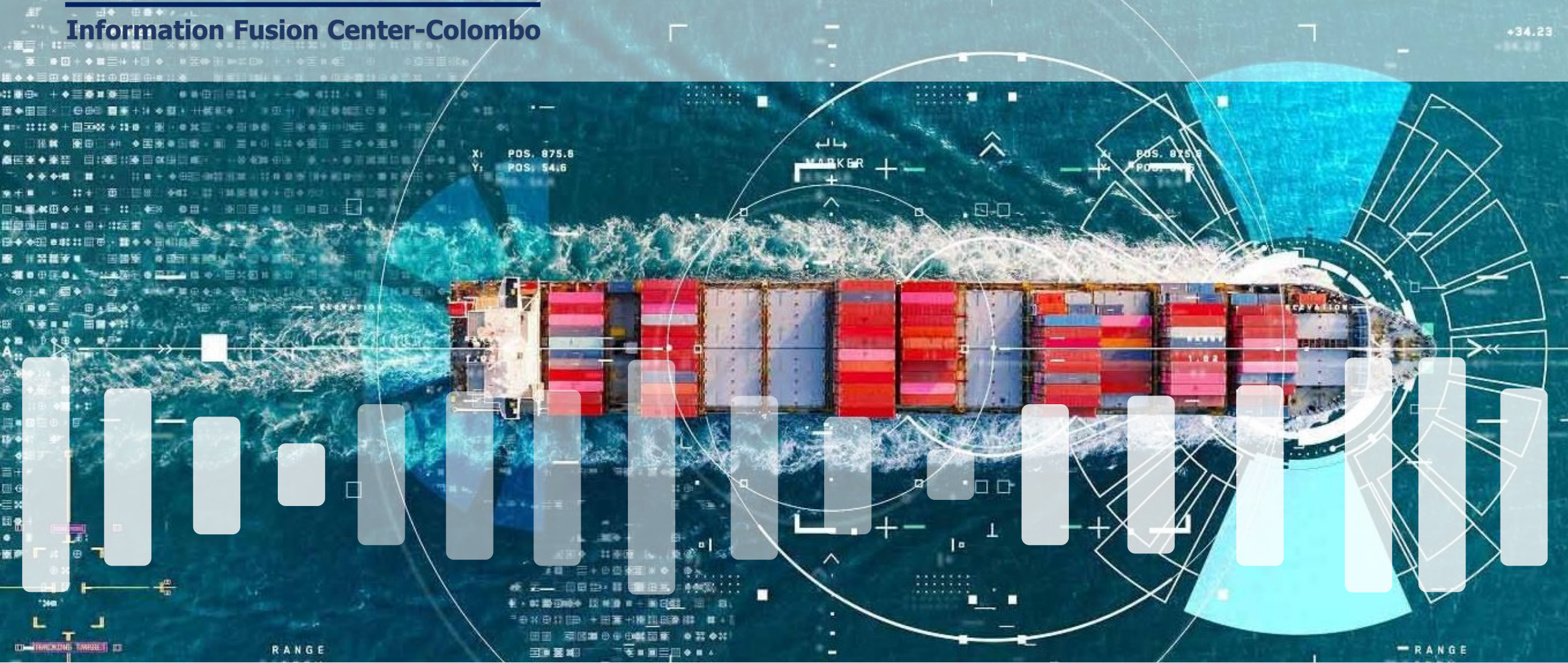


WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 36

From 2026.09.07 TO 2026.09.13

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 36

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	14
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	04
• Smuggling	:-	05
• IUU Fishing	:-	04
• Narcotics	:-	01
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	00
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	01
• Other Incidents	:-	12

Total Maritime Incidents 41

Global Weather Incident



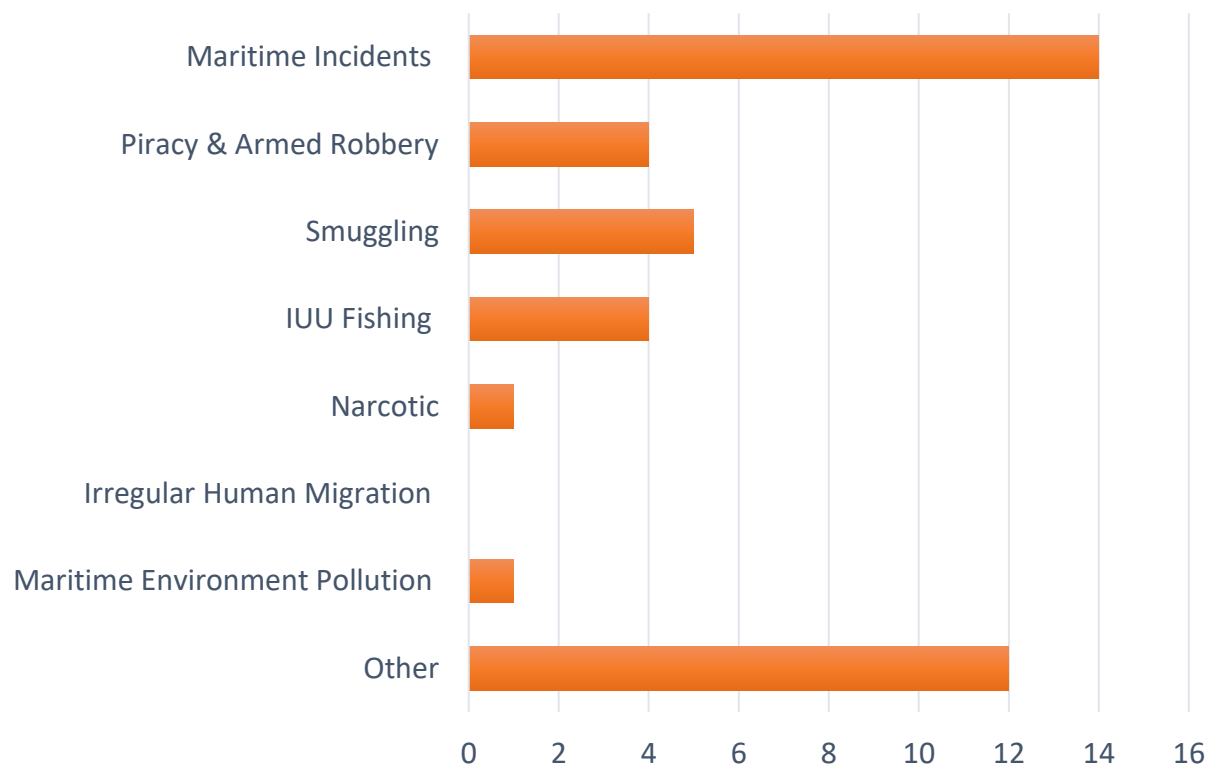
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	01
• Earthquake	:-	02

