

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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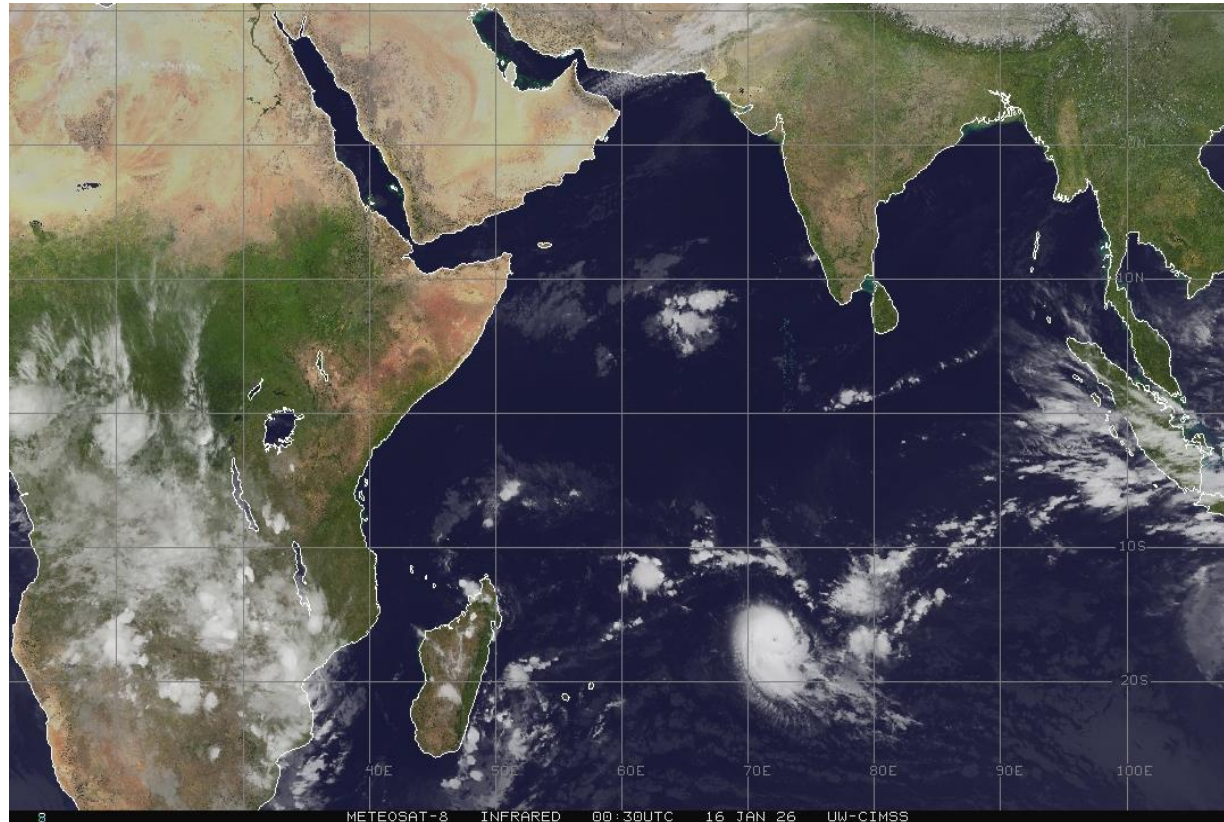
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Date 2026.01.16

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: 2026.01.15/0600UTC to 2026.01.15/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.15

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

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 08S 60E, 11S 70E, 12S 80E, 07S 90E, 07S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 55, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 25, 30, 45, 50, 60

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line : NE'ly to E'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05 and 10.

In-between Shear line and ITCZ :

West of 85E: NW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 65, 80.

East of 85E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts.

