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



For the period of 02 - 08 Mar 24, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	5	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	9	5-5
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	22	7-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	12-14
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	1	15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	17
Others	0	0	18

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

### Incidents:

**06 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB060324**

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving a Marshall Island-flagged bulk carrier as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°03'19.8"N 103°40'13.8"E) on 6 Mar at 00:35 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted 3 perpetrators in the engine room who fled after the ship crew raised the alarm.
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some engine parts were reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

**02 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Liberia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Mongla Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB060324**

Eight robbers, armed with knives, boarded an anchored tanker. The ship's horn sounded. PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's stores. All crew members are safe.

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

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)

**04 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB040324**

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°07'37.8"N 103°31'30.0"E) on 4 Mar 24 at 02:50 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 2 unarmed perpetrators in the poop deck and have since fled.
2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

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

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**29 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Curaçao-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Batam Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB060324**

Three robbers, armed with knives, boarded an anchored bulk carrier. Duty watchmen noticed the three robbers and informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. The robbers threatened the duty watchmen before escaping with the stolen ship properties.

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

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

**29 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Cargo Vessel/ Anchored/ Off Dumai, Malacca Strait, Indonesia/ DB040324**

The Dumai Naval Base in Indonesia's Riau province foiled a robbery attempt by four pirates on a cargo vessel while it was anchored in the Malacca Strait's Dumai waters on 29 Feb.

The pirates jumped into the sea and escaped on a speedboat as soon as the Dumai Naval Base's first fleet quick response team members arrived on the scene, according to a press statement released by the Indonesian Navy. As per the press statement received by ANTARA here on 30 Feb, the quick response team departed on a sea rider boat shortly after the general cargo vessel sounded a danger alarm.

The alarm was sounded by several crew members after they saw the four pirates trying to climb on board their ship's deck. After thwarting the pirates' attempt to rob the ship, the Indonesian Navy launched a probe into the incident. Several navy personnel also remained on standby near the area where the ship was anchoring, according to a press statement issued by the navy.

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

<https://en.antaranews.com/amp/news/307473/navy-foils-piracy-attempt-on-mv-african-halcyon>

**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

**NSTR**



## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

**04 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB060324**

On 4 Mar, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Semporna, Celebes Sea. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

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

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/229966/nine-rescued-in-semporna-after-boat-capsizes/>

**03 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 24 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tokyo, Japan/ DB050324**

On 3 Mar, a fishing vessel went aground due to equipment failure off Tokyo, Japan. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and 24 rescued.

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

[https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20240304\\_18/](https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20240304_18/)

**03 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Other/ Passenger Ferry/ 1 Missing, 47 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tabuan Basilan, Philippines/ DB050324**

On 3 Mar, a passenger ferry capsized due to overloading off Tabuan Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and 47 rescued.

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

<https://psbalita.com/47-indibidwal-nailigtas-ng-pnp-maritime-sa-lumubog-na-m-v-mardia/>

### Out of Reporting Period:

**29 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zhuhai, China/ DB080324**

On 29 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Zhuhai, China. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

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

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1792336489374031721&wfr=spider&for=pc>

**27 Feb - Violent Confrontation/ Dispute/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Malpe, India/ DB060324**

On 3 Mar, there was a violent confrontation due to a dispute between fishermen and robbers off Malpe, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1171629>

**28 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bohol, Philippines/ DB050324**

On 28 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Bohol, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were four missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abante.com.ph/2024/03/2-sa-6-missing-mangingisda-nasagip/>

**01 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Missing, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Seogwipo, Jeju, ROK/ DB040324**

On 1 Mar, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Seogwipo, Jeju, ROK. SAR was conducted and there was one dead, two missing and seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tuoitrenews.vn/news/society/20240302/5-vietnamese-rescued-in-fatal-fishing-boat-accident-in-skorea/78551.html>

**29 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Haikou, China/ DB040324**

On 29 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Haikou, China. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail\\_forward\\_26518538](https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_26518538)

**29 Jan - Violent Confrontation/ Dispute/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hongdo Island, ROK/ DB040324**

On 29 Jan, there was a violent confrontation between fishermen and local authorities off Hongdo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.segye.com/newsView/20240223506168?OutUrl=naver>

## SECTION D: ILLEGAL, UNREGULATED, AND UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

### Incidents:

**06 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 19 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Terengganu Waters, Malaysia/ DB080324**

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained two Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 19 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen in Terengganu Waters, Malaysia.

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

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/653304/berita/politik/nelayan-vietnam-ditahan-rompak-13-tan-hasil-laut-terengganu?fbclid=IwAR3dIKp0smGt--o09QaEqqBvZ45Frft1dbJese7tt01gKnrGyi46XIKq4Nk>

**05 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Antique, Philippines/ DB080324**

On 5 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested seven fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Antique, Philippines.

