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



For the period of 03 – 08 May 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	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	11	5-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	8	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	10	10-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

Incidents:

05 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB050525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°07'00.0"N 103°45'00.0"E) on 5 May, at 03:30 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted two 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, China.

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.

07 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB070525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (01°05.32N 103°35.30E) on 7 May, at 03:20 (UTC +8).

2. Crew reportedly sighted an unarmed perpetrator on the vessel's aft deck. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was reported stolen. Vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, Thailand.

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.

07 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB070525

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (01°03.58N 103°40.80E) on 7 May, at 02:45 (UTC +8).

2. Crew reportedly sighted two unarmed perpetrators on the vessel's aft deck. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, China.

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.

07 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB070525

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (01°07.75N 103°29.95E) on 7 May, at 04:03 (UTC +8).

2. Crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators with two armed with gun-like objects in the engine room. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was reported stolen. Vessel 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:

03 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bagan Siapi-api, Indonesia/ DB050525

On 3 May, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Bagan Siapi-api, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and five were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riausky.com/news/detail/83514/seluruh-awak-km-ade-putra-ditemukan-selamat-berikut-namanamanya>

05 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Parit Hailam, Malaysia/ DB060525

On 5 May, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Parit Hailam, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and one was dead and seven were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KkAjiPM7Q/>

05 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Missing, 42 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Balikpapan, Indonesia/ DB060525

On 5 May, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Balikpapan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two missing and 42 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kaltim.antaranews.com/berita/237289/tim-sar-cari-dua-korban-kapal-tenggelam-di-teluk-balikpapan>

05 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hai Phong, Vietnam/ DB060525

On 5 May, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Hai Phong, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and six were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-hang-va-cham-tau-ca-10-ngu-dan-bi-nan-tren-bien-con-dao-post489540.html>

04 May - Others/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gampo-eup, ROK/ DB060525

On 4 May, a fishing vessel experience flooding due to water ingress off Gampo-eup, ROK. SAR was conducted and five were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=137346>

07 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tugboat/ Off Kuala Bakam, Malaysia/ DB080525

On 7 May, a tugboat was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Bakam, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/12Hraqixh68/>

Out of Reporting Period:

02 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Vietnam/ DB050525

On 2 May, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Phu Quy island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and four were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/phu-quy-cuu-4-lao-dong-tren-tau-ca-bi-chim-do-pha-nuoc-129902.html>

02 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Con Dao Island, Vietnam/ DB050525

On 2 May, a fishing vessel sank due to collision with a cargo vessel off Con Dao Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and 10 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-hang-va-cham-tau-ca-10-ngu-dan-bi-nan-tren-bien-con-dao-post489540.html>

01 May - Vessel Detained/ Fraudulent Registration/ Tugboat/ Off Tanjung Baram, Malaysia/ DB050525

On 1 May, a tugboat was detained due to fraudulent registration off Tanjung Baram, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02g2H6d9gg5FgDJy6tshGzKzftvLiRHB5GgnAzqFySkfkGtvWknCHGjzw3WadNZHl?rdid=8s0BblZd53qyLEc>

02 May - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kolhufushi, Maldives/ DB070525

On 2 May, a small boat experienced equipment failure due to unknown causes off Kolhufushi, Maldives. SAR was conducted and eight were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
MRCC Malé

29 Apr - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hulhumale, Maldives/ DB080525

On 29 Apr, a cargo vessel was missing due to equipment failure off Hulhumale, Maldives. SAR was conducted and five were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://en.sun.mv/96219>



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

Incidents:

04 May - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Port of Gunsan, ROK/ DB060525

On 4 May, local authorities detained two fishing vessels due to misreporting catches at Port of Gunsan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=137342>

04 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Malaysia/ DB060525

On 4 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel due to license of fishing vessel and fishing with illegal gear off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FqPEZf8Pe/>

04 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 15 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Narathiwat Province, Thailand/ DB060525

On 4 May, local authorities detained two foreign fishing vessels and arrested 15 Vietnamese fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Narathiwat Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3018101/two-vietnamese-fishing-boats-seized-in-southern-thai-waters>

03 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Kuantan, Malaysia/ DB060525

On 3 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kuala Kuantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JgG3R5gcN/>

07 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Tanjung Tungku, Malaysia/ DB080525

On 7 May, local authorities seized detained a fishing vessel and arrested a foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and license of fishermen off Tanjung Tungku, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16Cs6xr7BT/>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Lumut, Malaysia/ DB050525

