

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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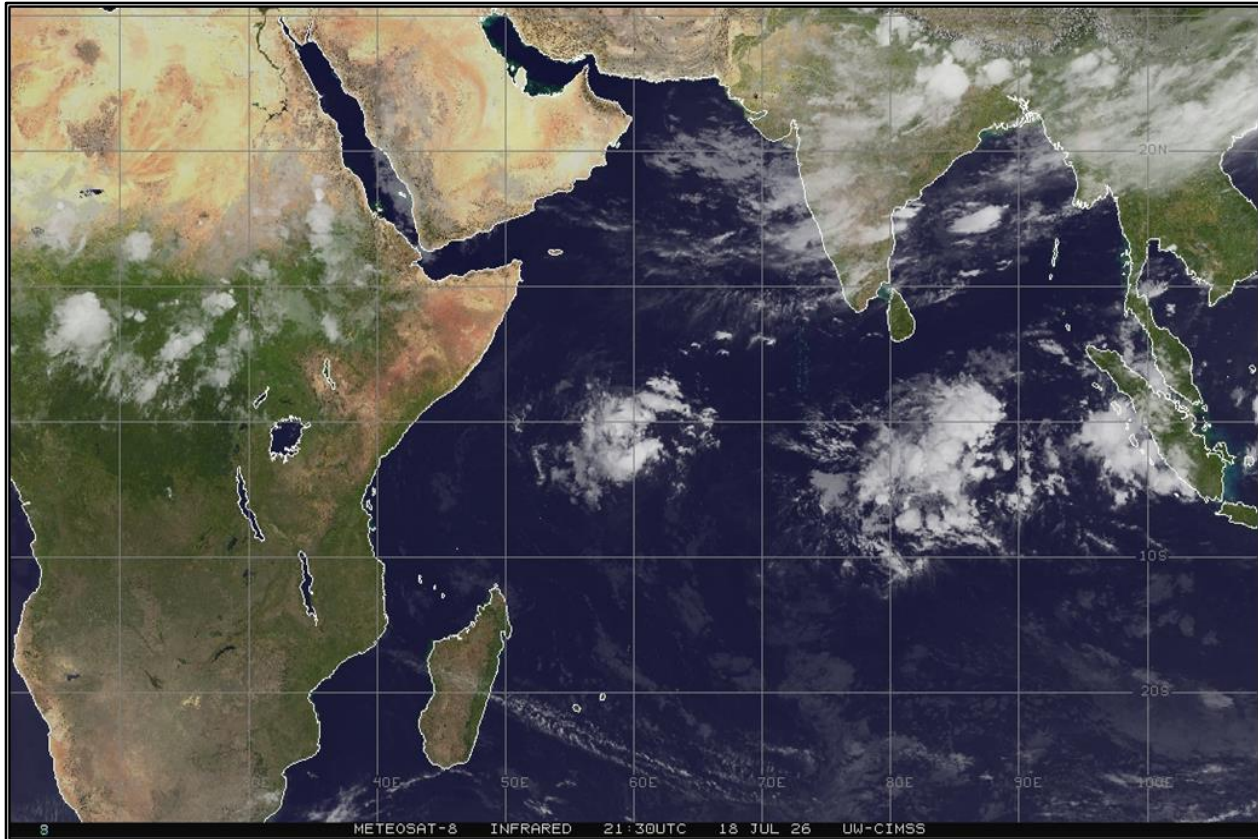
Date 2026.07.19

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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: 2026.07.19/0600UTC to 2026.07.19/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.19

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 60, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts

