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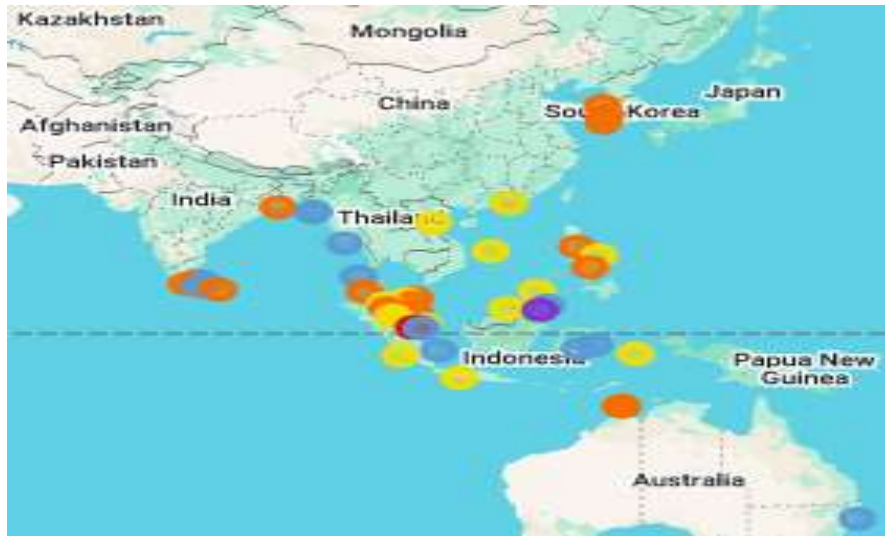
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 17 – 23 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	8	2-5
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	6
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	15	7-10
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	16	11-14
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	16	15-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	21
Others	0	0	22

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

Incidents:

17 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB190525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malta-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°07'00.0"N 103°44'28.8"E) on 17 May, at 01:43 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators armed with knives on the poop deck and fled upon being sighted.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and 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 Comment:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

20 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB200525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Marshall Islands-flagged tanker as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'24.0"N 103°38'22.8"E) on 20 May, at 03:45 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators armed with knives in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Some engine spares and three drums of 20 Litres of lube oil were reported missing. 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 Comment:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details

22 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Cyprus-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB220525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Cyprus-Flagged Bulk Carrier, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'25.8"N 103°38'00.0"E) on 22 May, at 03:30 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted one perpetrator armed with gun-like object on the starboard side of the vessel and another four unarmed perpetrators in the engine room.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew were safe and accounted for, and no items were missing. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

Indonesia ILO updated that the incident has not been confirmed by the Indonesian Authorities.

22 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB220525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Liberia-Flagged Bulk Carrier, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'34.8"N 103°39'22.8"E) on 22 May, at 02:20 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators on the upper deck.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew were safe and accounted for, and no items were missing. 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.

Indonesia ILO updated that the incident has not been confirmed by the Indonesian Authorities.

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23 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB230525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Singapore-flagged tanker, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°06'54.0"N 103°44'45.0"E) on 23 May, at 01:56 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators (reportedly armed with knives) in the engine room.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some engine parts were 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.

Indonesia ILO updated that the incident has not been confirmed by the Indonesian Authorities.

23 May - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB230525

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'29.4"N 103°41'18.0"E) on 23 May, at 01:12 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing stolen was reported yet. 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.

Indonesia ILO updated that the incident has not been confirmed by the Indonesian Authorities.

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug and Barge/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB190525

1. Information Fusion Centre received information from Port Operations Control Centre that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard Malaysian-flagged tug and barge, while transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°09'01.0"N 103°49'00.3"E) on 21 Apr at approximately 02:00 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported all crew are safe and accounted for, and some properties were reportedly missing after a routine inspection.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comment:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

19 Apr - Attempted Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Cargo Ship, Philippines-flagged/ No Injury/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB220525

1. An attempted boarding was reported involving a Philippines-flagged cargo ship, as vessel transited along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°3.73'N 103°41.04'E) on 19 Apr, at 01:00 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted four armed perpetrators approaching the ship.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Nothing was reported missing.

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.

Indonesia ILO updated that the incident has not been confirmed by the Indonesian Authorities.

