

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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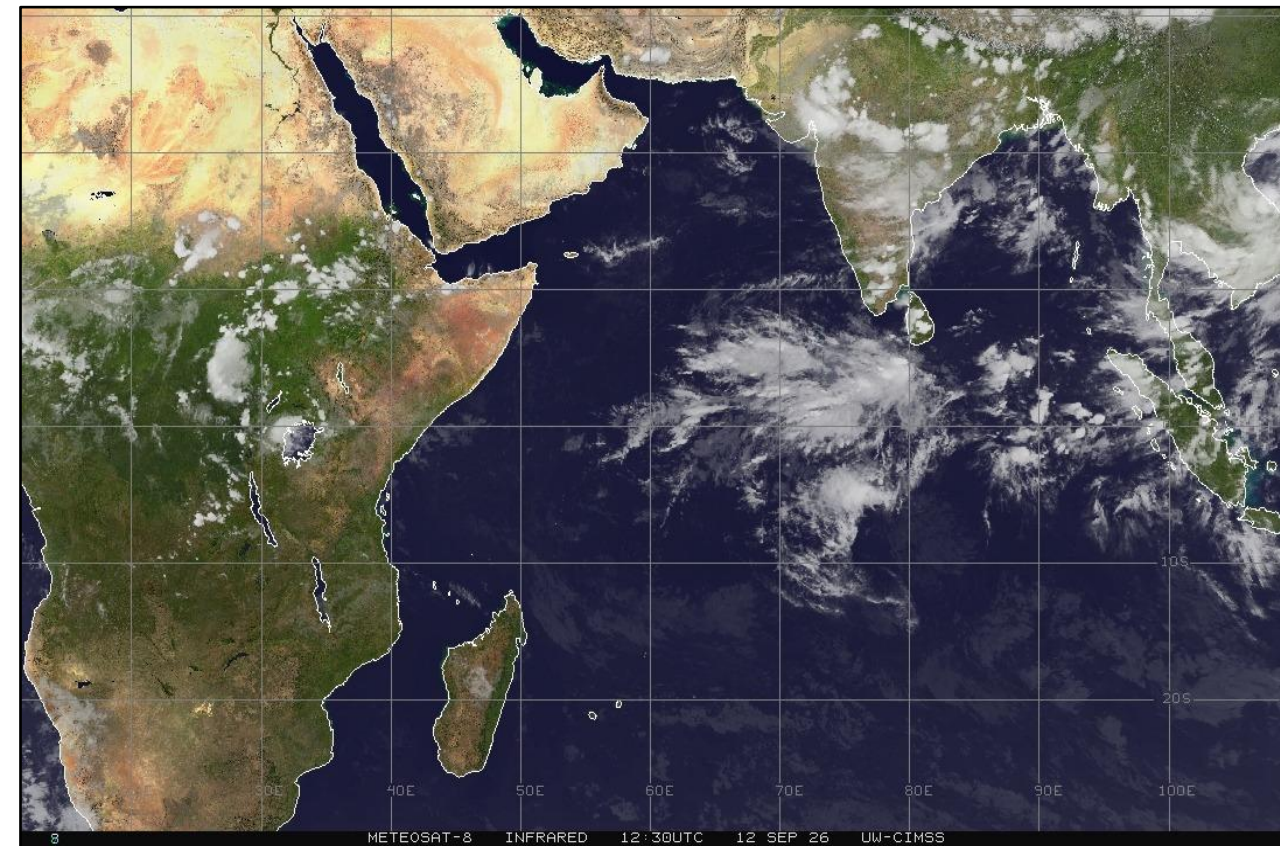
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Date 2026.09.12

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: 2026.09.12/1400UTC to 2026.09.13/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.12

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

Shear line is approximately along: EQ 60E, EQ 70E, EQ 80E, 07N 90E, 05N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 25, 30, 45

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 20, 35, 50, 55, 65

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kts.

