

# WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 05

From 2026.02.02 TO 2026.02.08

# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 05

## Executive Summary

### Global Maritime Incidents

• Maritime incident	:-	11
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	01
• Smuggling	:-	04
• IUU Fishing	:-	02
• Narcotics	:-	03
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	03
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	01

Total Maritime Incidents 25

### Global Weather Incident

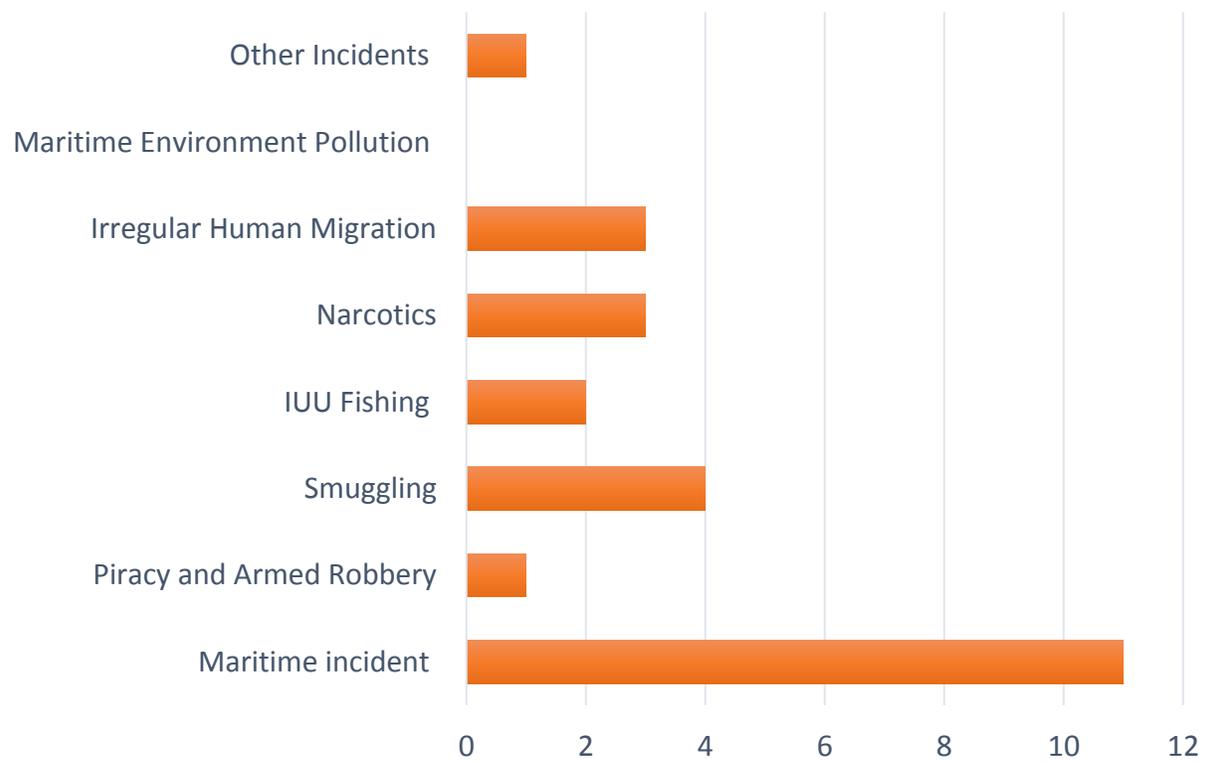
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	03
• Earthquake	:-	07

