

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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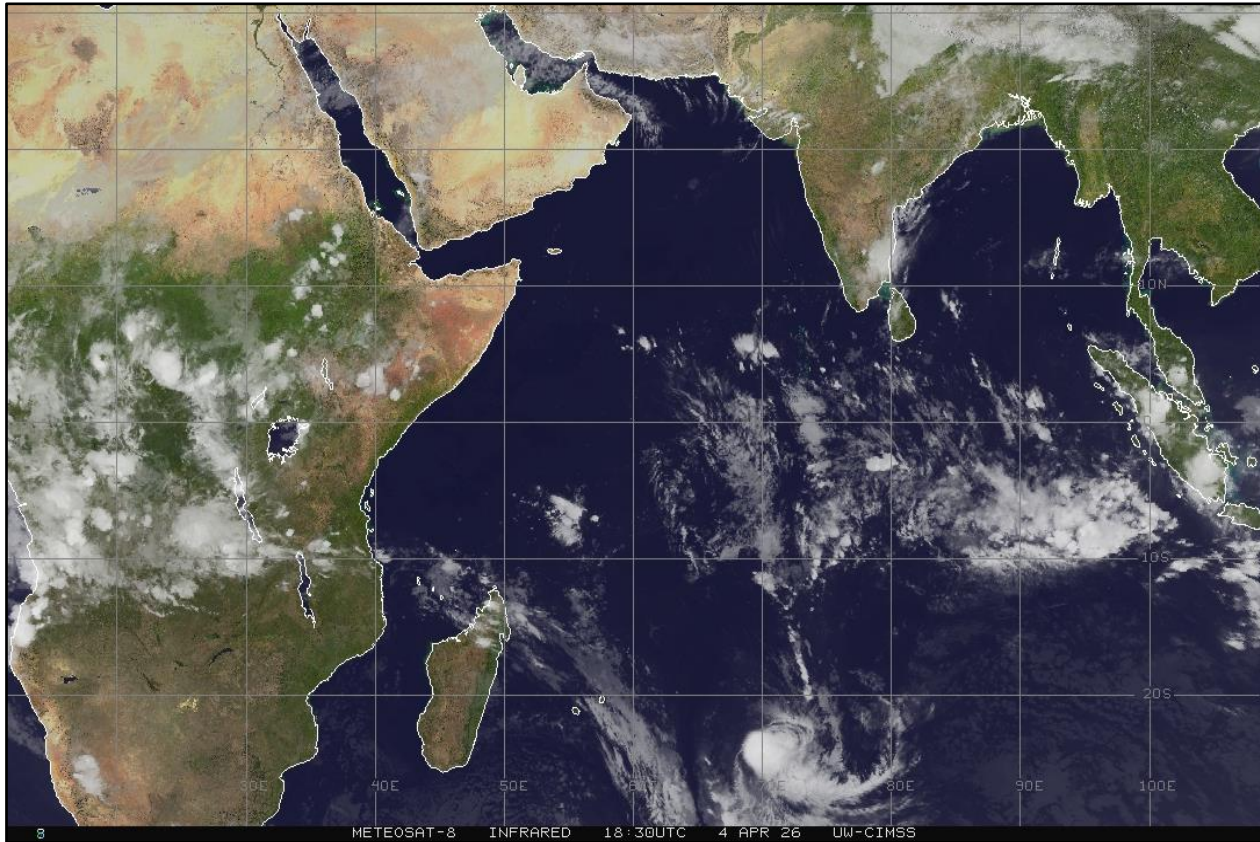
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Date 2026.04.05

WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

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

Valid period: 2026.04.05/0600UTC to 2026.04.05/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.04.05

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

Shear line is approximately along : EQ 60E, 02N 70E, 01S 80E, 05S 90E 05S 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 06S 60E, 04S 70E, 04S 80E, 07S 90E, 06S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 55, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 65, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 75E: NE'ly or VRB / (05-15) kts.

