

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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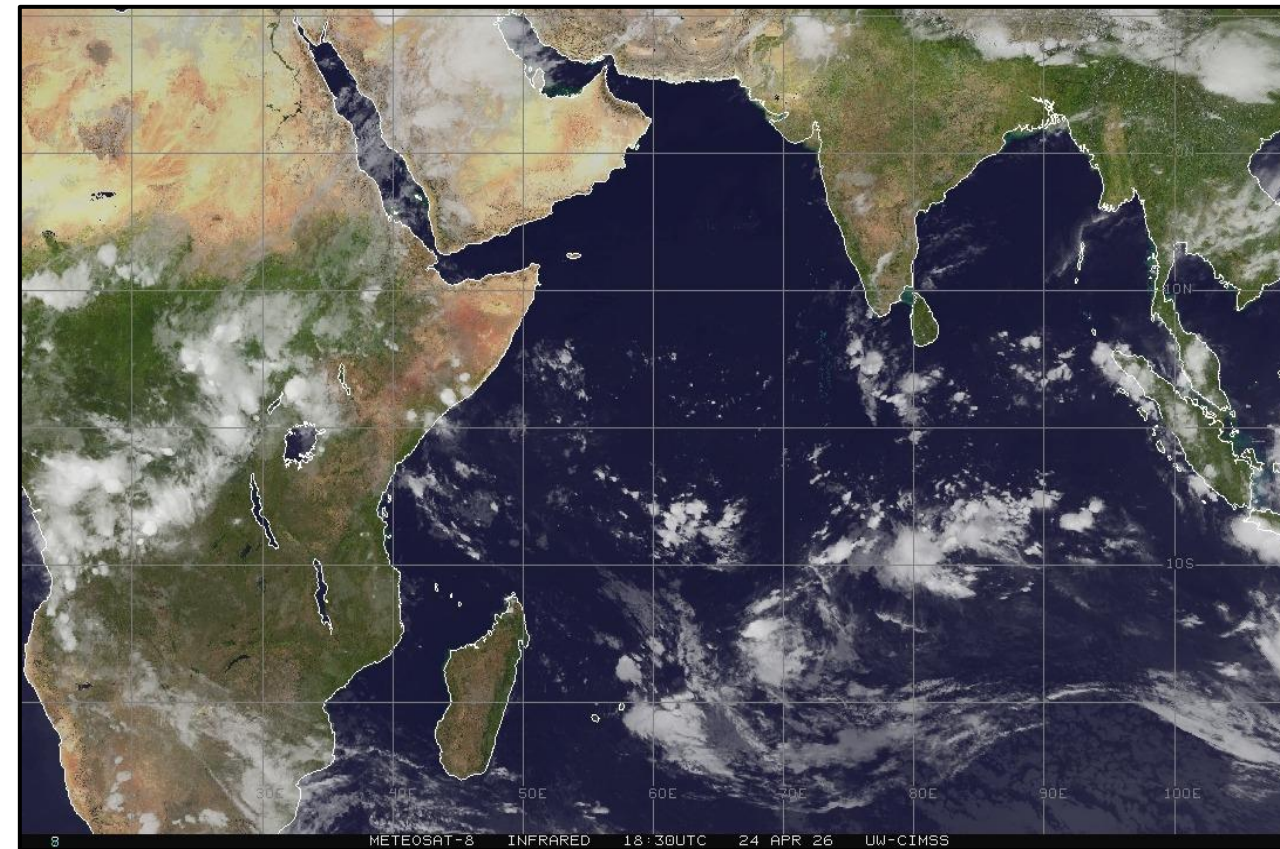
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# WEATHER FORECAST



## Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



### FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

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

Valid period: 2026.04.24/1400UTC to 2026.04.25/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.04.24

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

ITCZ line is approximately along : 02N 60E, 03N 70E, 03N 80E, 03N 90E, 04N 90E

Shear line is approximately along : 05S 60E, 03S 70E, 03S 80E, 02S 90E, 01S 100E

### Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 60, 65, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 15, 20, 30, 40, 45, 50, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

### Winds:

#### North of ITCZ:

West of 80E: NE'ly or variable/ (05-15) kts.

East of 80E: SE'ly or variable / (05-15) kts.

