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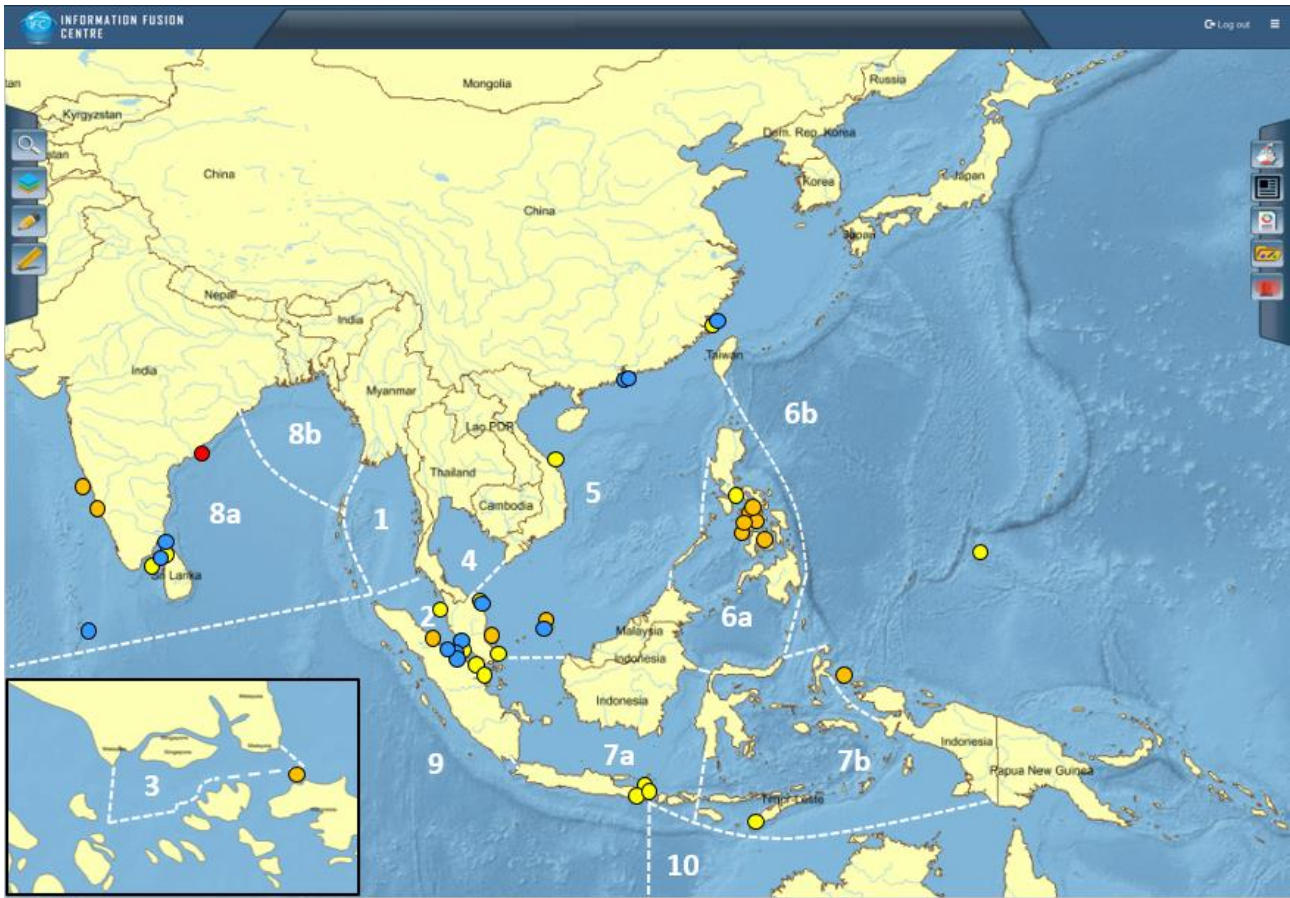
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# OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 03 to 09 Oct 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)       | 1                   | 2              |
| Maritime Terrorism (MT)                        | 0                   | 3              |
| Maritime Incidents (MI)                        | 16                  | 4-8            |
| Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU) | 13                  | 9-11           |
| Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)             | 12                  | 12-14          |
| Irregular Human Migration (IHM)                | 0                   | 15             |
| Others   | 0                   | 16             |

