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Overview of Incidents in the IFC - Peru for Latin America Area of Interest



Period from 21th to 27th August, 2026, the incidents reported within the area of interest of the IFC - Peru area of interest for Latin America are as follows:

Categoría	Nº de incidentes
Pillage, Armed Robbery and Piracy at Sea (PARPS)	0
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0
Drug trafficking (DT)	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	9
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	1
Smuggling and Illegal Trafficking (S&IT)	1
Irregular Migration and Human Trafficking (IMPT)	1
Environmental protection (EP)	3
Cybersecurity (CS)	0
Other	3

DRUG TRAFFICKING (DT)**1) Date: August 21th - Cocaine / Maritime Domain / THREE (3) persons arrested / Cocaine (1,300 kg) / Baní – Dominican Republic**

The National Drug Control Directorate of the Dominican Republic, with the support of authorities from the United States and Colombia, seized 1,300 kilograms of cocaine being transported aboard a speedboat and detained THREE (3) individuals. The incident occurred off the coast of Baní, Dominican Republic.

News link:

<https://lix.li/y2E7i>

2) Date: August 25th - Marijuana / Maritime Domain / TWO (2) individuals detained / Marijuana (101 kilograms) / Amazon River – Colombia

Colombian authorities intercepted a wooden riverboat transporting 101 kilograms of marijuana. In addition, the vessel and an outboard motor were seized, and TWO (2) individuals were detained. The incident occurred on the Amazon River, Colombia.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/t5j9ww>

3) Date: August 26th - Marijuana / Riverine Domain / Vessel / Marijuana (540 kilograms) / São Francisco, Santa Helena – Brazil

The Border Police and the Federal Police of Brazil seized a vessel transporting 540 kilograms of marijuana from Paraguay. The occupants abandoned the vessel and fled into a wooded area. The incident occurred in São Francisco, Santa Helena, Brazil.

News link:

<https://lix.li/xhwzTY>

4) Date: August 27th - Cocaine / Maritime Domain / FIVE (5) individuals detained / Cocaine (3,289 kilograms) / Caribbean Sea – Puerto Rico

The United States Coast Guard intercepted a vessel suspected of transporting 3,289 kilograms of cocaine, detaining FIVE individuals on board. Subsequently, the vessel was destroyed as it posed a hazard to navigation. The incident occurred in the Caribbean Sea, Puerto Rico.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/ozUZpy>

MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)**1) Date: August 22th - Capsizing / Riverine Domain / People Rescued / Gualeguay River – Argentina**

Argentine authorities rescued the crew members of a vessel following a capsizing in the waters of the Gualeguay River. The incident occurred in the area of the former Pellegrini Viejo Bridge, Gualeguay, Argentina.

News link:

<https://lix.li/AiLh>

2) Date: August 23th - Incident / Maritime Domain / ELEVEN (11) crew members rescued / Vessel “VAGABOND” / Providencia – Colombia

The Colombian Navy rescued ELEVEN (11) crew members from the vessel “Vagabond” after a fire broke out in its engine room. A Coast Guard Rapid Response Unit was deployed to respond to the emergency and coordinate the rescue. The incident occurred in waters north of Providencia, Colombia.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/g0R1tN>

3) Date: August 23th - Incident / Maritime Domain / FIVE (5) crew members rescued and ONE (1) missing / Vessel “GEORGINA” / Barra de Caratasca – Honduras

Honduran authorities reported that FIVE (5) crew members were rescued, while ONE (1) remains missing following an explosion and fire in the engine room of the fishing vessel “Georgina”. The incident occurred 37 nautical miles from the Caratasca Bar, Honduras.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/cZ7Nlh>

4) Date: August 23th - Mechanical Failure / Maritime Domain / People Rescued / Vessel “LUCERO” / Port of Progreso, Yucatán – Mexico

Mexican authorities assisted the crew members of the sailing vessel “Lucero” after it lost propulsion due to a mechanical failure. The incident occurred 4 nautical miles northwest of the Port of Progreso, in the vicinity of Chelem, Yucatán, Mexico.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/u167hR>

5) Date: August 24th - Incident / Riverine Domain / ONE (1) person deceased and ONE (1) person missing / Paraná River – Argentina

One (1) crew member died and another remains missing following an accident involving an auxiliary boat during a maneuver by the tugboat “CAVALIER IV.” Search operations are ongoing. The incident occurred in the Paraná River, between Bella Vista and Lavalle, Corrientes, Argentina.

News link:

<https://lix.li/p0wN>

6) Date: August 24th - Capsizing / Maritime Domain / ONE (1) person rescued / Kayak / Punta La Yegua, Cartagena – Chile

The Chilean Navy rescued ONE (1) kayaker who capsized while engaged in recreational fishing and was unable to reboard his kayak. The incident occurred off Punta La Yegua, Cartagena, Chile.

