

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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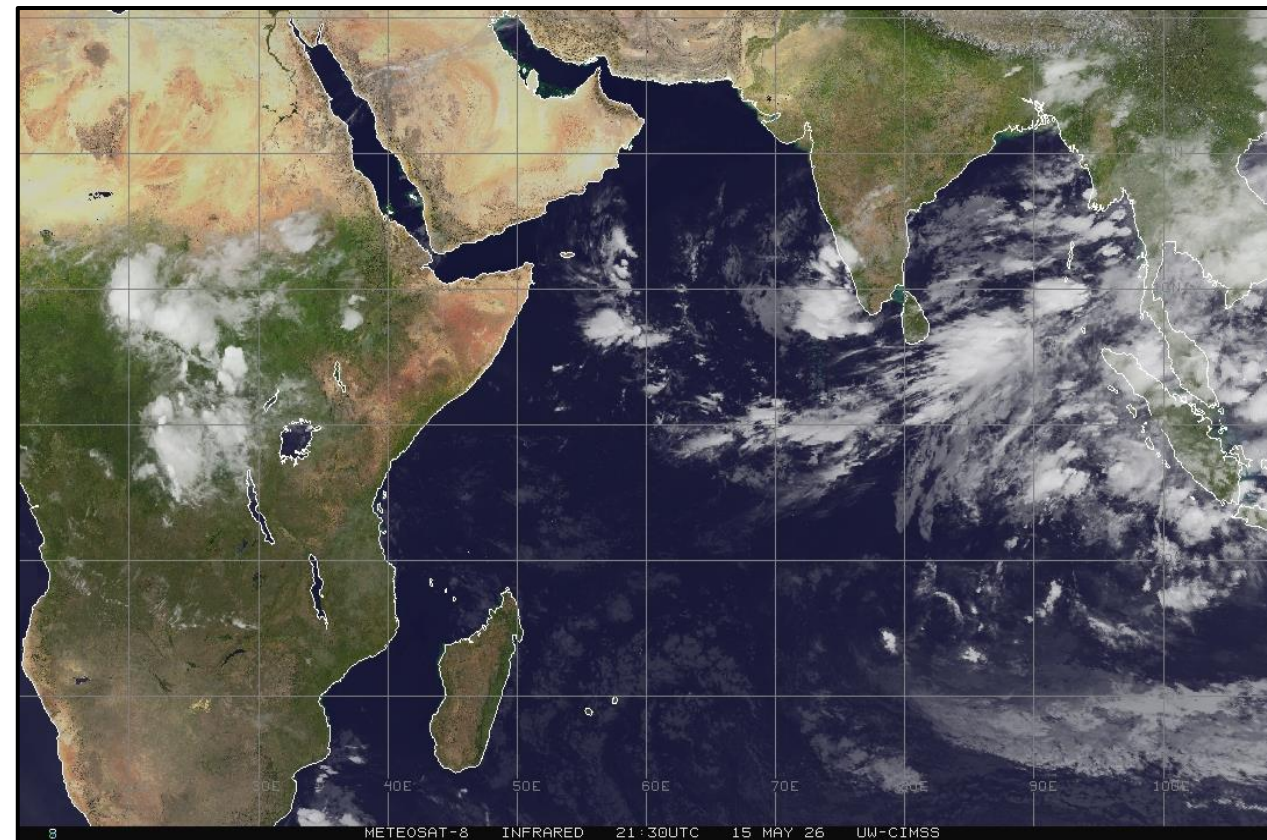
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Date 2026.05.16

# 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: 2026.05.16/0600UTC to 2026.05.16/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.16

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

The low-pressure area located northeast of the Sri Lanka, still persist.

Under the influence of this system, wind speed and rainy conditions over the sea areas around the island continue in the coming days.

