

WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 22

From 2026.06.01 TO 2026.06.07



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 22

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	05
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	03
• Smuggling	:-	01
• IUU Fishing	:-	00
• Narcotics	:-	01
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	02
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	05

Total Maritime Incidents 17

Global Weather Incident



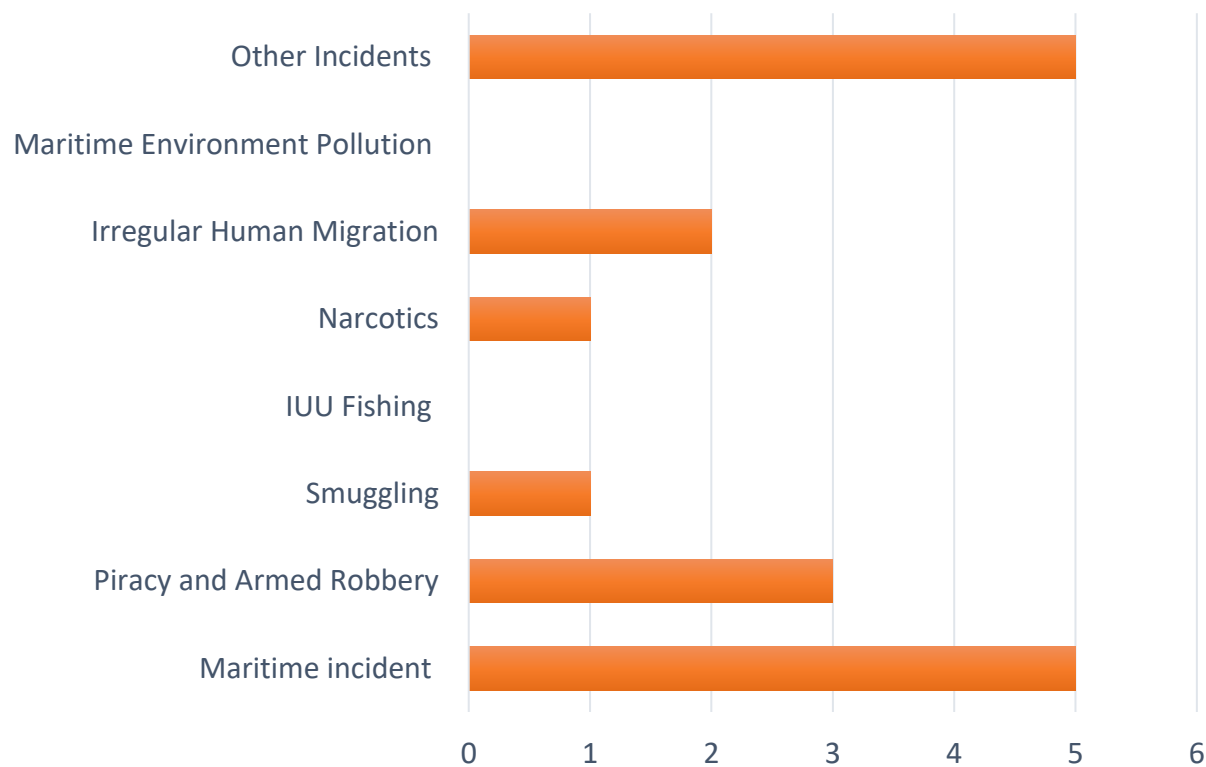
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	01
• Earthquake	:-	03

