

# WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 18

## Executive Summary

### Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	12
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	05
• Smuggling	:-	03
• IUU Fishing	:-	01
• Narcotics	:-	03
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	02
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	01
• Other Incidents	:-	03

Total Maritime Incidents 30

### Global Weather Incident



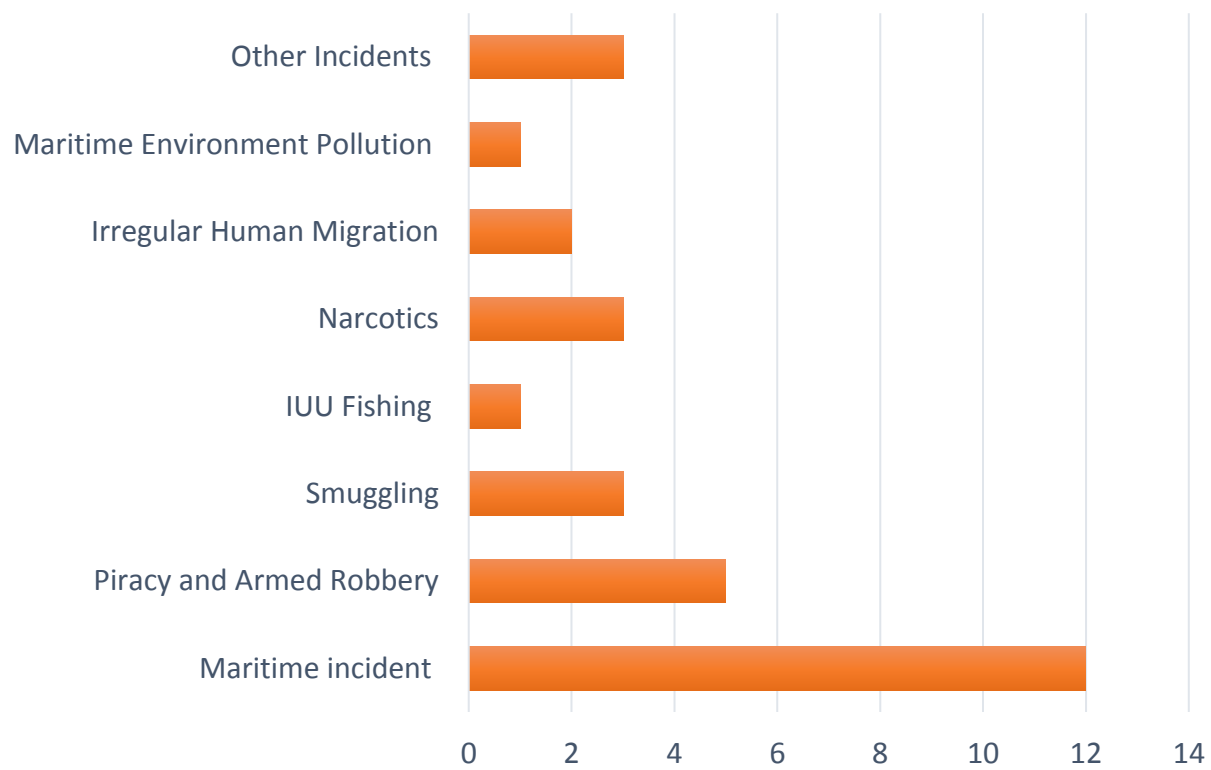
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	01
• Earthquake	:-	09

