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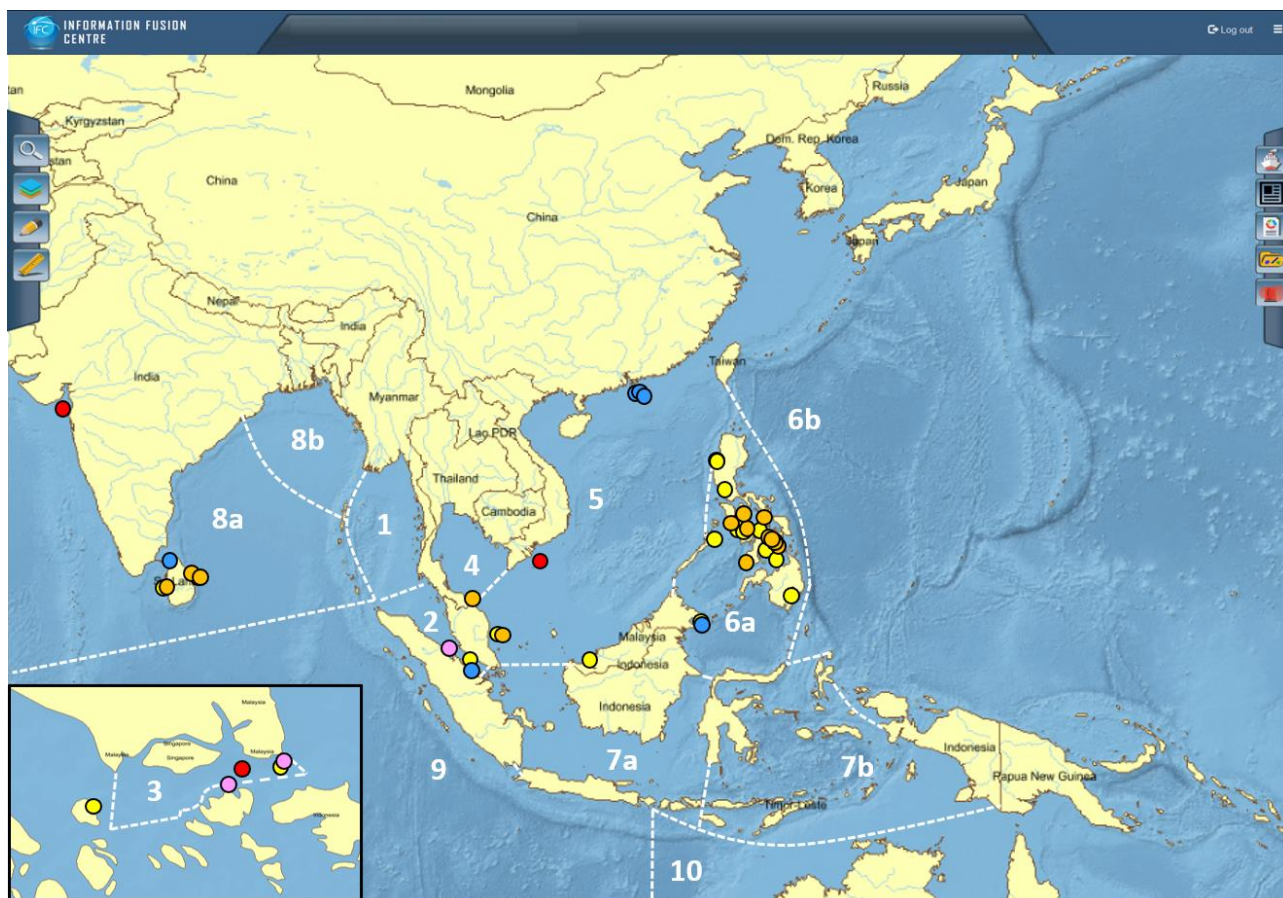
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## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 18 to 24 Apr 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	2-5
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	6
Maritime Incidents (MI)	20	7-12
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	15	13-16
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	6	17-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	3	19-20
Others	0	21

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

22 Apr – Attempted Action/ Horizon II/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama Flagged/ Underway/  
Eastbound Lane, Singapore Strait/ DB230420

1. IFC received information from POCC that Panama Flagged bulk carrier “Horizon II” reported that she was boarded by two perpetrators armed with knives while underway at Lat 01 15.11N and Long 104 04.83E along eastbound lane of Traffic Separation in Singapore Strait at 222309 (UTC +8) Apr.

