

# WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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**Week 07**

From 2026.02.16 TO 2026.02.22

# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 07

## Executive Summary

### Global Maritime Incidents

• Maritime incident	:-	13
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	01
• Smuggling	:-	06
• IUU Fishing	:-	04
• Narcotics	:-	05
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	03
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	01

**Total Maritime Incidents 33**

### Global Weather Incident

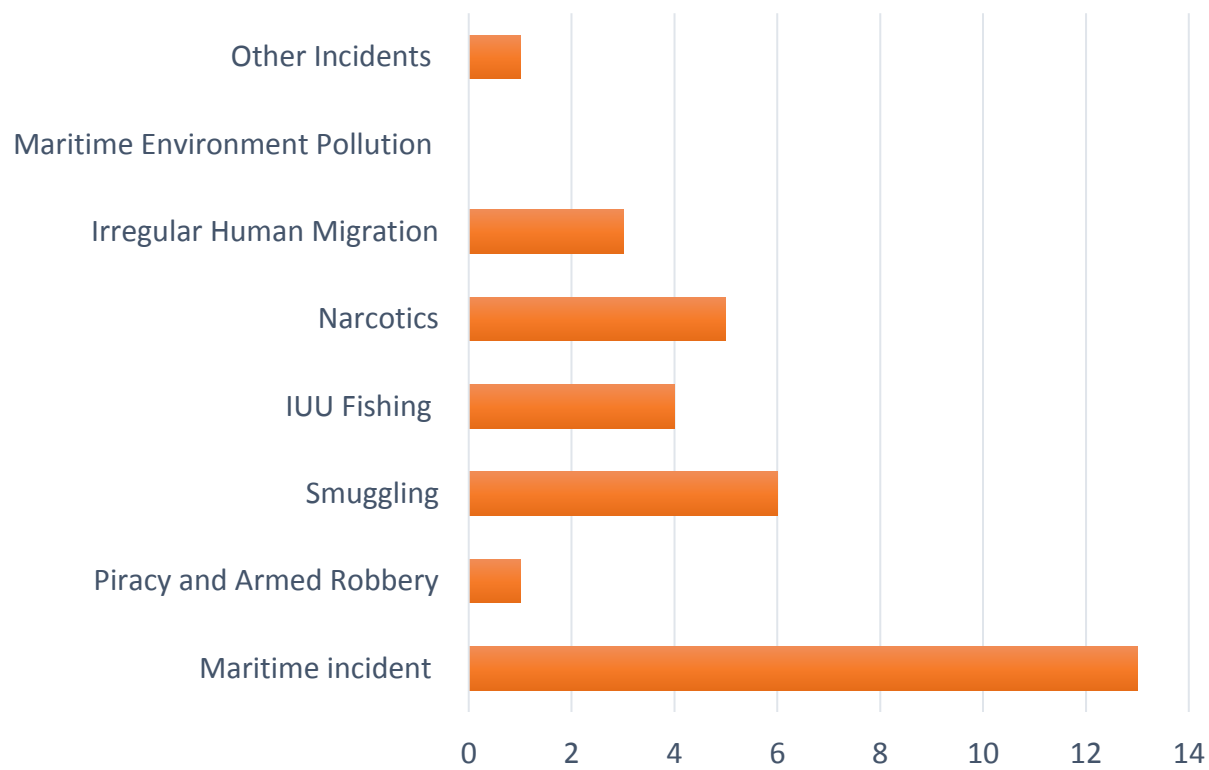
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	02
• Earthquake	:-	06

