

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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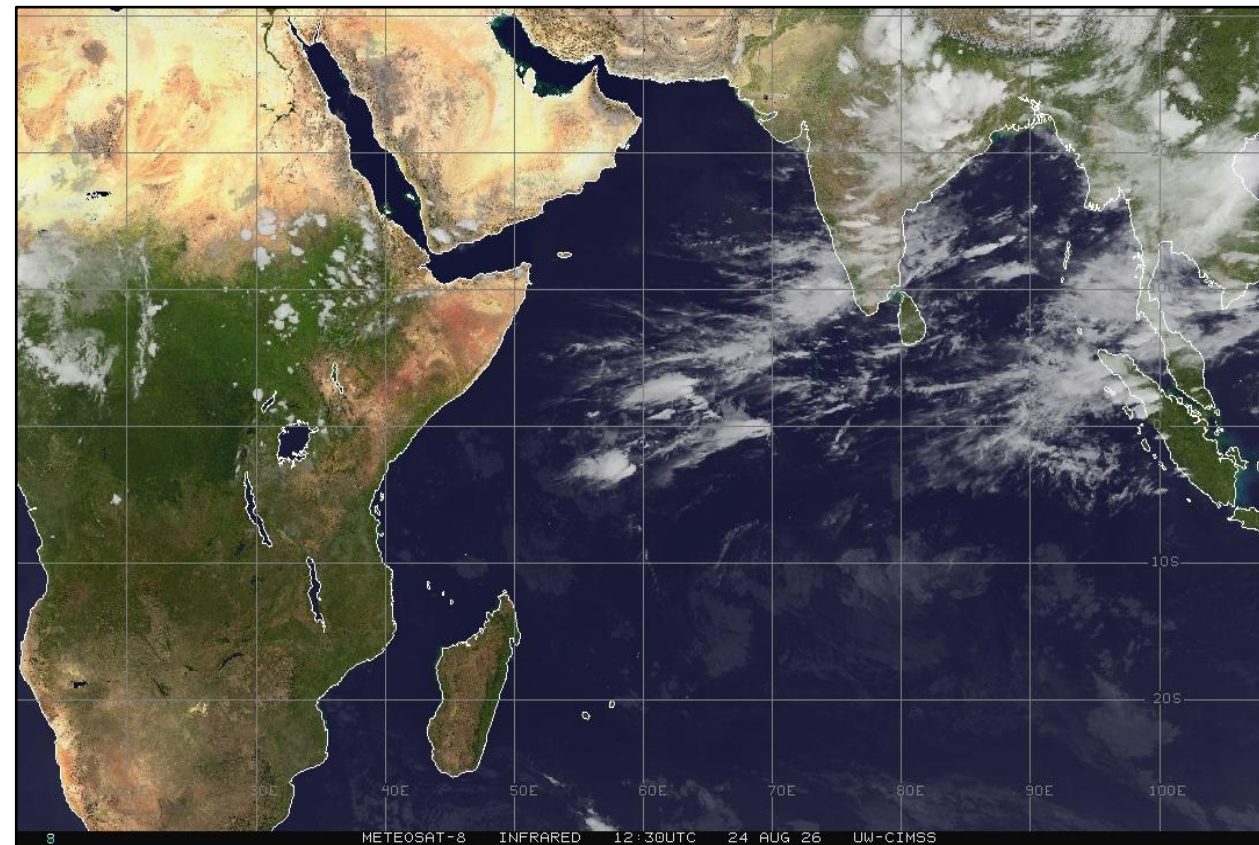
Date 2026.08.24

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



Fleet Forecast for Area - E

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

Valid period: 2026.08.24/1400UTC to 2026.08.25/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.24

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

Shear line is approximately along: 02N 60E, 03N 70E, 01S 80E, 02N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 20, 35, 40, 50.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 25, 30, 45, 55, 65, 70, 80.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts.

East of 75E : W'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10.

South of Shear line:

West of 77E : SE'ly to S'ly/ (10-20) kts.

East of 77E : SE'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 70, 80, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10.

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 65, 70, 80, 85.