The naval and fishing communities are requested to be attentive to the future forecasts and bulletins issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

Shear line is approximately along : 02S 60E, 09S 70E, 12S 80E, 03S 90E, 04S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 45, 50, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 80E: NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05

East of 80E: SW'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 10, 15, 30, 35

South of Shear line:

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

East of 80E: SE'ly to E'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25kts in sections 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 10

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 05, 15, 25, 30, 35, 85

Moderate in Sections : 00, 20, 45, 50, 60, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

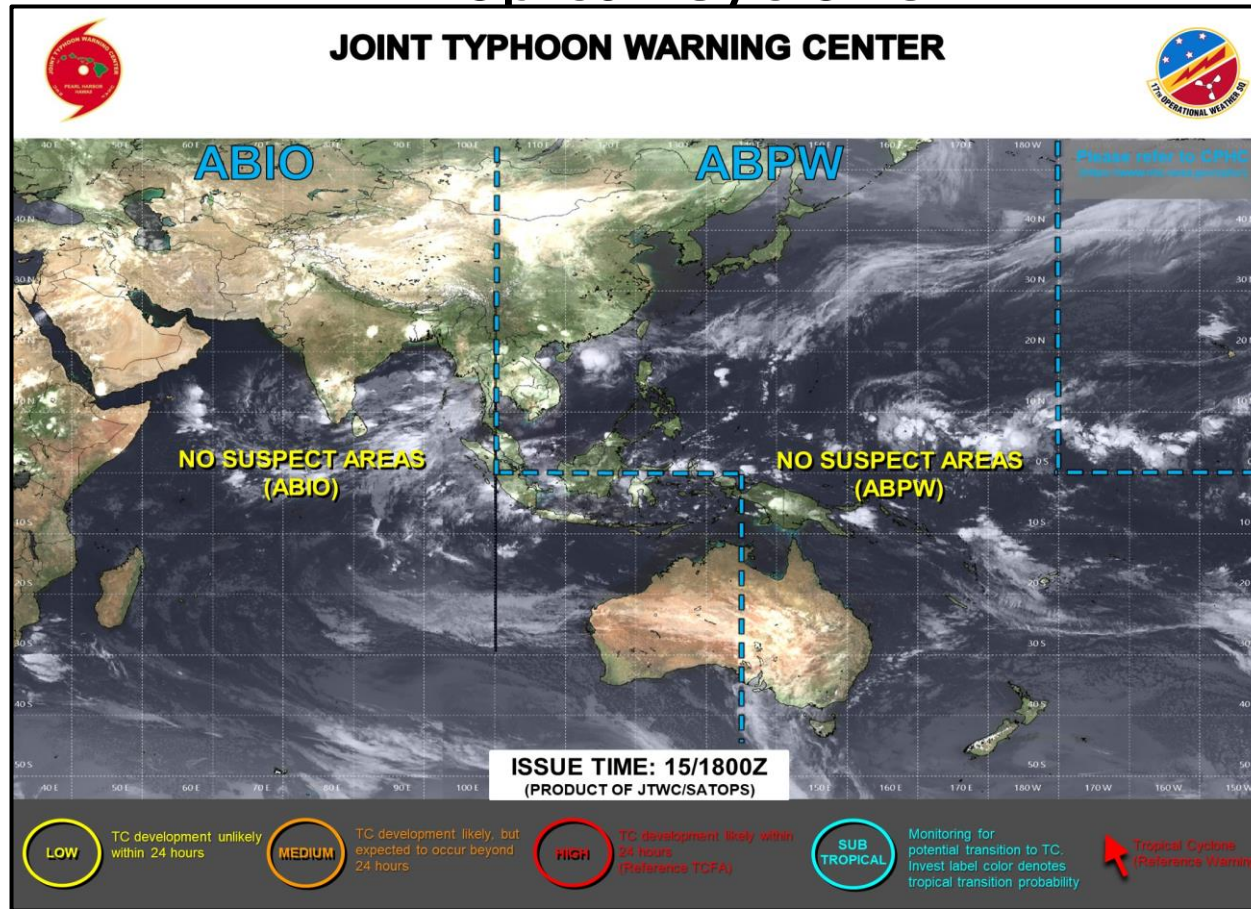
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



# CYCLONE

## Tropical Cyclone



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



# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	02
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Other	NIL
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>07</b>

# NARCOTIC



## 15 May/Drug Speed Boat Rams Spanish Customs Vessel Apprehension of Drug Traffickers / Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.15	Spain	Costa de Almería	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Drug Speed Boat	Although no officers were injured the customs vessel sustained damage and the suspected drug traffickers fled the scene.

