

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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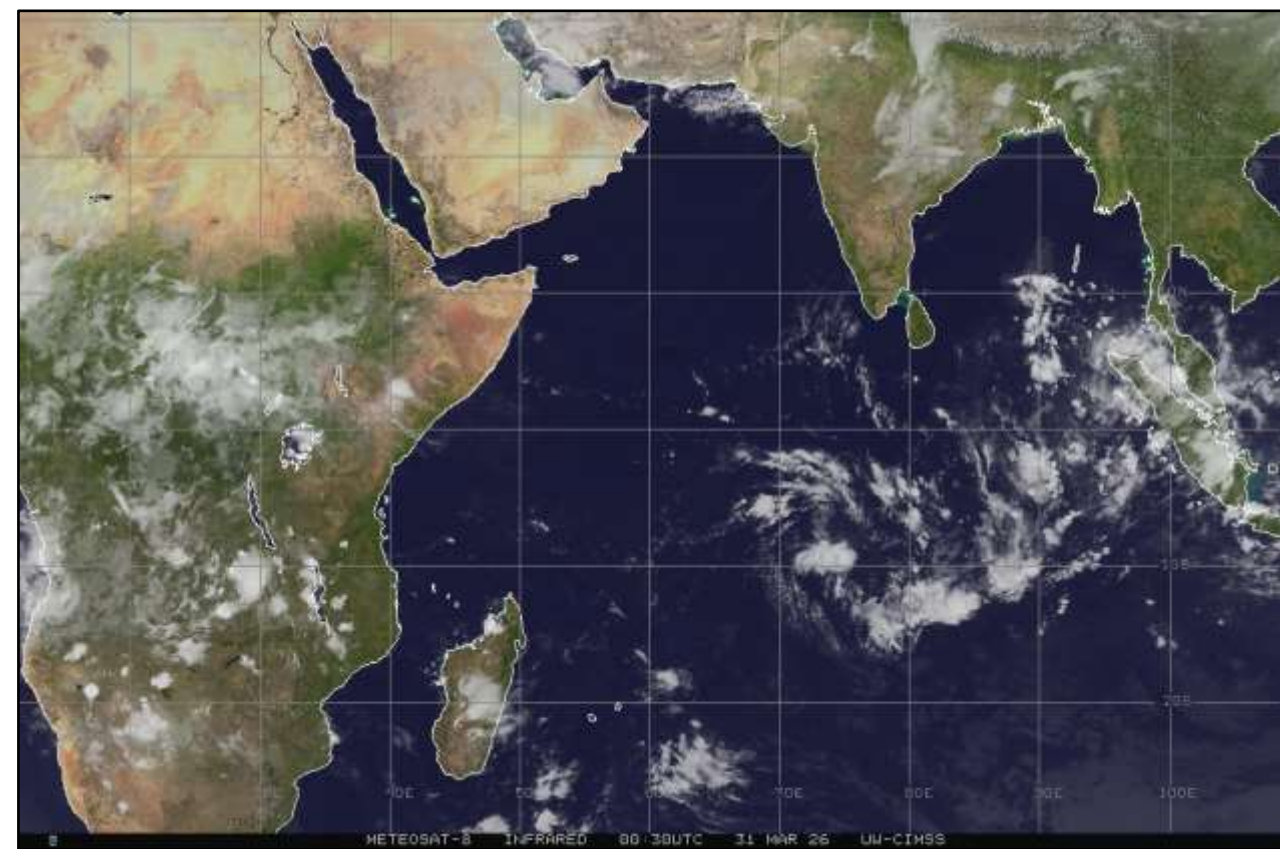
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Date 2026.03.31

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: 2026.03.31/0600UTC to 2026.03.31/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.31

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 02S 60E, 03S 70E, 05S 80E, 05S 85E

Shear line is approximately along : 07S 60E, 08S 70E, 07S 80E, 06S 90E, 03S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 35, 65, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 30, 45, 50, 55, 60, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of ITCZ

West of 80E: NE'ly or W'ly / (05-15) kts.

East of 80E: S'ly or VRB / (05-15) kts.

In-between ITCZ and Shear line:

West of 85E: W'ly to NW'ly / (10-20)kts

East of 85E: VRB / (05-15)kts

South of Shear line:

E'ly to SE'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting upto 25kts in section 80.

