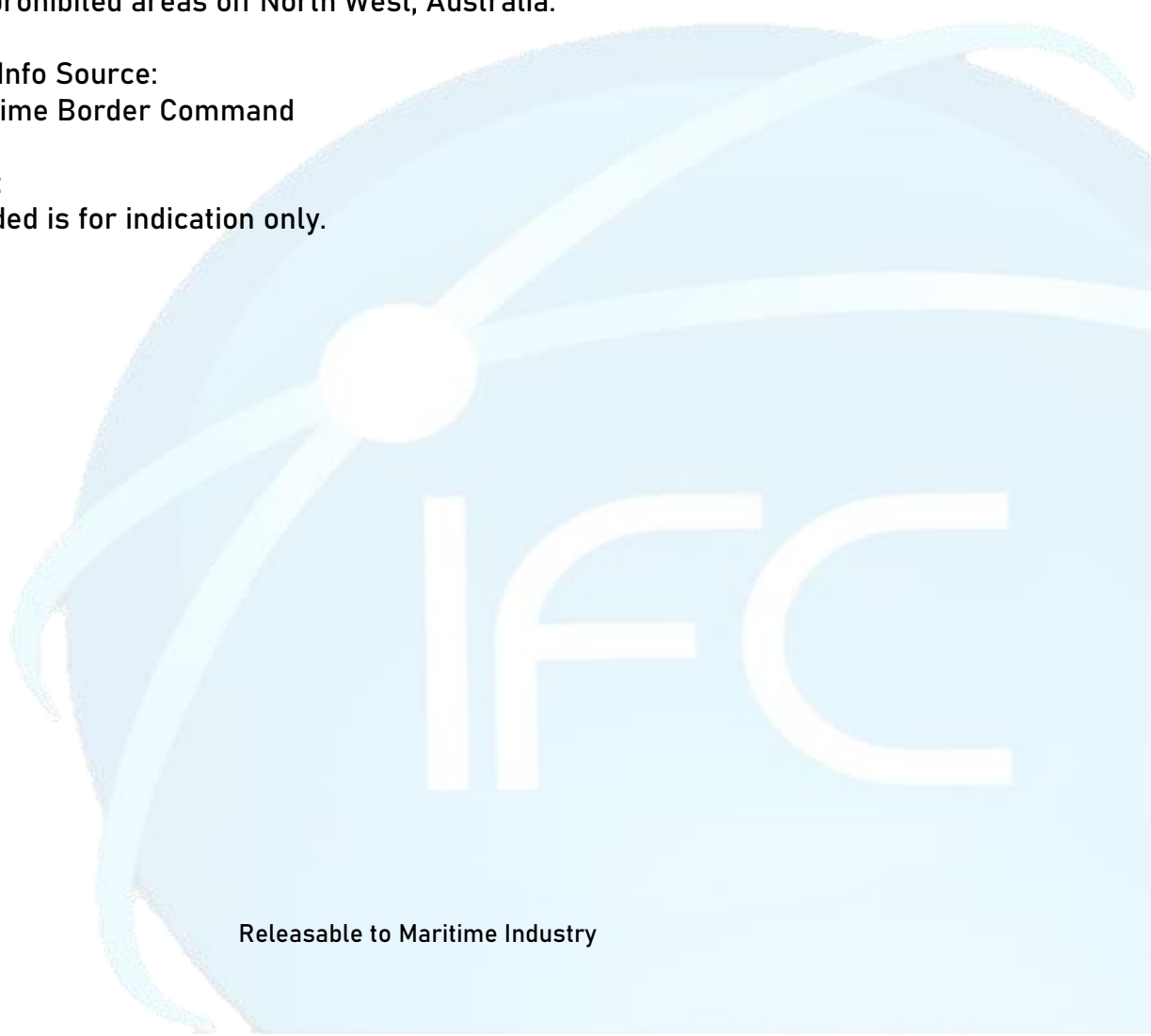
On 27 Feb, local authorities arrested 10 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off North West, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

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SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

03 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (40,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB040325

