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



For the period of 31 Jul – 06 Aug, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the 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)	33	4-10
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	10	11-13
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	7	14-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	4	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	18
Others	0	19

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

Outside of reporting period:

29 Jul – Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ PUFFIN PACIFIC/ Tanker/ Singapore Flagged/ Anchored/ Rabaul Port, Papua New Guinea/ DB02082

1. IFC received information from MPA-POCC that a sea theft incident occurred aboard Singapore flagged tanker, PACIFIC PUFFIN, while anchored at Rabaul Port, Papua New Guinea (04 15.3S 152 11.2E) on 29 Jul at 0233 (UTC+7).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: PUFFIN PACIFIC
- b. Callsign: 9V4326
- c. IMO: 9876402
- d. MMSI: 563108100
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Chemical/Products Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Puffin Pacific Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Exxonmobil Asia Pacific Pte
- j. LPOC: Papua New Guinea
- i. NPOC: Singapore

3. Reference subject robbery incident took place on 29th Jul while the vessel was at Rabaul, PNG anchorage (04 15.3S 152 11.2 E), which was less than a mile from the nearest shore, awaiting daylight for berthing. The unauthorised boarding by two robbers (one of them with a knife) took place from 0233 (UTC+7) to 0244 (UTC+7). The robbers managed to enter the accommodation space using the same access door (Stbd side upper deck) as was used by the deck patrol to enter for a short break. They were immediately spotted by the duty patrol; emergency alarm raised and were immediately chased away. The robbers managed to take one laptop from the ship's office and retreated to a small hand-paddled boat through the hawse pipe using the port anchor chain where one more accomplice was already waiting for them. The boat was unlit. No Injury or harm was done to the ship staff and no other property was stolen/damaged.

IFC Comments:

The company security officer has verified the incident with only 1 laptop was stolen and there was no confrontation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

MPA-POCC
Company Security Officer



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

05 Aug – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Embankment/ Off Huangpu, Shanghai, China/ DB060821

A bulk carrier allided with an embankment off Huangpu, Shanghai, China on 05 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/08/05/bulk-carrier-collided-with-embankment-breached-shanghai/>

04 Aug – MEDEVAC/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Galle, Sri Lanka/ DB060821

One rescued from a fishing vessel via MEDEVAC operation off Galle, Sri Lanka on 04 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/05/202108051530/>

02 Aug – Water Ingress/ Rough Seas/ Small Boat/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Surigao City, Philippines/ DB060821

Three rescued from a small boat that suffered water ingress due to rough seas off Surigao City, Philippines on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/08/04/3-passengers-boat-captain-rescued-in-surigao-city/>

04 Aug – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Songkla Channel Bouy, Songkla Province, Thailand/ DB050821

One crew missing after falling overboard a fishing vessel off Songkla Channel Bouy, Songkla Province, Thailand on 04 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC 2nd Area Command

03 Aug – Missing/ Bad Weather/ Unknown Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB050821

One missing while diving in bad weather off Sungai Besar, Malaysia on 03 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4190183071073576>

<https://www.thesundaily.my/home/freelance-diver-reported-missing-in-sungai-besar-waters-mmea-JC8163308>

02 Aug – Cargo Mishap/ Containers Overboard/ Tug and Barge/ Off Satun Province, Thailand/ DB040821

10 containers fell overboard from a tug and barge off Satun Province, Thailand on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/1458583491157345>

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/08/03/10-containers-lost-washed-ashore-on-resort-island-beaches-andaman-sea/>

02 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 31 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Surin, Thailand/ DB040821

31 rescued after a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Koh Surin, Thailand on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC 3rd Area Command

<https://www.facebook.com/3rdNAC/posts/2241517659322797>

<https://www.facebook.com/3rdNAC/posts/2241825455958684>

02 Aug – Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Government Vessel/ Off Kodiyakkarai Coast, India/ DB040821

A violent confrontation between a fishing vessel and government vessel occurred off Kodiyakkarai Coast, India on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/arrest-sri-lankan-navy-personnel-who-opened-fire-at-indian-fishermen-anbumani-ramadoss/articleshow/84969822.cms>

02 Aug – Grounding (Mechanical Failure)/ Engine Failure/ 21 Rescued/ Off Sulangan Island, Eastern Samar, Philippines/ DB040821

21 rescued after a bulk carrier ran aground due to an engine failure off Sulangan Island, Eastern Samar, Philippines on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/08/02/bulk-carrier-with-nickel-ore-aground-abandoned/>

