

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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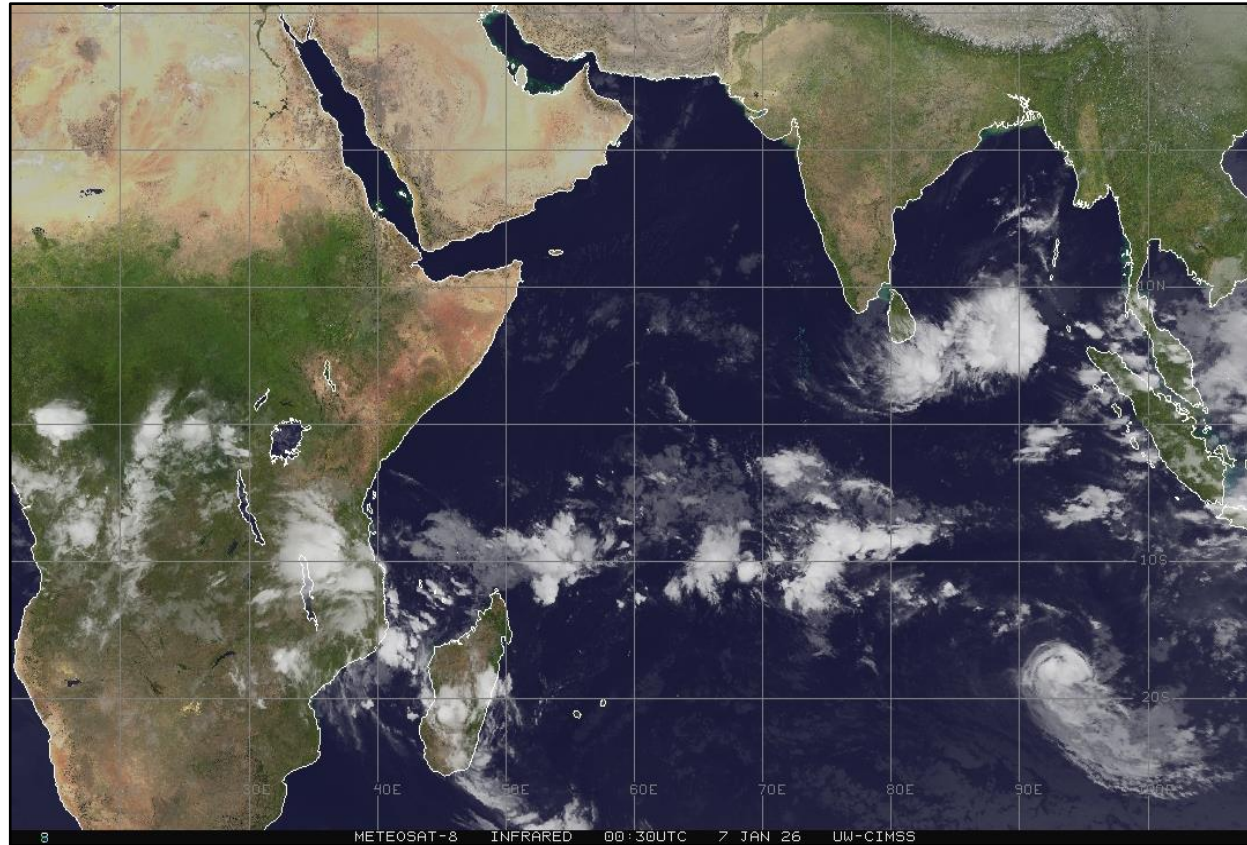
Date 2026.01.07



# 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: 2026.01.07/0600UTC to 2026.01.07/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.07

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

The low-pressure area is developed in the Bay of Bengal, to the southeast of the Sri Lanka. It is likely to intensify into a depression during next 24 hours. This system is expected to move west-northwestwards.

Shear line is approximately along : 01S 60E, EQ 70E, 01N 80E, 04N 90E, EQ 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 10S 60E, 09S 70E, 09S 80E, 10S 90E, 12S 100E

### Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 30, 60, 65, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 70, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

### Winds:

North of Shear line :

West of 80E: NE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05, 25

East of 80E: Cyclonic / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 10, 15, 30.

### In-between Shear line and ITCZ :

NW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65.

