

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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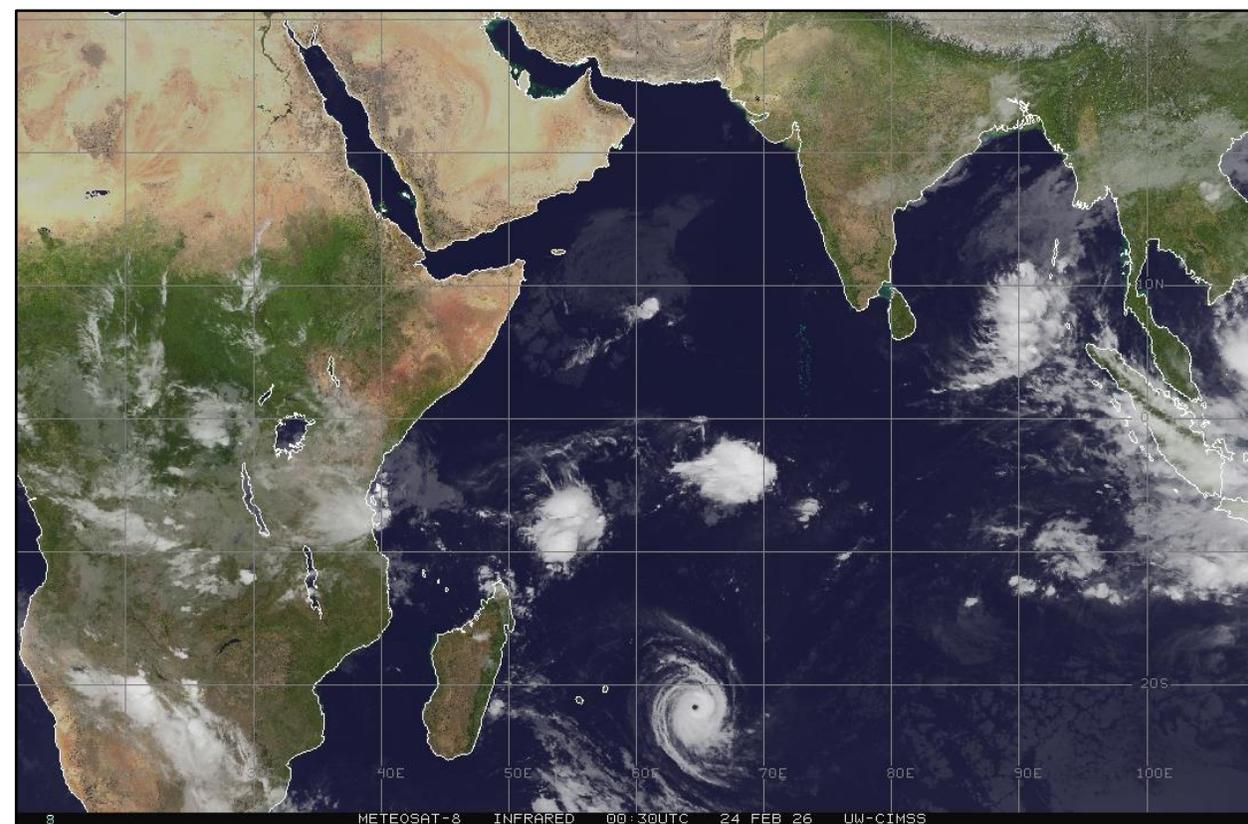
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Date 2026.02.24

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: 2026.02.24/0600UTC to 2026.02.24/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.24

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

Shear line is approximately along : 02N 60E, 03N 70E, 08N 80E, 11N 90E, 10N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 11S 60E, 10S 70E, 09S 80E, 10S 90E, 11S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 35, 40, 45, 60, 65, 70, 75, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 30, 50, 55, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 75E: NE'yly or N'yly / (10-15)kts.

In between 75E and 95E: Anticlockwise / (15-20) kts

East of 95E: VRB / (10-15)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: W'yly to NW'yly / (10-20)kts

East of 80E: SW'yly or W'yly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

West of 75E: Clockwise / (10-20)kts

East of 75E: Clockwise / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 75 and 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 75, 85

Moderate in sections : 30, 40, 50, 55, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

