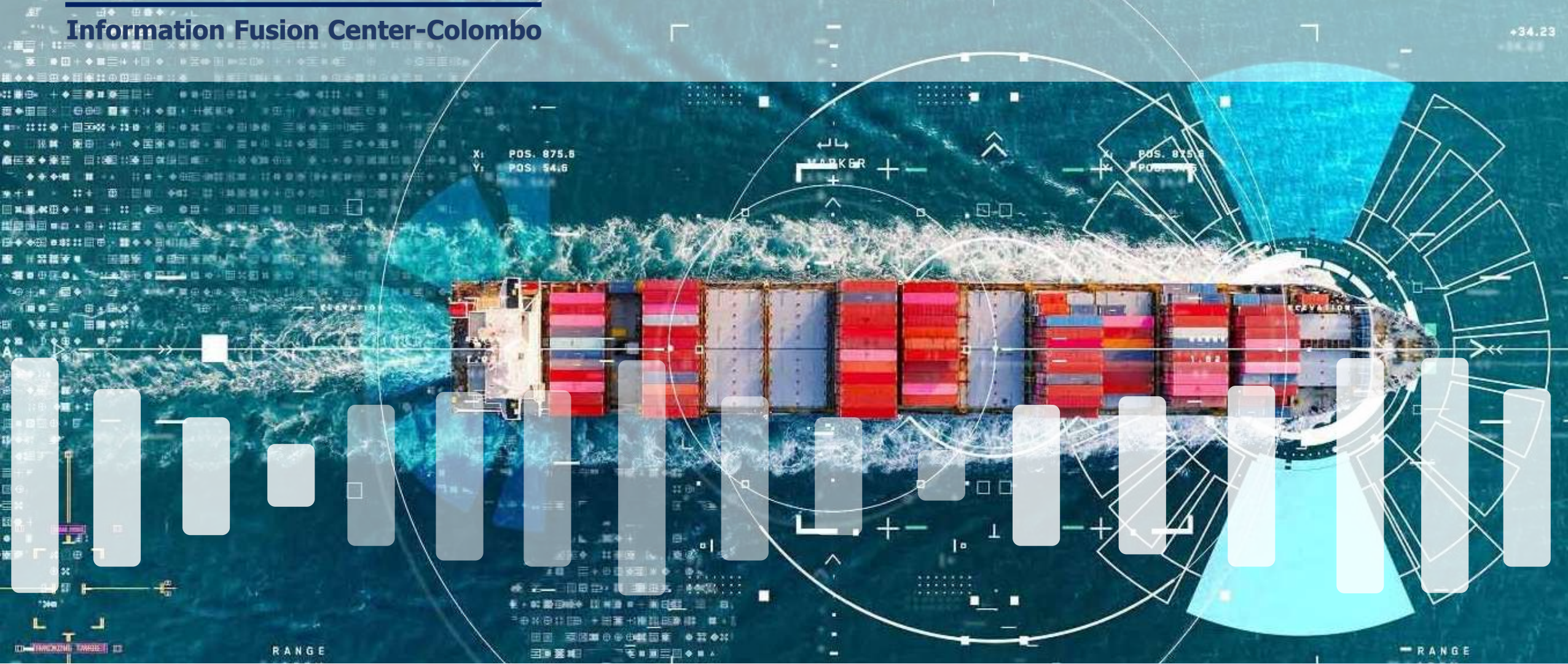


WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 21

From 2026.05.25 TO 2026.05.31



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 21

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	11
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	02
• Smuggling	:-	01
• IUU Fishing	:-	01
• Narcotics	:-	03
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	01
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	01
• Other Incidents	:-	01

Total Maritime Incidents 21

Global Weather Incident



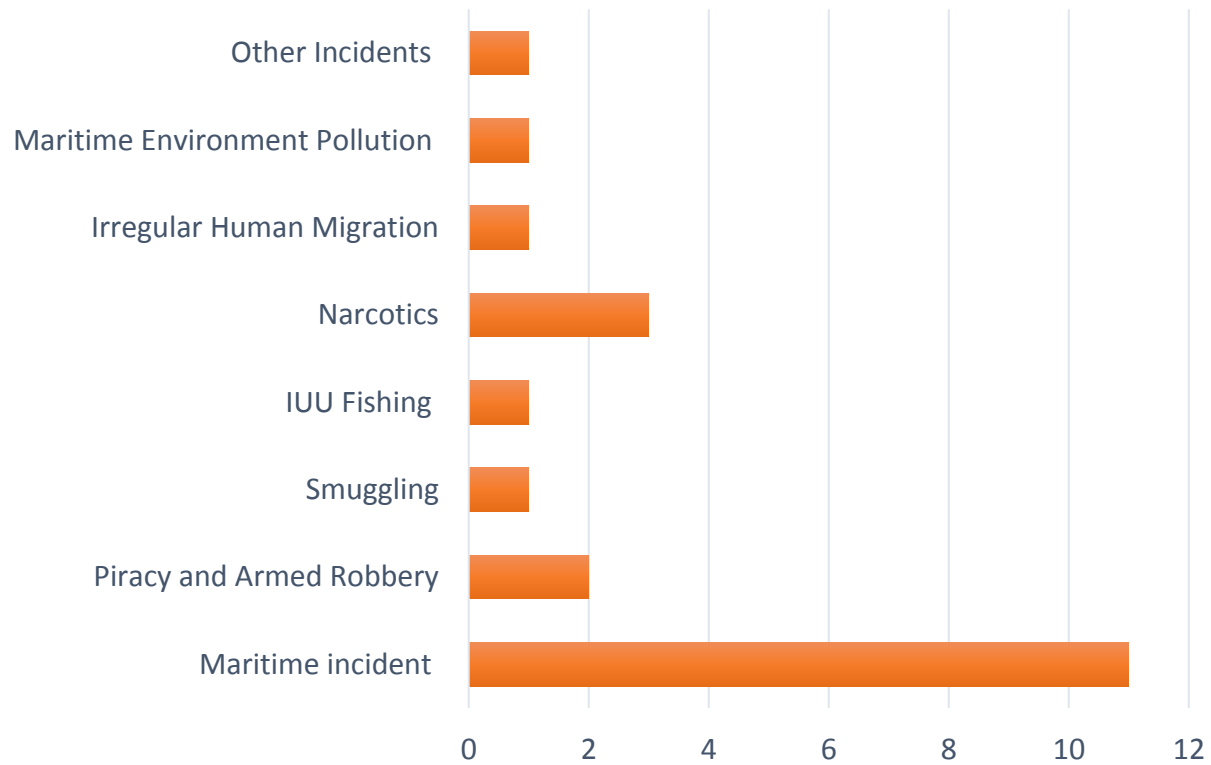
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	01
• Earthquake	:-	08