South of ITCZ: SE'ly or VRB / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Fairly Rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 80

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 10, 65

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

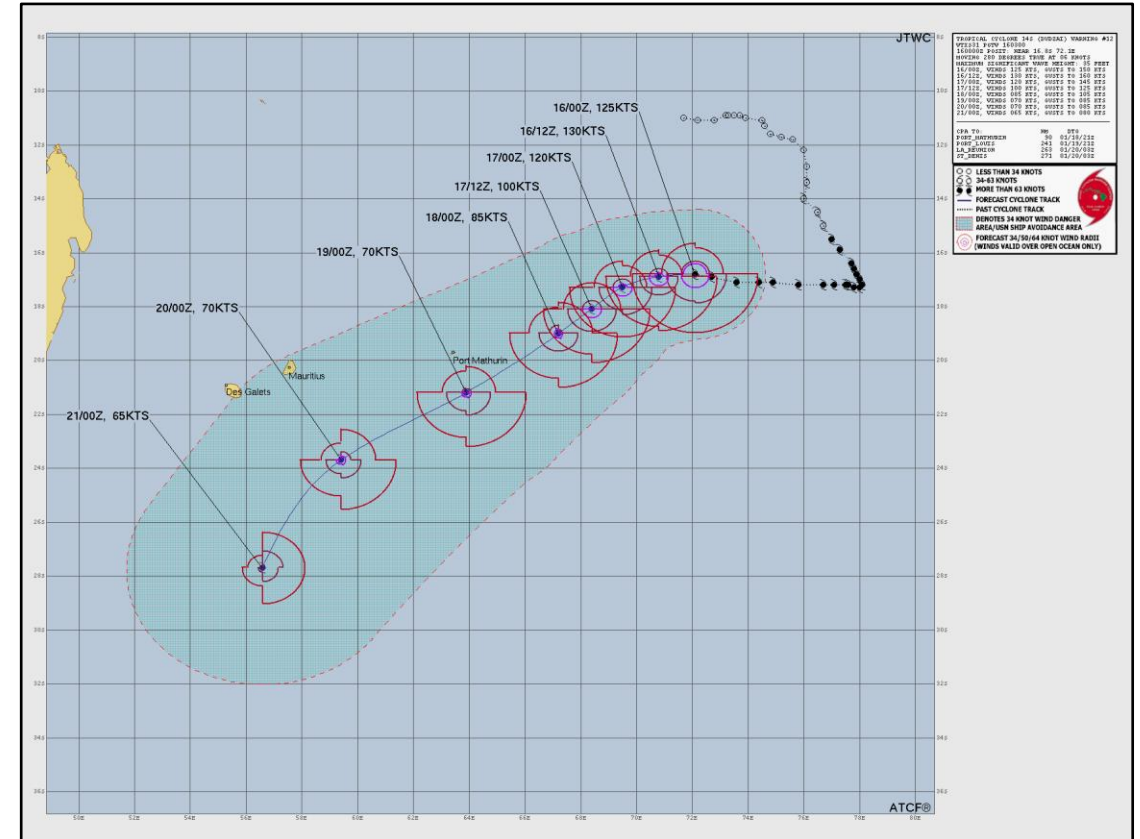
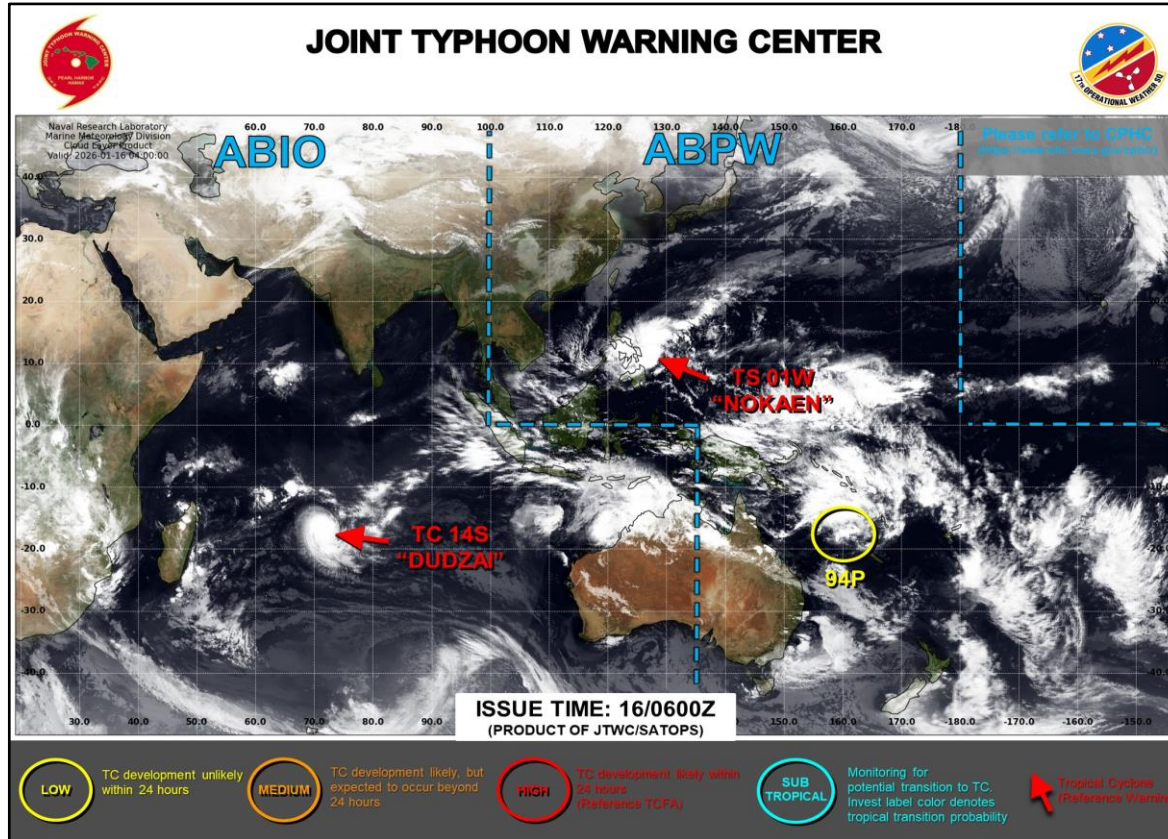
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone 14S "Duduzai"