### South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 80.

### Seas:

Rough in sections : 05, 10, 30

Fairly Rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 25, 60, 65, 70, 80

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 45, 75, 85

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

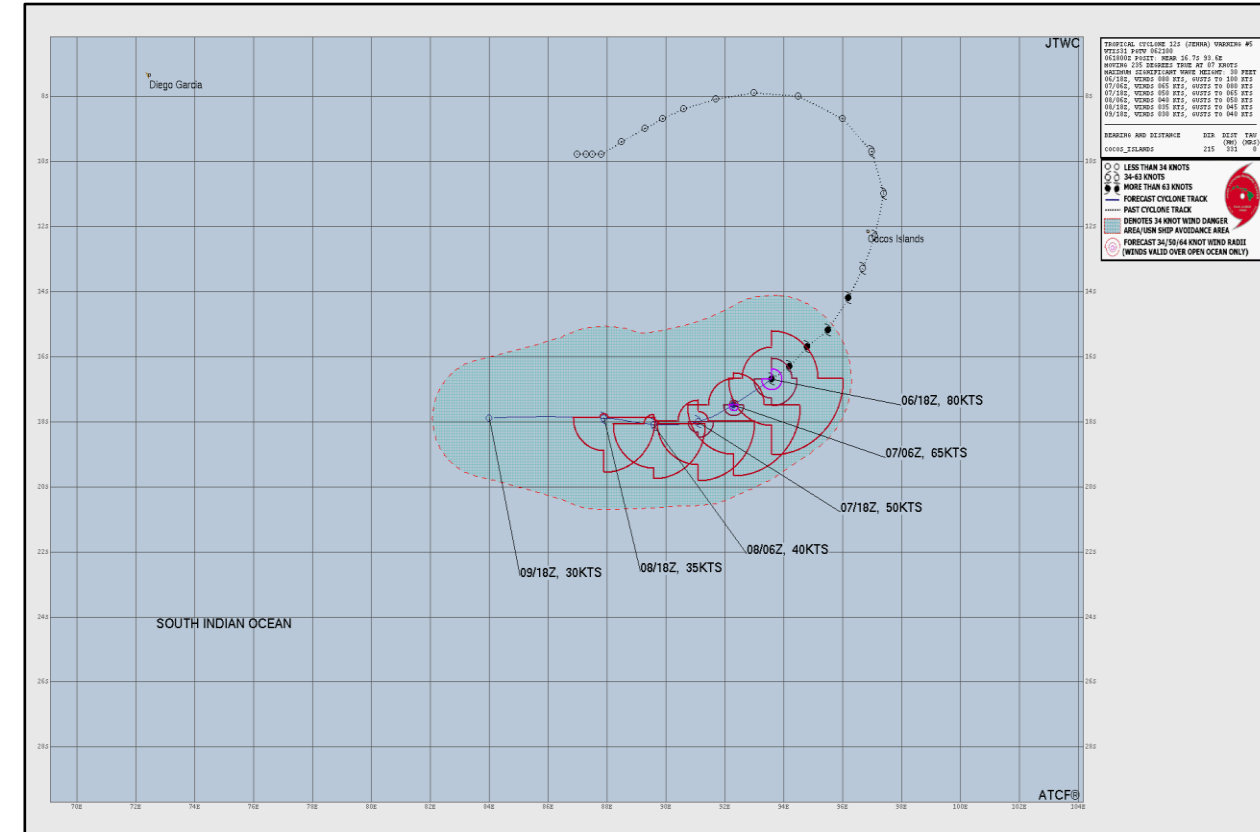
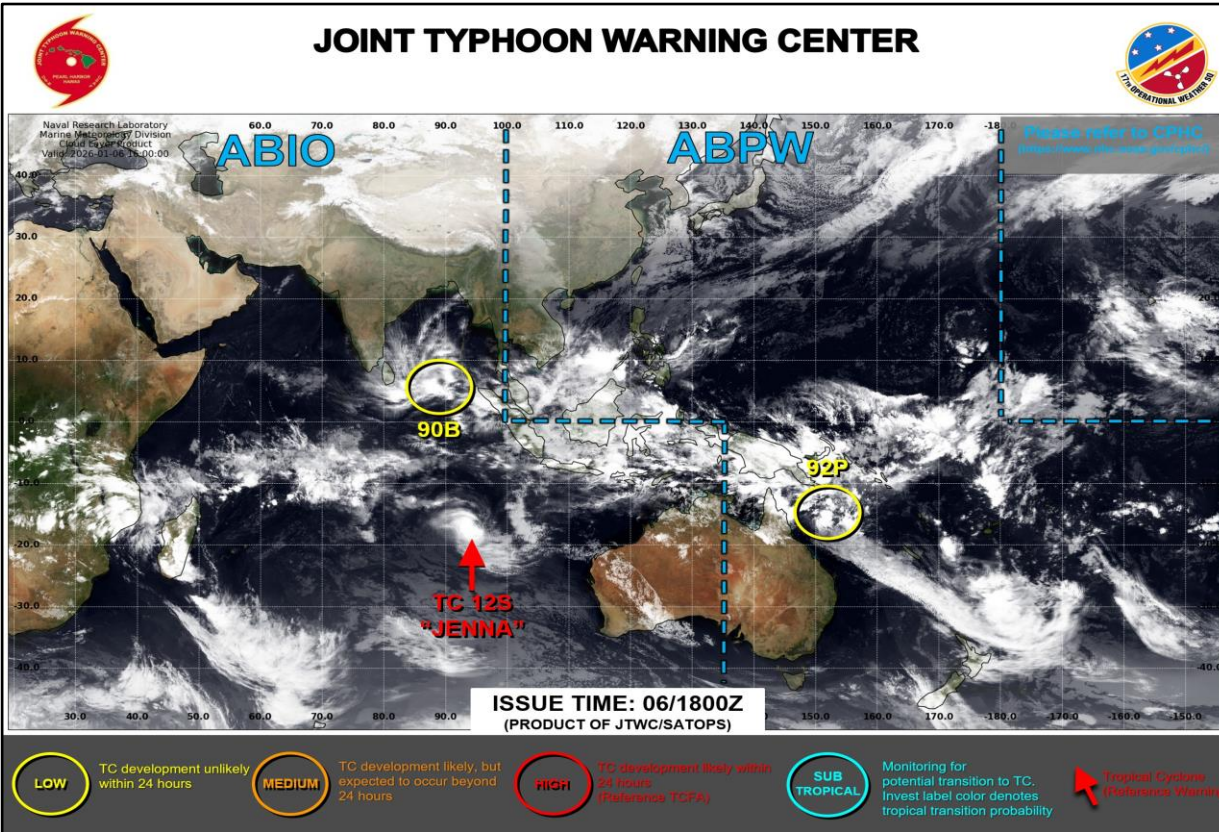
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