Seas:

Fairly rough in section : 80

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 45, 65, 85

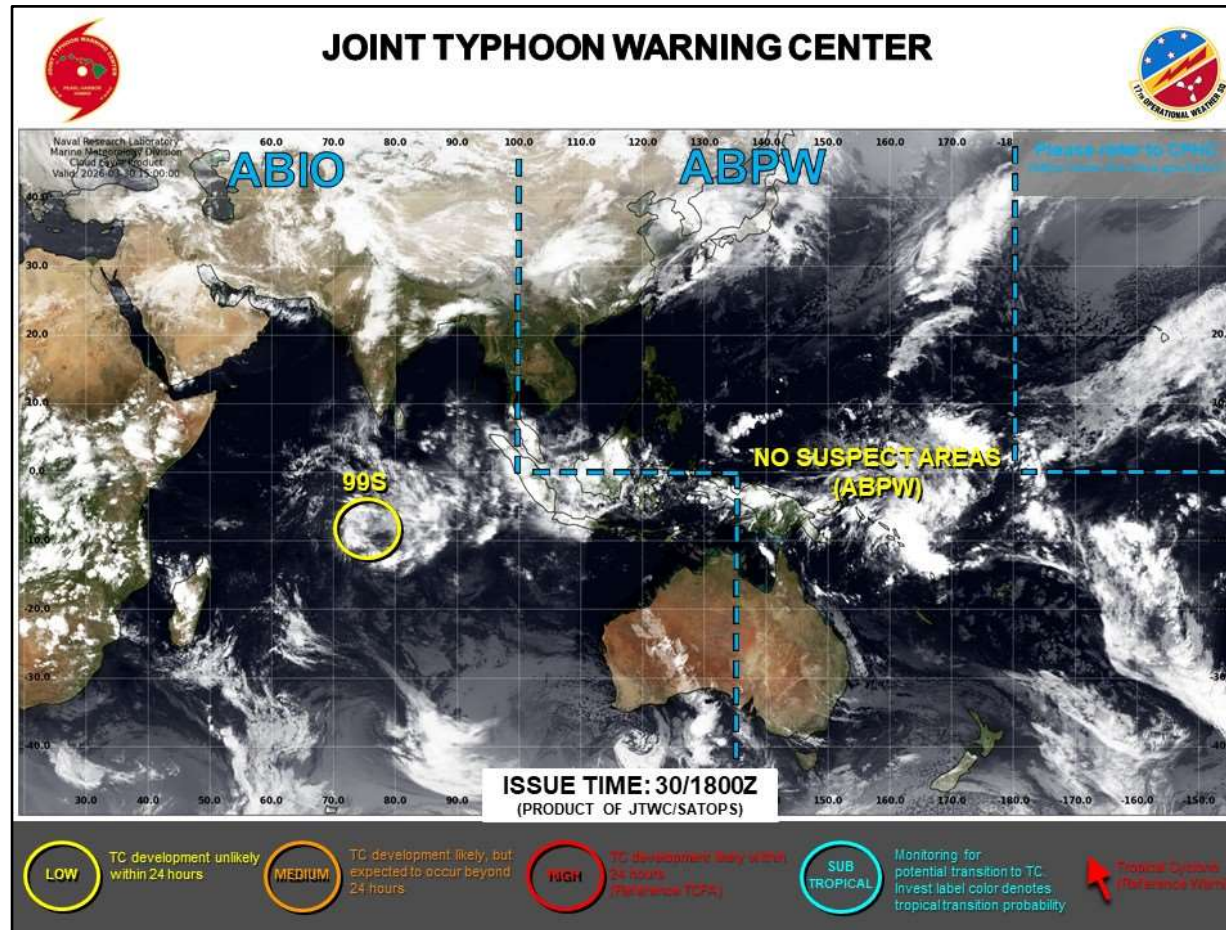
Moderate in sections : 00, 35, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

