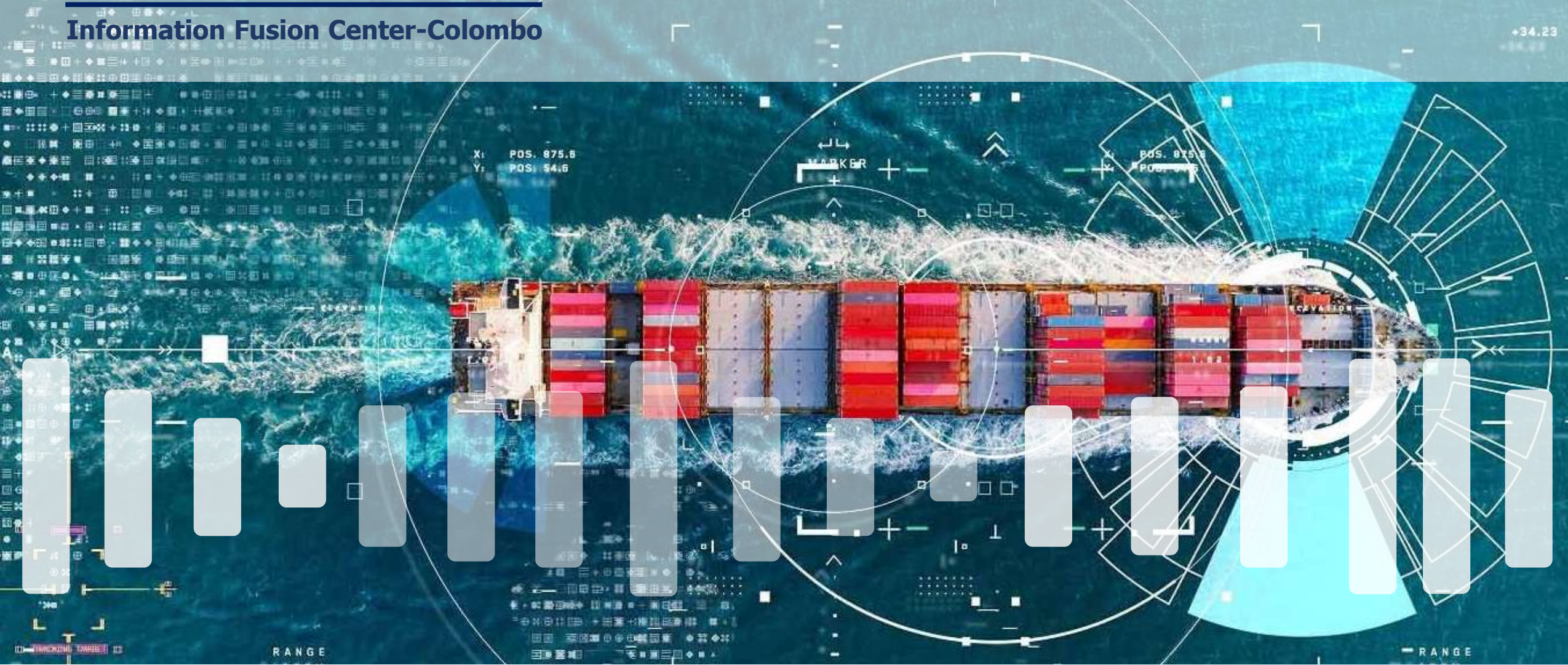


WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 26

From 2026.06.29 TO 2026.07.05

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 26

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	09
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	03
• Smuggling	:-	02
• IUU Fishing	:-	00
• Narcotics	:-	02
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	04
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	03

Total Maritime Incidents 23

Global Weather Incident



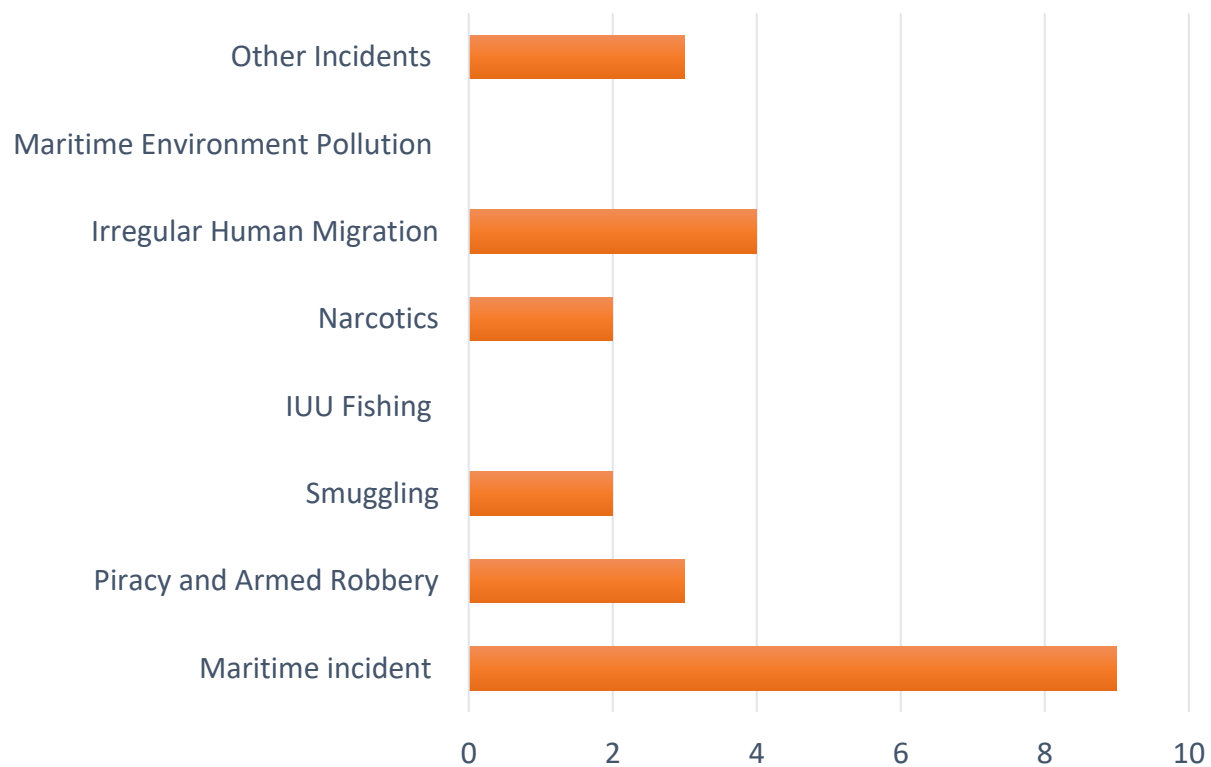
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	02
• Earthquake	:-	03