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

04 Oct – Sea Theft/ PACIFIC AURORA/ Bulk Carrier/ Singapore Flagged/ Anchored/ Kakinada Anchorage, India/ DB081020

1. A sea theft occurred onboard a Singapore flagged Bulk Carrier "PACIFIC AURORA" while anchored at Lat: 17 05N Long: 82 38E, Kakinada Anchorage, India at 0004 (UTC+5.30) on 04 Oct 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: PACIFIC AURORA
- b. Call sign: 9VGX4
- c. IMO: 9386287
- d. MMSI: 563502000
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Well Stimulation Vessel
- g. Ship Owner: Swire Pacific Offshore Ops
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Swire Pacific Offshore Ops
- i. LPOC: India
- j. NPOC: India

3. Incident Details:

One perpetrator was sighted at the vessel. Alarm was sounded and the perpetrator escaped. Master completed search and found mooring ropes missing. No info of vessel coming to Singapore port. No one was injured.

IFC Comments:

IFC has RFI the company and the manager verified the incident details. The local authorities had been informed of the incident

News Link(s)/Info Source:

POCC

Information Update:

23 Sep – Sea Theft/ UNI BLOSSOM/ Bulk Carrier/ Hong Kong Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Straits/ DB061020  
(Information Update from DB290920)

Updated that 40kg of auxiliary engine spare parts were stolen as the perpetrators managed to get to the engine room via the accommodation area.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20\(caa%2028%20Sep%2020\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20(caa%2028%20Sep%2020).pdf)

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9367>

## SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

### Information Update:

16 Jan - Hijacking-Kidnapping/ Five Indonesian Fishermen Abducted/ Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)/ Trawler/ Off Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia/ DB051020  
(Information Update from DB011020)

Authorities have identified the deceased and said that his cause of death was not a gunshot wound as stated in the previous article.

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

<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/philippine/death-update-10022020153611.html>



## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

08 Oct – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, One Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Muka Head Lighthouse, Penang, Malaysia/ DB091020

Local authorities received an emergency call regarding a Class C local fishing boat reported to have sunk at 0225 (UTC+8) this morning at a position 5.3 nautical miles southwest of the Muka Head Lighthouse, Penang.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3364794420279116>

<https://headtopics.com/my/one-dead-one-missing-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-off-muka-head-16135952>

06 Oct – Vessels Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia/ DB091020

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) Kelantan has successfully detained two foreign vessels suspected to be 'supply vessels' or 'feeder' fuel to Vietnamese foreign fishing boats in the South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3364887010269857>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1887785>

07 Oct – Others/ Rough Seas/ Two Passenger Vessels/ Off Ketapang Port, Indonesia/ DB081020

Two passenger vessels were dragged away due to rough seas off Ketapang Port, Indonesia, on 07 Oct 20. All passengers from both vessels have been safely evacuated.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp.agung-Wilis-1-8922876.html>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Dharma-Rucitra-6502945.html>

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5203431/2-kapal-di-bali-hilang-kendali-karena-terseret-arus-penumpang-dievakulasi>

06 Oct – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead/ Off Barangay, Philippines/ DB081020

Fisherman suffered heart attack out at sea while fishing and his body was found off Barangay, Philippines, on 06 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/mangingisda-natagpuang-patay-sa-dagat-ng-barangay-concepcion/>

05 Oct – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Six Missing, Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Danang, Vietnam/ DB081020

A cargo ship sunk off Danang, Vietnam on 05 Oct 20, leaving six crew missing and five rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/10/07/vietnamese-cargo-ship-flooding-limping-along-coastline-south-china-sea/>

05 Oct – Vessels Detained/ Illegal STS/ Tanker, Transport Ship/ Off Tanjung Kelesa, Malaysia/ DB081020

Local authorities detained two vessels on 05 Oct 20 for carrying ship to ship activities without permission off Tanjung Kelesa, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3360644417360783>

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/malaysia-mmea-johor-detains-two-vessels-in-illegal-ship-to-ship-bunker-transfer/>

05 Oct – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 12 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bali, Indonesia/ DB081020

A fishing vessel carrying 12 passengers has lost contact off Southern Bali, Indonesia on 05 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/07/c\\_139423667.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/07/c_139423667.htm)

