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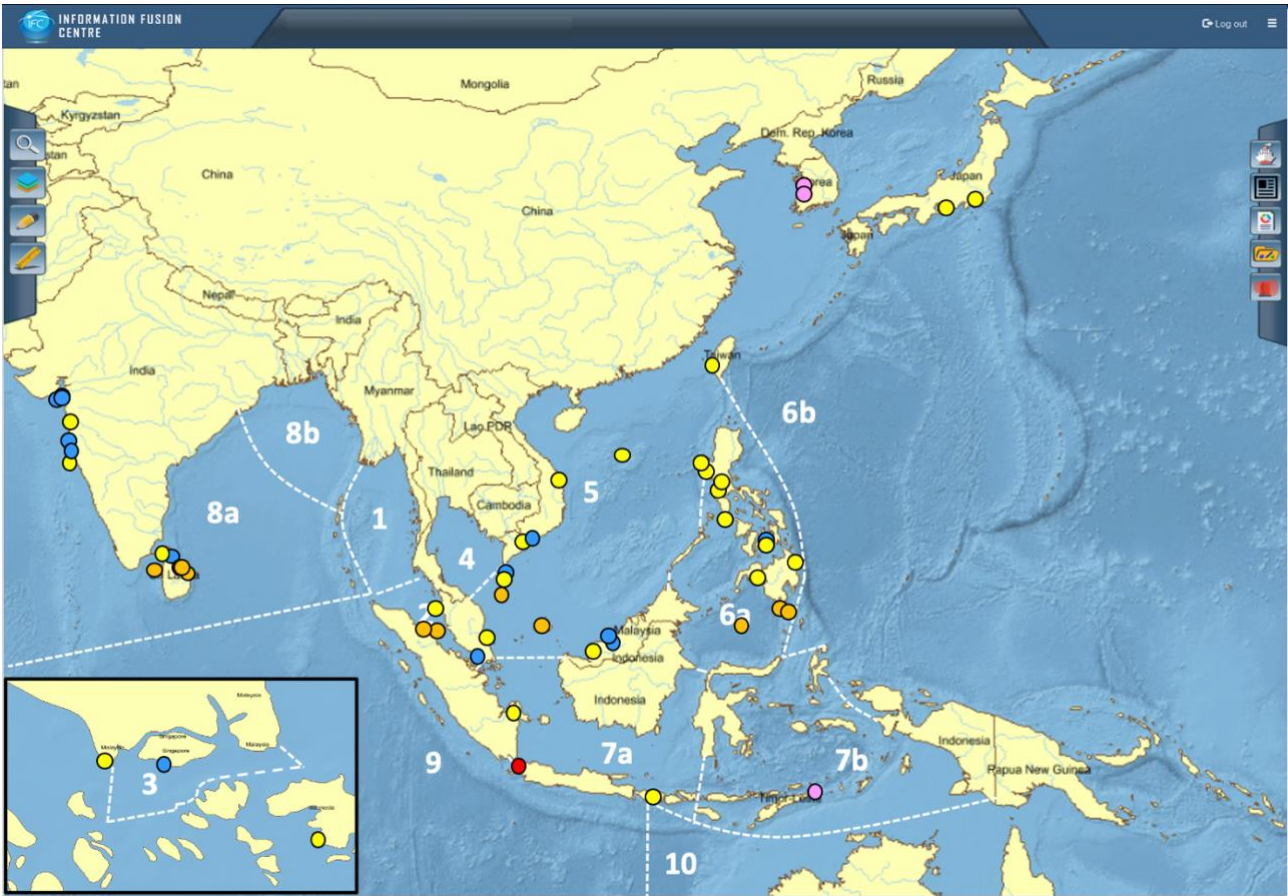
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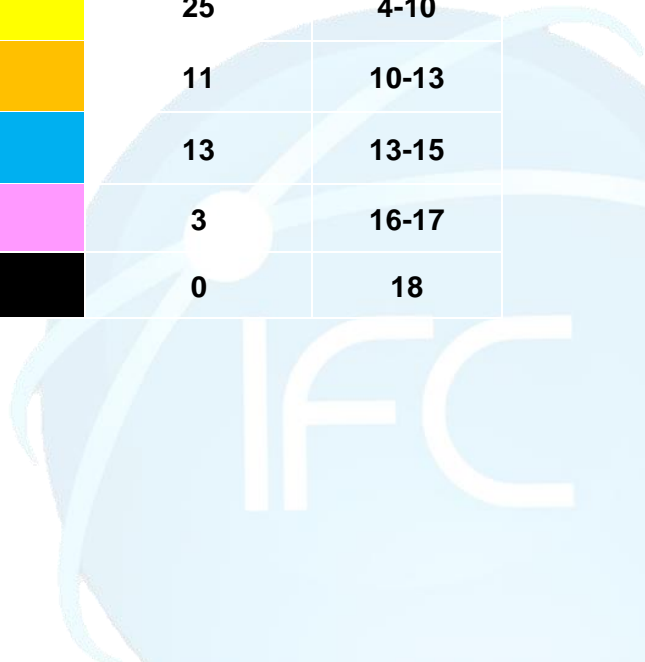
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 13 to 19 Jun 20, the number of reported incidents within the IFC AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	1	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	25	4-10
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	11	10-13
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	13	13-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	3	16-17
Others	0	18