Total Weather Incidents 05

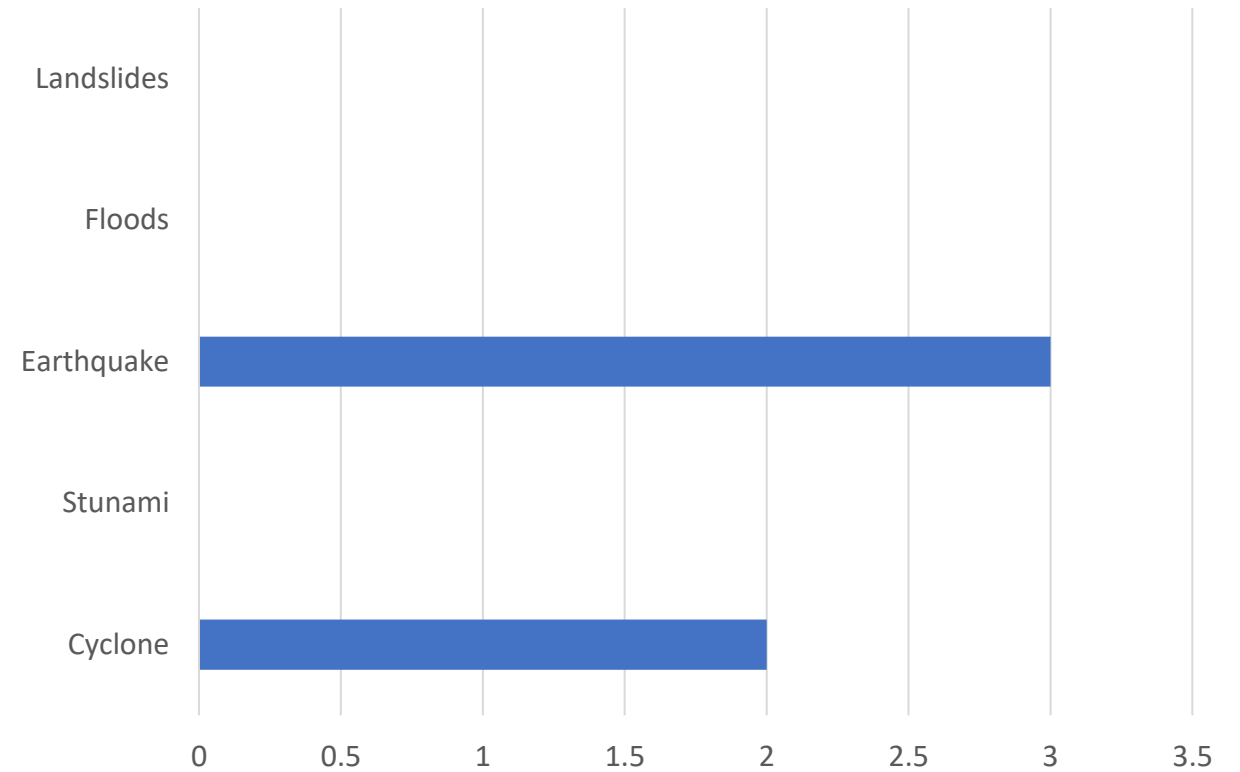


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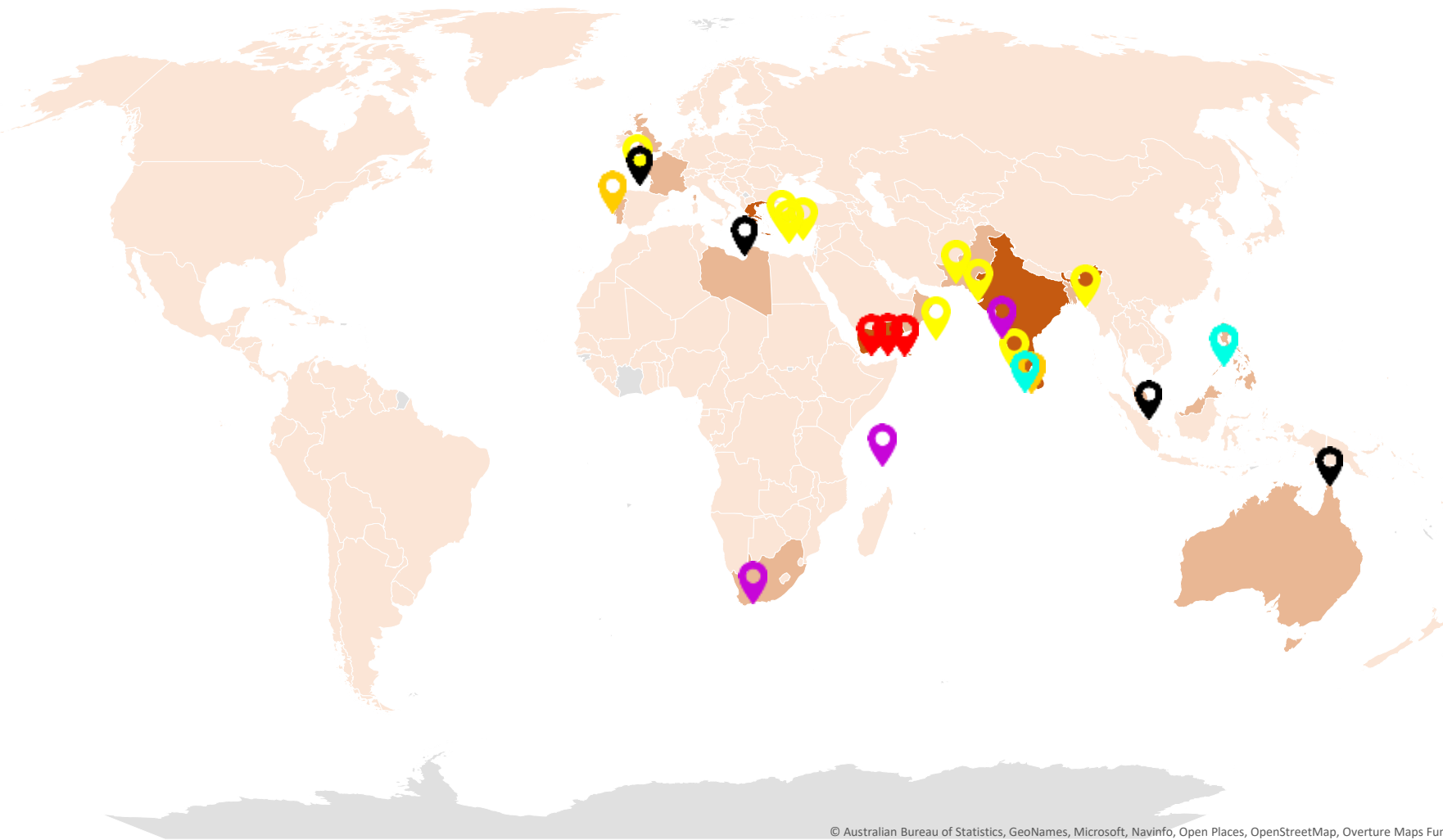


Weather Incidents





STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	09
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	02
 IUU Fishing	00
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	04
 Maritime Environment Pollution	00
 Other	03

