

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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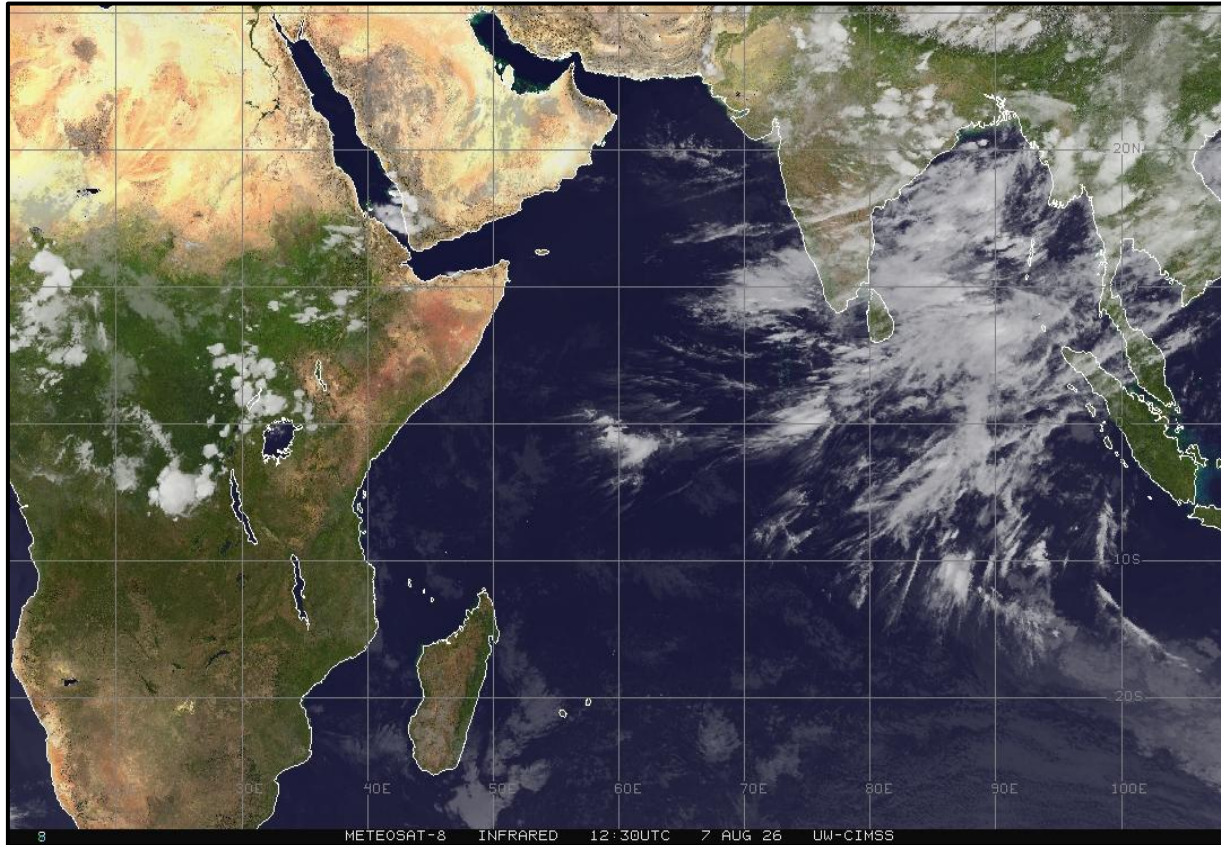
Date 2026.08.07

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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: 2026.08.07/1400UTC to 2026.08.08/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.07

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 70, 75, 85.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 30, 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 kts in section 00

70E to 80E : SW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in section 05.

East of 80E: SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 10.

South of Shear line:

West of 90E: SE'ly/ (15-25) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 80, 85.

East of 90E: E'ly to SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 75

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 80, 85.

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 60, 65, 70.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 30, 40, 75.

