



**POLICE COAST GUARD
SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE**

SCOPE

- Situation in Singapore Territorial Waters
- Trend of Oil Siphoning Incidents
- PCG's Experience
 - Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters
- Our Strategies in Tackling Sea Robberies

Sea Robberies and Hijack in Singapore Territorial Waters 2010 –2014

Number of Cases	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Sea Robberies	0	1	0	1	0
Hijacking of ships (Section 3(1) of Maritime Offences Act, Chapter 170B)	0	0	0	0	1



Trend of Oil Siphoning Incidents in Neighbouring Waters

- 12 cases of tankers being targeted by sea robbers for their cargo, i.e. oil.
- The incidents took place at:
 - South China Sea (10)
 - Straits of Malacca (1)
 - Border of STW-PB (1)
- Cases generally took place during hours of darkness.
- In all these 12 cases, the perpetrators carried firearms.

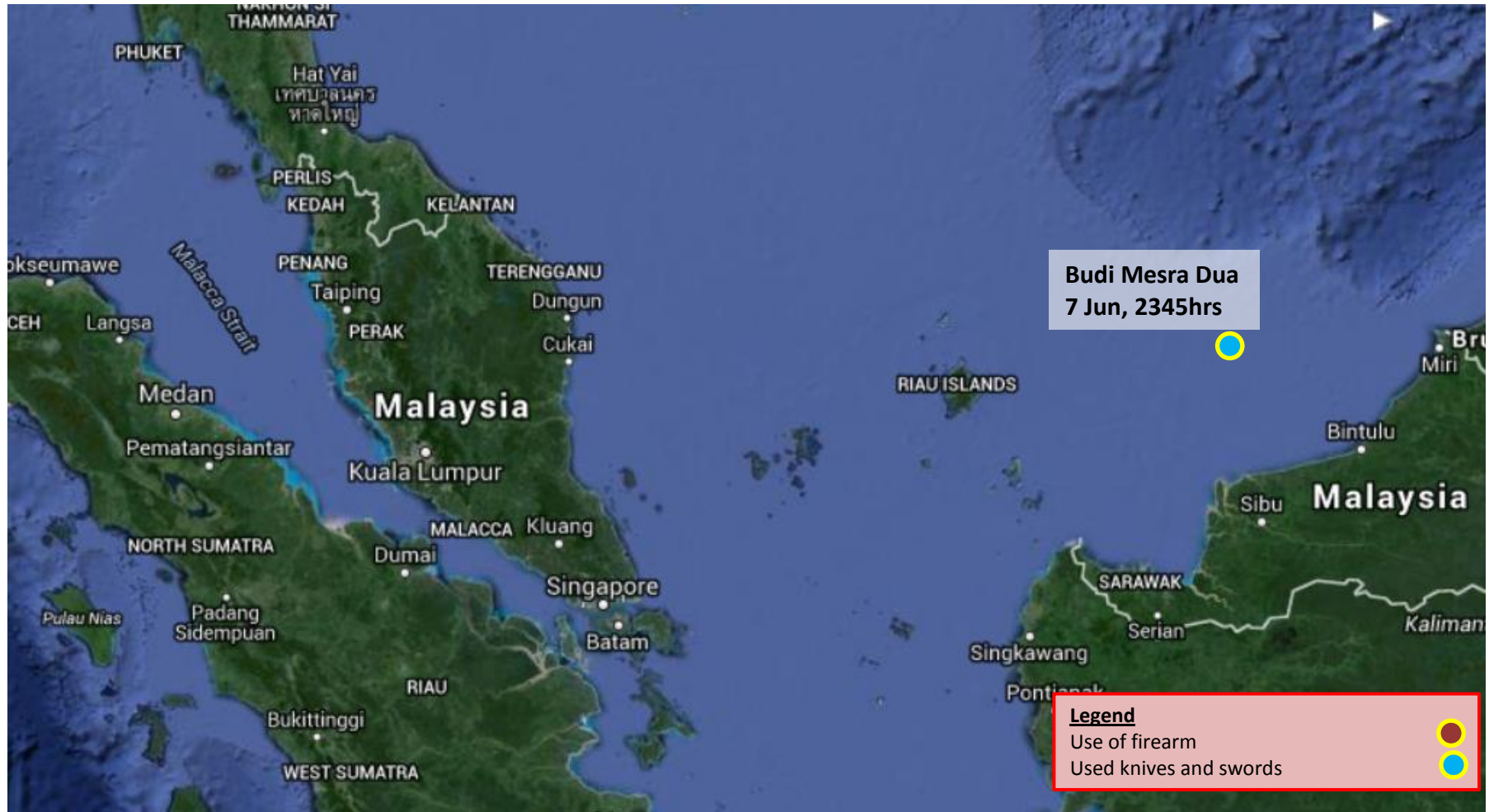
Sea Robberies and Piracies Involving MGO in Southeast Asia Region for the Year 2014