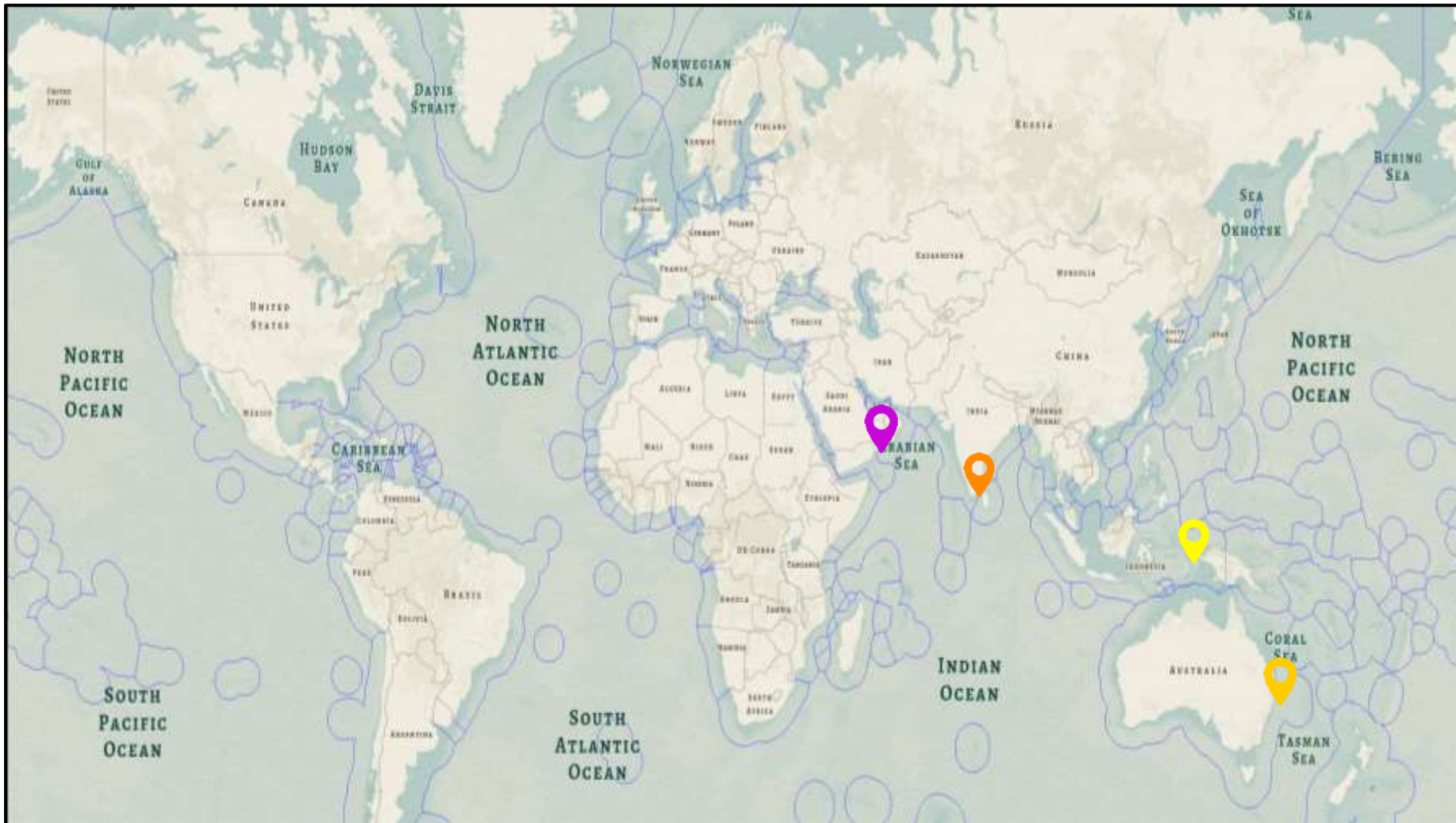
• Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

CYCLONE



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

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	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	04

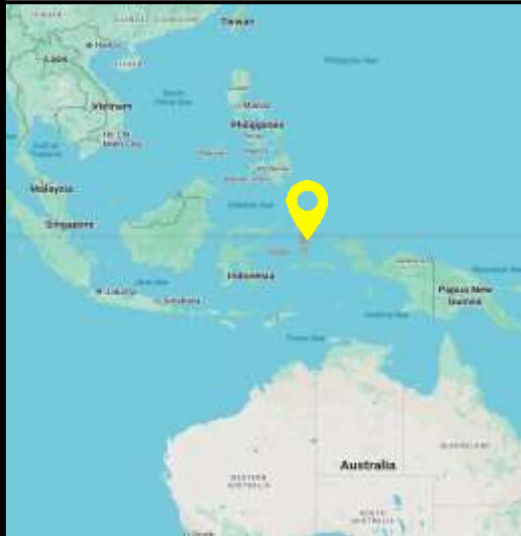
MARITIME INCIDENTS



30 Mar/27 Missing After Passenger Boat Sinks/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.30	Indonesia	North Maluku	Capsizing /Sinking	Passenger boat Nazila 05	The boat Nazila 05, carrying 27 passengers and crew, left Taliabu Island in North Maluku province for Kema, a coastal village, shortly after dusk on Sunday.

