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



For the period of 11 - 17 Dec, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	36	5-13
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	5	14-15
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	11	16-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	2	19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	21
Others	0	22

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

13 Dec - Attempted Boarding / Sea Theft / No injury / Tanker / MV LADINDA/ Indonesia Flagged/ Underway/ Cox' Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB171221

Bangladesh Coast Guard (East Zone) officials have detained 43 robbers from the Bay of Bengal as they attempted to rob a foreign vessel named MV LADINDA.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/coast-guard-foil-foreign-ship-robbery-bay-bengal-43-nabbed-344086>

15 Dec - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / KWANSOO 11 and MERIDIAN PRIDE-2401 / Tug and barge/ Malaysia-flagged/ Underway/ Westbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB171221 (Information update to DB161221)

1. POCC informed that a Malaysia-flagged tug towing barge, KWANSOO 11 and MERIDIAN PRIDE-2401, reported up to 4 unauthorised personnel boarded the barge when transiting along Westbound Lane of TSS (01 12.66 N 103 33.17E) on 152332H Dec 21.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: KWANSOO 11 and MERIDIAN PRIDE-2401
- b. Callsign: 9WSW8
- c. IMO: N/A
- d. MMSI: 533170701
- e. Flag: Malaysia
- f. Type: Tugboat and Barge
- g. Ship Owner: Info. Gap
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Info. Gap
- j. LPOC: Info. Gap
- i. NPOC: Info. Gap

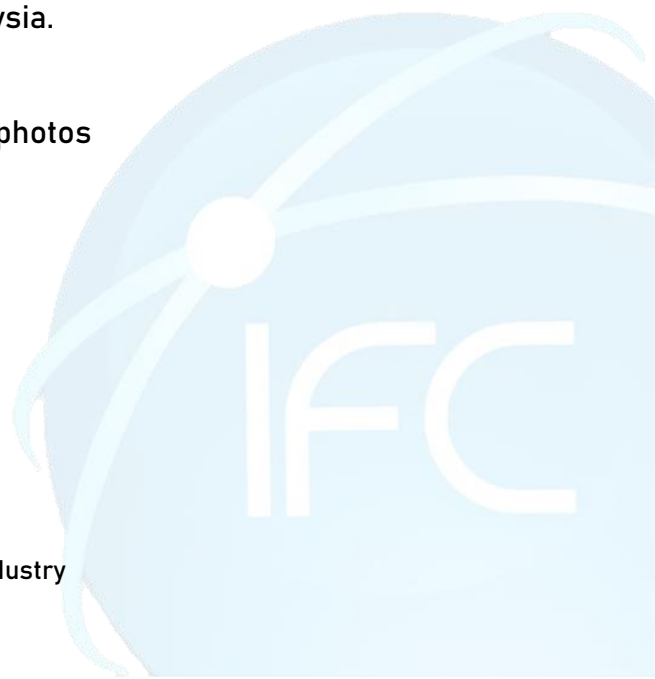
3. The crew sighted about 4 sampans went alongside the barge. All crew accounted for and safe, and scrap metal were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in Penang, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to company for attempted boarding photos

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC  
ReCAAP



07 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft / No Injury/ DANUM 53 and LINAU 135/ Tug and Barge / Malaysia-Flagged / Underway / Transiting Philip Channel, Singapore Strait / DB151221 (Information Update to 141221)

Updated to the incident date to 07 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
POCC

14 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft / No Injury/ DANUM 53 and LINAU 135/ Tug and Barge / Malaysia-Flagged / Underway / Transiting Philip Channel, Singapore Strait / DB 141221 (Information Update to 081221)

Updated is the name of the barge which was identified as LINAU 135

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
POCC



**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

NSTR



## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

15 Dec – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Kachcativu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB171221

A fishing vessel collided with another fishing vessel off Kachcativu Island, Sri Lanka on 15 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2021/12/16/indian-trawler-rams-into-local-fishing-boat-in-sea-of-sri-lanka/>

15 Dec – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Timika-Asmat, Indonesia/ DB171221

Six were rescued from a container ship that went missing off Timika-Asmat, Indonesia on 15 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5856716/6-korban-km-kalimas-4-hilang-kontak-ditemukan>