2. Vessel Information.

- a. Name: Horizon II
- b. Callsign: 3FHB4
- c. IMO: 9537563
- d. MMSI: 357568000
- e. Flag: Panama
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Hotdoc Enterprises Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Golden Union Maritime Ops SA
- i. LPOC: Singapore
- j. NPOC: Vietnam

3. The master requested to proceed to Singapore for assistance as he is unsure if the perpetrators had left. At 0020H, Horizon II was observed to have altered its course and heading back to port. Crew (all Filipino) are reported to be safe. Singapore Police Coast Guard Officers boarded the vessel and completed the search. No perpetrators found aboard. No items reported missing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
MPA POCC



21 Apr - Sea Theft/ Name Unknown/ Tanker/ Flag Unknown/ Anchored/ Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam/ DB210420

1. A sea theft incident occurred on board a tanker while anchored at Lat: 10°24'48 N Long: 107°6'52, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam on 21 Apr 20 at 0145 (UTC+7).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: Info Gap
- b. Call sign: Info Gap
- c. IMO: Info Gap
- d. MMSI: Info Gap
- e. Flag: Info Gap
- f. Type: Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Info Gap
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Info Gap
- i. LPOC: Info Gap
- j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details: On 21 Apr 20 at 0145 (UTC+7), four robbers in a wooden boat boarded an anchored chemical tanker. Duty watchman on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to Port Control.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracyreport/details/179/1909>



18 Apr - Sea Theft/ SEAFROST/ Tanker/ Liberia Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Alang Anchorage, India/ DB210420

1. A sea theft incident occurred on board a Liberia flagged tanker "SEAFROST" while anchored at Lat: 21 25.9' N Long: 72 19.8' E, Alang Anchorage, India on 18 Apr 20 at 2354 (UTC+5.5).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: SEAFROST
- b. Call sign: A8KP6
- c. IMO: 8517061
- d. MMSI: Info Gap
- e. Flag: Liberia
- f. Type: Oil Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Cain Marine Co
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Baltmed Reefer Services Ltd
- i. LPOC: Info Gap
- j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details: On 18 Apr 20 at 2354 (UTC+5.5), while Seafrost towed by tugboat, Atlantis was waiting for demolition, some perpetrators boarded the unmanned Seafrost from a dinghy boat. Some ship property was stolen. The master of the tugboat reported the incident to VTS Khambhat, who relayed the message to the Indian Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Station Pipavav requested Marine Police Alang and Customs Bhavnagar to investigate the matter. Further investigation is in progress.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20\(caa%2020%20Apr%2020\)%20Revised.pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20(caa%2020%20Apr%2020)%20Revised.pdf)

Information Update:

21 Apr - Sea Theft/ MASAGANA/ Tanker/ Bermuda Flagged/ Anchored/ Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam/ DB220420 (Update from DB210420)

Update Status:

Bermuda Flagged vessel

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9281>



11 Apr - Sea Theft/ LEYLA K/ Tanker/ Marshall Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220420  
(Update from DB150420)

**Update Status:**

IMB KL's information on the incident, indicating that robbers suspected came onboard during hours of darkness and took the BA Air Charging Compressor from Emergency Generator and one M4 Weldon Pump which was kept in china passage.

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

IMB KL



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

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

22 Apr – Vessel Detained/ Violation of Safety Regulations/ Small Boat/ Off, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB230420

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) has arrested five Filipinos for fishing near two oil rigs in Sabah waters.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/04/22/five-filipinos-nabbed-for-illegal-fishing-violating-mco-in-sabah/1859323>

21 Apr – Collision/ Illegal Activity Interception/ Speed Boat vs Government Vessel/ Two Dead, Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Teluk Ramunia, Malaysia/ DB230420

A tugboat was collided with a marine police patrol boat in the waters of Pantai Teluk Ramunia, Sungai Rengit, near Kota Tinggi on Tuesday night 21 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/one-indonesian-dies-another-missing-in-boat-collision-in-teluk-ramunia-KY2320518> Johor Marine Police OPCEN

20 Apr – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Illegal Activity/ Government Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Four Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB240420

The Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries apprehended 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels on Monday, 20 April 20 when they were doing illegal fishing in fisheries management area (WPP-NRI) 711 North Natuna Sea," said Director General of Maritime and Fisheries Resources Supervision (PSDKP), Tb Haeru Rahayu at the PSDKP Office in Galang, Batam, Thursday (4/23/2020).

