

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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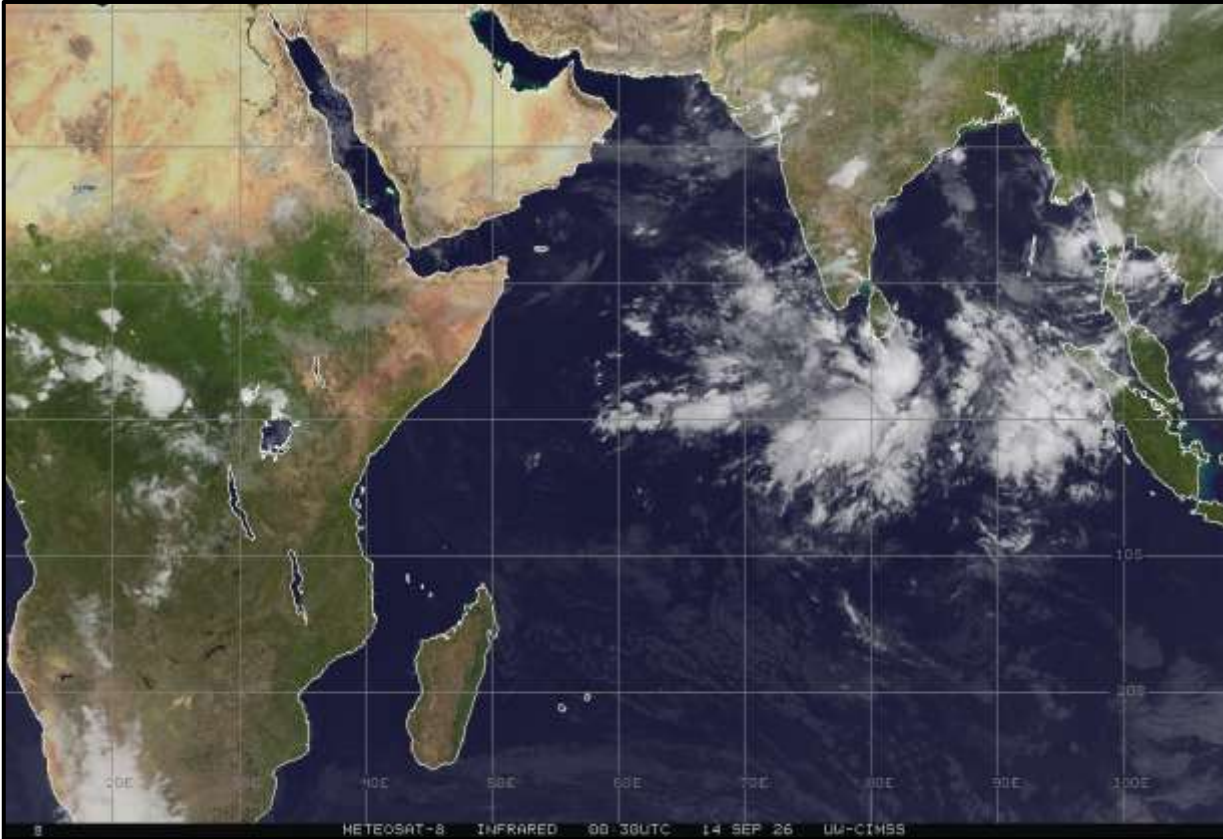
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Date 2026.09.14

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: 2026.09.14/0600UTC to 2026.09.14/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.14

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 25, 30, 35, 50, 65, 80.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 45, 55, 70, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 73E : SW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kts.

In between 73E and 83E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 25, 30, 50.

East of 83E : Anticlockwise/(10-15)Kts

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 25, 30.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 50, 55, 75.

