

WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 03

From 2026.01.19 TO 2026.01.25

SUMMERY OF THE WEEK 03

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



- Maritime incident :- 09
- Piracy and Armed Robbery :- 00
- Smuggling :- 01
- IUU Fishing :- 01
- Narcotics :- 01
- Irregular Human Migration :- 03
- Maritime Environment Pollution :- 00
- Other Incidents :- 01

Total Maritime Incidents 16

Global Weather Incident



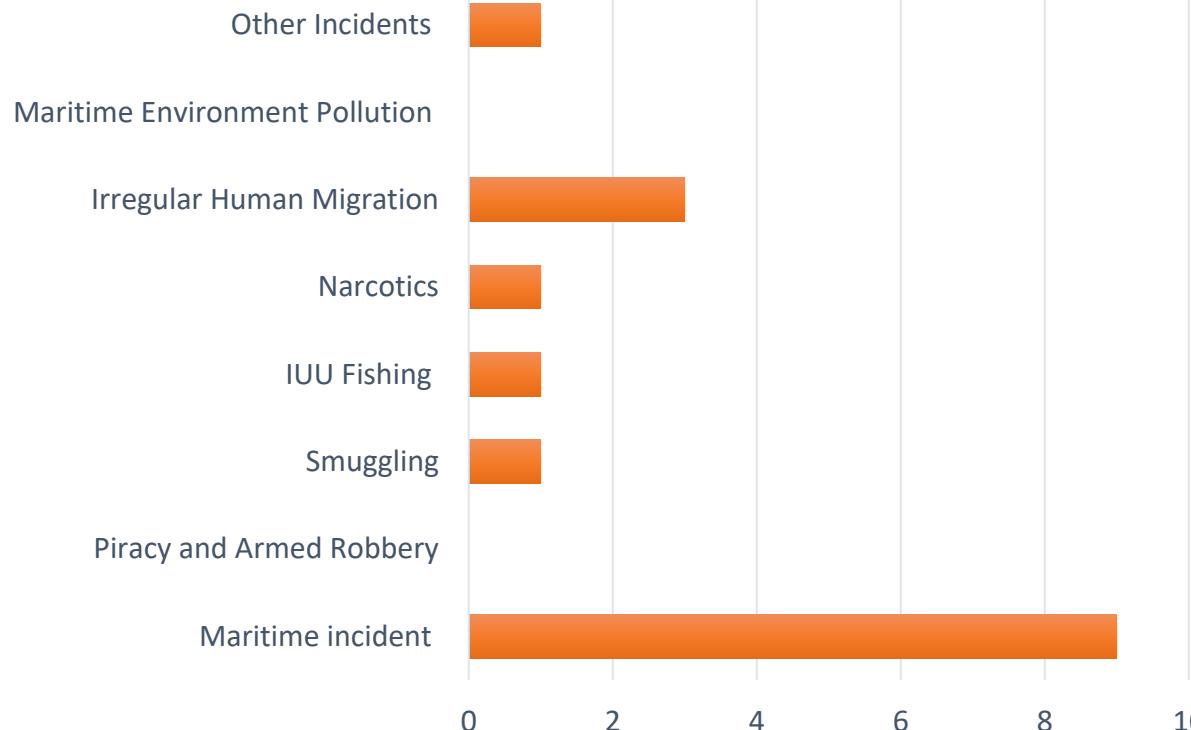
- Tropical Cyclone :- 02
- Earthquake :- 08