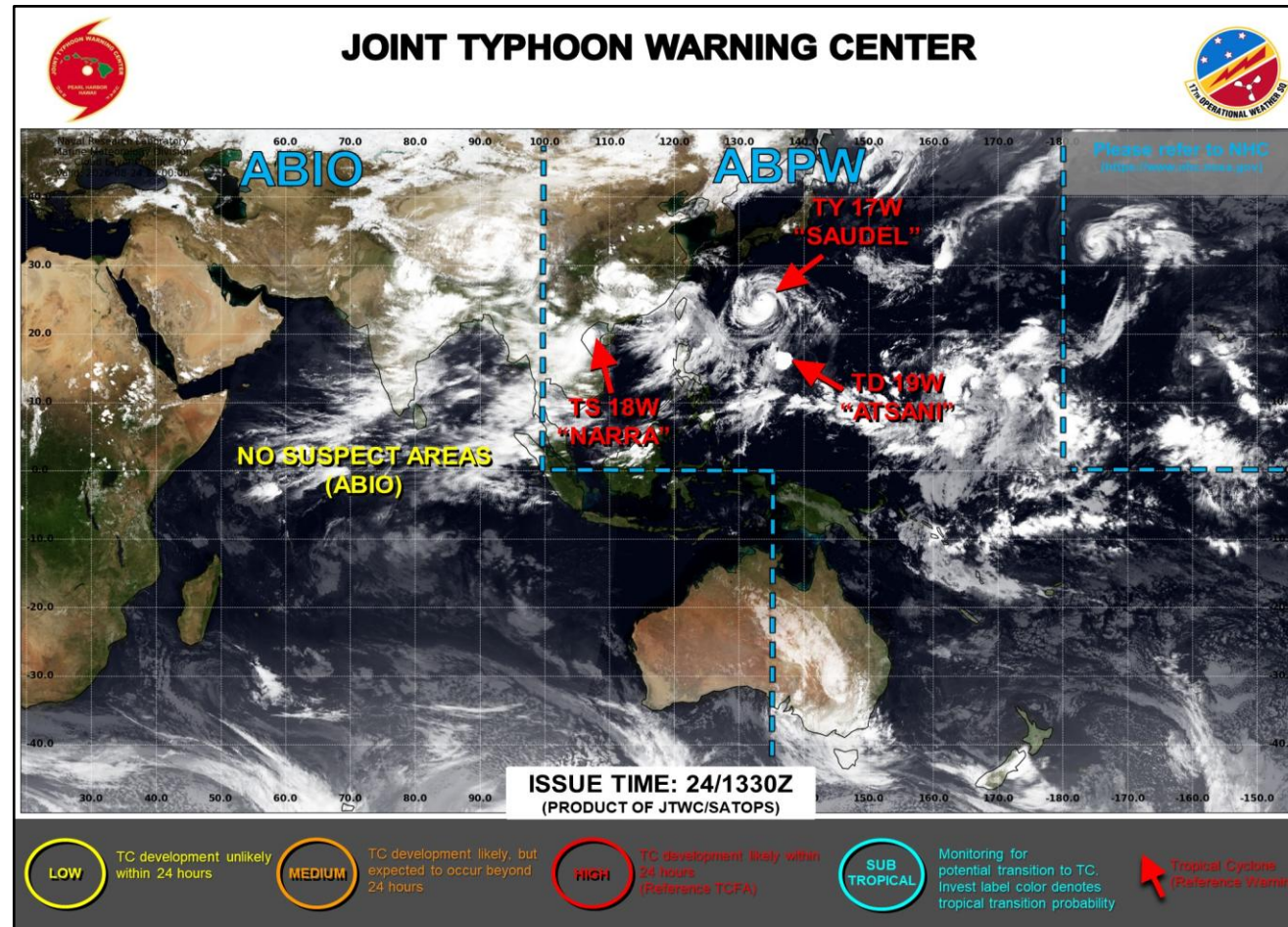
Moderate in sections : 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 75.