02 Aug – Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Evading Arrest/ Barge vs Government Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sungai Serdang Besar, Kapar, Malaysia/ DB040821

19 rescued after a barge sank after colliding with a government vessel while attempting to evade arrest off Sungai Serdang Besar, Kapar, Malaysia on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4186823914742825>

01 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Almargo Island, Samar, Philippines/ DB040821

One rescued after a small boat capsized due to rough seas off Almargo Island, Samar, Philippines on 01 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rappler.com/nation/fisherman-rescued-clinging-to-capsized-boat-july-2021>

01 Aug – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Cargo Ship/ Off Yangtze, Shanghai, China/ DB040821

A collision between a bulk carrier and a cargo ship occurred off Yangtze, Shanghai, China on 01 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Rb-Lisa-9730828.html>

31 Jul – Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tug and Barge/ Off Noomara, Maldives/ DB040821

A tug and barge ran aground off Noomara, Maldives on 31 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://avas.mv/en/104326>

31 Jul – Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Tanker/ Off Miri, Malaysia/ DB030821

A tanker was detained for invalid documentation off Miri, Malaysia on 31 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4182655181826365>

31 Jul – Others/ Encroaching/ Two Fishing Vessels/ Off Orchid Island, Taiwan/ DB030821

Two foreign fishing vessels were expelled for encroaching off Orchid Island, Taiwan on 31 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/4262580>

01 Aug – Water Ingress/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kyunsu, Myanmar/ DB020821

18 rescued after a general cargo ship suffered from water ingress off Kyunsu, Myanmar on 01 Aug. THAI-MECC 3rd Area Command is activating SAR team to render assistance the vessel in distress as requested.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:
THAI-MECC 3rd Area Command
RCC Alameda

Outside of reporting period:

27 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Albuera, Philippines/
DB060821

A general cargo ship sank off Albuera, Philippines on 27 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12583291/casualties#315378>

22 Jul – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Barangay Oloc, Laua-an,
Antique, Philippines/ DB060821

A general cargo ship ran aground due to bad weather off Barangay Oloc, Laua-an, Antique,
Philippines on 22 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/9080023/casualties#315159>

18 Jul – Collision/ Cause Unknown/ Vehicles Carrier vs Bulk Carrier/ Toyohasi Port, Japan/
DB06082

A vehicles carrier collided with a bulk carrier off Toyohasi Port, Japan on 18 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/378132/casualties#314902>

30 Jul – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ General Cargo Ship/ Off Wuqiu Islands, Taiwan/
DB050821

A general cargo ship ran aground due to bad weather off Wuqiu Islands, Taiwan on 30 Jul

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/08/03/taiwanese-coaster-aground-engine-room-flooded-taiwan-strait/>

22 Jul – Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Liugong Island, China/
DB050821

Six rescued from a small boat that went adrift due to bad weather off Liugong Island, China
on 22 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2021/95110_0803/724.html



06 Jun – Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Racha Noi Island, Phuket Province, Thailand/ DB050821

One rescued from a fishing vessel that went adrift due to a mechanical failure in bad weather off Racha Noi Island, Phuket Province, Thailand on 06 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.merdeka.com/peristiwa/terdampar-hingga-thailand-nelayan-asal-aceh-akhirnya-bisa-kembali-pulang.html>

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/181582/aceh-fisherman-adrift-in-thailand-returns-home-after-quarantine>

27 Jul – Vessel Detained/ Cause Unknown/ Speedboat/ Off Nanpeng Island, China/ DB040821

A speedboat was detained off Nanpeng Island, China on 27 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2021/95110_0731/721.html

22 Jul – Others/ Bad Weather/ Unknown Vessel/ SAR/ Off Guangxi, Fangchenggang, China/ DB040821

SAR operation launched after local authorities received a distress call from a vessel of Guangxi, Fangchenggang, China on 22 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2021/95110_0731/720.html

29 Jul – Others/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ Port of Busan, ROK/ DB030821

One rescued after a crane fell onto a fishing vessel at Port of Busan, ROK on 29 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Sapfir-1-7928213.html>

30 Jul – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Pulau Buloh, Malaysia/ DB020821

A small boat and one crew went missing off Pulau Buloh, Malaysia on 30 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=1988061



29 Jul – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ General Cargo Ship/ Three Missing, 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kutch, India/ DB020821

