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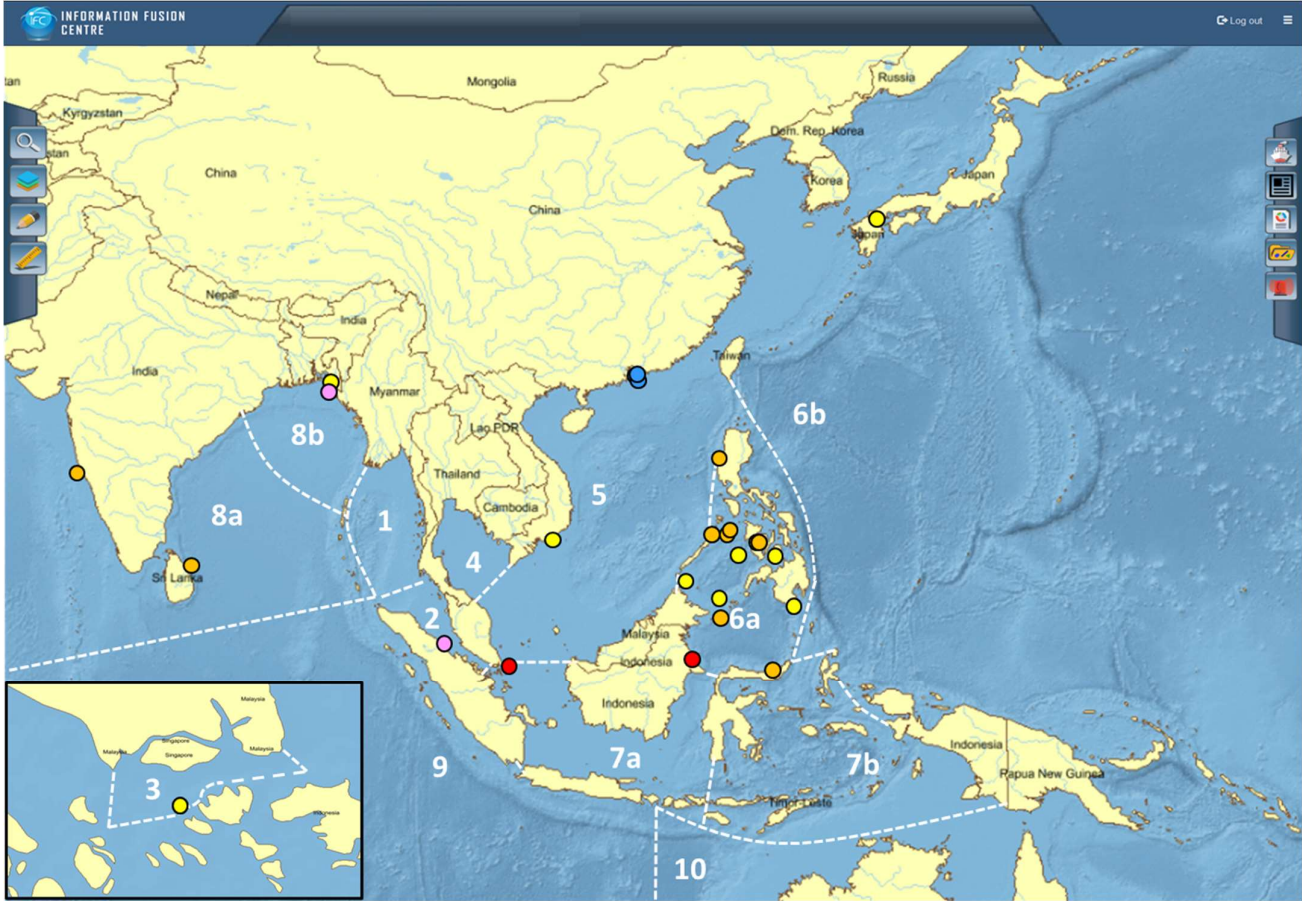
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



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)	10	5-7
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	9	8-10
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	3	11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	2	12
Others	0	13

