

WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 02

From 2026.01.12 TO 2026.01.18

SUMMERY OF THE WEEK 02

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



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

Total Maritime Incidents 22

Global Weather Incident



- Tropical Cyclone :- 02
- Earthquake :- 12

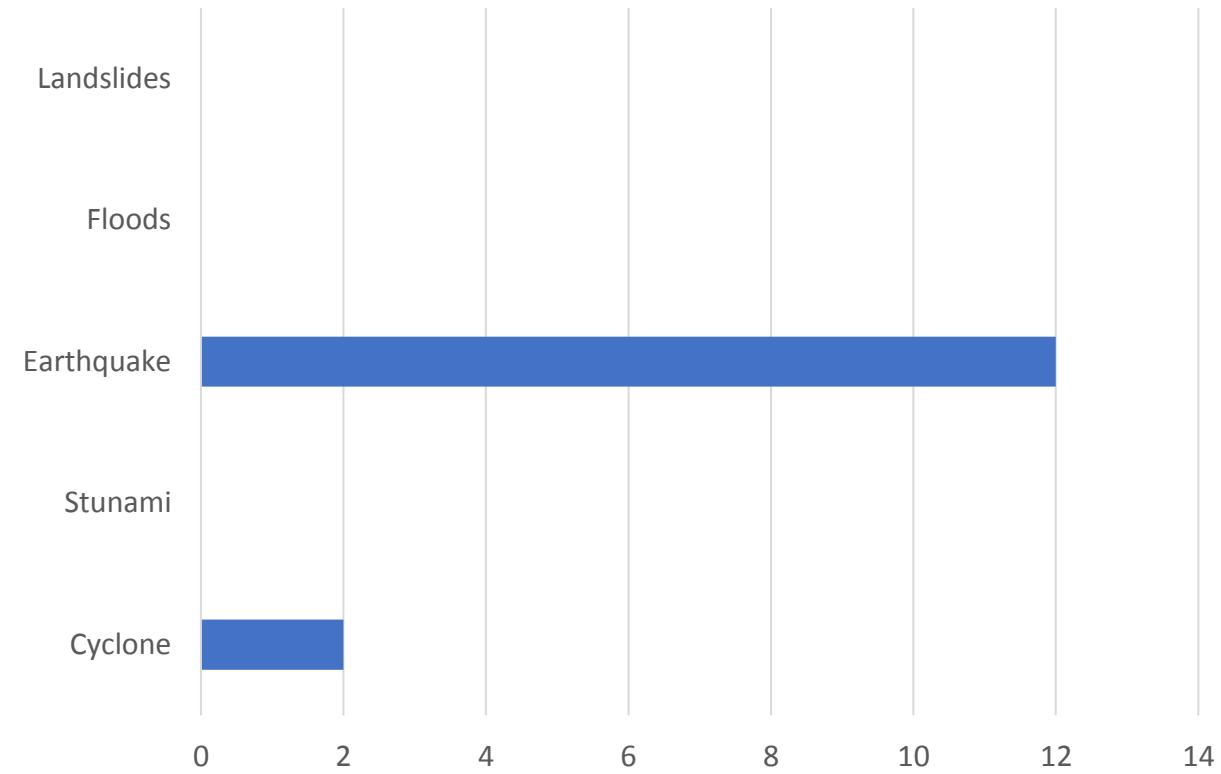
Total Weather Incidents 14

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Maritime Incidents

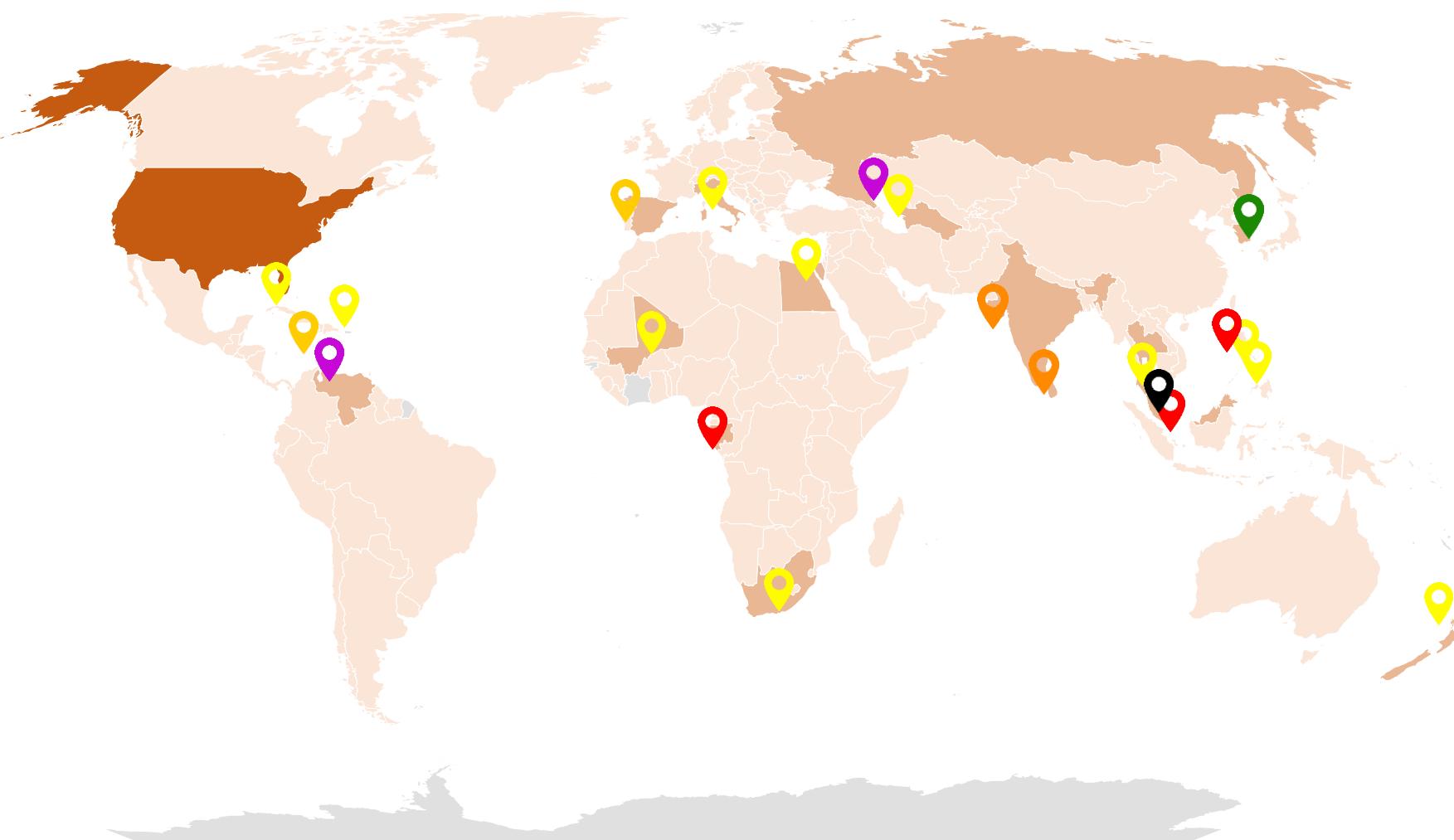


Weather Incidents





STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



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

Total Incidents

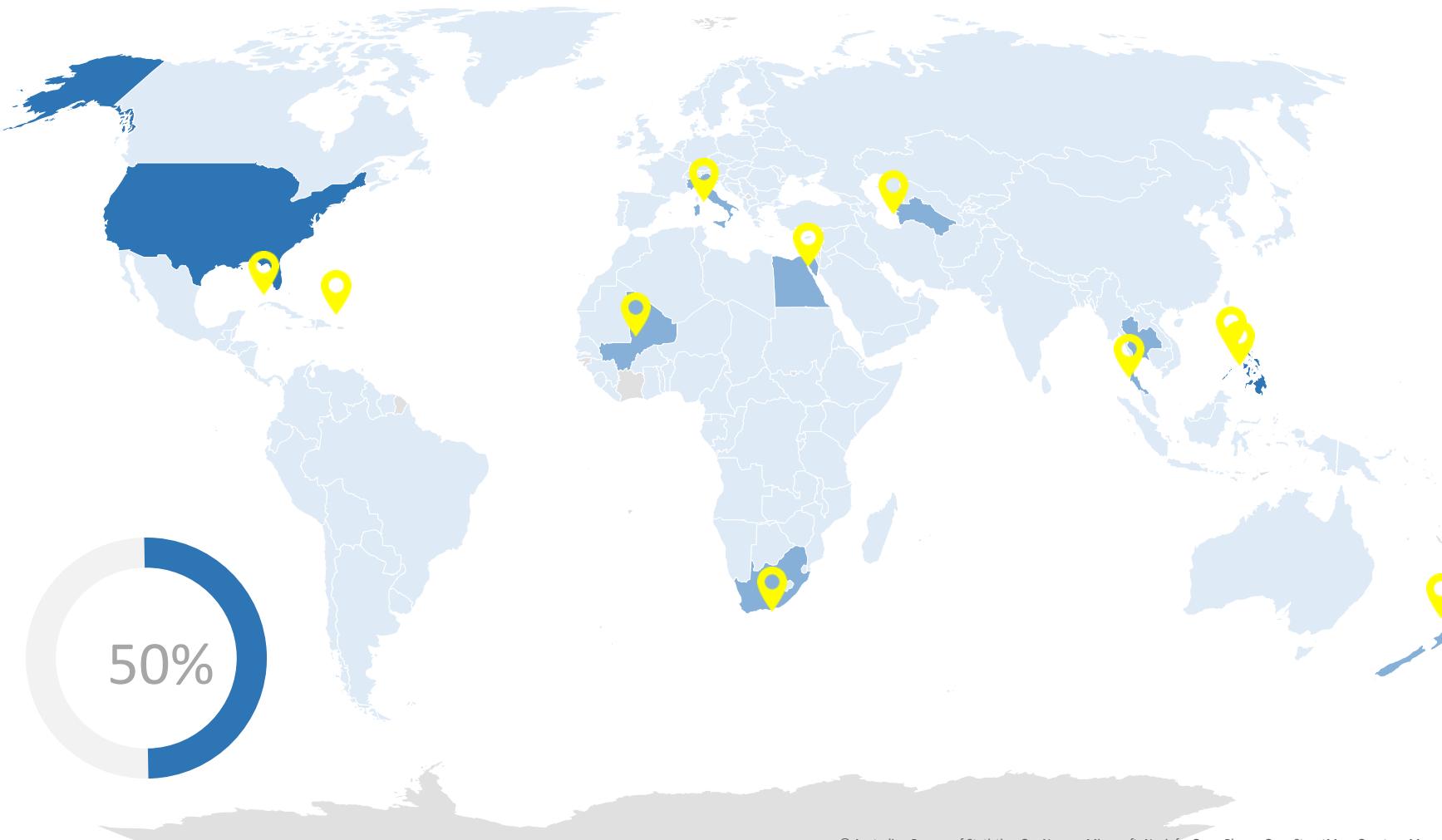
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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Egypt	01
Italy	01
Mali	01
New Zealand	01
Philippine	02
South Africa	01
Thailand	01
Turkmenistan	01
United States	02

Total Incidents

11

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.09	Italy	Tuscany	Mechanical Failure	Cargo Vessel	As a precaution, a helicopter was dispatched from Sarzana Air Base.
2026.01.10	Philippine	Shoreline of Barangay Poblacion	Aground	Name : Cheng Xian Feng 168 Type : Tanker Flag : Philippine	At approximately 0430 hrs, joint authorities ensured the safety of nine Filipino crew members, including the master.
2026.01.10	USA	North Of Marathon	Boat Capsizing	-	Sector Key West watch standers launched a Station Marathon rescue crew which located and embarked the three boaters at 0641 hrs
2026.01.11	Thailand	Near Krabi	Collision	Speedboat and Fishing Trawler	The boat smashed into the Pichaisamut 1 fishing vessel on an island trip on January 11 near Krabi, southern Thailand.
2026.01.12	South Africa	Off the Coast of Gqeberha	Rescue Operations	Name- Silver Dorado Type - fishing vessel	There are no reported injuries among the crew, who have returned safely to land.
2026.01.13	Mali	Niger River Town	Sinking	Ferry Boat	They experienced the loss of 21 family members in an accident and helped local officials retrieve and count the deceased.
2026.01.13	Egypt	Suez Canal	Rescue Operations	Name- Fener Flag - Panama Type – General Cargo	All 12 crew members were safely evacuated, and the vessel was secured during the rescue operation.