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



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



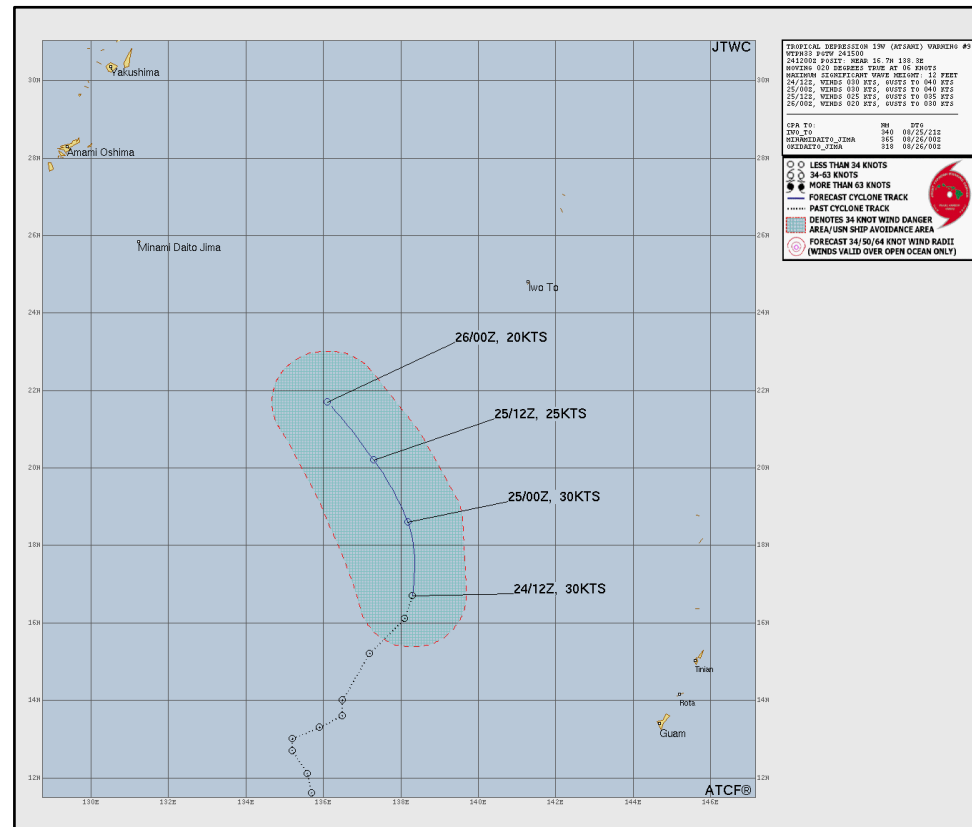
TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"



