



Media release

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Media Statement in Response to Partially Submerged Indonesian-flagged Vessel Near Changi

At about 5.15pm on 13 August 2023, the Marine Safety Control Centre operated by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was notified that an Indonesian-flagged vessel was partially submerged and drifting south of Changi.

2. Two MPA and two PCG vessels were immediately despatched to render assistance. All 12 persons from the wooden vessel were safely transferred and sent ashore. No Singaporeans were onboard the vessel.

3. The partially-submerged vessel has been towed to safety. No debris or oil spill were observed. Navigational traffic in the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Singapore Strait and port operations are not affected.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of

the world's busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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