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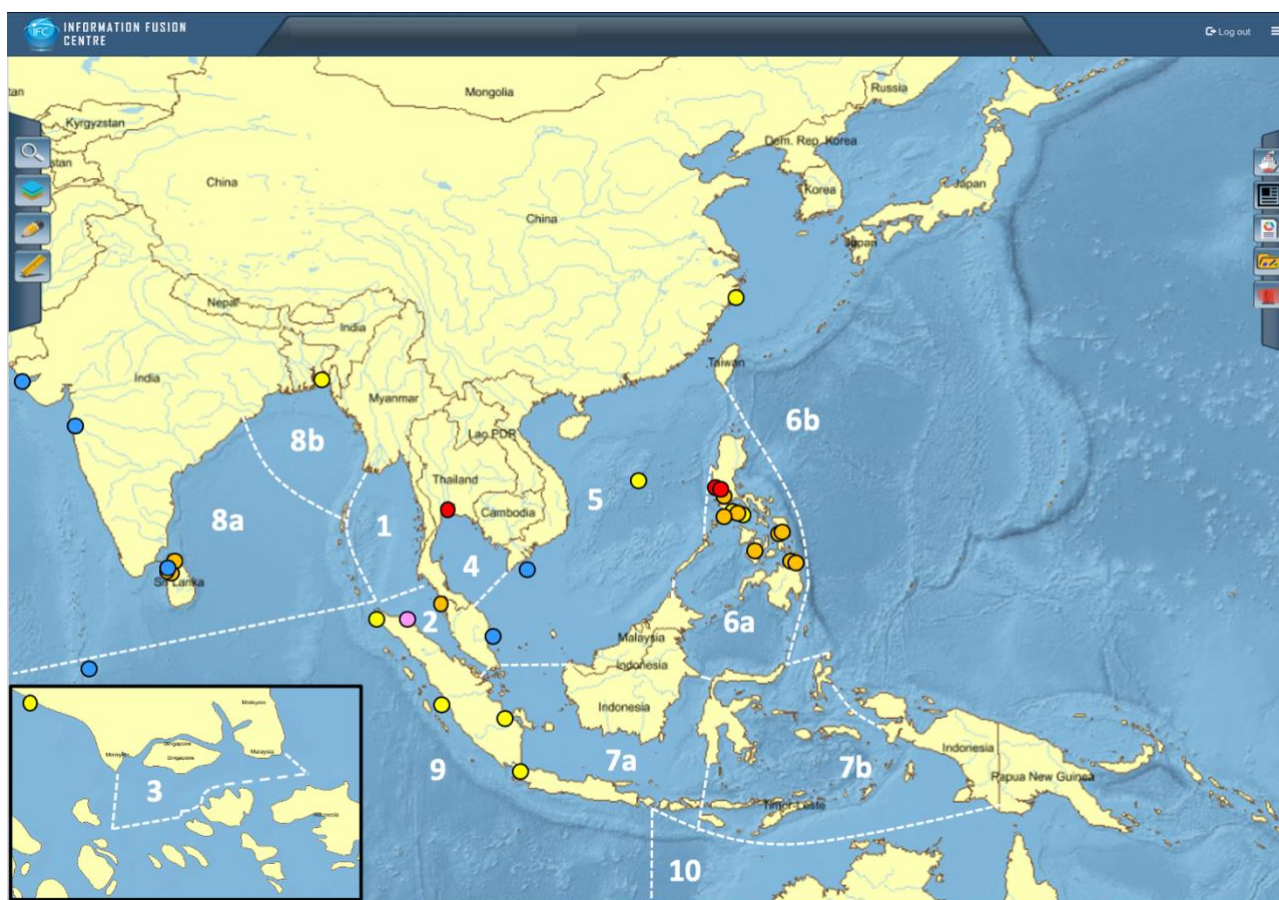
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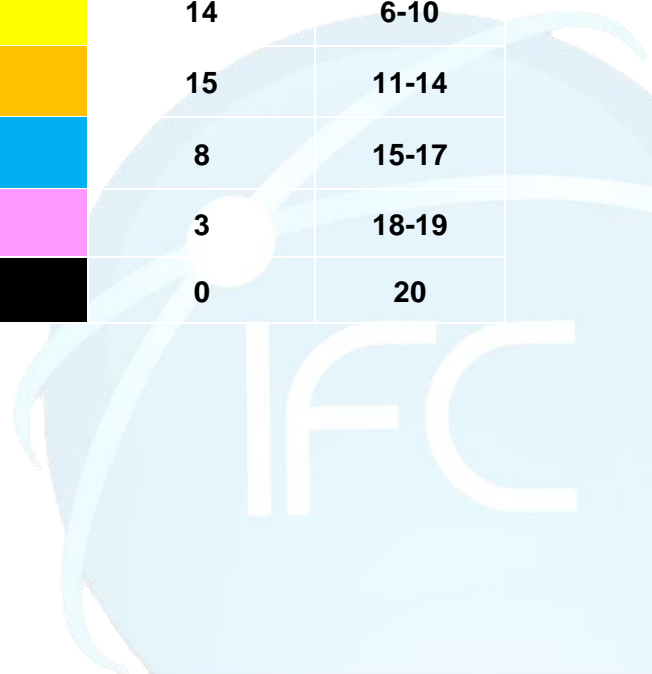
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 20 to 26 Jun 20, the number of reported incidents within the IFC AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	3	2-4
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	5
Maritime Incidents (MI)	14	6-10
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	15	11-14
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	8	15-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	3	18-19
Others	0	20



SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)**Events Outside of the Reporting Period:****16 Jun - Sea Theft/ MAGIC STRIKER/ Bulk Carrier/ Bahamas Flagged/ Anchored/ Ko Sichang Anchorage, Thailand/ DB230620**

1. A sea theft incident occurred on board a Bahamas flagged bulk carrier "MAGIC STRIKER" while anchored at Lat: 13° 11.08' N Long: 100° 50.80' E Ko Sichang Anchorage, Thailand on 16 Jun 20 at 1115LT (UTC+7).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: MAGIC STRIKER
- b. Call sign: C6XX2
- c. IMO: 9493664
- d. MMSI: 311024600
- e. Flag: Bahamas
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Maggiore Marine Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Safbulk Maritime SA
- i. LPOC: Indonesia
- j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. They broke into the aft store, stole ship's equipment and escaped. The break-in was noticed by crew during routine operations. Incident reported to agent and PFSO.

IFC Comments:

Thailand ILO shared that Thai-MECC and MRCC in Bangkok were not informed about the incident. France ILO shared that this is the first incident since 2015 at this location.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

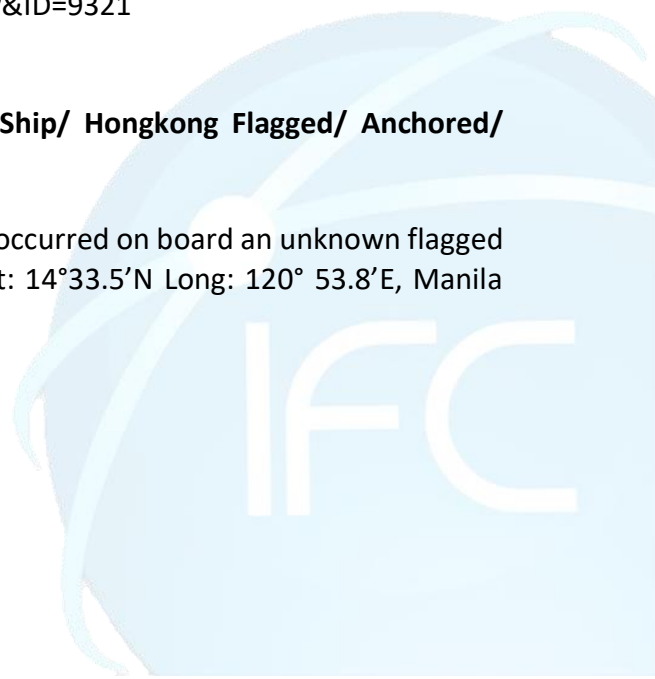
<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9321>

13 Jun – Attempted Action/ Seaspn Fraser/ Container Ship/ Hongkong Flagged/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB240620

1. IFC received information from France ILO that a sea theft occurred on board an unknown flagged Container Ship, ship name unknown, while anchored at Lat: 14°33.5'N Long: 120° 53.8'E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines on 130400LT (UTC+7) Jun 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: Seaspn Fraser
- b. Call sign: VRHB2



- c. IMO: Info 9351608
- d. MMSI: 477815200
- e. Flag: Hongkong
- f. Type: Container Ship
- g. Ship Owner: Seaspan Ship Management
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Ocean Network Express Pte Ltd
- i. LPOC: Philippines
- j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

It has been reported that a theft has occurred on a container vessel whilst anchored at Manila Anchorage. The duty crew noticed the bosun store and paint room padlocks had been broken and doors left open. The duty officer was then informed who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out revealing that ship's properties were stolen. The incident was reported to the port authorities.