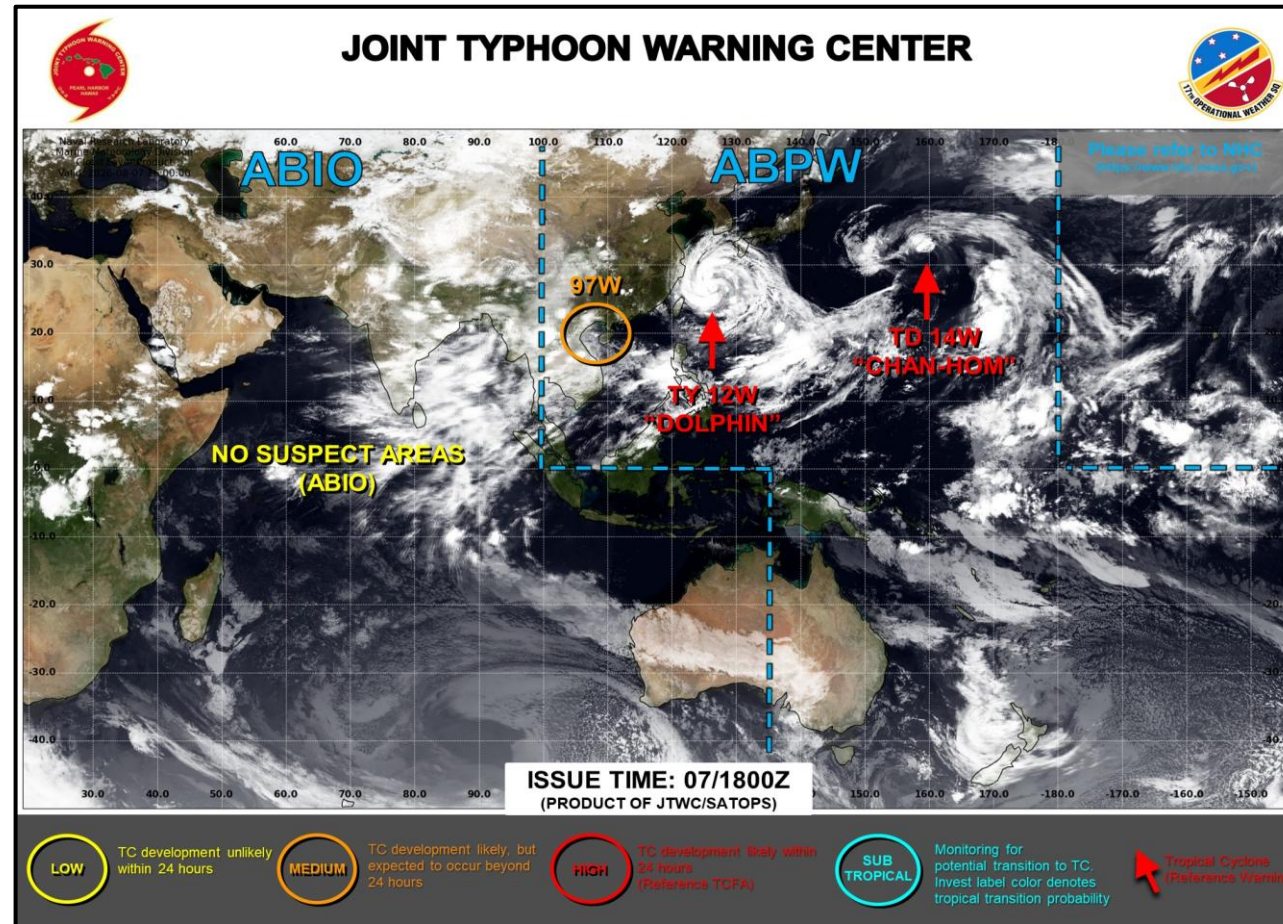
Moderate in sections : 35, 45, 50

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

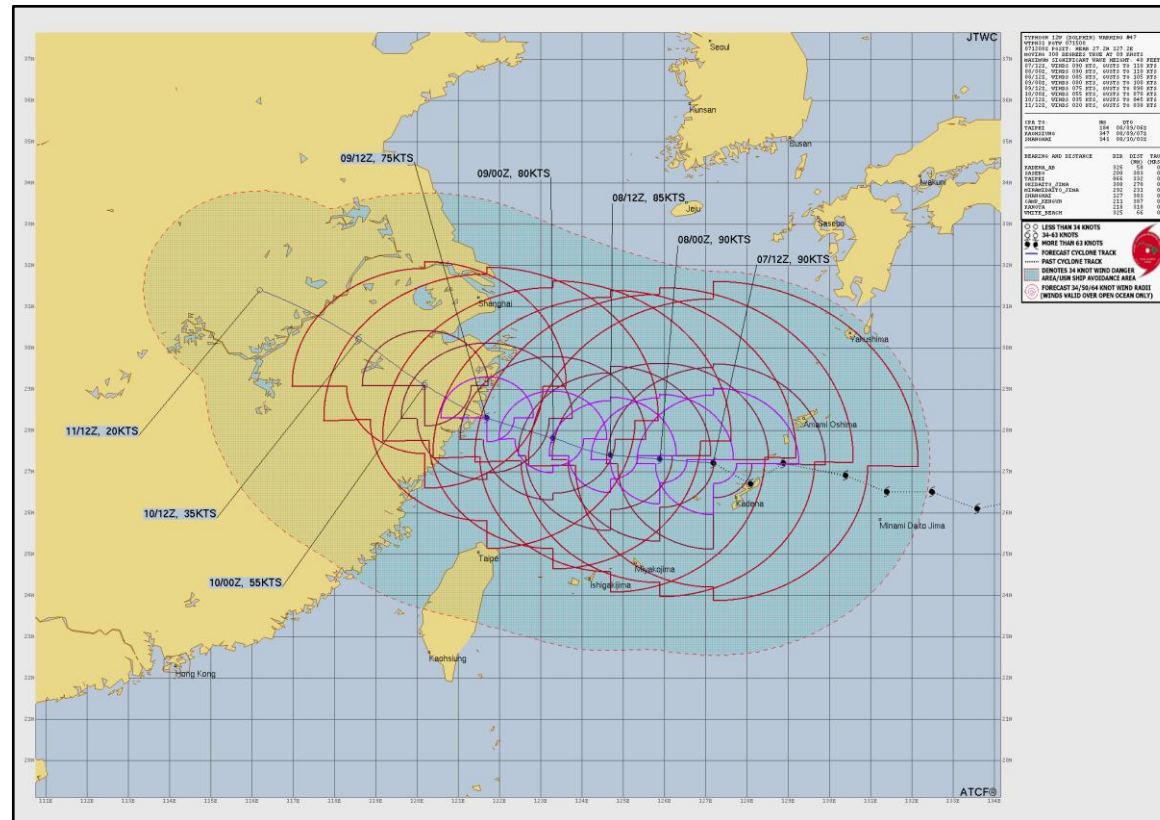


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"