**Total Weather Incidents 08**

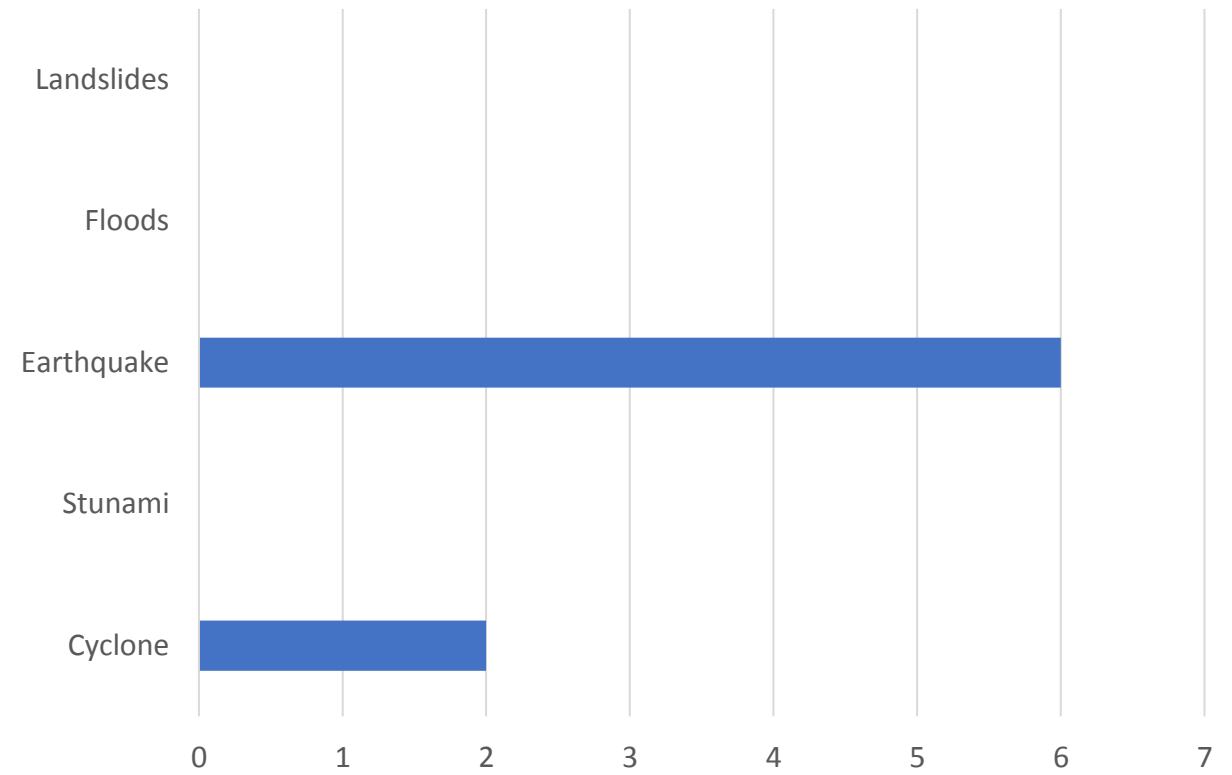


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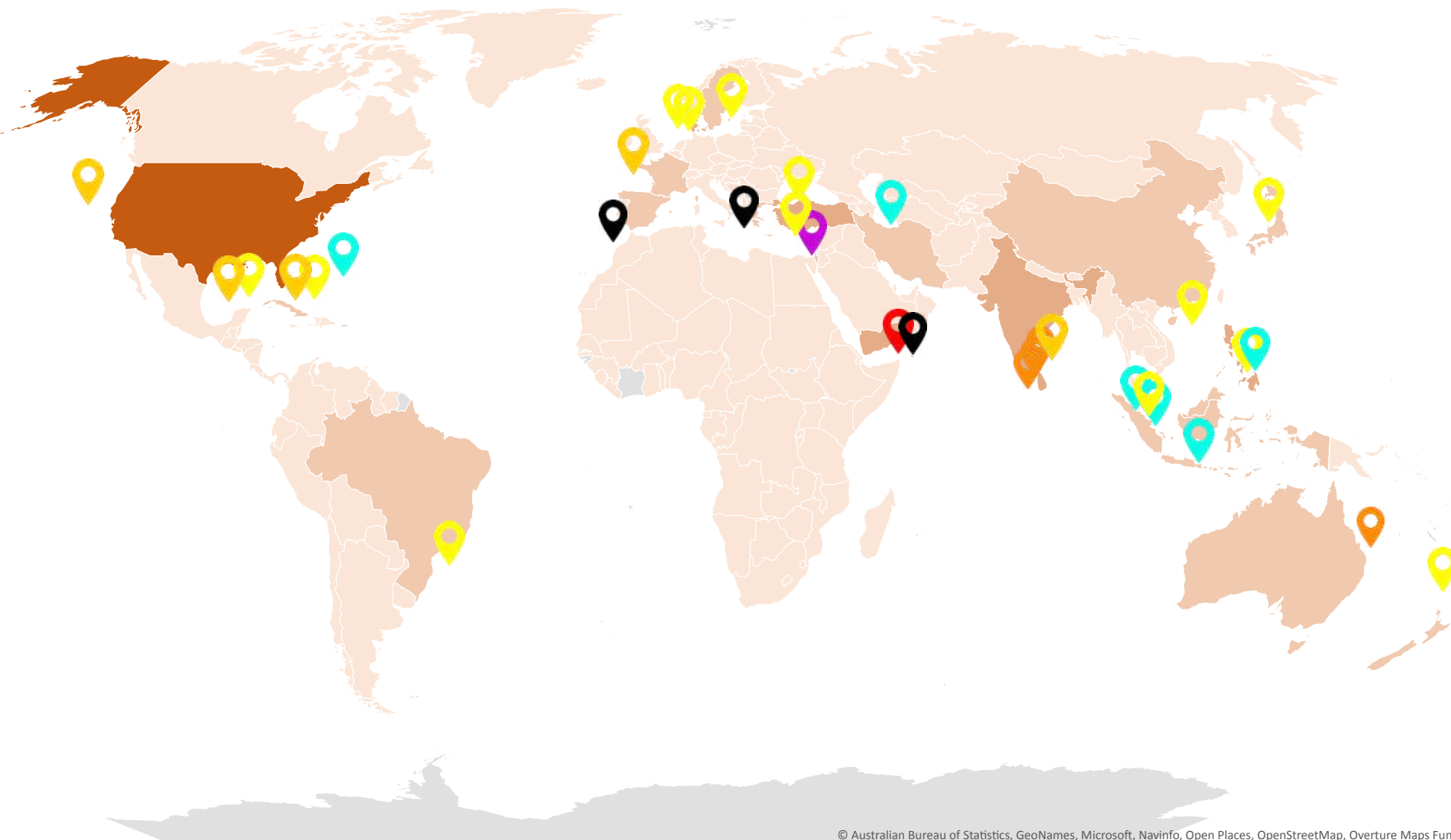
## Maritime Incidents











## Weather Incidents



# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



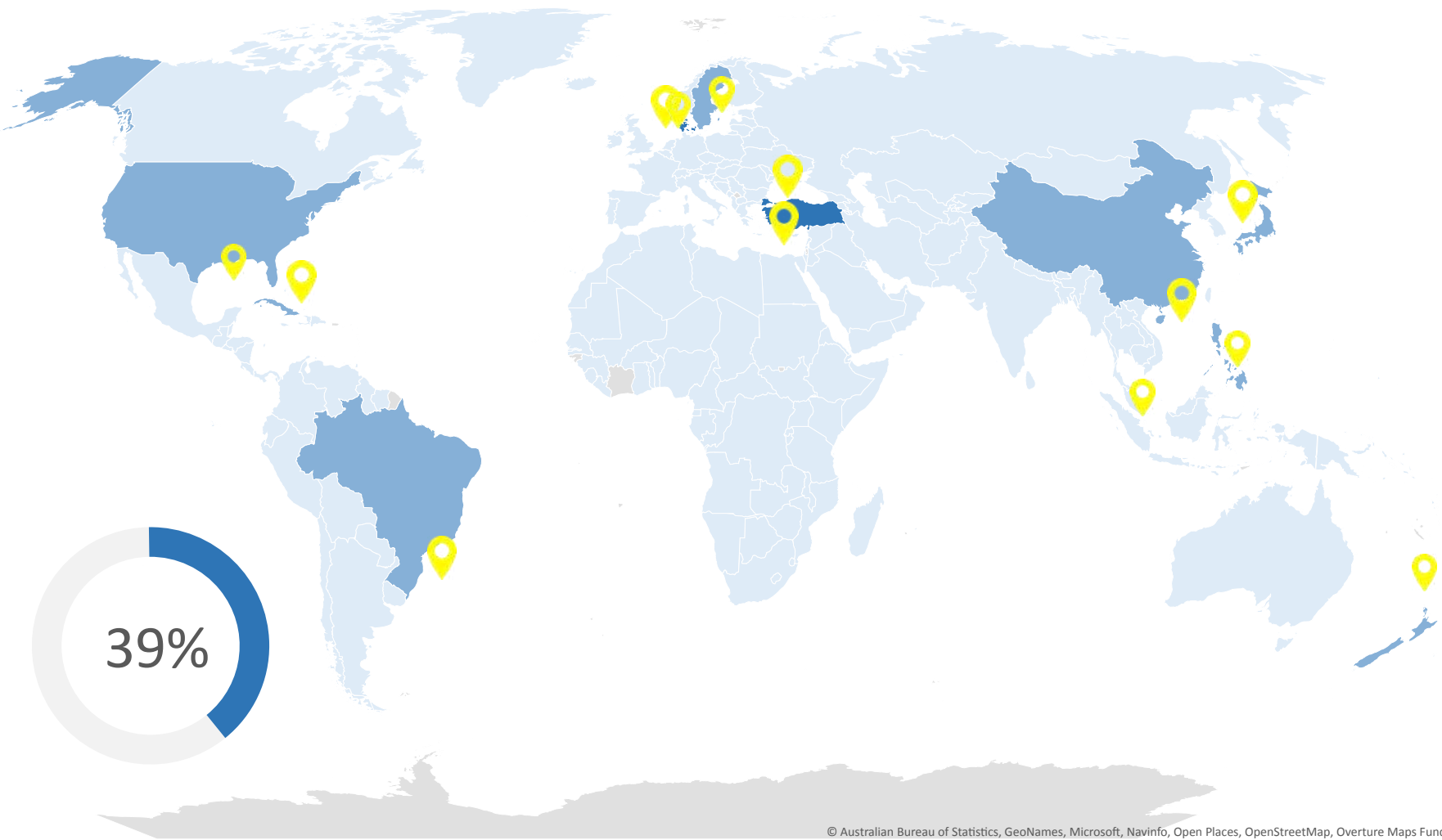
CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	13
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	06
 IUU Fishing	04
 Narcotic	05
 Irregular Human Migration	03
 Maritime Environment Pollution	00
 Other	01