Source :- <https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/4375234/coast-rescues-3-people-from-capsized-vessel-off-marathon/>

Source :- <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3785237/horror-tourist-boat-collision-fishing-trawler-thailand/>

Source :- <https://safety4sea.com/italian-coast-guard-responds-to-disabled-vessel-off-tuscany/>

Source :- <https://safety4sea.com/tanker-runs-aground-in-the-philippines-pcg-monitors-for-oil-spills/>

Source :- <https://iol.co.za/news/south-africa/2026-01-13-fire-breaks-out-on-squid-fishing-vessel-silver-dorado-crew-evacuated-safely/>

Source :- <https://en.axar.az/news/world/1051981.html>

Source :- https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/cargo-vessel-rescued-after-developing-dangerous-list-near-suez-canal/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=cargo-vessel-rescued-after-developing-dangerous-list-near-suez-canal



MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.14	Turkmenistan	Caspian Sea	Rescue Operations	Name- Rona Flag - Iran Type – General Cargo	The crew members are reported to be citizens of Iran and India, based on preliminary information from Turkmen authorities.
2026.01.15	USA	Nanny Cay	Fire	Kelly Jayne	Husky swiftly towed the boat from the marina to the shallows by Nanny Cay, where it was beached as the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service crew arrived.
2026.01.17	Philippines	West coast	Capsizing / Sinking	Name- BRP Miguel Malvar Type - Warship	Philippine Navy spokesman John Percie Alcos reported that rough sea conditions led to the sinking of a ship, which, despite its long service life, took on significant water and ultimately submerged.
2026.01.17	New Zealand	North of Auckland	Rescue Operations	-	The Auckland City high-angle triangle rescue team, alongside police and ambulance crews, provided specialist support to volunteers as they navigated a challenging cliff face using rescue lines in complete darkness.

Source :- <https://gcaptain.com/turkmenistan-rescues-14-crew-from-distressed-iranian-cargo-ship-in-caspian-sea/>

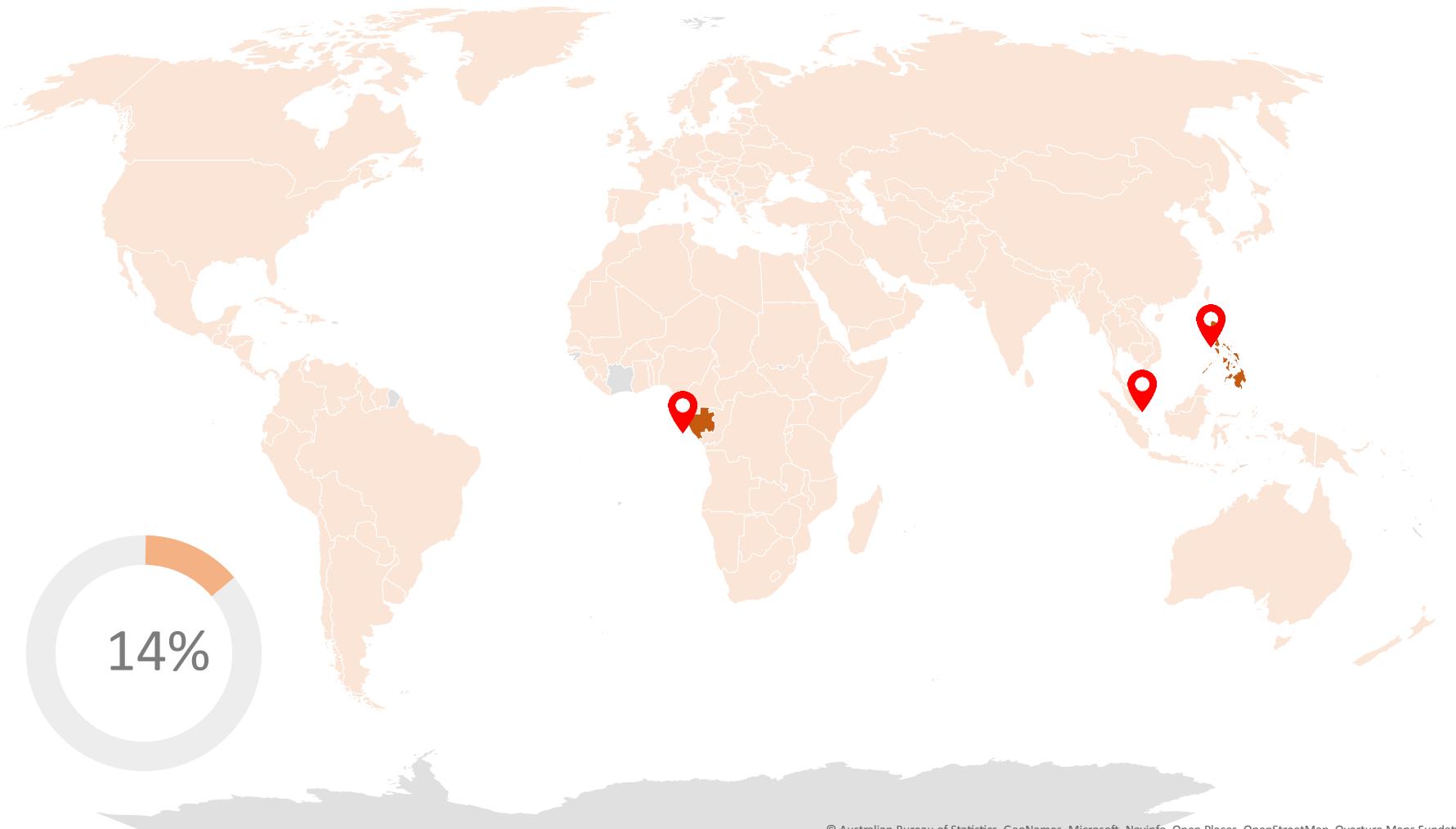
Source :- <https://www.bvibeacon.com/blaze-destroys-houseboat-at-nanny-cay/>