On 15 May a narco speedboat collided with a customs vessel near Almeria while authorities pursued six such boats. One speedboat had engine trouble and another rammed the patrol boat thwarting the apprehension of drug traffickers. This incident followed the deaths of two Guardia Civil officers on 08 May who were involved in a chase near Huelva when their vessels collided. These events highlight the increasing risks faced by customs and Guardia Civil officers as drug trafficking escalates along Spain's southern coast.



Source -: <https://www.theolivepress.es/spain-news/2026/05/15/these-are-not-workplace-accidents-they-are-murders-drug-speed-boat-rams-spanish-customs-vessel-in-latest-incident-along-andalucia-coast-after-deaths-of-two-police-officers/>

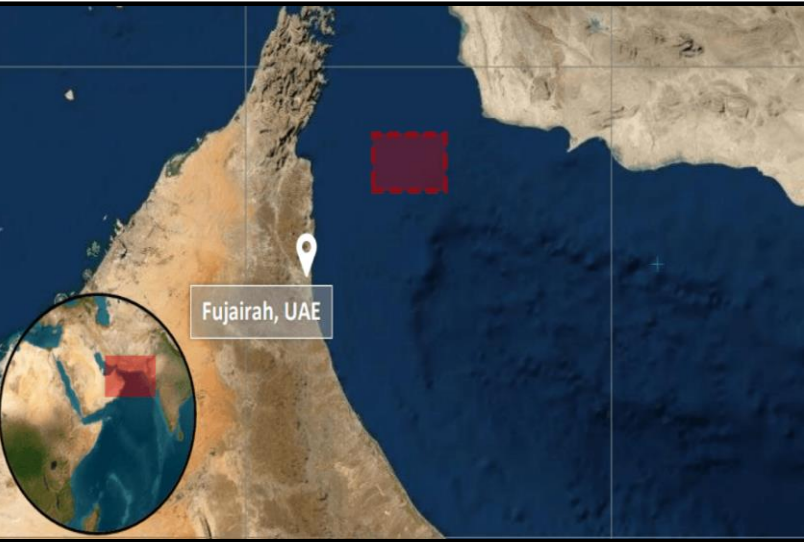
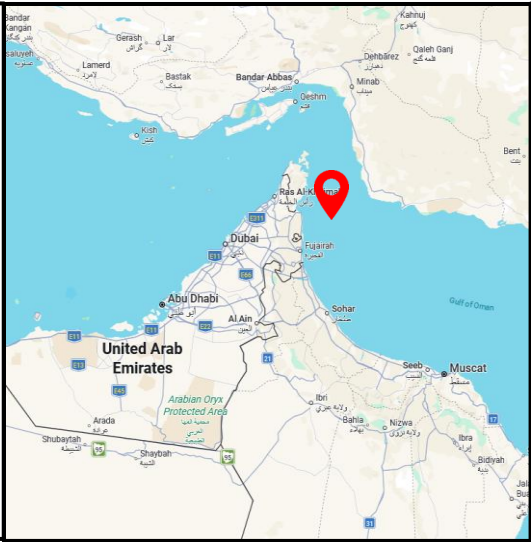
# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



## 14 May/ Reports UKMTO Vessel Seized / UAE

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.14	UAE	Coast Off UAE	Illegal boarding	Name - Hui Chuan Flag - Honduran Type – Fishing Vessel	The consultancy identified the vessel as the Honduran-flagged Fishing support vessel Hui Chuan.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported a vessel security incident on 14 May off the coast of the United Arab Emirates involving the takeover of a ship at anchor by unauthorised personnel. The incident occurred at 0545 UTC approximately 38 nautical miles northeast of Fujairah. The vessel identified as Hui Chuan a 50-metre fishery patrol ship under the Honduran flag is currently heading toward Iranian territorial waters as confirmed by the company security officer.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12948/ukmto-reports-vessel-seized-off-uae-coast>

