

WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 04

From 2026.01.26 TO 2026.02.01

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 04

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents

• Maritime incident	:-	08
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	00
• Smuggling	:-	00
• IUU Fishing	:-	00
• Narcotics	:-	01
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	01
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	00
• Other Incidents	:-	00

Total Maritime Incidents 10

Global Weather Incident

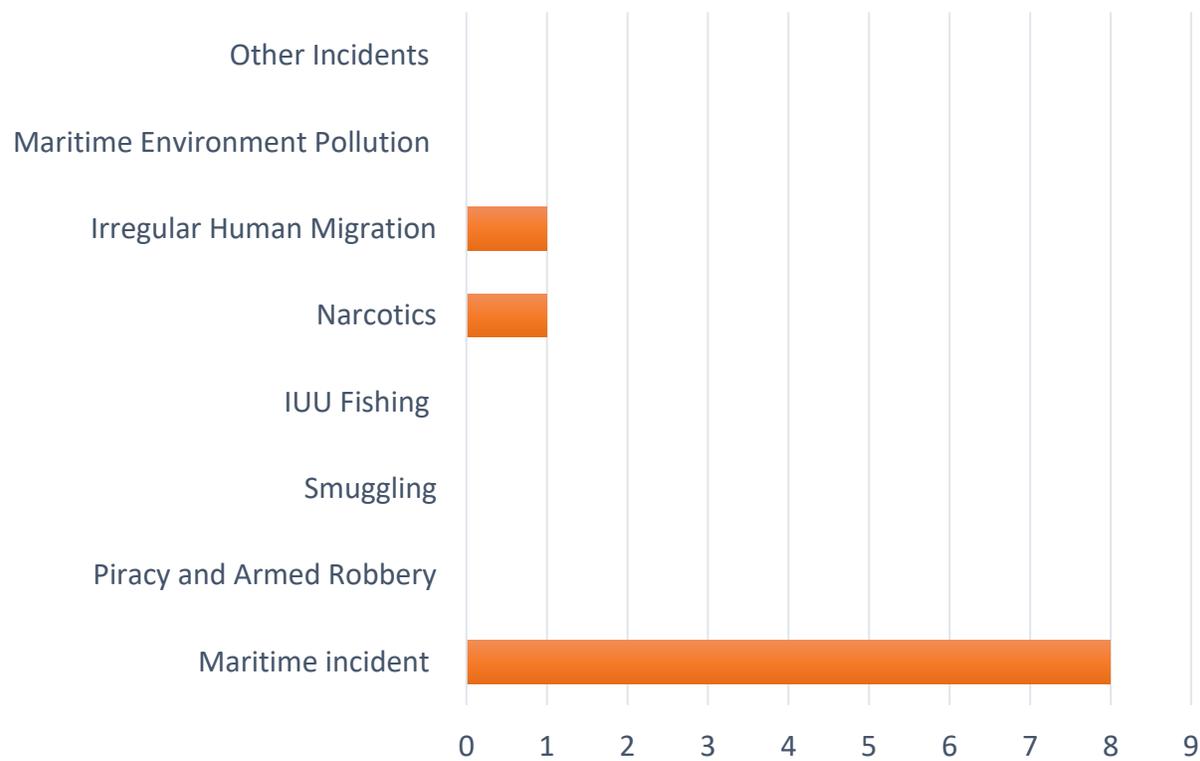
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	06
• Earthquake	:-	05