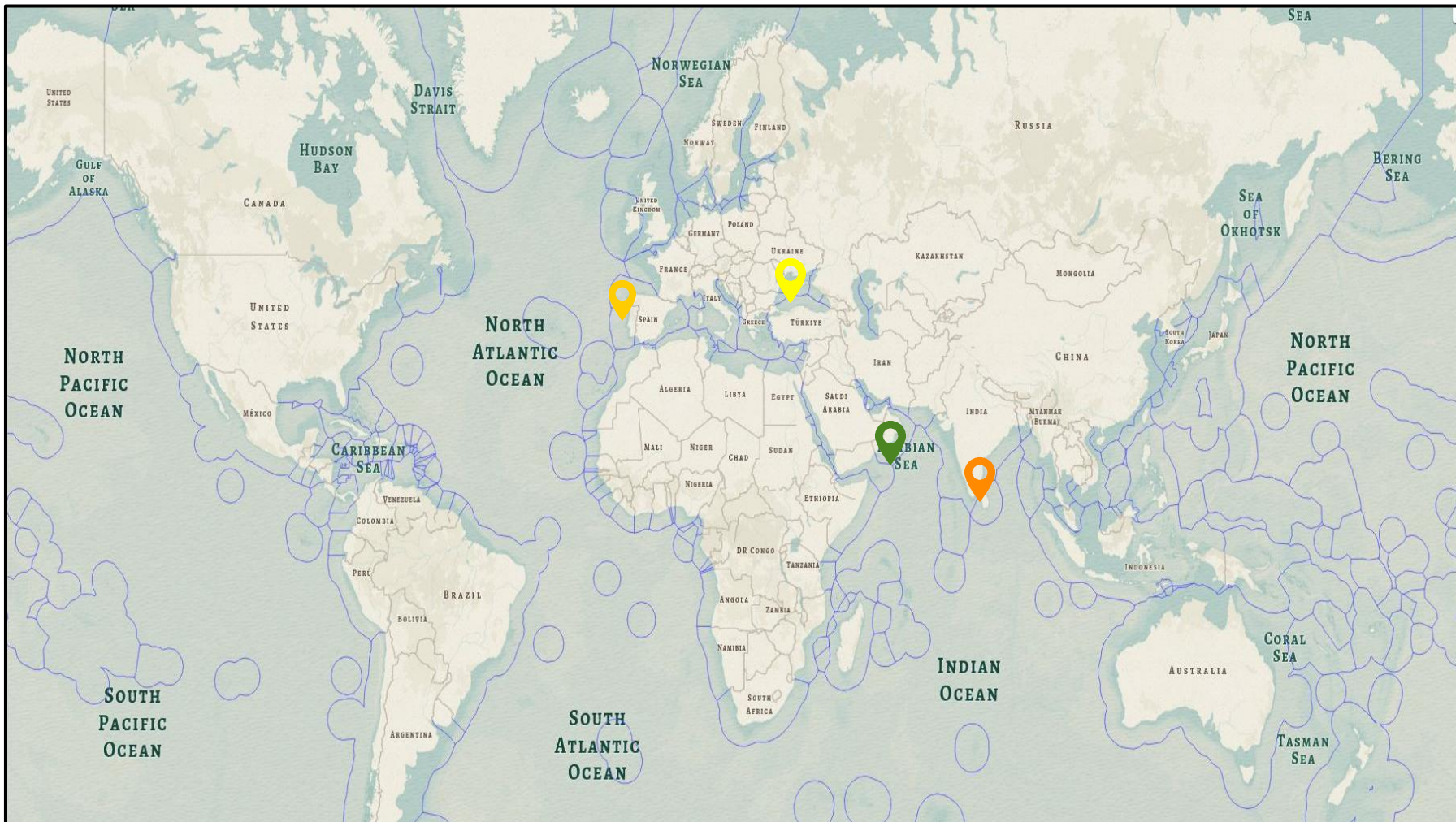
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TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAN-HOM"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