East of 70E: NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 25; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05, 30

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 55, 60, 65, 75

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 25

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 30, 55, 60, 65, 75

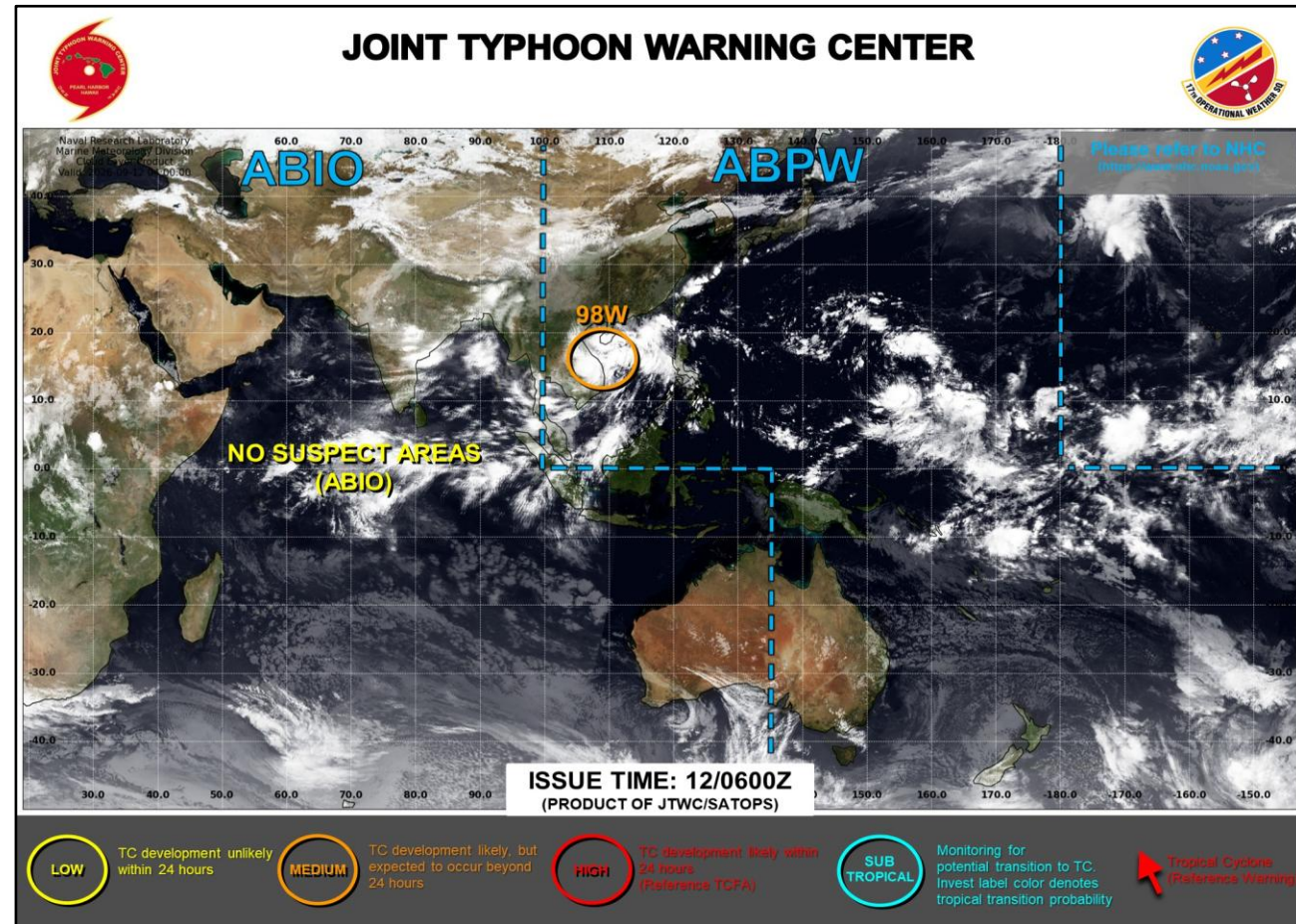
Moderate in sections : 10, 40, 45, 70, 80

