

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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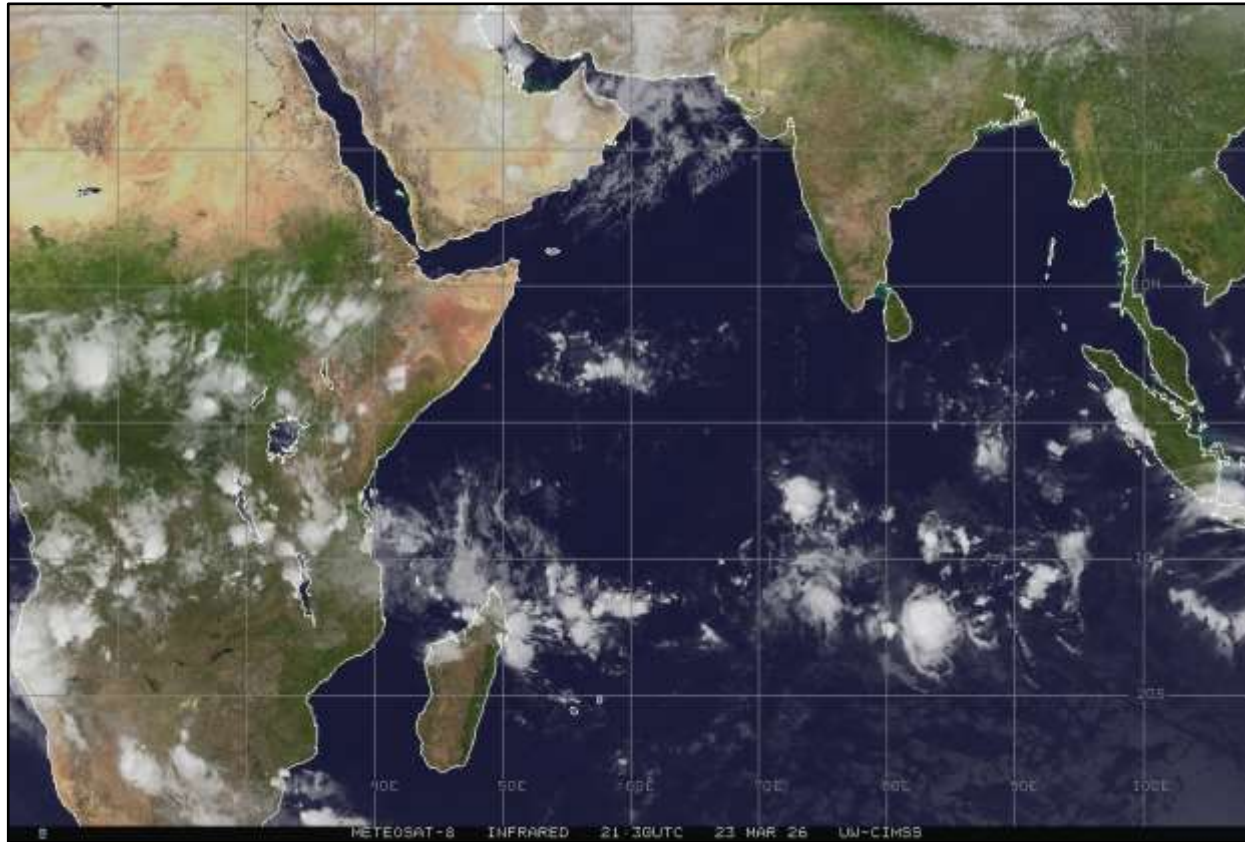
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Date 2026.03.24

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: 2026.03.23/0600UTC to 2026.03.23/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.23

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

Shear line is NOT VISIBLE

ITCZ is NOT VISIBLE

Weather:

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 45, 65, 75, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of EQ:

West of 80E: E'ly to NE'ly / (10-20)kts

East of 80E: NE'ly / (05-15)kts

South of EQ:

West of 75E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts

East of 75E: SE'ly or VRB / (05-15)kts

Seas:

