

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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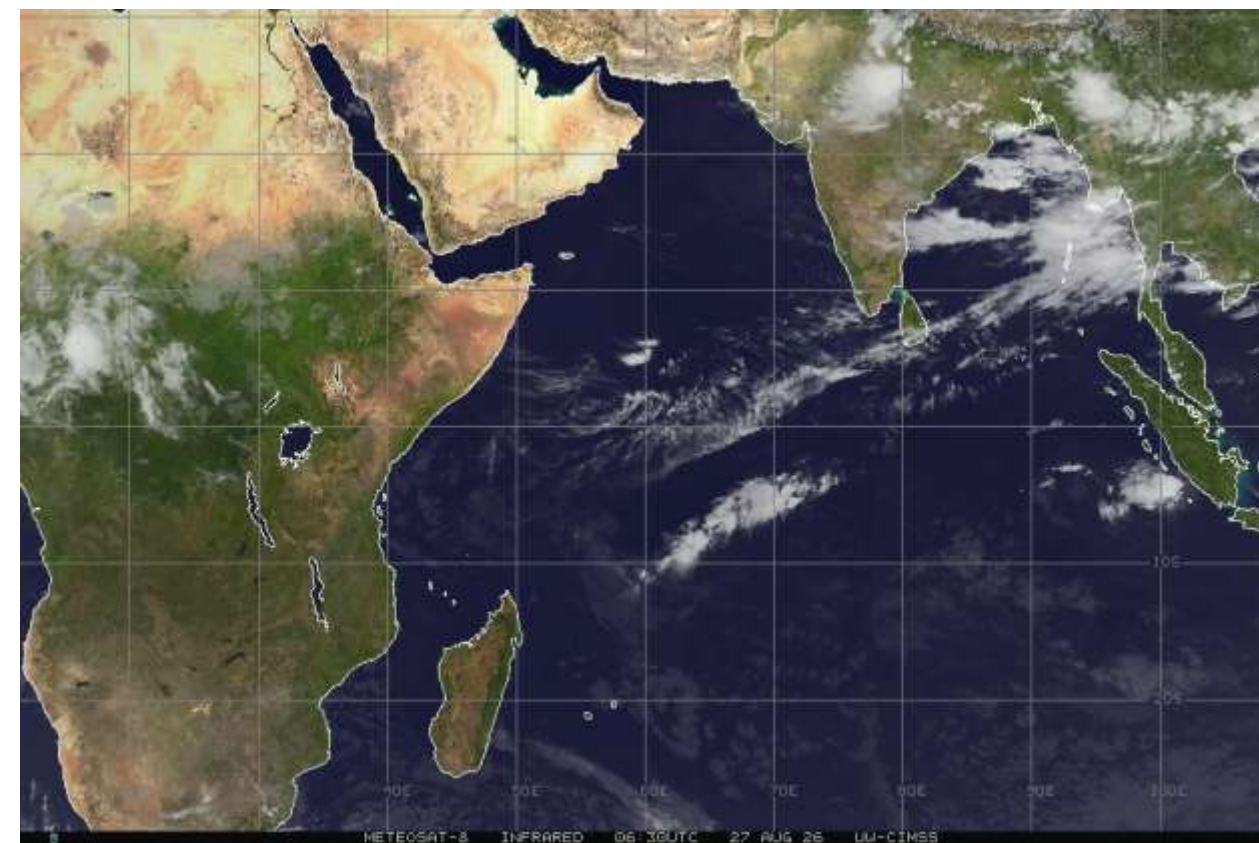
Date 2026.08.27

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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: 2026.08.27/1400UTC to 2026.08.28/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.27

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 45, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 85.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 25, 30, 40, 80.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-15) kts.

East of 75E : SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 05, 10, 15.

South of Shear line:

West of 77E : SE'ly to S'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 80.

East of 77E : SE'ly to E'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 75, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 15.