Total Weather Incidents 02

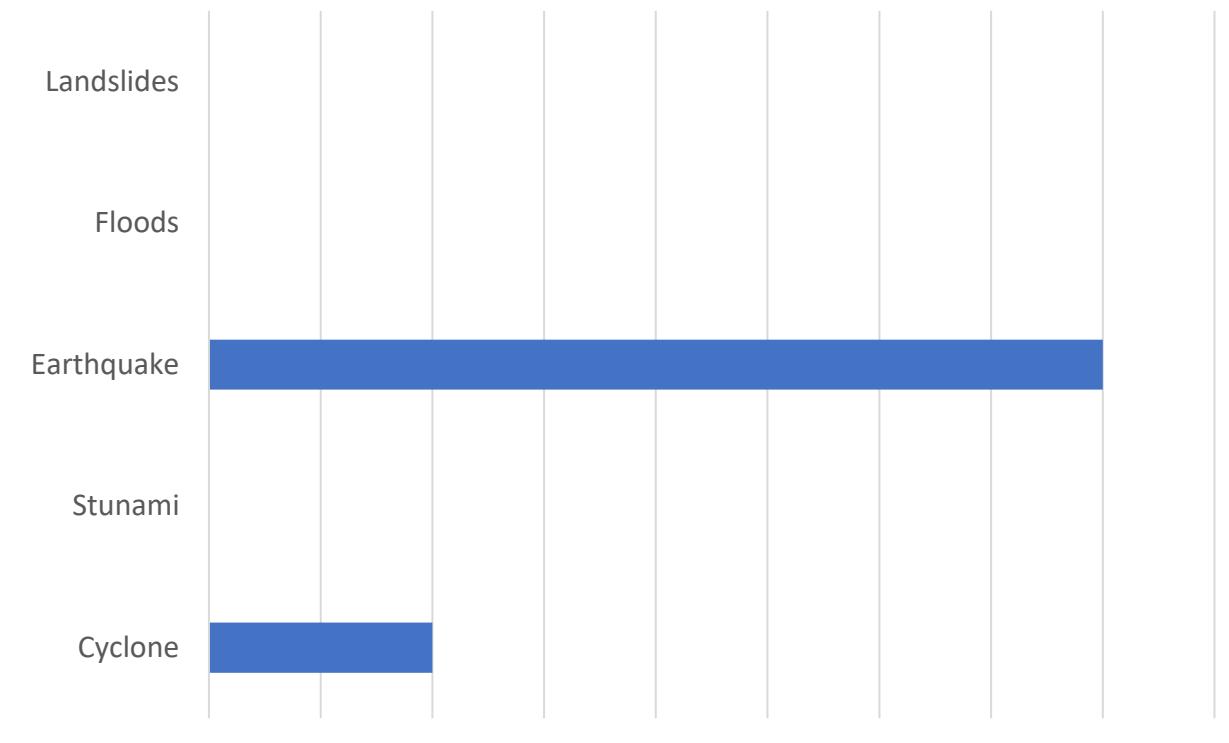


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Maritime Incidents

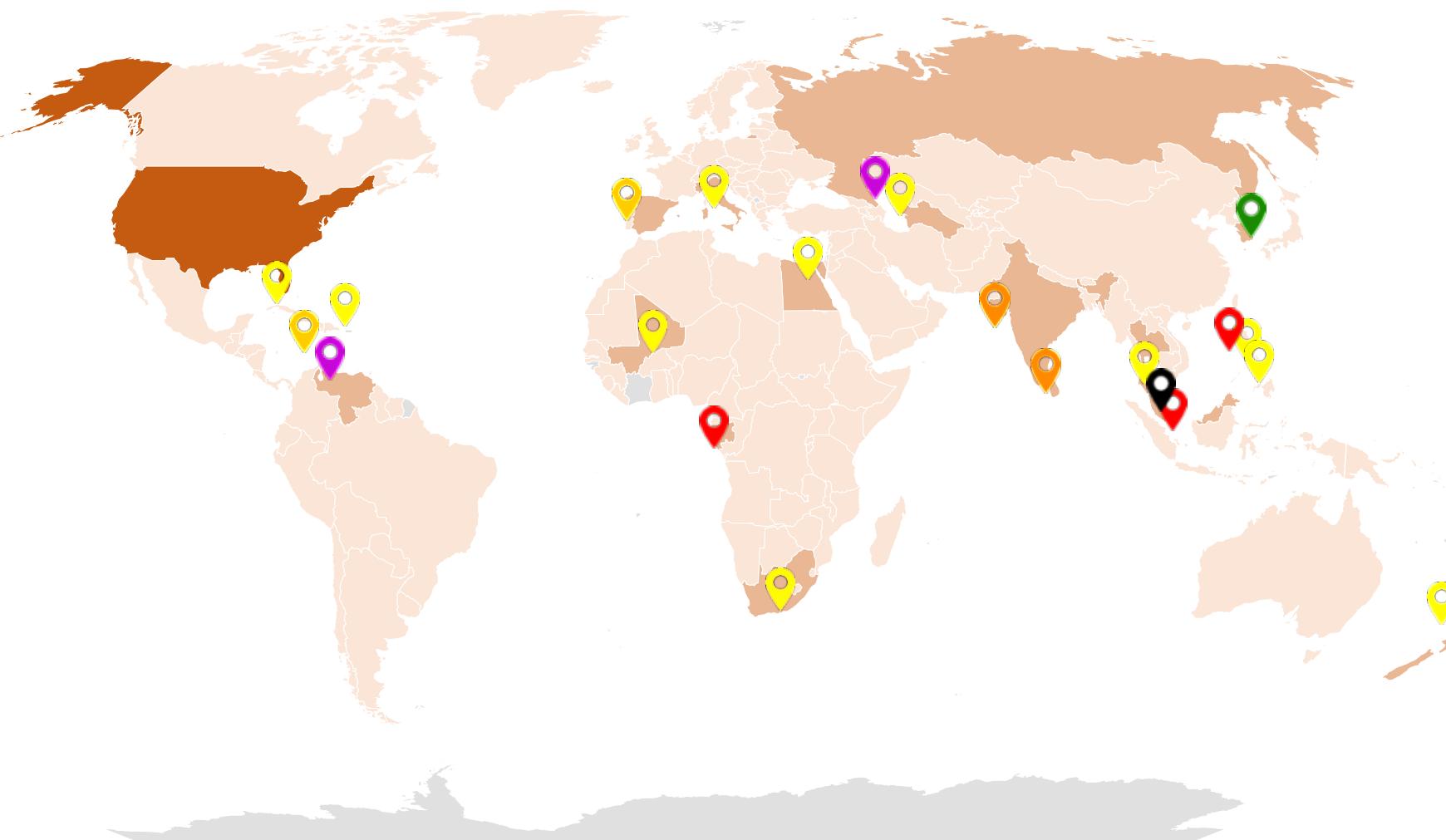


Weather Incidents





STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	09
Piracy & Armed Robbery	00
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Environment Pollution	00
Other	01