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

17 Jun – Sea Theft/ BW ZAMBESI/ Tanker/ Singapore Flagged / Anchored/ Off Merak Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB190620

1. IFC has received information from ship company that a Singapore Flagged tanker, BW ZAMBESI, discovered generators spares had gone missing from engine room at Lat: 05 54.1 S Long: 105 59.0 E while anchored in Merak Anchorage, Indonesia on 17 Jun at 0200 (UTC + 7)

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: BW ZAMBESI
- b. Call sign: 9VNH8
- c. IMO: 9393101
- d. MMSI: 564368000
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Products Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: BW Aldrich Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: BW Fleet Management Pte Ltd
- i. LPOC: Indonesia
- j. NPOC: Singapore

3. The master suspected Infiltrators had sneaked through deck security patrol and managed to go inside engine room unnoticed. All crew are reported safe.

IFC Comments:

Indonesian ILO verified that the ship's local agent has received the ship master's report but did not report or forward it directly to any local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Company Security Officer

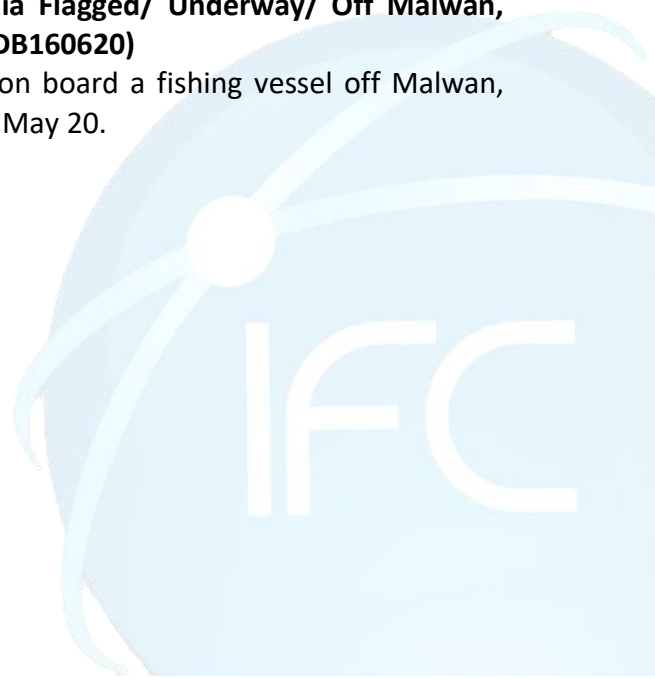
Information Updates:

29 May - Sea Theft/ Sea Blessia - I/ Fishing Vessel/ India Flagged/ Underway/ Off Malwan, Maharashtra, India/ DB170620 (Information Update from DB160620)

1. IFC has received information that a sea theft occurred on board a fishing vessel off Malwan, Maharashtra, India while underway on 290800 (UTC+05:30) May 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: Sea Blessia - I
- b. Call sign: Nil
- c. IMO: Nil
- d. MMSI: Nil
- e. Flag: India
- f. Type: Fishing Vessel
- g. Ship Owner: Nil



- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Nil
- i. LPOC: Nil
- j. NPOC: Nil

3. Incident Details:

While underway, a gang of 16 fishermen belonging to the local fishing community from Malwan, Maharashtra, India boarded the fishing trawler and stole the trawler's equipment and fish catch. The Mormugao Coastal Security Police succeeded in recovering all the stolen material. The incident occurred on 29 May 2020, around 20 nautical miles from Goa, along the coast. Fish, navigational equipment and a wireless system, worth Rs 9 lakh (US\$11,952) were reported stolen by the rival fishermen, who escaped in another trawler. The coastal police registered an offence under sections 143, 147, 341, 379, 506 (ii) read with 149 of Indian Penal Code (IPC), and arrested all the 16 accused. Police said that all the accused were fishermen native of Malvan in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra.

IFC Comments:

Investigation shows the incident is an outcome of two fishing boats' crew rivalry, which occurred within coastal fishing area/zones, mainly due to the fishing methods. The incident occurred in a position approximately 20 NM from Goa, along the coast of India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Indian Coast Guard

<https://www.navhindtimes.in/coastal-police-arrest-16-men-for-mid-sea-robbery/>

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9320>

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)**18 Jun – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship vs Container Ship/ Off Tahara Japan/ DB190620**

A General Cargo ship collided with a container ship off Tahara, eastern Honshu, south of Nagoya, Japan at around 0300LT (UTC+9) 18 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/18/japanese-freighter-struck-korean-container-ship-breached-engine-room-video/>

16 Jun – Fire-Explosion/ Human Error/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Ho Chi Minh City Port, Vietnam/ DB170620

