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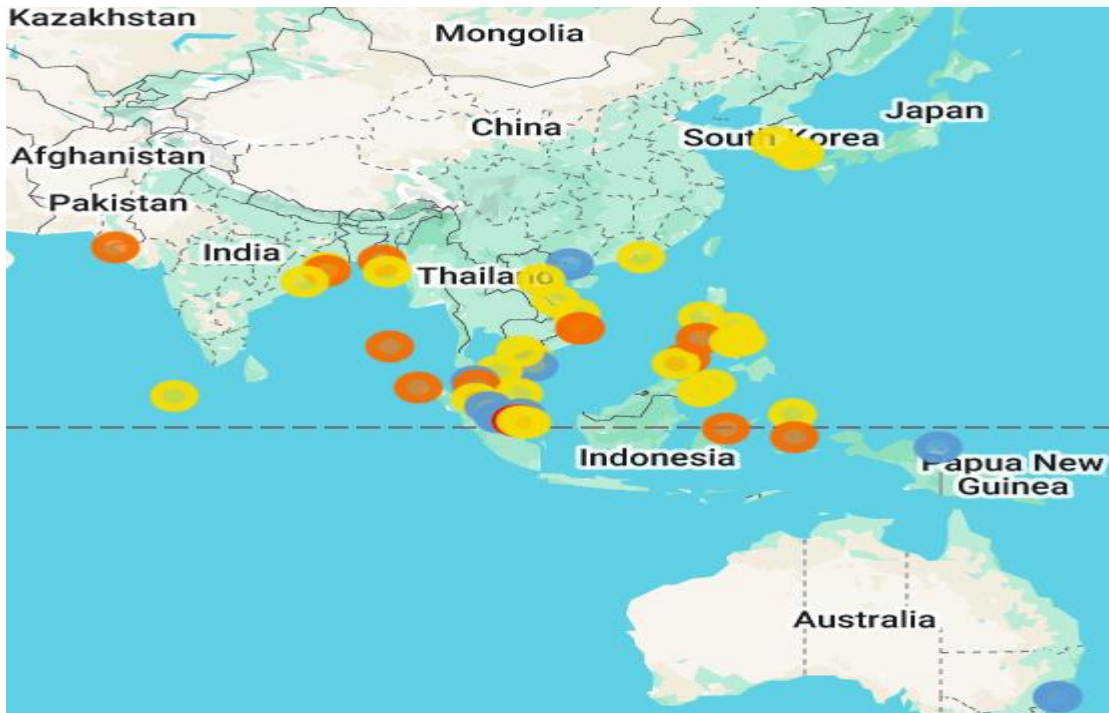
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 23 – 29 Aug 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	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	27	4-9
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	12	10-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	9	14-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	17
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	18
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	1	0	19
Others	0	0	20

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

Incidents:

28 Aug - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB290825

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'03.6"N 103°38'31.8"E) on 28 Aug, at 23:09 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted two unarmed perpetrators in the engine room.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The ship search was completed at 23:22 (UTC +8) with no perpetrators found, and nothing was 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.



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

24 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Carrier vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Daeyeongdo Island, ROK/ DB250825

On 24 Aug, a carrier collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Daeyeongdo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20250825_0003301819

IFC Comments:

Incident is under investigation.

24 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam/ DB250825

On 24 Aug, a fishing vessel ran aground due to equipment failure off Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baohaiquanvietnam.vn/tin-tuc/vung-5-kip-thoi-cuu-keo-tau-ca-cua-ngu-dan-bi-mac-can>

23 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Quang Ngai province, Vietnam/ DB250825

On 23 Aug, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Quang Ngai province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/tau-ca-boc-chay-khi-dang-neo-dau-tranh-bao-tai-cua-sa-ky-post1224774.vov?jskey=gublNUPY44PfPX0pePkDJXsYwvrigUuhAg%3D%3D>

25 Aug - Equipment Failure/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kuala Paka, Trengganu, Malaysia/ DB260825

On 25 Aug, a fishing vessel experienced equipment failure due to bad weather off Kuala Paka, Trengganu, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2025/08/1265176/we-thought-we-were-going-die-fishermen-hit-lightning>

24 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ 2 Small Boat/ 2 Dead, 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Sulari Parang, Sulu, Philippines/ DB260825

