

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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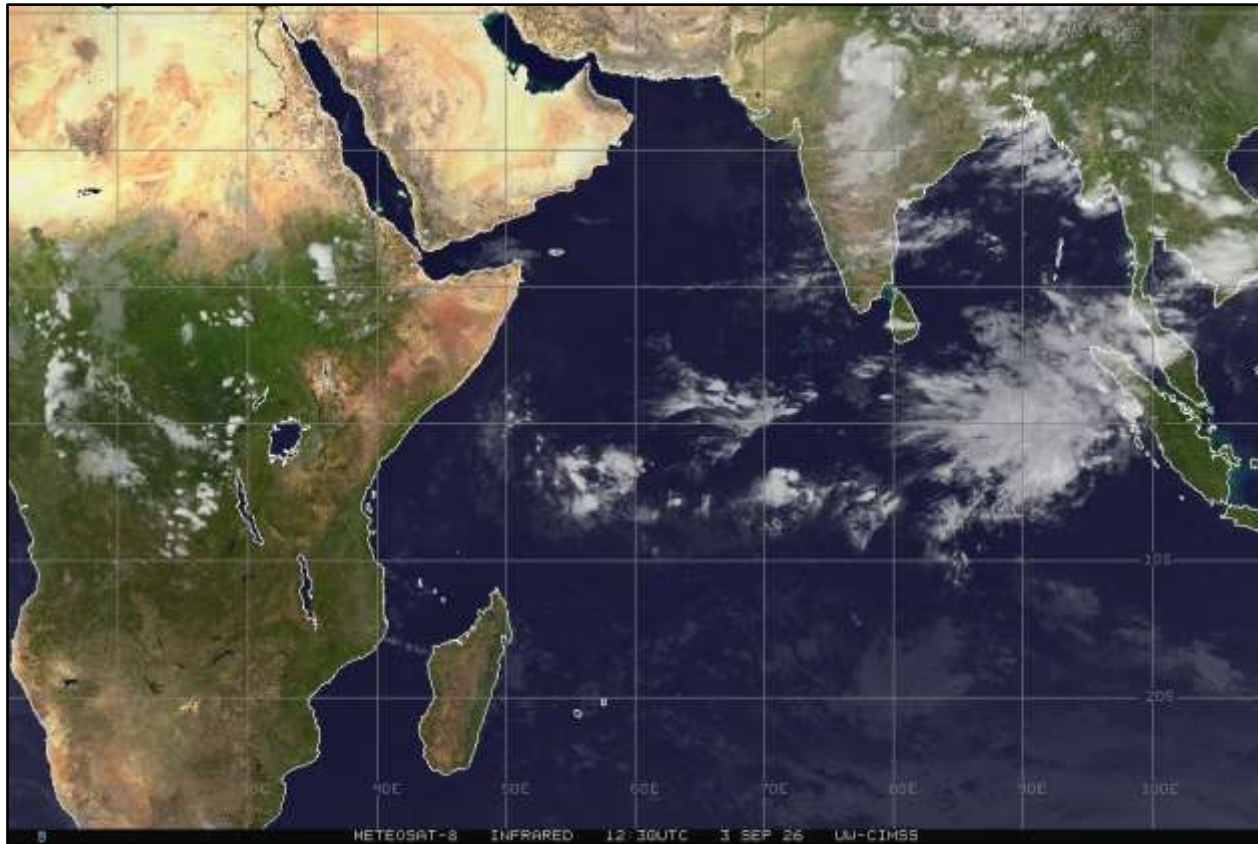
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Date 2026.09.03

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: 2026.09.03/1400UTC to 2026.09.04/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.03

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 35, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 15, 30, 40, 45, 60, 65, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-15) kts.

From 75E to 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 05.

East of 80E : SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 10 and gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 80, 85.

Seas:

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

Fairly rough in section : 60.

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in section : 15, 80, 85.