Source :- <https://maritimefairtrade.org/philippines-warship-sinks-ahead-of-balikatan-exercises/>

Source :- <https://www.1news.co.nz/2026/01/18/two-rescued-from-boat-stranded-on-rocks-north-of-auckland/>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



14%

Total Incidents

03

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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.12	Gabon	Off The Coast Of Gabon	Robbery At Sea	Name- IB Fish 7 Type – Fishing Vessel	The abductees comprised five Chinese nationals and four Indonesians, while six crewmembers, including Indonesian, Chinese, and Burkina Faso nationals, remained on board.
2026.01.12	Philippine	West Philippine Sea	Assault/Violence	Fishing Boat	Both the PLA Navy and the Chinese Coast approached within 30 meters of a fishing boat, blocking its path towards Bajo de Masinloc, but there were no injuries reported.
2026.01.15	Singapore	Malacca Straits	Robbery At Sea	Name- Empress Zonda Flag - Panama Type - Bulk Carrier	The coastal state has taken action, including issuing a safety broadcast about anti-piracy measures and advising all vessels to remain vigilant in the Singapore Strait.

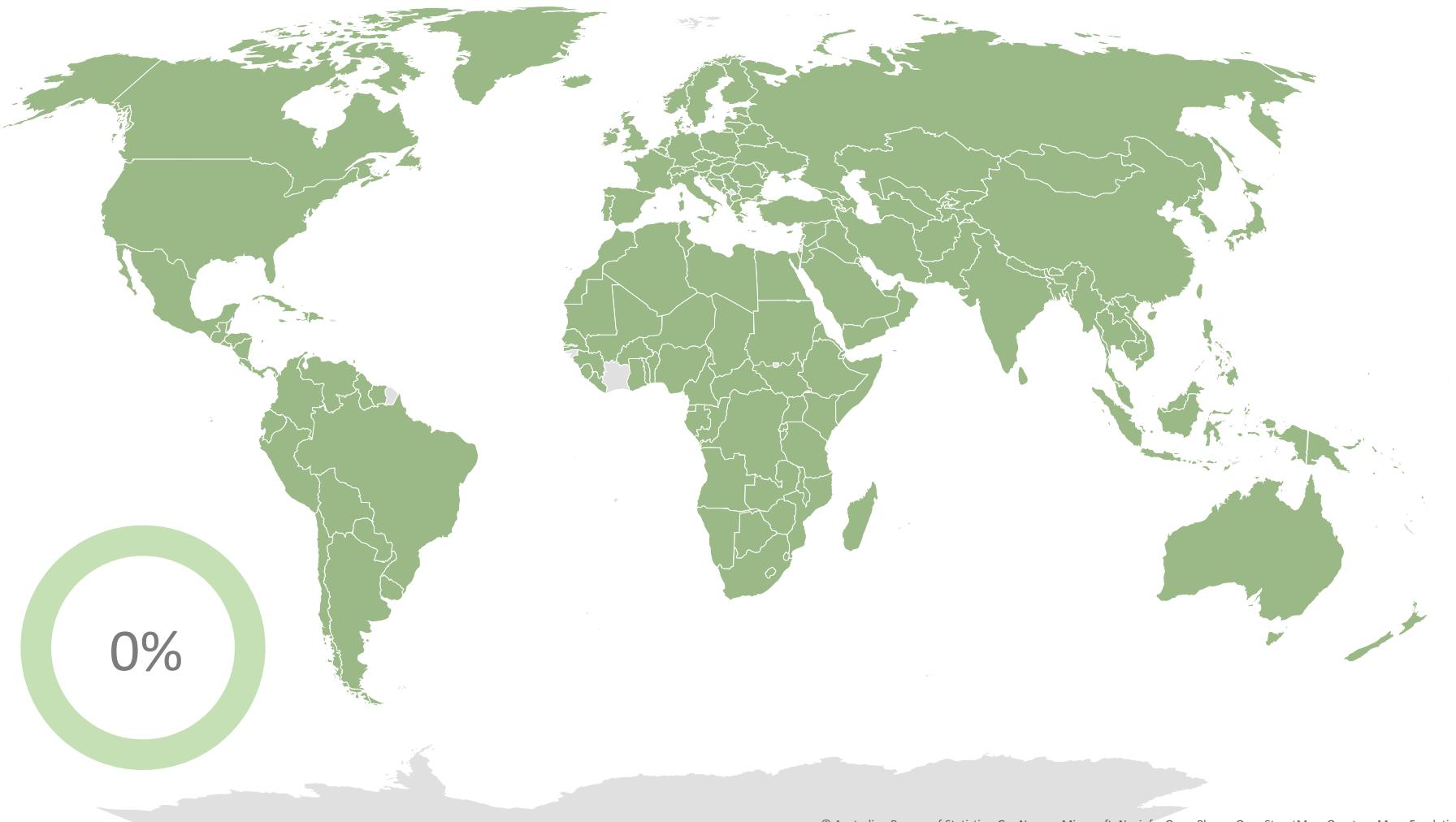
Source :- <https://maritime-executive.com/article/pirates-kidnap-chinese-crewmembers-from-fishing-vessel-off-gabon>