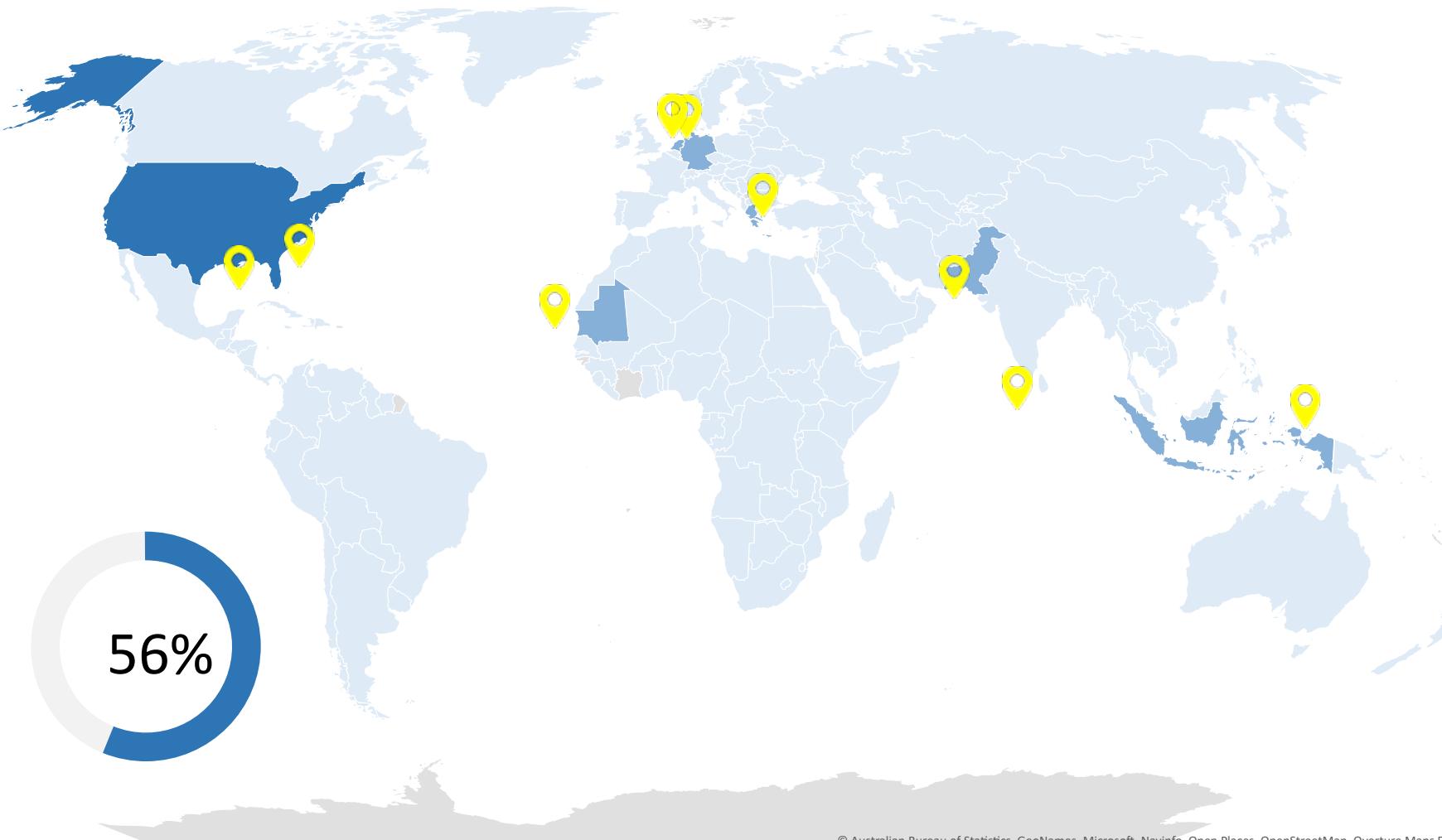
Total Incidents

16

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Greece	01
Germany	01
Indonesia	01
Mauritania	01
Maldives	01
Netherlands	01
Pakistan	01
United States	02

56%

Total Incidents

09

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.16	Pakistan	Karachi port	Fire / Explosion	-	The KPT team managed the firefighting operation, successfully controlling the fire, with no reported loss of life.
2026.01.17	Indonesia	Sulawesi Island	Rescue Operations	Aircraft ATR 42-500	The aircraft that disappeared during cloudy conditions was last tracked on Saturday, leading to the subsequent discovery of its location.
2026.01.17	Greece	Port of naxos	Aground	Name: TALOS Type: Cargo IMO: 7043843	The vessel, struggling against adverse weather and strong winds, attempted to berth at the port but struck the central pier during mooring ultimately anchoring southwest of Naxos.
2026.01.17	Mauritania	Mauritanian waters	capsized	Yaye Fatou Ndiaye	Six fishermen have been rescued four have been treated and released from hospitals, while two are still under observation. Two others are missing, prompting the ministry to coordinate ongoing search operations.
2026.01.17	USA	Umatilla Marina	Fire	-	All three burned boats sank despite firefighting efforts. Umatilla Public Works officials used containment booms to prevent the spread of hazardous materials like fuel from the vessels.
2026.01.18	Maldives	Kaafu atoll	capsized	Name - Balma-6	MNDF are continuing the search for the foreigner, who still remains missing.
2026.01.19	Germany	Port of Emden	Fire / Explosion	Name-CSL Thames Flag –Malta Type -bulk carrier	Local media said that the incident did not result in any injuries or pollution.

Source :- <https://www.dawn.com/news/amp/1967502>

Source :- <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/business/3773734-indonesian-rescuers-find-aircraft-wreckage-on-sulawesi?amp>

Source :- <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12631/greek-flagged-cargo-vessel-grounds-at-naxos-port-no-injuries>

Source :- https://www.seneweb.com/en/news/Societe/drame-en-mer-une-pirogue-de-saint-louis-chavire-en-eaux-mauritanienes-4-pecheurs-portes-disparus_n_480808.html

Source :- https://www.applevalleynewsonline.com/news/fire-sinks-three-boats-at-umatilla-marina/article_58703e7a-37f6-416a-be22-dc2ac01de5d8.html

Source :- <https://edition.mv/news/47549>

Source :- <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/accidents/fire-ignites-on-bulk-carrier-in-germanys-emden-port>



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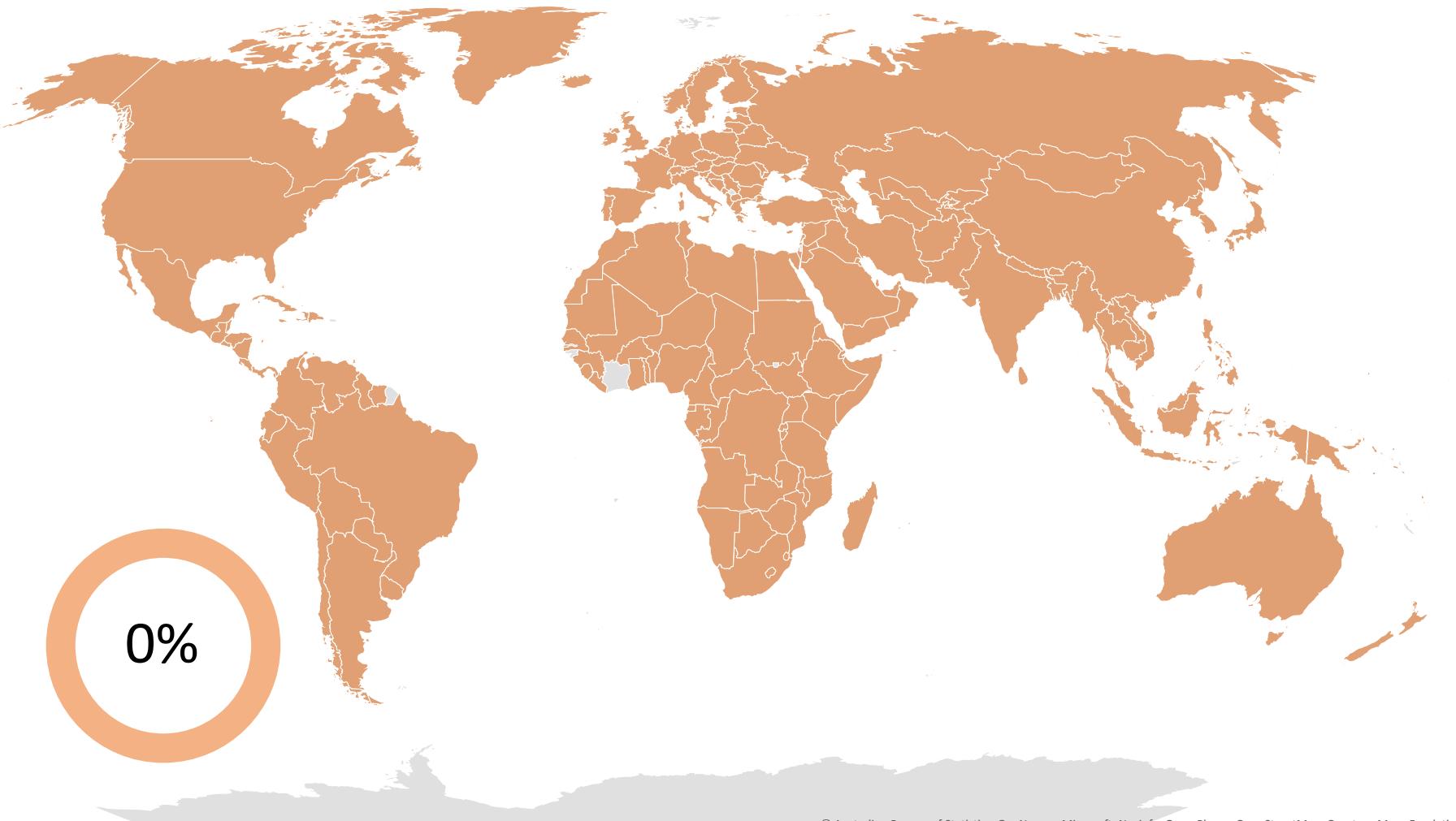
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2026.01.20	USA	Blue Lagoon Island	Capsizing / Sinking	-	Two individuals from over 100 aboard were hospitalized after a boat capsized while the remaining passengers and crew all wearing life vests were successfully rescued.
2026.01.21	Netherlands	Waal River	Collision	Name- MONIKA DEYMAN Type - Cargo Name- NADUAH Type - Tanker	Both vessels were subsequently towed to the overnight harbour in Haften.

