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



For the period of 16 – 22 Sep 23, 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)	1	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	21	4-8
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	1	26	9-14
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	17	15-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	21
Others	0	0	22

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

### Information Update:

15 Jul - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/  
Phillips Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB180923  
(Information Update on DB170723)

It was updated that an approximately five to six robbers armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier that was underway. An alarm was raised, and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. Incident reported to Singapore VTS and once the vessel anchored, the coast guard boarded the vessel for investigation.

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

Port Operation Control Centre (POCC) - Maritime Port Authority (MPA)  
<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-report/details/179/2407>



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Mahanadi River Mouth, Odisha, India/ DB220923

On 19 Sep, three went missing and five were rescued after a fishing vessel sank at Mahanadi River Mouth, Odisha, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2023/sep/20/trawler-capsizes-at-paradip-three-missing-rescue-operations-on-2616577.html>

16 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Muthalapozhi Harbour, Kerala, India/ DB220923

On 16 Sep, a fishing vessel sank at Muthalapozhi Harbour, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/fishing-boat-destroyed-in-accident-at-muthalapozhi/articleshow/103725031.cms>

19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead/ SAR/ Kamishima Fishing Port, Japan/ DB210923

On 19 Sep, one died after a fishing vessel sank in Kamishima Fishing Port, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.isenp.co.jp/2023/09/20/98966/>

19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Selayar Waters, Indonesia/ DB210923

On 19 Sep, four were rescued after a passenger vessel sank in Selayar Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://selayarnews.com/19/09/2023/kapal-pengangkut-kopra-dilaporkan-tenggelam-antara-polassi-tambolongan-basarnas-dan-polairud-menuju-lokasi/>

17 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Off Fukushima, Japan/ DB210923

On 17 Sep, a cargo ship went adrift off Fukushima, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Socol9-8801618.html>

16 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cavite City, Philippines/ DB210923

On 16 Sep, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Cavite City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://facebook.com/navforsolpn/posts/pfbid02WjKgz8NoF5gNNt5w9UhubwJv3BDBXEm62ts4Xw7ycptjwHkdcj6K6LcAD4zjAVDql>

19 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing, 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paradip Port, India/ DB200923

On 19 Sep, five were rescued and three are missing after a fishing vessel sank off Paradip Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/3-fishermen-missing-after-boat-capsizes-off-odisha-coast-5-rescued-101695141128800.html>

18 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Research Vessel/ SAR/ Off Semangka Bay, Indonesia/ DB200923

On 18 Sep, a research vessel went adrift off Semangka Bay, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Basarnas Command Center

18 Sep - Vessel Detained/ Other/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Penghu County's Hua Islet, Taiwan/ DB200923

On 18 Sep, a fishing vessel was detained off Penghu County's Hua Islet, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/cross-strait/202309180015>

18 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Bulk Carrier vs Barge/ Diamond Harbor, Kolkata, India/ DB200923

On 18 Sep, a barge collided with a bulk carrier in Diamond Harbor, Kolkata, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43001/bulk-carrier-struck-disabled-cargo-ship-hooghly-ri/>

17 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 114 Rescued/ SAR/ Gilimanuk Waters, Indonesia/ DB190923

On 17 Sep, 114 were rescued after a passenger vessel went aground in Gilimanuk Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Bali Bakamla Station

16 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ Cai Trap Canal, Cat Hai District, Viet Nam/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, three were rescued after small boat sunk in Cai Trap Canal, Cat Hai District, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<http://anhp.vn/hai-doi-2-bo-doi-bien-phong-thanh-pho-cuu-nan-thanh-cong-phuong-tien-hp-4274-bi-nan-tai-kenh-cai-trap-cung-3-thuyen-vien-d55616.html>

16 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ Taliabu Waters, Indonesia/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, four were rescued after a small boat sunk in Taliabu Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://ternate.tribunnews.com/2023/09/17/loangboat-bermuatan-sapi-tenggelm-di-perairan-taliabu-maluku-utara>