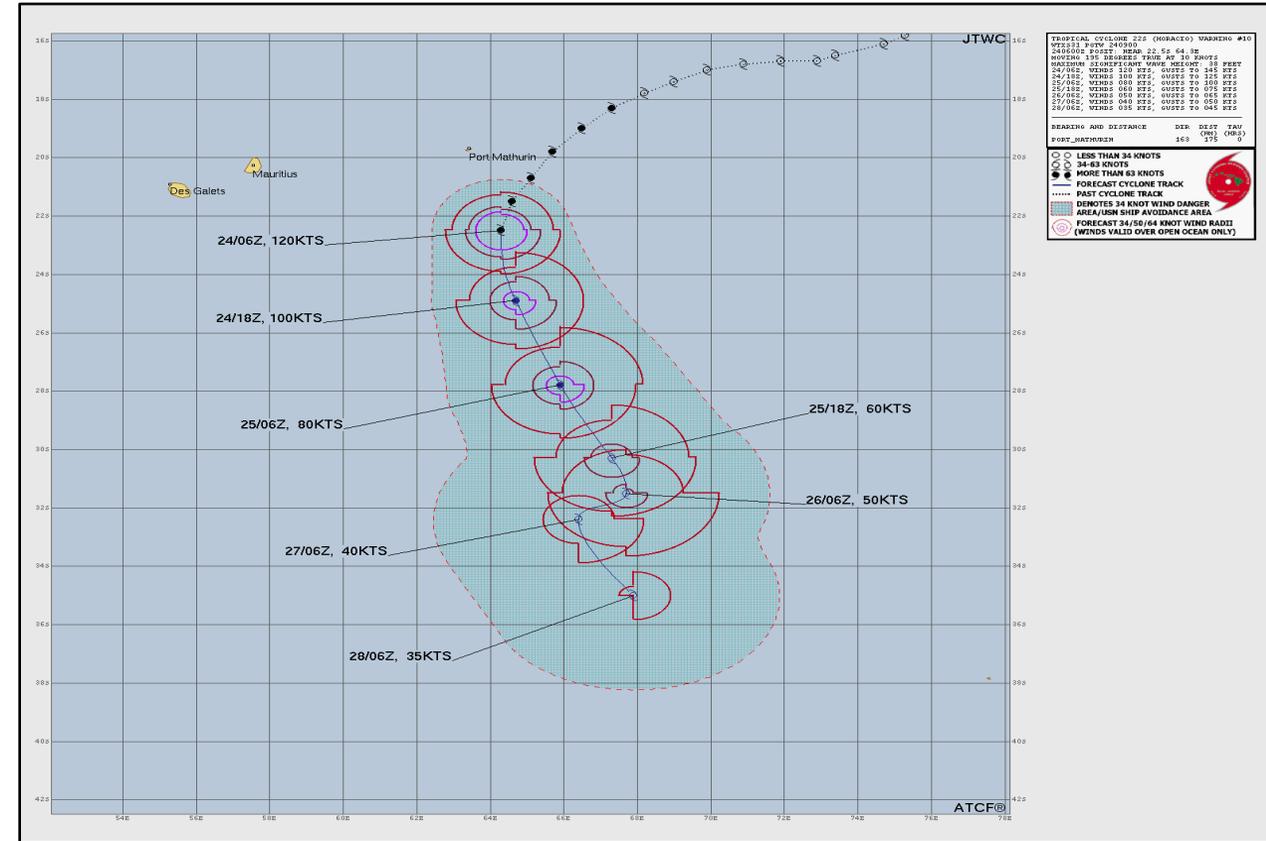
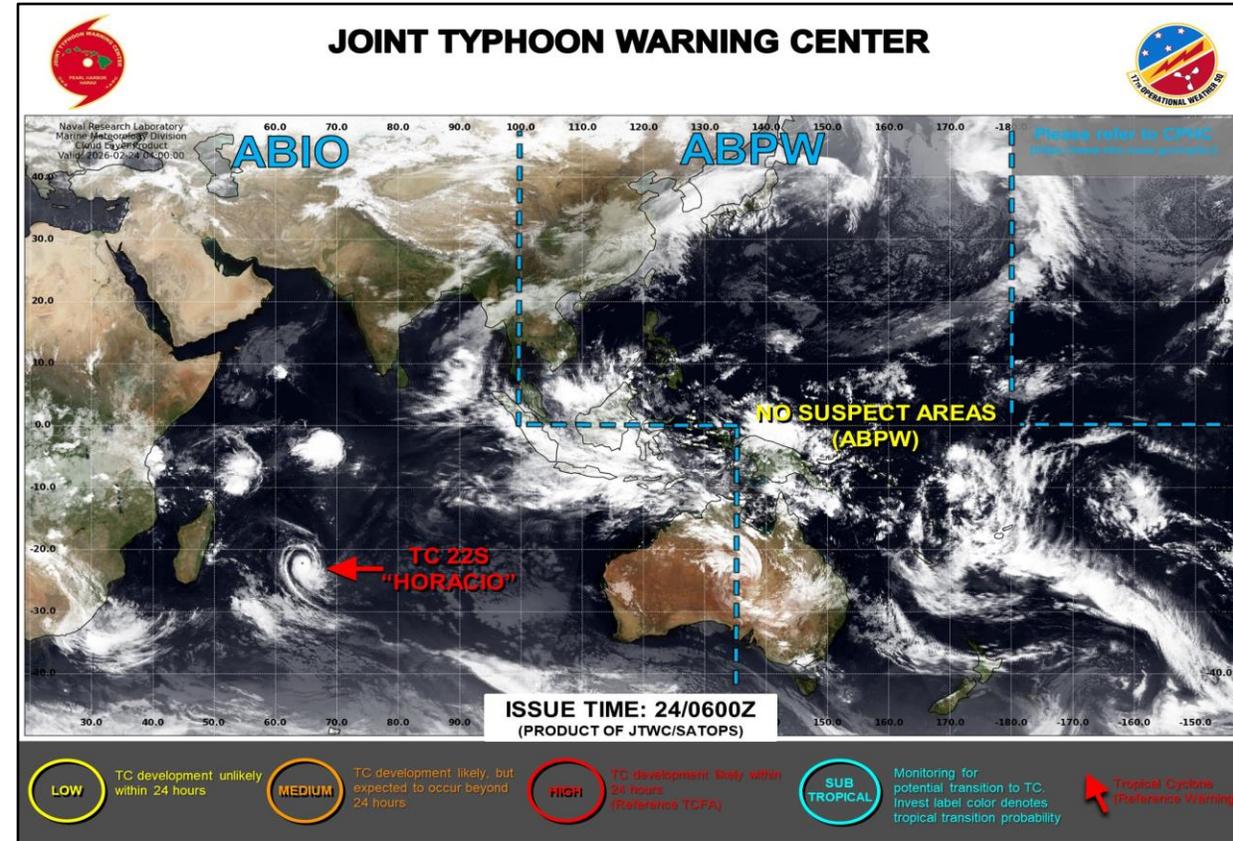
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