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

<https://www.panaynews.net/9-nabbed-for-illegal-fishing-antique-capiz/>

**03 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Poblacion Ilaya Panay, Philippines/ DB080324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Poblacion Ilaya Panay, Philippines.

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

<https://www.panaynews.net/9-nabbed-for-illegal-fishing-antique-capiz/>

**6 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 19 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB070324**

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested 19 local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/03/06/202403061630/>

**03 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB070324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bernama.com/bm/am/news.php?id=2276460>

**04 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Sungai Tiang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB060324**

On 4 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and three foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Sungai Tiang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2024/03/05/dua-bot-tempatan-8-nelayan-ditahan-apmm-perak/>

**04 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Lumba-lumba, Perak, Malaysia/ DB060324**

On 4 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and three foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Lumba-lumba, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://malaysiagazette.com/2024/03/05/dua-bot-tempatan-8-nelayan-ditahan-apmm-perak/>

**04 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand/ DB060324**

On 4 Mar, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas in Songkhla Province, Gulf of Thailand, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.khaosod.co.th/around-thailand/news\\_8124420](https://www.khaosod.co.th/around-thailand/news_8124420)

**03 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Marado Island, ROK/ DB060324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested nine foreign fishermen for misreporting catches off Marado Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/articles/articlesDetail/37545?feed=na>

**03 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Marado Island, ROK/ DB060324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel and arrested ten foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Marado Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/articles/articlesDetail/37545?feed=na>

**03 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas and License of Fishermen/ Off Muara Sungai Pinang, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia/ DB050324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and four foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas and invalid license of fishermen off Muara Sungai Pinang, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid03Vh932UvqV64g7bfNsMM9o824SsJmSdo8vH9ED5VEzKCrqBiffvyse15GEbHewl>

**03 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Eocheong Island, ROK/ DB040324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off Eocheong Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://news.jtbc.co.kr/article/article.aspx?news\\_id=NB12168023](https://news.jtbc.co.kr/article/article.aspx?news_id=NB12168023)

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**28 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Riau Islands, Malacca Strait, Indonesia/ DB080324**

On 28 Feb, local authorities detained one Malaysian fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Riau Islands, Malacca Strait, Indonesia.

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

<https://voi.id/en/news/363068>

**27 Nov - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Trawler Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Tung Ping Chau, Hong Kong/ DB080324**

On 27 Nov, local authorities detained one trawler and arrested one local fisherman for fishing with illegal gear in Tung Ping Chau, Hong Kong.

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

<https://www.dimsumdaily.hk/mainland-fisherman-incurs-fine-and-suspended-jail-term-for-unlawful-trawling-off-tung-ping-chau/>

**29 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 29 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/03/01/202403011600/>

**27 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Kabasalan, Philippines/ DB050324**

On 27 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Kabasalan, Philippines.

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

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/pcg-seizes-2-motorboats-for-illegal-fishing>

**12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kalmunai Point, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested six local fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Kalmunai Point, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/02/12/202402121700>

**06 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Kadeikadu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested one local fisherman for fishing with illegal gear in Kadeikadu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/02/06/202402061900/>

**29 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Hongdo Island, ROK/ DB050324**

On 29 Jan, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels and arrested seven foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Hongdo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.kbs.co.kr/news/pc/view/view.do?ncd=7879394&ref=A>

[https://www.mppbc.co.kr/article/rZvNNi7wx\\_kcol](https://www.mppbc.co.kr/article/rZvNNi7wx_kcol)

**25 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Above Quota/ Off Ippantivu, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 25 Jan, local authorities detained one local small boat and arrested three local fishermen for fishing above quota off Ippantivu, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/26/202401260900/>

**16 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 18 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 16 Jan, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 18 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/17/202401170900/>

**01 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Hongdo, Heuksan-myeon, Shinan-gun, Jeollabuk-do, ROK/ DB040324**

On 1 Mar, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for fishing non-permitted species off Hongdo, Heuksan-myeon, Shinan-gun, Jeollabuk-do, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscj.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=3113770>

## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

### Incidents:

**06 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (4,000 Litres) and Engine Oil (69 Barrels)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tien Giang Province, Viet Nam/ DB080324**

On 6 Mar, local authorities seized 4,000 litres of diesel oil and 69 barrels of engine oil onboard a fishing vessel off Tien Giang Province, Viet Nam.

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

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/hai-doan-bien-phong-18-bat-giu-vu-van-chuyen-4000-lit-dau-do-va-69-thung-nhot-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post473282.html>

**04 Mar - Drugs/ Cocaine (20kg)/ Ashore/ Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB070324**

On 4 Mar, local authorities seized 20kg of cocaine in Quang Binh, Viet Nam.

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

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/phat-hien-hon-20-kg-chat-ma-tuy-troi-dat-vao-bo-bien-quang-binh-post473238.html>

**03 Mar - Tobacco/ Tendu Leaves (3,440kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized 3,440kg of Tendu leaves in Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/03/03/202403031600/>

**02 Mar - Drugs/ Cocaine/ Adrift/ Off Tandag City, Philippines/ DB040324**

On 2 Mar, local authorities seized cocaine off Tandag City, Philippines.

