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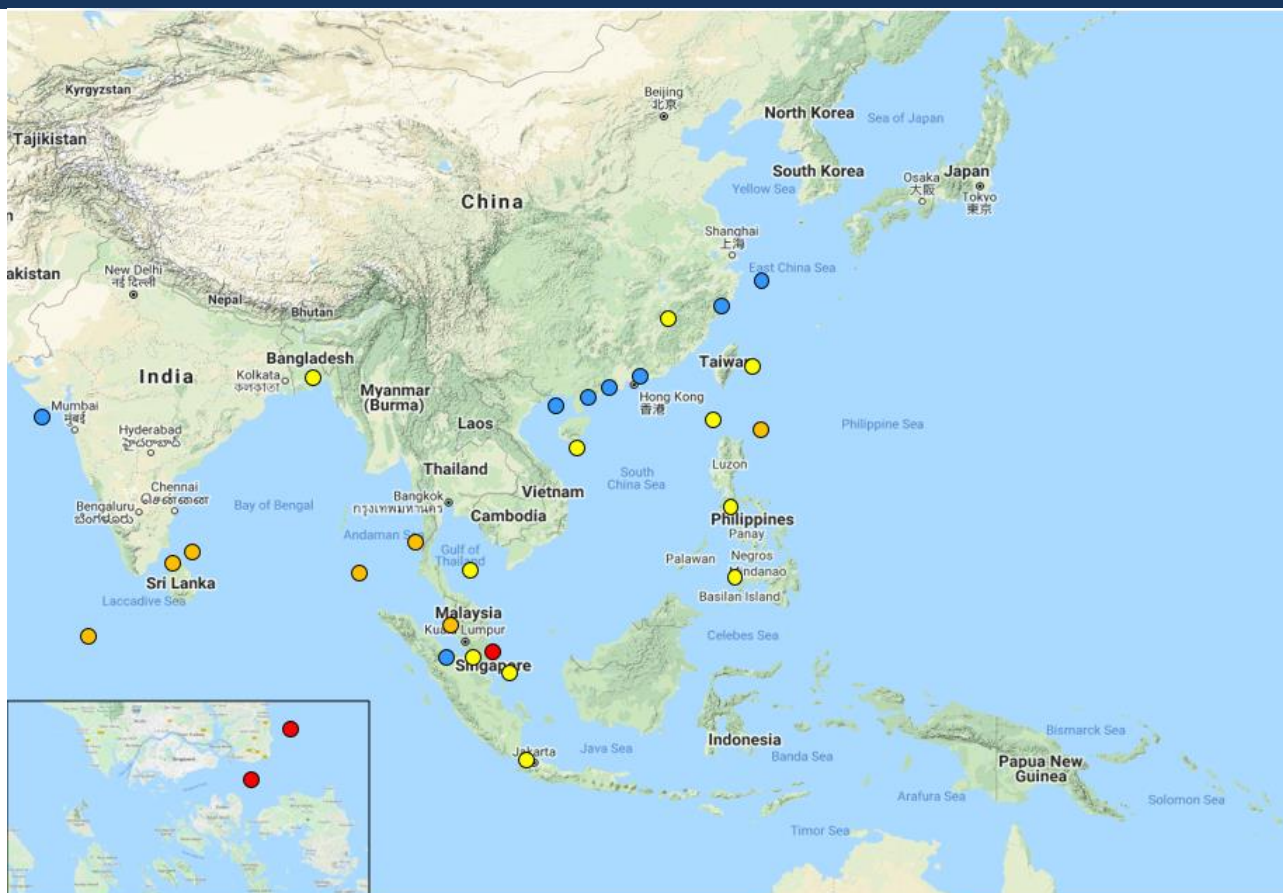
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 18 - 23 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)	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	11	5-7
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	7	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	8	10-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	14
Others	0	15

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

19 Dec - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / SEACON 8 / Bulk carrier/ Hong Kong-flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait / DB201221

1. POCC informed that a Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier, SEACON 8, reported four unauthorised personnel boarded the vessel when transiting along Eastbound lane of TSS (01°14'46.8"N 104°03'40.8"E) on 190020H Dec 21.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: SEACON 8
- b. Callsign: VRTM5
- c. IMO: 9433107
- d. MMSI: 533800000
- e. Flag: Hong Kong, China
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Hongkong Zhoushan Yihai Shpg
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Hongkong Zhoushan Yihai Shpg
- j. LPOC: Johor, Malaysia
- i. NPOC: Chengdu, China