Total Weather Incidents 10

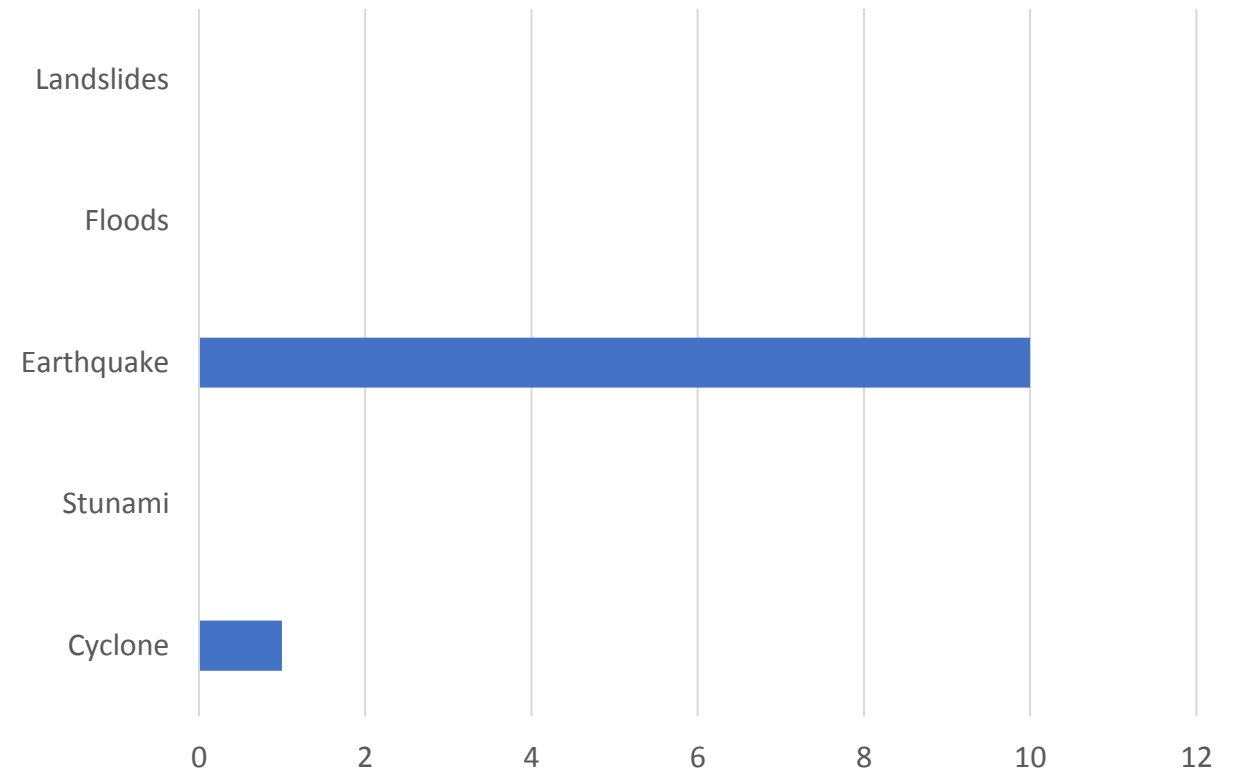


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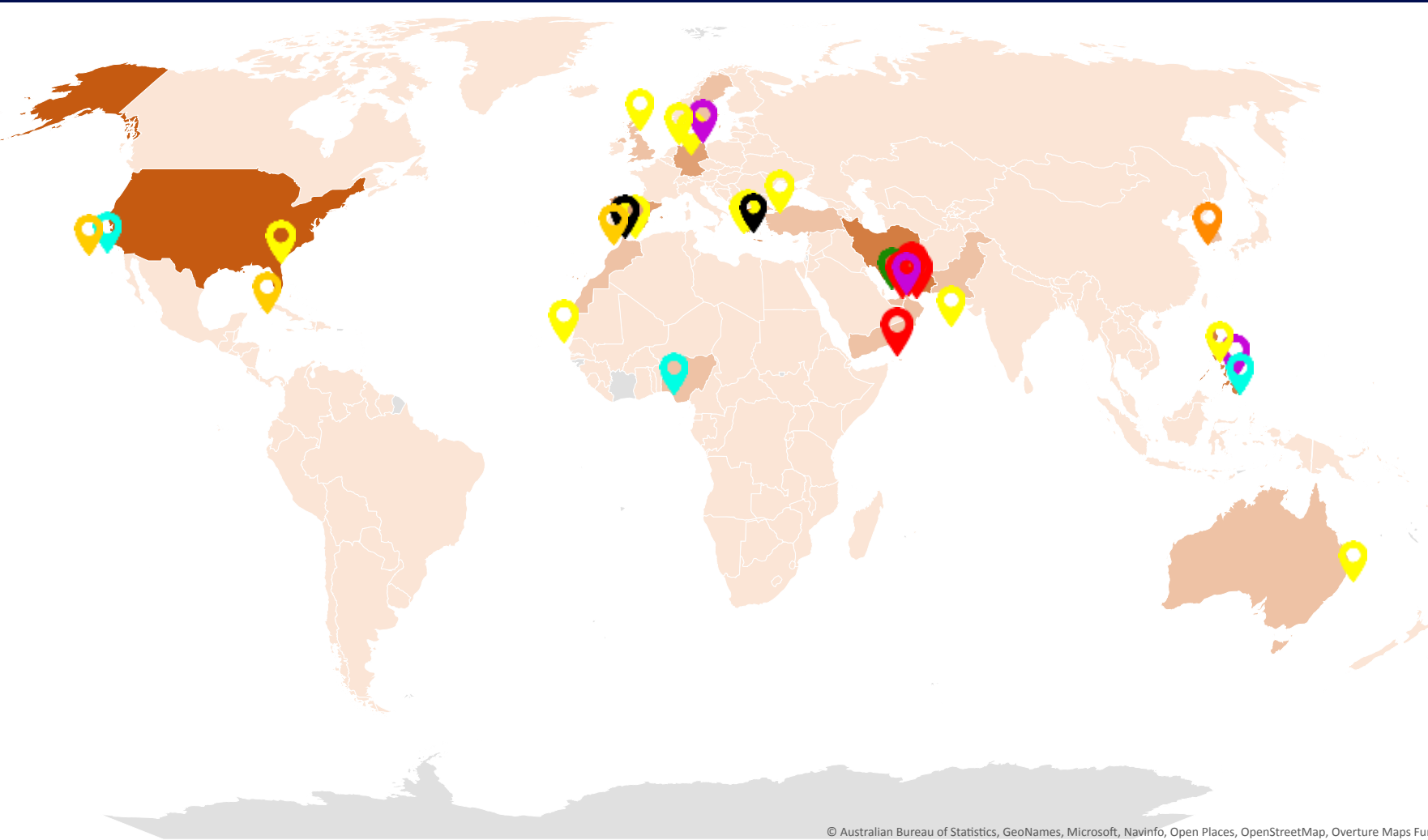
## Maritime Incidents











## Weather Incidents



# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	12
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	05
 Smuggling	03
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	03
 Irregular Human Migration	02
 Maritime Environment Pollution	01
 Other	03