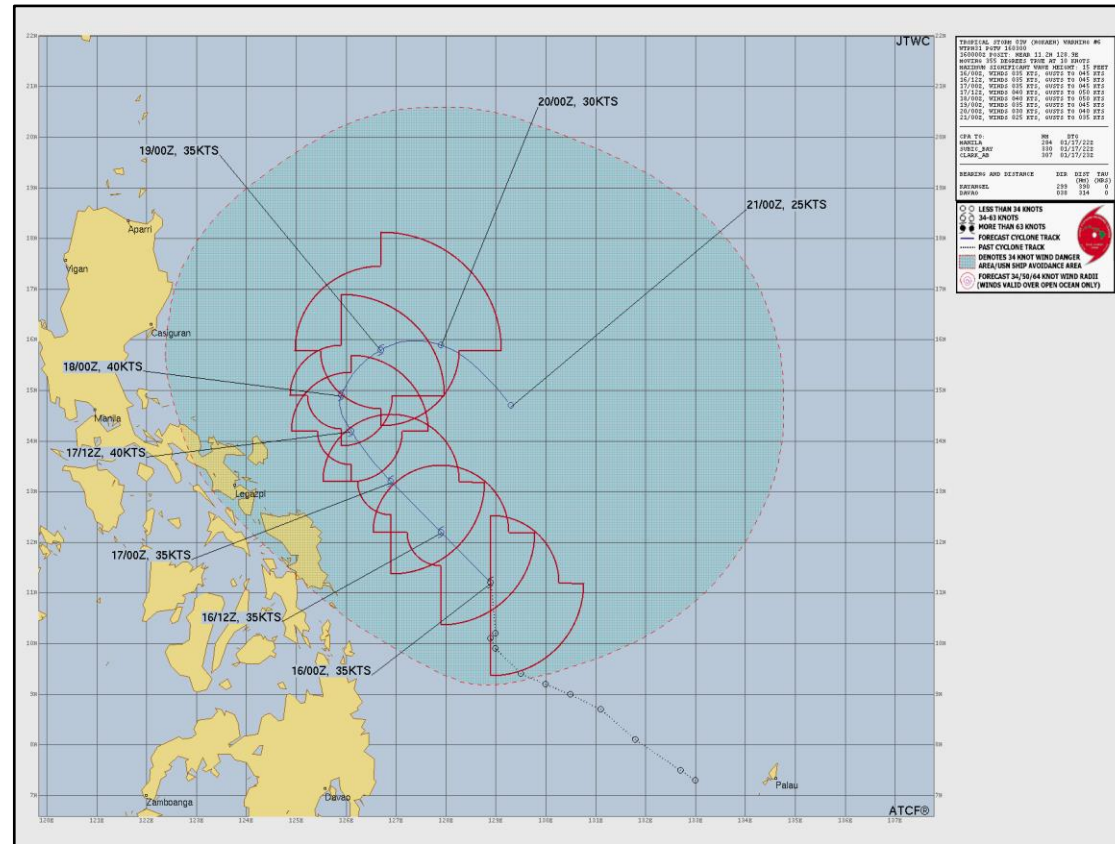


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