A fire broke out in a general cargo ship's cargo hold area, on 16 Jun, while the ship was underway, moving from Vung Tau to Ho Chi Minh City port.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/16/thai-freighter-fire-in-ho-chi-minh-port/>

16 Jun – Vessel Detained/ Missing Documents/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Tam Quang, Quang Nam, Vietnam/ DB180620

A General Cargo ship was detained the Vietnamese Coast Guard Region Command due to improper documentation on 16 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Tuan-Dung-25-9547922.html>

16 Jun – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Cruise Ship/ Osanbashi, Yokohama, Japan/ DB170620

A fire broke out on a cruise ship while it was berthed at Osanbashi, Yokohama, Japan on 16 Jun 20. No injuries arose from the incident.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/16/cruise-ship-fire-yokohama/>
<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Asuka-li-8806204.html>

15 Jun – Mechanical Failure/ Faulty EPIRB/ Tug & Barge/ SAR/ Off Bangka Island, Indonesia/ DB170620

The missing tugboat was found on 16 Jun, a day after it reported missing. SAR was conducted when distress signals were sent out by the ship. It was later known that the cause was determined to be faulty EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon). The tugboat and crew are found safe.

IFC Comments:

Indonesia ILO clarified that the reported location is at position 0° 36'48.04" S 106° 33'36.01" E, north of Bangka Island, Indonesia

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://bangka.tribunnews.com/2020/06/15/tim-sar-lacak-kecelakan-laut-tugboat-sumber-marine-5-dan-tongkang-sumber-kapuas-232>

15 Jun – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessels/ Pingtung County, Taiwan/ DB160620

Fire engulfed several ocean-going fishing vessels in Yanpu Fishing Port, Pingtung County, Taiwan on 15 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/15/major-fire-in-yanpu-fishing-port-taiwan-video/>

14 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Uttan, Maharashtra, India/ DB160620

Three fishermen who had set out from the coast of Killa-Bunder in Vasai, India on their small fishing boat were rescued after their boat overturned on 14 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/three-fishermen-rescued-from-sea-near-maharashtras-uttan-after-boat-overturns>

13 Jun - Others/ Maritime Safety Violation/ Tug and Barge/ Pagadian City, Philippines/ DB180620

The Coast Guard Station Zamboanga Del Sur Vessel Safety Enforcement Inspection (VSEI) team was conducting Pre-Departure Inspection on a tug and barge and discovered they did not possess a radio license.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

13 Jun - Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ Off Botolan, Zambales, Philippines/ DB180620

A tugboat was safely extracted after she ran aground at off Barangay Bangan, Botolan, Zambales on 13 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

13 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Palk Strait/ DB180620

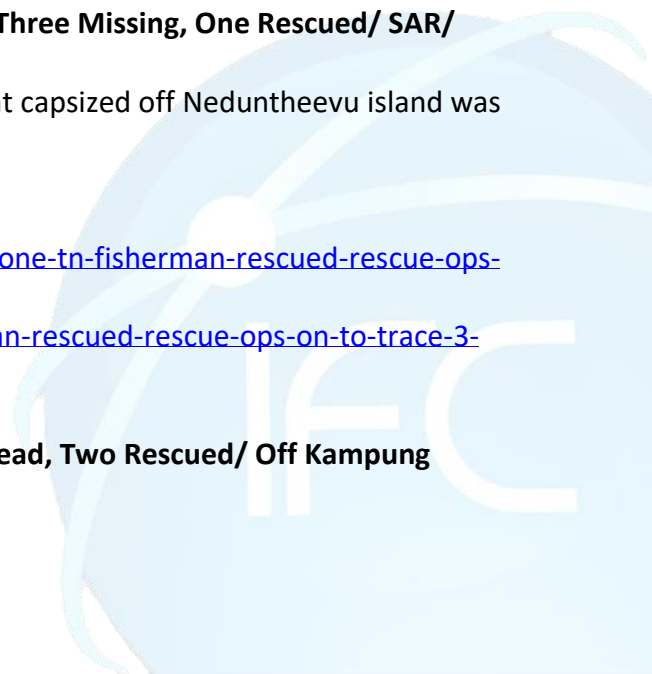
One of the four fishermen, who went missing after their boat capsized off Neduntheevu island was rescued on 16 Jun while efforts are on to trace the others

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/1092763-one-tn-fisherman-rescued-rescue-ops-on-to-trace-3-others>

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/one-tn-fisherman-rescued-rescue-ops-on-to-trace-3-others/1867442>

13 Jun – Others/ Heart Attack/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ One Dead, Two Rescued/ Off Kampung Serkat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB150620



Two men were rescued by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, after the skipper of the boat died while they were fishing near Kampung Serkat.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/13/two-rescued-from-stranded-boat-after-skipper-dies-of-heart-attack>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1851017>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3026768087415086>

13 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, One Missing/ SAR/ Off Belawai, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB150620