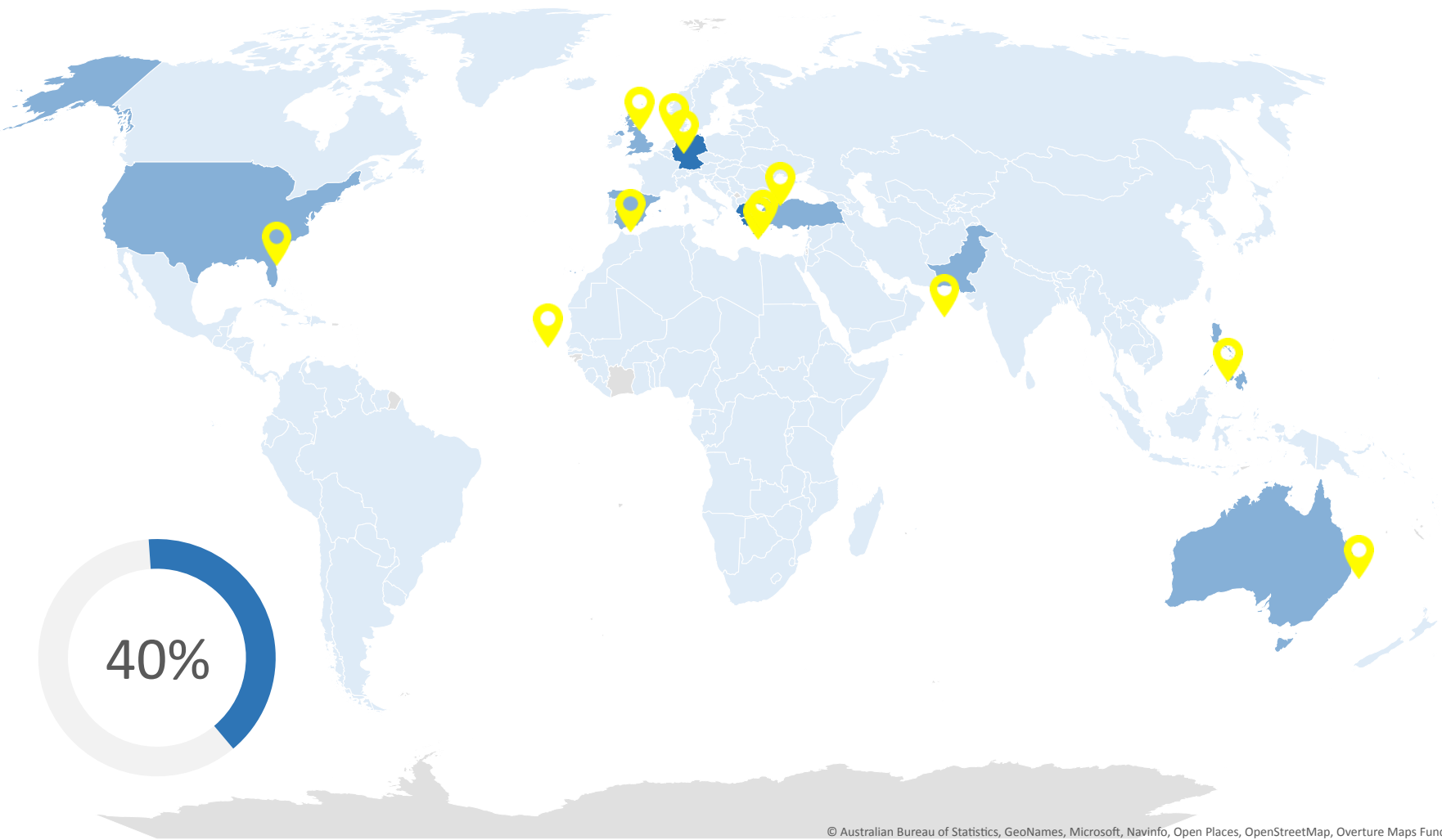
Total Incidents

30

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Australia	01
Cape Verde	01
Germany	02
Greece	02
Pakistan	01
Philippines	01
Spain	01
Turkey	01
United Kingdom	01
United State	01

Total Incidents

12

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.01	Spain	Off cabo de palos	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Sailboat	Research indicates that only a few individual whales are involved in interactions with vessels, typically approaching the boats and focusing on specific areas rather than the people aboard.
2026.05.01	Germany	Kiel Canal	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name – Humber sprinter Flag – Antigua And Barbuda Type - Cargo	German firefighting teams, aided by the fireboat Füerschip, confirmed the fire was fully extinguished by approximately 1740 hrs after inspecting the engine room.
2026.05.03	Turkey	Istanbul Strait	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name – Zaltron Flag – Panama Type - Cargo	No injuries or pollution reported; authorities are monitoring the situation.
2026.05.03	United State	City Island	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	Nearly 80 fire and EMS personnel controlled the fire in under two hours.
2026.05.04	Cape Verde	Praia	Death on board (DOB))	Name – Hondius Flag – Netherlands Type - Passenger	MV Hondius left Ushuaia, Argentina, three weeks ago and is now anchored off Cape Verde, near the capital Praia, according to the South African government.
2026.05.04	Australia	South Ballina break wall	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Yacht	Rescue efforts faced "extremely difficult" conditions, resulting in the capsizing of the rescue vessel amid 2.5-meter swells and strong winds.

