

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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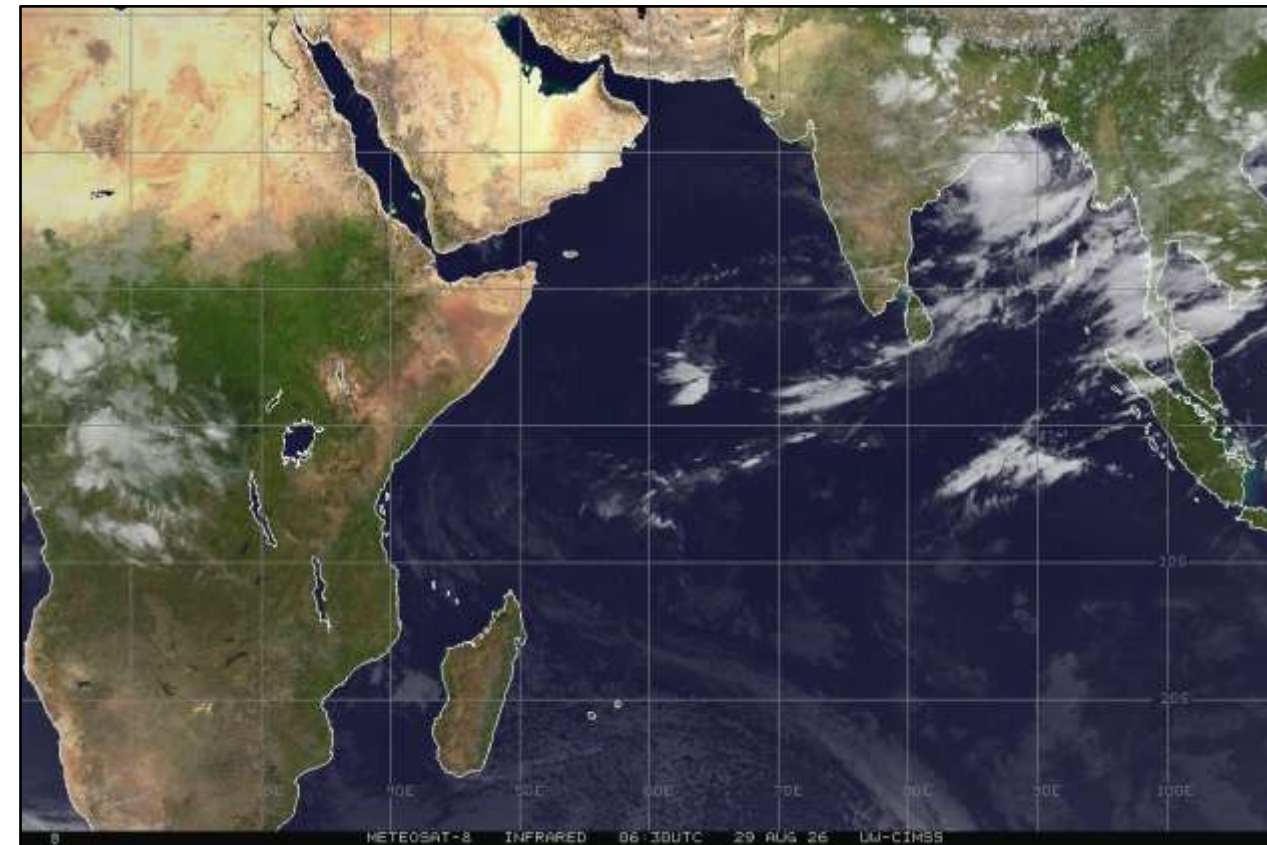
Date 2026.08.29

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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: 2026.08.29/0600UTC to 2026.08.29/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.29

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 05, 15, 20, 25, 40, 45, 70.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 35, 50, 55, 60, 80, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 78E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts.

East of 78E : SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 05, 10.

South of Shear line:

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

East of 80E : SE'ly to E'ly / (10-20) kts.

