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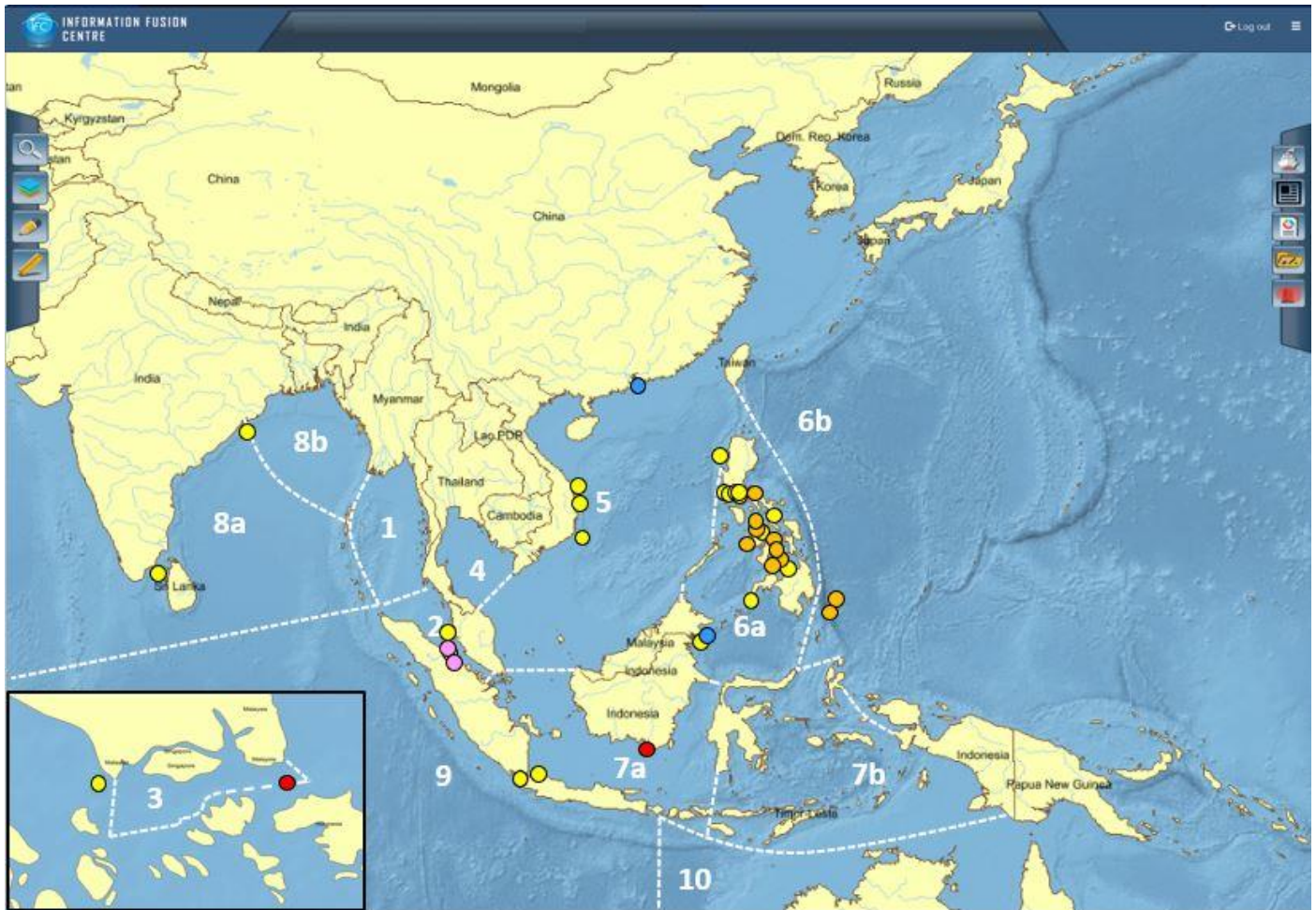
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 25 to 30 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)	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	22	5-11
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	10	12-14
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	2	15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	2	16
Others	0	17

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

30 Apr – Attempted Action/ Chem Ranger/ Tanker/ Marshall Islands Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB300420

1. IFC received information from POCC that Marshal Islands Flagged tanker “Chem Ranger” reported that she was boarded by three perpetrators while underway at Lat 01 16.7N and Long 104 16.9E along eastbound lane of Traffic Separation in Singapore Strait at 05:15 (UTC +8) on 30 Apr.