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

05 May - Sea Theft/ STAR GLORY/ Bulk Carrier/ Cayman Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB080520

1. A sea theft incident occurred on board a Cayman Island flagged bulk carrier "STAR GLORY" while anchored at Lat: 0°15'51.00"S Long: 117°35'4.80"E Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia on 052330 (UTC +8), May 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: STAR GLORY
- b. Call sign: ZGBZ7
- c. IMO: 9503990
- d. MMSI: 319995000
- e. Flag: Cayman Island
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: China Merchants Bank
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Starbulk SA
- i. LPOC: China
- j. NPOC: Vietnam

3. Incident Details:

Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forward hatch at the forecandle opened. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the security padlock was broken, and ship's stores stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authorities and the local agent.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to Indonesia ILO and ship company to obtain more information and ascertain which authority is informed.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9293>

04 May - Piracy / TORM LOTTE/ Chemical Tanker / Danish Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Pulau Bintan, South China Sea/ DB050520

1. IFC has received information from master of TORM LOTTE, Danish flagged chemical tanker, that the vessel was boarded by 4 armed perpetrators with long knives while anchored at 1°36'42.0"N 104°52'48.0"E, northeast of Pulau Bintan in South China Sea at 0350 (UTC + 8) on 4 May 20.



2. Vessel Information

- a. Name: TORM LOTTE
- b. Callsign: OUPG2
- c. IMO: 9392468
- d. MMSI: 220635000
- e. Flag: Denmark
- f. Type: Chemical Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Vessel Co 1 K/S
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: TORM A/S
- i. LPOC: Panama
- j. NPOC: Nil

3. At 0350LT, Duty personnel informed bridge on the sighting of perpetrators and Duty Officer raised alarm immediately. Upon sounding the alarm, the 4 perpetrators escaped in a 6-metre wooden boat with 2 other perpetrators onboard. Crew mustered and carry out a search, no other perpetrator was found. All crew reported safe and one walkie talkie was taken away from the Duty personnel when he encountered the perpetrators. The ship master informed the company security department and local agent based in Singapore. Master also alerted all other vessels in vicinity on MMS.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Ship Master

Events outside reporting period:

Information Update:

**12 Apr - Sea Theft/ JASMINE/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia Flagged/ Anchored/ Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB060520)
(Information Update from DB280420)**

Updated time of incident to 120600 (UTC+8) and updated incident details as provided by ship company.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://gisis.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>
Ship Company



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)**04 May - Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Two Small Boats/ One Dead, Two Missing/ Off Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines/ DB080520**

A group of seven fishermen from Pagadian City sailed for the Sulu Seas 10 days ago and came back on 05 May with one of them dead and two others missing when they encounter two small boats shooting at them off Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1270706/attack-on-fishermen-in-sulu-leaves-1-dead-2-missing-4-survivors>

04 May - Mechanical Failure/ Broken Moorings/ Container Ship/ Chittagong port, Bangladesh/ DB080520

A container ship broke off her moorings off Chittagong port, Bangladesh and was taken into port by a tug. No damages were reported and no containers were lost.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/05/06/container-ship-broke-off-her-moorings-chittagong/>

01 May - Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ Six Rescued/ Off Binh Thuan, Vietnam/ DB050520

A fishing vessel was struck by a cargo ship in Binh Thuan Province waters off LA Gi Vietnam. Vessel sank and the six crew members jumped overboard and were rescued by a nearby fishing vessel. The cargo ship did not stop and sailed away after the collision.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/05/03/filipino-freighter-suspect-in-hit-and-run/>

01 May - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fish Carrier/ Off Glan, Sarangani, Philippines/ DB050520

A fish carrier accidentally ran aground off Sarangani Bay, Philippines after encountering bad weather, damaging 45 square metres of coral reef area.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/05/04/coral-reef-area-damaged-by-cargo-vessel-that-ran-aground-off-sarangani-bay/>



01 May - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Pemping Island, Indonesia/ DB040520

The Directorate General of Sea Transportation at the Indonesian Ministry of Transportation is deploying patrol ship on 01 May 20 to immediately go to the scene and secure the surrounding area of a sinking wooden vessels that are capsized in the Singapore Strait and can endanger the navigation of other vessels in the shipping lane.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://today.line.me/id/pc/article/Kemenhub+Kirim+Patroli+Cek+Kapal+Tenggelam+di+Selat+Singapura-02K8LB>

Events outside reporting period:

30 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Battery Failure/ Small Boat/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maria, Siquijor, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that four fishermen were rescued by a passing motorboat off Maria, Siquijor after they encountered trouble due to battery problem on 30 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