Total Weather Incidents 04

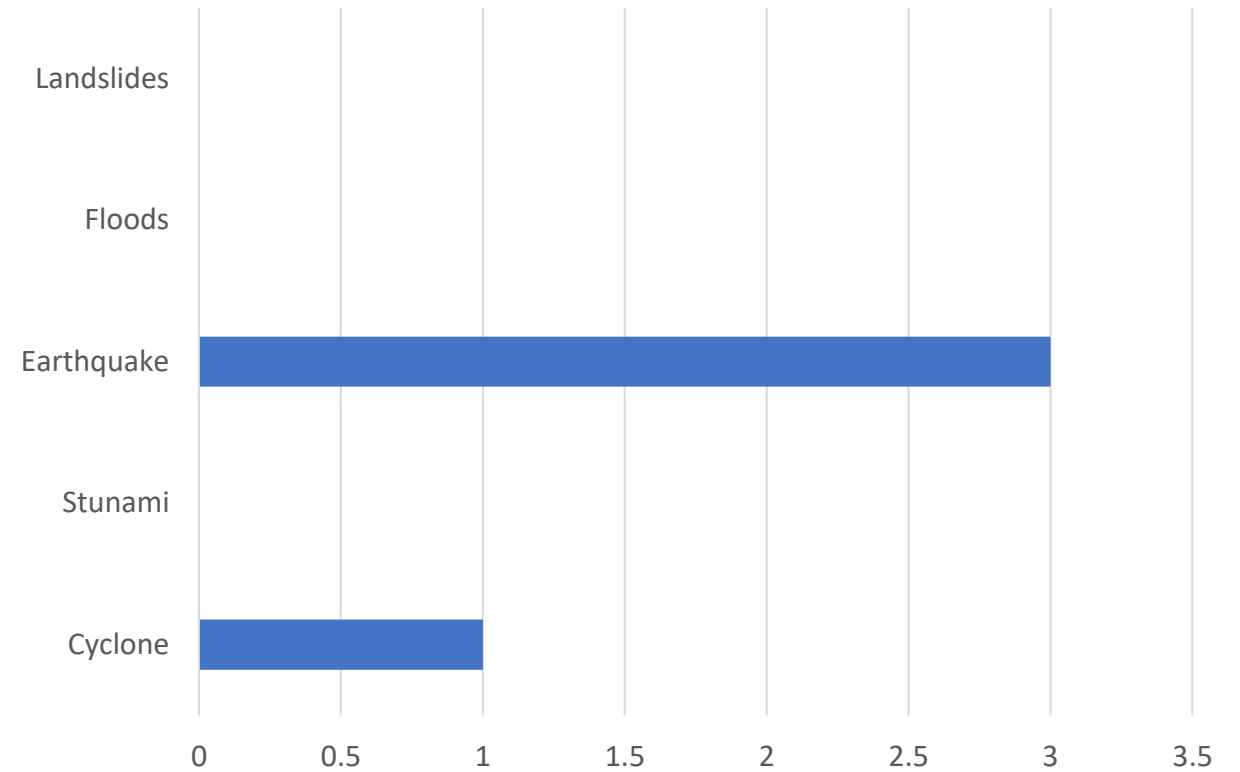


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Maritime Incidents

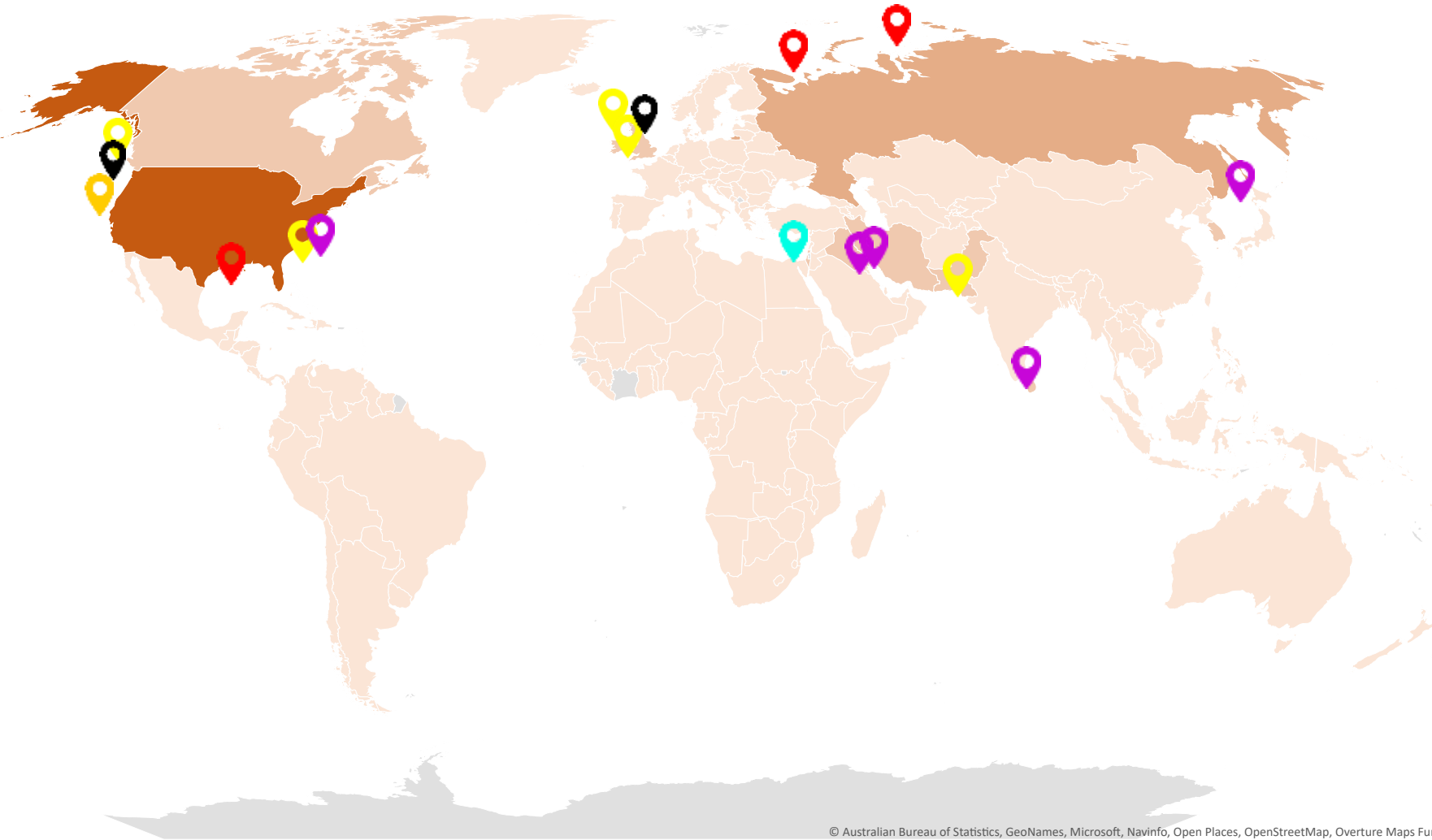


Weather Incidents





STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	05
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	00
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	02
 Maritime Environment Pollution	00
 Other	05