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Katchatheevu, Sri Lanka/ DB220923

On 13 Sep, two were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift in Katchatheevu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/two-sri-lankan-fishermen-arrested-as-their-boat-comes-ashore-at-kodiyakkarai-coast-in-nagapattinam/article67310710.ece>

11 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 17 Missing/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh/ DB220923

On 11 Sep, 17 are missing after a fishing vessel went adrift in Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/325354/17-fishermen-stranded-in-bay-for-3-days-as-trawler>

05 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Muthalapozi Harbour, Kerala, India/ DB220923

On 5 Sep, a fishing vessel sank in Muthalapozi Harbour, Kerala, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/fishing-boat-destroyed-in-accident-at-muthalapozi/articleshow/103725031.cms>

14 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Container Vessel/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB200923

On 14 Sep, a container vessel went adrift off Vung Tau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43005/ever-container-ship-disabled-towed-port-vietnam/>

08 Sep - Violent Confrontation/ Dispute/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Puducherry, India/ DB200923

On 8 Sep, a fishing vessel was involved in a dispute in the waters off Puducherry, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/sep/11/mechanised-karaikal-boat-seized-by-puducherry-fishermen-over-illegal-fishing-2613579.html>

14 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Civilian LCT/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Coron, Palawan, Philippines/ DB180923

On 14 Sep, 17 were rescued after a civilian LCT went aground off Coron, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/09/16/2296625/cargo-vessel-runs-aground-coron>

14 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Bay of Bengal, India/ DB180923

On 14 Sep, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sunk in the Bay of Bengal, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1702689061813829719>

12 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Claveria, Masbate, Philippines/ DB180923

On 12 Sep, five were rescued after a small boat went adrift off Claveria, Masbate, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/09/16/2296625/cargo-vessel-runs-aground-coron>



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

### Information Update:

18 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Kaashidhoo, Maldives/ DB210923  
(Information Update on DB190923)

Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) updated that five Sri Lankan fishing vessels were seized for illegal fishing by MNDF Coast Guard patrol craft Nooruddin about 85 miles east of Kaashidhoo.

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

<https://en.sun.mv/84774>

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=4668t>

### Incidents:

20 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Licence of Fishing Vessel, Fishing with Illegal Gear and Licence of Fishermen/ Kerala, India/ DB220923

On 20 Sep, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for illegal fishing in Kerala, India.

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

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kozhikode/two-boats-from-puthiyappa-impounded-for-illegal-fishing/article67326702.ece>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Limay, Bataan, Philippines/ DB220923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for illegal fishing in Limay, Bataan, Philippines.

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

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/9/21/8-blast-fishers-nabbed-in-bataan>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Limay, Bataan, Philippines/ DB220923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen for illegal fishing in Limay, Bataan, Philippines.

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

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/9/21/8-blast-fishers-nabbed-in-bataan>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Omadal Island, Semporna, Sabah, Celebes Sea/ DB210923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained one local small boat for illegal fishing off Omadal Island, Semporna, Sabah, Celebes Sea,

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/09/19/mmea-seizes-boat-fish-bombs-in-semporna-waters>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ South Bar, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB210923

On 18 Sep, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested five local fishermen for illegal fishing in South Bar, Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/09/20/202309201100/>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 18 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Ujung Kulon Waters, Indonesia/ DB210923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested 18 local fishermen off Ujung Kulon Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-6941028/tangkap-ikan-di-kawasan-tn-ujung-kulon-secara-ilegal-18-nelayan-diamankan>

19 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 7 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Mong Cai, Quang Ninh, Viet Nam/ DB200923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained seven fishing vessels for illegal fishing in Mong Cai, Quang Ninh, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vietnam.postsen.com/local/489687/Arrested-7-%E2%80%98ocean-villains%E2%80%99-in-border-waters.html>

18 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Koneshwaram, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB200923