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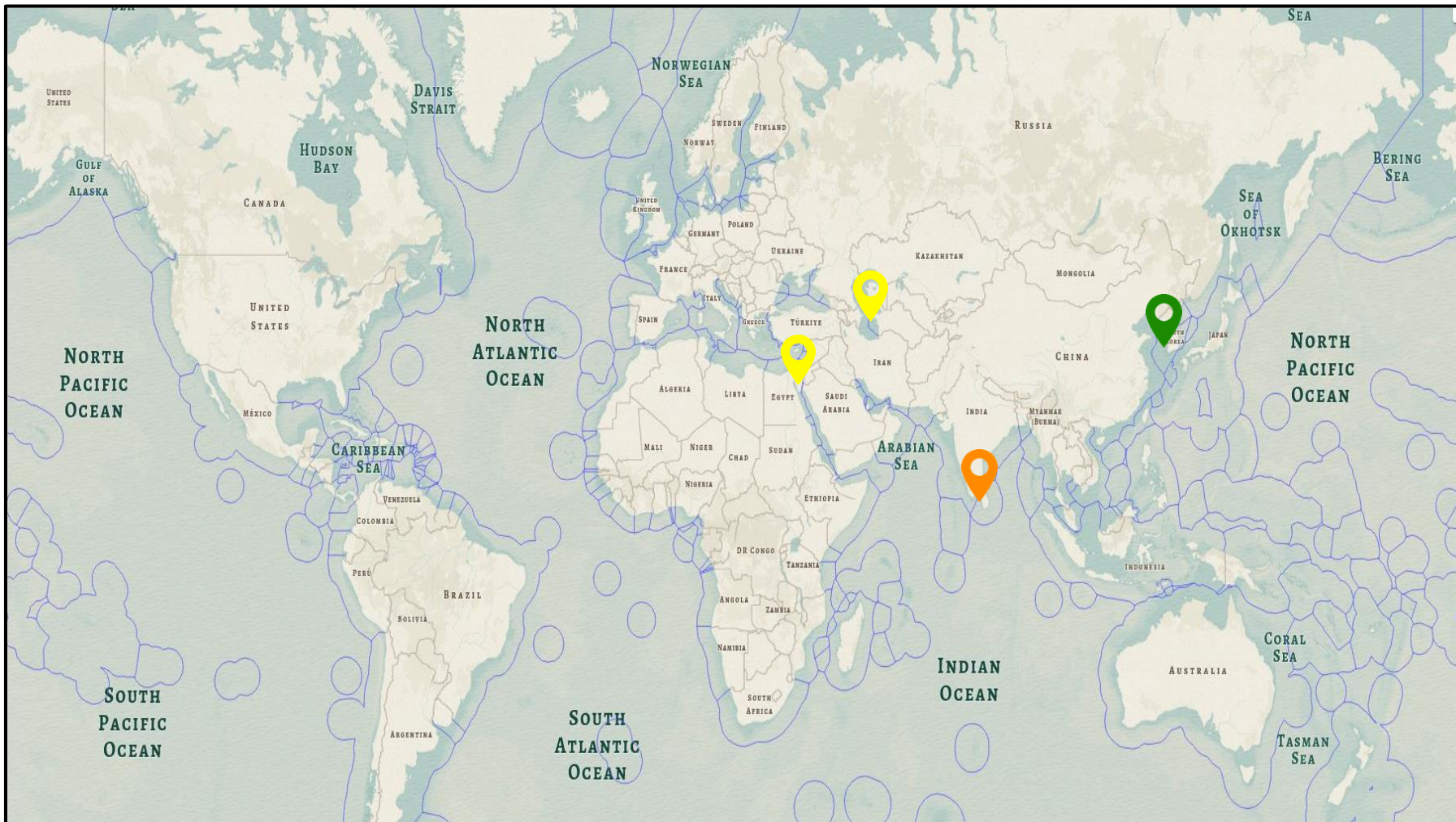