2. Vessel Information.

a. Name: MT CHEM RANGER

b. Callsign: V7YC8

c. IMO: 9490296

d. MMSI: 538004628

e. Flag: Marshall Island

f. Type: Tanker

g. Ship Owner: Lantern Maritime Co

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Interunity Management Corp SA

i. LPOC: Singapore

j. NPOC: South Korea

3. The master requested to return Singapore for assistance as he is unsure if the perpetrators had left. All crew (Russian, Philippine, Latvia and Ukraine) are reported to be safe. Singapore Police Coast Guard have boarded the vessel and conducted checks. No items were reported stolen and no perpetrators found onboard.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: POCC Singapore



Events outside reporting period:

12 Apr - Sea Theft/ JASMINE/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia Flagged/ Anchored/ Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB280420

1. A sea theft incident occurred on board a Liberia flagged bulk carrier "JASMINE" while anchored at Lat: 03° 41.26 S Long: 114° 27.36 E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia on 12 Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: JASMINE
- b. Call sign: D5PJ3
- c. IMO: 9514327
- d. MMSI: 636018362
- e. Flag: Liberia
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Sea 121 Leasing Co Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: DryLog Services Ltd
- i. LPOC: Info Gap
- j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

On 12 Apr 20 It has been reported that a robbery occurred on a Bulk Carrier whilst anchored in Taboneo Anchorage. On-duty crew members were carrying out routine rounds when they noticed the Forward Store padlock broken, ship's stores had been stolen. They informed Indonesian Marine Police HQ and Indonesian Navy HQ.

IFC Comments:

This open source information has not been verified or confirmed by ship/cargo owner. RFI has been sent to Indonesia ILO and company/owner to verify the details, including time of incident. Indonesia ILO has verified with the Banjarmasin Naval Base and local Marine Police(Polair Polda of South Kalimantan) that they have not yet received reports or information about this incident.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9285>

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-report/details/179/1914>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

Information Update:

16 Jan - Hijacking-Kidnapping/ Trawler/ Malaysia Flagged/ Underway, Five Indonesians Kidnapped/ Abu Sayyaf Group/ Off Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia/ DB290420
(Information Update From DB310320)

Five fishermen are back in the hands of their Abu Sayyaf captors following a gunbattle on Jolo island.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/04/28/hostages-back-in-the--hands-of-abu--sayyaf-captors>

<https://www.asiaone.com/malaysia/short-lived-freedom-5-hostages-abu-sayyaf>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/04/27/short-lived-freedom-for-five>

15 Apr - Bombing/ IED/ Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/ Two Small Boats, Five Government Vessels/ Mahibandhoo, Alif Dhaalu Atoll, Maldives/ DB270420
(Information Update from DB200420)

The Islamic State magazine, al-Naba, on claimed responsibility for a bombing that set five boats — including a police vessel and an ambulance — on fire in Mahibadho in Maldives. The magazine said “soldiers of the Caliphate attacked 5 boats belonging to the apostate Maldivian government”. Maldives Police sources confirmed that the attack had been carried out using a simple improvised explosive device. Police had earlier characterised the bombing as “a retaliatory attack for recent investigations into drug trafficking and religious extremism”.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.news18.com/news/india/in-midst-of-covid-19-a-rising-tide-of-narcotics-trafficking-from-pak-feeds-jihadist-uptake-in-indian-ocean-2581659.html>



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

28 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Currimao, Ilocos Norte, Philippines/ DB300420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that Coast Guard Station Ilocos Norte and Philippine National Police Maritime Group is in search of a fisherman who was reported missing on 28 Apr 20.

IFC Comments: Philippine ILO updated that on 10:08 (UTC+8) 30 Apr 20, the reported missing fisherman along municipal waters of Currimao, Ilocos Norte was found alive and recovered by his fellow fisherman.