A fishing outing for 11 in Tanjung Melubak, Belawai turned tragic when their boats sank on Saturday.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/14/one-dead-one-missing-after-boats-capsize-during-fishing-outing>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1851071>

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/body-of-drowned-fisherman-found-on-belawai-beach-BF2564113>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

12 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Manila, Philippines/ DB190620

A bulk Carrier rescued four fishermen whose boat capsized in bad weather off the coast of Manila, Philippines, on 12 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Csk-Zephyr-9802114.html>

<https://seanews.co.uk/news/nyk-vessel-rescues-four-fishermen-off-the-coast-of-manila/>

12 Jun - Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Unknown Debris/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Nasugbu, Batangas, Philippines/ DB180620

A small boat was towed to Looc, Lubang Island, Occidental Mindoro for repair after it hit an unknown object and started taking in water.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

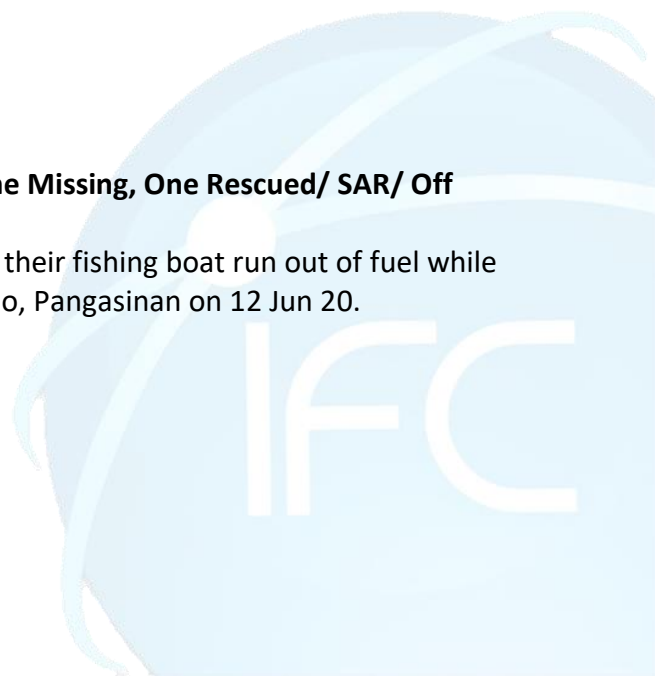
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

12 Jun - Mechanical Failure/ Fuel Shortage/ Small Boat/ One Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bolinao, Pangasinan, Philippines/ DB180620

A fisherman was rescued and another remains missing after their fishing boat run out of fuel while conducting fishing 1NM North West off Silaqui Island, Bolinao, Pangasinan on 12 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center



12 Jun – Sunk-Capsized, Mechanical Failure/ Water Ingress, Engine Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ Padangbai port, Indonesia/ DB150620

Passenger ferry developed a heavy list starboard while docking at Padang Bai port, eastern Bali, Lombok Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/12/passenger-ro-ro-ferry-capsized-while-docking-bali-indonesia-video/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8417121/Ferry-capsizes-Bali-running-aground-entering-harbour-65-passengers-crew-flee.html>

<https://www.merdeka.com/peristiwa/diduga-alami-kebocoran-km-dharma-rucitra-nyaris-tenggelam-di-pelabuhan-padangbai.html>

12 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Kendi, Penang, Malaysia/ DB150620

Four fishermen from Sungai Udang were rescued near Pulau Kendi around six hours after their boat capsized.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/14/fishermen-glad-to-be-alive>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3025996077492287>

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/photos/a.503049696453617/3024325857659309/?type=3&__tn__=-R

13 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Dead/ SAR/ Off Belawai, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB160620 (Information Update from DB150620)

The body of the second fisherman who went missing after his boat capsized on 13 Jun was found on 15 Jun about five kilometres from the scene.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/06/15/body-of-second-missing-fisherman-found-in-sarawak/1875659>

11 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 30 Rescued/ Off San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB180620

30 fishermen were rescued by their sister boat after boat sunk due to water ingress 15NM off Ambulong, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro on 11 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

11 Jun – Vessel Detained/ Illegal STS/ Two Fishing Vessels/ Off Kien Giang, Vietnam/ DB150620

The Vietnam Coast Guard on Thursday said its Region 4 Task Force Command Unit has detained two fishing boats for conducting illegal oil transactions in the Southwestern region of Kien Giang.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/vietnam-coast-guards-remand-two-fishing-boats-for-conducting-illegal-oil-transaction/>

11 Jun - Collision/ Strong Current/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship vs Local Passenger Vessel/ Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines/ DB180620

A collision occurred between a RoRo Cargo Ship and a passenger vessel at Quano Wharf Mandaue City, Cebu on 11 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

10 Jun – Violent Confrontation, Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Government Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Lincoln Island, Paracels/ DB150620

According to the captain, the incident took place on 10 Jun while fishing at approximately 8 nautical miles to the south-southwest of Lincoln Island when the government vessel rammed his boat several times even as he tried to steer it to avoid the crash .