#### In between ITCZ and Shear line

West of 85E: W'ly or SW'ly/ (05-15) kts.

East of 85E: Variable / (05-15) kts.

#### South of Shear line:

SE'ly to E'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 70, 80 and 85

### Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 65, 70, 80, 85

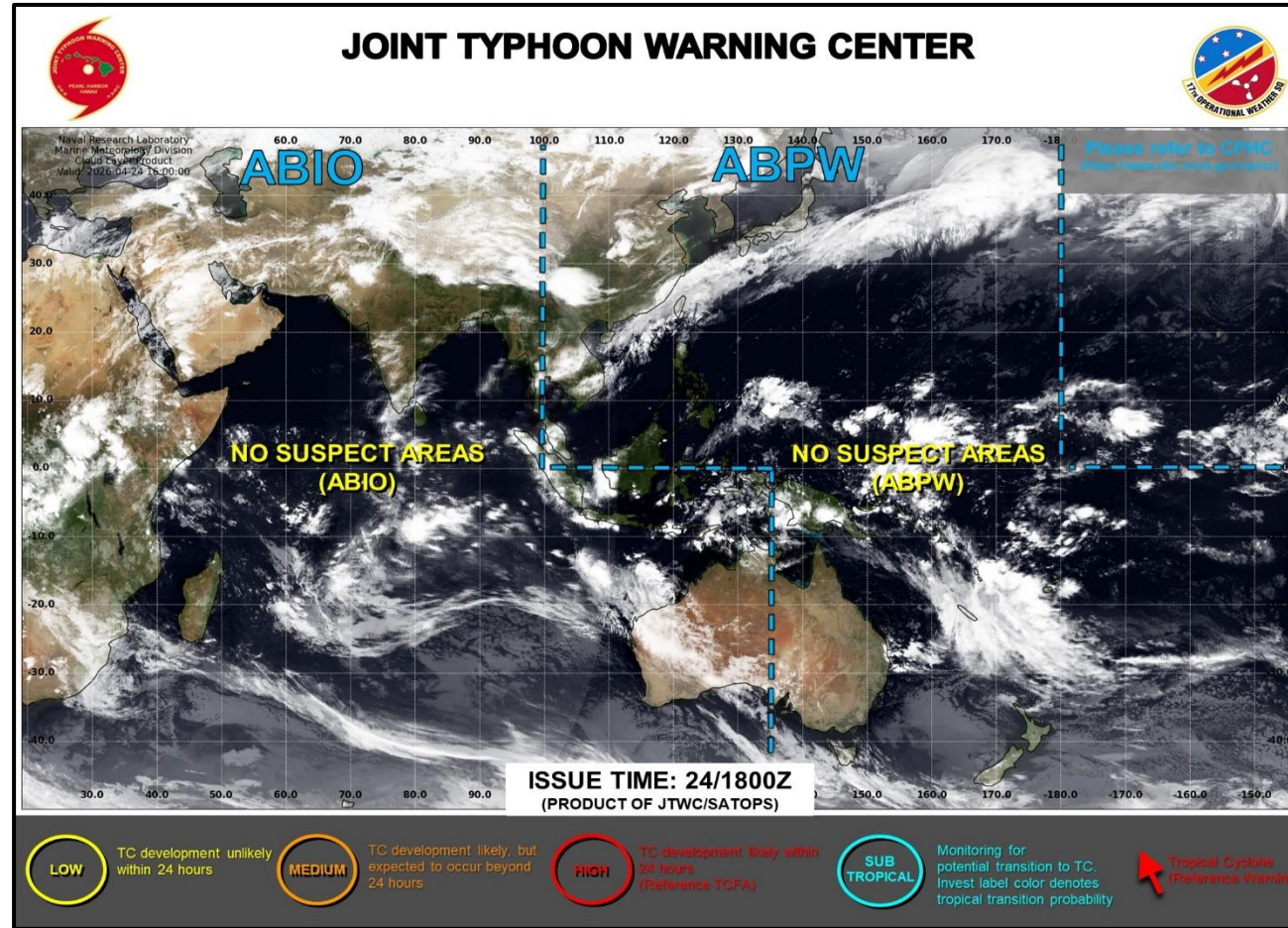
Moderate in Sections : 60, 75