Source :- <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12639/collision-damages-inland-vessels-on-waal-river-netherlands>

Source :- <https://www.aol.com/american-woman-killed-tour-boat-015320274.html>



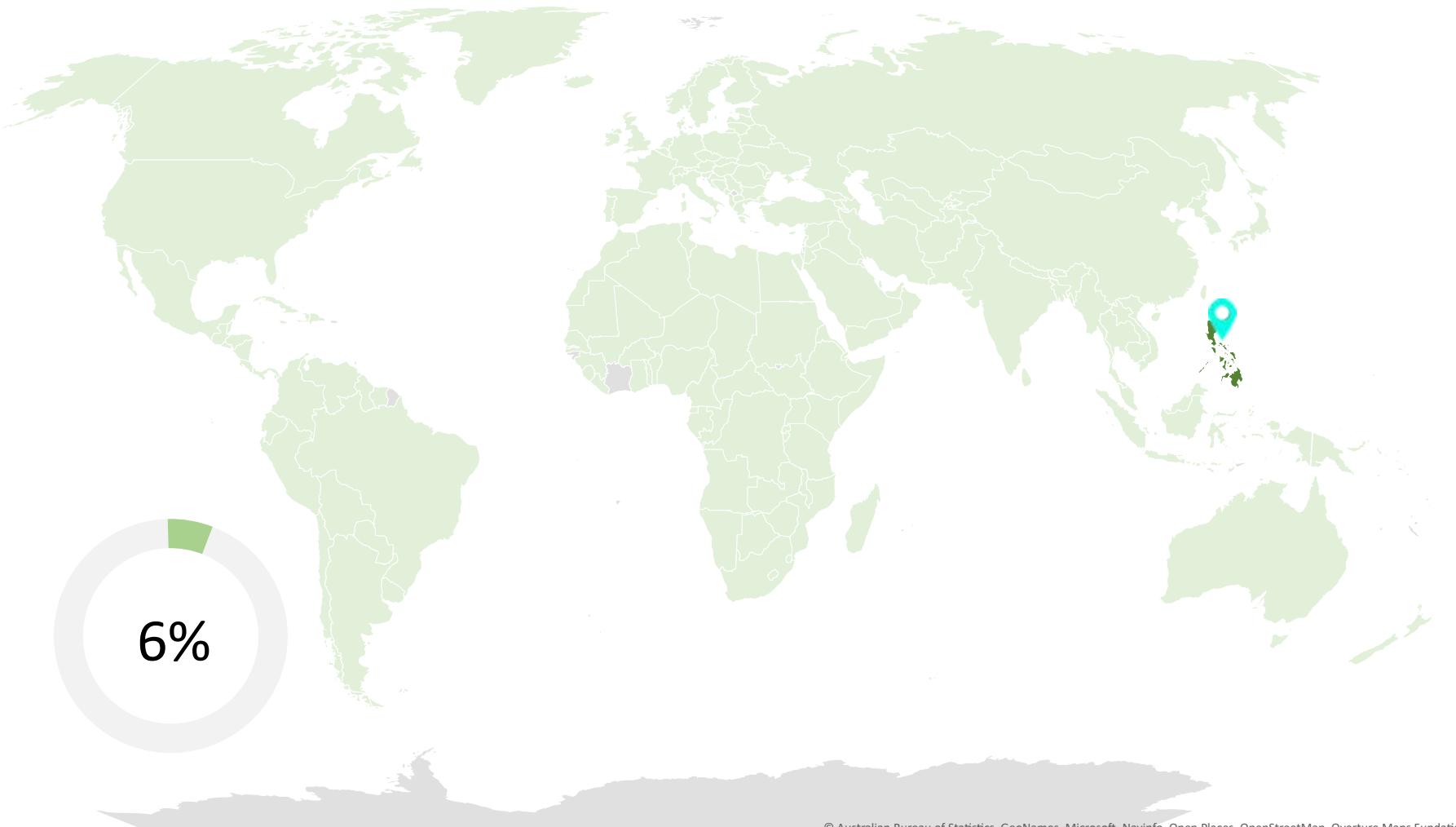
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