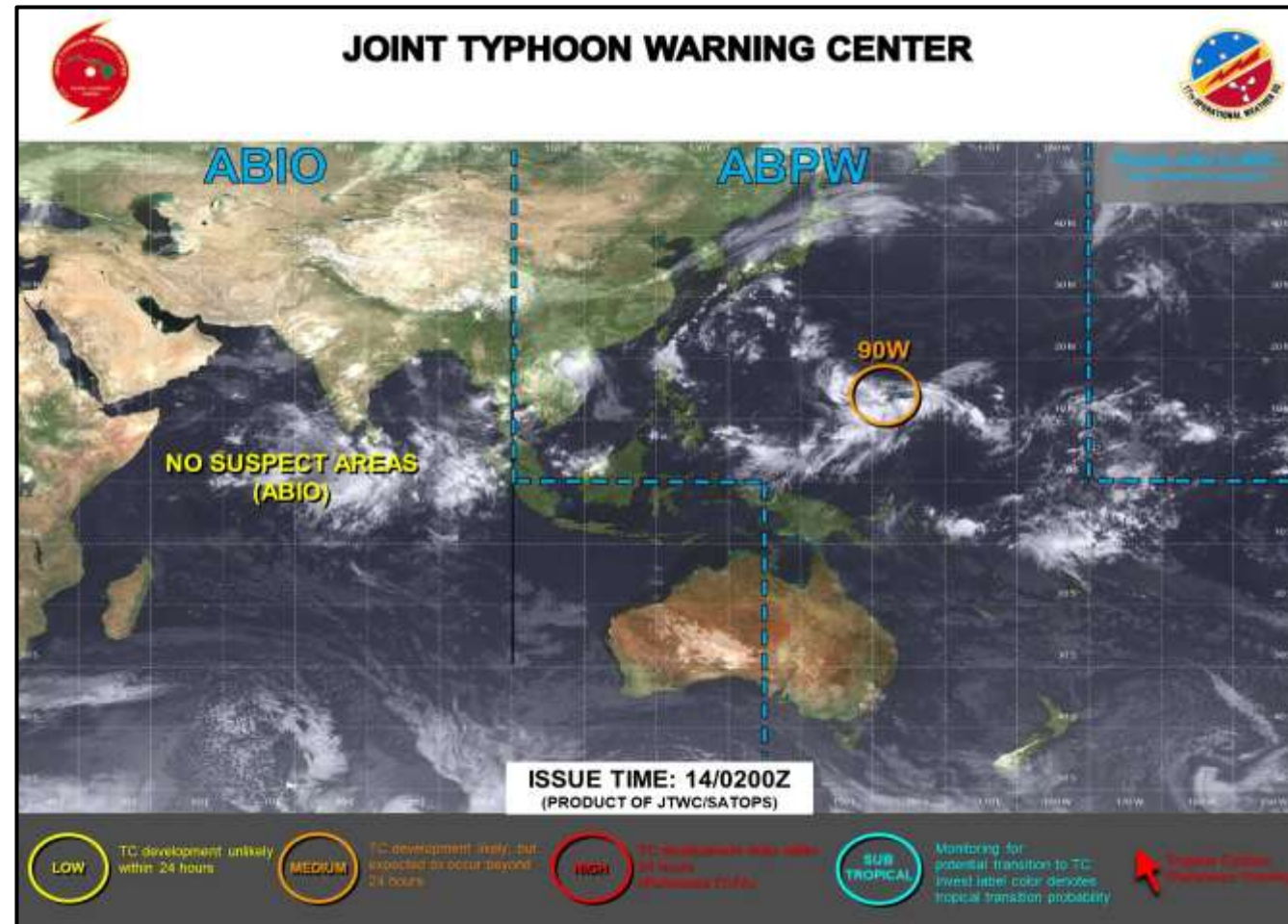
Moderate in sections : 05, 10, 45, 60, 65.

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	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	06

MARITIME INCIDENTS



14 Sep/ 4 Rescued in Pre-Dawn Save From Stranded Boat / USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.14	USA	Off LI Beach	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The fire department's marine units coordinated with the Coast Guard—Long Island Sound command—for rescue efforts, and units from Mastic, Center Moriches, East Moriches, and Eastport arrived quickly to find a vessel listing dangerously due to ocean waves.