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

17 May - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Catanduanes, Philippines/ DB190525

On 17 May, a passenger vessel went adrift due to unknown causes off Catanduanes, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2025/05/18/2444002/pcg-rescues-4-norwegians-yacht-drifting-catanduanes>

20 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 30 Rescued/ SAR/ South China Sea/ DB200525

On 20 May, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off South China Sea. SAR was conducted and there were 30 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/singapore-helps-rescue-30-people-fishing-vessel-capsized-5141171>

IFC Comment:

Malaysia ILO updated that MRSC Johor was involved in the SAR ops and two Malaysian government vessels had been deployed to provide assistance.

18 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Klang, Malaysia/ DB200525

On 18 May, a small boat collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Pulau Klang, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and one was missing and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thesun.my/malaysia-news/man-missing-two-others-safe-after-boat-hit-by-fishing-vessel-BM14097547>

19 May - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pombo Island, Indonesia/ DB210525

On 19 May, a small boat ran aground due to bad weather off Pombo Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/05/19/kecelakaan-laut-5-warga-dievakulasi-personel-polsek-leksula/>

17 May - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 289 Rescued/ SAR/ Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB210525

On 17 May, a passenger vessel collided with a pier due to unknown causes at Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong. SAR was conducted and there were 289 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/12088/high-speed-boat-carrying-289-passengers-collides-with-pier-a>

21 May - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB230525

On 21 May, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and two were missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

20 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pangandaran, Indonesia/ DB230525

On 20 May, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Pangandaran, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pikiran-rakyat.com/news/pr-019347608/perahu-nelayan-di-pangandaran-terbalik-2-abk-selamat>

19 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug/ Off Miri, Malaysia/ DB230525

On 19 May, a tug was detained due to unauthorised operation off Miri, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0Jf5qbHWxoWHd2AaS6mFfZoV4iK7Lxbakrddyhv9F5PAquyEbCQNCm9TcEevzom1Dl?rdid=AyHpzaAvhiXaMrMi#>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Container Vessel/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB190525

On 16 May, a container vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://malaysiabangkit.com/kapal-kontena-berlabuh-tanpa-kebenaran-ditahan-maritim-malaysia/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKXUqNleHRuA2FlbQlxBicmlkETE2RDJVSTlZNGNSemJhSjdwAR6aIYDZ80ukCGCQjI2GoEpkRVia85Ntg1y20LHrLJ7t9AePZhHC4_qGHTe79w_aem_be790baaFBUVOCNLnDNkpw

16 May - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nghe An Province, Vietnam/ DB190525

On 16 May, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Nghe An Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/chay-tau-ca-gay-thiet-hai-lon-ve-tai-san-cua-ngu-dan-post490065.html>

11 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Small boat/ 7 Dead 97 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Malabero Beach, Bengkulu, Indonesia/ DB190525

On 11 May, a small boat sank due to equipment failure off Malabero Beach, Bengkulu, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were seven dead and 97 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-7910317/detik-detik-kapal-bawa-wisatawan-ke-pulau-tikus-tenggelam-diterjang-ombak#google_vignette

15 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Dredger/ Off Rimau Island, Malaysia/ DB200525

On 15 May, a dredger was detained due to unauthorised operation off Rimau Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0fYf8P34yFoqBZjTF7PoAtt2P2yPD8PkAbuX3Y8KLeaiwvdtPAksdMxUWGTReqNByl?rdid=TtzMGyBiVStZDjcf>

08 May - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing vessel/ 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quy Nhon, Vietnam/ DB210525

On 8 May, a fishing vessel went missing due to unknown causes off Quy Nhon, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kienthuc.net.vn/tau-ca-binh-dinh-bi-chim-mot-ngu-dan-mat-tich-post1064931.html>

08 May - Vessel Detained/ Human Error/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Che Mat Zin, Malaysia/ DB210525

On 8 May, cargo vessel was detained due to human error off Che Mat Zin, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thesun.my/malaysia-news/man-missing-two-others-safe-after-boat-hit-by-fishing-vessel-BM14097547>

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO updated that the ship's crew had key in the wrong vessel name into the vessel's AIS system which resulted in two vessel names on the radar.