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized 40,000 litres of diesel oil off Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/p24m-smuggled-fuel-seized-in-zamboanga-city-basilan>

26 Feb - Drugs/ Methamphetamine (400,000 pills)/ Fishing Vessel/ Kuakata, Bangladesh/ DB040325

On 26 Feb, local authorities seized 400,000 pills of Methamphetamine at Kuakata, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/375048/16-suspected-drug-dealers-detained-in-patuakhali>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (0.12kg)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sorong City, Indonesia/ DB030325

On 26 Feb, local authorities seized 0.12kg of meth off Sorong City, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/463712>

13 Feb - Domestic Products/ Betel Nuts (28 Tons)/ Kolkata Port, India/ DB030325

On 13 Feb, India authorities seized 28 tons of betel nuts at Kolkata Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dri.nic.in/main/prelease?ye=2025>

02 Feb - Drugs/ Marijuana (1kg)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Manokwari Seaport, Indonesia/ DB030325

On 22 Feb, local authorities seized 1kg of marijuana at Manokwari Seaport, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://voi.id/en/news/463712>

03 Mar - Domestic Products/ Frozen Fish (19 Containers)/ Manila Port, Philippines/ DB050325

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized 19 forty-foot containers of mackerel at Manila Port, Philippines. Reportedly, the estimated value of the seizure was US\$ 3,494,809.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://customs.gov.ph/boc-seizes-php202-m-worth-of-frozen-mackerel/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlYncVleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHeullvb6UuGt5k_F5-JKuyaKtiWNGwQ8zMhThYaJ34nudXY_ZGDNQpCzHA_aem_wwYp74pbvUD05RA6MvdHCg

04 Mar - Domestic Products/ Rice (415 Bags), Sugar (80 Cartons), Wheat Flour (19 Boxes) and Cooking Oil (7 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ From Sabah to Indonesia/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB070325

On 4 Mar, local authorities seized 415 bags of rice, 80 cartons of sugar, 19 boxes of wheat flour and seven boxes of cooking oil off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/716151/berita/semasa/penyeludup-giat-hantar-barang-bersubsidi-ke-negara-jiran-menjelang-hari-raya?fbclid=IwY2xjawl2dstleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHb9gTG55M0yyXnQJpaG87KotInqLV0eRwTRr5R9SLW5cjbMNYT9eQE59gg_aem_8FMqUixUkr7agnaoLj6Bjg

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

03 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 6 Myanmar Migrants/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Off Ranong, Thailand/ DB040325

On 3 Mar, local authorities apprehended six Myanmar migrants off a small boat off Ranong, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18rYTxRS77/>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat Detained/ 12 Indonesian Migrants Arrested/ From Indonesia To Malaysia/ Malacca Strait/ DB030325

On 27 Feb, local authorities apprehended 12 Indonesian migrants off a small boat in Malacca Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/80759/TNI-AL-TANGKAP-KAPAL-PENGANGKUT-12-PEKERJA-MIGRAN-NON-PROSEDURAL-TUJUAN-MALAYSIA-DI-PERAIRANSELAT-MALAKA/>

01 Feb - Human Exploitation/ Oil Tanker/ 19 Sailors/ ROK-Flagged Vessel/ Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB050325

On 1 Feb, 19 sailors from Indonesia and Korea had been abandoned in Jakarta and they were being owed at least two months of wages.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/directories/abandonment-list>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

09 Feb - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Spill/ Oil Tanker/ Off Yeondogu-Busan, ROK/ DB240225

On 9 Feb, there was an oil spill from an oil tanker off Yeondogu-Busan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250209_0003058555

<https://n.news.naver.com/mnews/article/022/0004013017?sid=102>

IFC Comments:

This ENVSEC incident is associated with the MI incident in this location also published 24 Feb 2025.



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

25 Feb - Others/ Submarine Cable Breakage/ Togo-flagged Cargo Ship/ DB030325

On 25 Feb, local authorities detained a Togo-flagged Cargo Ship due to the breaking of a submarine cable.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/east-asia/taiwan-china-cargo-ship-hongtaishubsea-cable-severed-4958446>



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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