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



For the period of 18 - 24 Jan 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	7	5-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	7-8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	9-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

### Information Update:

09 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB090125

It was updated that the boarding occurred at the Eastbound lane of TSS instead of Phillip Channel.

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

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

### Incident:

19 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore/ DB200125

1. POCC reported that an unauthorized boarding occurred onboard a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, while transiting along the Eastbound Lane of TSS (1°10'39.0"N 103°49'18.6"E) on 19 Jan at 05:15 (UTC + 8).
2. The shipmaster reported the sighting of six perpetrators who boarded (reportedly armed with knives and gun-like objects) in the engine room. The shipmaster also reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. No items were reported to be missing yet, and the vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

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

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

### IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company

22 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Portugal-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB220125

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving the Portugal-registered bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'54.0"N 103°36'42.0"E) on 22 Jan, at 04:03 (UTC +8). Crew reported sighting five to six perpetrators, with one armed with a knife and one carrying a gun-like object, in the engine room.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore. Singapore authorities updated that the ship master reported some generator spare parts were reported stolen, and no injury to the crew.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Chemical Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB200125

The Master of the Singapore-registered Chemical Tanker, reported that a petty theft incident occurred onboard on 17 Jan, 17:36 (UTC +8) while the ship was at Belawan Anchorage Area No. 6, Indonesia. One crew member spotted 2 perpetrators on port side main deck near accommodation area. He immediately alerted the bridge of the incident and the general alarm was sounded. The 2 perpetrators immediately jumped onto a boat which was waiting along the vessel. A search was conducted onboard. The following items were reported missing: 1. 1 PV Valve; 2. 3 Portable TC Machines Apart from the missing items, there was no reported damage to the ship nor crew injuries.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

18 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Gageodo, ROK/ DB200125

On 18 Jan, a fishing vessel caught fire due unknown causes off Gageodo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=131388>

18 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 1 Foreign Crew Arrested/ Off Tinagarat, Sabah/ DB220125

On 18 Jan, a cargo boat was detained due to unauthorized operations off Tinagarat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2025/01/19/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-kargo-langgar-syarat-sah-lesen/>

20 Jan - Collision/ Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 285 Rescued/ SAR/ Ilisha Ghat, Bola, Bangladesh/ DB230125

On 20 Jan, a passenger vessel ran aground off Ilisha, Ghat, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bangladeshcoastguardforce/posts/pfbid0AV9qyxWz5H1yEGv6xnAUUX2KYZYpXtatCiDZCSk6fd4Y4Jst7BcfX9YY6ujaBmJTI?rdid=ttgrILtIgF6t2VF1>

21 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued, 4 Missing/ SAR/ La Gan Cape, Off Vietnam/ DB230125

On 21 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk-capsized due to bad weather in La Gan Cape off Vietnam SAR was conducted, one was rescued and four were missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/tim-kiem-4-thuyen-vien-mat-tich-tren-tau-ca-bi-chim-127561.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Local Passenger Vessel/ 28 rescued/ SAR/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB200125

On 16 Jan, a passenger vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 28 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DricC8BnF/>

16 Jan - Missing/ Equipment Failure/ Tug Boat/ 2 Fishermen/ Off Palau Undan Island, Malaysia/ DB210125

On 16 Jan, a tug boat went missing due to equipment failure off Palau Undan Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mmea.gov.my/index.php/ms/allcategories-ms-my/12-berita-utama/2435-bot-dua-kru-hilang-di-perairan-pulau-undan>

15 Jan - Equipment Failure/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Fishermen Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dumai, Indonesia/ DB240125

On 15 Jan, a fishing vessel experienced equipment failure due to bad weather, SAR was conducted and there were two fishermen rescued off Dumai, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysia.news.yahoo.com/fishermen-rescued-80km-melaka-dumai-020821595.html>



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

**Incidents:**

**18 Jan - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Jeju, ROK/ DB200125**

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing vessel due to misreporting catches off Jeju, ROK.

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

[https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250119\\_0003037621](https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250119_0003037621)

**19 Jan - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ off Eocheongdo Island, Okdo-myeon, ROK/ DB210125**

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained a Chinese fishing vessel off Eocheongdo Island, Okdo-myeon, ROK.

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

<https://www.news1.kr/local/jeonbuk/5666793>

**18 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Sangga, Malaysia/ DB210125**

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested a local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Sangga, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1WqTV5Cyny/>

**19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Kendi Island, Malaysia/ DB240125**

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen due to illegal fishing off Kendi Island, Malaysia.