Total Weather Incidents 03

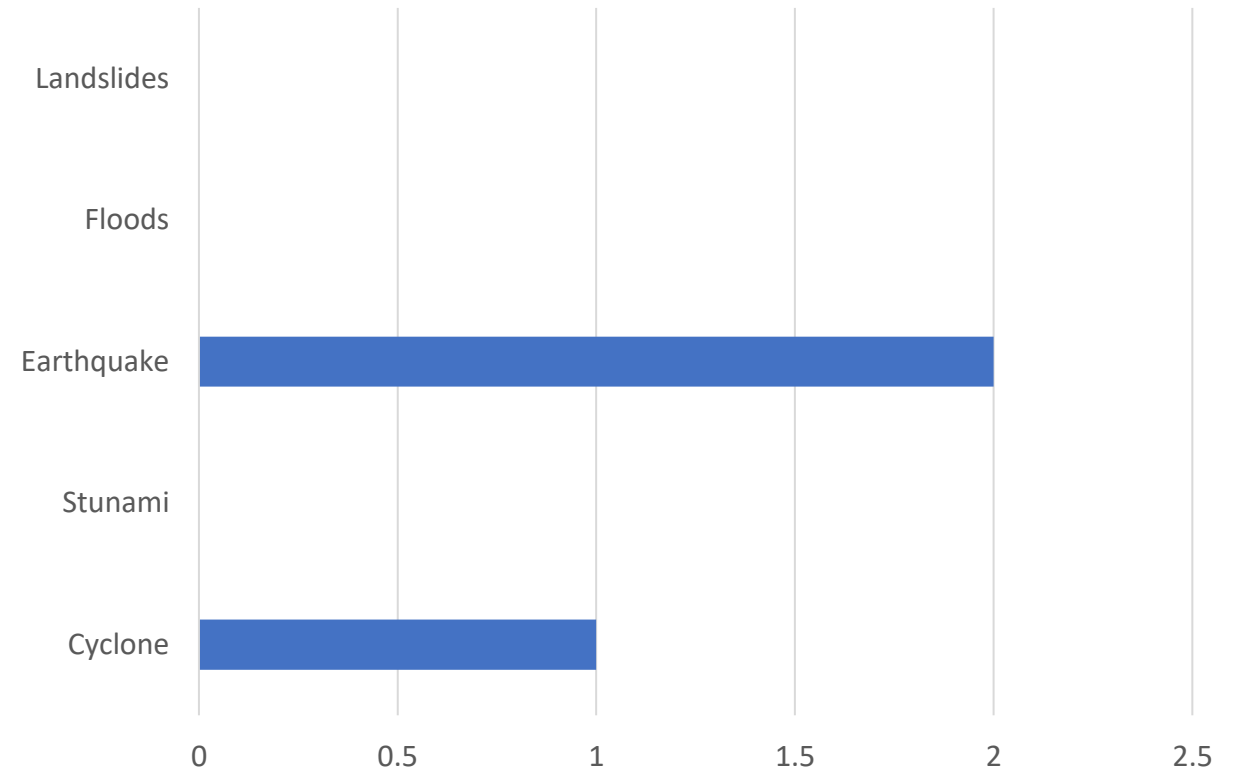


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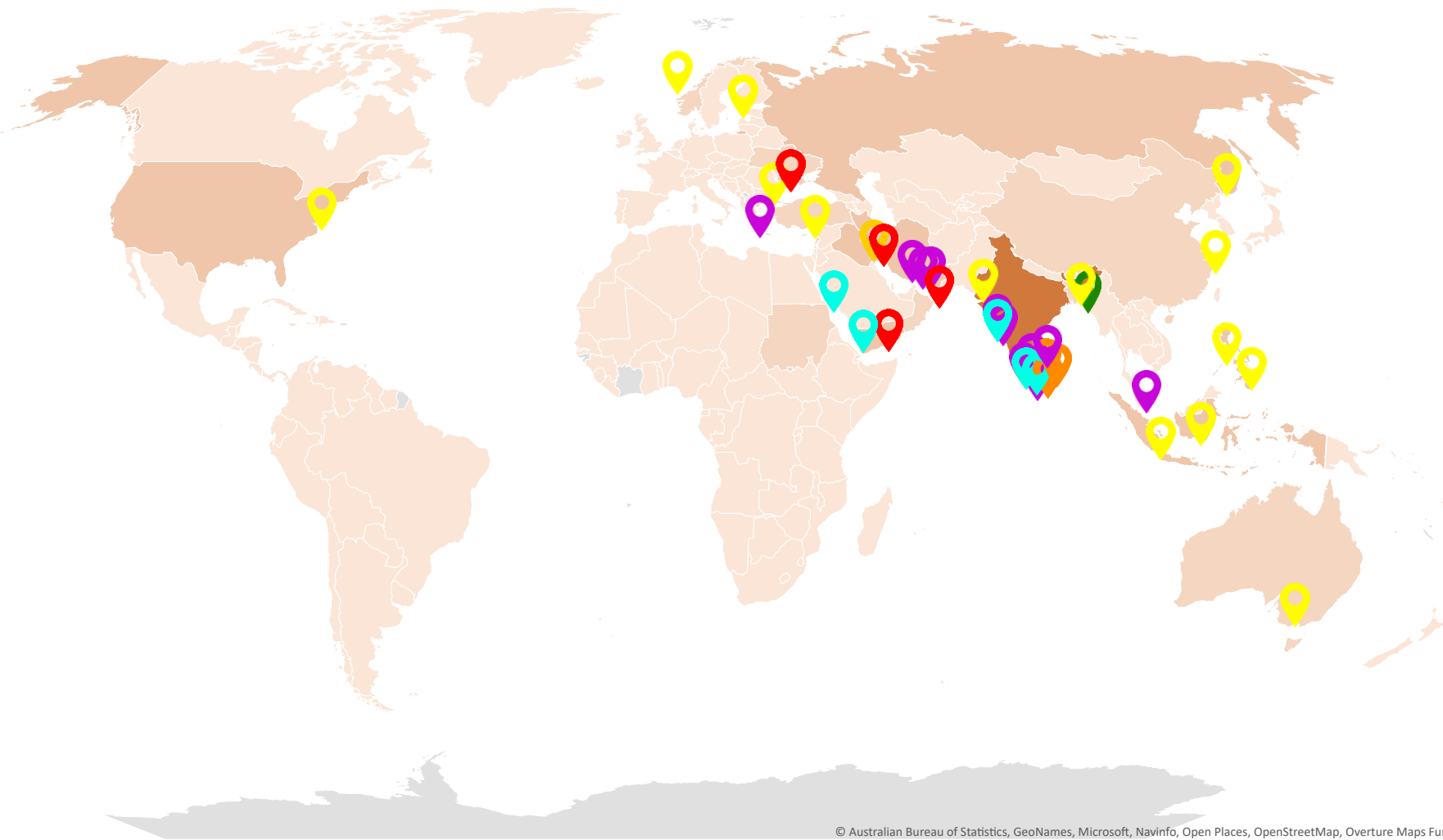
Maritime Incidents



Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	14
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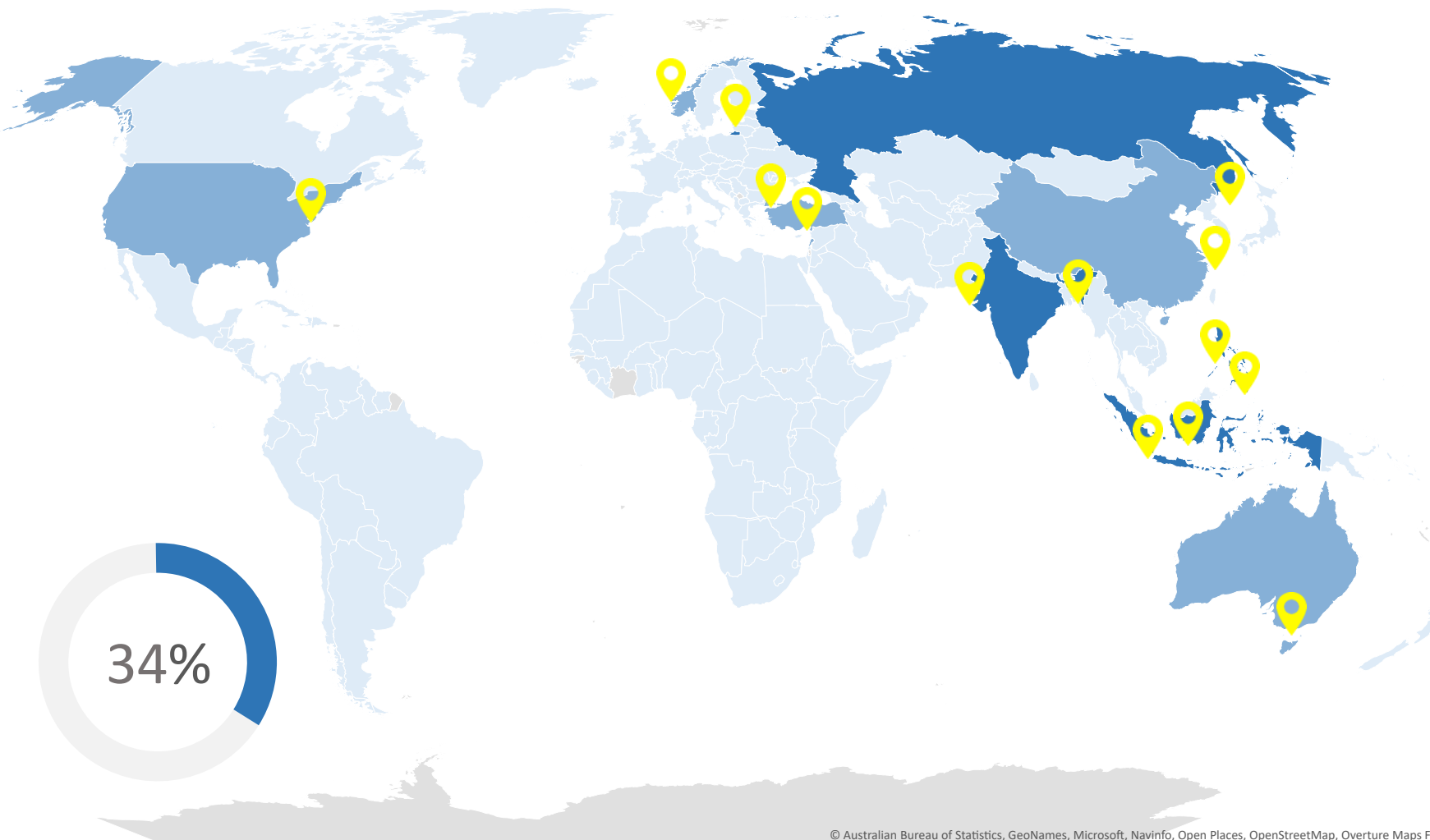
Total Incidents

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Australia	01
China	01
India	02
Indonesia	02
Lebanon	01
Norway	01
Philippines	02
Russia	02
Turkey	01
United States	01

Total Incidents

14

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.04	Philippines	Off Zamboanga	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name: MV PRINCE GLORY Name: MV MAGNOLIA LILIFLORA	Maritime authorities emphasized the critical need for stringent pre-departure vessel inspections and proactive maintenance due to simultaneous incidents along busy southern transit routes.
2026.09.05	Russia	Near St. Petersburg	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name : ADMIRAL MAKAROV Type : Icebreaker	A fire occurred on Russia's diesel-electric icebreaker Admiral Makarov during repairs at the Kronstadt Marine Plant near St. Petersburg.
2026.09.05	Turkey	Marmara	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name : PIONER 1 Type : Tanker	The communication focused on operational updates and strategies to mitigate hazards related to lost containers. The Philippine Coast Guard intends to deploy the BRP Malapascua, a 44 m multi-role response vessel, for search, drift-tracking, and containment operations, while also assessing nearby marine protected areas for potential environmental impacts.
2026.09.06	Australia	Christmas Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	A Canadian sailor has been rescued by Australian authorities after his vessel began taking on water in the remote Indian Ocean.
2026.09.07	Norway	Orland	Grounding/Stranding	Name : TRINE Flag : Norway IMO : 7729033	The Norway-flagged cargo vessel Trine was refloated after running aground in Norway on September 7, with no pollution or damage reported from the towing operation.
2026.09.08	Lebanon	coast of Tripoli	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The boat sank approximately three kilometers off the coast of Tripoli after departing from around Minieh or Akkar.

Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-09-07/candian-sailor-rescued-indian-ocean-christmas-island/107125458>
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/russias-20000-ton-icebreaker-admiral-makarov-catches-fire-during-repairs-at-kronstadt-shipyard/>
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Source -: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2026/09/08/regions/2-vessels-escape-maritime-disaster-near-zamboanga-city/2419933/amp>
Source -: <https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1546924/22-people-rescued-after-boat-sinks-off-tripolis-coast.html>
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13229/cargo-vessel-refloated-after-grounding-in-norway>



MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.08	Russia	Near Vladivostok	Grounding/Standin g	Name: RUSSKIY VOSTOK Type: Cargo IMO: 9033048	Five bodies were recovered and 42 individuals rescued following an accident, with search operations ongoing. Authorities are investigating the number of missing persons, which could be considerable according to preliminary records. The cause of the incident is still under investigation.
2026.09.09	Indonesia	Anak Krakatau	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Speedboat	Indonesian rescuers are searching for eight individuals who went missing at sea while traveling to Anak Krakatau Island to report on a volcanic eruption.
2026.09.09	Philippines	near Marcilla	Fire/Folding/Explosi on	Name- JUNE ASTER	Five bodies were recovered and 42 individuals rescued following an accident, with search operations ongoing. Authorities are investigating the number of missing persons, which could be considerable according to preliminary records. The cause of the incident is still under investigation.
2026.09.09	USA	Mariner's Harbor, Arthur Kill, Staten Island, New York	Fire/Folding/Explosi on	-	A petroleum barge exploded at Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, causing a fire that killed one person and injured two firefighters
2026.09.09	China	East Asia	Fire/Folding/Explosi on	Name :OCEAN MELODY IMO :9303065 Type: Cargo	At the time of the fire, 42 people were on board. Twelve were evacuated safely, while five suffered injuries and were taken to hospitals. The bodies of the deceased were recovered from the affected areas.

Source -: <https://www.arabnews.com/world/indonesia-searches-for-boat-that-went-missing-near-anak-krakatau-volcano-3001021>

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/fire-destroys-philippine-ferry-killing-five-and-leaving-dozens-missing>

