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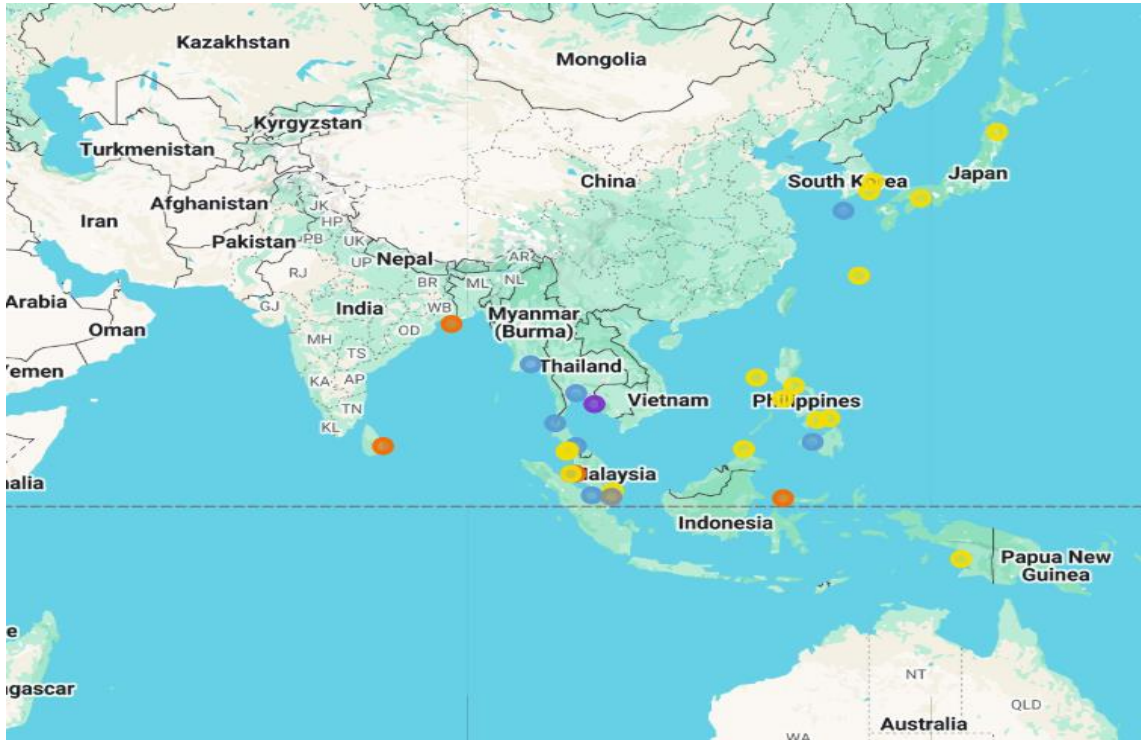
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



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	16	4-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	8	9-10
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	11
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	13
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:

22 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Asmat, Indonesia/ DB240326

On 22 Mar, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Asmat, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://seputarpapua.com/view/tim-sar-evakuasi-8-penumpang-perahu-tenggelam-di-perairan-asmat.html>

21 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cagisay II, Philippines/ DB240326

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel sank due to equipment failure off Cagisay II, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100066908675618/posts/1266881308885480/?rdid=L9y86wNHjnp69tjy#>

23 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel vs 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Deungnyangdo, ROK/ DB250326

On 23 Mar, a fishing vessel collided with another fishing vessel off Deungnyangdo, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=146522>

25 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Kudat, Sabah/ DB260326

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained a small boat due to unauthorized operations off Kudat, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2026/03/25/bot-tempatan-langgar-syarat-lesen-dan-kesalahan-imigresen-ditahan-di-kudat>

23 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 2 Tankers/ Off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia/ DB260326

On 23 Mar, local authorities detained two tankers due to unauthorised operations off Pulau Jarak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02GUu58SPnxKtBvK8epcPseSVv6dKiJnSg9tK2icCBhej53io7NA4ZrLdjuAeeckefl>

26 Mar - Vessel Detained/ Other/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ At Dadae Port, ROK/ DB270326

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained a fishing vessel at Dadae Port, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=146637>

24 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Human Error/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Sedeli, Malaysia/ DB270326

On 24 Mar, a cargo vessel caught on fire due to human error off Tanjung Sedeli, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17ESYbXa56/>

24 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off The Mactan-Cebu Channel, Philippines/ DB270326

On 24 Mar, a small boat sank due to bad weather off The Mactan-Cebu Channel, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064746458701/posts/1410810637753805/?rdid=cv7qj8TaH5fCB9r4#>

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sta. Lucia, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB240326

On 20 Mar, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Sta. Lucia, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100066908675618/posts/1264983969075214/?rdid=9BFnNUuW5h4Rml4u#>