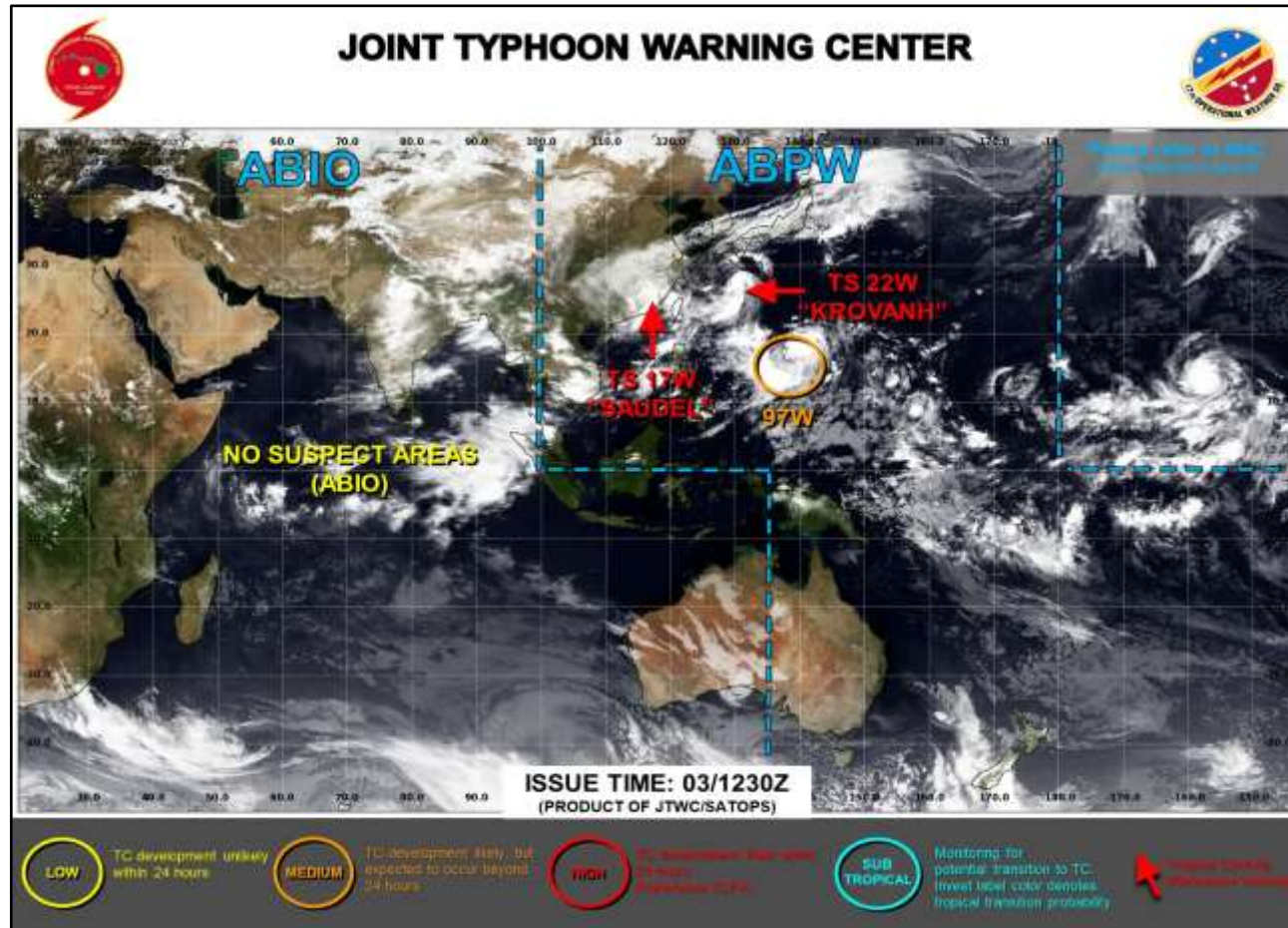
Moderate in sections : 40, 55, 65, 70, 75.