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>

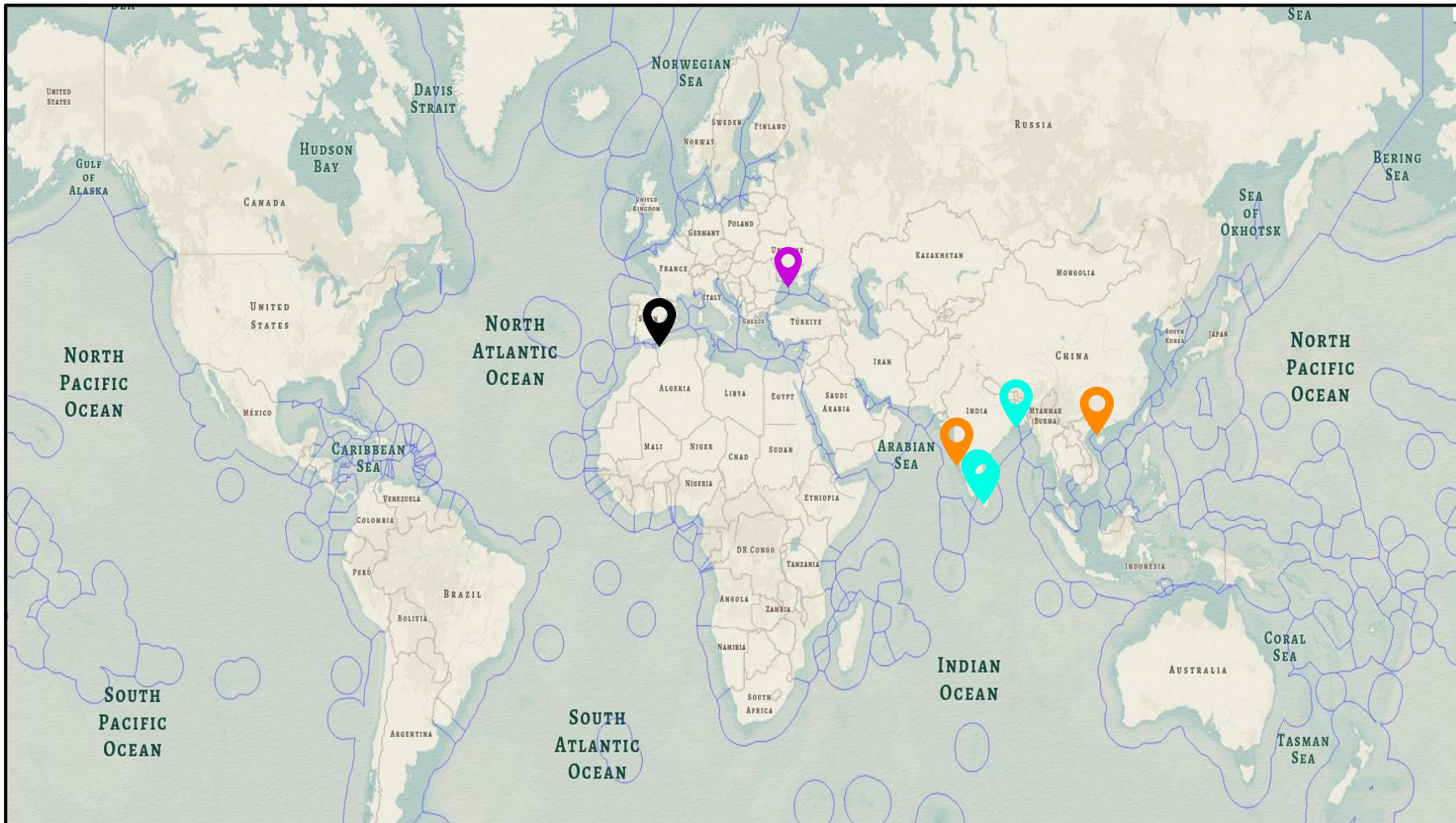
# CYCLONE



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



# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	NIL
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	03
IUU Fishing	02
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>07</b>

