

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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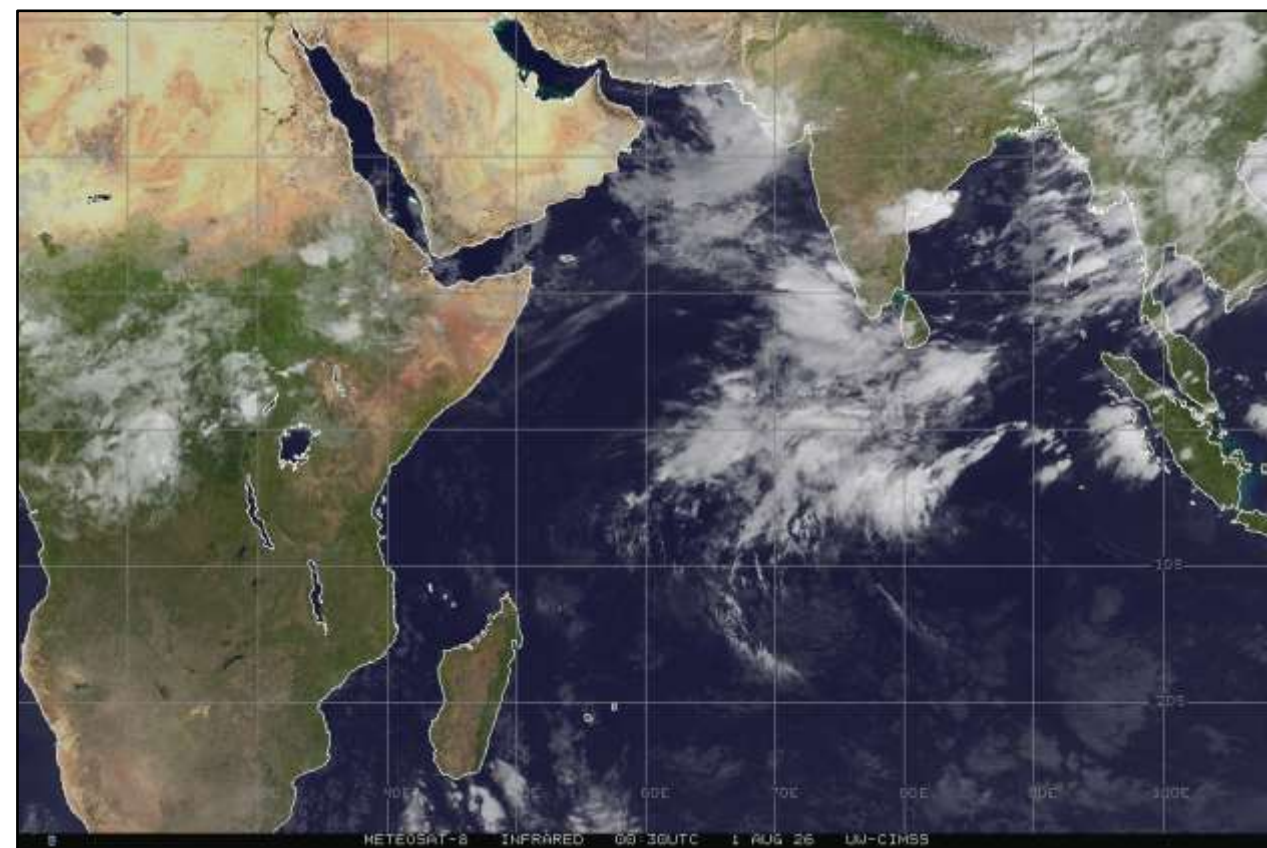
Date 2026.08.01

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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: 2026.08.01/0600UTC to 2026.08.01/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.01

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

Shear line is approximately along : EQ 60E, 01N 70E, 02S 80E, 03N 90E, 09N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50, 70.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 35, 55.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 00

East of 70E: W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in section 05, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50

South of Shear line:

West of 70E: SE'ly/ (10-20) kts.

