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MV Fujisuka - rescue in the South China Sea

On crossing South China Sea, outside west coast Philippines, underway to Japan yesterday afternoon, 21st of December, crew of MV Fujisuka noticed a capsized fishing boat. One survivor was in the water on top of the inverted boat. Rescue operation was initiated and Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) in Manila was contacted.



The survivor was brought onboard the vessel and given all support and treatment for recovery. He had been in the water for about 5 hours. He is Fili nationality and was part of crew of four persons fishing when heavy swell hit it, causing the capsize. MV Fujisuka searched the area for other survivors, but regrettably without result. After coordination between the local coast guard at Bolinao station and further with the La Union coast guard station, the person was handed over to the coast guard rescue boat at a rendezvous point north of the Poro lighthouse. The heavy swell in the area made the rescue operation challenging.



International Law of the seas have a clear duty for ships to assist those in distress and in danger of being lost.

We are proud to have a crew on watch making this rescue possible and that we saved a life of a person in life threatening situation. Safety of lives at sea (SOLAS) is important for our crew and everyone crossing the seas of the world. Honor goes to captain and crew of MV Fujisuka.



We would also like to thank Kambara Kisen, the owners of the vessel MV Fujisuka, for their unconditional support during the operation.

“Together we sail”