

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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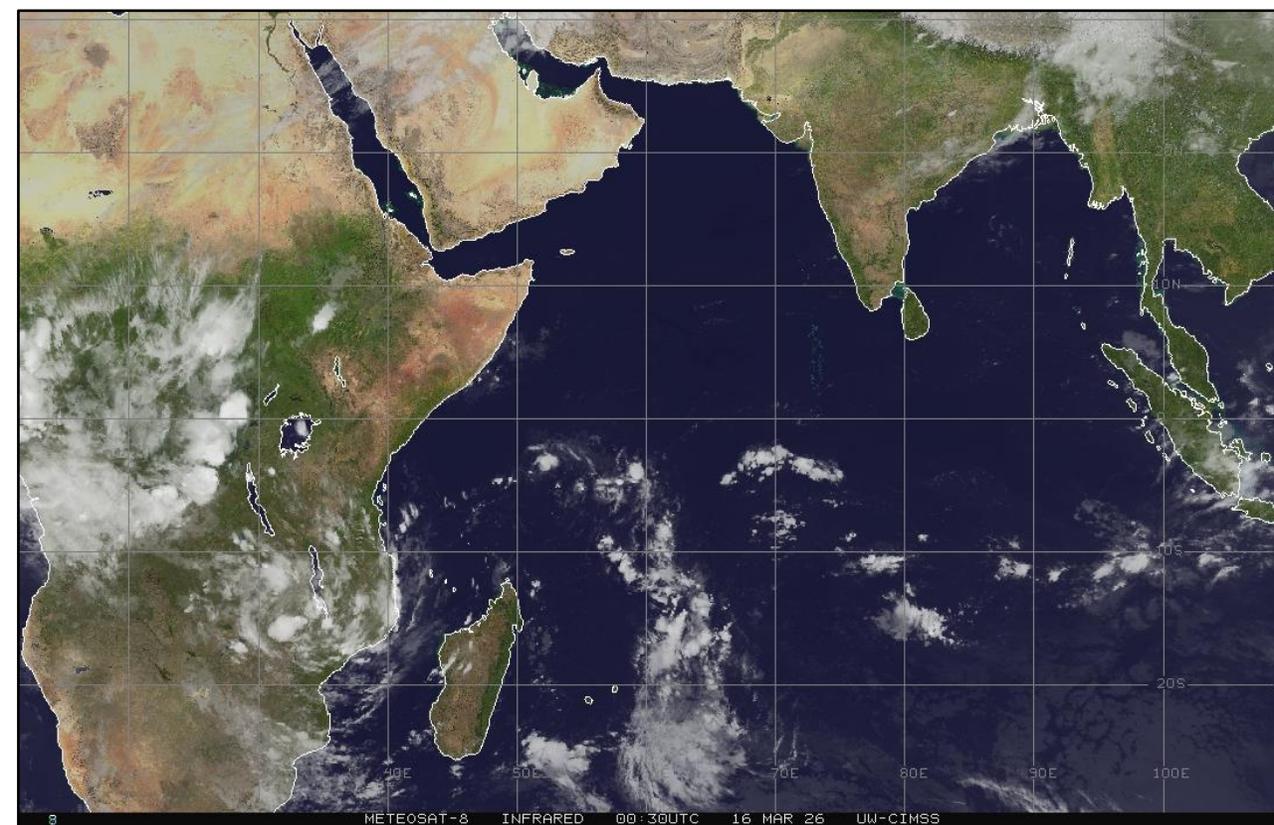
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Date 2026.03.16

# 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: 2026.03.16/0600UTC to 2026.03.16/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.16

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

Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 05S 70E, 03S 80E, EQ 90E, EQ 100E

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 40, 60, 65, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 25, 35, 45, 70, 75

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 30, 55

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 85E: NE'ly / (10-20)kts.

East of 85E: E'ly or Variable / (05-20)kts.

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 75E: Variable/ (05-15)kts.

East of 75E: NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20)kts.

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts

West of 70E: Cyclonic/ (10-20)kts

East of 70E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Moderate in sections : 15, 80, 85.