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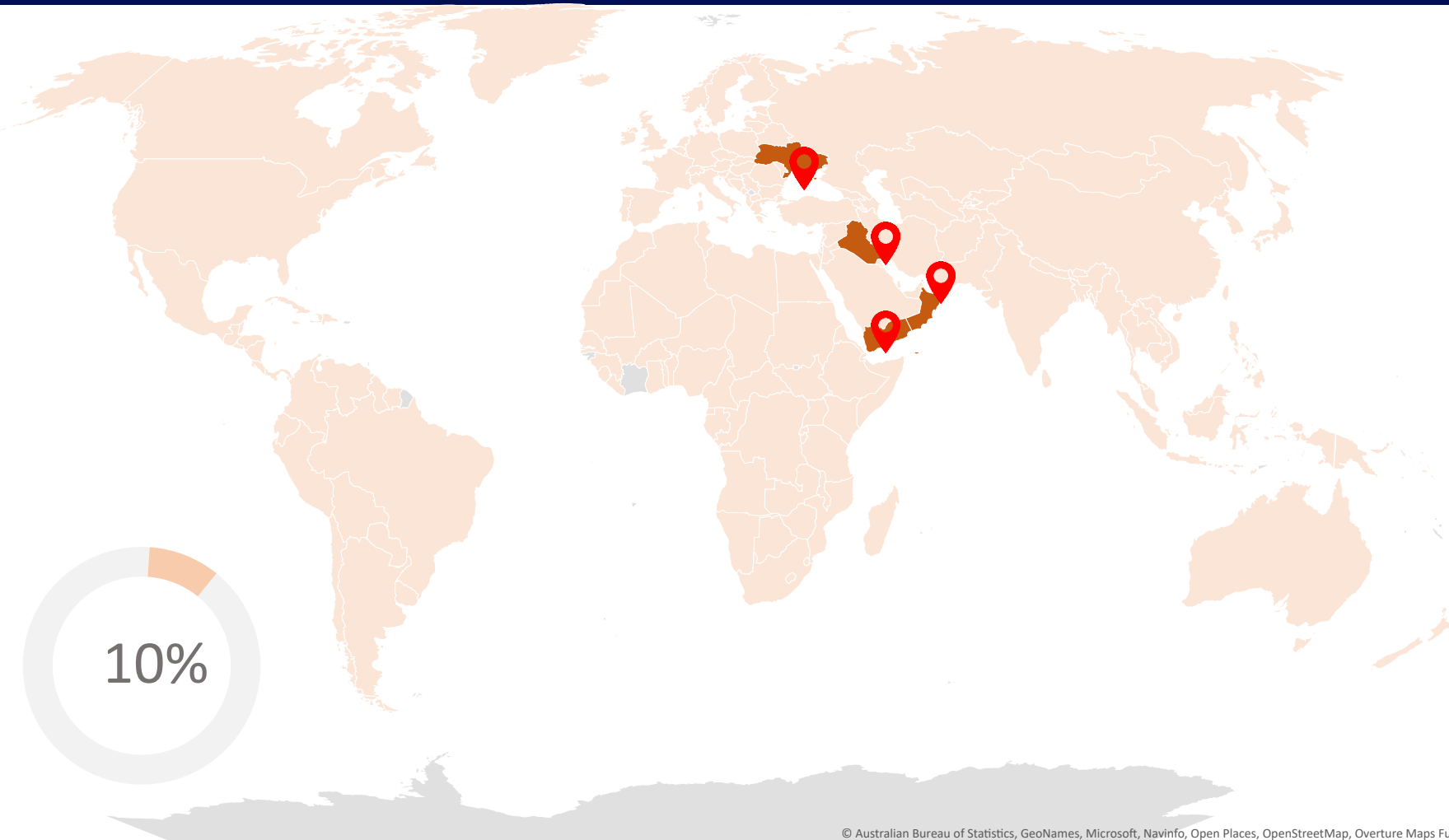


MARITIME INCIDENTS

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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.
2026.09.12	India	Padma River	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Following the flag meeting, the BSF transferred the rescued individuals to the BGB, who then reunited them with their families in front of local elected representatives.
2026.09.13	Indonesia	Java Sea	Capsizing /Sinking	Name-Virgo Transport 8 Type –Passenger Flag -Indonesia	The Indonesian passenger ship Virgo Transport 8, carrying 243 people, went missing after losing contact during hazardous weather on Sunday. The ship had departed on Saturday from Surabaya, East Java, destined for Banjarmasin in South Kalimantan.

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>
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Source -: <https://rtvonline.com/english/country/276528>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Iraq	01
	Oman	01
	Ukraine	01
	Yemen	01

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Total Incidents

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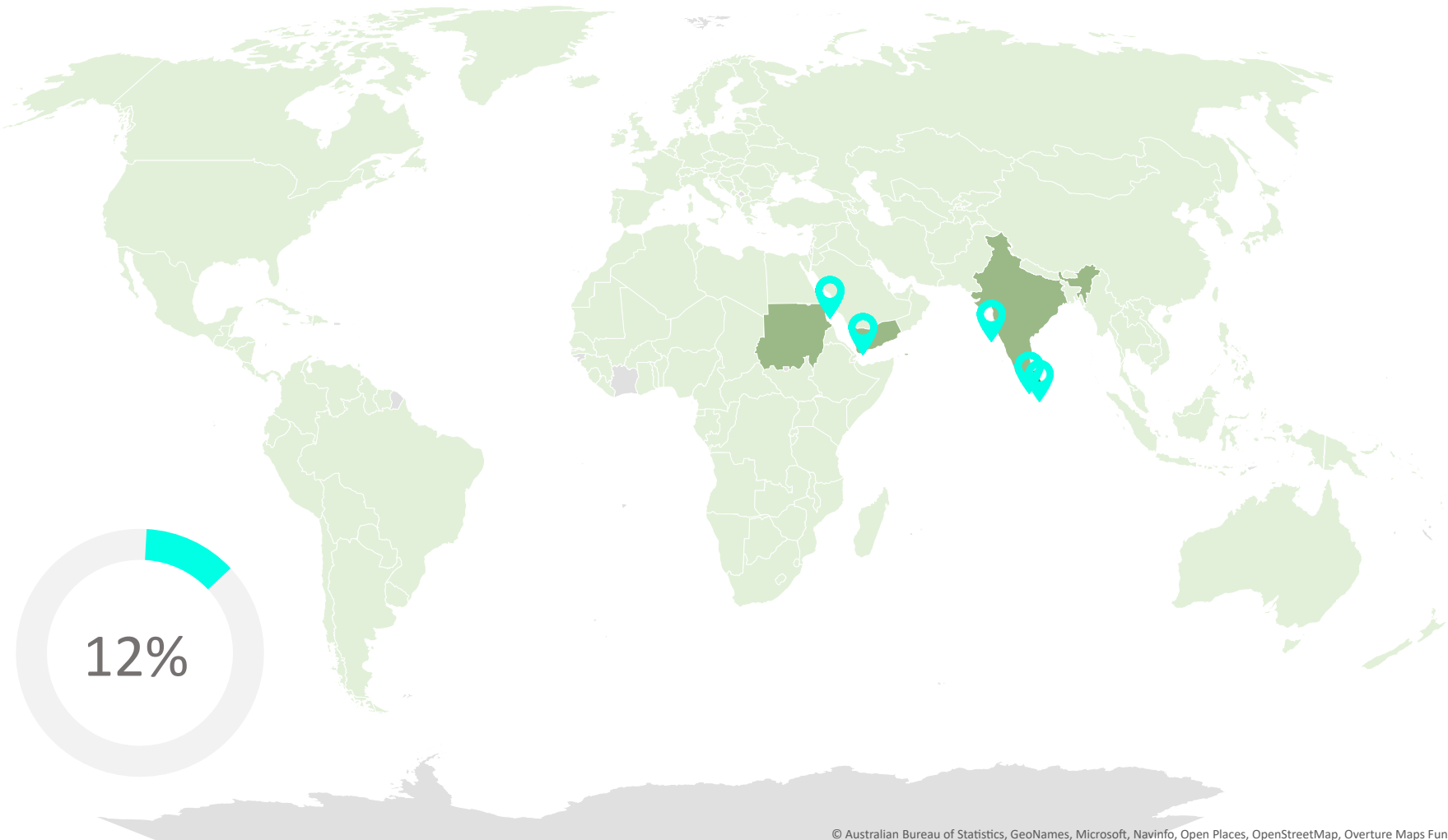
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	Ukraine	Azerbaijan	Assault violations	-	In June, Azerbaijan reported that several of its citizens were part of the crews on cargo vessels attacked by drones in the Sea of Azov, resulting in the deaths of five Azerbaijani nationals. The details of the latest incident remain unverified, and it is unclear who was responsible for the attack.
2026.09.10	Yemen	Balhaf, Yemen.	Piracy	Name: Glamor Type: Cargo	MSCIO and Atalanta continue to monitor five vessels held in Somalia's coastal waters. The sequence of hijackings began with the tanker Honour 25 on April 21, followed by the cargo ship Sward on April 26, the tanker Eureka off Yemen on May 2, the tanker Asana on July 17, and the tanker Sibu I on August 20, also east of Yemen while en route to Port Sudan.
2026.09.10	Iraqi	Iraqi Territorial Waters	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name:NEW ANDROS Type: Crude Oil Tanker	Panamanian-flagged crude oil tanker NEW ANDROS was struck by an unidentified device in Iraqi territorial waters on 09 Sep 26, causing a fire that was extinguished by Iraqi rescue boats, with no casualties reported among the 22 crew.
2026.09.11	Oman	Arabian Sea	Attacked in High-risk areas	-	The UKMTO has warned vessels in the area to be cautious as authorities investigate the origin and intent of certain projectiles, highlighting the need for enhanced maritime safety and security measures.