Total Weather Incidents 10

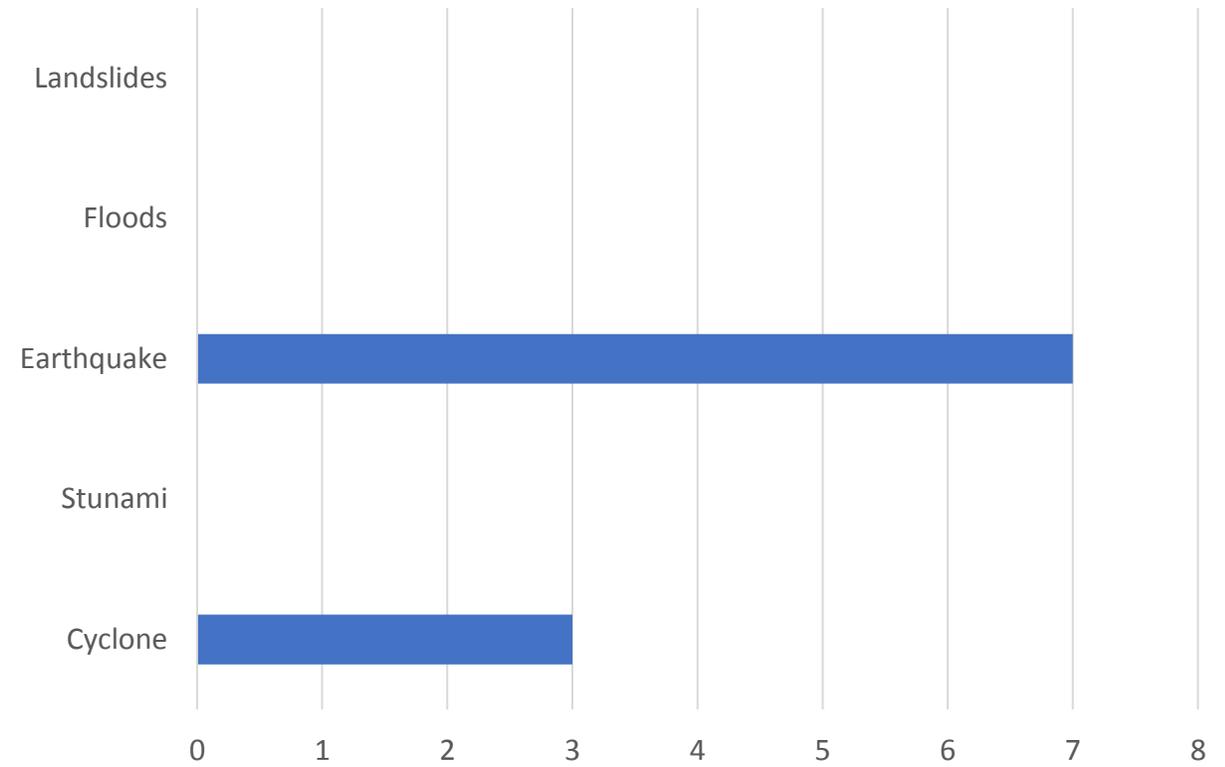


# STATISTICS

## Maritime Incidents

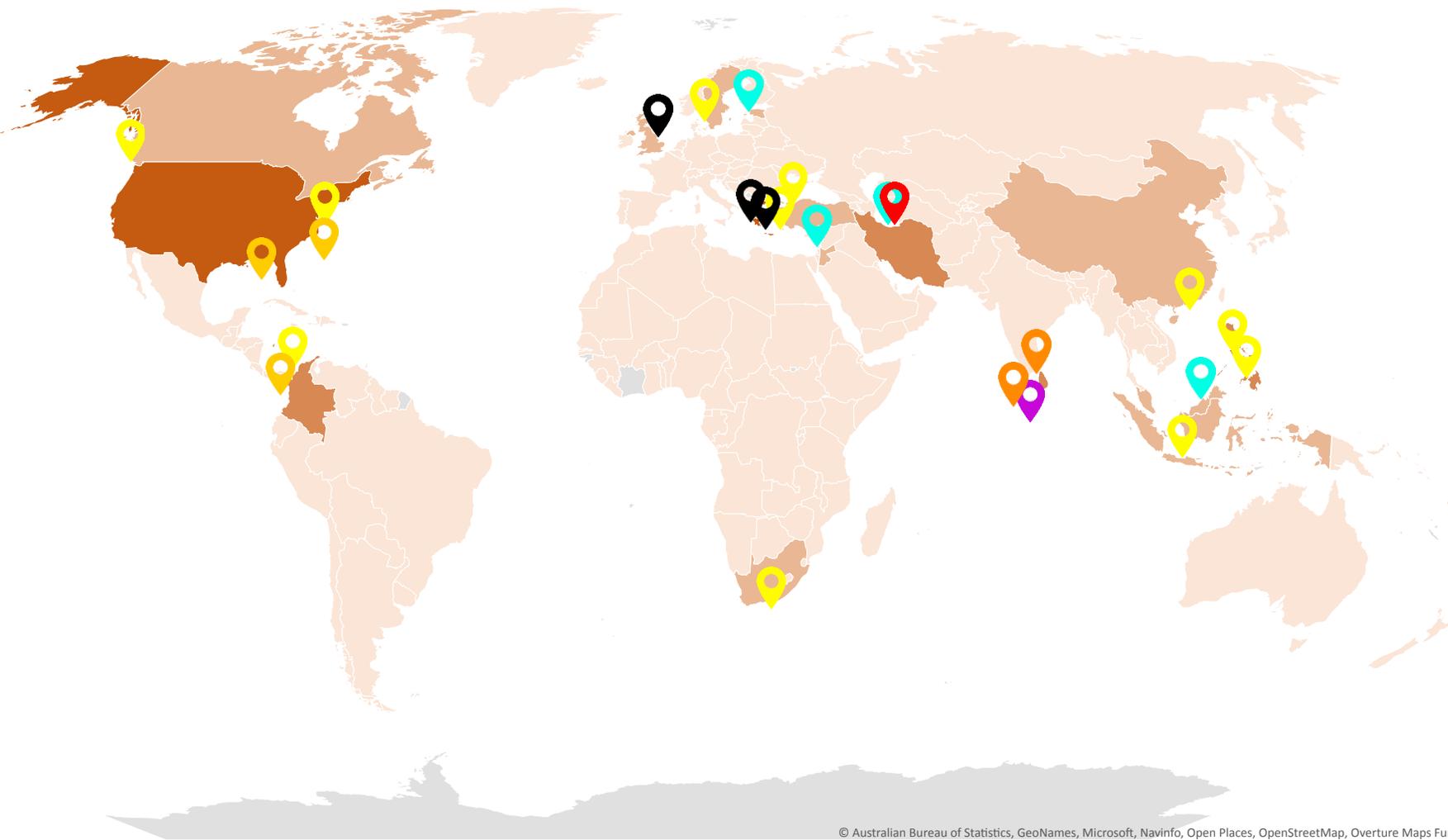


## Weather Incidents





# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



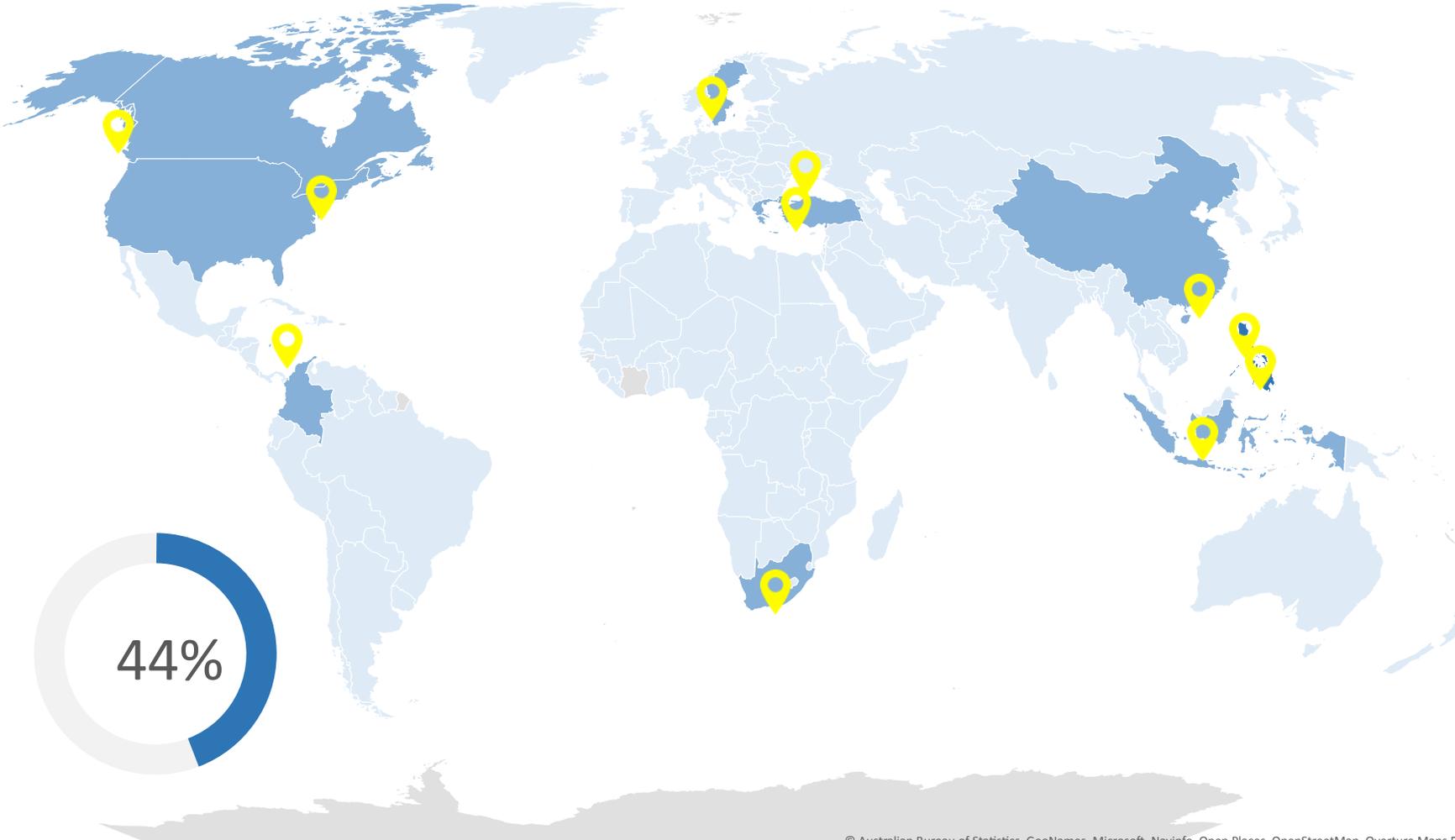
CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	11
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	04
IUU Fishing	02
Narcotic	03
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Environment Pollution	00
Other	01

Total Incidents

25

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Canada	01
	Colombia	01
	China	01
	Greece	01
	Indonesian	01
	Philippine	02
	South Africa	01
	Sweden	01
	Turkey	01
	United States	01

Total Incidents

11

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.28	United states	New York	Capsizing / Sinking	-	Nearly a dozen rescued after boat starts to sink in Brooklyn
2026.01.31	China	Hainan Island	Capsizing / Sinking	Name - Chang Xin 198 Type - Cargo Flag - China	By 1245 hrs two sailors had been recovered from the water, with two more rescued shortly afterward.
2026.02.01	Canada	Van Isle Marina	Fire / Explosion	-	Multiple boats burn in early morning fire at <b>Sidney's</b> Van Isle Marina
2026.02.01	Philippine	Surigao Strait	Fire / Explosion	Name - Maria Felisa Type – Passenger Flag - Philippine	A fire broke out in the engine room of a ferry carrying 92 passengers and 33 crew members off Lipata Port at 1340 hrs local time.
2026.02.02	Greece	Port of Megisti	Collision	Name - Blue Star Patmos Type – Passenger Flag - Greece	Blue Star Patmos is a Greek-flagged passenger vessel that measures 145.9 meters in length and 23.2 meters in width.