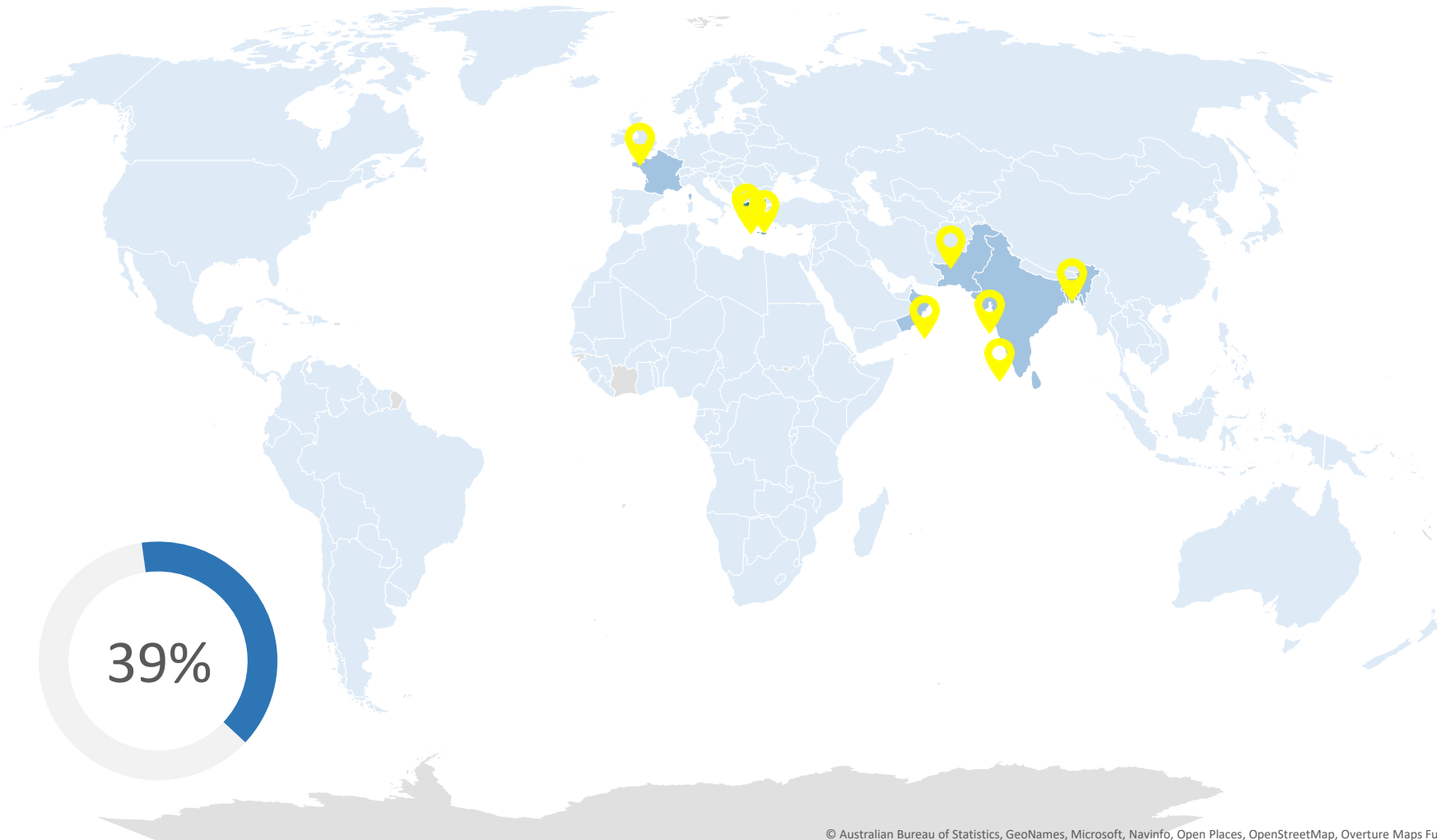
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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Bangladesh	01
	France	01
	Greece	03
	India	01
	Oman	01
	Pakistan	01
	Sri Lanka	01

Total Incidents

09

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.27	Greece	Off Milos	Grounding/ Standing	Name- KISSAMOS Type- Passenger IMO: 9035876	The Hellenic Coast Guard sent a response team, and a diver inspected the vessel's hull, finding no damage. The crew restored propulsion, allowing the ferry to refloat and return safely to Milo.
2026.06.27	India	Off Tiruchendur	Capsizing/ Sinking	Name - SITTHAA Type - Other IMO : 8923909	Following the alert, the Indian Coast Guard deployed the ICG ship Atulya to aid a distressed vessel. A specialized boarding team collaborated with salvage experts to conduct emergency repairs and dewatering operations, successfully managing to control the flooding.
2026.06.28	Greece	Northeast of Psathoura	Mechanical breakdown/ Engine Failure/ No Communication	Name-YM JUPITER Type -Tanker IMO: 9291597	Following the incident, the Port Authority of Alonissos sanctioned the vessel's captain for not promptly notifying the relevant port authority of the mechanical failure, violating Greek maritime regulations.
2026.06.29	France	Port of Honfleur	Fire/ Folding/ Explosion	Name- BOTTICELL Type -inland cruise ship	All 163 individuals, comprising 132 passengers and 31 crewmembers, were safely evacuated and medically monitored.
2026.06.30	Greece	West of Kefalonia	Man Overboard (MOB)	-	The competent port authorities launched an investigation into the cause and circumstances of the sinking..
2026.06.30	Bangladesh	Karnaphuli River	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name- FV DESH	The deaths occurred on June 30 while the victims were en route to Dhaka for advanced treatment. Doctors reported that Tamim is in critical condition due to 100% burns.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13042/greece-flagged-ro-ro-ferry-refloats-after-grounding-off-milo>
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Source -: <https://greekcitytimes.com/2026/07/01/two-rescued-after-sailboat-sinks-west-of-kefalonia/>
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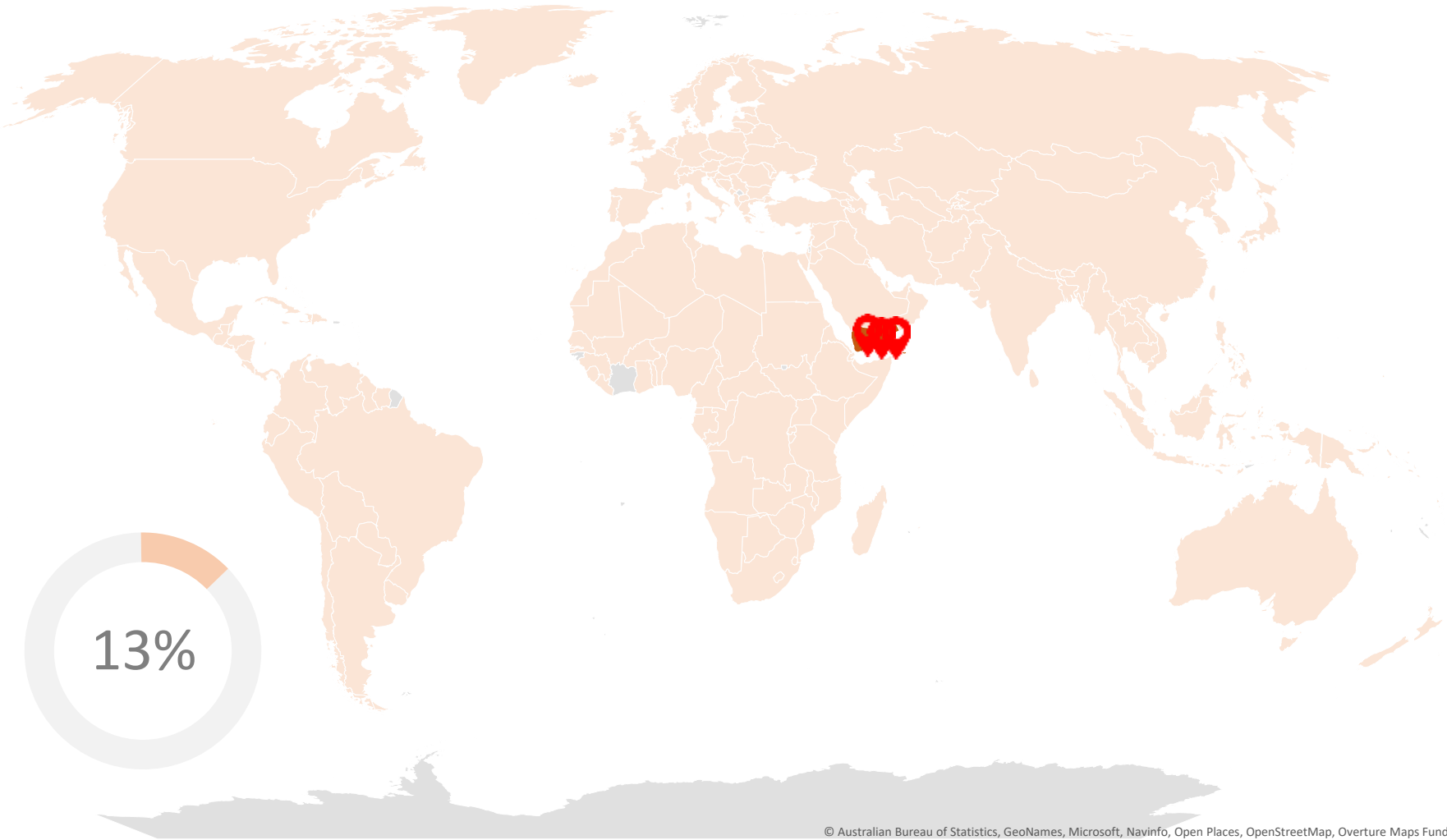
MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.01	Pakistan	Saifullah Lake in the Kalam	Capsizing /Sinking	Tourists boat	Seven bodies have been recovered from the lake, confirmed by a senior official from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tourism and Culture Authority. Search and rescue teams, along with local residents, are still looking for the missing passengers.
2026.07.01	Oman	Arabian Sea	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- USS George H. W. Bush Type - aircraft carrier Aircraft- MH-60S Seahawk	Three of the four crewmembers from the helicopter have been rescued and returned to Bush, with Navy officials reporting their stable condition. SAR operations continue in the area.
2026.07.04	India	Near Mumbai	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- MT Desh Shakti Type –Crude Oil Tanker Flag – India	The injured seafarer was safely lifted from the tanker using a rescue basket, a standard technique used in maritime evacuations, an official statement said.

Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/seven-dead-two-missing-after-tour-boat-capsizes-in-northern-pakistan>
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Source -: <https://www.mid-day.com/amp/mumbai/mumbai-news/article/mumbai-monsoon-indian-navy-sea-king-helicopter-rescues-injured-seafarer-amid-heavy-rain-near-mumbai-23638213>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Yemen	03

Total Incidents

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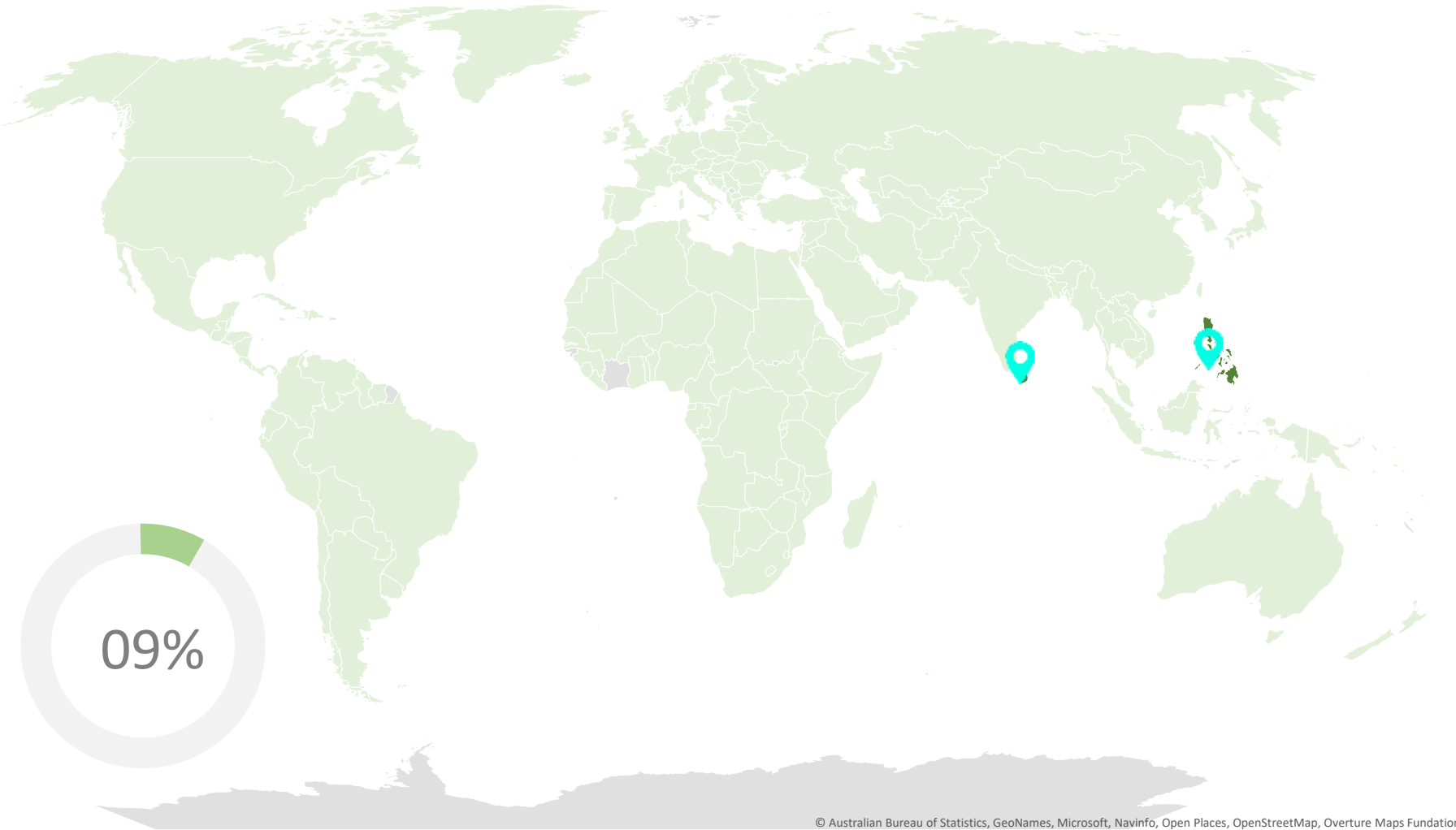
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.30	Yemen	Gulf of Aden	Piracy	Name-MV Golden Arsenal Type – Cargo Flag – Saint Vincent	Marine Commandos (MARCOS) from the Indian Navy conducted a security sweep on the MV Golden Arsenal, confirming the vessel's safety for its continued journey..
2026.07.01	Yemen	Gulf of Aden	Piracy		Four heavily armed individuals were seen pursuing a second merchant ship, likely the same group based on timing and location, according to MSCIO.
2026.07.01	Yemen	South Of Balhaf	Illegal boarding	Tanker vessel	UKMTO reclassified the incident as an illegal boarding after the vessel's master reported that four armed men had boarded the tanker, causing damage to the bridge and nearby compartments. The crew remained safe inside the citadel during the event.