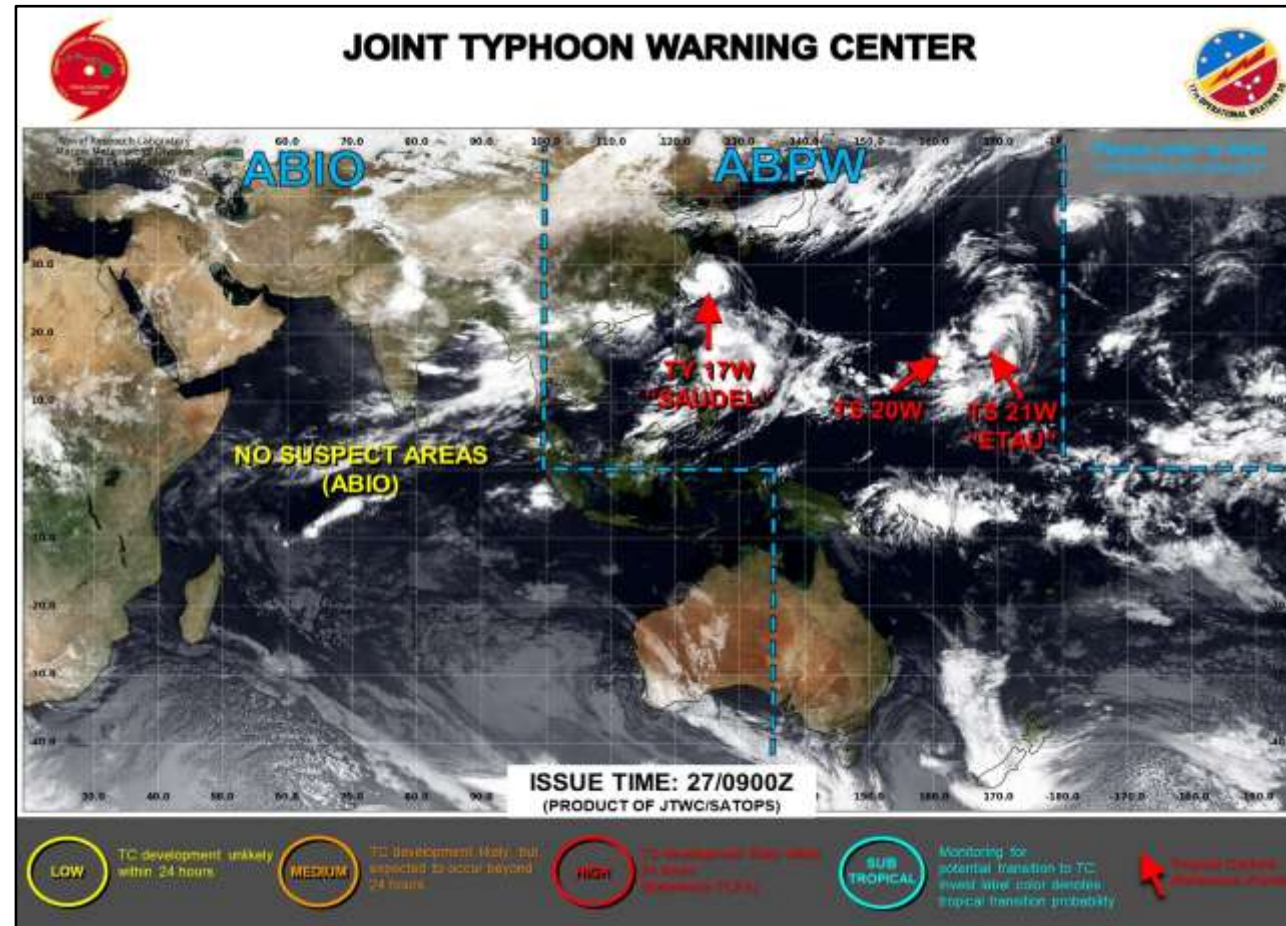
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 60, 75, 80, 85.

Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

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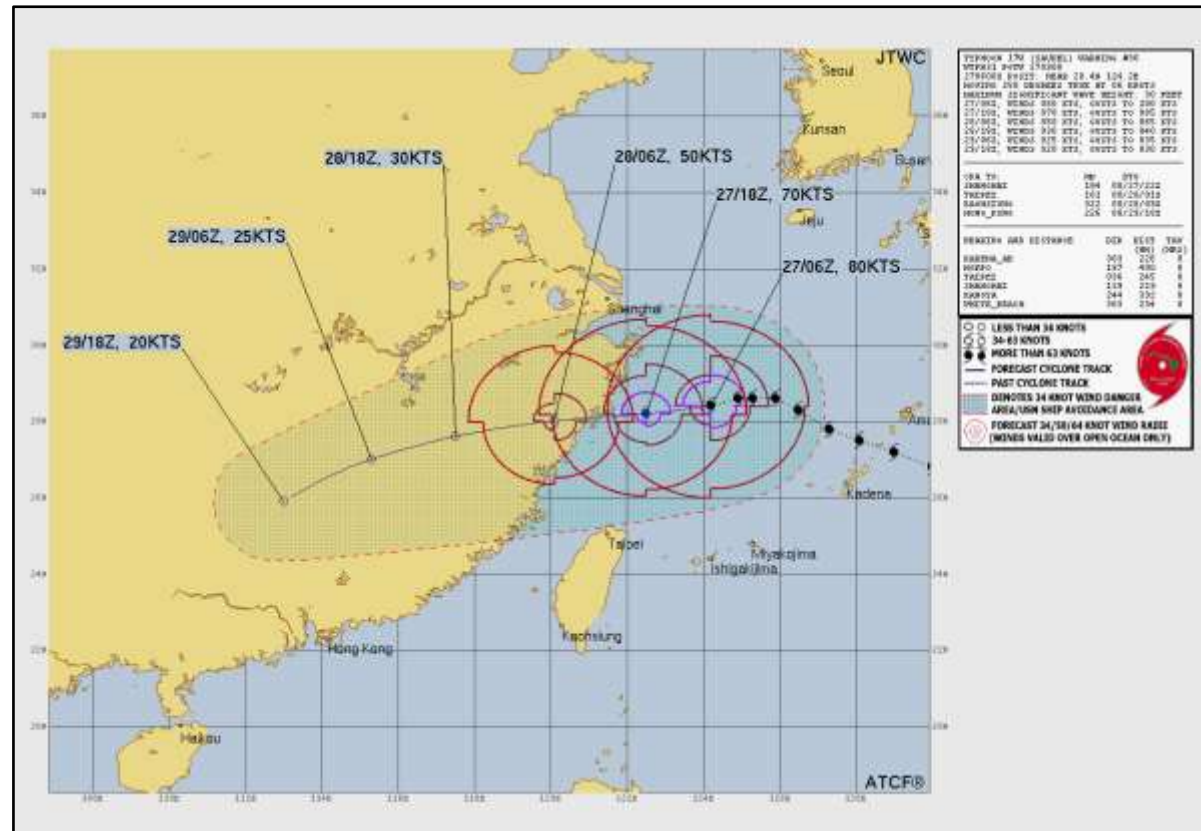


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"