05 Oct – Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Cargo Ship/ Off Lumut, Perak, Malaysia/ DB071020

A cargo boat was detained by the Perak State Maritime for the name of the captain not being the same as recorded on the ship's license around 1430 (UTC+8) on Monday, 05 Oct 20, off Lumut, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3358376974254194>

04 Oct – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Off Bali, Indonesia/ DB071020

The Bali Search and Rescue Team are still searching for 2 fishermen that reportedly went missing on Sunday, 04 Oct 20, afternoon near Tanah Lot Temple in Bali.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thebalisun.com/two-men-have-gone-missing-at-sea-near-tanah-lot-in-bali/>

03 Oct – Vessel Detained/ Illegal Dredging/ Dredger/ Off Nangan, Matsu Island, Taiwan/ DB061020

A dredger was detained by local authorities for illegally dredging off Nangan, Matsu Island, Taiwan on 03 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/4023609>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

02 Oct – Mechanical Failure/ Steering Damage/ Passenger Vessel/ 50 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kera Island, Indonesia/ DB081020

A passenger vessel suffered steering damage on 02 Oct 20, off Kera Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://darilaut.id/berita/rusak-kemudi-di-pulau-kera-sabuk-nusantara-55-berhasil-dievakiasi>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Km-Sabuk-Nusantara55-l1864571.html>

30 Sep – Missing/ Head Injury/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB081020

A missing fisherman washed ashore in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, after going missing on 30 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/tn-fishermans-body-brought-from-sri-lanka/articleshow/78518784.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/tn-fishermans-body-brought-from-sri-lanka/articleshow/78518784.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

17 Sep – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yap Island, Federated States of Micronesia/ DB081020

A fishing vessel grounded off Yap Island, Federated States of Micronesia, on 17 Sep 20. Nine crew were all safely rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Hwa-Gwo-No6-l2236672.html>

02 Oct – Fire-Explosion/ Gas Explosion/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tharuvaikulam, India/ DB071020

A fishing vessel was completely destroyed after a fire broke out due to a gas explosion inside the vessel on Friday, 02 Oct 20, at Tharuvaikulam Fishing Harbour.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/mechanised-boat-insulated-truck-destroyed-in-fire/article32752764.ece>

02 Oct – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Dredger vs Tanker/ Melaka Anchorage, Malaysia/ DB051020

A dredger sailing at full speed struck anchored tanker with moored alongside supply vessel, at 1140 (UTC +8) on 2 Oct, in Melaka Anchorage, Malaysia, Malacca Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Strovolos-9178056.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCff3Dq5LPTkhi8GDxnorrA>

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/10/03/dredger-struck-tanker-full-speed-malacca-strait-video/>

30 Sep – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Activity/ Small Boat/ Off Sungai Rengit, Malaysia/ DB051020

Two local men arrested by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) were suspected of returning from sending foreign migrants in a raid in waters off eastern Johor on 30 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.kosmo.com.my/2020/10/01/2-lelaki-hantar-migran-](https://www.kosmo.com.my/2020/10/01/2-lelaki-hantar-migran-diberkas/?fbclid=IwAR2sXf8paXHGRXxEMF0wV1PI5yidS3k8bvB5miKJ6Z26t8ErQv2Pr8tUwOM)

[diberkas/?fbclid=IwAR2sXf8paXHGRXxEMF0wV1PI5yidS3k8bvB5miKJ6Z26t8ErQv2Pr8tUwOM](https://www.kosmo.com.my/2020/10/01/2-lelaki-hantar-migran-diberkas/?fbclid=IwAR2sXf8paXHGRXxEMF0wV1PI5yidS3k8bvB5miKJ6Z26t8ErQv2Pr8tUwOM)

Information Update:

03 Sep – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Dead, 22 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB071020

(Information Update from DB160920)

Indian Coast Guard escorted immobile oil tanker MT New Diamond to Fujairah Port in UAE.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-indian-coast-guard-escorts-immobile-oil-tanker-mt-new-diamond-to-fujairah-port-in-uae-2847621>