13 May - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Off Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB230525

On 19 May, a tanker was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tok Bali, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02YYQ3VJPoL4tgku3zxrB8NX1ko8ZZ3Ks2jcZNLjVerKabVoUkkphud3ykdLhuq55Zl?rdid=t65FhWgf0og0zsrb#>

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

Incidents:

17 May - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Released/ Not Reporting Catches/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB190525

On 17 May, local authorities released a local fishing vessel due to not reporting catches off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://m.jnilbo.com/77075959515>

17 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB190525

On 17 May, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and license of fishermen off Kelantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/news.php/news.php?id=2424045>

19 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 18 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB200525

On 19 May, local authorities detained two Indonesian fishing vessels and arrested 18 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Phuket, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

18 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing Out of Season/ Off Patharpratima, India/ DB200525

On 18 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel due fishing out of season off Patharpratima, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.anandabazar.com/west-bengal/24-parganas/fishing-trawler-detained-in-patharpratima-with-9-ton-fish-dgtld/cid/1604474>

18 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 17 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Out of Season/ Off Thoothukudi, India/ DB220525

On 18 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 17 fishermen due to fishing out of season off Thoothukudi, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/kerala-boat-seized-in-thoothukudi-for-illegal-fishing/article69590895.ece>

17 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Fishermen Released/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Carles, Phillippines/ DB220525

On 17 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and released 12 fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Carles, Phillippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dailyguardian.com.ph/boat-captain-caught-using-banned-seine-in-iloilo/>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 May - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Eocheong-do, ROK/ DB190525

On 16 May, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 10 foreign fishermen due to misreporting catches off Eocheong-do, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://n.news.naver.com/mnews/article/421/0008255698?sid=102>

11 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB190525

On 11 May, local authorities detained two foreign fishing vessels and arrested 20 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and license of fishermen off Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/news.php?id=2422849>

16 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Quezon Province, Philippines/ DB200525

On 16 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested four fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Quezon Province, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid0jgV126U3xZPJ6tYNQvuDFkyppUAsJDAEegvFJhyJ2ND7oZ3sP7EzcyBixVrRMtMvl?rdid=EkCVX4Z5ThbFtBj4>

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Talang, Malaysia/ DB200525

On 15 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Talang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02b9emVpW9vU2pBKFvZDLTs6TUdfbB1DbgPQCxT6dLNrgtvEAzXcZ2MjXFNheWunTnl?rdid=H3GLSMqFloa5T1uj>

15 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuantan, Malaysia/ DB200525

On 15 May, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested four fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kuantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02b9emVpW9vU2pBKFvZDLTs6TUdfbB1DbgPQCxT6dLNrgtvEAzXcZ2MjXFNheWunTnl?rdid=H3GLSMqFloa5T1uj>

10 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220525

On 10 May, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and arrested six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Australia Maritime Border Command

IFC Comments:

Location provided is for indication only.

10 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220525

On 10 May, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
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10 May - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 9 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 36 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Kotuwamada, Sri Lanka/ DB220525

On 10 May, local authorities detained nine fishing vessels and arrested 36 fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Kotuwamada, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/21/202505211500/>

01 May - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220525

On 1 May, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas off Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

29 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Chinese Fishermen Released/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Seoyeolbi Island, ROK/ DB230525

On 29 Apr, local authorities released a Chinese fishing vessel and released seven Chinese fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Seoyeolbi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.kcg.go.kr/taeancgs/na/ntt/selectNttInfo.do?nttSn=61189>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

17 May - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (1,428 Packets)/ Small Boat/ Off Lahad Datu, Sabah/ DB190525

On 17 May, local authorities seized 1,428 packets of cooking oil from a small boat off Lahad Datu, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

17 May - Fuel/ Petrol (600 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Rameswaram, India/ DB200525

On 17 May, local authorities seized 600 litres of petrol from a fishing vessel off Rameswaram, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.uniindia.com/icg-thwarts-fuel-smuggling-off-gom-coast-3-held/south/news/3466494.html>

17 May - Domestic Products/ Dry Ginger (320kg) and Cardamon (150kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Rodapadu Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB200525

On 17 May, local authorities seized 320kg of dry ginger and 150kg of cardamom from a small boat off Rodapadu Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/19/202505191400/>
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16AvHb184E/>

18 May - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Alcohol (1,600 Bottles) and Cigarettes (230 Cartons)/ 2 Small Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Morowali, Indonesia/ DB210525

On 18 May, local authorities seized 1,600 bottles of alcohol and 230 cartons of cigarettes from two small boats off Morowali, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/82664/TNI-AL-BERHASIL-GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-MINUMAN-BERALKOHOL-DAN-ROKOK-DI-PERAIRAN-MOROWALI-SENILAI-RP-1,49-M/>

