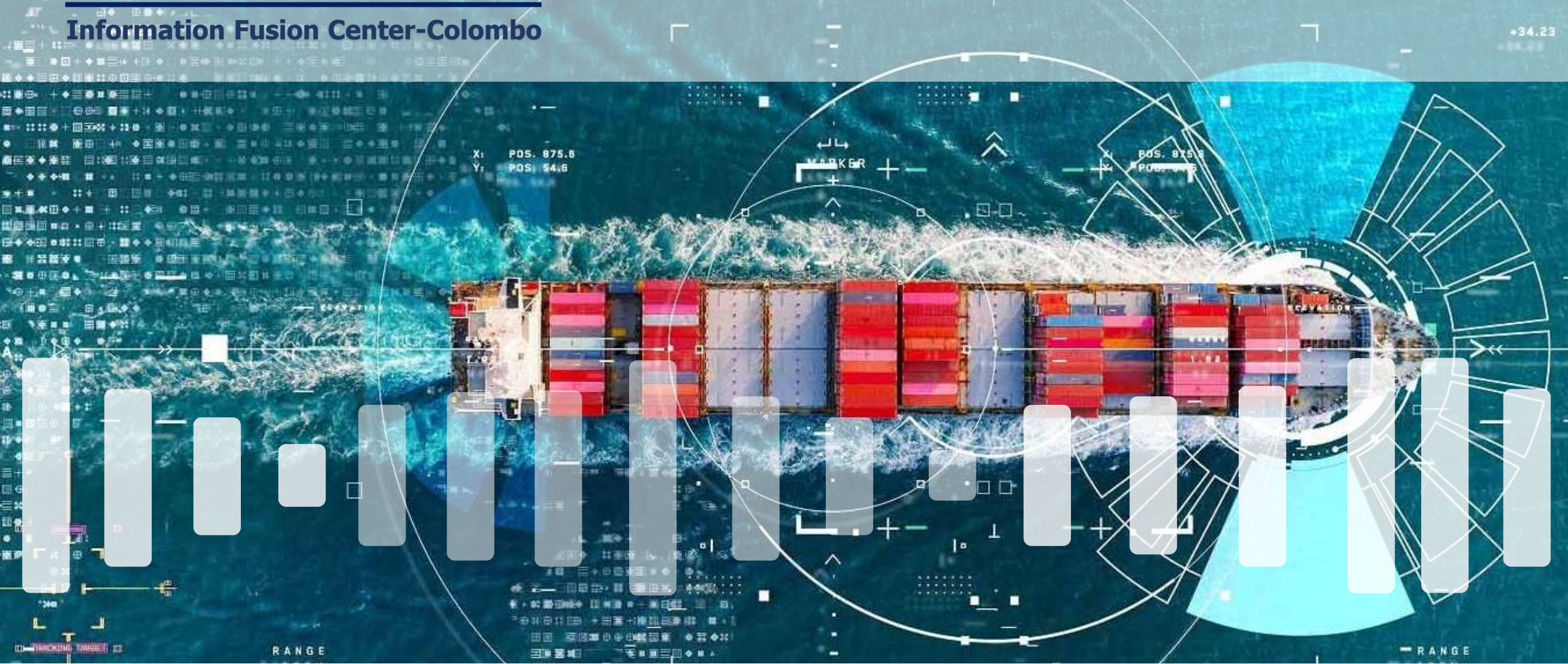


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Week 32

From 2026.08.10 TO 2026.08.16

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 32

Executive Summery

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	11
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	03
• Smuggling	:-	02
• IUU Fishing	:-	02
• Narcotics	:-	03
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	00
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	02
• Other Incidents	:-	10

Total Maritime Incidents 33

Global Weather Incident



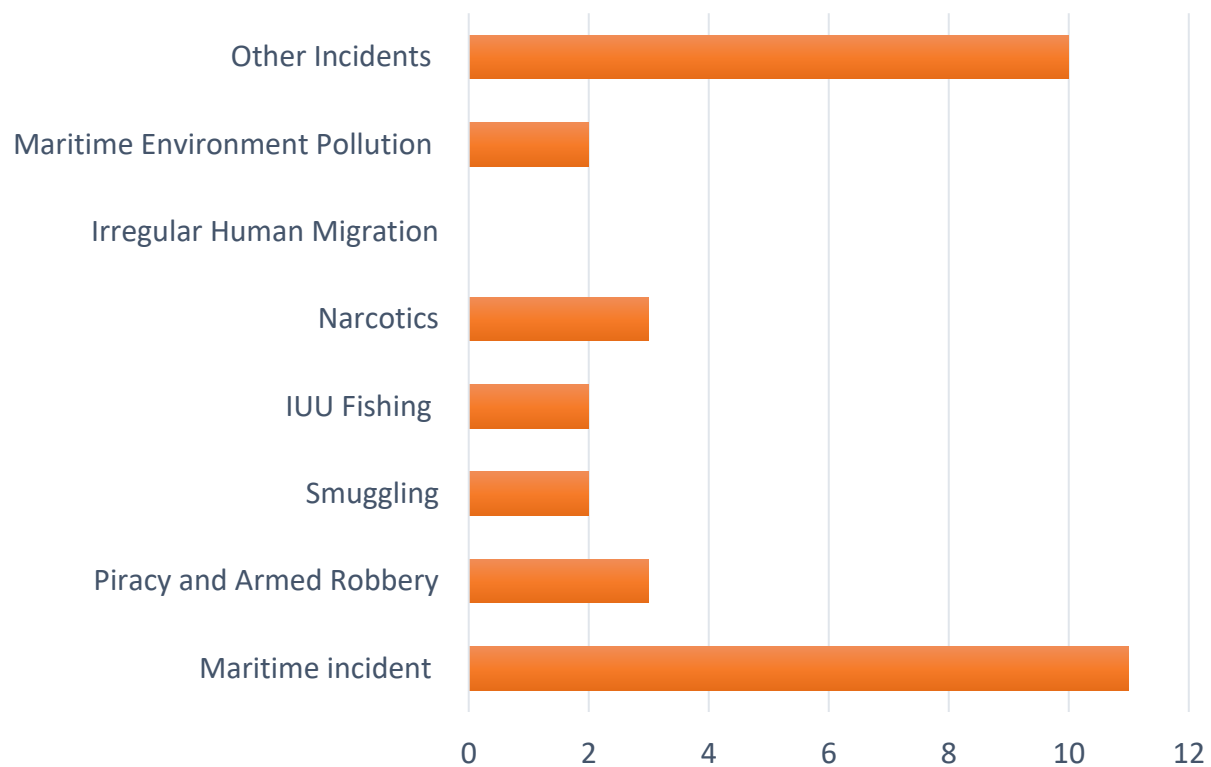
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	04
• Earthquake	:-	03