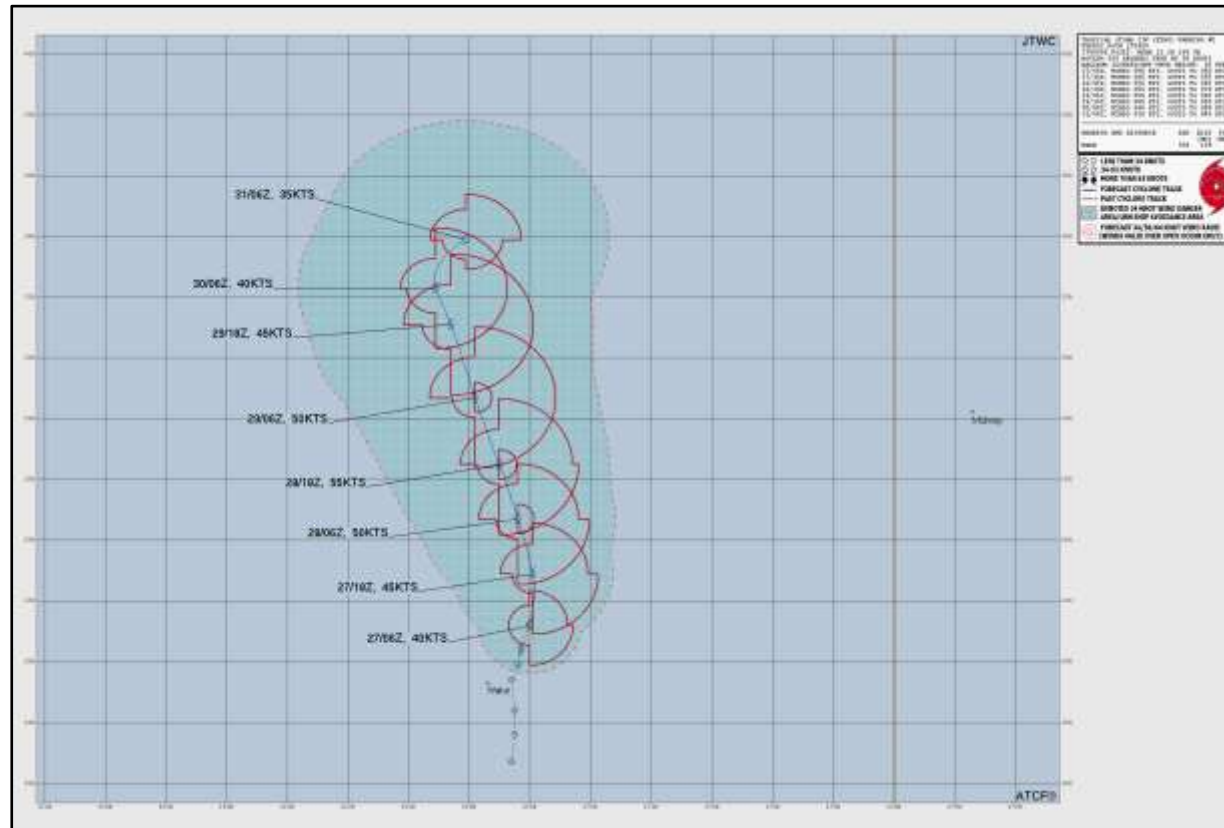


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "ETAU"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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



MARITIME INCIDENTS

25 Aug/Coast Guard Rescues 161 Migrants After Boat Engine Fails/Mauritania

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	Mauritania	Off Mauritania	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The Coast Guard rescued all passengers from a boat that suffered an engine failure. Although safe, the passengers were exhausted due to the journey and the boat's poor condition.

Mauritanian Coast Guards rescued 161 migrants, including 17 children, after their boat's engine failed off the Coast. The migrants, who had spent eight days at sea, set off from Banjul, Gambia. Among the group were 99 Senegalese nationals (Six women, two children), 56 Guineans (Three men, 38 women, 15 children), and six Gambians (Two men, four women).



