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



For the period of 10 Dec – 16 Dec 22, 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)	5	2	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	17	6-9
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	7	10-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	16	12-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	18
Others	0	0	19

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

### Information Updates:

25 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Cyprus-Flagged/ Underway / Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB161222  
(Information Update on DB281122)

POCC updated that the three perpetrators were armed with knives and were sighted in the engine room. They managed to escape after the ship master sounded the alarm.

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

<https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/2022/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202022.pdf>

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

24 Nov - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Singapore-Flagged/ Underway / Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB161222  
(Information Update on DB241122)

POCC updated that the ship master spotted two suspicious boats trailing the ship before the incident. Also, the crew found that the steering entrance door and the funnel door were unlocked while searching for the perpetrators.

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

<https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/2022/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202022.pdf>

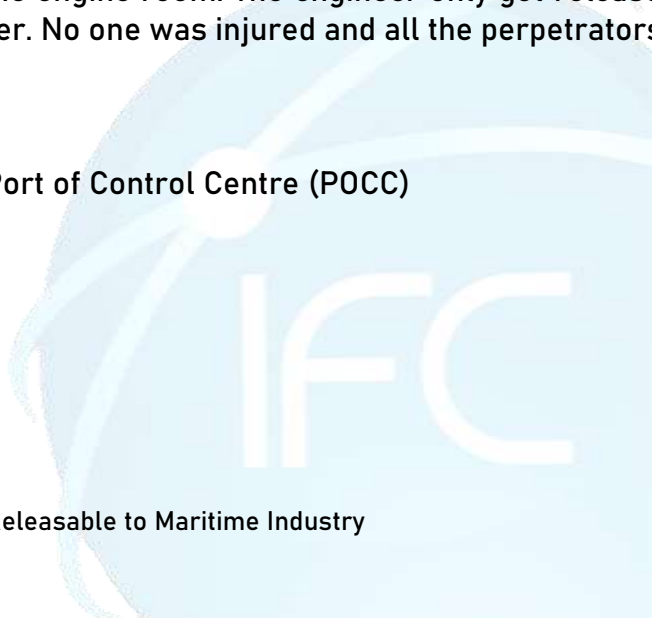
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

14 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB151222  
(Information Update on DB141222)

POCC updated that the 2nd engineer of the ship got attacked by the three perpetrators and tied up after he spotted them in the engine room. The engineer only got released after he sought help from the chief engineer. No one was injured and all the perpetrators managed to escape.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)



12 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ ORBIT I/ Tanker/ Panama-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB151222  
(Information Update on DB121222)

POCC reported that the five perpetrators were armed with knives and were found in the engine room of the vessel.

New Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

01 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ EASTERN MERCY/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB151222  
(Information Update on DB051222)

POCC reported that the seven perpetrators were armed with knives.

New Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port of Control Centre (POCC)

Incidents:

14 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB141222

1. POCC informed that a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier was boarded by three perpetrators at the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Phillip Channel (1°03'19.8"N 103°38'16.8"E) on 14 Dec 22 at approximately 0400 (UTC+8).

2. The ship master reported that all crew are safe and reported that a hand phone and some generator parts were missing. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to Singapore.

IFC Comments:

This is the 7th incident that has occurred in the area from 1°04'60"N 103°43'12"E (in the Northeast) to 1°02'49.241"N 103°36'2.5"E (in the Southwest), which is in the East Bound section of Sector 7 of the Singapore Strait TSS, since 19 Nov 22. These boardings are likely being conducted by the same group of around five individuals who board tankers and bulk carriers at night to steal spare parts or other small items of value. No crew was injured during the boarding.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
POCC

12 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Tanker/ Panama-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS in Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB121222

1. POCC informed that a Panama-flagged tanker reported that five perpetrators boarded the vessel (1°03'25.2"N 103°39'07.8"E) on 12 Dec 22 at 0245 (UTC + 8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe, and nothing was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC China.