Total Weather Incidents 11

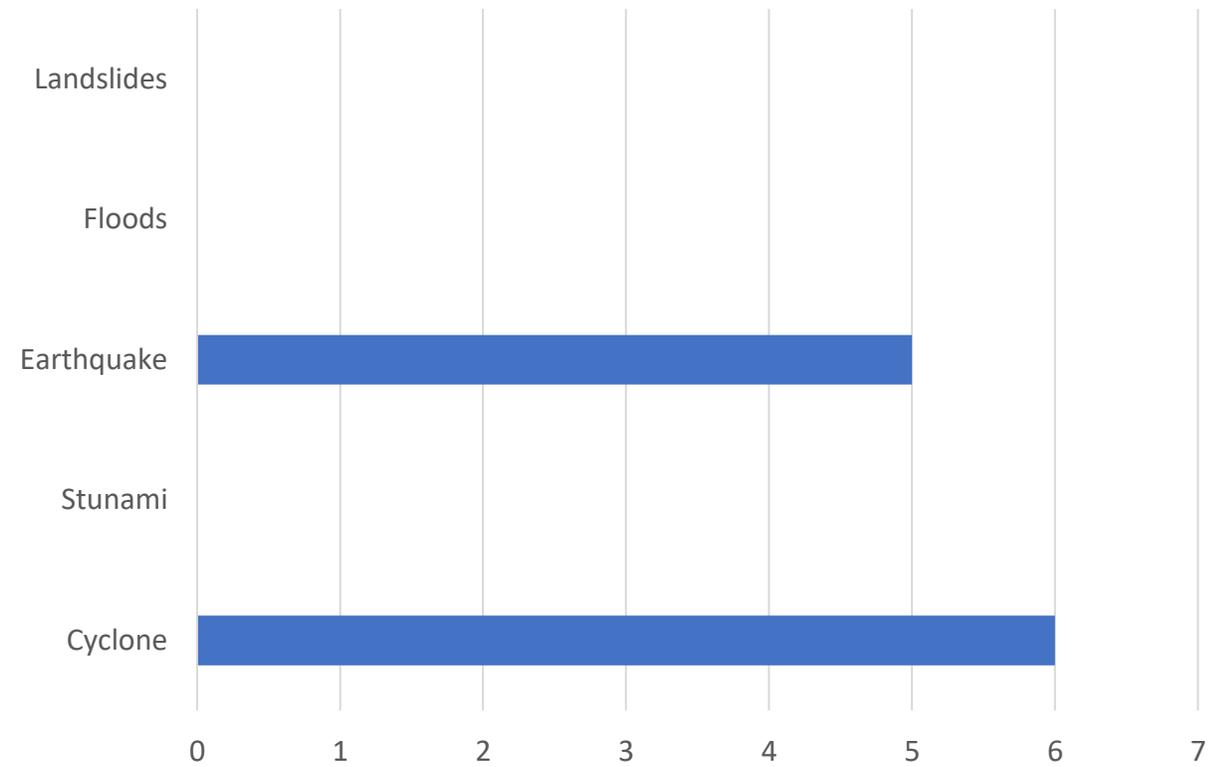


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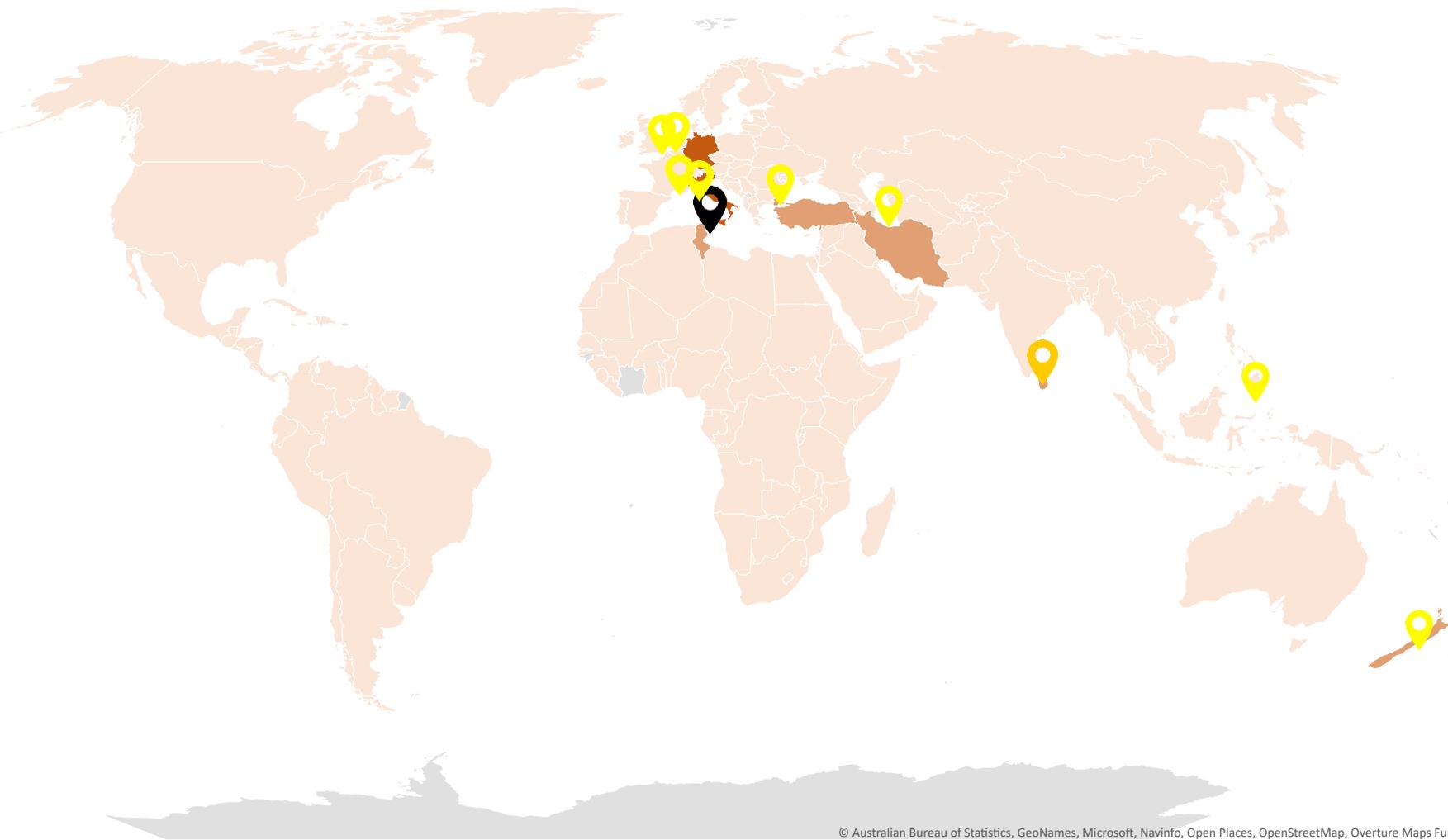
Maritime Incidents



Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	08
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	00
 Smuggling	00
 IUU Fishing	00
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Maritime Environment Pollution	00
 Other	00