On 18 Sep, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested four local fishermen for illegal fishing in Koneshwaram, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/pfbid0wcXwuuBMZc2JVv6ECDkeu6gCZJ4vcfpQ7Dk6N5Dqbv7Fsjr2sBcUbK4v1TDYhCxol/?mibextid=cr9u03>

18 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Maldives/ DB190923

On 18 Sep, local authorities detained four foreign fishing vessels for illegal fishing in the Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://en.sun.mv/84774>

17 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Sangga Besar Island, Perak, Malaysia/ DB190923

On 17 Sep, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen for illegal fishing off Sangga Besar Island, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/pfbid0wcXwuuBMZc2JVv6ECDkeu6gCZJ4vcfpQ7Dk6N5Dqbv7Fsjr2sBcUbK4v1TDYhCxol/?mibextid=cr9u03>

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 11 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 10 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

10 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 10 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC



10 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 10 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

10 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 10 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

09 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 9 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

08 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 8 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released five foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

07 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 7 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 10 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

07 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 7 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

07 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 7 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

06 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Disposed/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 6 Sep, local authorities disposed of one Indonesian fishing vessel and released four foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

06 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 6 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released six foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

06 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 6 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released seven foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

02 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 2 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 13 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

01 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Area/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB220923

On 1 Sep, local authorities released one Indonesian fishing vessel and released 11 foreign fishermen for illegal fishing in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
Australia MBC

15 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Foul Point, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB180923

On 15 Sep, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested five local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Foul Point, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/09/15/202309151230/>

14 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Kokkadi Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB180923

On 14 Sep, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested eight local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear on Kokkadi Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/09/15/202309151230/>

The IFC logo is a large, light blue graphic of a fish's head, facing right. The letters 'IFC' are printed in a large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the fish's head.

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## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

21 Sep - Drugs/ Cannabis (400kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Mankuliya Lagoon, Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB220923

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 400kg of cannabis onboard a small boat at Mankuliya Lagoon, Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/09/21/202309211230/>

20 Sep - Domestic Products/ Used Clothing (700kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Halang Island, Rokan Hilir Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB220923

On 20 Sep, local authorities seized 700kg of used clothing onboard a cargo vessel at Halang Island, Rokan Hilir Regency, Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/31305>

20 Sep - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (40,000 Litres)/ Cargo Vessel/ Rantau Panjang, Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB220923

On 20 Sep, local authorities seized 40,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a cargo vessel at Rantau Panjang, Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/09/21/polis-marin-patahkan-cubaan-seludup-minyak-diesel-bersubsidi>

IFC Comment:

MY ILO confirmed that the vessel is a sea going vessel.

18 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (6.3kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Batam, Indonesia/ DB220923

On 18 Sep, local authorities seized 6.3kg of meth at Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/312965>

17 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Teknaf Upazila, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB220923

On 17 Sep, local authorities seized 5kg of meth onboard a small boat at Teknaf Upazila, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/over-5kg-crystal-meth-seized-in-coxs-bazar-bgb/122214>

18 Sep - Domestic Products and Fuel/ Frozen Products (65 Tons), Refined Oil (30 Tons), Cars (4 Units)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Lianjiang County, China/ DB200923

On 18 Sep, local authorities seized 65 tons of frozen products, 30 tons of refined oil and four cars onboard a cargo vessel off Lianjiang County, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/2023/09-18/10079801.shtml>

16 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (296 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Philippines/ Off Sarangani, Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, local authorities seized 296 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Sarangani, Davao Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/9/16/navy-seizes-p11-84-m-smuggled-cigarettes-off-davao-occidental>

16 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (7kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tg Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, local authorities seized 7kg of meth onboard a fishing vessel in Tg Balai Asahan Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://analisadaily.com/berita/baca/2023/09/17/1046136/lanal-tba-gagalkan-penyelundupan-7-kg-sabu-dari-malaysia/>