Source :- <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/972632/china-warship-coast-guard-harassed-filipino-fishing-boat-in-wps-ph-navy/story/>

Source :- ReCAAP Information Network System Team Incident Report on IFN website



SMUGGLING



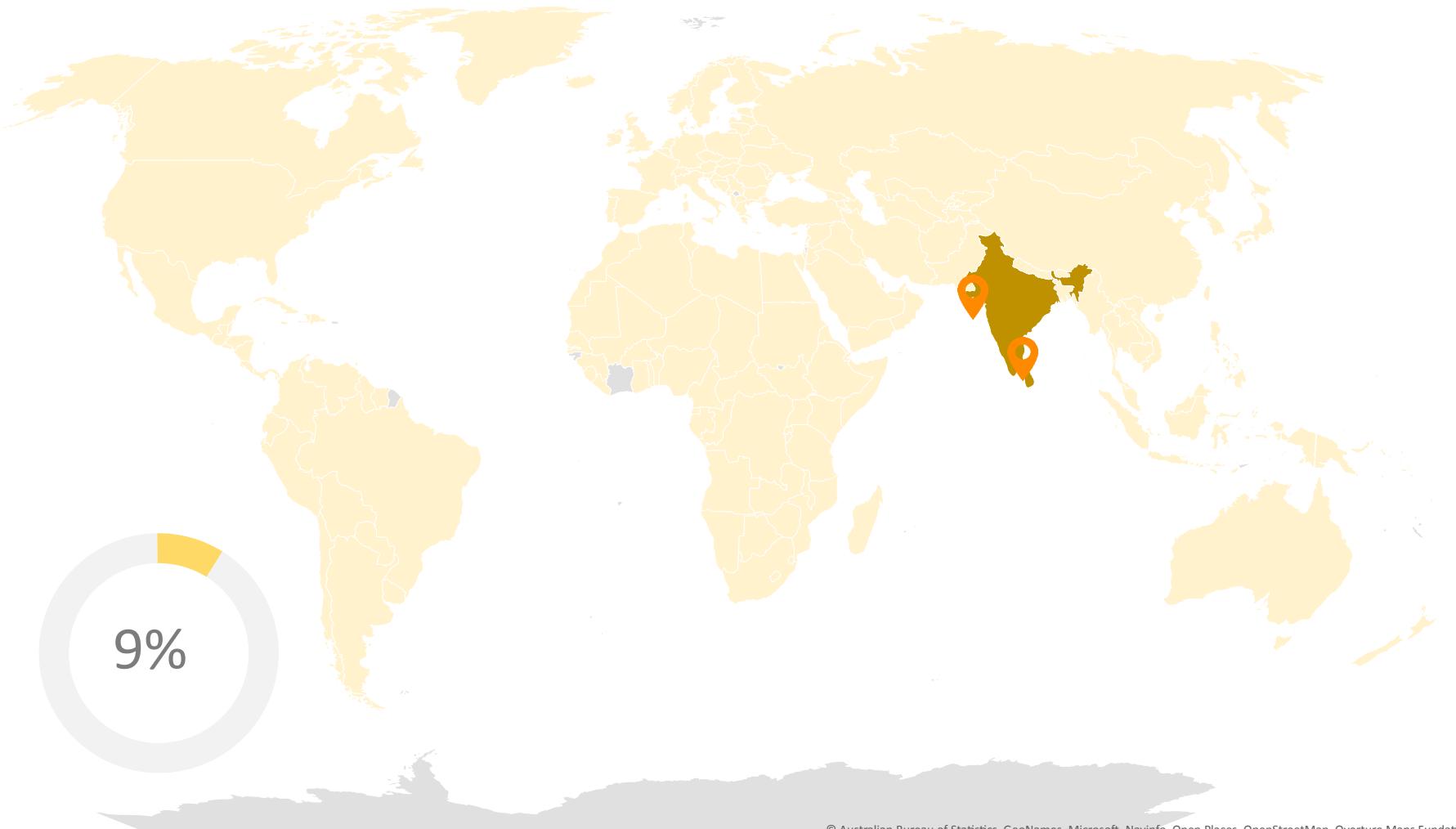
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IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
India	01
Sri Lanka	01