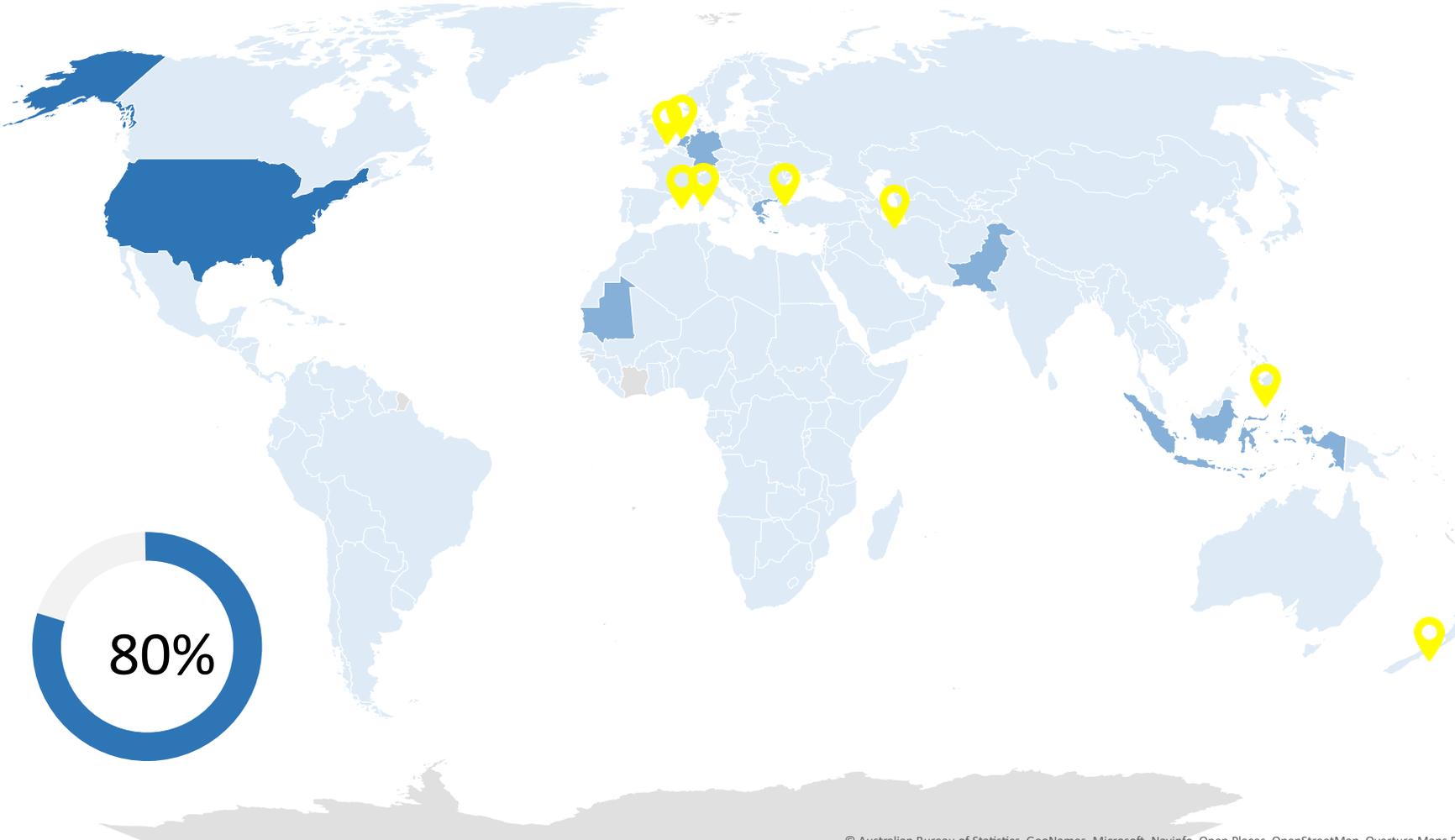
Total Incidents

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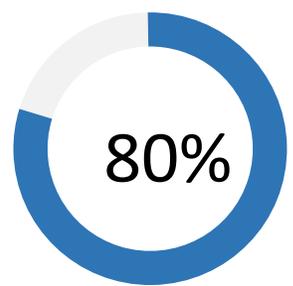
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MARITIME INCIDENTS



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Turkey	01
	Germany	02
	Philippines	01
	Italy	02
	Iran	01
	New Zealand	01



Total Incidents

08

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Turkey	Off Istanbul	Mechanical Failure	Name - Forester Type – Cargo IMO - 9003524	The vessel, while en route from İzmir to Russia, was towed by the tugboat Kurtarma.
2026.01.25	Germany	Elbe estuary	Crew Over Board	Name - Songa Pearl Type – Tanker IMO - 9444455	The search operation in the region was called off at 12:52 pm due to a lack of further indications, but authorities stated it would resume if new information arises.
2026.01.26	Philippines	Off Baluk Island	Capsize	Name - Trisha Kerstin 3 Type – Pleasure Craft MMSI - 915480313	The ferry Trisha Kerstin 3 capsized off Baluk Island in the southern Philippines, resulting in the deaths of 15 passengers..
2026.01.26	Germany	German Coast	Fire	Name - Thames Highway Type – Bahamas Flag - Vehicle Carrier	The incident involved a vessel that, after leaving the port of Emden, became disabled and anchored outside the fairway of the Ems estuary as a precaution due to loss of maneuverability.
2026.01.28	Italy	Coast of Sardinia	Mechanical Failure	Name - Blue Ocean A Type – Livestock Carrier Flag - Saint Kitts And Nevis	The livestock carrier faced severe weather with strong winds and high waves, drifting uncontrollably towards the rocky coastline.
2026.01.29	Iran	Caspian Sea	Rescue Operation	Name - Caspian Shiva Type – Cargo Flag - Iran	All 10 crew members are reported safe and uninjured.

Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12650/cargo-vessel-forester-suffers-engine-failure-off-istanbul-co>
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 Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12660/engine-failure-triggers-emergency-response-for-livestock-car>
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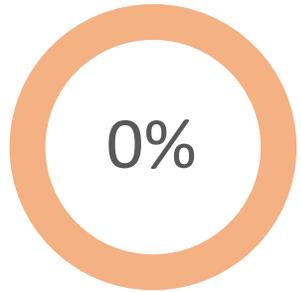
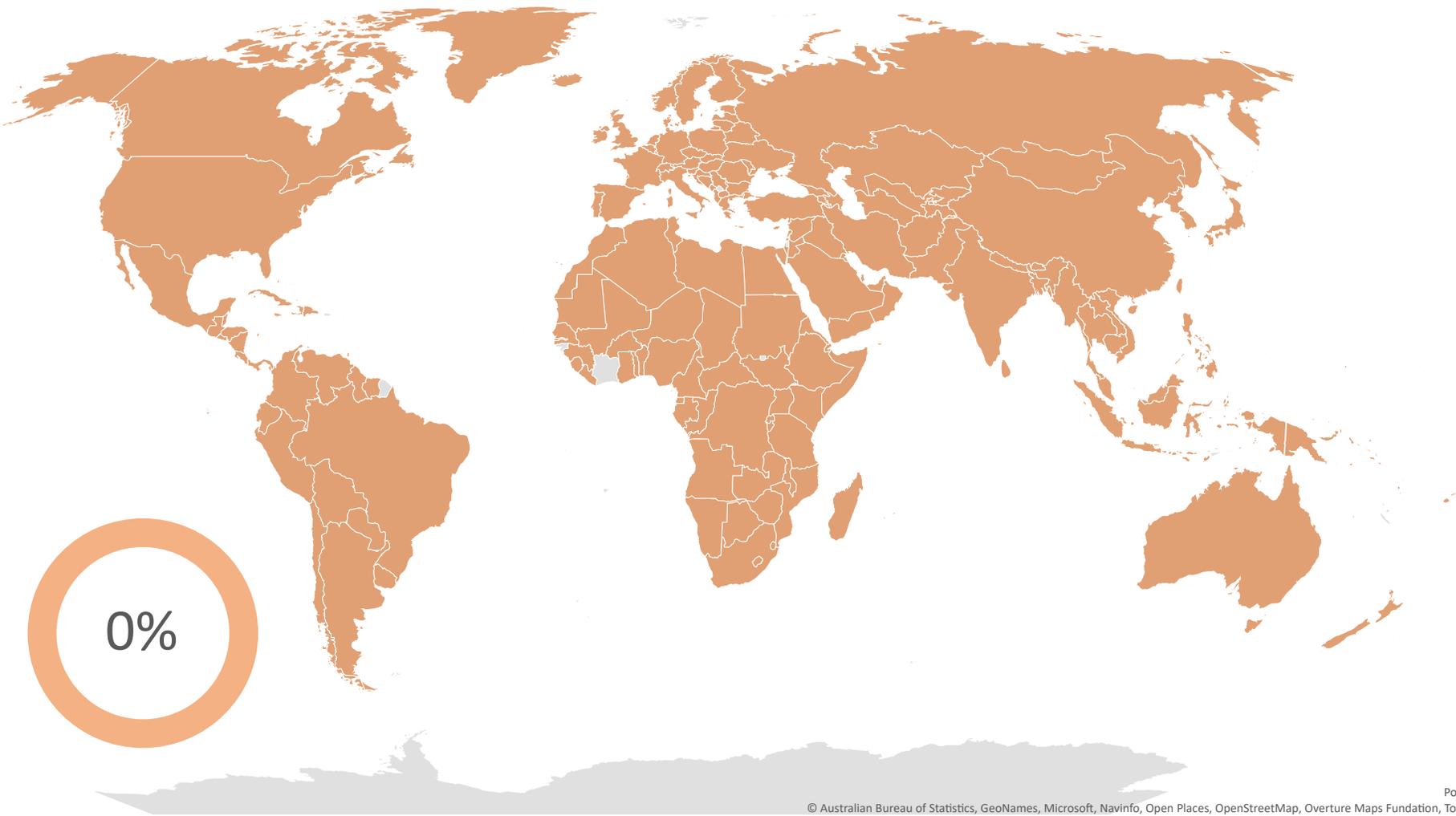
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2026.01.28	Italy	Coast of Sardinia	Engine Failure	Name - Blue Ocean A Type – Cargo Flag - Iran	Later in the night, the tug Vincenzino O. arrived and assisted the vessel to stabilise. The vessel is scheduled to be towed to the port of Sant'Antioco , escorted by a Coast Guard patrol vessel.
2026.01.31	New Zealand	Akaroa Harbor	SAR	-	The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) said it has opened an inquiry into the accident.

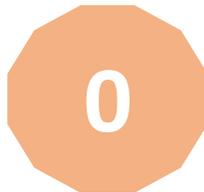
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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