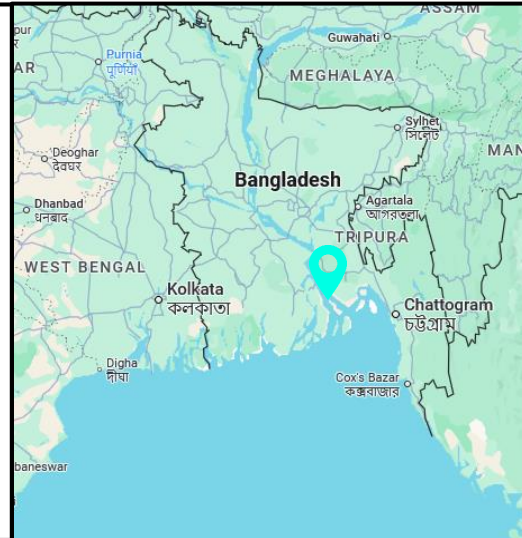
# SMUGGLING



## 15 May/ Coast Guard Arrests 3 Forest Pirates with Ammunition / Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.15	Bangladesh	Coast Off Bangladesh	Wild life and endangers species smuggling	-	The arrested pirates are Md Mehedi Hasan, 25, Md Ramzan Sharif, 19, and Md Enayet, 25, who are active members of the Karim Sharif gang, from Bhanga area in Faridpur district.

The Bangladesh Coast Guard arrested three forest pirates in the Sundarbans during "Operation Mangrove Shield" recovering three single-barrel guns one locally made pistol 49 live cartridges 187 airgun pellets two walkie-talkies and four chargers. The details were shared at a press briefing by Lieutenant Ikra Mohammad Nasif on 15 May 26.



Source - : <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/law-order/operation-mangrove-shield-coast-guard-arrests-3-forest-pirates-ammunition>

# IUU FISHING



## 11 May/ Kerala Fishermen Detained for Illegal Fishing in Thoothukudi Waters/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.11	India	Thoothukudi Waters	Illegal fishing in protected area	One Fishing Boat	On Monday night, a group of fishermen from Thoothukudi surrounded a Kerala mechanised fishing boat that had allegedly crossed into their maritime limits for fishing.

Sixteen fishermen from Kerala were detained for allegedly illegal fishing in the Thoothukudi fishing zone during Tamil Nadu's 60-day annual fishing ban which runs from 15 April to 14 June. Taking advantage of the ban Kerala fishermen reportedly entered Thoothukudi waters in mechanised boats. Local fishermen unaffected by the ban as it does not apply to traditional crafts intercepted the Kerala vessel detained the fishermen and reported the incident to police. The Thoothukudi police registered a case and district fisheries department officials investigated the matter before impounding the fishing boat and releasing the detained fishermen.



Source -: <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern-states/kerala/kerala-fishermen-detained-for-illegal-fishing-in-thoothukudi-waters-1956363>

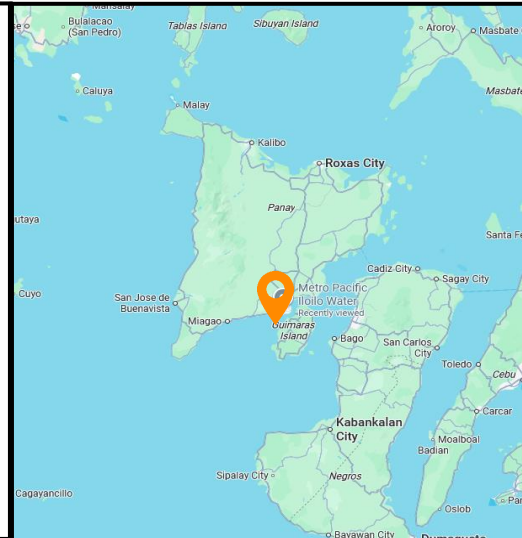
# IUU FISHING



## 11 May/ Seven Nabbed for Trawl Fishing in Iloilo Waters / Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.11	Philippine	Iloilo waters	Illegal fishing apparatus	Fishing vessel's	Five of the arrested individuals are residents of Estancia, while one each came from Balasan and Carles.