East of 70E: SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 35 kts in section 45, 50; gusting up to 25 kts in section 40, 65, 80, 85

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 40, 65

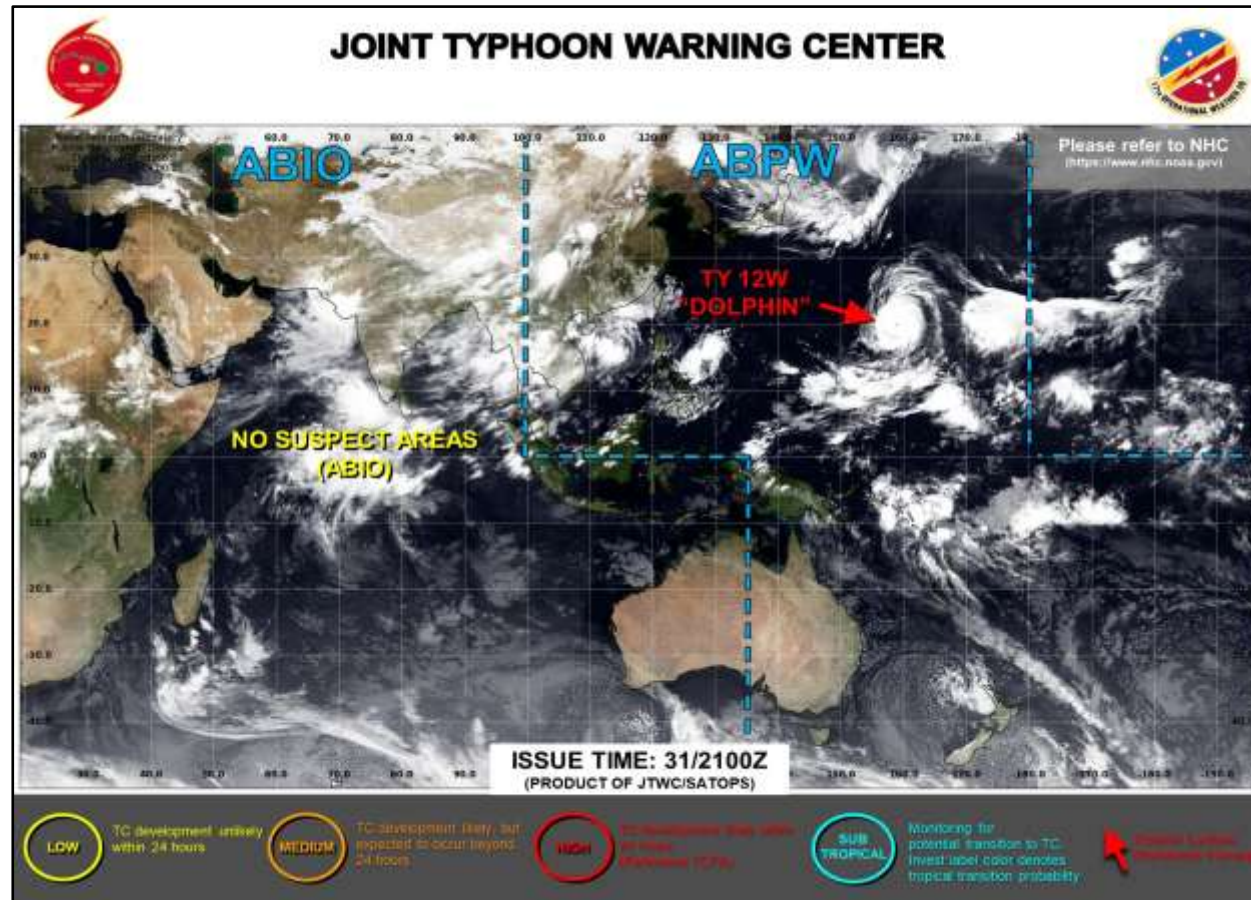
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 80, 85

Moderate in section : 60, 70, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

