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



For the period of 08 - 14 Feb 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)	1	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	12	5-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	11	8-10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	8	11-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

### Information Update:

12 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tanker, Greece-Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB120225

It was updated that there was confrontation and the third engineer was restrained.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Company Ship Officer (CSO)

### Incident:

12 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Greece-Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB120225

POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Greece-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°06'24.0"N 103°44'04.8"E) on 12 Feb 2025, at 0250 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators (reportedly armed with knives) in the engine room.

Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some engine spare parts 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

14 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB140225

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Liberia-flagged tanker, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°04'21.0"N 103°41'07.2"E) on 14 Feb 2025, at 0250 (UTC + 8). The crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators (reportedly armed with gun-like object) in the engine room.

2. The ship master reported all crew are safe and accounted for, nothing was reported stolen. 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

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB120225

POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1° 07.80' N 103° 45.00' E ) on 01 Feb 2025, at 0600 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators (reportedly unarmed) in the engine room.

Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. No items were reported missing. 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)

### Incidents:

09 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Dead, 5 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Habaekdo island, ROK/ DB100225

On 9 Feb, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown causes off Habaekdo island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were four dead, five missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20250209002164054?input=1195m>

09 Feb - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Trawler/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB110225

On 9 Feb, a trawler was adrift due to having no fuel off Delft Island, Sri Lanka. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/10/202502101500/>

08 Feb - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ Off Sarangani Province, Philippines/ DB110225

On 8 Feb, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Sarangani Province, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15aYNatiJL/>

10 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bataan, Philippines/ DB120225

On 19 Feb, a small boat sunk due to bad weather off Bataan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Fi7hV5i24/>

10 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 3 Fishing Vessels/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Thuan, Vietnam/ DB120225

On 10 Feb, three fishing vessels sunk due to bad weather off Binh Thuan, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/song-lon-lien-tiep-3-tau-ca-bi-chim-o-cua-cang-la-gi-127787.html>

12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Seogwipo, ROK/ DB130225

On 12 Feb, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown causes off Seogwipo, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were five missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=132964>

13 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 7 Missing 5 Rescued/ SAR/ East of Hawangdeung-ri, ROK/ DB140225

On 13 Feb, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes east of Hawangdeung-ri, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were seven missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.donga.com/news/Society/article/all/20250214/131029335/2>

11 Feb - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB140225

On 11 Feb, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Davao Occidental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB100225

On 6 Feb, a fishing vessel was detained due to unauthorized operation off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mmea.gov.my/index.php/ms/allcategories-ms-my/12-berita-utama/2468-vesel-nelayan-asing-tanpa-pemilik-dirampas-maritim-malaysia>

01 Feb - Unauthorised Operation/ Vessel Detained/ 2 Tankers/ Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB100225

On 1 Feb, two tankers were detained due to unauthorized operation at Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2025/11840/two-vessels-detained-by-bangladesh-coast-guard-for-illicit-f>

07 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Yen Beach, Vietnam/ DB110225

On 7 Feb, a fishing vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Phu Yen Beach, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-ca-nuoc-ngoai-hong-may-troi-dat-vao-vung-bien-phu-yen-post486484.html>

07 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cabuli Island, Palawan, Philippines/ DB110225

On 7 Feb, a fishing vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Cabuli Island, Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



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

### Incidents:

09 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 17 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas, Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Bidan Isl, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB100225

On 9 Feb, local authorities detained four fishing vessels and arrested 17 foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas and fishing with illegal gear off Bidan Isl, Kedah, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15xz1DSk4D/>

09 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB100225

On 9 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.mmea.gov.my/index.php/ms/allcategories-ms-my/12-berita-utama/2474-lagi-vnt-fiber-ditahan-tangguk-siput-secara-haram>

08 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB100225

On 8 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 14 local fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/09/202502091500/>

10 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Perlis, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB110225

On 10 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested two local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kuala Perlis, Kedah, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Xmrzb9G6d/>