IFC Comments:

Philippines Coast Guard ILO shared that at around 0325H 2nd Mate Teotia Akash of MV Seaspan Fraser reported to VTMS Manila that they were boarded by unidentified perpetrators at around 0245H. According to the Bosun, while they were preparing for heaving up the anchor going to MICT pilot station, Mr Gigie Jessapawan saw a bolt cutter near their Bosun store and notice the padlock was broken on the forward bow of the ship. Further information received that according to the Bosun's, nothing was observed missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.clearwatertrackingsystem.com/alerts/cw-alert-011-jun-20>

13 Jun – Sea Theft/ CMA CGM PUGET/ Container Ship/ Portugal Flagged/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB260620

1. IFC received information from an open source that a sea theft occurred on board a Portugal flagged Container Ship, CMA CGM PUGET, while anchored at Lat: 14° 33.50' N Long: 120° 53.80' E , Manila Anchorage, Philippines on 130300 (UTC+7) Jun 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: CMA CGM PUGET
- b. Call sign: CQIZ8
- c. IMO: 9248124
- d. MMSI: 255806114
- e. Flag: Portugal
- f. Type: Container Ship
- g. Ship Owner: Containerships-CMA CGM GmbH
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: CMA CGM SA The French Line
- i. LPOC: ROK
- j. NPOC: China

3. Incident Details:



Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the bosun store and paint room door padlocks broken and doors open. He immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's stores and properties were stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authority. The ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre had relayed the message to Philippine Coast Guard.

IFC Comments:

PH CG ILO will confirm the incident with the Philippine OPCEN that it was reported to the local authority. RFI also has been sent to shipping company for photos and video footage of the incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9323>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

23 Jun – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ship vs Passenger Ship/ Merak Port, Indonesia/ DB240620

Two passenger ships collided into each other at Merak Port Pier 2, Indonesia on 23 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Km.mustika-Kencana-l2164049.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeQZLIKInzk>

22 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Missing, 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off West Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB240620

A group of fishermen were saved by a maritime rescue team off the coast of Indonesia's West Sumatra after their boat capsized on 22 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/dramatic-rescue-indonesian-fishermen-stranded-120000672.html?guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAABXpu75heYtXGwIOmU-u1IYsY1mezEgSEiasDitPkt4JRRHjFPBi0XFpmUfqck0fK9mw3XjDZEy-dnAyy1KBHIwKxw06p3Z4op0pHEvK2qCh_MIAkA6r9naHuPJ7r_EtHubZQYn29kn7IFV6NeU0Hxp1vhm08xeT485HiMvtIz4u&guccounter=1

22 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Missing/ SAR/ Off Sumatra Island, Indonesia/ DB240620

Nine fishermen are missing after their boat capsized off Sumatra island. Their vessel sank Monday (22 Jun) after it was hit by bad weather and high waves off the island's northwestern coast.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://headtopics.com/my/6-magnitude-quake-strikes-indonesia-s-sulawesi-region-in-minahassa-peninsula-9-missing-as-ship-sink-13852948>

22 Jun - MOB/ Bad Weather/ Utility Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Batu Pahat, Malaysia/ DB230620

A crew of a barter trade boat was lost at sea when the boat he was traveling on was hit by a storm in the waters of Tanjung Segenting, Batu Pahat, Malaysia on 22 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1853533>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/22/mmea-launches-search-for-indonesian-who-went-overboard-in-johor-waters>

21 Jun – Collision, Sunk-Capsized, Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs General Cargo Ship/ 12 Rescued/ Off Patenga Beach, Bangladesh/ DB230620

A General cargo vessel carrying 940 tons of chickpeas capsized at the Bay of Bengal on 21 Jun. All 12 crew members of "MV Golam Rahman" were rescued. The ship master managed to run the vessel aground on a submerged land mass near Patenga beach, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/lighter-vessel-capsize-all-12-crew-members-rescued-1918353>

<http://www.unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/goods-laden-ship-capsizes-in-bay/53401>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

19 Jun - MEDEVAC/ Hypertension/ Cargo Ship/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off San Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB240620

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a crew of a local cargo vessel died on 19 Jun 20 while it was transiting at vicinity waters off Dumali Point, Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro bound for Batangas Port.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

19 Jun – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Unknown/ Off Muara Telang, Indonesia/ DB230620

A General cargo ship collided with an unknown vessel in the waters of the Muara Telang District in South Sumatra, Indonesia. The unknown vessel sunk, all crew were rescued. An investigation into the incident is underway.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Vung-Hai-8342375.html>