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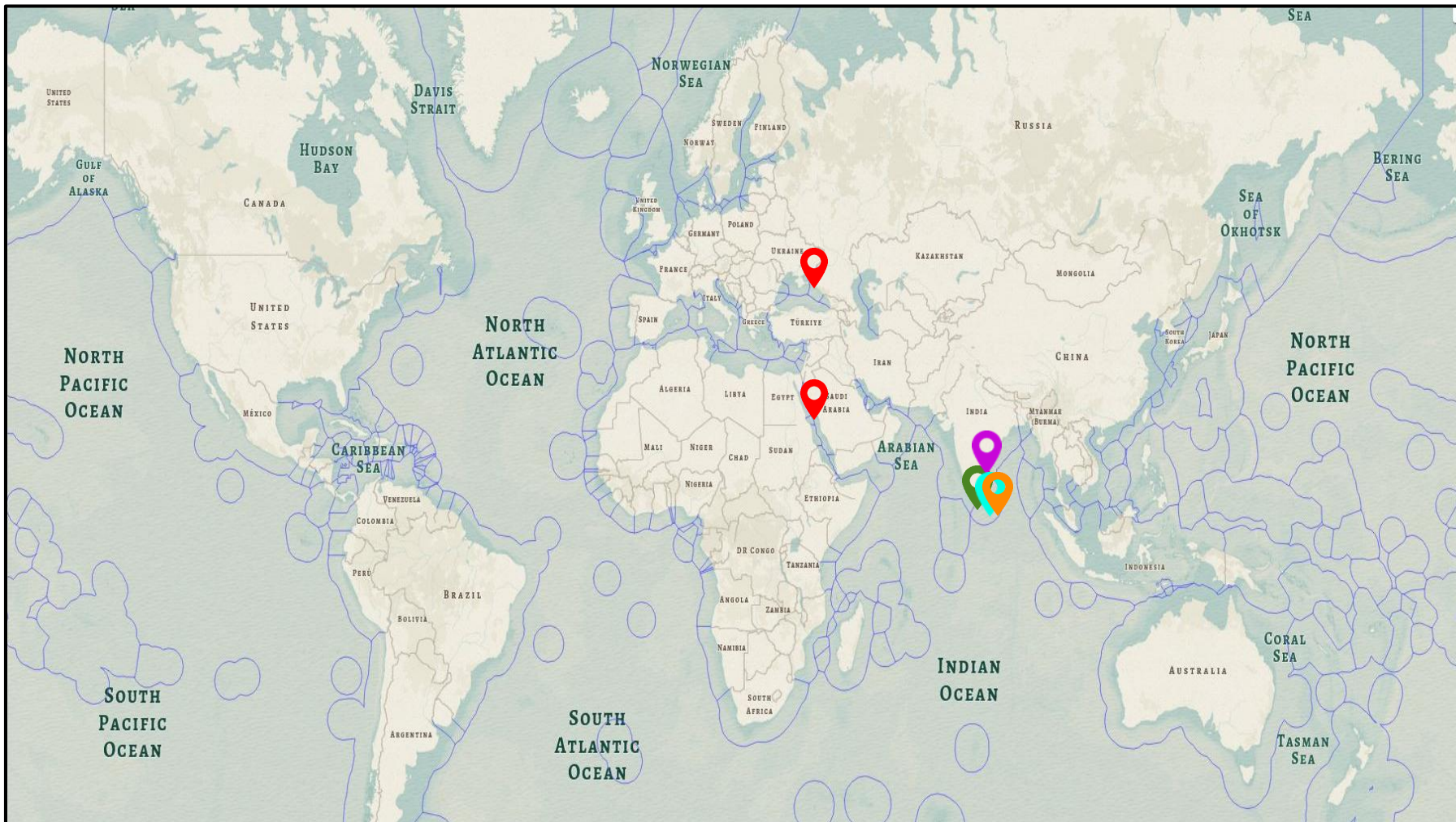


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ATSANI"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	NIL
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	01
Total Incidents	06

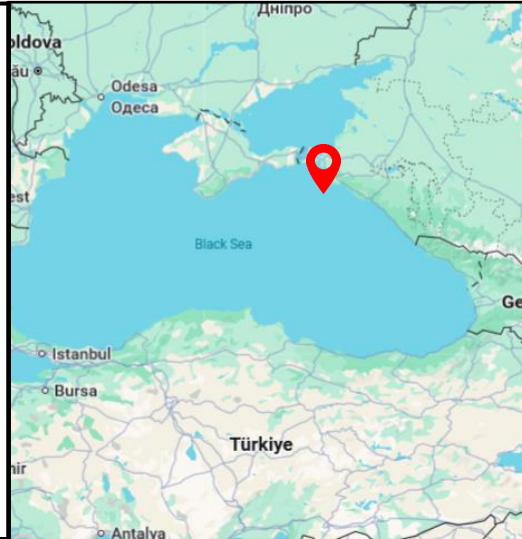


PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

21 Aug/ Drone Attack on Containership in Black Sea Leaves One Crew Member Missing/ Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.21	Russia	Black Sea	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name: RMS TEAM Type: Cargo IMO: 9282170	After the evacuation, a fire ignited in the vessel's accommodation and engine room, eventually spreading to the container stowage areas. The details of the attack and the damage are still being evaluated, with Akkron Linnes stating that the cargo is deemed a total loss.