Total Incidents

33

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Brazil	01
	China	01
	Cuba	01
	Denmark	02
	Japan	01
	New Zealand	01
	Philippines	01
	Sweden	01
	Singapore	01
	Turkey	02
	United States	01

Total Incidents

13

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.14	Turkey	Çanakkale Strait	Engine failure	Name – Santa Cruz Flag – Malta Type - bulk carrier	anta Cruz is a 2011-built bulk carrier that measures 229 meters in length and 32.24 meters in width. The vessel was en-route from Novorossiysk, Russia to Port Sudan.
2026.02.14	Sweden	Baltic Sea	Fire /Explosion	Name : DIEZEBORG Type : Cargo IMO : 9225586	On 15 February, the Swedish Coast Guard vessel KBV 002 Triton towed the Diezeborg to prevent it from grounding at Kopparstenarna, and the situation is now under control with the crew still aboard.
2026.02.15	USA	Lake Ray Hubbard	Fire /Explosion	One boat	The cause of the fire remains unknown as officials continue to investigate the incident.
2026.02.15	Cuba	West Of Cuba	Rescue Operations	Radiance of the Seas	The cause of the fire remains unknown as officials continue to investigate the incident.
2026.02.17	Philippines	Coast of basilan	Rescue Operations	Ferry	Investigations are ongoing regarding the cause of the accident and the number of missing persons. Maritime safety in the Philippines is a concern due to frequent tropical storms, poorly maintained vessels, and overcrowding.
2026.02.17	China	Off China	Fire /Explosion	Name – Mandy Flag – Singapore Type – Cargo	At the time of the incident, the vessel was sailing from Singapore. The operator has since arranged for the ship to be towed to Yantai Port, China.

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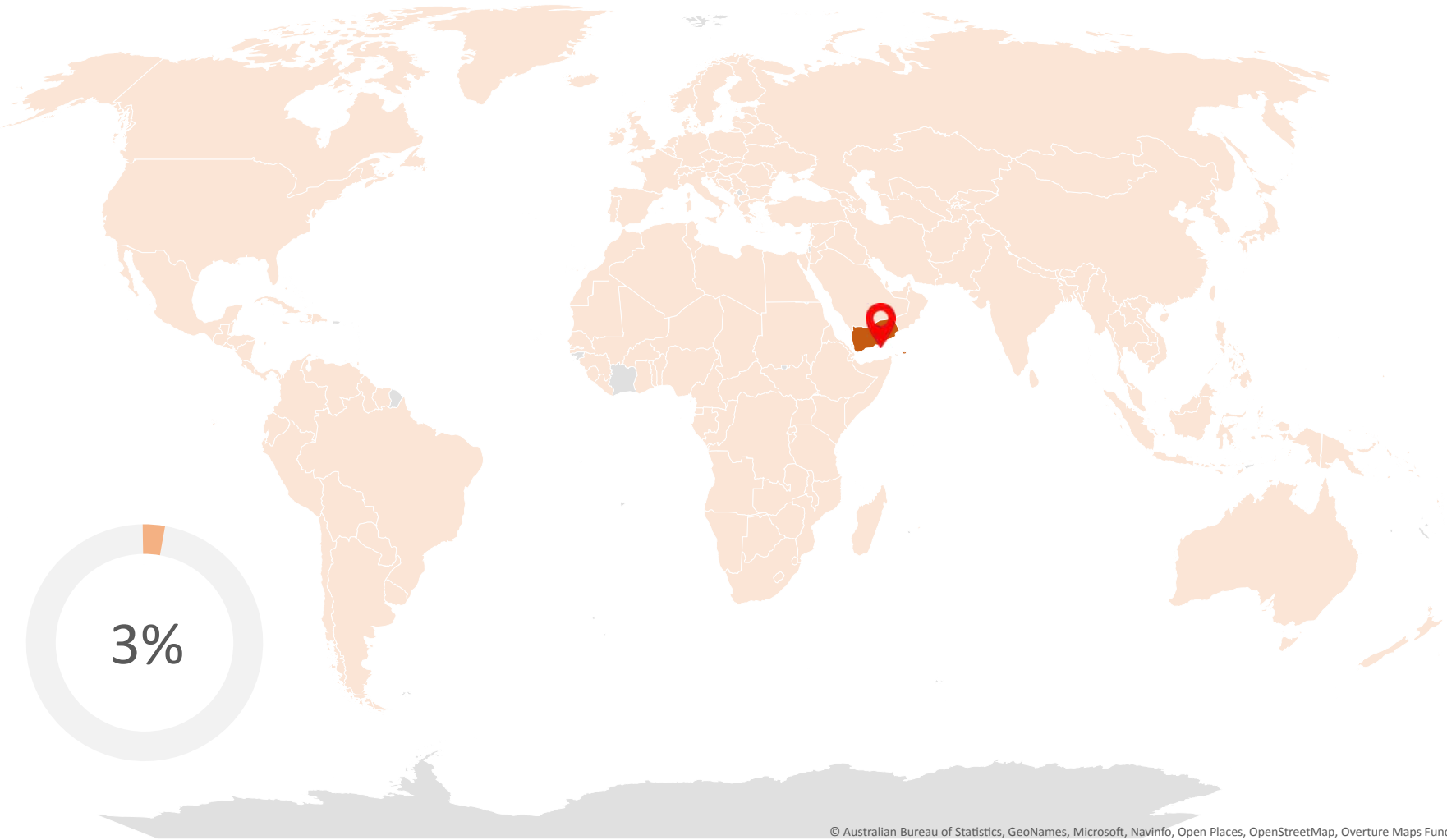
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2026.02.16	Brazil	Port Of Santos	Collation	Cargo Ship & Two Ferries	At the time of the collision, one ferry was being towed by another while undergoing maintenance, and there were no vehicles or passengers on board either vessel.
2026.02.17	Turkey	Coast of Gelibolu	Mechanical Failure	Name – Yangze Venus Flag – Marshall Islands Type – Cargo	Yangze Venus is a Marshall-Island-flagged vessel built in 2013. The vessel measures 137 meters long, 18.9 meters wide, and has a carrying capacity of 12,094 tonnes.
2026.02.18	Denmark	Northern Sjælland	Grounding	Name :BALTIC WIND Type: Cargo MO: 995399	After refloating, divers will inspect the hull for seaworthiness. Upon maritime authority approval, the vessel will be towed to port for further inspection..
2026.02.19	New Zealand	South Of Tonga	Rescue Operations	One Boat	Fishermen in their 20-30 were found to be tired and hungry, but after a medical check and a meal they were deemed to be in good health.
2026.02.19	Denmark	Denmark	Arrested	Name – Nora Flag – Comoros Type – Cargo	An inspection by Danish authorities revealed that there were no significant deficiencies identified in the vessel.
2026.02.20	Japan	Off the city of Toba	Collision	Cargo ship and Fishing boat	Aerial footage aired by NHK showed the fishing boat split into two sections and heavily damaged as a result of the crash.
2026.02.20	Singapore	Off Singapore	Fire / Explosion	Name – World Legacy Flag – Liberian Type – Ro Ro passenger	After the situation was stabilized, the World Legacy proceeded to Singapore anchorage.