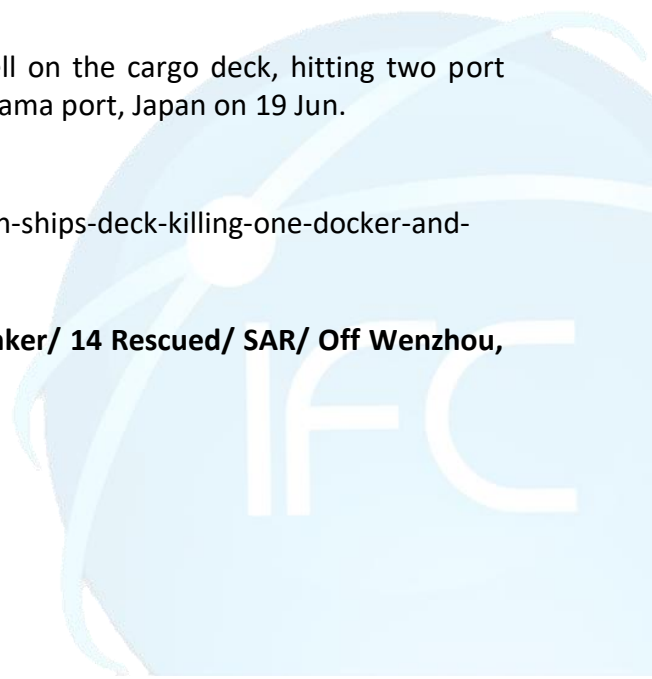
19 Jun – Cargo Mishap/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ One Dead/ Yokohama Port, Japan/ DB220620

Cargo being lifted by a General Cargo Ship's cargo gear fell on the cargo deck, hitting two port workers, severely injuring one and killing the other at Yokohama port, Japan on 19 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/19/cargo-fell-on-ships-deck-killing-one-docker-and-seriously-injuring-another-yokohama/>

18 Jun – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Oil Products Tanker/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Wenzhou, China/ DB250620



Fire erupted in a boiler room of a bitumen tanker in the morning of 18 Jun, at East China sea, east of Wenzhou, Zhejiang province, China. In the afternoon, 14 crew were evacuated by a SAR ship.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/24/bitumen-tanker-fire-in-engine-room-china>

18 Jun - Mechanical Failure, Sunk-Capsized/ Engine Cooling Problem/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ 10 Rescued/ Off Gasan, Marinduque, Philippines/ DB230620

10 Fishermen were rescued by a joint SAR team after their boat took in water and submerged off Gasan, Marinduque, Philippines on 18 Jun 20. The rescued persons were turned over to the local authorities and their boat was safely towed to shore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

18 Jun – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Anchoring/ Tanker/ Off Melaka, Malaysia/ DB220620

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detained a merchant ship suspected of dropping anchor off Melaka, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3044623002296261>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/19/captain-chief-engineer-of-vessel-detained-after-dropping-anchor-off-melaka>

18 Jun - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Seven Missing, Nine Rescued / SAR/ Off Anak Krakatau, Indonesia/ DB220620

A boat carrying 16 fishermen capsized in Indonesian waters near the Anak Krakatau volcano after being hit with strong waves.

IFC Comments:

Indonesia ILO shared that currently Nine have been rescued, Seven remained missing

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2020/06/20/10-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-off-indonesia>

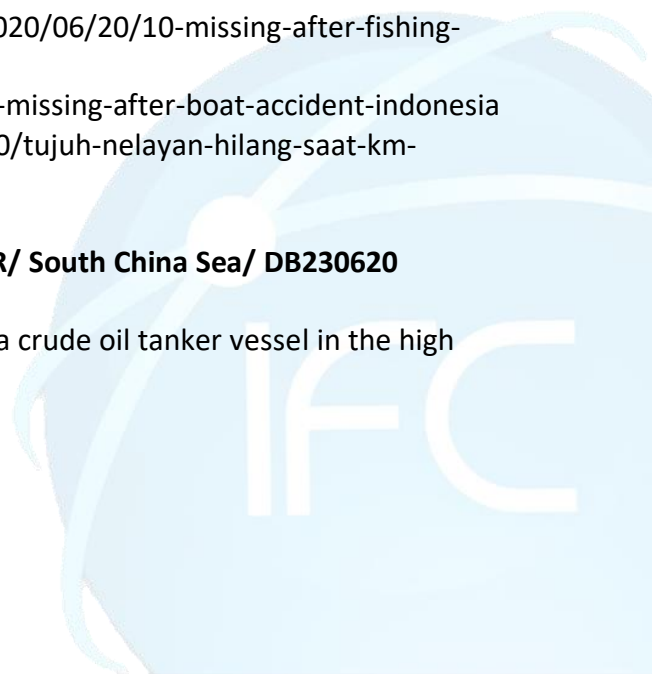
<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/10-people-still-missing-after-boat-accident-indonesia>

<https://zonabanten.pikiran-rakyat.com/banten/pr-23572700/tujuh-nelayan-hilang-saat-km-puspita-jaya-terbalik-diterjang-gelombang-tinggi>

16 Jun – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Missing/ SAR/ South China Sea/ DB230620

An Indian mariner was reported missing on 16 Jun while on a crude oil tanker vessel in the high seas on its way to a port in South Korea from Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:



<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/indian-mariner-goes-missing-from-vessel-on-high-seas/1872313>