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

28 Apr - MOB/ Epilepsy/ Small Boat/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Kronjo, Tangerang, Indonesia/ DB300420

At 29 Apr, Joint SAR Team from Banten Naval Base and Tangerang SAR Agency succeeded in finding the Kronjo Fisherman who sank and disappeared on 28 Apr 20.

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

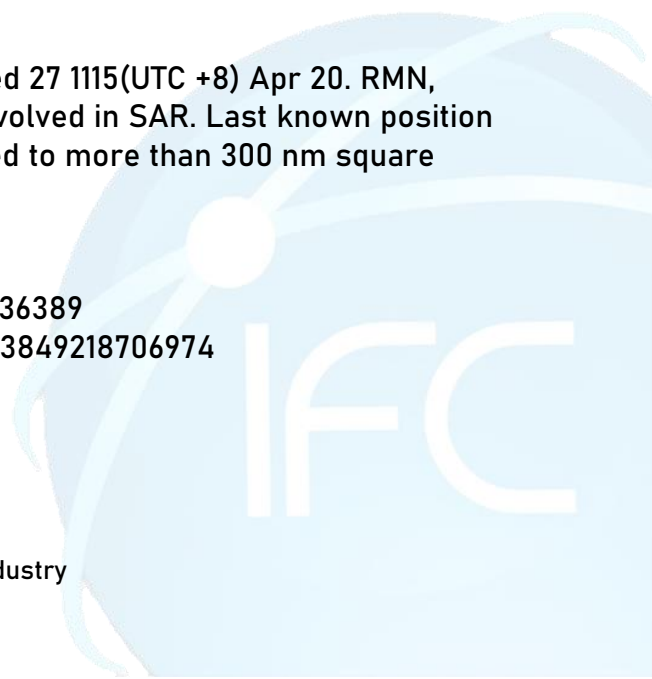
News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<http://koranprogresif.co.id/tim-sar-lanal-banten-berhasil-menemukan-korban-yang-tenggelam/>

27 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Trawler/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Pulau Segantang, Malaysia/ DB290420

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency has launched a search and rescue operation for two fishermen who were reported missing after their Class B boat, was believed to have capsized near Pulau Segantang.

IFC Comments: Malaysia ILO updated that SAR activated 27 1115(UTC +8) Apr 20. RMN, MMEA, Marine Police and local fishery communities involved in SAR. Last known position of the boat at 06 6.94N 99 55.66E. Search area expanded to more than 300 nm square area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1836389>
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/2913849218706974>



27 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Bulk Carrier/ Off Kukup Island, Johor, Malaysia/ DB290420

The Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency Johor detained a bulk carrier near Pulau Kukup on 27 Apr 20 at 1845 (UTC +8) for anchoring without permission.

IFC Comments: This article has been translated to English.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=agensi%20penguatkuasaan%20maritim%20malaysia&epa=SEARCH_BOX

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/2914055898686306>

26 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ Vinh Tan Port, Vietnam/ DB280420

General cargo ship loaded with stone reportedly sank in Vinh Tan Vietnam but crew was safe, in the evening 26 Apr.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2020/29505/cargo-ship-sank-harbor-vietnam/>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/27/cargo-ship-sank-in-harbor-vietnam/>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Minh-Phat-09-9527386.html>

26 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Sea/ Fishing Vessel/ Three rescued/ SAR/ Off Ly Son Islands, Vietnam/ DB280420

Three fishermen from central Quang Nam Province were rescued 10 miles off the Ly Son Islands of Quang Ngai Province after their vessel sank on Sunday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

