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



For the period of 10 - 16 Jan 26, 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	10	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	7-8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	9-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	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)

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

11 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Cheonsadaegyo Bridge, ROK/ DB120126

On 11 Jan, a cargo vessel collided against a bridge due to unknown causes off Cheonsadaegyo Bridge, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 13 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=144863>

11 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 1 Tanker/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Burgos, Surigao Del Norte, Philippines/ DB120126

On 11 Jan, a tanker ran aground due to bad weather off Burgos Surigao Del Norte, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1266632>

10 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Small Boat/ 118 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yangon, Myanmar/ DB120126

On 10 Jan, local authorities sank due to unknown causes off Yangon, Myanmar. SAR was conducted and there were 118 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news-eleven.com/article/309041>

11 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel vs 1 Fishing Vessel/ 55 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phi Phi Islands, Thailand/ DB130126

On Jan 11, a passenger vessel collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Phi Phi islands, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 55 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CFi37b9tg/>

11 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Weizhou, Guangxi, China/ DB150126

On 11 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Weizhou, Guangxi, China. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/w1GMU-gj5oTEwi_cm4nijA

15 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 72 Rescued/ SAR/ Off K. Maafushi, Maldives/ DB160126

On 15 Jan, a passenger vessel ran aground due to equipment failure off K. Maafushi, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 72 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mmj.mv/ferry-runs-aground-near-k-maafushi-all-passengers-safe/>

12 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ulleungdo, ROK/ DB160126

On 12 Jan, a cargo vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Ulleungdo, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20260113114000062?input=1195m>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jeju, ROK/ DB120126

On 7 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to unknown causes off Jeju, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news-eleven.com/article/309041>

07 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 22 Small Boats/ Chalong Pier, Thailand/ DB130126

On Jan 7, 22 small boats caught fire due to unknown causes in Chalong Pier, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AFW5813gJ/>

06 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 4 Dredgers/ Off Zambales and Manila Bay, Philippines/ DB140126

On 6 Jan, four vessels were detained due to unauthorised operations off Zambales and Manila Bay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=122200771508049472&set=d41d8cd9>



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

Incidents:

10 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 21 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pangkor Island, Malaysia/ DB130126

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 21 foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pangkor Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0dyvswpUxX6HMPBBYCUXAP5Lyb9ZGQ25nfLiNzrbHP1KSMiNb9MfumKUwMqqsWtKKI?rdid=kBppYZwOhMKdMACE#>

13 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Released/Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Nghe An Province, Vietnam/ DB140126

On 13 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and released two local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Nghe An Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baonghean.vn/phat-hien-xu-phat-chu-tau-ca-tang-tru-cong-cu-khai-thac-thuy-san-phep-10319886.html>

10 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel/ 18 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB140126

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested 18 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.bd/pages/news/the-coast-guard-has-arrested-18-fishermen-with-illegal-artisanal-trawling-boats-and-marine-fish-in-coxs-bazar-69647559462a54b114fca262>

12 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 10 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Delft Island, Jaffna/ DB150126

On 12 Jan, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested 10 Indian fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Delft Island, Jaffna.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/13/202601131400/>

11 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessel/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear, License of Fishermen /Sri Lanka/ DB150126

On 11 Jan, local authorities detained four local fishing vessel and arrested 13 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear and license of fishermen in Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/13/202601131100/>

Out of Reporting Period:

06 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Cambodian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Cambodian Fishermen Released/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Trat Province, Thailand/ DB130126

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained one Cambodian fishing vessel and released four Cambodian fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Trat Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

11 Jan - Wildlife/ Birds (48)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Unknown to Indonesia/ Maumere, Indonesia/ DB120126

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized 48 birds from a passenger vessel off Maumere, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5345633/bbksda-ntt-gagalkan-penyelundupan-48-burung-ke-maumere>

13 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (4,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Thailand/ Khlong Kaharang Natural Pier, Thailand/ DB140126

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized 4,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel at Khlong Kaharang Natural Pier, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17sqEhtx4k/>

12 Jan - Domestic Products/ Pharmaceutical Tablets (108,408)/ Ashore/ Kandakkuliya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB150126

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 108,408 pharmaceutical tablets ashore in Kandakkuliya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/13/202601131500/>

