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



For the period from 19 Oct - 25 Oct 2019, 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)	6	2-7
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	7
Maritime Incidents (MI)	11	8-10
Illegal, Unregulated, Unreported Fishing (IUU)	14	11-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	3	13-14
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	14
Others	0	14

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

25 Oct - Attempted Actions/ NCC AMAL/ Chemical Tanker/ Saudi Arabia Flagged/ Underway/ Off Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia/ DB251019

IFC received information from POCC that an Attempted Action occurred on board a Saudi Arabia - flagged chemical tanker "NCC AMAL" while underway at Lat 01 02.96N Long 103 38.00E, Off Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia at 25 0515 (UTC+8) Oct 19.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: NCC AMAL
- b. Call Sign: HZEE
- c. IMO: 9411317
- d. MMSI: 403513001
- e. Flag: Saudi Arabia
- f. Type: Chemical Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: National Chemical Carriers Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Mideast Ship Management Ltd
- k. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

At 25 0515 (UTC+8) Oct 19, four persons attempted to board "NCC AMAL" from a small boat. Alarm was raised and the small boat disengaged and ran away.

IFC Comments:

This information was not verified by ship/cargo owners and has not been confirmed by ILO, OPCEN or local authorities.

Singapore MPA – POCC



23 Oct - Sea Theft/MT BOW SIRIUS/ Chemical Tanker/Norway Flagged/Anchored/Off Tanjung Stapa, Malaysia/DB251019

IFC received information from IMB that a Sea Theft occurred on board a chemical tanker "MT BOW SIRIUS" while anchored at (0118.42N 104 06.83E) off Tanjung Stapa, Malaysia on 23 0428 (UTC+8) Oct 19.

2. Vessel Details:

Name: BOW SIRIUS

b. Call Sign: LACQ7

c. IMO: 9215294

d. MMSI: 258910000

e. Flag: Norway

f. Type: Chemical Tanker

g. Ship Owner: Odfjell Chemical Tankers AS

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Odfjell Tankers AS

k. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

On 23 0428 (UTC+8) Oct 19, Sea Theft occurred on a vessel at 2.8 nm southwest of Tanjung Stapa/northern outer Pasir Gudang port limit. The ship was boarded by robbers while at anchor. The incident was noticed by the crew during ship rounds at 0424 (UTC+8). Ship items were stolen and robbers then fled heading to Indonesian waters. Investigations revealed that the robbers boarded the ship via the anchor cable hawse pipe. This incident occurred inside Malaysian territorial waters.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO updated that the vessel name is "MT BOW SIRIUS" and the incident happen on 23 0428 (UTC+8) Oct 19, at Lat 0118.42N Long 104 06.83E 2.7nm SW Tanjung Stapa. One mooring rope have been cut and stolen, number of perpetrator is more than one. The crew of the vessel is safe, no weapon was used.



22 Oct - Attempted Actions/ CSK ENTERPRISE/ Bulk Carrier/ Singapore/ Anchored/ Cigading Anchorage, Indonesia/DB241019

1. IFC received information from IMO-IMB that an Attempted Action occurred on board a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier "CSK ENTERPRISE", while anchored at Lat 06 01.30 S Long 105 53.80E, Cigading Anchorage, Indonesia at 220047 (UTC+7) Oct 19.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: CSKENTERPRISE
- b. Call Sign: 9V2929
- c. IMO: 9816555
- d. MMSI: 563053800
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Splendor Navigation Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Tai Chong Cheang Steamship HK
- k. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

At 22 0047 (UTC+7) crew on board an anchored ship noticed four unauthorized persons near the entrance of the engine room. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped without stealing anything. The craft used for the attempted actions was a fishing vessel. This incident was reported to local authority through agent, and it was under joint investigation presently, meanwhile the incident was reported to flag state Singapore MPA, IMB and ReCAAP.

IFC Comments:

Ship owner have reported to local Indonesian authority (Indonesian Police) and investigation was conducted.

IFC noted this vessel was involved in a similar incident at Cigading Anchorage in May 2019.

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9155>

<https://portal.recaap.org/OpenMap>

CSO of Shipping Company



19 Oct - Sea Robbery/ NORDSTEEL/ Bulk Carrier/ Singapore Flagged/ Underway/ Off Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia/DB211019

1. IFC received information from POCC and IMB that an Attempted Action occurred on board Singapore-flagged Bulk Carrier NORDSTEEL, while underway at Lat 01 03.45N Long 103 38.70E, off Pulau Kapaladjernih at 190120 (UTC+8) Oct 19.