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IUU FISHING

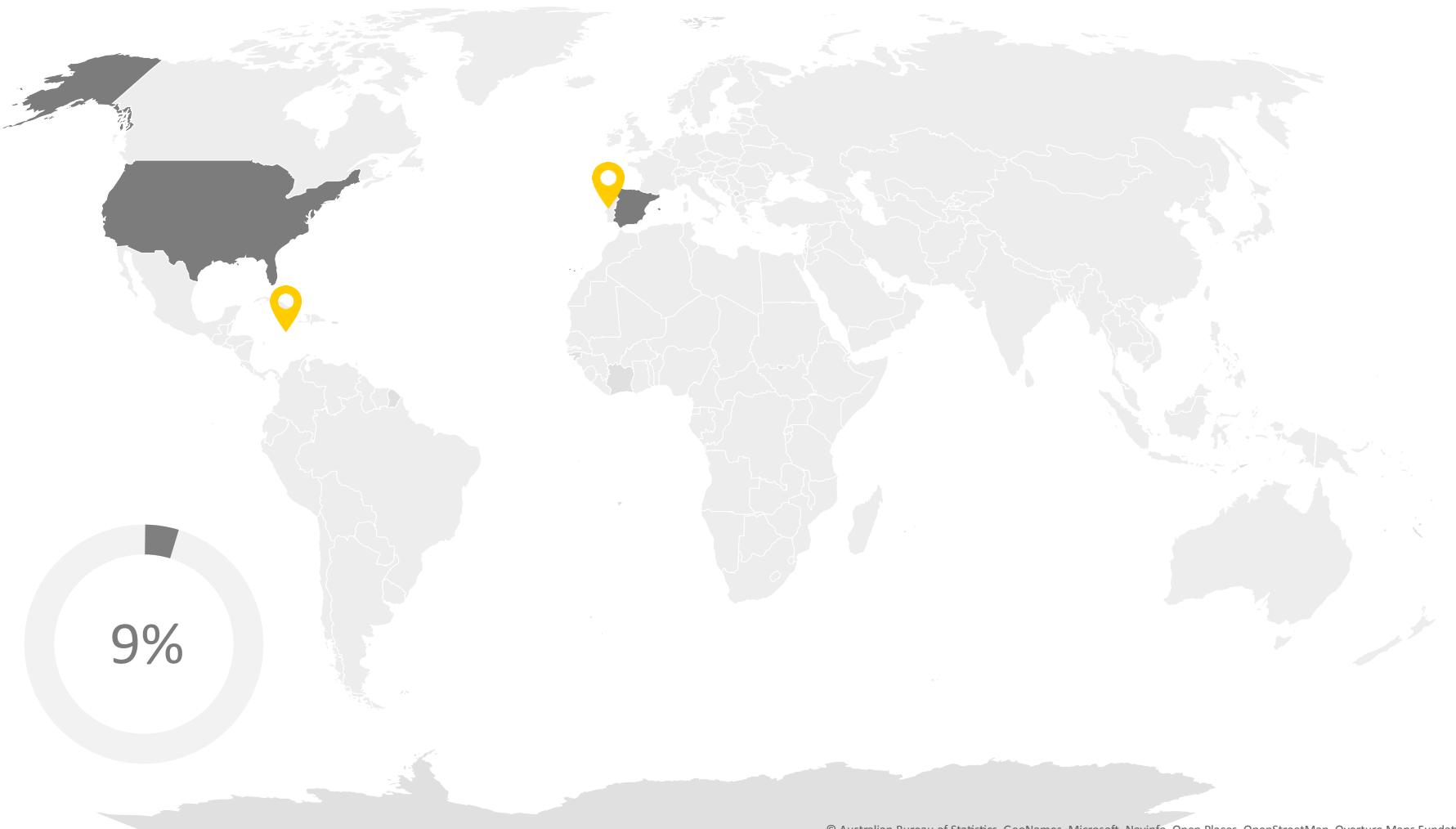
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2026.01.15	Sri Lanka	Foreign Maritime Boundaries	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Fishing Vessel	Unauthorized entry into exclusive economic zones (eezs) of other countries involves the intentional disabling of vessel monitoring systems (vms) to hide illegal activities.
2026.01.14	India	Indian EEZ	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Al-Madina	An Indian Coast Guard ship intercepted a Pakistani fishing boat named "Al-Madina" which had nine crew members for illegally entering Indian waters during a swift night operation.

Source :- <https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Strict-action-on-local-fishermen-as-Indian-fishing-issue-persists/108-330414>

Source :- <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/coast-guard-intercepts-pakistani-fishing-boat-al-madina-with-9-crew-members-in-indian-waters-in-night-operation-11768489406354.html>



NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Spain	01
United States	01

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NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.12	Spain	Atlantic Ocean	Drugs Hidden In Cargo	Name -United s Flag - Cameroon Type - General Cargo	All 13 crew members were arrested, and a short firearm guarding the drugs was recovered.
2026.01.16	USA	Caribbean Sea	Seizure Of Narcotics	Coast Guard cutter Alert	The Coast Guard cutter Alert's crew returned to Cape Canaveral, Florida, after a 45-day counter-drug patrol in the Windward Passage, Caribbean Sea, and eastern Pacific Ocean.

Source :- https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/spain-makes-largest-ever-cocaine-bust-at-sea-after-intercepting-merchant-ship/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=spain-makes-largest-ever-cocaine-bust-at-sea-after-intercepting-merchant-ship

Source :- <https://www.war.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4381647/coast-guard-cutter-alert-returns-home-after-seizing-more-than-18-million-in-nar/>



IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Malaysia	01

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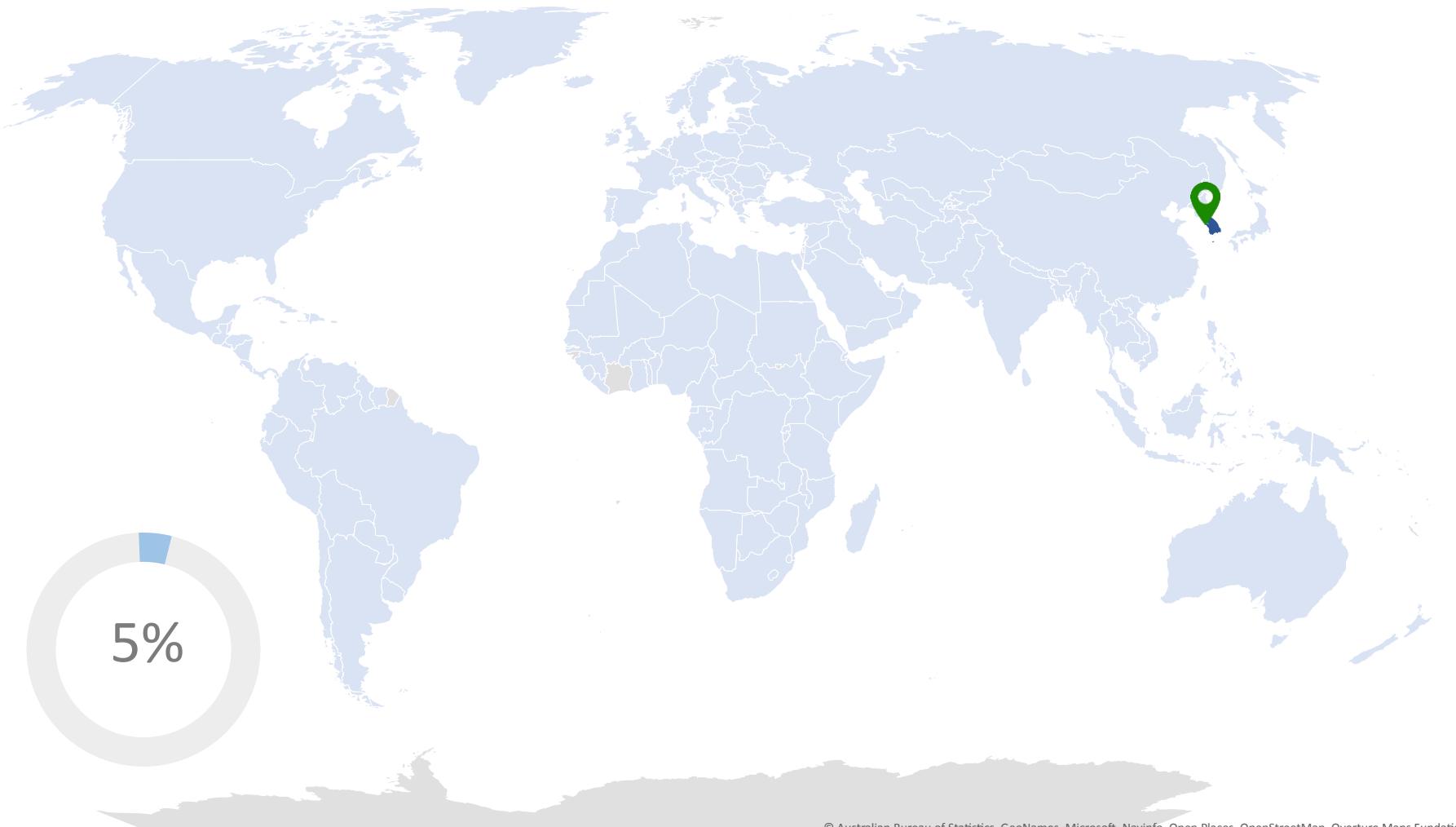
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.11	Malaysia	Selangor	Human smuggling by sea	Boat	inspection of a vessel operated by an Indonesian skipper and two crew members, who were aged between 35 to 59. The vessel carried 27 illegal immigrants, comprising 20 men and seven women aged 22 to 70, all lacking valid identification documents.

