



INFORMATION FUSION CENTRE

MARSEC Weekly Report 15 - 21 Mar 25

 Changi Command and Control Centre, RSS Singapura Changi Naval


 information_fusion_centre@defence.gov.sg


 www.ifc.org.sg

 http://bit.ly/Information_Fusion_Centre

 https://twitter.com/Info_Fusion_Ctr

 +65 6594 5734

 +65 9626 8965

 +65 6594 5728 / 5705

 https://bit.ly/WhatsApp_IFC11

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



For the period of 15 - 21 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	6	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	20	6-10
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	8	11-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	13	13-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	18
Others	0	0	19

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

Incidents:

17 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait, / DB170325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malaysia-flagged tug & barge, as the vessel transited along the westbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°12'16.8"N 103°34'01.8"E) on 17 Mar 25 at 05:50 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that three sampans were alongside the barge unknown number of perpetrators boarded the barge, all crew were safe and accounted for, with some scrap metal stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Port Klang, Malaysia.

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.

16 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ South China Sea, / DB170325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Malaysia-flagged tugboat, towing a barge, when transiting in the South China Sea (1°29'39.6"N 104°30'43.8"E) on 16 Mar 25, at 08:46 (UTC +8). The ship master reportedly sighted two small boats alongside the barge with unknown number of perpetrators onboard the barge.

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

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.

16 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait, / DB170325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Malaysia-flagged tug, towing a container barge, when transiting along the westbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°17'42.0"N 104°10'06.0"E), on 16 Mar 25 at 00:01 (UTC +8). [Note: Incident location and time were assessed by the ship master.]

2. Ship master conducted a search when the vessel arrived in Singapore's Western Anchorage Area and found that a gangway was missing. Thereafter, the ship master reported the incident to POCC. The vessel does not require any assistance and is currently anchored in the Western Anchorage Area, 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.

19 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait, / DB190325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Singapore-flagged container vessel, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°05'04.8"N 103°43'19.8"E) on 19 Mar, at 03:30 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators on deck.

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, Vietnam.

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:

08 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ General Cargo Vessel, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Berthed/ Jakarta Port, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 8 Mar, at 01:45 (UTC +8) an incident of sea theft was reported onboard a Panama flagged general cargo vessel at Jakarta Port, Indonesia. Reportedly, six perpetrators boarded the vessel and damaged the entrance door to the wheelhouse. The ship's crew raised the alarm. The perpetrators escaped with engine spare parts. All crew members were safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

ReCAAP

07 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Offshore Supply Ship/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Kakinada Anchorage, India/ DB190325

On 7 Mar, at 20:23 (UTC +5:30) an incident of sea theft was reported onboard an offshore supply ship at Kakinada Anchorage, India. Reportedly, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor. The ship's crew raised the alarm.

The perpetrators escaped with mooring lines. All crew members were safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.oni.navy.mil/ONI-Reports/Shipping-Threat-Reports/Worldwide-Threat-to-Shipping-Report-Archive/FileId/177878/>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

20 Mar - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Hoopo Port, ROK/ DB200325

On 20 Mar, a small boat was reported missing off Hoopo Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134811>

20 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Barge vs Fishing vessel/ Off Sejong Island, South Gyeongsangnam, ROK/ DB210325

On 20 Mar, a barge collided with a fishing vessel off Sejong Island, Namhae-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134848>

20 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Biyangdo, Hallim-eup, Jeju City, ROK/ DB210325

On 20 Mar, a fishing vessel ran aground off Biyangdo, Hallim-eup, Jeju City, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134832>

20 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Hoopo Port, Hoopo-myeon, Uljin-gun, North Gyeongsang province, ROK/ DB210325

On 20 Mar, a fishing vessel caught fire in Hoopo Port, Hoopo-myeon, Uljin-gun, North Gyeongsang province, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134918>

19 Mar – Equipment Failure/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang City, Vietnam/ DB210325

On 19 Mar, two fishing vessels experienced equipment failure due to bad weather off Da Nang City, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dantri.com.vn/xa-hoi/luc-luong-hai-quan-cuu-2-tau-ca-gap-nan-tren-bien-da-nang-20250320201211082.htm>

19 Mar – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 3 Fishing Vessels/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ha Tinh province, Vietnam/ DB200325

On 19 Mar, three fishing vessels sunk due to bad weather off Ha Tinh province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-ho-thuyen-danh-ca-cua-ngu-dan-bi-chim-tren-bien-post487821.html>