East of 75E: SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10, 30, 50

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50, 65, 85

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 65, 85

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 80

Moderate in Sections : 70, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

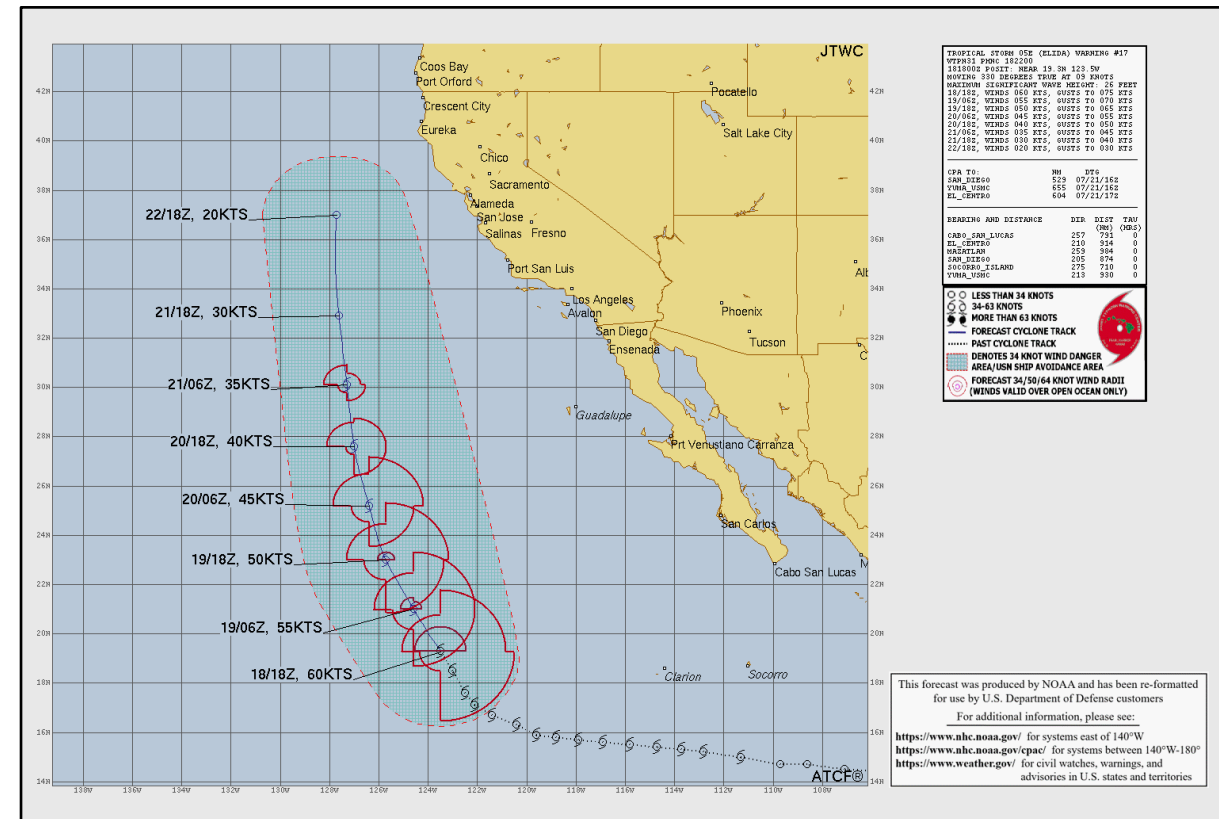
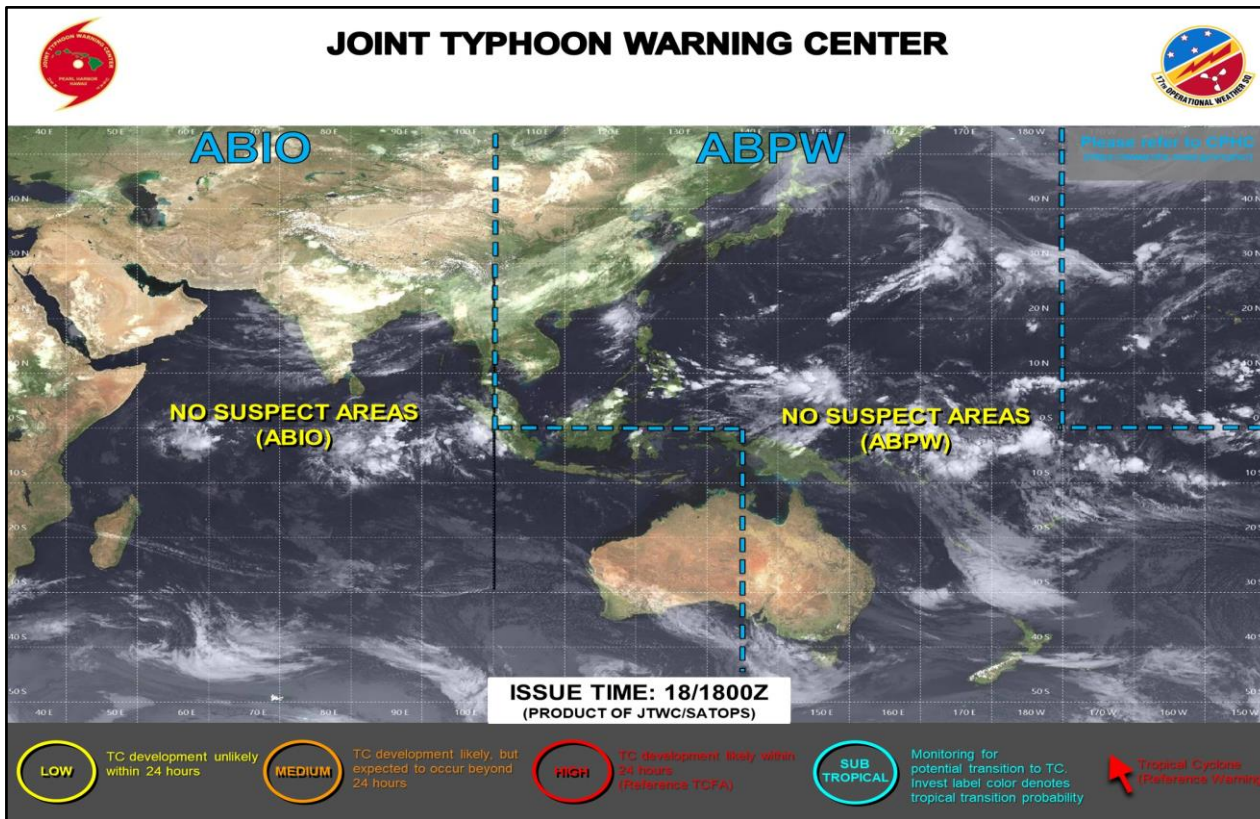
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE

