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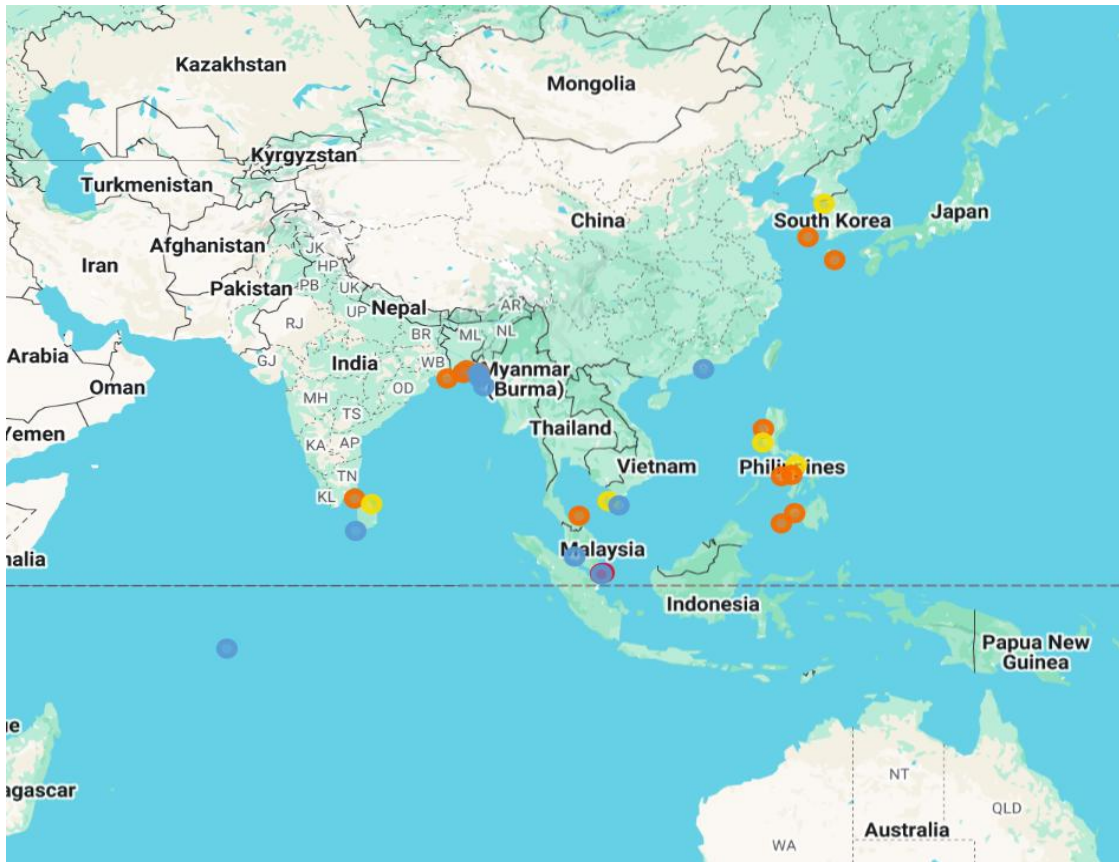
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 20 - 26 Dec 25, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	5	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	13	6-8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	11	8-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	14
Others	0	0	15

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

Incidents:

21 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge/ No Injury/ Underway/ Singapore Strait, Westbound Lane of TSS/ DB221225

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malaysia-flagged tugboat towing a barge, when transiting in the Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°18'51.0"N 104°15'07.0"E) on 21 Dec, at around 17:45 (UTC+8). Ship Master reportedly sighted two sampans and four perpetrators alongside and 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

25 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Singapore-Flagged Tug & Barge/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB261225

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving the Singapore-flagged tugboat towing a barge when transiting in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°12'22.8"N 103°54'52.8"E) on 25 Dec, at around 13:30 (UTC+8). The shipmaster reportedly sighted nine perpetrators onboard the barge.

2. The shipmaster reported that the perpetrators had disembarked, all crew are safe, and some scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Vietnam.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incidents details.

Indonesia ILO has checked with regional authorities and found a suspected buying and selling transaction between the ship's crew and his friend in Batam.

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

24 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hon Chuoi Island, Ca Mau Province, Vietnam/ DB261225

On 24 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to collision off Hon Chuoi Island, Ca Mau Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/bien-dao-viet-nam/cuu-ho-tau-ca-va-13-ngu-dan-va-phai-da-ngam-tren-bien-20251224163943290.htm>

21 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Capones Island, Zambales, Philippines/ DB261225

On 21 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Capones Island, Zambales, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1347240877441261&id=100064660843959&rid=UBdfY8nc08y9Wn3c#

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sunmido, Ongjin-gun, Incheon, ROK/ DB221225

On 19 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to unknown causes off Sunmido, Ongjin-gun, Incheon, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.incheonilbo.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1312432>

18 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 3 Dead, 1 Missing, 34 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Brgy. Gumahand and Brgy Sawang, Aroroy, Masbate, Philippines/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Off Brgy. Gumahand and Brgy Sawang, Aroroy, Masbate, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were three dead, one missing and 34 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16v8muigzE/>

15 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Trincomalee Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB221225

On 15 Dec, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Trincomalee Harbour, Sri Lanka, SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/12/19/202512191100/>



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

Incidents:

20 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Losin Island, Pattani Province, Thailand/ DB221225

On 20 Dec, local authorities detained a Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Losin Island, Pattani Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FgXE6prjm/>

21 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Capiz, Philippines/ DB231225

On 21 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear in Capiz, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dailyguardian.com.ph/3-arrested-for-illegal-trawl-fishing-in-panay-capiz/>

23 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Released/ 16 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Banshkhali, Bangladesh/ DB261225