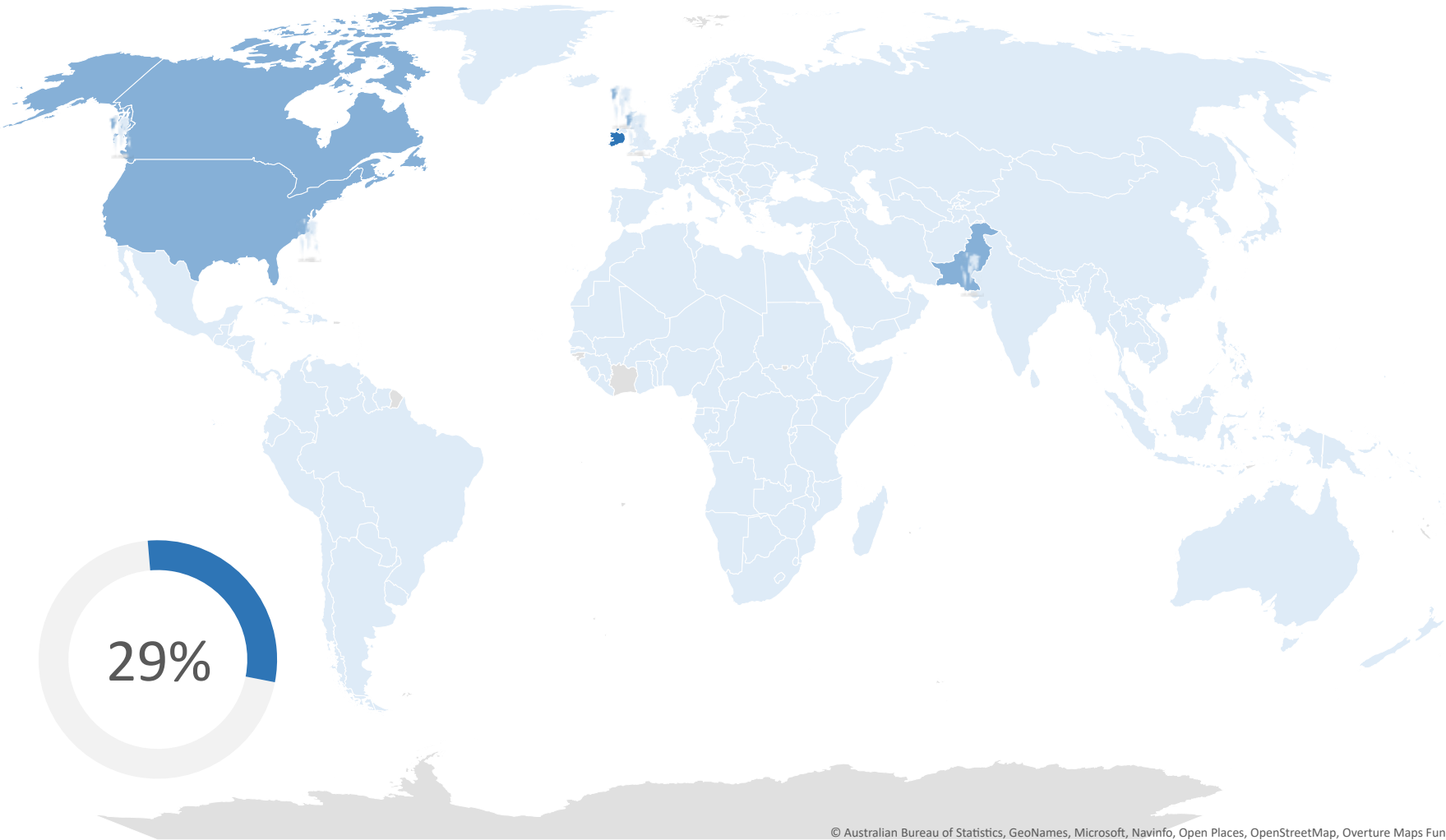
Total Incidents

17

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Canada	01
	Ireland	02
	Pakistan	01
	United States	01

Total Incidents

05

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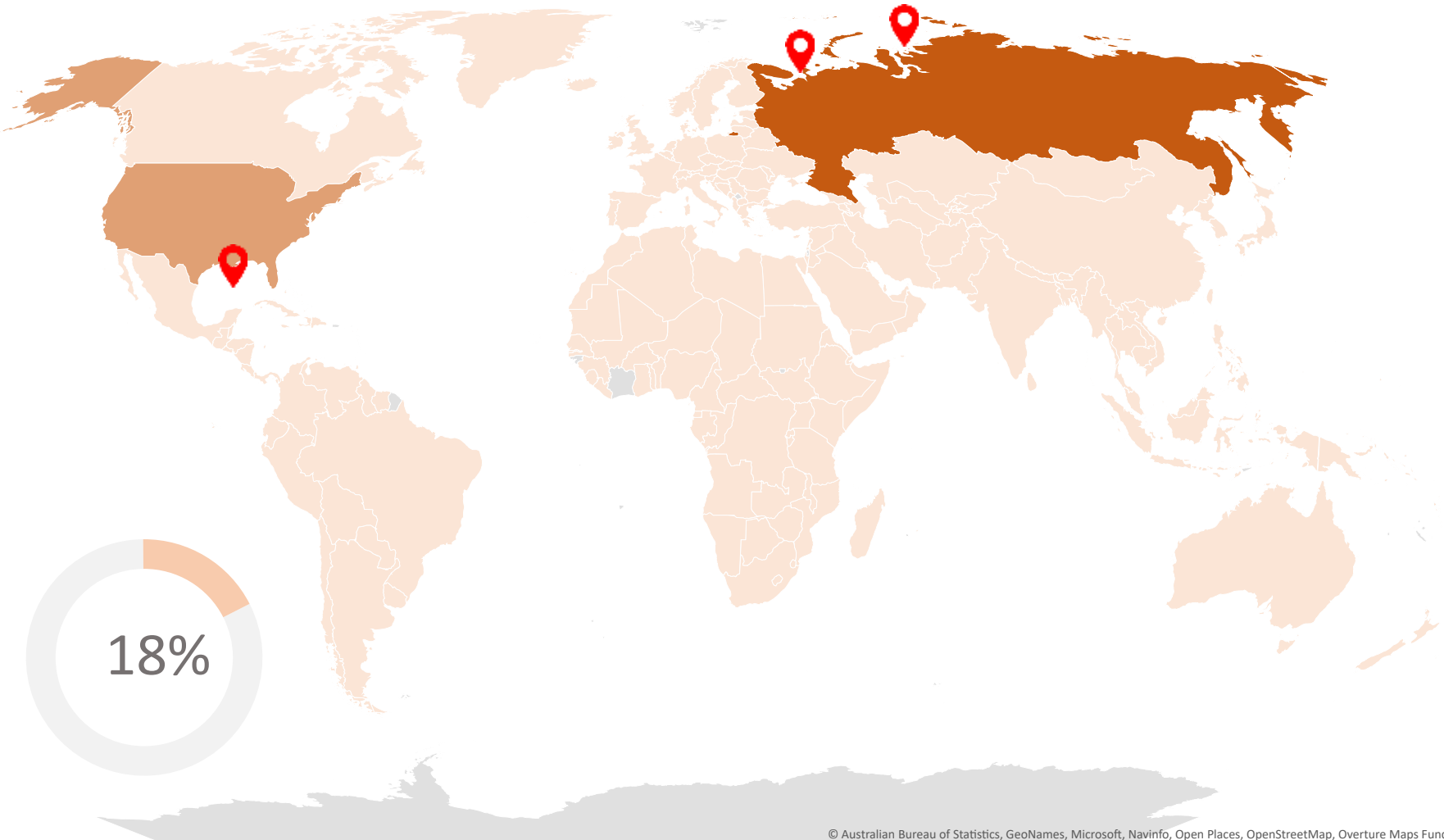
MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.28	Canada	Fraser River	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	The vessel, which was next to a log boom, was fully engulfed when first responders arrived.
2026.06.02	Ireland	Carlingford Lough	Search and Rescue (SAR)	fishing boat	An RNLI lifeboat from Kilkeel and the Greenore Irish Coast Guard boat were deployed alongside Coast Guard rescue teams from Newcastle and Kilkeel. The search also involved the Irish Coast Guard's Rescue 116 helicopter and a Royal Navy helicopter.
2026.05.28	Pakistan	Off Karachi	Collisions	Name – Papu Niwa Flag – Liberia IMO – 9377561 Name - Flag - UAE IMO - 8819029	Port tugs escorted the damaged Niwa to a berth in Karachi, while Papu was instructed to remain at anchorage for inspection.
2026.06.04	Ireland	Wicklow RNLI	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Rowing Boat	The casualties were quickly taken onboard the inshore lifeboat and landed safely ashore beside the rowing club.
2026.06.03	USA	Rocks off Ocean Avenue in Wells	Grounding/Stranding	30-foot Cuddy Cabin Boat	Officials said the vessel remains stranded offshore until removal operations can be safely completed.