2026.02.03	Turkey	Bosphorus Strait	Grounding	Cargo Ship	Turkey's Directorate General of Coastal Safety conducted a medical evacuation, 03 February using a breeches buoy system to remove the captain of a ship for shoreside medical attention.
2026.02.03	Philippine	off Basilan	Capsizing / Sinking	passenger boat	On Tuesday, the PCG confirmed the location of the sunken M/V Trisha Kerstin during a dive operation off Baluk-Baluk Island.

Source - : <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/nearly-a-dozen-rescued-after-boat-starts-to-sink-in-brooklyn/ar-AA1K5mzh?apiversion=v2&domshim=1&noservercache=1&noservertelemetry=1&batchservertelemetry=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcseo=1>  
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 Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12666/two-crew-members-missing-after-bulk-carrier-sinks-off-hainan/>  
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INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.02	Indonesian	Tanjung Perak Port	Crew Overboard (MOB)	Name - Pacific 88 Flag - Antigua And Barbuda Type - Cargo	One port worker fell into the water and was reported missing, prompting a search and rescue operation and temporary suspension of port operations.
2026.02.03	South Africa	Off Draadbaai	Capsizing / Sinking	Fishing boat	Sadly, at least ten people have drowned or are missing, many of them teenagers.
2026.02.04	Sweden	Port of Varberg	Grounding	Name - CL Flanders Flag – Belgium Type - Cargo	The Swedish Coast Guard has initiated a preliminary investigation into an incident, concentrating on potential negligence in maritime traffic.
2026.02.04	Colombia	Off Santa Marta	Grounding	Name - Intergod VII Flag – Colombia Type - Tanker	On 04 February, authorities confirmed that the vessel was successfully refloated after weather improvement and towed to the nearby Santa Marta port terminal.