<https://www.news18.com/news/india/indian-mariner-goes-missing-from-crude-oil-tanker-on-way-to-south-korea-from-singapore-2679221.html>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Serengeti-9403554.html>

16 Jun – Vessel Detained/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ Off Singapore/ DB220620

A Tugboat was detained off Singapore on 16 Jun 2020. Investigations are ongoing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/S-Cas-8411047.html>

Information Update:

18 Jun – Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Tanker/ Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB240620 (Information Update from DB230620)

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO shared that the vessel did not carry any load on board, the vessel is suspected to involve in illegal STS to supply fuel for IUUF vessels. Investigation is on-going. This incident is re-classified as a Maritime Incident until investigation is over.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/mmea-kemaman-detains-suspicious-oil-tanker-selling-bunker-fuel-to-illegal-fishing-boats/>

13 Jun - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ Off Botolan, Zambales, Philippines/ DB220620 (Information Update from DB180620)

Philippine Coast Guard shared that there are no signs of oil leak from grounded Chinese-registered dredger. Efforts are being carried out to prevent it.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/06/18/pcg-says-no-signs-of-oil-leak-from-grounded-chinese-registered-dredger/>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/18/chinese-dredger-aground-flooded-philippines/>

11 May- Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship and Bulk Carrier/ Off Batu Berhenti Beacon, Singapore Strait/ DB230620 (Information Update from DB160620)

The salvage company informed that it is not ready to salvage the vessel and is awaiting instructions from the owner of the container ship.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Shahraz-9349576.html>

<https://container-news.com/singapore-salvage-set-to-offload-shahraz-cargo/>

11 May- Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship and Bulk Carrier/ Off Batu Berhenti Beacon, Singapore Strait/ DB250620 (Information Update from DB230620)

As of 19 Jun, approximately 180 container units have been offloaded from the grounded container ship to other vessels with a floating crane and barges. Around 2000 metric tonnes of oil has been removed as well.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Shahraz-9349576.html>

8 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchorage/ Tanker/ Off Tanjung Penyusop, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220620 (Information Update from DB131219)

The arrested crew member was charged and fined for illegally anchoring the vessel at the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) near Tanjung Stapa, Johor.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-malaysia-vietnam-tanker/malaysia-seizes-vietnamese-oil-tanker-that-was-tracked-in-north-korea-idUSKBN1YG17E>

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/malaysia-chief-engineer-aboard-tanker-viet-tin-01-previously-spotted-in-dprk-charged/>



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

23 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel detained/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Catbalogan City, Philippines/ DB250620

A commercial fishing vessel was apprehended for prohibited fishing methods in the municipal waters of Samar, Philippines on 23 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2020/06/25/2-boats-netted-for-illegal-fishing/>

23 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel detained/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Biliran, Philippines/ DB250620

Operatives of the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources' Fisheries Resource Protection Group apprehended a commercial fishing vessel using trawl fishing in Caibiran, Biliran on 23 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2020/06/25/2-boats-netted-for-illegal-fishing/>

23 Jun - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off San Andres, Romblon, Philippines/ DB240620

Two Commercial Fishing Vessels were apprehended by Philippine authorities for unauthorised fishing at San Andres, Romblon, Philippines at 230512H Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=851251415399242&id=100015431730710&sfnsn=mo

23 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off San San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB240620

A commercial fishing vessel was detained for Illegal fishing using active gear off San San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines on 3 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=851241088733608&id=100015431730710&sfnsn=mo

23 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuah, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB240620

Malaysian Langkawi Region 1 Marine Police (PPM) detained eight Thai fishermen in Selat Kuah waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1853876>

22 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Iranativu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB250620

The Sri Lankan Northern Naval Command apprehended two persons engaged in diving to harvest sea cucumber on 22 Jun 20 while conducting a search operation in the sea area off the Iranativu Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/24/202006241815/>

22 Jun – Local/ Two Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Talaimannar, Sri Lanka/ DB250620

Sri Lankan Naval Command nabbed three individuals who returned to the shore after engaging in illegal fishing without valid permits.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/24/202006241815/>

22 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Surigao Del Norte, Philippines/ DB230620

Four fishermen who were caught in-the-act of using fishing gear locally known as “boso” were arrested by Philippine authorities in the waters off Surigao del Norte, Philippines over the weekend.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/06/22/8-persons-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-surigao-dinagat/>

22 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Dinagat Islands, Philippines/ DB230620

Four fishermen allegedly involved in illegal fishing were arrested by Philippine authorities in the waters off Dinagat Islands, Philippines over the weekend.

