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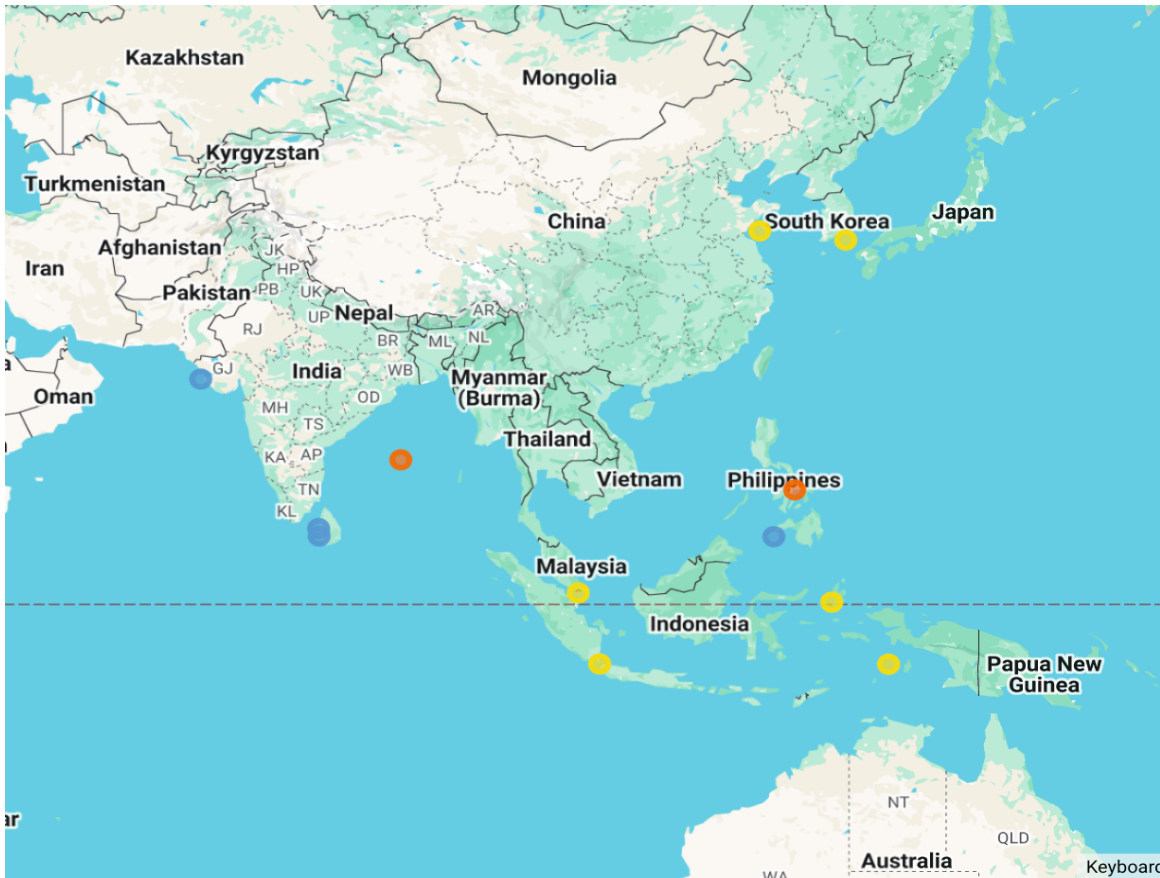
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# OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 14 - 20 Feb 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	9	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	2	7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	7	8-9
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	10
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	11
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	12
Others	0	0	13

**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:

#### **14 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hongdo, Hansan-Myeon, Tongyeong-Si, Gyeongsangnam-Do, ROK/ DB160226**

On 14 Feb, a fishing vessel experienced water ingress due to collision with reefs off Hongdo, Hansan-Myeon, Tongyeong-Si, Gyeongsangnam-Do, ROK. A SAR operation was conducted and there were eight people rescued.

#### **News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

[https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260215\\_0003516479](https://www.newsis.com/view/NISX20260215_0003516479)

#### **20 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Cruise Ship/ 1 Dead, 611 Rescued/ SAR/ Raffles Reserved Anchorage, Singapore/ DB200226**

On 20 Feb, a cruise ship caught fire due to unknown causes at Raffles Reserved Anchorage, Singapore. A SAR operation was conducted and there was one fatality and 611 people rescued.

#### **News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/cruise-ship-fire-world-legacy-5941831>

#### **17 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ 2 Dead 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Shandong, China/ DB200226**

On 17 Feb, a bulk carrier caught fire due to unknown causes off Shandong, China. A SAR operation was conducted and there were two fatalities and 23 people rescued.