Source -: <https://www.goodthingsguy.com/lifestyle/crew-rescues-3-fellow-fishermen/>

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12674/one-dead-after-containers-fall-overboard-as-cargo-vessel-pac>

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12673/general-cargo-vessel-grounds-at-swedish-port-of-varberg>

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# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Iran	01

Total Incidents

01

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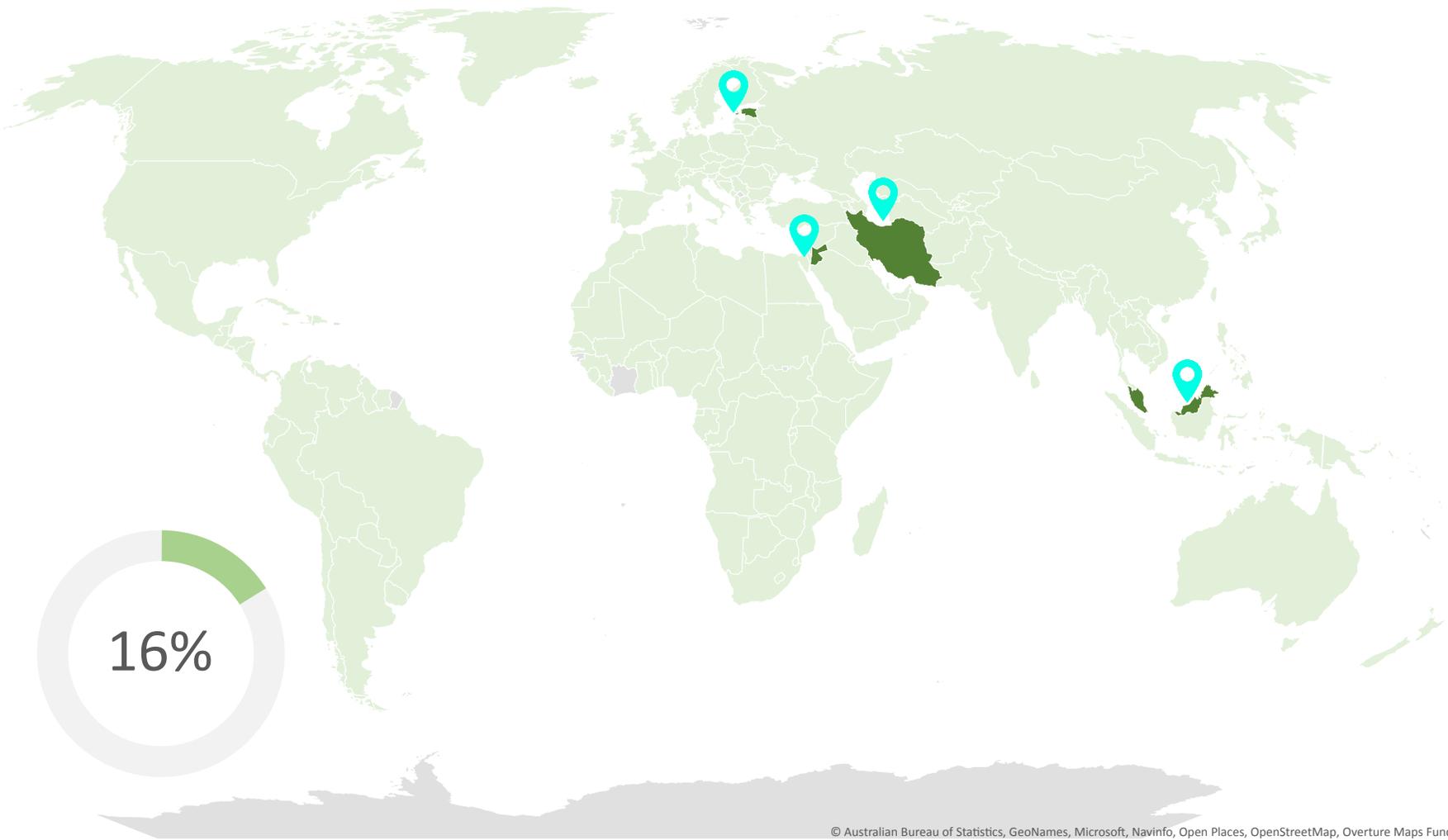
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INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Robbery At Sea	Name - Stena Imperative Type – Tanker Flag - USA	Reuters News media reported that US-flagged oil/chemical tanker Stena Imperative was approached by Iranian gunboats in the Strait of Hormuz on 3 February.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12669/us-flagged-tanker-approached-by-armed-crafts-in-strait-of-ho//>