On 24 Aug, two small boat capsized due to catching on fire in Sualari Parang Sulu, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two dead one missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1703839960350416&id=100021732841242&rdid=6rVjZVFAhFN2iCkk#

24 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 278 Crew/ off Dimasalang, Masbate, Philippines/ DB260825

On 24 Aug, a passenger vessel ran aground due to human error off Dimasalang Masbate, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/653773/passenger-ferry-en-route-to-cebu-runs-aground-in-masbate>

25 Aug - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Bajo de Masinloc, Zambales, Philippines/ DB260825

On 25 Aug, a small boat went adrift due to bad weather in Bajo de Masinloc Zambales, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1245636127601737&id=100064660843959&rdid=BGS0kZUAXomdZepa#

25 Aug - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Tri Province, Vietnam/ DB260825

On 25 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due bad weather off Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/bao-so-5-tau-ca-dut-neo-troi-dat-bo-doi-bien-phong-ung-cuu-kip-thoi-185250825093015024.htm>

27 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Yokjido Island, Tongyeong City, ROK/ DB270825

On 27 Aug, a fishing vessel collided with rocks due to human error off Yokjido Island, Tongyeong City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.busan.com/view/busan/view.php?code=2025082709245687195>

25 Aug - Adrift/ Bad Weather (Kajjiki Storm)/ Cargo Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam/ DB270825

On 25 Aug, a cargo vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and 19 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/bao-so-5-day-tau-hang-23-000-tan-mat-lai-troi-dat-vao-vung-bien-thanh-hoa-2436299.html>

24 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dodowo Village, Halmahera Island, Indonesia/ DB270825

On 24 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Dodowo Village, Halmahera Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and one was rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/zh/news/508155>

28 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Off Byeong Port, Gunsan, ROK/ DB280825

On 28 Aug, two fishing vessels collided due to unknown causes off Byeong Port, Gunsan, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.jeollailbo.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=776876>

26 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB280825

On 26 Aug, a fishing vessel sank due to catching on fire off Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/574/kapal-tangkap-ikan-anambas-terbakar-di-bintan-timur>

<https://ulasan.co/kapal-tangkap-ikan-anambas-terbakar-di-bintan-timur/>

26 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thulusdoo Island, Maldives/ DB280825

On 26 Aug, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Thulusdoo Island, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://raajje.mv/169811>

25 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Brgy. Culasi, Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines/ DB280825

On 25 Aug, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Barangay Culasi, Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02sdUMxAx4iU9PeVMHPu8tYopv5WsyKBPK7HY7LnHg4ziGanxuRh8an5tYEWWhDFcQL&id=100088225734158&rdid=Yq2ZIp7Vt3paDQ2o#

25 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Saint Martin Island, Bangladesh/ DB280825

On 25 Aug, a fishing vessel capsized due to unknown causes off Saint Martin Island, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and six were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bangladeshcoastguardforce/posts/pfbid02YS7n7BDZGWAj1wzxGmH45ffN6BKCyWooK9knKB1VzKWmqEHYt2Nh76LhEUvRKQKI?rdid=YPoK6wl5jYUdVMwg#>

25 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB280825

On 25 Aug, a cargo vessel sank due to water ingress off Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://metro.batampos.co.id/km-senang-hati-68-karam-di-setokok-30-ton-kelapa-hanyut/>

28 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Podampeta, India/ DB290825

On 28 Aug, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Podampeta, India. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://odishabytes.com/boat-capsizes-in-sea-off-odisha-coast-6-fishermen-swim-to-safety-one-missing/>

28 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ Off Bhadrak Coast, India/ DB290825

On 28 Aug, a fishing vessel sank due to equipment failure off Bhadrak Coast, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://odishatv.in/news/odisha/four-odisha-fishermen-swim-through-rough-sea-reach-shore-five-days-after-boat-sinks-off-bhadrak-coast-270871>

27 Aug - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 119 Rescued/ Off San Andres, Quezon, Philippines/ DB290825

On 27 Aug, a passenger vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off San Andres, Quezon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100066908675618/posts/1104421971798082/?rdid=OS8pAssdUecnLEkz#>

Out of Reporting Period:

22 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB250825

On 22 Aug, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. SAR was conducted and five were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/motorboat-capsizes-5-rescued-off-sapa-sapa-tawi-tawi>

21 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Khanh Hoi Estuary, Vietnam/ DB250825