East of 75E: SW'ly or VRB/ (05-15) kts;gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 05

In-between Shear line and ITCZ :

West of 80E: SN'ly / (10-20)kts

East of 80E: SW'ly or W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (20-25)kts in sections 55, 75

South of ITCZ:

West of 75E: S'ly to SE'ly/(10-20)kts

East of 75E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to (20-25)kts in sections 70, 80, 85.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 55, 70, 75, 80, 85

Moderate in sections : 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 65

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

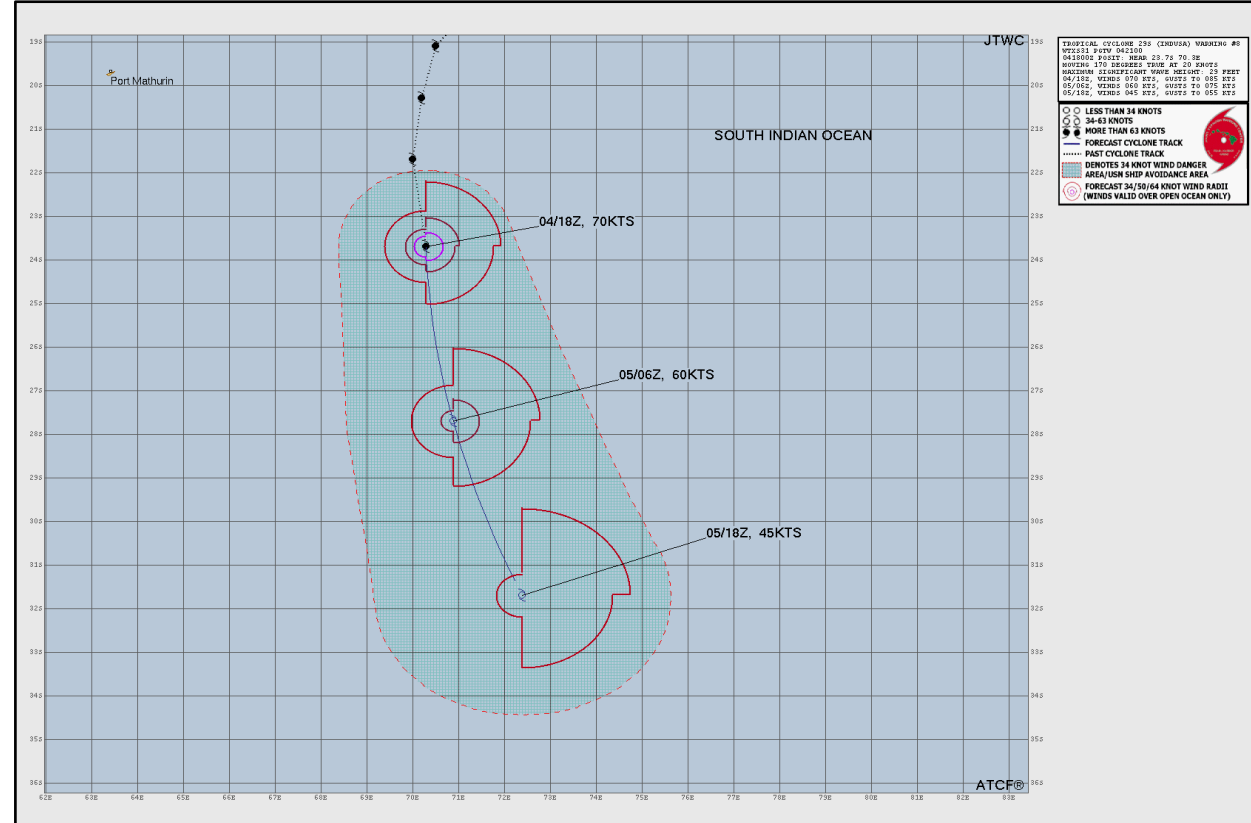
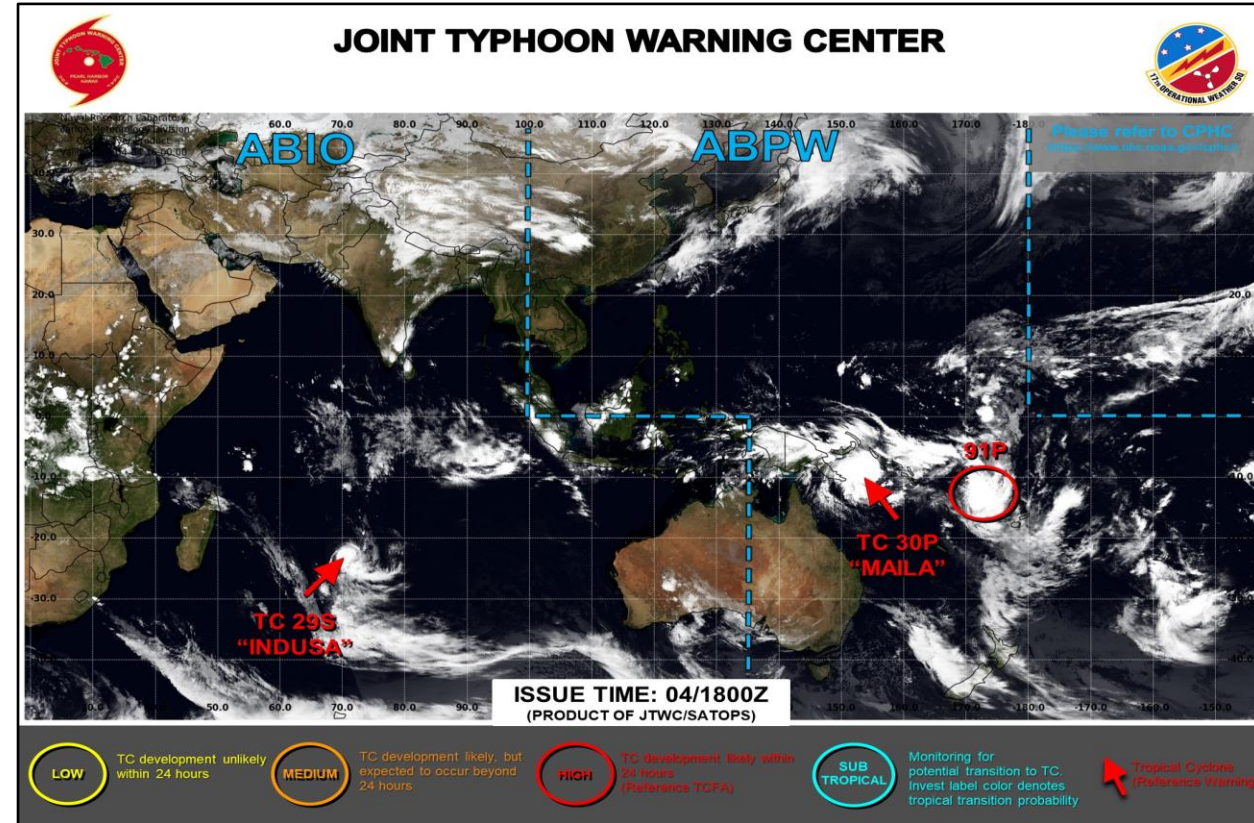
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone "Indusa"