# SMUGGLING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Estonia	01
	Iran	01
	Jordan	01
	Malaysia	01

Total Incidents

04

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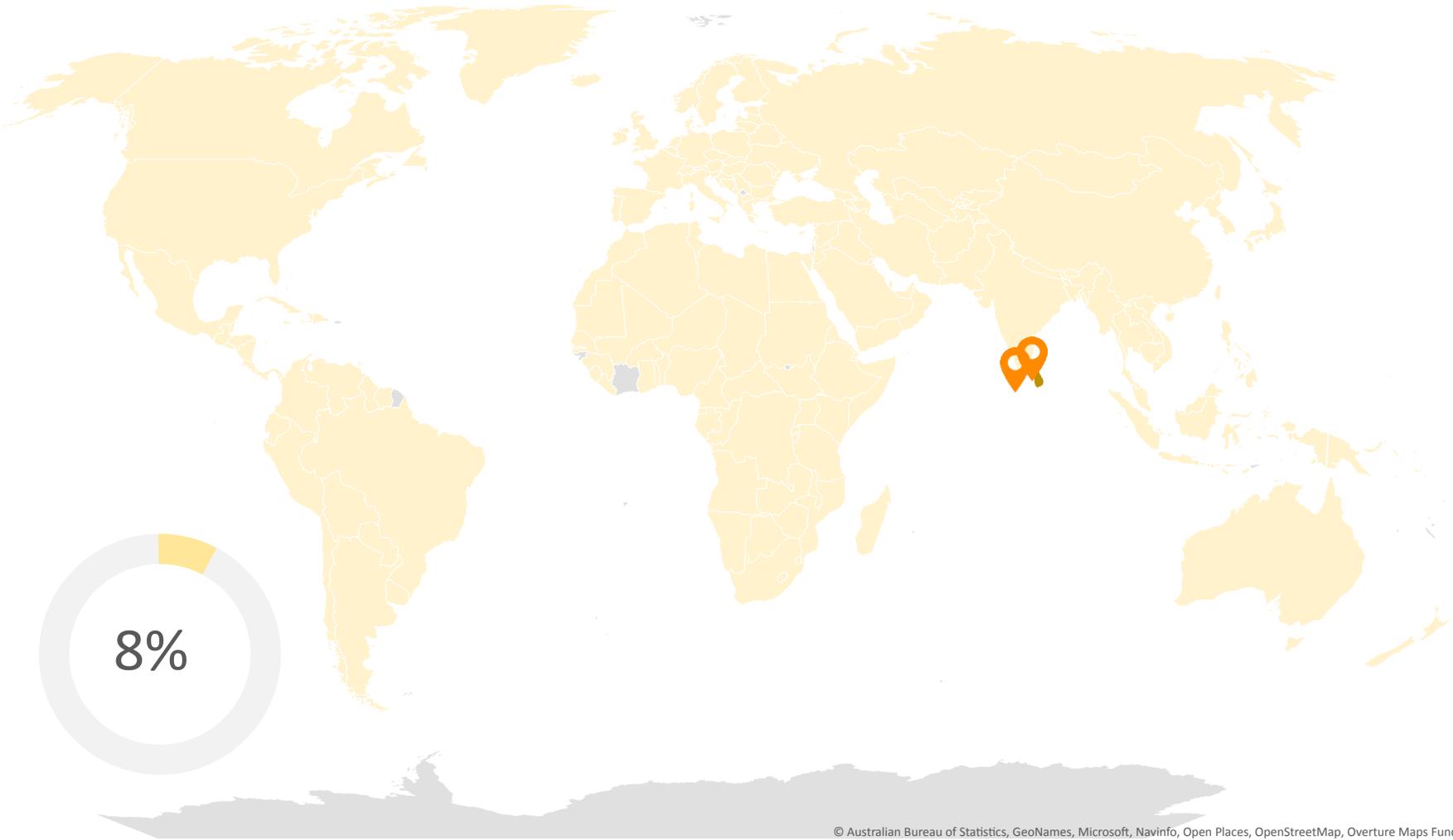
# SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.29	Malaysia	24 Nm off Muka Head	Contraband Goods Smuggling	02 Tanker	This seizure is part of <b>Malaysia's</b> intensified crackdown on frequent illicit STS transfers and sanctions-evasion activities within its waters.
2026.02.02	Jordan	Amman	Arms Smuggling	-	The seized items were handed over to the competent authorities for necessary action.
2026.02.03	Estonia	Anchorage near Naissaar	Contraband Goods Smuggling	One Cargo Ship	The authorities declined to provide additional information, noting that it is an ongoing investigation.
2026.02.05	Iran	Persian Gulf	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Two Tankers	The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) captured two foreign flagged oil tankers in the Persian Gulf on 5 February detaining 15 crew members.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12663/malaysia-seizes-crude-oil-worth-dollar130-million-from-tanke/>  
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# IUU FISHING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Maldives	01
	Sri Lanka	01