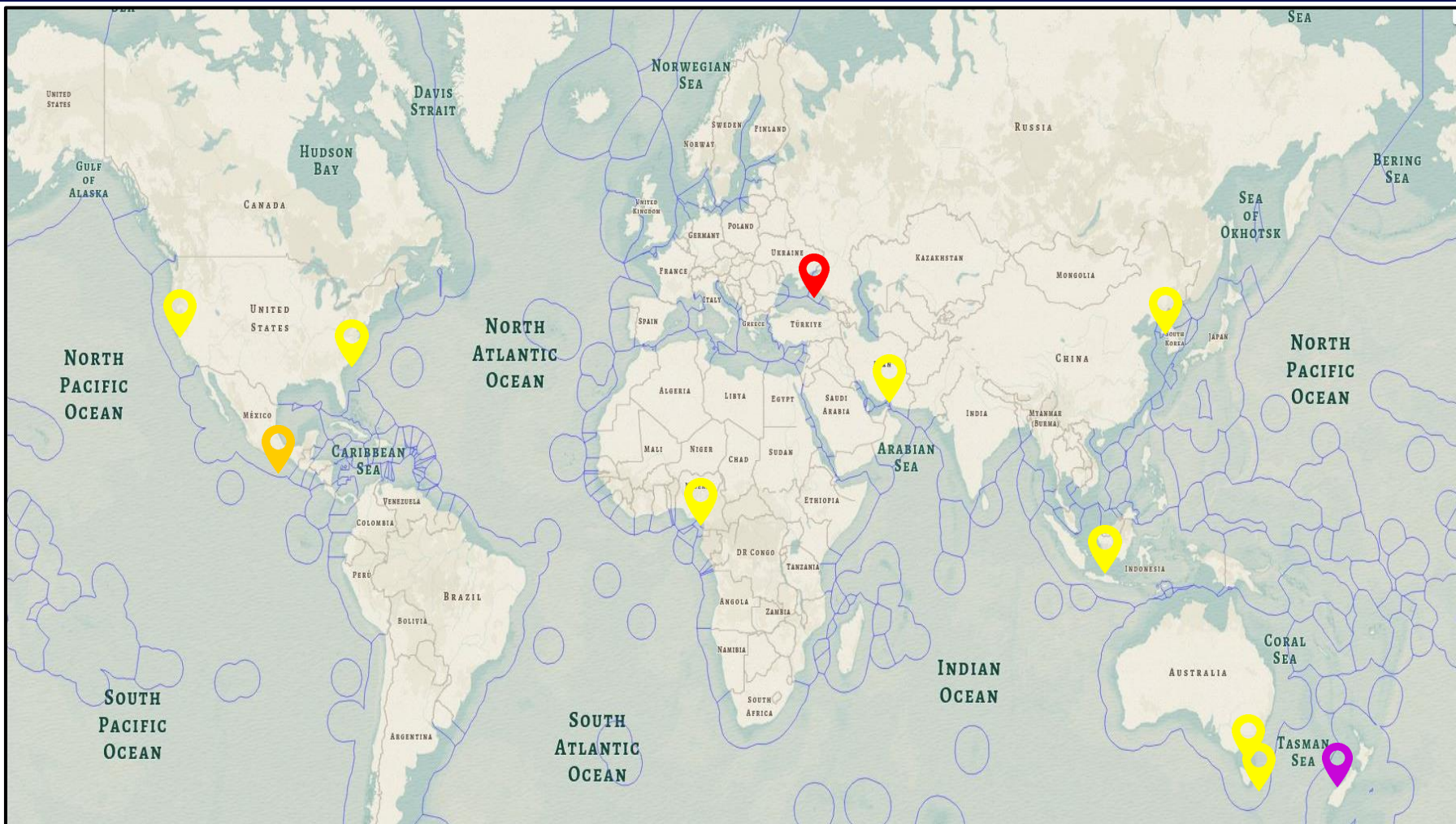


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ELIDA"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	08
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	11

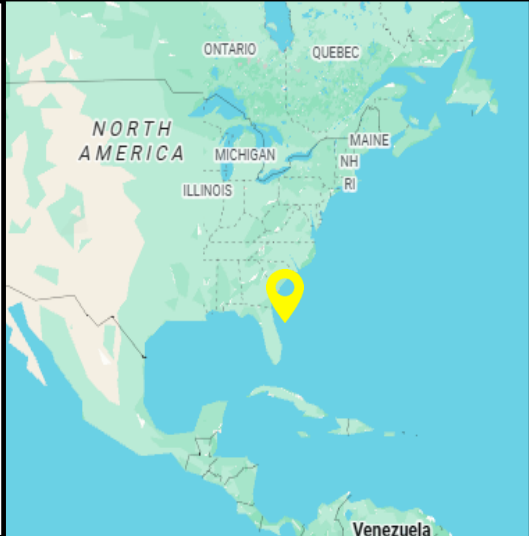
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17 Jul/Charter Boat Runs Aground/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	USA	Woods Hole	Grounding/Stranding	-	Six crew members remained aboard the boat while passengers were transported to Great Harbor, as reported by the Coast Guard.

Seven passengers were removed from a boat that ran aground near Cape Cod's Woods Hole. The U.S. Coast Guard reported that the vessel, named Favor, was being towed for inspection following the incident close to the Woods Hole ferry terminal.



Source -: <https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/woods-hole-boat-incident/3983333/>

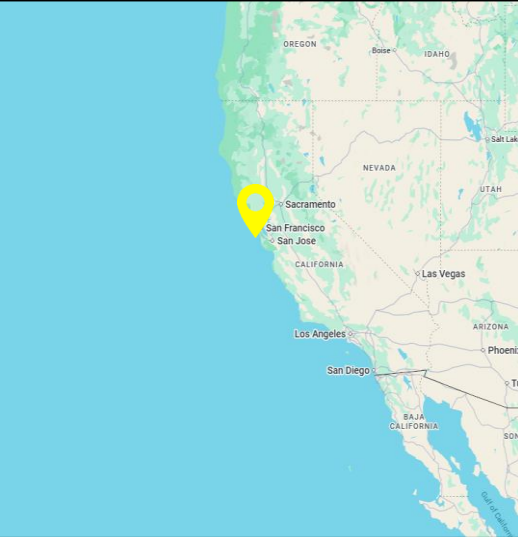
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14 Jul/ The Sunken Boat Near Alcatraz/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	USA	San Francisco Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Three Level Boat	Emergency responders worked to locate and assist those affected by the sinking. Most passengers were rescued, but the fate of two missing individuals remains a primary focus for investigators and rescue teams.