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/pirates-hijack-bulker-off-yemen-in-the-25th-recorded-incident-of-2026>
Source -: <https://dataportuaria.com/en/panama/current-affairs/panamanian-tanker-new-andros-suffers-incident-in-iraqi-water>
Source -: <https://freepresskashmir.news/2026/09/10/azerbaijan-says-two-nationals-killed-two-wounded-in-drone-attack-on-black-sea-cargo-ship/amp/>
Source -: <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3975636-mystery-projectiles-strike-ships-near-omans-coast>



SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	India	01
	Sri Lanka	02
	Sudan	01
	Yemen	01

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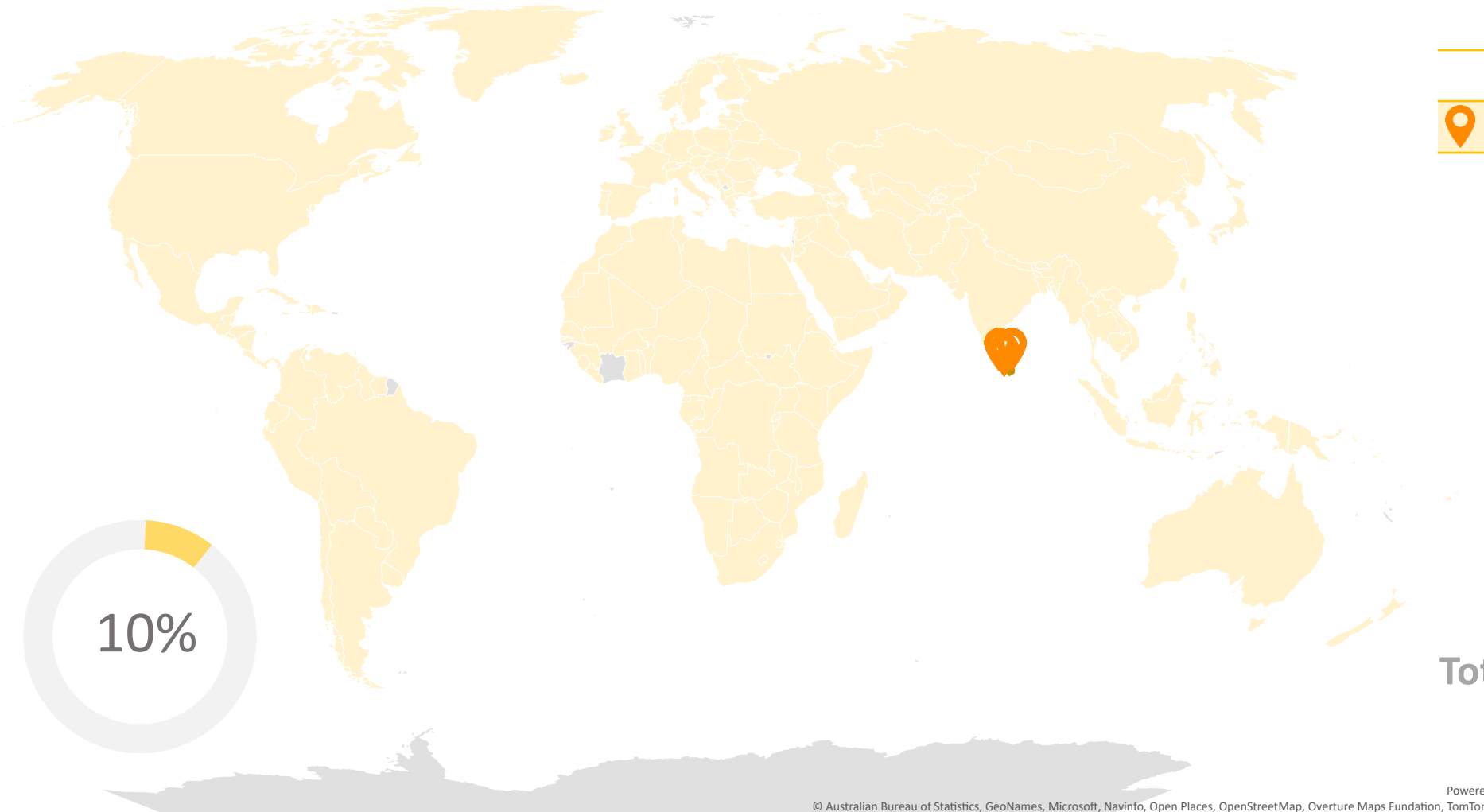
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.06	Yemen	Ras Isa Port	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Name: NEREIDA Type: Tanker IMO: 9163269	The vessel was diverted and escorted to Aden, where an investigation has begun into the voyage, cargo, vessel documentation, port calls, and the shooting.
2026.09.08	Sri Lanka	Puttalam	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The consignment of Kendu leaves is believed to have been abandoned by smugglers because of increased naval surveillance. The leaves have been transferred to the Puttalam Excise Office for legal action.
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.
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.
2026.09.12	Sudan	Red Sea coast	Arms Smuggling	-	The confiscated consignment included a Kornet missile launcher, 1,190 rifle magazines, 15 U.S.-made pistols, and three Brazilian handguns. The Kornet system is notable for its capability to penetrate advanced tank armor and hardened fortifications, making it a powerful anti-armor platform in contemporary conflicts.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/no/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13228/yemen-detains-tanker-after-reported-unauthorized-discharge-a>
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IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Sri Lanka	04

Total Incidents

04

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IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.07	Sri Lanka	Mullaitivu	Destructive Fishing practices	-	The stock of fish and a 38-year-old woman from Pudukuduiruppu, linked to the incident, were transferred to the Mullaitivu Office of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for legal proceedings.
2026.09.09	Sri Lanka	Muthur	Destructive Fishing Practices	-	Sri Lanka Navy apprehended a suspect and seized about 820 kg of fish believed to have been caught using explosives during a search operation in Muthur on 09 Sep 26.
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.
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.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/stock-of-fish-caught-using-explosives-seized-in-mullaitivu.html>