Source -: <https://www.whalesbook.com/news/English/transportation/Indian-Navy-Thwarts-Piracy-Attempt-on-Cargo-Ship-in-Gulf-of-Aden/6a464a21bfe8447456fac4ff>
Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/pirates-board-and-damage-vessel-and-then-pursue-second-ship-in-gulf-of-aden>
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SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Philippine	01
	Sri Lanka	01

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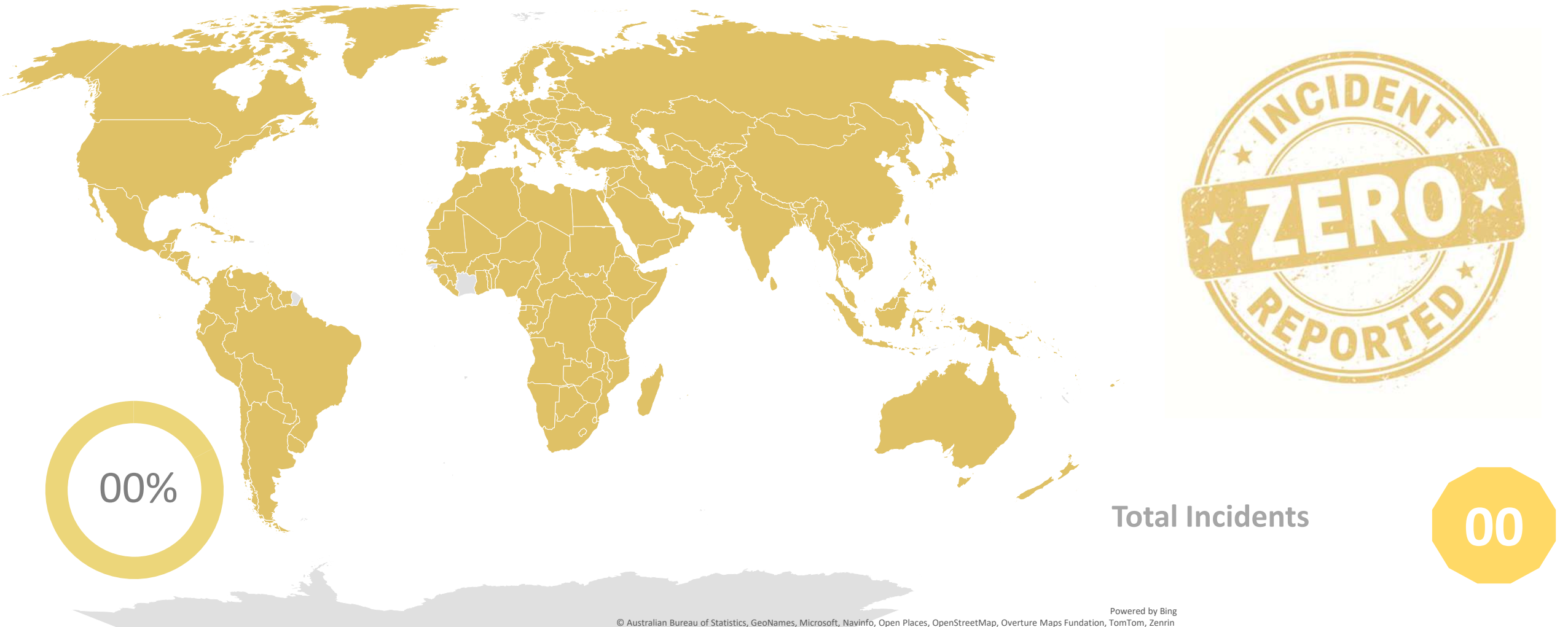
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.28	Sri Lanka	Negombo lagoon area	Contraband/ Goods smuggling	One boat	The suspect, a 22-year-old from Pamunugama, Negombo, was arrested along with a dinghy and Kendu leaves and was transferred to the Katunayake Customs Preventive Office for legal action.
2026.07.02	Philippines	Gothong port yard	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Intelligence operatives reported to DAILY TRIBUNE that the most recent seizure follows last week's operation, which resulted in the confiscation of 11 forty-foot container vans filled with suspected illicit cigarettes in the Mandaue port area and Barangay Bacayan in Cebu City.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/june/navy-intercepts-dinghy-with-over-620kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-negombo-lagoon.html>
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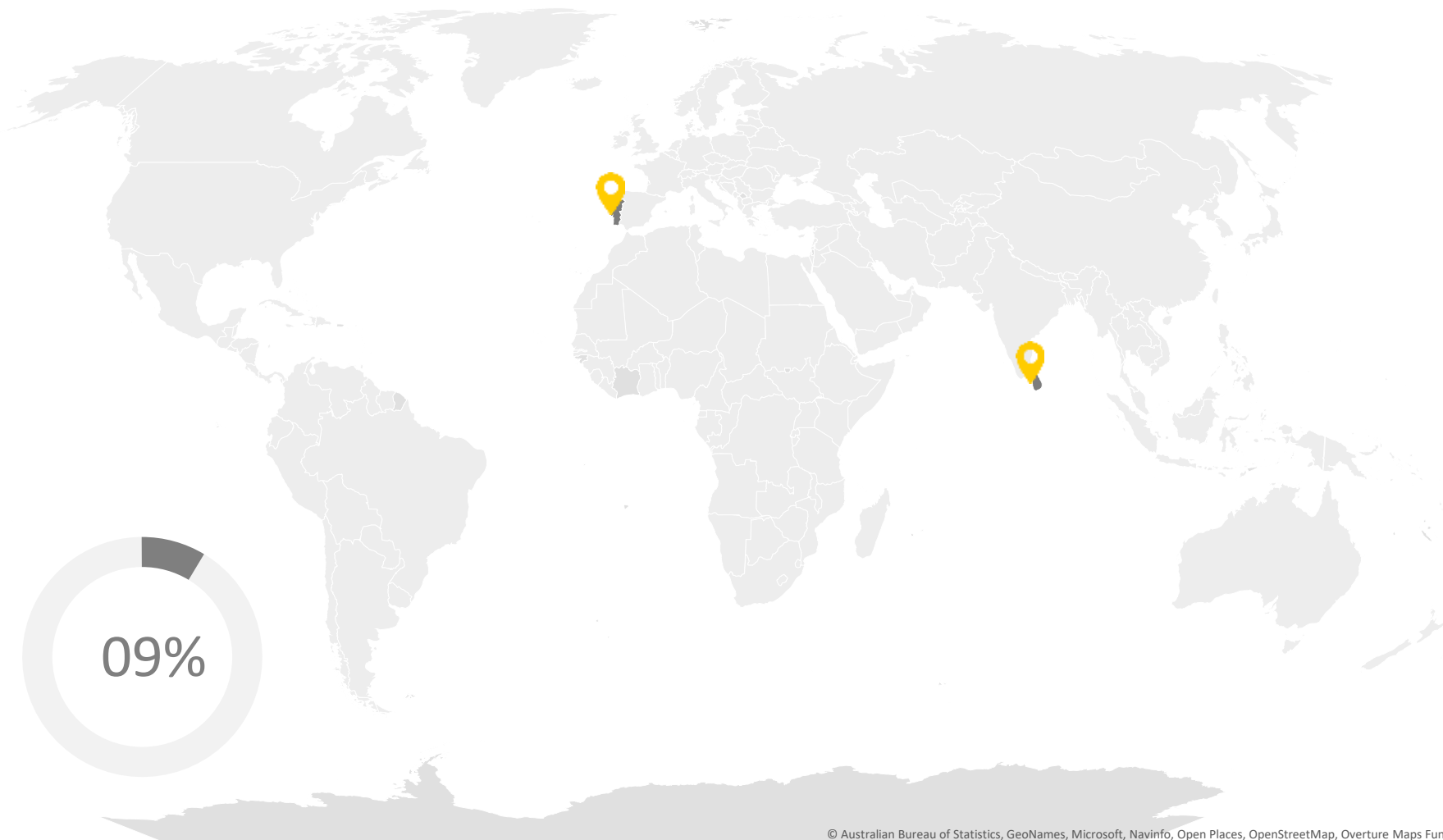


