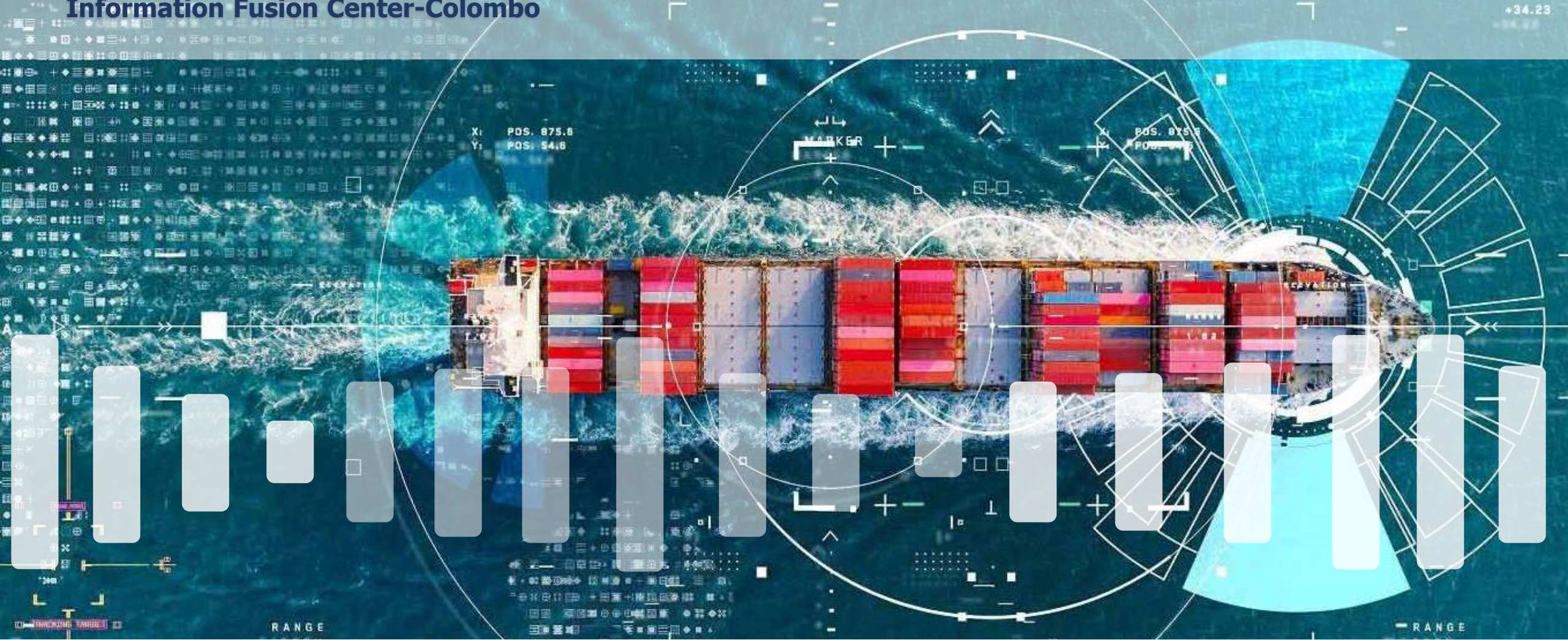


WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 01

From 2026.01.05 TO 2026.01.11

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 01

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	12
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	00
• Smuggling	:-	03
• IUU Fishing	:-	04
• Narcotics	:-	02
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	06
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	05

Total Maritime Incidents 32

Global Weather Incident



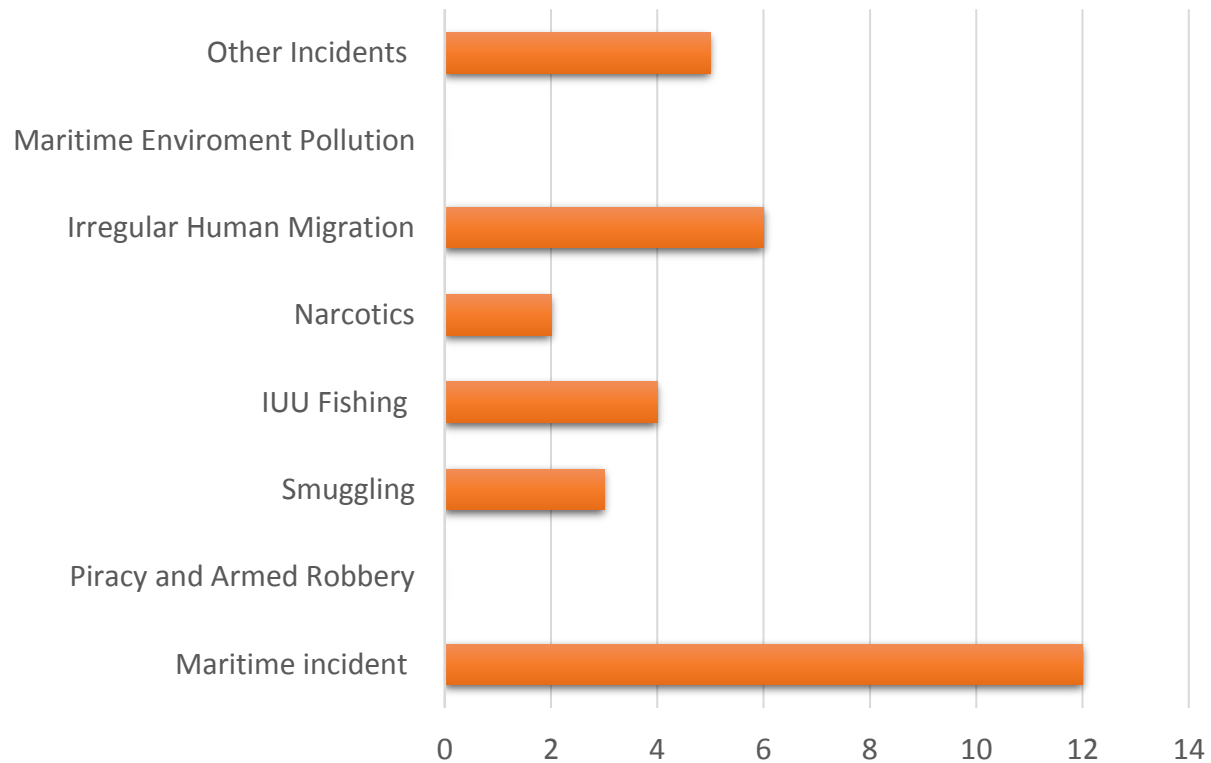
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	04
• Earthquake	:-	09