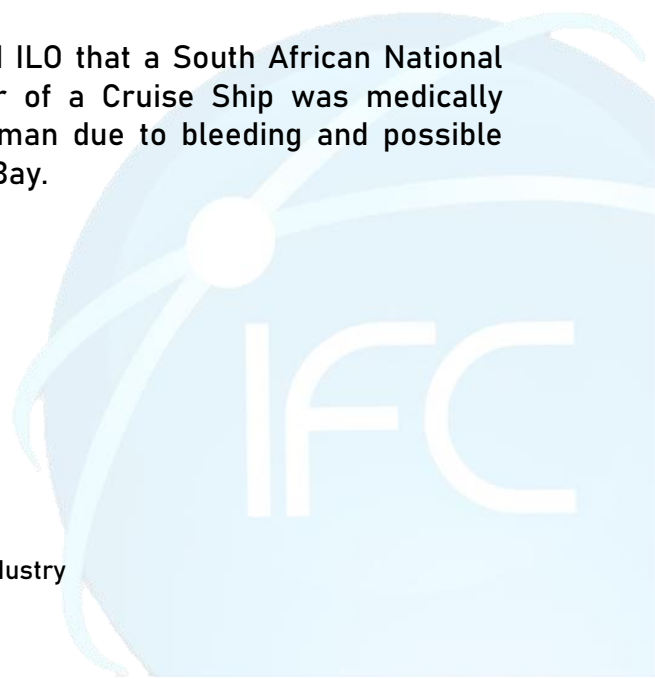
<https://vietnamnews.vn/society/715921/fishermen-rescued-off-ly-son-islands.html>

25 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Pregnancy Complication/ Cruise Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Manila Bay, Philippines/ DB290420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a South African National identified as Nonsindo Lubisi who was a passenger of a Cruise Ship was medically evacuated by the Coast Guard vessel BRP Kalanggaman due to bleeding and possible miscarriage while the vessel was anchored at Manila Bay.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



25 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Sudden Collapse/ General Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ North Harbor, Manila, Philippines/ DB290420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that the Chief Engineer of a Cargo vessel was medically evacuated by Coast Guard Sub-Station North Harbor and Manila North Harbor Port Inc medical team after he suddenly collapse and accidentally bumped his head on the metal surface while about to enter in his cabin, while the vessel was docked at North Harbor, Manila.

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

25 Apr - Mechanical Failure, Missing/ Engine Failure/ Fishing Boat/ Two Rescued/ Off Camiguin, Philippines/ DB290420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that two fishermen who was reportedly missing on 25 Apr 20 were rescued by a passing motor banca off Jicdup Reef, Camiguin on 26 Apr 20. Based on the report, while they were conducting fishing at vicinity waters of Surigao Del Norte, they encountered engine trouble and drifted at to Jicdup Reef in Camiguin.

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

Events outside reporting period:

24 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ 102 Rescued/ SAR/ Sunda Strait, Indonesia/ DB270420

Ferry with 102 passengers on board suffered engine failure in Sunda Strait, south of Bakauheni, Sumatra, while en route from Jakarta to Panjang, Sumatra.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/26/ferry-disabled-in-sunda-strait-102-passengers-evacuated/>
<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2020/29501/ferry-disabled-sunda-strait-102-passengers-evacuat/>

24 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Sea/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Grande Island, Philippines/ DB270420

Three fishermen, two of them minors, were rescued after their boat capsized off Grande Island on Friday afternoon.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://centralluzon.politics.com.ph/3-fishermen-including-2-minors-rescued-in-subic-bay-after-boat-capsized/>

24 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Pregnancy Bleeding/ Cruise Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Manila Bay Anchorage, Philippines/ DB270420

The Philippine Coast Guard conducted a medical evacuation to assist a nine-week pregnant Argentine who experienced bleeding aboard a cruise ship at the Manila Bay Anchorage area.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/514828025852523?__tn__=-R

24 Apr - Work Accident/ Decompression Sickness/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off Teresapuram Coast, India/ DB270420

A fisherman, who dived into deep sea reportedly to release the fishnet entangled in a rock, died later in the hospital on Friday night due to suspected decompression.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/fisherman-dies-in-hospital-after-diving-deep/article31433696.ece>

24 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ Off Ganjam, India/ DB280420

Body of a fisherman was recovered from the beach near Proyogi village under Ganjam block in this district Saturday morning after the boat he and four others were fishing from capsized on Friday night.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.orissapost.com/boat-capsize-kills-one-four-others-swim-to-safety-in-ganjam/>

23 Apr - Mechanical Failure, Sunk-Capsized/ Engine Failure, Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sungai Pukol, Sebatik Island, Malaysia/ DB270420