On 1 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Lumut, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB050525

On 1 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18r5rbhKZv/>

01 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Talang, Malaysia/ DB070525

On 1 May, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear off Talang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0tjSwTcgfqeLUNvmvHhGApL4ByTYRrzk7t1R1NViXypH9r5EgxjbJau6jRLZLFT2l?rdid=w2FEMr9ahzwnZKNkf>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

04 May - Domestic Products/ Clothes (280)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Buol, Indonesia/ DB080525

On 4 May, local authorities seized 280 clothes from an unknown vessel off Buol, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-255238-tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-280-ballpers-ilegal-di-kabupaten-buol.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

02 May - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (642 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB050525

On 2 May, local authorities seized 642 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.sohu.com/a/892036522_206880

02 May - Drugs/ Cannabis (409 Packs)/ Small Boat/ Off Perlis, Malaysia/ DB050525

On 2 May, local authorities seized 409 packs of cannabis from a small boat off Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.orientaldaily.com.my/news/society/2025/05/02/730369>

30 Apr - Fuel/ Petrol (150,000 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Sandakan, Sabah/ DB050525

On 30 Apr, local authorities seized 150,000 litres of petrol from a passenger vessel off Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FVsm1tmwo/>

01 May - Drugs/ Synthetic Drugs (179 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Pengkalan Balak Beach, Malaysia/ DB060525

On 1 May, local authorities seized 179 litres of synthetic drugs from an unknown vessel off Pengkalan Balak Beach, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2025/05/05/mmea-foils-bid-to-smuggle-out-drug-mixture-worth-rm15mil#goog_rewarded

01 May - Domestic Products/ Fertilizer (600 Sacks)/ Small Boat/ Off St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB070525

On 1 May, local authorities seized 600 sacks of fertilizer from a small boat off Pengkalan Balak Beach, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.banglatribune.com/country/896735/%E0>

29 Apr - Drugs/ Marijuana (72.1kg)/ Port of Manila, Philippines/ DB070525

On 29 Apr, local authorities seized 72.1kg of marijuana at Port of Manila, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/275149/marijuana-worth-p101-million-seized-in-manila-port>

23 Apr - Domestic Products/ Dummy Network Modules and Fake Hearing Aids (7 Boxes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Kolkata Port, India/ DB070525

On 23 Apr, local authorities seized seven boxes of dummy network modules and fake hearing aids from an unknown vessel at Kolkata Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

02 May - Fuel/ Petrol (16 Barrels)/ Small Boat/ Off Gaya Island, Sabah/ DB080525

On 2 May, local authorities seized 16 barrels of petrol from a small boat off Gaya Island, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/257695/agensi-penguatkuasaan-maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-bawa-petrol-di-semporna/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKI5D1leHRuA2FlbQlXmABicmlkETF6WEIVNkttOWJlVmk4MkJFAR7lr1xVISggNpQ2Y0cwSwmeDkogvxnketAXJMM4opP2nGUdLaBuWs4gL3gEvQ_aem_QN1U6HBVVk58BgbkztL-Aw

23 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (480.29kg) and Heroin (109.89kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ Off Sungai Setiu, Malaysia/ DB080525

On 23 Apr, local authorities seized 480.29kg of meth and 109.89kg of heroin from two small boats off Sungai Setiu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.buletintv3.my/jenayah/sindiket-edar-dadah-guna-bot-sewa-tumpas-dadah-lebih-rm25-juta-dirampas/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

05 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Small boat/ 83 Indonesian Migrants/ Off Tanjung Balai Asahan, Indonesia/ DB070525

On 5 May, local authorities arrested 83 Indonesian migrants from a small boat off Tanjung Balai Asahan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://prianganinsider.pikiran-rakyat.com/nasional/pr-3839304402/gak-main-main-tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-83-pmi-ilegal-dari-malaysia-di-perairan-asahan?page=all>

05 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 42 Indonesian Migrants/ Off Muara Sungai Baru, Indonesia/ DB080525

On 5 May, local authorities arrested 42 Indonesian migrants from a small boat off Muara Sungai Baru, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-255225-tni-al-kembali-gagalkan-tindak-pidana-di-laut-42-orang-pmi-non-prosedural-berhasil-diamankan.html>



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

2025

IFC Spot Commentary 01/25 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2025

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 Lane 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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