Total Weather Incidents 13

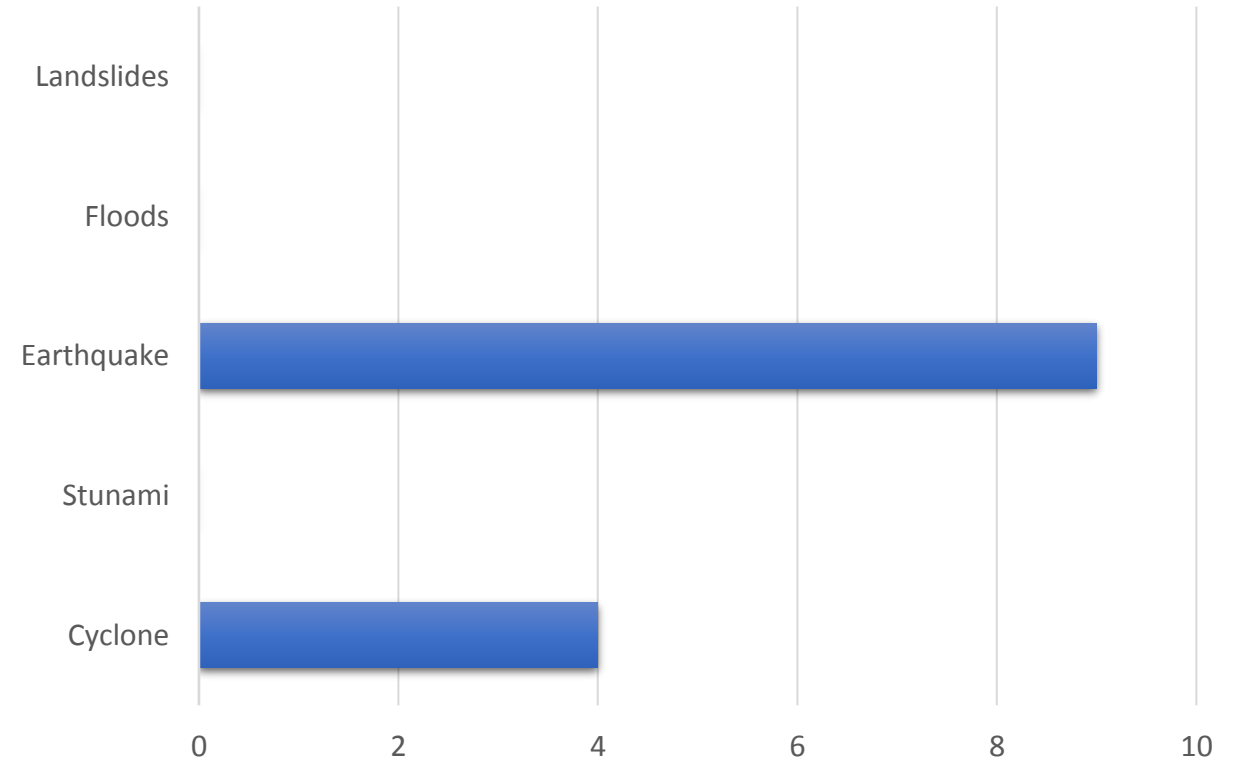


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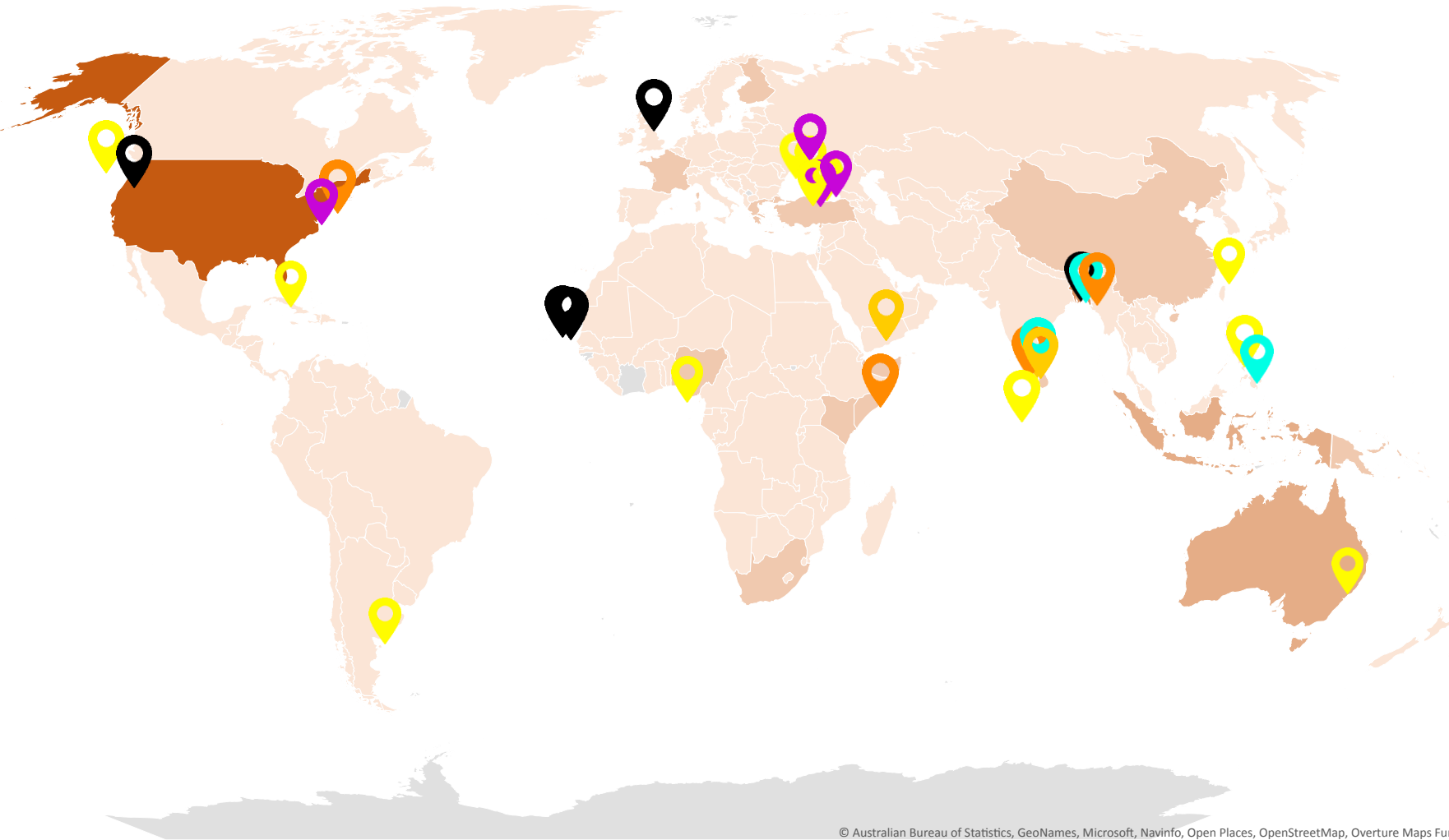
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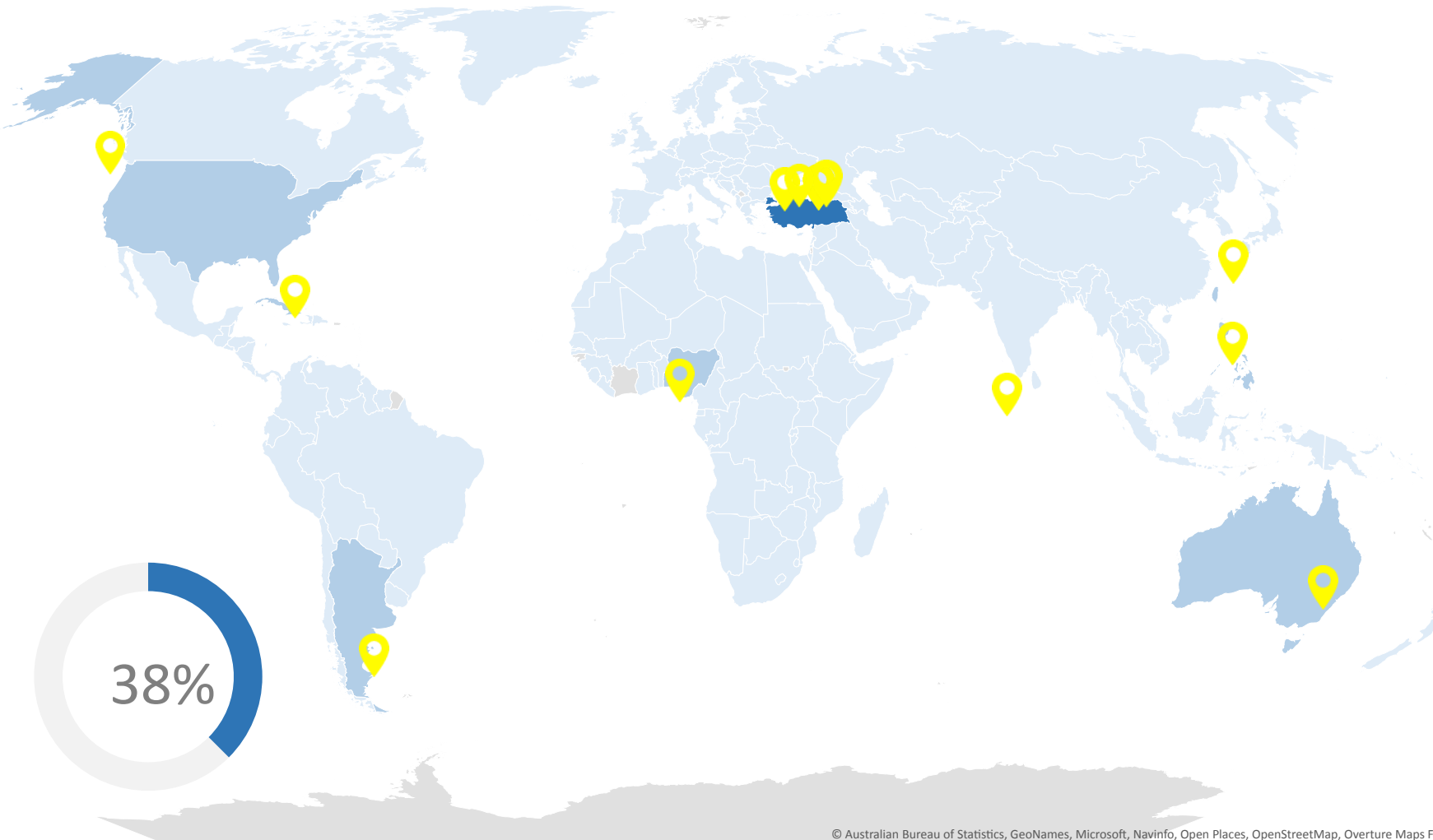
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 Other	05