Three missing and 15 rescued after a general cargo ship sank due to bad weather off Kutch, India on 29 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/07/29/cargo-ship-sinking-in-arabian-sea-5-crew-rescued-13-missing/>

28 Jul – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ilaures, Antique, Philippines/ DB020821

11 rescued after a tug ran aground due to bad weather off Ilaures, Antique, Philippines on 28 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine – Naval Coast Watch Centre

27 Jul – Adrift (Mechanical Failure)/ Defective Gearbox/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Carnicobar, India/ DB020821

A fishing vessel went adrift after suffering a mechanical failure due to a defective gearbox off Carnicobar, India on 27 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.uniindia.com/ins-airavat-renders-assistance-to-fishing-boat-in-distress/south/news/2464032.html>

27 Jul – MEDEVAC (Work Accident)/ Head Injury/ Unknown Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Guangdong, Jieyang, China/ DB020821

One rescued after one crew suffered a head injury off Guangdong, Jieyang, China on 27 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2021/95110_0729/714.html

24 Jul – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Kantang District, Trang Province, Thailand/ DB020821

A fishing vessel and one crew went missing off Kantang District, Trang Province, Thailand on 24 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC 3rd Area Command



23 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Four Rescued/ Off Mampally, India/ DB020821

One dead and four rescued after a fishing vessel sank due to rough seas off Mampally, India on 23 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/fisherman-dies-as-boat-capsizes/articleshow/83791271.cms>

02 Jun – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Missing, Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Galle, Sri Lanka/ DB020821

One missing and three rescued after a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Galle, Sri Lanka on 02 Jun.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.lankapress.com/sri-lanka-navy-assists-rescue-of-fishermen-aboard-fishing-vessel-in-distress/>

Information Updates:

26 Jul – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ship/ SAR/ Off Namlea Harbor, Buru Regency, Indonesia/ DB020821
(Information Update from DB280721)

It was reported that, the vessel has been successfully refloated at around 1908 UTC, Jul 27 and arrived in the Port of Ambon, Indonesia, at around 1626 UTC, Jul 28.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/215733/casualties#315235>



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

01 Aug – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ 21 Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Off Shanghai, China/ DB060821

Three local fishing vessels detained, and 21 fishermen arrested off Shanghai, China on 01 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404666928848568621#_0

01 Aug – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Four Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pingtan, China/ DB060821

Three local fishing vessels detained, and four fishermen arrested for illegal fishing off Pingtan, China on 01 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404666928848568621#_0

31 Jul/ Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Dalian Island, China/ DB060821

One local fishing vessel detained, and three fishermen arrested for illegal fishing off Dalian Island, China on 31 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404666928848568621#_0

02 Aug – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tanjung Jerijeh, Belawai, Malaysia/ DB040821

One local fishing vessel detained and seven foreign fishermen arrested for illegal fishing off Tanjung Jerijeh, Belawai, Malaysia on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4187107404714476>

31 Jul – Poaching/ One Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 84 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Eastern Coast of DPRK, DPRK/ DB030821

One Chinese fishing vessel and 84 fishermen were detained at the Eastern Coast of DPRK, DPRK on 31 Jul after illegally fishing in the Yellow Sea on 17 Jul.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.mof.go.kr/article/view.do?articleKey=42556&boardKey=10&menuKey=971¤tPageNo=1>

<https://www.news1.kr/articles/?4391171>

<https://www.korea.kr/news/pressReleaseView.do?newsId=156464533&pWise=main&pWiseMain=C1>

31 Jul – Local/ 30 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 89 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB030821

Local authorities detained 30 local fishing vessels and 89 local fishermen for illegal fishing from 01 to 31 Jul 21 off Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/02/202108021600/>

Outside of reporting period:

29 Jul – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Fangji Island, China/ DB050821

One local fishing vessel detained for illegal fishing off Fangji Island, China on 29 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404666249589424305#_0

30 July – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Method/ Off Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Thailand/ DB020821

One local fishing vessel detained and one local fisherman arrested for illegal fishing methods off Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Thailand on 30 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC 2nd Area Command

29 Jul – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Perak, Malaysia/ DB020821

One local fishing vessel detained and one local fisherman arrested for illegal fishing methods off Perak, Malaysia on 29 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4179461778812372>

28 Jul – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia/ DB020821

One local fishing vessel detained for illegal fishing off Pulau Pasir Hitam, Perak, Malaysia on 28 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4170683573023526>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