Total Weather Incidents 09

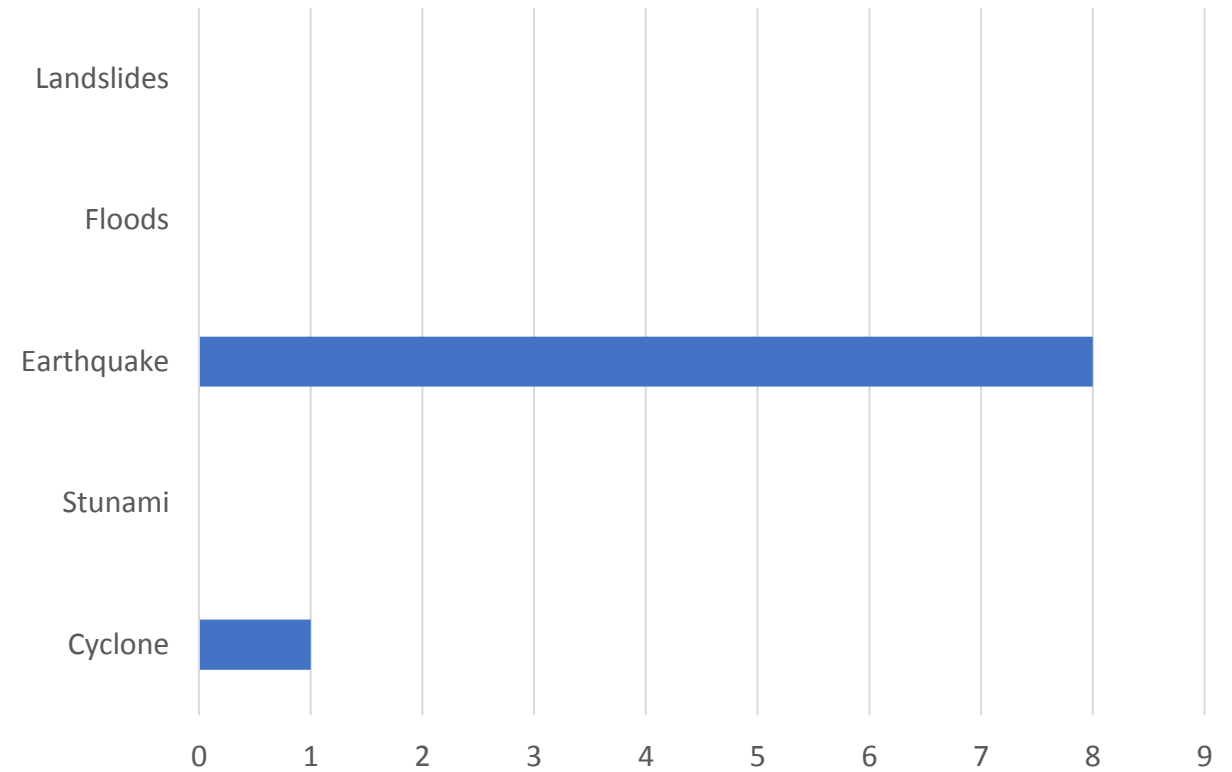


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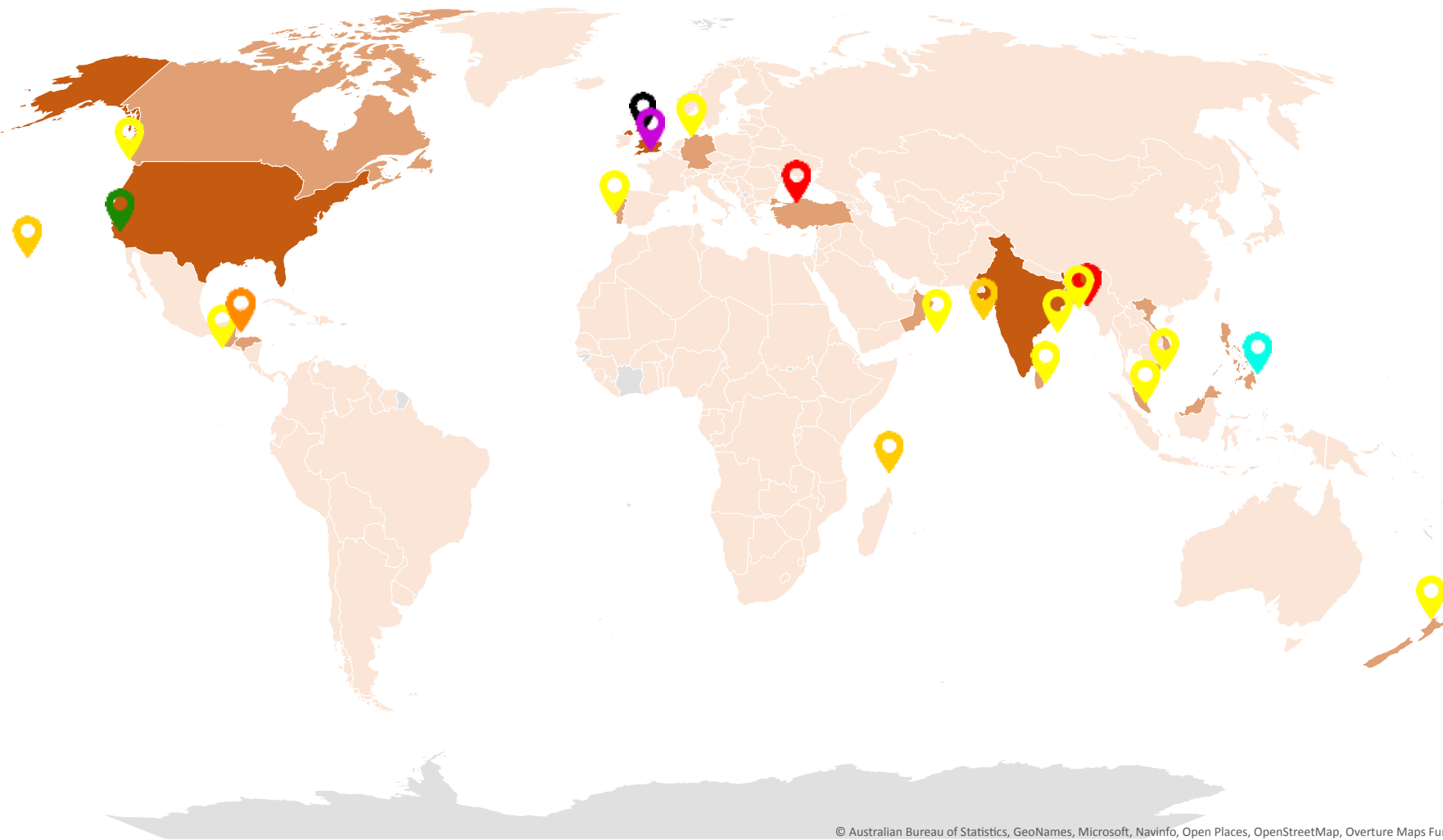
Maritime Incidents



Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	11
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	03
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Maritime Environment Pollution	01
 Other	01

