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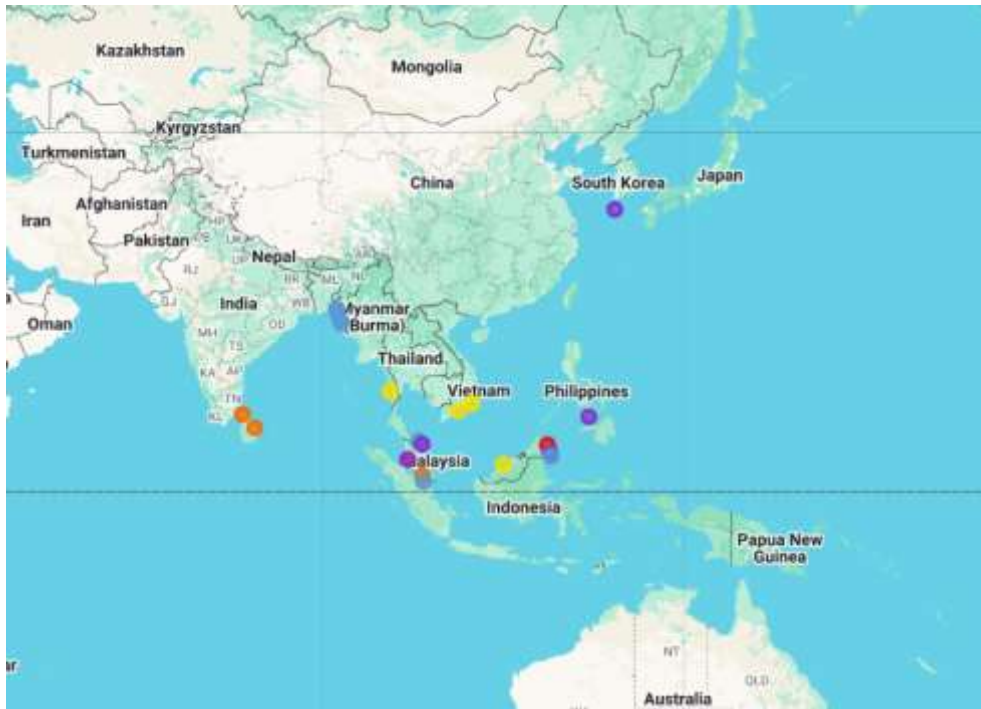
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 25 Apr – 30 Apr 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	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	11	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	10	7-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	10-13
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	6	14-15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	17
Others	0	0	18

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

Incidents:

26 Apr - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Chemical Tanker, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Sandakan Anchorage, Malaysia/ DB300426

1. The CSO of a Singapore-flagged chemical tanker reported a sea theft incident via MPA, which occurred at Sandakan Anchorage, Malaysia (05° 49.1'N 118° 08.1'E) on 26 Apr 2026 between 0100H and 0400H (UTC +8), while the vessel was at anchorage.

The incident has been reported to the local authorities by the local agent.

A review of CCTV footage was inconclusive as visibility was compromised by glare.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and four hydro blowers, one pneumatic blower, one helicopter kit, and one coil of tiger rope were missing. The store lock was also found to have been broken. No crew injuries, vessel damage, or assistance requirements were reported.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

27 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Barge/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Go Cong Dong Commune, Dong Thap Province, Vietnam/ DB280426

On 27 Apr, a barge sank due to bad weather off Go Cong Dong Commune, Dong Thap Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-nan-thanh-cong-4-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-post502939.html>

29 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Container Vessel/ Bass Strait, Australia/ DB290426

On 29 Apr, a container vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Bass Strait, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

AMSA Report 2026/3350

29 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Tugboat/ Off Kuala Kemena, Malaysia/ DB300426

On 29 Apr, local authorities detained a tugboat due to unauthorised operations off Kuala Kemena, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18QQAQZ47N/>

29 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Tanker/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Lam Dong Province, Vietnam/ DB300426

On 29 Apr, a tanker caught fire due to unknown causes off Lam Dong Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-ho-tro-khac-phuc-vu-chay-no-tau-cho-dau-tren-vung-bien-lam-dong-post503029.html>

25 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Ganant Island, Myanmar/ DB300426

On 25 Apr, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Ganant Island, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/4zha53pf>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Human Error/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Juag Island, Brgy. Calintaan, Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, a small boat sank due to human error off Juag Island, Brgy. Calintaan, Matnog, Sorsogon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/hcgdbcl/posts/pfbid02TctsZZo9CbbaKA4YRNN7ZP4whpeNh2qrxKX7HAvPKmo1dtT8Dh5X8GFDhQfLkN9wl?rdid=dOUleyDRa4hdpgaf#>

24 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 2 Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Guadalupe, Maasin City, Philippines/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, two small boats sank due to unknown causes off Barangay Guadalupe, Maasin City, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DjKnQFw7A/>

23 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Samar, Philippines/ DB280426