04 Aug – Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (820kg)/ Two Small Boats/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB060821

Local authorities seized two small boats with 820kg of sea cucumbers being smuggled to Sri Lanka off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka on 04 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2021/08/04/202108041915/>

04 Aug – Drugs/ Ketum Leaves (750kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Kuala Sanglang Estuary, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB050821

Local authorities seized a small boat with 750kg of ketum leaves being smuggled from Malaysia off Kuala Sanglang Estuary, Kedah, Malaysia on 04 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4189786751113208>

02 Aug – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (Three Large Boxes)/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Off Pulau Susupan, Semporna, Malaysia/ DB050821

Local authorities seized a small boat with three large boxes of cigarettes being smuggled to Malaysia off Pulau Susupan, Semporna, Malaysia on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4189786751113208>

Outside of reporting period:

18 Jul – Natural Resources/ Hardwood Lumber (477 Pieces)/ Ro-Ro Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Surigao City, Philippines/ DB050821

Local authorities seized a ro-ro ship with 477 pieces of hardwood lumber being smuggled domestically off Surigao City, Philippines on 18 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/4125-joint-law-enforcement-operatives-apprehend-truck-for-transporting-794k-worth-of-illegally-cut-hardwood-lumber>

28 Jul – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,008 Boxes)/ Passenger Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Pilas Island, Basilan, Philippines/ DB020821

Local authorities seized a passenger ship with 1,008 boxes of cigarettes being smuggled domestically off Pilas Island, Basilan, Philippines on 28 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine – Naval Coast Watch Centre

28 Jul – Weapons/ Guns (3 Pistols, 36 Rifles), Ammunition/ Ro-Ro Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Port of Allen, Northern Samar, Philippines/ DB020821

Local authorities seized a ro-ro passenger ship with 3 pistols, 36 rifles and ammunition being smuggled domestically at Port of Allen, Northern Samar, Philippines on 28 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippine – Naval Coast Watch Centre

<https://www.facebook.com/112152289453434/posts/786354998699823/>

20 Jul – Tobacco and Domestic Products/ Cigarettes (16,852 Sticks) and Liquor (369,672 Liters)/ Container Ship/ To Malaysia/ Off Rajang, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB020821

Local authorities seized aa container ship with 16,852 sticks of cigarettes and 369,672 liters of liquor being smuggled to Malaysia off Rajang, Sarawak, Malaysia on 20 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/07/31/customs-dept-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-contraband-cigarettes-liquor-worth-over-rm2-54-mln/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

02 Aug - Human Smuggling/ 18 Indonesian and One Pakistani Migrants from Malaysia/ Barge/ Off Sungai Serdang Besar, Kapar, Malaysia/ DB040821

18 Indonesians and one Pakistani migrant was arrested or attempting to illegally leave Malaysia on a barge off Sungai Serdang Besar, Kapar, Malaysia on 02 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4186823914742825>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

31 Jul – Contagion/ COVID-19/ Unknown Origin/ Three Infected/ Infected Personnel Sent to Hospital/ Off Pulau Aur, Malaysia/ DB020821

Three infected with COVID-19 on a vessel off Pulau Aur, Malaysia sent to hospital on 31 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/08/01/johor-mmea-evacuates-three-covid-19-patients-from-pulau-aur>

Outside of reporting period:

25 Jul – Contagion/ COVID-19/ 24 Infected/ Offshore Tug/ Unknown Impact/ Off Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB060821

24 crew infected with COVID-19 aboard an offshore tug off Bintulu, Malaysia on 25 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/12499996/casualties#315533>

29 Jul – MARPOL/ Liquid/ Chemical Leak/ Container Ship/ Unknown Impact/ Off Colombo, Sri Lanka/ DB030821

A chemical leak coming from a container ship occurred off Colombo, Sri Lanka on 29 Jul. Authorities had decided to rework the containers and to repack the barrels of nitric acid into a fresh container for onward carriage.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Seaspan-Lahore-9301811.html>

16 Jul – MARPOL/ Liquid/ Toxic Waste Dump/ Supply Ship/ Unknown Impact/ Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB030821

A supply ship was detained for dumping toxic waste off Batam, Indonesia on 16 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.batamnews.co.id/berita-78974-duh-ratusan-ton-limbah-b3-asal-singapura-kerap-dibuang-di-perairan-batam.html>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: 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/ANALYST JOURNAL

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

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

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

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manila and Batangas anchorage.

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.

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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.



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