18 Mar – Collision-Grounding/ Bad weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Semilang, Malaysia/ DB200325

On 18 Mar, a small boat ran aground due to bad weather off Pulau Semilang, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

17 Mar – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB200325

On 17 Mar, local authorities detained a cargo vessel due to unauthorised operations off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0w2SX3GMTrghKVLyyK1h7HUYkJnkH5RkP2FRSw7mjNoCmL4aXrNATJwTg25rmzV4Hl?rdid=b4Sar4a9SrxpY1V5#>

16 Mar – Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing, 27 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Tao, Thailand/ DB170325

On 16 Mar, a small boat caught on fire due to equipment failure off Koh Tao, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and 27 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thairath.co.th/news/local/south/2847409>

17 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Seongsan Port, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo City/ ROK/ DB180325

On 17 Mar, a fishing vessel was on fire due to equipment failure at Seongsan Port, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134667>

17 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 32 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB180325

On 12 Mar, a small boat sunk due to bad weather off Off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 32 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/wooden-hulled-vessel-sinks-in-tawi-tawi-26-rescued>

17 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ SAR/ Dodu Port, Dodu 1-Dong, Jeju City, ROK/ DB180325

On 17 Mar, a small boat sunk due to water ingress at Dodu Port, Dodu 1-Dong, Jeju City, ROK. SAR was conducted and all were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134667>

15 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hwayang-myeon, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do, ROK/ DB180325

On 15 Mar, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes Off Hwayang-myeon, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134603>

18 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Nghe An province, Vietnam/ DB190325

On 18 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown causes off Nghe An province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dantri.com.vn/xa-hoi/chim-tau-ca-o-nghe-an-4-ngu-dan-mat-tich-20250319081110697.htm>

17 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ SAR/ At Merak Port, Banten, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 17 Mar a passenger vessel collided due to unknown causes at Merak Port, Banten, Indonesia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-7827016/kmp-portlink-iii-tabrak-jembatan-bergerak-di-dermaga-eksekutif-merak>

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Vietnam/ DB170325

On 14 Mar, a fishing vessel experienced engine failure due to unknown causes off Phu Quy Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/ho-tro-lai-dat-tau-ca-phu-quy-bi-hong-may-tren-bien-cung-12-thuyen-vien-128587.html>

14 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jindo County, ROK/ DB170325

On 14 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to water ingress off Jindo County, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/ho-tro-lai-dat-tau-ca-phu-quy-bi-hong-may-tren-bien-cung-12-thuyen-vien-128587.html>

14 Mar - Others/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Goseong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do/ ROK/ DB170325

On 14 Mar, a passenger vessel flooded due to water ingress off Goseong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134488>

13 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Tanker and Tug/ 3 Dead, 2 Missing, 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Lamongan, Indonesia/ DB180325

On 13 Feb, a tanker and tug were on fire due to equipment failure off Tanjung Lamongan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three dead, two missing and 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mimbarmaritim.com/2025/03/15/kemenhub-koordinasi-penanganan-kebakaran-kapal-tanker-mt-ronggolawe-09-dan-tb-rosalyn-di-perairan-tanjung-pakis/>

07 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kaledupa, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 7 Mar, a small boat experienced equipment failure due to collision off Kaledupa, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://panduanrakyat.com/tabrak-karang-longboat-angkut-pasian-rujukan-binongko-wanci-alami-bocor-dan-mati-masin-di-perairan-kaledupa>



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

Incidents:

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Socheong Island, Ongjin County, Incheon, ROK/ DB210325

On 21 Mar, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to fishing in prohibited areas off Socheong Island, Ongjin County, Incheon, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134916>

15 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Pemanglan, Malaysia/ DB170325

On 15 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local and three foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Pemanglan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GGPPw8Tkj/>

17 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local and 1 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Mersing, Johor, Malaysia/ DB180325

On 17 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four local and one foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Mersing, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

18 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Malaysia/ DB200325

On 18 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

17 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB200325

On 17 Mar, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/18/202503180900/>

16 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Banate, Philippines/ DB200325

On 16 Mar, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels due to fishing with illegal gear off Banate, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dailyguardian.com.ph/bantay-dagat-seizes-two-illegal-fishing-vessels-in-banate/>

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Oichisaki Fishing Port, Hokkaido, Japan/ DB180325

On 4 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 11 local fishermen due to license of fishermen at Oichisaki Fishing Port, Hokkaido, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.stv.jp/news/stvnews/kiji/sta679c4a787de4462b5a08ee3293f8d16.html>