14 Jan - Wildlife/ Pigeons (237)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB160126

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 237 pigeons from a small boat off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/15/202601151100/>

13 Jan - Natural Resources/ Sand/ 5 Small Boats/ Off Upparu, Sri Lanka/ DB160126

On 13 Jan, local authorities seized sands from five small boats off Upparu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/15/202601151000/>

12 Jan - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (621kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB160126

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 621kg of kendu leaves from an unknown vessel off Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/14/202601141100/>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Jan - Natural Resources/ Coal (200 Tons)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Vietnam to Unknown/ Hai Phong, Vietnam/ DB120126

On 7 Jan, local authorities seized 200 tons of coal from a fishing vessel in Hai Phong, Vietnam

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/phat-hien-ta%CC%A3m-giu%CC%83-tau-van-chuyen-than-khong-ro-nguon-goc-tren-vung-bien-ha%CC%89i-pho%CC%80ng-qua%CC%89ng-ninh/14938/81>

03 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (509kg)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Unknown to Singapore/ Pasir Panjung Port, Singapore/ DB120126

On 3 Jan, local authorities seized 509kg of cannabis from a cargo vessel in Pasir Panjung Port, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1DBA52R2jQ/>

06 Jan - Fuel/ Oil (600 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB130126

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 600 litres of oil from a small boat off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid05Lt274zGeD8SaCXvN7AUWFXw7XsXWNWQZhX5C8PLy3JnMB6jqDMWS38mNQvrqmfll?rdid=CoEbx3UU4clmxkZh#>

06 Jan - Domestic Products/ Rubber Sheets (500kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ Kraburi River, Thailand/ DB130126

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 500kg of rubber sheets off a small boat at Kraburi River, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C2oAXNDwb/>

06 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (14,200 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to India/ Hazira, Gujarat, India/ DB140126

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 14,200 litres of diesel from an unknown vessel at Haizira, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/marine-diesel-pilferage-racket-busted-at-kidiabet/articleshow/126359882.cms>

06 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (15 Master Cases)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Port Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB150126

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 15 master cases of cigarettes from a passenger vessel in Port Bongao, Tawi Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/186cjNaJrX/>

12 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (3.9kg)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Jayapura Port, Indonesia/ DB150126

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 3.9kg of cannabis from a passenger vessel in Jayapura Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.merdeka.com/peristiwa/polisi-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ganja-39-kg-tujuan-sorong-di-pelabuhan-jayapura-508206-mvk.html?page=2>

12 Dec - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (54 Bottles)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Ahmad Yani Ternate Port, Indonesia/ DB150126

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized 54 bottles of alcohol from a passenger vessel in Ahmad Yani Ternate Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribratanews.malut.polri.go.id/2025/12/13/menjelang-nataru>
<https://www.nuansamalut.com/2025/12/13/polsek-pelabuhan-ahmad-yani-gagalkan-masuknya-minuman-beralkohol-ke-ternate/>

11 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (3kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ Bakauheni Port, Indonesia/ DB150126

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 3kg of cannabis from an unknown vessel in Bakauheni Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://okehnews.com/2025/12/11/modus-murahan-ganja-3-kg-diselipin-di-kerupuk-kebongkar-polisi-di-pelabuhan-bakauheni/>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

11 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Chinese Migrants/ From China Through Indonesia to Australia/ Tablolong Kupang Regency, Indonesia/ DB130126

On 11 Jan, local authorities arrested three Chinese migrants from a small boat in Tablolong Kupang Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/612/imigrasi-ntt-gagalkan-keberangkatan-wna-china-ke-australia>

10 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 27 Unknown Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Sungai Besar Selangor, Malaysia/ DB130126

On 10 Jan, local authorities arrested 27 unknown migrants from a fishing vessel off Sungai Besar Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1300675345419521&id=100064312044774&mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=3EiHBy1DLtjgQLyT#

Out of Reporting Period:

09 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 20 Unknown Migrants Arrested/ From Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Kolatali Beach, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB140126

On 11 Jan, local authorities arrested 20 unknown migrants at Kolatali Beach, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.bd/pages/news/5-human-traffickers-arrested-in-coast-guard-operation-at-kalatoli-beach-in-coxs-bazar-20-people-including-women-and-children-held-captive-for-the-purpose-of-trafficking-rescued-69645ee66279070d77476135>

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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