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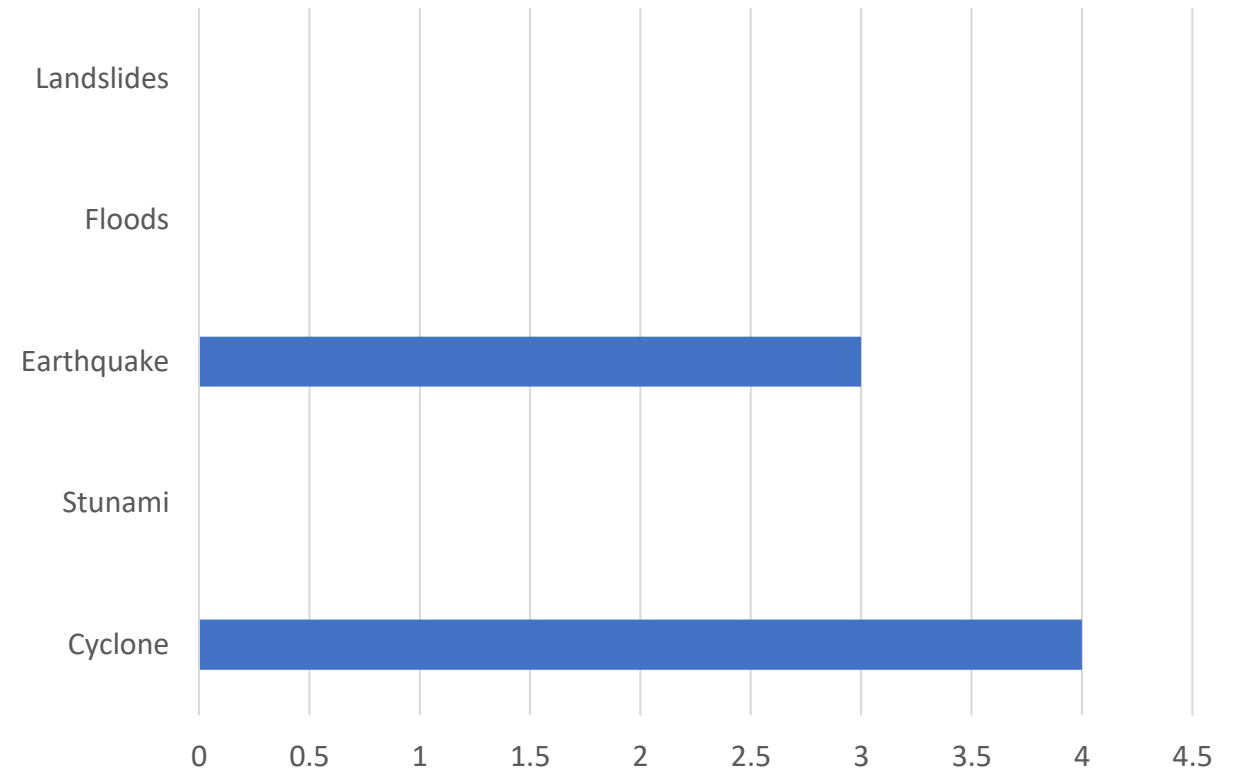


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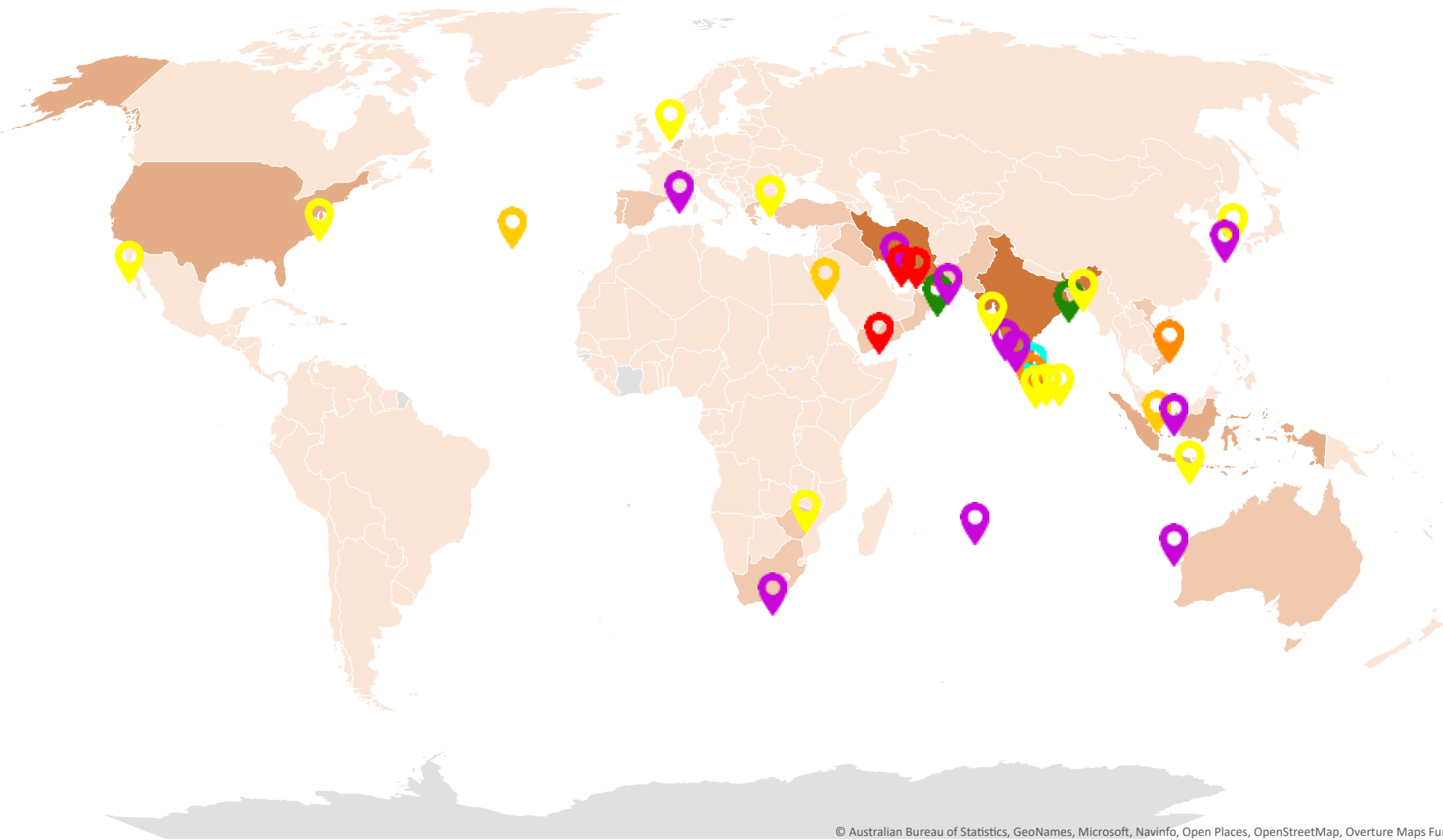
Maritime Incidents



Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	11
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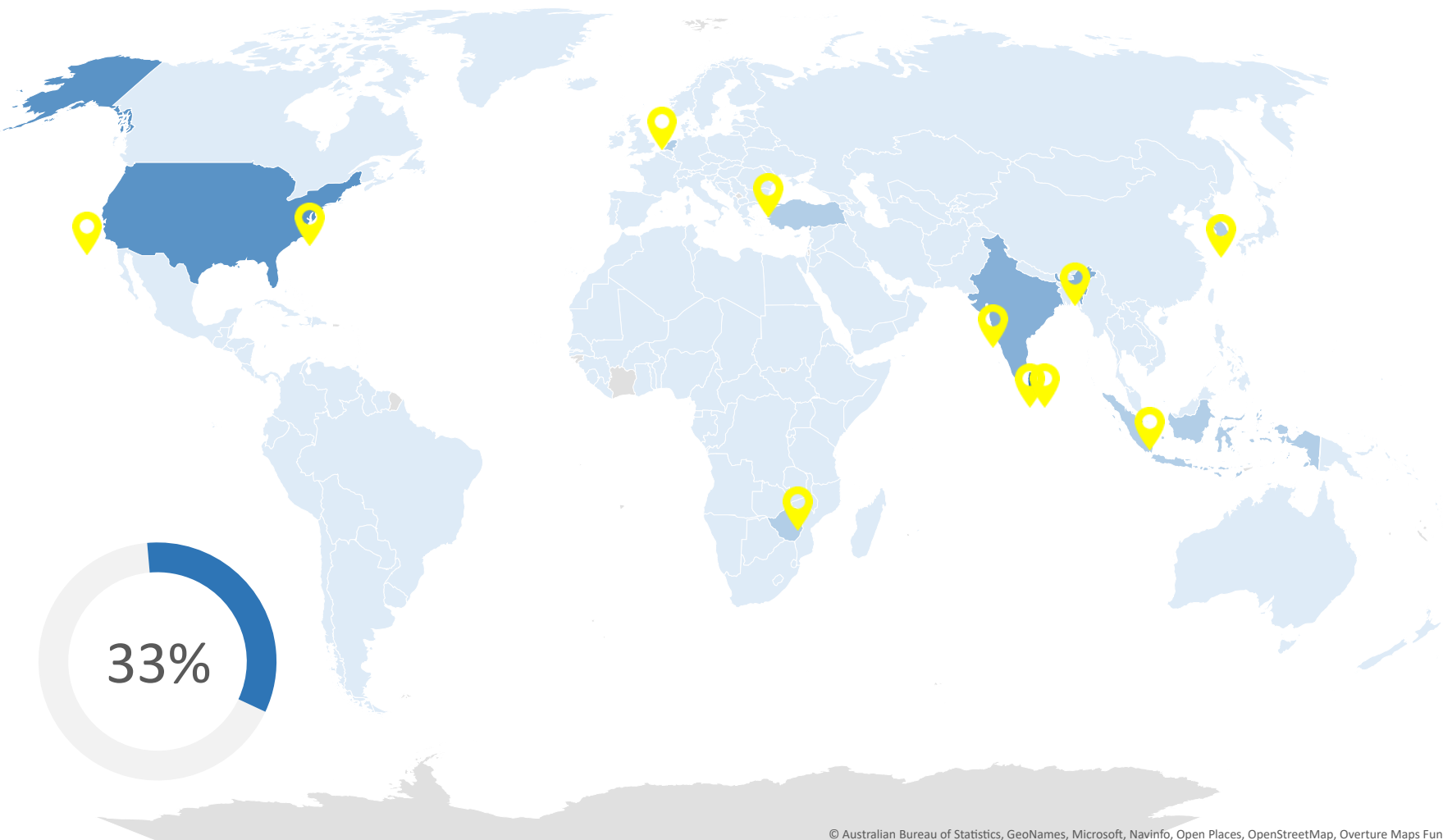
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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
India	02
Indonesia	01
Netherlands	01
South Korea	01
Sri Lanka	02
Turkey	01
United States	02
Zimbabwe	01

Total Incidents

11

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.07	Netherlands	Western Foreport of Terneuzen	Grounding / Standing	Name-PRIMULA SEAWAYS IMO 9352980 Type-Ro-Ro Cargo Vessel	The vessel ran aground at 1025 hrs against the river bank but was successfully refloated after approximately two hours. Rijkswaterstaat responded by sending patrol boat Maeslant and deploying three tugs along with port tender Patriot. There were no reported injuries, pollution, or disruption to shipping traffic.
2026.08.10	South Korea	Near Choji Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Motorboat	The coast guard initiated a search operation around Choji Island and Jawol Island, utilizing patrol vessels, aircraft, and boats, resulting in the discovery of the men.
2026.08.08	United States	630 miles south of Costa Rica	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name -Min Jiang Kou Type - Cargo Flag - Marshal Island	At the request of the US Coast Guard (USCG), the vessels Jin Hai Ping and Degu assisted a distressed ship. Jin Hai Ping rescued all 22 mariners from lifeboats, and by 1221 pm on Friday, they were safely aboard Jin Hai Ping, which is en route to Akita, Japan.
2026.08.12	Indonesia	Lombok Strait	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name-KM Putri Yasmin Type -Ferry	The ferry KM Putri Yasmin, travelling from Padangbai Port in Bali to Lembar Port in
2026.08.12	India	Diamond Harbour in West Bengal	Grounding/Standin g	Name - Nawata Bhum Type - Cargo Flag - Singapore	The container vessel Nawata Bhum crashed into a riverbank near Diamond Harbour, West Bengal, on 12 August, causing damage to the embankment but resulting in no injuries.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13162/ro-ro-cargo-vessel-refloated-after-grounding-in-netherlands>
Source -: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/three-found-clinging-to-capsized-boat-off-incheon-after-11-hours-missing>
Source -: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/22-crew-rescued-from-cosco-managed-car-carrier-after-fire>
Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-08-12/ferry-from-bali-to-lombok-on-fire-triggers-rescue-effort/107029040>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13169/containership-crashes-into-riverbank-on-the-hooghly-river-am>



MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.12	India	Kollam Port	Patient Onboard (POB)	Name:IOL SAPPHIRE Type: Cargo IMO: 8651855	The IOL Sapphire, flying the St Kitts and Nevis flag, left Kakinada Port, India, for Guinea but experienced generator faults. The ship anchored at Kollam Port on 23 Jun 26 for repairs, during which the accident happened.
2026.08.13	Turkey	off Turkey's southwestern coast	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	Authorities evacuated 107 individuals from a vessel due to a fire, though the number of children onboard and the cause of the fire remain unclear.
2026.08.11	Zimbabwe	Lake Kariba	Capsizing /Sinking	Ferry	Kanhema stated that the Matusado National Park contributed a helicopter to assist in the rescue operation, which also involved larger boats and divers from the local area and the army.
2026.08.14	United States	Near Success Rock, Sands Point	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	On 14 Aug 26 at around 1900 hrs, Nassau County Marina Bureau responded to a 62-foot vessel taking on water near Success Rock, Sands Point. The rescue operation involved Town of North Hempstead Bay Constables, U.S. Coast Guard, Rye Police Department Marine Bureau, and FDNY Marine Bureau. Eight people were safely rescued and returned to shore, with no injuries reported. Towboat US later towed the vessel.
2026.08.15	Sri Lanka	Iranawila, Chilaw	Grounding / Standing	-	A fishing vessel, believed to be of Indian origin, washed ashore at Iranawila, Chilaw, on 15 Aug 26. Local residents suspected it might have been carrying individuals, as it arrived without signs of striking rocks. The Sri Lanka Navy sent security personnel to investigate the vessel and the incident's circumstances.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13171/bulk-carrier-crew-member-injured-during-repairs-at-indian-po>
Source -: <https://gulfnews.com/amp/story/world%2Fmena%2Ffire-engulfs-tourist-boat-off-turkey-forcing-115-passengers-and-crew-to-evacuate-1.500640167>
Source -: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/zimbabwe-boat-carrying-95-people-capsizes-several-feared-dead-11897367>
Source -: <https://longisland.news12.com/2026/08/15/8-people-rescued-as-boat-takes-on-water-in-sands-point/2dAmehBcI413oBNvHLvRTN>
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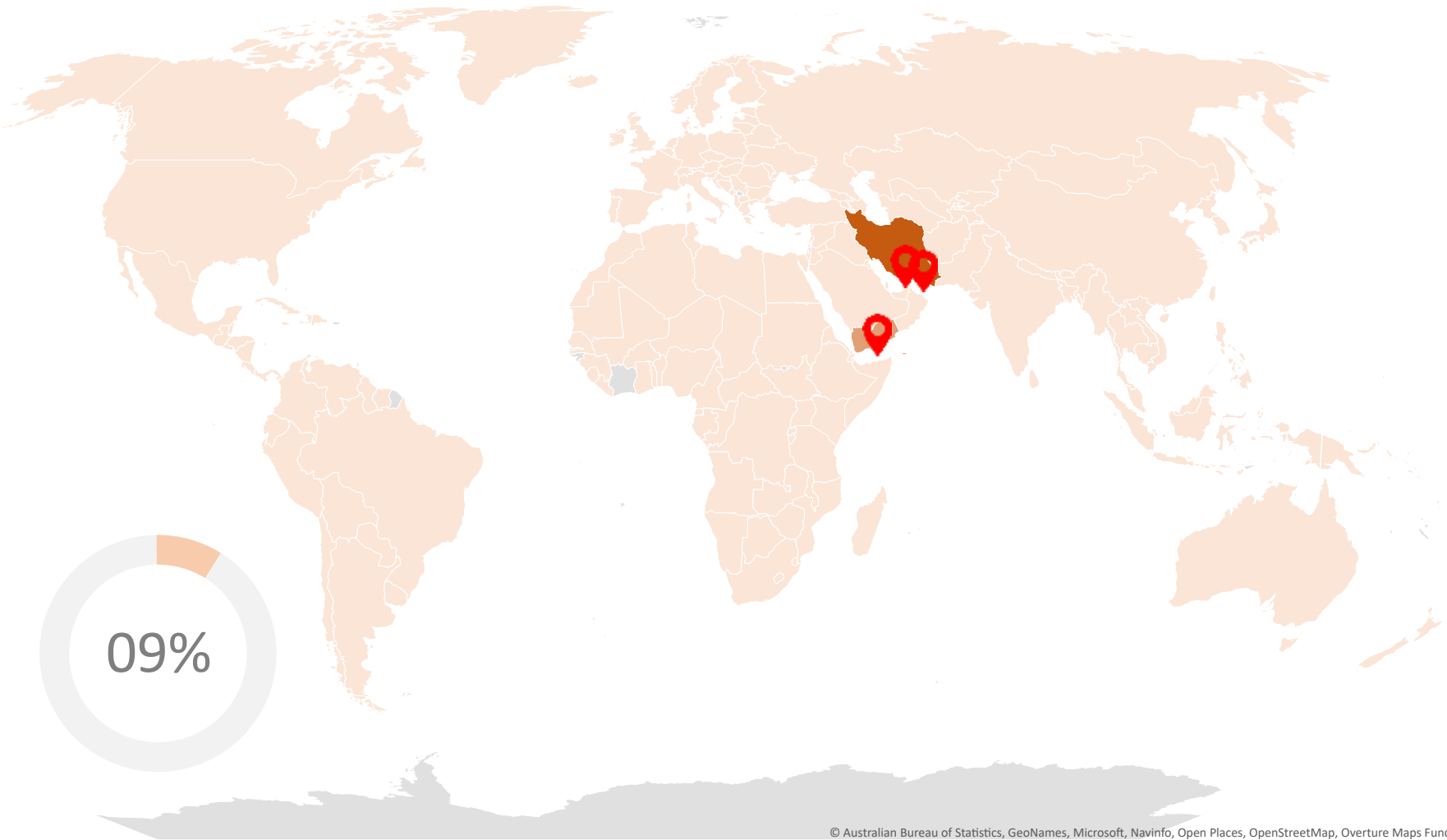
MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.15	Sri Lanka	Angulana	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name: P 4447	Search and rescue operations are currently being conducted by the Navy, aided by the Sri Lanka Air Force and the local fishing community.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/search-and-rescue-launched-after-navy-craft-incident-off-angulana.html>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Iran	02
	Oman	01