Tropical Depression 01W "Nokaen"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY		NO
	Maritime Incidents	02
	Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
	Smuggling	NIL
	IUU Fishing	01
	Narcotic	NIL
	Irregular Human Migration	NIL
	Marine Environment Pollution	01
	Other	NIL
Total Incidents		04

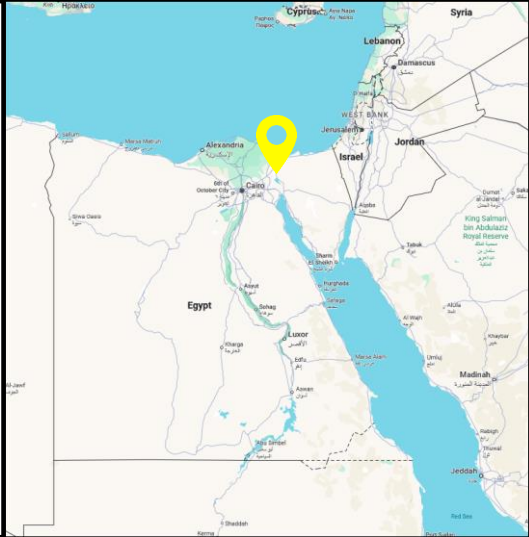
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14 Jan/ Cargo Vessel Rescued After Developing Dangerous List Near Suez Canal/ Egypt

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.13	Egypt	Suez Canal	Rescue Operations	Name- Fener Flag - Panama Type – General Cargo	All 12 crew members were safely evacuated, and the vessel was secured during the rescue operation.

The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) successfully rescued all crew members of the FENER, a general cargo vessel that developed a significant list and nearly sank near the northern entrance of the Suez Canal. The incident occurred late Tuesday night in the western anchorage area north of Port Said. Upon receiving the distress call at around 1130 hrs the SCA activated an emergency response involving two tugboats and three Bahar-class marine launches.



Source -: https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/cargo-vessel-rescued-after-developing-dangerous-list-near-suez-canal/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=cargo-vessel-rescued-after-developing-dangerous-list-near-suez-canal

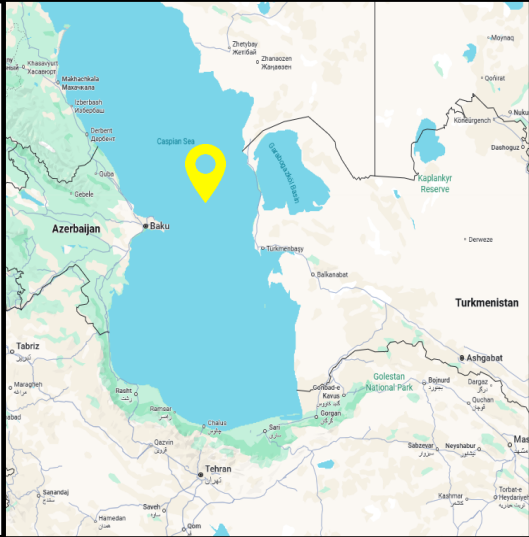
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14 Jan/ Rescues 14 Crew From Distressed Iranian Cargo Ship in Caspian Sea/ Turkmenistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.14	Turkmenistan	Caspian Sea	Rescue Operations	Name- Rona Flag - Iran Type – General Cargo	The crew members are reported to be citizens of Iran and India, based on preliminary information from Turkmen authorities.