Source :- <https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2026/01/1354416/mmea-intercepts-local-fishing-boat-carrying-27-illegal-immigrants?source=widget>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
South Korea	01

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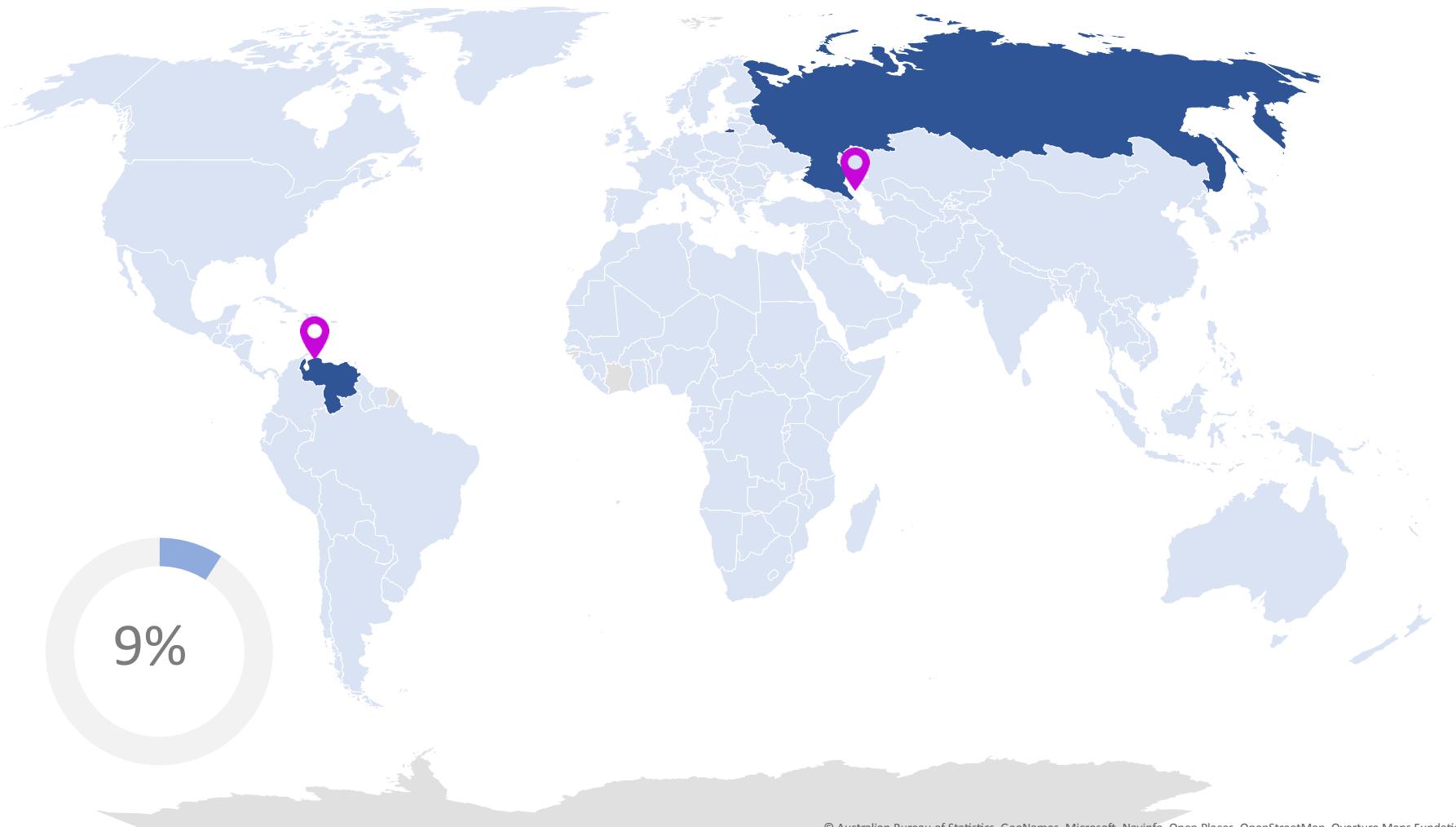
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2026.01.15	South Korea	Incheon, Pyeongtaek, Taean and Boryeong Sea Areas	Shipwreck Debris	-	Pollutants released increased by 6,300 liters (40.6%) to a total of 21,800 liters compared to the previous year.