A tragic incident near Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay resulted in the sinking of a three-level boat, leading to the loss of at least two lives. A rescue operation saved 16 individuals, but two remain unaccounted for. The cause of the sinking is under investigation.



Source -: <https://snjtoday.com/what-we-know-about-the-sunken-boat-near-alcatraz/>

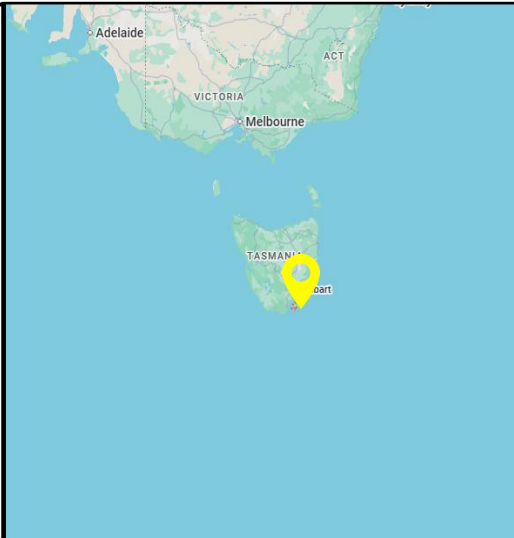
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17 Jul/ Shark Attack on Tasmanian Coast Causes Injuries to a Diver/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Australia	Coast Of Tasmania's Bruny Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries to his forearm and was airlifted to the hospital in a stable condition.

Police reported a shark attack involving a male diver off the coast of Tasmania on 18 Jul 26. The 31-year-old man was bitten by a 6.6-foot broadnose Sevengill shark while diving 50 meters from Bruny Island around 0910 Hrs. He managed to return to shore with assistance from fellow divers, according to Police Inspector Darren Latham. This incident marks a continuation of recent shark attacks in Australian waters.



Source -: <https://www.marinelink.com/blogs/blog/shark-attack-on-tasmanian-coast-causes-injuries-to-a-diver-105101>

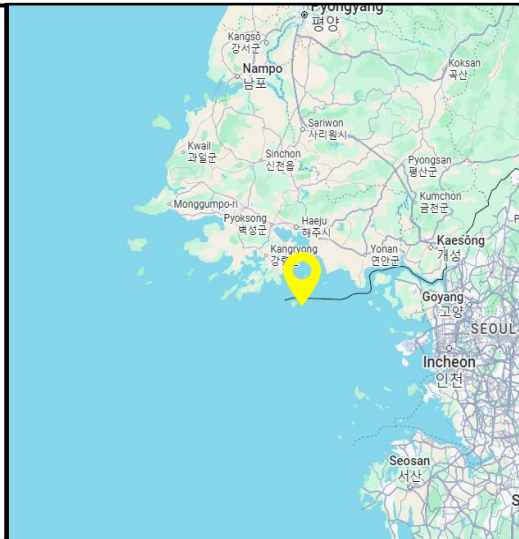
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18 Jul/ Rescue Operation Launched After Suspected Chinese Fishing Boat Sinks Near Yeonpyeong Island/ Korea

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.18	Korea	North Of Yeonpyeong Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Fishing Vessel	Coast Guard patrol vessels were dispatched to the scene in coordination with the military. Rescue operations are ongoing as they assess the number of casualties.

The Korean coast guard and military are conducting joint rescue operations after a suspected Chinese fishing vessel sank north of Yeonpyeong Island. The Marine Corps reported the sinking around 1100 Hrs noting that other Chinese fishing boats were also assisting in the search for crew members who fell into the water. The information was promptly relayed to the Coast Guard for further action.