On 23 Apr, a small boat was adrift due to equipment failure off Samar, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0Rxa76L6nHvvRim9hNxthwaXY7weArFUe1urdmj5Epa2J6rNRPH8GsyA2mjKV9uGjl?rdid=NcXFLihC00Ug3U6y#>

22 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Small Boat/ Gulf of Thailand, Samut Prakan Province, Thailand/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat due to unauthorised operations off Gulf of Thailand, Samut Prakan Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ComcUqCfo/>

22 Apr - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Aliguay Island, Philippines/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, a small boat was adrift due to equipment failure off Aliguay Island, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0zq3yH4sLzviwtLfmppEPf7NGgy9TPeQhFjqC1nEAIwFzyRCrarkkzFkEFPKyTCPTI?rdid=PMvdJ6O6t8U5rGw3#>

24 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Tug & Barge/ Off Sungai Miri Muara, Malaysia/ DB290426

On 24 Apr, a tug & barge was detained due to unauthorised operations off Sungai Miri Muara, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0fXygrWJFCCscA1KpuiG84z5RneNsPBjHKx6eu5B6Yev8nncH9UDQpm2dQqx8dy1Al?rdid=o32VPvgxmMLPqZCE#>



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

Incidents:

26 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Agas, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five Vietnamese fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Agas, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0rTHcJYNCyBuSXzkUCseqib3ZLCpaDyLhCBAshA2yhwH849KxRm2dUUhFQ9eyHt6ml?rdid=WS6Ybff8R0Nr0mS7#>

26 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing in Prohibited Areas / Off Tanjung Beras Basah, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained two local fishing vessel and arrested four Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Beras Basah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1cqF5eUufE/>

26 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Valaichenai Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing non-permitted species off Valaichenai Harbour, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/04/26/202604261855/#:~:text=Four%20\(04\)%20fishermen%20were%20arrested,\(26th%20April%202026\).](https://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/04/26/202604261855/#:~:text=Four%20(04)%20fishermen%20were%20arrested,(26th%20April%202026).)

27 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kudairippu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB290426

On 27 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kudairippu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/04/28/202604281440/>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sibidongpado, Gunsan City, ROK/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to license of fishermen and fishing with illegal gear off Sibidongpado, Gunsan City, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=147491>

24 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sta Elena Waters, Camarines Sur, Philippines/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Sta Elena Waters, Camarines Sur, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100085963434441/posts/946526918222747/?rdid=gPx1ONxQ44QcUv1b#>

23 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Ao Chonburi, Chonburi Province, Thailand/ DB280426

On 23 Apr, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels due to fishing with illegal gear off Ao Chonburi, Chonburi Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

22 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing vessel/ 15 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off SE of Gyeokryeolbi Island, Taean, ROK/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, local authorities a Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 15 foreign fishermen due to license of fishermen off Gyeokryeolbi Island, Taean, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news1.kr/local/daejeon-chungnam/6146010>

22 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Out of Season/ Off Ao Thap Sakae, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 11 local fishermen due to fishing out of season off Ao Thap Sakae, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/27jhe57z>

22 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Palawan, Philippines/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel due to fishing non-permitted species off Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/PalawanStar/posts/1422688569877841/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

26 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarette (100,000 Sticks)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Sironggol, Semporna, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities seized 100,000 sticks of cigarettes from a small boat off Tanjung Sironggol, Semporna, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0CFdfQ3wg3mPWtah9UMYAHrFJQo8gwQyPD9Js3gZoZXDVggP9yCsff2c2thUM7TkFl?rdid=3dajeSiHMxgmDs7b#>

28 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Thailand/ Off Tak Bai District, Narathiwat Province, Thailand/ DB290426

On 28 Apr, local authorities seized cigarettes from a fishing vessel off Tak Bai District, Narathiwat Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Thai-MECC Region 2

26 Apr - Domestic Products/ Liquor (215 Bottles)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Patenga, Bangladesh/ DB290426

On 26 Apr, local authorities seized 215 bottles of liquor from an unknown vessel off Patenga, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/8tjb3de4>

26 Apr - Drugs/ Methamphetamine (15,000 Pills)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Keruntali Canal, Teknaf, Bangladesh/ DB290426

On 26 Apr, local authorities seized 15,000 pills of meth from a small boat off Keruntali Canal, Teknaf, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/2eemfzec>

25 Apr - Domestic Products/ Liquor (144 Bottles)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Pulau Boheyan, Semporna, Sabah/ DB290426

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 144 bottles of liquor from a small boat off Pulau Boheyan, Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/280445/eight-held-for-illegal-entry-in-semporna/>

25 Apr - Domestic Products/ Cement (550 Bags)/ 1 Cargo Vessel, 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Matarbari, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB290426

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 550 bags of cement from a cargo vessel and fishing vessel off Matarbari, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bangladeshcoastguardforce/posts/pfbid02UV2K94VtzyB67rivwN5v5zf48uCKtjC3NLD5r3L9vNbeU7jGiQLUyhALcwZbib5ml?rdid=ggd4A8mSb6rODKFs#>