Source -: <https://en.hespress.com/144464-mauritania-coast-guard-rescues-161-migrants-after-boat-engine-fails.html>

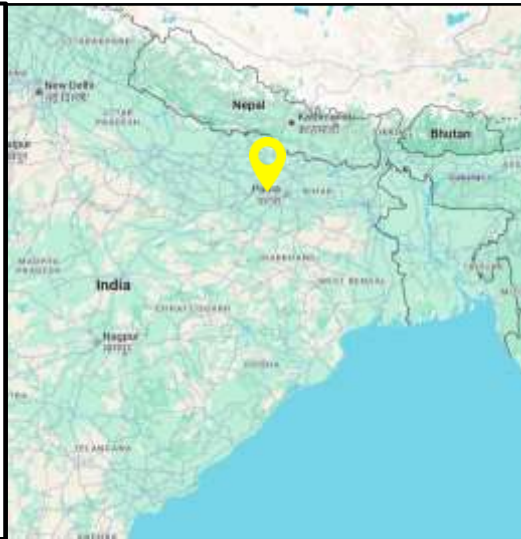
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26 Aug/2 Missing After Boat Carrying 21 Overturns in Bihar/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	India	Raghopur embankment in Bihar	Capsizing/Sinking	-	19 of the 21 people on board have been rescued, with efforts ongoing by the SDRF team to find the remaining two laborers, according to District Magistrate Alankrita Pandey.

The boat owned by the Water Resources Department capsized at approximately 1430 hrs while 21 labourers were working on rebuilding the Kajikoraiya-Raghopur embankment on the Ganga River in Bihar's Bhagalpur district. The workers were conducting anti-erosion efforts, using sandbags to combat riverbank erosion when the boat, overloaded and destabilized by a sudden shift in the river's current, overturned. A State Disaster Response Force team rescued 19 workers, with efforts ongoing to locate the two missing labourers.



Source -: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/video-2-missing-after-boat-carrying-21-overturns-in-bihar-11962693>

SMUGGLING



22 Aug/Navy Seizes P147-M Smuggled Fuel, Cigarettes in Zamboanga Peninsula/Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	Philippine	Zamboanga	Contraband/Goods smuggling	Motorboat	On 24 Aug 26, NCWM operatives intercepted the M/B Jiboy off Pangasinan Island, Sulu, discovering 611 master cases and 37 reams of foreign-brand cigarettes, with the total estimated value of the vessel and cargo at P95.01 million.

The Philippine Navy's Naval Command Western Mindanao seized suspected smuggled cigarettes and diesel fuel valued at approximately P147 million in the Zamboanga Peninsula. Rear Admiral Constancio Arturo Reyes Jr. confirmed the interception of an unmarked motorboat off Barangay Labuan, Zamboanga City, on 22 Aug 26, which was carrying undocumented diesel fuel, with a total value of P52.27 million.



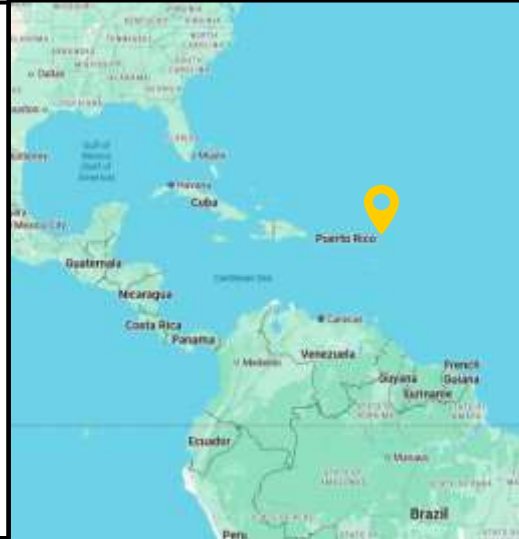
Source -: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2293411/navy-seizes-p147-m-smuggled-fuel-cigarettes-in-zamboanga-peninsula>



26 Aug/Coast Guard Stops Suspected Drug Boat Carrying \$54.5 Million in Cocaine off Puerto Rico/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	USA	Off Puerto Rico	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /Crystal methamphetamine/Cocaine	-	The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Richard Dixon intercepted a drug smuggling vessel 50 miles south of Puerto Rico, seizing 7,250 pounds of cocaine valued at approximately \$54.5 million.

Adam Chamie highlighted the success of Coast Guard operations in stopping over 7,000 pounds of Cocaine from reaching communities, achieved through strong partnerships between ready crews and interagency collaboration. Five individuals from the intercepted vessel are detained for further investigation, and the vessel has been destroyed due to navigation hazards.