IUU FISHING





NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Portugal	01
	Sri Lanka	01

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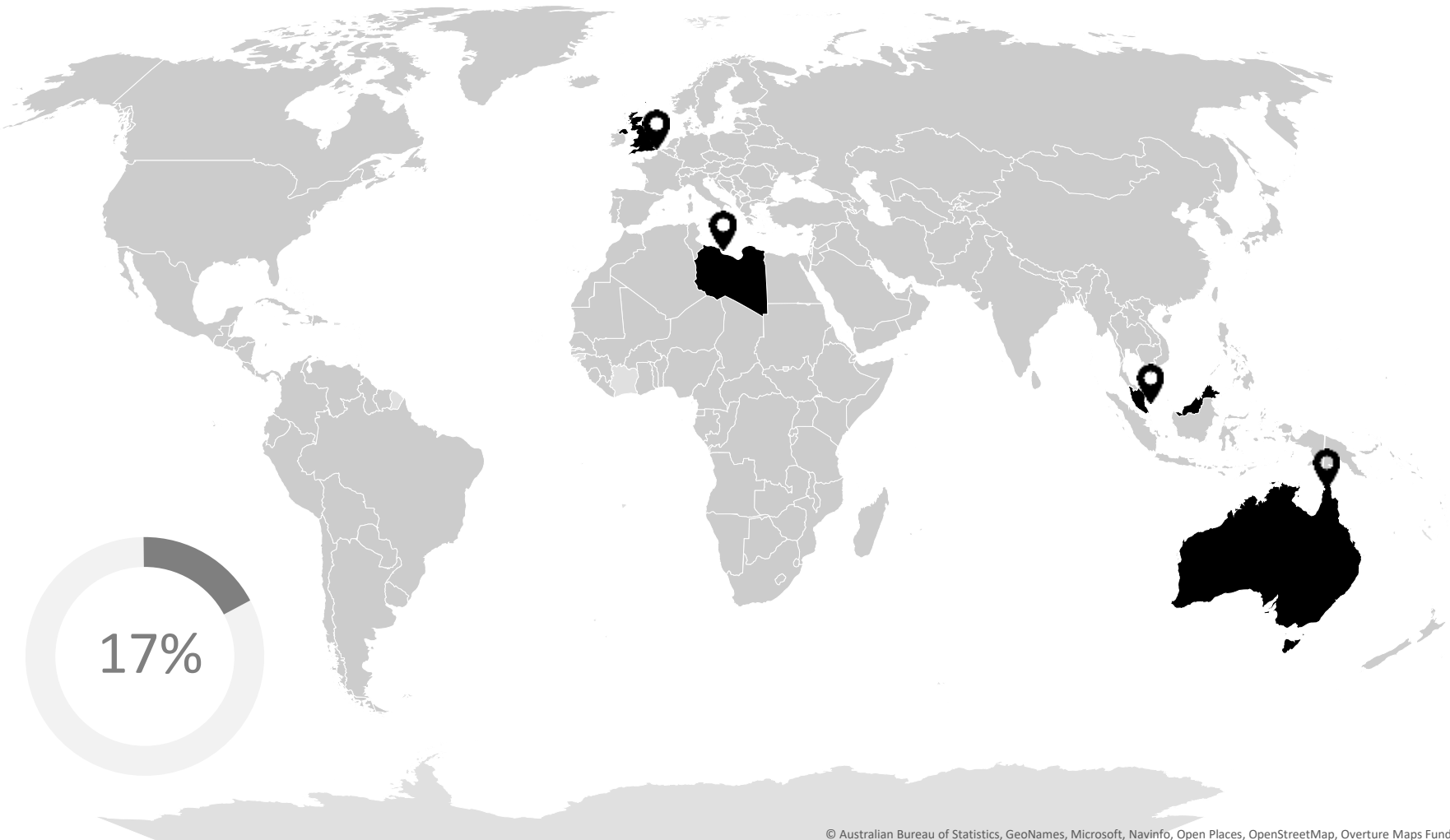


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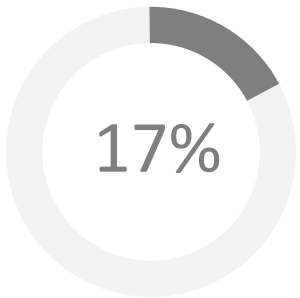
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.28	Portugal	off coast of Setúbal	Seizure of narcotics	-	The four suspects, aged 26 to 66, were arrested following the interception of two boats linked to a maritime drug smuggling operation
2026.06.30	Sri Lanka	Kalpitiya	Seizure of narcotics	One Boat	Following the interception, the suspect, dinghy, and seized capsules were transferred to the Police Narcotic Bureau in Puttalam for further investigation and legal action

Source -: <https://www.portugalresident.com/gnr-seize-around-four-tonnes-of-hashish-off-coast-of-setubal-arrest-four/>
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-foils-smuggling-attempt-massive-haul-of-pharmaceuticals-seized-in-kalpitiya.html>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Australia	01
	Libya	01
	Malaysia	01
	United Kingdom	01