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>

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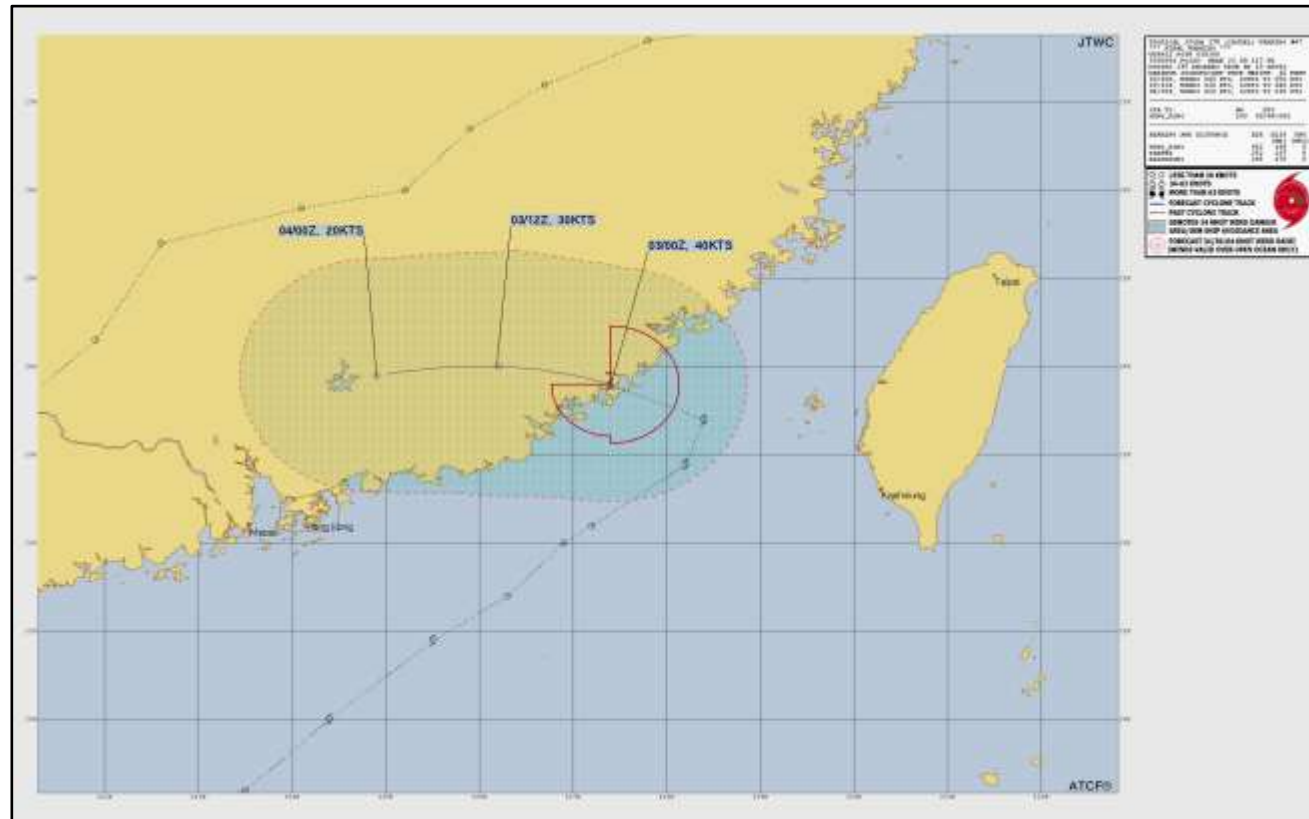


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "KROVANH"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	03
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	03
Total Incidents	08

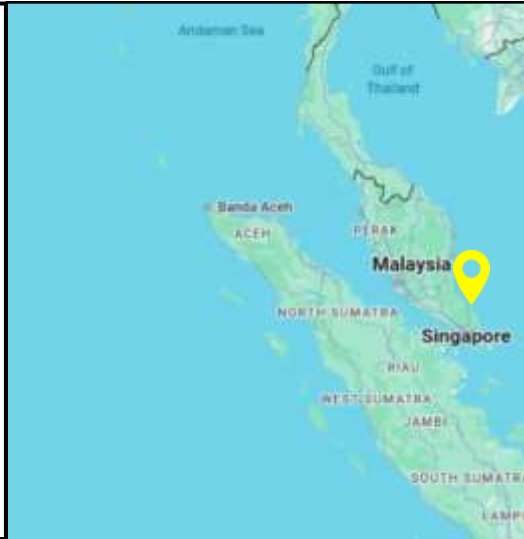
MARITIME INCIDENTS



02 Sep/Tanker Accident Occurs as It Hits A Bridge/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	Malaysia	Sungai Johor Bridge	Collisions	Name: SMF Ixora Type: Tanker IMO: 9414101	The oil products tanker SMF Ixora collided with Malaysia's Sungai Johor Bridge on 2 September 2026, causing minimal damage, and the bridge remains open to traffic.

The incident involved a Malaysian-flagged oil tanker, SMF Ixora, launched from Benzmark Marine Shipyard. During its departure, strong currents and winds overpowered the escorting tugboat, causing the tanker to strike a bridge at 1430 Hrs. Two additional tugs arrived, and by 1516 Hrs, the vessel was secured and anchored. An inspection confirmed the bridge's safety for use. The tanker, measuring 99.91 meters in length and 16.3 meters in beam, has a gross tonnage of 3,991 and was built in 2007.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13217/tanker-hits-bridge-in-malaysia-no-injuries-reported>

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02 Sep/Tugboat Sinks: One Dead, Six Missing/South Korea

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	South Korea	Busan	Capsizing /Sinking	Tug Boat	Six crew members remain missing following the capsizing and sinking of a tugboat near Busan on September 2, while it was towing a large container ship.