Source -: <https://www.koreajoongangdaily.com/korea/rescue-operation-launched-after-suspected-chinese-fishing-boat-sinks-near-yeonpyeong-island/12779284>

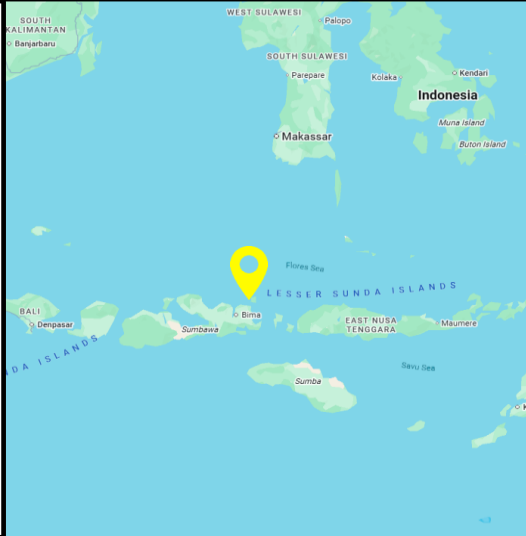
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17 Jul/ Rescuers Save 45 After Tourist Boat Sinks En Route to Komodo/ Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Indonesia	Off Tanjung Katupa	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Tourist Boat	The boat was carrying 45 people, consisting of eight crew members and 37 passengers, including 16 Indonesian and 29 foreign nationals. Rescuers evacuated the survivors to two nearby vessels: 17 people were taken aboard the Sultan and 28 to the Majestic.

Indonesian rescuers successfully evacuated 45 passengers and crew members from a tourist boat that sank off Tanjung Katupa in Bima Regency, West Nusa Tenggara, after being hit by high waves on the night of 16 Jul 26. The vessel sank around 1945 Hrs. local time while en route from Gili Trawangan to Komodo Island. Evacuations were completed by 0245 am. local time the following day.



Source -: <https://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesian-rescuers-save-45-after-tourist-boat-sinks-en-route-to-komodo>

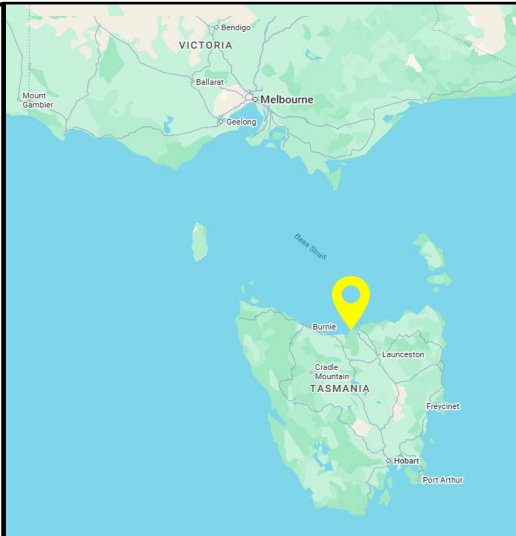
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16 Jul/ Two Hospitalized After Oyster Boat Hits Sandbar in Tasmania/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	Australia	Bakers Beach	Grounding/Stranding	Fishing Boat	The man received on-scene medical assistance after being retrieved by others on the barge before being transported to Launceston General Hospital. Police reported that he is being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Two individuals were injured after a commercial fishing boat struck a sandbar at Bakers Beach, Tasmania, on 16 Jul 26. Tasmania Police reported the incident occurred around 0930 hrs local time, following a report of a man who fell overboard and became temporarily trapped between the sandbar and an oyster barge.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/one-hospitalised-after-oyster-boat-hits-sandbar-in-tasmania-australia>

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12 Jul/ Cargo Ship Black Rhino Sinks After Collision in Port of Douala-Bonabéri, Threatening Port Access/ Cameroon

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.12	Cameroon	Bonabéri Port	Capsizing /Sinking	Name-Black Rhino Type –Cargo Flag -Cyprus	A crisis team was deployed to manage a navigation threat, allowing port operations to resume by 14 Jul 26. No details on crew casualties or pollution have been confirmed, and the collision's cause remains under investigation.