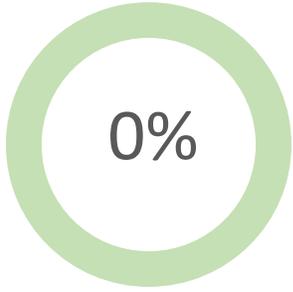
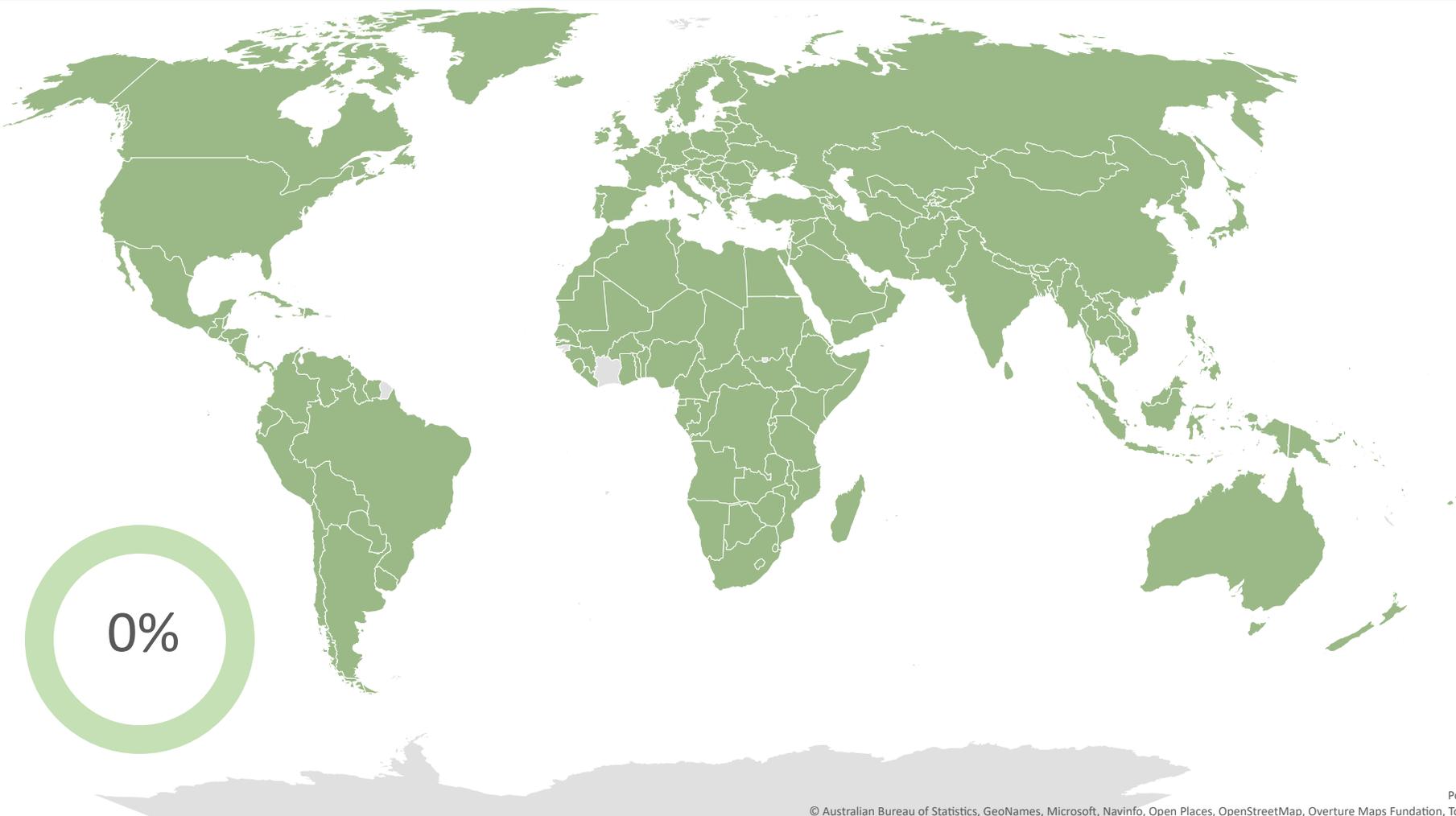
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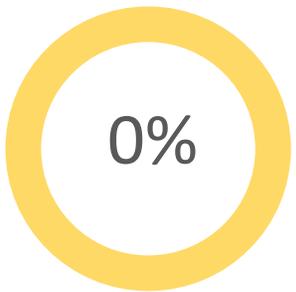
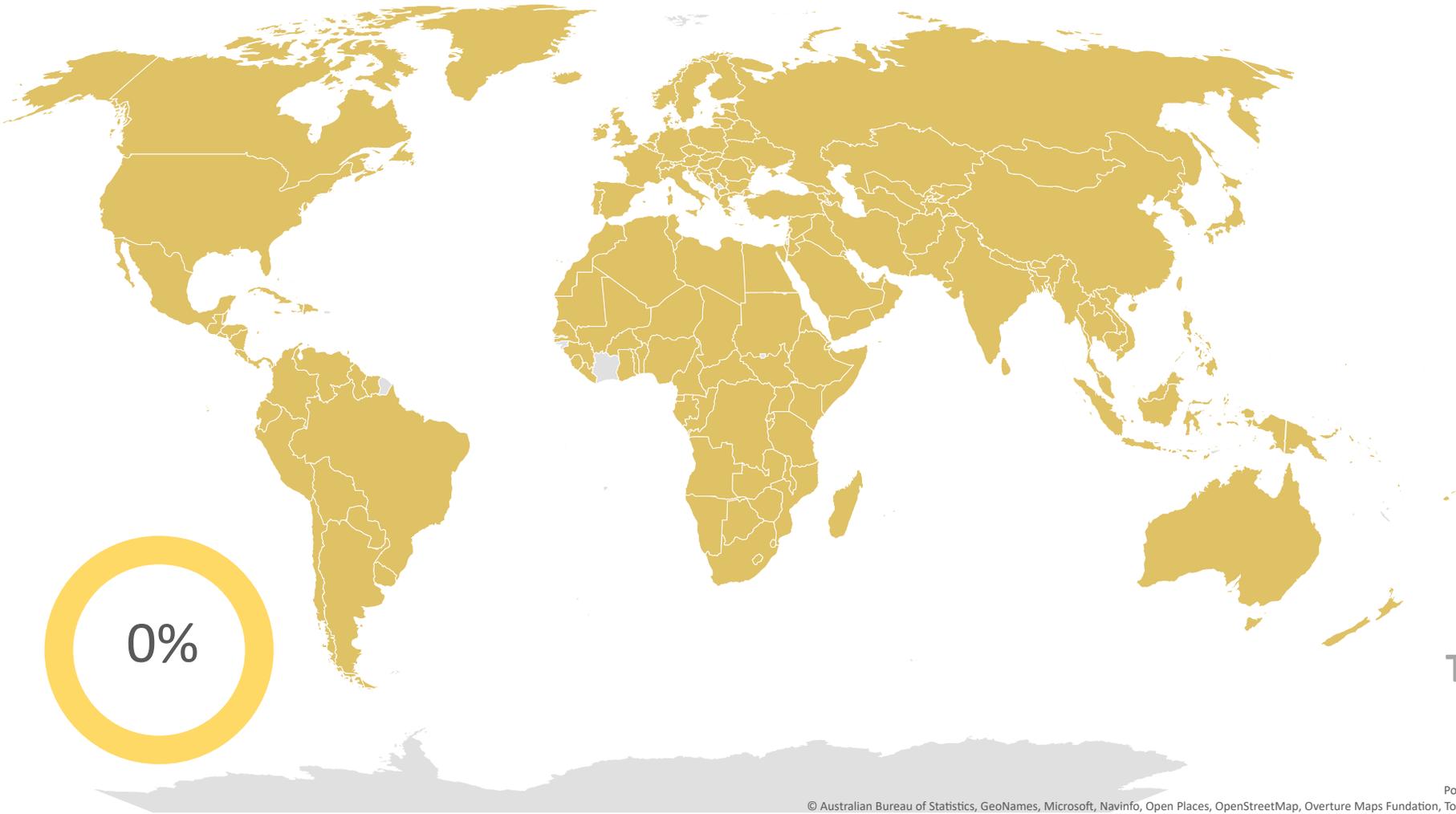
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IUU FISHING