The 286-tonne TNS Catcher capsized around 1329 Hrs near Oryukdo Island and sank completely by 3:27 p.m. It was located on the seabed at a depth of approximately 87 metres. Eight crew members were aboard, consisting of six South Koreans and two Indonesians.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/1-dead-6-missing-after-tugboat-sinks-while-towing-container-ship-off-busan/>

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02 Sep/Vessel Sinks While Under Tow/Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	Greece	Aegean Sea	Capsizing /Sinking	Name - Irini K Type: Cargo IMO: 8747628	The landing craft vessel Irini K sank approximately 1 nautical mile off Sifnos in the Aegean Sea during towing for shipyard work.

The Irini K, a Greece-flagged vessel built in 1966 and measuring 62 meters in length and 16 meters in width, sank while being towed from Kalymnos to Perama for shipyard work after taking on water in the engine room. Both crew members evacuated safely and were rescued by a tugboat. The shipowner confirmed that the vessel was not carrying fuel or lubricants, minimizing environmental pollution risks. A coast guard vessel was dispatched to monitor the situation.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13215/vessel-sinks-after-taking-on-water-while-in-tow-in-the-aegea>

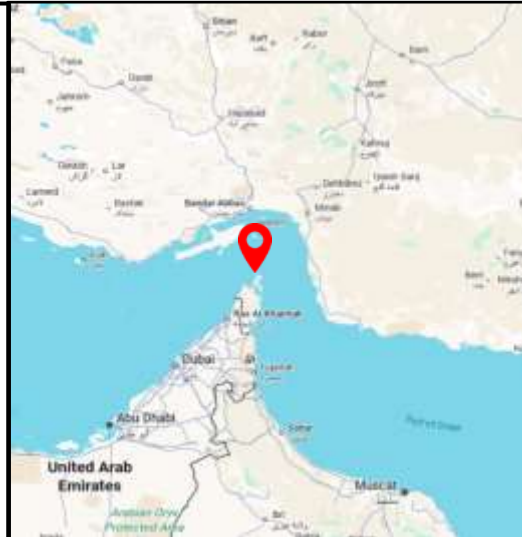
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



31 Aug/Two Tankers Carrying Saudi Oil Attacked in Strait of Hormuz/Turkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.31	Oman	Strait Hormuz	Assault violations	Name: Sidr Flag: Saudi Arabia IMO: 9854715	Saudi Arabian shipping company Bahri reported the loss of two seafarers due to a strike on the Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) Sidr.

The attack resulted in the deaths of two Filipino seafarers, with Saudi authorities attributing it to Iran, though Bahri did not confirm the weapon or the attacker. The UK Maritime Trade Operations reported a security incident involving a tanker on 31 August in the Strait of Hormuz, also leading to two casualties, but there were no environmental impacts noted. The Sidr, the Saudi Arabia-flagged crude oil tanker involved, measures 336 meters in length and 60 meters in width.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13216/two-seafarers-killed-in-strike-on-vlcc-in-strait-of-hormuz>

Marine Environment Pollution



31 Aug/Chemical Leak Sparks Fatal Ship Fire/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.31	Indonesia	Sulawesi	Chemical spill	-	A ship off Indonesia's southeast Sulawesi province caught fire due to a chemical leak, resulting in the deaths of two crew members.

KM Legenda Nusantara 99, carrying 13 crew members, caught fire at approximately 0100 Hrs local time while traveling from Jakarta to Morowali in Central Sulawesi. The incident occurred between the Islands of Selayar and Kabaena, as reported by the Kendari Search and Rescue (Basarnas), which noted that the crew inhaled significant smoke before being rescued.



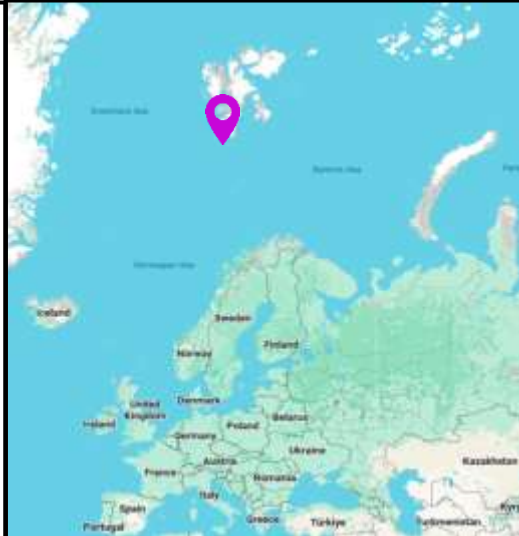
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/chemical-leak-causes-fatal-ship-fire-off-indonesias-southeast-sulawesi-killing-2-crew/>