Total Incidents

02

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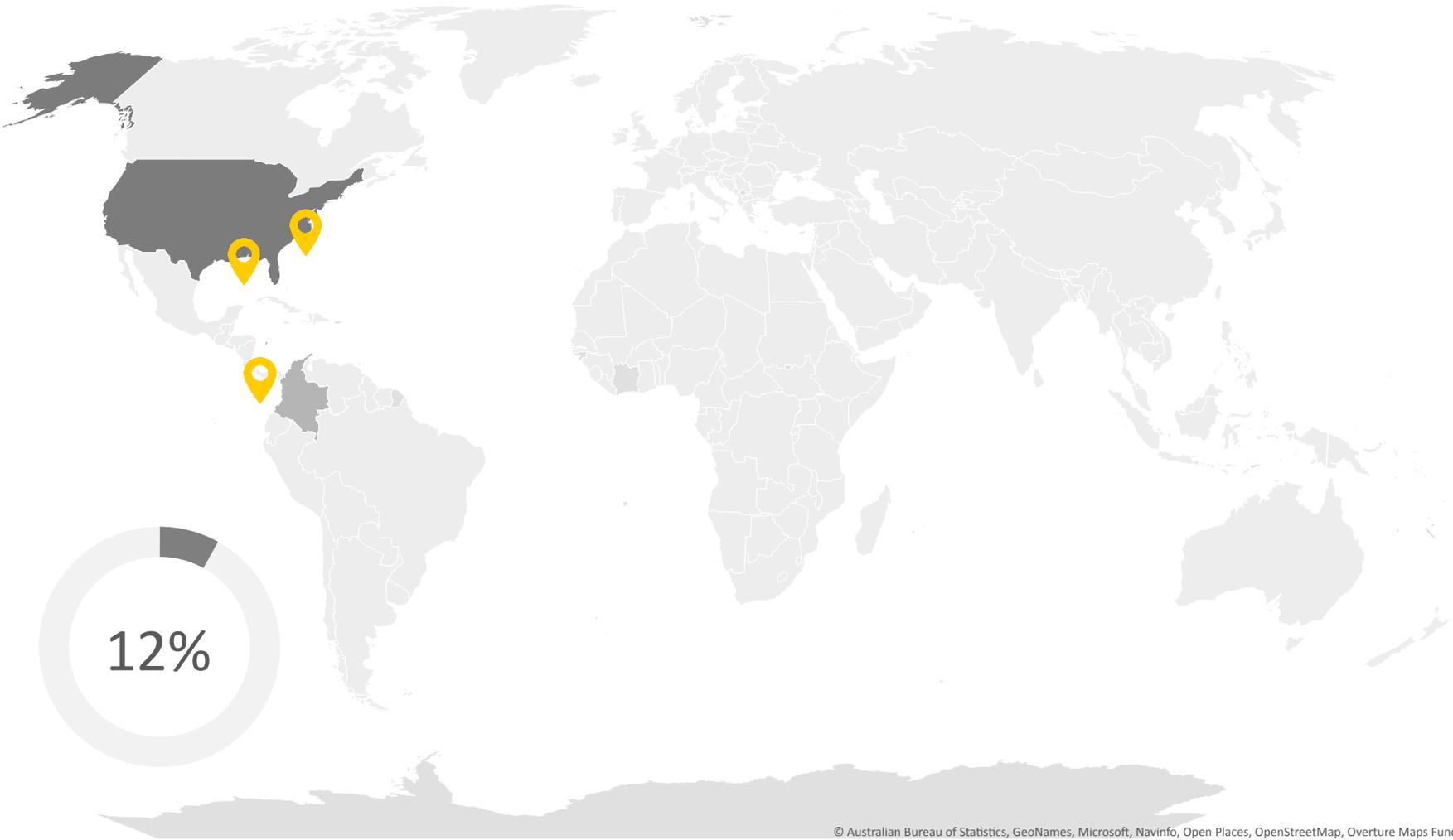
# IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.31	Sri Lanka	Northceteral naval area	Fishing For Endangered Species	One OFRP	Navy clamps down on illegal meat mongers on Nachchikuda beach.
2026.02.01	Maldives	Maldives EEZ	Poaching	Two SLFV	Further details regarding the crew and any possible contraband were not immediately released.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/02/202602021300/>  
Source -: <https://www.newswire.lk/2026/02/03/two-sri-lankan-fishing-boats-captured-in-maldivian-waters/> /



# NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Colombia	01
United States	02

Total Incidents

03

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# NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.02	USA	South Florida	Seizure Of Narcotics	Charter boat	A significant amount of cocaine seized in Miami.
2026.02.03	Colombia	Pacific Ocean	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	Speed Boat	The seizure was announced on the same day that Colombian President Gustavo Petro met with President Trump at the White House.
2026.02.05	USA	Eastern Pacific Ocean	Seizure Of Narcotics	One Boat	Recent operations have sparked intense debate regarding their legality, as there is no conclusive evidence linking the vessels to drug trafficking, despite their expansion from the Caribbean to the Pacific.

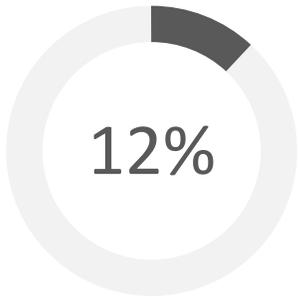
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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Greece	02
	United Kingdom	01



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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
Month of January	UK	English Channel	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	In 2025, a total of 41,472 migrants crossed the Channel in small boats, which was almost 5,000 more than the previous year.
2026.02.03	Greece	Island of Chios	Rescue Operations (Migrants)	Migrate Boat	Two coast guard officers were injured and hospitalized, while 24 migrants were rescued, with 30-35 people on board.
2026.02.05	Greece	Island of Chios	Human Smuggling By Sea	One Boat	According to Minister of Migration Thanos Plevris, a migrant boat, upon being ordered to stop by the coast guard, attempted to flee and collided with a patrol boat from the port police, resulting in injuries.