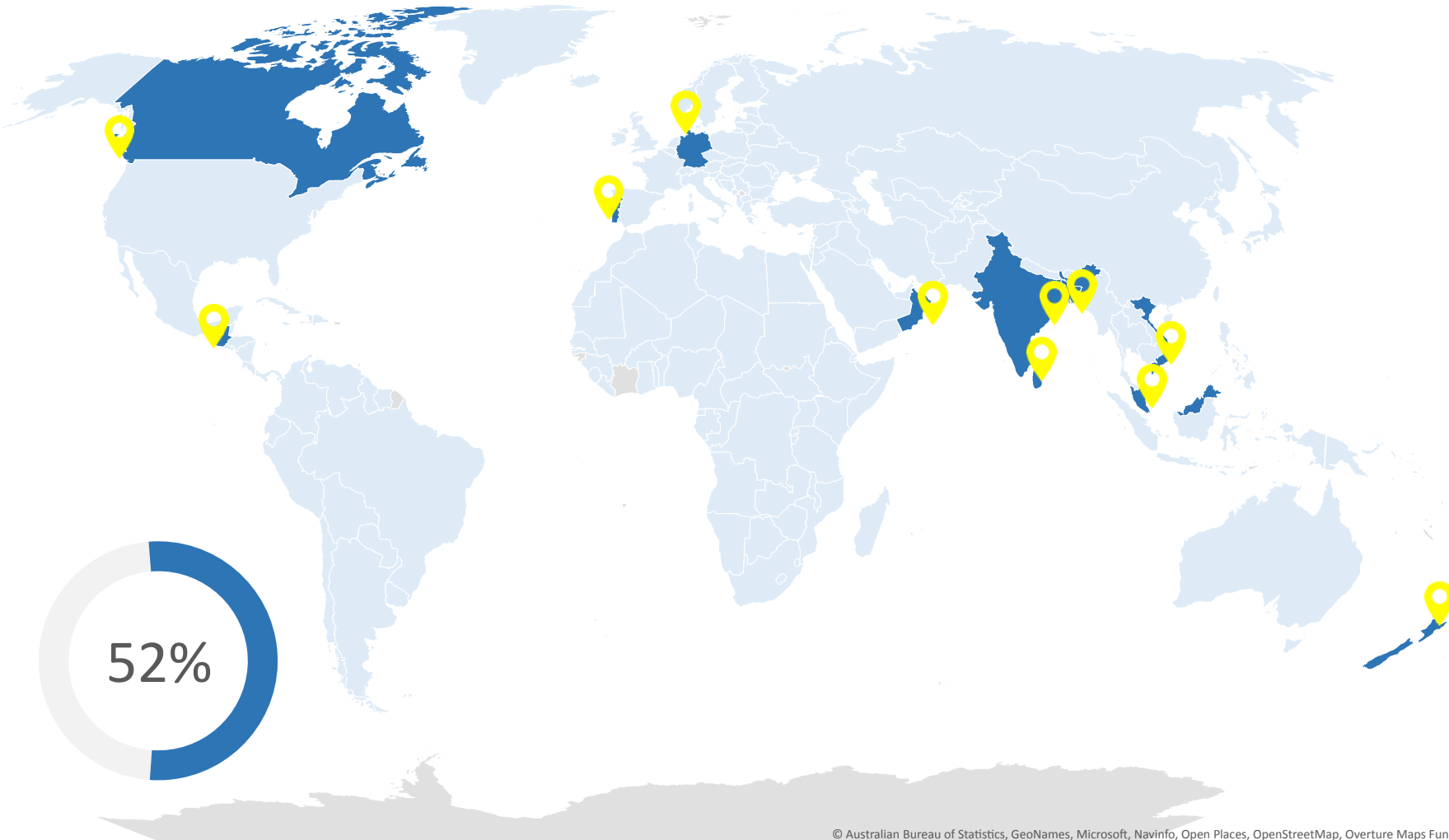
Total Incidents

21

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Bangladesh	01
Canada	01
Germany	01
Guatemalan	01
India	01
Malaysia	01
New Zealand	01
Oman	01
Portugal	01
Sri Lanka	01
Vietnam	01

Total Incidents

11

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.21	Canada	off Savary Island	Capsizing /Sinking	-	Rescue operations involved a Coast Guard lifeboat from Powell River, an inshore fast rescue craft from Cortes Bay, and an Air Force Kingfisher helicopter from Comox, according to the JRCC.
2026.05.23	New Zealand	Whakatāne bar	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Volunteers rescued six individuals from rocks just before 6pm and brought them back for medical checks. Boaters are encouraged to log trip reports before and after their journeys to enable faster responses from search and rescue teams.
2026.05.23	Portugal	Near Bengali Cave	Search and Rescue (SAR)	One boat	All 12 people were eventually brought out of the caves and safely transported to Portimão Marina, where medical teams were waiting to assist.
2026.05.23	Guatemalan	port of Puerto Santo Tomás de Castilla	Collisions	Two Cargo Vessel	An investigation has been launched to determine the cause of the collision.
2026.05.24	Sri Lanka	off the coast of Neduntheevu	Capsizing /Sinking	-	He went to sea alone in a boat, which overturned in rough weather. Authorities stated the boat capsized near Neduntheevu, and regional fishermen successfully rescued Poosari.
2026.05.24	Germany	Port of Hamburg	Capsizing /Sinking	-	After the fire was extinguished, crews carried out follow-up inspections to ensure there were no remaining hot spots or dangerous temperatures onboard.The scene was later handed over to Hamburg police, who are investigating the cause of the fire.

Source -: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/3-fatalities-boat-capsize-bc-savary-island-9.7209137>
Source -: https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/emergencies_local/596147/six-rescued-after-boat-capsized-in-whakatane
Source -: <https://www.portugalresident.com/twelve-rescued-after-boat-overturns-near-benagil-cave/>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12975/two-merchant-vessels-collide-in-guatemalan-port-no-casualtie>
Source -: <https://thenewsmill.com/2026/05/tamil-nadu-fisherman-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-near-sri-lanka/>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/fire-erupts-on-cargo-ship-at-germanys-largest-port-leaving-8-seriously-injured/>