Four individuals were rescued from a sandbar in the Atlantic Ocean near Smith Point County Park in Shirley early Sunday. Approximately 18 first responders from the Moriches Inlet Response Team were deployed around 4 a.m., assisting the U.S. Coast Guard after a 31-foot Boston Whaler struck the sandbar while returning from a fishing trip.



Source -: <https://patch.com/new-york/shirley-mastic/4-rescued-pre-dawn-save-stranded-boat-ran-aground-atlantic-ocean-li-beach>

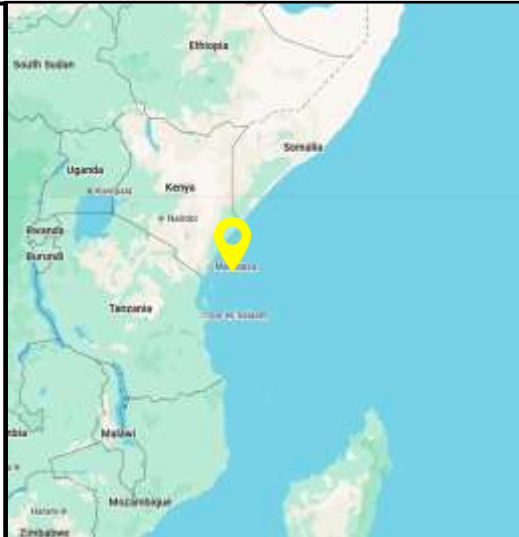
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12 Sep/ Two Dead After Tour Boat Capsizes Near Mombasa/ Kenya

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	Kenya	Near Mombasa	Capsizing /Sinking	Tourists Boat	Five boat occupants were rescued after the capsizing, while the remaining two were found deceased on a nearby beach the next morning.

Two tourists were killed when a boat capsized near Mombasa, Kenya, on Saturday, 12 Sep 26. The incident happened as the boat faced strong waves while navigating Tudor Creek, the waterway that divides Mombasa Island from the mainland.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/two-dead-after-tour-boat-capsizes-near-mombasa-kenya>

SMUGGLING



13 Sep/ MMEA Foils Bid to Smuggle Over a Tonne of Cooking Oil in Sandakan Waters/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.13	Malaysia	off Sandakan	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	A search of an abandoned boat found 60 bundles with approximately 1,020 packets of subsidized cooking oil, meant for household consumption in 1 kg polybags, and two outboard engines.

Authorities intercepted a boat off Sandakan, preventing a suspected smuggling attempt of 1,020 packets of subsidized cooking oil on 13 Sep 26. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detected the suspicious vessel at approximately 5 a.m. near Sungai Tanjung Batu, with the interception occurring about 18 meters north-west of the river.



Source -: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2026/09/14/mmea-foils-bid-to-smuggle-over-a-tonne-of-cooking-oil-in-sandakan-waters#goog_rewarded

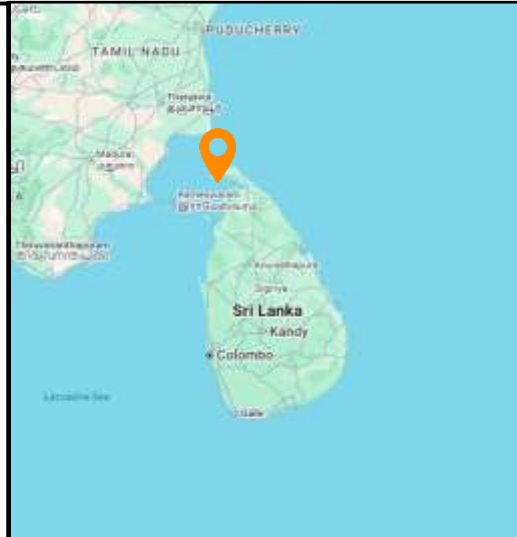
IUU FISHING



12 Sep/ Two apprehended with illegally harvested sea cucumbers in Jaffna/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	Sri Lanka	off the coast of Allaippiddi of Kayts island	Unreported catch	Dinghy Boat	The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 2 suspects and seized 1,740 sea cucumbers during a search operation in Allaippiddi, Jaffna, on 12 Sep 26.