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SMUGGLING



COUNTRY / REGION	NO
Philippine	01

6%

Total Incidents

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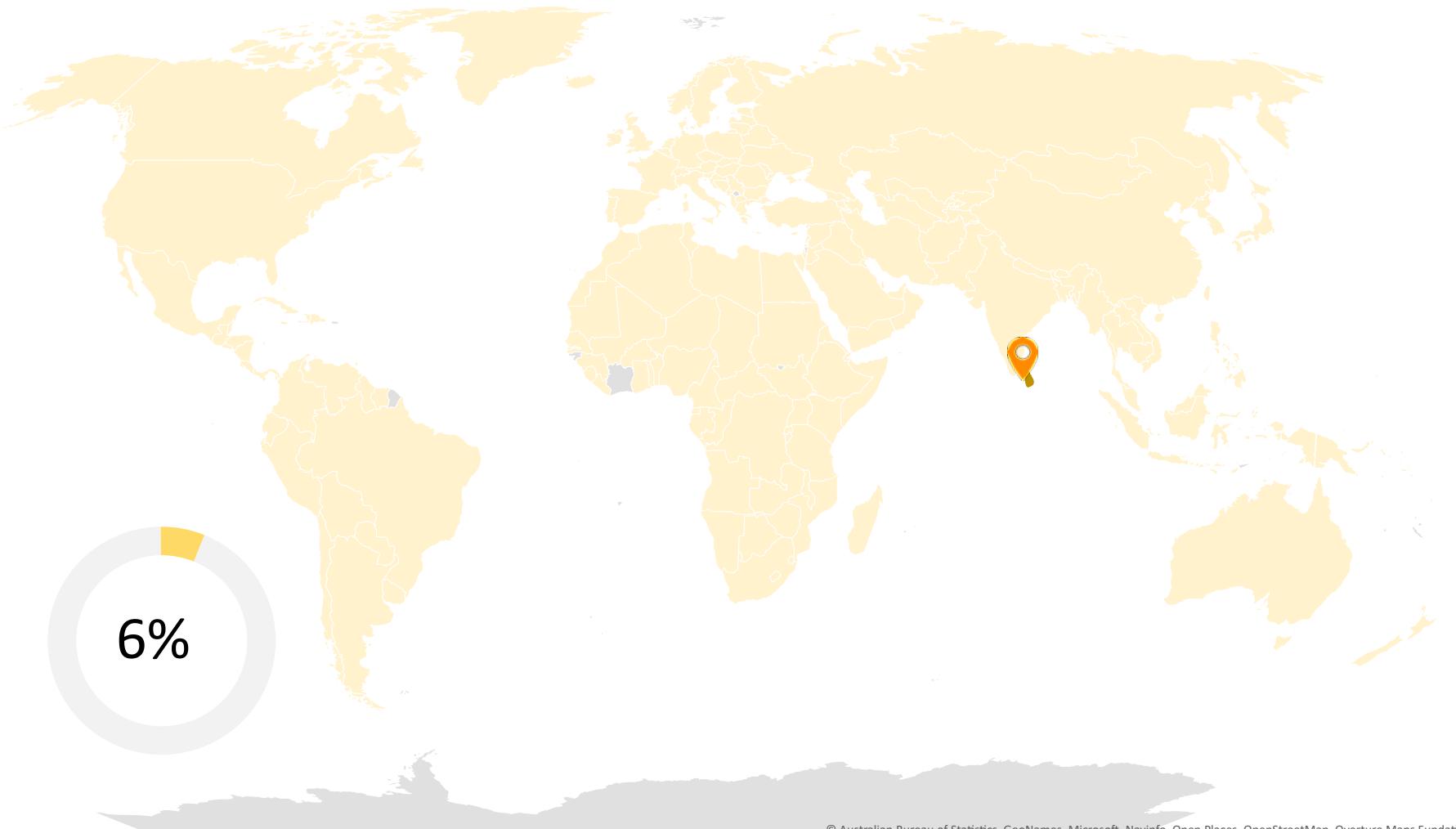
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.19	Philippines	Northwest Of Pantukan	Contraband Goods Smuggling	-	The vessel had 13 crew members and was transporting cigarettes from Jolo, Sulu, for distribution to nearby towns via small motor bancas.

Source :- <https://www.gmanetwork.com/regionaltv/news/112474/p44m-alleged-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-off-davao-de-oro/story/>



IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Sri Lanka	01

Total Incidents

01

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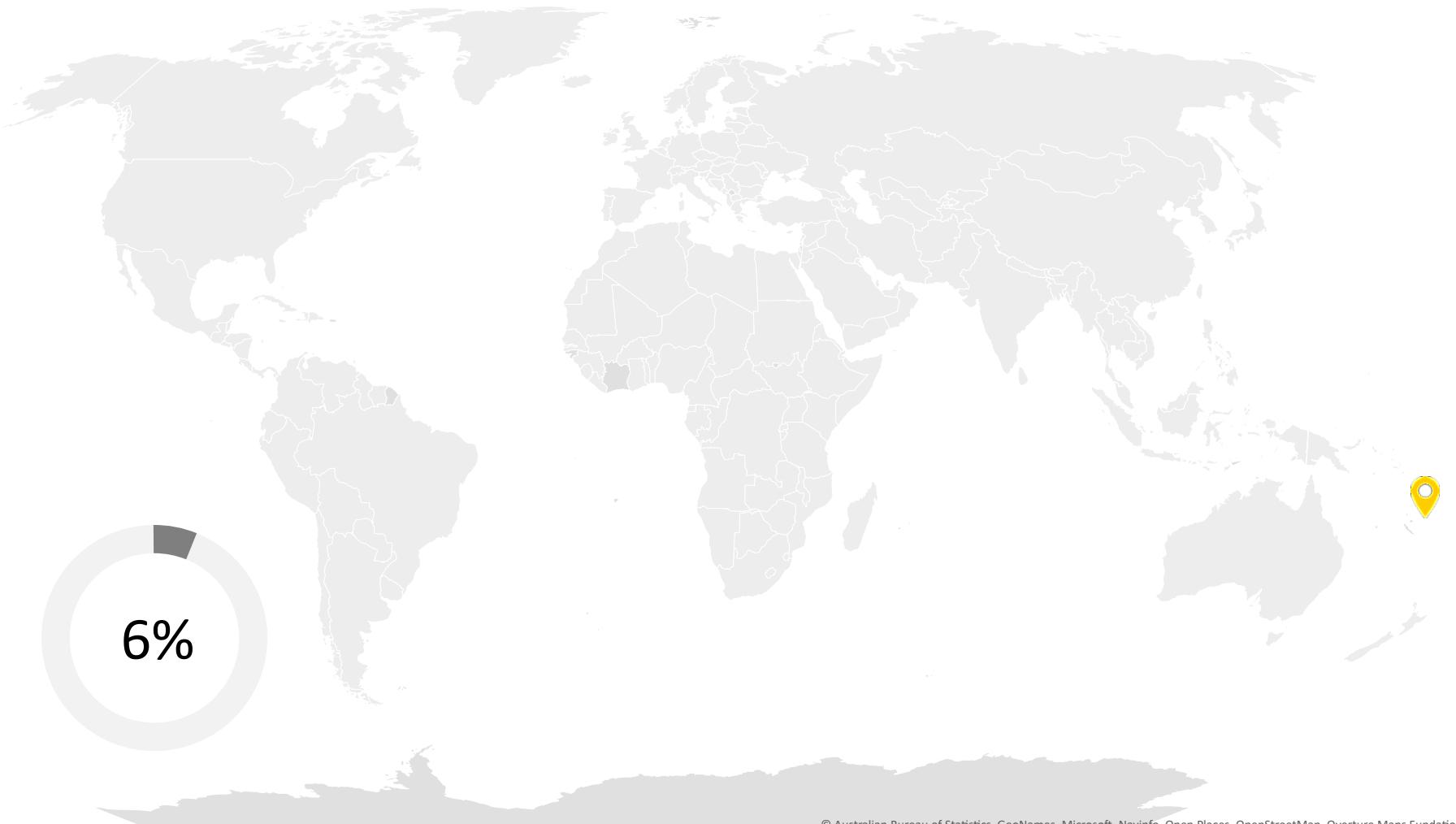
IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.20	Sri Lanka	Near Neduntheevu Island	Illegal Fishing In Protected Areas	Fishing Boats	Officials reported that fishermen left the Kodiakarai coast near Vedaranyam around 1400 hrs on Tuesday in two fibre boats and were intercepted near Neduntheevu around 2200 hrs.