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

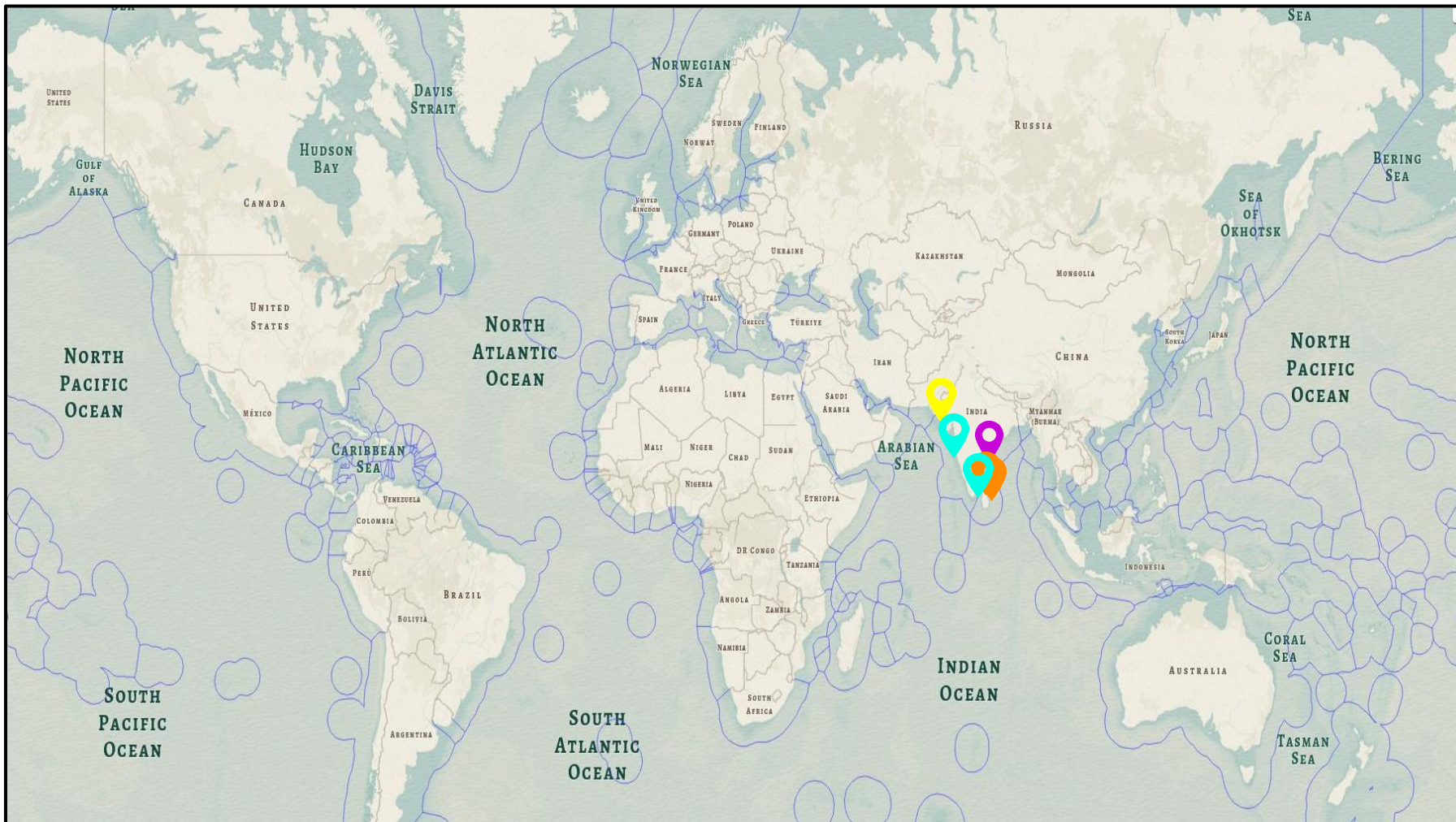
- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	02
 IUU Fishing	02
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	06

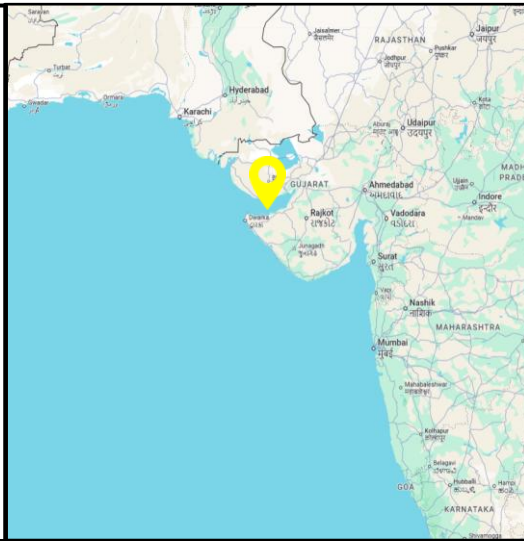
MARITIME INCIDENTS



11 Sep/ 2 Merchant Vessels Collide off Gujarat Coast, 21 Saved / India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	India	Off The Gujarat Coast	Collisions	Name- Kmax Emperor Type – Cargo Name- True Mariner Type - Cargo	The Indian Coast Guard rescued 21 crew members following a collision between two merchant vessels off the Gujarat coast. A major rescue operation is underway, involving ships and aircraft, while efforts continue to locate missing crew members and assess the threat of an oil spill.