Total Incidents

32

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Australia	01
 Argentina	01
 Cuba	01
 Maldives	01
 Nigeria	01
 Philippines	01
 Taiwan	01
 Turkey	04
 United States	01

Total Incidents

12

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.03	Turkey	Marmara off Martas	Grounding	Name - WHITE LINE Type - Cargo IMO -8420713	All nine crew members aboard the vessel are safe, and no pollution has been reported
2026.01.03	Cuba	Caribbean Island	Rescue Operations	Sailing Vessel	Video footage from rescuers depicted individuals being rescued and taken to safety on land, where they underwent medical evaluations.
2026.01.04	Nigeria	Yobe River	Capsizing	-	The Yobe State Emergency Management Agency confirmed the rescue of 13 individuals, who are now receiving medical assistance.
2026.01.04	Turkey	Bozcaada	Grounding	Name - QENDIL Type - Tanker IMO - 9310525	The vessel is sanctioned by Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland as well as by Ukraine which also targeted it in a drone attack on 19 December.
2026.01.04	Turkey	Sea of Marmara near Büyükada	Mechanical Failure	Name -BITIHI 2 IMO – 8817693 Name – MSC GIANNA III IMO - 9152856	KEGM dispatched the tugboat Kurtarma-9 to secure a towline to a disabled tanker being pushed toward the Büyükada shoreline, preventing grounding risks near the Princes’ Islands.
2026.01.04	Philippines	Mactan Cebu	SAR	Tourist boat	Coast Guard personnel stationed at Olango Island immediately launched rescue operations together with the Olango Maritime Police.
2026.01.05	USA	Bering Sea island	SAR	Crab boat	Nine fishermen were rescued Monday from a crab boat that ran aground on St. George Island and began taking on water in rough weather.

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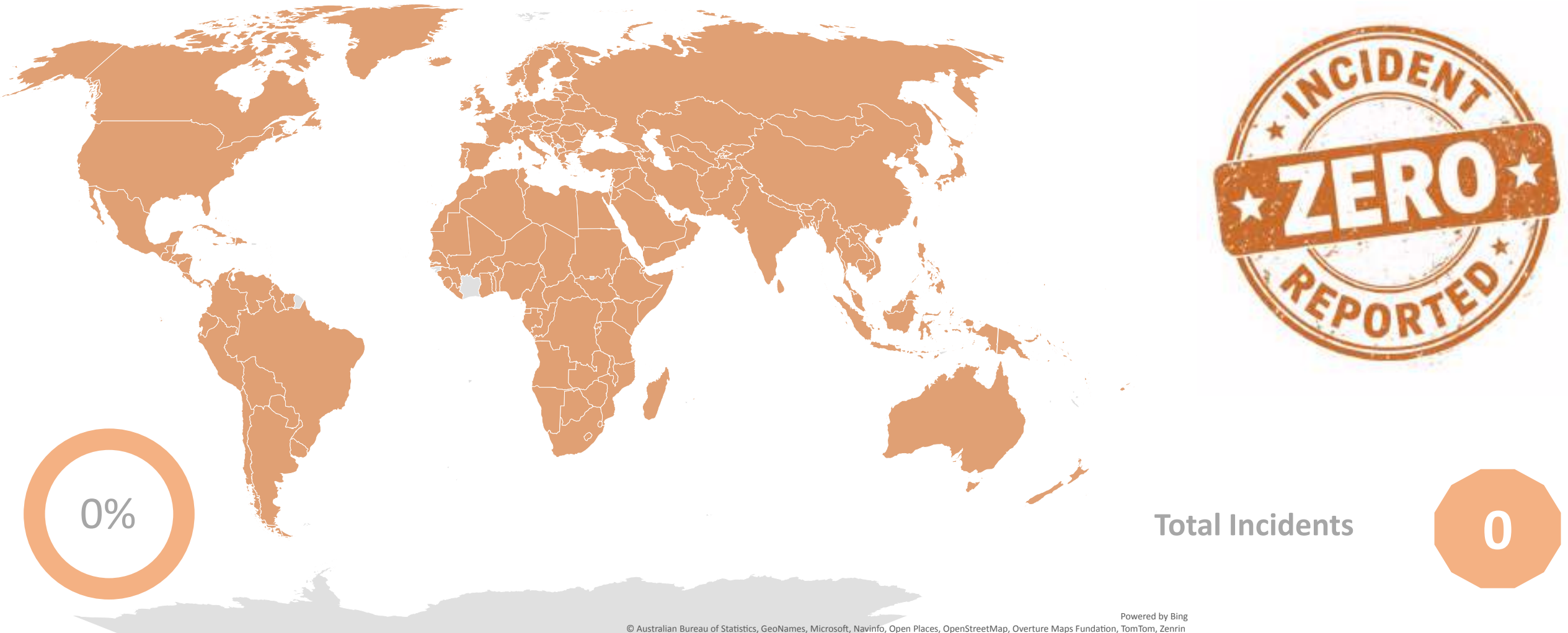