2. Vessel Details

- a. Name: NORDSTEEL
- b. Call Sign: 9VAN2
- c. IMO: 9406518
- d. MMSI: 565579000
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Singa Star Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Oldendorff Carriers GMBH & Co
- k. NPOC: China

3. Incident Details:

At 19 0100LT (UTC+8) Oct 19: Duty Oiler Vhonharvin Rupido while making rounds and proceeding to workshop, he found-out that there were 5 robbers behind his back. After noticing them, he was poked immediately with an improvised gun and a jungle knife by another robber and tied his both hands, threatening him not to make any aggressions or he will be killed. Between 0103 (UTC+8) to 0115 (UTC+8): Three Robbers immediately took some valuable items while two robbers are still guarding him after taking the items, he was left by two robbers rushing through steering room exit door. At 0116(UTC+8): Duty Oiler immediately proceed to Engine room and informed the bridge regarding the incident. Between 0117 (UTC+8) to 0120 (UTC+8): Master raise the general alarm and announce through PA system that there were robbers onboard and duty 2nd Off call VTIS west/Central in succession informing them that there are robbers onboard. Between 0121(UTC+8) to 0125 (UTC+8: Master instructed all crews to proceed on bridge for head count and conduct thorough search in all areas of the ship in groups. Between 0126 (UTC+8) to 0220 (UTC+8): Ship master called and informed vessel Managers in succession reporting the incident.

IFC Comments:

This open source information was verified by ship/cargo owners but not been confirmed by ILOs, OPCENs or local authorities.

Singapore MPA-POCC



18 Oct - Attempted Actions/ HIRADO/ Tanker/ Greece Flagged/ Underway/ Off Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia/DB211019

1. IFC received information from POCC that an Attempted Action occurred on board Greece -flagged Crude Oil Tanker HIRADO, while underway at Lat 01 04.13N Long 103 41.23E, 4NM off Pulau Kapaladjernih, Indonesia at 18 2332 (UTC+8) Oct 19.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: HIRADO
- b. Call Sign: SVCC6
- c. IMO: 9377420
- d. MMSI: 241362000
- e. Flag: Greece
- f. Type: Oil Product Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Euronav NV
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Euronav NV
- k. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

At 182332 (UTC+8) Oct 19, Greece Flagged HIRADO reported that four perpetrators boarded the vessel. A search was subsequently conducted by the ship crew. At 190015H Oct 19, it was confirmed that the perpetrators had left the vessel. All 25 crew were accounted for with no injury.

IFC Comments:

This open source information was verified by ship/cargo owners but not been confirmed by ILOs, OPCENs or local authorities.

Singapore MPA-POCC



Events outside of the reporting period:

28 Jul - Sea Theft/ BRIGHT DAWN/ Tanker/ Panama Flagged/ Berth/ SDS Terminal, Lubuk Gaung, Indonesia/DB221019

1. IFC received information from ARX that a Sea Theft occurred on board a Panama flagged chemical tanker BRIGHT DAWN, while berth at Lat 1° 45.5' N Long 101° 22' E, SDS Terminal, Lubuk Gaung, Indonesia at 30 0255 (UTC+9) Sep 19.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: BRIGHT DAWN
- b. Call Sign: 3EJX5
- c. IMO: 9362372
- d. MMSI: 372639000
- e. Flag: Panama
- f. Type: Chemical Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: South Melody Shipping Inc
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Handytankers K/S
- k. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details:

A Panama-flagged Chemical Tanker, Bright Dawn was boarded during the early morning's hours of 28 Jul while berthed at SDS Terminal ST 01, located at Lubuk Gaung Dumai, Indonesia. At approximately 02:55 (UTC+7) in the morning, four individuals boarded the ship by breaking the seal of the steering flat. They proceeded to enter the engine room, near the workshop and stole the engine spares. The duty oiler saw the boarding party and immediately informed the Duty Officer, who proceeded to raise the alarm. The crew proceeded to muster and conduct a search, in order to locate the interlopers. The perpetrators, however, managed to escape the vessel along with the engine spares. The Master of the vessel then proceeded to report the incident to the local Port Authority and the relevant flag state. Vessel & crew are considered safe. List of stolen item – 4 discarded and 1 new generator plunger/ barrel, used Vernier caliper. This incident was informed to PFSO through agent and reported to IMB.

IFC Comments: This open source information was verified by ship/cargo owners and have not been confirmed by ILOs, OPCENs or local authorities.