Total Incidents

03

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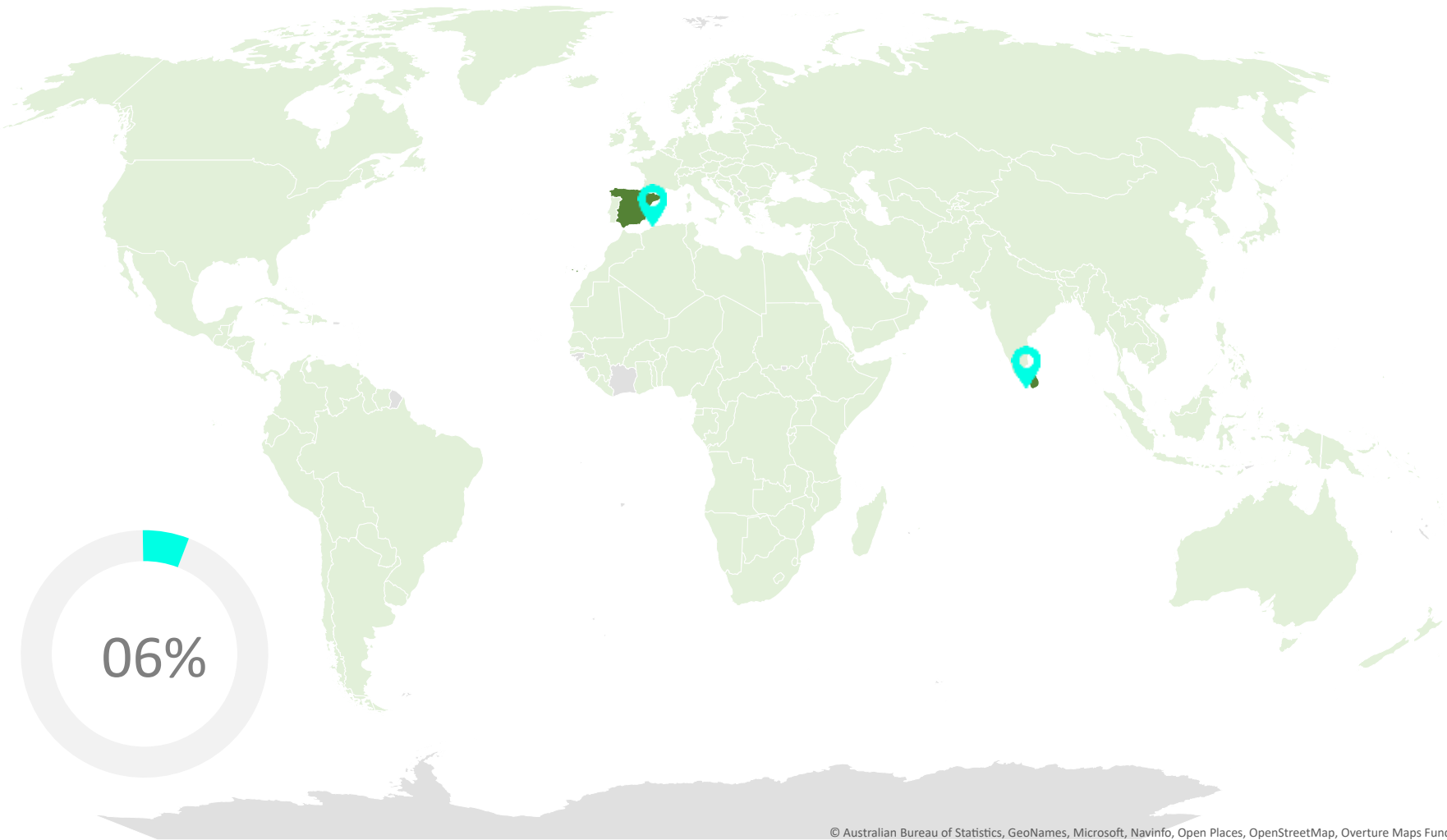
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.11	Yemen	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	Assault violations	Name- Tihamah Type -Cargo Flag -Tanzania	Captain Sean Tortora, a maritime expert, appeared on "Mornings On 1" to explain the investigative focus regarding the causes of a recent deadly incident.
2026.08.13	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name: NAVIG8 MESSI Type: Oil Products Tanker IMO: 9482859 Name: TARIF Type: Oil/Chemical Tanker IMO: 9828390	The UAE condemned the attacks as a violation of navigation freedom, labeling them as economic coercion and acts of piracy. It held Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) responsible and called for the unconditional reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.
2026.08.15	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Abu Dhabi National Oil Company vessel	The attack marked the third incident involving ADNOC vessels within a week, with the UAE attributing the earlier incidents to Iran.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13165/four-crew-members-and-two-rescuers-killed-in-houthi-strikes>
Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/two-more-tankers-attacked-in-the-strait-of-hormuz>
Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/uae-says-iran-attacked-another-adnoc-vessel-in-hormuz/>



SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Spain	01
	Sri Lanka	01

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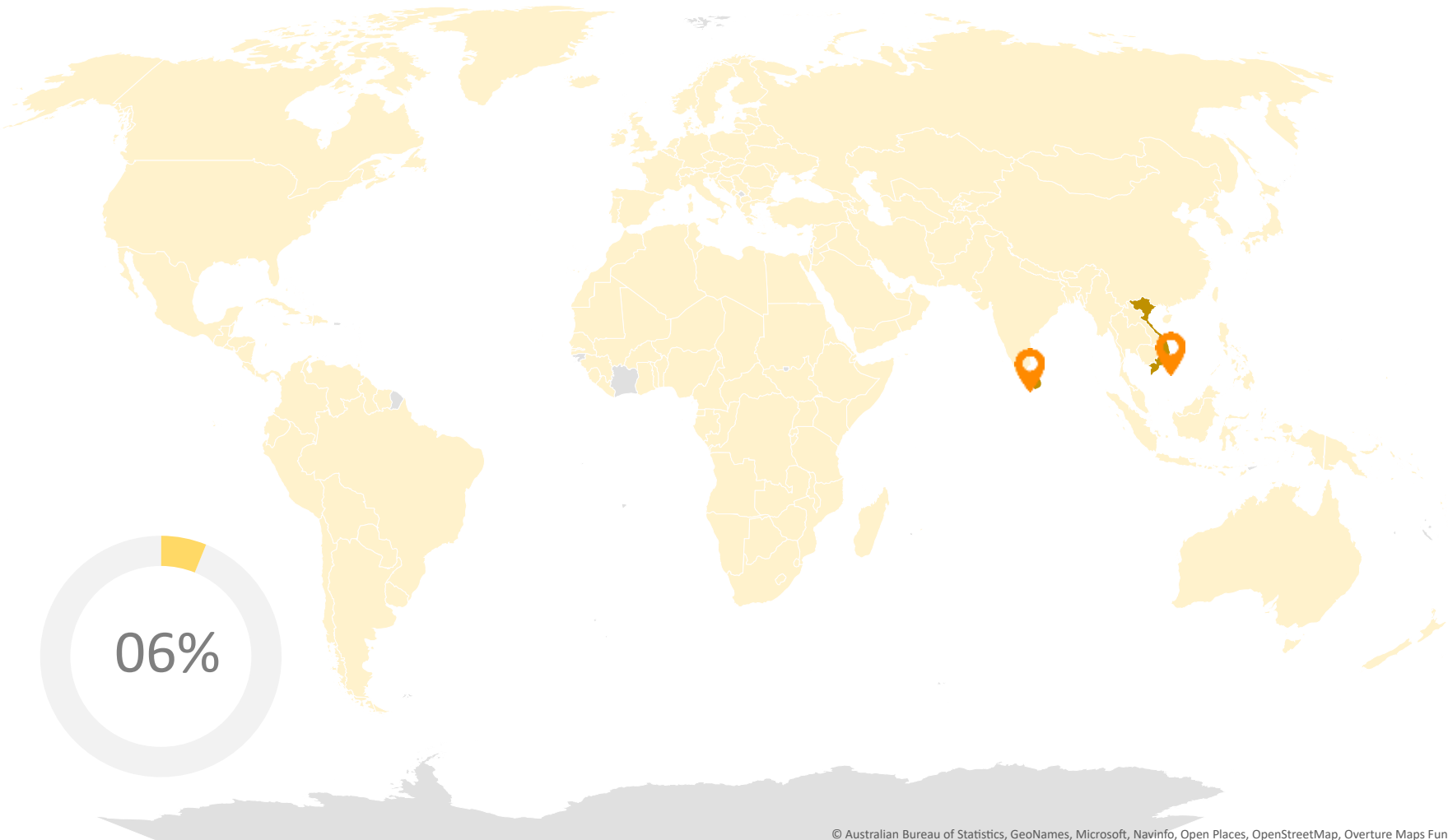
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.11	Spain	Western Mediterranean	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Called Ghost Speedboats	The network reportedly utilized high-powered speedboats for drop-offs in international waters off the Spanish coast, allowing for rapid and discreet transfers of drugs, weapons, and migrants to land.
2026.08.11	Sri Lanka	Sea area off Kudapaduwa, Negombo, Western Province	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The seized Kendu leaves were subsequently handed over to the Customs Preventive Office in Katunayake for further legal action

Source -: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/78-arrests-in-bust-of-major-western-mediterranean-smuggling-network-in-spain>
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/navy-seizes-large-consignment-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-negombo.html>



IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Sri Lanka	01
	Vietnam	01

Total Incidents

02

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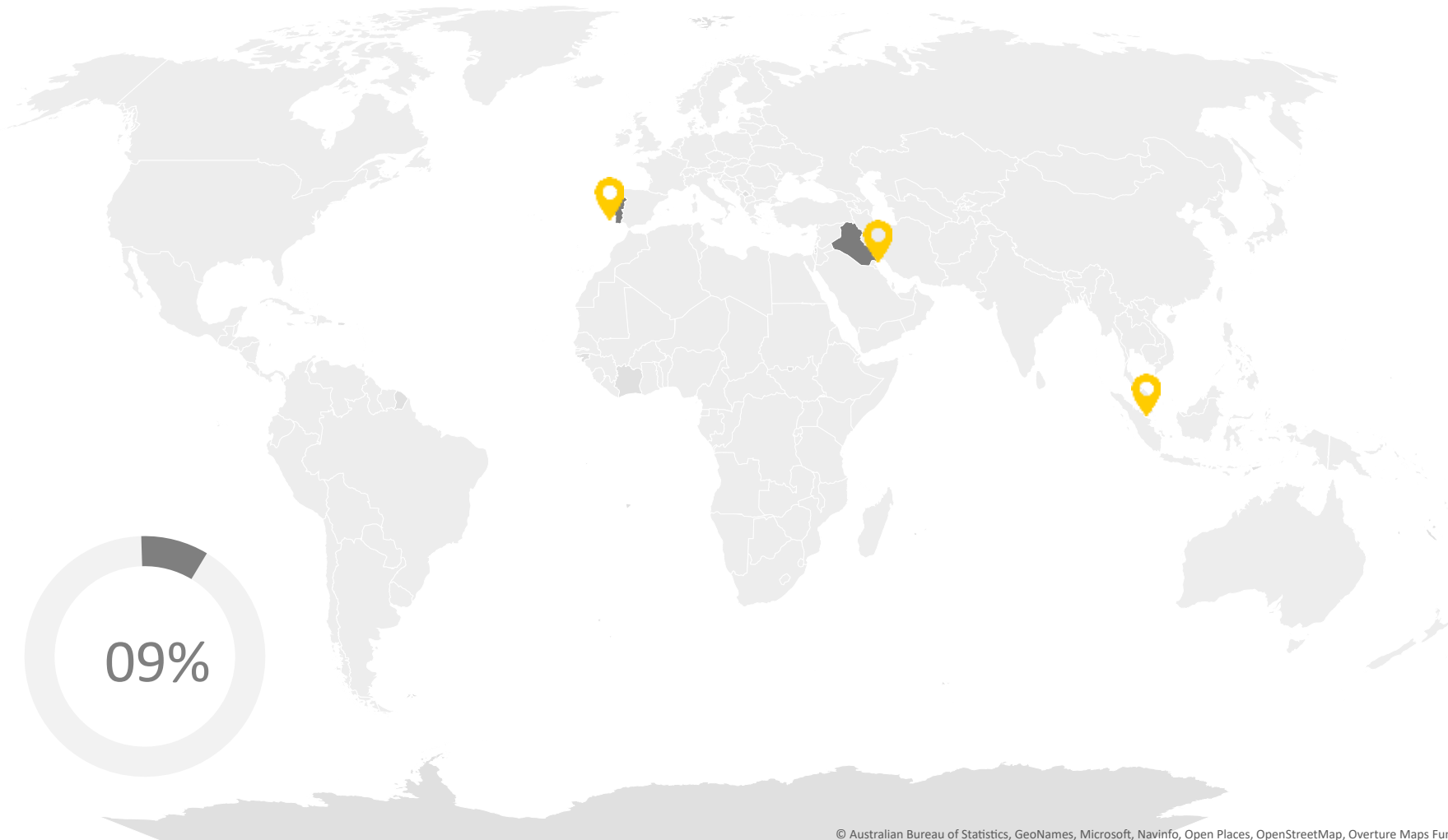
IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.10	Vietnam		IUU Fishing	-	On 10 Aug 2026, Deputy Prime Minister Ho Quoc Dung signed Decision No. 1516/QD-TTg to implement an Action Plan addressing recommendations from the European Commission regarding the 5th inspection on illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
2026.08.12	Sri Lanka	Off the Urumalei Point	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Indian fishing trawler	The Navy captured an Indian fishing trawler and nine fishermen for illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters near Urumalei Point, Talaimannar, on 12 August 2026.