13 Dec – Adrift/ Electrical Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB171221

Nine were rescued from a fishing vessel that went adrift due to electrical failure off Phuket, Thailand on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/944648738895977/posts/5281702825190525/>

15 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 11 Dead, 25 Missing, 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB161221

11 died, 25 went missing and 14 were rescued from a small boat that capsized off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia due to bad weather on 15 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/276091964544536/?d=n>

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/11-confirmed-dead-25-still-missing-in-capsized-boat-incident-AY8661121>



14 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Electrical Fire/ Passenger Ship/ 11 Rescued/ Off Sorong City, West Papua, Indonesia/ DB161221

11 were rescued from a passenger ship that experienced electrical fire off Sorong City, West Papua, Indonesia on 14 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/14/passenger-ship-severely-damaged-by-fire-indonesia/>

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2021/12/14/170150278/kapal-cantika-lestari-88-terbakar-di-perairan-sorong-10-abk-selamat-usai?page=all>

14 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Dawai, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB161221

One died and five were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Tanjung Dawai, Kedah, Malaysia due to bad weather on 14 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2033715>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/275586601261739>

13 Dec – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka/ DB161221

One died after falling overboard from fishing vessel off Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2021/12/13/fisherman-dead-due-to-drowning-in-ambalangoda/>

13 Dec – Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives/ DB161221

Six were rescued from fishing vessel that went adrift due to engine failure off Off Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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12 Dec – Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Car Nicobar, India/ DB161221

A fishing vessel went adrift due to mechanical failure off Car Nicobar, India on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://twitter.com/an\\_command/status/1470366838009831427?s=11](https://twitter.com/an_command/status/1470366838009831427?s=11)



14 Dec – Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Two Missing, 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Geomun Island, Yeosu, South Jeolla Province, ROK/ DB151221

Local authorities rescued 23 fishermen after a fishing vessel sunk due to a collision with a general cargo ship, which occurred off Geomun Island, Yeosu, South Jeolla Province, ROK on 14 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/280189/casualties#322221>

13 Dec – Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Tanker/ Off Mutsure Island, Japan/ DB151221

A tanker went adrift due to engine failure and is being towed to Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/8929534/casualties#322199>

13 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Welding Works/ Fish Factory Ship/ Four Rescued/ Off Diomidov Fish Port, Vladivostok, Russia/ DB151221

A fish factory ship caught fire during welding works off Diomidov Fish Port, Russia. Four injured crew members were brought to a medical facility on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/212320/casualties#322189>

13 Dec – Others/ Water Ingress/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Bangka Island, Indonesia/ DB151221

A general cargo ship developed heavy portside list after experiencing water ingress, and had to anchor off Bangka Island, Indonesia on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/13/general-cargo-ship-developed-heavy-list-tilt-after-water-ingress/>

13 Dec – Others/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Khanh Hoa, Vietnam/ DB151221

Local authorities received a distress signal from a general cargo ship that was abandoned by 17 crew whom have taken life rafts off Khanh Hoa, Vietnam on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/267068/casualties#322223>





12 Dec – Grounding/ Rough Seas/ Tug and Barge/ Off Thoothukudi Port, Maldives/ DB151221

A tug driven barge ran aground due to rough seas and strong winds off Thoothukudi Port, Maldives on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dtnext.in/News/TamilNadu/2021/12/13042544/1333530/Tugdriven-barge-from-Maldives-runs-aground-near-Thoothukudi-.vpf>

12 Dec – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Two Missing/ Off Didicas Island, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB151221

Two fishermen went missing during a stormy weather for two days and are believed to have run out of fuel or suffered damage to their boat. The incident occurred off Didicas Island, Cagayan, Philippines on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1526833/2-fishers-missing-after-encounter-with-bad-weather-in-cagayan>

12 Dec – MEDEVAC/ Snake Bite/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Veraval, Gir Somnath, India/ DB151221

Local authorities rescued a snake bite victim from a fishing vessel off Veraval, Gir Somnath, India on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://navjeevanexpress.com/icg-evacuates-snakebite-victim-from-fishing-boat-in-midsea-off-veraval-coast/>

[https://twitter.com/DefencePRO\\_Guj/status/1470059633486155778?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1470059633486155778%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1\\_&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fnavjeevanexpress.com%2Ficg-evacuates-snakebite-victim-from-fishing-boat-in-midsea-off-veraval-coast%2F](https://twitter.com/DefencePRO_Guj/status/1470059633486155778?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1470059633486155778%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fnavjeevanexpress.com%2Ficg-evacuates-snakebite-victim-from-fishing-boat-in-midsea-off-veraval-coast%2F)