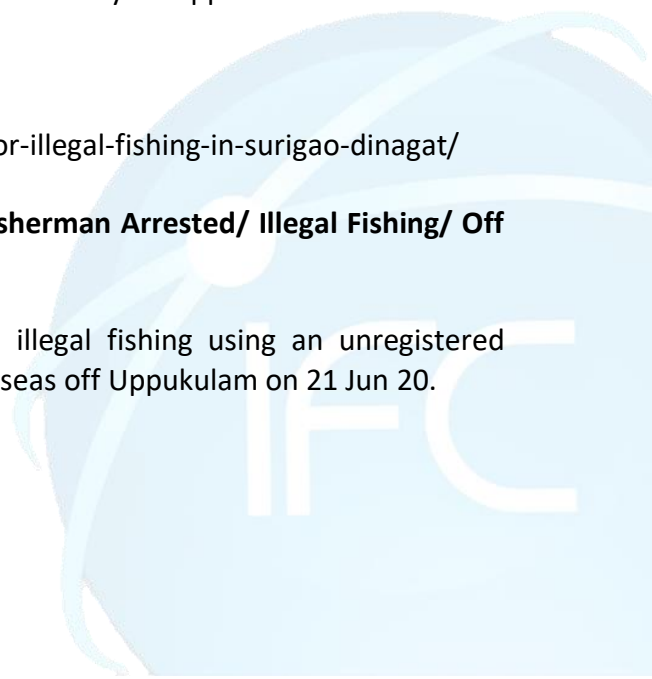
News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/06/22/8-persons-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-surigao-dinagat/>

21 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Uppukulam, Sri Lanka/ DB230620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended a person engaging in illegal fishing using an unregistered traditional boat (Wallam), during a search carried out in the seas off Uppukulam on 21 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:



<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/lighter-vessel-capsize-all-12-crew-members-rescued-1918353>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

19 Jun – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sungai Belukang, Malaysia/ DB220620

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detained three local fishing boats with 11 crew off Sungai Belukang, Malaysia for breaching their licence on 19 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1853122>

<https://www.asianewsdays.com/mmea-detains-three-fishing-boats-with-11-foreign-crew-in-hutan-melintang/>

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/06/21/mmea-detains-three-fishing-boats-with-11-foreign-crew-in-hutan-melintang/1877435>

18 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Manila Bay, Philippines/ DB230620

Personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard arrested eight fishermen for allegedly engaging in dynamite fishing along the vicinity waters off Manila Bay on 18 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/112152289453434/posts/548963289105663/?sfnsn=mo>

18 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Talaimannar, Sri Lanka/ DB220620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended three persons for engaging in fishing without valid permit in the sea area of Talaimannar, Sri Lanka on 18 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/20/202006201515/>

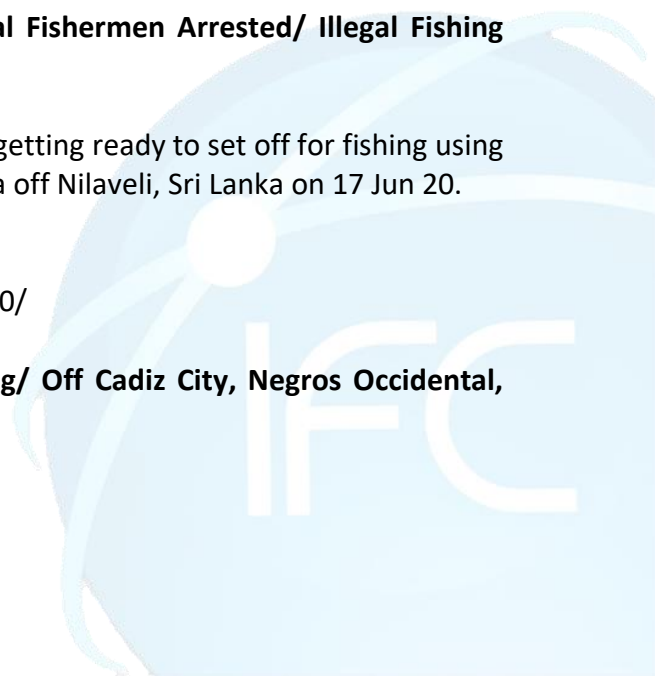
17 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Nilaveli, Sri Lanka/ DB220620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended three persons who were getting ready to set off for fishing using unauthorized nets, during a patrol conducted in the sea area off Nilaveli, Sri Lanka on 17 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/19/202006191800/>

3 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Cadiz City, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB230620



A fishing vessel and its crew were detained for engaging in illegal fishing activity off Cadiz City, Philippines on 3 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10217000088418120&id=1344265429&sfnsn=mo



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

25 Jun – Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ Trawler/ To India/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB260620

Indian Police arrested two persons and their trawler involved in fuel smuggling on 25 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiadailymail.com/cities/mumbai/diesel-smuggling-racket-busted-in-mumbai-mumbai-news-india-daily-mail/>

<https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/city-news/10000-litres-of-diesel-seized-off-mumbai-coast.html>