MARITIME INCIDENTS

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2026.01.06	Taiwan	Sea off Hualien	Rescue Operations	-	Deployment of navy, air force, and army assets and personnel, supported by national search-and-rescue organizations and Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration (CGA).
2026.01.07	Maldives	K. Gamarugiri	Fire	Supply boat	MNDF said that the supply boat had been carrying trash and travelling to Thilafushi.
2026.01.08	Turkey	Sea of Marmara	Mechanical Failure	Name – BEYPAZARI Type – Cargo IMO - 7615969	Under the coordination of the Istanbul Ship Traffic Services Center the vessel was towed and secured safely in the Kartal Iron Anchorage.
2026.01.09	Australia	Mosman	Fire	Yachts	With the fires extinguished by 0800 hrs, crews are working with the Environmental Protection Authority to address the spillage of oils and fuels from the boat. the fire the cause of which is still unknown.
2026.01.06	Argentina	Ushuaia Port	Collision	Name –Viking Octantis , World Voyager Flag –Norway, Portugal Type –Passenger	The incident involvedthe10,000grosstonWorldVoyager,which Broke from its moorings due to a snapped nautical rope

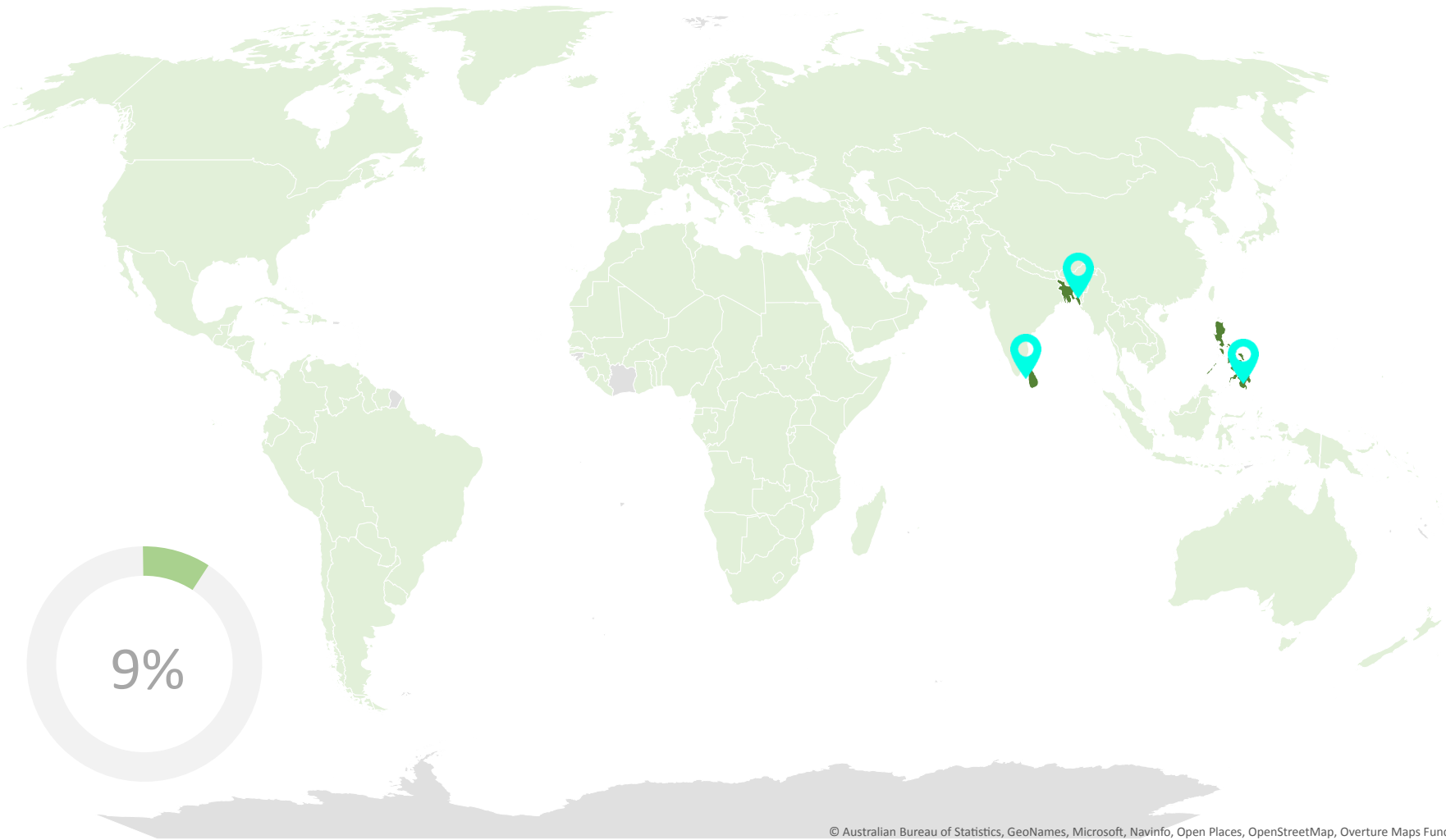
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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

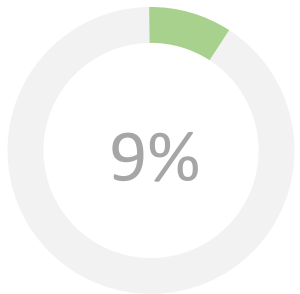




SMUGGLING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Bangladesh	01
	Philippines	01
	Sri Lanka	01