Source -: <https://www.freshetnews.ca/boat-fire-on-fraser-river-captured-with-drone-video/>
Source -: <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/rescue-operation-under-way-after-boat-sinks-in-carlingford-lough/a/154858284.html>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12985/cable-ship-and-containership-collide-off-karachi-no-injuries>
Source -: <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2026/june/04/wicklow-rnli-rescue-two-people-from-the-water-after-their-rowing-boat-capsized>
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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United State	01
	Russia	02

Total Incidents

03

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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.27	Russia	Port of Taganrog	Assault violations	Oil Tanker	Slyusar said nearly 50 drones were intercepted over the Rostov region during the night.
2026.05.29	United State	Off Iran	Assault violations	Name - M/V Lian Star Flag - Gambia	A US aircraft disabled the Lian Star vessel by firing a Hellfire missile into its engine room, following noncompliance from the crew. Centcom confirmed the ship is no longer headed to Iran.
2026.06.05	Russia	Taganrog Bay	Assault violations	Name – Natra Name - Zirkon Flag – Belize Flag - Palao Type – Cargo	Survivors were rescued by three merchant vessels transiting the area and were later transferred to the Russian port of Yeysk. Two tugboats were dispatched to assist the damaged Natra.

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/oil-tanker-catches-fire-in-latest-ukrainian-long-range-drone-strike-on-russian-port/>
Source -: <https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2026/05/31/us-military-fires-on-gambia-flagged-ship-violating-iran-blockade>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12993/five-azerbaijani-seafarers-killed-in-drone-strikes-on-mercha>



SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Israel	01

Total Incidents

01

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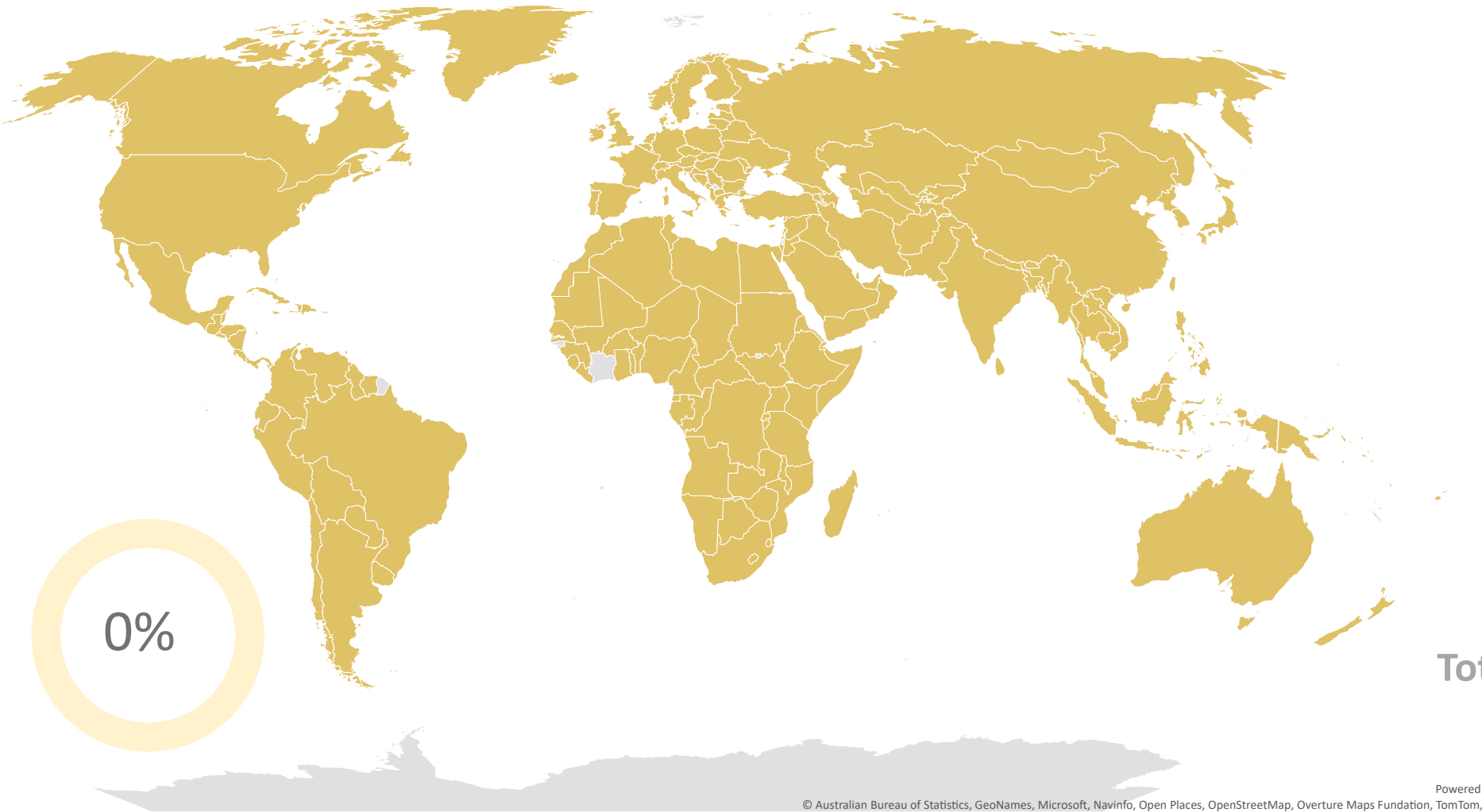
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.31	Israel	off the coast of Ashdod	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Police recovered abandoned goods after smugglers threw boxes overboard to avoid arrest as law enforcement approached.