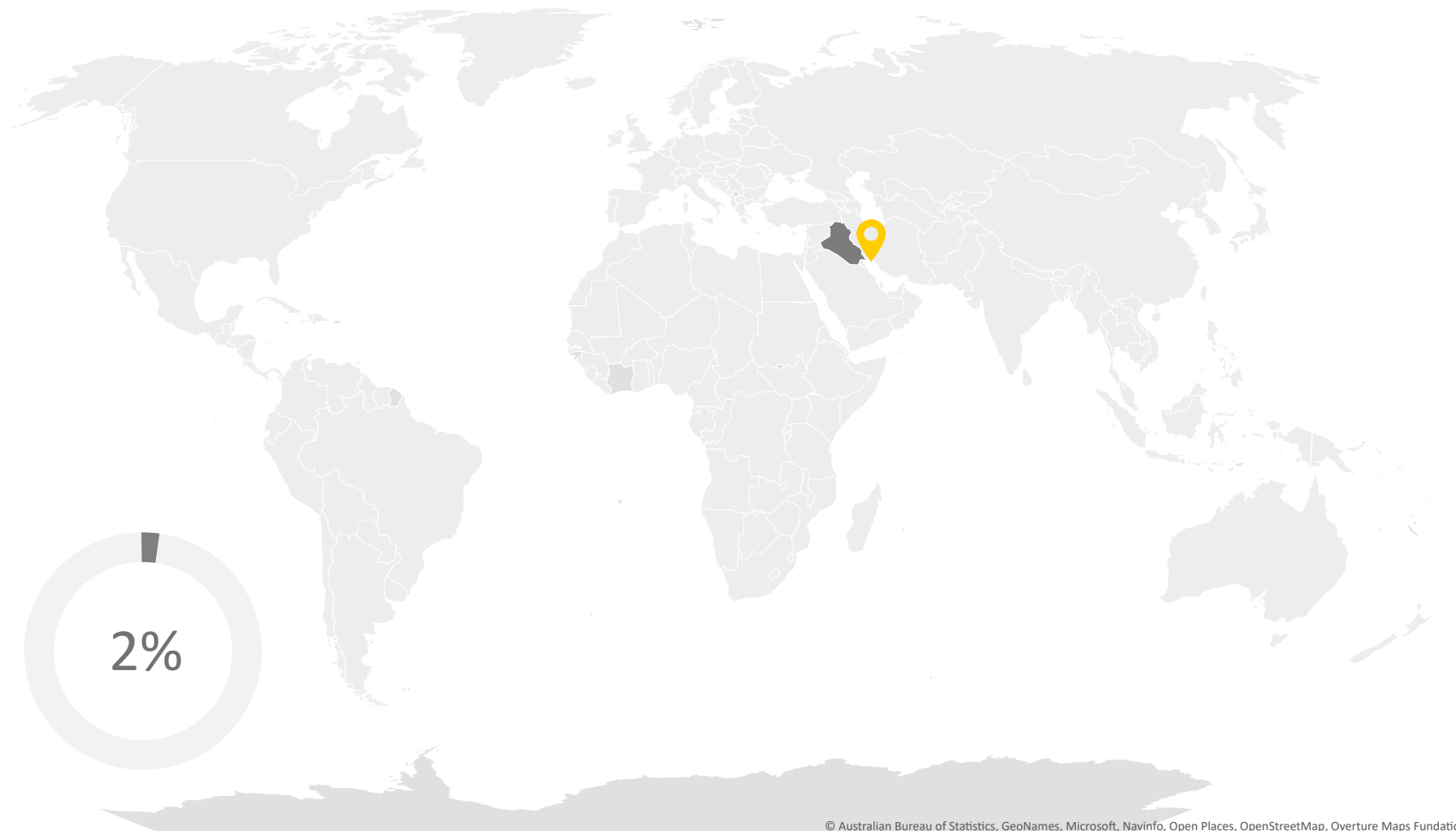
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NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
 Iraq		01

Total Incidents

01

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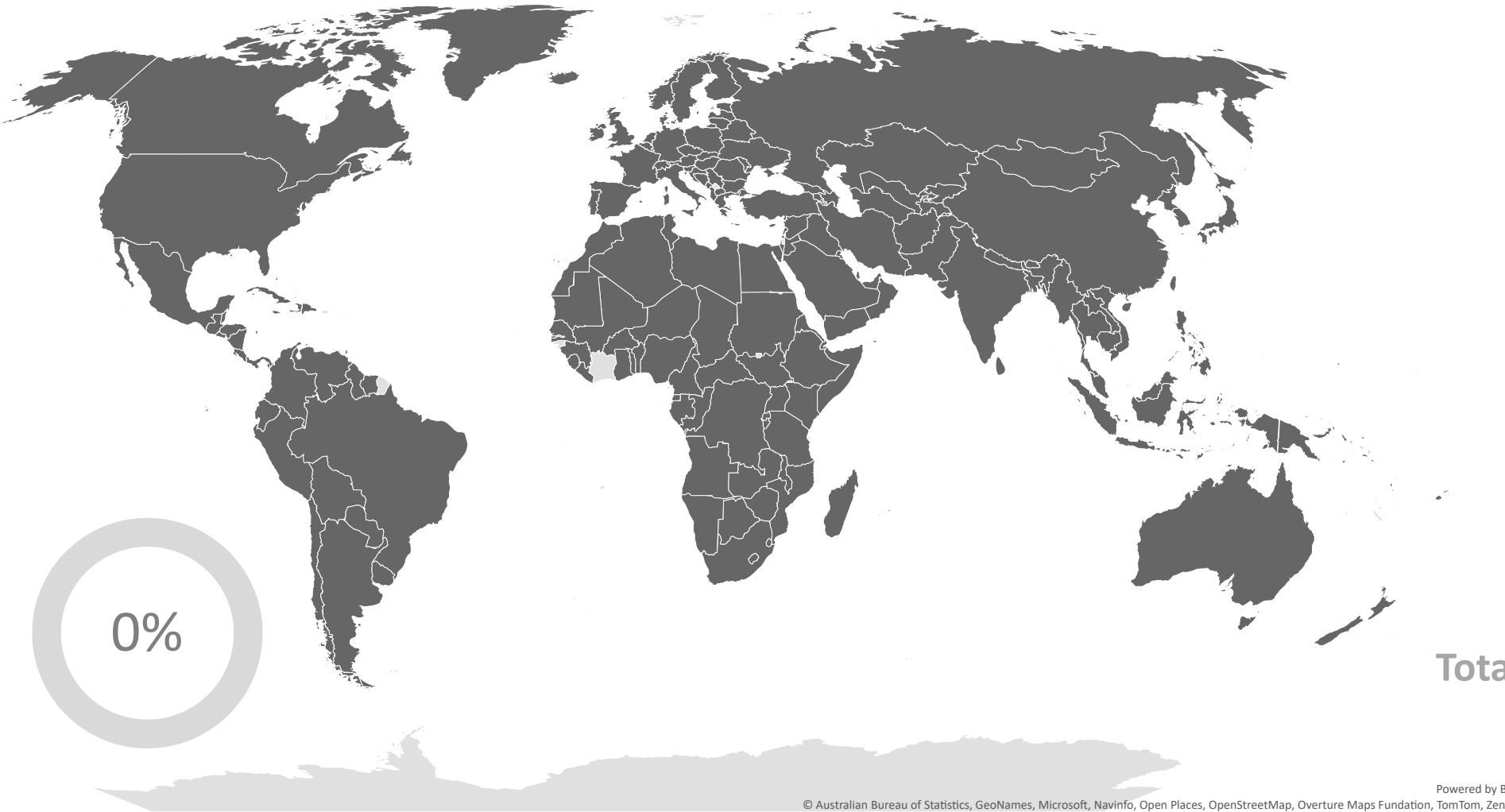


NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.10	Iraq	Territorial Waters	Narcotics productions	-	After an investigation and intelligence tracking, a force detected and seized a boat with two Iraqi suspects onboard. Follow-up operations identified and seized a second boat, capturing a foreign suspect as well, resulting in a total of three individuals detained during the mission.