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

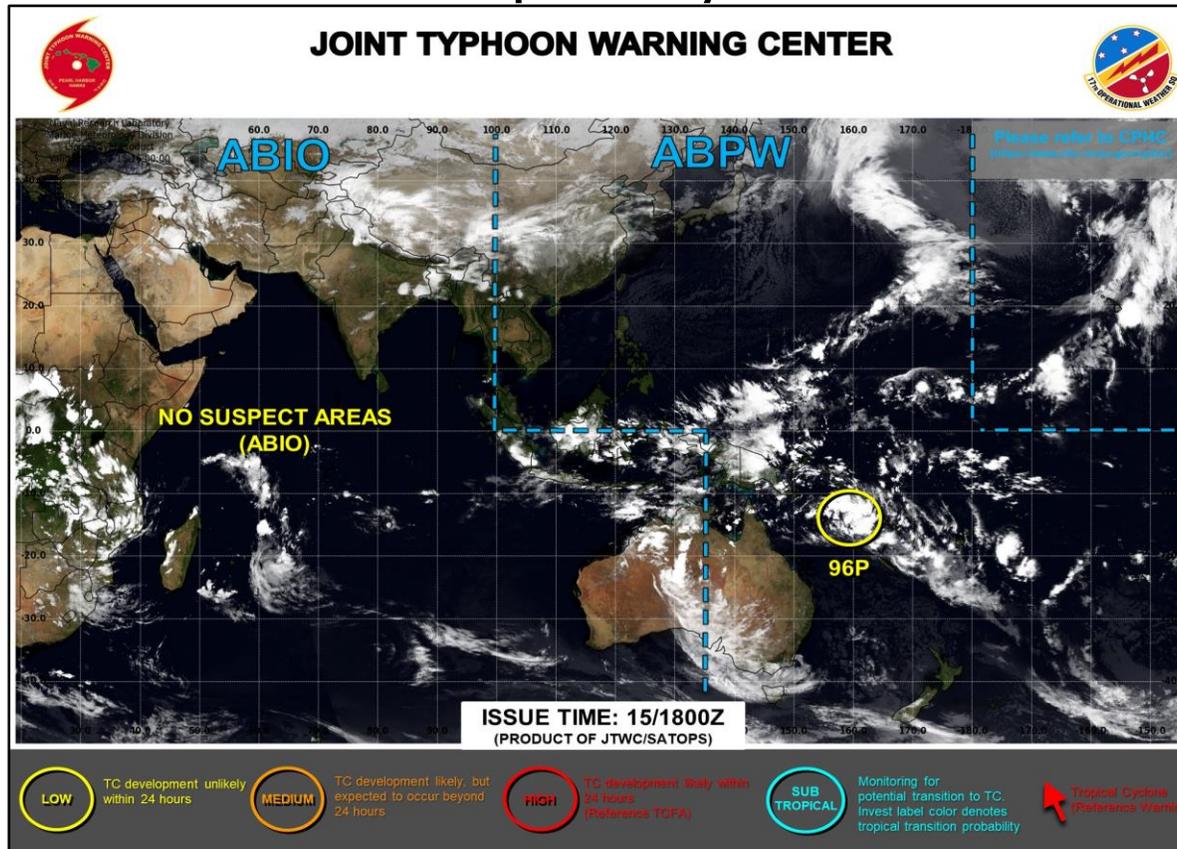
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