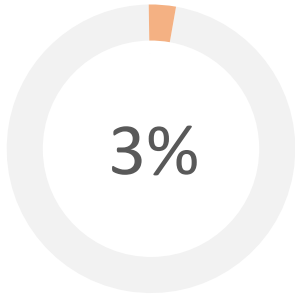
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# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Yemen	01



Total Incidents

01

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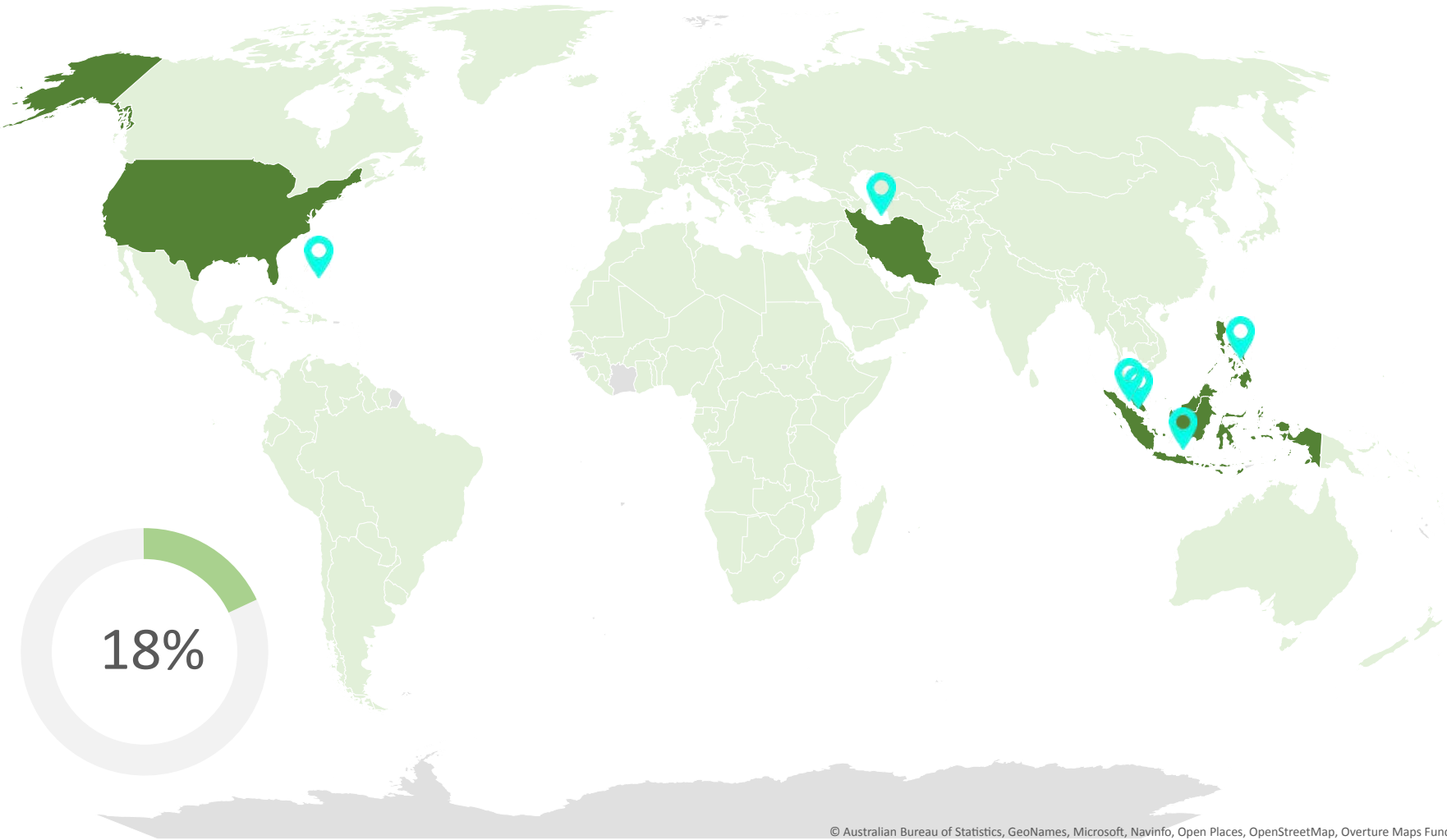
# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.17	Yemen	Gulf of Aden	Attacks In High Risk Areas	Merchant vessel	Initial analysis indicated that Houthi involvement in the incident was unlikely due to the location being outside typical Somali piracy zones, with armed fishermen and smugglers present. Yemen's coastguard classified the individuals as a "local militia."

Source :- <https://gcaptain.com/warning-shots-off-yemen-underscore-ongoing-gulf-of-aden-security-risks/>



# SMUGGLING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Indonesia	01
	Iran	01
	Malaysia	01
	Philippines	01
	Singapore	01
	United States	01