02 Sep/Norway Seizes Russian Vessel At Ukrainian Firm's Request To Enforce \$4.22 Billion Arbitral Award/Norway

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	Norway	port of Barentsburg	Foreign affairs	Name: Professor Molchanov Flag: Russia IMO: 8010348	Norway has captured a Russian ship in Svalbard at the request of the Ukrainian state energy company Naftogaz, as part of efforts to enforce a \$4.22 billion arbitration award against Russia.

The ship Professor Molchanov was seized at Barentsburg port by order of the Nord-Troms and Senja District Court on August 31, according to Naftogaz. The vessel, owned by the Russian Federation, is used for commercial expedition cruises, including trips to Svalbard.



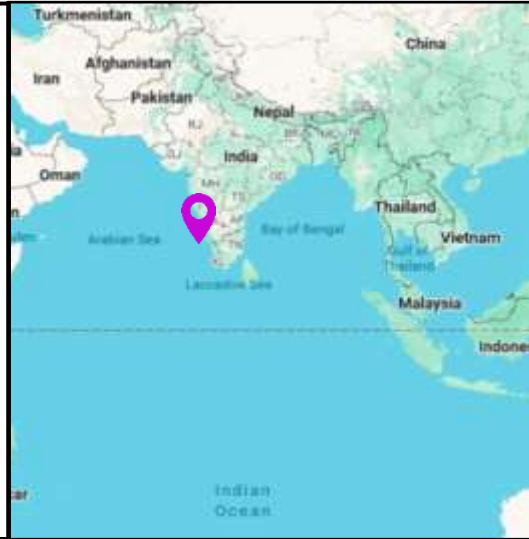
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02 Sep/Indian Shipyards Proposed for EU Recycling List/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	India	-	Foreign affairs	-	BIMCO, ECSA, ICS, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO, and WSC support the European Commission's proposal to include two Indian ship recycling facilities in the updated European List of Ship Recycling Facilities.

The shipping industry supports including compliant non-OECD yards in the EU Ship Recycling Regulation (EU SRR) to address the structural capacity shortage on the European List. This proposal not only has practical implications for shipowners but also serves as a political message, recognizing non-OECD yards that meet EU safety and environmental standards. With a rise in vessels nearing the end of their operational life expected in the next decade, ensuring adequate compliant recycling capacity is crucial.



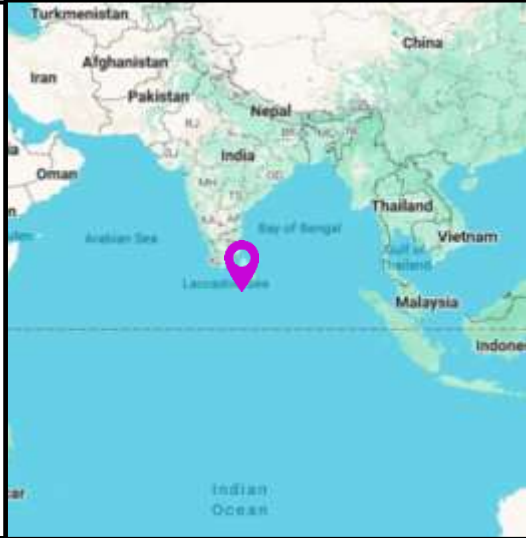
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-industry-welcomes-proposed-inclusion-of-two-indian-ship-recycling-yards-to-eu-list/>



02 Sep/Sri Lanka Emerges as Growing Market for Indian Tanker Builders/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.02	Sri Lanka	-	Foreign affairs	-	Sri Lanka is becoming a significant destination for India's expanding tanker exports, highlighting the strengthening maritime and industrial connections between the two neighboring nations.

India's tanker exports surged over six-fold to approximately US\$1.36 billion in Q1 of the 2026-27 financial year, driven by increased deliveries from Indian shipyards to various markets in Asia, Africa, and the Indian Ocean. Notably, Sri Lanka experienced a significant rise in tanker shipments, increasing from US\$7.9 million to US\$56.5 million. The expansion of new export destinations such as Egypt, South Africa, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Mozambique indicates that Indian vessels are gaining a broader international market presence, particularly benefiting Sri Lanka due to its strategic location along key shipping routes.



Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cmtl84dsc0000356pka9sm482>



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