

Incident Report: 07/2012

Name and Type of Vessels: *Woodman 38* / Tug boat (registration no: 329376)
Woodman 39 / Deck cargo barge (registration no: 329387)

Date/Time of Last Communications: 27 Jul 12 at 1238 hrs (local time)

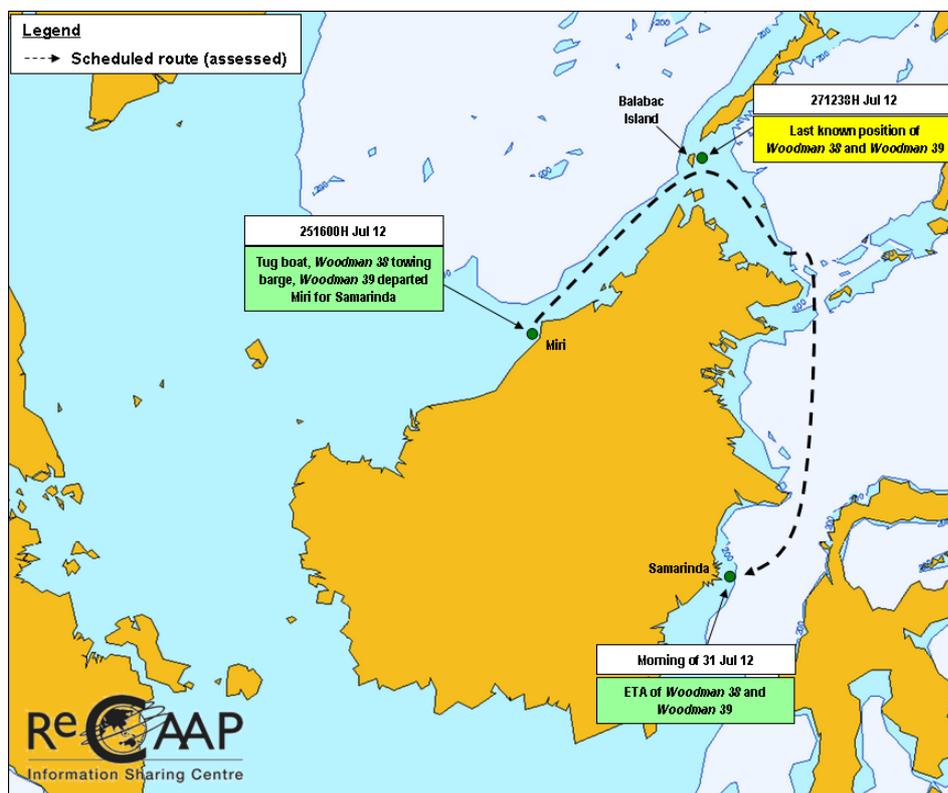
Location of Vessels: 07° 56.33' N, 117° 17.05' E

Area Description: Off Balabac Island, Philippines

Details of Incident

On 25 Jul 12 at about 1600 hrs (local time), a Malaysian-registered tug boat, *Woodman 38* towing barge *Woodman 39* departed Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia enroute to Samarinda, Indonesia scheduled to arrive on the morning of 31 Jul 12 for loading of coal. The company last contacted *Woodman 38* on 27 Jul 12 at 1238 hrs (local time) off Balabac Island, Philippines (07° 56.33' N, 117° 17.05' E). Refer to map below.

Since then, the company was not able to establish contact with the vessel which has a total of 12 crew (comprising seven Indonesians, four Malaysians & one Myanmar national). The vessel travelled at a speed of 7.02 knots had its tracking system switched off after the last contact.



Approximate location of the missing vessels



Incident Alert

The shipping company reported the incident to the ReCAAP ISC, and seeking assistance to locate the missing vessels. The ReCAAP ISC had alerted all its ReCAAP Focal Points and the maritime authorities in the region, including the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and the Indonesian authorities to assist in locating the missing tug boat and barge (which was unladen).



Photographs courtesy of shipping company

Missing Tug Boat *Woodman 38* (left) & Barge *Woodman 39* (right)

Reported by

Shipping company

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

The ReCAAP ISC requests all vessels transiting the area to look out for *Woodman 38* and *Woodman 39* and to report sightings of the vessels to the nearest coastal State. The tug boat, *Woodman 38* originally painted blue may have been repainted and renamed.