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dskbd.org/2020/06/13/vietnamese-fishermen-chased-and-assaulted-by-chinas-vessels-in-the-paracels/>

<https://en.thesaigontimes.vn/tinbaichitiet/77178/>

<https://www.beijingnews.net/news/265431737/china-rams-vietnamese-fishing-vessel-near-paracel-islands>

10 Jun – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Bintan Island, Indonesia/ DB150620

General cargo ship reportedly ran aground off Sasah, southwest Bintan Island, Riau Islands.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/12/german-general-cargo-ship-grounding-in-bintan-waters/>

9 Jun – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Gemok, Malaysia/ DB150620

A fisherman was reported missing from a boat 6.1 nautical miles off Tanjung Gemok, Malaysia on 9 Jun.

IFC Comments:

This article has been translated to English by Google.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3023890094369552>

7 Jun - Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ General Cargo Ship/ SAR/ Off Cagwait, Surigao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB180620

A General Cargo ship was towed by a tugboat sent by their own company to Cebu city after it encountered engine trouble off Cagwait, Surigao Del Sur on 7 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

29 May – Violent Confrontation/ Commercial Dispute/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ Off Malwan, Maharashtra, India/ DB160620



The Mormugao Coastal Security Police arrested 16 men on Saturday for stealing fish and navigational equipment from a fishing trawler in a commercial dispute at deep sea between the coast of Goa and Malwan in Maharashtra.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Indian Coast Guard

<https://www.navhindtimes.in/coastal-police-arrest-16-men-for-mid-sea-robbery/>

<http://goacom.com/coastal-police-arrest-16-men-for-mid-sea-robbery/>

Information Updates:

15 Jun – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Seven Fishing Vessels/ Pingtung County, Taiwan/ DB190620 (Information Update from DB160620)

The quantity of fishing vessels involved in the fire was confirmed to be seven.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDCvYAM4_Z8

12 Jun – Sunk-Capsized, Mechanical Failure, Oil Spill/ Water Ingress, Engine Failure/ Passenger Ferry/ Padangbai port, Indonesia/ DB170620 (Information Update from DB160620)

Following the oil spill from the sunk passenger ferry at Padang Bai Harbor, Karangasem, Bali, in the night of 12 Jun, a state-owned company mounted a refloating and cleanup operation.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.bairdmaritime.com/work-boat-world/passenger-vessel-world/ro-pax/oil-spill-detected-from-capsized-ferry-in-bali-indonesia/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8417121/Ferry-capsizes-Bali-running-aground-entering-harbour-65-passengers-crew-flee.html>

<https://www.merdeka.com/peristiwa/diduga-alami-kebocoran-km-dharma-rucitra-nyaris-tenggelam-di-pelabuhan-padangbai.html>

5 Jun – Violent Confrontation/ Suspected Illegal Activity/Military Vessel vs Tanker/ Singapore Strait/ DB190620 (Information Update from DB110620)

IFC Comments:

MPA reported that the vessel departed Singapore waters. The vessel is no longer reporting on AIS. The vessel indicated it was enroute to Pasir Gudang, Malaysia on 13 June.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/indonesian-navy-forced-to-open-fire-at-vessel-illegally-collecting-oil-at-indonesia-opl/>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Tenggiri-l2302818.html>

11 May- Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Container Ship and Bulk Carrier/ Off Batu Berhenti Beacon, Singapore Strait/ DB160620 (Information Update from DB110620)

A company has been appointed to salvage the grounded Container Ship that grounded on 11 May.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

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

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

16 Jun – Poaching/ Two Filipino Fishing Vessels Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Marore Island, Indonesia/ DB190620

Two Philippine-flagged fishing vessels were detained by Indonesian authorities for fishing illegally in Indonesian Fisheries Management Areas.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.theasianaffairs.com/indonesia/2020/06/18/indonesias-patrol-boat-detains-philippine-and-malaysian-fishing-boats-over-illegal-fishing/>

<https://nasional.kontan.co.id/news/kkp-kembali-tangkap-dua-kapal-asing-pencuri-ikan>

16 Jun – Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Marore Island, Indonesia/ DB190620

One Malaysian-flagged fishing vessel was detained by Indonesian authorities for fishing illegally in an Indonesian Fisheries Management Area.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.theasianaffairs.com/indonesia/2020/06/18/indonesias-patrol-boat-detains-philippine-and-malaysian-fishing-boats-over-illegal-fishing/>

16 Jun - Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Released/ Off Pulau Tenggol, Terengganu, Malaysia/DB180620

A Vietnamese fishing vessel was escorted out of Malaysian waters by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency after investigation at sea on 16 Jun 20.