Seas:

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

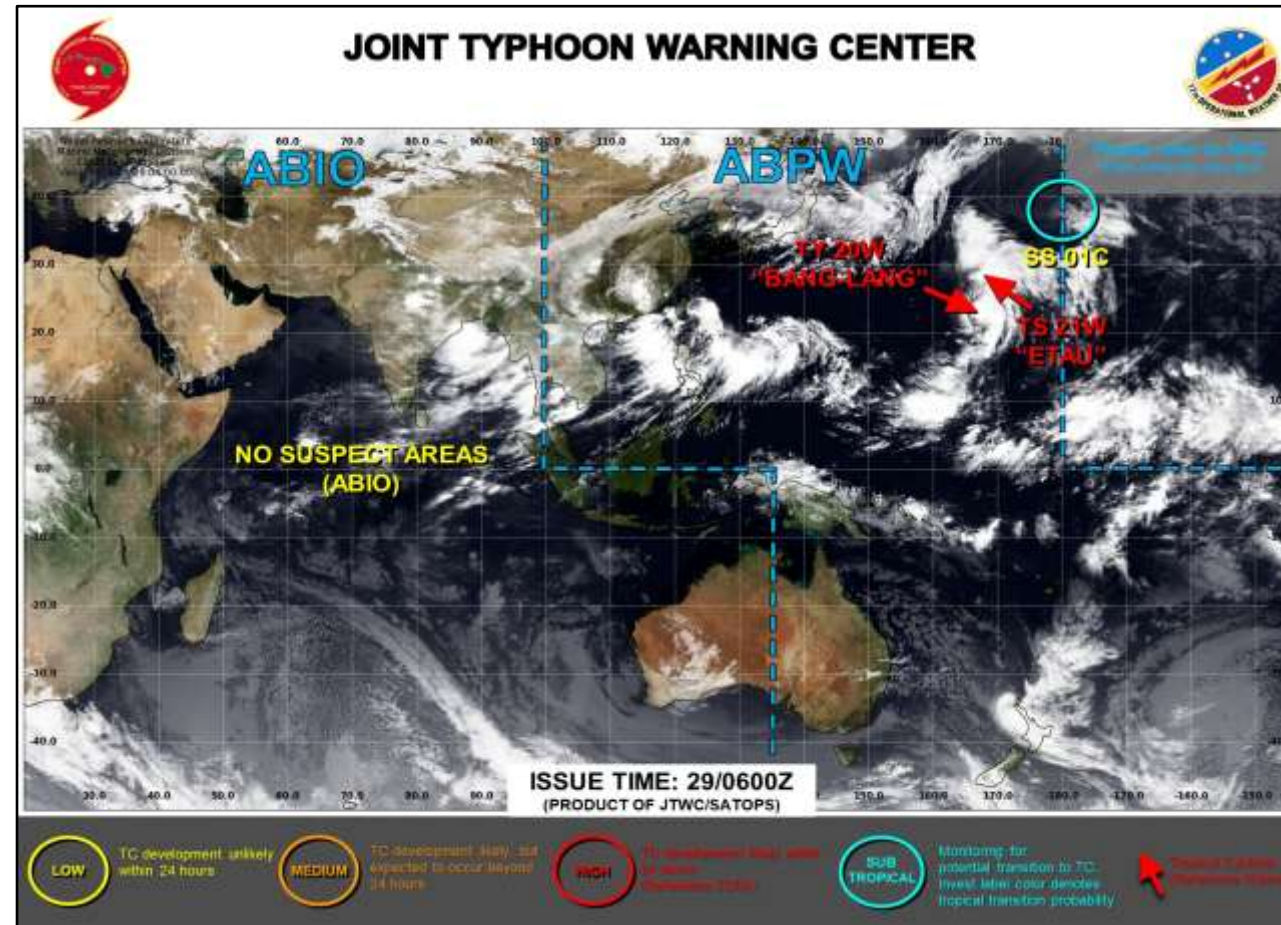
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 60, 80.

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 "BANG-LANG"





TROPICAL CYCLONE "ETAU"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

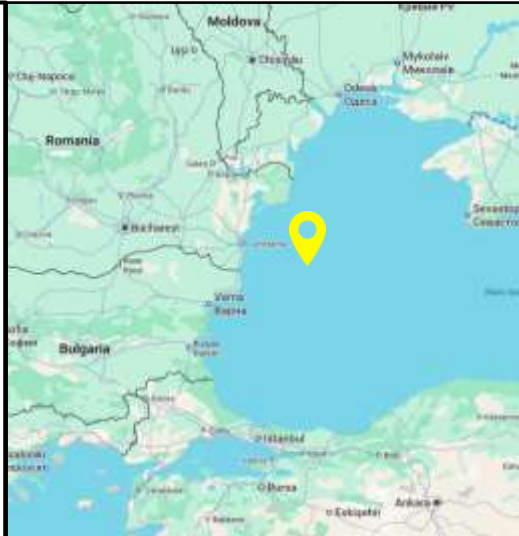
MARITIME INCIDENTS



27 Aug/ Commercial Vessel Sinks Deliberate Attack Suspected/ Romania

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.27	Romania	Off The Coast Of Romania	Capsizing /Sinking	Commercial vessel	On 27 Aug 26, a commercial vessel caught fire and sank in the Black Sea near Romania's coast, as announced by the President of Romania.