On 21 Aug, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Khanh Hoi Estuary, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vietnam.vn/en/don-bien-phong-khanh-hoi-kip-thoi-cuu-vot-2-ngu-dan-gap-nan-tren-bien>

19 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Sengkuang, Batam, Indonesia/ DB250825

On 19 Aug, a cargo vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Tanjung Sengkuang, Batam, Indonesia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/573/bakamla-ri-berhasil-selamatkan-kapal-nelayan-mati-mesin-di-perairan-batam>

15 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Songkhla, Thailand/ DB250825

On 15 Aug, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Songkhla, Thailand. SAR was conducted and five were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1769C3R4cN/>

22 Aug - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Container Vessel/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB260825

On 22 Aug, local authorities detained a container vessel due to unauthorised operations off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CiJ9CRhjM/>

21 Aug - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB260825

On 21 Aug, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Palawan Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AQYWvr4K1/>

19 Aug - Collision-Grounding/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sanmen Island, Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China/ DB260825

On 19 Aug, a fishing vessel suffered a collision due to water ingress off Sanman Island, Huizhou, Guangdong province, China. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1841435390339049325&wfr=spider&for=pc>

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

Incidents:

23 Aug - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 15 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kori Creek, Gujarat, India/ DB250825

On 23 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 15 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Kori Creek, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/15-pakistani-fishermen-arrested-near-border-in-gujarats-kori-creek-9148358>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/bsf-apprehends-15-pakistani-fishermen-near-border-in-gujarats-kutch/article69970901.ece>

26 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas and Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India/ DB270825

On 26 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested nine fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas and fishing with illegal gear off Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/science-environment/3604104-fishermen-arrested-for-trespassing-in-turtle-sanctuary>

26 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Aborlan, Palawan, Philippines/ DB280825

On 26 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Aborlan, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/pangalawangsou.mg/posts/pfbid02DUUuWz53C6WBUXn5NhCBKNvKYs51GsiSjKw7t8eo6hgBW9N2FhnAb3vibatiQJLfl?rdid=hImQqsRoycUu4Qo8#>

26 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Fishing Vessels Released/ 29 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Banshkhali Upazila, Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB280825

On 26 Aug, local authorities detained five fishing vessels and arrested 29 fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Banshkhali Upazila, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/29-fishermen-held-with-illegal-trawling-boats-nets-in-ctg/167024>

25 Aug - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India/ DB280825

On 25 Aug, Indian authorities seized a foreign fishing vessel with 350kg of sea cucumbers due to fishing in prohibited areas off Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. Reportedly, the fishermen escaped.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://x.com/AN_Command/status/1959822767521448062

27 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Dak Lak Province, Vietnam/ DB290825

On 27 Aug, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear from a fishing vessel off Dak Lak Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nhandan.vn/don-bien-phong-an-hai-xu-phat-mot-chu-tau-ca-tang-tru-cong-cu-kich-dien-khai-thac-hai-san-post904365.htm>

25 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB290825

On 25 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested four fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/four-fishermen-arrested-for-blast-fishing-in-busuanga/>

Out of Reporting Period:

22 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Dak Lak Province, Vietnam/ DB250825

On 22 Aug, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear from a fishing vessel off Dak Lak Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/don-bien-phong-xuan-dai-xu-phat-2-vu-vi-pham-hanh-chinh-post493693.html>

22 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kedah, Malaysia/ DB270825

On 22 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with illegal gear/ Off Wayatim, Halmahera, Indonesia/ DB280825

On 1 Aug, local authorities arrested a fisherman for using fish bombs while fishing off Wayatim, Halmahera, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2025/08/04/124555278/diwarnai-aksi-kejar-kejaran-polisi-ringkus-nelayan-gunakan-bom-ikan>

08 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulo Nasi, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB290825

On 8 Aug, Indian authorities seized a fishing vessel and arrested five fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Pulo Nasi, Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://rri.co.id/aceh/kriminalitas/1756019/kp-wisanggeni-8005-tangkap-pelaku-bom-ikan-di-aceh>

06 Aug - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Kalia, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB290825

On 6 Aug, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Kalia, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palu.tribunnews.com/2025/08/07/dua-pelaku-pengeboman-ikan-ditangkap-usai-kejar-kejaran-di-laut-tojo-una-una-sulteng>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (27,000 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province, China/ DB250825