Source :- <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1304238>



NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
French Polynesia	01

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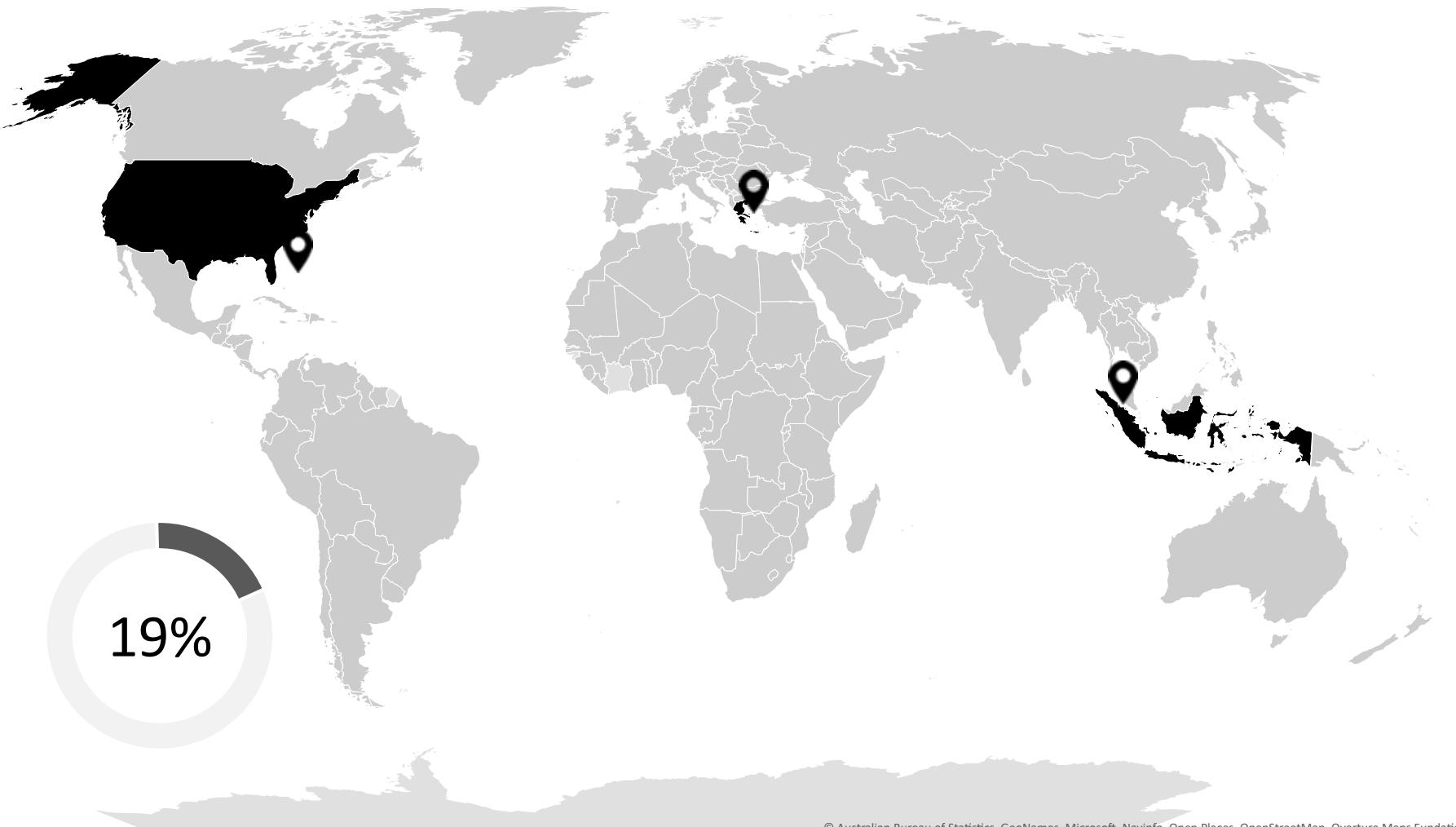
NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.20	French Polynesia	South Pacific Ocean	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	ship sailing under Togo's flag	Australian Federal Police commander Stephen Jay announced that police personnel in the Pacific, along with Taskforce Thunder, will collaborate with French Polynesian authorities to identify individuals associated with a recent seizure.

