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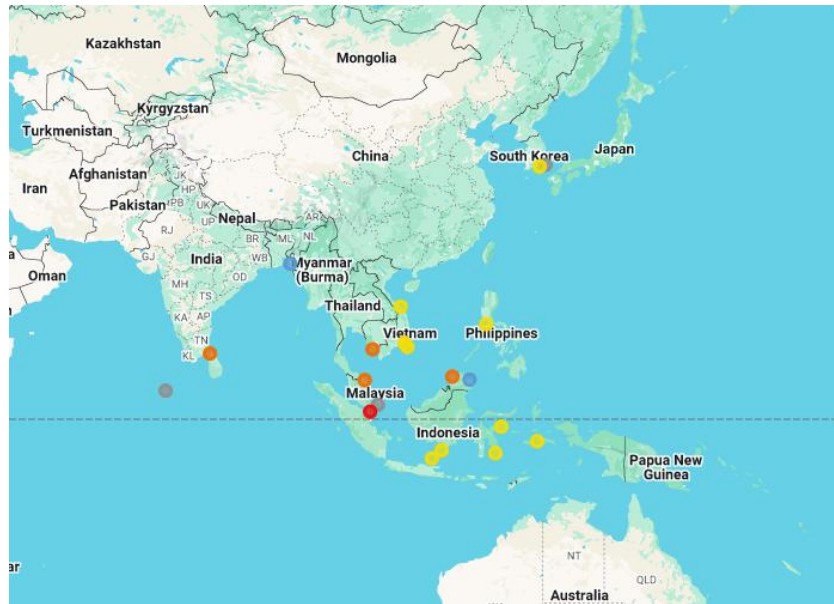
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 12 Sep – 18 Sep 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	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	20	5-9
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	7	10-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	19	12-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	4	18
Others	0	0	19

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

Incidents:

17 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Belgium-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB170926

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Belgium-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°07'09.6"N 103°31'06.0"E) on 17 Sep 04:46 (UTC +8). Four perpetrators were seen in the engine room with knives and gun-like object.

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.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authorities (MPA)-Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

15 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ LNG Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Batangas Bay Anchorage, Luzon, Philippines/ DB180926

On 15 Sep, while at anchor, the crew was preparing to heave up the anchor when crew members observed footprints leading from the forward hawse pipe.

An immediate search of the vessel was conducted, during which several items were found missing from the forecastle area, including fire hose couplings and scupper plugs.

A subsequent review of the vessel's CCTV footage confirmed that two perpetrators armed with knives had boarded the vessel. The crew members were not injured.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

ReCAAP

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Isle of Man-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB170926

On 7 Sep, Duty crew on board an anchored ship noticed a small wooden boat alongside the ship and four unauthorised persons on the aft deck. An alarm was raised, resulting in the unauthorised persons escaping with stolen engine spares. The incident was reported to port control and the local agent.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

05 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Container Vessel, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Manila North Anchorage, Philippines/ DB180926

On 5 Sep, an incident of sea robbery was reported onboard a Marshall Islands-flagged container vessel at Manila North Anchorage, Philippines. Reportedly, four armed perpetrators (one armed with a knife) boarded the vessel while at anchor, threatened a crew with a knife, and escaped with ship's items. All crew members were safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

13 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 6 Dead, 129 Missing, 108 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Banjarmasin City, South Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB150926

On 13 Sep, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Banjarmasin City, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were six dead, 129 missing and 108 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/indonesia-rescuers-searching-for-129-people-still-missing-after-passenger-ship-capsizes>

12 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel vs 1 Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lam Dong, Vietnam/ DB150926

On 12 Sep, a fishing vessel collided with a small boat and sank off Lam Dong, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/va-cham-tau-ca-tai-cua-bien-mot-nguoi-tu-vong-post853169.html>

15 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quy Island, Lam Dong Province, Vietnam/ DB160926

On 15 Sep, a fishing vessel capsized due to unknown causes off Phu Quy Island, Lam Dong Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.laodong.vn/xa-hoi/tau-ca-bi-lat-gan-dao-phu-quy-mot-nguoi-mat-tich-1766942.lido>

15 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Galdo, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province, ROK/ DB160926

On 15 Sep, a fishing vessel capsized due to unknown causes off Galdo, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151146>

13 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 8 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bawean Island, Gresik Regency, East Java, Indonesia/ DB160926

On 13 Sep, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Bawean Island, Gresik Regency, East Java, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were eight missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/689/kapal-tugboat-tenggelam-dihantam-ombak-di-bawean-8-abk-hilang>

12 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ 17 Rescued/ Off Chan May, Vietnam/ DB160926

On 12 Sep, a bulk carrier ran aground due to bad weather off Chan May, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhvien.vn/ung-cuu-thanh-cong-tau-hang-hon-24000-tan-mac-can-o-vinh-chan-may-185260913131244727.htm>