The container ship Black Rhino collided with a bulk carrier in the Port of Douala-Bonabéri, Cameroon, on 12 Jul 26, causing it to sink and threatening access to the country's main commercial port. The identity of the bulk carrier remains unconfirmed. The incident raises concerns about navigational blockages, as Douala-Bonabéri is vital for Cameroon's trade and serves as a key transit route for landlocked Chad and the Central African Republic. An extended closure of the port would have significant regional implications.



Source -: <https://maritimeoptima.com/maritime-news/cargo-ship-black-rhino-sinks-after-collision-in-port-of-douala-bonaberi-threatening-port-access>

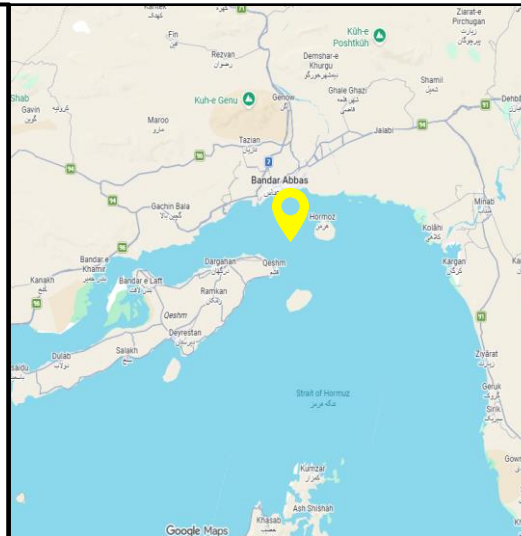
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14 Jul/ Bulk Carrier Luni Splits in Half and Sinks off Bandar Abbas, All 23 Crew Rescued/ Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	Iran	Off Bandar Abbas	Capsizing /Sinking	Name-Luni Type -Cargo Flag -Saint Kitts And Nevis	The sinking was reported alongside explosions near Bandar Abbas and Qeshm Island, with the exact cause remaining unconfirmed, including possibilities of collision damage or a weapon strike. Additionally, there is no publicly connected AIS data for the vessel prior to the incident, and details on cargo type and volume have not been revealed.

The Luni, a St. Kitts and Nevis-flagged bulk carrier operated by Lora Shipping, sank off Bandar Abbas, Iran, on 14 Jul 26 due to a catastrophic keel failure. All 23 crew members were rescued. The 32-year-old vessel had reportedly sustained hull damage from a collision days earlier, which may have contributed to the structural failure. Official details on the events leading to the sinking have not been released.



Source - : <https://maritimeoptima.com/maritime-news/bulk-carrier-luni-splits-in-half-and-sinks-off-bandar-abbas-all-23-crew-rescued>

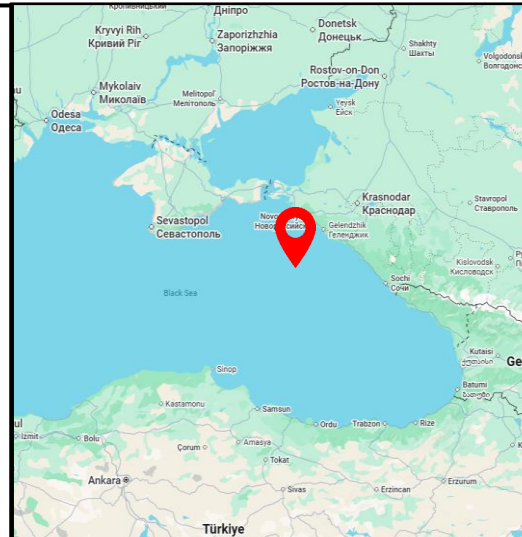
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17 Jul/ Exxon-Chartered Oil Tanker Attacked By Drones Near Black Sea Terminal/ Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Russia	Black Sea coast	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name- Nordic Zenith Type –Tanker Flag -Liberia	CPC reported a fire on the Nordic Zenith that was subsequently extinguished. Nearby vessels evacuated 13 crew members, while nine opted to stay on board.