Rescue teams are searching for 27 individuals missing after the Nazila 05 passenger boat sank near Indonesia's North Maluku province. The vessel was en route from Taliabu Island to Kema village when it encountered rough seas, leading to its sinking approximately 30 minutes after the captain issued a distress call.



Source -: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/world/27-missing-after-passenger-boat-sinks-in-rough-seas-in-eastern-indonesia>

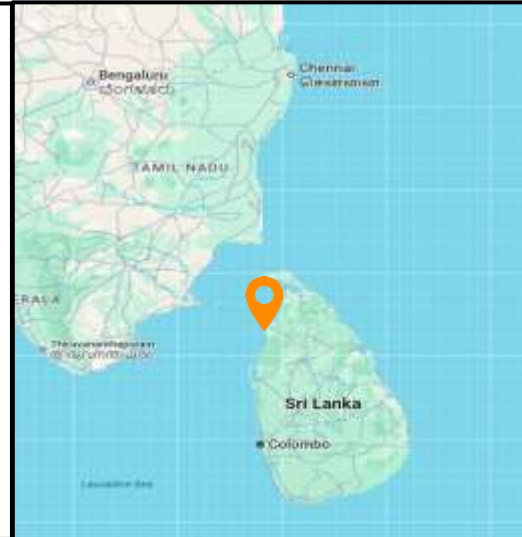
IUU FISHING



27 Mar/Navy Apprehends Four Individuals for Illegal Sea Cucumber Harvesting/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.27	Sri Lanka	Mannar	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	Passenger boat Nazila 05	The apprehended suspects, aged 26 to 40 and from Vankalai in Mannar, along with the seized sea cucumbers and diving equipment, were transferred to the Assistant Directorate of Fisheries in Mannar for legal proceedings.

On 27 Mar 26, the Sri Lanka Navy arrested four individuals for illegal night diving to collect sea cucumbers off Vankalai, Mannar. This operation, led by SLNS Pussadeva of the North Central Naval Command, aimed to protect marine resources from unauthorized exploitation. The Navy seized 349 illegally harvested sea cucumbers and diving equipment during the operation.



Source -> <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/30/202603301430/>

NARCOTIC



30 Mar/Drug-Smuggling Boat Seized/Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.30	Australia	Australian coast	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/ cocaine	Name - MV Raider	It is understood that the boat had the capacity to carry six tonnes of cocaine.

An alleged international drug smuggling boat, the MV Raider, was intercepted off Australia, leading to significant charges against six crew members for conspiracy to import one tonne of cocaine into the country.



Source -: <https://7news.com.au/news/custom-built-drug-smuggling-boat-seized-off-australian-coast-with-500-million-cocaine-haul-c-22066065>

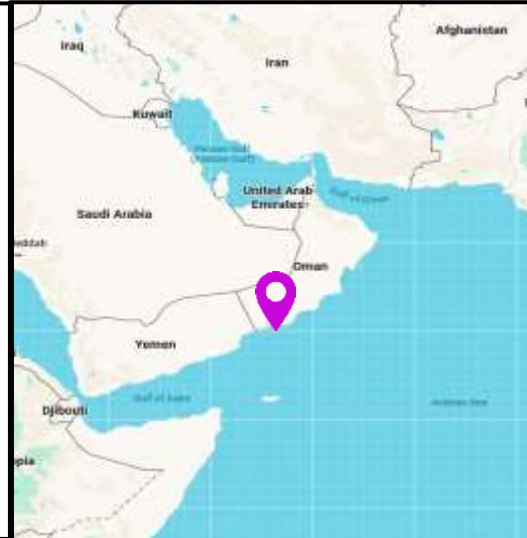
OTHER



28 Mar/ Maersk Suspends Operations at Salalah Port in Oman After Drone Attack/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.28	Oman	Salalah Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported targeting a U.S. support vessel off the coast of Oman, while asserting respect for Oman's national sovereignty.

The Danish shipping company Maersk has suspended operations at Salalah Port in Oman after a drone attack on March 28 injured one worker and damaged a terminal crane. The port has been evacuated, and operations are expected to remain halted for about 48 hours. Omani authorities are investigating the incident.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12803/maersk-suspends-operations-at-salalah-port-in-oman-after-dro>



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