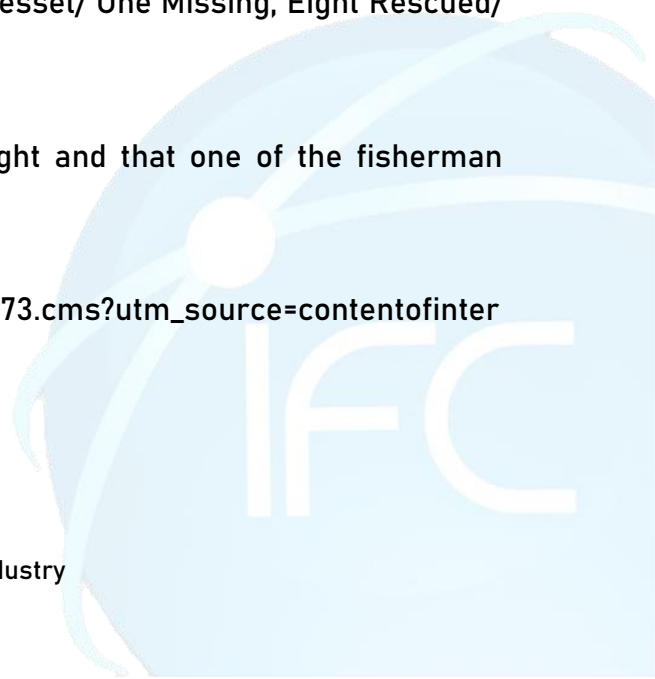
13 Sep – Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing, Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sittwe, Myanmar/ DB061020

(Information Update from DB150920)

Updated that the number of people rescued were eight and that one of the fisherman remains missing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/78474573.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/78474573.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)



29 Sep – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ One Dead, One Missing, 12 Rescued/  
SAR/ Off Guangdong, China/ DB051020  
(Information Update from DB011020)

Twelve people have been rescued and one remains missing after a fishing-vessel accident in south China's Guangdong Province Saturday, local authorities said.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://global.foreignaffairs.co.nz/2020/10/04/mil-osi-china-12-rescued-1-missing-after-shipping-accident-in-south-china/>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2020/10/04/12-rescued-1-missing-after-shipping-accident-in-south-china>



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

07 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 22 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Jintotolo Island, Balud, Masbate, Philippines/ DB091020

22 crew onboard a commercial fishing vessel were arrested when it was discovered by the Maritime Police that they were illegally fishing in the ocean covered by Jintotolo Island, Balud, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://pilipinomirror.com/22-tripulante-nalambat-ng-maritime/>

06 Oct - Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 22 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kemaman, Malaysia/ DB091020

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency on Tuesday, 06 Oct 20, detained a Vietnamese fishing boat and its 22 crew members for encroaching into Malaysian waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1887785>

05 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Barangay Gargato, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB091020

At around 1330 (UTC+8), 05 Oct 20, local authorities caught four suspects in a water boat of Brgy Gargato, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/146098862519537/posts/1004061063389975/>

04 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Bantayan Island, Cebu, Philippines/ DB091020

At about 1000 (UTC+8) of 04 Oct 20, local authorities intercepted one fishing boat with seven crew members along seawaters of Sitio Mambacayao Diot, Lipayran, Bantayan Island, Cebu, for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/146098862519537/posts/1004058776723537/>

06 Oct - Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local and Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Teluk Sebong District, Bintan, Indonesia/ DB071020

A foreign fishing vessel was secured by the Tanjunguban Class II Sea and Coast Guard (PPLP) because it broke into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia on 06 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://batam.suara.com/amp/read/2020/10/06/164444/lakukan-illegal-fishing-kapal-malaysia-diamankan-penjaga-laut-ri>

06 Oct – Poaching/ Two Philippine Vessels Detained/ 21 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Ayu Islands, Indonesia/ DB071020

Two Philippine fishing boats, with 21 crew members onboard have been detained for poaching in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Indonesia's fisheries management area (WPP) in the Pacific Ocean on 06 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/158333/indonesia-detains-two-filipino-fishing-boats>  
[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/06/c\\_139422587.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/06/c_139422587.htm)

05 Oct – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Panaji, India/ DB071020

Coastal Police arrested seven persons for illegal fishing activity off Cakra coast, near Panaji, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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<https://www.prudentmedia.in/crime/goa-police-amp-coastal-police-arrests-7-for-illegal-fishing-off-cakra-beach.html>  
<https://goanewshub.com/seven-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-off-cakra-beach/>

04 Oct – Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kuala Pahang, Malaysia/ DB061020

Local authorities detained a fishing vessel with 13 foreign fishermen for illegally fishing off Kuala Pahan, Malaysia, on 04 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3355780534513838>  
<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1886684>