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

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2024/03/02/2337571/fishermen-find-p53-m-worth-cocaine-floating-caraga-sea>

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**01 Mar - Drugs/ Meth ("Manic") (2,600,000 Pills)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar/ Off White Island, Myanmar/ DB080324**

On 1 Mar, local authorities seized 2,600,000 pills of meth ("manic") onboard a small boat off White Island, Myanmar.

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

[https://myawady-net-mm.translate.goog/node/53094?\\_x\\_tr\\_sl=my&\\_x\\_tr\\_tl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_hl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_pto=wapp](https://myawady-net-mm.translate.goog/node/53094?_x_tr_sl=my&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=wapp)

**26 Feb - Domestic Products/ White Clams and Crabs (66,000kg)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Liaoning, China/ DB080324**

On 26 Feb, local authorities seized 66,000kg of white clams and crabs onboard a cargo vessel off Liaoning, China.

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

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1792661734851574506&wfr=spider&for=pc>

**19 Feb - Domestic Products/ Counterfeit Goods (14,000 Pieces) / Cargo Ship/ From China via Hong Kong to Columbia/ Kwai Chung, Hong Kong/ DB080324**

On 19 Feb, local authorities seized 14,000 pieces of counterfeit goods onboard a cargo ship in Kwai Chung, Hong Kong.

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

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4099.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4099.html?p=1&y=&m=)

**05 Feb - Drugs/ Hashish (99kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mandapam, India/ DB070324**

On 5 Feb, local authorities seized 99kg of hashish onboard a small boat off Mandapam, India.

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

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1765049984712589516>

**28 Feb - Domestic Products/ Pregabalin (53,000 Pills)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Iluppukadawai Lagoon, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB050324**

On 28 Feb, local authorities seized 53,000 pills of pregabalin in Iluppukadawai Lagoon, Mannar, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/02/29/202402291030/>

**19 Jan - Drugs/ Cocaine (57.5kg)/ Cargo Ship/ Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong/ DB050324**

On 19 Jan, local authorities seized 57.5kg of cocaine onboard a cargo ship at Kwai Chung Customhouse, Hong Kong.

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

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4094.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4094.html?p=1&y=&m=)

**01 Mar - Fuel/ Marine Gas Oil/ 2 Tugs/ Off Tuas, Singapore/ DB040324**

On 1 Mar, local authorities seized marine gas oil onboard two tugs off Tuas, Singapore.

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

<https://bnnbreaking.com/world/singapore/15-arrested-in-crackdown-on-marine-gas-oil-smuggling-off-tuas-singapore>

**29 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (3kg)/ Ashore/ Off Manalkadu, Sri Lanka/ DB040324**

On 29 Feb, local authorities seized 3kg of cannabis off Manalkadu, Sri Lanka.

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

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/03/01/admin-catagories/breaking-news/425726/kerala-cannabis-valued-over-rs-01mn-recovered/>

**29 Feb - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (300 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ From Labuan to Sabah/ Off Menumbok, Sabah/ DB040324**

On 29 Feb, local authorities seized 300 cartons of alcohol onboard a small boat off Menumbok, Sabah.

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

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2024/03/02/mmea-thwarts-attempt-to-smuggle-300-cartons-of-alcohol-into-sabah/121031>

**27 Feb - Domestic Products/ Dried Shark Fins (1.2 Tons)/ Other Vessel/ Off Black Point, Hong Kong/ DB040324**

On 27 Feb, local authorities seized 1.2 tons of dried shark fins onboard a river trade vessel off Black Point, Hong Kong.

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

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4092.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4092.html?p=1&y=&m=)

## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

**Out of Reporting Period:**

**01 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Yacht/ 1 Australian Migrant/ From Australia to Papua New Guinea/ Daru, Papua New Guinea/ DB080324**

On 1 Mar, local authorities detained yacht and arrested one Australian migrant in Daru, Papua New Guinea.

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

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/australian-child-sex-offenders-attempt-to-flee-to-papua-new-guinea-foiled>

## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incident:

06 Mar - MIE/ Sand Mining/ Dredger/ Sand Dredging/ Off Kerian Waters, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080324

On 6 Mar, local authorities detained a dredger suspected of carrying out sand mining operations off Kerian Waters, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://suarakini.com.my/maritim-perak-tahan-kapal-korek-pasir-di-perairan-kerian/?fbclid=IwAR3Mi3lwIq3338ERt-pSNfJ1-5oT3jf1MpKJRFRz1-EEcC7IILrPC2XFU4c>

## SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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## SECTION I: OTHERS

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## IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particular when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).
3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
4. All mariners to take note of 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.
5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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The IFC seeks your observations during your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.

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### 2019

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

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### 2018

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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 Tugboat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

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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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