

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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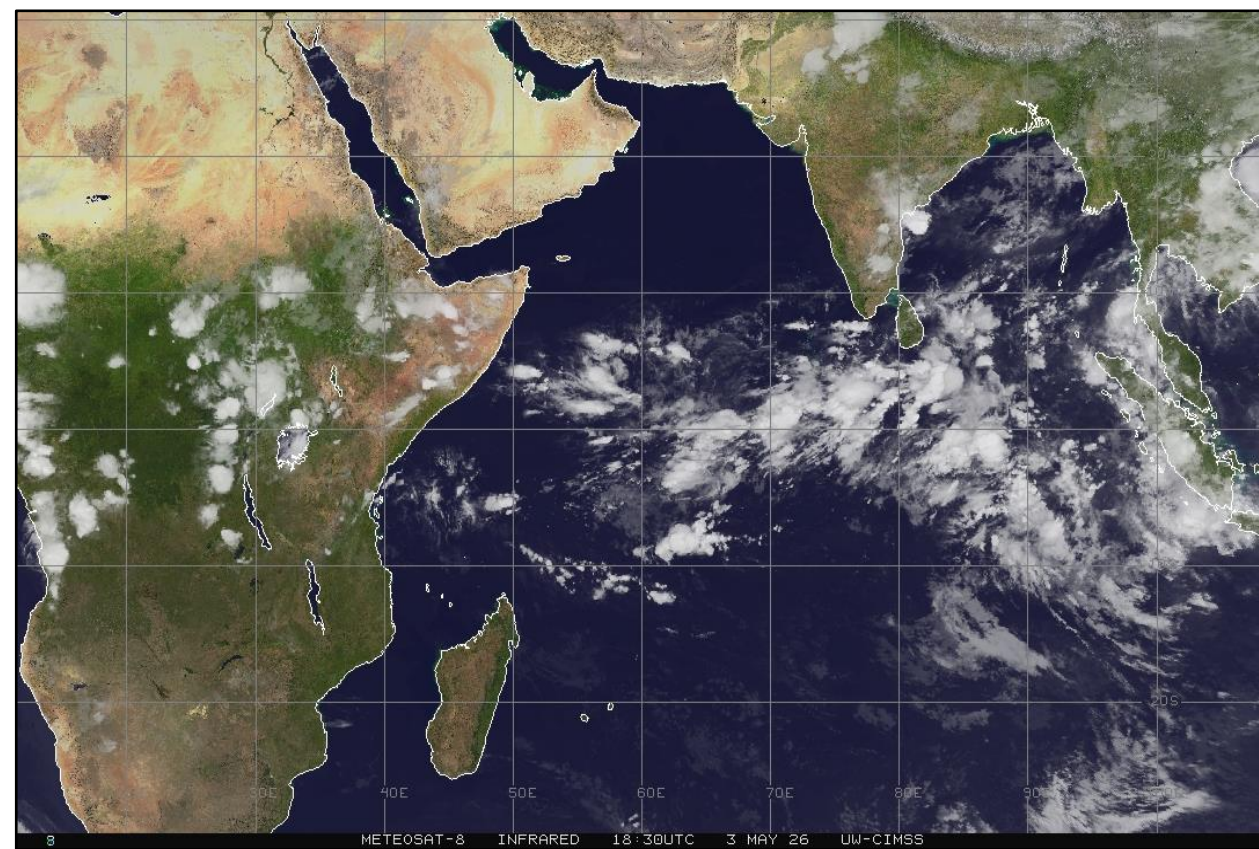
Date 2026.05.04



# WEATHER FORECAST



## Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



### LEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.05.04/0600UTC to 2026.05.04/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.04

To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

ITCZ line is approximately along : 05N 60E, 04N 70E, 05N 80E, 06N 90E, 07N 100E

Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 06S 70E, 05S 80E, 05S 90E, 05S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 40, 45, 60

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of ITCZ:

W'ly to SW'ly/ (10-20) kts, gusting up to 25kts in section 05, 10.

