

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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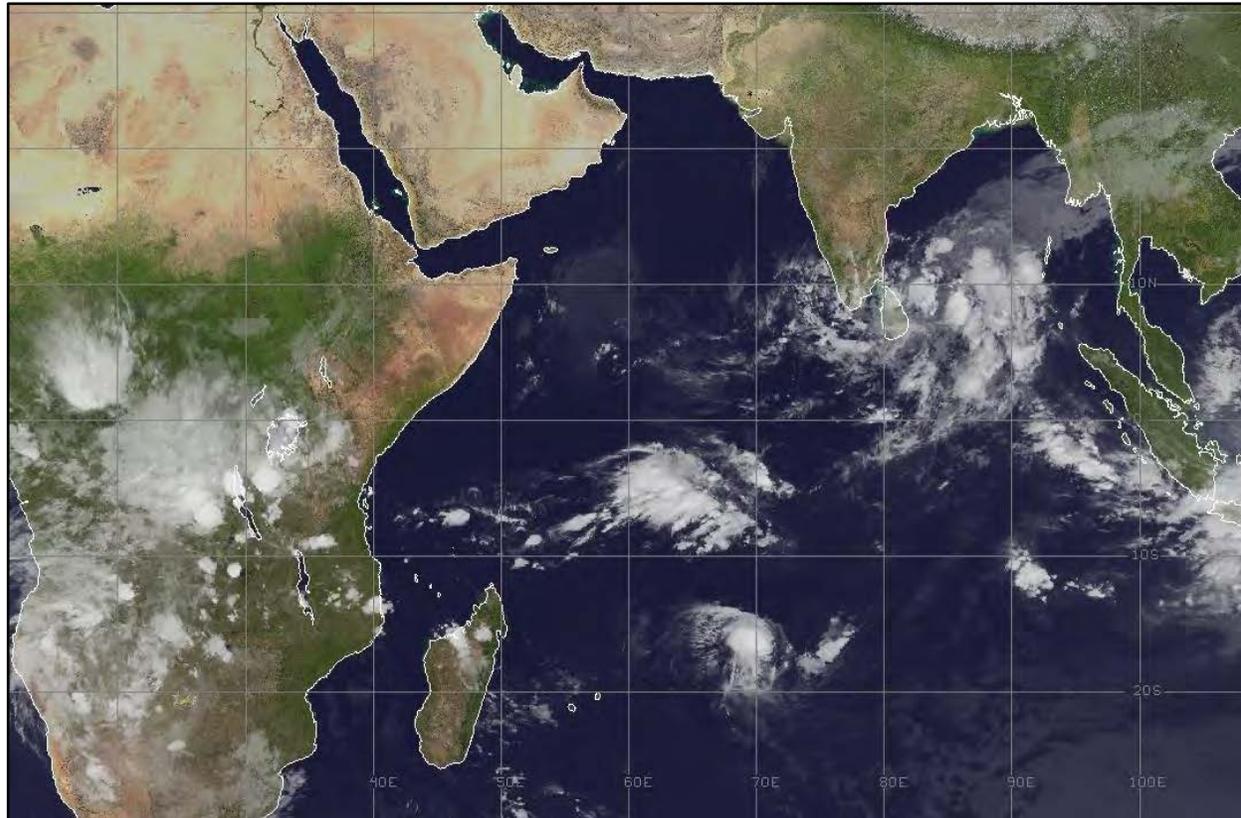


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Date 2026.02.20



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: 2026.02.20/0600UTC to 2026.02.20/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.20

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03N 60E, 03N 70E, 02N 80E, 07N 90E, 05N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 05S 60E, 06S 70E, 09S 80E, 10S 90E, 05S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 30, 35, 40, 55, 65, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 25, 45, 50, 60, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 73E: NE'y / (10-15)kts.

In between 73E and 92E: Cyclonic / (15-20) kts: gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 25, 30.

East of 92E: SE'y / (15-20)kts: gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 15

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: NW'y / (15-25)kts: gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 65

East of 80E: SW'y or W'y / (10-20)kts: gusting up to 25 kts in section 55, 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

SE'y or S'y / (15-20)kts: gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 80, 85

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 65, 80

Rough in sections : 15, 85

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 25, 30, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 40, 45, 55, 70