The Barbados-flagged container ship RMS TEAM caught fire following a drone attack while navigating the Black Sea. The Turkish shipping company Akkon Lines reported that the ship en route to Novorossiysk, was attacked with 12 crew members aboard. A nearby vessel rescued 11 crew members, but one remains missing with authorities currently searching for the individual.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13191/drone-attack-on-containership-in-black-sea-leaves-one-crew-m>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

24 Aug/ Tanker catches fire off Saudi Arabia after 'unknown projectile' strike near Yanbu/Saudi Arabia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.24	Saudi Arabia	near Yanbu	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	UKMTO reported that the crew of the tanker is safe, with no environmental impact noted. A projectile struck the vessel, igniting a fire on its main deck but the source and type of the projectile remain unspecified.

The tanker caught fire after being struck by an unidentified projectile off the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia on 24 Aug 26 This incident occurred approximately 63 nautical miles west of Yanbu, a significant oil port in the region, as reported by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).



Source -: <https://www.firstpost.com/world/another-tanker-catches-fire-after-unknown-projectile-strike-crew-safe-uk-maritime-agency-14040383.html>

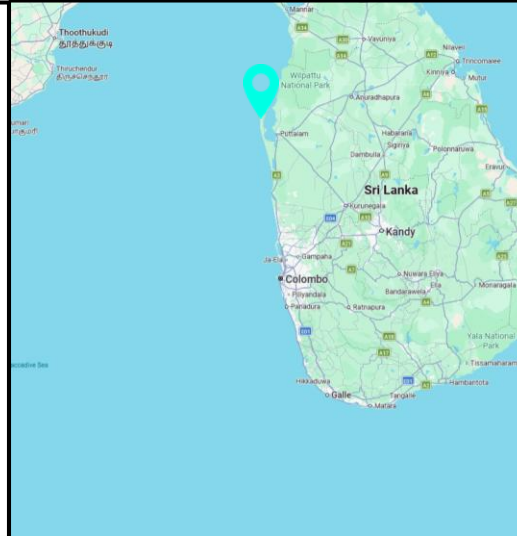
SMUGGLING



24 Aug/ Suspect Nabbed For Illegal Transfer of Sea Cucumbers in Kilinochchi/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.24	Sri Lanka	Kiranchi	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two Dinghies	Subsequently, the suspect, the craft and 380 sea cucumbers were handed over to the Kilinochchi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal action.

A 34-year-old resident of Kiranchi was apprehended by the Navy on 24 Aug 26 for illegally transferring 380 sea cucumbers without a valid permit. The operation conducted by naval personnel from SLNS Buwaneka under the North Central Naval Command also resulted in the seizure of a traditional boat used for the illegal activity.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/suspect-nabbed-for-illegal-transfer-of-sea-cucumbers-in-kilinochchi.html>

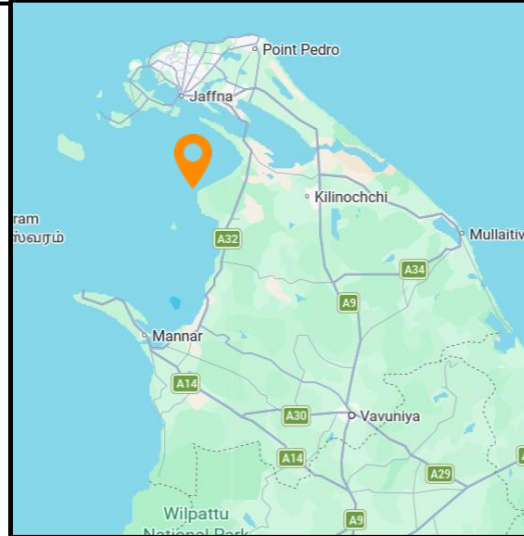
IUU FISHING



23 Aug/ Suspect Nabbed for Illegal Transfer of Sea Cucumbers in Kilinochchi/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.23	Sri Lanka	Kiranchi	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two Dinghies	Meanwhile, the seized consignment was handed over to the Kalpitiya Police for further legal action

The Navy intercepted a shipment of dried ginger and cardamom husks during a search in Baththalangunduwa on 23 Aug 26. Conducted by SLNS Vijaya personnel of the Northwestern Naval Command, the operation uncovered 13 suspicious sacks containing 264 kg of dried ginger and 69 kg of cardamom husks.