IFC Comments:

RFI sent to shipping company for more incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Information Updates:

07 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sangaman Kanda Point, Sri Lanka/ DB161222  
(Information Update on DB121222)

It was updated that only one of the four rescued fishermen was trapped in the trawler. He was trapped in the trawler's engine room and was rescued after strenuous efforts by the Sri Lanka Navy.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/12/11/202212111600/>

### Incidents:

15 Dec - Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Yokji Island, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province, ROK/ DB161222

On 15 Dec, a bulk carrier collided with a fishing vessel off Yokji Island, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province, ROK.

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

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40473/fishing-vessel-struck-cement-carrier-korea/>

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20221215072500052?input=1195m>

14 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kuala Beach, Nagan Raya, Malaysia/ DB161222

On 14 Dec, three were rescued after fishing vessel sank off Kuala Beach, Nagan Raya, Malaysia due to bad weather.

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

<https://daerah.sindonews.com/read/969279/174/km-pajero-02-tenggela-di-nagan-raya-3-nelayan-diselamatkan-tim-sar-1671019927>

13 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dondra Point, Sri Lanka/ DB151222

On 13 Dec, one died, two went missing, and three were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Dondra Point, Sri Lanka due to bad weather.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/12/14/202212140930/>

11 Dec - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kaashidhoo, Maldives/ DB151222

On 11 Dec, four were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off Kaashidhoo, Maldives due to engine failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4251>

11 Dec - Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cai Cung Estuary, Bac Lieu Province, Viet Nam/ DB141222

On 11 Dec, seven were rescued after a small boat ran aground off Cai Cung Estuary, Bac Lieu Province, Viet Nam due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/lai-dat-tau-nuoc-ngoai-mac-ket-tren-vung-bien-bac-lieu-post457141.html>

12 Dec - Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB131222

On 12 Dec, one died while five were rescued after a tanker collided with a fishing vessel off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40453/lpg-tanker-collided-fishing-vessel-1-fisherman-mis/>

<https://baotintuc.vn/van-de-quan-tam/va-cham-giua-tau-hang-va-tau-ca-cuu-duoc-5-ngu-dan-20221212134633467.htm>

<https://baobariavungtau.com.vn/phap-luat/202212/phat-hien-1-thi-the-cach-tau-ca-bi-nan-khoang-4-hai-ly-966715/>

10 Dec - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB121222

On 10 Dec, a cargo ship went adrift off Vung Tau, Viet Nam due to an engine failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

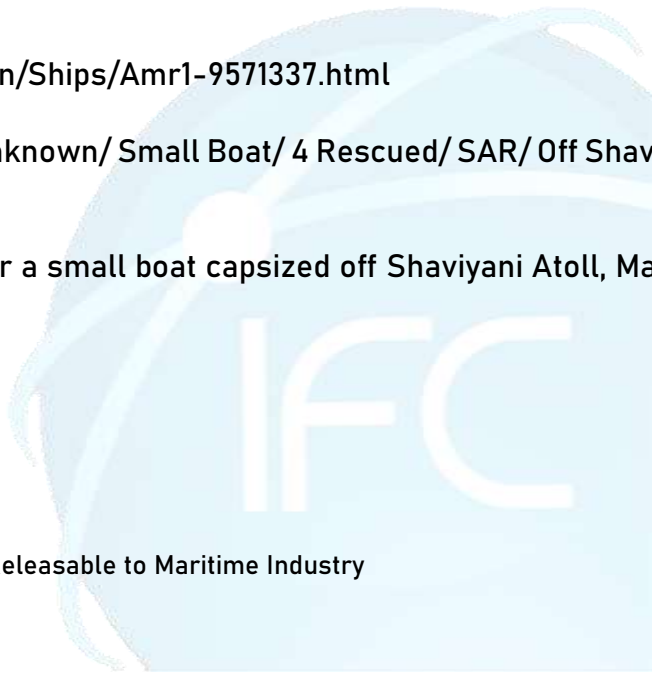
<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Amr1-9571337.html>

10 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Shaviyani Atoll, Maldives/ DB121222

On 10 Dec, four were rescued after a small boat capsized off Shaviyani Atoll, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://edition.mv/news/26496>