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

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

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**14 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Tug Boat Detained/ 1 Suspect Arrested/ Transferring Aquatic Animals Without Authorization/ Paramunei, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB210125**

**On 14 Jan, local authorities detained a tug boat and arrested a suspect due to transferring aquatic animals without authorization at Paramunei, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.**

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

**<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/15/202501151500/>**

**17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Off Arnhem Land, Australia/ DB240125**

**On 17 Jan, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen due to illegal fishing off Arnhem Land, Australia.**

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

**<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Operation-LUNAR-Vessel-intercepted,-1-2-tonnes-of-sea-cucumber-seized-near-Arnhem-Land.aspx>**



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

22 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3500 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ From China to Vietnam/ Mong Cai Province, Off Vietnam/ DB230125

On 22 Jan, local authorities seized 3500 boxes of cigarettes off a small boat in Mong Cai Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-vu-van-chuyen-hon-3500-bao-thuoc-la-ngoai-nhap-lau-post486182.html>

20 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (108 kg)/ Small Boat Detained/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB230125

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 108 kg of cannabis off a small boat in Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/21/202501211000/>

20 Jan - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (654 kg)/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ Off Keeramundalama, Sri Lanka/ DB230125

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 654 kg of Kendu leaves from a small boat off Keeramundalama, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/21/202501211030/>

20 Jan - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (635 kg)/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ Off Keeramundalama, Sri Lanka/ DB230125

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 635 kg of Kendu leaves from two small boats off Keeramundalma Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/21/202501211030/>

20 Jan - Wildlife/ 130 Sea Cucumber/ Small Boat Detained/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Venpuravinagar, Sri Lanka/ DB230125

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized 130 sea cucumbers from a small boat off Venpuravinagar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/21/202501211630/>

20 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Suspect Apprehended/ At Teluk Wondama, Indonesia/ DB240125

On 20 Jan, local authorities seized undetermined amount of cannabis off a passenger vessel at Teluk Wondama, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://papuabarat.antaranews.com/berita/57754/polres-wondama-gagalkan-peredaran-ganja-menggunakan-transportasi-laut>

19 Jan - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (48 litres)/ 1 Speed Boat Detained/ Dufa-Dufa Port, Indonesia/ DB240125

On 19 Jan, local authorities seized 48 litres of alcohol off a speed boat in Dufa-Dufa Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4593478/puluhan-kantong-miras-berhasil-diamankan-di-pelabuhan-ternate>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (421kg MDMA, 120kg synthetic hallucinogen 'pink cocaine', 80kg Meth)/ Container Vessel/ 3 Local, 2 Foreign men/ From Italy to Australia/ Melbourne, Australia/ DB200125

On 1 Jul, local authorities seized 421kg of MDMA, 120kg of synthetic hallucinogen 'pink cocaine', and 80kg of Meth off a container vessel off Melbourne, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/five-charged-sydney-during-drug-trafficking-investigation>

13 Jan - Natural Resources/ Tendu Leaves (864 kg)/ 2 Tug Boat Detained/ Suspects Fled/ Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB210125

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized 864kg of tendu leaves off two tug boats at Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/01/15/202501151200/>

17 Jan - Wildlife/ Endemic Bird (Protected species)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Ambon Port, Indonesia/ DB220125

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized an endemic bird (protected species) off a passenger vessel in Ambon Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/01/18/karantina-amankan-burung-endemik/>

15 Jan - Wildlife/ 50 Endemic Birds (protected species)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Manado Port, Indonesia/ DB220125

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 50 endemic birds (protected species) off a passenger ship in Manado Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/01/16/barantin-gagalkan-penyelundupan-50-ekor-satwa-dilindungi/>

15 Jan - Wildlife/ 5 Endemic Bird (Protected species)/ Passenger Vessel/ Tobelo Port, Indonesia/ DB220125

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 5 endemic birds (protected species) off a passenger ship in Tobelo Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4586382/bksda-maluku-amankan-lima-ekor-satwa-nuri-ternate-di-pelabuhan-tobelo>

16 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (1 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Suspect Apprehended/ Nabire, Indonesia/ DB240125

On 16 Jan, local authorities seized one kg of Cannabis from a passenger vessel in Nabire, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://papua.tribunnews.com/2025/01/18/perempuan-remaja-ini-ditangkap-di-kapal-menuju-nabire-30-paket-ganja-disita-polisi>