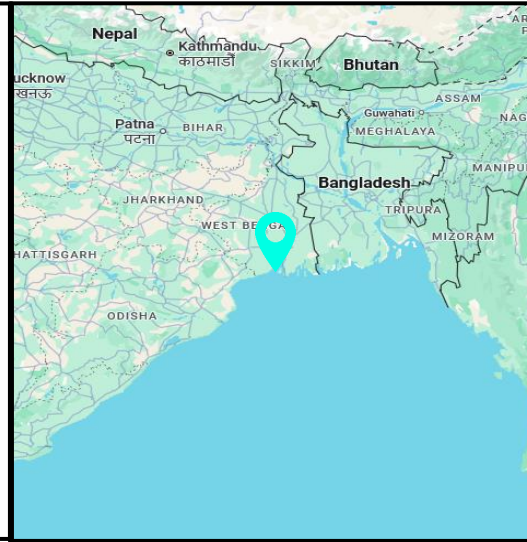
# SMUGGLING



## 24 Apr/Coast Guard Seizes Fishing Boat in Sundarbans /India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.24	India	Sundarbans	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Fishing Boat	Over 13,320 kg of areca nuts recovered, second smuggling bust within week.

In a coordinated operation the Indian Coast Guard seized the fishing boat Shiv Shankar in the Sundarbans for alleged smuggling. During routine surveillance officials discovered 13,320 kilograms of illegally transported areca nuts. This marks the second apprehension by the Coast Guard in a week reflecting heightened vigilance and patrolling in areas prone to illegal trade showcasing the agency's proactive measures to combat smuggling and protect maritime interests.



Source - : <https://www.bhaskarenglish.in/local/west-bengal/news/coast-guard-seizes-boat-sundarbans-areca-nut-smuggling-13320-kg-contraband-second-bust-customs-action-137775159.html>

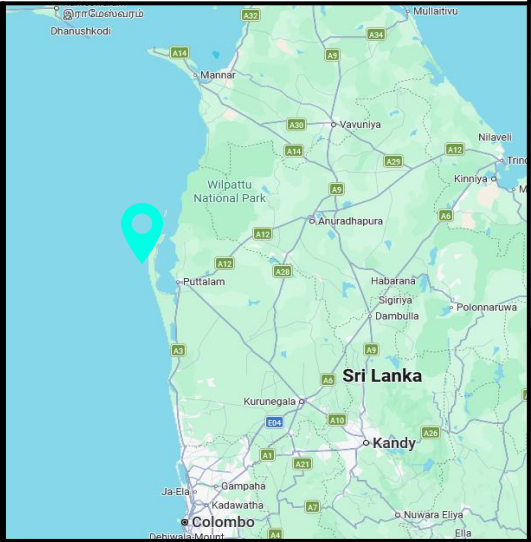
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## 22 Apr/Navy Seizes Over 1,030kg Of Smuggled Dried Turmeric /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.22	Sri Lanka	Northwestern naval area	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Following the seizure, the entire stock of turmeric was handed over to the Kalpitiya Police Station for further legal proceedings.

In a coastal search operation in the Thillayadi beach area of Kalpitiya the Sri Lanka Navy recovered a massive consignment of smuggled dried turmeric weighing about 1,038 kg on 22 Apr 26. The operation was carried out by a group of naval personnel from SLNS Vijaya of the Northwestern Naval Command. While patrolling the shoreline they took hold of 26 suspicious sacks containing this haul of dried turmeric from the beach vicinity.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/04/23/202604231300/>

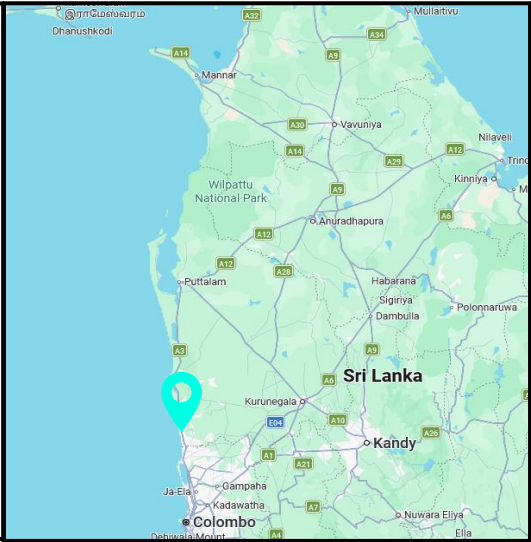
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## 22 Apr/Navy Takes Hold of Over 550kg Of Kendu Leaves in Negombo Lagoon/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.22	Sri Lanka	Western naval Area	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Dingy Boat	Following the seizure, the 02 suspects, the dinghy, and the entire stock of Kendu leaves were handed over to the Katunayake Customs Preventive Office for further investigation and legal proceedings.