30 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Maritime Safety Violations/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that the fishing vessel with four fishermen onboard was apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Hinigaran off Hinigaran, Negros Occidental for the following maritime safety violations on 30 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

29 Apr - Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Bridge Pillar/ Off Ube Port, Yamaguchi, Japan/ DB040520

A bulk carrier collided with a bridge pillar at Ube port, Yamaguchi, Japan. Ship sustained damages and several crew were injured but the bridge reported to be undamaged and open for traffic.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/05/01/cargo-ship-collided-with-bridge-japan/>
<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2020/29553/cargo-ship-collided-bridge-japan/>



23 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cagayancillo, Palawan, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 11 persons onboard a small boat were rescued by Coast Guard Sub-Station Cagayancillo after they encountered engine trouble at vicinity South West off Cagayancillo, Palawan on 23 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

23 Apr - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Salingsingan Island, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that two fishermen onboard a small boat who were reportedly missing on 23 Apr 20 were rescued off Salingsingan Island near the boundary of Philippines and Malaysia on 24 Apr 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

Information Update:

20 Apr - Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Illegal Activity/ Government Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Four Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB060520 (Information Update from DB240420)

Updated that object from shipwreck has been found but no victims were found from the search.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

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

06 Apr - Allision/ Human Error, Uncontrollable High Speed/ Container Ship vs Container Ship and Four Cranes/ Busan New Port, Republic of Korea/ DB060520 (Information Update from DB160420)

Updated that cause of incident was "human error" and updated the details of the incident.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://news.kbs.co.kr/news/view.do?ncd=4439261&ref=A>

https://imnews.imbc.com/news/2020/society/article/5757307_32633.html



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

05 May - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ 38 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Karwar, India/ DB080520

The Indian Coast Guard took into custody 38 fishermen that were illegally fishing using high capacity generators and bright electric bulbs on two fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/75560726.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

04 May - Local/ Four Fishing Vessels Detained/ 40 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Cuyo, Palawan, Philippines/ DB080520

Personnel of Coast Guard Station Cuyo apprehended four fishing vessel with 40 fishermen onboard while conducting fishing activities with the use of superlights at vicinity waters off Bgy. Lubid island, Cuyo, Palawan.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguard.cuyo.3/posts/553673125554936>

04 May - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained / Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Sta Barbara, Agoo, La Union, Philippines/ DB060520

Local authorities have arrested six fishermen for illegally fishing in the waters off Sta Barbara, Philippines. Authorities detained their vessel and confiscated their gear.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/05/05/authorities-seize-boat-poaching-off-waters-of-agoo>

01 May - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB040520

Six people engaged in illegal fishing using banned nets were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy during a patrol out in the seas off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/05/02/202005021830/>



Events outside reporting period:

30 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that four fishermen onboard fishing vessel were apprehended by Coast Guard Sub-Station Hinigaran for maritime safety violations and illegally fishing at vicinity waters off Hinigaran, Negros Occidental on 30 April 2020.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

29 Apr - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ 29 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Patunga island, Palawan, Philippines/ DB040520

Two fishing vessels with 29 fishermen onboard were apprehended for conducting fishing activities using super lights off Patunga island, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguard.cuyo.3/posts/553673125554936>

28 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessels Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia/ DB040520

Indonesian Marine Affairs and Fishery Ministry officers have nabbed three men for their involvement in blast fishing practice on the waters off North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2020/05/03/indonesia-arrests-fishermen-for-blast-fishing-practice>

<https://m.detik.com/news/berita/d-4999663/kkp-tangkap-3-pelaku-pengeboman-ikan-di-boltim-sulawesi-utara>

28 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off El Nido, Palawan, Philippines/ DB040520

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that three fishermen onboard fishing vessel were apprehended by the Security Group of Manager Ten Knots-El Nido and Coast Guard Station El Nido maritime law enforcement team for illegally fishing using compressor.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



22 Apr - Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Pearl Bank, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB040520

Philippine Navy foils illegal fishing activity by apprehending six fishermen in three fishing vessels for conducting illegal blast fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/hnfwf/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3198561997035025&_tn__=H-R

<https://www.mintfo.com/news/navy-apprehends-fishermen-using-improvised-dynamites/18245/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