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.liputan6.com/bisnis/read/4235873/kkp-tangkap-2-kapal-maling-ikandi-laut-natuna-1-tenggelam>

19 Apr – MOB/ Stress & Depression/ Container Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Panjang, Malaysia/ DB210420

The 42-year-old captain of the Indonesian-registered vessel, known only as Gunawan, was rescued by MMEA about 12.8 nautical miles off Pulau Panjang on Sunday.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/04/20/merchant-ship-captain-rescued-after-18-hours-adrift-at-sea>



18 Apr – Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Sea/ Two Small Boats/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Pandan, Antique, Philippines/ DB230420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that five fishermen onboard two motor banca were rescued by local government units and other volunteers after both motor boats capsized due to strong winds and big waves at vicinity 1.5 NM off Barangay Patria, Pandan, Antique on 18 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

18 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Jose, Antique, Philippines/ DB230420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a fisherman was rescued after his motor banca encountered engine problem off Barangay San Pedro, San Jose, Antique on 19 Apr 20. Based on the report, the fisherman went for fishing venture on 18 Apr 20 but failed to return home after he encountered engine trouble. Coast Guard Station Antique and other volunteers conducted SAR operations. Luckily, the fisherman was rescued by a passing fisherman.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

18 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Caba, La Union, Philippines/ DB230420

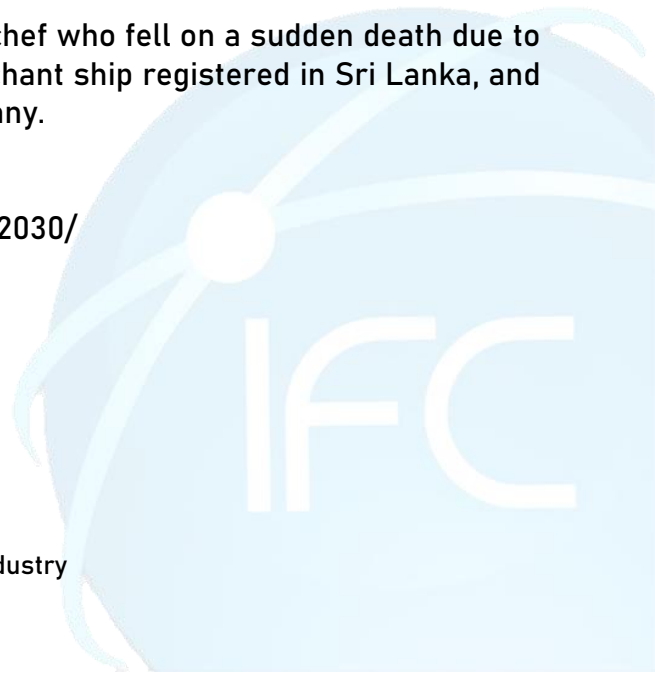
IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that six fishermen were rescued by Coast Guard Sub-Station Aringay SAR team after their motor banca encountered engine trouble off Barangay San Carlos, Caba, La Union (16 34N 120 06E) on 18 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

18 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Heart Attack/ Bulk Carrier/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Colombo, Sri Lanka/ DB230420

Sri Lankan Navy assisted to disembark corpse of the chef who fell on a sudden death due to a heart attack whilst serving aboard MV Grace, a merchant ship registered in Sri Lanka, and to hand it over to the local agent of the shipping company.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/22/202004222030/>



18 Apr – Sunk-Capsized, Missing/ Rough Sea/ Small Boat/ One Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Lakei, Malaysia/ DB200420

Two fishermen were rescued but one went missing after their boat capsized near Pulau Lakei.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://dayakdaily.com/boat-capsizes-two-fishermen-rescued-one-go-missing/>

18 Apr – MEDEVAC/ Severe Cough and Fever/ Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Batangas City, Philippines/ DB210420

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) conducted medical evacuation to assist a 67-yearold captain of a cargo vessel anchored at Delta Anchorage Area in Batangas City on 18 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=511926922809300&set=pcb.511902226145103>

Events outside reporting period:

16 Apr – Vessels Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Two Tankers/ Karimun Island, Indonesia/ DB200420

An Indonesian patrol ship, under the operational control of Guskamla Koarmada I (Sea Security Task Group of Fleet Command I), carried out an inspection on two tankers around the eastern waters of Karimun Island on 16 Apr 20.