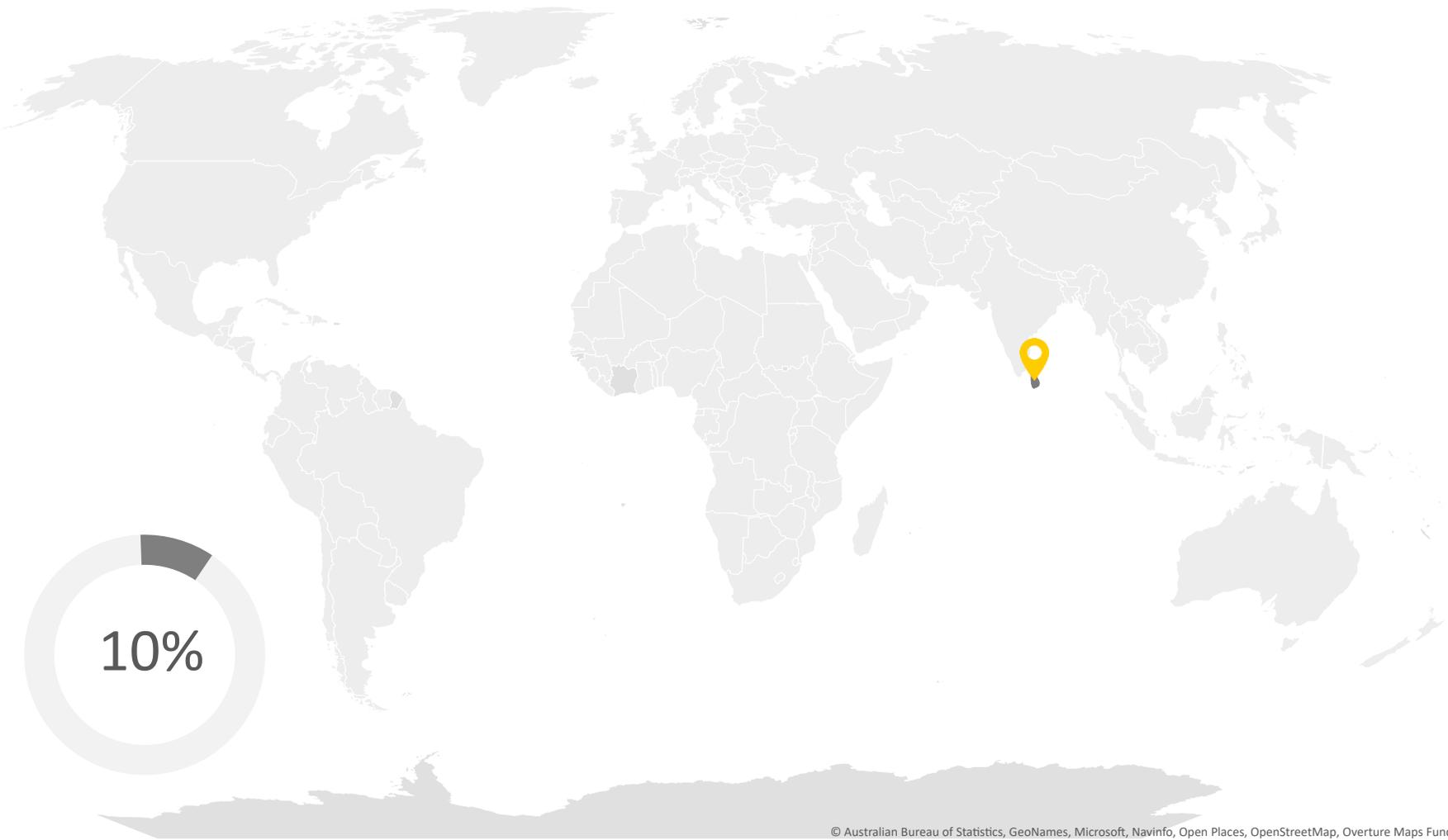
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NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Sri Lanka	01

Total Incidents

01

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NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Sri Lanka	South Sea Area	Seizure Of Narcotics	Two Fishing trawlers	On 25 January 2026, two intercepted fishing trawlers and fourteen sacks of suspected narcotics, along with the suspects, were brought to Dikovita Fisheries Harbour.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/26/202601260900/>



IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Tunisia	01

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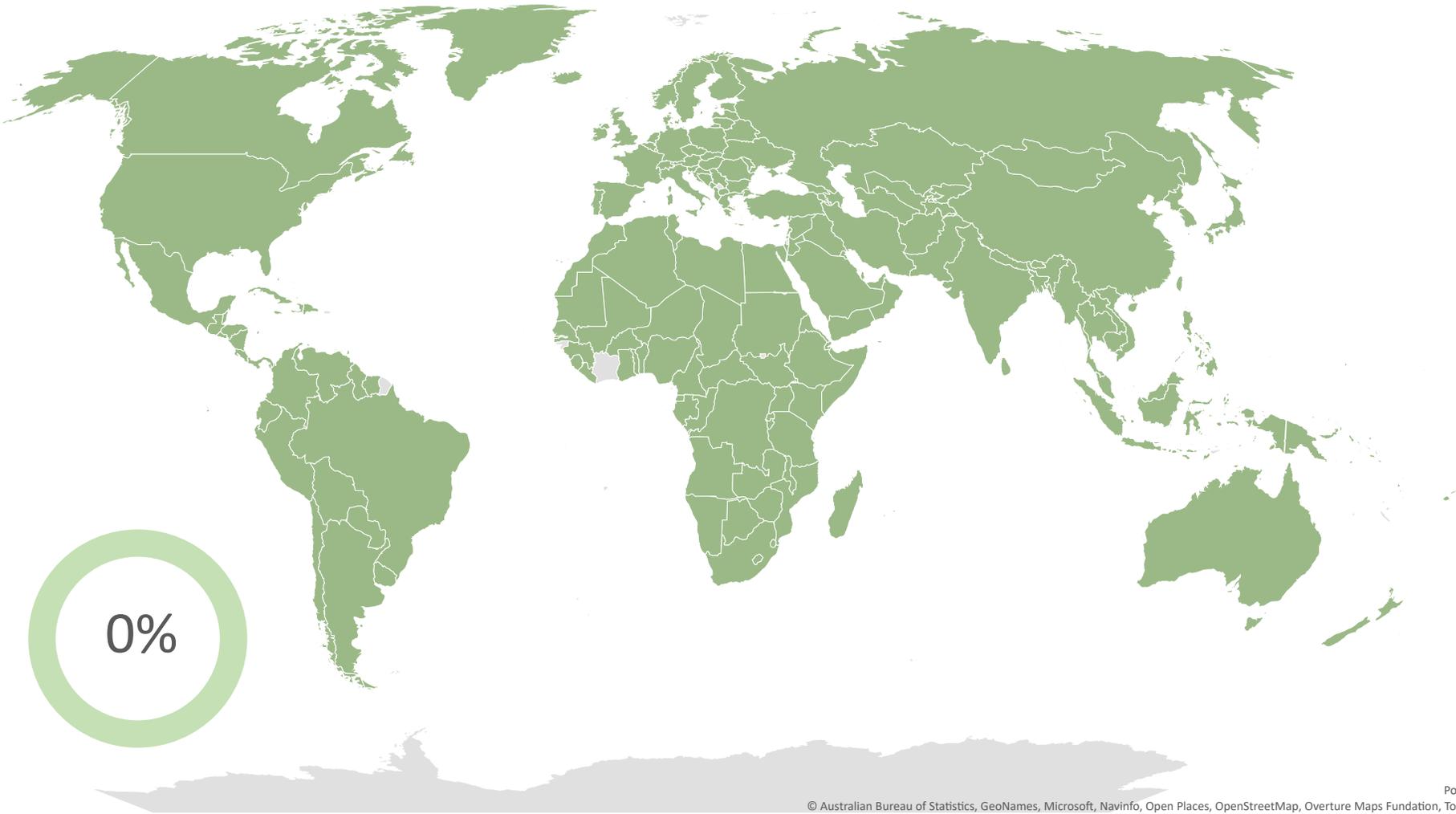
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

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2026.01.25	Tunisia	Mediterranean	Boat Capsizing	Migrate Boat	Last week, Alarm Phone reported approximately 150 people missing in the central Mediterranean.

Source -: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/around-50-dead-after-migrant-boat-sinks-in-mediterranean-report/381064>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