Out of Reporting Period:

06 Dec - Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker vs Small Boat/ Tokong Island, Indonesia/ DB151222

On 06 Dec, a tanker allided with a small boat at Tokong Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.tribunnews.com/2022/12/07/kecelakaan-laut-di-anambas-pompong-nelayan-ditabrak-kapal-tanker>

03 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maoming City, Guangdong, China/ DB141222

On 03 Dec, five were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Maoming City, Guangdong, China due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.sxcntv.com/news/2022/1208/400065707.html>

23 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jiangsu, China/ DB141222

On 23 Nov, 12 were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Jiangsu, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://news.hangzhou.com.cn/zjnews/content/2022-11/26/content\\_8410322.htm](https://news.hangzhou.com.cn/zjnews/content/2022-11/26/content_8410322.htm)

08 Nov - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Boat/ 1 Rescued/ Off Hakodate City, Japan/ DB141222

On 08 Nov, one was rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Hakodate City, Japan due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/28baf5f16b53ce264dd0162504ebb610a71d83b4>

08 Dec - Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Off Taichung, Taiwan/ DB131222

On 08 Dec, a cargo ship went adrift off Taichung, Taiwan due to engine failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40457/cargo-ship-reefer-containers-distress-taiwan-strai/>



06 Nov - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 48 Rescued/ North Pacific Ocean/ DB131222

On 06 Nov, one went missing while 48 were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire in the North Pacific Ocean.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://taiwan.huanqiu.com/article/4AUaMBffcN9>

09 Dec - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Off Quang Tri Province, Viet Nam/ DB121222

On 09 Dec, a cargo ship went adrift off Quang Tri Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2022/40433/ghost-ship-drifted-ashore-vietnam-video/>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/12/09/ghost-ship-drifted-ashore-vietnam-video/>

<https://thanhnien.vn/can-canh-con-tau-sat-bi-an-troi-dat-vao-bien-quang-tri-post1530483.html>

07 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued, 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Sangaman Kanda Point, Sri Lanka/ DB121222

On 07 Dec, four were rescued and one went missing after a fishing vessel capsized off Sangaman Kanda Point, Sri Lanka due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/12/11/202212111600/>

07 Dec - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ Unknown Vessel/ 154 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Myeik City, Myanmar/ DB121222

On 07 Dec, 154 were rescued after a vessel went adrift off Myeik City, Myanmar due to water ingress.

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

MRCC Myanmar

<https://vtc.vn/tau-dich-vu-dau-khi-cua-viet-nam-cuu-154-nguoi-gap-nan-o-bien-myanmar-ar719483.html>



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

### Incidents:

14 Dec - Local/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (Documentation of Fishermen)/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB161222

On 14 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

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

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/12/15/mmea-detains-five-myanmarrese-crew-members-on-local-fishing-boat>

12 Dec - Local/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods (Blast Fishing)/ Off Dompu, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB151222

On 12 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman off Dompu, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia for using illegal fishing methods.

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

<https://ntb.jpnn.com/kriminal/3943/nelayan-di-dompu-diamankan-saat-tangkap-ikan>

### Out of Reporting Period:

06 Dec - Local/ 1 Trawler Detained/ No Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods (Trawling, Fine Mesh Nets)/ Munambam Harbour, Kerala, India/ DB151222

On 06 Dec, local authorities detained one trawler at Munambam Harbour, Kerala, India due to illegal fishing methods.

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

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/kochi/2022/dec/07/boat-owner-at-munambam-fined-rs-25-lakh-for-catching-juvenile-fish-2525712.html>

05 Dec - Local/ No Fishing Vessels Detained/ No Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods (Double Net)/ Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB151222

On 05 Dec, local authorities checked three mechanised boats and seized a banned double net at Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, India.