Total Incidentts

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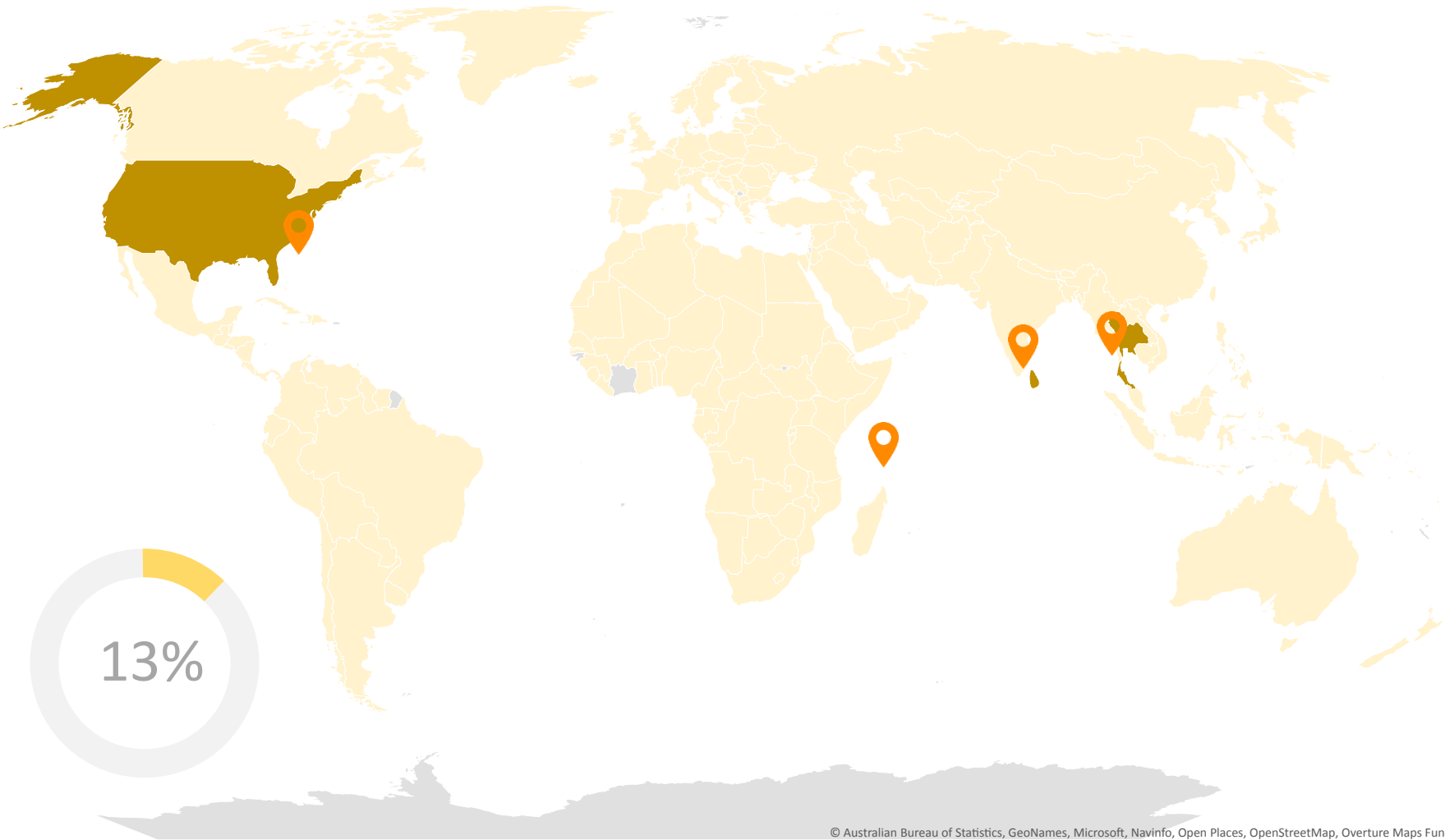






SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.01	Sri Lanka	Northwestern naval Area	kendu leaves	Fishing boat	Navy seizes over 220 kg of Kendu leaves in Negombo
2026.01.02	Bangladesh	Near the st. Martin's Island	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Fishing boat	Authorities recovered 600 bags of cement, valued at approximately Tk3 lakh, being smuggled to Myanmar while evading customs duties. Eleven Bangladeshi nationals were detained in relation to this case.
2026.01.06	Philippines	Off Zamboanga	Cigarette	three boat	Police arrested three men and confiscated an estimated ₱21.2 million worth of smuggled cigarettes in a maritime operation near Manalipa Island on Tuesday, highlighting the persistent challenge of illicit tobacco trade in Mindanao's waters and markets.

Source -: <https://www.daily-sun.com/bangladesh/849728/18-held-in-separate-coast-guard-anti-smuggling-operations-off-saint-martin>
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IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Sri Lanka	01
	Seychelles	01
	Thailand	01
	USA	01

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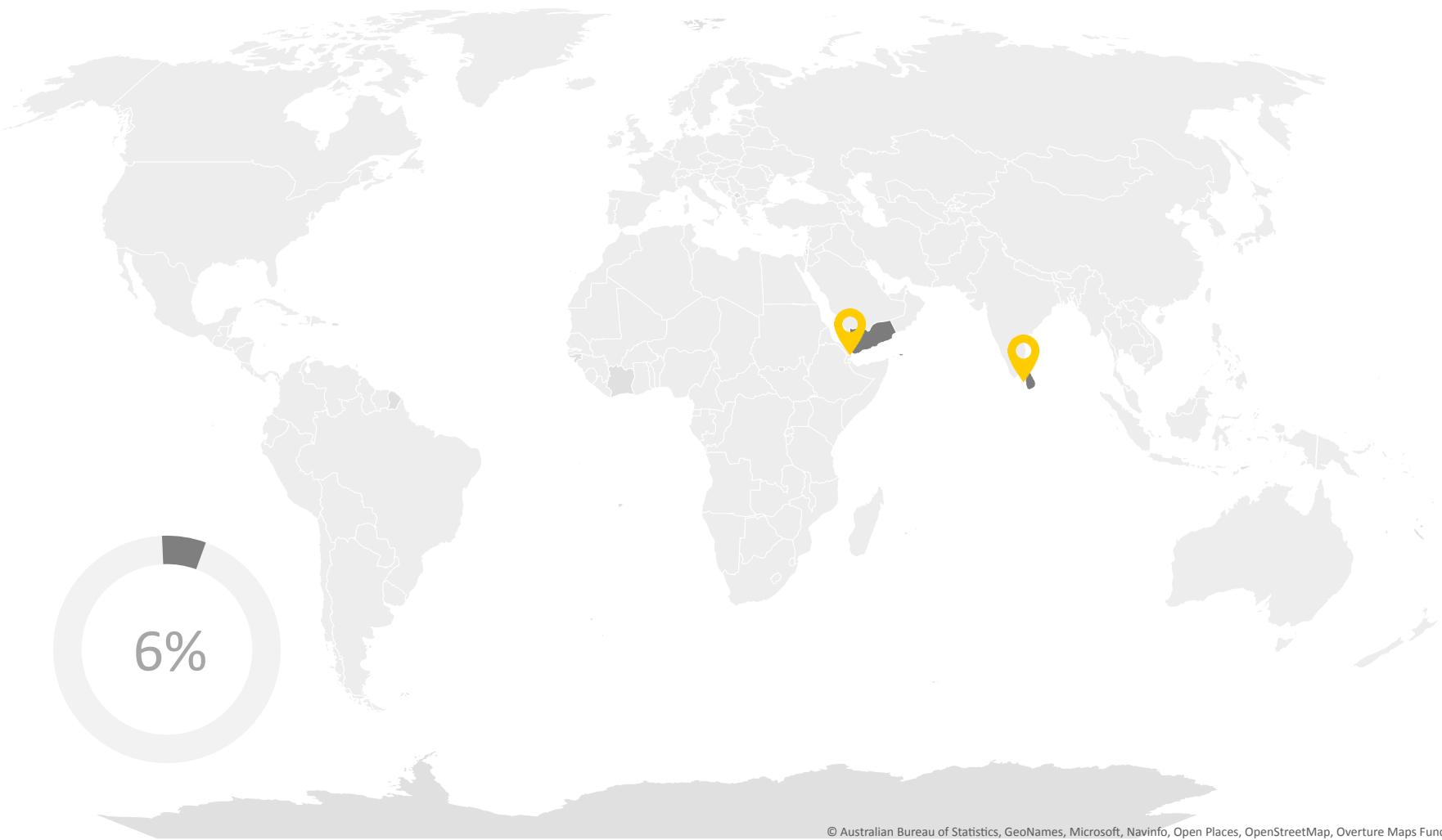
IUU FISHING



INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.02	Sri Lnaka	Northern Naval Area	Maritime Boundary Violations	Tow Indian Fishing vessel	The seized boats (2) and Indian fishermen (9) were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy, Jaffna, for onward Legal proceedings.
2026.01.05	Seychelles	Seychelles Sea Area	Maritime Boundary Violations	One trawler"ISHANI DUWA"	The Ministry of Fisheries is working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to negotiate the safe repatriation of the crew with Seychelles authorities.
2026.01.07	Thailand	Thai waters	Maritime Boundary Violations	Cambodian Fishing vessel	The vessel and its four Cambodian crew members were escorted to Khlong Yai Port in Trat province for legal proceedings
2026.01.10	USA	Jersey Port	Fishing For Endangered Species	-	It is unclear if the unidentified container vessel struck the whale Or merely collided with its deceased carcass ,potentially towing it To the port

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NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Sri Lanka	01
	Yemen	01

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NARCOTIC

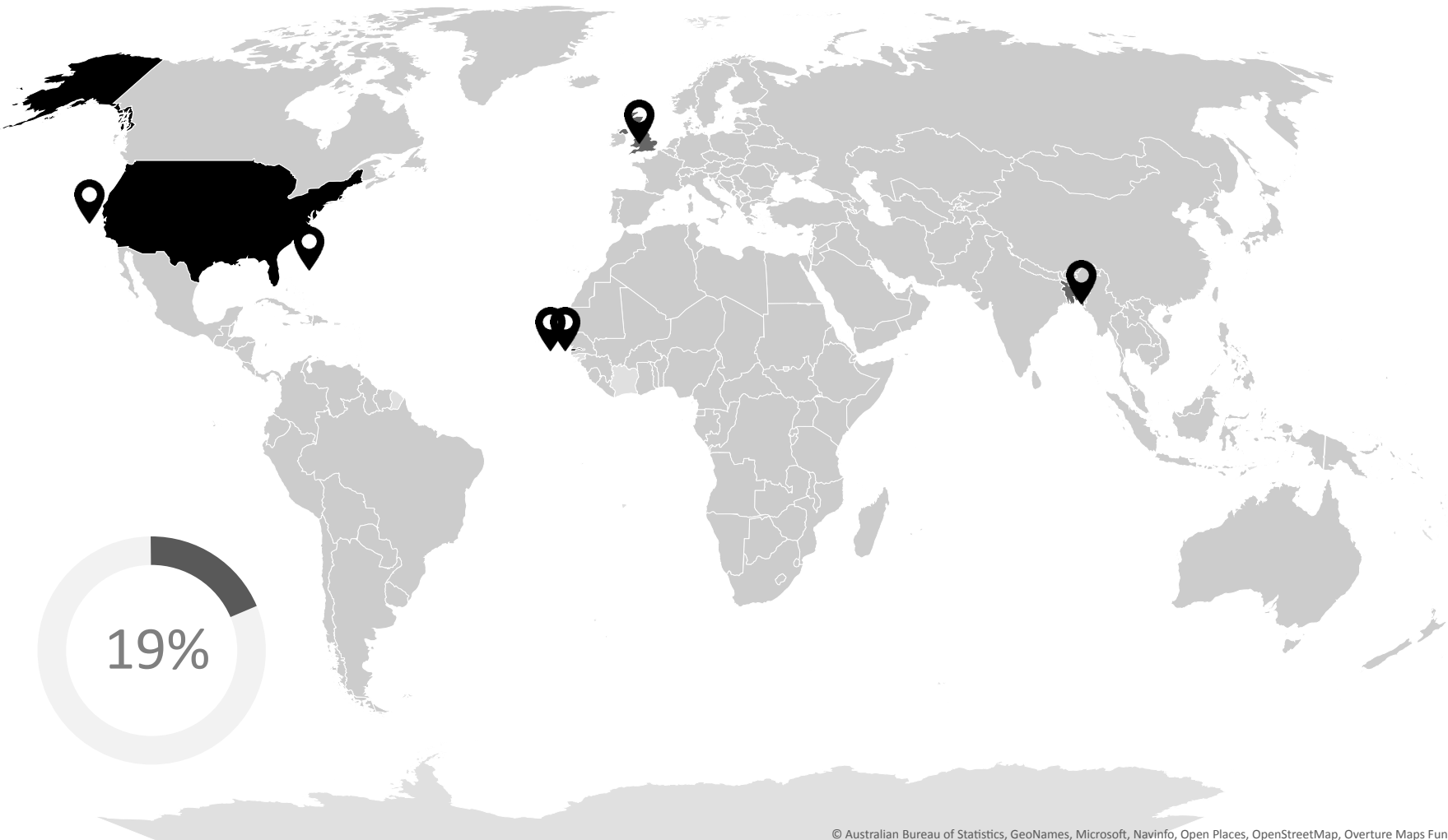
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.02	Sri Lanka	Across The Island	Seizure Of Narcotics	-	In alignment with the "A Nation United" National Mission, the Sri Lanka Navy has escalated its drug-interdiction efforts to protect future generations from narcotics threats.
2026.01.07	Yemen	Off Bab al-Mandab	Seizure Of Narcotics	One Boat	Yemeni Naval Forces Seize Quarter-Ton Of Drugs Off Bab al-Mandab, 4 Arrested.





