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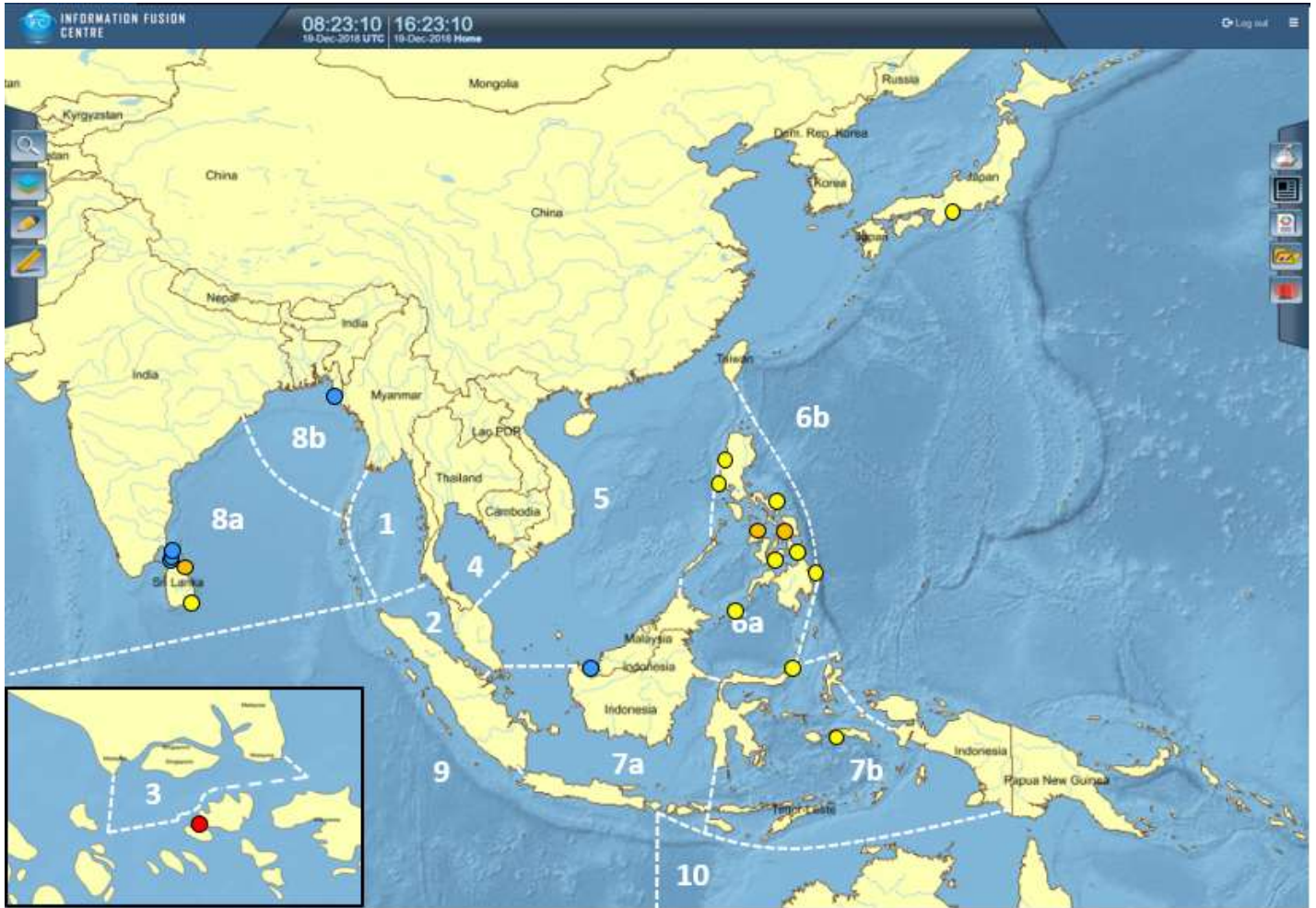
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 01 Feb 20 to 07 Feb 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
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	12	3-5
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUU)	3	6
Contraband/ Weapons Smuggling (CS)	7	7-8
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	8
Others	0	8