25 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (2 kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB290426

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 2 kg of cannabis from a small boat off St Martin's Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/8tjb3de4>

27 Apr - Domestic Products/ Cement (900 Sacks)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB300426

On 27 Apr, local authorities seized 900 cement sacks from a fishing vessel off St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/2stc7dds>

27 Apr - Drugs/ Methamphetamine (27 kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Akar Strait, Tasik Putri Puyuh District, Indonesia/ DB300426

On 27 Apr, local authorities seized 27 kg of meth from a small boat in Akar Strait, Tasik Putri Puyuh District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/653/upaya-penyelundupan-27-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia-digagalkan-di-perairan-meranti>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Apr - Domestic Products/ Lobster Fry (125 Boxes)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Off Tanjung Belungkor, Pengerang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, local authorities seized 125 boxes of lobster fry from an unknown vessel off Tanjung Belungkor, Pengerang, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2026/04/25/marine-cops-foil-bid-to-smuggle-rm135mil-worth-of-lobster-fry-out-of-johor>

22 Apr - Domestic Products/ Kendu Leaves (approx. 553 kg in 15 Sacks)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo Lagoon, Western Province, Sri Lanka/ DB280426

On 22 Apr, local authorities seized approximately 553 kg of kendu leaves in 15 sacks from a small boat off Negombo Lagoon, Western Province, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/04/24/202604241300/>

16 Apr - Drugs/ Cocaine (200 kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Australia/ Off Tweed Heads, Australia/ DB290426

On 16 Apr, local authorities seized 200 kg of cocaine from a small boat off Tweed Heads, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/NSW-man-charged-over-alleged-plot-to-import-200kg-of-cocaine-after-at-sea-transfer.aspx>

20 Apr - Domestic Products/ Watermelon Seeds and Green Peas (3,029 Tons)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Unknown to India/ Nhava Sheva Port, Mumbai, India/ DB300426

On 20 Apr, local authorities seized 3,092 tons of watermelon seeds and green peas from a container vessel at Nhava Sheva Port, Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.lokmatimes.com/mumbai/dri-mumbai-seizes-132-containers-of-smuggled-seeds-and-pulses-worth-rs139-crore-importer-arrested-a522/>

12 Apr - Domestic Products/ Counterfeit Goods (7200)/ Ashore/ From Hong Kong to Unknown/ Shenzhen Bay Control Point, China/ DB300426

On 12 Apr, local authorities seized 7,200 counterfeit goods found ashore at Shenzhen Bay Control Point, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5244.html?p=2&y=&m=

30 Mar - Precursors, Tobacco/ Pharmaceuticals (4 million), Controlled Injection Substances (26,000), Cigars (7kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Hong Kong to Macao/ Hong Kong, China/ DB300426

On 30 Mar, local authorities seized four million pharmaceutical products, 26,000 controlled injection substances, and 7 kg of cigars from a small boat off Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5246.html?p=2&y=&m=



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

27 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Arrested/ From China to Korea/ Off Jeju Coast, ROK/ DB280426

On 27 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested three unknown migrants off Jeju Coast, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news1.kr/local/jeju/6149811>

26 Apr - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel of Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid037zpHKaSh4wdX1v4ykqguamuoKGodzsJ8q5T8qQ7p3Gu9Gf3nnXD7GmhSu5vtouYl?rdid=vUFuPUBSMgrA3TK1#>

26 Apr - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Myanmar/ Off Tanjung Beras Basah, Perak, Malaysia/ DB280426

On 26 Apr, local authorities detained two fishing vessel and arrested four Myanmar fishermen off Tanjung Beras Basah, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1cqF5eUufE/>

25 Apr - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ 8 Arrested/ Off Pulau Boheyan, Semporna, Sabah/ DB290426

On 25 Apr, local authorities arrested eight individuals off Pulau Boheyan, Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/280445/eight-held-for-illegal-entry-in-semporna/>

28 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ 1 Chinese Migrant/ From Negros Occidental, to Ajuy, Iloilo/ Off Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB300426

On 28 Apr, local authorities arrested a Chinese migrant off Negros Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18fBcV677y/>

Out of Reporting Period:

18 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 61 Indonesians, 7 Migrants/ From Indonesia to Unknown/ Off Dumai, Riau, Indonesia/ DB290426

On 18 Apr, local authorities arrested 61 Indonesians and seven migrants off Dumai, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/413427/indonesian-police-foil-attempted-smuggling-of-68-migrants-to-malaysia>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Apr - Maritime Pollution (MARPOL)/ Oil Slick/ EOPL, SW of South China Sea/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, a 10 km long oil spill (23 km²) was observable on SENTINEL 2 satellite image at position 2.109, 104.547.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

24 Apr - Maritime Pollution (MARPOL)/ Oil Slick/ EOPL, SW of South China Sea/ DB280426

On 24 Apr, a 2.5km long oil spill was observable on SENTINEL 2 satellite image at position 2.028, 104.630.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO



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.



SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL

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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