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/fisherman-suffers-snake-bite-mid-sea-rescued-by-icg-7671474/>

11 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand/ DB151221

Local authorities were informed of a fishing vessel that sank off Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand on 11 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Thai MECC 1st Area Command

11 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ Taiwan Strait, Off Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB141221

On 11 Dec, a general cargo ship caught fire while on route to USA. The fire destroyed three luxury yachts that were on the ship. The cause of the fire is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2021/36501/2-luxury-yachts-bound-usa-destroyed-fire-german-fr/>

11 Dec - Sunk-Capsized (Allision)/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phuket, Thailand/ DB141221

Local authorities only managed to rescue two of the three fishermen after a fishing vessel struck a sunken vessel off Phuket, Thailand on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Thai MECC 3rd Area Command

<https://www.thephuketnews.com/body-of-missing-fisherman-found-82361.php>

<https://www.thephuketnews.com/one-person-missing-as-fishing-ship-sinks-off-phuket-coast-82358.php>

12 Dec - MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ Three Rescued/ Malacca Strait/ DB131221

Three fishermen were rescued by a transiting container ship in Malacca Strait on 12 Dec

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Company Security Officer

12 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Nine Dead, Two Missing, Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yantai, Shandong, China/ DB131221

Local authorities conducted a search and rescue for an unknown vessel that capsized on 12 Dec. Three crew members were rescued, although nine crew members are confirmed dead, while two remains missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.ap7am.com/english-news-47085/9-dead-2-missing-after-freighter-sinks-off-east-china-coast>

11 Dec - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Papan, Labuan, Malaysia/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued one fisherman after a fishing vessel experienced an engine failure off Pulau Papan, Labuan, Malaysia on 11 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/273820998104966>



Out of Reporting Period:

04 Dec – Others/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Surigao City, Philippines/ DB171221

Five were rescued from a half-submerged small boat off Surigao City, Philippines on 04 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/4356-pcg-responds-to-a-half-submerged-motor-banca-in-kabo-island-surigao-city>

10 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Small Boat/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Taytay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB141221

Local authorities rescued seven passengers after a motorboat capsized off Taytay, Palawan, Philippines after getting struck by rough seas on 10 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/pangalawangsou.mg/posts/1234109640431292>  
Philippines Navy

05 Dec – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Chumphon, Thailand/ DB141221

A fishing vessel was at risk of capsizing. The ship requested for three tugboats to tow the fishing vessel back to Pranburi for repairs. During the tow one of the tugboats broke down and the fishing vessel was at risk of sinking but a nearby boat helped to tow the distressed boat ashore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/tmecc1/posts/646358476800341>

10 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sittwe, Rakhine, Myanmar/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued eight fishermen after a fishing vessel experienced water ingress and sank off Sittwe, Rakhine, Myanmar on 10 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100761115674907/posts/133737979043887/>

10 Dec – Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship vs Cargo Ship/ 12 Rescued/ Taiwan Strait, Off Nanding Island, Fujian, China/ DB131221

Two cargo ships collided while one reportedly sank off Nanding Island, Fujian, China on 10 Dec.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/10/chinese-coasters-collided-in-taiwan-strait-one-sank/>  
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/13157133/casualties#322115>

10 Dec – Aviation Incident/ Engine Failure/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Tinegueban, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued two after an unknown plane experienced engine failure and crashed off Barangay Tinegueban, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines on 10 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/278382370993789>  
[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=278382370993789&id=100064660843959](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=278382370993789&id=100064660843959)  
<https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/4363-pcg-responds-to-a-plane-crash-incident-in-el-nido-palawan>

09 Dec – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Small Boat/ Two Dead/ SAR/ Off Tok Kuning Jetty, Kangar, Perlis, Malaysia/ DB131221

Local authorities found two fishermen dead from a collision off Tok Kuning Jetty, Kangar, Perlis, Malaysia on 09 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2032668>  
[https://www.bernama.com/en/crime\\_courts/news.php?id=2032173](https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2032173)  
<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/11/second-victim-of-boat-collision-incident-in-perlis-found>