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Profiles of Tankers

- Tankers targeted were generally below 5,000 tonnes.
- Slow travelling speed, i.e. between 10 and 15 knots.
- The freeboards were less than 2 meters high when loaded with oil. This allowed sea robbers to scale with the aid of poles or ropes.



<http://www.shipspotting.com/gallery/photo.php?lid=1917573>



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Trend of Oil Siphoning Incidents (Actual) 2014

- No commonalities were observed across all the vessels in terms of agent, owners, cargo providers and consignees.
- Perpetrators may not be aware of the cargo on board the tankers.

PCG's Experience

Marine Gas Oil

Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

- PCG busted seven groups involved in the illegal sales of marine gas oil (MGO) since 2013.
 - Arrested 55 foreign crew members and three Singaporeans
 - Cash amounting to over \$22,000 and six vessels seized

Seven groups arrested for illegal sales of marine gas oil

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Seven groups have been busted by the Police Coast Guard (PCG) for their involvement in the illegal sales of marine gas oil since last year.

A total of 55 foreign crew members and three Singaporeans financiers were arrested and cash amounting to over S\$22,000 and six vessels were seized, said the police in a statement today (Sept 15).

On July 8 last year, a foreign-registered tugboat called Montana was caught by the PCG for the illegal sale of about 3,500 litres of marine gas oil. In that operation, 12 crew members and two Singaporean financiers were arrested.

In a second case last December, another foreign-registered tugboat called Imanuel was involved in the illegal sale of about 1,500 litres of the gas oil and seven crew members were arrested. Both cases took place in the waters of Jurong River.

The 21 people arrested were jailed between four to eight weeks for offences including Criminal Breach of Trust and Dishonestly Receiving Stolen Property. Cash amounting to S\$18,500, and both vessels were forfeited.

On May 21, a foreign-registered tugboat was caught for being involved in the illegal sale of 10,000 litres of marine gas oil at the sea off Penjuru. Eleven crew members were subsequently convicted for the offence of Criminal Breach of Trust by a Servant and jailed seven weeks while court proceedings to forfeit the vessel

Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

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Illegal sale of marine gas oil: 58 arrested, 6 boats seized

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Tugboats modified with additional fuel tanks to facilitate the illicit transactions pose a fire hazard, warns the Police Coast Guard.

PHOTOS



A Singapore Police Coast Guard boat on patrol. (File photo: AFP/Raslan Rahman)

SINGAPORE: The Police Coast Guard has busted seven groups involved in the illegal sale of marine gas oil (MGO) since 2013, with the most recent case on May 21 this year.

The Coast Guard has arrested 58 foreign crew members and three Singaporean financiers involved in these cases, the Singapore Police Force said on Monday (Sep 15). Cash amounting to more than S\$22,000 and six vessels were seized in the course of investigations.

The most recent case in May revolved around a foreign-registered tugboat, which was involved in the illegal sale of 10,000 litres of MGO at the sea off Penjur.

