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



For the period of 08 - 14 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	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	20	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	14	6-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	19	10-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	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:

11 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB110325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°05'36.0"N 103°43'18.0"E) on 11 Mar 2025, at 02:40 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted seven perpetrators; unknown number or perpetrators armed with gun-like object in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. 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 the shipping company for incident details.

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB100325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Singapore-flagged tug & barge, which transited along Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°17'33.0"N 104°20'41.4"E) on 7 Mar 2025, at 20:00 (UTC +8). Ship Master reportedly sighted four perpetrators boarded the barge from a small craft.

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the shipping company for incident details.

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

09 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Songkhla, Thailand/ DB100325

On 9 Mar, a fishing vessel sank due to a collision with a cargo ship off Songkhla, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19wgTTsAr4/>

09 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 3 Small Boats/ Off Mersing, Malaysia/ DB100325

On 9 Mar, three small boats were detained due to unauthorised operation off Mersing, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02wRogGbHs27ZuhgQxhHJ9nQ1dbW5odsKW7nhUqqn8EPwHMqTezcEvuVtLqmzmR8MBI?rdid=BndnGBGh2tkfRHby#>

09 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Illegal Documentation/ Off Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB110325

On 9 Mar, a tug and barge was detained due to unauthorised operation off Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

10 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yokji-do Island, ROK/ DB120325

On 10 Mar, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Yokji-do Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://n.news.naver.com/mnews/article/031/0000914736?sid=102>

12 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Daecheon Port, ROK/ DB130325

On 12 Mar, a small boat collided with another small boat due to unknown causes off Daecheon Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134352>

10 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Geomundo Island, ROK/ DB130325

On 10 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to collision with another fishing vessel off Geomundo Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134232>

13 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Vessel vs Unknown Vessel/ 20 Dead, Few Rescued/ SAR/ Yellow Sea/ DB140325

On 13 Mar, a cargo vessel sunk due to a collision with an unknown vessel in Yellow Sea. SAR was conducted and there were 20 dead and a few rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250313001551315?section=search>

IFC Comments:

Numbers are estimated.

12 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kien Giang, Vietnam/ DB140325

On 12 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to water ingress off Kien Giang, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/ho-tro-nguoi-dan-truc-vot-phuong-tien-bi-chim-o-dao-nam-du-post487566.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Vietnam/ DB100325

On 7 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to water ingress off Phu Quy Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-nan-tau-ca-bi-pha-nuoc-tren-bien-post487407.html>

07 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Ngai, Vietnam/ DB100325

On 7 Mar, a fishing vessel ran aground due to equipment failure off Quang Ngai, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/xa-hoi/tin-tuc/khan-truong-tim-kiem-thuyen-vien-mat-tich-tren-bien-cuu-ho-tau-ca-mac-can-818608>

07 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yeongdeok County, ROK/ DB100325

On 7 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Yeongdeok County, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134183>

06 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 1 Missing, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ly Son Island, Vietnam/ DB100325

On 6 Mar, two fishing vessels ran aground due to bad weather off Ly Son Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/xa-hoi/tin-tuc/khan-truong-tim-kiem-thuyen-vien-mat-tich-tren-bien-cuu-ho-tau-ca-mac-can-818608>

06 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Barge/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gwangyang Port, ROK/ DB100325

On 6 Mar, a barge was sinking due to water ingress off Gwangyang Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134156>

06 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Trawler/ 42 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maemuldo Island, ROK/ DB100325

On 6 Mar, a bulk carrier collided with a trawler due to unknown causes off Maemuldo Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 42 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134201>

27 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Yen, Vietnam/ DB100325

On 27 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Phu Yen, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

06 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Sitio Tumanda, Philippines/ DB110325

On 6 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown causes off Sitio Tumanda, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid02ooPqf7aeWuCRdJZbCnpKozq9uVxD7z4Cxjm5eGqQ3L7QBPZbiVMKTqzWuJMVtak6l?rdid=a6sV853R579TR7Cz#>

07 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB120325

On 7 Mar, a fishing vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Sorsogon, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B9MiU5LbJ/>

07 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Chonburi, Thailand/ DB120325

On 7 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Chonburi, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EPiPFenC8/>

06 Mar - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Banyak, Indonesia/ DB120325

On 6 Mar, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Pulau Banyak, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://narasipos.com/polhukam/prajurit-tni-al-berhasil-evakuasi-korban-hilang-di-perairan-pulau-banyak/>

02 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Barge/ 3 Dead/ SAR/ Off Jambi, Indonesia/ DB130325