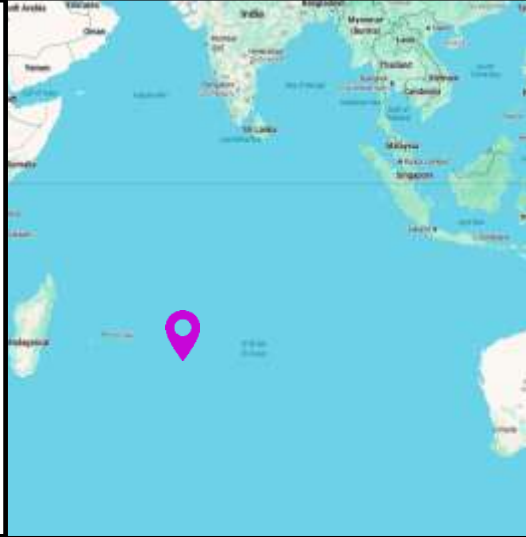
Source -: <https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/4584195/coast-guard-stops-suspected-drug-boat-carrying-545-million-in-cocaine-off-puert/>



27 Aug/Magnitude 4.9 Earthquake Strikes Indian Ocean Triple Junction/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.27	USA	Triple Junction	Geography activities	-	The earthquake's remote ocean location appeared to reduce the immediate risk to people and property. Seismic monitoring centres needed to evaluate its magnitude, depth, and location before assessing the tsunami's potential.

A 4.9 magnitude earthquake was reported near the Indian Ocean Triple Junction by the U.S. Geological Survey. The event occurred in a remote area of the southern Indian Ocean, far from populated regions, and there were no immediate reports of injuries, damage, or tsunami threats. The Indian Ocean Triple Junction is where the African, Indo-Australian, and Antarctic tectonic plates meet, characterized by submarine spreading ridges that lead to frequent seismic activity.



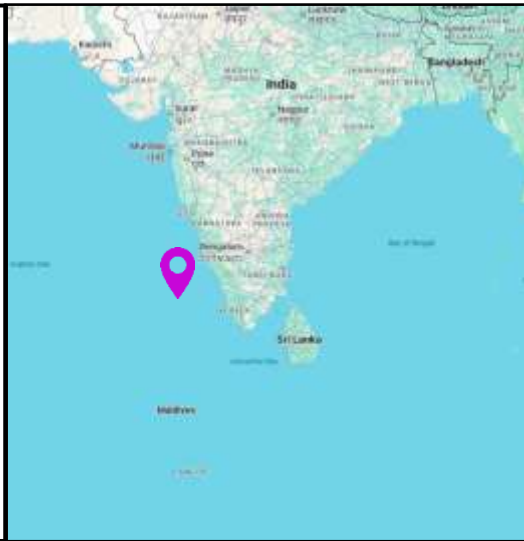
Source -: <https://freepresskashmir.news/2026/08/27/magnitude-4-9-earthquake-strikes-indian-ocean-triple-junction/>



27 Aug/Blue Economy Pact to Protect Ocean Assets/India & Australia

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2026.08.27	India and Australia	-	Foreign affairs	-	By making spatial data feeds uniform, the countries aim to fill in the gaps in tracking unreported vessels and reduce major revenue losses in their shared fisheries. Fisheries and ocean management authorities noted that non-reporting vessels will face regulatory actions to protect blue economy growth.

India and Australia have implemented a combined satellite tracking grid to safeguard their blue economy assets by addressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. This system combines live vessel telemetry and space-based radar to monitor non-compliant fleets, linking Australia's CSIRO spatial mapping networks with India's maritime regulation systems.



Source -: https://www.esgnews.earth/latest-news/india-australia-blue-economy-pact-to-protect-ocean-assets/21624.html?doing_wp_cron=1787847911.7497711181640625000000



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