Source -: <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-898082>



IUU FISHING



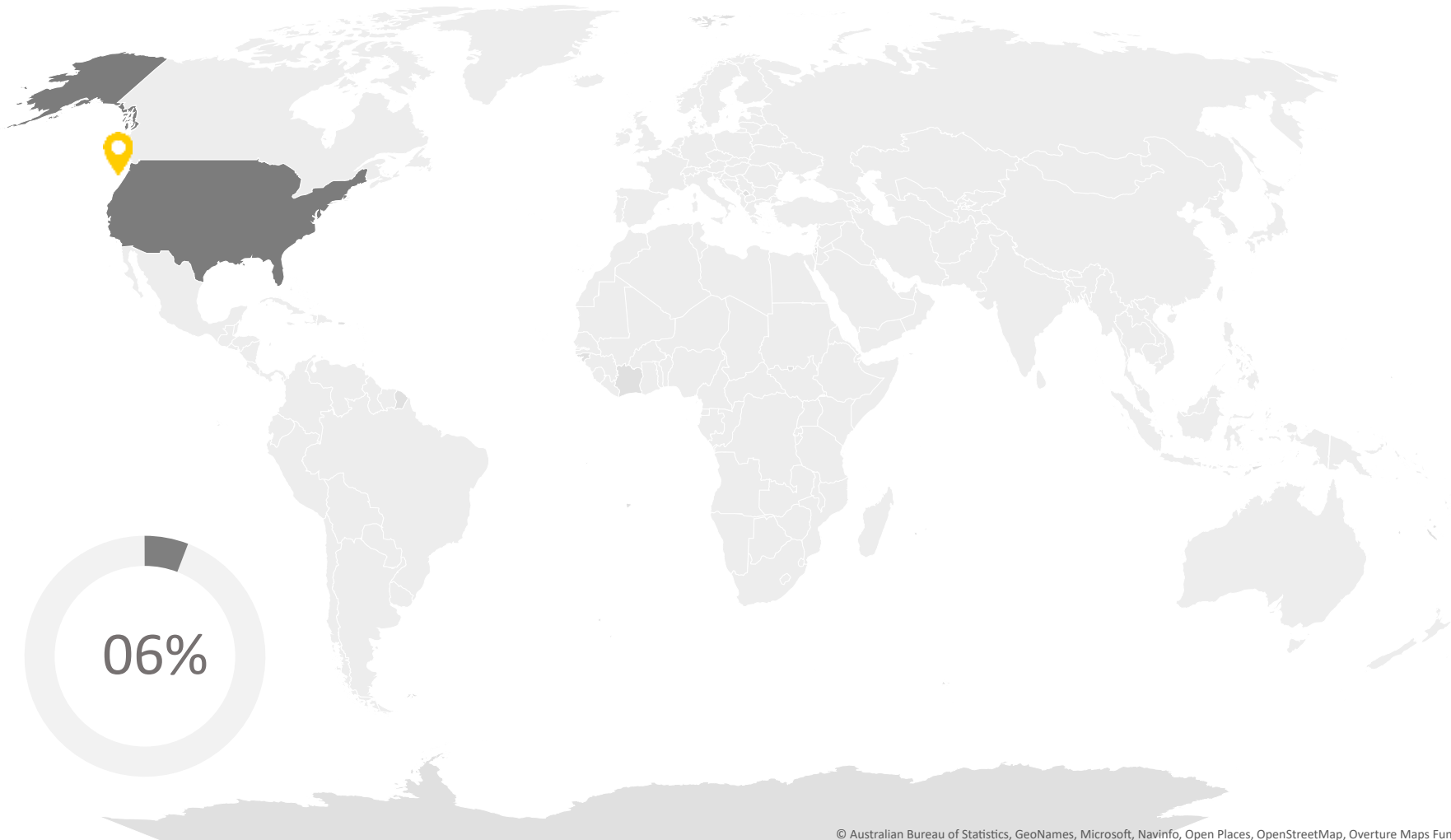
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NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United State	01