# CYCLONE

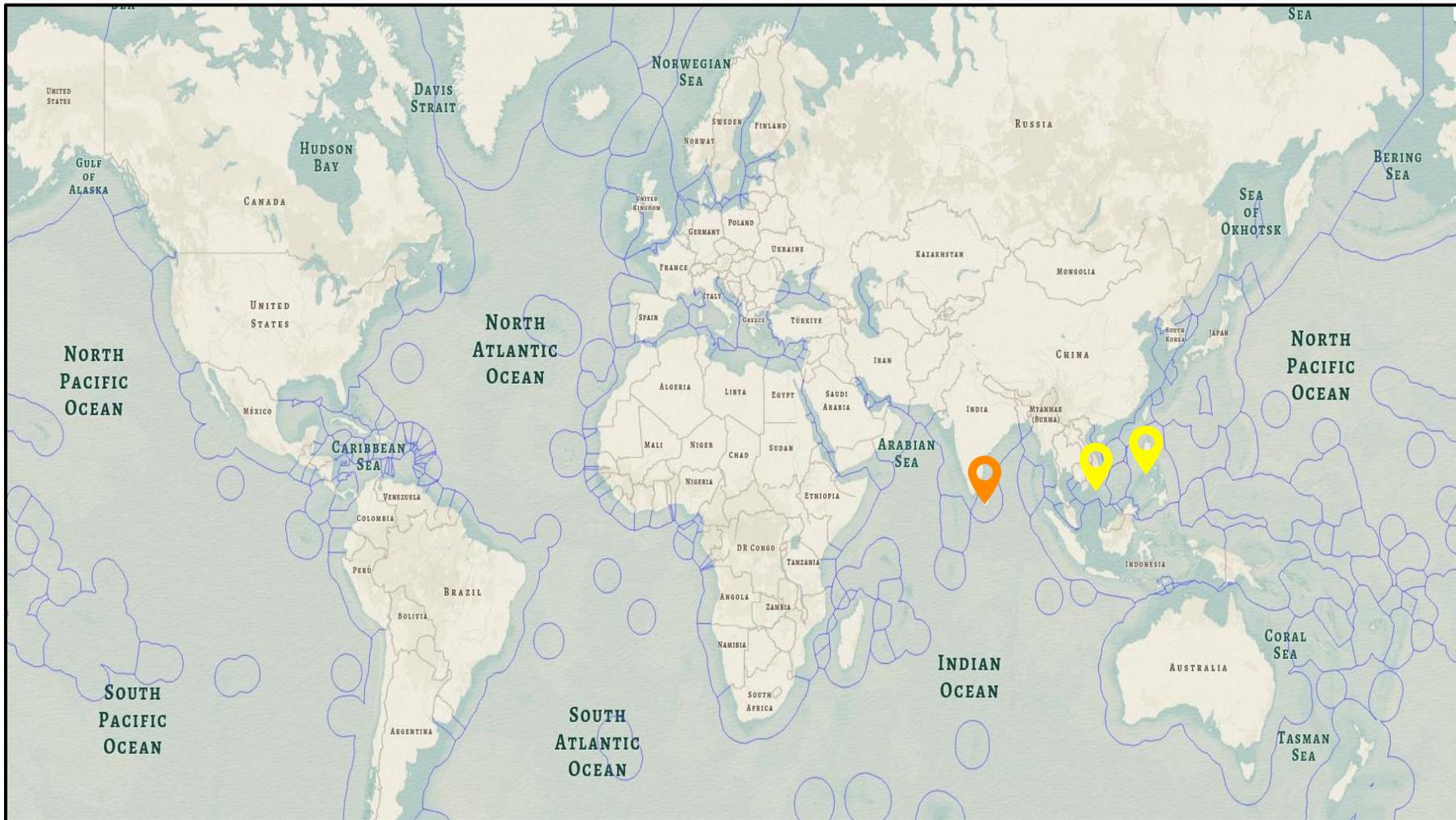
## Tropical Cyclone



• Source: <https://www.metoc.d3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



# 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	NIL
Other	NIL
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>03</b>

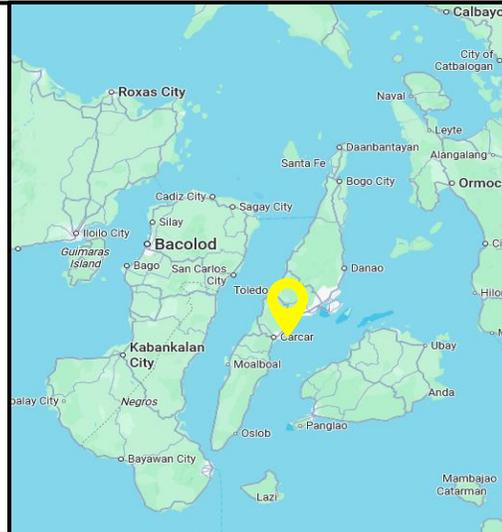
# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 11 Mar/Coast Guard Rescues Engineer Trapped on Capsized Ship /Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.11	Philippine	APO Cement Port	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Small cargo ship	One of the engineers was trapped in the engine room of the vessel. They were able to extricate him from the ship, and he was reported to be receiving medical attention.