On 23 Dec, local authorities released one local fishing vessel and arrested 16 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Banshkhali, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/f6pmf9uw>

23 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Sri Lanka Exclusive Economic Zone, Sri Lanka/ DB261225

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested 12 Indian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel in Sri Lanka Exclusive Economic Zone.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1301621>

23 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Bhola, Bangladesh/ DB261225

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman due to fishing with illegal gear in Bhola, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/4nm5uf5s>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Patuakhali, Bangladesh/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested 11 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Patauakali, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/3tra96m6>

18 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Gageodo, ROK/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained two chinese fishing vessels due to license of fishing vessel off Gageodo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<http://www.snakorea.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=985467>

18 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Barangay. Malacanang, Culasi, Antique, Philippines/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested one local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Barangay. Malacanang, Culasi, Antique, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1815114269222984&id=100021732841242&post_id=100021732841242_1815114269222984&rdid=6A7oj09alf080msn#

18 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Barangay Siapar, Anda, Pangasinan, Philippines/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Barangay Sipar, Anda, Pangasinan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1815114269222984&id=100021732841242&post_id=100021732841242_1815114269222984&rdid=6A7oj09alf080msn#

18 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Barangay Poblacion, Margos Sa Tubig, Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained five local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Barangay Poblacion, Margos Sa Tubig, Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1815114269222984&id=100021732841242&post_id=100021732841242_1815114269222984&rdid=6A7oj09alf080msn#

18 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing vessel/ License of Fishermen/ Off Barangay Tehem, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel due to license of fishermen off Barangay Tehem, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1815114269222984&id=100021732841242&post_id=100021732841242_1815114269222984&rdid=6A7oj09alf080msn#

16 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Bangladeshi Fishing Vessels Detained/ 35 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Bay of Bengal, India/ DB221225

On 16 Dec, local authorities detained two Bangladeshi fishing vessels and arrested 35 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel in the Bay of Bengal, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/indian-coast-guard-seizes-2-bangladeshi-boats-35-crew-for-illegal-fishing-glbs-2838256-2025-12-19>

18 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Marado Island, Jeju, ROK/ DB231225

On 18 Dec, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel due to license of fishing vessel off Marado Island, Jeju, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/amp/view/AKR20251222104100056>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

22 Dec - Tobacco/ Vapes (148)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Malaysia to Indonesia/ Batam, Indonesia/ DB231225

On 22 Dec, local authorities seized 148 vapes from a passenger vessel in Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.inews.id/read/661516/penyelundupan-vape-berbahaya-digagalkan-di-batam-pelaku-positif-narkoba>

25 Dec - Domestic Products/ Fertiliser (88 Bags), Medicines and Daily Necessities/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB261225

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 88 bags of fertilisers, medicines and daily necessities from a fishing vessel off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh,

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17t5bEc8NG/>

24 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (172kg) and Heroin (21kg)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ South of Exclusive Economic Zone, Sri Lanka/ DB261225

On 24 Dec, local authorities seized 172kg of meth and 21kg of heroin from a fishing vessel in the South of Sri Lanka's Exclusive Economic Zone.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/12/25/202512250900/>

23 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cement (1,300 Sacks) and Mosquito Coils (7,200 Packets)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB261225

On 23 Dec, local authorities seized 1,300 sacks of cement and 7,200 packets of mosquito coils from two fishing vessels in St Martin's Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/2rayvntw>

23 Dec - Drugs/ Etomidate Vape (78 Cartridges)/ From Malaysia to Batam/ Harbour Bay International Port Batam, Indonesia/ DB261225

On 23 Dec, local authorities seized 78 cartridges of Etomidate vapes in Harbour Bay International Port Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://metropolis.batampos.co.id/dua-wanita-selundupkan-liquid-vape-etomidate-dari-malaysia-diciduk-di-harbour-bay/>

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cement (450 Bags)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Dhalghata, Bangladesh/ DB221225

On 19 Dec, local authorities seized 450 bags of cement from a fishing vessel in Dhalghata, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/msn93s8p>

18 Dec - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (24 Bottles)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Patuakhali, Bangladesh/ DB221225

On 18 Dec, local authorities seized 24 bottles of alcohol from a fishing vessel off Pataukhali, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/3tra96m6>

17 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (200,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Vietnam/ Ca Mau Province, Vietnam/ DB221225

On 17 Dec, local authorities seized 200,000 litres of diesel oil from a fishing vessel in Ca Mau Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sgpp.org.vn/vietnam-coast-guard-seizes-vessel-carrying-200000-liters-of-illegal-oil-post122609.html>

17 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cement (1,750 Sacks) and Mobile Phones (32 Handsets)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Kutubdia, Bangladesh/ DB231225

On 17 Dec, local authorities seized 1,750 sacks of cement and 32 handsets of mobile phones off Kutubdia, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/3tra96m6>

16 Dec - Drugs/ Cocaine (417kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Brazil to China/ Hong Kong/ DB261225

On 16 Dec, local authorities seized 417kg of cocaine from a container vessel in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/hong-kong-customs-use-rov-to-find-cocaine-hidden-in-sea-chest>

08 Oct - Domestic Products/ Electronic Waste (556,800 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB261225

On 8 Oct, local authorities seized 556,800kg of electronic wastes from an unknown vessel in Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2025/12/1488429/jkdm-gagal-cubaan-seludup-sisa-elektronik-bernilai-lebih-rm306-juta>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

21 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 6 Indonesian Migrants Arrested/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Off Tanah Merah Waters, Singapore/ DB221225

On 21 Dec, local authorities arrested six Indonesian migrants from a small boat off Tanah Merah Waters, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/six-indonesian-men-arrested-illegal-entry-tanah-merah-boat-5654446>



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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