16 Sep - Drugs/ Cannabis (2kg)/ Adrift/ From South Asia/ Off Jakhau, Gujarat, India/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, local authorities seized 2kg of meth off Jakhau, Gujarat, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://twitter.com/BSF\\_Gujarat/status/1703062603764027851](https://twitter.com/BSF_Gujarat/status/1703062603764027851)

Out of Reporting Period:

10 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (10,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand Through Hong Kong To China/ Kwai Chung Customs House, Hong Kong/ DB210923

On 10 Sep, local authorities seized 10,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Kwai Chung Customs House, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.wenweipo.com/a/202309/20/AP650aa7b7e4b0fdf8289f8619.html>

01 Aug - Drugs/ Meth (50kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Iran to Australia/ Sydney, New South Wales, Australia/ DB200923

On 1 Aug, local authorities seized 50 tons of meth onboard a container vessel in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-seize-50kg-methamphetamine-embedded-plastic-pallets>

16 Jul - Domestic Products and Fuel/ Frozen Products (45 Tons) and Refined Oil (30 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Lianjiang County, China/ DB200923

On 16 Jul, local authorities seized 45 tons of frozen products and 30 tons of refined oil onboard a cargo vessel off Lianjiang County, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/2023/09-18/10079801.shtml>

11 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,500,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Colombo Port, Sri Lanka/ DB190923

On 11 Sep, local authorities seized 4,500,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a container vessel in Colombo Port, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2023/09/12/lawnorder/118795/customs-seize-4-5-mn-cigarettes/>

09 Sep - Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (20 Tons)/ Adrift/ Domestic Smuggling/ Langqi Town, Fuzhou, China/ DB190923

On 9 Sep, local authorities seized 20 tons of frozen products in Langqi Town, Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/2023/09-18/10079801.shtml>

14 Sep - Domestic Products/ Lobsters (1,600), Food Ingredients and Electrical Devices/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market, Hong Kong/ DB180923

On 14 Sep, local authorities seized 1,600 lobsters, food ingredients and electrical devices onboard a small boat in Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/208256/Customs-seizes-HK\\$11m-mainland-bound-smuggled-goods-in-holiday-runup](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/208256/Customs-seizes-HK$11m-mainland-bound-smuggled-goods-in-holiday-runup)

<http://zbgat.scms.szv.com.cn/zbgat/APPlm/APPsylv/79793376.shtml>

13 Sep - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (639kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB180923

On 13 Sep, local authorities seized 639kg of kendu leaves onboard a small boat in Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/09/14/202309141700/>

11 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (84 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ To Philippines/ Off Tumulutap Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB180923

On 11 Sep, local authorities seized 84 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Tumulutap Island, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/9/16/boc-pnp-zamboanga-city-confiscate-p5-m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Incidents:

19 Sep - Human Trafficking/ 123 Philippino Migrants/ From Philippines/ Tubalubac Island, Philippines/ DB210923

On 19 Sep, local authorities detained 123 Philippino migrants at Tubalubac Island, Philippines.

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

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/09/21/2297781/123-human-trafficking-victims-rescued-sulu>

16 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 7 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Bintan waters, Indonesia/ DB180923

On 16 Sep, local authorities detained seven Indonesian migrants in Bintan waters, Indonesia.

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

<https://m.jpnn.com/news/tni-al-gagalkan-pengiriman-pmi-nonprosedural-ke-malaysia>

### Out of Reporting Period:

13 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 14 Chinese Migrants/ Smiling Cove Marina, Guam/ DB210923

On 13 Sep, local authorities detained 14 Chinese migrants at Smiling Cove Marina, Guam.