The incident took place in Romania's exclusive economic zone, about 20 nautical miles southeast of Sfântu Gheorghe, where a fire on a vessel prompted a Coast Guard response. All 12 crew members were rescued, but one sustained injuries. President Dan stated the vessel was struck, with no current details on the assailants. Romania is grappling with security issues along its coast, including drone incursions related to the Russian attacks on Ukraine, and debris from intercepted drones has washed ashore in the region.



Source -: <https://news.liga.net/en/amp/world/news/commercial-vessel-sinks-in-romania-deliberate-attack-suspected>

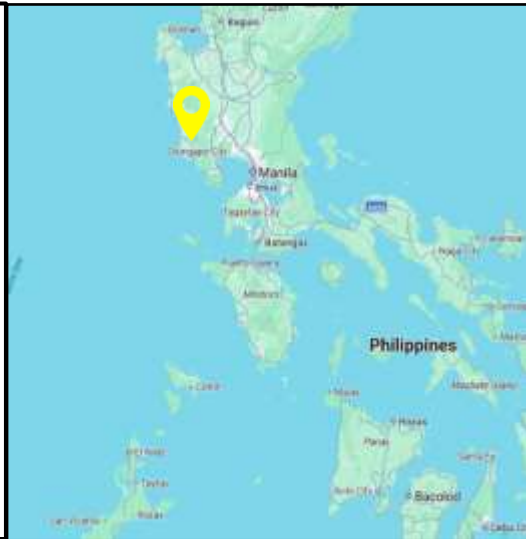


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27 Aug/ 6 Dead, 3 Missing After Motor Banca Capsizes in Zambales/ Philippines

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2026.08.27	Philippines	Mapanuepe Lake	Capsizing /Sinking	Motor Banca	Six people died and three others are missing after a motor banca capsized in Mapanuepe Lake, San Marcelino, Zambales, on 27 Aug 26.

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) reported that around 1400hrs Near the Sunken Church in Barangay Buhawen, a motor banca capsized, resulting in the deaths of three adults and three minors, all from the Aeta community in Sitio Lumibao. They were returning home after obtaining food and medicine from a health center. The PCG noted that initial information suggests strong winds and rough waters contributed to the incident, which is still under investigation.



Source -: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/6-dead-3-missing-after-motor-banca-capsizes-in-zambales>

IUU FISHING



28 Aug/ Navy, Fisheries Officials Seize Three Fishing Trawlers For Alleged Illegal Fishing/ Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.28	Nigeria	Gulf of Guinea	Unreported catch	Three Fishing Trawlers	The Nigerian Navy and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture arrested three fishing trawlers with 33 crew members—three Chinese, two Ghanaians, and 28 Nigerians—for suspected illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities.

Rear Admiral Abubakar Mustapha, representing the Flag Officer Commanding, Western Naval Command, announced an operation aimed at enhancing surveillance and collaboration against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Nigeria's maritime area. This exercise is part of a larger Regional Simultaneous Fisheries Patrol coordinated with Ghana and the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea, utilizing intelligence-led resources including ships, helicopters, drones, and Special Boat Service elements.



Source -: <https://thenationonlineng.net/navy-fisheries-officials-seize-three-fishing-trawlers-for-alleged-illegal-fishing/>

IUU FISHING



28 Aug/ Maintains Crackdown/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.28	Australia	Near Little Adolphus Island	Illegal fishing apparatus	Foreign Vessel	The Australian Border Force (ABF) has seized a foreign vessel suspected of illegal fishing in the Torres Strait as part of Operation Broadstaff, a multi-agency initiative launched in February to tackle illegal foreign fishing in Far Northern Queensland and the Torres Strait.