News link:

<https://lix.li/ncz9l>

7) Date: August 24th - Medical Evacuation / Maritime Domain / ONE (1) person evacuated / “Defender”-type vessel / Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo – Mexico

The Mexican Navy conducted the medical evacuation of ONE (1) 90-year-old patient who suffered severe respiratory failure, transporting her by sea aboard a “Defender”-type vessel. The incident occurred between Isla Mujeres and Puerto Juárez, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

News link:

<https://lix.li/HrIZt>

8) Date: August 26th - Incident / Riverine Domain / ONE (1) person deceased / Rafting vessel / Liucura River, Pucón – Chile

A rafting raft carrying students and faculty members from the University of La Frontera (UFRO) capsized during a rafting activity, causing the occupants to fall into the water. The participants were rescued; however, ONE student died after resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. The incident occurred on the Liucura River, Pucón, Chile.

News link:

<https://lix.li/HqKd9m>

9) Date: August 27th - Occupational Accident / Maritime Domain / ONE (1) person evacuated / Tocopilla – Chile

The Chilean Navy conducted the medical evacuation of ONE (1) Peruvian crew member who was bitten by a shark on his right forearm. The crew member was transported in stable condition to the pier in Tocopilla. The incident occurred off the coast of Tocopilla, Chile.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/rOCfIK>

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING

1) Date: August 27th - Illegal Fishing / Maritime Domain / SIX (6) persons detained / Hydrobiological Resources (471 kilograms) / Manaure, La Guajira – Colombia

The Colombian Navy intercepted a vessel carrying SIX (6) crew members after it was found conducting fishing activities without authorization in Colombian jurisdictional waters. A total of 471 kilograms of hydrobiological resources were seized. The incident occurred off the coast of Manaure, La Guajira, Colombia.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/NQX28h>

<https://acortar.link/O0JXZj>

SMUGGLING AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING**1) Date: August 25th – Smuggling / Riverine Domain / Vessel “LA ARPÍA” / Smuggled Goods / Amazon River, Loreto – Peru**

The “Río Mantaro” Riverine Control Unit, in coordination with B.A.P. “Castilla,” intercepted two vessels transporting foreign goods without customs documentation. SUNAT-Customs seized 630 cans and 12 bottles of beer, 72 bottles of cognac, and 48 bottles of vodka of Brazilian origin. The incident occurred on the Amazon River, Loreto, Peru.

Enlace de la noticia:

<https://acortar.link/wD4eYz>

IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**1) Date: August 26th - Illegal Migration / Maritime Domain / FIVE (5) thwarted operations / THIRTY-FIVE (35) individuals detained / Dominican Republic**

The Dominican Republic Navy thwarted FIVE (5) migrant smuggling operations, intercepting a vessel carrying 19 people and dismantling four clandestine vessels. In total, THIRTY-FIVE (35) individuals were detained. The incident occurred in the Dominican Republic.

Enlace de la noticia:

<https://lix.li/xdS0>

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (EP)**1) Date: August 22th - Illegal Mining / Riverine Domain / TWO (2) laboratories and ONE dredge destroyed / Cocaine (179 kilograms) and coca leaves (360 kilograms) / Mariscal Ramón Castilla, Loreto – Peru**

The Peruvian Armed Forces and National Police destroyed TWO drug laboratories, ONE dredge, and a clandestine camp. They also burned 179 kilograms of cocaine sulfate and seized 360 kilograms of coca leaves. The incident occurred in the Platanal Native Community, Mariscal Ramón Castilla, Loreto, Peru.

Enlace de la noticia:

<https://lix.li/UmB5G>

2) Date: August 22th - Illegal Mining / Riverine Domain / EIGHT (8) individuals detained / TWO dredges disabled / Campoalegre, Huila – Colombia

The Colombian Public Forces and environmental authorities detained EIGHT (8) individuals and disabled TWO (2) dredges used for illegal mining, seizing FOUR (4) water pumps, ONE (1) outboard motor, and ONE (1) air compressor. The incident occurred in Campoalegre, Huila, Colombia.

Enlace de la noticia:

<https://lix.li/AtjC0>

3) Date: August 25th- Illegal Mining / Riverine Domain / Amazon River, Iquitos – Peru

Peruvian authorities intercepted an artisanal vessel and various materials used for illegal mining activities, which were destroyed by order of the Public Prosecutor's Office. The incident occurred at the pier of the "Sinchicuy" Native Community, on the Amazon River, Iquitos, Peru.

News link:

<https://acortar.link/mXaBl2>

OTHERS

1) Date: August 21th- Other / Maritime Domain / El Niño Phenomenon / Paita – Peru

The Peruvian Navy launched an awareness campaign aimed at the maritime community to strengthen prevention and preparedness in the event of the possible occurrence of the El Niño phenomenon.

Enlace de la noticia:

<https://lix.li/b0m0V6>

2) Fecha: August 21th - Other / Maritime Domain / THREE (3) vessels destroyed / Chimbote – Peru

The Peruvian Navy, through the Chimbote Port Captaincy, participated in the destruction of THREE (3) vessels used for illegal fishing activities

News link:

<https://lix.li/cAjd0N>

3) Fecha: August 24th - Other / Maritime Domain / TWO (2) people deceased / Low-profile vessel / Eastern Pacific

The United States Armed Forces attacked a low-profile vessel linked to drug trafficking, resulting in the deaths of TWO (2) individuals. The incident occurred in the Eastern Pacific.