Total Incidents

01

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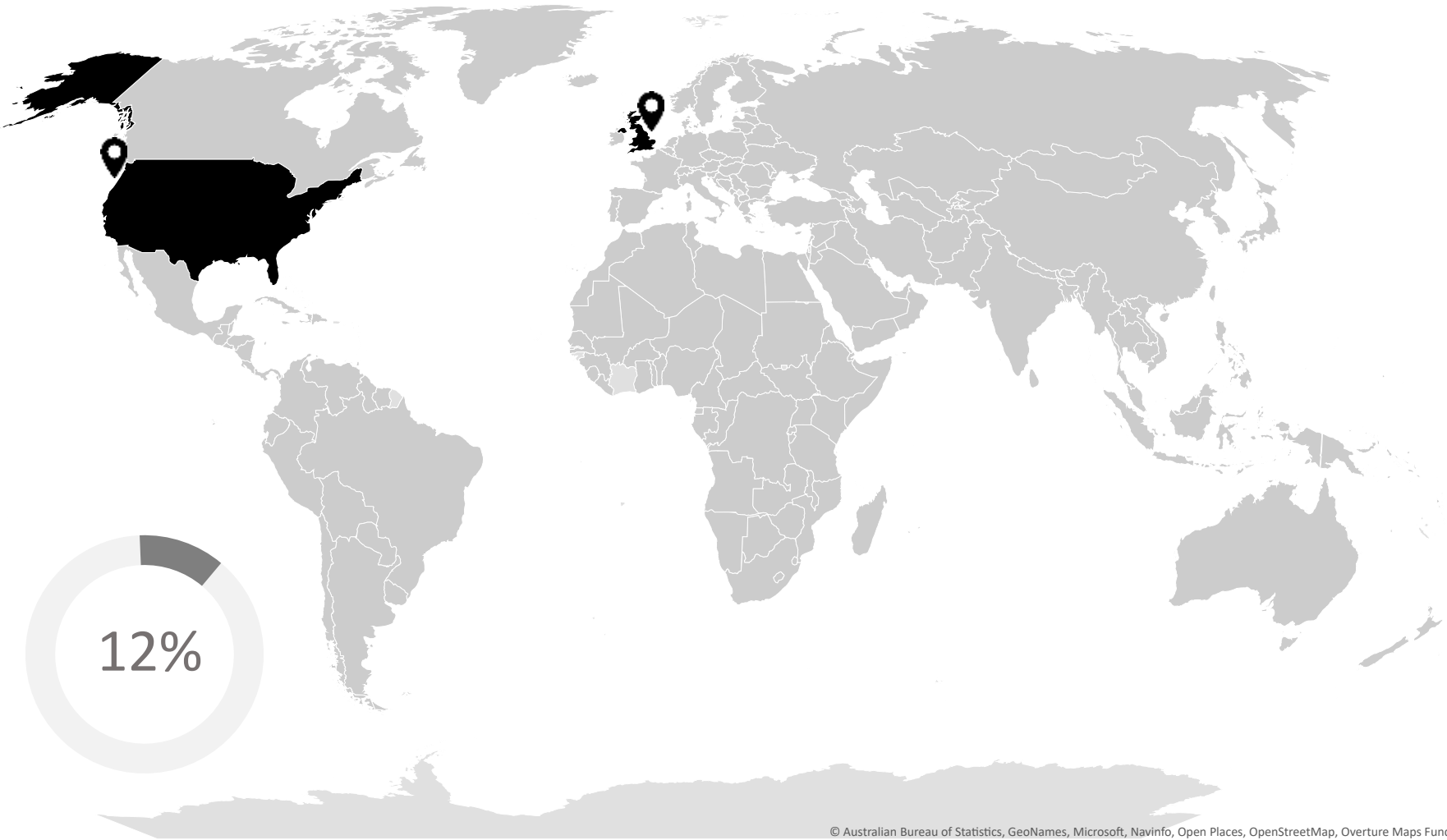


NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.30	United State	Eastern Pacific	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /Crystal methamphetamine/Cocaine	-	Three male narco-terrorists were killed in an operation, with no US military personnel harmed, according to Southern Command's statement on X.

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/video-us-military-carries-out-another-strike-on-vessel-in-eastern-pacific-killing-3/>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	United Kingdom	01
	United State	01

Total Incidents

02

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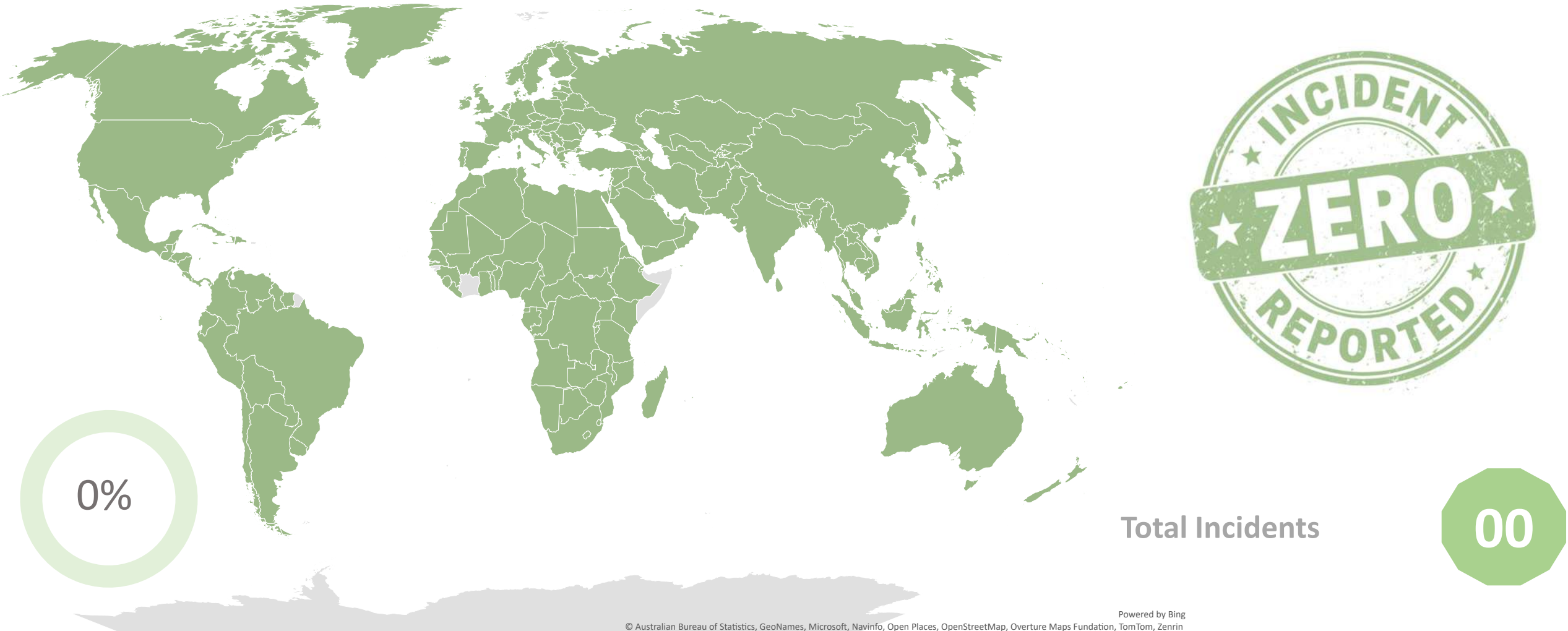
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.28	UK	Off the South Coast	Illegal broader crossing	Yacht	Five men have been arrested after a yacht carrying seven suspected illegal migrants was intercepted off the south coast of England.
2026.06.04	USA	Coast Of The Turks And Caicos Islands	Overcrowded vessels	Rustic Vessel	Customs and Border Protection patrol plane identified a 50-foot Haitian migrant vessel approximately 65 nautical miles south of Turks and Caicos, equipped with two outboard engines and heading north toward the islands.