Total Incidents

06

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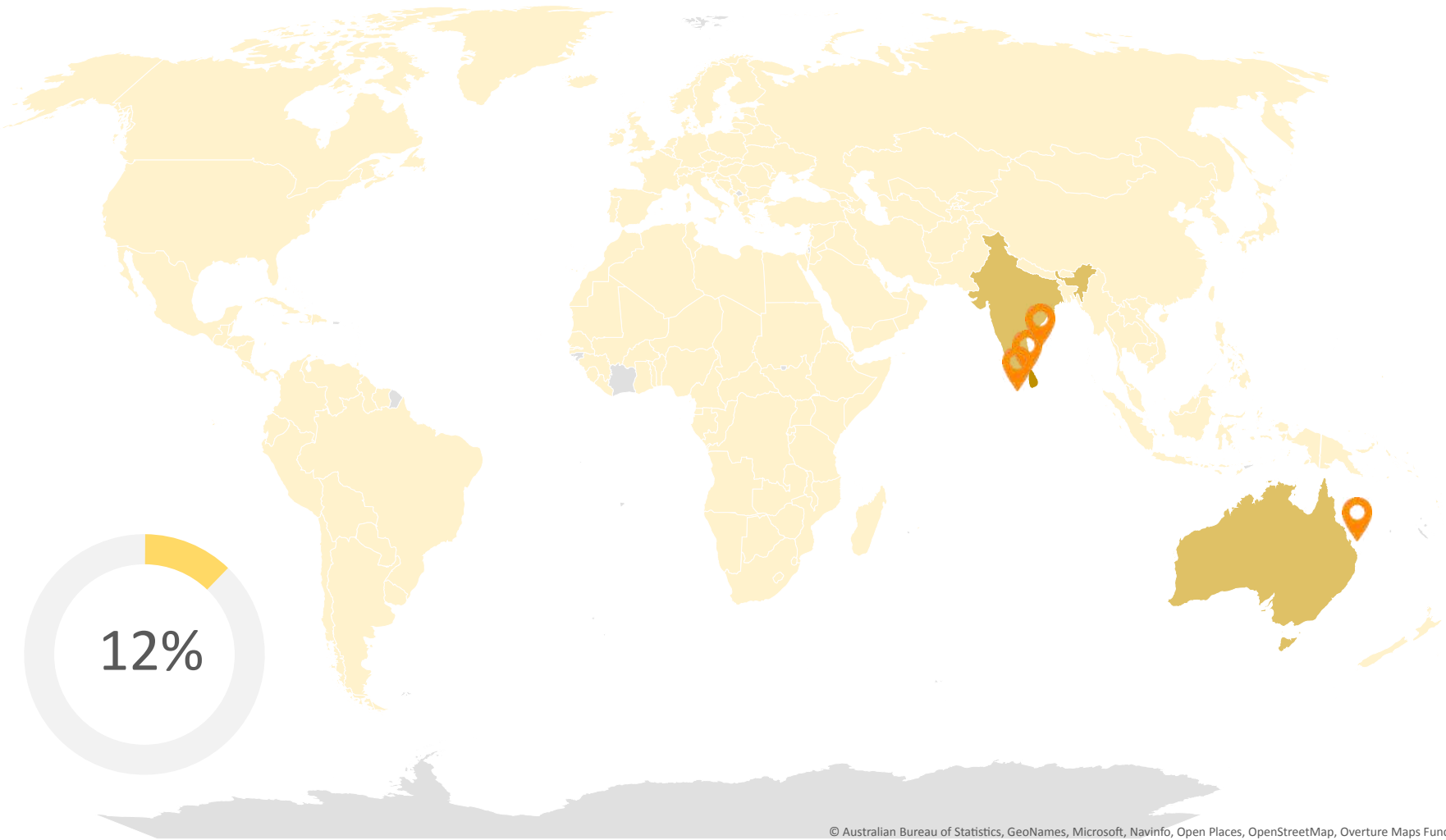
# SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.11	Singapore	sea off Pandan	Contraband and Good Smuggling	three tugs	The arrests come as the police continue efforts at strong enforcement, as the fuel market is booming.
2026.02.14	Iran	Sistan and Baluchistan	Contraband and Good Smuggling	48 Vessels	He added that the operations resulted in the arrest of 99 suspected smugglers and the confiscation of 72,490 liters of smuggled fuel.
2026.02.15	USA	Indian ocean	Contraband and Good Smuggling	Tanker	The United States has intercepted and detained the oil tanker Veronica III in the Indian Ocean, alleging violations of US sanctions targeting Iran's shadow fleet.
2026.02.15	Indonesia	Belitung Islands	Contraband Goods Smuggling	-	Authorities estimate that the seized tin is valued at approximately Rp173.6 billion (about S\$14.7 million). The smuggling network primarily used maritime routes to transport illegal mining products from Bangka Belitung, a major tin-producing region.
2026.02.16	Philippines	Zamboanga City waters	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Two motorized boats	The authorities seized two boats loaded with 280 master cases of alleged smuggled cigarettes valued at P16.044 million, which were turned over to the Bureau of Customs at the Port of Zamboanga.
2026.02.20	Malaysia	South Bangka	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Speed boat	The evidence that was set aside was 50 kilograms. However, in one shipment the amount reached 7.5 tons

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# IUU FISHING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Australia	01
	India	01
	Sri Lanka	02

Total Incidents

04

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# IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.15	Sri Lanka	Off Kankesanthurai	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Two Indian Fishing Boats	The seized boats (02) and the Indian fishermen (25) will be handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy, Jaffna for onward legal proceeding
2026.02.15	India	Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)	Poaching	One fishing boat	According to officials, the crew failed to produce any valid authorization or permit allowing them to fish in India's maritime zones.
2026.02.14 and 15	Australia	Hawkesbury Island and Thursday Island	Poaching	Two fishing boat	Following boarding and inspection by ABF officers, it was clear that illegal foreign fishing activity had not yet commenced.
2026.02.18	Sri Lanka	North Of Mannar & Off The Delft Island	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Four fishing boat	Two fishing boats and ten fishermen detained in Mannar were transferred to the Fisheries Inspector of Mannar. Furthermore, two additional fishing boats intercepted off Delft Island, along with twelve Indian fishermen, were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy for legal proceedings..