In another strike against smuggling the Sri Lanka Navy seized a significant haul of over 550kg of Kendu leaves during a search operation conducted in the Negombo Lagoon on 22 Apr 26. The operation also led to the apprehension of 02 suspects and the dinghy (01) used to smuggle the illegal consignment. The operation was mounted by SLNS Kelani of the Western Naval Command and during the mission naval personnel intercepted a suspicious dinghy navigating the area. A thorough search of the dinghy revealed 15 sacks containing approximately 553kg of Kendu leaves which had been smuggled evading local regulations.



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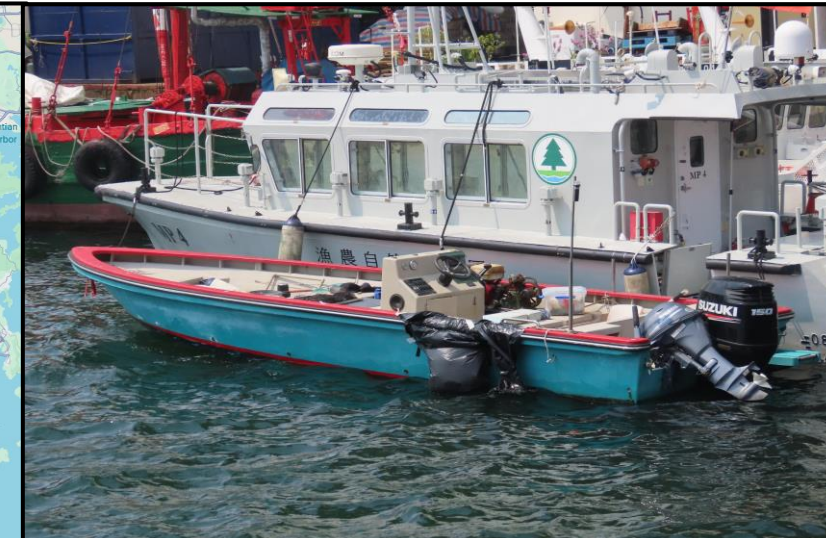
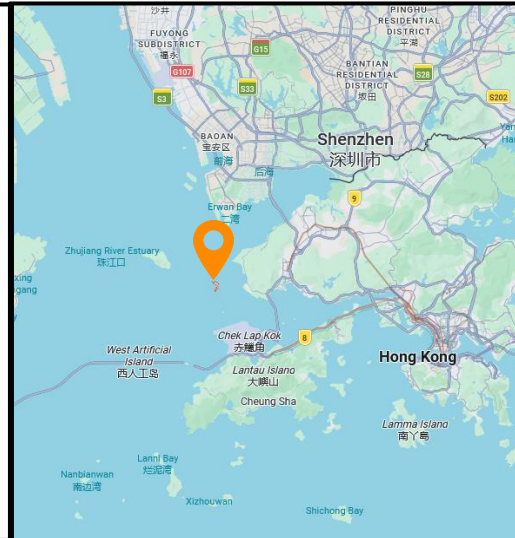
# IUU FISHING



## 22 Apr/Fishing Boat Arrested / China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.22	China	Lung Kwu Chau	Unreported catch	One Fishing Boat	The AFCD is currently investigating two Mainlanders on board for suspected contravention of the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171).

The Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is investigating two Mainlanders suspected of illegal hookah fishing near Lung Kwu Chau. At approximately 1230 am on 22 April AFCD officers observed an unregistered vessel equipped with an air compressor pipes and a spear gun indicating illegal fishing activities. The officers intercepted the vessel and seized fishing gear on board. In Hong Kong only registered vessels may fish using methods stated in their registration certificates with violations subject to fines up to \$100,000 and six months' imprisonment.