Source -: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/chong-iuu-quan-ly-chat-tau-ca-kiem-soat-nghiem-nguyen-lieu-thuy-san-xuat-khau>
Source -: <https://island.lk/navy-seizes-indian-fishing-trawler-with-9-fishermen-for-illegal-fishing-in-sri-lanka-waters/>



NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Iraq	01
	Portugal	01
	Singapore	01

Total Incidents

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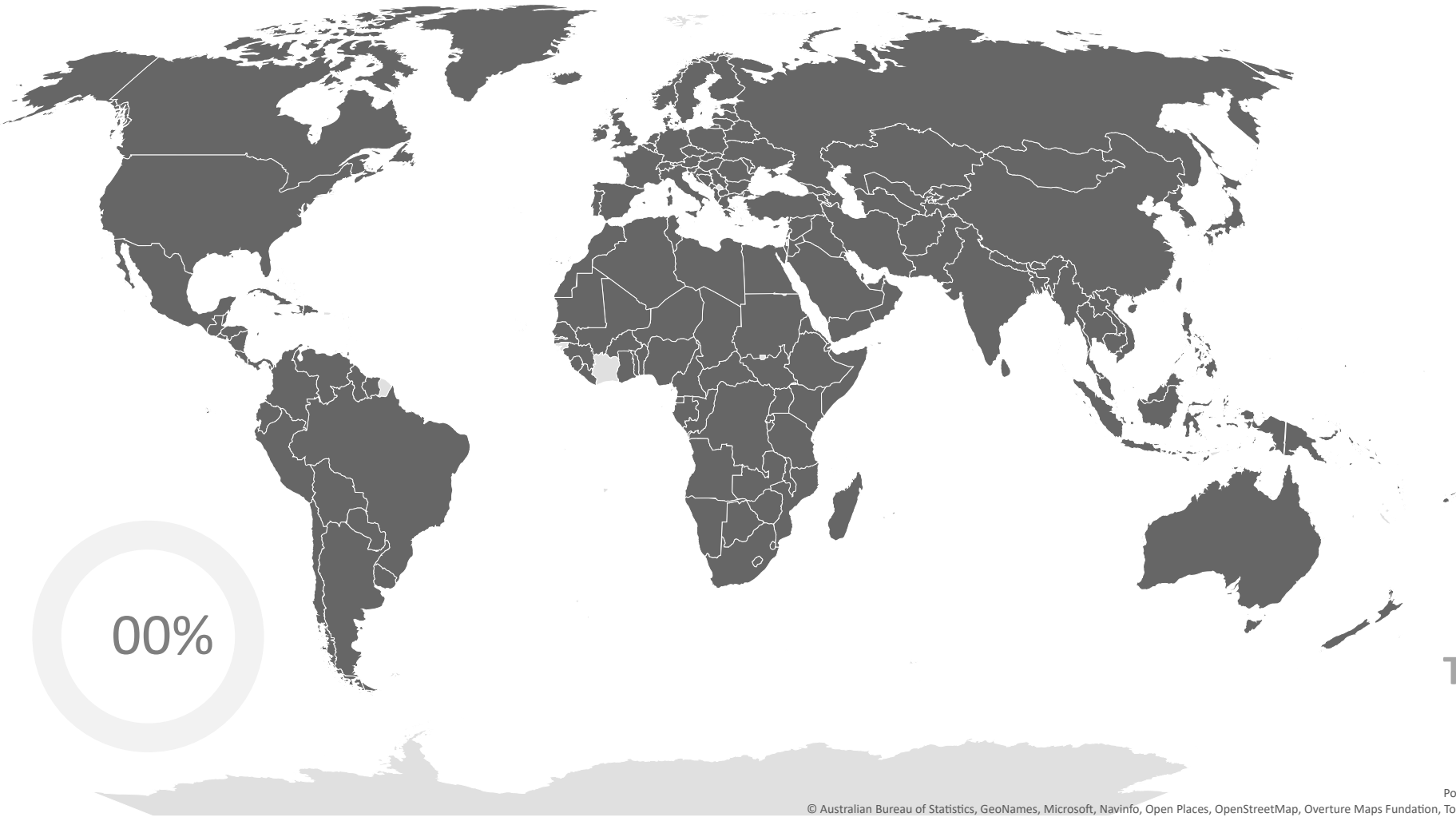
NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.05	Singapore	Singapore Waters	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/ cocaine	Commercial Vessel	Officers from the Police Coast Guard and the Central Narcotics Bureau seized over 8kg of cocaine from a foreign-registered commercial vessel in Singapore waters on 05 Aug 26.
2026.08.06	Portugal	Atlantic Ocean	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Name-Maersk Nokwanda Type –Cargo Flag -China	Operations involving the Portuguese Navy and Air Force intercepted a containership approximately 640 nautical miles off the coast of Portugal in the Atlantic.
2026.08.14	Iraq	Iraqi Territorial Waters	Seizure of narcotics	-	The Interior Ministry announced that the recent operation showcases the capability of Iraqi security forces to monitor and disrupt international trafficking networks, extending their efforts beyond traditional land routes.