IFC Comments: This article has been translated by Indonesia ILO.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://koarmada1.tnial.mil.id/tabid/71/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/11321/Default.aspx>

16 Apr – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Cebu City, Philippines/ DB220420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a foreign flagged cargo vessel MV Zhan Wang ran aground off Pier 1 in Cebu City on 16 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



15 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Baybay City, Leyte Philippines/ DB220420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that one fisherman was rescued by Coast Guard Sub-Station Baybay SAR team after his motor banca encountered engine trouble at vicinity 2.0 NM off Barangay Gabas, Baybay City, Leyte on 15 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

13 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Maritime Safety Violations/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Jagna, Bohol, Philippines/ DB210420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) ILO that a fishing banca "Camboafa" was apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Jagna maritime law enforcement team for the following maritime safety violations off Can-Upao, Jagna, Bohol on 13 Apr 20:

- a. Without Certificate of Ownership
- b. Without Certificate of Vessel Registry
- c. Without Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate
- d. Without Minimum Safe Manning Certificate e. Leaving Port without PCG Clearance

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

13 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Work Accident/ Tug/ One Dead/ SAR/ Carles, Iloilo, Philippines/ DB220420

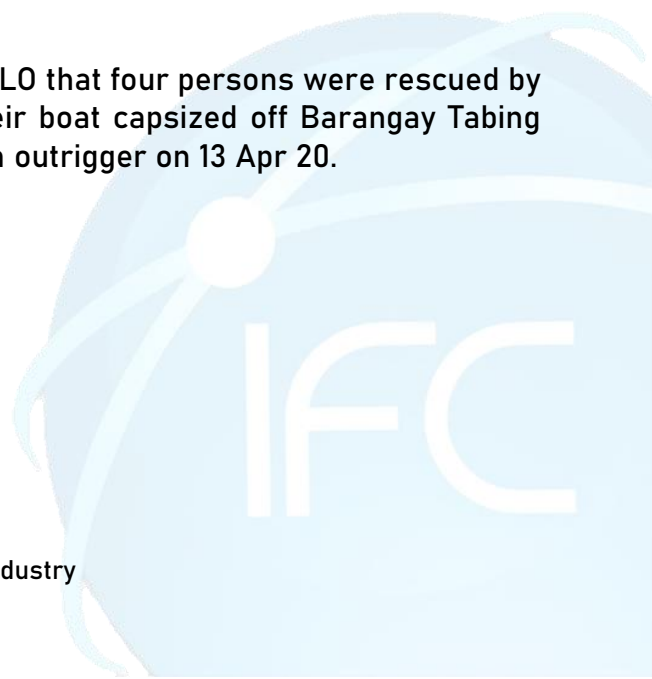
IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that one crew of Motor Tug Challenger was medically evacuated by Coast Guard Clearing Out Post Gigantes after he accidentally fell while working onboard off South Gigantes, Carles, Iloilo on 13 Apr 20. The patient was brought to the nearest hospital but was declared dead on arrival by the attending Physician.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Broken Outrigger/ Small Boat/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gumaca, Quezon, Philippines/ DB240420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that four persons were rescued by Coast Guard Sub-Station Gumaca SAR team after their boat capsized off Barangay Tabing Dagat, Gumaca, Quezon (14 34N 120 44E) due to broken outrigger on 13 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



10 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Broken Outrigger/ Small Boat/ Four Rescued/ Off San Caluya, Antique, Philippines/ DB210420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that four persons onboard motor banca "Reynan" were rescued by a passing motor banca off Barangay Sabang, Caluya, Antique on 10 Apr 20 after the outrigger of their boat was detached due to strong winds and big waves. Based on the report, while navigating from San Jose, Occidental Mindoro bound for Culasi, Antique, the incident transpired causing their motor banca to capsized. The four manage to hold on to their capsized motor banca who was drifting towards the shoreline of Barangay Sabang. Luckily, a passing motor banca saw them and immediately provided assistance.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