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

03 Feb - Sea Theft/ CREST ONYX/ Tug/ Indonesia Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Batam, Indonesia/DB060220

1. IFC received information from the France ILO that a sea theft occurred on board an Indonesian-flagged Tug CREST ONYX while anchored at Lat 01:03.89N Long 103:53.98E, Batam Island, Indonesia at 020520 (UTC+8) Feb 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: CREST ONYX
- b. Call Sign: D5KS6
- c. IMO: 9655717
- d. MMSI: 525024165
- e. Flag: Indonesia
- f. Type: Tug
- g. Ship Owner: Jawa Tirtamarin PT
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Jawa Tirtamarin PT
- i. NPOC: Info Gap
- k. LPOC: Indonesia

3. Incident Details:

Alert crew onboard a tug moored to a buoy noticed three robbers on deck and raised the alarm. The crew confronted the robbers who were able to escape with the assistance of two of their accomplices waiting in their boat. Incident reported to the Indonesian Marine Police who boarded the tug for investigations. A search was carried out. It was noticed the padlock to the storeroom was damaged and ship's equipment stolen. All crew safe. ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre relayed the message to Bakamla, Indonesian Marine Police & Indonesian Navy.

<https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9226>

IFC Comments:

IFC has recorded a similar incident happened to the same vessel on 23 Jul 19. Indonesia ILO has been notified and will verify with his local Indonesia authority and ship master.



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

06 Feb - MEDEVAC/ Injury/ Trawler/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hambantota, Sri Lanka/ DB070220

The Sri Lankan Navy evacuated an injured fishermen on board a trawler in waters off Hambantota.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/06/202002062230/>

05 Feb - Others/ Flooding/ Water Ingress, Engine Failure/ Tanker/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Buru Island, Indonesia/ DB060220

Local authorities rescued 16 crew and a tanker with a leak in the Seachast Pump and a flooding engine room in waters off Buru Island.

Buru Naval Post, Main Naval Base IX

<http://pusinfomar-tni.mil.id/news-detail/196/Evakuasi-MT.-Andriana-XX/>

<https://porostimur.com/hendak-ke-sanana-mt-adriana-xx-nyaris-tenggelam/>

03 Feb - Work Accident/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ One Dead, One Rescued/ Nagoya, Japan/ DB040220

A cargo of concrete boards on board a general cargo ship collapsed onto two dockers. One docker was pronounced dead at the scene, while the other was sent to a hospital.

<https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/docker-fatally-crushed-by-cargos/>

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/02/03/concrete-boards-collapsed-in-cargo-ship-hold-two-dockers-trapped-beneath-japan/>

03 Feb - Mechanical Failure, Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather, Engine Failure/ General Cargo Ship/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Serei, Indonesia/ DB050220

Rescue forces of the Kamla Central Maritime Zone and the Port Authority rescued 12 people from a General Cargo Ship with water ingress and engine failure in the waters of Serei.

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Graha-Angkasa-1-9124823.html>

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/1279689/bakamla-zona-maritim-tengah-evakuasi-abk-km-graha-angkasa-1>

Events outside reporting period:

31 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Andres, Catanduanes, Philippines/DB030220

The Philippine Coast Guard rescued three fishermen whose boat capsized off San Andres, Catanduanes.

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/02/01/3-fishermen-rescued-from-capsized-fishing-boat-off-catanduanes/>

30 Jan - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Cabangon, Zambales/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine ILO that a fisherman, 30 years old, a resident of Sitio Matalvis, Brgy Inhobol, Masinloc, Zambales, was reported missing after failing to return to his homeport. The said fisherman departed Sitio Matalvis on board his fishing boat colored white to conduct fishing at approximate vicinity 20 NM West off Iba, Zambales last 291500H Jan 2020. Further, the fisherman was last seen by fellow fishermen at approximate vicinity 17NM west off Cabangon, Zambales last 301300h January 2020.