Source -: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/8kg-of-cocaine-seized-from-foreign-registered-commercial-vessel-in-singapore-waters>
Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/portuguese-arrest-two-stowaways-and-one-crewmember-in-large-cocaine-seizure>
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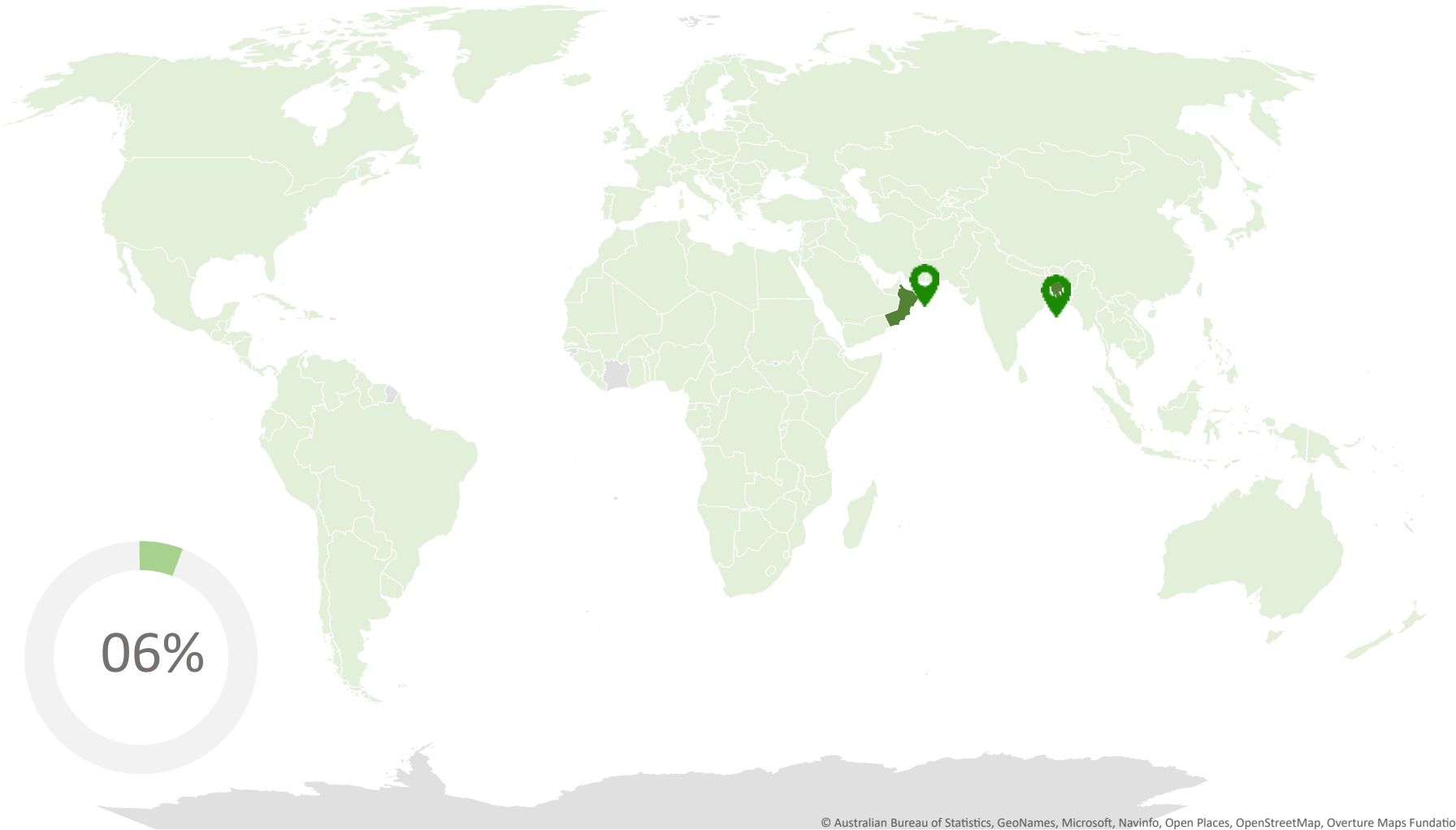
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MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
 Oman		01
 Bangladesh		01

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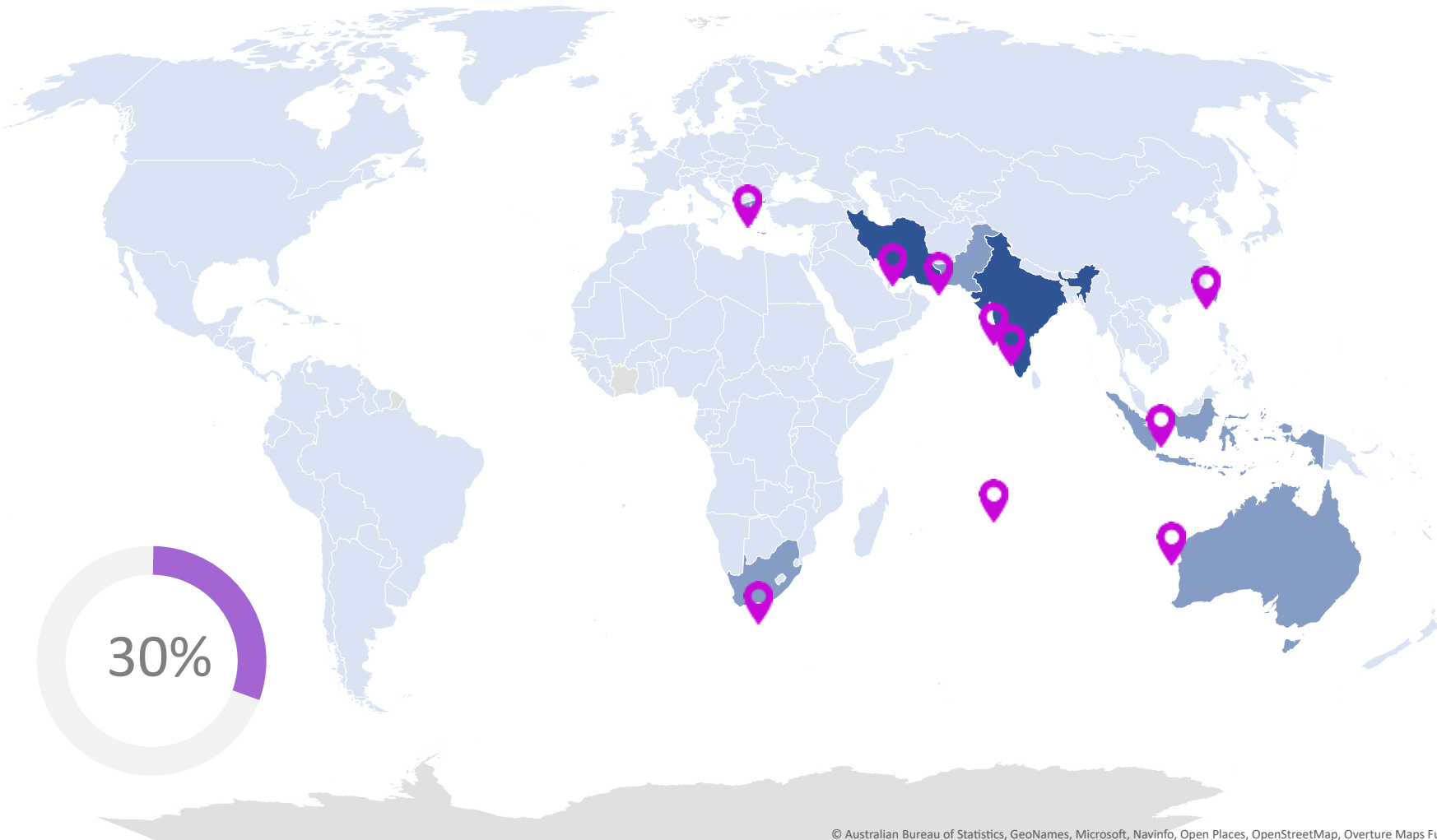
MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.08	Oman	Jazirat Al Qibliyyah, Dhofar Coast	Oil Spill	Name-CAROLINE BEZENGI IMO 9224439 Type-	Oil continues to leak from the wrecked tanker, which remains grounded on rocks off the Dhofar coast. The vessel was carrying crude oil loaded at Novorossiysk and was reportedly bound for Gujarat, India.
2026.08.14	Bangladesh	Bhatiyari	Air Pollution from ships	dismantled ship	Seven workers died due to a toxic gas leak at a ship recycling yard in Bangladesh.