- Source -: <https://euroweeklynews.com/2026/05/02/killer-whale-boat-attacks-are-back-recent-spain-rescue-raises-fresh-safety-concerns/>
- Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pt/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12911/engine-room-fire-successfully-contained-aboard-cargo-vessel->
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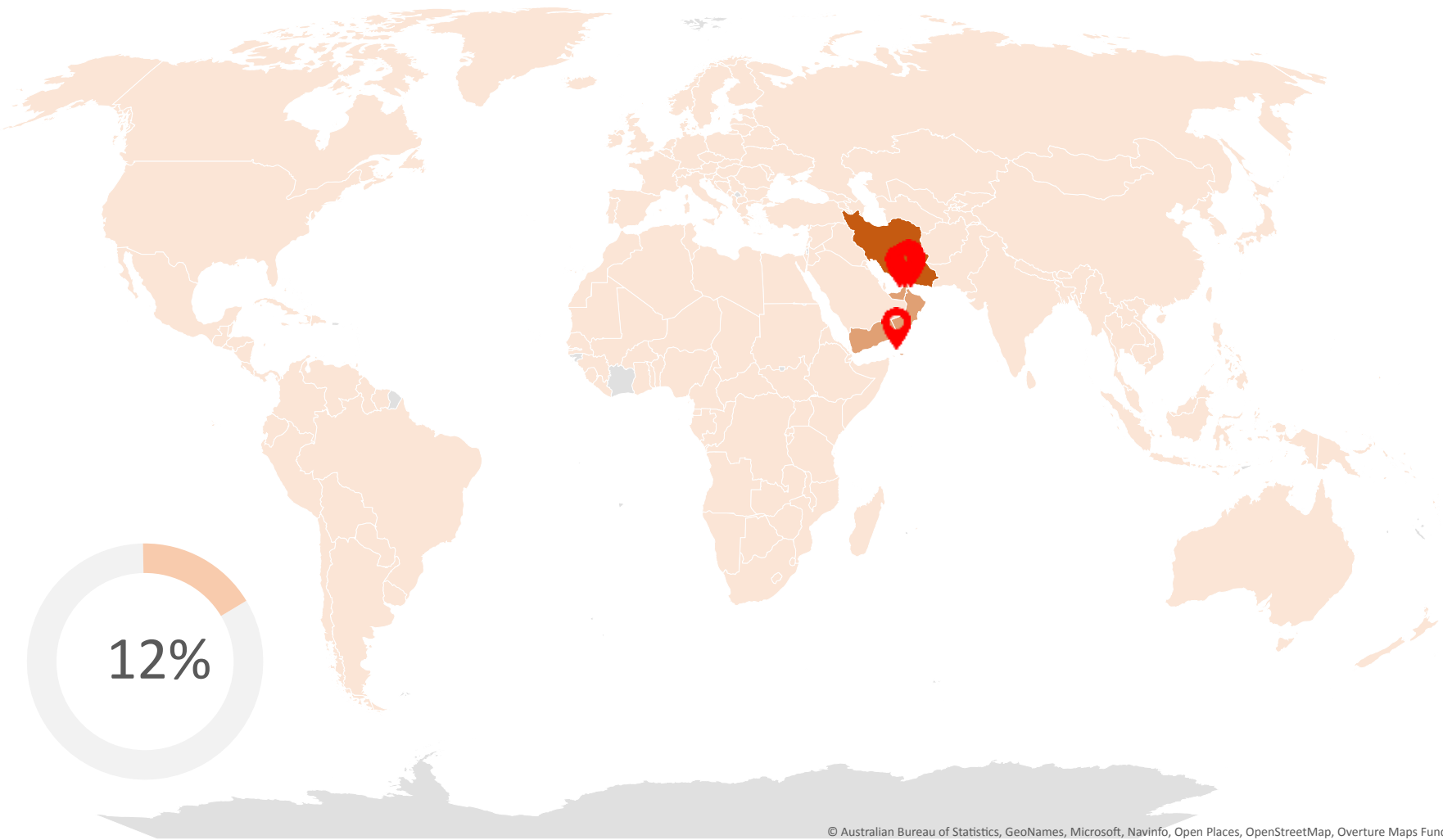
# MARITIME INCIDENTS

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2026.05.06	Greece	Andros, Greek Island	Capsizing /Sinking	Name – Corsage C Type – Cargo Flag - Vanuatu	In response to the situation, the Greek Coast Guard initiated a rescue operation, deploying vessels, a passenger ship, three civilian boats, and an aircraft from the Hellenic Air Force to assist the crew.
2026.05.06	Pakistan	Arabian Sea	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name - MV Gautam Flag - India	Many are isolated, facing food shortages, and in a vulnerable state, though further details about the incidents were not provided.
2026.05.06	Greece	off Gavdos	Capsizing /Sinking	<b>Sailboat "Trinidad"</b>	Information indicates that the sailboat was found empty, raising speculation that its occupants were detained during the Israeli interception of the flotilla.
2026.05.06	Philippines	between the waters of Mararison and Batbatan Islands	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Motor Banca Boat	One passenger was initially reported safe, while three others were declared missing but were later found by authorities, according to the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office of Culasi.
2026.05.07	United Kingdom	Tayinloan-Gigha	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name – Loch ranza Fag – United kingdom Type - Passenger	Contractors are permitted to investigate and repair the aft ramp, leading to a risk of disruption or cancellation for sailings from 1100 hrs onwards on short notice.
2026.05.08	Germany	Rostock	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name – Tom sawyer Flag – Cyprus Type - Passenger	The response was officially concluded at 11:26 a.m., leading to the cancellation of the scheduled departure to Trelleborg.

- Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12927/cargo-vessel-sinks-off-greek-island-of-andros-all-crew-rescu>  
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 Source - : <https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Loch-Ranza-1391874.html>  
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# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Iran	02
	Oman	01
	UAE	01
	Yemen	01

Total Incidents

05

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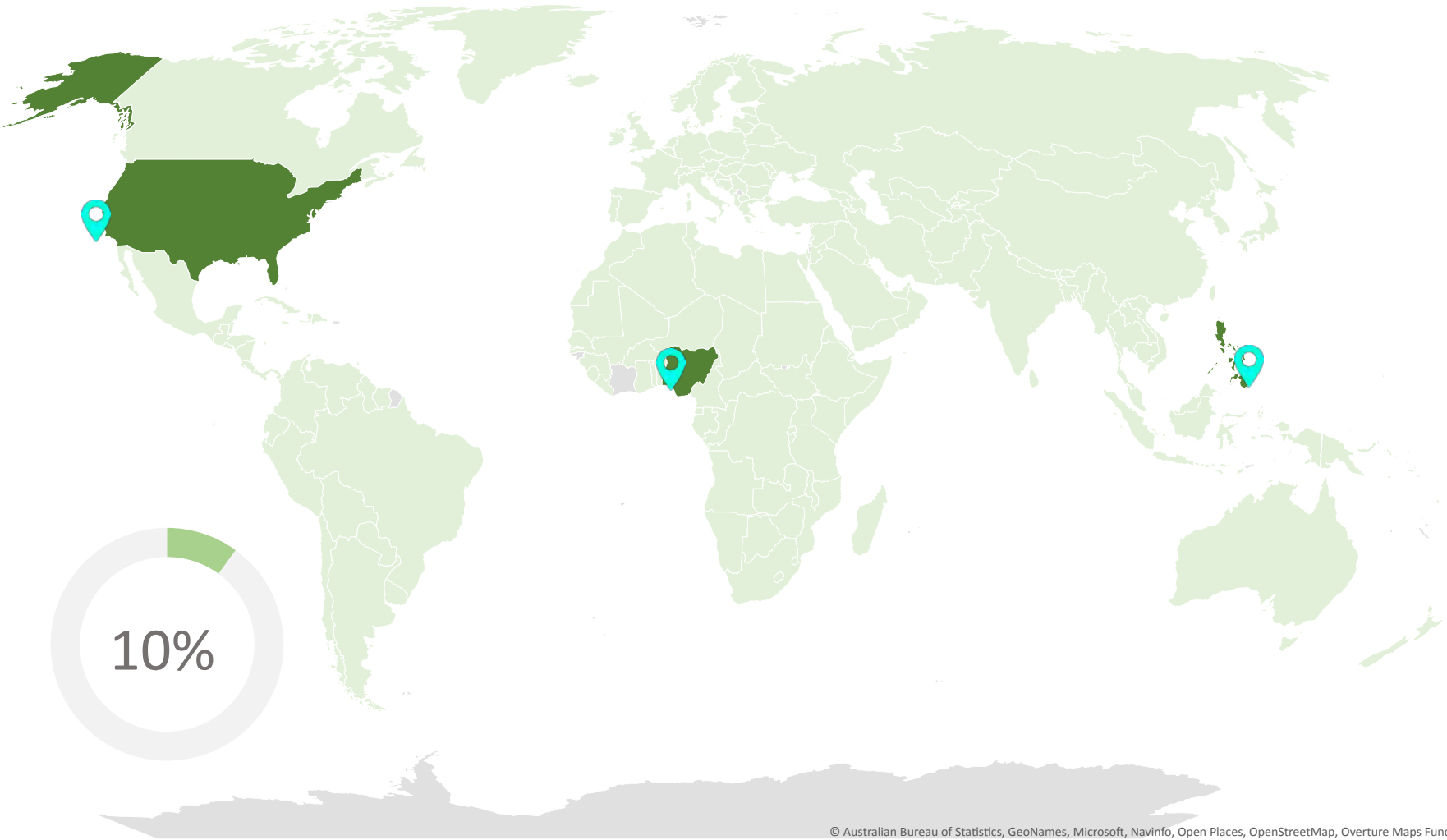





# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.02	Yemen	Southeastern Shabwa	Armed robbery	Name – M/T Eureka Type - oil tanker	The coastguard is collaborating with international partners and authorities in the Gulf of Aden to recover a tanker and ensure the crew's safety, whose fate is still unknown.
2026.05.03	Iran	Sirik	Assault violations	Bulk Carrier	Iran's Fars news agency reported that the ship was not seized but was stopped by the Iranian navy for document checks as part of supervisory procedures.
2026.05.05	UAE	Dubai	Assault violations	Name – Cma Cgm San Antonio Type – Cargo Flag - Malta	The CGM San Antonio is a Malta-flagged container vessel constructed in 2005, measuring 222.14 meters long, 30.07 meters wide, and having a gross tonnage of 28,592.
2026.05.07	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Assault violations	South Korean cargo ship	Iran Denies Attack On South Korean Cargo Ship HMM Namu In Strait Of Hormuz.
2026.05.06	Oman	Gulf of Oman	Illegal boarding	Name – Hasna Flag – Iran Type – Tanker	The US has stated that the blockade on Iranian ports remains in full effect.