The act was foiled by officers of the Coast Guard and Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ICA), and 11 crew members were convicted and sentenced to seven weeks' imprisonment for Criminal Breach of Trust by a Servant under Section 408 of the Penal Code. Court proceedings are ongoing to forfeit the vessel involved in the offence, the police added.

The other two cases highlighted by the police occurred on Jul 8, 2013 and Dec 4, 2013. In all these cases, tugboats have been modified with additional fuel tanks to facilitate the sale of MGO.

"These tugboats are a fire hazard and pose a danger to other vessels in the area. The Coast Guard will continue to conduct enforcement operations and checks, as well as engage relevant stakeholders to clamp down on the illegal sales of MGO," the police said.

To enhance maritime security, the Coast Guard has been working closely with coastal companies along the Jurong and Pandan rivers through the formation of the Jurong Waters Safety & Security Network (JSSN) in October 2012 and the Pandan Waters Safety & Security Network (PSSN) in September last year. To date, 28 coastal companies have joined the JSSN and 21 coastal companies have joined the PSSN, according to the release.

These working groups have been set up to increase awareness of crime and security in our waters, share best practices, and foster strong relationships between the police and the maritime community, the police said.

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Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

More nabbed for illegal ship-fuel trade

By JALELAH ABU BAKER

THE illegal trade in ships' fuel is a lucrative business, and more people have been caught stealing, selling and buying such diesel, say police.

From January to July this year, 60,000 litres of oil changed hands illegally, 10 times more than the whole of last year.

In total, the oil was worth more than \$70,000.

The diesel was siphoned off boats while they were moored in Singapore waters, and later sold to vessels outside the territory through a middleman.

During a briefing yesterday, Police Coast Guard (PCG) Deputy Commander (Special Duties) Lim Kim Tak said the jump was mostly due to one of the four cases this year, where a whopping 50,000 litres of oil had changed hands.

While an average boat can hold only 20,000 litres of oil, offend-

ers will usually modify the boats' fuel tanks illegally so they can hold more.

The police arrested 26 men last year for such offences. Up to July this year, 32 men have been caught.

Of the 58 men arrested, 55 were Indonesians, and three were Singaporeans in their 50s.

The Singaporeans – a shipping company director, an assistant pub manager and an unemployed man – had provided the middlemen with cash to buy the oil, for a cut of the profits.

Assistant Commissioner Lim, the PCG deputy commander, said the coast guard is doing checks on many boats entering Singapore waters. The vessels in question usually have pumps and long hoses on board to transfer the oil, he said, speaking at the PCG's Brani base in southern Singapore.

The coast guard also works with the Immigration and Check-



(Left) This Mongolia-registered tugboat was seized by PCG after 10,000 litres of bunker oil were sold illegally by its crew. (Above) Crew coordinator Fazail Sapto conducts surprise checks on boats. ST PHOTOS: CHEW SENG KIM

points Authority and the Maritime and Port Authority to detect such offences.

Private companies also police their own vessels.

Mr Fazail Sapto, for instance, a

crew coordinator from coastal company Yeng Tong Construction, oversees 16 tugboats with five to six crew members each.

He conducts surprise checks and reviews camera footage. His

company also uses a system to track the movements of his boats.

So far this year, he has reported two cases to the police after finding oil waiting to be sold on his boats.

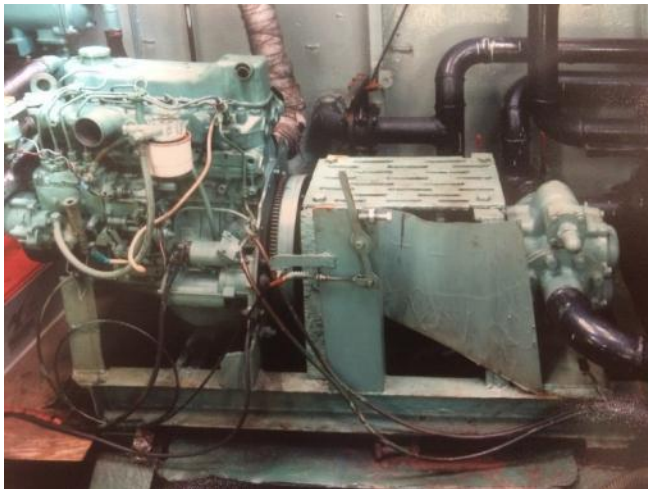
Those found guilty of theft of bunker oil face seven years in jail and a fine. Those who buy the stolen oil could be jailed for five years and fined.