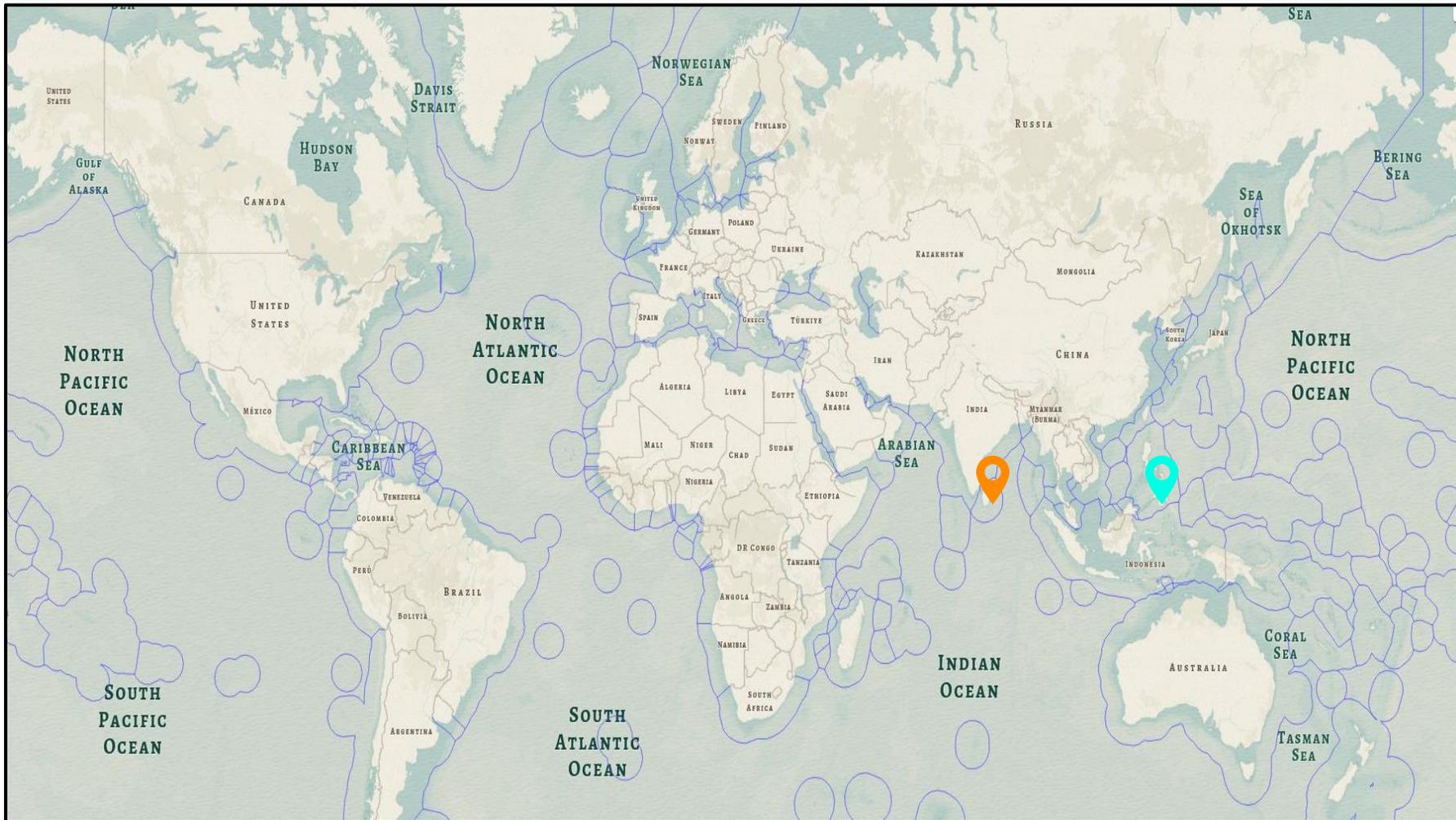
Tropical Cyclone "HORACIO"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	NIL
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	