# CYCLONE



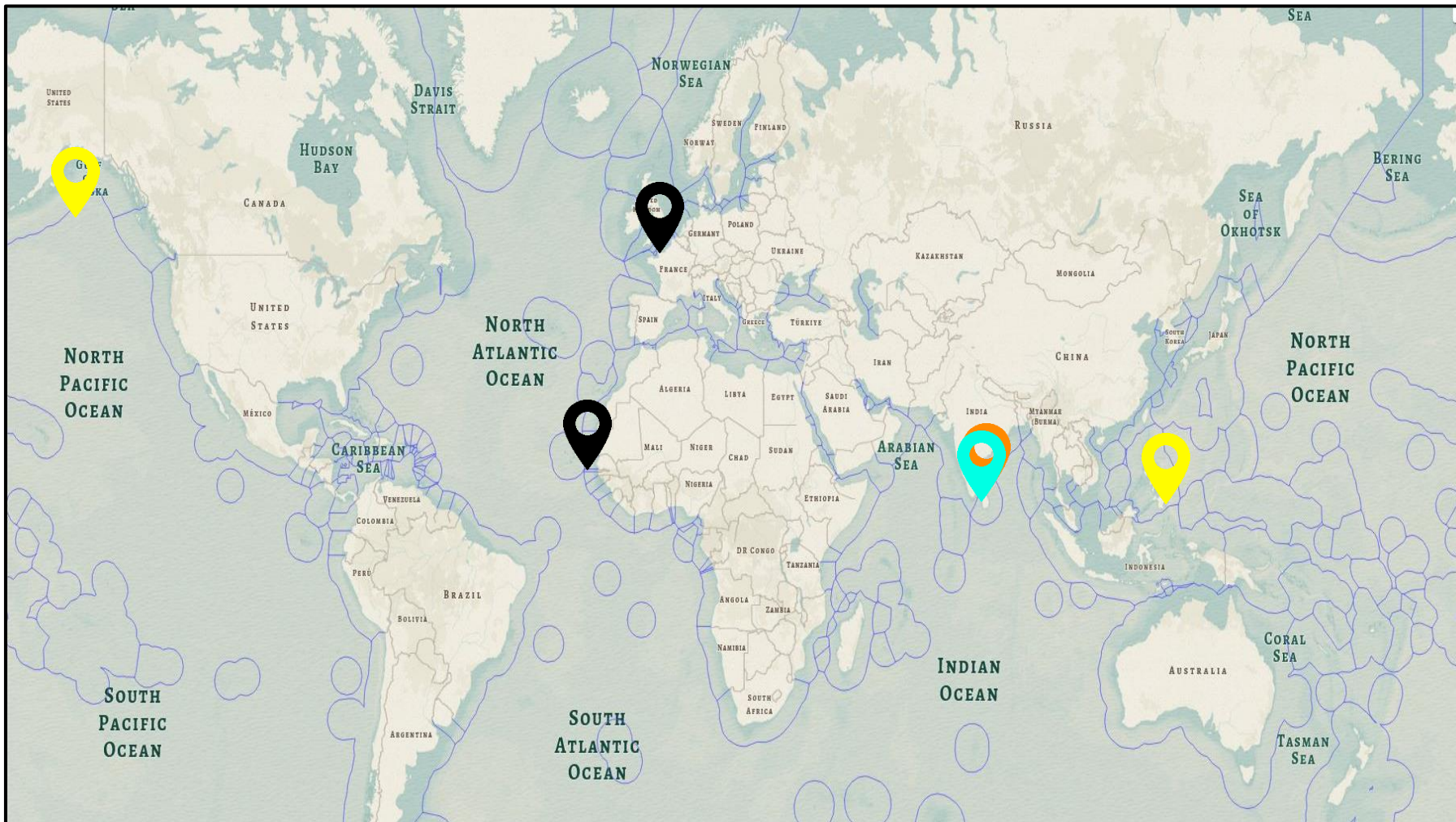
## Tropical Cyclone Jenna




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



# SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



| CATEGORY  |                             | NO  |
|---|-----------------------------|-----|
|    | Maritime Incidents          | 02  |
|    | Piracy & Armed Robbery      | NIL |
|    | Smuggling                   | 01  |
|    | IUU Fishing                 | 01  |
|    | Narcotic                    | NIL |
|    | Irregular Human Migration   | 02  |
|   | Marin Environment Pollution | NIL |
|  | Other                       | NIL |
| Total Incidents   |                             | 06  |

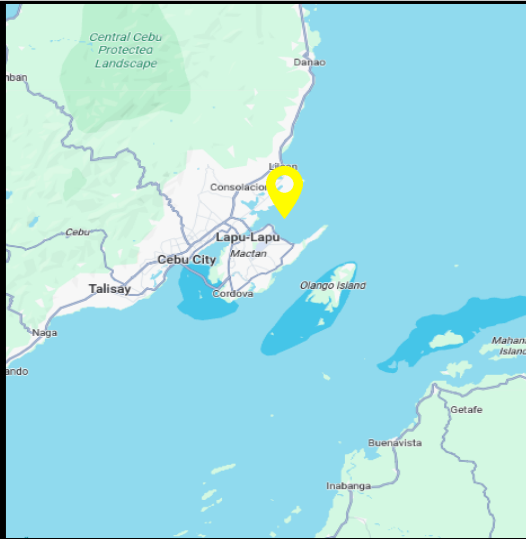
# MARITIME INCIDENT



04 Jan/ Tourist boat in distress in 61 Koreans rescued /Philippines

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION    | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS  |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 2026.01.04    | Philippines    | Mactan Cebu | SAR            | Tourist boat   | Coast Guard personnel stationed at Olango Island immediately launched rescue operations together with the Olango Maritime Police. |

On 4 Jan 26 a Coast Guard team from Olango Island rescued the Motorized banca 'Black Pearl', which was carrying 61 Korean tourists and 14 Filipino crew members. The vessel experienced engine trouble and damage during poor weather while on an island-hopping excursion near Barangay San Vicente Cebu. The crew issued a distress signal prompting the rescue operation.