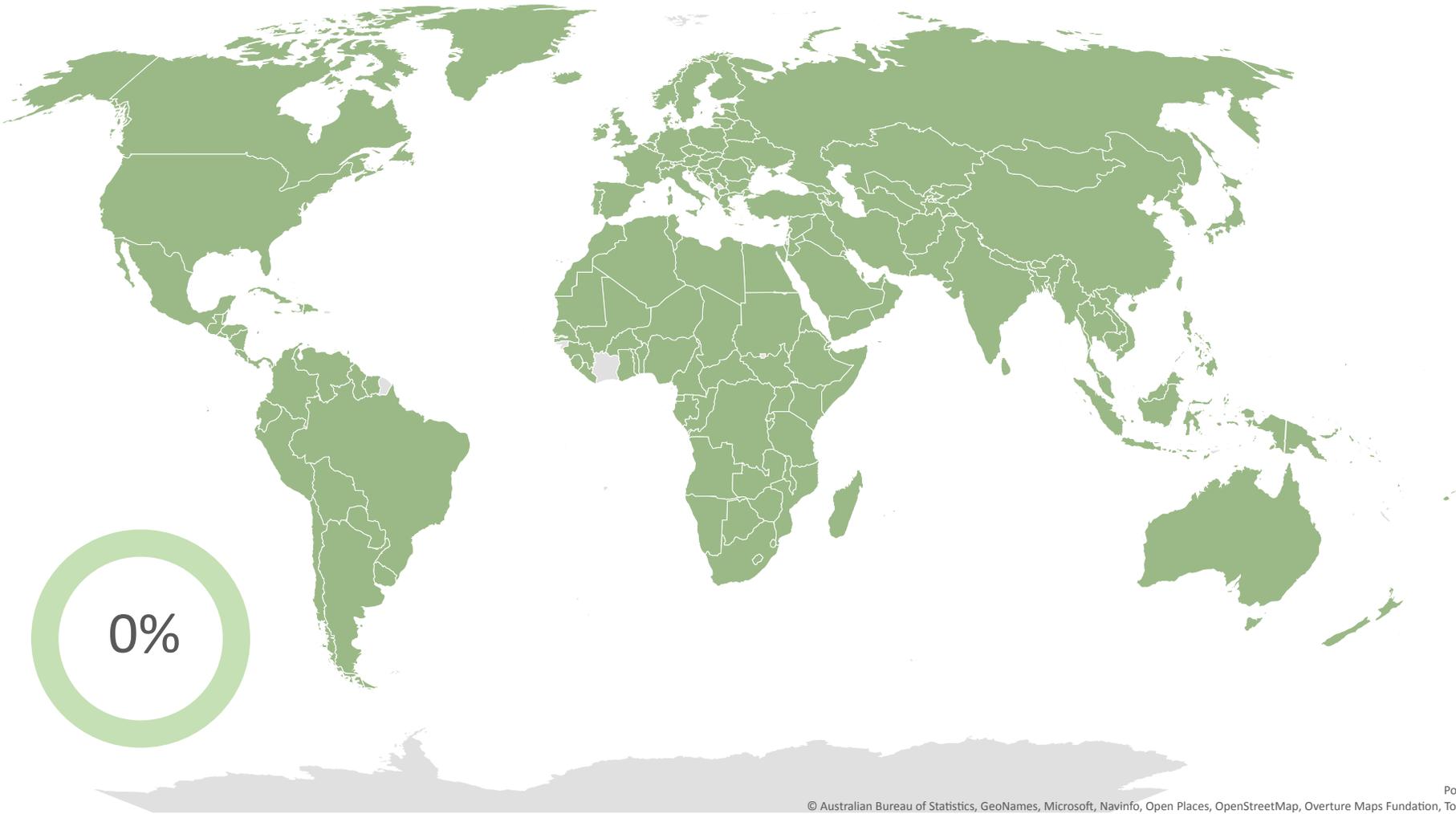
Source -: <https://www.reuters.com/world/least-four-migrants-dead-off-greece-after-boat-collision-with-coast-guard-2026-02-03/>

Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c74wkd9lqlvo//>

Source -: <https://al24news.dz/en/moroccan-arrested-after-boat-collision-kills-15-off-greek-island-of-chios/>



# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



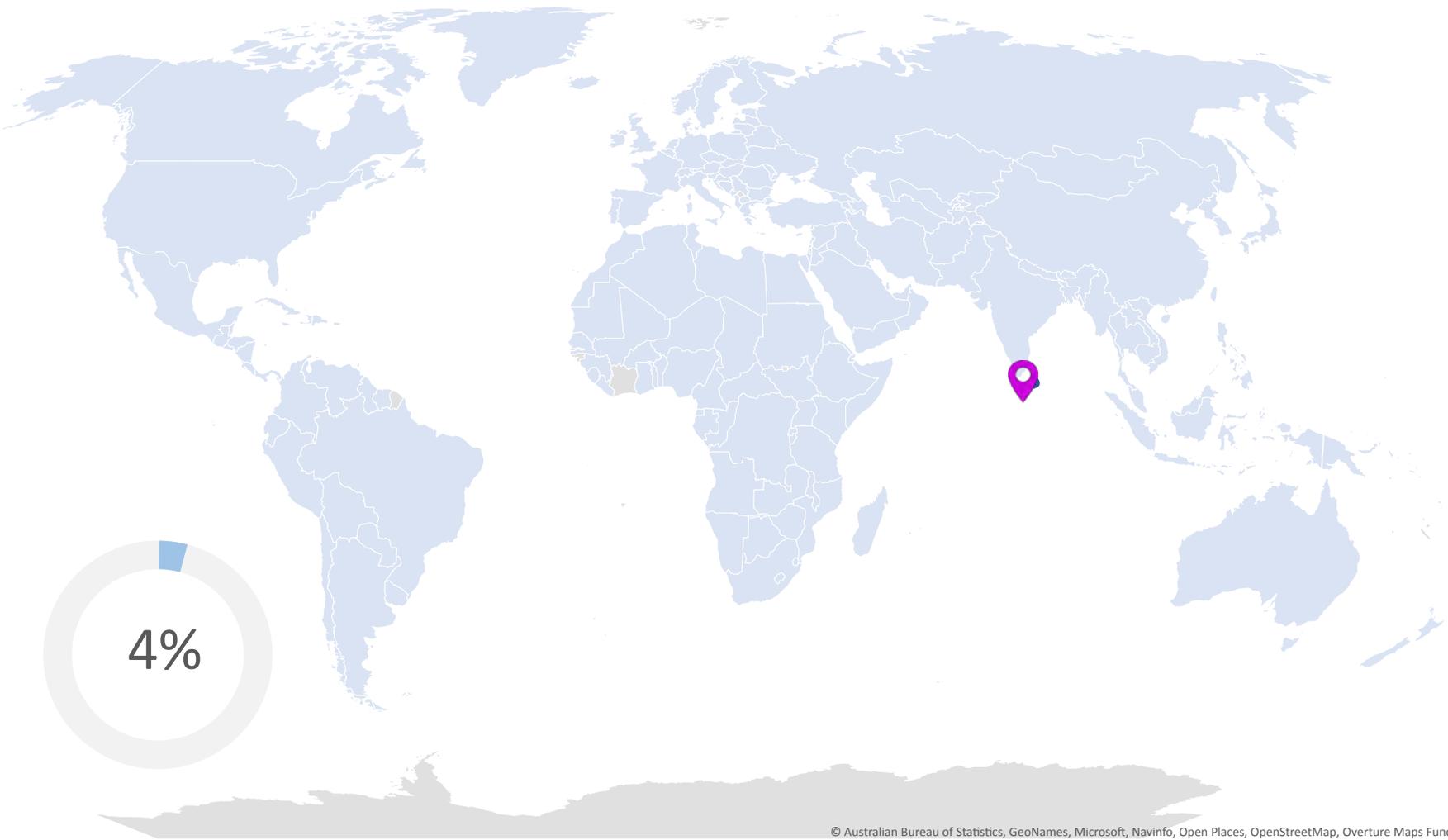
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# OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Sri Lanka	01