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency rescued two victims from a sinking boat at Sungai Pukol, Sebatik Island on late Thursday afternoon.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2020/04/25/duo-rescued-from-sinking-boat-by-mmea/>



22 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Fire in Engine Room/ Cargo Ship/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB290420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a local cargo vessel caught fire at vicinity 300 meters off PMI Wharf, Baliwasan Zamboanga City on 22 Apr 20. Based on report, Coast Guard Station Zamboanga deployed one Coast Guard vessel BRP Malamawi after receiving the report of a fire onboard a water craft. With the assistance from the Bureau of Fire Protection – Zamboanga, the fire was contained while all four crew were rescued. Based on initial investigation, while underway to anchorage area, a fire broke out from the engine room.

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

21 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Stroke/ Bulk Carrier/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Belawan, Indonesia/ DB270420

A 45-year-old man on board a bulk carrier was found with stroke and medevac to Belawan on 21 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.poandpo.com/news/indonesia-emergency-evacuation-granted-for-seafarer-after-multiple-requests-for-help-2142020603/>
<https://seanews.ru/en/2020/04/24/en-crew-member-medevacked-after-almost-4-days/>

21 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines/ DB280420

Midway in their relief distribution while checking on fishermen, the team caught up with three men swimming by a half-capsized boat in the vicinity waters of Brgy, Booy.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.philippinesnews.net/news/264844825/pcg-bohol-rescues-fishermen-amid-relief-distribution#>

20 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Maritime Safety Violation/ Local Passenger Boat/ Off Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines/ DB280420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a motor banca was apprehended by Coast Guard Station Capiz maritime law enforcement team for unauthorized operation off Mantalinga Island, Roxas City, Capiz. The motor banca who is only authorized to carry passengers based on their Certificate issued by the government was caught towing a small barge.

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



19 Apr – Fire-Explosion/ Engine Overheat/ Small Boat/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pilar, Sorsogon, Philippines/ DB280420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that seven persons were rescued after their motor banca caught fire due to engine overheat off Barangay San Rafael. Based on the report, while conducting fishing on the area, the engine overheated and eventually caused the fire onboard. The fishermen manage to jump overboard and swim for safety. The incident was reported to Coast Guard Sub-Station Pilar who immediately deployed a SAR team. Luckily, a passing motor banca rescued all the fishermen and was brought to the shoreline while another passing motor banca was able to tow the vessel to the shoreline.

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

19 Apr – MEDEVAC/ Breathing Difficulty/ General Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB280420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a Filipino crew of a Philippine Flag General Cargo Ship was medically evacuated by Coast Guard Sub-Station Vitas SAR team off Manila North Anchorage Area due to allergy causing breathing difficulty.

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

10 Apr – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ Off Quy Nhon, Vietnam/ DB270420

Container ship was identified by Vietnamese Maritime Authorities and Coast Guard, as the ship involved in hit-and-run accident, said Quy Nhon Maritime Port Authority in a statement.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/25/container-ship-involved-in-hit-and-run-identified/>
<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2020/29493/container-ship-involved-hit-and-run-identified/>



Information Update:

20 Apr – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Illegal Activity/ Government Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/
Four Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Anambas Islands, Indonesia/ DB290420
(Information Update from DB240420)

On 28 April, a rescue department official (Vietnamese Ministry of Defense) announced that search and rescue operations for the four missing fishermen in Indonesian waters had failed.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/thoi-su/5-tau-indonesia-va-viet-nam-dang-tim-kiem-4-ngu-dan-mat-tich-1216980.html>

<https://www.rfa.org/vietnamese/news/vietnamnews/indonesia-sank-vn-fishing-boats-4-missing-04252020114537.html>



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

26 Apr - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ 41 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Banton, Romblon, Philippines/ DB300420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 41 fishermen onboard two fishing boats were apprehended by joint maritime law enforcement team of Coast Guard Sub-Station Banton and Municipal Police Station – Banton for illegally fishing using active gears and super light off Dos Hermanas Islands, Banton, Romblon.