In between ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts, gusting up to 25kts in sections 10, 25, 30, 50.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20)kts

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 05, 10

Moderate to fairly rough in Sections : 25, 30

Moderate in Sections : 20, 70, 75, 85

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

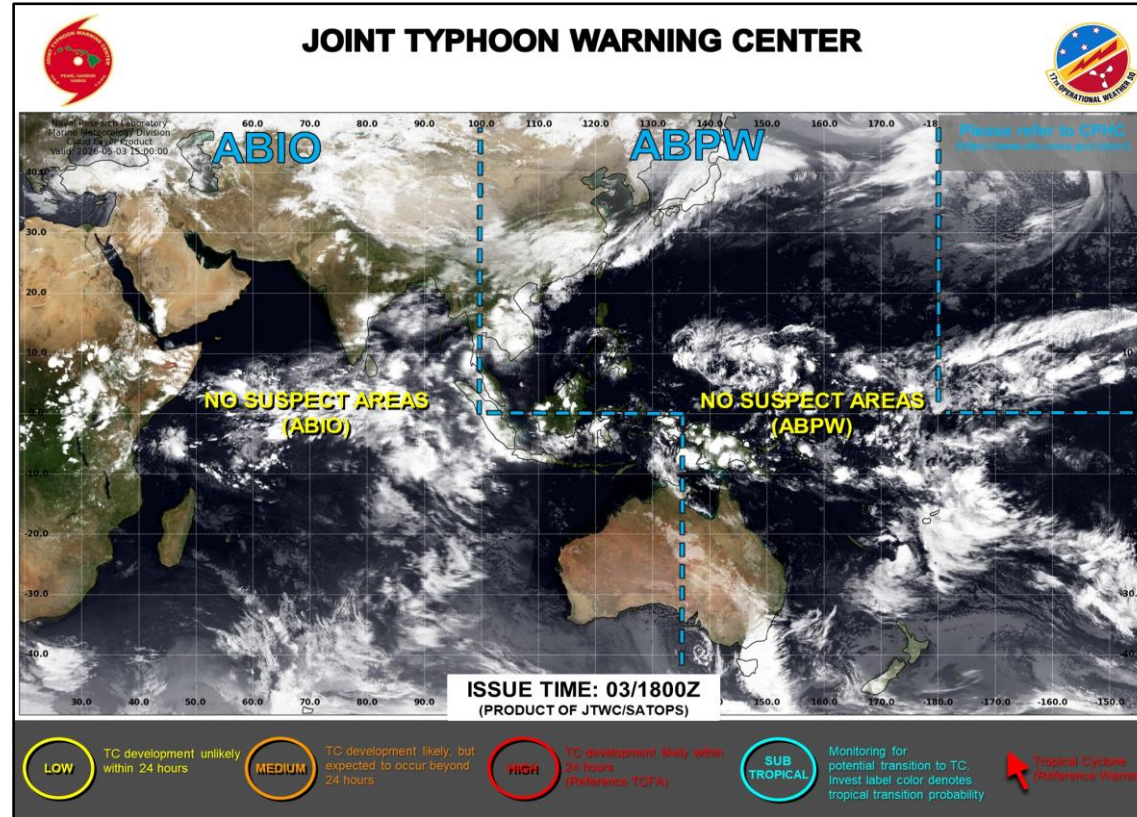
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>



# CYCLONE

## Tropical Cyclone



• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>





# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>05</b>

# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 01 May/ Killer Whale Boat Attacks are Back/ Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.01	Spain	Off cabo de palos	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Sailboat	Research indicates that only a few individual whales are involved in interactions with vessels, typically approaching the boats and focusing on specific areas rather than the people aboard.

Four individuals were rescued near Cabo de Palos, Murcia, after their sailboat sank, allegedly due to contact with killer whales, prompting safety concerns for sailors in Spain. All crew members survived by abandoning the vessel and drifting in a life raft until a rescue helicopter arrived, as damage to the rudder caused a water leak, compelling them to leave the yacht during their journey from Sicily to Ceuta.