Philippine Navy OPCEN

29 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Voyage/ Small Boat/ Bauang La Union, Philippines/DB030220

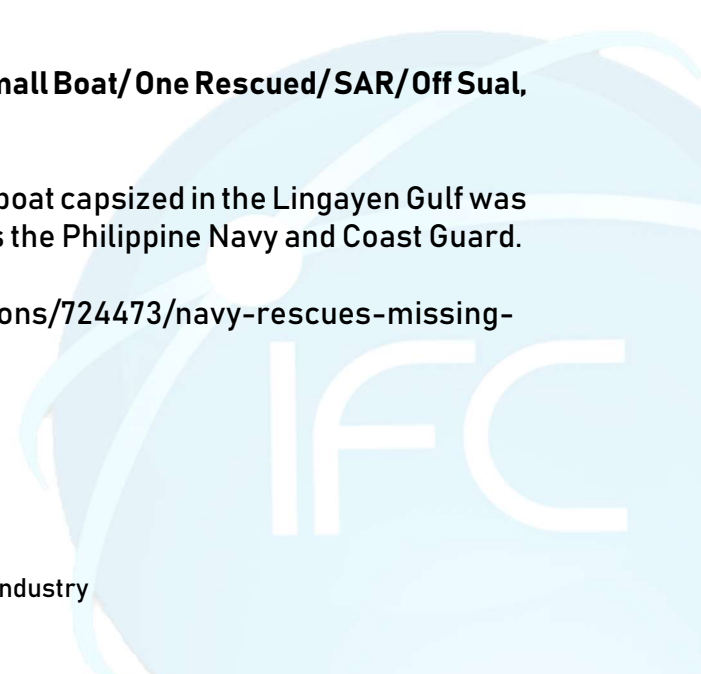
IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a motor banca was apprehended by Coast Guard Station La Union maritime law enforcement team for carrying three passengers without proper permit at Barangay Paringao, Bauang, La Union.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN

29 Jan - Missing, Sunk-Capsized/Rough Seas/ Small Boat/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sual, Pangasinan, Philippines/DB030220

A fisherman that was reported missing when his boat capsized in the Lingayen Gulf was later rescued by another fishing vessel as well as the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard.

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/724473/navy-rescues-missing-fisherman-in-pangasinan/story/>



25 Jan - Work Accident, MEDEVAC/Hit by Crane/General Cargo Vessel/One Dead/SAR/Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a crew of a cargo vessel was medically evacuated by joint team of Coast Guard Sub-Station Tagbilaran and Tarsier 117 at Tagbilaran Port in Bohol. Based on the report, while the crane of the vessel was lifting the hatch cover, the victim was accidentally hit that resulted him to be unconscious. The victim was brought to the nearest hospital but was declared dead by the attending physician.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN

24 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tug/ SAR/ Off Anao-Awon, Surigao City, Philippines/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a Motor Tug with Barge was successfully towed to safety after she encountered fire on board in the vicinity of East of Madilao Point, Anao-Awon, Surigao City. Based on the report, while the said Barge was underway, a fire broke-out at the engine room. The fire was put-out by the ship's crew, but incurred significant damaged to the vessel. After receiving the information, Coast Guard Station Surigao Del Norte coordinated with a private Tug Boat with Coast Guard personnel on board that resulted in the successful rescue and towing operation.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN

23 Jan - Grounding/ Strong Wind and Current/ General Cargo Vessel/ Off Cagwait, Surigao Del Sur, Philippines/DB030220

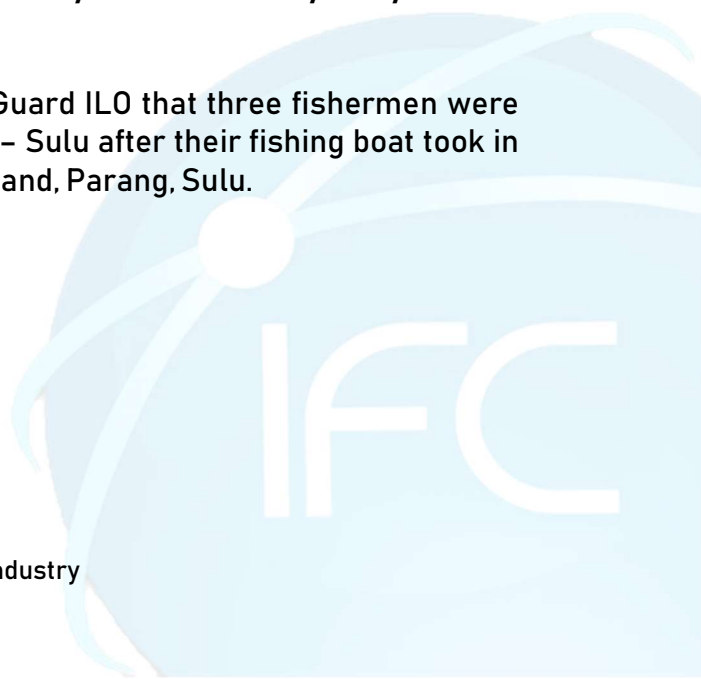
IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that a general cargo vessel with 12 crew onboard ran aground due to strong wind and current off Aras Asan Port, Cagwait, Surigao Del Sur.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN

23 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off San Parang, Sulu, Philippines/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that three fishermen were rescued by Coast Guard Special Operations Unit – Sulu after their fishing boat took in water and capsized due to big waves off Sulare Island, Parang, Sulu.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN



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

01 Feb - Poaching/ One Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Foreign Fishermen Arrested/Illegal Fishing/ Off Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka/DB030220

Sri Lankan Navy apprehended eight foreign fishermen and their fishing dhow for illegal fishing in Sri Lankan territorial waters.

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2020/02/01/8-indian-fishermen-arrested-for-poaching-in-nothern-seas/>

Events outside reporting period:

29 Jan - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Carigara, Leyte, Philippines/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that 12 fishermen were apprehended by joint maritime law enforcement team of Coast Guard Sub-Station Carigara and Carigara local government unit for illegally fishing using fine mesh net at Carigara Bay in Leyte.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN

26 Jan - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Eight Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Ivisan, Capiz, Philippines/DB030220

IFC received information from Philippine Coast Guard ILO that eight fishermen were apprehended by Coast Guard Station Ivisan maritime law enforcement team for illegally fishing using fine mesh net 800 meters off Maabay Island, Ivisan, Capiz.

Philippine Coast Guard OPCEN



SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

06 Feb - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (110kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Sri Lanka/ Thodamanaru, Sri Lanka/DB070220

The Sri Lankan Navy, in coordination with the Sri Lanka Excise, apprehended a person with approximately 110kg of Kerala cannabis at Thodamanaru beach area.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/06/202002061730/>

04 Feb - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (10kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB060220

The Sri Lankan Navy found approximately 10kg of Kerala cannabis drifting in the seas off Madagal, Jaffna.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/05/202002051840/>

04 Feb - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (157kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Kankesanthurai, Sri Lanka/DB070220

The Sri Lankan Navy recovered about 157kg of Kerala cannabis during operations conducted in the sea area of Kankesanthurai.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/05/202002040825/>

02 Feb - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (300kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/DB040220

The Sri Lankan Navy seized about 300kg of Kerala cannabis and two smugglers on board a suspicious dinghy in waters off Punkudutivu, Jaffna.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/02/202002021115/>

02 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (30,000 Tablets)/ Small Boat/ To Bangladesh/ Off Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/DB050220

Bangladesh Coast guard (BCG) arrested two people along with 30,000 contraband yaba tablets in Cox's Bazar.

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/coastguard-arrest-two-rohingyas-with-30000-yaba-tablets/43221>

01 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (3.56 million sticks)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Malaysia/ Sarawak, Malaysia/DB050220

The Sarawak Customs Department has thwarted an attempt to smuggle in 3.56 million cigarette sticks to Kuching.

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/rm967500-worth-of-contraband-cigarettes-seized-in-kuching-IM1961802>

01 Feb - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (97.2kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB070220

The Sri Lankan Navy recovered approximately 97kg and 200g of Kerala Cannabis during a patrol conducted in the seas off Milady, Jaffna.

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/02/01/202002011610/>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

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SECTION G: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC advises:

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



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES

2019

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

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

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

2018

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

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

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

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

2017

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

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

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT1, 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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