3. All crew are safe and accounted for, and no items were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in China.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the ship company for evidence of the boarding and incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC

23 Dec - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury/ MEDI PORTLAND / Bulk carrier/ Panama-flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait / DB 231221

1. POCC informed that a Panama-flagged bulk carrier, MEDI PORTLAND, reported 6 unauthorised personnel boarded the vessel when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS (1°15'57.0"N 104°13'06.0"E) on 230530 (UTC+8) Dec 21.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: MEDI PORTLAND
- b. Callsign: 3FQA8
- c. IMO: 9782625
- d. MMSI: 356668000
- e. Flag: Panama
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Southern Route Maritime SA Nissen Kaiun Co Ltd



- h. Ship Operator/Manager: d'Amico Dry DAC
- j. LPOC: Ngqura, South Africa
- k. NPOC: Xingang, Taiwan

3. All crew are safe and accounted for, and no items were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC in China.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the ship company for evidence of the boarding and incident details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
POCC

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Oct – Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Ocean Pride/ Product Tanker/ Cook Islands/ Tanjung Siang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB231221

Twelve Indonesian crew members are wanted by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM). They are suspected of stealing 1.8 million litres of diesel fuel worth RM4.86 million (US\$1,155,081) on 5 Oct.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://en.tempo.co/read/1542055/malaysian-coast-guard-search-indonesians-suspected-of-stealing-1-8mn-liters-fuel>
<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2021/12/21/tanker-crew-missing-after-rm4-86mil-diesel-theft/>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

18 Dec - Grounding/ Hitting A Wreck/ General Cargo Ship/ Mongla, Bangladesh/ DB201221

A general cargo ship ran aground after hitting a wreck at Mongla, Bangladesh on 18 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/18/coastal-tanker-struck-underwater-wreck-damaged-mongla-bangladesh/>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/363787/casualties#322332>

18 Dec - Others/ Wreckage Found/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, India/ DB211221

On 18 Dec, the Indian Navy deployed INSMAKAR, a hydrographic survey ship, to search for NAVED-2, a fishing boat that went missing off Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, India on 26 Oct.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/indian-navy-finds-wreckage-of-missing-fishing-boat-naved-2-1062623.html>

18 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead, Four Rescued/ SAR/ Anjuthengu Lake, Thiruvananthapuram, India/ DB211221

Local authorities rescued four and found one dead from a capsized boat in Anjuthengu Lake, Thiruvananthapuram, India on 18 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Thiruvananthapuram/police-officer-drowns-in-boat-capsized/article37986852.ece>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Dec - Missing/ Mechanical Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Binalbagan, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB201221

Two were rescued from a fishing vessel that went missing due to mechanical failure at Binalbagan, Negros Occidental, Philippines on 16 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/283152433850116>

<https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/4374-pcg-assists-two-missing-fishermen-off-binalbagan-waters>

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/12/19/bacolod-negros-occidental-suspend-classes-government-offices-due-to-odette-2/>

11 Dec - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Container Ship/ Gulf of Siam, Thailand/ DB201221

A container ship experienced engine failure at the Gulf of Siam, Thailand on 11 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/19/8100-teu-container-ship-mol-charisma-troubled-again-under-tow/>

16 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pantai Perpat, Malaysia/ DB201221

Four were rescued from a fishing vessel that capsized off Pantai Perpat, Malaysia due to rough seas.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/4-fishermen-found-safe-after-drifting-at-sea-for-9-hours-MX8671295>

12 Dec - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Off Shore Vessel / Off Penghu Islands, Taiwan, Taiwan Strait/ DB 201221

An Off Shore vessel ran aground off Penghu Islands, Taiwan, Taiwan Strait due to bad weather on 12 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/19/grounded-offshore-platform-recognized-as-total-loss/>

17 Dec- Collision/ Loss of Control/ Passenger Ro-Ro Ferry vs Passenger Ro-Ro Ferry/ Bakauheni Harbor, Indonesia/ DB201221

A passenger Ro-Ro ferry collided with another after losing control at Bakauheni Harbor, Indonesia on 17 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