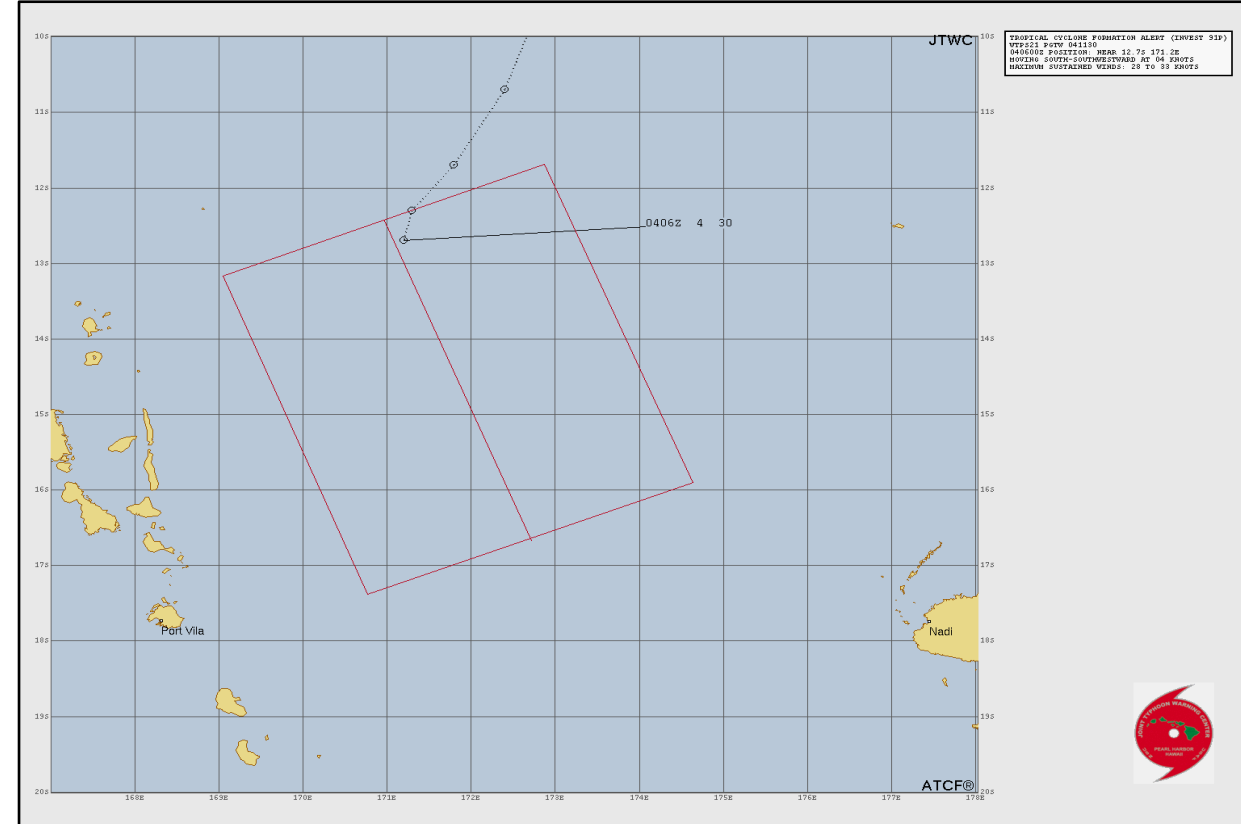