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

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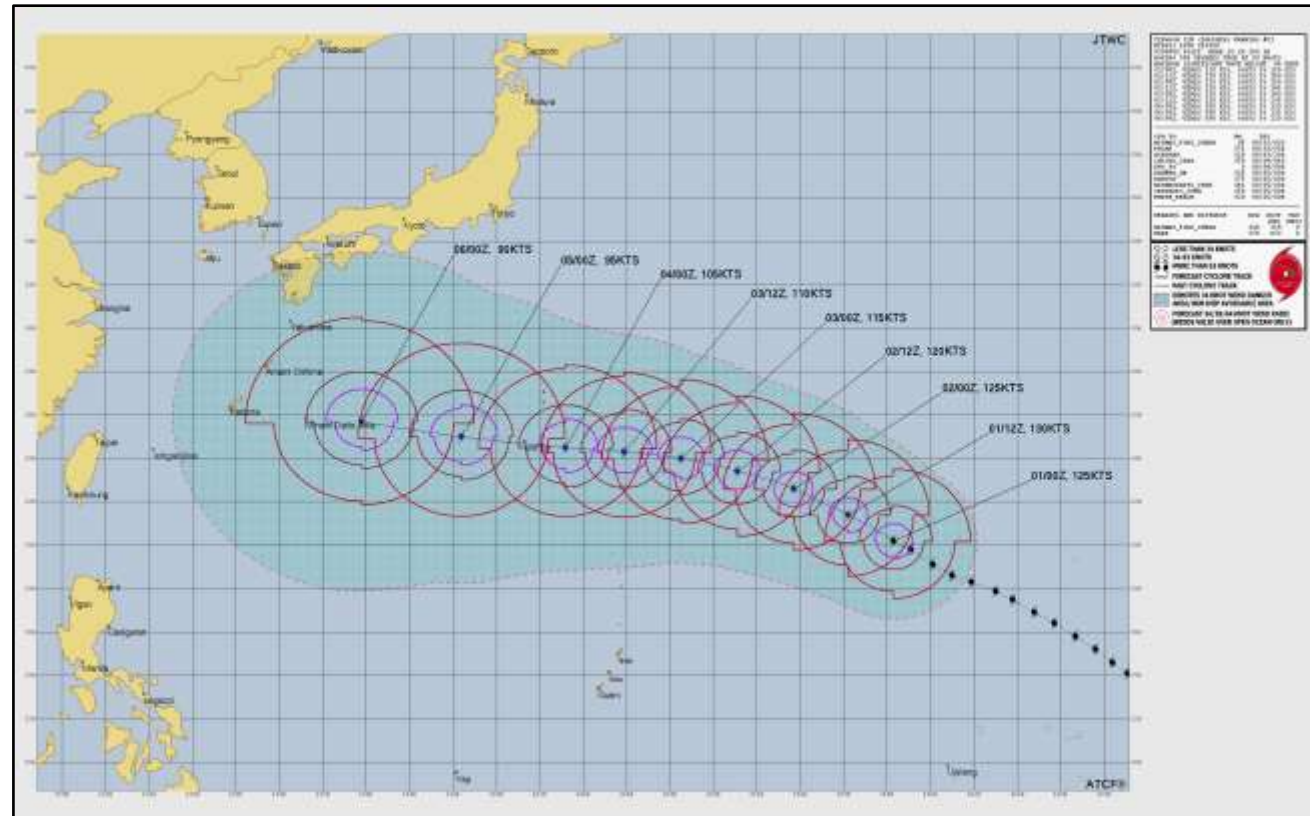


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"