Source -: <https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/684947/tourist-boat-in-distress-in-mactan-cebu-61-koreans-rescued>





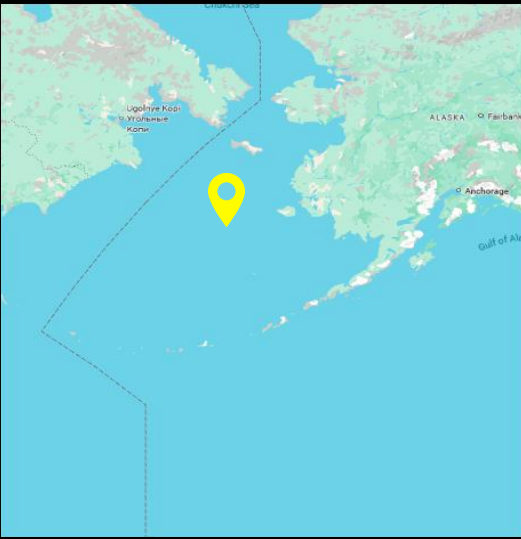
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05 Jan/ Nine rescued from crab boat that ran aground /USA

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|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 2026.01.05    | USA            | Bering Sea island | SAR            | Crab boat      | Nine fishermen were rescued Monday from a crab boat that ran aground on St. George Island and began taking on water in rough weather. |

The Arctic Sea a 134 foot crab boat ran aground on the Bering Sea island after losing power. The crew was rescued by a US Coast Guard helicopter with no reported injuries. Conditions included 10 foot waves and 50knot winds. CEO Eric Deakin received a distress call early Monday and relayed information to another crab boat the North Sea which could not reach the grounded vessel due to shallow water. The Arctic Sea crew managed emergency duties while communicating via handheld radio and Starlink satellite internet.



Source - : <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2026/01/05/9-rescued-from-fishing-boat-taking-on-water-near-bering-sea-island/>

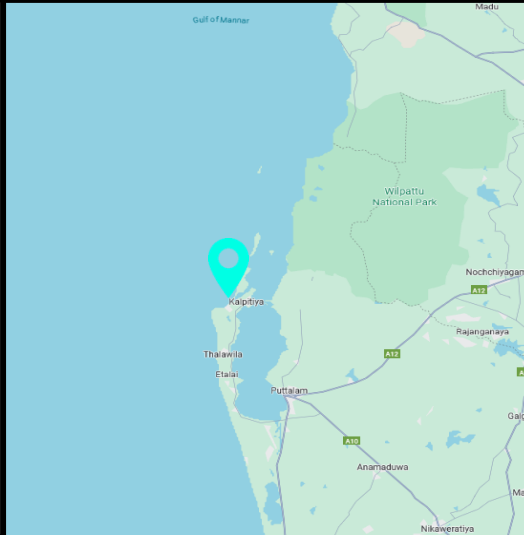
# SMUGGLING



## 01 Jan/Seizes over 220 kg of Kendu leaves /Sri Lanka

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION                | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                 |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 2026.01.01    | Sri Lanka      | Northwestern naval Area | kendu leaves   | Fishing boat   | Navy seizes over 220 kg of Kendu leaves in Negombo |

During a search operation carried out on 1 Jan 26 in the lagoon area of Negombo the Sri Lanka Navy seized over 224kg of smuggled Kendu leaves, search was carried out by SLNS Kelani in the Western Naval Command leading to the recovery of six suspicious sacks in the lagoon area of Negombo. Those sacks contained over 224kg of kendu leaves which were believed to have been abandoned by smugglers, due to heightened surveillance of the Navy in the area.



Source -: [https:// dailynews.lk/2026/01/05/lawnorder/927428/navy-seizes-over-220-kg-of-kendu-leaves-in-negombo/](https://dailynews.lk/2026/01/05/lawnorder/927428/navy-seizes-over-220-kg-of-kendu-leaves-in-negombo/)

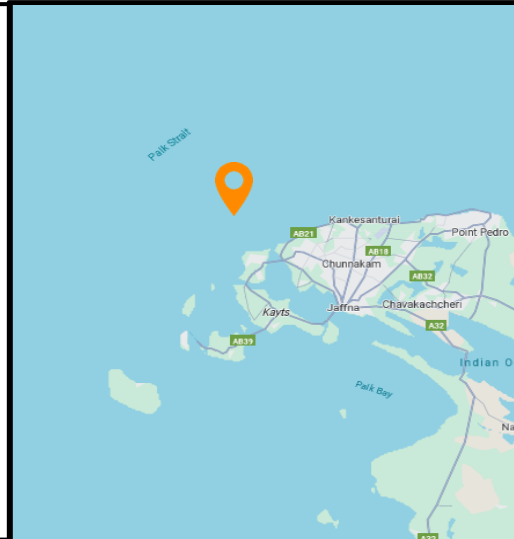
# IUU Fishing



## 02 Jan/Navy seizes 2 Indian boats poaching in /Sri Lanka

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|---------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 2026.01.02    | Sri Lnaka      | Northern Naval Area | Maritime Boundary Violations | Tow Indian Fishing vessel | The seized boats (2) and Indian fishermen (9) were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy, Jaffna, for onward Legal proceedings. |