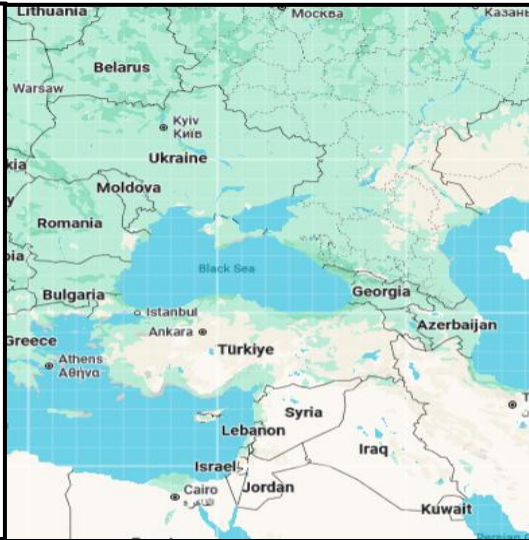
MARITIME INCIDENTS



07 Aug /15 Indian Seafarers Killed in West Asia and Black Sea Conflicts/West Asia & Black Sea Region

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.07	West Asia & Black Sea Region	Black Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and adjacent West Asia high-risk waters	Death on Board (DOB) / Missing	Name-Minoan Pioneer Name-Golden Leo Name-MT Safesea Vishnu Name-MSV Faize Noore Oliya	Indian maritime authorities increased security monitoring, strengthened rescue coordination, and issued safety advisories for vessels operating in high-risk areas.

Conflicts in West Asia and the Black Sea have resulted in the deaths of 15 Indian seafarers, while two remain missing in 57 separate maritime incidents over the past three months. India's maritime regulator DGMA highlighted increased risks to merchant shipping due to drone and missile attacks, resurgence of piracy off Somalia, and renewed Houthi-related threats.



Source -: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/15-indian-seafarers-killed-in-west-asia-and-black-sea-conflicts-regulator/articleshow/133017884.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

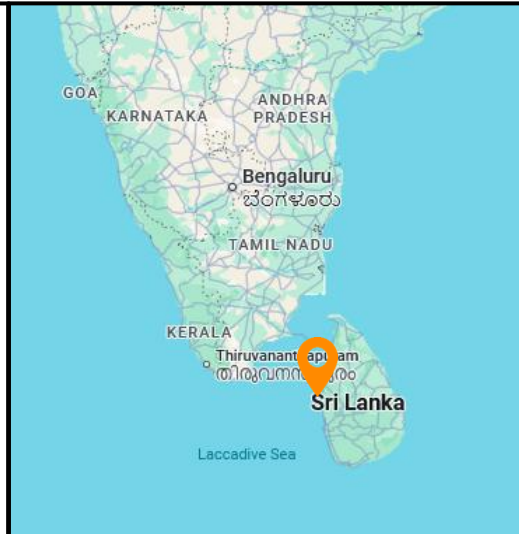
IUU FISHING



05 Aug /Four Fishermen Arrested with Over 223 kg of Illegal Shark Meat/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.05	Sri Lanka	Negombo Fisheries Harbour	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	Vessel Type: Multi-day Fishing Vessel	The four suspects arrested yesterday, along with the confiscated shark meat and fishing vessel, were transferred to the Fisheries Inspector's Office in Suduwella for legal action.