14 Sep - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Banggai Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB170926

On 14 Sep, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Banggai Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://manado.antaranews.com/berita/320957/km-balama-gt-27-hilang-kontak-di-sulteng-basarnas-kontak-sar-manado-dan-gorontalo>

13 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Calatagan, Batangas, Philippines/ DB170926

On 13 Sep, a fishing vessel caught fire and exploded due to unknown causes off Calatagan, Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2304637/pcg-searches-for-fisherman-after-boat-found-burning-off-batangas>

13 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bombana Regency, SE Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB170926

On 13 Sep, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Bombana Regency, SE Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rctiplus.com/news/detail/nasional/5472394/kapal-tenggelam-dihantam-gelombang-di-bombana-3-orang-belum-ditemukan>

13 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Speed Boat/ 1 Dead, 79 Rescued/ SAR /Off Huamual Belakang, West Seram Regency, Maluku, Indonesia/ DB170926

On 13 Sep, a speed boat capsized due to unknown causes off Huamual Belakang, West Seram Regency, Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and 79 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2026/09/13/202154978/speedboat-yang-ditumpangi-pemain-dan-suporter-sepak-bola-tarkam-terbalik-di>

17 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ SAR/ Off Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB180926

On 17 Sep, a passenger vessel ran aground due to equipment failure off Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1284304?utm_source=gemini

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel vs 1 Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ Off Janghang Sin-Eo Fishing Port, Seocheon-Gun, South Chungcheong Province, ROK/ DB140926

On 11 Sep, a fishing vessel collided with a small boat due to unknown causes off Janghang Sin-Eo Fishing Port, Seocheon-Gun, South Chungcheong Province, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151053>

11 Sep - Fire Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Wido-Myeon, Buan-Gun, Jeonbuk, ROK/ DB140926

On 11 Sep, a fishing vessel caught fire and exploded due to unknown causes off Wido-Myeon, Buan-Gun, Jeonbuk, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 10 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151051>

10 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ Off Nichinan City, Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan/ DB150926

On 10 Sep, a fishing vessel ran aground due to unknown causes off Nichinan City, Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/af9fdd8ee99a13dec2a07547e047d0333551c134>

04 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Off Lagi, Vietnam/ DB150926

On 4 Sep, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Lagi, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/lam-dong-lien-tiep-2-tau-ca-bi-chim-8-ngu-dan-duoc-cuu-post853242.html#source=article%2Frelated-news>

04 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ Off Lagi, Vietnam/ DB150926

On 4 Sep, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Lagi, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/lam-dong-lien-tiep-2-tau-ca-bi-chim-8-ngu-dan-duoc-cuu-post853242.html#source=article%2Frelated-news>

09 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 5 Missing and 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kumai, Kotawaringin Barat, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB160926

On 9 Sep, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Kumai, Kotawaringin Barat, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were one dead, five missing and six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/kalimantan/berita/d-8656584/kapal-tenggelam-diterjang-gelombang-di-perairan-kumai-1-tewas-5-hilang>

08 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Speed Boat vs 1 Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ Off South Halmahera Regency, North Maluku, Indonesia/ DB160926

On 8 Sep, a speed boat collided with a small boat due to unknown causes off South Halmahera Regency, North Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2026/09/08/191244978/km-obi-permai-bertabrakan-dengan-speedboat-di-halmahera-abk-selamat>

11 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Bulk Carrier vs 1 Bulk Carrier/ 40 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kandla, Gujarat, India/ DB170926

On 11 Sep, a bulk carrier sank due to collision with another bulk carrier off Kandla, Gujarat, India. SAR was conducted and there were 40 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theweek.in/news/maritime/2026/09/11/double-bulker-collision-off-gujarat-s-coast-21-rescued-by-indian-coast-guard-what-we-know-so-far.html>

11 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Trawler/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh/ DB170926

On 11 Sep, a trawler went adrift due to equipment failure in the Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DC2ViRpyh/>



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

Incidents:

13 Sep - Poaching/ Unregulated Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 14 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Vessel with False Flag/ Off Mura Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB150926

On 13 Sep, local authorities detained a Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested 14 Vietnamese fishermen due to fishing with a false flag off Mura Tok Bali, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://berita.rtm.gov.my/kes/senarai-berita-kes/senarai-artikel/vesel-nelayan-asing-diklon-maritim-kelantan-tahan-14-kru-vietnam/>

12 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Phu Quoc, Vietnam/ DB150926

On 12 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels due to illegal carrying of vessel monitoring systems off Phu Quoc, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/bat-giu-2-tau-ca-co-hanh-vi-tang-tru-van-chuyen-trai-phep-thiet-bi-vms-cua-tau-ca-khac-post754070.html>