9 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Maritime Safety Violations/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Taytay, Palawan, Philippines/ DB210420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) ILO that a fishing banca "Abegail 3" was apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Liminangcong maritime law enforcement team for following maritime safety violations off Sition Inlulutoc Island, Taytay, Palawan on 9 Apr 20:

- a. Master failure to accomplish Master's Declaration of Safe Departure (MDS)
- b. Connivance between ship owner's/company manager and the master to leave port without submitting the MDS
- c. Leaving port without PCG clearance

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

6 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Chest and Back Pain/ Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Davao City, Philippines/ DB210420

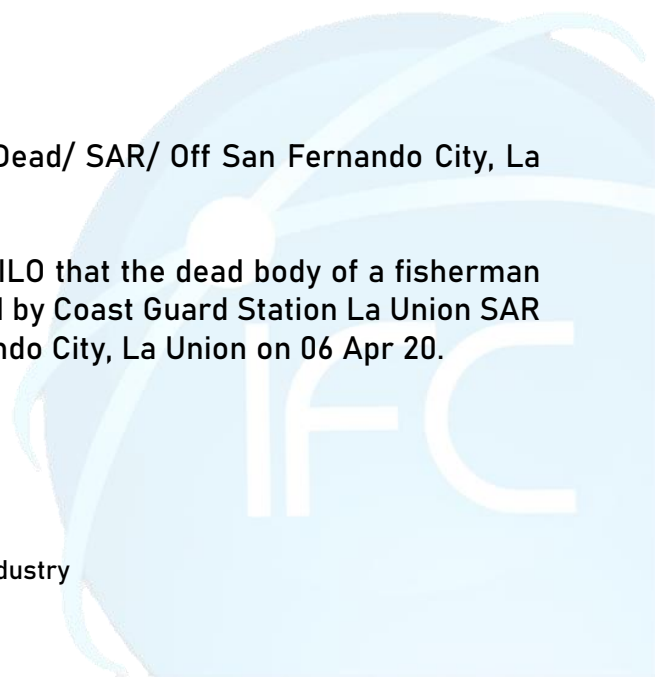
IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO one Filipino crew onboard a foreign flagged cargo vessel "West Ocean 9" was medically evacuated by Coast Guard Station Davao SAR team off Sta Ana Anchorage Area in Davao City due to chest and back pain on 6 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

02 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines/ DB220420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that the dead body of a fisherman who was reported missing on 02 Apr 20 was recovered by Coast Guard Station La Union SAR team off Barangay San Agustin, Poro Point, San Fernando City, La Union on 06 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



Information Update:

18 Apr – Sunk-Capsized, Missing/ Rough Sea/ Small Boat/ One Dead, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Pulau Lakei, Malaysia/ DB210420 (Update from DB200420)

Update Status:  
One person died.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2020/04/20/body-of-missing-fisherman-found-near-pulau-lakei/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-\\_GGWKHrMA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2nCfn9ZmDPV8rkCio4Ijp0GlzFb8ZB4ApfpEyqQsrcRh9ScdtePtLrDgk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_GGWKHrMA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2nCfn9ZmDPV8rkCio4Ijp0GlzFb8ZB4ApfpEyqQsrcRh9ScdtePtLrDgk)

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15 Apr – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Four Small Boats, Three Government Vessels/ Mahibandhoo, Alif Dhaalu Atoll, Maldives/ DB200420 (Update from DB170420)

Update Status:

A sea ambulance, four speedboats, and two dinghies docked next to each other were destroyed in the blaze, reported The Edition.