Source :- <https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/french-polynesian-police-seize-cocaine-bound-for-australia/106251550>



IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Greece	01
Indonesia	01
United States	01

Total Incidents

03

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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.17	USA	Near San Diego Coast	Detention Of Migrants	Cuddy Cabin Vessel	Nine individuals claiming Mexican nationality were transported by the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security agency at Ballast Point.
2026.01.18	Greece	Gavdos Island	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	The coast guard reported that two men, aged 23 and 19 from South Somalia, were allegedly hired to navigate a vessel from Tobruk in eastern Libya to Gavdos, located off the southern coast of Crete..
2026.01.18	Indonesia	Eastern Indonesia (Papua)	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	According to the Immigration Office, migrants from China traveled to Jakarta and were subsequently flown to Merauke, Papua, before being smuggled by boat to Australia.

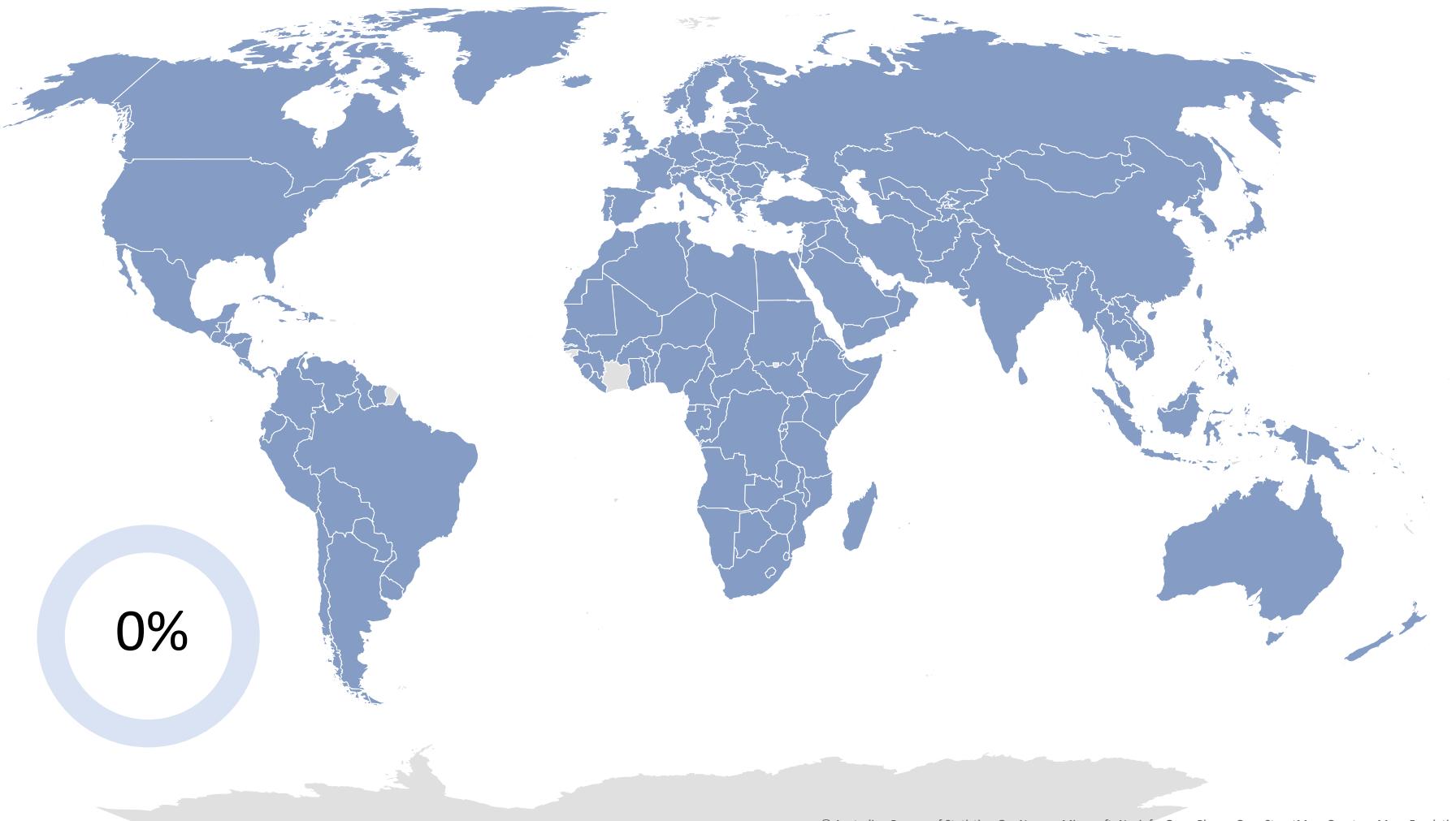
Source :- <https://fox5sandiego.com/news/local-news/san-diego/undocumented-migrants-detained-coast-guard/>

Source :- <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1292764/79-migrants-reach-southern-gavdos-island-from-libya/>

Source :- <https://www.thebalitimes.com/headlines/indonesia-busts-australia-bound-chinese-human-smuggling-ring/>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