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

<https://www.icsf.net/newss/tamil-nadu-6000-kg-of-fish-seized-from-three-mechanised-boats/>

09 Dec - Local/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 1 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (Licence of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Pulau Ketam, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB131222

On 09 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local and one foreign fisherman for illegal fishing off Pulau Ketam, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2022/12/dua-nelayan-dicekup-kendali-bot-tamat-tempoh-lesen/>

20 Nov - Poaching/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (License of Fishing Vessel)/ Off Taichung, Taiwan/ DB131222

On 20 Nov, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested 14 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Taichung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.epochtimes.com/gb/22/11/21/n13870100.htm>

08 Dec - Local/ 1 Trawler Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing (Illegal Harvesting)/ Beruwala Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB121222

On 08 Dec, local authorities detained one trawler and arrested seven local fishermen for illegal fishing at Beruwala Harbour, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2022/12/08/202212091700/>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Information Updates:

29 Nov - Fuel/ Diesel (1,944,120 Litres)/ Tanker/ Domestic Smuggling/ Hijo Port, Davao De Oro, Philippines/ DB151222  
(Information Update on DB131222)

It was updated that the amount of diesel seized was 1,944,120 litres.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/navalforceseasternmindanao/posts/pfbid0sEnqUsvzgbzQn7M1tgAYZeUKMyNC9PPvuu23TAxECD3FusXkbuox2LfaosbUMeWml>

### Incidents:

15 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (181.9 kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Guru Nagar, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB161222

On 15 Dec, local authorities seized 181.9 kg of cannabis from a small boat off Guru Nagar, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/12/15/202212150945/>

14 Dec - Domestic Products/ Various Goods/ Passenger Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB161222

On 14 Dec, local authorities seized various domestic goods from a passenger ship off Riau Islands, Indonesia. The goods were domestically smuggled.

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

<https://kutipan.co/bea-cukai-batam-tangkap-kapal-bermuatan-barang-ilegal/>

14 Dec - Tobacco/ Beedi Leaves (3.5 Tonnes)/ Fishing Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Manapadu, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB151222

On 14 Dec, local authorities seized 3.5 tonnes of beedi leaves from a fishing vessel off Manapadu, Tamil Nadu, India.

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

[https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/tamil-nadu-coast-guard-foils-smuggling-bid-mid-sea-arrests-6-fishermen/articleshow/96234022.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/tamil-nadu-coast-guard-foils-smuggling-bid-mid-sea-arrests-6-fishermen/articleshow/96234022.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

12 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (3 Containers)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB151222

On 12 Dec, local authorities seized three containers of frozen goods from a container ship at Manila International Container Port, Philippines. The frozen goods were smuggled in from China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2022/12/15/2230828/boc-seizes-p1319-million-smuggled-frozen-goods>

11 Dec - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Alcohol (46 Bottles) and Cigarettes (86 Cartons)/ Passenger RO-RO/ Domestic Smuggling/ Sungai Selari Port, Riau, Indonesia/ DB131222

On 11 Dec, local authorities seized 46 bottles of alcohol and 86 cartons of cigarettes from a passenger RO-RO at Sungai Selari Port, Riau, Indonesia. The contraband items were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riau.antaraneews.com/berita/316151/puluhan-miras-dan-rokok-ilegal-diamankan-polsek-bukit-batu>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Dec - Natural Resources/ Merbau Wood (57 Containers)/ 2 Container Ships/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Tanjung Perak Surabaya, Indonesia/ DB161222

On 03 Dec, local authorities seized 57 containers of Merbau Wood from 2 container ships at the Port of Tanjung Perak Surabaya, Indonesia. The wood was domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://memorandum.co.id/penyelundupan-57-kontainer-kayu-merbau-dari-papua-ke-surabaya-dibongkar/>

09 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (7.9 Million Sticks)/ Container Ship/ From China to Malaysia/ Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB151222

On 09 Dec, local authorities seized 7.9 million cigarette sticks from a container ship at Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia. The cigarettes were smuggled in from China.