On 2 Mar, a fishing vessel collided with a barge due to unknown causes off Jambi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://narasipos.com/polhukam/tni-al-berhasil-evakuasi-korban-kecelakaan-kapal-nelayan-dengan-kapal-tongkang-di-perairan-jambi/>



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

Incidents:

08 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Pulau Talang, Malaysia/ DB100325

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gears off Pulau Talang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0ttvFsE59o8nhy1NckDvkvf6D6nRn4Ko9dyHABc4h3dcZWw8x7jPdy6uepzBoq35l?rdid=VSMPMIG901xdx6CY#>

10 Mar - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Chagui Island, Jeju, ROK/ DB110325

On 10 Mar, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels due to misreporting catches off Chagui Island, Jeju, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/articles/articlesDetail/45188?feed=na>

08 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Tawaen Beach, Thailand/ DB110325

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear off Tawaen Beach, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

11 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Semporna, Sabah/ DB120325

On 11 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel due to fishing with illegal gear off Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DTG3kpDEv/>

12 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and License of Fishermen/ Off Sandakan, Sabah/ DB130325

On 12 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and eight foreign fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear and license of fishermen off Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E1UjJyQYa/>

11 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fishermen and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia/ DB130325

On 11 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and two foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas and license of fishermen off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid09sUCXCwKud9GwBbfrxkimckeddmgczTRnyXk34DgSv3HfX7f9eD9JtgGaBYgKJwdl?rdid=y3SoJF1mdHij5VWa#>

11 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia/ DB130325

On 11 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid09sUCXCwKud9GwBbfrxkimckeddmgczTRnyXk34DgSv3HfX7f9eD9JtgGaBYgKJwdl?rdid=y3SoJF1mdHij5VWa#>

11 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia/ DB130325

On 11 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off RungKup, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid09sUCXCwKud9GwBbfrxkimckeddmgczTRnyXk34DgSv3HfX7f9eD9JtgGaBYgKJwdl?rdid=y3SoJF1mdHij5VWa#>

13 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas and License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia/ DB140325

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and four foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas and license of fishermen off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0Pq3YgpRjkb1V4o6vb45owAXj45qMoZvpNKZ8eupUBQpRcmFfW8733b4GaokbisZjl?rdid=luUVS0sWQD9ByqaV#>

12 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Pulau Talang, Malaysia/ DB140325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gears off Pulau Talang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CnyX1Ejn6/>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Pulau Talang, Malaysia/ DB100325

On 7 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gears off Pulau Talang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0D9vwpxGyTw4oZzFvnZaGWiRy6NuxDAMZ6F2LbSNV9o9kUvst4CmDukFi1rN3EDSl?rdid=K47KifauTZuHZlim#>

06 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB100325

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested 14 foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/07/202503070715/>

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulau Tabuan Island, Indonesia/ DB110325

On 31 Jan, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Pulau Tabuan Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/jatim/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-7810858/lanal-banyuwangi-tangkap-4-pelaku-bom-ikan-di-konservasi-terumbu-karang>

28 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Small Boats/ 26 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB130325

On 28 Feb, local authorities detained six small boats and arrested 26 foreign fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/12/202503121515/>

IFC Comments:

Operation conducted by Sri Lanka Navy from 28 Feb to 9 Mar.



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

09 Mar - Natural Resources/ Tin Sand (10 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tanjung Nyato Port, Indonesia/ DB120325

On 9 Mar, local authorities seized 10 tons of tin sand off a small boat at Tanjung Nyato Port, Indonesia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timelines.id/2025/03/09/ditreskrimsus-amankan-puluhan-ton-timah-di-pelabuhan-tanjung-nyato-belitung/2/>

08 Mar - Fuel/ Gasoline (2,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB120325

On 8 Mar, local authorities seized 2,000 litres of gasoline off a small boat off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/163RmKE43u/>

12 Mar - Domestic Products/ Soap (855 Bars)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB140325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 855 bars of soap off a small boat off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/12/202503121000/>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Feb - Chemical Substances/ Cyanide (150 Cartons)/ Namlea Ferry Pier, Indonesia/ DB100325

On 27 Feb, local authorities seized 150 cartons of Cyanide at Namlea Ferry Pier, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ambon.tribunnews.com/2025/01/27/polisi-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ratusan-karton-sianida-di-buru-tertera-nama-pt-hon-chuan-indonesia>

06 Mar - Tobacco/ Electronic Cigarettes (400)/ Cargo Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Malé Harbour, Maldives/ DB110325

On 6 Mar, local authorities seized 400 electronic cigarettes at Malé Harbour, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://sun.mv/203382>