24 Jun – Drugs/ Cannabis (57Kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kayts, Sri Lanka/ DB260620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended two persons attempting to smuggle a stock of cannabis to the island by sea on 24 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/25/202006251745/>

22 Jun - Drugs/ Cannabis (Over 300 packets)/ Adrift/ Off Sindhodi, Jakhau, India/ DB230620

Indian West Kutch Police are seizing packets of cannabis washing up on the shore of Jakhau, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/183-hashish-packets-floating-jakhau-waters-kutch-6469849/>

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/76499301.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1274747835636789249>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/over-2-kg-of-drug-methamphetamine-seized-off-pudupettai-coast/article31888119.ece>

21 Jun – Drugs/ Unknown Drugs/ Small boat/ To Maldives/ Off Isdhoo, Maldives/ DB240620

The Maldives police have seized drugs that were being transported to three Maldives islands. A man was arrested in Kurendhoo island in a special operation conducted after the police were tipped off that the man was using drugs and involved in its trade.

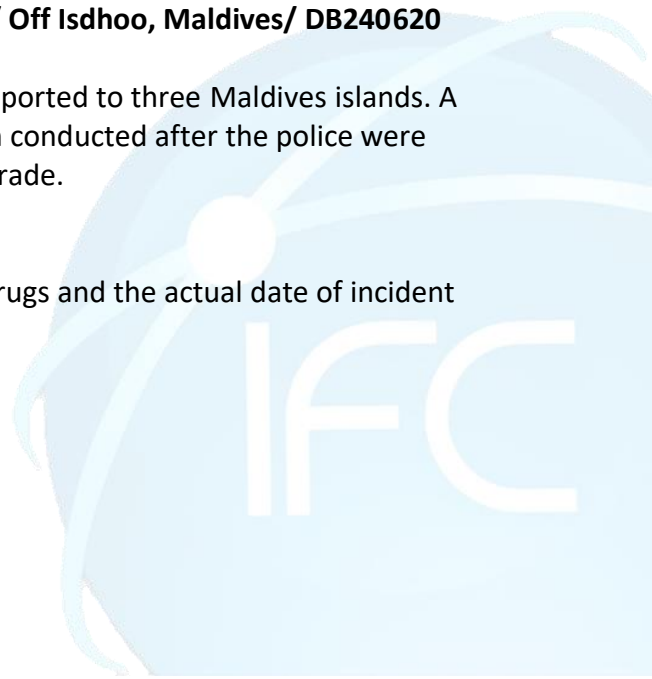
IFC Comments:

RFI is sent to authorities to verify the type and quantity of drugs and the actual date of incident

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://avas.mv/en/84528>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:



19 Jun - Drugs/ Meth (78kg)/ Adrift/ Off Mamallapuram, Kancheepuram district, India/ DB220620

The Coastal Security Group of the Indian Tamil Nadu police seized a huge consignment of methamphetamine drifting at sea in a drum along the shores near Mamallapuram in Kancheepuram district on 19 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/large-cache-of-drugs-found-drifting-at-sea-in-kancheepuram-district/article31879760.ece>

19 Jun - Drugs/ Cannabis (58 Kg)/ Small Boat/ Unknown/ Off Kakarativu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220620

The Sri Lankan Navy arrested two drug smugglers with 58 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis in Kakarativu Island in Jaffna on 19 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20A/Jun19_1592591341CH.php
<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/19/202006191730/>

18 Jun – Fuel/ Fuel (1000 Tons)/ Tanker/ Off Con Dao Island, Vietnam/ DB230620

A tanker was detained by Vietnamese Coast Guard in waters of Con Dao Archipelago, Ba Ria – Vung Tau, Vietnam, on 18 Jun while in the process of bunkering a fishing vessel. The captains of both vessels were unable to present documents proving the legitimate origin of fuel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/21/one-more-tanker-detained-for-smuggling-in-vietnam-again-with-thai-crew/>