A collision involving two merchant vessels, MV KMAX EMPEROR and MV TRUE MARINER, occurred off the Gujarat coast near Kandla's outer anchorage OTB. The Indian Coast Guard launched a prompt rescue operation, successfully evacuating 21 of the 24 crew members from MV KMAX EMPEROR. The incident took place in one of the busiest maritime areas in the Gulf of Kutch, and the Coast Guard quickly mobilized assets for the evacuation following the impact.



Source -: <https://www.republicworld.com/india/2-merchant-vessels-collide-off-gujarat-coast-21-saved-in-indian-coast-guard-rescue-operation-2026-09-11-136818>

IUU FISHING



11 Sep/ Four Apprehended Off Chundikulam Over Illegal Fishing Practices / Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	Sri Lanka	Off Chundikulam and Kaddaikadu	Illegal Methods	Dinghie	The suspects from Madurankuliya and Palliyavasalpadu in the Puttalam District were apprehended. The seized dinghies and fish consignment were submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Jaffna for legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy detained 4 individuals and confiscated 3 dinghies for illegal light coarse fishing off Chundikulam and Kaddaikadu on 11 Sep 26. The Northern Naval Command and Veththalakerni Naval Deployment conducted the operation, seizing over 1,900 kg of illegally caught fish.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/four-apprehended-off-chundikulam-over-illegal-fishing-practices.html>

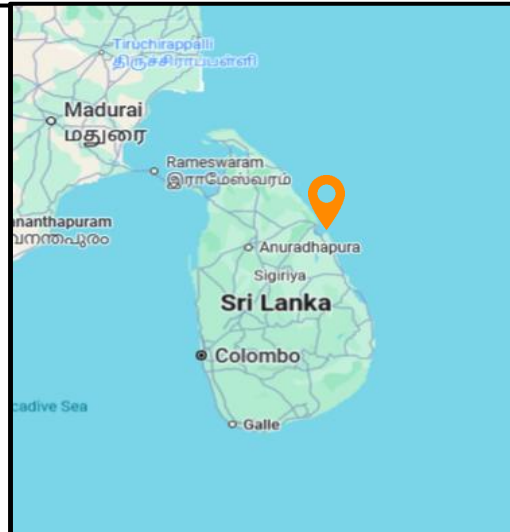
IUU FISHING



11 Sep/ Navy Nabs 65 Individuals Over Illegal Fishing Practices/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	Sri Lanka	Island Waters	Illegal fishing apparatus	-	The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 65 individuals during a series of search operations against illegal fishing activities across island waters between 01 and 11 Sep 26.

Among the arrests made, 63 people were detained for utilizing banned fishing nets and methods. Two people were arrested along with 44 illegal fishing nets in a coordinated operation with the Sri Lanka Police in Kattankudy. Operations by the Eastern, Northern, and Southeastern Naval Commands resulted in the seizure of 26 dinghies, 2 tractors, and 1 cab. The raids targeted various coastal and sea locations, including Jamaliya and Arugam Bay. All suspects and seized items were transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for legal action.



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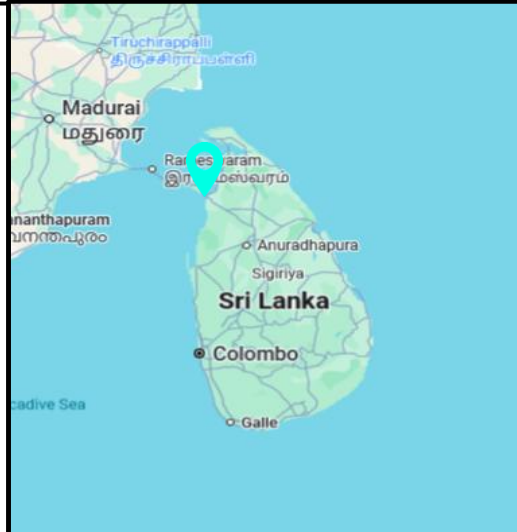
SMUGGLING



11 Sep/ Two Suspects Apprehended With Ambergris in Mannar/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	Sri Lanka	South Bar Beach Area	Wild life and endangers species smuggling	-	The suspects, aged 25 and 36, are residents of Mannar. The Navy has transferred the suspects and the seized ambergris to the Mannar Wildlife Conservation Department for further legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy arrested two suspects and seized over 67 kg of ambergris during a search operation in Mannar on 11 Sep 26. The substance's commercial trade is prohibited under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance. The interception was carried out by personnel from SLNS Gajaba, who suspect the ambergris was illegally collected and prepared for transport.