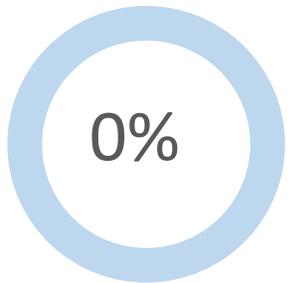
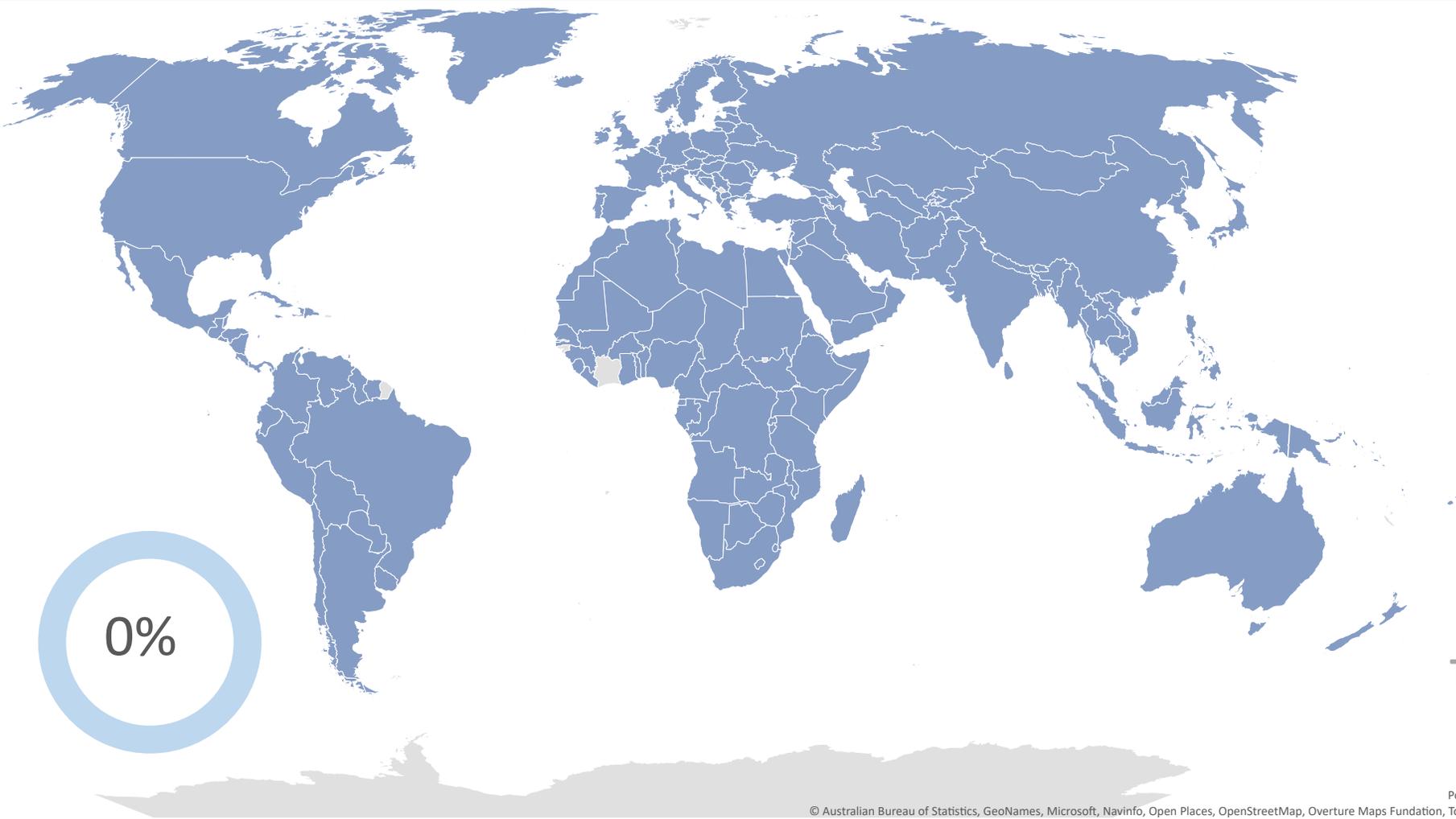
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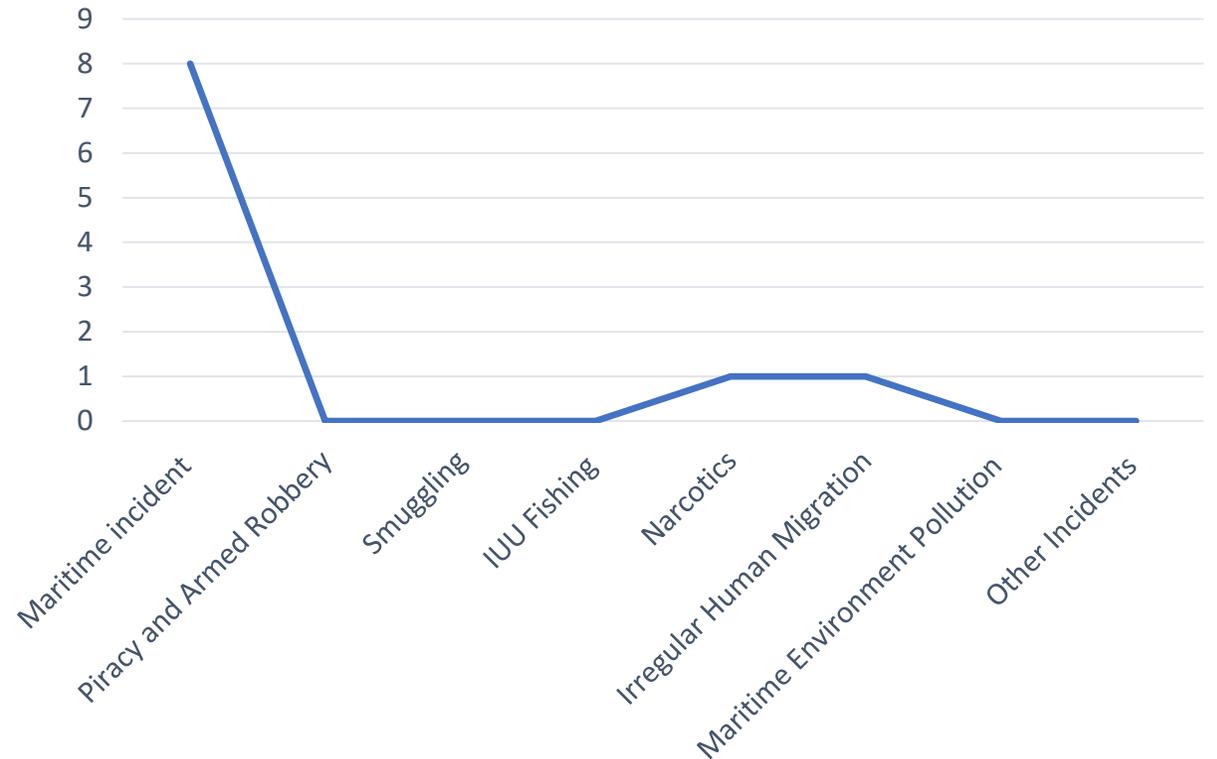
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

During the week 10 maritime incidents were reported. These included 8 maritime incidents, with notable events such as mechanical failures, capsizing, and crew overboard situations. A ferry capsizing in the Philippines resulted in 15 deaths, and Sri Lanka reported a narcotics seizure. Irregular human migration was marked by a boat capsizing off Tunisia, with 150 people missing. There were zero piracy and armed robbery incidents

Weather related incidents included 6 tropical cyclones and 5 earthquakes, which impacted maritime safety

Recommendations: include enhancing vessel maintenance, improving crew safety training, and enforcing IUU fishing regulations. There is a need for stronger rescue operations for migrants and better weather monitoring systems to mitigate the impact of severe weather on maritime activities. These measures will improve global maritime safety and reduce fatalities and operational disruptions

Maritime Incidents





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