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

25 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Nine Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Samboan, Philippines/ DB280420

Nine men from Negros Oriental were asked to pay a fine of P22,000 (US\$430) for fishing in a protected area in Samboan town in southern Cebu before they were released from police custody.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/305239/9-from-negor-arrested-for-fishing-in-a-protected-area-in-samboan-cebu#ixzz6Kokwf309>

Events outside reporting period:

24 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 24 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Samboan, Cebu, Philippines/ DB300420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 24 fishermen onboard fishing boat were apprehended by joint maritime law enforcement team of Coast Guard Sub-Station Samboan and Municipal Police Station Samboan for illegally fishing inside the declared Marine Sanctuary of Samboan, Cebu on 24 Apr 20.

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

23 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Nabas, Aklan, Philippines/ DB290420

At the vicinity seawaters of Nabas, Philippine Navy onboard Patrol Boat successfully apprehend a fishing vessel and crew members engaging in illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/maritime.boracay/posts/1118055868549586>

22 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Laua-an, Antique, Philippines/ DB290420

At seawaters of Laua-an, a fishing vessel and 13 fishermen was apprehended for Unauthorized fishing and Use of Active Gear in Municipal Waters, respectively.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/marigsaais.kwatro/posts/1603054566516975>

22 Apr - Poaching/ One Filipino Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB290420

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries captured a Filipino vessel with seven foreign fishermen onboard, engaging in illegal fishing in the Sulawesi waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.idnfinancials.com/news/33895/government-captures-illegal-fishing-vessels>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.merdeka.com/amp/uang/kkp-tangkap-2-kapal-pencuri-ikan-berbendera-filipina-dan-taiwan-di-laut-sulawesi.html>

22 Apr - Poaching/ One Taiwanese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB290420

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries captured a Taiwanese vessel with ten foreign fishermen onboard, engaging in illegal fishing in the Sulawesi waters.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.idnfinancials.com/news/33895/government-captures-illegal-fishing-vessels>

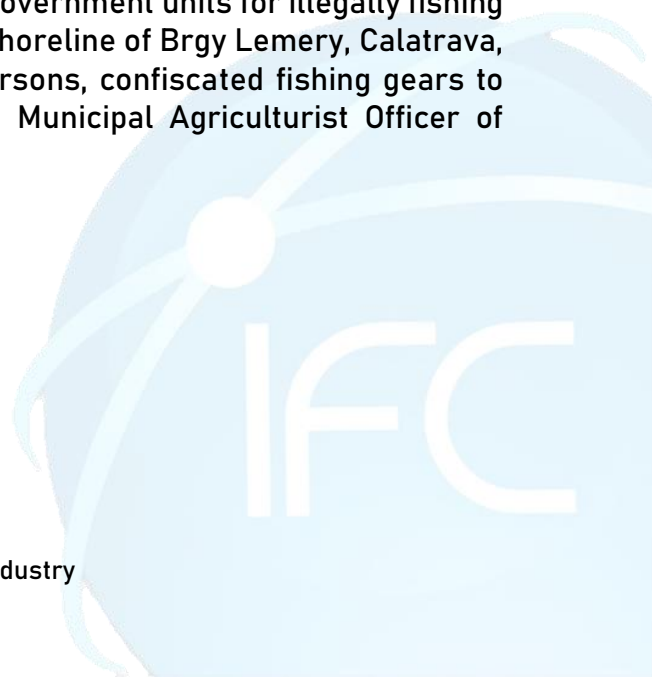
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.merdeka.com/amp/uang/kkp-tangkap-2-kapal-pencuri-ikan-berbendera-filipina-dan-taiwan-di-laut-sulawesi.html>

20 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 15 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Calatrava, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB300420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 15 fishermen onboard fishing boat were apprehended by joint maritime law enforcement team of Coast Guard Sub-Staion San Carlos, Local Police of Calatrava and local government units for illegally fishing using unauthorized fishing operation at 3.2 Kms from shoreline of Brgy Lemery, Calatrava, Negros Occidental on 20 Apr 20. The apprehended persons, confiscated fishing gears to include fish catch were properly turned over to the Municipal Agriculturist Officer of Calatrava, Negros Occidental for proper disposition.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