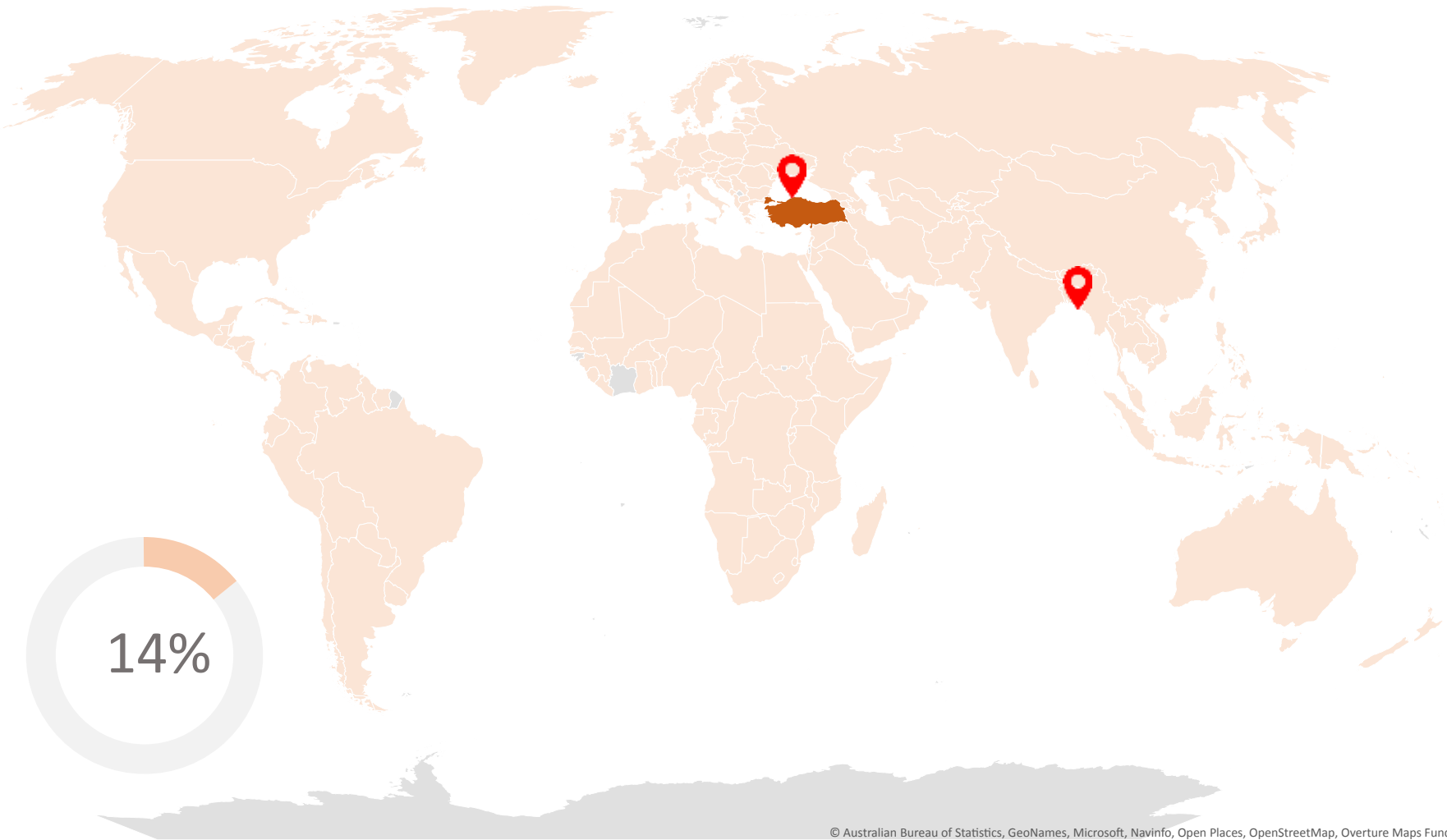
MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.24	Malaysia	coast of Terengganu	Death on board (DOB)	-	The workers were part of the platform's safety department. Petronas has launched an investigation into the incident working jointly with the relevant authorities.
2026.05.27	Vietnam	coast of Hai Phong	Capsizing /Sinking	Fishing Vessel	The Hai Phong Border Guard Command also deployed two rescue vessels while mobilizing nearby fishing boats to join the operation.
2026.05.28	India	Ganga River	Capsizing /Sinking	-	Eyewitnesses reported that a boat capsized due to strong winds, leaving all passengers in the water. Nearby boats and local residents rescued seven passengers, while two deceased individuals were recovered from the water.
2026.05.28	Oman	Off Oman	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - MSV Haji Ali	All 14 crew members were rescued by the Oman Coast Guard, but the animals trapped inside the vessel are believed to have died from drowning, smoke inhalation, or the fire.
2026.05.28	Bangladesh	Chattogram	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name – Meghna Trader Flag – Bangladesh Type - Tanker	Tugboats Kandari 3 and Kandari 11 were dispatched by the Chittagong Port Authority, accompanied by tug Promotto from the Bangladesh Coast Guard, and tug BNT Sebok from the Bangladesh Navy, to aid in firefighting operations.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12974/three-killed-in-lifeboat-accident-on-floating-storage-and-of>
Source -: <https://vietnamnet.vn/en/fishing-boat-carrying-11-sinks-off-hai-phong-two-still-missing-2519934.html>
Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/accidents/river-boat-capsizing-leaves-two-dead-in-eastern-india>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/4000-sheep-and-goats-die-after-livestock-carrier-catches-fire-and-sinks-off-oman/>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12983/fire-contained-on-tanker-anchored-off-chattogram-port>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Singapore	01
	Turkey	01

Total Incidents

02

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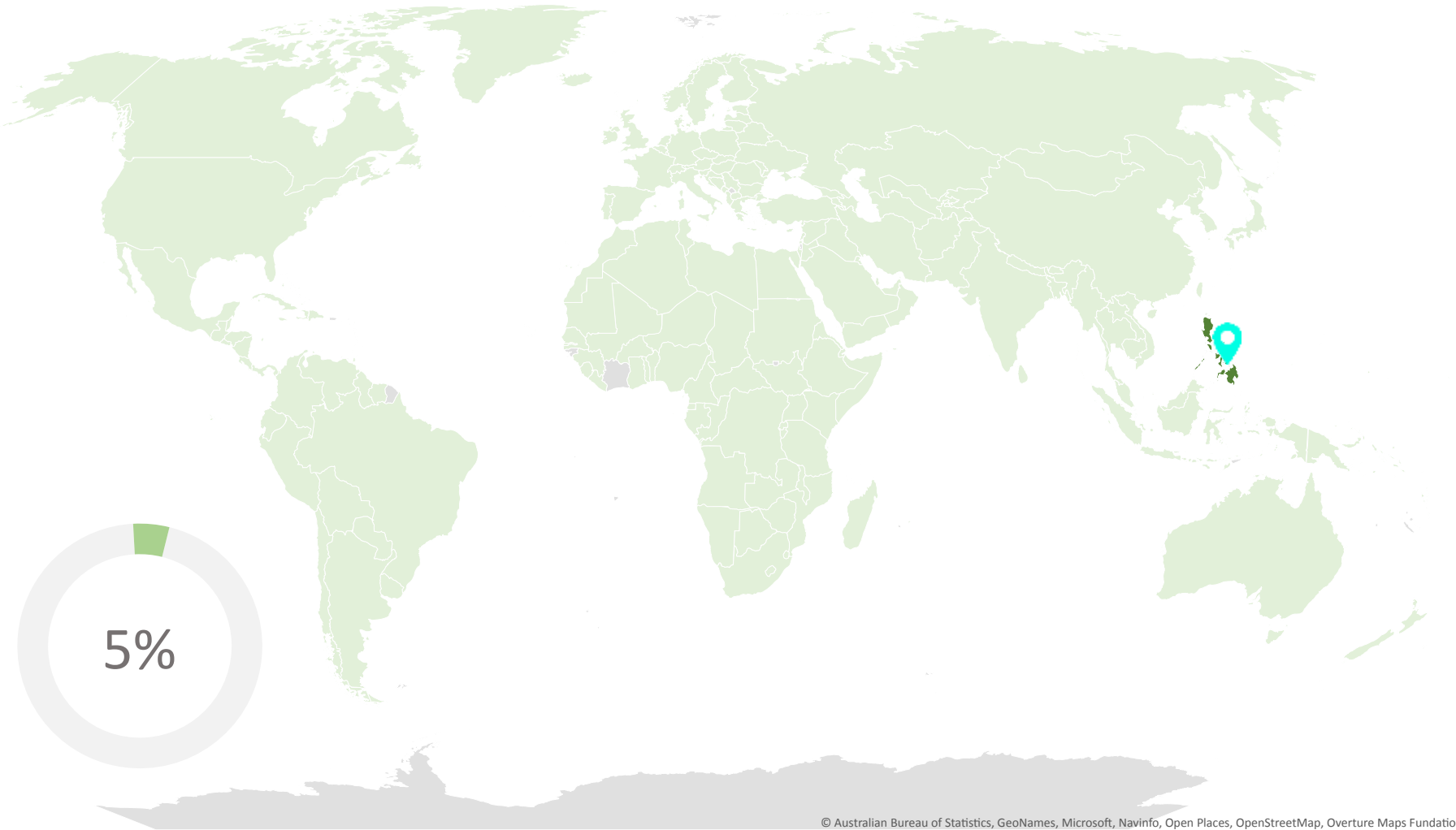
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19 to 25	Singapore	Chittagong Outer Anchorage	Piracy	-	Over the past week 19-25 May one incident of piracy or armed robbery against ships in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC.
2026.05.28	Turkey	Black Sea	Assault violations	Cargo Ship	The ministry expressed its concerns to relevant parties regarding the risks stemming from the recent escalation in the Black Sea, cautioning against actions that might lead to an "uncontrolled escalation" of the conflict.