18 Jun - Fuel/ Tanker/ Off Kuala Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB230620

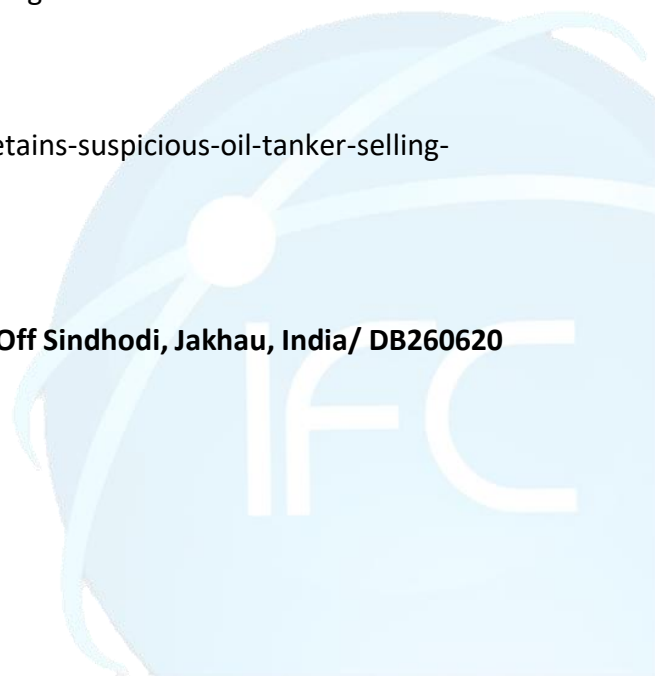
An oil tanker was detained by the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency 159 nautical miles from Kuala Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia on 18 Jun. The Captain failed to produce the necessary insurance documents for the vessel and it has since been brought to the MMEA office in Kemaman for further investigation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/mmea-kemaman-detains-suspicious-oil-tanker-selling-bunker-fuel-to-illegal-fishing-boats/>

Information Update:

22 Jun - Drugs/ Cannabis (850 packets)/ Adrift/ Unknown/ Off Sindhodi, Jakhau, India/ DB260620 (Information Update from DB230620)



Minster of State for Home pradipsinh jadeja on Wednesday said that “due to alertness of Gujarat police, 850 charas packets have successfully been recovered.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/850-kg-charas-swept-ashore-recovered-from-gujarat-coast-in-two-weeks-853359.html>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

24 Jun – Human Smuggling/ 94 Rohingya Migrants/ Small Boat/ Aceh, Indonesia/ DB250620

94 Rohingyans (15 adult men, 49 women, and 30 children) were found by fishermen with broken boat condition, 4NM off Seunuddon waters, Aceh., Indonesia.

IFC Comments:

Indonesia ILO verified that there are a total of 94 Rohingya refugees; 15 adult men, 49 adult women and 30 children (10 male and 20 female) and shared that the migrants boat was abandoned as it was near submerged when it was first spotted by the fishermen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://aceh.tribunnews.com/2020/06/24/dari-seunuddon-warga-rohingya-dibawa-ke-syamtalira-bayu>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

19 Jun – Human Smuggling/ Three Indonesian, Eight Myanmar Nationals going to Malaysia/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Sungai Belukang, Malaysia/ DB220620

The fishing boats were detained for breaching their licence, which is conducting fishing activities below 12 nautical miles, while the foreign fishing crew were detained for not having valid travel documents

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1853122>

<https://www.asianewsdaily.com/mmea-detains-three-fishing-boats-with-11-foreign-crew-in-hutan-melintang/>

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/06/21/mmea-detains-three-fishing-boats-with-11-foreign-crew-in-hutan-melintang/1877435>

18 Jun – Human Smuggling/ Five Indonesian Migrants going from Indonesia to Malaysia/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hutan Melintang, Malaysia/ DB220620

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) has detained a foreign fishing boat carrying five Indonesian crew near the waters of Hutan Melintang, Malaysia, on 18 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/06/19/mmea-detains-boat-with-five-indonesian-illegal-immigrants-in-perak/1876822>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1852569>

Information Update:

**24 Jun – Human Smuggling/ 94 Rohingya Migrants/ Small Boat/ Aceh, Indonesia/ DB260620
(Information Update from DB250620)**

IFC Comments:

Indonesia ILO shared that on 25 Jun 20, the Rohingya migrants were transported to the Punteut Immigration Office, tested for COVID-19 and then were provided shelter to rest.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://aceh.tribunnews.com/2020/06/24/dari-seunuddon-warga-rohingya-dibawa-ke-syamtalirabayu>

<https://www.ajnn.net/news/wna-terdampar-di-pesisir-seunuddon-akan-dievakuasi-ke-tpi-bayu/index.html>

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/06/24/indonesian-fishermen-rescue-dozens-of-rohingya-refugees-in-aceh-waters.html>



SECTION G: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and to the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. Ships moving at slow speed or are choosing to remain at anchor in areas where sea robbery/theft is regularly reported should remain vigilant and adopt necessary and/or added security measures.
3. 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.
4. Shippers and Seafarers operating in the Sulu-Celebes seas are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 for the latest assessment of the situation in that affected area.
5. Shippers are advised to take note that the threat of terrorist activity in the maritime domain remains a possibility in the region due to ISIS and the Al-Qaeda. The possibility of this threat was previously quoted in Al-Qaeda's online magazine "Resurgence", which called for the disruption of global trade and shipping through acts of piracy, among other tactics. Shippers are therefore advised to exercise vigilance and to adopt self-defensive measures as stated in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, especially when transiting narrow choke points and areas which are known to have experienced incidents of sea robbery/piracy.



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES

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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