IFC Comments:

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News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/463323037092950/posts/3037448213013740/>

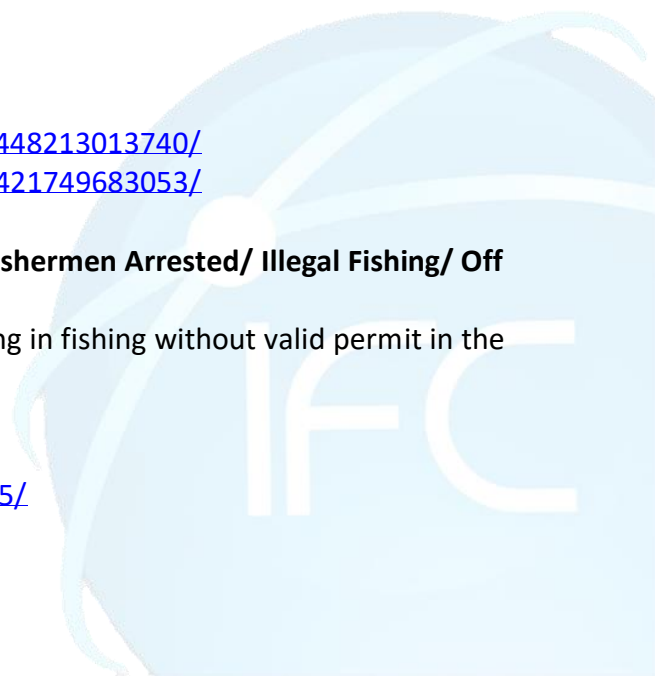
<https://www.facebook.com/463323037092950/posts/3037421749683053/>

13 Jun – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kumburupiddi, Sri Lanka/ DB160620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended three persons for engaging in fishing without valid permit in the sea area of Kumburupiddi in Trincomalee on 13 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/15/202006151245/>



Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

12 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Mutur, Sri Lanka/ DB150620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended three persons for engaging in illegal fishing using banned nets during a patrol conducted in the sea area off Uppural, Mutur.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/13/202006131645/>

11 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB150620

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended seven persons who were engaging in illegal fishing using unauthorized nets and without fishing passes, during a search conducted in the sea area off Chittikkadu in Kayts, Jaffna.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/13/202006131700/>

10 Jun - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB150620

The Sri Lankan Navy recovered explosives used for illegal fishing in a dinghy, while conducting a search in the sea area off Sagarapura in Trincomalee on 10 Jun 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/12/202006121615/>

9 June – Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Natuna Island, Indonesia/ DB160620

Two Vietnamese fishing vessels were detained by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) along with their 20 Vietnamese crew members for illegal fishing in the Indonesian Fisheries Management Area (WPP-NRI) on 9 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://pusinfomar TNI.mil.id/news-detail/741/KKP-Tangkap-5-Kapal-Pencuri-Ikan-dan-Bebaskan-29-Nelayan-RI/>

<https://money.kompas.com/read/2020/06/11/173600926/kkp-tangkap-5-kapal-maling-ikan-dan-bebaskan-29-nelayan-ri?page=all>

<https://ekonomi.bisnis.com/read/20200611/99/1251545/kkp-kembali-tangkap-kapal-ikan-asing-ilegal>

8 June – Poaching/ One Filipino Fishing Vessel Detained/ Nine Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Sulawesi Sea, Indonesia/ DB160620

A Filipino fishing vessel was detained by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) for illegal fishing in the Indonesian Fisheries Management Area (WPP-NRI) on 8 Jun approximately 25 miles north of Natuna Island, Sulawesi Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://pusinfomar-tni.mil.id/news-detail/741/KKP-Tangkap-5-Kapal-Pencuri-Ikan-dan-Bebaskan-29-Nelayan-RI/>

<https://money.kompas.com/read/2020/06/11/173600926/kkp-tangkap-5-kapal-maling-ikan-dan-bebaskan-29-nelayan-ri?page=all>

<https://ekonomi.bisnis.com/read/20200611/99/1251545/kkp-kembali-tangkap-kapal-ikan-asing-ilegal>

7 Jun – Poaching/ One Filipino Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Sulawesi Sea, Indonesia/ DB160620

A Filipino fishing vessel was detained by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) for illegal fishing in the Indonesian Fisheries Management Area (WPP-NRI) on 7 Jun approximately 24 miles north of Nanusa Island, Sulawesi Sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://pusinfomar-tni.mil.id/news-detail/741/KKP-Tangkap-5-Kapal-Pencuri-Ikan-dan-Bebaskan-29-Nelayan-RI/>

<https://money.kompas.com/read/2020/06/11/173600926/kkp-tangkap-5-kapal-maling-ikan-dan-bebaskan-29-nelayan-ri?page=all>

<https://ekonomi.bisnis.com/read/20200611/99/1251545/kkp-kembali-tangkap-kapal-ikan-asing-ilegal>

4 Jun - Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tanjung Balai, Indonesia/ DB160620

A Malaysian fishing vessel manned by five Myanmar Citizens was detained by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) for illegal fishing in the Indonesian Fisheries Management Area (WPP-NRI).

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://pusinfomar-tni.mil.id/news-detail/741/KKP-Tangkap-5-Kapal-Pencuri-Ikan-dan-Bebaskan-29-Nelayan-RI/>

Information Update:

11 Jun - Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Gumusut Oilfield, Brunei/ DB150620 (Information Update from DB120620)

A fishing vessel carrying five fishermen onboard was seized by the Royal Brunei Navy ship on Thursday, 11 Jun 20.