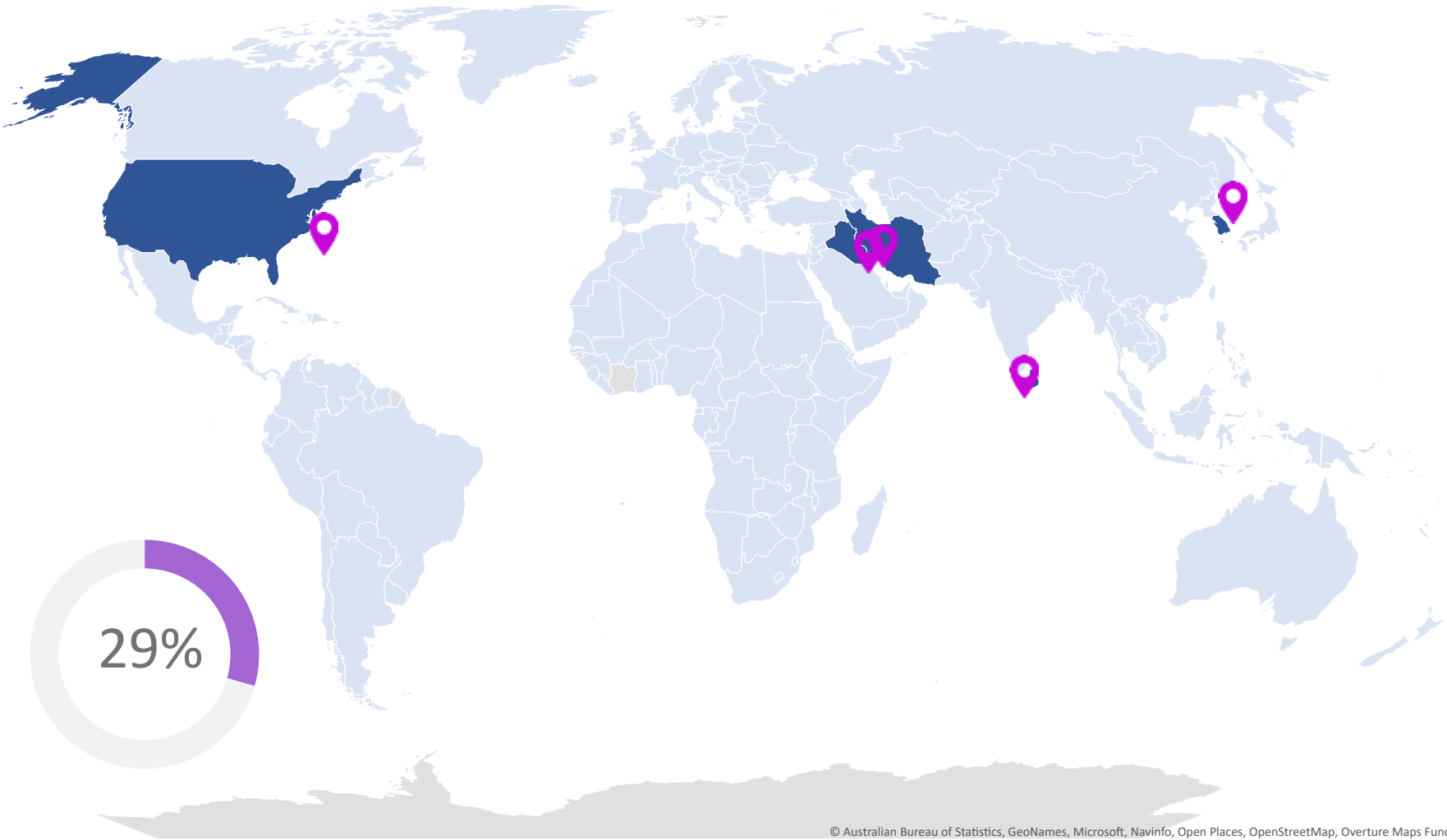
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Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/coast-guard-helps-save-leaking-packed-migrant-boat-with-240-people-aboard>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Iran	01
	Iraq	01
	South Korea	01
	Sri Lanka	01
	United State	01

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05

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.31	South Korea	Southeast of Jeju Island	Naval activities	-	South Korea has announced its first joint maritime search and rescue drill with Japan in nine years, a move that has strategic implications beyond regular naval exercises.
2026.06.01	Iraq	Port of Umm Qasr	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – MSC Sariska V Flag – Panama IMO - 8715857	MSC confirmed that all the ship's crew were safe and nobody was injured, adding that they secured the vessel and its cargo after the attack.
2026.06.02	Iran	Kharg Island	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Lexie Flag – Botswana IMO - 9203277	Reports indicate that the crew members disregarded warnings and failed to comply with U.S. forces' orders over a 24-hour period.
2026.06.04	Sri Lanka	Port of Colombo	Naval Activities	Name- SLNS Samudravijaya Type - Offshore Patrol Vessel	The United States Coast Guard officially handed over a vessel to Sri Lanka on 02 Dec 25. After modifications for the Sri Lanka Navy, it set sail for Colombo on 20 Feb 26 from Baltimore, Maryland.
2026.06.06	USA	Southwest Of Sri Lanka	Naval Activities	Name- MT Lenore(MT Davina) Type -Tanker Flag -Curacao	The tanker, which also operated as MT Lenore, was found 20 miles southwest of Sri Lanka, where it had reportedly been hiding for a month and a half.