IFC Comments: France ILO commented that If the attack was claimed by supporters of the Islamic State organization, authorities are rather oriented towards the thesis of reprisals emanating from drug traffickers. Investigation still in progress.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11419250/isis-terror-attack-brit-holiday-paradisemaldives-bombs-boats/>



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

23 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 27 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Danao City, Philippines/ DB240420

Twenty-seven fishermen were nabbed in Liloan town few minutes past midnight on 23 Apr 20 in Bagacay Point Marine Sanctuary, Brgy. Catarnan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://ph.news.yahoo.com/27-men-nabbed-illegal-fishing-133200677.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/pilipinews/posts/1570571776414767>

21 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 15 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB240420

Up to 15 suspects were arrested by the Philippine Coast Guard for illegal fishing in Tanon Strait, a marine protected area in the town of Calatrava, Barangay Lemery, Negros Occidental on Tuesday.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.visayandailystar.com/2020/April/23/topstory8.htm>

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/23/20/15-arestado-sa-ilegal-na-pangingisdasa-negros-occidental>

21 Apr- Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Mundalama, Sri Lanka/ DB230420

Five persons who engaged in illegal fishing using banned nets were apprehended by Navy during a patrol carried out at Udappuwa area in the Mundalama lagoon, on 21 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/22/202004221230/>

20 Apr - Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained, One Fishing Vessel Sunk/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested, Four Missing/ Illegal Fishing/ Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB240420

Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries apprehended 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels on Monday, 20 April 20 when they were doing illegal fishing in fisheries management area (WPP-NRI) 711 North Natuna Sea," said Director General of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Supervision (PSDKP), Tb Haeru Rahayu at the PSDKP Office in Galang, Batam, Thursday (4/23/2020).

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.liputan6.com/bisnis/read/4235873/kkp-tangkap-2-kapal-maling-ikandi-laut-natuna-1-tenggelam>

18 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB200420

Sri Lankan Navy apprehended a person who was engaging in illegal fishing without a valid permit, in the seas off Trincomalee harbour on 18 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/18/202004181145/>

18 Apr - Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Narathiwat Province, Thailand/ DB220420

IFC received information from Thailand ILO that on 18 Apr 20, 11 foreign fishermen onboard two Vietnamese fishing vessels were apprehended (Off Narathiwat Province, Thailand) by a Thai Marine Police Vessel, due to engaging in illegal fishing, without a license to fish in Thailand's waters. The apprehended persons along with their belongings and fishing gear were handed over to the Thai Marine Police station in Narathiwat Province for onward action.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Thailand Maritime Enforcement Coordinating Center

Events outside reporting period:

17 Apr - Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB210420

On 17 Apr 20 at 0100LT, DA-BFAR MIMAROPA-FRPG Occidental Mindoro Station led by FIR01 Ruel G. Garcia conducted seaborne patrol operation at the vicinity waters of San Jose and Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro which resulted to the apprehension of three (3) Commercial FVs and One (1) municipal banca (turned over to Calintaan LGU).

News Link(s)/Info Source:

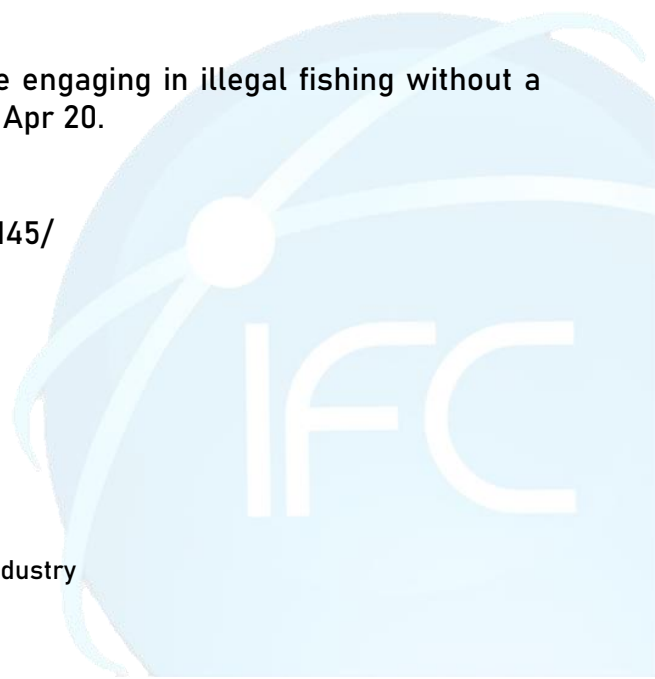
<https://www.facebook.com/bfarfpleg.mimaropa.1/posts/802218736969177>

17 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB200420

Sri Lankan Navy apprehended four persons who were engaging in illegal fishing without a valid permit, in the seas off Trincomalee harbour on 17 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/19/202004191145/>



