

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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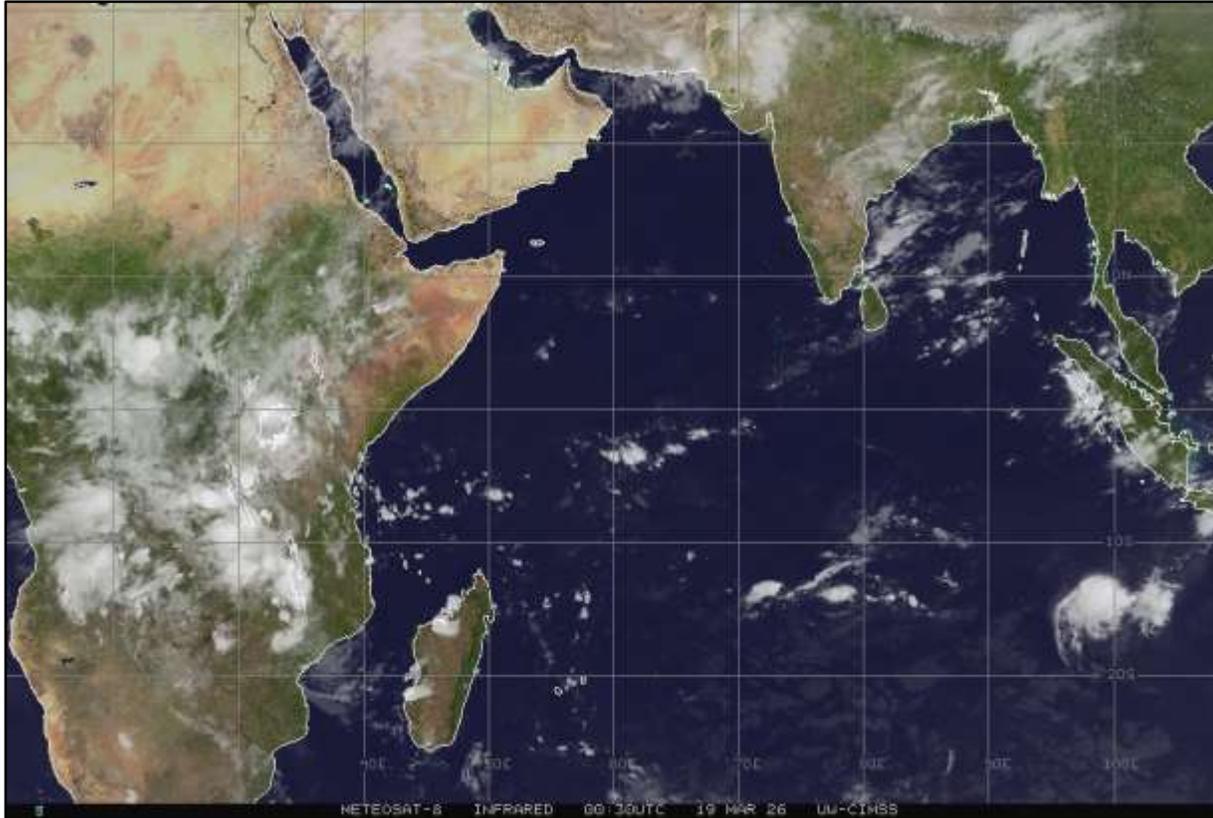
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Date 2026.03.19

# WEATHER FORECAST



## Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



FF-37

### FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.03.19/0600UTC to 2026.03.19/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.19

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

Shear line is NOT VISIBLE

ITCZ is NOT VISIBLE

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 15, 35, 60, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

West of 75E:

SE'ly or E'ly / (05-15)kts: Gusting up to 20 kts in section 80

East of 75E & North of 10S:

Variable / (05-15)kts.

East of 75E & South of 10S:

SE'ly to E'ly/ (10-20)kts

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections: 80, 85

Moderate in sections : 20, 40

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

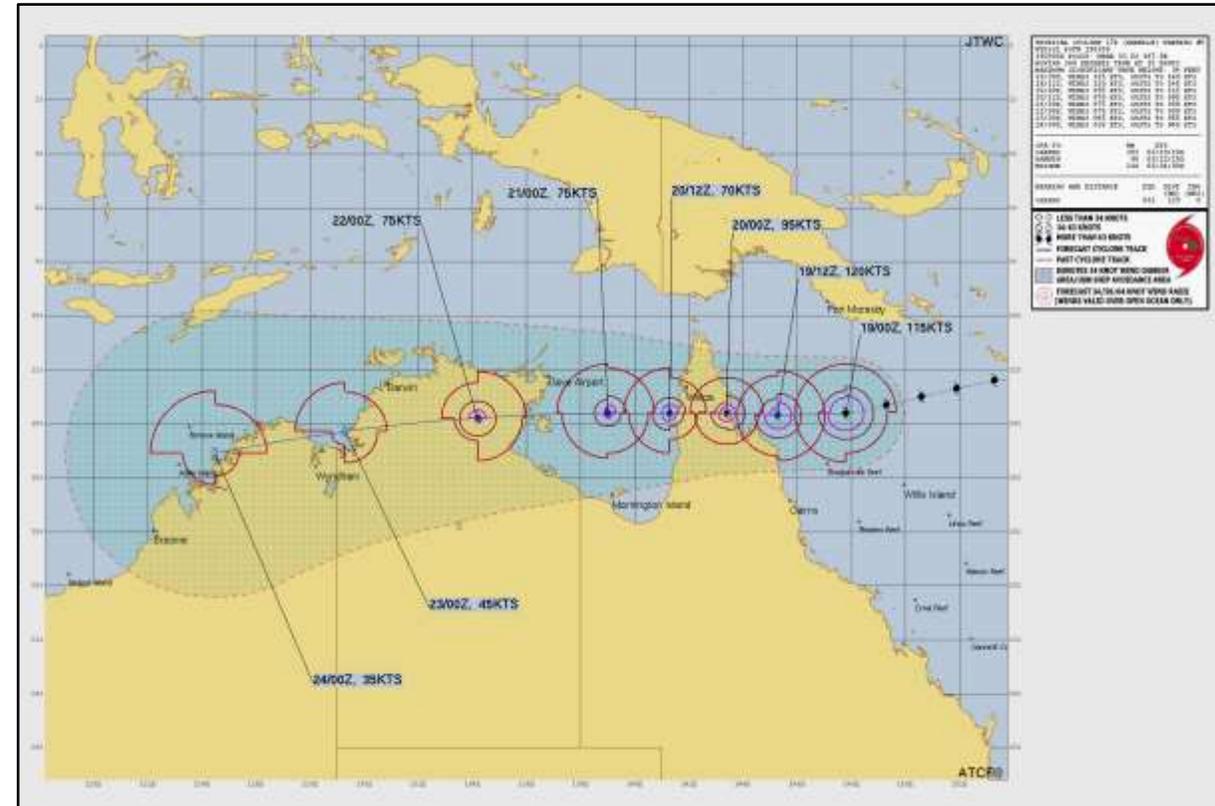
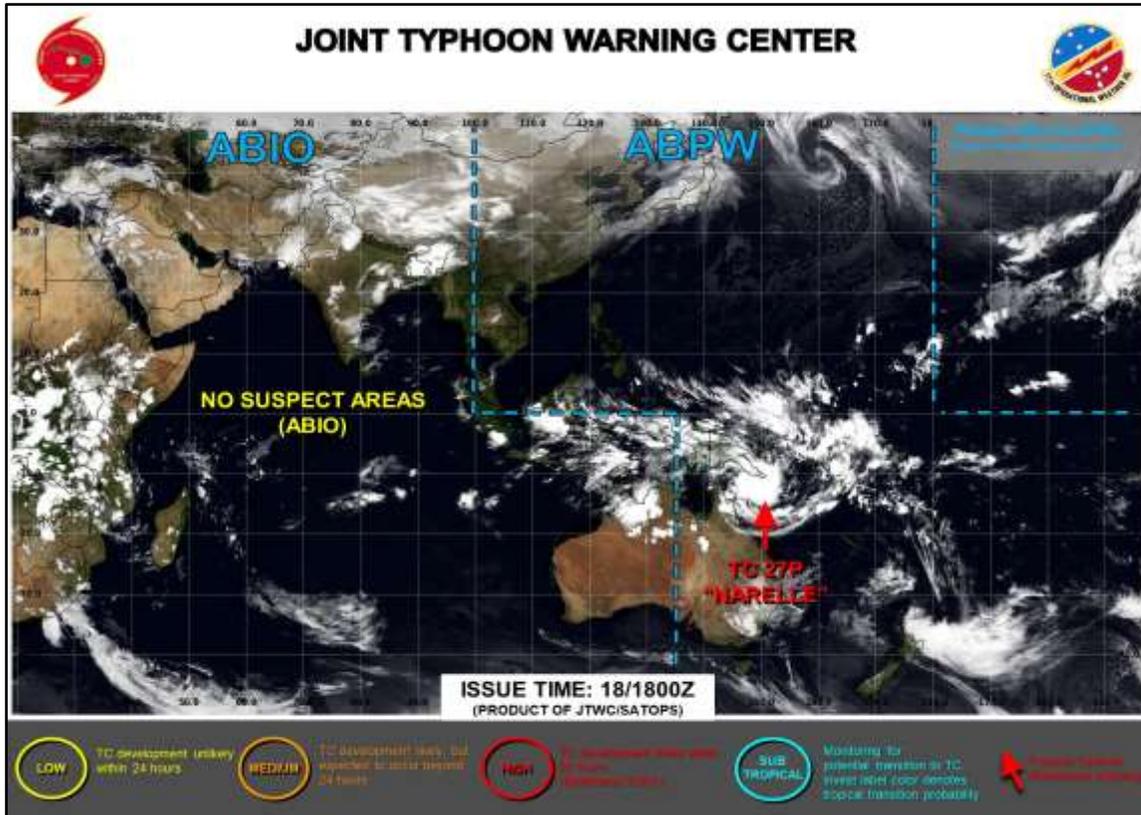
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