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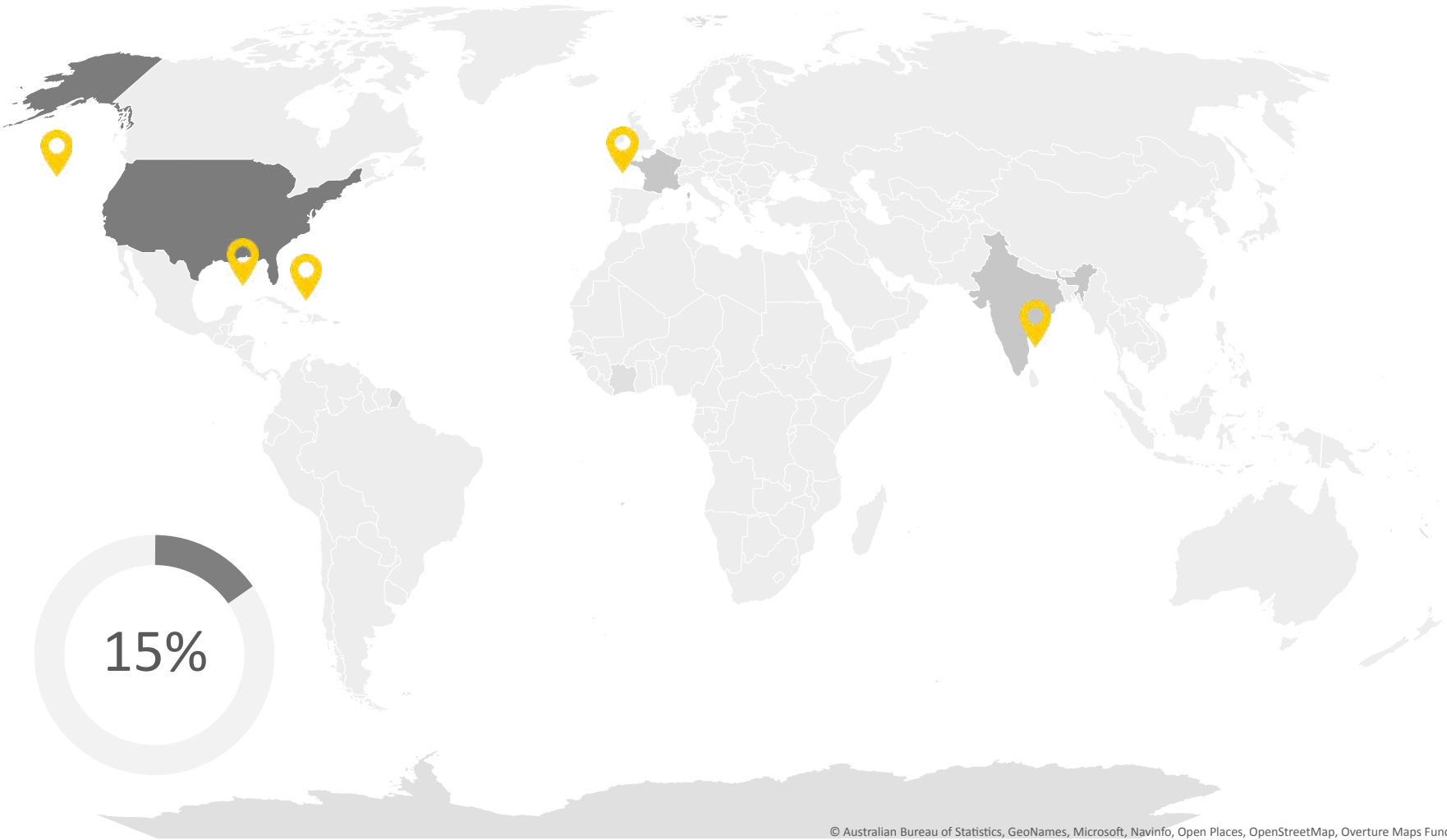
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# NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
French	01
India	01
United States	03

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05

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# NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.11	USA	Port Everglades	Seizure of Narcotics	Two Vessel	A Station Fort Lauderdale law enforcement boat crew interdicted a suspected drug smuggling vessel, 7 miles east of Port Everglades, Wednesday.
2026.02.14	French	Pacific Ocean	Seizure of Narcotics	One Boat	Large amounts of drugs are transported from North and South America for Australian and New Zealand markets, according to the UN.
2026.02.16	India	Arabian Sea Near IMBL	Seizure Of Narcotics	One Boat	An ICG ship under Coast Guard Region (North West) was diverted to intercept a suspect vessel during multi-mission operations.
2026.02.18	USA	100 NM north Puerto Rico	Seizure Of Narcotics	Speed boat	The abandoned boat was later found ashore near Arecibo, Puerto Rico, by U.S. Border Patrol agents. Photos show a small white boat on the beach.
2026.02.20	USA	Eastern Pacific Ocean	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	Boat	The attacks since early September have resulted in at least 148 deaths overall

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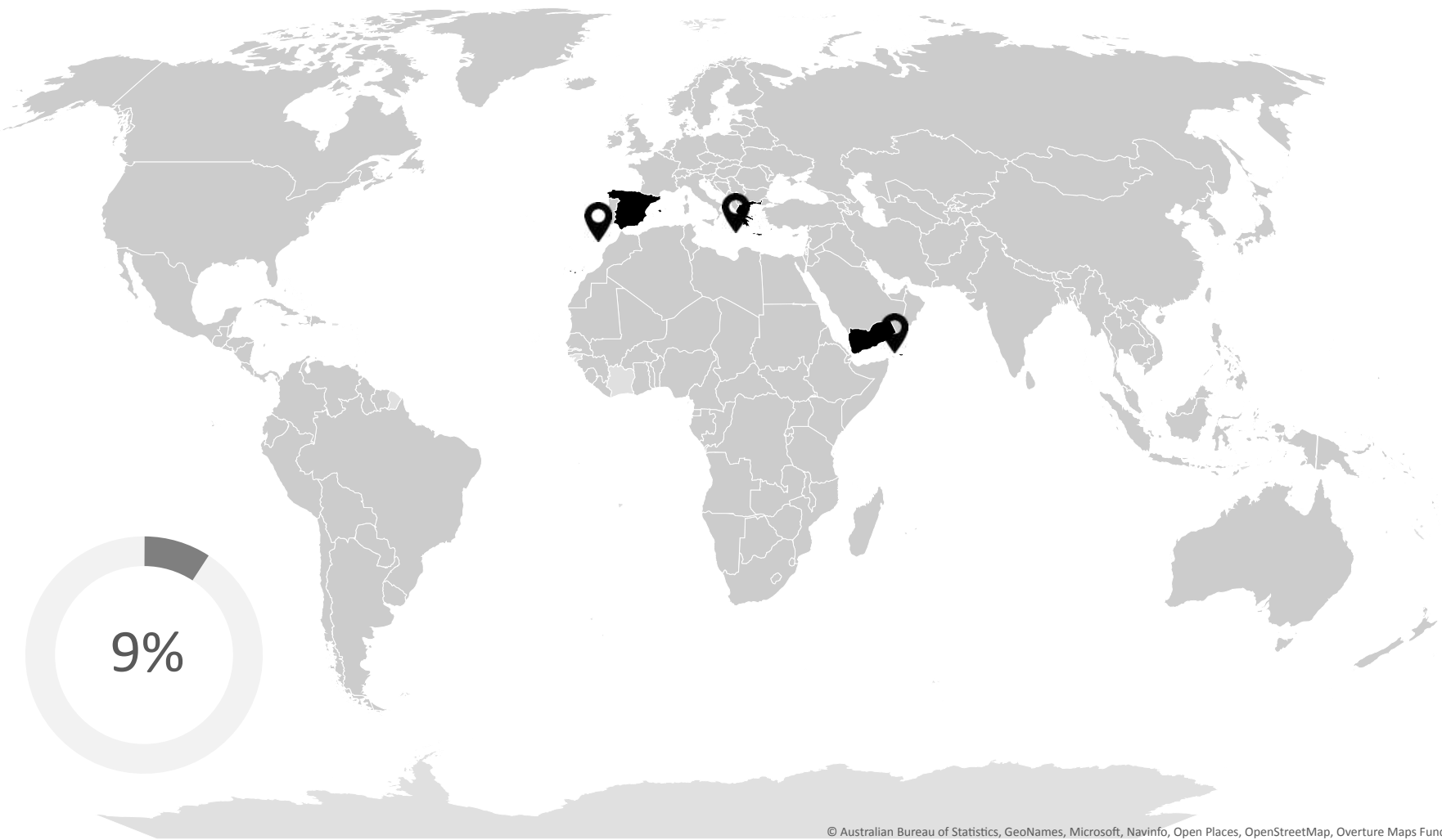
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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Greece	01
	Spain	01
	Yemen	01

Total Incidents

03

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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.13	Yemen	Shabwa Coast	Boarder Crossing	One Boat	Edia sources reported that dozens of irregular African migrants arrived on the coast of Shabwa province, southeastern Yemen, in a new wave of smuggling operations.
2026.02.15	Spain	Off Fuerteventura	Border Crossings	Inflatable boat	Of the 60 individuals on board, 53 were men and 7 were women. They were rescued by the Salvamar Izar and taken to Gran Tarajal, where they received medical assistance from the Red Cross before being relocated to reception centers on the island.
2026.02.21	Greece	Crete's southern coast	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	Wooden Boat	Search and rescue operations are continuing, involving coast guard patrol boats, commercial vessels in the area, a helicopter and a military aircraft.