Personnel from SLNS Kanchadeva intercepted a suspicious boat off Allaippiddi, Kayts Island, discovering illegally harvested sea cucumbers. Two suspects, aged 41 and 46, residents of the area, were handed over to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Jaffna along with the dinghy and the sea cucumbers for legal action.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/two-apprehended-with-illegally-harvested-sea-cucumbers-in-jaffna.html>

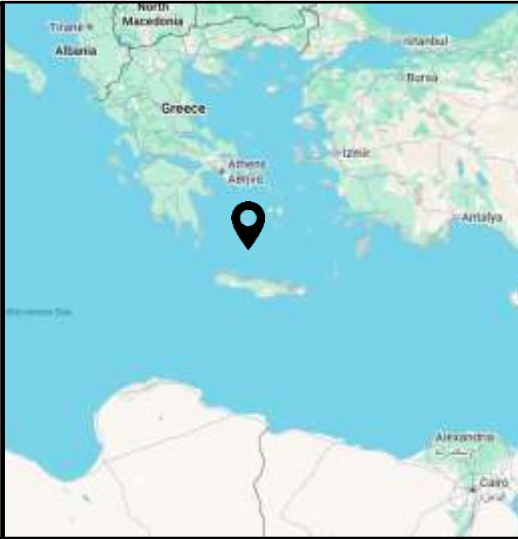
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



13 Sep/ One dead, 25 missing after migrant boat sinks near Greek island/ Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.13	Greece	Gavdos Island	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The rescued migrants will be taken to reception centers in Paleochora and Agia Galini, Crete. Gavdos, Greece's southernmost island, is part of a migration route from northern Africa and has seen migrant boat incidents before. The search operation continues to locate those still missing.

The Greek Coast Guard, along with Frontex vessels and aircraft, conducted a search and rescue operation on Sunday. Greece's Unified Search and Rescue Coordination Center coordinated the operation, which rescued 51 migrants and discovered one deceased individual.



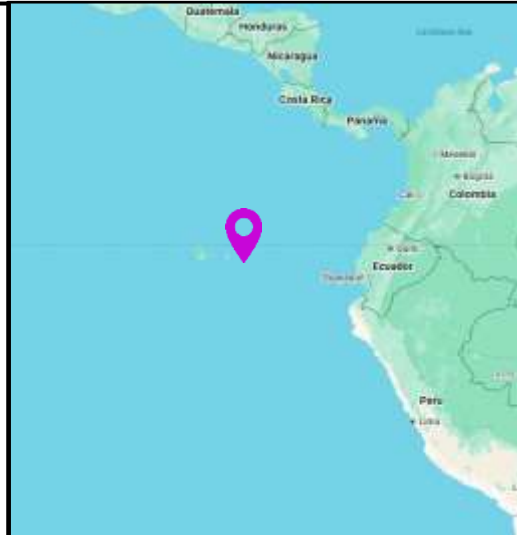
Source -: <https://news.az/news/one-dead-25-missing-after-migrant-boat-sinks-near-greek-island>



13 Sep/ Coast Guard Cutter Robert Ward Wraps GALAPEX 2026 Exercise Near Galapagos Islands/ Ecuador

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.13	Ecuador	Near Galapagos Islands	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Participating nations included Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Peru, Spain, and the United States, with representation from the US Navy and US Air Force.

Ecuador hosted the fourth GALAPEX with participants from 12 countries, including the U.S., to enhance partnerships against illicit maritime activities like illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. IUU fishing poses significant risks to global maritime security, threatening food security and destabilizing coastal economies, while also intersecting with human, drug, and weapons trafficking. Effective counter-IUU enforcement enables maritime authorities to combat transnational crime and protect the maritime domain.



Source -: <https://oceannews.com/news/defense/coast-guard-cutter-robert-ward-wraps-galapex-2026-exercise-near-galapagos-islands/>



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