# CYCLONE

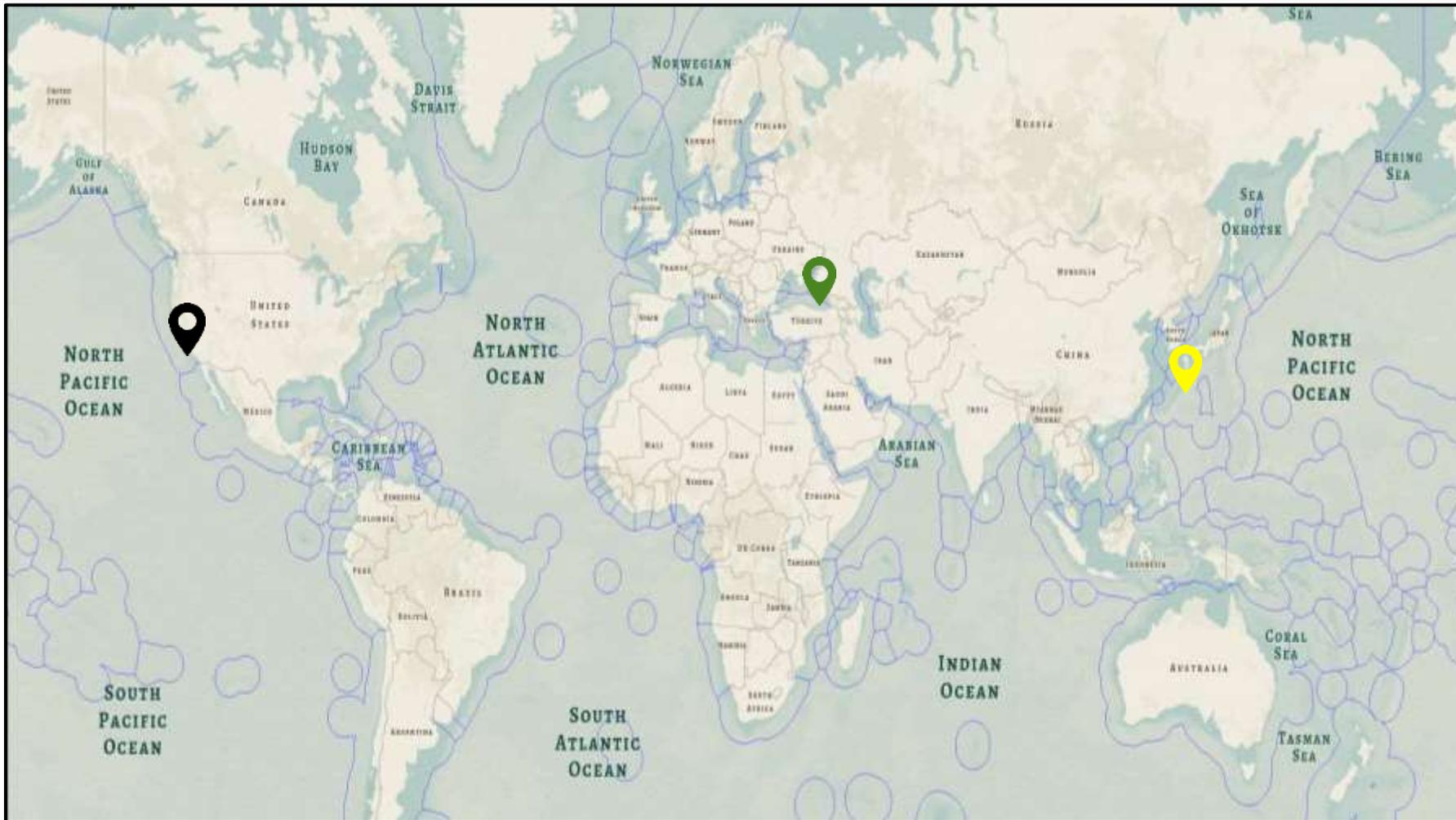


## Tropical Cyclone



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

# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	NIL
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>03</b>