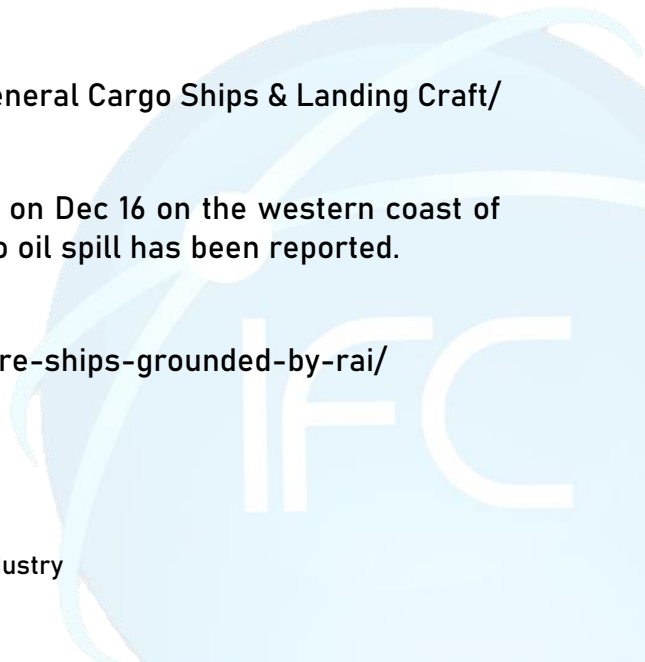
<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/18/ferries-damaged-in-collision-bakauheni-sumatra/>

17 Dec - Others/ Natural Disaster/ Typhoon Rai/ Two General Cargo Ships & Landing Craft/ Negros Island, Bacolod, Philippines/ DB211221

Three ships were reportedly grounded by Typhoon Rai on Dec 16 on the western coast of Negros Island in vicinity of Bacolod City, Philippines. No oil spill has been reported.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/12/20/three-more-ships-grounded-by-rai/>



17 Oct – Missing/ Ran out Fuel/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bajo De Masinloc, Philippines/ DB231221

A local fisherman who has reported missing off Bajo De Masinloc, Philippines, on 17 Oct was rescued by Vietnamese fishers two months ago, and was finally reunited with his family in Subic this province on Friday, December 17.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rappler.com/nation/filipino-fisher-rescued-brought-vietnam-reunites-with-family/>

17 Dec – Missing/ Work Accident/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Sungai Rengit, Malaysia/ DB231221

Two local fishermen are feared to have drowned after they fell into the sea while reeling in their fishing net at southwest of Sungai Rengit.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/22/two-fishermen-feared-drowned-after-falling-overboard-in-johor-waters>



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

18 Dec – Poaching/ Six Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 43 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB201221

Local authorities detained six Indian fishing vessels and arrested 43 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Delft Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka on 18 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/12/19/202112191045/>

19 Dec – Poaching/ Two Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB211221

Local authorities detained two Indian fishing vessels and arrested 12 Indian fishermen while poaching in Sri Lankan waters off Mannar on 19 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/12/19/202112192045/>

<https://www.dtnext.in/News/TamilNadu/2021/12/20123058/1334868/Tamil-Nadu-fishermen-protest-against-Sri-Lankan-Navy-.vpf>

20 Dec – Poaching/ Two Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Analathivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB221221

On 20 Dec at night, the Sri Lankan Navy detained two Indian fishing vessels and arrested 13 Indian fishing men for poaching in waters off Analathivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

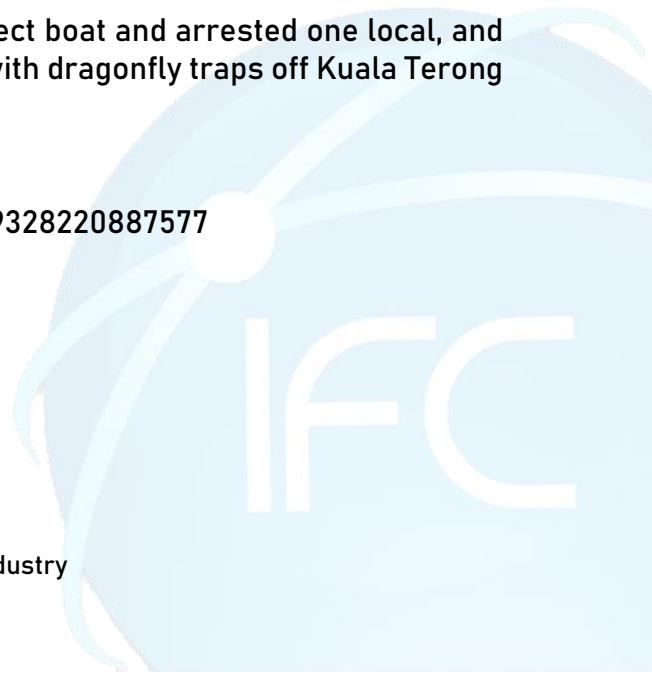
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/12/21/202112210850/>