On 23 Aug, local authorities seized 27,000 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.gx.chinanews.com.cn/video/yc/2025-08-23/detail-iheukvkw8328621.shtml?_x_tr_sch=http&_x_tr_sl=auto&_x_tr_tl=zh-CN-%23Hans&_x_tr_hl=zh-CN&_x_tr_sch=http&_x_tr_sl=auto&_x_tr_tl=zh-CN-%23Hans&_x_tr_hl=zh-CN

25 Aug - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (115.000 litres)/ 3 Fishing Vessels/ Southwest Sea, Vietnam/ DB260825

On 25 Aug, local authorities seized 115,000 litres of diesel oil from three fishing vessels in Southwest Sea, Vietnam

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.qdnd.vn/phap-luat/tin-tuc/bo-tu-lenh-vung-can-h-sat-bien-4-lien-tiep-phat-hien-tau-van-chuyen-trai-phep-115-000-lit-dau-do-tren-vung-bien-tay-nam-842989>

25 Aug - Fuel/ Petrol (450 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Thailand/ Off Perlis, Malaysia/ DB270825

On 25 Aug, local authorities seized 450 litres of petrol from a small boat off Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

26 Aug - Natural Resources/ Tin Ore (5 Tons)/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Johor, Malaysia/ DB280825

On 26 Aug, local authorities seized 5 tons of tin ore from a passenger vessel off Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1UABaozMU1/>

25 Aug - Domestic Products/ Liquor (80 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Jayapura Sea Port Pier, Indonesia/ DB280825

On 25 Aug, local authorities seized 80 litres of liquor from a passenger vessel at Jayapura Sea Port Pier, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.msn.com/id-id/keamanan-publik-dan-keadaan-darurat/umum/penyelundupan-80-liter-sopi-di-pelabuhan-laut-digagalkan/ar-AA1LiUTU>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Jul - Drugs/ Cocaine (54kg)/ Container Vessel/ From South America, through China to Australia/ Port Botany, Australia/ DB250825

On 25 Jul, local authorities seized 54kg of cocaine from a container vessel at Port Botany, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/public-help-sought-identify-criminals-who-imported-54kg-cocaine-seized>

IFC Comments:

Date is indication only - AFP reports shipment occurred in "late July 2025".

01 Aug - Drugs/ Meth (10kg)/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Bengkalis, Indonesia/ DB260825

On 1 Aug, local authorities seized 10 kg of meth from an unknown vessel in Bengkalis Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/566/bea-cukai-gagalkan-masuknya-10-kilogram-sabu-lewat-jalur-laut-malaysia-bengkalis>

20 Aug - Drugs/ Meth (900kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Unknown to Australia/ Sydney, Australia/ DB280825

On 20 Aug, local authorities seized 900kg of meth from a container vessel at Sydney, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[http://abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/\\$832-million-worth-of-amphetamine-seized-by-Border-Force-in-Sydney.aspx](http://abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/$832-million-worth-of-amphetamine-seized-by-Border-Force-in-Sydney.aspx)

12 Aug - Domestic Products/ Frozen Chicken Tails (29,000kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From China to Malaysia/ Off Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB290825

On 12 Aug, local authorities seized 29,000kg of frozen chicken tails from an unknown vessel off Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2025/08/26/perak-customs-foils-26-smuggling-attempts-seizes-goods-worth-over-rm2-2mil>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Jun - Irregular Human Migration / 1 Small Boat/ 11 Indonesian Migrant/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Batam, Indonesia/ DB260825

On 19 Jun, local authorities detained one small boat and 11 Indonesian migrants in Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/July2025/w5K0pPM4ldtezxmRQAWi.pdf>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Updates:

26 Aug – Hackers Disrupted Iran's Tanker Fleet/ DB270825

A hacker group has claimed one of the biggest cyberattacks on Iran's maritime sector, disabling more than 60 tankers and cargo ships offline. On one hand, the incident exposes the weakness of Iran's sanctioned shipping industry and, on the other, raises wider concerns over global maritime cybersecurity. On 22 Aug, Lab-Dookhtegan, or Sewn Lips, a hacker collective, claimed responsibility for one of the largest cyberattacks on Iran's shipping industry; it disrupted communications on more than 60 tankers and cargo ships, cutting off communication lines between vessels, ports, and other key systems.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thedigitalship.com/news/maritime-satellite-communications/hackers-disrupted-irans-tanker-fleet/>



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:

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

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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

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IFC Spot Commentary 01/24 – Singapore Strait – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

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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)

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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.

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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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