09 Dec –MEDEVAC/ Abdominal Pain/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, India/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued one fishermen who experienced abdominal pain from a fishing vessel off Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, India on 09 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/kerala-coast-guard-ship-rescues-fisherman/articleshow/88217391.cms>  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Kochi/coast-guard-evacuates-fisherman-in-distress/article37928479.ece>

08 Dec – Fire-Explosion/ Gas Leak/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ Off Azheekal Harbour, Kollam, India/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued nine fishermen when a fishing vessel caught fire after a gas leak. The incident occurred off Azheekal Harbour, Kollam, India on 08 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/fishing-boat-catches-fire/articleshow/88173009.cms>

07 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Satun, Thailand/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued seven crew members after a bad weather caused a fishing vessel sank off Satun Province, Thailand on 07 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

3rd Royal Thai Naval Area Command

<https://www.facebook.com/944648738895977/posts/5261627823864692/>

04 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Similan Islands, Phang Gga Province, Thailand/ DB131221

Local authorities rescued eight fishermen after a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Similan Islands, Phang Gga Province, Thailand on 04 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

3rd Royal Thai Naval Area Command

03 Dec – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ Off Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB131221

Since 03 Dec, a tug went missing and lost contact with authorities while en route to Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Indonesian Navy OPCEN

02 Dec – Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ Off Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB131221

Four crew onboard a fishing vessel that went adrift off Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India were rescued by another fishing vessel on 02 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newswire.lk/2021/12/09/indian-fishermen-rescue-sri-lankan-counterparts-in-distress/>

Information Updates:

15 Dec – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 19 Dead, 17 Missing, 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB171221  
(Information Update to DB161221)

Eight more bodies have been found at Tanjung Balau in Kota Tinggi, Johor, after a boat carrying about 50 suspected undocumented immigrants capsized yesterday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2021/12/16/16-dead-search-goes-on-for-remaining-20-in-boat-capsize-incident/>

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/276091964544536/?d=n>

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/11-confirmed-dead-25-still-missing-in-capsized-boat-incident-AY8661121>

14 Dec – Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Two Missing, 25 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Geomun Island, Yeosu, South Jeolla Province, ROK/ DB161221

(Information Update to DB151221)

Updated that 25 people were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/280189/casualties#322221>

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/14/chinese-container-ship-collided-with-korean-fishing-vessel-2-missing/>

05 Dec – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Chumphon, Thailand/ DB161221

(Information Update to DB141221)

On 13 Dec at 2200, three boats, SOR. NAKARATTANA 8, SAENGTHONG 9 and SAPPRASERT 19 will start towing SUB PRASERT 11.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/tmecc1/posts/646358476800341>

<https://www.facebook.com/tmecc1/posts/647407063362149>

28 Nov – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship vs Breakwater/ Off Hakata Harbour, Kyushu, Japan/ DB131221

(Information Update to DB301121)

Updated of that the container ship has been refloated on 07 Dec and the salvage was undertaken in several stages.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Lady-Rosemary-9355044.html>



## SECTION D: ILLEGAL/ UNREGULATED/ UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

14 Dec - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ No Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Tanjung Wokong, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia/ DB161221

Local authorities detained one fishing vessel for illegal fishing methods off Tanjung Wokong, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 14 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/275563127930753>

13 Dec - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local and Two Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuala Kurau estuary, Perak, Malaysia/ DB161221

Local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local, and two foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Kuala Kurau estuary, Perak, Malaysia on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/275567804596952>

<https://www.airtimes.my/2021/12/15/bot-nelayan-upah-pati-myanmar-ditahan/>

12 Dec - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB161221

Local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested seven local fishermen for illegal fishing off Beruwala Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