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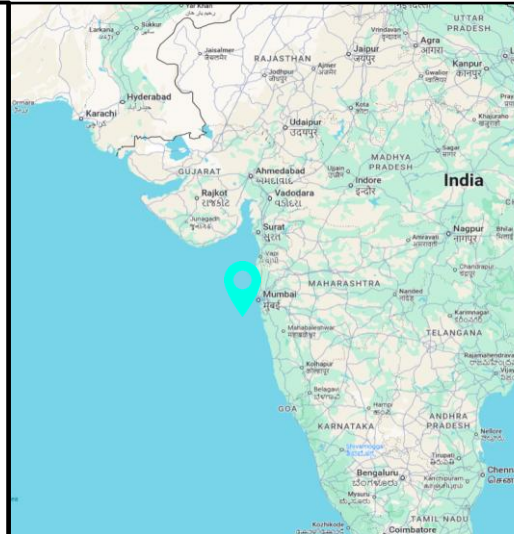
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10 Sep/ Indian Coast Guard Seizes Vessel Off Mumbai Coast Rs 10 Lakh Cash Illicit Liquor Recovered/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.10	India	Off Mumbai Coast	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The seized vessel and its six crew members were brought to Mumbai Harbour, along with confiscated contraband, and handed over to the authorities. A joint investigation is underway involving multiple law enforcement agencies to uncover the broader network behind the suspected smuggling operation.

In a coordinated operation, the Indian Coast Guard seized a vessel suspected of illegal diesel smuggling off the Mumbai coast on 10 Sep 26. Acting on intelligence about unauthorized activities near an offshore oil rig, the Coast Guard diverted its Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel to the area. Under cover of darkness, they intercepted the vessel and recovered illicit liquor and unaccounted cash totaling approximately Rs 10 lakh during the search.



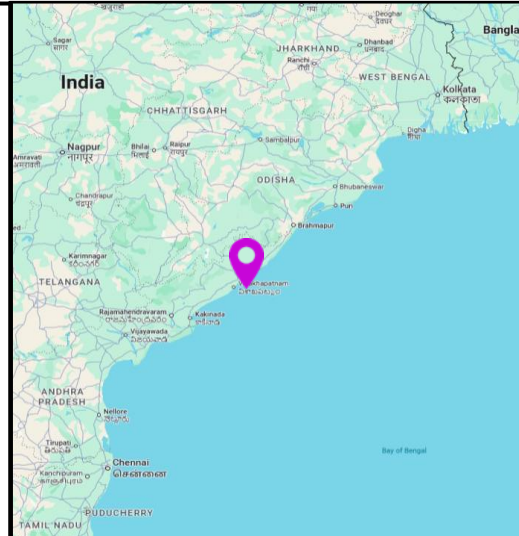
Source -: <https://www.dailyexcelsior.com/indian-coast-guard-seizes-vessel-off-mumbai-coast-rs-10-lakh-cash-illicit-liquor-recovered/>



12 Sep/ Table Top Exercise on Response to Illicit Activities in IOR Concluded in Visakhapatnam/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	India	Visakhapatnam	Naval Activities		The ministry announced that participants evaluated existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and improved information-sharing to boost Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The exercise underscores the commitment of the Colombo Security Conclave nations to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the region, in line with the MAHASAGAR vision.

The three-day Table Top Exercise (TTX) under the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) concluded successfully at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. Delegations and maritime security experts participated in simulated operational scenarios for over 72 hours, focusing on non-traditional security challenges such as maritime terrorism, narcotics smuggling, human trafficking, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The exercise began with an address by Rear Admiral Manoj Jha, emphasizing a coordinated response to illicit maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region.



Source -: <https://www.socialnews.xyz/2026/09/12/table-top-exercise-on-response-to-illicit-activities-in-ior-concluded-in-visakhapatnam/>



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