News link:

<https://lix.li/2KUrl>

RECOMENDACIONES DE IFC-PERÚ

IFC-PERÚ recomienda a la Comunidad Marítima:

1) STRENGTHEN SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF SMALL CRAFT

Increase surveillance of high-speed, riverine and artisanal craft, particularly in border areas, hard-to-access locations and routes with a history of illicit activities, by verifying documentation, crew, cargo and navigational conditions.

2) ENHANCE PREVENTION AND NAVIGATION SAFETY

Promote periodic inspections of propulsion systems, machinery, electrical installations and firefighting equipment, taking into consideration the recent incidents reported.

3) STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES

Ensure that communication and lifesaving equipment remains fully operational, conduct regular emergency drills, and strengthen procedures for abandonment, rescue and medical evacuation, particularly in recreational, fishing and inland waterway transport activities.

4) STRENGTHEN INFORMATION SHARING ON ILLICIT ACTIVITIES

Enhance the timely exchange of information among maritime, law enforcement, customs and environmental authorities regarding vessels, routes, modus operandi and patterns associated with drug trafficking, smuggling, irregular migration, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, and illegal mining.

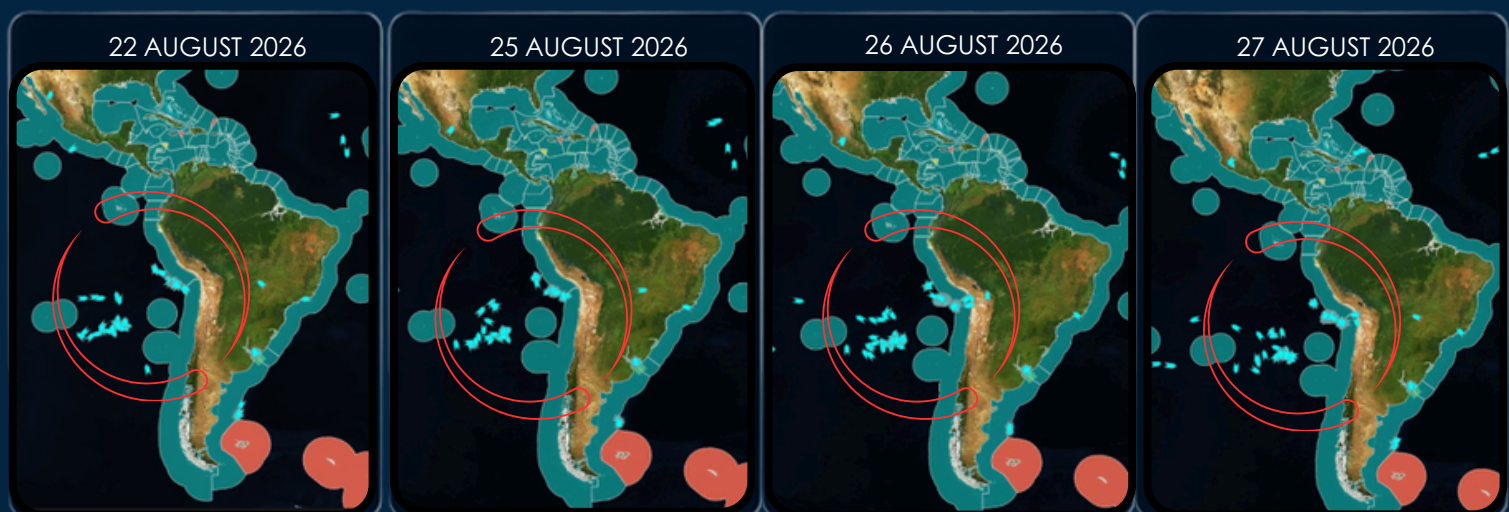
5) INCREASE CONTROL IN RIVERINE AND BORDER AREAS

Strengthen the presence and conduct of patrols along rivers and in areas near international borders, considering that several reported cases indicate the use of riverine craft for the transportation of drugs and contraband, as well as for illegal mining activities.

PRESENCE OF DISTANT-WATER FISHING FLEET

MOVEMENT ANALYSIS

During the period under review, a significant presence of fishing vessels was maintained in the international waters of the Southeast Pacific, with a progressive redistribution of the fleet, evidenced by movements and changes in concentration levels within the area of activity. This behavior reflects sustained operational activity and the continuous mobility of fishing vessels.



Nota: La información presentada en este documento proviene de fuentes abiertas, incluyendo fuentes internas, externas y otras, como los Puntos Focales, el Centro de Operaciones Marítimas e Internet. Se recomienda que los navegantes permanezcan alertas, sobre todo en áreas donde el nivel de amenaza se considera preocupante, según las evaluaciones realizadas por el IFC-Perú en sus reportes. Es imprescindible que los buques adopten las medidas de seguridad necesarias.



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