06 Mar - Domestic Products/ Used Clothes (167 Sacks)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia To Indonesia/ Panglima Utar Port, Indonesia/ DB110325

On 6 Mar, local authorities seized 167 sacks of used clothes off an unknown vessel at Panglima Utar Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
[https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/80937/TNI-AL-GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-167-BALLPRESS-ILEGAL-SENILAI-RP-1,3-M-DARI-MALAYSIA/#googtrans\(id|en\)](https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/80937/TNI-AL-GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-167-BALLPRESS-ILEGAL-SENILAI-RP-1,3-M-DARI-MALAYSIA/#googtrans(id|en))

05 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (80 Boxes)/ Cargo Vessel/ To Philippines/ Manila Port, Philippines/ DB110325

On 5 Mar, local authorities seized 80 boxes of cigarettes off a cargo vessel at Manila Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/12K7fkvrJcm/>

22 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (148,000 Sticks)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Ampana Port, Indonesia/ DB110325

On 22 Feb, local authorities seized 148,000 sticks of cigarettes off a passenger vessel at Ampana Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://megapolitan.antaranews.com/berita/360249/bea-cukai-luwuk-gagalkan-penyelundupan-rokok-ilegal-di-pelabuhan-kelas-iii-ampana>

16 Feb - Wildlife/ Tiger Shrimp Larvae (1,650,000)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Bakauheni Port, Indonesia/ DB110325

On 16 Feb, local authorities seized 1,650,000 tiger shrimp larvae at Bakauheni Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://lampung.antaranews.com/berita/764301/balai-karantina-lampung-gagalkan-penyelundupan-16-juta-udang-windu-di-bakauheni>

31 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (25,000,000 Sticks)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sai Wan, Hong Kong/ DB110325

On 31 Dec, local authorities seized 25,000,000 sticks of cigarettes off two fishing vessels off Sai Wan, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4444.html?p=5&y=&m=

07 Mar - Wildlife/ Reptiles (243)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Ahmad Yani Port, Indonesia/ DB120325

On 7 Mar, local authorities seized 243 reptiles off a passenger vessel at Ahmad Yani Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/03/09/penyelundupan-ratusan-reptil-digagalkan/>

06 Mar - Tobacco and Drugs/ Cigarettes (160,000 Sticks) and Prescription Tablets (22,100)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kalpitiya Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB120325

On 6 Mar, local authorities seized 160,000 sticks of cigarettes and 22,100 prescription tablets off a small boat at Kalpitiya Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/06/202503061600/>

29 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (29.95kg)/ Barge/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Kanyakumari, India/ DB120325

On 29 Jan, local authorities seized 29.95kg of cannabis off a barge off Kanyakumari, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3301329-dri-and-coast-guard-seize-rs-33-crore-hashish-oil-in-high-seas-operation?amp>

18 Feb - Tobacco and Drugs/ Cigarettes (12,830,000 sticks) and Cannabis (459kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 18 Feb, local authorities 12,830,000 sticks of cigarettes and 459kg of cannabis off a fishing vessel at Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4493.html?p=2&y=&m=

10 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (680kg)/ From Mexico to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customs, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 680kg of meth from Mexico to Hong Kong at Kwai Chung Customs, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4509.html?p=1&y=&m=

27 Jan - Tobacco/ Tobacco (5,800kg) and Cigarettes (2,500,000 sticks)/ From Guangdong to Hong Kong/ Off Tuen Mun, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 5,800kg of tobacco and 2,500,000 sticks of cigarettes from Guangdong to Hong Kong off Tuen Mun, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4477.html?p=3&y=&m=

27 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3,400,000 sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customs, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 27 Jan, local authorities seized 3,400,000 sticks of cigarettes from Singapore to Hong Kong at Kwai Chung Customs, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4477.html?p=3&y=&m=

23 Jan - Domestic Products/ Electronic Goods/ From Hong Kong To Malaysia/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 23 Jan, local authorities seized electronic goods from Hong Kong to Malaysia at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4479.html?p=3&y=&m=

22 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (15,000,000 sticks)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong/ DB130325

On 22 Jan, local authorities seized 15,000,000 sticks of cigarettes off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4471.html?p=4&y=&m=

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

11 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ 18 Rohingya Migrants/ To Malaysia/ Kuala Muda, Malaysia/ DB130325

On 11 Mar, local authorities arrested 18 Rohingya migrants at Kuala Muda, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/region/news.php/crime_courts/news.php?id=2401714

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:

16 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Cambodia/ Dumai Port, Indonesia/ DB110325

On 16 Feb, local authorities arrested three Indonesian migrants at Dumai Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/berita/461106/kejelian-bp3mi-riau-gagalkan-pengiriman-3-cpmi-ke-kamboja-diduga-jadi-admin-judol>

08 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 3 Chinese Migrants/ From China To ROK/ Off Socheong Island, ROK/ DB130325

On 8 Mar, local authorities arrested three Chinese Migrants off a small boat off Socheong Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134403>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

13 Mar - Maritime Pollution/ Dredger and Tug/ Environmental Impact/ Saemangeum New Port, ROK/ DB140325

On 13 Mar, local authorities detained a dredger and a tug due to incorrect waste register of waste oil at Saemangeum New Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134422>



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.