Source - : <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/5/2/yemen-reports-hijacked-oil-tanker-headed-for-somalia>  
 Source - : <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/5/3/bulk-carrier-attacked-by-multiple-small-craft-off-iran-ukmto-says>  
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 Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12928/us-disables-iranian-crude-oil-tanker-attempting-to-breach-blockade>

# SMUGGLING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Nigeria	01
	Philippines	01
	USA	01

Total Incidents

03

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# SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Philippines	Coast of Governor Generoso	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The procurement of illicit cigarettes violates Republic Act No. 10863, the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) of 2016, alongside Executive Order No. 245, which regulates the export and import of leaf tobacco and tobacco products.
2026.05.06	USA	off Southern California	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The operation led to the arrest of 60 individuals, many of whom had criminal records, underscoring the continued efforts to intercept illegal maritime traffic in U.S. waters.
2026.05.06	Nigeria	Coast of Badagry	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The Nigerian Navy has intercepted 130 bags of foreign parboiled rice during an anti-smuggling operation along the waterways of Badagry.

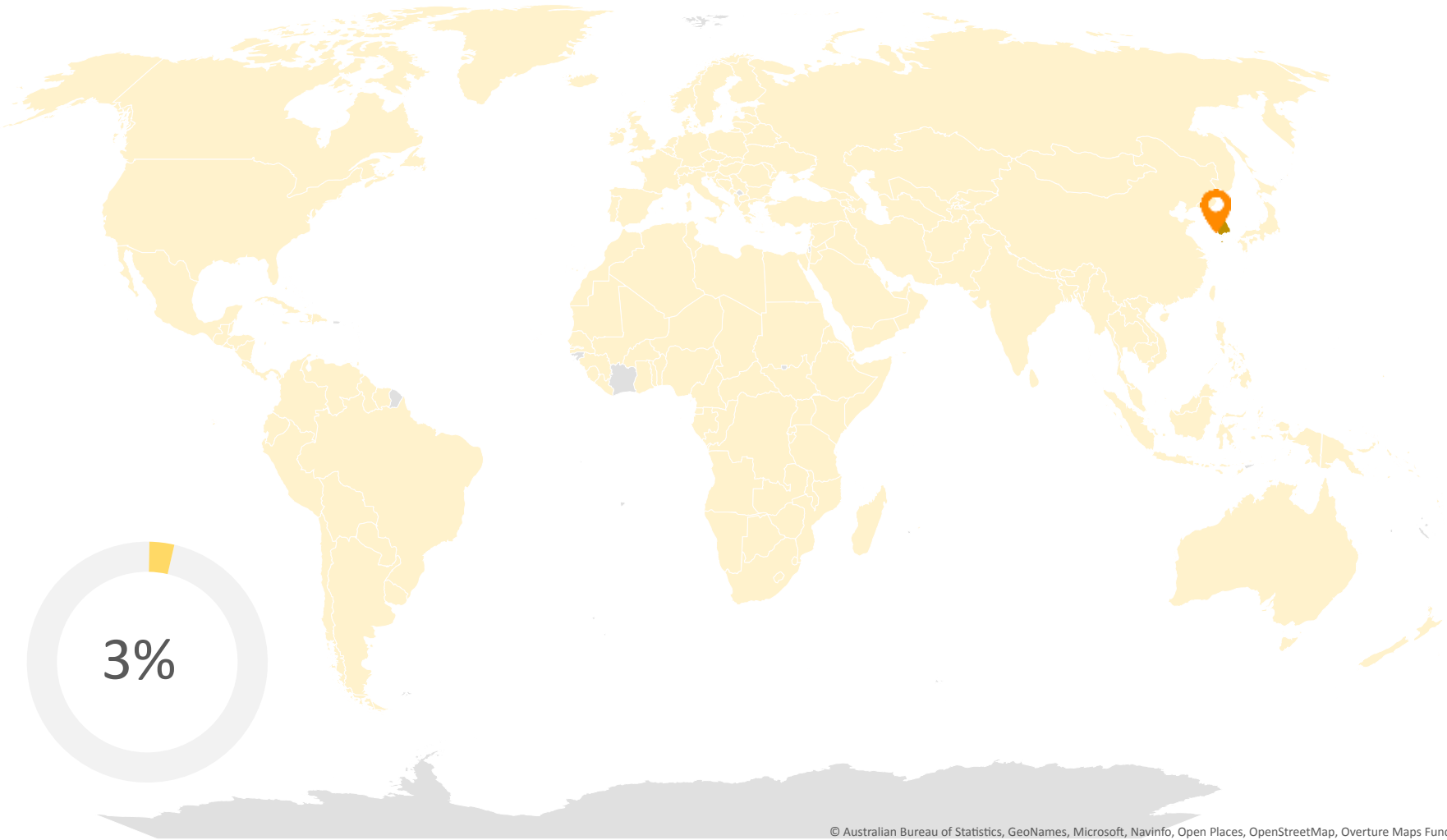
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Source -: <https://www.tvcnews.tv/nigerian-navy-intercepts-130-bags-of-smuggled-rice-in-badagry/>



# IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 South Korea	01

Total Incidents

01

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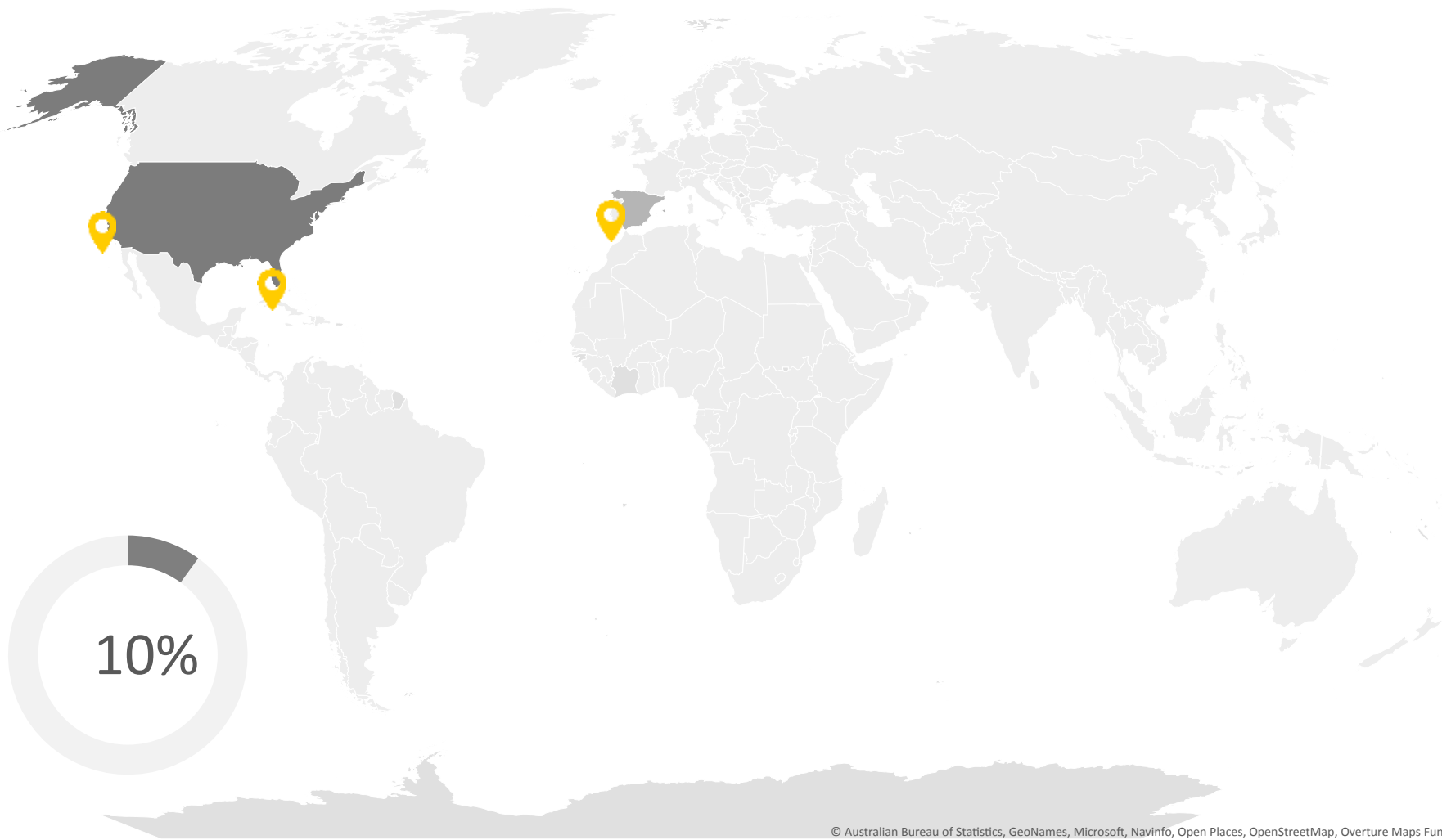
# IUU FISHING



INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.09	South Korea	Baengnyeongdo Island	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two fishing boats	South Korea on Saturday seized two Chinese fighter boats near the border island of Baengnyeong in the West Sea.

Source -: [https://www.firstpost.com/world/south-korea-seizes-2-chinese-fishing-boats-on-suspicion-of-illegal-fishing-1-dead-14009282.html#goog\\_rewarded](https://www.firstpost.com/world/south-korea-seizes-2-chinese-fishing-boats-on-suspicion-of-illegal-fishing-1-dead-14009282.html#goog_rewarded)



# NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Spain	01
 USA	02

Total Incidents

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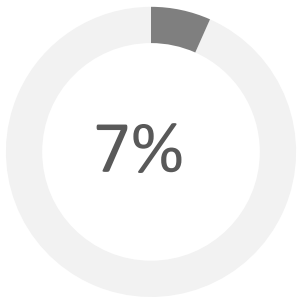
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2026.05.04	Spain	Near the Canary Islands	Sea based Drugs trafficking /Crystal Methamphetamine/Cocaine	Cargo vessel	Authorities have arrested over 20 crew members as part of an ongoing international drug trafficking investigation under legal secrecy.
2026.05.07	USA	08 nm From Mole Saint-Nicolas	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	One Boat	Authorities discovered about 3,200 pounds of marijuana on the boat, with a value of around \$3.8 million.
2026.05.09	USA	Eastern Pacific	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	One Boat	the White House said US President Donald Trump signed a new counterterrorism strategy prioritizing the dismantling of drug cartels across the Western Hemisphere.