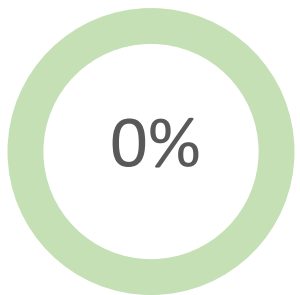
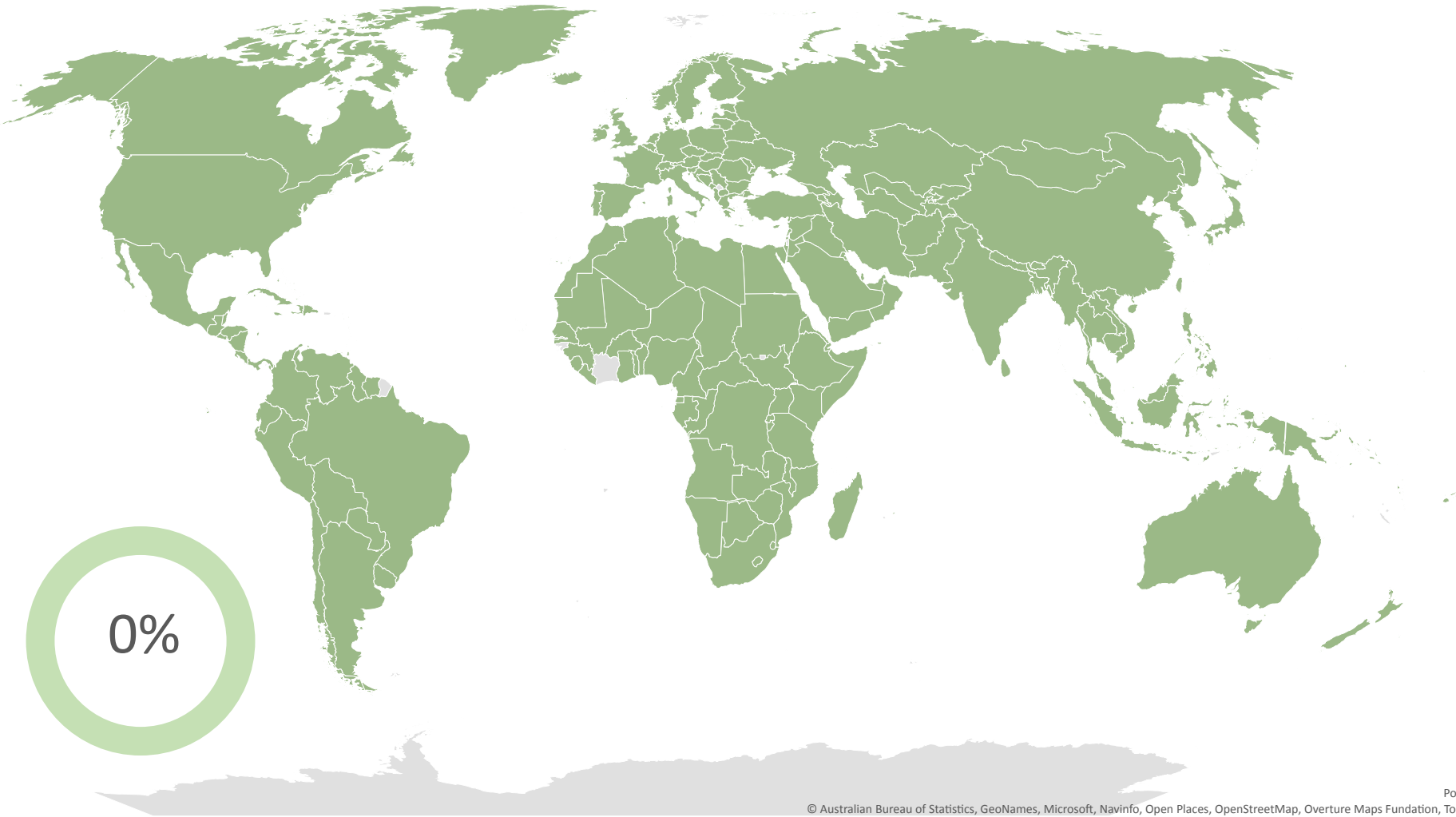
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# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