Source -: <https://safety4sea.com/recaap-isc-one-incident-of-armed-robbery-19-25-may/>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/turkey-warns-of-black-sea-escalation-after-drone-strike-hits-cargo-ship-injuring-2-crew-members/>



SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Philippines	01

Total Incidents

01

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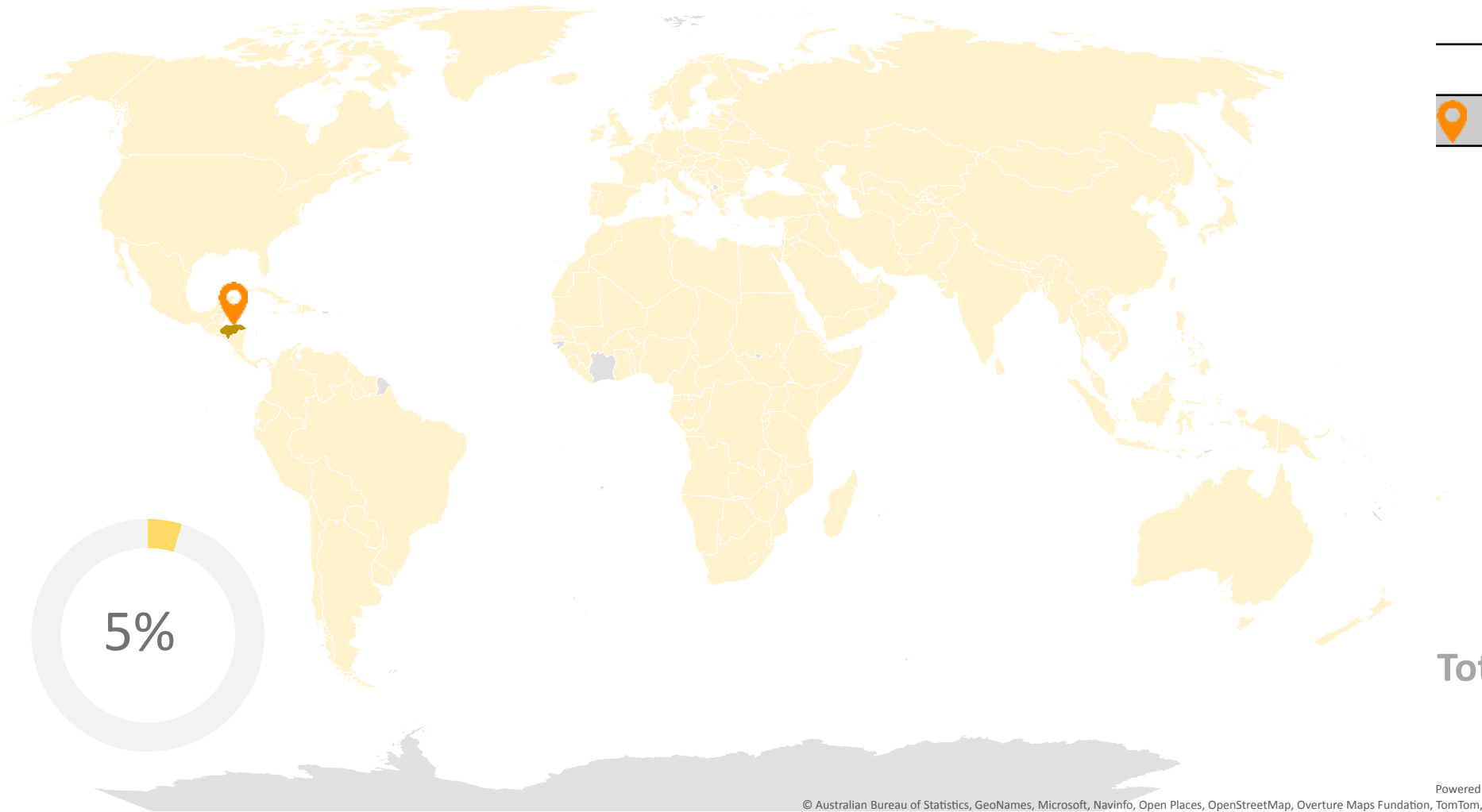
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.23	Philippine	Basilan, Sulu	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Authorities said boarding teams confirmed the cargoes lacked permits and legal documentation.

Source -: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2235338/navy-seizes-p113-million-in-smuggled-cigarettes-in-basilan-sulu>



IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Honduran	01

Total Incidents

01

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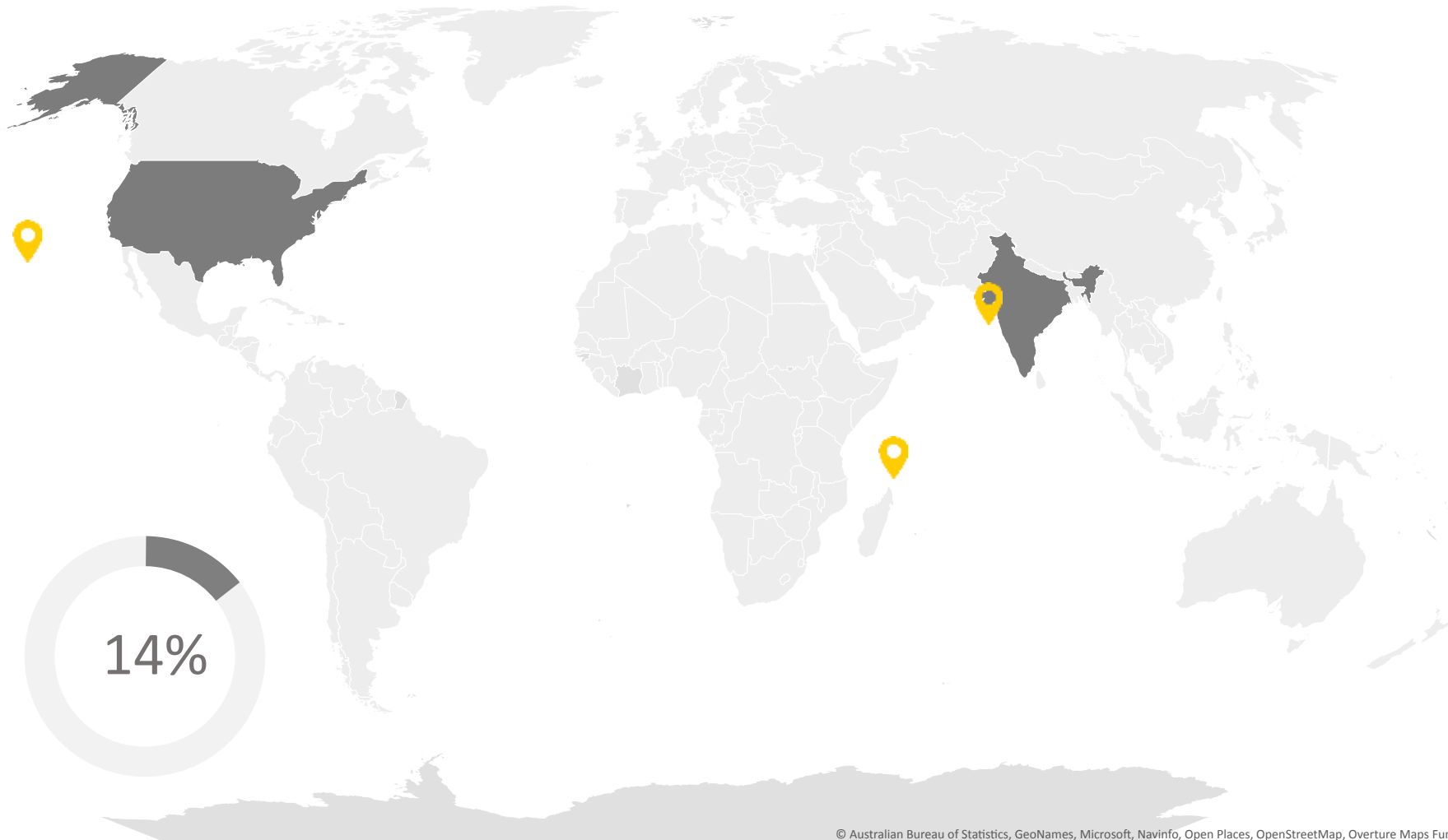
IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.22	Honduran	Sapodilla Keys	Illegal fishing in protected area	-	Love news spoke with the Sight Manager of Toledo Institute for Development and Environment Marty Alvarez who gave us the details

Source -: <https://lovefm.com/honduran-fishermen-charged-after-illegal-fishing-in-sapodilla-keys-reserve/>



NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	India	01
	Seychelles	01
	United State	01

Total Incidents

03

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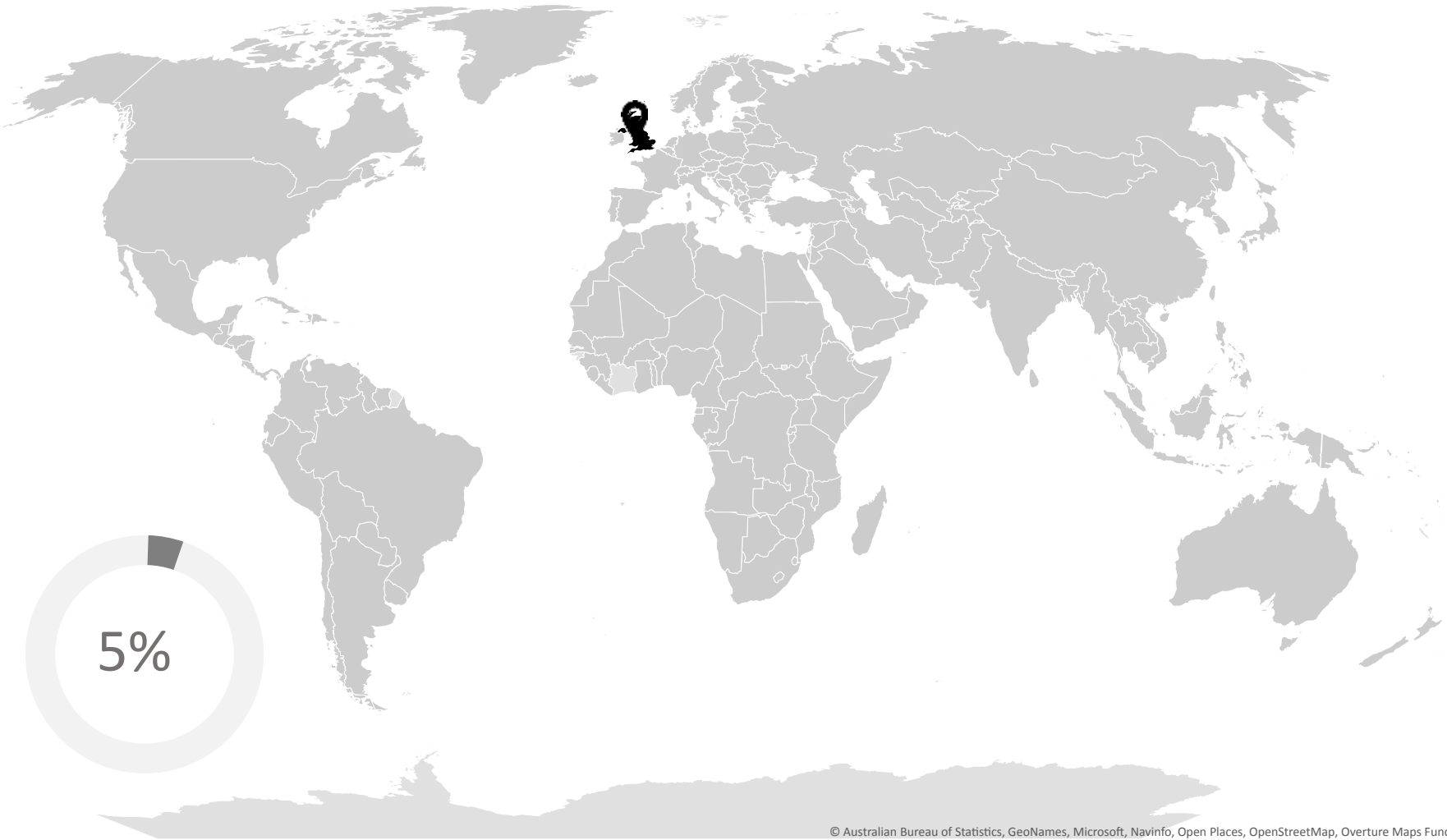
NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.24	Seychelles	Seychelles EEZ	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	One Iran Fishing Boat	The island nation has a zero-tolerance policy towards the trafficking and importation of illegal drugs. Trafficking of controlled drugs carries a maximum of life imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$53,000.
2026.05.27	United State	Pacific Ocean	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Drug Boat	Southern Command reported that intelligence indicated the vessel was navigating established drug-trafficking routes in the eastern Pacific and participating in narcotics operations.
2026.05.27	India	Mundra Port	Seizure of narcotics	Cargo Vessel	Investigators report that a shipment originating in Brazil was intended for delivery to a fishing boat near Mundra's outer anchorage before transport to Delhi. Intelligence suggests that approximately 150 kg of narcotics were concealed on the cargo vessel Europe.