11 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia/ DB120225

On 11 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested a local and four foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1H6Z9x7F6g/>

11 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Expelled/ 9 Indonesian Fishermen Expelled/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tawau, Malaysia/ DB120225

On 11 Feb, local authorities expelled three Indonesian fishing vessels and nine Indonesian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A9qsfM5s9/>

12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kudat, Sabah/ DB130225

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained two local fishing vessel and arrested ten fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kudat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18Sh5LEJT4/>

11 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ off Marado, Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, ROK/ DB130225

On 11 Feb, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing vessel due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Marado, Daejong-eup, Seogwipo-si, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250211\\_0003061616](https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250211_0003061616)

12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pantai Shahbandar, Sabah/ DB140225

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested a five fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pantai Shahbandar, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BNiKm91Pz/>

12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/  
Fishing With Illegal Gear/ Off Romblon, Philippines/ DB140225

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Romblon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17XwUbfGwW/>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 8 Fishermen Arrested/  
Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Belua, Malaysia/ DB100225

On 7 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested eight fishermen due to fishing in prohibited off Tanjung Belua, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mmea.gov.my/index.php/ms/allcategories-ms-my/12-berita-utama/2472-vesel-nelayan-tarik-pukat-tepi-ditahan-maritim-malaysia>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

09 Feb - Wildlife/ Rabbits (10)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Pantai Pengkalan Balak, Malaysia/ DB100225

On 9 Feb, local authorities seized 10 rabbits off a small boat off Pantai Pengkalan Balak, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2025/02/09/mmea-intercepts-rabbit-smuggling-attempt-off-pantai-pengkalan-balak>

10 Feb - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Petrol (5 barrels), Wheat Flour (100 packets) and Sugar (120 packs)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Philippines/ Off Kudat, Malaysia/ DB110225

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized five barrels of petrol, 100 packets of wheat flour and 120 packs of sugar off a small boat off Kudat, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1WwU4nD6D8/>

11 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (50 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ From Philippines/ Off Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines/ DB120225

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 50 boxes of cigarettes off a small boat off Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Av3oeXMPe/>

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (629 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ To Philippines/ Off Davao City, Philippines/ DB120225

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 629 boxes of cigarettes off a small boat off Davao City, Philippines.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19cfNfiHic/>

08 Feb - Fuel/ Oil (1,600 Litres)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Off Pang Nga, Thailand/ DB120225

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 1,600 litres of oil off two fishing vessels off Pang Nga, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15M2hPU3TF/>

10 Feb - Domestic Products/ Used Clothes (19 Bags)/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Suspects Arrested/ At Belu Regency, Indonesia/ DB130225

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 19 bags of used clothes off a small boat at Belu Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/80191/TERDUGA-PELAKU-PENYELUNDUPAN-19-KARUNG-BALPRES-ILEGAL-BERHASIL-DIGAGALKAN-PRAJURIT-TNI-AL/>

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (100,000 litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam/ DB110225

On 5 Feb, local authorities seized 100,000 litres of diesel oil off a fishing vessel off Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/thuc-thi-phap-luat/12694/81>

31 Jan - Domestic Product/ Used Clothes (1,200 Tonnes)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Patimban Subang, Indonesia/ DB140225

On 31 Jan, local authorities seized 1,200 tonnes of used clothes off a cargo ship off Patimban Subang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://rmol.id/pertahanan/read/2025/02/01/654502/bakamla-ri-tangkap-kapal-pembawa-ballpress-ilegal-di-subang>

**SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)**

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## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Feb - MARPOL/ Diesel Oil Spill (23 Tonnes)/ Ashore/ Off Pulau Brani, Singapore/  
DB100225

On 5 Feb, there was a diesel oil spill off Pulau Brani, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/oil-slicks-detected-off-sentosa-at-least-five-such-incidents-have-been-reported-since-june-2024>



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

### 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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