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/wrecked-tanker-continues-uncontrolled-oil-discharge-off-oman>
Source -: <https://splash247.com/seven-die-in-toxic-gas-leak-at-bangladesh-shipbreaking-yard/>



OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Australia	01
	Greece	01
	India	02
	Indonesia	01
	Iran	02
	Pakistan	01
	South Africa	01
	Taiwan	01

Total Incidents

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.09	South Africa	Saudi ArabiaPort of Cape Town, South Africa	Foreign Affairs	-	Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT) is reportedly considering a bid to operate the Duncan Dock Precinct at the Port of Cape Town under a proposed 25-year concession.
2026.08.09	Iran / Arabian Gulf	Kharg Island / Strait of Hormuz	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Oil tankers / LPG carriers	U.S. naval blockade activity has significantly disrupted Iranian oil exports, with all major loading terminals at Kharg Island reportedly remaining vacant for more than a week. Approximately 17 tankers were reportedly idling at anchor near the port.
2026.08.11	Taiwan	Taiwan Waters	Geography Activities	-	The United States opposed actions that threaten freedom of navigation and overflight in the Taiwan Strait, highlighting ongoing tensions between China and Taiwan over maritime jurisdiction and navigation rights.
2026.08.11	Pakistan	71 NM off the coast of Pakistan	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name-Vela Nova Type –Container ship Flag -Panama	Initial reports indicate that the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova was likely struck by a missile while navigating the Gulf of Oman, approximately 71 nm from Pakistan's coast, according to the British maritime risk management group Vanguard and a maritime security source.

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/saudi-arabia-s-rsgt-considers-bid-for-port-of-cape-town>
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Source -: <https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2026/08/12/2003862349>
Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/ukmto-reports-incident-involving-container-ship-and-military-forces-in-gulf-of-oman/>



OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.10	Indonesia	Riau Islands	Naval Activities	-	Rosli highlighted the importance of implementing best practices for maritime security and enhancing networking among countries. Singapore Police Coast Guard Commander SAC Ang Eng Seng emphasized that this cooperation illustrates the strong ties between Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia.
2026.08.13	Iran	Indian Ocean	Naval Activities	Name - Abraham Lincoln Flag – United States Type - Aircraft carrier	Seven crew members on the USS Abraham Lincoln were reportedly killed, and several others injured in a fight, according to Iran's Tasnim News Agency.
2026.08.13	India	Cochin shipyard	Foreign affairs	Name – MS Maria Type - Multi-purpose vessel	India's Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has delivered the MS Maria, the second vessel in an eight-vessel series of Multi-Purpose Vessels, ordered by the German shipping company HS Schiffahrts UG & Co KG.
2026.08.09	Australia	Off Perth	Foreign affairs	-	This situation is troubling as submarine cables are crucial for national digital infrastructure, and it may be the second incident in a Federally declared cable protection zone, according to Bevan Slattery, CEO of Subco.

Source -: <https://news.az/news/indonesia-malaysia-singapore-launch-joint-maritime-security-drill>

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/7-us-navy-personnel-reportedly-killed-several-injured-in-clash-aboard-uss-abraham-lincoln/>

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Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/suspicious-subsea-cable-breaks-prompt-calls-for-investigation-in-australia>



OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.14	Greece	between the islands of Lefkada and Preveza	Geography Activities	-	Technical divers have discovered a rare German fast-attack boat at a depth of 96m off western Greece, 83 years after it sank during transportation for repairs.
2026.08.15	India	India	Foreign affairs	-	The joint secretary at India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways announced plans for the first pilot vessel on the Northern Sea Route, scheduled for 2027.

Source -: <https://divernet.com/scuba-news/wrecks/greek-divers-find-rare-nazi-fast-attack-boat/>

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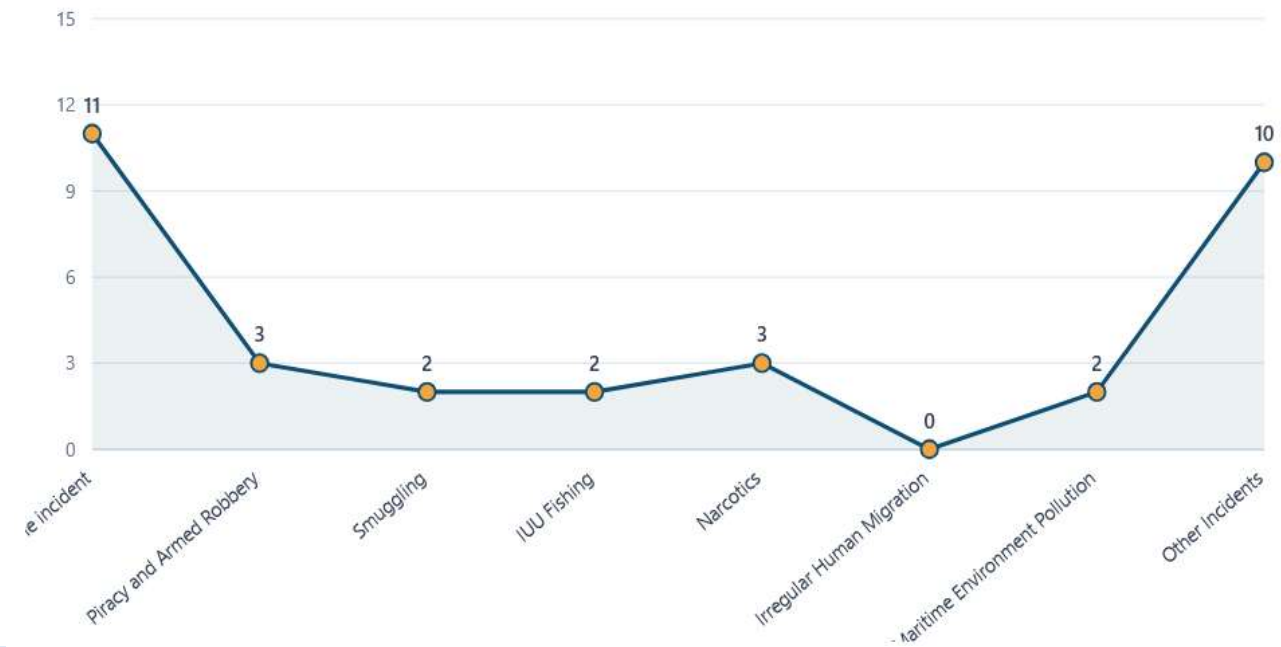


WEEKLY ANALYSIS

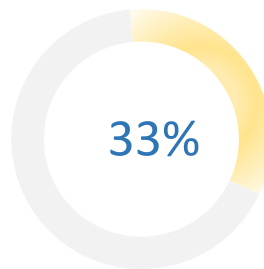
This week, 33 incidents were reported globally. Among these, 11 maritime incidents reported. Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 03 incidents. Smuggling-related incidents totaled 02. IUU fishing accounted for 02 incidents. Narcotics-related incidents totaled 03. Maritime environmental pollution accounted for 02 incidents. Further 10 other incidents were recorded mainly involving military and naval activities, maritime security developments, foreign affairs, and geopolitical tensions involving Iran, Oman, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Australia. Weather-related incidents included 04 tropical cyclones and 03 earthquakes

Recommendations

To strengthen maritime domain awareness through continuous AIS monitoring, satellite surveillance, coastal radar, and real-time intelligence sharing, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Bab el-Mandeb, Arabian Sea, and Indian Ocean. Enhance naval and coast guard patrols and establish coordinated vessel-security measures in high-risk waters to deter piracy, armed attacks, smuggling, and other maritime threats. Strengthen Sri Lankan maritime surveillance and fisheries enforcement to counter IUU fishing and smuggling, particularly in the northern and western coastal areas. Improve SAR preparedness and inter-agency coordination for vessel fires, groundings, capsizing, and other maritime emergencies. Enhance maritime pollution monitoring and oil-spill response capabilities, particularly along major tanker routes. Maintain continuous monitoring of Iran-related maritime tensions and military activities, as further escalation could disrupt commercial shipping, energy transportation, and regional maritime security.



Highest reported this week
Maritime Incident





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