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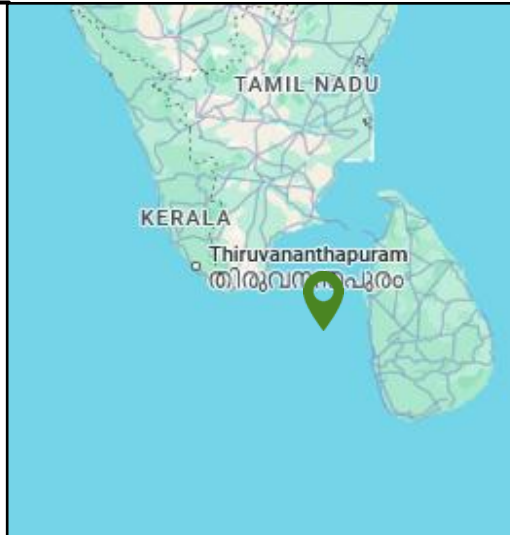
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



24 Aug/ Sri Lanka's Hidden Marine Chemical Threats/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.24	Sri Lanka	Around Sri Lanka	Marine Chemical Pollution and Ecosystem Degradation	-	Coastal and deep-sea ecosystems are interconnected, with chemical pollution in one area affecting the other via ocean currents and ecological processes. Thus, Sri Lanka requires a more integrated approach to marine protection.

Sri Lanka's marine ecosystems crucial for its economy, fisheries, biodiversity, and coastal communities, are increasingly threatened by pollution, habitat degradation, climate variability, and chemical contamination. Marine chemical hazards pose significant risks to both coastal and deep-sea environments. While organizations like NARA, MEPA, CCD, and the Ministry of Fisheries possess strong expertise, gaps exist in deep-sea chemical monitoring, ecotoxicology laboratory technology, funding, and governance coordination.



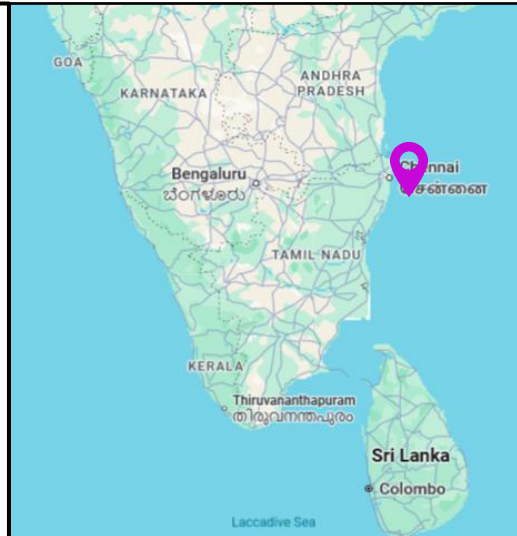
Source -: <https://www.themorning.lk/articles/PqPl7p8Icxs3897pL2zk>



24 Aug/ Vietnam Coast Guard Ship Arrives in India for Sahyog HOP TAC Exercise/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.24	India	Chennai	Foreign affairs	-	Defence and security cooperation is a key aspect of the Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, characterized by diverse bilateral defence engagements, military-to-military dialogue, and capacity building and training across all military branches.

Chennai, on 24 Aug 26 (ANI) A Vietnamese Coast Guard Ship is visiting India for the 2nd edition of Joint Exercise Sahyog HOP TAC, involving a six-member delegation aimed at enhancing ties with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The engagement will foster cooperation through professional exchanges on maritime pollution response and law enforcement. This visit follows a recent delegation from the Vietnam People's Army exploring modern technologies and tactics, marking significant progress in defense cooperation. Additionally, high-level military talks have strengthened the Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam, focusing on joint military collaboration and regional security issues.



Source -: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/world/vietnam-coast-guard-ship-arrives-in-india-for-2nd-edition-of-joint-exercise-sahyog-hop-tac/amp>



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