IFC Comments:

The name of the foreign fishing vessel is One United 20. The reported foreign fishing vessel was found to be conducting illegal fishing in Brunei waters using large dredging trawl nets with evidence of fresh fish onboard. The five Vietnamese fishermen are currently placed under isolation at a local quarantine centre.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://borneobulletin.com.bn/2020/06/vietnam-boat-detained-for-illegal-fishing-2/>

<https://money.kompas.com/read/2020/06/11/173600926/kkp-tangkap-5-kapal-maling-ikan-dan-bebaskan-29-nelayan-ri?page=all>
<https://ekonomi.bisnis.com/read/20200611/99/1251545/kkp-kembali-tangkap-kapal-ikan-asing-ilegal>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

18 Jun – Fuel/ Diesel (200 Tons)/ Bunkering Tanker/ Off Vung Tau, Vietnam/ DB190620

The Vietnamese Coast Guard detained a tanker in Vung Tau Province waters on 18 Jun carrying 200 tons of undocumented diesel oil.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/06/18/tanker-under-false-name-arrested-for-illegal-oil-trade/>

17 Jun – Fuel/ Diesel (32,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Off Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB190620

The Malaysian Marine Police Force Region 5 seized an oil tanker for illegally carrying 32,000 litres of undocumented diesel oil on 17 Jun about off Kuala Bintulu.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/malaysia-ppm-bintulu-seizes-benawa-no-1-confiscates-32000-litres-of-illegal-diesel-oil/>

13 Jun – Natural Resources/ Red Sandalwood (13 Tons)/ Container Ship/ From India to UAE/ Nhava Sheva Port, India/ DB160620

The Indian Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested two people and stopped a gang trying to smuggle Red Sandalwood out of India by declaring it as onions.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/rs-4-crore-red-sanders-smuggling-bid-foiled-two-arrested/articleshow/76378772.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/76373893.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

13 Jun – Drugs/ Meth (30 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Rupert Island, Indonesia/ DB160620

The Indonesian authorities sunk a vessel, which carried the 30 kilograms of smuggled crystal meth, that came from Malaysian territory into the Riau coastline.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://en.tempo.co/read/1353568/coast-guard-nabs-major-drug-smugglers-from-malaysia>

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

12 Jun – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (32640 Cartons)/ Container Ship/ From Dubai to India/ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, India/ DB170620

The Indian Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 32,640 cartons of undeclared foreign branded cigarettes from a 40-FT container at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in Navi Mumbai on 12 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/ficci-lauds-dri-for-largest-seizure-of-smuggled-cigarettes/1866387>

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/foreign-brand-cigarettes-worth-rs-12-crore-seized-in-navi-mumbai-848986.html>

12 Jun – Drugs/ Cannabis (104 Kg)/ Two Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB150620

The Sri Lankan Navy seized a large haul of Kerala cannabis during a special search operation conducted in the sea area of Kusumanthurei, Jaffna.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/12/202006122345/>

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/06/12/202006121545/>

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20A/Jun13_1592023469CH.php

12 Jun – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (354,800 Cartons)/ Container Ship/ To Malaysia/ Bintulu Port, Malaysia/ DB190620

The Malaysian Customs Department in Sarawak has seized 70,960,000 sticks of illicit cigarettes at Bintulu port on 12 Jun.

IFC Comments:

IFC used a calculation of 200 sticks per carton.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/06/18/71-million-sticks-of-illicit-cigarettes-seized-at-bintulu-port>

11 Jun – Fuel/ Diesel (25,000 Litres)/ Two Fishing Vessels/ Off Kien Giang, Vietnam/ DB150620

The Vietnam Coast Guard on Thursday said its Region 4 Task Force Command Unit has detained two fishing boats for conducting illegal oil transactions in the Southwestern region of Kien Giang.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/vietnam-coast-guards-remand-two-fishing-boats-for-conducting-illegal-oil-transaction/>

11 Jun – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (76,100 Cartons)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Port of Cebu, Philippines/ DB150620

The Bureau of Customs said Friday it seized an estimated P76 million (US\$1.5 million) worth of smuggled fake cigarettes at the Port of Cebu.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:



<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/742406/boc-seizes-p76m-worth-of-smuggled-fake-cigarettes-at-port-of-cebu/story/>

2 June- Drugs/ Hashish(13kg)/ Adrift/ From Pakistan to India/ Gujarat, India/ DB160620

A consignment of hashish, a drug processed from the resin of cannabis plant, along the Kutch coast in Gujarat on 2 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/hashish-seizures-intrigue-enforcement-agencies/article31811057.ece>

1 June- Drugs/ Hashish(19kg)/ Adrift/ From Pakistan to India/ Gujarat, India/ DB160620

A consignment of hashish, a drug processed from the resin of cannabis plant, along the Kutch coast in Gujarat on 1 Jun.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/hashish-seizures-intrigue-enforcement-agencies/article31811057.ece>

29 May – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (17,250 Cartons)/ Container Ship/ To Singapore/ Pasir Panjang, Singapore/ DB1540620

More than 17,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes were seized from a Yishun warehouse last week, the largest haul netted in a single operation this year.