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Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

- Profile of the Vessels

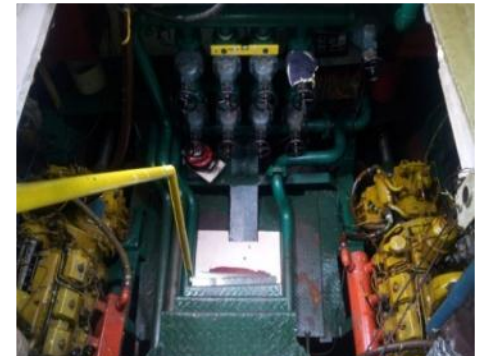
- Vessels were equipped with simple piping tools such as pump, flow meter, generator, hoses and/or installed with a piping system connected to the tugboat's extra tanks.
- Some of the more sophisticated vessels have built-in pumps to facilitate the siphoning of fuel.



Built in pumps.



Flow Meters



Portable Pump, Coupling & Hoses



Extra tanks

Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

- Vessels usually detected navigating during hours of darkness and often, these tugboats do not possess a Temporary Harbour Craft's Permit.
- Illicit transfer took place at Jurong River, Sea off Pulau Sebarok Eastern Petroleum Anchorage B and West Jurong Anchorage.

OPS



1. S'pore registered tugboat "Ocean Unison" sold 3,500 litres of MGO to S'pore registered supply boat "Agile Supreme".
2. Stolen MGO was resold to Mongolia registered tugboat "Montana".
3. 6 crew from "Ocean Unison" & 3 crew from "Agile Supreme" convicted and sentenced to 8 weeks imprisonment for CBT with common intention.
4. 3 crew from "Montana" convicted and sentenced to 8 weeks imprisonment for Dishonestly receiving stolen property.
5. Two male Chinese/S'porean who funded the illicit transaction, were convicted and sentenced to 7 weeks imprisonment for Dishonestly receiving stolen property.
6. Cash SGD 16,950 & tugboat "Montana" forfeited to State.