17 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 18 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Balud, Masbate, Philippines/ DB240420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 18 fishermen onboard fishing boat "Zha" were apprehended by Coast Guard Station Masbate maritime law enforcement team for illegally fishing using fine mesh nets and no fishing gear license inside the municipal waters of Balud, Masbate on 17 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

16 Apr - Local/ Six Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 56 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Corregidor Island, Philippines/ DB200420

Seizure of six fishing boats and arrest of 56 crew for unauthorized fishing within Corregidor Islands, Cavite City.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KaragatanPatrol/permalink/3107421049278850/>

16 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB200420

Sri Lankan Navy apprehended four persons who were engaging in illegal fishing using authorized fishing net, in the sea of Trincomalee on 16 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/17/202004171030/>

16 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines/ DB230420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that three fishermen onboard a motor boat were apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Baybay with local government units for illegally fishing using fine mesh nets with active gears off Barangay Plaridel, Baybay City, Leyte (10 42N 124 49E) on 16 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center





15 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Ivisan, Capiz, Philippines/ DB220420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 12 fishermen onboard fishing banca "NRJ Rommel" were apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Ivisan and local government unit for fishing without appropriate license and permit at vicinity 7.0 NM Northwest of Mabaay Island, Ivisan, Capiz or at Lat 11 Degs 45 Mins 23 Sec N, Long 122 Degs 36 Mins 23 Sec on 15 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

15 Apr - Local/ Six Fishing Vessels Detained/ 24 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines/ DB230420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 24 fishermen onboard six fishing boats were apprehended by Coast Guard Baybay maritime law enforcement team and local government units for illegally fishing without appropriate permit at vicinity 3.2 NM West off Barangay Guadalupe, Baybay City, Leyte on 15 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

14 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Malapascua Island, Cebu, Philippines/ DB220420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that three fishermen onboard fishing banca "Roel" were apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Malapascua maritime law enforcement team and local government unit for illegally fishing using unauthorized fish nets off Monad Shoal, Malapascua Island, Daanbantayan, Cebu on 14 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

22 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (93kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB240420

Sri Lankan Navy apprehended two persons along with a haul of 93kg of cannabis which had been attempted to transport to the land by a dinghy, at the Kadeikadu South beach area in Vettalaikerni, Jaffna on 22 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/23/202004231130/>

[https://www.facebook.com/SriLankaNavyOfficial/posts/2953788881369967?\\_\\_tn\\_\\_=R](https://www.facebook.com/SriLankaNavyOfficial/posts/2953788881369967?__tn__=R)

18 Apr - Natural Resources/ Wood (50 tons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic/ Kepulauan Meranti Regency, Indonesia/ DB210420

The Riau Regional Police's Water Police Directorate seized around 50 tons of wood without official documents in the waters of the Kepulauan Meranti Regency Riau Province came from Padang Island.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/1429572/polda-riau-sita-50-ton-kayu-tanpa-dokumen-di-kepulauan-meranti>

Events outside reporting period:

17 Apr - Wildlife/ Live Crabs (4000 kg)/ Two Small Boats/ From Indonesia To Malaysia/ Tawau, Malaysia/ DB200420

Malaysia Marine police foiled an attempt to smuggle in 4,000kg of live crabs estimated worth around RM400,000 (US\$91,500) from a neighbouring country via Sg Tawau Lama, about 3.05am, Thursday.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/150932/rm400k-crabs-smuggling-despitemco/>

15 Apr - Wildlife/ Donkey Skin (17 ton), Sea Cucumbers (520kg), Fish Maw (2kg)/ Container Ship/ From Egypt To Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB210420

Hong Kong Customs said today they detected a sea-bound smuggling case, which include the biggest donkey skin seizure in Hong Kong, at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound yesterday through risk assessment.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/145813/Customs-seizebiggest-haul-of-donkey-skin>

15 Apr – Wildlife/ Dried Shark Fins (One ton)/ Container Ship/ From Sri Lanka To Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB210420

Hong Kong Custom Officers selected a container arriving in from Sri Lanka for inspection and found the batch of scheduled dried shark fins mix-loaded with nonscheduled dried shark fins inside the container.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/145813/Customs-seizebiggest-haul-of-donkey-skin>