06 May - Wildlife/ Shark Fins(26 Tonnes)/ Container Ship/ From Ecuador to Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB080520

Hong Kong has seized 26 tons of smuggled shark fins sliced from some 38,500 endangered animals, discovered in two containers from Ecuador.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.dailysabah.com/world/asia-pacific/26-ton-seizure-of-endangered-shark-fins-smashes-hong-kong-record>

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3083184/biggest-shark-fin-seizure-hong-kong-history-recovers?src=amp-article-text>

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2020/05/07/hong-kong-customs-seize-26-tonnes-of-endangered-shark-fins/>

05 May - Domestic Products/ Frozen Meat(110 Tonnes)/ Barge and Cargo Vessel/ From China to Hong Kong/ Off Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong/ DB080520

Hong Kong custom officers arrested two men after intercepting a barge and cargo vessel off Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 110 tonnes of frozen meat.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3083198/hong-kong-customs-seizes-smuggled-meat-worth-hk38>

[https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/146815/Two-held-over-HK\\$5.6m-smuggled-frozen-meat](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/146815/Two-held-over-HK$5.6m-smuggled-frozen-meat)

04 May - Domestic Goods / Counterfeit Goods (38,000 pieces) / Container Ship / From China to Turkey / River Trade Terminal, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong / DB060520

Hong Kong customs detected a counterfeit goods smuggling cast at the River Trade Terminal in Tuen Mun and seized about 38,000 pieces of goods.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/146736/Customs-seize-HK\\$2.5m-counterfeit-smuggled-goods](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/146736/Customs-seize-HK$2.5m-counterfeit-smuggled-goods)



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

04 May - Human Smuggling/ 30 Indonesian Migrant going from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Small Boat/ Asahan Regency, Indonesia/ DB080520

Indonesian Navy Fleet One Quick Response Team Tanjung Balai Asahan Navy Base, Lantamal I together with Tanjung Balai Police Satpolair secure another 30 Illegal Indonesian workers from Malaysia in Sungai Tembilik, Asahan Regency.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://kalteng.antaranews.com/nasional/berita/1467945/kembali-lanal-tanjung-balai-asahan-amankan-puluhan-tki-illegal?utm_source=antaranews&utm_medium=nasional&utm_campaign=antaranews

Events outside reporting period:

28 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 43 Rohingya Migrants going to Bangladesh/ Small Boat/ Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB040520

A small boat carrying Rohingya migrants came onto shore off Cox Bazar, Bangladesh, and likely to have come from a larger vessel, believed to be carrying hundreds of people.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/05/02/world/asia/02reuters-bangladesh-rohingya.html>

Information Update:

05 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 199 Rohingya and Three Myanmar Migrants going to Malaysia/ Wooden Boat/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB080520 (Information Update from DB060420)

Updated that the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency detained four men suspected to be behind the smuggling of 202 migrants into the waters of Langkawi.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-sailors-arrested-in-china-for-smuggling>
<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1838879>



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.

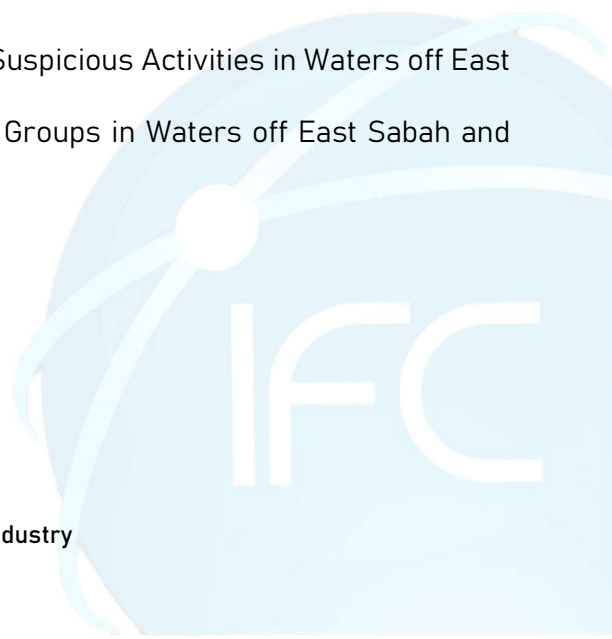
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

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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