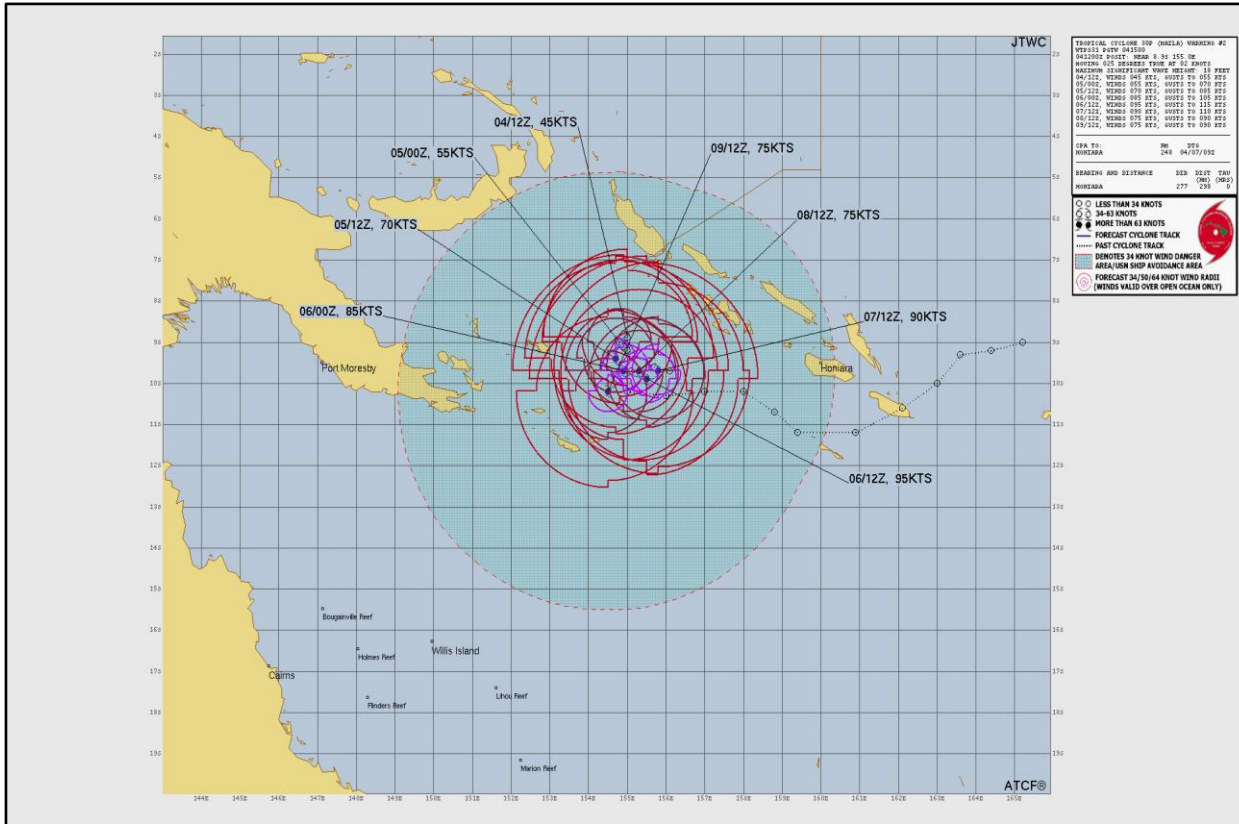