02 Jan - Domestic Products/ Tin sand (15,422kg)/ 2 Suspects Arrested/ Pelindo Tanjung Port, Indonesia/ DB240125

On 2 Jan, local authorities seized 15,422 kg of tin sand off two vehicles believed to be domestically smuggled from sea in Pelindo Tanjung Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-7714455/polisi-gagalkan-penyelundupan-17-ton-pasir-timah-diduga-ilegal>



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

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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

### 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.

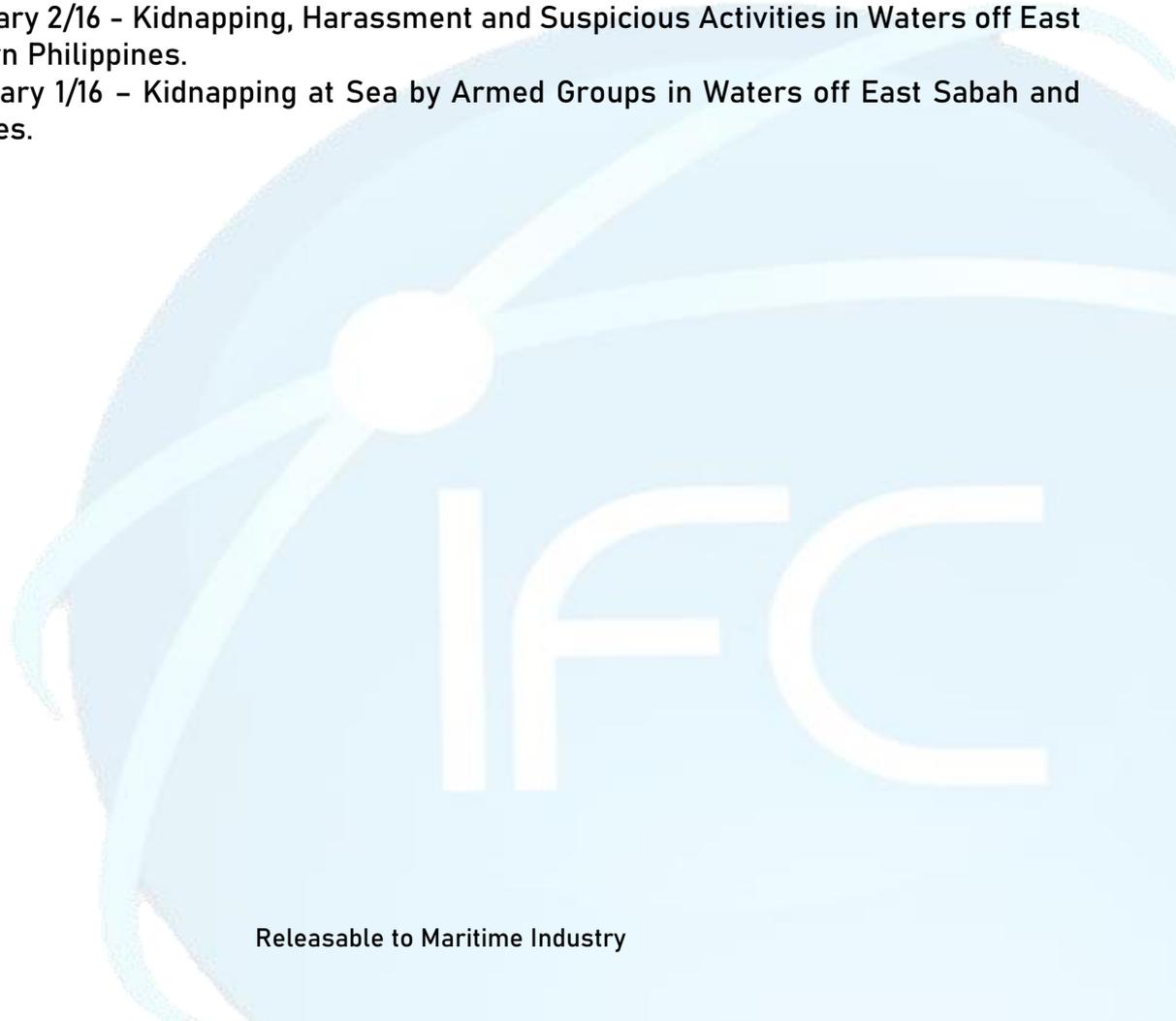
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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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