Total Incidents

01

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# OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.28	Sri Lanka	South Sea Area	Assault / Violence	Multi Day Fishing vessel 02	Lankan Fishermen allegedly assaulted by Indian Coastal guards.

Source -: <https://sundaytimes.lk/online/news-online/Lankan-Fishermen-allegedly-assaulted-by-Indian-Coastal-guards/2-1151271>

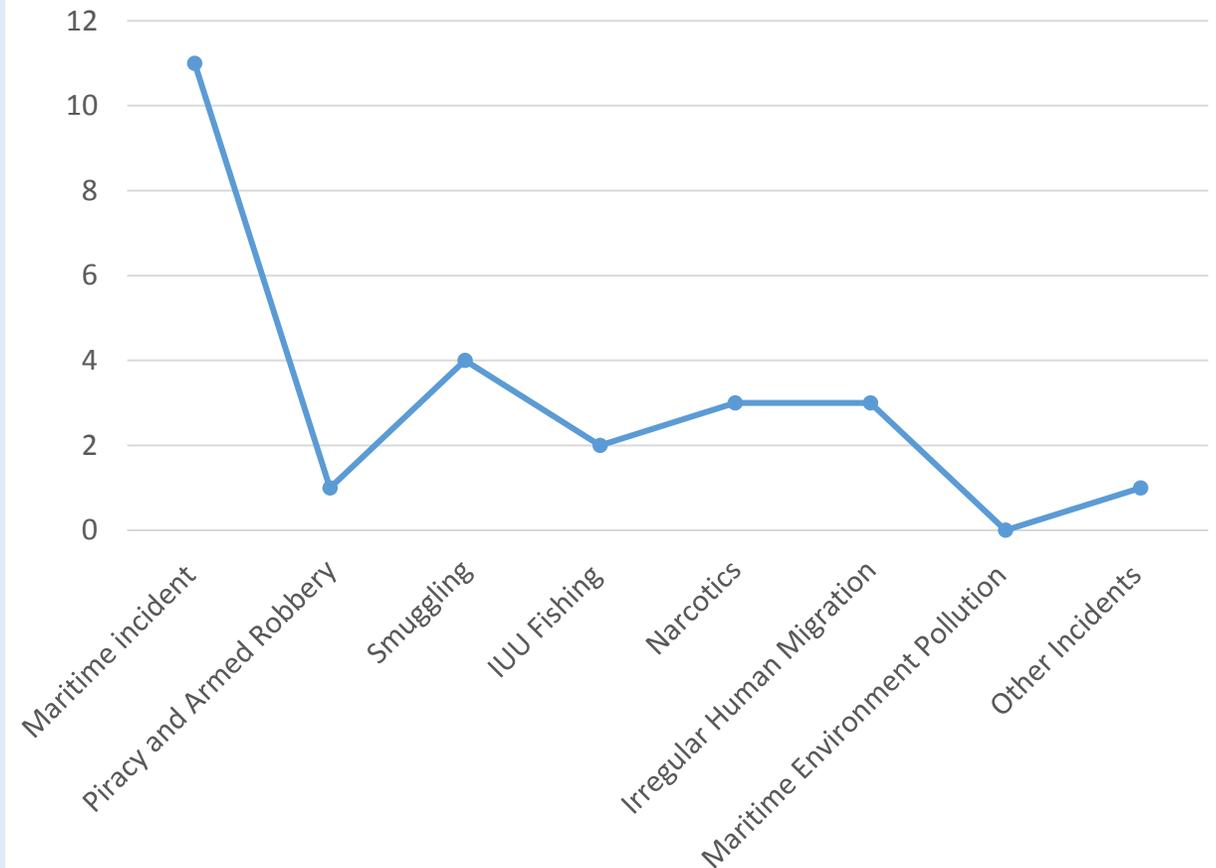


# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

During the week 25 maritime incidents were reported. 11 maritime incidents included capsizing, fire, grounding, and crew overboard situations. Notably, a ferry fire in the Philippines, a grounding in Turkey's Bosphorus Strait, and a capsizing in New York were significant events. Piracy incidents increased with a robbery in the Strait of Hormuz involving Iranian gunboats. Smuggling activities were reported in Malaysia, Iran, and Estonia, with crude oil seizures and contraband goods smuggling. IUU fishing incidents were reported in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. There were 3 tropical cyclones and 7 earthquakes globally, adding to the maritime risks.

Recommendations: include improving safety protocols, enhancing piracy countermeasures, increasing anti-smuggling surveillance, regulating IUU fishing, and strengthening rescue operations for human migration incidents. The report highlights a need for heightened vigilance and response strategies to manage these maritime and security challenges.

### Maritime Incidents





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