03 Oct – Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Natuna Islands, Indonesia/ DB051020

The Indonesian Navy said Saturday, 03 Oct 20, that it has seized two foreign flagged fishing vessels on the North Natuna Sea in the Riau Islands province.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/03/c\\_139417092.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/03/c_139417092.htm)  
<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2020/10/04/indonesia-seizes-vietnamese-boats-for-illegal-fishing>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

02 Oct – Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Karwar, India/ DB051020

India Coast Guard (CG) authorities seized two fishing vessels from Malpe, which were carrying out bull trawling in Arabian Sea off Karwar coast and brought them to Karwar fishing port on Friday, 02 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/two-boats-seized-for-illegal-fishing-in-arabian-sea/articleshow/78452975.cms#:~:text=Karwar%3A%20Coast%20Guard%20\(CG\),Karwar%20fishing%20port%20on%20Friday.&text=Fisheries%20officials%20said%20that%20they,fish%20caught%20by%20the%20boats.](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/two-boats-seized-for-illegal-fishing-in-arabian-sea/articleshow/78452975.cms#:~:text=Karwar%3A%20Coast%20Guard%20(CG),Karwar%20fishing%20port%20on%20Friday.&text=Fisheries%20officials%20said%20that%20they,fish%20caught%20by%20the%20boats.)

01 Oct – Local/ One Fishing Vessel/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Camarines Sur, Philippines/ DB051020

On 01 Oct 20, at 0044 (UTC+9), an unmarked commercial fishing vessel utilising trawl was also apprehended in the vicinity of Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/bfarfpleg.regionv/posts/174334177684825>

30 Sept – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Camarines Sur, Philippines/ DB051020

On 30 Sep at 2336 (UTC+9), DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Protection Group Region 5 led by FROI Marcial Beleno apprehended FB MARIA KYLIE, a municipal fishing banca utilizing trawl in the vicinity of Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

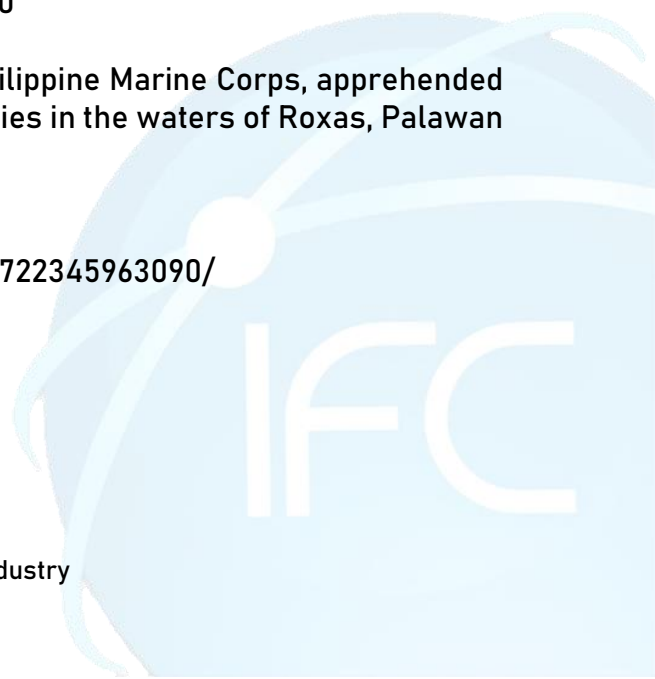
<https://www.facebook.com/bfarfpleg.regionv/posts/174334177684825>

29 Sep – Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Roxas City, Palawan, Philippines/ DB051020

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), together with the Philippine Marine Corps, apprehended two motorbancas used in separate illegal fishing activities in the waters of Roxas, Palawan on 29 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/112152289453434/posts/613722345963090/>



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

05 Oct – Natural Resources/ Orchids, Cactus Plant (300)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun, Hong Kong/ DB081020

Local authorities seized 300 orchids and cactus plants at Tuen Mun, Hong Kong on 05 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3104535/hong-kong-customs-links-surge-value-sea-smuggling>

05 Oct – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2 Million Sticks)/ Three Small Boats/ To Malaysia/ Off Pantai Sabak, Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB071020

The Kelantan Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) thwarted an attempt to smuggle 200 packages containing two million cigarettes worth RM160,000 (US\$38,526) in Pantai Sabak waters on 05 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3358415404250351>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1887121>