12 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Allaippiddi, Kayts Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB160926

On 12 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Allaippiddi, Kayts Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/two-apprehended-with-illegally-harvested-sea-cucumbers-in-jaffna.html>

16 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pulau Mengalum, Sabah/ DB170926

On 16 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel due to fishing with illegal gear off Pulau Mengalum, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/nampak-maritim-kru-terjun-bot-lari-ke-daratan/>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Syukuzu, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan/ DB140926

On 1 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested seven local fishermen due to fishing non-permitted species off Syukuzu, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/bcbc3c765c39be6d58d8b4e2330f2cc74735fe1d>

11 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB160926

On 11 Sep, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/four-apprehended-off-chundikulam-over-illegal-fishing-practices.html>

09 Sep - Poaching/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Arafura Sea, Australia/ DB170926

On 9 Sep, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to fishing in prohibited areas in the Arafura Sea, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Operation-LUNAR-reels-in-foreign-fishing-vessel-off-Northern-Territory-coastline.aspx>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

13 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cooking Oil (1,020kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Sungai Tanjung Batu, Sandakan, Sabah/ DB150926

On 103 Sep, local authorities seized 1,020kg of cooking oil from a small boat off Sungai Tanjung Batu, Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/f2uhdp>

14 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cement (37,500kg)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB160926

On 14 Sep, local authorities seized 37,500kg of cement from a cargo vessel off Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/hfckd88a>

16 Sep - Natural Resources/ Tin Ore (175 Sacks)/ Ashore/ From Indonesia to Unknown/ Munsang Beach, Sijuk, Indonesia/ DB180926

On 16 Sep, local authorities seized 175 sacks of tin ore at Munsang Beach, Sijuk, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://belitongekspres.disway.id/belitung/read/651971/dugaan-penyelundupan-timah-belitung-digagalkan-175-karung-senilai-rp14-miliar-diamankan>

15 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,680,000 Sticks)/ 2 Speed Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Hong Kong, China/ DB180926

On 15 Sep, local authorities seized 2,680,000 sticks of cigarettes from two speed boats off Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://hk.on.cc/hk/bkn/cnt/news/20260915/bkn-20260915211804388-0915_00822_001.html

14 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (80 Master Cases)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Siay, Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines/ DB180926

On 14 Sep, local authorities seized 80 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Siay, Zamboanga Sibugay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://themindanaosentinel.com/2026/09/pnp-maritime-group-seizes-%E2%82%B4-29-million-worth-of-suspected-smuggled-cigarettes-in-zamboanga-sibugay/?utm_source=gemini

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Sep - Domestic Products/ Cement (32,500kg)/ 2 Small Boats/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Char Abdullah, Lakshmipur, Bangladesh/ DB140926

On 10 Sep, local authorities seized 32,500kg of cement from two small boats off Char Abdullah, Lakshmipur, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/42hhv6jr>

10 Sep - Domestic Products/ Herbal Medicine/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Canada/Hong Kong, China/ DB140926

On 10 Sep, local authorities seized herbal medicine from an unknown vessel off Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5620.html?p=1&y=&m=

09 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (1,400,000 Pills)/ 1 Speed Boat/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Off Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB140926

On 9 Sep, local authorities seized 1,400,000 meth pills from a speed boat off Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/14-lakh-yaba-pills-seized-teknaf-coast-2-held-1538486>

06 Sep - Wildlife/ Pigeons (200)/ 1 Speed Boat/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB140926

On 6 Sep, local authorities seized 200 pigeons from a speed boat off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://adaderana.lk/news/cmtpyaz8p000o356phuu0624g>

03 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (40,000 Pills)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Off East Karengagona, Bangladesh/ DB140926

On 3 Sep, local authorities seized 40,000 meth pills from a small boat off East Karengagona, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/bgb-seizes-294000-yaba-tablets-arrests-2-coxs-bazar-1533566>

02 Sep - Fuel/ Oil/ 1 Tug & 1 Dredger/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Buai, Malaysia/ DB140926

On 2 Sep, local authorities seized oil from a tug and dredger off Tanjung Buai, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/malaysia-mmea-detains-two-vessels-over-suspected-illegal-ship-to-ship-transfer-off-johor>

01 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (200,000)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From China to Sri Lanka/ Sri Lanka/ DB140926

On 1 Sep, local authorities seized 200,000 cigarettes from a container vessel at Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscenter.lk/articles/customs-seizes-over-200-000-chinese-cigarettes-concealed-in-metal-doors>

31 Aug - Drugs/ Meth (471kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Pakistan Through Sri Lanka to Cameroon/ Colombo Port, Sri Lanka/ DB140926