The incident date reported in DB221019 was wrongly quoted by the news/website. The correct Incident date is on 28 Jul, not 30 Sep.

<https://www.arxmaritime.com/news/maritime-piracy-report-october-4th-2019/>
CSO of shipping company

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR

SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

20 Oct - Mechanical Failure/Engine Failure/Ferry/128 Rescued/Off Guimaras, Philippines/DB251019

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a local passenger vessel with 128 passengers and crew onboard encountered engine trouble off Guimaras on 20 October 2019. The distress vessel was safely towed by a Tug Boat to Iloilo Past Craft Terminal. Coast Guard Station Iloilo personnel assisted the disembarkation of all passengers. The vessel was navigating from Bredco Port, Bacolod City bound for Iloilo City when the incident transpired. The Master of the vessel was advised to file marine protest.

Philippines Coast Guard Command Centre

23 Oct - MOB/ Bad Weather/Fishing Vessel/One Rescued/SAR/Off Malpe Light House, India/DB251019

A fisherman was rescued on Wednesday by the Indian Coast Guard Ship on deployment off Karnataka coast, officials said.

<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/karnataka-indian-coast-guard-rescues-fisherman-missing-since-oct-23-morning20191023215702/>

21 Oct - Violent Confrontation/ Miscommunication/ Fishing Vessel vs Patrol Vessel/ Andaman Sea/ DB241019

On Tuesday, Ranong villager told reporters that she had received a message from her son, a member of the cruise ship that took 30 tourists on a diving trip near Myanmar, that the ship had been shot at by Indian coastguard when it entered Indian waters.

Thailand ILO Comments:

The ship master did not turn on the radio on VHF 16 so he can't receive the warning from the India coast guard ship.

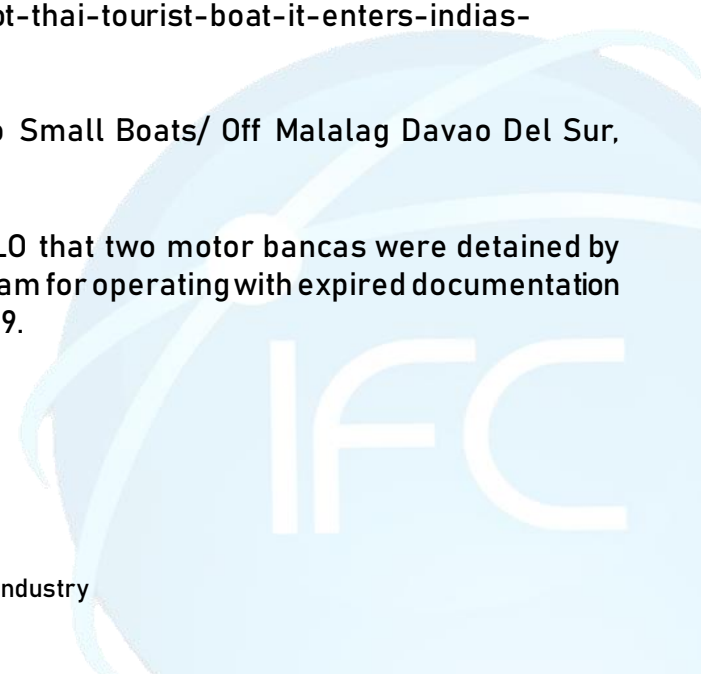
<https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30377652>

<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/indian-coastguard-shoot-thai-tourist-boat-it-enters-indias-waters>

20 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/Two Small Boats/ Off Malalag Davao Del Sur, Philippines/DB241019

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that two motor bancas were detained by Coast Guard Station Davao maritime law enforcement team for operating with expired documentation off Malalag Bay, Malalag, Davao Del Sur on 20 October 2019.

Philippines Coast Guard Command Centre



22 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel/Nine Rescued/SAR/ Off Maldives/DB241019

A cargo vessel sank on Oct 22, 2019, enroute from Tuticorin 100 miles off the Maldives.

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/M.s.v.ark-Of-God-11949435.html>

23 Oct - MOB/ Human Error/ Bulk Carrier/One Missing/ SAR/ Eastern Special Purpose Anchorage, Singapore/DB241019

IFC received information from Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) that at 1715H, a crew member from a bulk carrier, fell into the sea while disembarking from the vessel at Eastern Special Purpose Anchorage. SAR operation is still on going.

IFC Comments:

This incident is being investigated by the Police and MPA.