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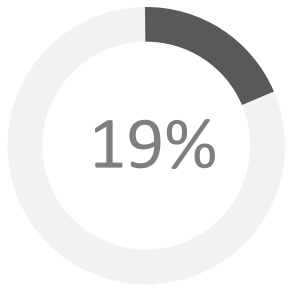
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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Bangladesh	01
	Gambia	02
	UK	01
	USA	02



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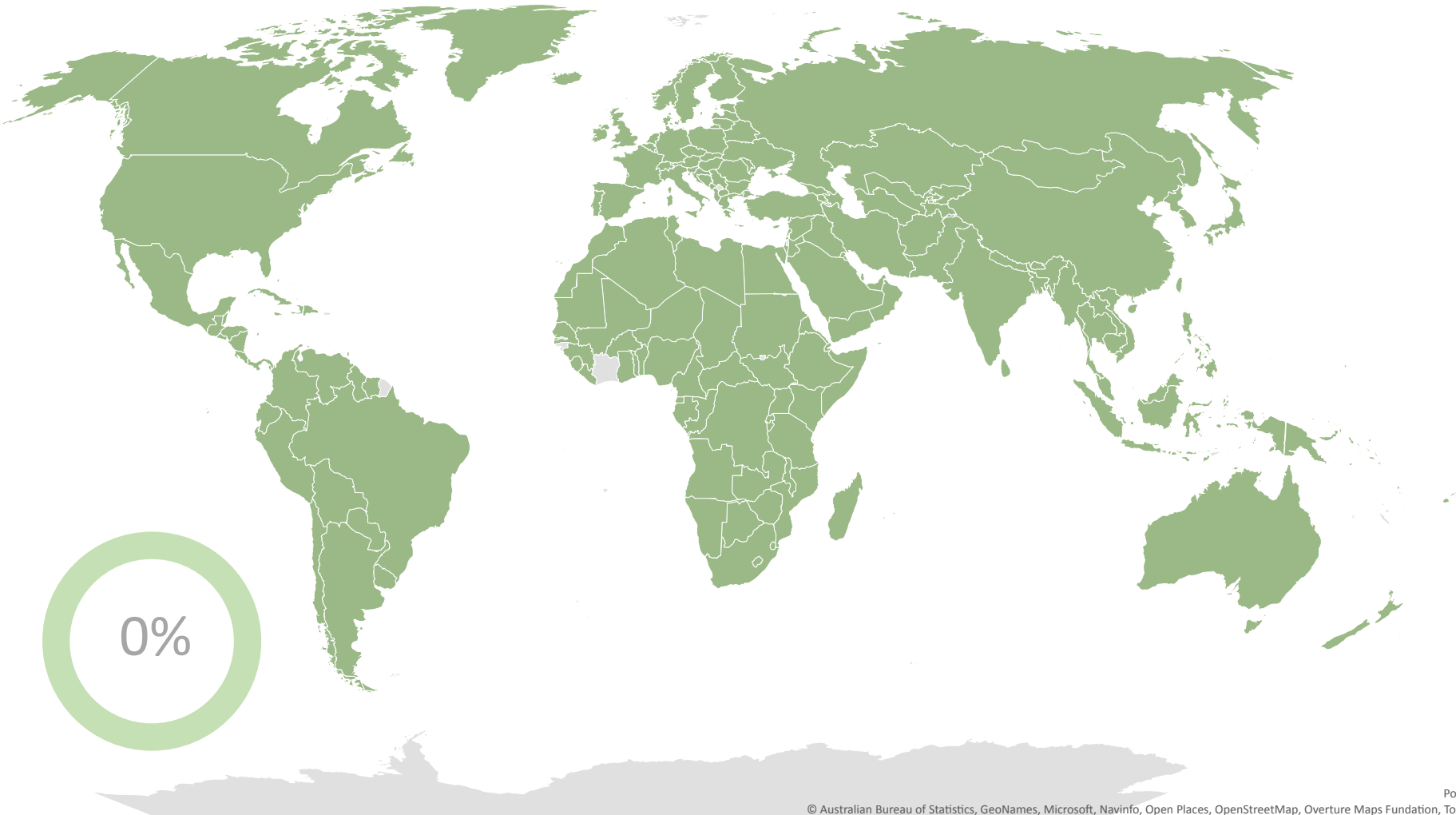


IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.01	Gambia	off Gambia	Failed Border Crossings	-	The Gambian Navy launched a hunt for survivors after midnight, involving several vessels and a fishing boat.
2026.01.03	Bangladesh	Near the st. Martin's Island	Failed Border Crossings	-	During preliminary questioning, the detainees admitted their intended destination was Malaysia.
2026.01.05	UK	English Channel	Failed Border Crossings	-	The earliest point in the calendar year to record crossings was on January 2 in 2021 and 2023 of 10 and 44 people respectively.
2026.01.07	USA	North Atlantic Ocean	Seizure	Name - Marinera Flag - Russia Type - Crude Oil Tanker	The vessel changed its name to Marinera on 1 January and its flag of registration to Russia on 4 January.
2026.01.07	USA	Coast of California	Failed Border Crossings	Panga Boat	Coast Guard encounters Romanian, Chinese nationals off California coast; feds charge Mexican crew members with smuggling.
2026.01.07	Gambia	off Gambia	Failed Border Crossings	One Boat	Dozens missing after boat carrying 200 migrants sinks off Gambia.