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



Tropical Cyclone "Maila"

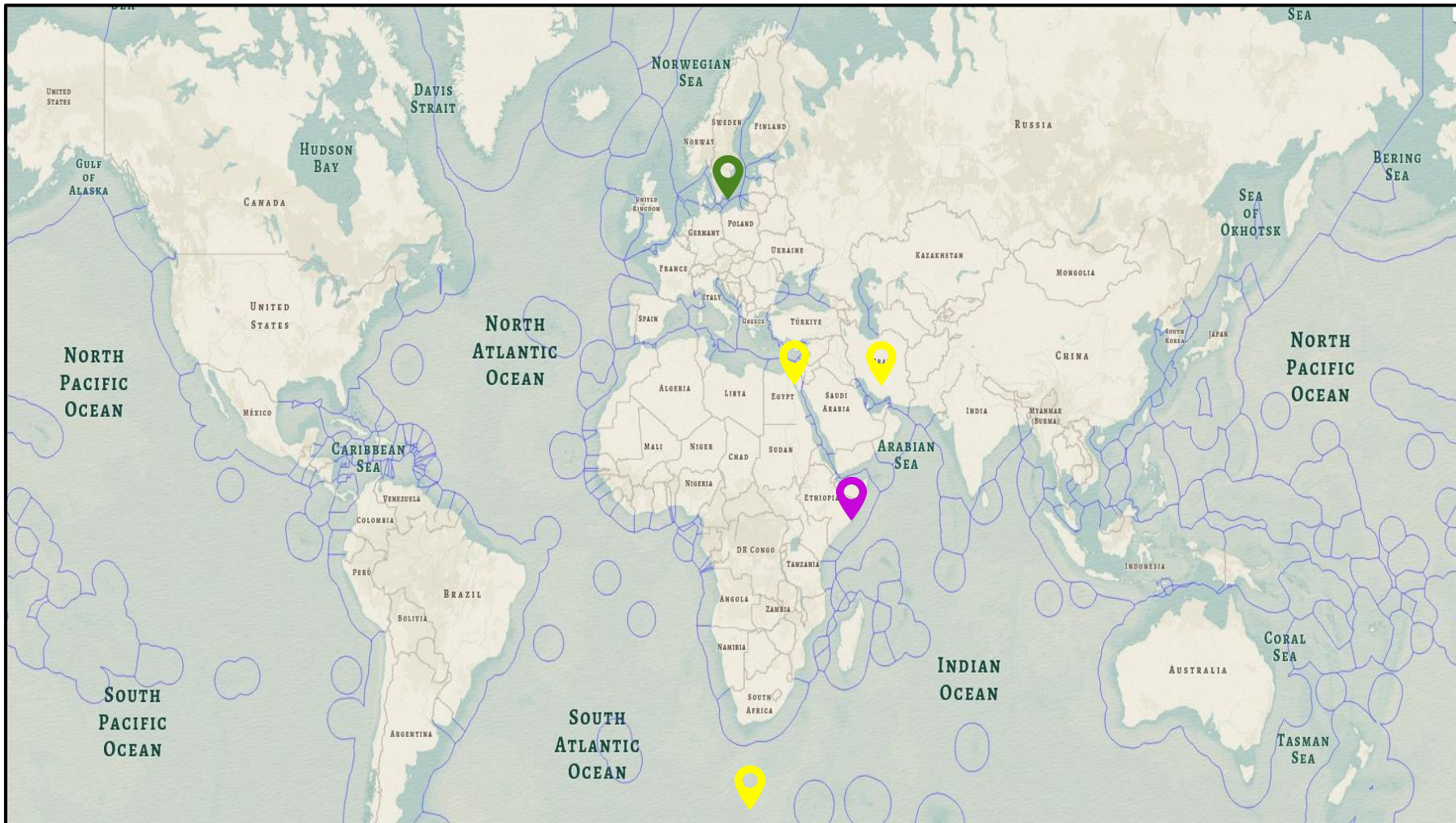
Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert "91P"



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SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



| CATEGORY | NO |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Maritime Incidents | 03 |
| Piracy & Armed Robbery | NIL |
| Smuggling | NIL |
| IUU Fishing | NIL |
| Narcotic | NIL |
| Irregular Human Migration | NIL |
| Marine Environment Pollution | 01 |
| Other | 01 |
| Total Incidents | 05 |

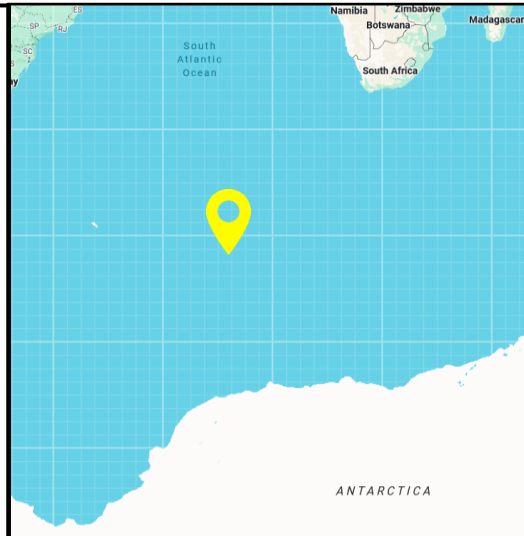
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31 Mar/ Activist ship collides with Krill trawler in Antarctic waters/ Antarctica

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| 2026.03.31 | Antarctica | Antarctic waters | Collisions | Name- M/V Bandero | The company reported that its crew is safe but shaken, stating the maneuver was deliberate, not accidental. They plan to take legal action, asserting that ramming a vessel in international waters is a criminal act. |

An environmental activist vessel from the Captain Paul Watson Foundation collided with the Norwegian krill trawler Antarctic Sea on 31 Mar 26 in Antarctic waters, leading to accusations of a "terrorist attack" by the fishing company. The Aker QRILL Company expressed concerns about a potential fuel spill near a fragile marine ecosystem and emphasized the risk of pollution due to the collision's impact point above a diesel fuel tank. This incident is now a focal point of both environmental activism and legal discourse regarding protest limits at sea.