Last week, ABF found a vessel near Little Adolphus Island based on community reports. Officers boarded the vessel and discovered evidence of suspected fisheries offences, including 700 kg of salt for preserving catch and fishing equipment. The vessel was located before any marine life was caught. After consulting the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), officers seized the vessel and detained the crew, transporting them to Darwin for further investigation regarding potential violations of the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984.



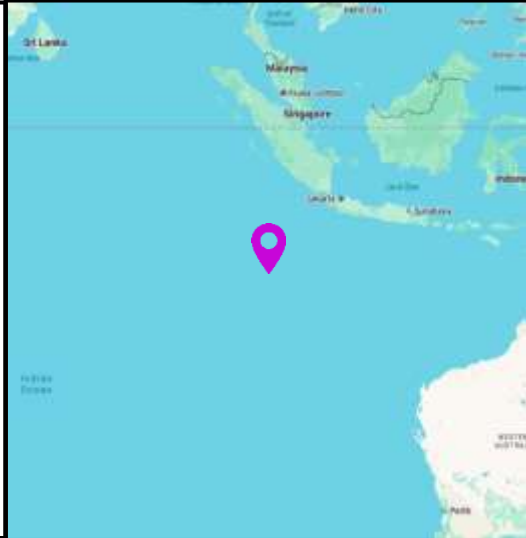
Source -: <https://fiskerforum.com/australia-maintains-crackdown/>



28 Aug/ Scientists Discover 149 New Deep-sea Species At Remote Indian Ocean Seamounts/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.28	Australia	Southwest Of The Indonesian Island Of Jakarta	Geography Activities	-	Researchers surveyed depths of 94 to 5,431 m, mapping an abyssal seafloor with volcanic seamounts aged 40 to 120 million years, some reaching 70 kilometers across. This area had not been previously studied, as noted by study lead author Tim O'Hara from Museums Victoria in Melbourne.

The Indian Ocean comprises about 20% of the global ocean area, with a significant portion deeper than 1,000 meters. Its deep-sea biodiversity, especially in the seamounts of the central eastern region, is compared to the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Researchers have relatively overlooked the deep-sea biodiversity of the Indian Ocean, particularly in the seamounts of the central-eastern region. relatively overlooked compared to the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. A recent expedition around the Christmas and Cocos islands uncovered notable marine biodiversity, leading to the identification of 149 new species, including a sea cucumber (Oneirophanta), a new fish (Chlorophthalmus), and a parasitic barnacle (Rhizolepas).



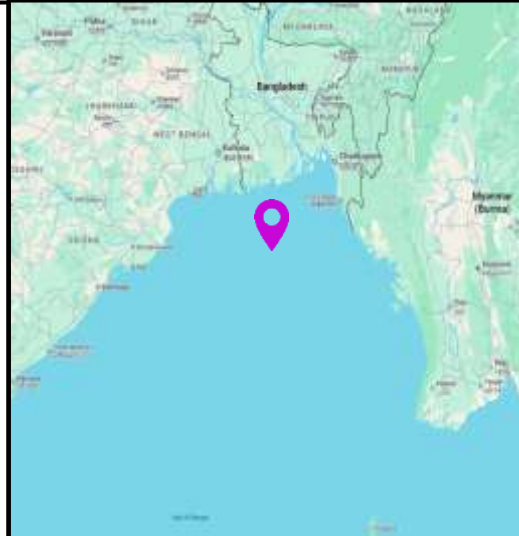
Source -: <https://news.mongabay.com/2026/08/scientists-discover-149-new-deep-sea-species-at-remote-indian-ocean-seamounts/>



29 Aug/ Low Pressure Forms Over Bay, Signal 3 at All Seaports/ Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.29	Bangladesh	Coastal Areas Of West Bengal And North Odisha	Geography Activities	-	Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla, and Payra seaports are advised to hoist Local Cautionary Signal No. 3. Fishing boats and trawlers in the North Bay should remain close to the coast and exercise caution until further notice.

A low-pressure area has developed over the Bay of Bengal, leading the Bangladesh Meteorological Department to recommend that all four maritime ports raise Local Cautionary Signal No. 3. The warning was issued on 29 Aug 26, indicating that the system, located over the northwest Bay of Bengal and surrounding coastal regions, might shift west-northwestwards. This situation could result in squally weather impacting the maritime ports and the North Bay, as well as adjacent coastal areas in Bangladesh.



Source -: <https://en.banglanews24.com/national/news/bd/195295.details>



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