IFC Comments:

IFC has confirmed that the container is shipped by Panama Flagged container ship and the LPOC of this vessel was Cambodia. No other detail on this container is provided.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/contraband-cigarettes-seized-arrested-yishun-warehouse-raid-12790754>

21 May- Drugs/ Hashish(16kg)/ Adrift/ From Pakistan to India/ Gujarat, India/ DB160620

A consignment of hashish, a drug processed from the resin of cannabis plant, along the Kutch coast in Gujarat on 21 May.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/hashish-seizures-intrigue-enforcement-agencies/article31811057.ece>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

12 Jun - Human Smuggling/ 11 Vietnamese Migrants going from Indonesia to Australia/ Small Boat/ Off Jaco Island, Timor Leste/ DB160620

Eleven Vietnamese nationals heading to Australia by boat were intercepted by authorities in Timor-Leste and placed in coronavirus quarantine.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/vietnamese-headed-to-australia-by-boat-intercepted-in-timor-leste-20200615-p552tg.html>

4 Jun – Human Smuggling/ Five Chinese Migrants going from China to ROK/ Small Boat/ Off Taean Coast, Republic of Korea/ DB150620

South Korean Defense Minister on Thursday called for strict surveillance against illegal entry, his office said, following the military's security failures over illegal entrants on small boats.

IFC Comments:

ROK ILO verified that there were 3 similar human smuggling incidents by using small boat from China to ROK during Apr to Jun.(18 Apr: 5 Chinese / 21 May: 8 Chinese / 4 Jun: 5 Chinese) 12 out of 18 illegal Chinese migrants were arrested by ROK police but 6 remain missing. The reason for the recent increase of illegal migrants by using small boats from China to ROK is associated with the difficulty of finding daily employment in China. KCG investigators believe that air travel restrictions with COVID-19 between two countries has contributed to increased travel by sea routes.

18 Apr – Human Smuggling/ Five Chinese Migrants going from China to ROK/ Small Boat/ Off Taean Coast, Republic of Korea/ DB150620

Prosecutors on Saturday detained six more migrants suspected of having entered South Korea illegally, using small lifeboats to cross the waters between the two countries.

IFC Comments:

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News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200613003100320?section=search>

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200611008100325?section=search>

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20200613036152063?section=search>

Information Update:

5 Jun - Human Exploitation/ Two Indonesians/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Karimun, Indonesia/ DB180620 (Information Update from DB080620)

The National Police have named three people as suspects in a case of alleged human trafficking on Chinese-flagged fishing vessel Lu Qing Yuan Yu 901. The case came to light after two Indonesian crewmen jumped off the vessel into the Malacca strait earlier this month because they could no longer stand the mistreatment on board. Three suspects have been charged with violating articles 2, 4 and 10 of Law No. 21/2007 on the eradication of human trafficking.

IFC Comments:

On 13 Jun 20 the Indonesian Police announced that three people have been arrested as suspects in a case of alleged human trafficking on Chinese-flagged fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/06/16/police-name-three-recruiters-as-suspects-in-chinese-vessel-human-trafficking-case.html>



SECTION G: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC advises:

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



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES

2019

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel “DWIJAYA 1”, Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tug boat “EVER ALPHA”, Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

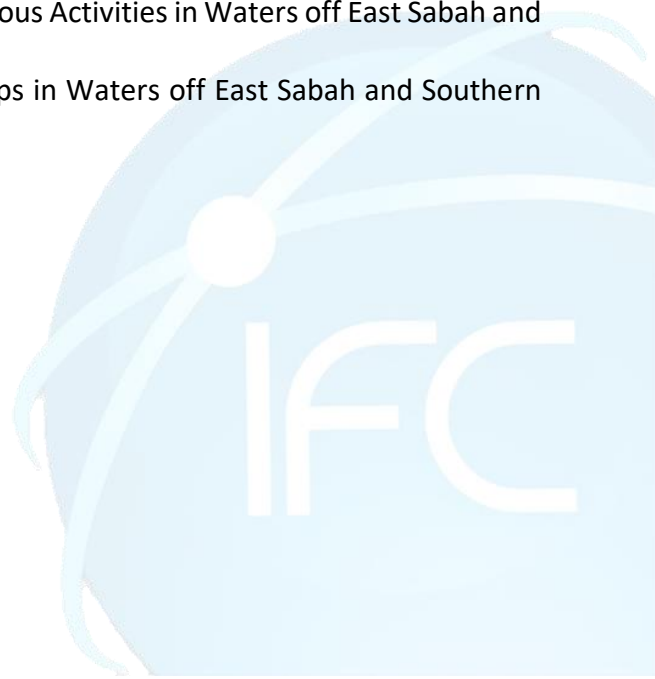
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.





Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.




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