Four fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lanka Coast Guard for illegally possessing 223.94 kg of thresher shark meat and fins on a fishing vessel at Suduwella Fisheries Harbour, violating provisions of Extraordinary Gazette No. 1938/2 of October 26, 2015.



Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cmsmgtdu000b356q0lcbg4qp>

NARCOTIC



05 Aug /Portugal Seizes Massive Cocaine Shipment /Portugal

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.05	Portugal	Portugal,Atlantic Ocean	Sea-based Drug Trafficking / Cocaine	Name- - Type- Container Ship IMO- -	The head of the police's drug trafficking unit announced on August 5 that a crewmember was found hanged in his solitary cell. He was pronounced dead, and an investigation is underway regarding the circumstances of his death. Media sources indicated he possessed significant information about the smuggling operation.

Portuguese Judicial Police, aided by the Navy and Air Force, intercepted a Hong Kong-flagged containership 640 nm off Portugal during a counter-narcotics operation, seizing around 5 tonnes of cocaine. Two stowaways and an Indian crewmember were arrested. The vessel was escorted to Port of Sines on August 4, 2026, where the drugs were offloaded. The next day, the Indian crewmember was found dead in his cell, prompting an investigation by Portuguese authorities.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/portuguese-arrest-two-stowaways-and-one-crewmember-in-large-cocaine-seizure>

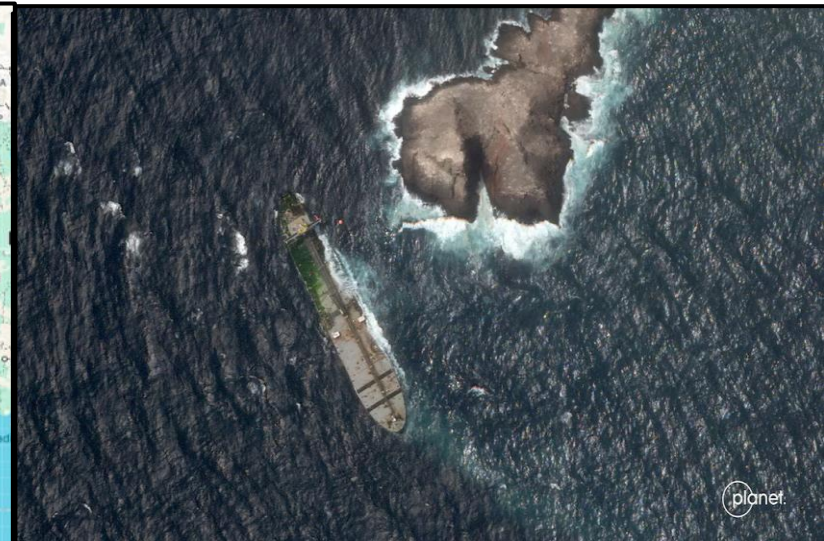
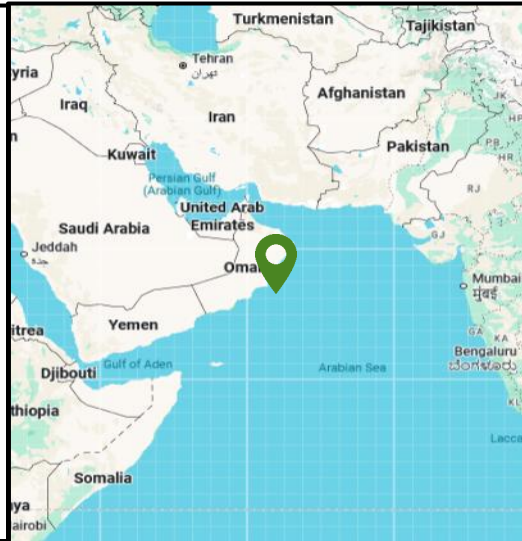
MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTIONS



06 Aug /Oman Launches Emergency Response to Stranded Oil Tanker off Dhofar /Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.06	Oman	Off Hallaniyat Islands, Dhofar Governorate, Arabian Sea	Oil Spill	Name- -CAROLINE BEZENGI Type- Crude Oil Tanker IMO- 9224439	Response teams are conducting pollution response and environmental protection operations while monitoring the expanding oil spill

Omani authorities deployed response teams after the oil tanker caroline bezengi became stranded near the Hallaniyat Islands off Dhofar. The tanker, loaded with Russian crude oil, is leaking oil, raising concerns over pollution of coastal waters and marine ecosystems. Authorities are working to minimize the environmental impact.



Source -: https://www.reuters.com/world/oman-responds-stranded-vessel-off-dhofar-state-media-says-2026-08-06/?utm_source=chatgpt.com



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