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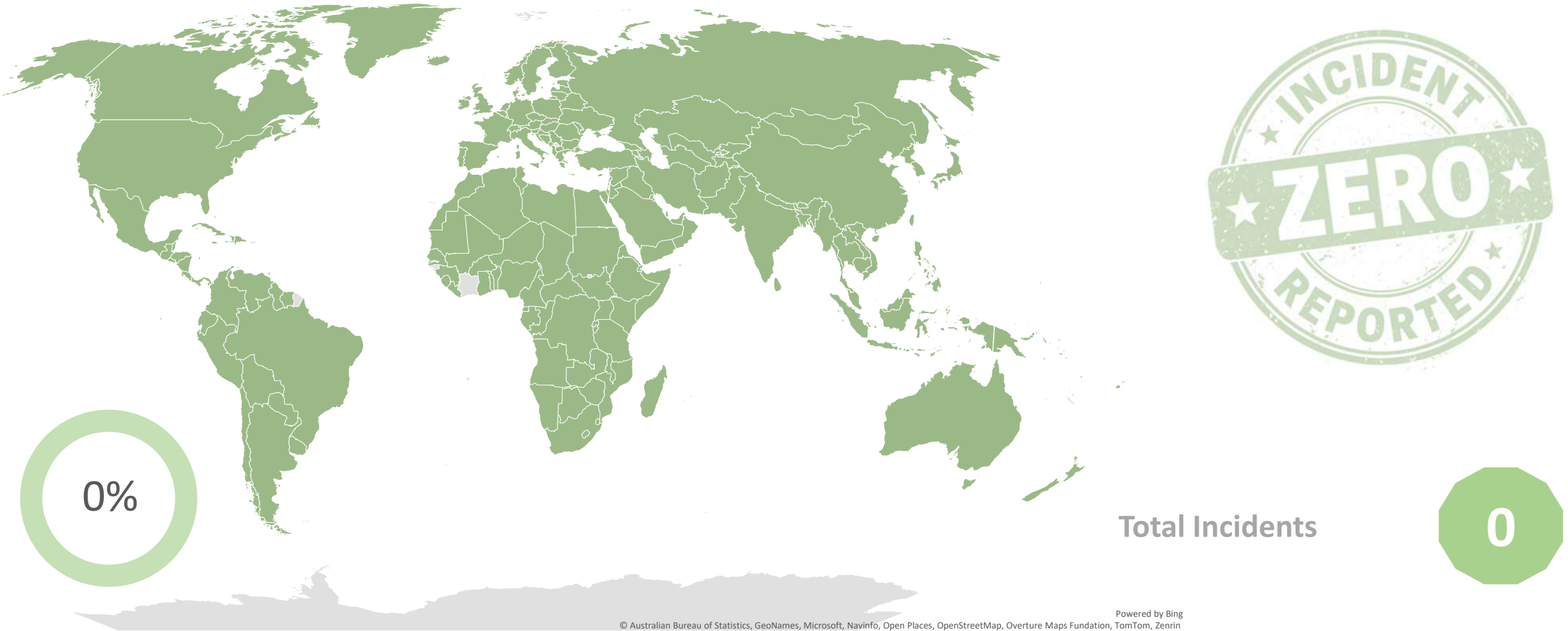
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.24	Malaysia	Sungai Kelantan	Illegal broader crossing	-	At 11:47 PM, assets were deployed to Sungai Kelantan, where a poorly lit boat was observed speeding away. By 12:20 AM, the boat approached the riverbank and dropped off passengers, leading to the arrest of eight undocumented migrants.
2026.06.30	Australia	Weipa	Illegal broader crossing	One boat	The ABF has been running Operation Broadstaff to crack down on illegal fishing in Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait.
2026.07.01	United Kingdom	near Clacton on Sea	Illegal broader crossing	Tanker vessel	Officers quickly responded to the incident, according to a Home Office spokesperson, who also noted that the investigation is ongoing.
2026.07.02	Libya	Off Zawiya coast	Failed broader crossing	Inflatable Boat	The rescued migrants were taken to the Port of Tripoli for necessary legal procedures before being transferred to the General Administration for Anti-Illegal Migration Agency.

Source -: <https://www.nst.com.my/news/regional/2026/06/1475019/migrants-pay-rm6000-each-be-smuggled-malaysia-sea-says-mmea?source=widget>
Source -: <https://capeyorkweekly.com.au/porous-borders-reports-chinese-people-smuggling-boat-intercepted-at-weipa/25349/#your-opinion>
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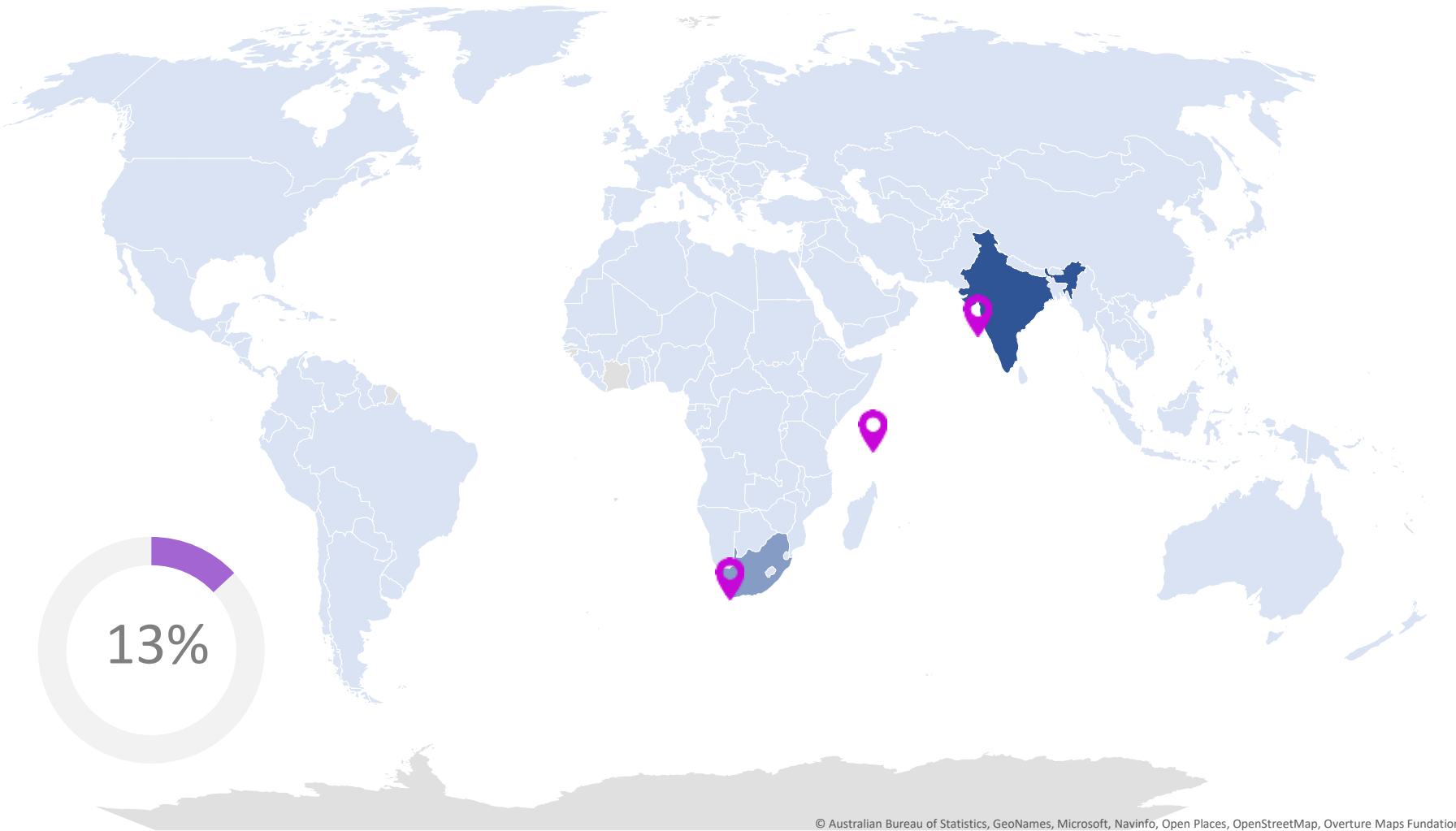


MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION





OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	India	02
	South Africa	01

Total Incidents

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.06.27	India	Indian Ocean	Foreign affairs	-	Seychelles is strategically located in the western Indian Ocean, playing a vital role in maritime security, combating piracy, preventing illegal fishing, and securing important sea lanes.
2026.06.27	India	Goa Shipyard	Other Military /Coastguard activities	ICGS Achal	The ministry announced that a vessel, designed and built by M/s Goa Shipyard Limited, marks a key advancement in India's shipbuilding capabilities. The vessel emphasizes the country's increasing self-reliance in defense manufacturing, featuring over 50 percent indigenous components.
2026.07.04	South Africa	Cape sea route	Naval Activities		Based on the widening conflict, the events of March 2026 may significantly change perceptions of the Cape sea route. Increasing dangerous confrontations are compelling shipping companies to rely on this route more frequently, transforming it from a backup option in the north-western Indian Ocean to a standard for shipping flows.

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Source -: <https://newsonair.gov.in/indian-coast-guard-commissions-icgs-achal-at-go-a-shipyard-limited/>

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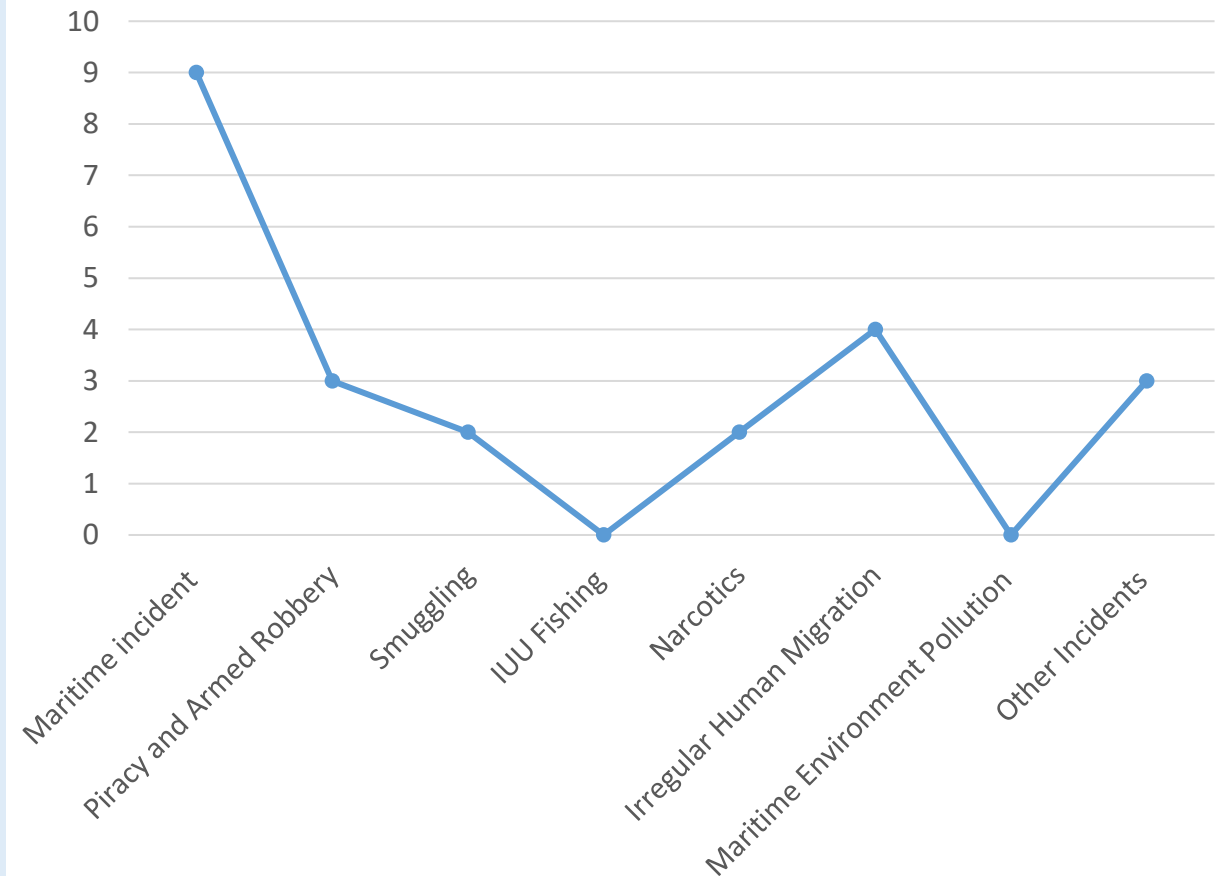
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

This week, 23 incidents were reported globally. Among these, 09 maritime safety incidents reported. Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 03 incidents, .Smuggling-related incidents totaled 02, No IUU fishing or maritime environmental pollution incidents were reported during the period. Narcotics-related incidents accounted for 02 incidents, Irregular human migration incidents totaled 04, reported .Further 03 other incidents were recorded, including maritime security and naval developments involving India, Seychelles, and South Africa. Weather-related incidents included 02 tropical cyclones 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 Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, and major migration routes. Enhance naval and coast guard patrols in piracy-prone regions, particularly around Yemen and the Gulf of Aden, to deter armed attacks, illegal boarding, and threats to commercial shipping. Improve SAR coordination and emergency response capabilities to address vessel accidents, capsizing, mechanical failures, and migrant vessel incidents. Conduct regular vessel safety inspections, maintenance checks, and crew training to reduce risks associated with fire, grounding, and operational failures. Strengthen counter-narcotics and anti-smuggling operations through coordinated maritime surveillance, intelligence sharing, and joint enforcement activities. Maintain continuous monitoring of emerging maritime security developments and naval activities to assess risks to regional maritime stability and commercial shipping routes.

Maritime Incidents





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