11 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 14 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Barangay Libtangan, Philippines/ DB190325

On 11 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 14 local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Barangay Libtangan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid02bkNWhrfeZp3aLZWA7n9nVUpY76cmG6LEGUN4wL3t1t1ASWWDjKXnQWxDapmgdJDol?rdid=WsMSQs5lbeyqYG52#>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

16 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (21,000 litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Kien Giang, Vietnam/ DB180325

On 16 Mar, local authorities seized 21,000 litres of diesel off a fishing vessel off Kien Giang, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-tau-ca-mua-ban-21000-lit-dau-do-tren-vung-bien-kien-giang-post487718.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (16,900 Cartons)/ Manila Port, Philippines/ DB170325

On 14 Mar, local authorities seized 16,900 cartons of cigarettes at Manila Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AhpcRpq67/>

13 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Off Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB170325

On 13 Mar, local authorities seized US\$ 23,728 worth of cigarettes off Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/maritime-cops-boc-seize-p14-m-smuggled-cigarettes>

13 Mar - Wildlife/ Lobster Seeds (17 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sungai Boh, Malaysia/ DB170325

On 13 Mar, local authorities seized 17 boxes of lobster seeds off a small boat off Sungai Boh, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

12 Mar - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (680 Packets) and LPG Gas Barrels (28)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB170325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 680 packets of cooking oil and 28 LPG gas barrels off a cargo vessel off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1615YNwrEZ/>

13 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sibugay Bay, Philippines/ DB190325

On 13 Mar, local authorities seized cigarettes from a small boat off Sibugay Bay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GL6L7dKBb/>

11 Mar - Wildlife/ Juvenile lobster (22 Bags)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 11 Mar, local authorities seized 22 bags of juvenile lobster from a small boat off Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bogorraya.pikiran-rakyat.com/nasional/pr-3019145497/bakamla-ri-gagalkan-kasus-penyelundupan-60-ribu-baby-lobster-senilai-rp105-miliar-di-perairan-pulau-seribu>

11 Mar - Domestic Products/ Sugar (2,110kg) and Cooking Oil (820kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tanjung Batu, Malaysia/ DB210325

On 11 Mar, local authorities seized 2,110kg of sugar and 820 kg of cooking oil from a cargo vessel off Tanjung Batu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1F5Z23EQst/>

10 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (27 Cartons)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kakuluk Mesak District, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 10 Mar, local authorities seized 27 cartons of cigarettes at Kakuluk Mesak District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-253433-pos-motaain-satgas-yonif-741-gn-berhasil-gagalkan-penyelundupan-27-karton-tembakau-di-wilayah-perbatasan.html>

03 Mar - Alcohol and Tobacco/ Liquor (97 Cans, 21 Bottles) and Cigarettes (860 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Sungai Bunga, Brunei/ DB190325

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized 91 cans and 21 bottles of liquor and 860 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Sungai Bunga, Brunei.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.polis.gov.bn/Lists/News/ItemDisplayForm.aspx?ID=2549&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Epolis%2Egov%2Ebn%2FLists%2FNews%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x01004EE1520DB09AC547981D92B83F9B1E48>

03 Mar - Domestic Products/ Electronic Goods and Vehicle Parts/ 4 Cargo Vessels/ To Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and China/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB180325

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized electronic goods and vehicle parts off four cargo vessels at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4522.html?p=1&y=&m=

IFC Comments:

Operations took place on 1 Mar and 3 Mar 2025.

12 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (62,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Pulau Bum-Bum, Sabah/ DB200325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 62,000 sticks of cigarettes off a small boat at Pulau Bum-Bum, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/254184/marine-seizes-contraband-cigarettes-detains-skipper/>

12 Mar - Domestic Products/ Liquor (110 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Gudang Arang, Indonesia/ DB200325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 110 litres of liquor off a passenger vessel at Gudang Arang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/03/13/ratusan-liter-sopi-asal-mbd-disita-polisi-di-km-sanus-87/>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

15 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 72 Indonesian and 1 Rohingya Migrants/ Off Batubara, Indonesia/ DB190325

On 15 Mar, local authorities arrested 72 Indonesian and 1 Rohingya migrants off Batubara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://koarmada1.tnial.mil.id/berita/lanal-tba-gagalkan-penyelundupan-71-pmi-non-prosedural-di-perairan-batubara>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

NSTR



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

NSTR



SECTION I: OTHERS

NSTR



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:

Email: information_fusion_centre@defence.gov.sg

Tel: +65 9626 8965 (Hotline)

+65 6594 5728 (Office)

Fax: +65 6594 5734

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.