18 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local and Two Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuala Terong Beach, Perak, Malaysia/ DB221221

On 18 Dec, Kuala Kurau Maritime Zone detained a suspect boat and arrested one local, and two Myanmar fishermen for conducting illegal fishing with dragonfly traps off Kuala Terong Beach, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/279328220887577>



Out of Reporting Period:

17 Dec – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local and Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Ranong, Thailand/ DB201221

Local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local, and six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Ranong, Thailand on 17 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

3rd Royal Thai Naval Area Command

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/5296093483751459>

17 Dec – Poaching/ Unknown Number of Fishing Vessels/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Jawara Reserve, Andaman, India/ DB201221

Local authorities detained some fishing vessels and arrested 10 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing at Jawara Reserve, Andaman, India on 17 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.eastmojo.com/neighbourhood-watch/myanmar/2021/12/17/10-myanmarese-poachers-arrested-in-andamans-500-kg-of-sea-cucumber-seized/>

08 Dec – Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Malacca Strait/ DB201221

Local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested some fishermen for illegal fishing at Malacca Strait on 08 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/djpsdkp/artikel/36925-lagi-satu-kapal-asing-dan-6-kapal-indonesia-ditangkap-kkp>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

20 Dec – Drugs/ Heroin (77kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Gujarat, India/ DB211221

Local authorities seized 77kg of heroin and arrested six crew for attempting to smuggle the drugs on a Pakistani fishing boat off Gujarat, India on 20 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/gujarat-pakistani-fishing-boat-carrying-77kg-heroin-worth-around-rs-400cr-apprehended-in-indian-waters/articleshow/88381935.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/77-kg-heroin-apprehended-from-pak-at-gujarat-port-1062752.html>

<https://www.wionews.com/india-news/gujarat-officials-arrest-six-people-from-pakistani-boat-for-smuggling-77-kg-of-heroin-438344>

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Dec – Drugs/ Meth (22kg)/ Adrift/ Asahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB201221

Local authorities seized 22kg of meth adrift in Asahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia on 16 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5858672/nelayan-ditangkap-saat-akan-jual-22-kg-sabu-yang-ditemukan-ketika-melaut>

09 Dec – Domestic Products/ Alcohol (88 bottles)/ Small Boat/ Off Maafushi, Maldives/ DB201221

Local authorities seized 88 bottles of alcohol from a small boat off Maafushi, Maldives on 09 Dec.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://avas.mv/en/11129>

16 Dec – Drugs/ Heroin (22kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Yuen Long, Hong Kong/ DB221221

On 16 Dec Hong Kong Customs inspected a seaborne consignment from Thailand and found 22kg of heroin with an estimated market value of US\$29 million.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3358.html



13 Dec – Fuel/ Refined Oil (500 tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Longgang, Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China/ DB221221

On 13 Dec, the Zhejiang Maritime Police Bureau intercepted a ship, arrested eight suspects, and seized 500 tonnes of refined oil with an estimated value 3 million yuan (US\$470,906).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404716600153735439>

09 Dec – Domestic Products/ Tripe and Beef Tendons (23 tonnes)/ Four Small Boats/ Off Qinzhou, Guangxi, China/ DB221221

From 03 to 09 Dec, the Guangxi Qinzhou Maritime Police stopped nine cases of contraband smuggling off Qinzhou, Guangxi, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404716600782881446>

07 Dec – Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (145 tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Shuidong Bay, Maoming, Guangdong, China/ DB221221

On 07 Dec, the Guangdong Maoming Maritime Police intercepted a smuggling ship, arrested 11 suspects and seized 145 tonnes of frozen products.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404716598014378381>

03 Dec – Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (110 tonnes)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Dazhuzhou Island, Guangdong, China/ DB221221

On 03 Dec, the Guangdong Maoming Maritime Police seized 110 tonnes of frozen products such as beef offal from an unknown vessel off Dazhuzhou Island, Guangdong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404716598014378381>



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 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.

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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