9 Apr – Wildlife/ Donkey Skins (16 ton)/ Container Ship/ From Egypt To Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB210420

On 9 Apr 20, officers seized about 16 tons of smuggled donkey skins from a container, which also arrived from Egypt and was declared to be carrying table salt.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/145813/Customs-seizebiggest-haul-of-donkey-skin>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

21 Apr – Human Smuggling/ Eight Indonesian Migrants Going From Malaysia To Indonesia/ Speed Boat/ Off Teluk Ramunia, Malaysia/ DB230420

A tugboat was collided with a marine police patrol boat in the waters of Pantai Teluk Ramunia, Sungai Rengit, near Kota Tinggi on Tuesday

IFC Comments: Malaysia ILO updated that the collision was happened between a Marine Police Patrol boat and a fiber glass 25ft speed boat with 200hp OBM, not a tugboat as reported in the news. The speed boat hit the patrol boat then caused it to capsize. 8 people on the boat were thrown overboard and caused a dead, a missing and six arrest made. All of them were Indonesian. Those people are suspected in involved in syndicate that brought in/out the Indonesian worker from/to Malaysia to/from Indonesia. The missing person was found dead and recovered on the evening of 22 Apr.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/one-indonesian-dies-another-missing-in-boatcollision-in-teluk-ramunia-KY2320518> Johor Marine Police OPCEN

21 Apr – Human Smuggling/ Two Indonesian Migrants going From Malaysia To Indonesia/ Small Boat/ Nongsa, Batam, Indonesia/ DB230420

The Nongsa Sector Police arrested two Indonesian workers (TKI) along with their tekong (boat master) at Nongsa Beach, Batam.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://batampos.co.id/2020/04/22/tki-dan-tekongnya-ditangkap-di-pantai-nongsa/>

18 Apr – Human Smuggling/ 22 Indonesian Migrants going From Malaysia To Indonesia/ Fishing Vessel/ Tanjung Jumpul, Indonesia/ DB220420

Dozens of Indonesian migrant workers returning from Malaysia have been caught attempting to sneak past border authorities via illegal routes.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/04/21/dozens-of-indonesian-migrantworkers-caught-returning-from-malaysia-via-illegal-routes.html>

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2020/04/20/15165981/22-tki-ilegal-darimalaysia-dicegat-tni-al-saat-akan-menyusup-masuk-dini?page=1>

Information Update:

13 Apr – Human Smuggling/ 396 Rohingya Migrants from Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Trawler/ Off Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh / DB200420 (Update from DB170420)

**Update status:**

The official also revised the death toll to 60 from 32.

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

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/645628-60-rohingya-die-at-sea>



**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, Malaysian and Indonesian 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.

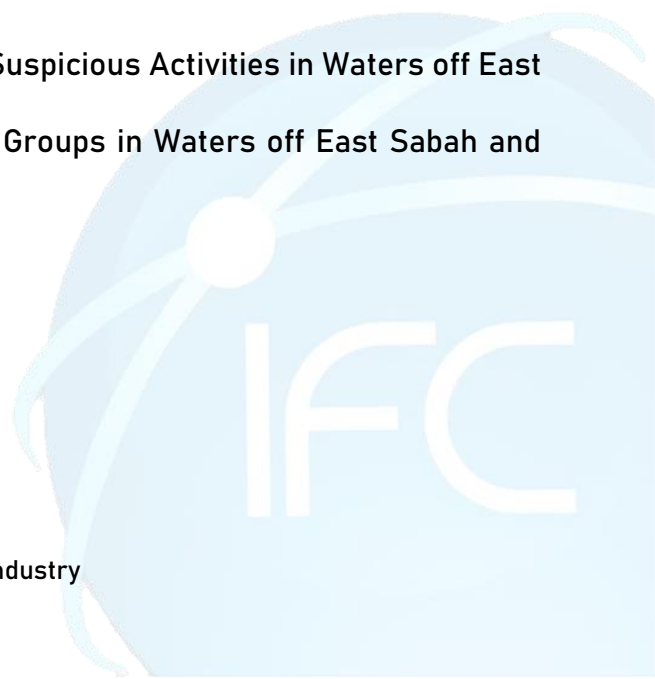
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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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