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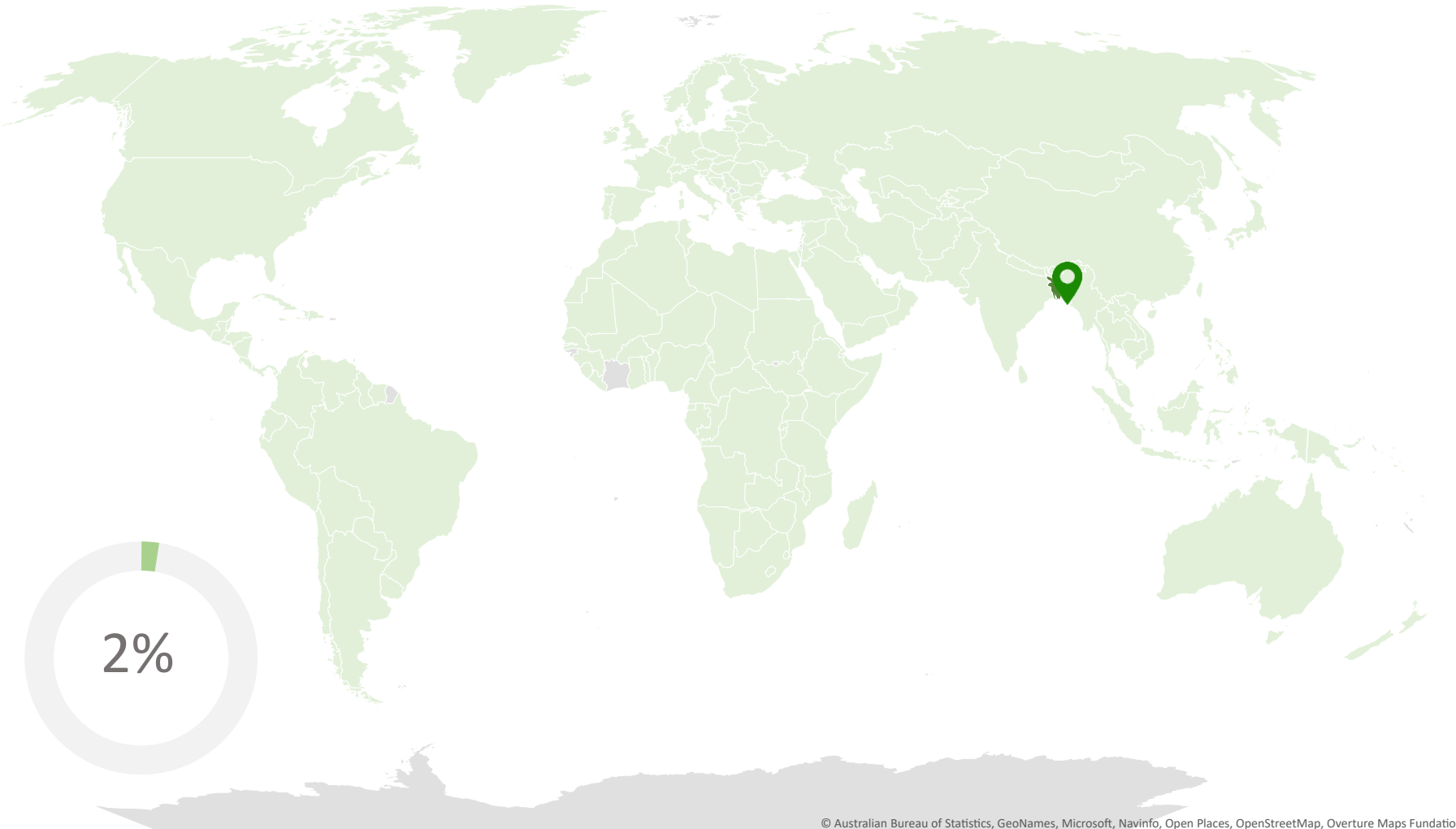
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MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Bangladesh	01

Total Incidents

01

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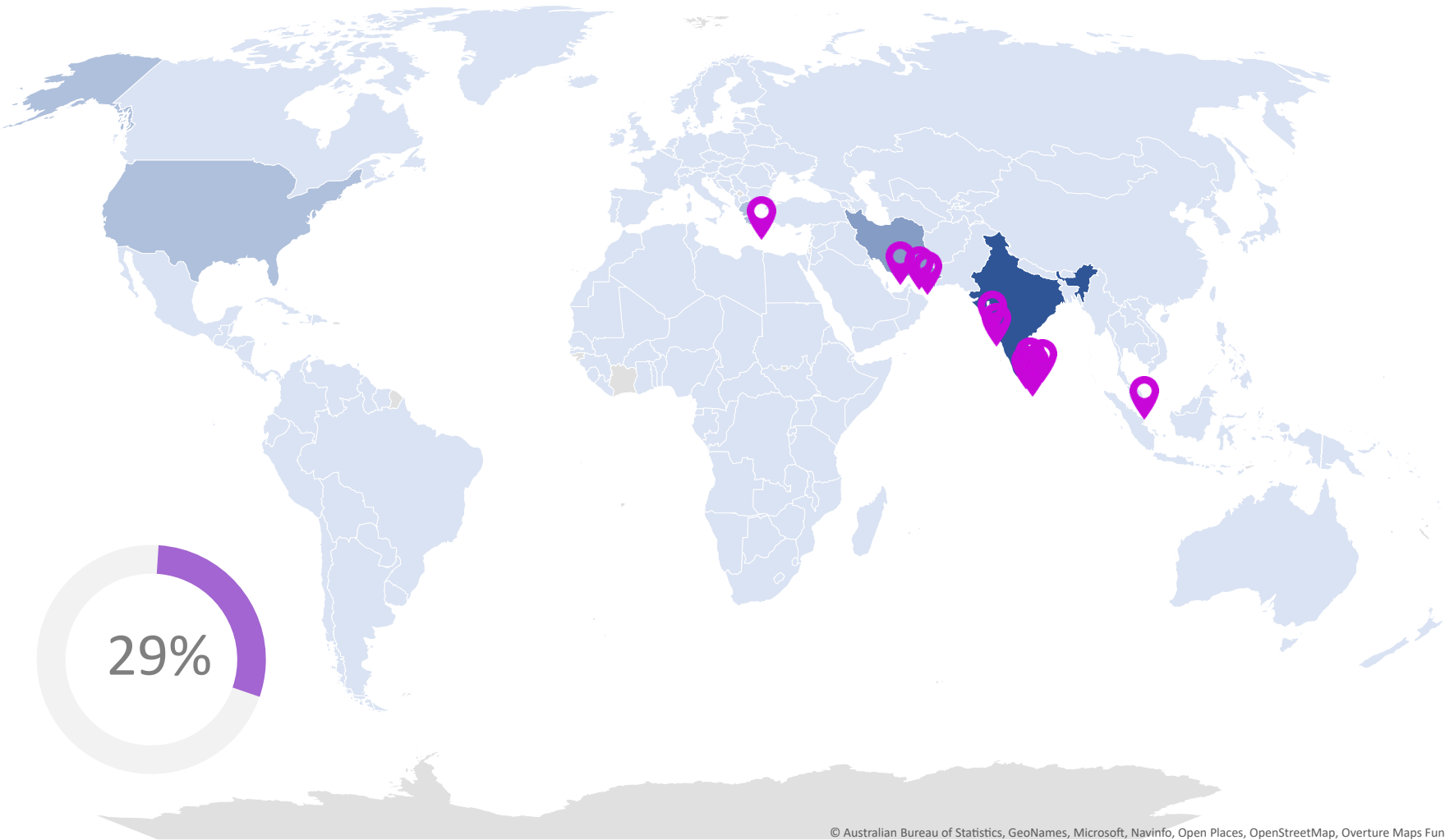


MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	Bangladesh	Buriganga Rive	Plastic and waste pollution	-	Native fish are nearly extinct, with sucker fish—an introduced species feeding on waste—remaining. The Buriganga, along with the Turag, Balu, Shitalakkhya, and Dhaleshwari rivers near Dhaka, is untreated, and the waste burdens the Buriganga, Turag, Balu, Shitalakkhya, and Dhaleshwari rivers near Dhaka. by untreated waste.