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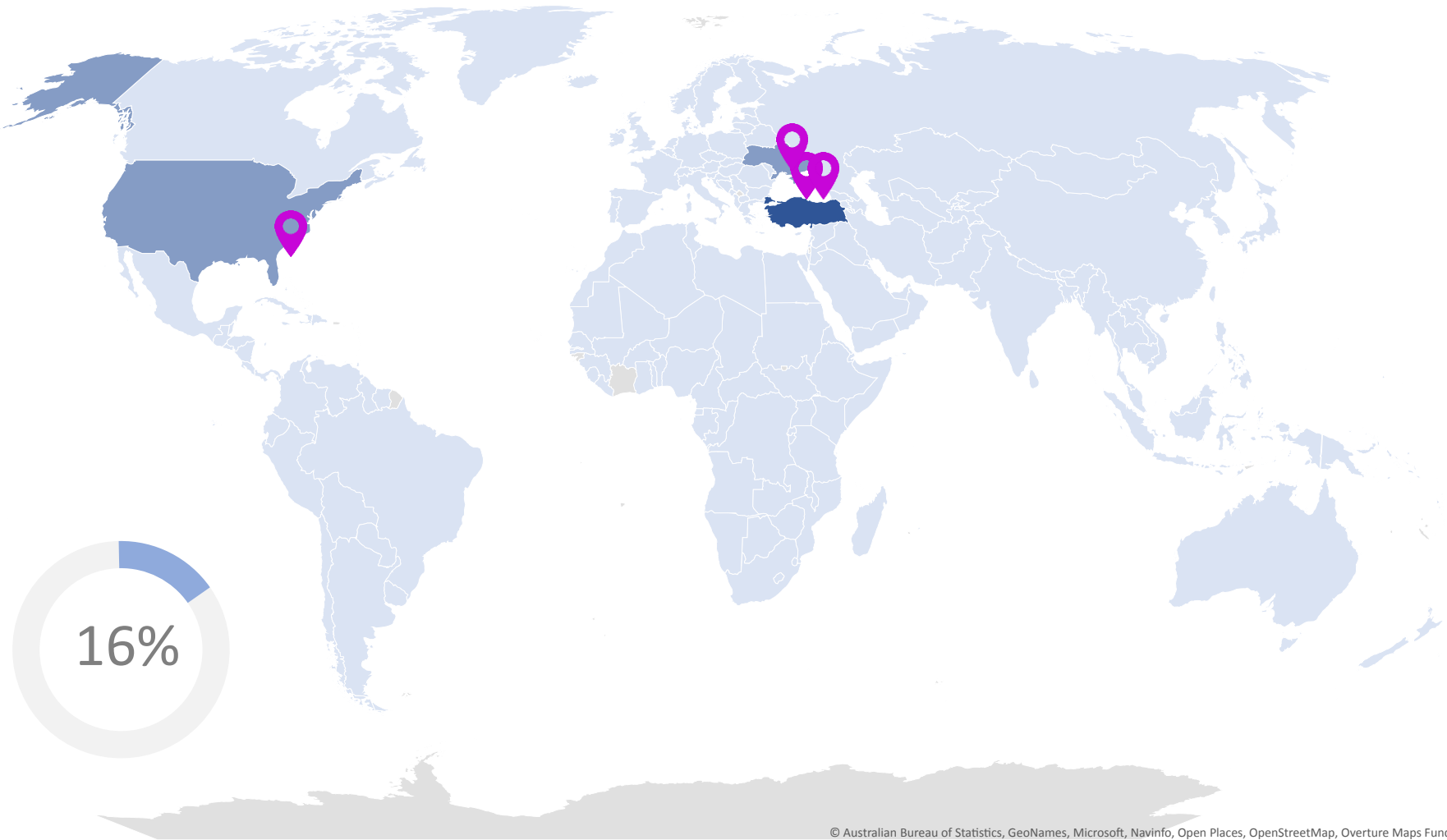
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OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Turkey	02
	Ukraine	01
	United States	02

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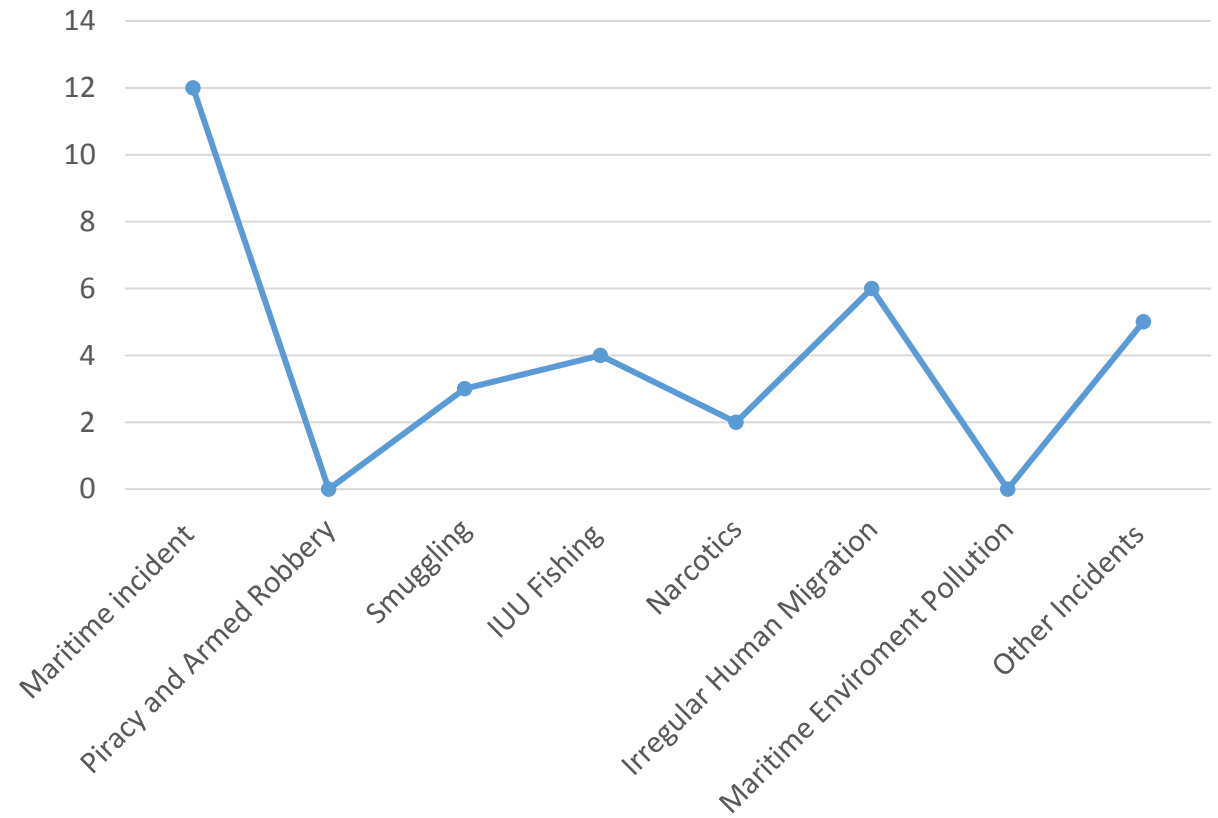
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2026.01.07	USA	Caribbean Sea	seizure	Name – M Sophia Type- Tanker Flag - Panama	The seizure of the MT Sophia took place just hours after a similar operation against the tanker Marinera (formerly Bella 1)..
2026.01.07	Ukraine	Pivdennyi & Chornomorsk	Assault	-	The attacks resulted in two fatalities and injured eight individuals across the affected locations
2026.01.07	Turkiye	Black Sea	Drone Attack	Oil Tanker	A suezmax tanker was struck by a drone while transiting the Black Sea on Wednesday, according to a casualty report.
2026.01.07	Turkiye	Aegean Sea	Boat Capsizing	-	-

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WEEKLY ANALYSIS

- The report outlines a mix of maritime security concerns (e.g., IUU fishing, smuggling, irregular human migration) and operational issues (e.g., mechanical failures, capsizing, rescue operations). Importantly, piracy and armed robbery remain low, which suggests improved maritime security in the global context
- In terms of immediate action, continued focus on addressing IUU fishing and smuggling operations, as well as humanitarian challenges posed by irregular human migration, is essential. The increase in mechanical failures and grounding incidents, particularly in regions like Turkey, also calls for attention to vessel maintenance and readiness.
- The absence of environmental pollution incidents is encouraging, but vigilance should continue regarding any potential future threats

Maritime Incidents





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