On 31 Aug, local authorities seized 471kg of meth from a container vessel at Colombo Port, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sundaytimes.lk/260906/news/colombo-port-ice-seizure-and-arrest-of-suspects-hallmark-of-coordinated-maritime-drug-busting-operations-in-the-region-656134.html>

29 Aug - Wildlife/ Birds (190)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Jamrud Port, Surabaya, Indonesia/ DB140926

On 29 Aug, local authorities seized 190 birds from an unknown vessel at Jamrud Port, Surabaya, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/429647/forestry-ministry-foils-trade-of-190-wild-birds-at-surabaya-port>

19 Aug - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Pharmaceuticals, Cigars, Chinese Herbs and Cosmetic Injection Vials/ 2 Small Boats/ Domestic Smuggling/ Hong Kong, China/ DB140926

On 19 Aug, local authorities seized pharmaceuticals, cigars, chinese herbs and cosmetic injection vials from two small boats off Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202608/31/P2026083100497.htm>

12 Aug - Wildlife/ Elephant Ivory (221 Pieces), Animal Bones (79.3kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Republic of Congo to Vietnam/ Quy Nhơn Port, Gia Lai, Vietnam/ DB140926

On 12 Aug, local authorities seized 221 pieces of elephant ivory and 79.3kg of animal bones from a container vessel at Quy Nhơn Port, Gia Lai, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.euronews.com/2026/08/13/vietnam-discovers-more-than-a-tonne-of-concealed-ivory-illegally-shipped-from-africa>

10 Sep - Domestic Products/ Fertilizer (35,000kg)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Banshbaria Sea Beach, Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB150926

On 10 Sep, local authorities seized 35,000kg of fertilizer from a cargo vessel at Banshbaria Sea Beach, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8zjb7x>

10 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (65kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Bantan Air Village, Bengkalis, Riau, Indonesia/ DB150926

On 10 Sep, local authorities seized 65kg of meth from an unknown vessel at Bantan Air Village, Bengkalis, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5734388/polres-bengkalis-sita-65-kilogram-sabu-sabu-diduga-dari-malaysia>

05 Sep - Drugs/ Etomidate Vapes (35 Packages)/ 1 Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tengkeyu Port, Tarakan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB150926

On 5 Sep, local authorities seized 35 packages of etomidate vapes from a speed boat at Tengkeyu Port, Tarakan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/593059>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 33 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Port Dickson, Malaysia/ DB140926

On 11 Sep, local authorities arrested 33 Indonesian migrants from a small boat at Port Dickson, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/6sfsn8p9>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Slick/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB140926

Sentinel 2 imagery detected an oil slick approximately 3km in length at position 2.223, 104.619 (EOPL, South China Sea) on 11 Sep. The linear track pattern suggests a discharge from a transiting vessel, with no source vessel currently identified.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

FR ILO

11 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Slick/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB140926

Sentinel-2 imagery detected an oil slick approximately 11km in length at position 1.999, 104.618 (EOPL, South China Sea) on 11 Sep. The slick's orientation is consistent with a vessel-source discharge, though no responsible vessel could be correlated from available AIS data.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

FR ILO



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

14 Sep - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ No Impact/ North Indian Ocean/ DB150926

A 705-ton cargo vessel identifying itself as OU B0 618, flagged as Sierra Leone on AIS (indicated IMO: 1036783), at position 4.195, 73.432 (North Indian Ocean), is using an IMO number referring to an unknown flag in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
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14 Sep - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB150926

A 164,000-ton tanker identifying itself as NIRETA, Vanuatu flagged on AIS (indicated IMO: 9237785), at position 2.117, 104.647 (EOPL - SW of South China Sea), is using an IMO number that is inexistent in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

14 Sep - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ East Sea of Japan/ DB150926

A 44,000-ton liquified gas tanker identifying itself as GAZ GMS, Panama flagged on AIS (indicated IMO: 9131539), at position 34.956, 129.313 (Sea of Japan), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Guatemala) and to another name (GAS LORITE) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Sep - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ East China Sea/ DB150926

A 45,000-ton tanker identifying itself as PYRA, Mozambique flagged on AIS (indicated IMO: 9002491), at position 30.012, 123.128 (East China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Mozambique) in the GISIS database.

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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.



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Note: Information herein were derived and compiled through the collaborative efforts of our International Liaison Officers (ILOs), utilising a combination of open-source news/reports and voluntary data-sharing from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs, and other maritime stakeholders.

Given that IFC's information-sharing mechanism relies heavily on availability of reports online and voluntary contributions, certain data gaps or "blind spots" may exist in terms of trending and analysis. Areas that have no or limited reported incidents should thus not be assumed to be "incident free"; likewise, in comparison, areas with high reported incident numbers should not be assumed to be "danger areas". We applaud all partners who have stepped up enforcement efforts and openly reported the incidents for shared awareness. Seafarers should remain vigilant at all times, 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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