Source -> <https://www.businessupturn.com/trade-policy/activist-ship-collides-with-krill-trawler-in-antarctic-waters/7681/>

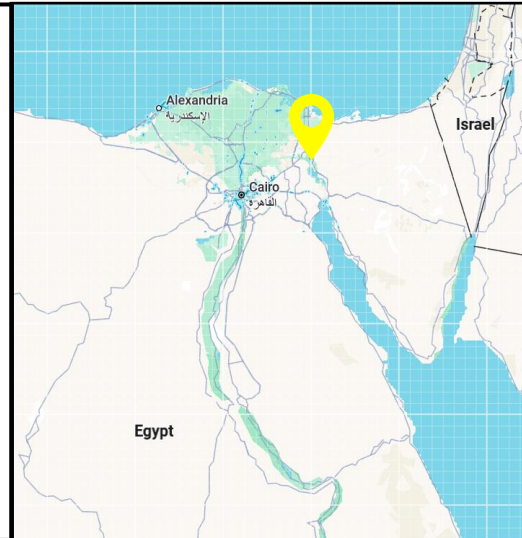
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02 Apr/ Chinese Bulker Grounds in Suez Canal Stopping Traffic for Four Hours/ Egypt

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| 2026.04.02 | Egypt | Suez Canal | Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication | Name- Xin Tai Yuan Flag- Panama Type- Bulk Carrier | At midday, a ship reported a technical failure and grounded north of Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal, near the 87 km marker. The authority indicated the vessel encountered a problem with its rudder during transit. |

A Chinese bulker, the Xin Tai Yuan, caused a four-hour disruption to the southbound convoy of the Suez Canal on April 2 due to a "technical failure." This incident occurred near the fifth anniversary of the Ever Given grounding. The 75,413 dwt vessel, built in 2001 and registered in Panama, was en route from Ust-Luga, Russia, to Singapore.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/chinese-bulker-grounds-in-suez-canal-stopping-traffic-for-four-hours>

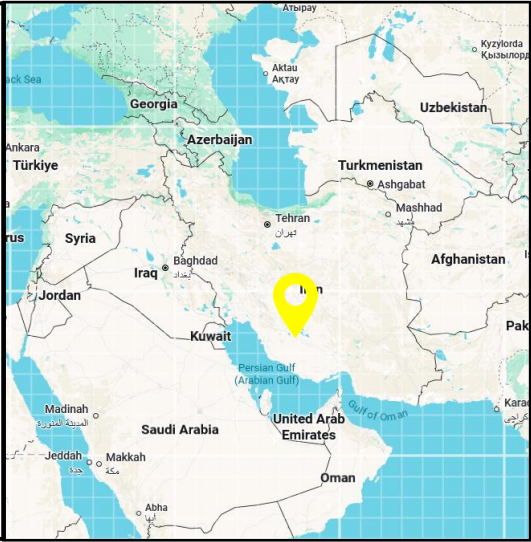
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04 Apr/ Rescue Mission Races To Find Crew Member Of US Jet Downed Over Iran/ USA

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| 2026.04.04 | USA | Down Over Iran | Search and Rescue (SAR) | two-seat F-15E jet | Iranian state media reported the downing of two planes, and officials are searching for a missing crew member from the first plane, urging citizens to provide information that could assist in locating the airman. |

Rescue teams are searching for a missing US crew member following the downing of a fighter jet over Iran on 04 Apr 26, which is the first confirmed loss of an American plane due to hostile fire since the war began. A US official confirmed that one crew member was recovered, while efforts continue for the second. Additionally, another US Air Force warplane, an A-10 attack aircraft, crashed in the Persian Gulf, but the pilot was safely recovered.