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

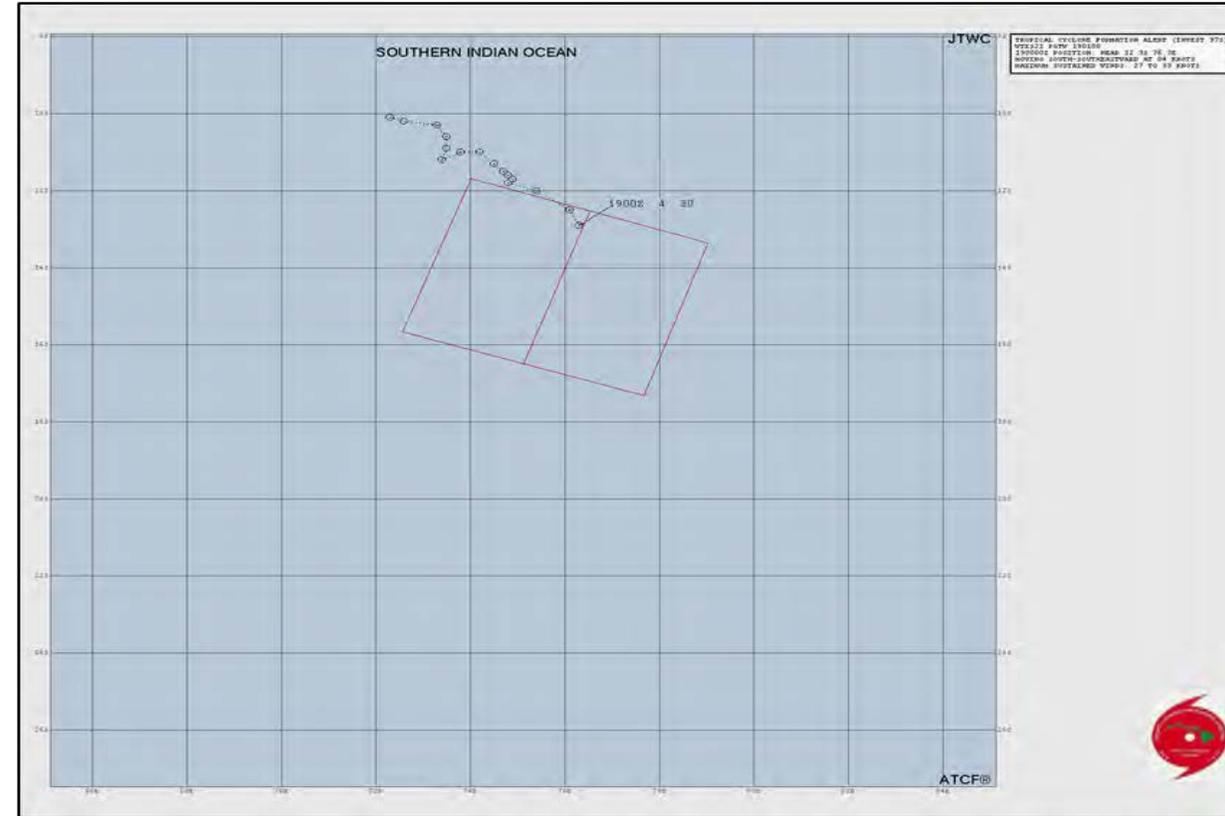
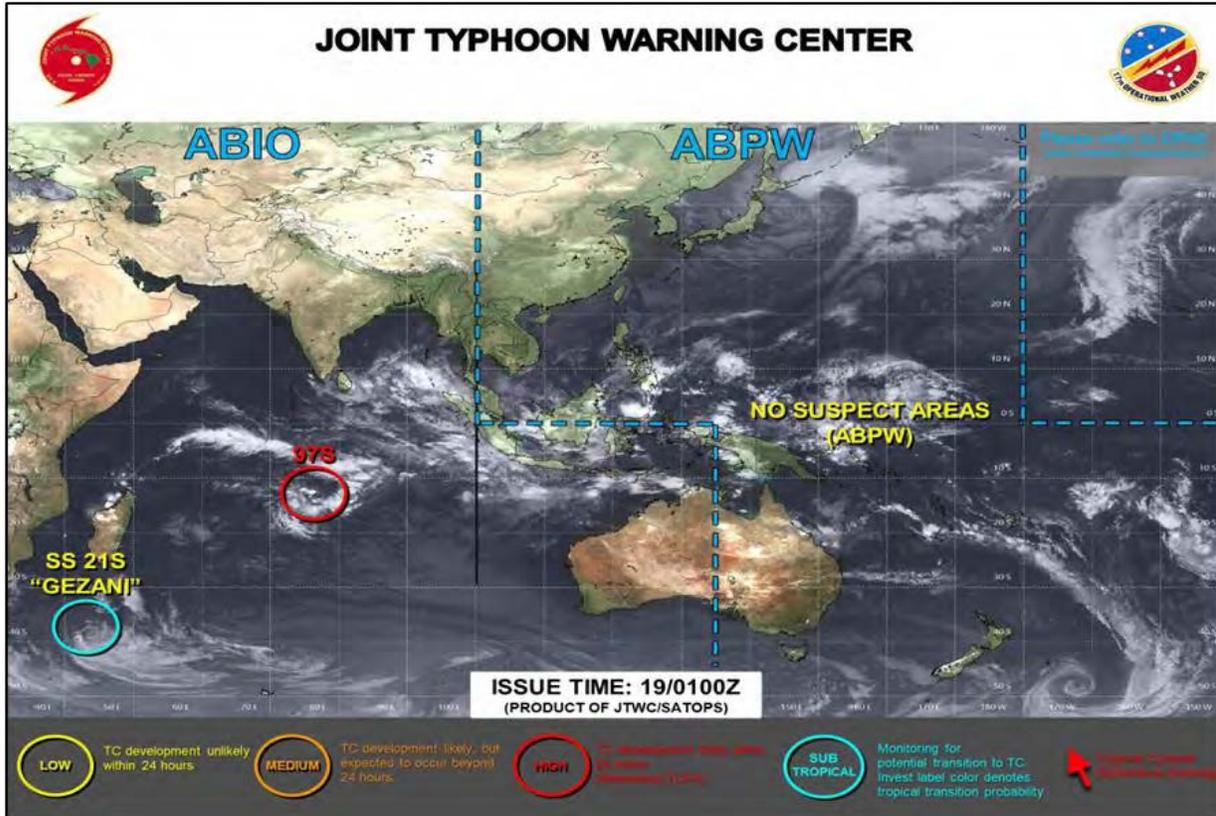
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershower

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

CYCLONE



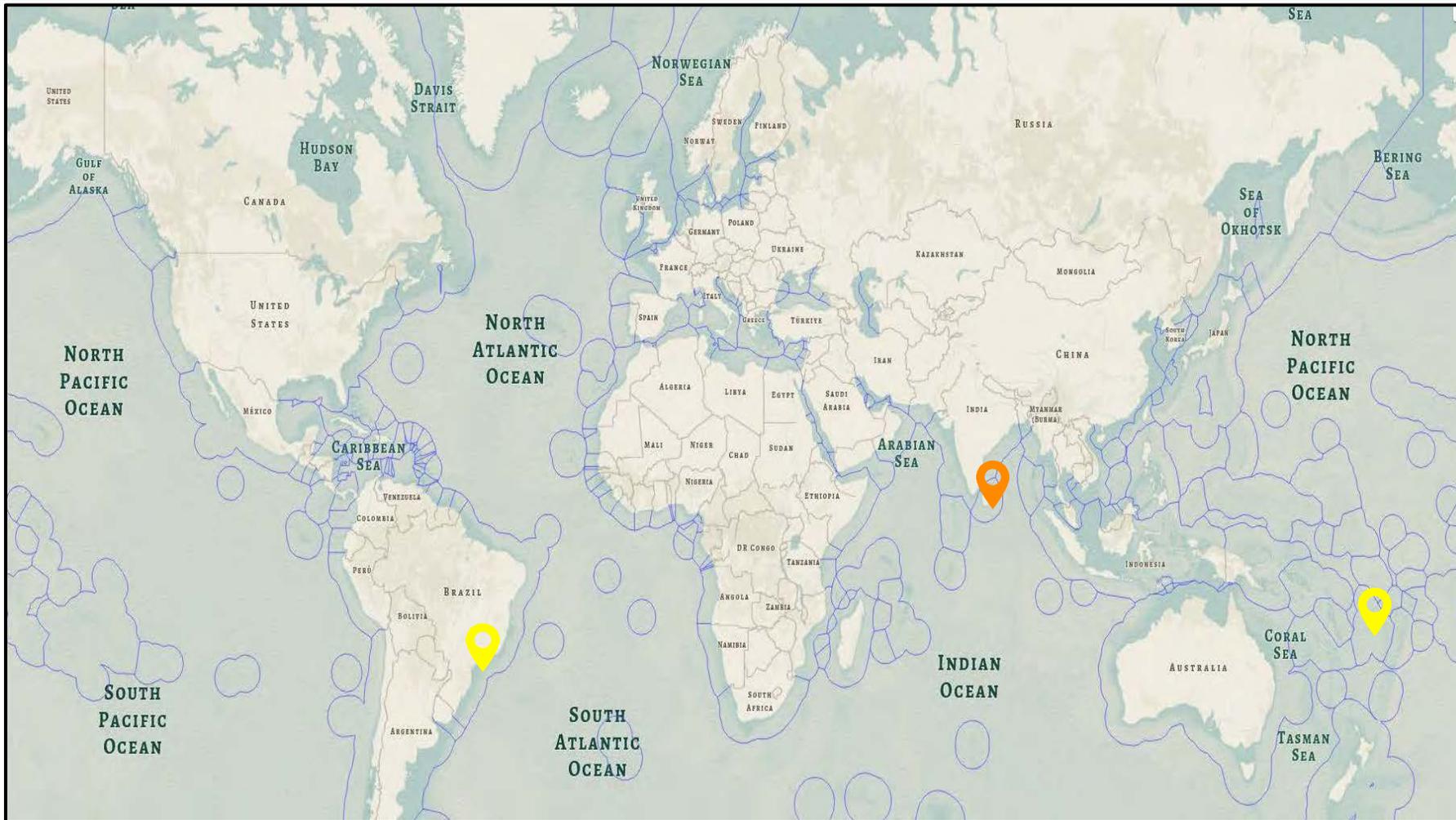
Tropical Cyclone "DP 97 S"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	03