Source -: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/22/P2026042200760.htm>

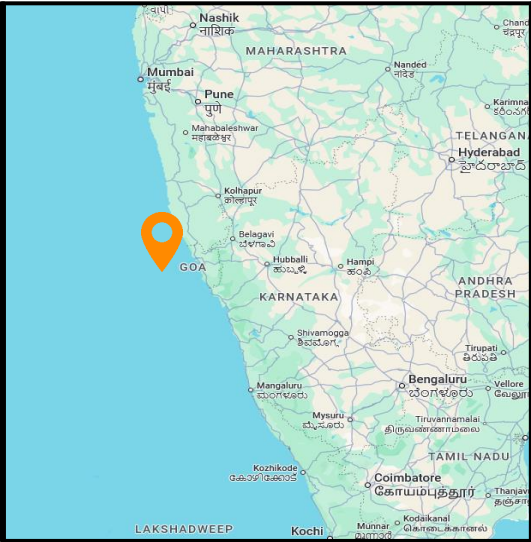
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## 22 Apr/15 Outstation Vessels Seized For Poaching Off Coast Off Goas / India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.22	India	Coast off Goa's	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	15 Fishing Boat	Fisheries Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar commended the department's swift action calling it a sign of heightened enforcement.

In a significant enforcement operation the Goa Fisheries Department captured 15 outstation fishing vessels for illegal fishing within the state's territorial waters. This operation involved intercepting nine vessels at sea and apprehending six others along the Colva Benaulim coastal area with help from local fishermen. Most seized vessels are believed to be from neighbouring Karnataka. The operation coordinated with the coastal police emphasises a collaborative approach to combat illegal fishing activities.



Source -: <https://www.thegoan.net/goa-news/15-outstation-vessels-seized-for-poaching-off-goas-coast/147048.html>

# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



## 24 Apr/17 Somali Migrants Killed After Boat Capsizes / Algeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.24	Algeria	Algeria coast	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	One Boat	The North Africa route to Spain is one of the main paths used by migrants trying to reach Europe, often using overcrowded and unseaworthy boats.

At least 17 Somali migrants including 12 men and five women have drowned after their boat capsized while trying to reach Europe between Algeria and Spain according to Yusuf Ahmed Hassan the Somali ambassador to Algeria. He has received queries from concerned parents about missing relatives and noted that the victims' bodies were found in a coastal area near Algiers 100 km west of the capital.



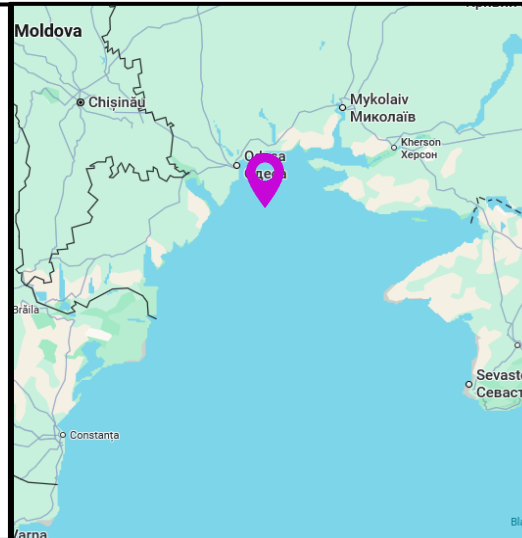
Source -> <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20260424-17-somali-migrants-killed-after-boat-capsizes-off-algerian-coast/>



## 24 Apr/ Ukrainian Navy Destroyed Russian Maritime Drone /Ukrainian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.24	Ukraine	Odesa region	Naval Activities	-	The drone was attempting to approach one of the region's seaports, the Ukrainian Navy reported on social media.

The Ukrainian Navy successfully eliminated an enemy unmanned surface vehicle (USV) near Odesa after detecting it heading toward port infrastructure. A Mavic reconnaissance drone was used for surveillance and the threat was likely neutralised with small arms or a machinegun-equipped combat module. Additionally in April 2025 Russia established a Technical Council for the Development of Unmanned Systems and Technologies for Maritime Applications to enhance their navy's technological capabilities.



Source -: <https://military.com/en/news/ukrainian-navy-destroyed-russian-drone-port/>



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