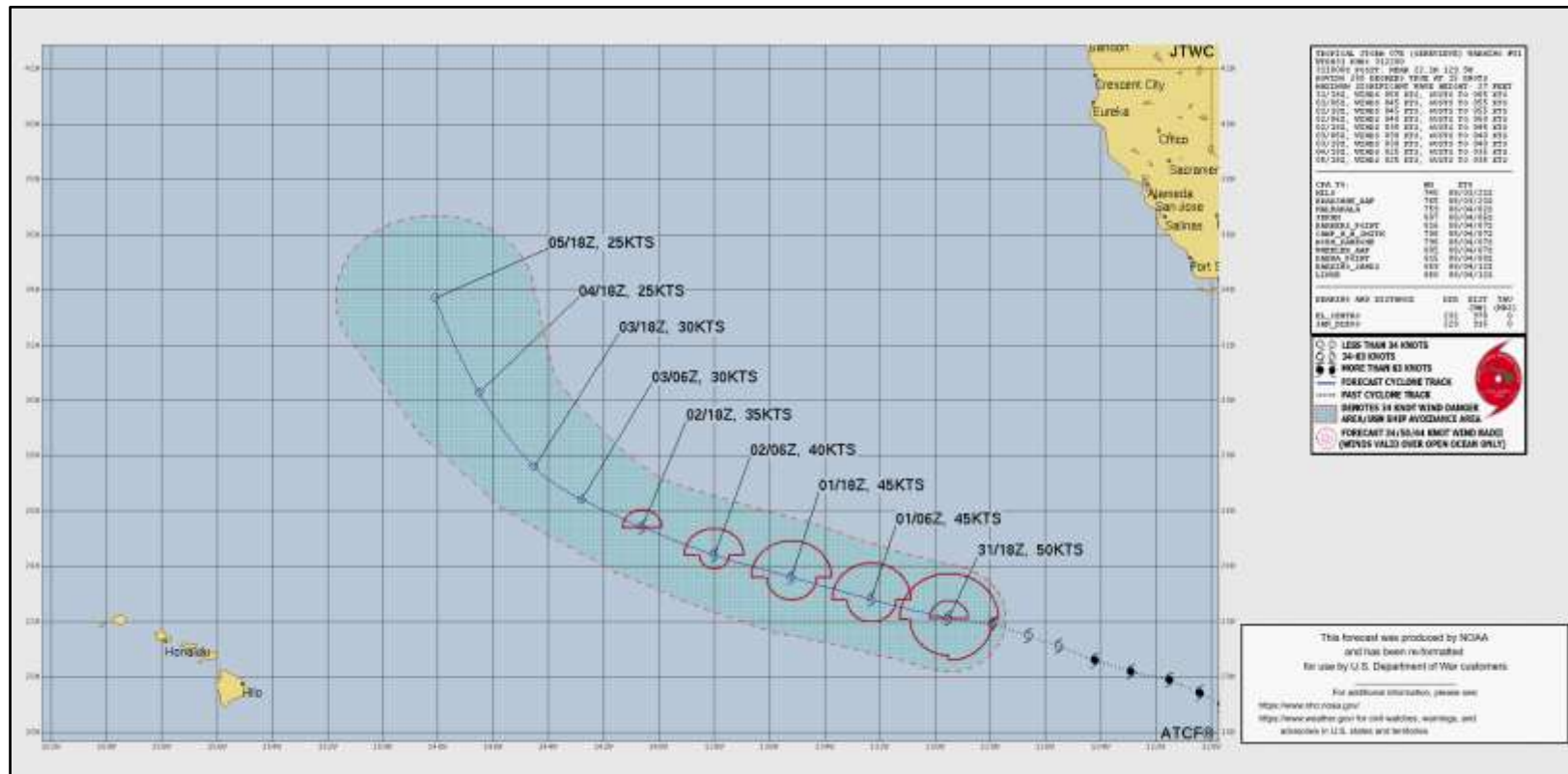


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "GENEVIEVE"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	05
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	02
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	04
Total Incidents	12

MARITIME INCIDENTS



28 Jul/ LNG Tanker and Dutch Inland Vessel Blue Collide Near Antwerp/ Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS		ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	Belgium	Near Antwerp	Collisions	Name-CORAL FUNGIA Type: Tanker IMO: 9378292	Name -Blue Type: Cargo	The damage to CORAL FUNGIA was above the waterline, posing no immediate risk to the LNG tanker's cargo or safety, allowing it to continue sailing. Investigations into the collision are ongoing..

The Liberia-flagged LNG tanker CORAL FUNGIA collided with the Dutch inland vessel BLUE on the Scheldt River near the Van Cauwelaert Lock in Antwerp, Belgium, on 28 Jul 26 at around 1800 hrs. No injuries were reported. The tanker suffered two dents and a hull breach, while Blue incurred more significant damage and was later taken to the Vrasene dock for cargo discharge before proceeding to a shipyard for repairs.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13137/lng-tanker-and-dutch-inland-vessel-blue-collide-near-antwerp>

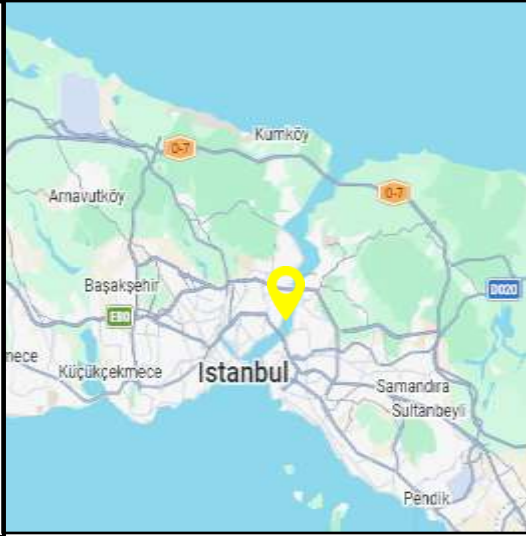
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31 Jul/Bulk Carrier Refloated After Istanbul Strait Grounding/Sao Tome and Principe

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.31	Turkey	Istanbul Strait	Grounding/Stranding	Name-Haci Huseyin Type: bulk carrier	Maritime traffic in the Istanbul Strait was temporarily halted during the vessel removal operation and resumed afterward.