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16 Feb/ Cargo Ship Collides With Ferries At Port Of Santos/Brazil

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.16	Brazil	Port Of Santos	Collation	Cargo Ship & Two Ferries	At the time of the collision, one ferry was being towed by another while undergoing maintenance, and there were no vehicles or passengers on board either vessel.

A Singapore-flagged containership collided with two ferries in the Port of Santos, Brazil on the evening of 16 Feb 26. Four crew members jumped overboard during the incident, but there were no serious injuries, and everyone was rescued safely. The collision occurred around 0930 hrs local time in the busy harbour, and crew members from the ferries entered the water just before the impact receiving assistance from bystanders and a responding pilot boat.



Source - : https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/video-cargo-ship-collides-with-ferries-at-port-of-santos-crew-jump-into-water/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=video-cargo-ship-collides-with-ferries-at-port-of-santos-crew-jump-into-water

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19 Feb/ New Zealand Defense Force rescues two people/New Zealand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.19	New Zealand	South Of Tonga	Rescue Operations	One Boat	Fishermen in their 20-30 were found to be tired and hungry, but after a medical check and a meal they were deemed to be in good health.

The men had left Tongatapu 10 days prior and were declared missing shortly after departure, discovered by Air Force P-8A Poseidon en route to the Southwest Pacific, NZDF said. Once found, the NZDF said they were brought on board the HMNZS Canterbury and have since returned to Tonga.



Source -> <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/587333/new-zealand-defence-force-rescues-two-people-stranded-at-sea-south-of-tonga>

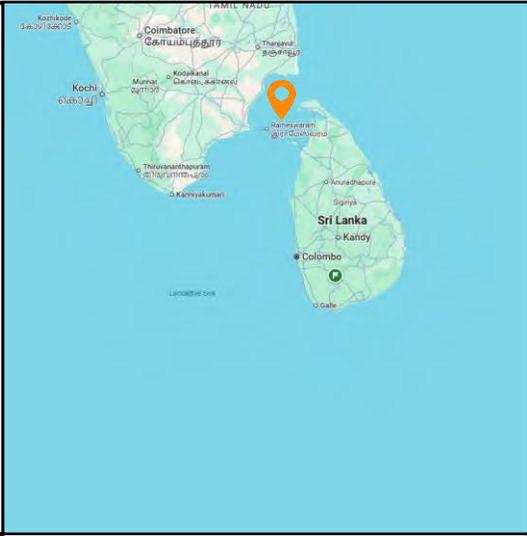
IUU FISHING



18 Feb/ Navy and Coast Guard seize 04 Indian fishing boats poaching in Sri Lankan waters/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.18	Sri Lanka	North Of Mannar & Off The Delft Island	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Four fishing boat	Two fishing boats and ten fishermen detained in Mannar were transferred to the Fisheries Inspector of Mannar. Furthermore, two additional fishing boats intercepted off Delft Island, along with twelve Indian fishermen, were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy for legal proceedings..

Recognizing the harmful impact of poaching on marine resources and local fishing communities, the Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard actively conduct operations to deter such activities. These efforts demonstrate a commitment to protecting marine ecosystems and ensuring citizens' economic security. Recently, naval forces identified Indian fishing boats illegally fishing in Sri Lankan waters, leading to the deployment of naval craft to drive them away and the seizure of four boats along with the apprehension of 22 fishermen engaged in illegal fishing.



Source -> <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/19/202602191200/>



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