#### **News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12706/two-killed-in-engine-room-fire-aboard-singapore-flagged-mand>

#### **19 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Missing, 28 Rescued/ SAR/ Sunda Straits, Indonesia/ DB200226**

On 19 Feb, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes at Sunda Straits, Indonesia. A SAR operation was conducted and there was one fatality, two missing and 28 people rescued.

#### **News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/90178/REAKSI-CEPAT-TNI-AL-EVAKUASI-ABK-KM.-INTI-MARIANA-7-YANG-TERBAKAR-DI-SELAT-SUNDA/>

**17 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 246 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Makian Village, Indonesia/ DB200226**

On 17 Feb, a passenger vessel sank due to equipment failure off Makian Village, Indonesia. A SAR operation was conducted and there was 246 people rescued.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/627/kapal-karam-246-penumpang-km-intim-teratai-dievakuasi-selamat>

**16 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Damar, Kei Kecil, Indonesia/ DB200226**

On 16 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Damar, Kei Kecil, Indonesia. A SAR operation was conducted and there were two people rescued.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2026/02/16/ketinting-mati-mesin-di-perairan-kei-kecil-2-nelayan-ditolong-tim-sar/>

**Out of Reporting Period**

**12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel vs 1 Tankers/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Off Saengdo Island, Busan, ROK/ DB160226**

On 12 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to colliding with one tanker off Saengdo Island, Busan, ROK. A SAR operation was conducted and there was one fatality.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145798>

**12 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cua Hoi, Vietnam/ DB160226**

On 12 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to running aground off Cua Hoi, Vietnam. A SAR operation was conducted and there were three people rescued.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/3-ngu-dan-may-man-thoat-nan-post500744.html>

**09 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ SAR/ Sea of Japan/ DB200226**

On 9 Feb, a bulk carrier went adrift due to equipment failure at the Sea of Japan. A SAR operation was conducted.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12693/russia-rescues-disabled-bulk-carrier-in-sea-of-japan>



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

### Incidents:

**15 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Bangladeshi Fishing Vessel Detained/ 28 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Bay Of Bengal, India/ DB190226**

On 15 Feb, local authorities detained a Bangladeshi fishing vessel and arrested 28 foreign fishermen due to illegal fishing in prohibited areas at Bay of Bengal, India.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://x.com/ANI/status/2023704767160349070>

**14 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 35 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing With Illegal Gear/ Barangay Carnaza, Daanbantayan, Philippines/ DB190226**

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 35 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear at Barangay Carnaza, Daanbantayan, Philippines.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/p37m-in-illegal-fishing-assets-seized-in-daanbantayan>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

**18 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (280 Boxes)/ 2 Small Boats/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB190226**

On 18 Feb, local authorities seized 280 boxes of cigarettes from two small boats at Zamboanga City, Philippines.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/regionalty/news/112970/p16m-alleged-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-off-zamboanga-city/story/>

**17 Feb - Drugs/ Drugs (203kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to India/ Dwarka, India/ DB190226**

On 17 Feb, local authorities seized 203kg of drugs from a small boat at Dwarka, India.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://x.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/2023679908774637728>

**16 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,000 Sticks)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Colombo Harbor, Sri Lanka/ DB190226**

On 16 Feb, local authorities seized 2,000 sticks of cigarettes from an unknown vessel at Colombo Harbor, Sri Lanka.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/17/202602171720/>

**17 Feb - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (1,071kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Muthupanthiya, Chilaw, Sri Lanka/ DB200226**

On 17 Feb, local authorities seized 1,071kg of kendu leaves from an unknown vessel off Muthupanthiya, Chilaw, Sri Lanka.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/18/202602181735/>

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**12 Feb - Tobacco/ Dried Tobacco and Cigarettes/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Zamboanga and Bacolod to Manila/ Manila North Harbor Port, Philippines/ DB160226**

On 12 Feb, local authorities seized dried tobacco and cigarettes from an unknown vessel at Manila North Harbour Port, Philippines.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.facebook.com/BureauOfCustomsPH/posts/pfbid02cxkhqPk5LDZcx7khMLVBXSiDdVLXjzYenG5ykah7xE5TfCAxrJeRe7D9WomvfAjl?rdid=SzyIP6V1DWakWYcj#>

**11 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (46kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From UNK to AUS/ Sydney, Australia/ DB200226**

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 46kg of meth from a container vessel at Sydney, Australia.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Authorities-seize-46kg-of-methamphetamine-hidden-in-forklift-counterweight.aspx>

**29 Jan - Drugs/ Kratom (1.02kg)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Unknown to Singapore/ Singapore Cruise Centre, Singapore/ DB200226**

On 29 Jan, local authorities seized 1.02kg of kratom from a passenger vessel at Singapore Cruise Centre, Singapore.

**News Link(s)/ Info Source:**

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1875480426663052>



**SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)**

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**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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