An oil tanker, the Supermax-class Nordic Zenith, was attacked by two drones while loading oil at the Caspian Pipeline Consortium terminal off Russia's Black Sea coast, according to CPC. The tanker was chartered by ExxonMobil. CPC did not assign responsibility for the attack, which reflects a recent escalation of hostilities involving Russia and Ukraine that are affecting shipping in the Black and Azov seas.



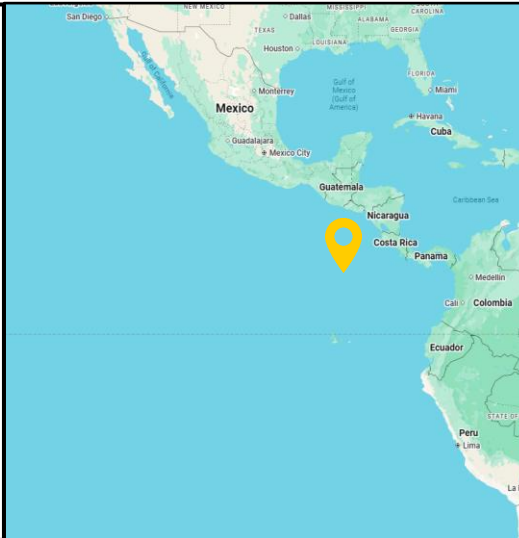
Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/exxon-chartered-oil-tanker-attacked-by-drones-near-black-sea-terminal/>



16 Jul/ Authorities Seize Massive Drug Haul in Caribbean Waters/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	USA	142 nautical miles south of Golfito	Seizure of narcotics	Name- Ángel del Pacífico	The seizure resulted in the confiscation of 7,099 pounds (about 3,220 kilograms) of marijuana and 175 kilograms of cocaine, along with the arrest of three crew members.

A vessel carrying illegal narcotics from Colombia was intercepted 142 nautical miles south of Golfito, Costa Rica, resulting in over three tons of drugs being seized and three arrests. The boat, "Ángel del Pacífico," was spotted by a U.S. Southern Command surveillance aircraft. Following its identification, a coordinated response involved Southcom and Panamanian aircraft, while the Costa Rican Coast Guard launched interceptors. The elite GOPES unit fired warning shots, retrieved cargo discarded by traffickers, and successfully captured the vessel.



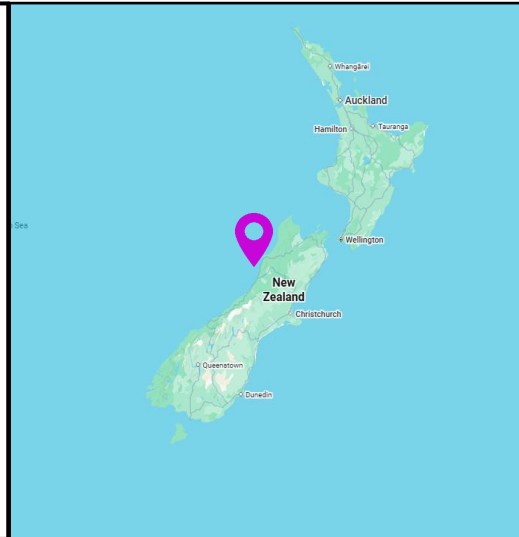
Source -: <https://www.cubaheadlines.com/articles/335376>



15 Jul/ Customs Acquires ROV Trio For Counter-narcotics Missions/ New Zealand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.15	New Zealand	Customs Service	Foreign affairs	ROVs	Each ROV can operate for eight hours on battery power, making it suitable for extended counter-smuggling missions. They are equipped with a 4K video camera, sensors for depth, humidity, and temperature, along with two adjustable lights.

Oceanbotics has supplied the New Zealand Customs Service with three remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), similar to those used by the Australian Border Force. These ROVs, designed for counter-narcotics missions, measure 0.5 meters in length, 0.43 meters in beam, and 0.41 meters in height, with a displacement of 18.6 kg and eight brushless DC thrusters. They can operate at depths of up to 35 meters and withstand air temperatures from -10 to 60 degrees Celsius and water temperatures from -2 to 35 degrees Celsius.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/naval/unmanned-naval-systems/new-zealand-customs-acquires-rov-trio-for-counter-narcotics-missions>



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