20 Mar - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bajo De Masinloc, Zambales, Philippines/ DB240326

On 20 Mar, a small boat went drift due to unknown causes off Bajo De Masinloc, Zambales, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064660843959/posts/1419449963553685/?rdid=NQc0TESq8tu8ISbL#>

05 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Ao Talo Wao, Tarutao Island, Satun Province, Thailand/ DB240326

On 5 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Ao Talo Wao, Tarutao Island, Satun Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18BFgidEK6/>

01 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hin Dam Area, Satun Province, Thailand/ DB240326

On 1 Mar, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Hin Dam Area, Satun Province, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/186eWBa3Gc/>

16 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Small Boats/ 2 Dead, 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Henoko Coast, Japan/ DB250326

On 16 Mar, two small boats sank due to bad weather off Henoko Coast, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=146434>

06 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Tanker/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ogijima Island, Japan/ DB250326

On 6 Mar, a tanker ran aground due to unknown causes off Ogijima Island, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents>

17 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Cargo Vessel vs 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Dead, 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Misawa Port, Japan/ DB260326

On 17 Mar, a cargo vessel collided with a fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Misawa Port, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were four dead and nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12776/four-dead-after-fishing-vessel-collides-with-cargo-ship-off->

19 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 32 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Puntana, Philippines/ DB270326

On 19 Mar, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Barangay Puntana, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 32 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Jypwg6wvz/>



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

Incidents:

22 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Boloh, Malaysia/ DB240326

On 22 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Boloh, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

25 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel/ 1 Local, 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Buloh, Malaysia/ DB260326

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one local and five foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Buloh, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EPmWfo7Km/>

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Palakumanai, Sri Lanka/ DB250326

On 20 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Palakumanai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/23/202603231430/>

15 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Myanmar Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kalighat, India/ DB260326

On 15 Mar, local authorities detained one Myanmar fishing vessel and arrested nine Myanmar fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kalighat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nicobartimes.com/local-news/operation-sea-vigil-nine-myanmar-poachers-arrested-engine-dinghy-with-350-kg-sea-cucumbers-seized-in-north-and-middle-andaman/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel (750 Tons)/ 2 Tankers/ Off Jarak Island, Malaysia/ DB260326

On 23 Mar, local authorities seized 750 tons of diesel from two tankers off Jarak Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02GUu58SPnxKtBvK8epcPseSVv6dKiJnSg9tK2icCBhej53io7NA4ZrLdjuAeeckefl>

21 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (13kg) Etomidate (373 Cartridges)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ At Roro Air Putih Port, Indonesia/ DB260326

On 21 Mar, local authorities seized 13kg of meth and 373 cartridges of etomidate from a passenger vessel at Roro Air Putih Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/641/dua-kurir-sabu-13-kg-dibekuk-di-pelabuhan-bengkalis>

Out of Reporting Period:

20 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis Buds (1 Ton)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ From Unknown to Thailand/ Off Songkhla Province, Thailand, Thailand/ DB240326

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 1 ton of Cannabis buds from two fishing vessels off Songkhla Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ag6yenVqc/>

18 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (600 Master Cases)/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Pagadian City, Philippines/ DB240326

On 18 Mar, local authorities seized 600 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Pagadian City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/p378-m-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-off-pagadian-city>

11 Mar - Fuel/ Gasohol 95 (19 Plastic Containers)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Thailand to Unknown/ Off Pak Nam Area, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB240326

On 11 Mar, local authorities seized 19 plastic containers of Gasohol 95 from a small boat off Pak Nam Area, Ranong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AqJz9qnpZ/>

10 Mar - Fuel/ Sludge Oil/ 1 Oil Tanker/ South of Chao Phraya River Fairway Buoy, Thailand/ DB240326

On 10 Mar, local authorities seized sludge oil from an oil tanker in the South of Chao Phraya River Fairway Buoy, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

16 Mar - Drugs/ Ketamine (1kg)/ Ashore/ Off Jeju, ROK/ DB250326

On 16 Mar, local authorities seized 1kg of Ketamine ashore off Jeju, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=146427>

13 Mar - Domestic Products/ Electrical Devices/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Unknown to Myanmar/ Yangon Port, Myanmar/ DB250326

On 13 Mar, local authorities seized electrical devices from a container vessel in Yangon Port, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.moi.gov.mm/news/80880>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Mar - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Unknown Migrants Arrested/
Chalermphon Fish Pier, Khlong Yai, Trat Province, Thailand/ DB240326

On 17 Mar, local authorities arrested five unknown migrants from a fishing vessel in Chalermphon Fish Pier, Khlong Yai, Trat Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

23 Mar - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ South China Sea/
DB240326

On 23 Mar, there was a tanker spoofing with a false identity in South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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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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