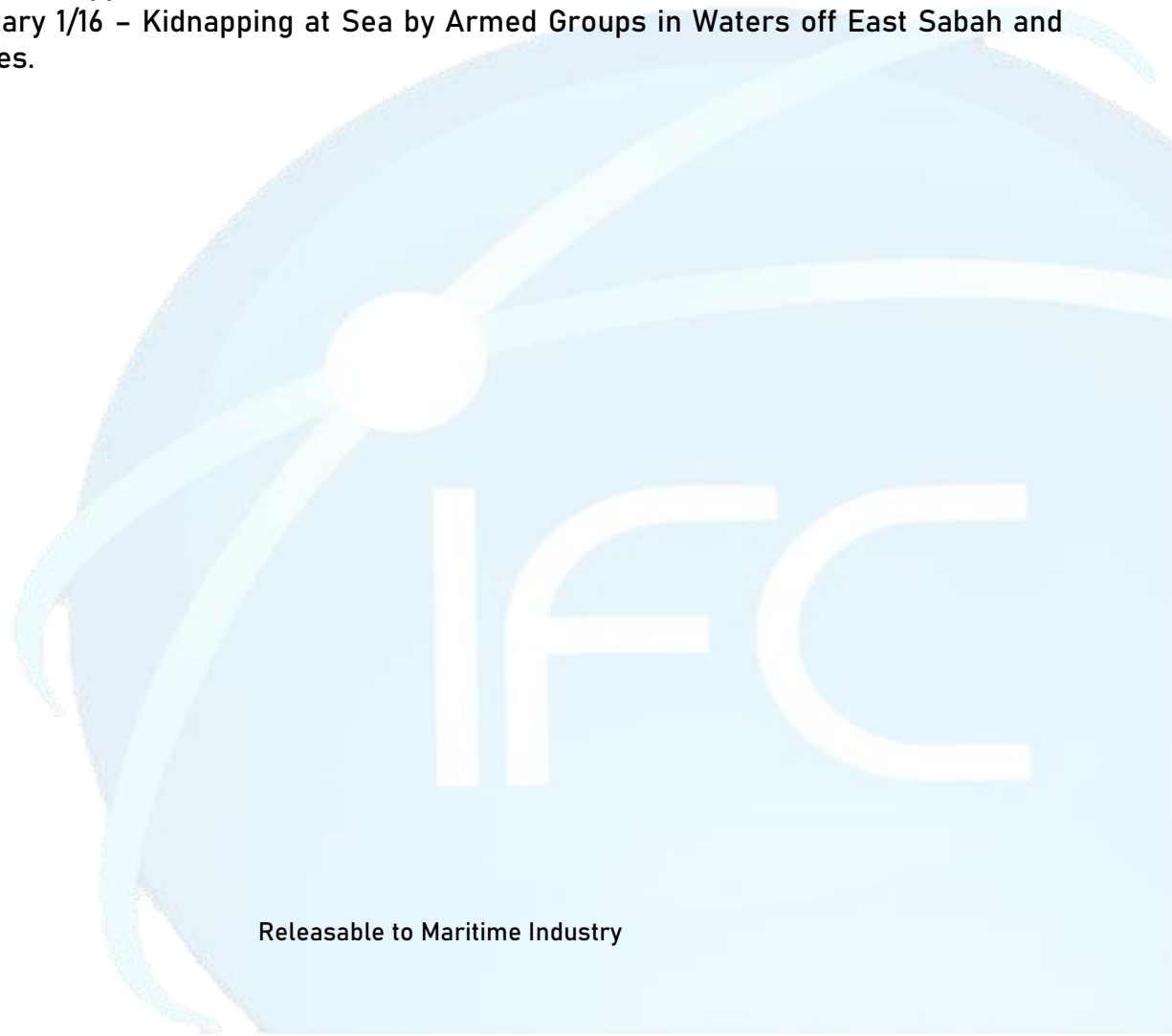
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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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