Source - : <https://euroweeklynews.com/2026/05/02/killer-whale-boat-attacks-are-back-recent-spain-rescue-raises-fresh-safety-concerns/>



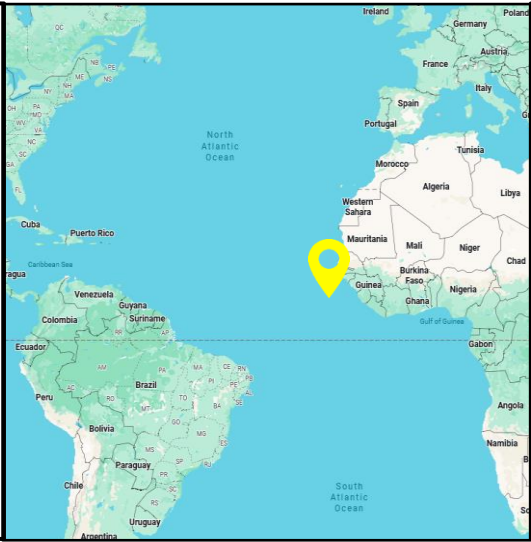
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## 04 May/Three Dead in Suspected Virus Outbreak/ Cape Verde

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Cape Verde	Praia	Death on board (DOB))	Name – Hondius Flag – Netherlands Type - Passenger	MV Hondius left Ushuaia, Argentina, three weeks ago and is now anchored off Cape Verde, near the capital Praia, according to the South African government.

Three people have died following a suspected hantavirus outbreak on the MV Hondius cruise ship traveling from Argentina to Cape Verde. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported one confirmed and five suspected cases, with a 69-year-old UK national in intensive care in Johannesburg. Hantavirus, typically transmitted to humans from rodents, can cause severe respiratory illness and, rarely, person-to-person transmission. The ship's operator, Oceanwide Expeditions, acknowledged a "serious medical situation" regarding the deaths of the passengers.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy0294829ndo>

# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



## 03 May/Bulk Carrier Reports Being Attacked by Multiple Small Craft/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.03	Iran	Sirik	Assault violations	Bulk Carrier	Iran's Fars news agency reported that the ship was not seized but was stopped by the Iranian navy for document checks as part of supervisory procedures.

A bulk carrier reported being attacked by multiple small craft while transiting north about 11nm west of Iran's Sirik on Sunday, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency said, adding that all crew were safe and no environmental impact was reported.



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/5/3/bulk-carrier-attacked-by-multiple-small-craft-off-iran-ukmto-says>

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## 02 May/ Yemen Reports Hijacked Oil Tanker / Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.02	Yemen	Southeastern Shabwa	Armed robbery	Name – M/T Eureka Type - oil tanker	The coastguard is collaborating with international partners and authorities in the Gulf of Aden to recover a tanker and ensure the crew's safety, whose fate is still unknown.

Yemen's Coast Guard is working to recover the M/T Eureka, an oil tanker hijacked off the southeastern Shabwa province, which is now en route to Somalia. This incident marks the fourth piracy attack near Somalia in recent weeks, with rising pirate activity linked to the ongoing war in Iran. Officials attribute this increase to the distraction of naval forces patrolling the Red Sea due to the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz and the diversion of civilian maritime routes.



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/5/2/yemen-reports-hijacked-oil-tanker-headed-for-somalia>

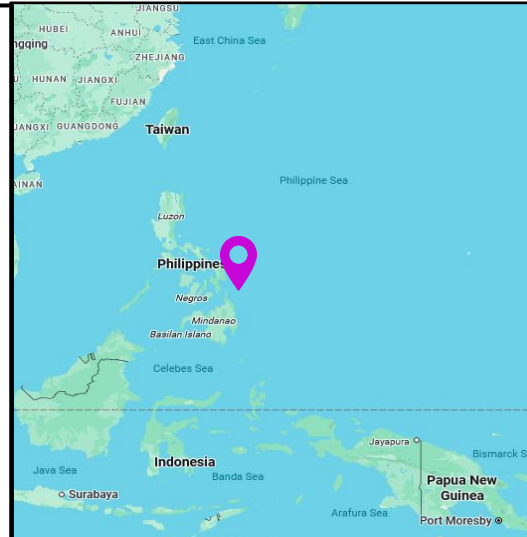




## 04 May/Coast Guard and Police Board Tanker/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Philippines	Philippines Coast	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Chinese Research Vessels	He claimed that this violates the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which mandates consent for such actions.

The Philippine Coast Guard reported that four Chinese vessels were conducting unauthorized marine scientific research in Philippine-claimed waters. Coast Guard spokesman Rear Admiral Jay Tarriela indicated that the vessels lacked legal authority and prior government approval for their activities and warned of sending aircraft and ships to disperse them.



Source - : <https://www.marineinsight.com/philippines-accuses-4-chinese-vessels-of-illegal-marine-research-in-disputed-waters/>



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