Source :- <https://cm.asiae.co.kr/en/article/2026011515350876071>



OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
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Russia	01
Venezuela	01

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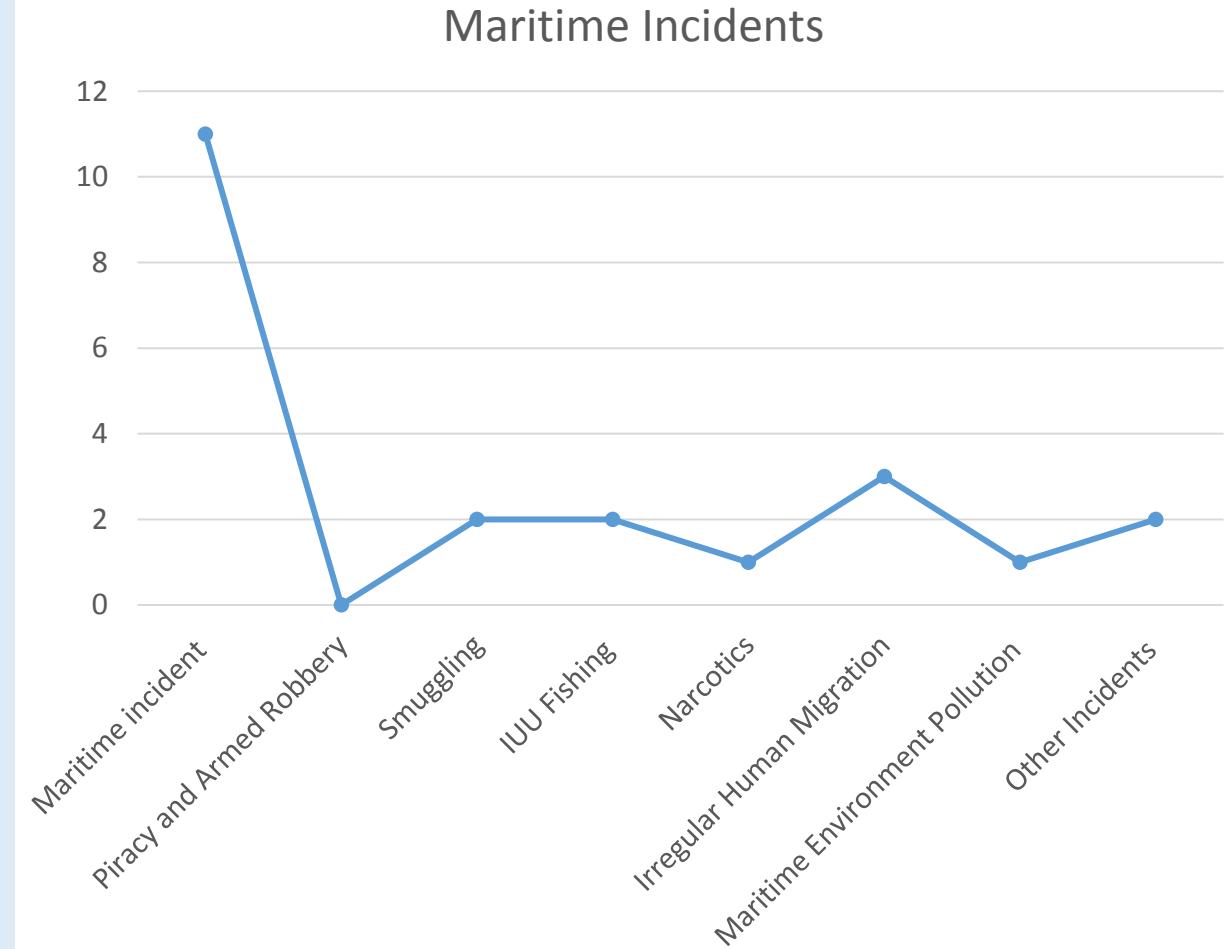
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2026.01.09	Venezuela	Caribbean Sea	Arrest	Name – OLINA IMO – 9282479 Type – Tanker	The vessel was secured without resistance and no injuries were reported.
2026.01.11	Russian	Caspian Sea	Drone strike	-	Local authorities reported one death and at least four injuries from a significant drone attack on the city. Regional Governor Alexander Gusev indicated that Russian air defenses intercepted 17 drones making this one of the largest attacks since the war began.

Source :- <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12617/us-intercepts-fifth-oil-tanker-linked-to-venezuelan-exports>

Source :- https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/ukraine-carries-out-drone-strikes-on-three-russian-oil-rigs-in-caspian-sea/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=ukraine-carries-out-drone-strikes-on-three-russian-oil-rigs-in-caspian-sea

WEEKLY ANALYSIS

- The week's report highlights ongoing global maritime security issues, especially concerning piracy, armed robbery, and illegal fishing activities. There is a notable increase in piracy related incidents, especially in the Gulf of Guinea and Southeast Asia. Despite improvements in smuggling related incidents, narcotics trafficking remains a significant concern with large scale operations targeting both cargo vessels and coastal areas
- The report also underscores the challenges in human migration through maritime routes with ongoing human trafficking activities, which require strengthened regional cooperation
- Despite some pollution incidents, the report shows a relatively low number of environmental impacts, which is a positive note for the maritime domain
- In conclusion, the key areas for attention are:
 - ✓ Strengthening anti-piracy measures in vulnerable regions like the Gulf of Guinea and Southeast Asia
 - ✓ Enhancing cooperation to combat illegal fishing and narcotics trafficking
 - ✓ Addressing the challenges posed by irregular human migration through more robust border control measures and collaboration





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