The bulk carrier Haci Huseyin, flagged from Sao Tome and Principe, ran aground in the Istanbul Strait due to engine failure on 31 Jul 26. There were no reported damages or marine pollution. Turkey's Coastguard dispatched tugs Kurtarma-8 and Kurtarma-3 to assist, successfully refloating and towing the vessel to Ahirkapi Anchorage Area.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pl/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13139/bulk-carrier-refloated-after-grounding-in-istanbul-strait>

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01 Aug/UKMTO Reports Two Tanker Incidents Off Oman/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Oman	Lima and Khasab	Explosion	Two tanker	Shipping in the Strait of Hormuz is increasingly risky, with recent security incidents reported by vessels and heightened precautions from shipowners amid escalating tensions between Iran and the United States.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported two maritime incidents off Oman. The first involved a tanker struck by an unknown projectile about 11nm northeast of Lima, damaging its engine room but causing no casualties or environmental impact. The second incident, reported 21nm northeast of Khasab, involved a tanker crew witnessing a splash and explosion nearby, though no damage occurred. Lima and Khasab are located on Oman's Musandam Peninsula, crucial to global oil shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.



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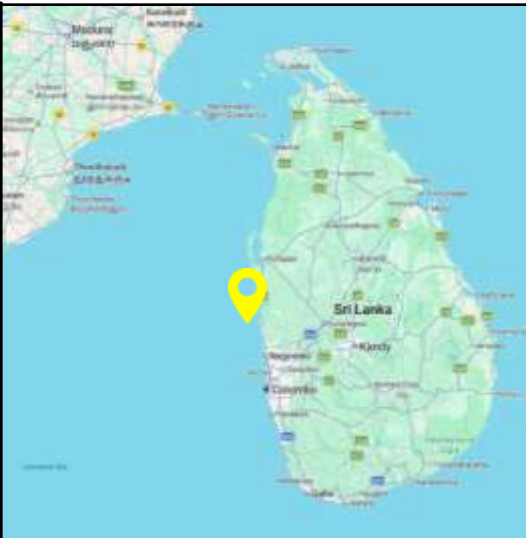
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01 Aug/ Navy and Air Force Launch Joint Search Operation /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Sri Lanka	Off Negombo Coast	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Fishing Boat	One confirmed dead and two missing following a capsized fishing vessel off Negombo, Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Navy and Air Force are conducting rescue operations. The region, known for its active fishing community, has experienced similar maritime incidents in the past.

A joint search and rescue operation by the Sri Lanka Navy and Air Force is ongoing following a fishing boat capsizing off Negombo. One person is confirmed dead and two are missing, prompting an urgent multi-agency maritime response. Authorities have deployed naval vessels and aerial support to locate the missing individuals, emphasizing the critical nature of the rescue efforts due to the time-sensitive nature of open-water survival.



Source - : <https://www.lankanewspapers.com/2026/08/01/navy-and-air-force-launch-joint-search-operation-after-fishing-boat-capsizes-off-negombo-coast>

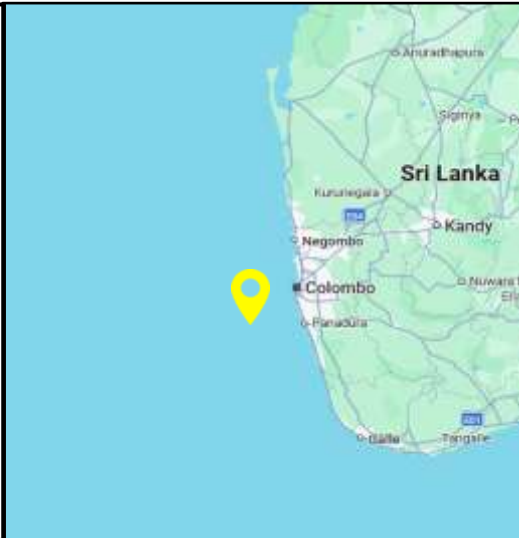
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01 August/ 17 Shipping Containers Lost at Sea; Fishermen Warned/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Sri Lanka	sea stretch extending from Beruwala to Negombo and Puttalam	Damage/Lost cargo	Name : MSS GRAPHENE IMO : 9217151 Type : General Cargo Ship	Fishermen and mariners are urged to report any drifting containers to the Radio Communication Centre of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources or to the closest fisheries harbour officials.

The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources issued an emergency alert regarding 17 empty shipping containers that fell overboard from a merchant vessel, drifting approximately 17 nautical miles west of Colombo Port. The incident occurred near 06°54' North latitude and 079°32' East longitude. Given the ocean currents, there is a significant chance the containers may drift towards the coastline, particularly from Beruwala to Negombo and Puttalam. The department advises all fishing vessels in the area to remain vigilant and exercise caution due to the hazard posed by the floating containers.



Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cms9ykuk80001356qd7r3z4yk>

IUU FISHING



31 Jul/ Iceland Seizes Paul Watson Foundation's Boat as it Tracks Whale Hunt/ Iceland

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.31	Iceland	Icelandic territorial waters	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	Name-Hvalur 9	Captain Watson, currently not on the vessel, has called for support through video messages. This incident marks the second reported occurrence involving the Banderó this year, following an April incident where it was accused of ramming a fishing boat to disrupt krill fishing in Antarctica.

The Icelandic Coast Guard arrested Captain Paul Watson of the vessel Banderó on 31 Jul 26 for allegedly ignoring orders while pursuing a whaling ship. The Banderó, involved in "Operation 86" by the Captain Paul Watson Foundation to disrupt Iceland's whaling practices, entered Icelandic waters without an AIS signal and failed to leave when requested. This incident, following crew injuries and tracking of Iceland's last two active whaling vessels, is under investigation.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/iceland-seizes-paul-watson-foundation-s-boat-as-it-tracks-whale-hunt>

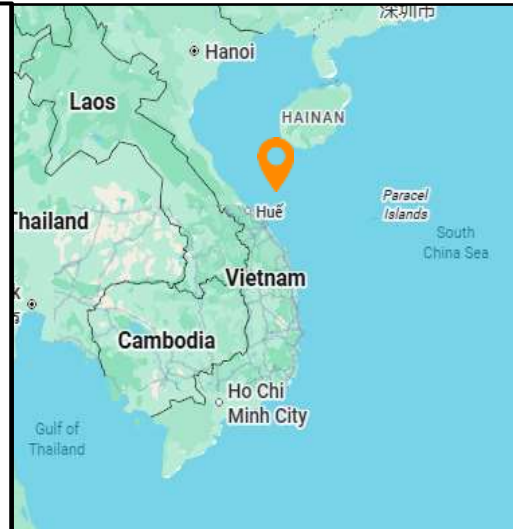
IUU FISHING



01 Aug/Management of anti-IUU Fishing Strengthened in South-Western Waters/Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Vietnam	Vietnam's south-western waters	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	-	Vietnam's south-western waters, an international shipping route, experience heavy traffic from commercial and fishing vessels. The Coast Guard Region 4 Command has increased surveillance and coordinated with relevant forces to prevent maritime violations, smuggling, and trade fraud.

As part of efforts to eliminate the European Commission's "Yellow Card," Vietnam's Coast Guard Region 4 collaborates with local authorities and fisheries management to oversee fishing vessels via the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). They enhance inspections and communication to ensure compliance with maritime rules and to inform fishermen about IUU fishing regulations. Colonel Nguyen Van Tranh emphasized strengthened defense diplomacy, particularly maintaining a hotline with the Cambodian Army for early detection of potential violations, ensuring protection for legitimate Vietnamese fishing operations, and fostering cooperation with Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand's maritime law enforcement agencies.



Source -: <https://vovworld.vn/vietnams-maritime-sovereignty/management-of-anti-iuu-fishing-strengthened-in-south-western-waters-2454685.vov5>

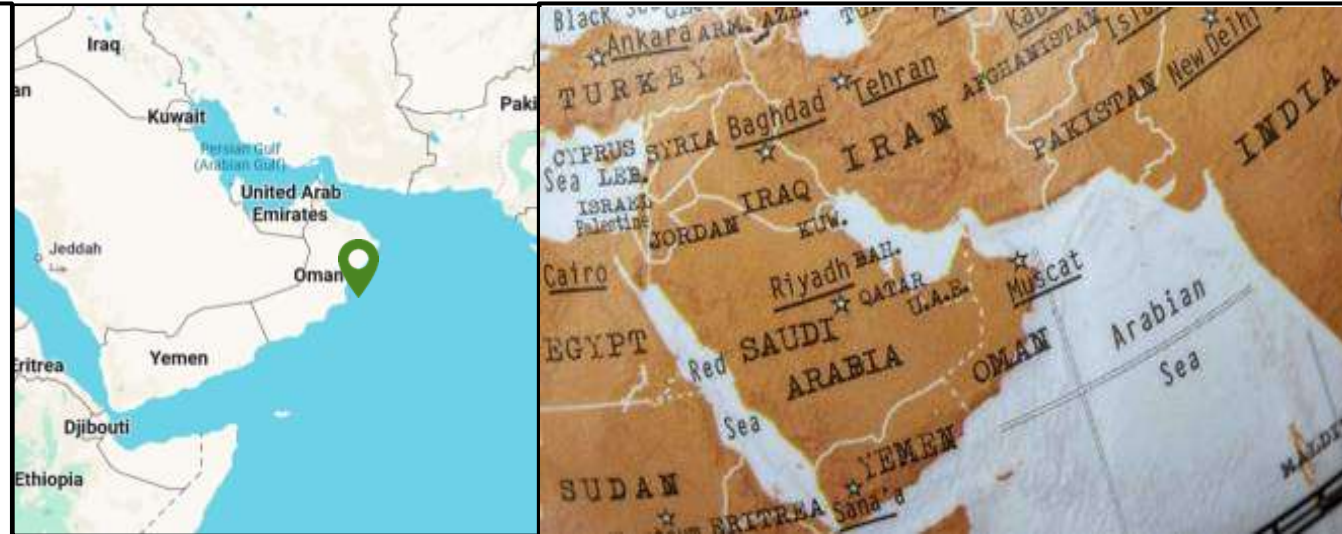
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