Seven individuals were arrested on 11 May for illegal trawl fishing off Carles Iloilo during a joint operation involving the Iloilo Provincial Bantay Dagat Task Force local police and the Regional Intelligence Unit. The operation targeted a fishing vessel using heavy nets that threaten marine ecosystems and fish-breeding grounds.



Source -: <https://www.dailyguardian.com.ph/blog/7-nabbed-for-trawl-fishing-in-iloilo-waters>

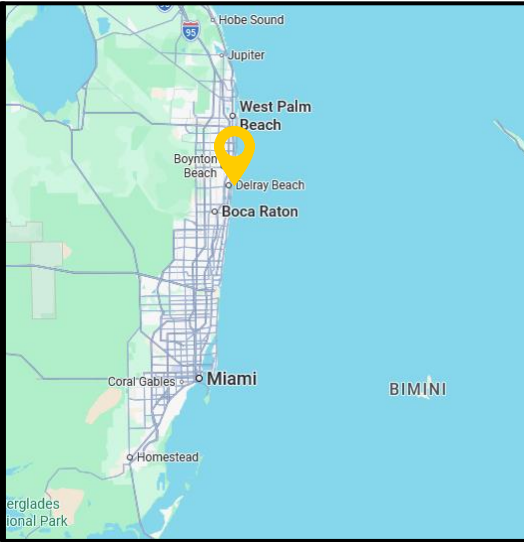
# NARCOTIC



## 14 May/ Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma Busts Cocaine 'Triple Threat' /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.14	USA	Port Everglades, Florida	Seizure of narcotics	-	Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma busts cocaine 'triple threat,' interdicting nearby.

A law enforcement aviation crew from Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction tactical Squadron (HITRON) interdicts a suspected drug smuggling vessel approximately 80 miles west of Cartagena Columbia 08 May 2026. The contraband seized resulted in more than 6,000 pounds of illicit narcotics worth nearly \$45.8 million offloaded at Port Everglades, Florida, 14 May 26.



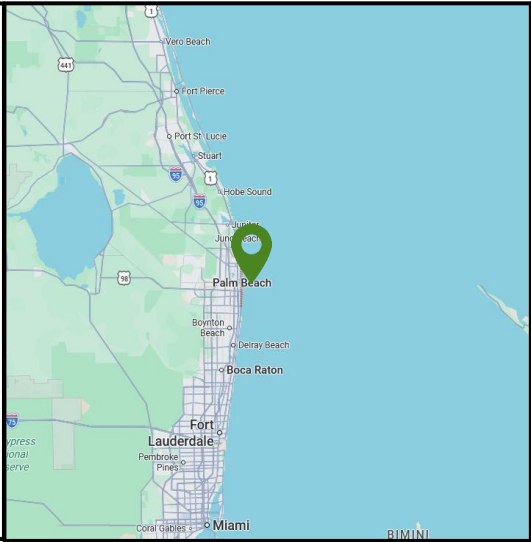
Source -: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/1006861/coast-guard-cutter-tahoma-busts-cocaine-triple-threat-interdicting-nearly-458-million-worth-illicit-narcotics-off-columbia>



## 15 May/Four Endangered Leatherback Sea Turtles Killed by Boat Strikes /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.15	USA	Palm Beach	Noise pollution	-	Even more alarming is the severity of the trauma: there is a staggering 98% mortality rate for sea turtles following a boat collision, meaning survival is practically impossible once contact is made.

Florida wildlife officials and marine conservationists are urging vessel operators to reduce speeds following the deaths of four endangered leatherback sea turtles from boat strikes in Palm Beach County's Intracoastal Waterway. This tragedy coincides with the turtles' nesting season which lasts from March to October. The losses significantly impact the fragile marine ecosystem as leatherbacks are heavily protected and their population is critically low. Dr. Heather Barron from the Loggerhead Marine life Center stressed that the death of one breeding adult adversely affects the entire species highlighting the preventable nature of these accidents.



Source -: <https://news.az/news/four-endangered-leatherback-sea-turtles-killed-by-florida-boat-strikes>



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