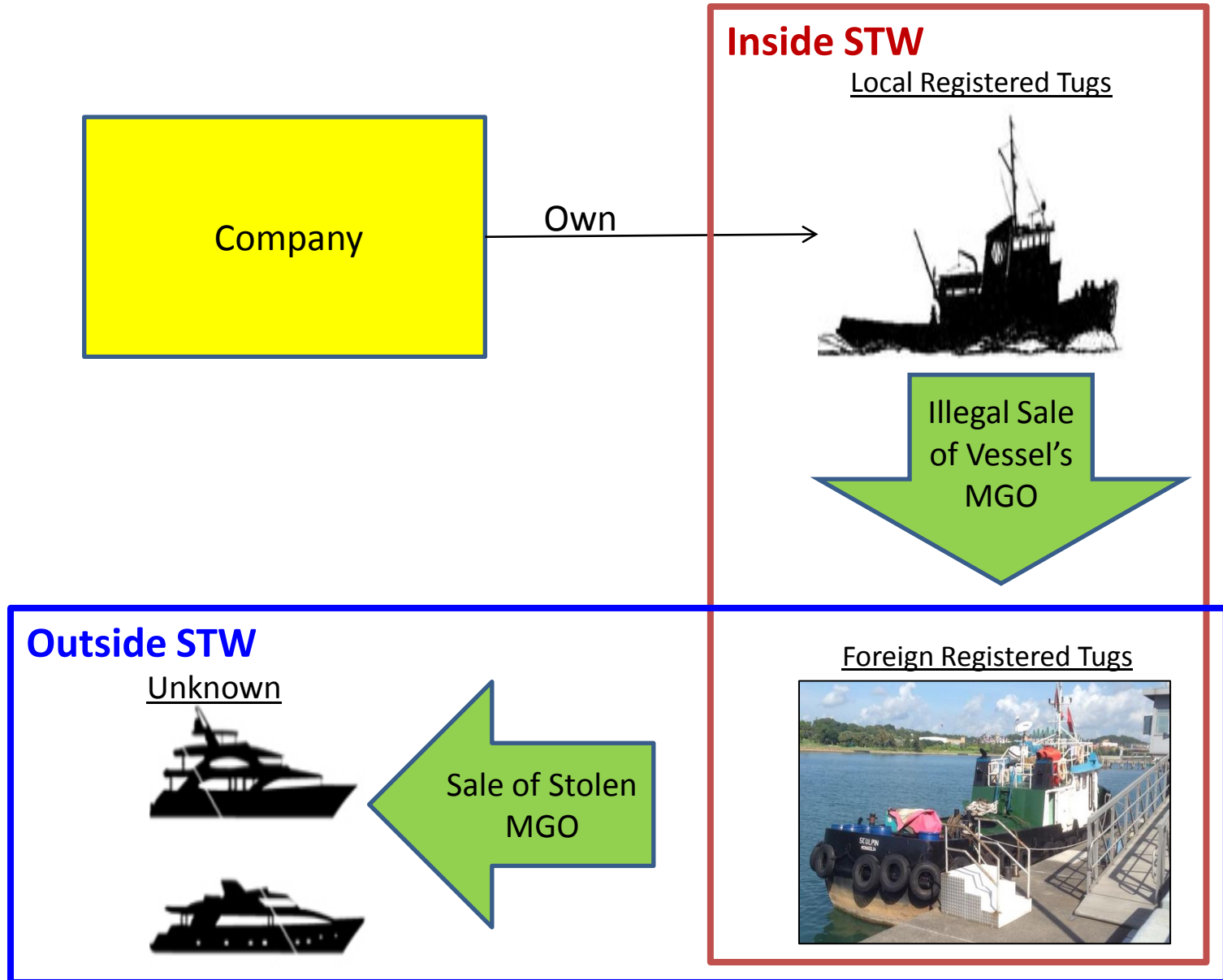
YTC TUG 23



1. On 14 Jul 2014, tugboat “YTC 23” was suspected to have sold the MGO without the consent of the company.
2. The company conducted a surprise check on the tug and discovered 2,130 litres of MGO stored in an empty tank.
3. During the investigation, the 5 crew of “YTC 23” admitted that they intended to sell the siphoned MGO on a later date. They were convicted for the offence of CBT as a servant with common intention and sentenced to 3 weeks imprisonment.

Theft & Illegal Sale of MGO in Singapore Territorial Waters (STW)

Flow of MGO



Our Strategies in Tackling Sea Robberies

Our Strategies

Response & Deterrence

- Continuous monitoring of suspicious boats.
- Boarding & search operations on arriving vessels that were previously boarded by sea robbers



Our Strategies

Response & Deterrence

- Supports RSN to ensure that crime incidents outside STW have no spill over effect into our waters.
- Stepped up patrol.



Our Strategies

Enforcement

- Investigates and prosecutes theft and criminal breach of trust cases involving Marine Gas Oil (MGO).
- Sharing of information with local Maritime Security (MARSEC) agencies



Our Strategies

Regional Cooperation

- Cooperation and information sharing with regional counterparts such as MMEA and Bakorkamla
- Support established joint efforts like the Indonesia-Singapore Coordinated Patrol (ISCP)



MALAYSIA MARITIME
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (MMEA)



INDONESIA-SINGAPORE COORDINATED PATROL

Our Strategies

Continuous Engagement of Stakeholders

- Engagement with stakeholders through platforms like Jurong Waters Safety & Security Network (JSSN) and Pandan Waters Safety & Security Network (PSSN) to promote security awareness, share advisory messages and good practices to deter pilferage of marine gas oil.



Thank you!