28 Jul/ Crude Oil Spills From Shadow Fleet Tanker Off Oman/ Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	Oman	Off Oman	Oil Spill		Russia employs aging tankers from its shadow fleet to bypass Western oil export sanctions. The cause of the recent blast damage on one vessel remains uncertain, potentially linked to Ukrainian attacks or ongoing Middle Eastern conflicts.

A sanctions-hit tanker, the Caroline Bezengi, is leaking oil off Oman's coast, raising environmental concerns. Initially reporting issues on June 8 near Mukalla, satellite imagery from 28 Jul 26 indicates the vessel is likely compromised, with visible oil slicks suggesting a breach in its hull. The ship, involved in carrying Russian oil and under EU and UK sanctions, has been identified by its structure and paint. While authorities are engaged in risk assessments, specialists warn the vessel may become unstable. Monitoring continues by the International Maritime Organization.



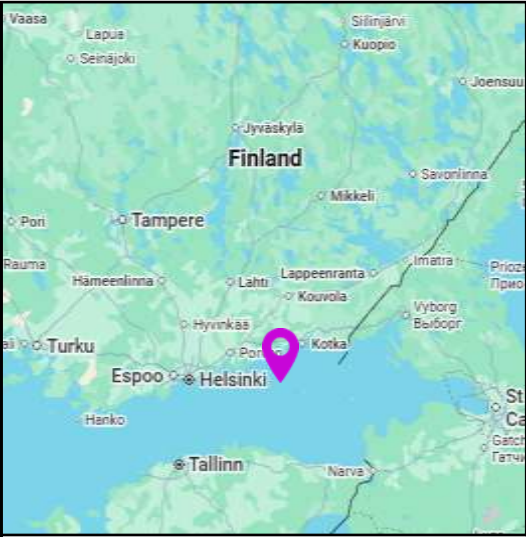
Source -: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/crude-oil-spills-shadow-fleet-tanker-off-541700>



31 Jul/ Pumps 60,000 Liters of Oil From World War II Shipwrecks Under The Baltic Sea/ Finland

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.31	Finland	Baltic Sea	Naval Activities	Name: Ilmarinen Type: coastal defense ship	Officials reported that approximately 40,000 liters of oil remain trapped in the wreck, and recovery efforts will persist into 2027 to mitigate environmental fuel leakage risks.

Finland has successfully extracted approximately 60,000 liters of oil from the sunken Ilmarinen warship, which sank during World War II, to minimize environmental contamination risks in the Baltic Sea. The recovery operation occurred from July 14 to 24, coordinated by the Finnish Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Finnish Navy, Border Guard, and the Diving Medical Center of the Finnish Self-Defense Forces.



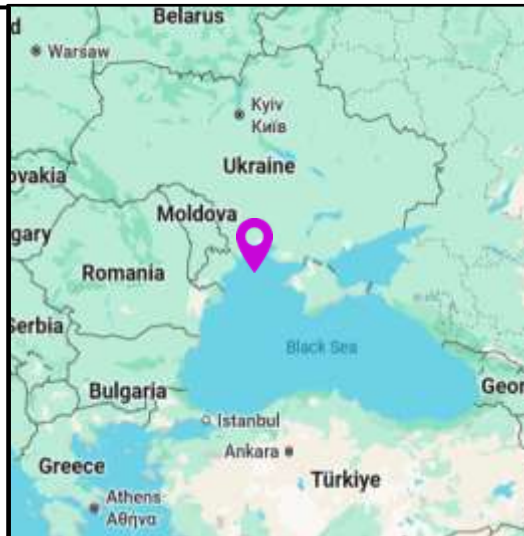
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29 Jul/ Seafarers Aboard Vessel Trapped Amid Drone and Missile Threats / Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	Ukraine	Near Chornomorsk	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name: AMIR 1 Type: Cargo IMO: 9571337	On 29 July, the Indian Embassy in Ukraine stated that they are in constant contact with authorities to ensure the safety and security of Indian seafarers aboard the vessel.