Source -: <https://www.voiceofemirates.com/en/news/2026/05/31/after-a-nine-year-hiatus-south-korea-and-japan-resume-joint-naval-exercises/>

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/msc-ship-hit-by-projectiles-while-leaving-iraqs-umm-qasr-port-irgc-claims-responsibility/>

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/u-s-aircraft-fires-hellfire-missile-at-engine-room-of-tanker-en-route-to-irans-kharg-island/>

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/june/president-commissions-offshore-patrol-vessel-%E2%80%99samudravijaya%E2%80%99-into-sri-lanka-navy.html>

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/u-s-navy-interdicts-sanctioned-stateless-oil-tanker-mt-davina-in-indian-ocean/>

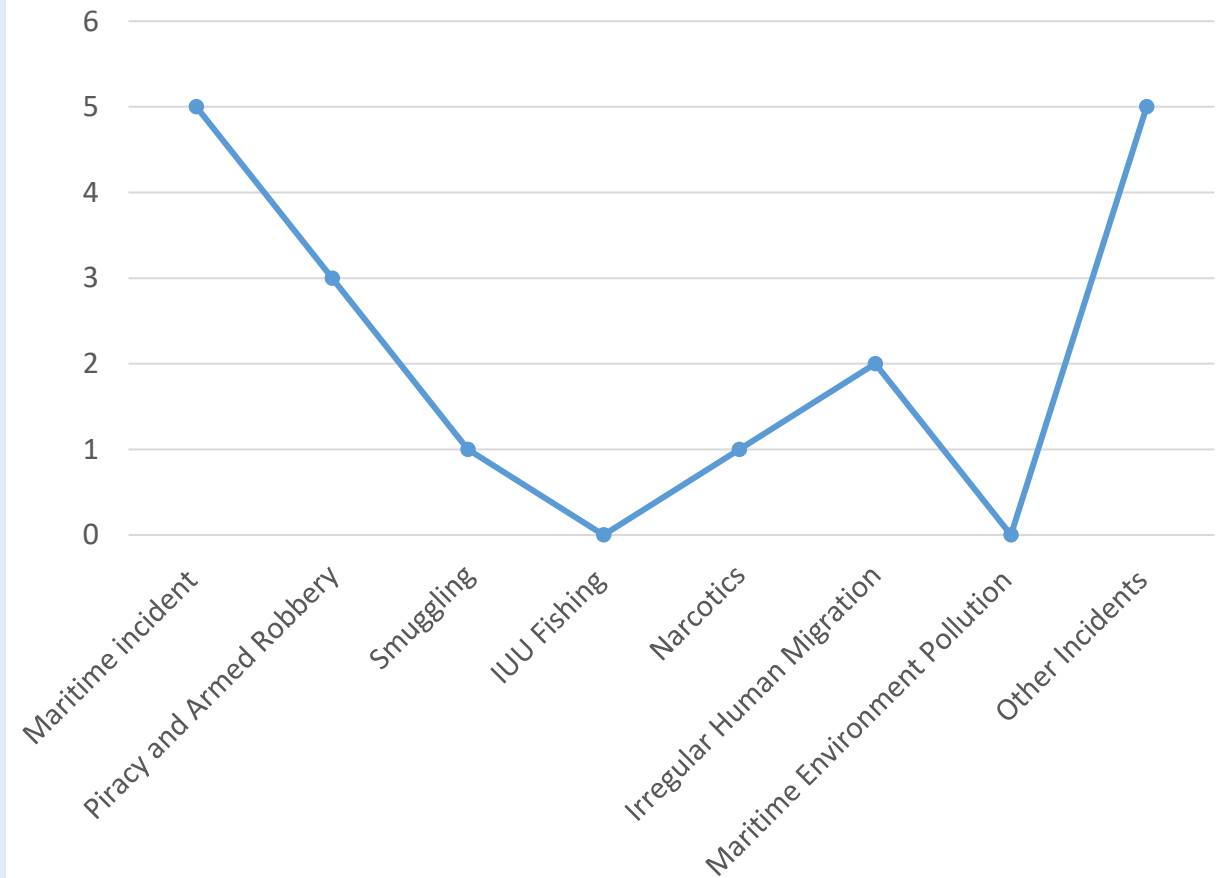
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

This week, 17 incidents were reported globally. Among these, 05 maritime safety incidents reported . Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 03 incidents,. Smuggling-related incidents totaled 01, No IUU fishing and maritime environmental pollution incidents were reported during the period. Narcotics-related incidents accounted for 01 incident, involving a maritime drug trafficking operation in the Eastern Pacific Ocean by the United States. Irregular human migration incidents totaled 02. Further 05 other incidents were reported, including naval and military/coast guard activities involving Iran, Iraq, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and the United States. Weather-related incidents included 01 tropical cyclone and 03 earthquakes.

Recommendations

To strengthen maritime domain awareness through AIS tracking, satellite surveillance, and real-time intelligence sharing to monitor high-risk maritime areas including the Indian Ocean, Black Sea, and major migration routes. Enhance naval and coast guard patrols in conflict-affected and piracy-prone regions to deter armed robbery, maritime attacks, and illegal activities. Improve SAR coordination and emergency response capabilities for vessel accidents, migrant boat incidents, and maritime emergencies. Conduct regular vessel safety inspections and enforce compliance with navigational standards, fire prevention measures, and operational safety procedures to reduce maritime accidents. Strengthen counter-narcotics operations through international intelligence cooperation and maritime interdiction efforts. Enhance monitoring of smuggling activities and irregular migration through coordinated regional surveillance. Maintain close observation of increasing naval activities and geopolitical developments to identify emerging maritime security threats.

Maritime Incidents





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The information in this report has been sourced from various internal and external parties, including international and local stakeholders, maritime agencies, and open sources. The report analyzes incidents to identify trends and discrepancies, aiming to improve the safety and security of mariners and seafarers. While efforts have been made to ensure data accuracy, users should exercise due diligence. Some incident locations may be approximate. IFC-Colombo requests stakeholders' cooperation in reporting incidents for more accurate analysis of maritime threats. The views expressed in this report do not reflect those of the Sri Lanka Navy or Government of Sri Lanka.

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