IFC Comments:

Date of report used as the incident date is unknown

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/12/09/almost-8-million-sticks-of-illicit-ciggies-seized-by-penang-customs>

08 Dec - Wildlife/ Lobsters (184 kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Coloane, Macau/ DB141222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized 184 kg of lobsters from a small boat off Coloane, Macau. The lobsters were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gov.mo/zh-hant/news/949199/>

09 Dec - Drugs/ Heroin (45 kg)/ Ashore/ From Thailand to Australia/ Bangkok Port, Thailand/ DB131222

On 09 Dec, local authorities seized 45 kg of heroin that was ashore at Bangkok Port, Thailand. The heroin was planned to be smuggled to Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/customsdepartment.thai/posts/pfbid0F73kbDHhbGGFwJoBa8yCcupFVTAqwkGRXxNcXzdMZqAVJUXSvTnVcXwTRPtcB5TCl>

08 Dec - Fuel/ Oil/ 1 Tanker and 1 Ferry/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Pulau Dayang Bunting, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB131222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized an unknown amount of oil that was being transferred from a tanker to a ferry off Pulau Dayang Bunting, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02opa8UsdUuGmDzEveLuyqDawEGHZ3S32P9ey6c4fwyFKKkUvwbEFGHfugVS4FqfLEl>

29 Nov - Fuel/ Diesel (944,120 Litres)/ Tanker/ Domestic Smuggling/ Hijo Port, Davao De Oro, Philippines/ DB131222

On 29 Nov, local authorities seized 944,120 litres of diesel from a tanker at Hijo Port, Davao De Oro, Philippines. The diesel was domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/navalforceseasternmindanao/posts/pfbid0sEnqUsvzgbzQn7M1tgAYZeUKMyNC9PPvuu23TAXECD3FusXkbuox2LfaosbUMeWml>

08 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (707 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB121222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized 707 master cases of cigarettes from a small boat off Zamboanga City, Philippines. The cigarettes were domestically smuggled.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1190467>

08 Dec - Others/ Electronic Waste (38 Pallets)/ Container Vessel/ From USA to Malaysia/ North Butterworth Container Terminal, Penang, Malaysia/ DB121222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized 38 pallets of electronic waste from a container vessel at North Butterworth Container Terminal, Penang, Malaysia. The electronic waste was smuggled in from USA.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/12/08/penang-doe-orders-container-with-ewaste-to-be-returned-to-us>

08 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (0.988 kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Uchchamunai, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB121222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized 0.988 kg of meth from a small boat off Uchchamunai, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2022/12/09/202212091600/>

08 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB121222

On 08 Dec, local authorities seized 10,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel off Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02kDDYWq5ittzqbdoY8FpDwKpHrup7jJzyhDprQCXsGJdDAQPeCVqtoJkSRTiT72JtI>

23 Nov - Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (746 tonnes)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Guangdong, China/ DB121222

On 23 Nov, local authorities seized 746 tonnes of frozen products from a cargo ship off Guangdong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.huanqiu.com/article/4An0aBuLWRM>





## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

13 Dec - Human Smuggling/ 16 Indonesian Migrants Going from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Asahan Regency, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB151222

On 13 Dec, local authorities arrested 16 Indonesian migrants in a fishing vessel off Asahan Regency, North Sumatra, Indonesia. The migrants arrived from Malaysia.

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

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/55224/KRI-TORANI-860-AMANKAN-KAPAL-PEMBAWA-PMI-ILEGAL-DI-PERAIRAN-SELAT-MALAKA/>

12 Dec - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Thai and 3 Myanmar Nationals/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Mentagor, Perak, Malaysia/ DB151222

On 12 Dec, local authorities arrested one Thai and three Myanmar nationals in a fishing vessel off Pulau Mentagor, Perak, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2022/12/914419/empat-kru-bot-pukat-tunda-ditahan>

### Out of Reporting Period:

07 Dec - Human Smuggling/ 154 Rohingya Migrants Going from Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Myeik City, Myanmar/ DB121222

On 07 Dec, local authorities arrested 154 Rohingya migrants in a vessel off Myeik City, Myanmar. The migrants were enroute from Bangladesh to Indonesia.

### IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants".

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

MRCC Myanmar

<https://vtc.vn/tau-dich-vu-dau-khi-cua-viet-nam-cuu-154-nguoi-gap-nan-o-bien-myanmar-ar719483.html>



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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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