POCC - MPA

22 Oct - Vessel Detained/Unauthorized Anchoring/Tanker/Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia/DB231019

MMEA, Maritime Zone of Tg. Sedili successfully detained a Tanker for unauthorized Anchoring in the East Johor Sea as a result of public information on 22 Oct 19.

Maritime Zone of Tg. Sedili Director said the investigation found that the vessel with a length of 112 meters registered in Jakarta, Indonesia was detained at 13.5 nautical miles (bn) East of Tanjung Penawar (01 30.33N 104 30.34 E), at around noon 12.10pm for anchoring without the permission of the Director of the Sea.

The tanker operated by 20 crew including Master (22) aged 22 to 53 years old were all foreign citizen will be investigated under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952, Section 491B (1) (l) which is without the permission of the Director of the Sea. If found guilty, you may be liable to a fine not exceeding RM100,000 (US\$ 23,800) or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or both.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/photos/a.503049696453617/2506032516155315/?type=3&theater>

19 Oct - Violent Confrontation/Illegal Fishing/Fishing Vessels vs Patrol Vessel/Yellow Sea/DB231019

Fishermen aboard a fishing vessel threw axes at Korean maritime authorities when approached while illegally fishing in the Yellow Sea on Saturday.

<http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=3069283>



Events outside of the reporting period:

10 Oct - Grounding/Human Error/Cargo Vessel/Off Minglanilla Cebu, Philippines/DB241019

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a cargo vessel with 16 crew onboard was safely extracted on 11 October 2019 after she was aground off Minglanilla, Cebu on 10 October 2019.

Philippines Coast Guard Command Centre

18 Oct - Vessel Detained/Invalid Documentations/Small Boat/Off Tanjung Piai, Malaysia/DB211019

Three wooden boats were detained around 12 midnight on 18 Oct 19. Eight crews aged 20 to 32 were also arrested and taken to the Johor MMEA Headquarters for investigation under the Customs Act 1967 Sec. 44 and the Immigration Act 1959/63 for no valid identification documents. According to the Johor Maritime Director, a MMEA Vessel on a routine patrol found the three boats in suspicious conditions around 4.2 nautical miles southeast of Tg. Piai waters.

IFC Comments:

This article has been translated to English by the Malaysia ILO.

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/2497231007035466?__tn__=-R

18 Oct - 18 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/Water Ingress/Container Vessel/Off Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam/DB211019

A container ship carrying 285 containers capsized on the Long Tau River, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in the early hours of Saturday morning. Container ship capsized and sank between buoys 28/30 on Long Tau River, while sailing downstream from Ho Chi Minh to Vung Tau, Vietnam.

Vietnam ILO Comment: The container vessel have engine trouble at 23.45LT on 18 Oct 2019. After the engine stopped, one container dropped and the vessel started to shake. At 01.45LT on 19 Oct, the vessel sunk at 10°32'47.7"N; 106°50'57.0"E. Total 285 container dropped and flow over the river. No report for death. The action for finding and oil spill avoiding in process.

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2019/27465/container-ship-capsized-sank-containers-floating-s/>

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/all-crewmembers-rescued-from-sunk-container-vessel/162326.vnp>



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

23 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Gurukanda, Sri Lanka/DB251019

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended five persons for engaging in illegal fishing in the seas off Gurukanda, Nayaru on 23 October 2019.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/24/201910241225/>

22 Oct - Local/ Four Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Pudumathalan Beach, Sri Lanka/DB241019

Twelve persons who engaged in catching sea cucumber without permits were apprehended by the Navy during a raid carried out in coordination with the office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries - Mulativu, at the Pudumathalan beach area, on 22 October 2019.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/23/201910231635/>

21 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka/DB231019

The Sri Lankan Navy, during a patrol in Kokilai sea area, Pulmoddai on 21st October 2019, apprehended six persons who engaged in illegal fishing activities.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/22/201910221645/>

21 Oct - Local/ Three Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/DB231019

10 persons who engaged in illegal catching and transporting of sea cucumber were apprehended by Sri Lankan Navy during raids carried out at the Nallur beach area in Trincomalee in on 21st October 2019.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/22/201910221630/>

19 Oct - Poaching/ Two Chinese Vessels Detained/ Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Yellow Sea/DB231019

Fishermen aboard a fishing vessel approached while illegally fishing in the Yellow Sea on Saturday, said the Taean Coast Guard Station Sunday.