Thirteen Indian seafarers aboard the Tanzania-flagged vessel AMIR 1 are facing increasing security threats as the ship remains docked at Chornomorsk port in Ukraine, amid ongoing drone and missile attacks near the Black Sea. The Forward Seamen's Union of India (FSUI) has labeled the situation life-threatening, highlighting the crew's constant fear of attacks. A video shared by FSUI on 28 Jul 26 shows significant smoke rising from the vicinity of the ship, indicating a deteriorating security landscape around the port.



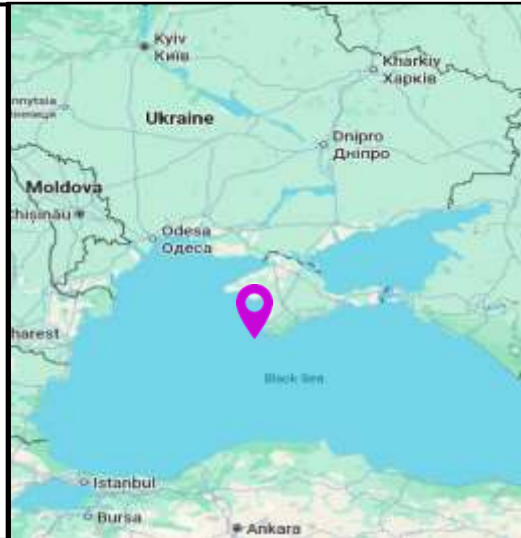
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13132/seafarers-aboard-vessel-trapped-amid-drone-and-missile-threa>



01 August/ Ukraine Sinks Russian-Flagged Containership in Black Sea/ Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Russia	Black Sea	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name :MV Yanina IMO :9301304 Type :Container Ship	Alexey Likhachev, CEO of Rosatom, stated that an attack on a civilian containership in international waters, transporting goods like frozen foods and construction materials, can only be seen as piracy and robbery at sea.

Ukraine targeted the container vessel Yanina, operated by Fesco, while it was en route to Novorossiysk, Russia, striking it with two drones approximately 130 miles offshore. The crew was rescued, with 16 of 17 members saved by the Turkish-owned containership Delphius. The Yanina, built in 2005 and acquired by Fesco in 2021, has a capacity of 962 TEU and was part of regular service from India when it was attacked. A helicopter from the Black Sea Fleet successfully located and retrieved the missing crew member, who was found to be unharmed.



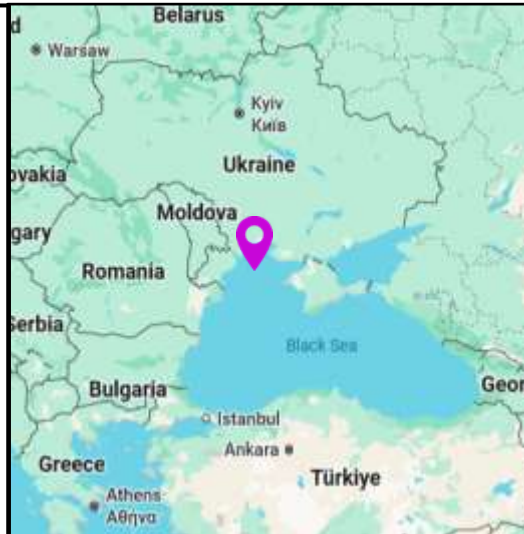
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30 Jul/ Drone Attack Damages Turkish-Owned Cargo Vessel Near Chornomorsk/ Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.30	Ukraine	Near Chornomorsk	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name: ATA 2 Type: Cargo IMO: 938766	This marks the 11th Turkish or Turkish-linked vessel damaged since Russia's full-scale invasion, and the third alone in July, following the attack on Golden Leo on 19 July and Reyhan Sari on 22 July..

Azerbaijani media reported that the Turkish-owned ATA 2 was among three ships attacked by Russian drones. The Russian Ministry of Defence claimed to have targeted military facilities and vessels near Odessa, though it is unclear if ATA 2 was hit. Videos show damage to its living quarters and bridge, but all 13 crew members—12 Azerbaijani and one Turkish—are safe and undamaged, and the ship is continuing its journey to Yalova Port in Turkey.



Source -: [https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13135/bulk-carrier-refloated-after-grounding-in-canakkale-strait`](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13135/bulk-carrier-refloated-after-grounding-in-canakkale-strait)



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