Source -: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/buriganga-turag-choke-on-waste-as-bangladesh-moves-to-revive-dhakas-dying-rivers>

OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Greece	01
	India	04
	Iran	02
	Singapore	01
	Sri Lanka	03
	United State	01

Total Incidents

12

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.05	Iran	Gulf Of Oman	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name : DOWNY Name : STARK I Name : KYLO	US forces disabled three crude oil tankers in retaliation for an unprovoked missile attack by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) on US aircraft carriers on September 5. CENTCOM confirmed that the aircraft carriers successfully evaded the missiles.
2026.09.06	Greece	near Crete	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name : LADY MARIIA	The ship, Lady Mariia, is linked to MG-Flot under sanctions from Executive Order 14024. Other MG-Flot vessels have transported ammunition from North Korea, but the cargo of Lady Mariia on its latest voyage is unknown. It departed from Oran, Algeria, and entered the Mediterranean Sea according to MarineTraffic data..
2026.09.07	India	-	Naval Activities	-	The Indian Navy aims to develop satellite communication terminals for its warships to enhance secure communications and strengthen network-centric warfare capabilities.
2026.09.07	India	-	Foreign affairs	-	India and Germany have signed a Letter of Intent at SMM 2026 to enhance maritime growth, during an event that attracted over 50,000 participants from 120 countries.

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.08	Sri Lanka	Colombo port	Foreign affairs	Name: INS Udaygiri	Sri Lanka Navy personnel will visit the ship for capability observation, knowledge sharing, and onboard training during its stay.
2026.09.08	United State	Gulf of Oman	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name : Charminar Name : Kaviz Name : Horizon 1 Name : Riesco Name : Derya	The US Central Command (CENTCOM) reported the destruction of five tankers on 8 September, following a second round of attacks prompted by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) targeting a US warship with ballistic missiles.
2026.09.08	India	-	Naval Activities	-	The Indian Navy has sought information for a new medium-range loitering munition, intended for launch from naval ships or shore-based vehicles.
2026.09.09	Sri Lanka	-	Foreign affairs	-	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the need for India and Sri Lanka to enhance maritime cooperation to secure sea lanes, ensure freedom of navigation, and address emerging threats in the Indian Ocean Region during his meeting with Sri Lankan military commanders in Colombo.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/september/ins-udaygiri-makes-port-call-in-colombo.html>

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.09	Sri Lanka	Colombo Port	Foreign affairs	Name- ITS GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI	During its stay in Sri Lanka, the commanding officer of 'ITS Giuseppe Garibaldi' will meet with the Commander of the Western Naval Area.
2026.09.09	Singapore	Singapore	Other Military / Coastguard activities	Commercial vessels Offshore Support Vessels specific vessel	The offshore industry and commercial vessels are increasingly exposed to risks from geopolitical tensions and state-backed actors, facing threats that now encompass sanctions, cyber-attacks, sabotage, seizures, detentions, and attacks on maritime infrastructure, in addition to piracy and terrorism.
2026.09.11	Iran	Hormozgan Province	Other Military / Coastguard activities	-	Several explosions were reported in coastal areas of southern Iran, such as Sirik, Minab, and Qeshm Island, with authorities indicating that the sounds likely originated from the sea.
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.

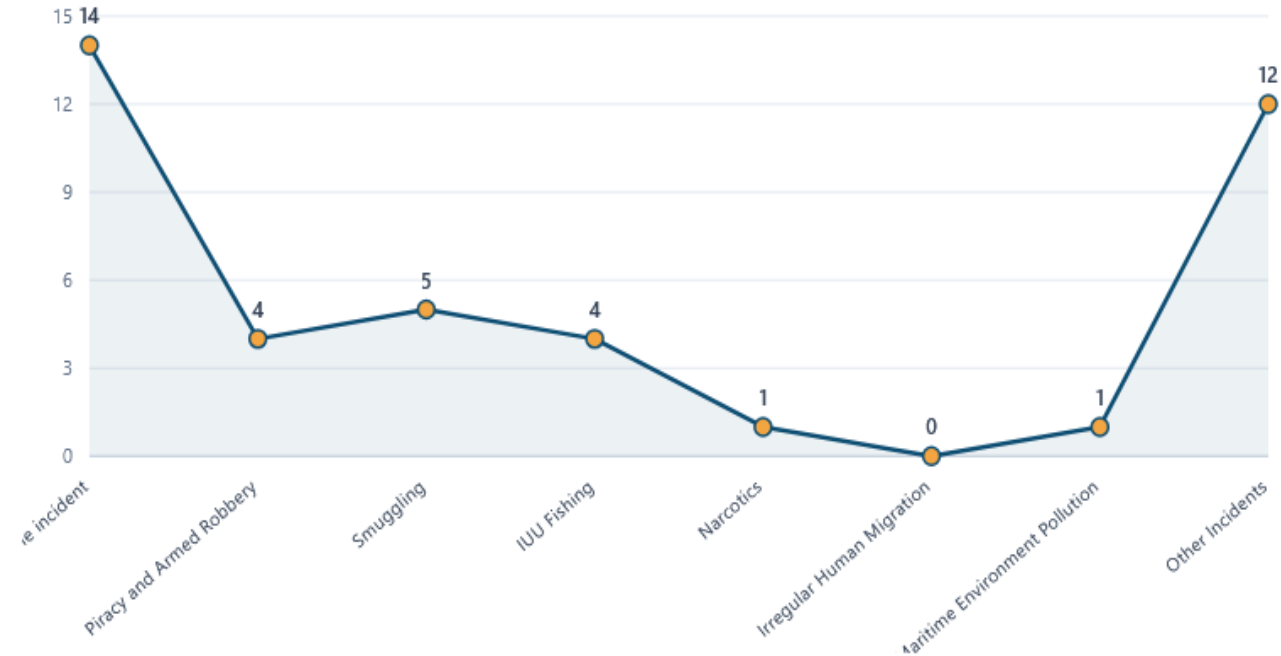
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WEEKLY ANALYSIS

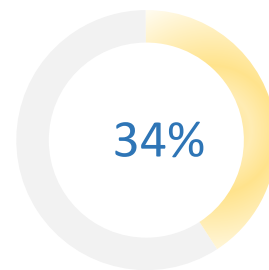
During the week a total of 41 incidents were reported globally, comprising 14 maritime incidents, 04 piracy and armed robbery, 05 smuggling, 04 IUU fishing, 01 narcotics-related incident, 00 irregular human migration, 01 maritime environmental pollution, and 12 other incidents. In addition, 03 weather-related incidents were recorded, including 01 tropical cyclone and 02 earthquakes. Piracy and armed robbery incidents were reported in Yemen, Iraq and Oman, including attacks on vessels in high-risk waters. Sri Lanka recorded 02 smuggling incidents and 04 IUU fishing incidents, including the seizure of Kendu leaves and ambergris and the apprehension of 65 persons for illegal fishing activities. The Other Incidents category recorded 12 incidents, with significant developments involving Iran, the Gulf of Oman, India and Sri Lanka. These included military activities, maritime security developments, naval cooperation and foreign-affairs engagements. The continuing security developments around the Gulf of Oman and Iran remain relevant to regional maritime security and commercial shipping.

Recommendations

Strengthen AIS monitoring, coastal radar, satellite surveillance and real-time intelligence sharing particularly around the Gulf of Oman, Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Sea and wider Indian Ocean. Enhance maritime patrols and vessel-security measures against piracy, armed attacks and smuggling. Strengthen Sri Lankan surveillance and enforcement against IUU fishing and maritime smuggling, particularly along the northern and western coastal areas. Maintain effective SAR preparedness and maritime pollution monitoring, while closely monitoring military and maritime-security developments around Iran and the Gulf of Oman.



Highest reported this week
Maritime incidents





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