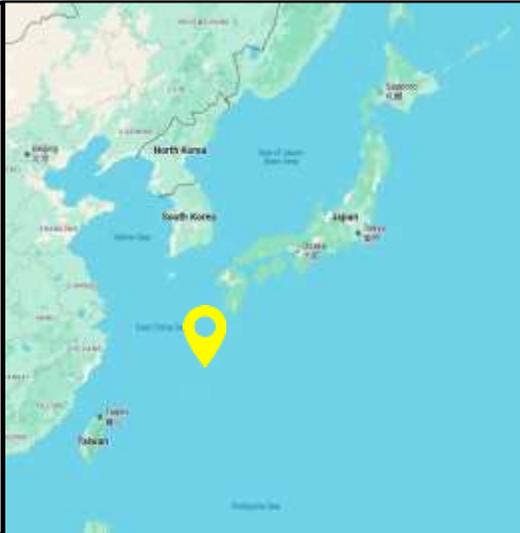
# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 16 Mar/ Two dead after two tour boats capsize Off Okinawa/ Japan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.16	Japan	Off coast of Okinawa	Capsizing /Sinking	two tour boats	The search and rescue operation lasted just over an hour, resulting in all passengers and crew from the two boats being rescued. Unfortunately, two individuals were later declared deceased.

Two sightseeing boats with 21 passengers and crew capsized off the coast of Japan's Okinawa prefecture on March 16, resulting in two confirmed deaths. The incidents occurred in rough seas about 1.5 kilometers from Henoko around 1021Hrs local time, with officials suspecting large waves as the cause of the overturns for the vessels Fukutsu and Heiwa Maru.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/accidents/two-dead-after-two-tour-boats-capsize-off-okinawa-japan>

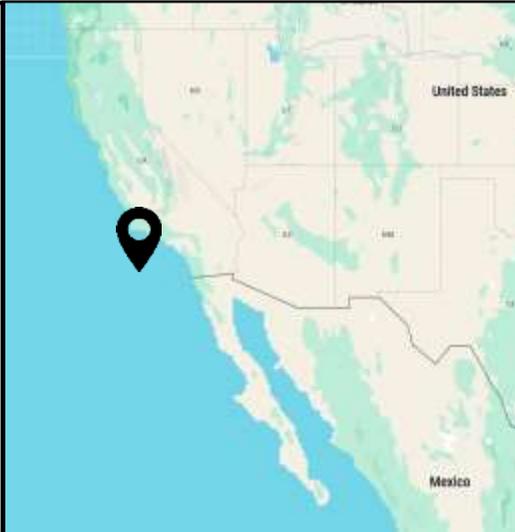
# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



## 14 Mar/ 23 Arrested In Alleged Panga Illegal Immigrant Smuggling Plot/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.14	USA	West of San Clemente Island	Failed Broader crossing	Panga style vessel	At 1300 pm a crew intercepted a boat and discovered 23 illegal immigrants on board.

Border authorities apprehended 23 illegal immigrants during a failed smuggling operation off the California coast, as U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) air and marine crews intercepted a panga-style vessel near San Clemente Island on Saturday.



Source -: <https://www.aol.com/articles/23-arrested-alleged-panga-illegal-220651190.html>

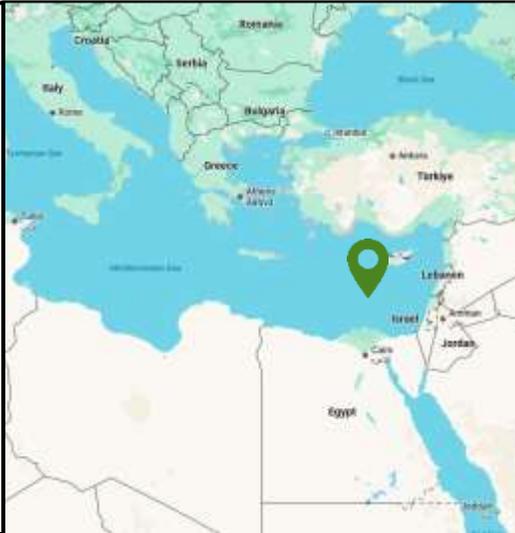
# MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



## 18 Mar/ Devastation from War in Gaza Spreads Through Mediterranean Waters/ Israel

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.18	Israel	Mediterranean Sea	Chemical spill	-	Amid hopes for a ceasefire, the long-term repercussions for the sea and its dependent communities are starting to surface.

Since the Israeli occupation began over fifty years ago, Palestinians have maintained their connection to the Mediterranean. However, Israel's conflict in Gaza has triggered a severe ecological crisis in the region. Pollutants from munitions and wastewater contamination are entering the Mediterranean, impacting the people of Gaza first, while marine currents disperse these toxins to the coasts of Israel, Türkiye, Cyprus, and nearby countries.



Source -> <https://progressive.org/latest/devastation-from-war-in-gaza-spreads-through-mediterranean-waters-hauser-20260317/>



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