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



For the period of 29 Mar – 04 Apr 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	19	7-11
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	20	12-18
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	7	19-20
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	21
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	22
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	23
Others	0	0	24

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

Incidents:

30 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Singapore-flagged container vessel, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1° 05.38 N 103° 43.53 E) on 30 Mar, at 02:55 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted three perpetrators on the poop deck.
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, one small portable welding machine was found 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.

30 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Liberia-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°09'28.8"N 103°47'03.6"E) on 30 Mar, at 01:43 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted one perpetrator.
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, no perpetrator was found during the search, no items 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.

30 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Malta-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malta-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°04'31.2"N 103°42'28.8"E) on 30 Mar, at 00:15 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted one perpetrator.

2. Ship master reported that the perpetrator did not enter the engine room, as all access to the accommodation, engine room and deck storerooms were locked. He boarded the vessel from the aft mooring station, spotted immediately, and disembarked upon hearing the alarm. All crew safe and accounted for, and no property damage or theft was observed.

3. 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)

29 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Singapore-flagged container vessel, as vessel transited along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1° 06'01 N 103° 44'06 E) on 29 Mar, at 05:15 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators at the stern and immediately raised the alarm.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, 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.

29 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Liberia-flagged tanker, as the vessel transited along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1° 07'25.8 N 103° 44'55.2 E) on 29 Mar, at 04:08 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted five perpetrators in the quarterdeck and immediately raised the alarm.

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

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

03 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB030425

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Hong Kong-flagged container vessel, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°09'55.8"N 103°48'43.2"E) on 3 Apr, at 03:40 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted three perpetrators armed with knives.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Reportedly, lashing equipment was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Pasir Gudang, 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.

The vessel's freeboard is 5.59 metres. Based on trending, vessels with less than 8 metres in height are prone to being boarded in the Singapore Strait.

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Container Vessel, Indonesia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB010425

1. Ship CSO reported to IFC that there was an unauthorised boarding involving Indonesia-flagged container vessel, as vessel transited along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°09'45 N 103°47'18 E) on 28 Mar, at 0630 (UTC +8). Crew noticed missing engine spares and raised the alarm.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

3. The shipmaster reported that the perpetrator went to the engine room from the portside main deck. The door was opened when the boatswain was taking fresh water in the morning. The Chief Engineer, 4th Engineer, and Greaser were in the engine room when the incident took place. There were four perpetrators, and they tied up two crew members (no restraint from the ship crew). The perpetrators were armed with knives, ropes and gun-like object. It was reported that there was no injury, and some engine parts were stolen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
CSO

26 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ SUMAY, Bulk Carrier, Liberia-flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB040425

On 26 Mar at 01:18 (UTC +8), an incident of sea theft was reported on board the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier, in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait. Reportedly, four perpetrators in a small boat boarded the vessel while underway. Perpetrators escaped after the ship's crew raised the alarm. Nothing was stolen. All crew are safe and accounted for.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
ReCAAP

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

30 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam/ DB010425

On 30 Mar, two fishing vessels sunk due to bad weather off Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://nhandan.vn/hue-hai-tau-ca-bi-nan-tren-bien-post869057.html?gidzl=9d_XGFshd5WfPEHEyRQPM2rdw4dlvSK9EZ3e6-xWnGzXPRWQkE6L0cSokXg_iiDV0pRhJMBiuKaX-AwHKm

30 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cavite, Philippines/ DB010425

On 30 Mar, a cargo vessel caught on fire due to unknown causes off Cavite, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1D5bYRQ2U9/>

29 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Nhat Le, Quang Binh Province, Vietnam/ DB010425

On 29 Mar, a fishing vessel caught on fire due to unknown causes at Nhat Le, Quang Binh province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://baomoi.com/chay-tau-ca-neo-dau-gan-bo-thiet-hai-tren-1-2-ti-dong-c51843038.epi?utm_source=desktop&utm_medium=zalo&utm_campaign=share&zmlink=Uo9XRcHoRsba8ZeY0szjBcLmQl8i8cblSo8wUo9p0sXbRMLVTN9i8ZeYUc5iRoqsDJ4vDpaqDZ0wN2zSBo8i8c5mS6ba8ZeYDZKnEJSvD30s8drz

29 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lancelin, Australia/ DB010425

On 29 Mar, a small boat capsized due to water ingress off Lancelin, Australia. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

AMSA Report 2025/2432

01 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 36 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB020425

On 1 Apr, a small boat caught fire due to unknown causes off Phuket, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 36 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FA751d7uu/>

30 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gageodo Port, ROK/ DB020425

On 30 Mar, a cargo vessel collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Gageodo Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=135281>

29 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lamon Bay, Philippines/ DB020425

On 29 Mar, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Lamon Bay, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2048547/1-dead-4-rescued-as-boat-sinks-in-quezon>

29 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Vessel vs Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yangxiaomao Island, China/ DB020425

On 29 Mar, a cargo vessel sunk due to collision with another cargo vessel off Yangxiaomao Island, China. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/11971/fatal-cargo-ship-collision-off-chinas-ningbo-coast-one-dead->