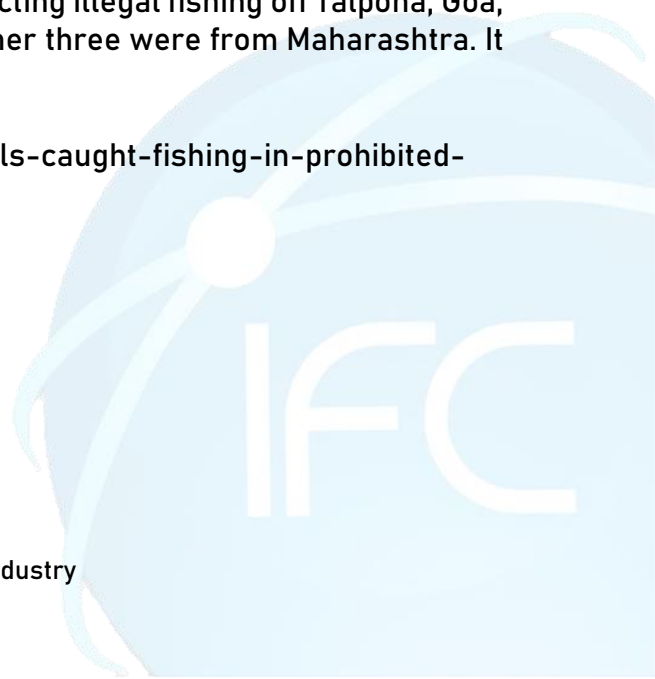
<https://coastguard.gov.lk/index.php?id=362>

13 Dec - Local/ Six Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Talpona, Goa, India/ DB141221

Local authorities detained six fishing vessels for conducting illegal fishing off Talpona, Goa, India. Three vessels were from Karnataka while the other three were from Maharashtra. It is unknown how many fishermen were arrested.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/six-vessels-caught-fishing-in-prohibited-zone-off-talpona/articleshow/88245250.cms>



**Out of Reporting Period:**

**05 Jun – Poaching/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 19 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Tioman, Malaysia/ DB141221**

**Local authorities arrested 19 fishermen and detained one fishing vessel for illegal fishing 29 NM off Pulau Tioman, Malaysia on 05 June.**

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

**<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/274767378010328>**





## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

14 Dec – Domestic Products/ Clothes/ Fishing Vessel/ Bay of Bengal, India/ DB161221

Local authorities seized Indian Clothes from fishing vessel in Bay of Bengal, India on 14 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/157370/coast-guard-nabs-8-with-indian-clothes>

13 Dec – Domestic Products and Fuel/ Cooking Oil and Petrol/ Small Boat From Malaysia/ Off Pulau Pom-Pom Semporna, Malaysia/ DB161221

Local authorities seized cooking oil and petrol off Pulau Pom-Pom Semporna, Malaysia on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2021/12/15/polis-marin-gagalkan-cubaan-seludup-barang-kawalan-ke-negara-jiran/>

13 Dec – Drugs/ Ketum Leaves (695kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Tanjung Dendang Island, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB141221

Local authorities foiled an attempt to smuggle out about 695kg of ketum leaves around 5 NM east of Tanjung Dendang Island, Langkawi on 13 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/274736238013442>

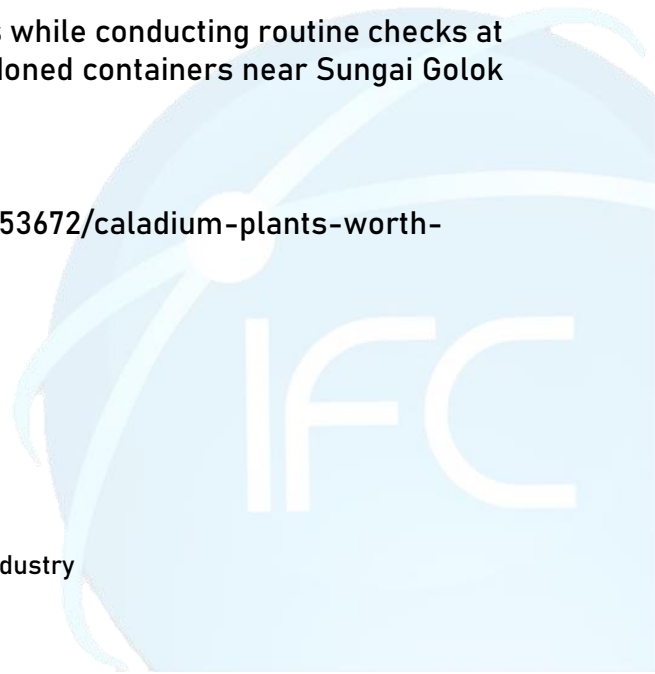
<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/13/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-nearly-700kg-of-ketum-leaves-in-langkawi-waters>

12 Dec – Natural Resources/ Caladium Plants/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Malaysia/Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB141221