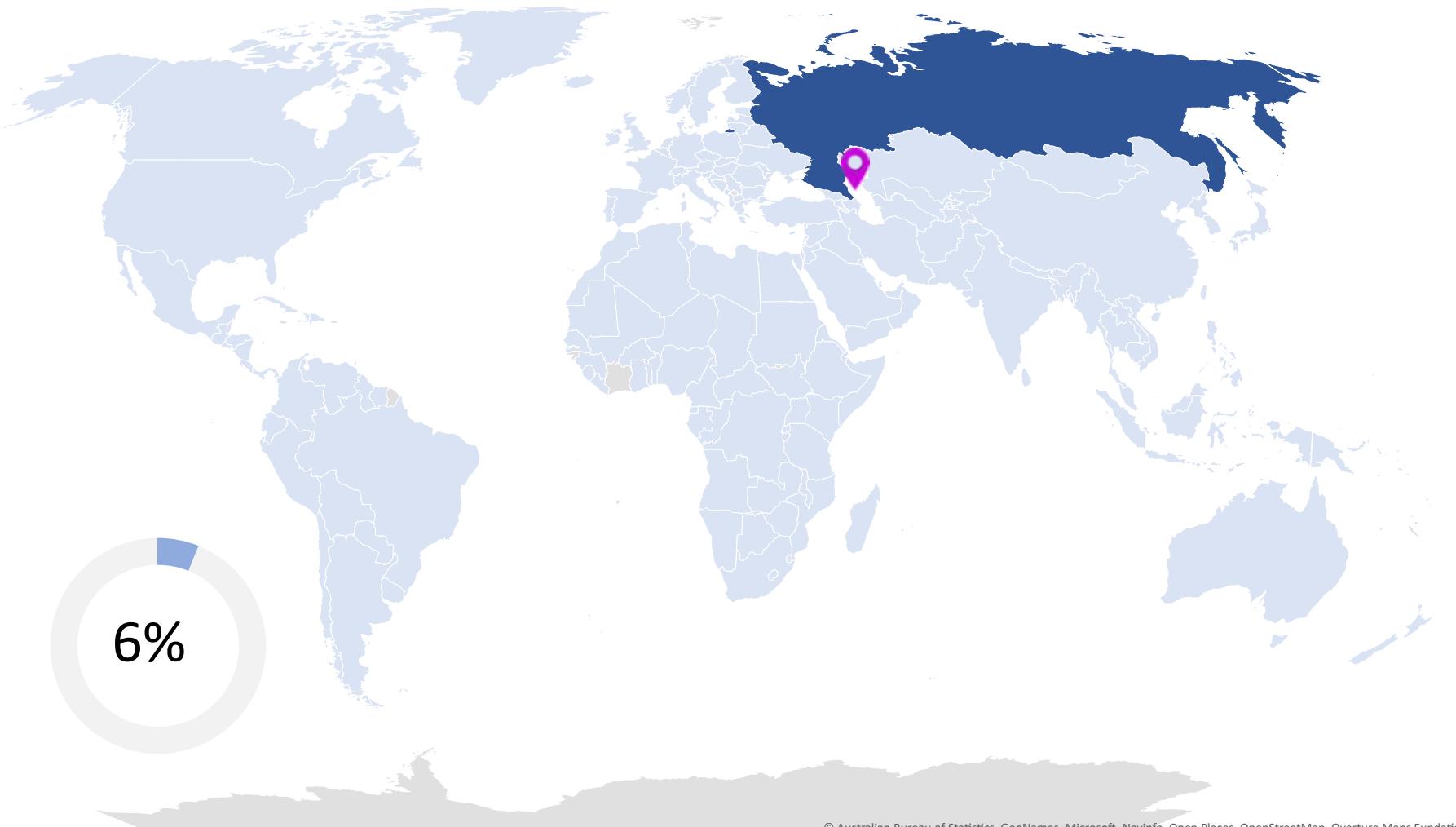


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OTHER



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Russia	01

Total Incidents

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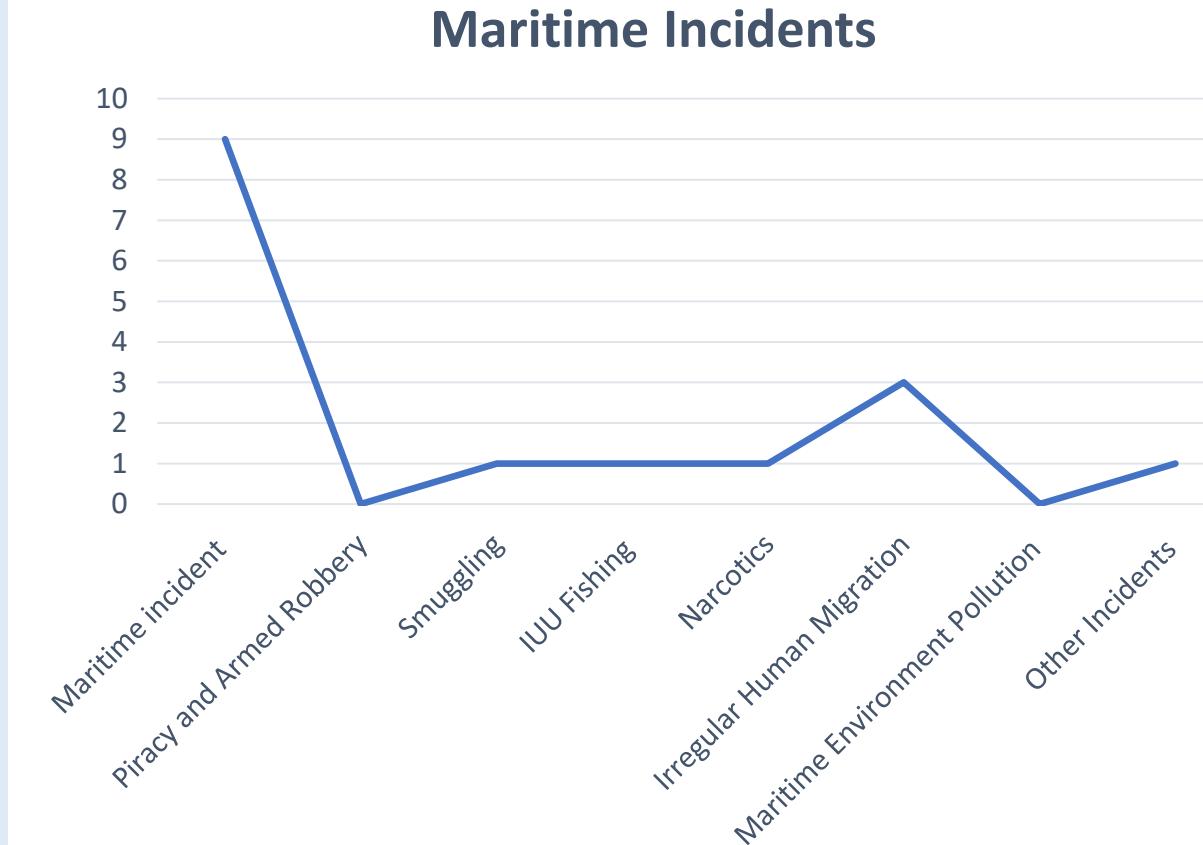
OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.18	Russia	Novorossiysk Port	Drone Attack	Name: AURELIA Type: Cargo IMO: 9121895	Damaged containers have been removed from the ship. Surveys are currently being conducted to assess the extent of the damage.

Source :- <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12632/container-vessel-aurelia-takes-refuge-in-samsun-port-after-d>

WEEKLY ANALYSIS

- Total reported incidents: 16, with significant issues in irregular human migration, smuggling, and IUU (illegal, unreported, and unregulated) fishing
- Stability noted in piracy and armed robbery incidents in high-risk regions
- Narcotic seizures, especially cocaine destined for Australia, highlight ongoing illicit trade
- Weather-related incidents and maritime accidents (vessel groundings, fires) signal the need for improved safety protocols
- No incidents of environmental pollution reported, but vigilance is necessary
- Highlights the importance of coordinated international efforts to tackle these





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