02 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB030425

On 2 Apr, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 22 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Thuan Province, Vietnam/ DB030425

On 1 Apr, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Binh Thuan Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were 22 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/vu-tau-ca-voi-22-lao-dong-bi-pha-nuoc-2-thuyen-vien-con-lai-da-duoc-cuu-vot-an-toan-129060.html>

01 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Davao Oriental, Philippines/ DB030425

On 1 Apr, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Davao Oriental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam/ DB030425

On 1 Apr, a fishing vessel sunk due to bad weather off Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-ca-ngu-dan-quang-ngai-cuu-song-3-ngu-dan-bi-chim-tau-tren-bien-post488374.html>

03 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Surigao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB040425

On 3 Apr, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Surigao Del Sur, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15xXhHeAGN/>

02 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia/ DB040425

On 2 Apr, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Pulau Tengah, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

01 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB040425

On 1 Apr, a small boat went sank due to unknown causes off North Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.inilah.com/basarnas-sembilan-korban-speedboat-tenggelam-dievakuasi-dengan-bantuan-nelayan>

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pellew Islands, Australia/ DB010425

On 29 Mar, a small boat capsized due to unknown causes off Pellew Islands, Australia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

AMSA Report 2025/2432

26 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Other Vessel/ SAR/ Off Cavite, Philippines/ DB020425

On 26 Mar, a bulk carrier collided with another vessel due to unknown causes off Cavite, Philippines. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/11961/bulk-carrier-collides-with-landing-craft-off-philippines-coa>

25 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Giliyang Island, Indonesia/ DB020425

On 25 Mar, a fishing vessel sunk due to equipment failure off Giliyang Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/jatim/berita/d-7845634/identitas-6-korban-selamat-kapal-klm-sampurna-di-perairan-pulau-kangean>

25 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/ 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gamcheon Port, ROK/ DB030425

On 25 Mar, a cargo vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Gamcheon Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 23 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/11960/six-injured-in-fire-aboard-refrigerated-cargo-vessel-near-so>



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

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pellew Islands, Australia/ DB010425

On 28 Mar, a small boat capsized due to unknown causes off Pellew Islands, Australia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
AMSA Report 2025/2432

26 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Wando, ROK/ DB020425

On 26 Mar, local authorities arrested six local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Wando, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=135140>

28 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released to Nearby Vessel/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 28 Mar, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and released nine foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

26 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 26 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

25 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 25 Mar, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
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25 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released to Nearby Vessel/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 25 Mar, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and released four foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
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24 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 24 Mar, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
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23 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 23 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

22 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 22 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released 11 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

21 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 21 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released 12 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

18 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 18 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released nine foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

17 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 17 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

16 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 16 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

16 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 16 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

14 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 14 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released 10 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

13 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 13 Mar, local authorities disposed an unknown fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

10 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 10 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

09 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 9 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

08 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 8 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released four foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
Location provided is for indication only.

08 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Unknown Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB030425

On 8 Mar, local authorities released an unknown fishing vessel and released 10 foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas at Northwest Australia, Australia.

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

IFC Comments:
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SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

02 Apr - Drugs/ Cocaine (1 Ton)/ Cargo Vessel/ From South America To ROK/ Okgye Port, ROK/ DB030425

On 2 Apr, local authorities seized one ton of cocaine from a cargo vessel at Okgye Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/south-korean-police-set-new-record-with-one-tonne-cocaine-bust-on-bulker>

01 Apr - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (675kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Paramunai, Sri Lanka/ DB030425

On 1 Apr, local authorities seized 675kg of kendu leaves from a small boat off Paramunai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/04/02/202504021615/>

Out of Reporting Period:

28 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (124.392kg)/ Adrift/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Talaimannar, Sri Lanka/ DB020425

On 28 Mar, local authorities seized 124.392kg of Cannabis off Talaimannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/29/202503290615/>

25 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (93kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Berakit Village, Indonesia/ DB020425

On 25 Mar, local authorities seized 93kg of meth from a small boat off Berakit Village, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.inilah.com/penyelundupan-93-kg-sabu-asal-malaysia-tujuan-jakarta-berhasil-digagalkan>

28 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (10,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Ben Tre, Vietnam/ DB040425

On 28 Mar, local authorities seized 10,000 litres of diesel oil from a fishing vessel off Ben Tre, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/hai-doan-bien-phong-18-bat-vu-van-chuyen-10000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep-post488187.html>

28 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (1 Package)/ Passenger Vessel/ Jayapura Port, Indonesia/ DB040425

On 28 Mar, local authorities seized 1 package of cannabis from a passenger vessel at Jayapura Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/81551/LANTAMAL-X-KEMBALI-TANGKAP-PELAKU-PEMBAWA-NARKOBA-JENIS-GANJA-DI-PELABUHAN-JAYAPURA/>

26 Mar - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (37 Litres)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Yos Sudarso Port, Indonesia/ DB040425

On 26 Mar, local authorities seized 37 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel at Jayapura Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/03/27/polsek-kpys-ambon-sita-puluhan-liter-sopi-3/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

NSTR



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

NSTR



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

NSTR



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.

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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.

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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.

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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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