Local authorities seized five caladium plants and seeds while conducting routine checks at Hasan Merah illegal jetty when they saw several abandoned containers near Sungai Golok on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2021/12/753672/caladium-plants-worth-more-rm20000-seized-kelantan-border>



11 Dec – Drugs/ Cannabis (153kg)/ Container Ship/ From Canada to Hong Kong/ Port of Hong Kong, Hong Kong/ DB131221

Local authorities confiscated 153kg of cannabis which was disguised as instant oats and hidden in a shipping container on 11 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/12/12/hong-kong-customs-seizes-hk33-million-worth-of-cannabis-buds-in-crackdown-on-party-drugs-ahead-of-festive-season>

11 Dec – Drugs/ Unknown drugs (250kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ Indian Ocean/ DB131221

Local authorities intercepted a foreign fishing vessel carrying 250kg of narcotics, with 06 suspects aboard in Indian Ocean on 11 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2021/12/11/202112110730/>

Out of Reporting Period:

07 Dec – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (25 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ Off Barangay Mahilud, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines/ DB151221

Local authorities arrested eight suspects and seize 25 boxes of cigarettes in Barangay Mahilud, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines on 07 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/walong-individual-na-may-dalang-smuggled-na-sigarilyo-nasabat-ng-2nd-sou-mg-sa-bataraza/>

13 Oct – Drugs/ Unknown Drug (100kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ ADh. Bodukaashihuraa, Maldives/ DB151221

Local authorities seized 100kg of unknown drugs off ADh. Bodukaashihuraa, Maldives on 13 Oct.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://avas.mv/en/111302>

06 Dec – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (10 million sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From China to Philippines/ Kwai Tsing Container Terminals, Hong Kong/ DB141221

Local authorities seized about 10 million suspected illicit cigarettes at the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals on 06 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication\\_press/press/index\\_id\\_3352.html](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3352.html)



10 Dec - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumbers (750kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Ramanathapuram district, India / DB131221

Local authorities arrested three persons and seized 750kg sea cucumbers off Ramanathapuram district, India on 10 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=902653>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/750kg-sea-cucumber-worth-rs-50l-seized/articleshow/88194817.cms>

09 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (40kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Off Muar, Malaysia/ DB131221

Local authorities thwarted an attempt to smuggle out 40kg of syabu at the Parit Jawa Fishermen Jetty, in Muar, Malaysia on 09 Dec

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/10/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-out-rm2mil-worth-of-syabu>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

16 Dec – Human Smuggling/ 42 Filipino Migrants going from Philippines to Malaysia/ Small Boats/ Off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB171221

Local authorities intercepted two small boats and found 42 Filipino migrants going from Philippines to Malaysia off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia on 16 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.bernama.com/en/crime\\_courts/news.php?id=2034329](https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2034329)

<https://www.facebook.com/116664360249669/posts/409422257640543/>

15 Dec – Human Smuggling/ 50 Indonesian Migrants going to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB161221

Local authorities were alerted of a small boat carrying 50 Indonesian Migrants off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2021/12/15/bot-bawa-60-pati-karam-29-m1111asih-hilang/>

Information Updates:

15 Dec – Human Smuggling/ 50 Indonesian Migrants going to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB171221  
(Information Update to DB161221)

Eight more bodies have been found at Tanjung Balau in Kota Tinggi, Johor, after a boat carrying about 50 suspected undocumented immigrants capsized yesterday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.airtimes.my/2021/12/15/bot-bawa-60-pati-karam-29-m1111asih-hilang/>

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2021/12/16/16-dead-search-goes-on-for-remaining-20-in-boat-capsize-incident/>



## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Information Updates:

28 Nov – MARPOL/ Liquid/ Oil Spill/ Container Ship/ Sea Pollution/ Off Hakata Harbour, Kyushu, Japan/ DB131221  
(Information Update to DB301121)

Updated of that the salvage teams focused on attempting to contain the oil spill with booms while oil was pumped from the fuel tanks onto other vessels.

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

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/369897/casualties#321463>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/11/29/reefer-container-ship-ran-onto-breakwater-japan-video/>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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**SECTION I: OTHERS**

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## IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners to 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 on 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 in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also 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

### 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 Land 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 Manilla 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 Tug boat "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.

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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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