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

[https://www.saipantribune.com/news/local/14-arrested-for-illegally-trying-to-enter-guam/article\\_889ecdee-56c6-11ee-a58e-67cbbec343e.html](https://www.saipantribune.com/news/local/14-arrested-for-illegally-trying-to-enter-guam/article_889ecdee-56c6-11ee-a58e-67cbbec343e.html)

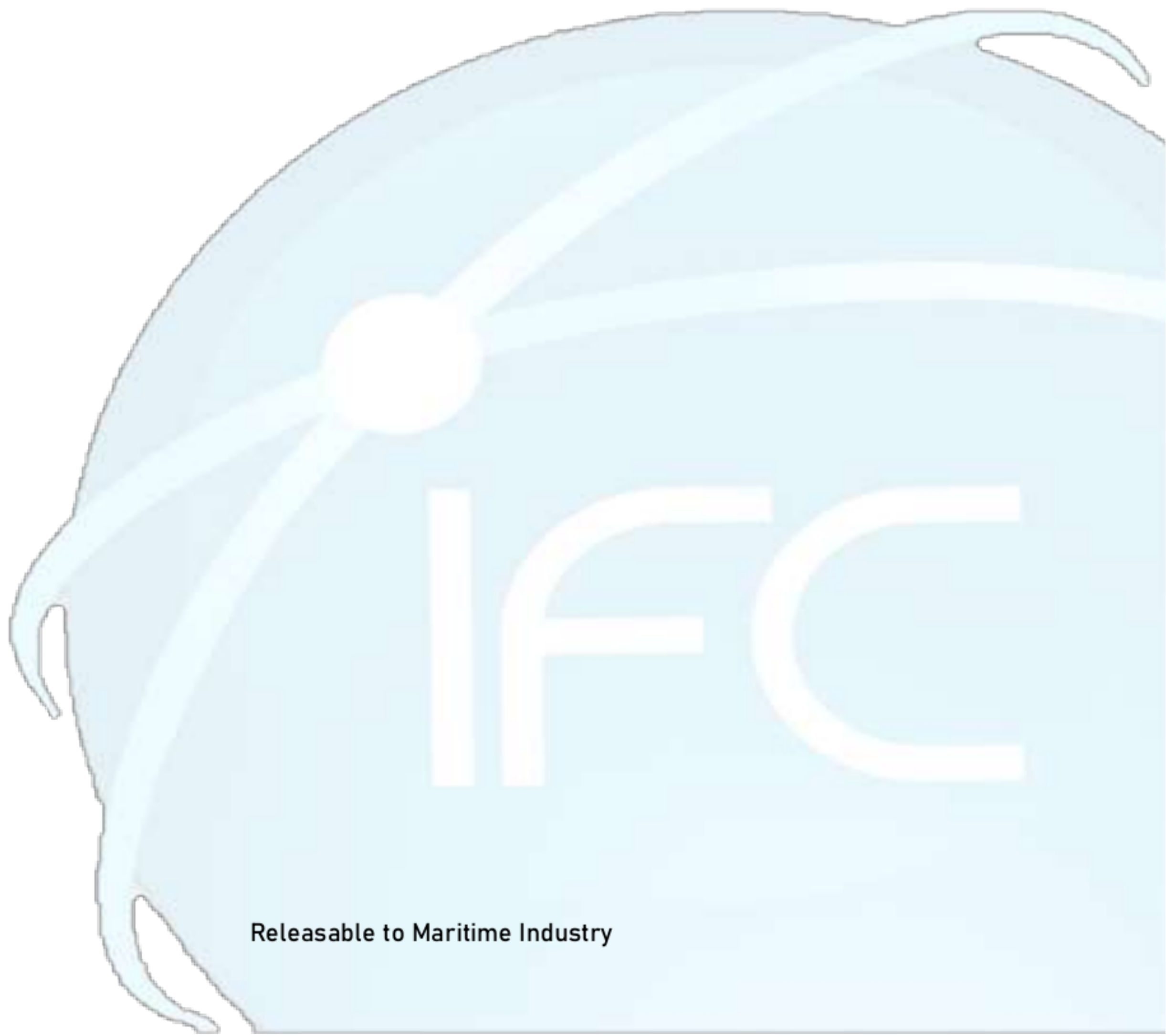
SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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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

### 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 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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