The Philippine Coast Guard responded to a capsized cargo ship the Theresa I in Cebu on 11 Mar 26. While the crew of 19 was rescued a dockworker was killed when a mooring line snapped during the incident. The ship capsized while conducting a de-ballasting procedure at APO Cement Port in Naga City.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/philippine-coast-guard-rescues-engineer-trapped-on-capsized-ship>

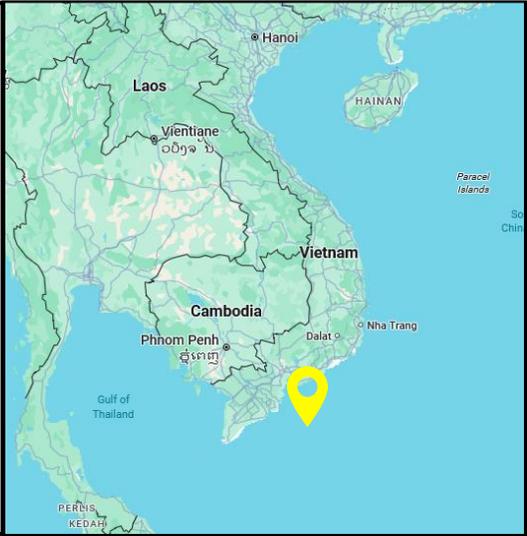
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## 13 Mar/Cargo Vessel Sinks Off Vietnam/Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.13	Vietnam	Off Southern Vietnam	Grounding/Stranding	Name – TRUONG HUNG 268 Name - GRAND FAMILY 18 Name -BIEN DONG 09	Initial reports suggested nine crew members were on the vessel, but it was later confirmed by the captain and the owner, Minh Chau International Trade and Transport Company Limited, that only four crew members were present.

The 77 meter vessel ran aground southeast of the An Thanh Nam Sandbank in rough weather at 1330 hrs local time. Following the distress signal, a rescue operation was initiated with the SAR 413 vessel and nearby ships responding. Two crew members were rescued by the cargo vessel Grand Family 18, while the other two, wearing life jackets, drifted at sea. On 14 March, a coordinated effort led to the successful rescue of the remaining crew. All four members were reported stable and later transported to Dinh An Port for medical care and handover to local authorities.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12768/cargo-vessel-sinks-off-vietnam-all-four-crew-rescued>

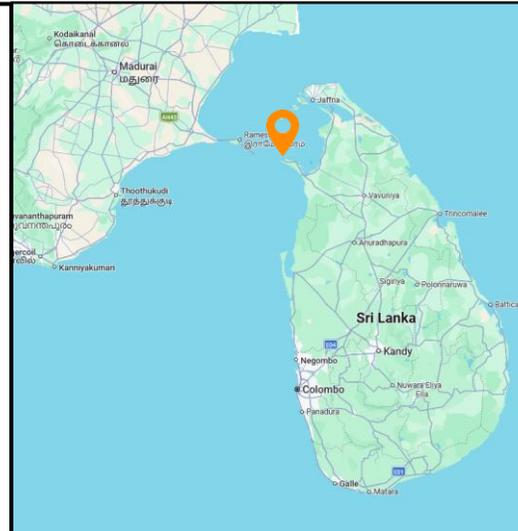
# IUU FISHING



## 11 Mar/Navy seizes an Indian fishing boat poaching in Mannar seas/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.11	Sri Lanka	North Of Mannar	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Fishing Boat	The seized boat (01) and Indian fishermen (02) were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Kilinochchi for onward legal proceedings

On 11 Mar 26 the Sri Lanka Navy seized one Indian fishing boat and apprehended two Indian fishermen for poaching in Sri Lankan waters north of Mannar. The North Central Naval Command detected a group of Indian fishing boats illegally fishing and dispatched naval craft to drive them away. A compliant boarding by naval personnel led to the seizure of the fishing boat and the arrest of the fishermen.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/13/202603131400/>



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