Source -: <https://www.eurasiareview.com/04042026-rescue-mission-races-to-find-crew-member-of-us-jet-downed-over-iran/>

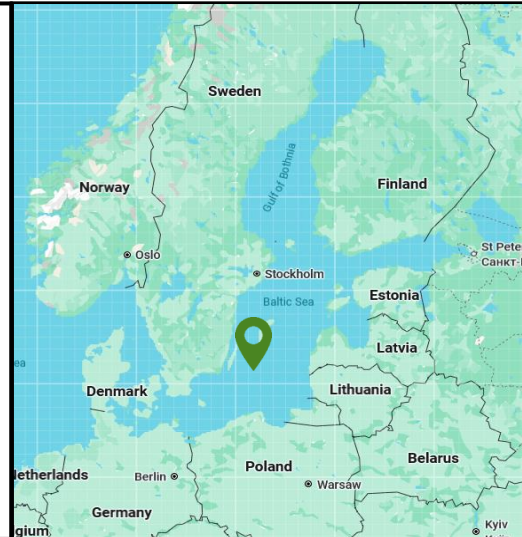
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



03 Apr/ Sweden Detains Sanctioned Tanker After Oil Spill in Baltic Sea Near Gotland/ Sweden

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| 2026.04.03 | Sweden | Baltic Sea | Oil Spill | Name- Flora 1 Flag- Sierra leone Type- Chemical Tanker | An aerial surveillance aircraft detected an oil spill east of the island of Gotland. |

On 03 Apr 26, the Swedish Coast Guard detained the tanker Flora 1, suspected of causing an oil spill in the Baltic Sea, which extended over 12 km. The vessel is currently anchored south of Ystad, and the operation involves collaboration with the Swedish police as part of the ongoing investigation.



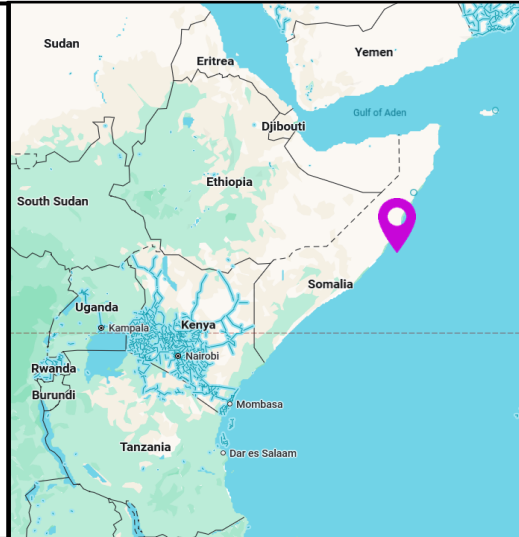
Source -> <https://united24media.com/latest-news/sweden-detains-sanctioned-tanker-after-oil-spill-in-baltic-sea-near-gotland-17582>



01 Apr/ Somalia Registers First National-flagged Ship Since State Collapse/ Somalia

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| 2026.04.01 | Somalia | - | Naval Activities | Name-Guney Flag- Somalia Type- General Cargo | Today marks a significant milestone showcasing Somalia's resurgence in international shipping, as highlighted by Nur during the announcement ceremony in Mogadishu. |

Somalia has registered its first vessel, named Guney, to fly its national flag since the government's collapse in 1991. This historic move, completed on Wednesday, is seen as a pivotal step toward restoring the country's maritime sovereignty. Ports and Maritime Transport Minister Abdulqadir Mohamed Nur highlighted the achievement as vital for rebuilding Somalia's maritime institutions and regaining international confidence.



Source -: https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2026/Apr/204801/somalia_registers_first_nationalflagged_ship_since_state_collapse.aspx



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