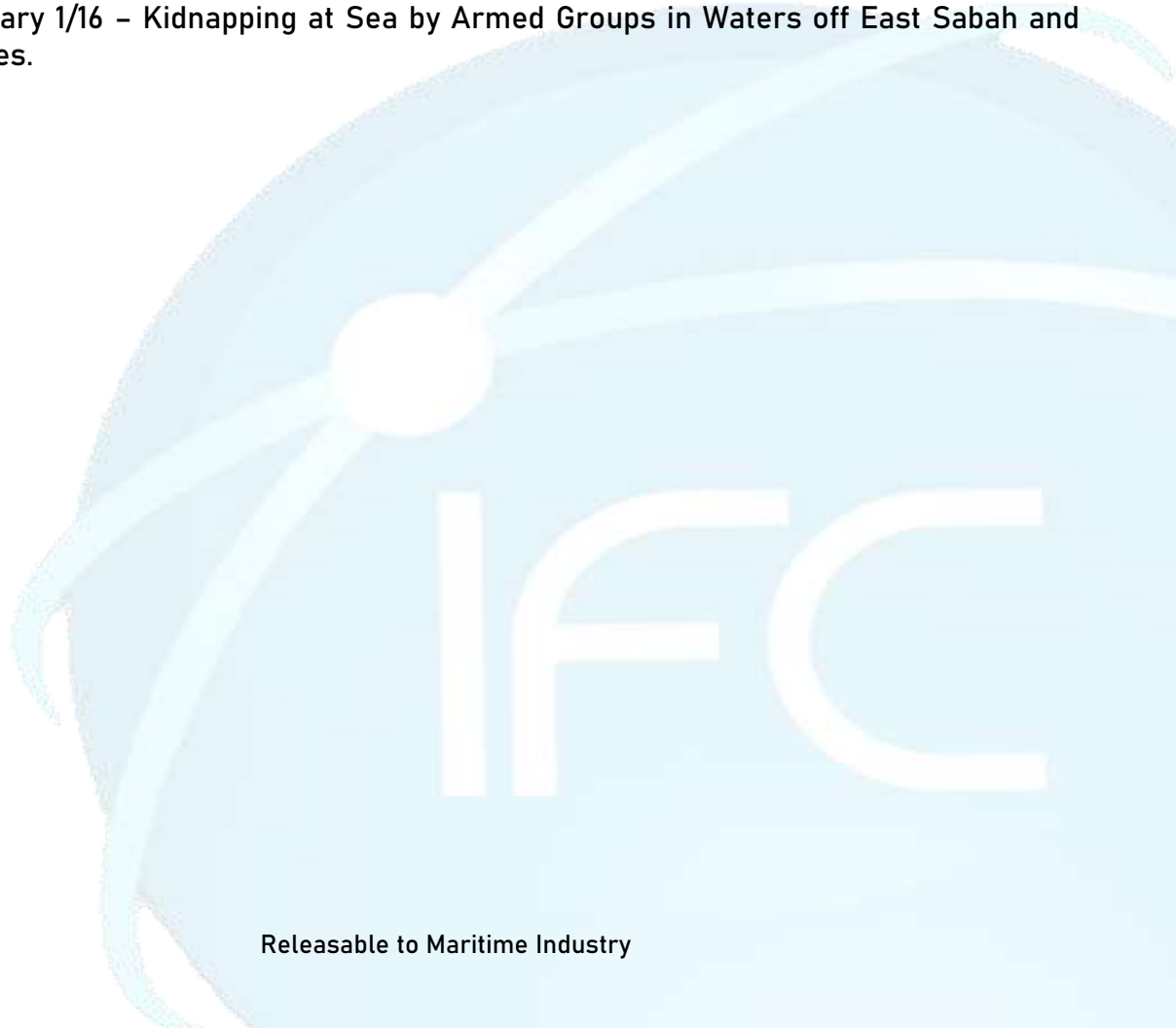
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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.



SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL



103 Tanah Merah Coast Road #02-01, Changi Naval Base



information_fusion_centre@defence.gov.sg



www.ifc.org.sg



http://bit.ly/Information_Fusion_Centre



https://twitter.com/Info_Fusion_Ctr



+65 6594 5734



+65 9626 8965



+65 6594 5728 / 5705