19 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Sta Fe, Romblon, Philippines/ DB280420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that six fishermen onboard fishing banca were apprehended by joint maritime law enforcement team of Coast Guard Sub-Station Sta Fe and Coast Guard Sub-Station Looc for illegally fishing using compressor off Barangay Agmanic, Sta Fe, Romblon.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

19 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Baler, Aurora, Philippines/ DB280420

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that eight fishermen onboard fishing banca were apprehended by Coast Guard Station Aurora maritime law enforcement team for illegally fishing using fine mesh nets with active gears off Barangay Sabang.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

28 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (210 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Singamata, Malaysia/ DB300420

Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency seized 210 cartons of cigarettes of various brands believed smuggled in from neighbouring countries yesterday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2020/04/29/rm39800-contraband-cigarettes-seized-in-semporna/>

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/151649/fags-worth-rm39-8k-seized-in-s-porna/>

Events outside reporting period:

22 Apr - Domestic Smuggling/ Frozen Meat (162 tonnes)/ Two Barges/ Domestic/ To Hong Kong/ Off Hong Kong Airport, Hong Kong/ DB270420

On Wednesday night, Hong Kong officers seized 162 tonnes of meat and arrested 15 local men working on two barges in the biggest seizure of its kind this year

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/customs-joint-operation-nets-90-115755090.html>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

27 Apr – Human Smuggling/ 44 Indonesian Migrant Going from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Small Boat/ Simandulang Beach, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB290420

The Indonesian Navy intercepted 44 illegal migrant workers traveling unofficially from Malaysia at Simandulang Beach on Monday.

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

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://koarmada1.tnial.mil.id/tabid/71/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/11368/Default.aspx>

https://regional.kompas.com/read/2020/04/27/16291001/44-tki-ilegal-dari-malaysia-nekat-masuk-ke-sumut-diamankan-tni-al-di-labura?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Refferal&utm_campaign=Sticky_Dekstop

26 Apr – Human Smuggling/ 20 Indonesian Migrant Going from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Asahan Regency, Indonesia/ DB280420

The Indonesian Navy intercepted 20 undocumented migrant workers returning from Malaysia trying to sneak past border authorities through illegal routes on Sunday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/04/27/indonesian-navy-intercepts-more-migrant-workers-returning-from-malaysia-through-illegal-routes.html>

Information Update:

20 Apr – Human Smuggling/ 22 Indonesian Migrants going From Malaysia To Indonesia/ Fishing Vessel/ Tanjung Jumpul, Indonesia/ DB280420
(Information Update from DB220420)

The Indonesian Navy spotted and secured a fishing vessel carrying 22 undocumented migrant workers from Malaysia in Tanjung Jumpul in Asahan regency North Sumatra on 20 Apr.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

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



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

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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

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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.

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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.

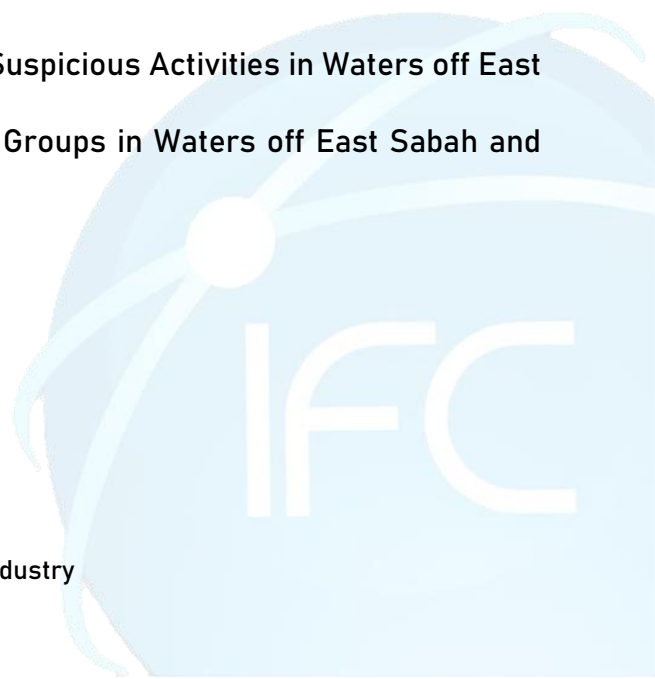
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