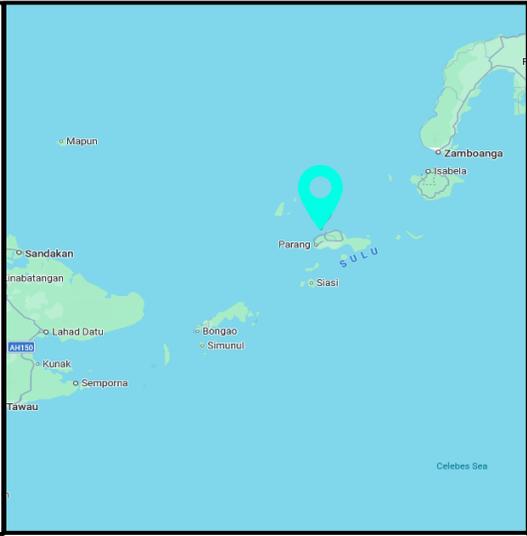
SMUGGLING



21 Feb/Navy seizes P55.7 million smuggled cigarettes /Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.21	Philippine	Marungas Island	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Three Vessel	The Philippine Navy apprehended three vessels and confiscated smuggled cigarettes worth P55.7 million in separate operations here and in Sulu.

RAdm Constancio Arturo Reyes Jr chief of the Western Mindanao Naval Command reported the interception of MV Sarhana which was carrying 600 master cases of assorted cigarettes valued at P34.68 million off Marungas Island on 21 Feb 26. Subsequent operations also led to the interception of MB Fatimah Darsa near Little Sta. Cruz Island which had 336 master cases and 45 reams of smuggled cigarettes worth P19.45 million. Additionally an earlier operation on 14 Feb 26 resulted in the seizure of 25 master cases of smuggled cigarettes valued at P1.53 million from MB Aafiya Sheza.



Source -: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2026/02/23/2509719/navy-seizes-p557-million-smuggled-cigarettes>

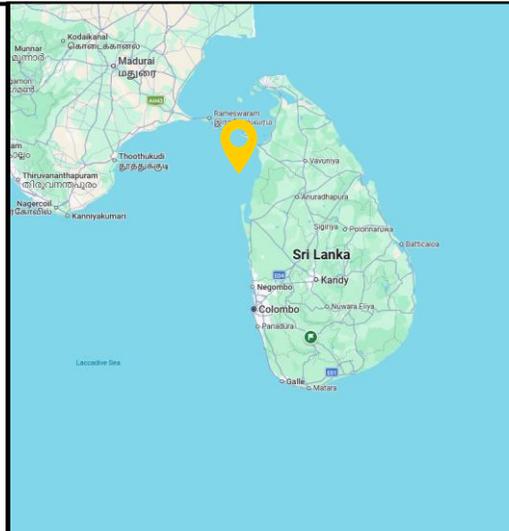
IUU FISHING



23 Feb/Navy nabs 10 suspects for illegal harvesting of sea cucumbers/Sri Lanka

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2026.02.23	Sri Lanka	Puttalam	Fishing Without License	Three Boat	The suspects, aged 29 to 54, were apprehended in Pallimunai, Mannar, along with sea cucumbers, dinghies, and diving gear, and were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Kilinochchi for legal action.

On 23 Feb 26 during a search operation west of Iranativu, Kilinochchi, the Navy apprehended 10 individuals and seized 1,232 illegally harvested sea cucumbers along with 3 dinghies and diving equipment. The operation, conducted by SLNS Buwaneka of the North Central Naval Command, intercepted suspicious dinghies, leading to the capture of those engaged in unauthorized night diving.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/23/202602231705/>



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