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



For the period of 19 – 25 Jul 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	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	14	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	1	7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	9	8-9
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	10
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	11
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	12
Others	0	0	13

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

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

19 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather (Storm Wipha)/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pasandigan Cove, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines/ DB210725

On 19 Jul, a small boat sank due to bad weather (Storm Wipha) off Pasandigan Cove, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100067822296070/posts/1080964380840962/?rdid=q55mA6eHXLecyz7A#>

19 Jul - Equipment Failure/ Bad Weather/ Trawler/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Palliyawatta, Wattala, Sri Lanka/ DB210725

On 19 Jul, a trawler experienced equipment failure due to bad weather off Palliyawatta, Wattala, Sri Lanka. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/07/20/202507201000/>

20 Jul - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ferry/ 5 Dead, 284 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sulawesi Island, Indonesia/ DB220725

On 20 Jul, a passenger ferry caught fire due to unknown causes off Sulawesi Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were five dead and 284 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/12225/five-dead-in-passenger-ferry-fire-in-indonesia>

20 Jul - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 7 Passenger Vessels/ Off Pulau Redang, Malaysia/ DB220725

On 20 Jul, seven passenger vessels was detained due to unauthorised operation off Pulau Redang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

20 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Rayong, Thailand/ DB230725

On 20 Jul, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Rayong, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CC7p1W8r5/>

22 Jul - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Off Kuala Baram, Malaysia/ DB240725

On 22 Jul, a tug and barge were detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Baram, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19H4adEJ6L/>

22 Jul - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Tanjung Harapan, Malaysia/ DB240725

On 22 Jul, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Harapan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

24 Jul - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ 1 Rescued/ Off Seongsan Port, ROK/ DB250725

On 24 Jul, a tug caught fire due to unknown causes off Seongsan Port, ROK. There was one rescued.

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Jul - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yangon, Myanmar/ DB210725

On 18 Jul, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Yangon, Myanmar. SAR was conducted and there were 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=1051423067142512&id=100068244848759

18 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather (Storm Wipha)/ Barge/ 3 Rescued/ Off Catanduanes, Philippines/ DB210725

On 18 Jul, a barge ran aground due to bad weather (Storm Wipha) off Catanduanes, Philippines. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1109904291075847&id=100061688583843&rdid=1Kp6t1wwNqKOSOrz#

17 Jul - Vessel Detained/ Fraudulent Registration/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia/ DB210725

On 17 Jul, a fishing vessel was detained due to fraudulent registration off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B8fFvrMYw/>

18 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship vs Cargo Ship/ Off Manguinoo Port, Philippines/ DB230725

On 18 Jul, two cargo ships collided with each other due to bad weather off Manguinoo Port, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2083897/2-boats-slam-into-each-other-in-calbayog-port-amid-strong-winds>

17 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel vs Barge/ Off Banjarmasin, Indonesia/ DB230725

On 17 Jul, a passenger vessel collided with a barge due to equipment failure off Banjarmasin, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://banjarmasin.tribunnews.com/2025/07/20/terungkap-penyebab-tabrakan-km-dharma-kartika-ii-dan-tongkang-ksop-banjarmasin-faktor-alam>

15 Jul - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lhokseumawe, Indonesia/ DB230725

On 15 Jul, a container ship collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Lhokseumawe, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two missing and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2083897/2-boats-slam-into-each-other-in-calbayog-port-amid-strong-winds>

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

Incidents:

21 Jul - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB230725

On 21 Jul, local authorities detained an Indian fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/07/22/202507221200/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

20 Jul - Fuel/ Diesel (6,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB220725

On 20 Jul, local authorities seized 6,000 litres of diesel from a small boat off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100021732841242/posts/1675609613173451/?rdid=QPvANIGUJf7eFR91#>

20 Jul - Fuel/ Petrol (50,000 Litres), Diesel Oil (3,000 Litres) and Other Gases (120 Barrels)/ Trawler/ To Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Aru, Sandakan, Malaysia/ DB220725

On 20 Jul, local authorities seized 50,000 litres of petrol, 3,000 litres of diesel oil and 120 barrels of other gases from a trawler off Tanjung Aru, Sandakan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16ymtvvg2d1/>

23 Jul - Drugs/ Meth (12kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Tarakan City, Indonesia/ DB240725

On 23 Jul, local authorities seized 12kg of meth off Tarakan City, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/84503/DUA-KURIR,-DUA-TAS,-DUA-BELAS-KILOGRAM-SABU-DIGAGALKAN-OLEH-TNI-AL-DAN-TIM-GABUNGAN-DI-PELABUHAN-TARAKAN/>

22 Jul - Natural Resources and Domestic Products/ Kendu Leaves (2,399kg), Cardamom (35kg) and Agrochemical (2,629 Packets)/ 4 Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB250725

On 22 Jul, local authorities seized 2,399kg of kendu leaves, 35kg of cardamom and 2,629 packets of agrochemical from four small boats off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/07/24/202507241400/>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jul - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (750kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Serakkuliya, Sri Lanka/ DB210725

On 17 Jul, local authorities seized 750kg of kendu leaves from a small boat off Serakkuliya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/07/20/202507201500/>

17 Jul - Fuel/ Diesel and Gasoline (2,696 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Calauag, Quezon, Philippines/ DB210725

On 17 Jul, local authorities seized 2,696 litres of diesel and gasoline from an unknown vessel off Calauag, Quezon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid023Akfg2RUFs7rWqELtVxKj13sDzDnh8sMhL93MivJscxqzCHWDoiqTyZWP2suZBibI?rddid=Qlt2lmWjkq8AlVUz#>

17 Jul - Domestic Products/ Cardamom (12kg) and Pesticide (7 Sacks)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB220725

On 17 Jul, local authorities seized 12kg of cardamom and 7 sacks of pesticide from a small boat off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/07/21/202507211600/>

18 Jul - National Resources/ Sea Sand (2,000 Tons)/ Tug and Barge/ Off Kabil, Batam, Indonesia/ DB240725

On 18 Jul, local authorities seized 2,000 tons of sea sand from a tug and barge off Kabil, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.batamnews.co.id/berita-121046-tongkang-bermuatan-ribuan-ton-pasir-laut-dari-tambang-rakyat-dari-karimun-masuk-batam-diduga-langgar-izin.html>

13 Jul - Wildlife/ Javan White-Eye Birds (1,260)/ Passenger Ferry/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Flores, Indonesia/ DB250725

On 13 Jul, local authorities seized 1,260 Javan white-eye birds from a passenger ferry off Flores, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.zaobao.com.sg/realtime/world/story20250713-7136734>

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

2025

IFC Infographic on CCTV Footage and Photo Evidence of Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

IFC Recommended Measures to Deter Unauthorised Boardings in Singapore Strait

IFC Spot Commentary 02/25 – Phillip Channel - 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night on 5 Jun 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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