The Iranian cargo ship Rona sent an SOS in the Caspian Sea on 14 Jan, leading to a successful rescue operation by Turkmenistan's Coast Guard, which saved all 14 crew members. The Turkmenistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that all necessary measures were taken in line with international marine regulations, highlighting the effectiveness of the prompt response.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/turkmenistan-rescues-14-crew-from-distressed-iranian-cargo-ship-in-caspian-sea/>

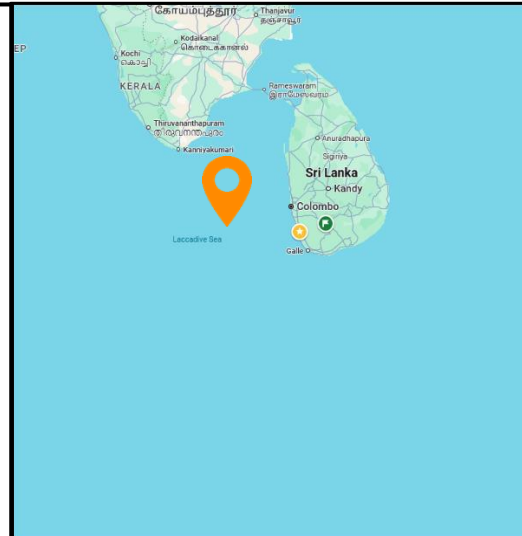
IUU FISHING



15 Jan/ Strict action on local fishermen as Indian fishing issue persists/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.15	Sri Lanka	Foreign Maritime Boundaries	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Fishing Vessel	Unauthorized entry into exclusive economic zones (eezs) of other countries involves the intentional disabling of vessel monitoring systems (vms) to hide illegal activities.

Authorities continue to struggle with illegal fishing, particularly in light of Indian fishermen trespassing in Sri Lankan waters. In response, the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) announced a six month fishing ban starting 01 Feb 26 for any vessel's crew caught violating foreign maritime boundaries or tampering with Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS). This measure aims to tackle illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities.

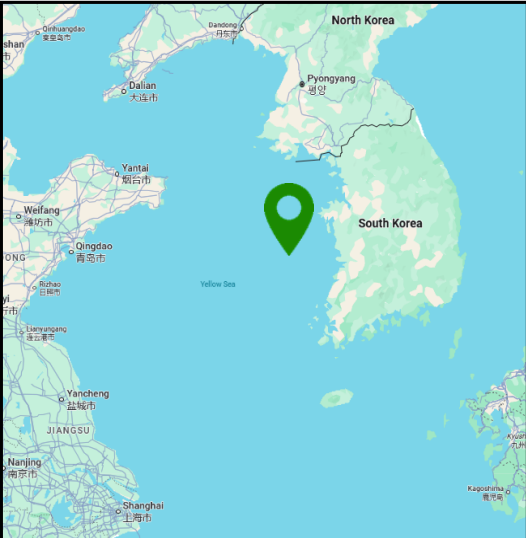


Source -: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Strict-action-on-local-fishermen-as-Indian-fishing-issue-persists/108-330414>

15 Jan/ Increase in Marine Pollution Incidents in Central Coast Guard Jurisdiction/ South Korea

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.15	South Korea	Incheon, Pyeongtaek, Taean and Boryeong Sea Areas	Shipwreck Debris	-	Pollutants released increased by 6,300 liters (40.6%) to a total of 21,800 liters compared to the previous year.

Last year, the Central Coast Guard Headquarters reported an increase in marine pollution incidents and pollutant volume. A total of 60 incidents were recorded in the Incheon, Pyeongtaek, Taean, and Boryeong sea areas, which is 10 more than the previous year. Incheon had the highest number of incidents, with 19 cases, followed by Pyeongtaek with 16, Boryeong with 15, and Taean with 10.



Source -: <https://cm.asiae.co.kr/en/article/2026011515350876071>



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