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/seychelles-arrests-eight-iranians-and-destroys-dhow-smuggling-23m-of-drugs>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/watch-us-carries-out-another-lethal-strike-on-suspected-drug-boat-in-pacific-killing-2/>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/india-seizes-141-million-cocaine-shipment-near-mundra-port-arrests-tanzanian-national/>



IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United Kingdom	01

Total Incidents

01

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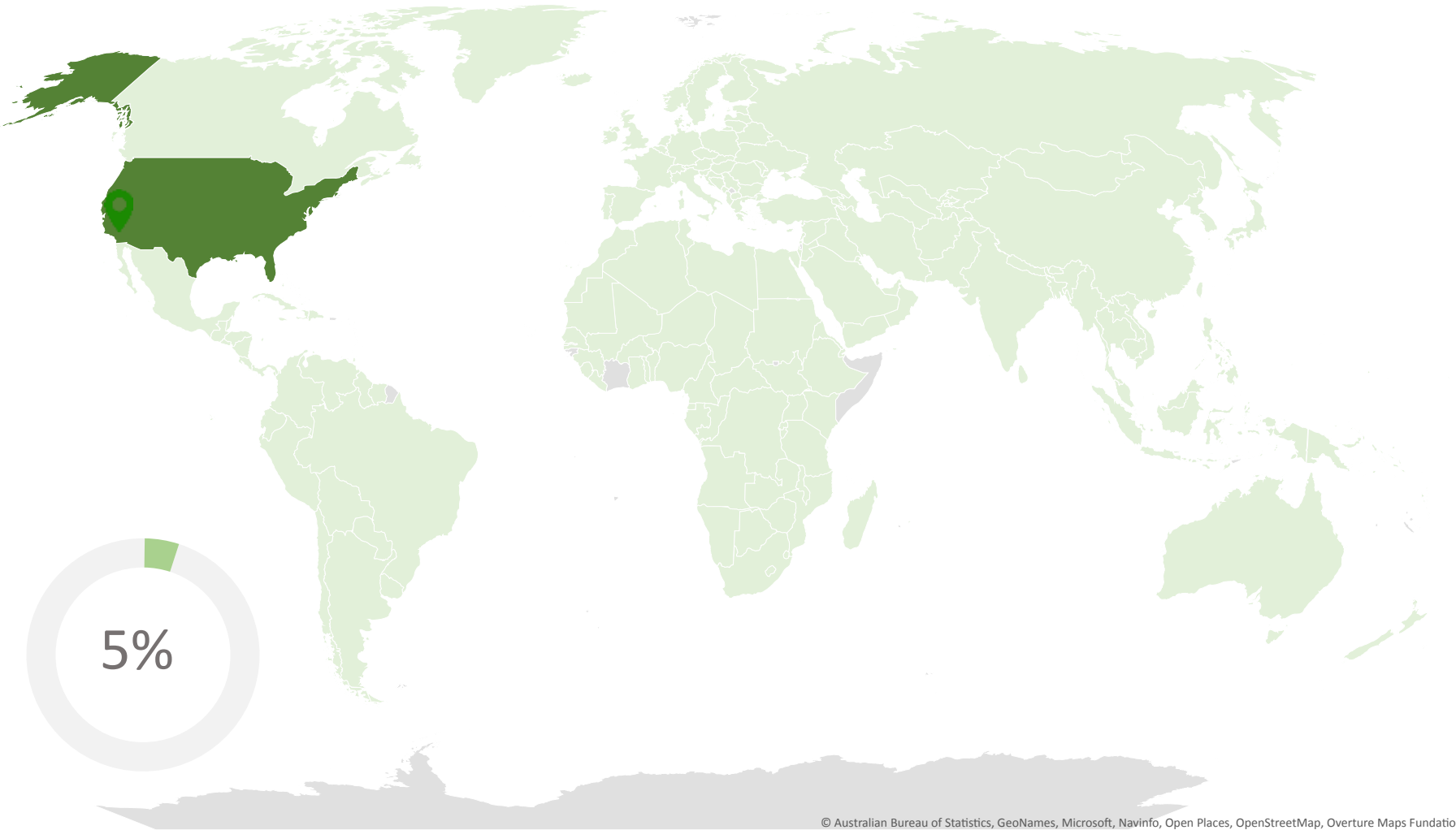
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.22	United Kingdom	English Channel	Illegal broader crossing	Small Boats	On 23 May 26, the Home Office reported that 287 migrants crossed the Channel, coinciding with a temperature of 30.5C in Kent.

Source -: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/small-boat-migrant-crossings-english-channel-home-office-b1283477.html>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United State	01

Total Incidents

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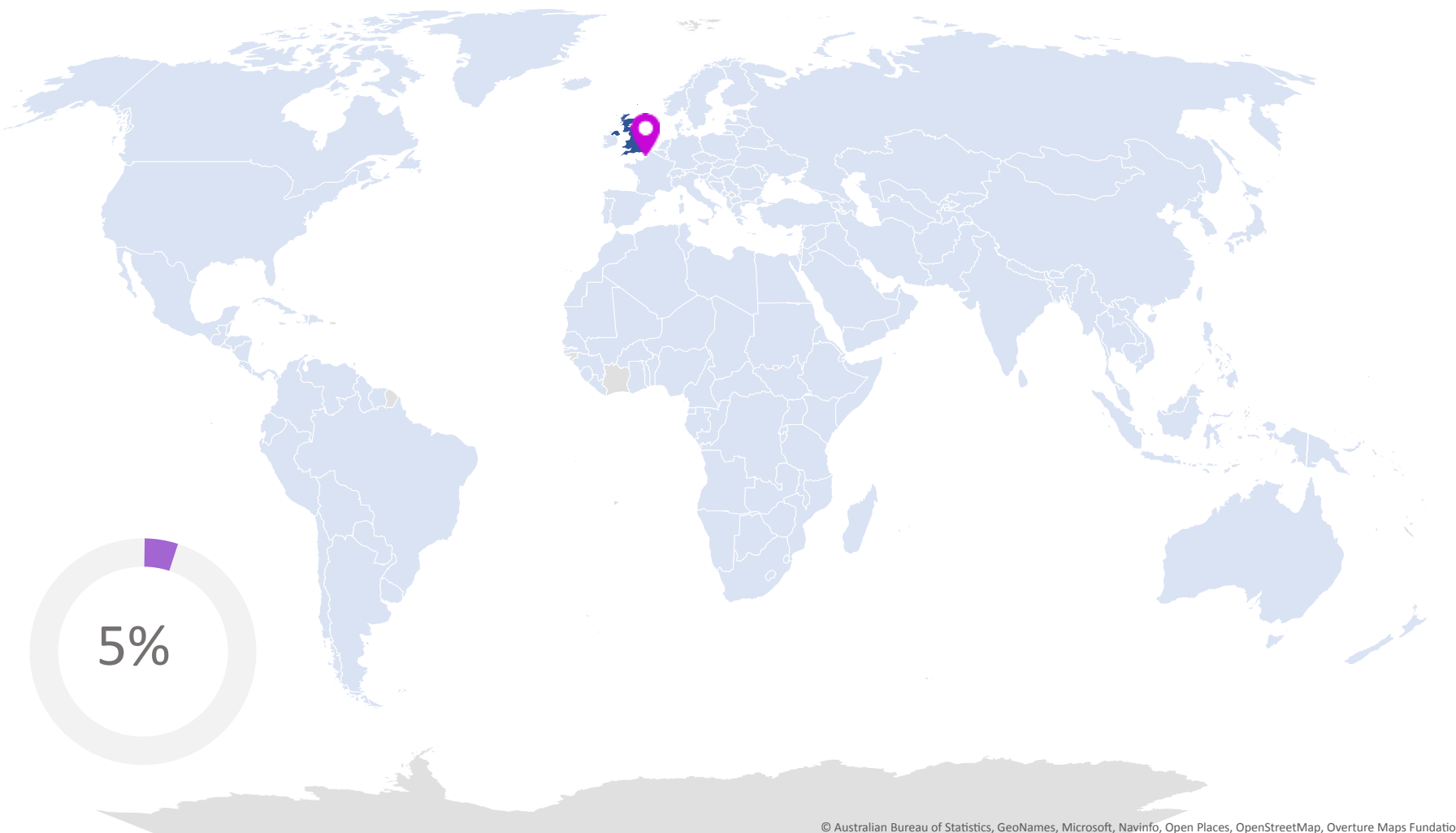
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INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.26	United State	LA River	Oil Spill	-	Efforts to contain the spill in the L.A. River have been underway over the past several days. So far, trained wildlife volunteers have treated more than two dozen oil-soaked birds found along the river.