04 Oct – Drugs/ Ecstasy, Meth, Heroine (98.6kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Addu Atoll, Maldives/ DB071020

Maldives Police Service, on Sunday, 04 Oct 20, arrested 14 individuals in a special drug operation ongoing in Addu Atoll.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://edition.mv/news/19548>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

22 Sep – Domestic Products/ Alcohol (400 Boxes)/ General Cargo Ship/ To Indonesia/ Off Inhil Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB091020

Local authorities thwarted an attempt to smuggle hundreds of boxes of liquor (Miras) from various brands in the Tembilahan Hulu area of Inhil Regency, on Monday, 22 Sep, at around 0030 (UTC+7).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riaulink.com/news/detail/15695/polisi-inhil-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ribuan-botol-miras>

15 Sep – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2000 Packs)/ Small Boat/From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Pinggir Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB091020

A motor boat carrying illegal cigarettes was examined and arrested by the KP patrol team off Tanjung Pinggir Batam, Riau Islands on Tuesday, 15 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.matakepri.com/detail-news/2020/09/18/19523/Polisi-Gagalkan-Penyelundupan-2000-Bungkus-Rokok-Merek-Gudang-Garam-di-Batam->

14 Sep – Drugs/ Meth/ Fishing Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Off Sinaboi, Indonesia/ DB091020

Local authorities arrested three perpetrators and a fishing boat carrying crystal meth while in Kuala Sinaboi waters, Sinaboi (~2 20N 100 46E), Monday, 14 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://riaupos.jawapos.com/rokan-hilir/15/09/2020/238224/bawa-paket-sabu-tiga-pelaku-diamankan-dari-perairan-sinaboi.html>

03 Sep – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (6 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Indra Giri Hilir Regency, Riau, Indonesia/ DB091020

Local authorities thwarted cigarette smuggling from Batam, Thursday, 03 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://suryakepri.com/2020/09/03/polair-karimun-gagalkan-penyeludupan-rokok-dari-batam/>

01 Oct – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (6.46 million sticks)/ Container Ship/ To Malaysia/ Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB081020

Local authorities' foiled attempt to smuggle cigarettes at North Port of Port Klang, Malaysia, on 01 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1887337>

02 Oct – Drugs/ Cannabis (170kg)/ Small Boat/ From India To Sri Lanka/ Off Thanajavur, India/ DB051020

Indian Police in Tamil Nadu, foiled an attempt to smuggle 170 kilos of Ganja to Sri Lanka via sea route and arrested three persons at Velivayal fishing hamlet near Sethubavachthira, in Thanajavur district on Friday, 02 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.uniindia.com/police-seize-170-kg-ganja-meant-for-smuggling-to-sri-lanka-3-held/south/news/2185426.html>

02 Oct – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (902kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB051020

The Sri Lankan Navy nabbed 2 suspects with a stock of over 902kg of dried turmeric, while being smuggled by sea on 02 Oct 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2020/10/03/202010031200/>

25 Sep – Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Wenzhou, China/ DB051020

The China Coast Guard has seized large quantities of cigarettes worth 50 million Yuan (US\$7,362,902) on 25 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2020/10/04/china-seizes-large-quantities-of-cigarettes-in-100mil-yuan-smuggling-cases>

09 Sep – Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Zhuhai, China/ DB051020

A large quantity of cigarettes were seized by maritime police in the sea off Zhuhai Jinwan Airport in south China's Guangdong Province on 09 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2020/10/04/china-seizes-large-quantities-of-cigarettes-in-100mil-yuan-smuggling-cases>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Information Update:

23 Aug – Human Smuggling/ 12 Hong Kong Migrants going from Hong Kong to Taiwan/ Small Boat/ Off Guangdong, China/ DB280920 (Information Update from DB280820)

The date of the incident has been updated. The Guangdong Coast Guard seized a ship suspected of illegally entering the waters of the city of Shenzhen, about 26 nautical miles southeast of the Hong Kong waters, media reported. The Guangdong Coast Guard found 12 Hong Kong people who were then arrested in accordance with the law on suspicion of "smuggling across the border."

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

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/politics/article/3103191/hong-kong-police-investigating-accomplices-12-residents>

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1202147.shtml>



**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

### 2020

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 1/20 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manila and Batangas Bay, Philippines

Analyst Journal 1/20 – Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

Analyst Journal 2/20 – Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

### 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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