19 May - Drugs and Weapons/ Meth (30,000 Pills) and Pistol (1), Ammunition (4)/ Small Boat/ Off Teknaf, Bangladesh/ DB220525

On 19 May, local authorities seized 30,000 pills of meth, a pistol and four rounds of ammunition from a small boat off Teknaf, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1378111633241785&rdid=ITpvOoXKhDbiszFG>

21 May - Drugs/ Meth (1.8 Tons)/ Fishing vessel/ Off Tanjung Balai Karimun, Indonesia/ DB230525

On 21 May, local authorities seized 1.8 tons of meth from a fishing vessel off Tanjung Balai Karimun, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://radarsatu.com/2025/05/21/tim-gabungan-kembali-gagalkan-penyeludupan-18-ton-sabu-dari-kapal-mt-sea-dragon-tarawa/>

Out of Reporting Period:

13 May - Drugs/ Meth (1,900 kg)/ Unknown Fishing Vessel/ Durian Strait, Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia/ DB190525

On 13 May, local authorities seized 1,900 kg of meth from an unknown fishing vessel in Durian Strait, Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://metro.batampos.co.id/tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-19-ton-sabu-senilai-rp228-t-di-selat-durian>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16AvHb184E/>

07 May - Drugs/ Anesthetic/ Off Teknaf, Bangladesh/ DB190525

On 7 May, local authorities seized an unknown amount of anesthetics from an unknown vessel off Teknaf, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/bangladeshnavy.mil.bd/posts/pfbid0H9vumCqoZuTFq5EQL6JVK9fSn42Nm4maGtuH6iWC9FzUBie88V8HGeQXgDaJYEnXI?rdid=7JIOLBJqOY5wQeG6>

27 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (3475 kg) and Ketamine (2000 kg)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Kawthaung, Myanmar/ DB190525

On 27 Apr, local authorities seized 3475 kg of meth and 2000 kg of ketamine from a cargo ship off Kawthaung Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news-eleven.com/article/302802>

26 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (618 kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Pyapone, Myanmar/ DB190525

On 26 Apr, local authorities seized 618 kg of meth from a small boat off Pyapone, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news-eleven.com/article/302802>

09 May - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (2.2 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Off Bugin Islands District, Indonesia/ DB200525

On 9 May, local authorities seized 2.2 tons of diesel oil from a small boat off Bugin Islands District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kabarselebes.co.id/berita/2025/05/18/ditpolairud-polda-sulteng-gagalkan-penyelundupan-22-ton-solar-subsidi-tujuan-maluku-utara/>

09 May- Drugs/ Cocaine (1.04 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Nambucca Heads, Australia/ DB200525

On 9 May, local authorities seized 1.04 tons of cocaine from a small boat off Nambucca Heads, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/more-tonne-cocaine-seized-police-after-vessel-intercepted-9nm-nambucca>

15 May - Natural Resources/ Tin Sand (20 Tons)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Bangka Belitung, Indonesia/ DB210525

On 15 May, local authorities seized 20 tons of tin sand from an unknown vessel off Bangka Belitung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://jakartaglobe.id/news/police-thwart-tin-sand-smuggling-attempt-to-malaysia>

30 Apr - Domestic Products/ Electronic Products/ 2 Container Vessels/ From Hong Kong to Thailand/ Kwai Chung Container Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB210525

On 30 Apr, local authorities seized unknown quantity of electronic products from two container 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_4601.html?p=1&y=&m=

08 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (600 Sticks)/ Passenger Vessel/ To Singapore/ Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, Singapore/ DB210525

On 8 Apr, local authorities seized 600 sticks of cigarettes from a passenger vessel at Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KhxaAbwS2/>

11 May - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (108kg)/ Ashore/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB220525

On 11 May, local authorities seized 108kg of kendu leaves ashore off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/21/202505211400/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

15 May - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Vessel/ 17 Indonesian Migrants/ At Tunon Taka Port, Nunukan, Indonesia/ DB190525

On 15 May, local authorities arrested 17 Indonesian migrants from a passenger vessel at Tunon Taka Port, Nunukan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2025/05/16/053725978/8-calon-pmi-ilegal-tujuan-malaysia-kabur-saat-diamankan-bakamla-di-nunukan>



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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