On Friday the Sri Lanka Navy seized two Indian fishing boats and arrested nine Indian fishermen for poaching in Sri Lankan waters near Kovilam Jaffna. The Northern Naval Command identified the illegal fishing activities and dispatched naval craft to deter the boats. Subsequently they conducted a compliant boarding that led to the seizure and apprehension of the involved individuals.



Source -: <https://dailynews.lk/2026/01/06/lawnorder/928129/navy-seizes-2-indian-boats-poaching-in-northern-waters/>



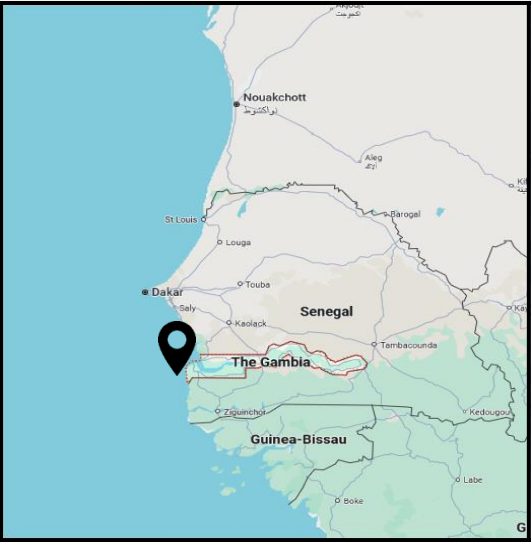
# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



01 Jan/ 31 dead migrant boat sinking /Gambia

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|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2026.01.01    | Gambia         | off Gambia | Failed Border Crossings | -              | The Gambian Navy launched a hunt for survivors after midnight, involving several vessels and a fishing boat. |

At least 31 people drowned when an overloaded boat carrying undocumented migrants capsized off the coast of Gambia on New Year's Eve. The Gambia government reported that many others are missing and feared dead. Thousands mainly young individuals have been attempting to reach Europe from West Africa via overcrowded boats due to strict visa regulations and tighter border controls.



Source -: <https://islamabadpost.com.pk/at-least-31-dead-in-new-years-migrant-boat-sinking-off-gambia/>

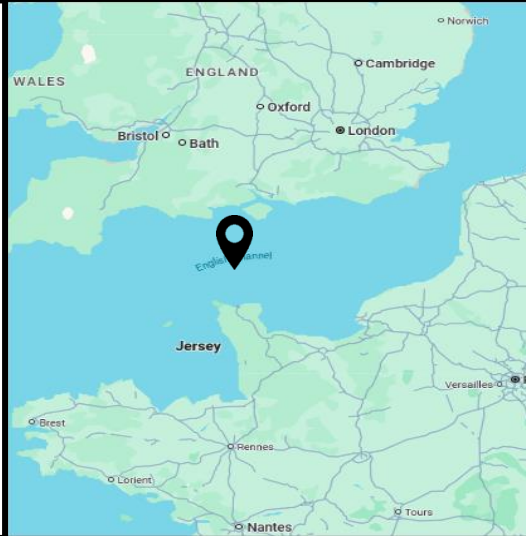
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05 Jan/ First migrants arrive in after small boat incident /UK

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| 2026.01.05    | UK             | English Channel | Failed Border Crossings | -              | The earliest point in the calendar year to record crossings was on January 2 in 2021 and 2023 of 10 and 44 people respectively. |

Migrants have reached the UK for the first time in 2026 after crossing the English Channel under harsh cold conditions, as seen in photos from Dover. The Met Office forecasts sleet and temperatures around 1°C, feeling like -3°C. Home Office statistics show that 41,472 migrants arrived in 2025, representing a 13% increase from 2024 and a 41% rise from 2023 but still 9% below the record of 45,774 in 2022. Previous early crossings occurred on 2 Jan in 21 and 23. In a related tragedy at least 31 people drowned when a migrant boat capsized off Gambia on New Year's Eve with many others reported missing.



Source -: <https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/25741649.first-migrants-arrive-uk-year-small-boat-incident/>





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