<http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=3069283>

IFC Comments: The number for foreign fishermen arrested is still being verified by the ROK ILO

19 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Batticaloa, Sri Lanka/DB221019

During search operations conducted in Kalladi and Palchenai in Trincomalee, the Sri Lankan Navy held one fisherman for using unauthorized fishing nets to catch fish.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/20/201910202105/>

19 Oct - Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Palchenai, Sri Lanka/DB221019

The Sri Lankan Naval Command while conducting a search on the Palchenai beach held five persons who were using banned fishing nets to catch fish.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/20/201910202105/>

20 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka/DB221019

During search operations carried out in the seas off Pulmoddai, the Sri Lankan Navy apprehended eight persons for using unauthorized fishing nets to catch fish.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/20/201910202135/>

20 Oct - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Pduwakattu, Sri Lanka/DB221019

Six persons who engaged in illegal fishing using unauthorized fishing nets in Poduwakattu seas were held by the Sri Lankan Naval Command during a patrol on 20 Oct 19.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/20/201910202135/>

21 Oct - Poaching/ One Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Rawi Island, Thailand/DB221019

IFC received information from Thai ILO that on 21 Oct 2019, five foreign fishermen onboard one fishing vessel were apprehended (Lat 6 29.77'N Long 99 9.38'E, off Rawi Island) by the Royal Thai Navy Patrol Vessel due to engaging in illegal fishing, without a license to fish in Thailand's waters. The apprehended persons along with their belongings and fishing gear were handed over to the local authority of Lipe Island, Satun Province for onward action.

Thai - MECC



Events outside of the reporting period:

09 Oct - Local/Two Fishing Vessels Detained/Six Local Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing/Off Mati, Davao Oriental, Philippines/DB251019

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that six fishermen onboard two fishing banca's were apprehended by Coast Guard Station Davao Oriental maritime law enforcement team for unauthorized fishing off Barangay Mamali, Mati City Davao Oriental on 09 October 2019.

Philippines Coast Guard Command Centre

11 Oct - Local/One Fishing Vessel Detained/34 Local Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing Methods/Off Coron Palawan, Philippines/DB241019

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 34 local fishermen onboard fishing boat were apprehended by Philippine Coast Guard personnel onboard for illegally fishing using compressor off Manamoc Island, Coron, Palawan on 11 October 2019.

Philippines Coast Guard Command Centre

18 Oct - Local/One Local Fishing Vessel Detained/Illegal Fishing/Off Karambunai, Malaysia/DB221019

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized 250kg of suspected bombed fish from an unregistered pump boat in the waters off North East Karambunai, on Friday.

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/141900/boat-with-250kg-of-bombed-fish-seized/>

18 Oct - Local/One Fishing Vessel Detained/Two Local Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing Methods/Off Alampil, Sri Lanka/DB211019

The Sri Lankan Navy, during a search carried out in the sea area off Alampil, Mullaitivu on 18 Oct 19, apprehended two fishermen who engaged in illegal fishing activities.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/20/201910192215/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

21 Oct - Domestic Products/Onions and Carrots/ Container Vessel/To Philippines/Cebu, Philippines/DB251019

The Bureau of Customs-Port of Cebu on Wednesday said its auction division would not sell through public auction the abandoned white onions and carrots considered as "contraband" but will instead place the agricultural products under a condemnation process.

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1084015>

19 Oct - Drugs/Cannabis (221.8 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Weththalakerni, Sri Lanka/DB211019

Sri Lankan Navy in coordination with Sri Lankan Coast Guard apprehended three persons with 221.8kg of Kerala Cannabis (KG), during a patrol carried out at Weththalakerni area, Jaffna.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/19/201910191315/>

Events outside of the reporting period:

16 Oct - Drugs/Meth (691kg)/ Adrift/ To Myanmar/ Off Pyapon, Myanmar/ DB231019

Sacks of crystal meth scooped from the sea by Myanmar fishermen who mistook it for a deodorant substance had a street value of \$20 million, an official told AFP Sunday, in a country believed to be the world's largest methamphetamine producer.

<https://news.yahoo.com/floating-meth-sacks-myanmar-sea-worth-20-million-091352154.html>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

20 Oct - Human smuggling/ Three Migrants going to Sri Lanka/ Small Boat/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB221019

The Sri Lankan Navy, while conducting its routine patrols to prevent illegal activities in Sri Lankan waters, has apprehended five persons plying on a suspicious dinghy in Mannar seas.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2019/10/21/201910211625/>

SECTION G: OTHERS

NSTR



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. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 and 2/19 for the latest assessment of the situation in the affected area off Singapore Strait and its approaches.
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 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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