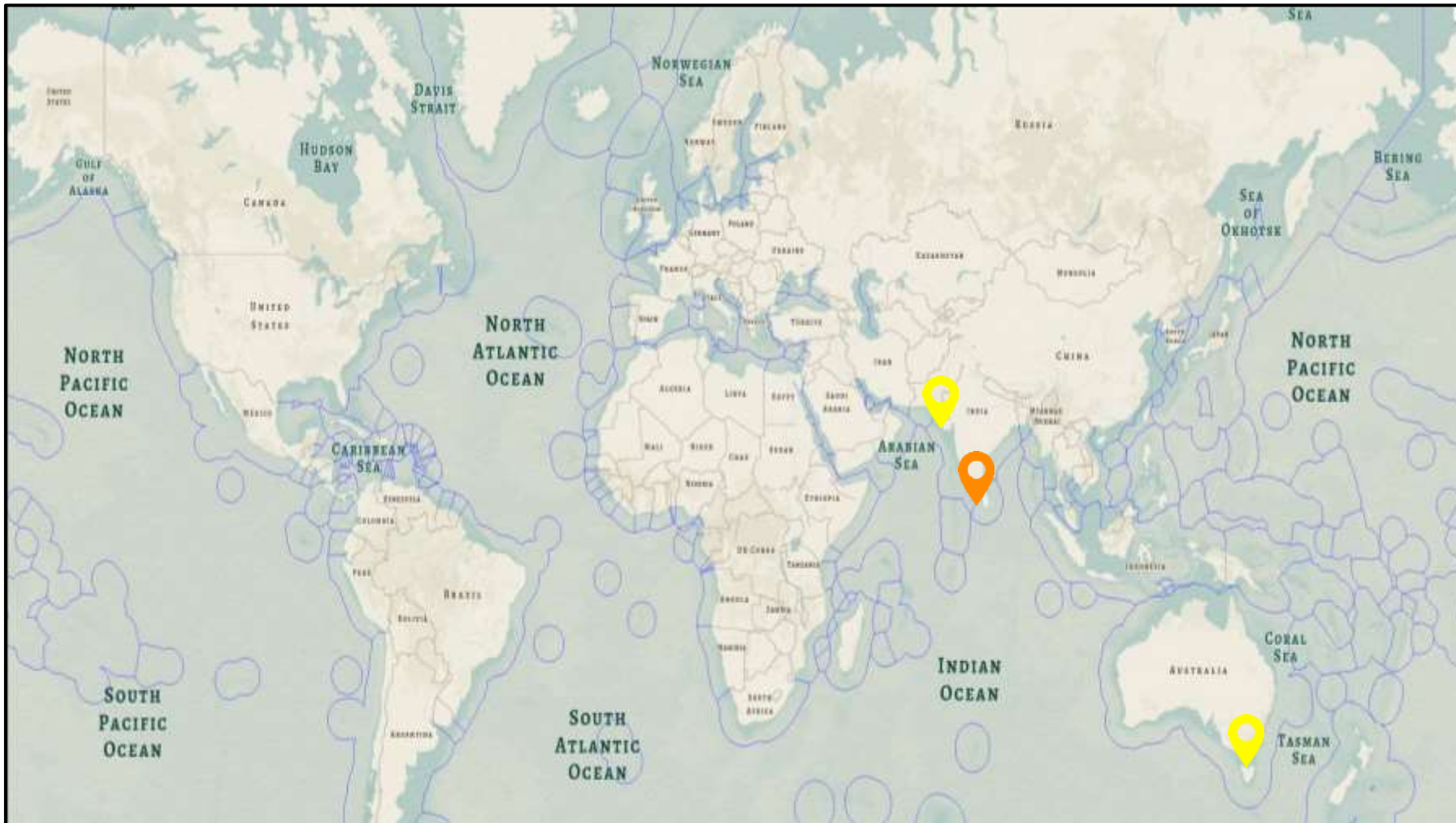
Moderate in sections : 00, 05, 20, 40, 80, 85

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>

SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	03

MARITIME INCIDENTS



21 Mar/ Man Found Dead, Three People Rescued After Fishing Boat Sinks off Tasmania/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.21	Australia	Off Tasmania	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Boat	The Trio were wearing life jackets, but the body of a 36-year-old was found on the eastern side of Robbins Island, according to police.

Three individuals, including a child, survived 16 hours in the ocean off Tasmania after their boat sank on Saturday. A fourth occupant, a man, was later found dead. The group, believed to be staying at Montagu campground, had set out for a fishing trip. After failing to return, relatives notified police. The Westpac Rescue Helicopter located the survivors around 1pm yesterday at Robbins passage. The 27-year-old woman, 33-year-old man, and six-year-old child were rescued and taken to North West Regional Hospital but are reportedly uninjured.



Source -: <https://www.9news.com.au/national/tasmania-montagu-four-people-missing-fishing-trip/368fb49a-8211-460e-a932-7add80ae227b>

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19 Mar/ Cargo Vessel Allied with Jetty After Mooring Lines Snap Amid Storm/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.21	India	Mundra Port	Collisions	Name: MSC ALEXANDRA Type: Cargo - Hazard A (Major) IMO: 9461374	The trio were wearing life jackets, but the body of a 36-year-old was found on the eastern side of Robbins Island, according to police.

The cargo vessel MSC ALEXANDRA drifted out of control during a storm at Mundra Port in Gujarat, India, after its mooring lines snapped. The vessel then allied with a jetty under construction. The incident occurred on 19 March while the vessel was moored at the port. Powerful winds and gusts battered the area from early morning, causing the mooring lines to snap under tension and allowing the ship to drift uncontrollably.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12785/cargo-vessel-allides-with-jetty-after-mooring-lines-snap-ami>

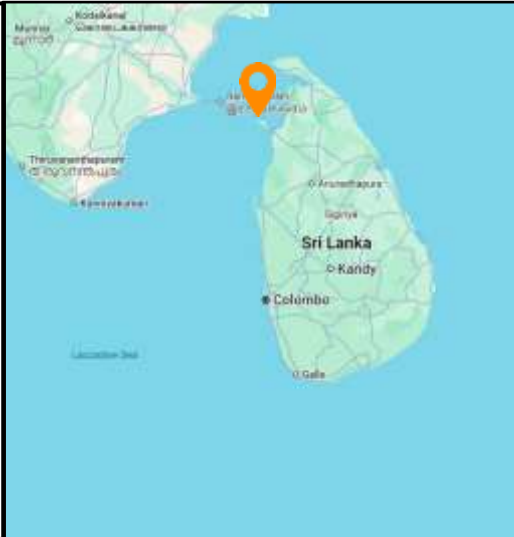
IUU FISHING



20 Mar/ SLN Apprehends 03 Suspects for Illegal Sea Cucumber Harvesting / Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.20	Sri Lanka	Mannar	Illegal fishing apparatus /Illegal Methods	-	The apprehended suspects, aged 21 to 43 and residents of Mannar, along with the sea cucumbers, dinghy, and diving gear, were handed over to the Assistant Directorate of Fisheries in Mannar for investigation and legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended three individuals engaged in illegal night diving for sea cucumbers in the Palakamunai sea area of Mannar on 20 Mar 26. During a patrol, they intercepted a suspicious dinghy and discovered 304 illegally harvested sea cucumbers. The Navy seized the dinghy and diving equipment.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/23/202603231430/>



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