Source -: <https://abc7.com/post/cleanup-continues-2400-gallons-crude-oil-spill-spread-la-river-impacting-wildlife/19170086/>



OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United Kingdom	01

Total Incidents

01

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.22	United Kingdom	North Sea	Foreign affairs	Name - Stena Immaculate	The award recognized the crew for their actions during a March 10, 2025 allision off the coast of Hull, UK, where the anchored Stena Immaculate was struck by the Portuguese-flagged containership Solong.

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/crew-of-u-s-flagged-tanker-honoured-with-gallant-ship-award-after-deadly-north-sea-collision/>

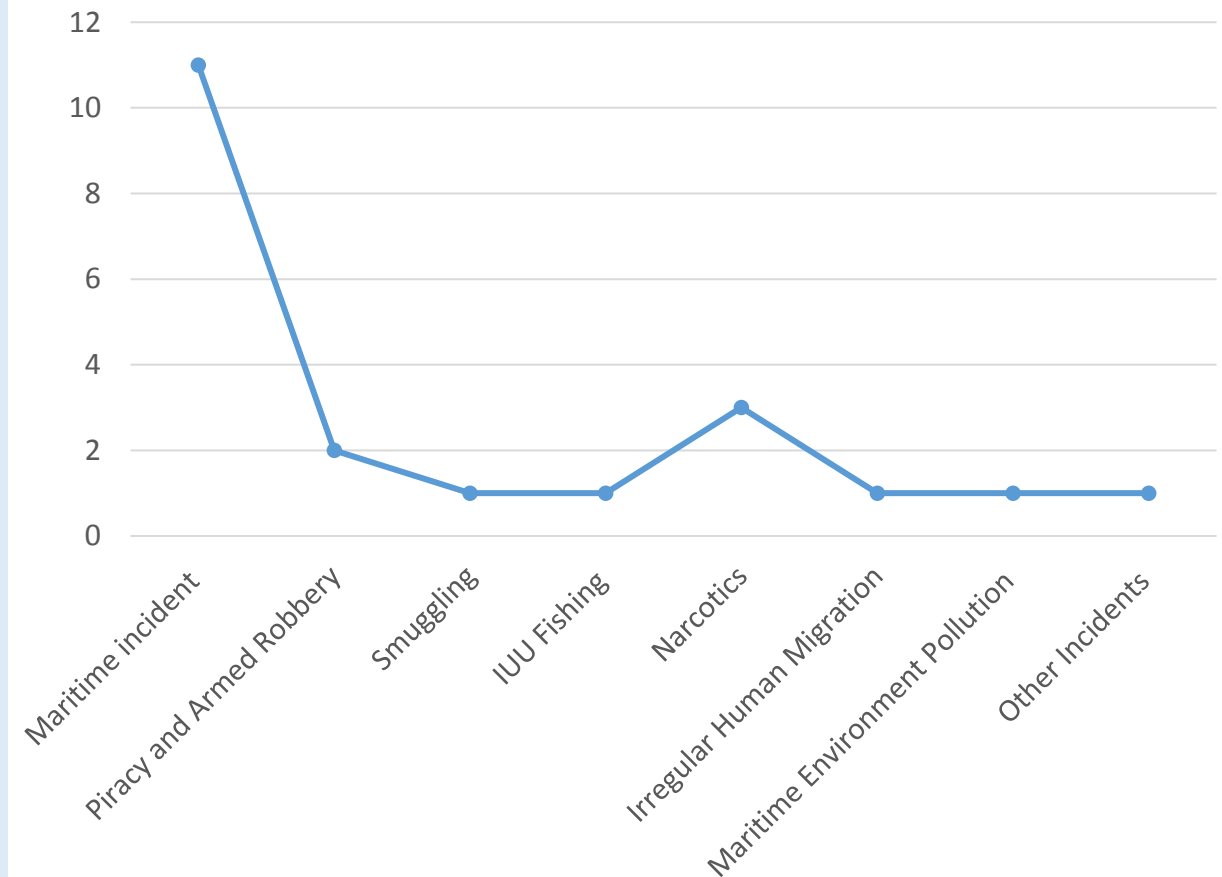
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

This week, 21 incidents were reported globally. Among these, 11 maritime safety incidents. Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 02 incidents,. Smuggling-related incidents totaled 01, IUU fishing accounted for 01 incident,. Narcotics-related incidents totaled 03. Irregular human migration accounted for 01 incident, involving illegal small boat crossings in the English Channel. Maritime environmental pollution accounted for 01 incident, involving an oil spill in the United States. A further 01 other incident was recorded, involving maritime foreign affairs related to the North Sea. Weather-related incidents included 01 tropical cyclone and 08 earthquakes

Recommendations:

To strengthen maritime domain awareness through AIS tracking, satellite surveillance, and real-time intelligence sharing to monitor high-risk maritime regions and major shipping routes. Enhance naval and coast guard patrols in piracy-prone areas such as Southeast Asia and conflict-affected maritime zones to deter piracy, armed robbery, and illegal activities. Improve SAR coordination and emergency response capabilities to address capsizing, collisions, and vessel accidents, particularly in areas affected by adverse weather conditions. Conduct regular vessel inspections, safety audits, and crew training to reduce risks associated with fire, mechanical failures, and operational accidents. Strengthen counter-narcotics operations through international intelligence cooperation and coordinated maritime interdiction efforts. Enhance measures against illegal fishing and maritime smuggling through regional enforcement cooperation. Improve environmental protection capabilities by establishing rapid oil spill response mechanisms and strengthening pollution monitoring systems

Maritime Incidents





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