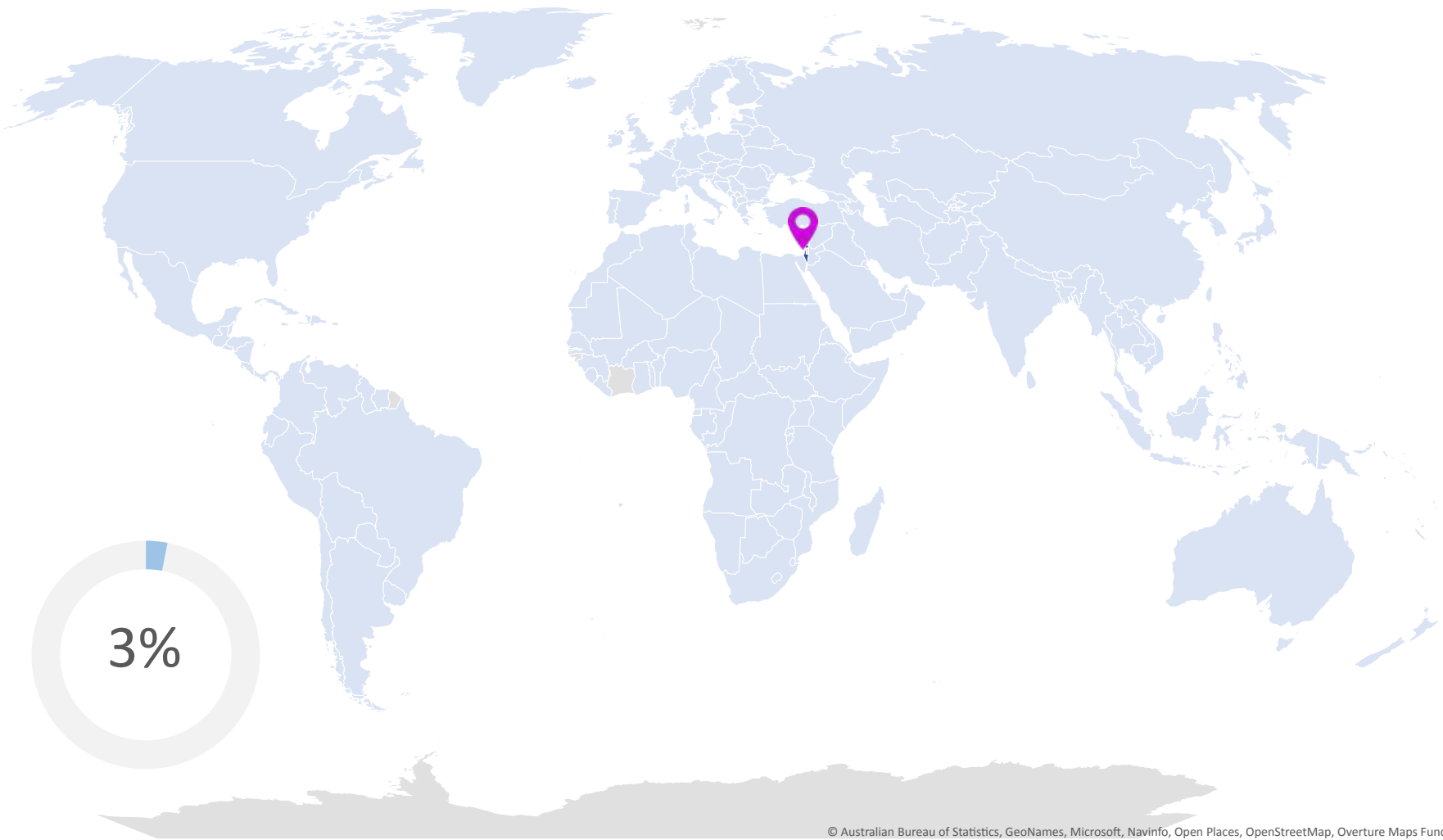
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# OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Israel	01

Total Incidents

01

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# OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.19	Israel	Israel	Others	Combat vessel	The Israel Defense Forces will make history on Thursday as Major R. is appointed commander of a missile boat in the Israeli Navy, becoming the first woman to hold the role.

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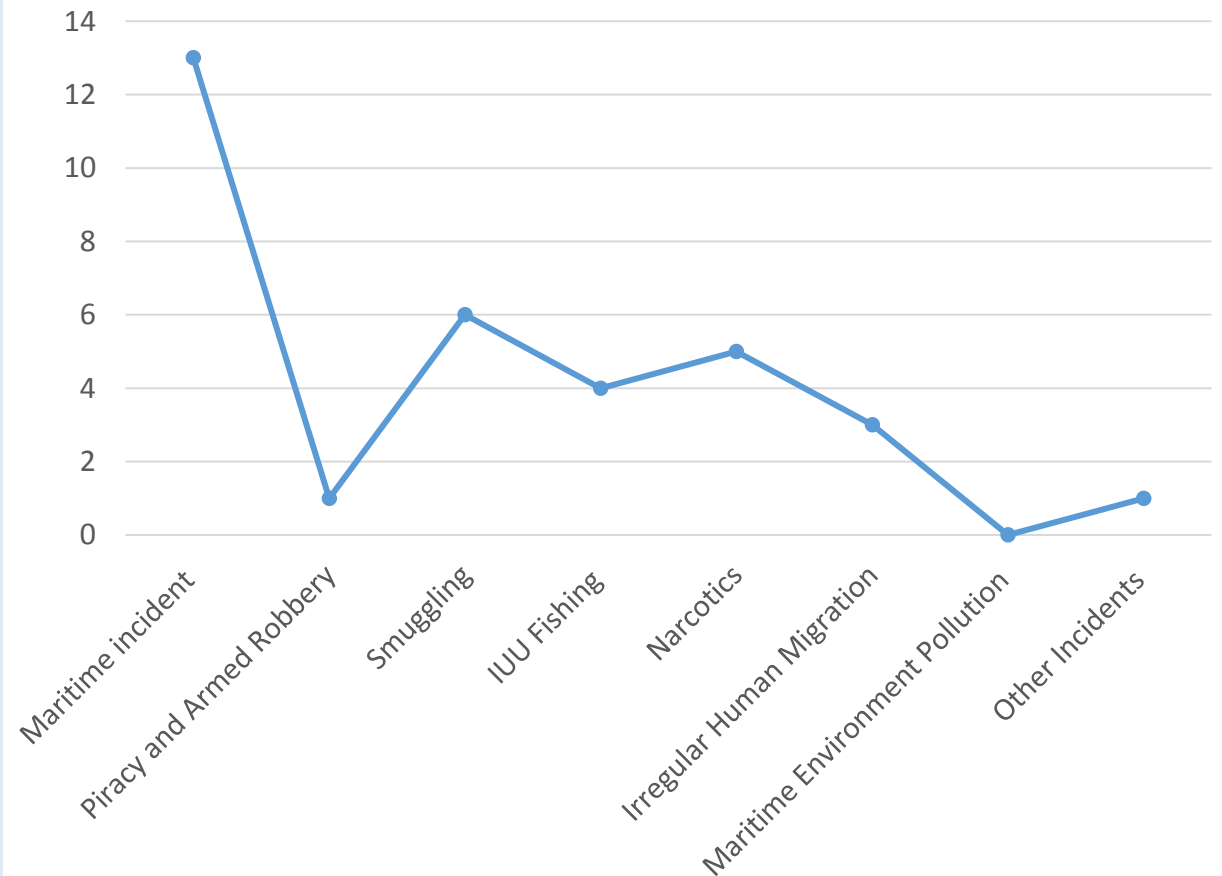
# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

During the Week Maritime it reports 33 incidents globally, covering various maritime security issues. 13 maritime incidents were recorded, including piracy (1), smuggling (6), IUU fishing (4), narcotics (5), and irregular human migration (3). There were 8 weather-related incidents, including tropical cyclones (2) and earthquakes (6). Notable incidents include vessel fires in Sweden, USA, and China, a smuggling operation in Iran, and IUU fishing violations in Sri Lanka. While maritime environmental pollution incidents were absent, piracy remained a risk in Yemen. The report reflects increasing concerns in smuggling and narcotics, with high activity in the USA, Iran, and Sri Lanka.

### Recommendations:

To enhance maritime security, it is crucial to strengthen anti-piracy and armed robbery measures, especially in high-risk zones like Yemen. Additionally, tightening surveillance and enforcement on maritime routes is essential, particularly to combat fuel and illicit goods trafficking. Efforts should also focus on improving monitoring and fostering better cooperation to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, with a specific focus on Sri Lankan and Indian waters. Finally, enhancing disaster preparedness is key, as better response plans for tropical cyclones and earthquakes will ensure safer maritime operations and stronger safety protocols to protect vessels and personnel from natural hazards.

Maritime Incidents





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