Source -: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/insight/spain-seizes-up-to-40-tonnes-of-cocaine-at-sea/gm-GM45EF5CC4?gemSnapshotKey=GM45EF5CC4-snapshot-5>  
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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Greece	01
	Morocco	01



Total Incidents

02



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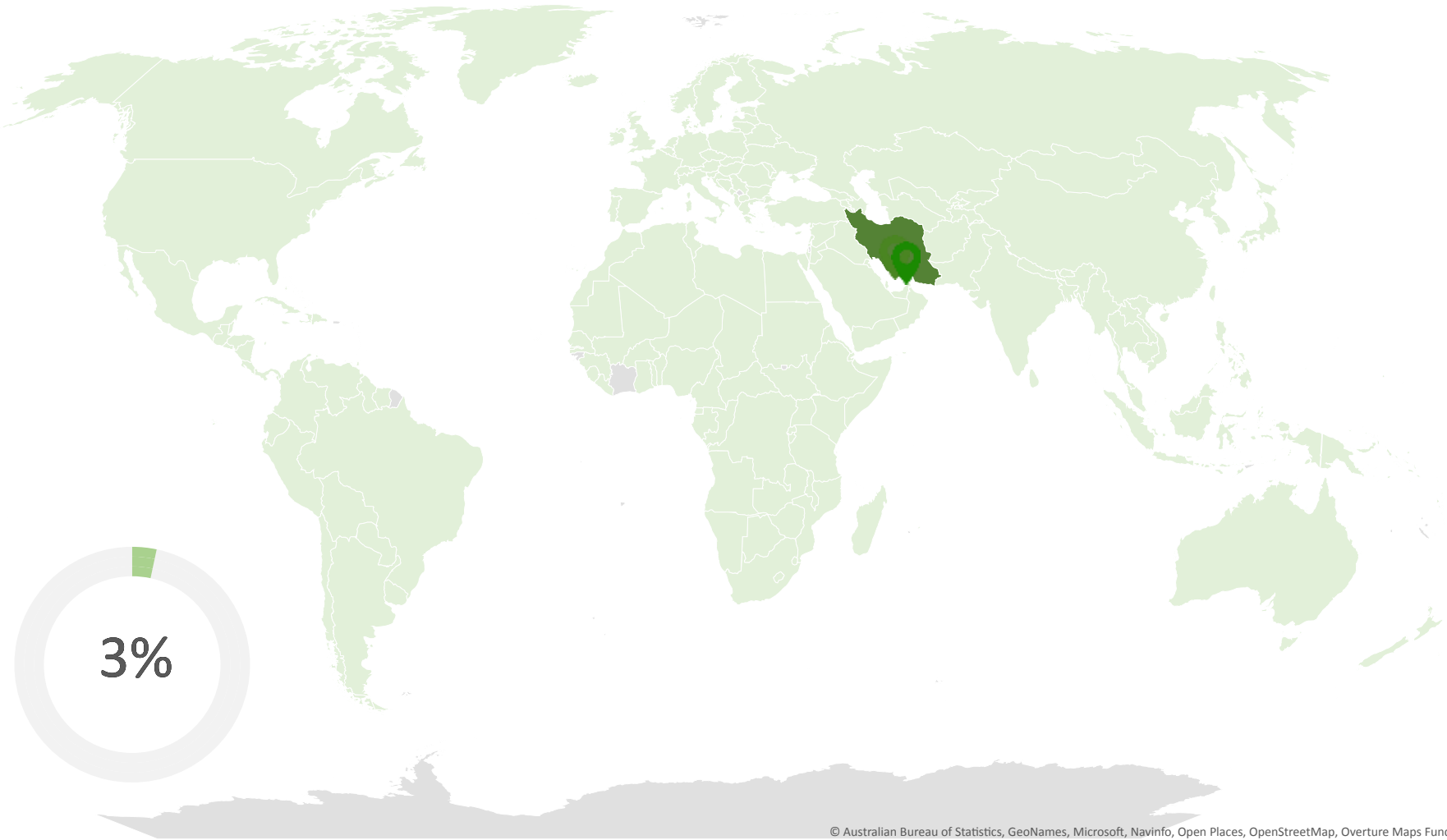
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Morocco	Northern Coast	Illegal broader crossing	-	Security forces are conducting daily sweeps in forested areas, informal camps, and key transit points used by migrants, resulting in the arrest of at least 100 individuals each day.
2026.05.07	Greece	Coast Of Crete	Overcrowded vessels	Two Dinghies	Regional maritime authorities dispatched a patrol boat to the coordinates, successfully transferring 96 migrants to the local harbor. All individuals are safe and undergoing medical evaluations, formal identification, and registration by local authorities.

Source -: <https://trendsnafrica.com/morocco-intensifies-crackdown-on-irregular-migration-near-northern-coast/>

Source -: <https://www.iefimerida.gr/english/border-patrol-frontex-and-greek-coast-guard-intercept-96-migrants-southern-crete?amp>



# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
 Iran	01

Total Incidents

01

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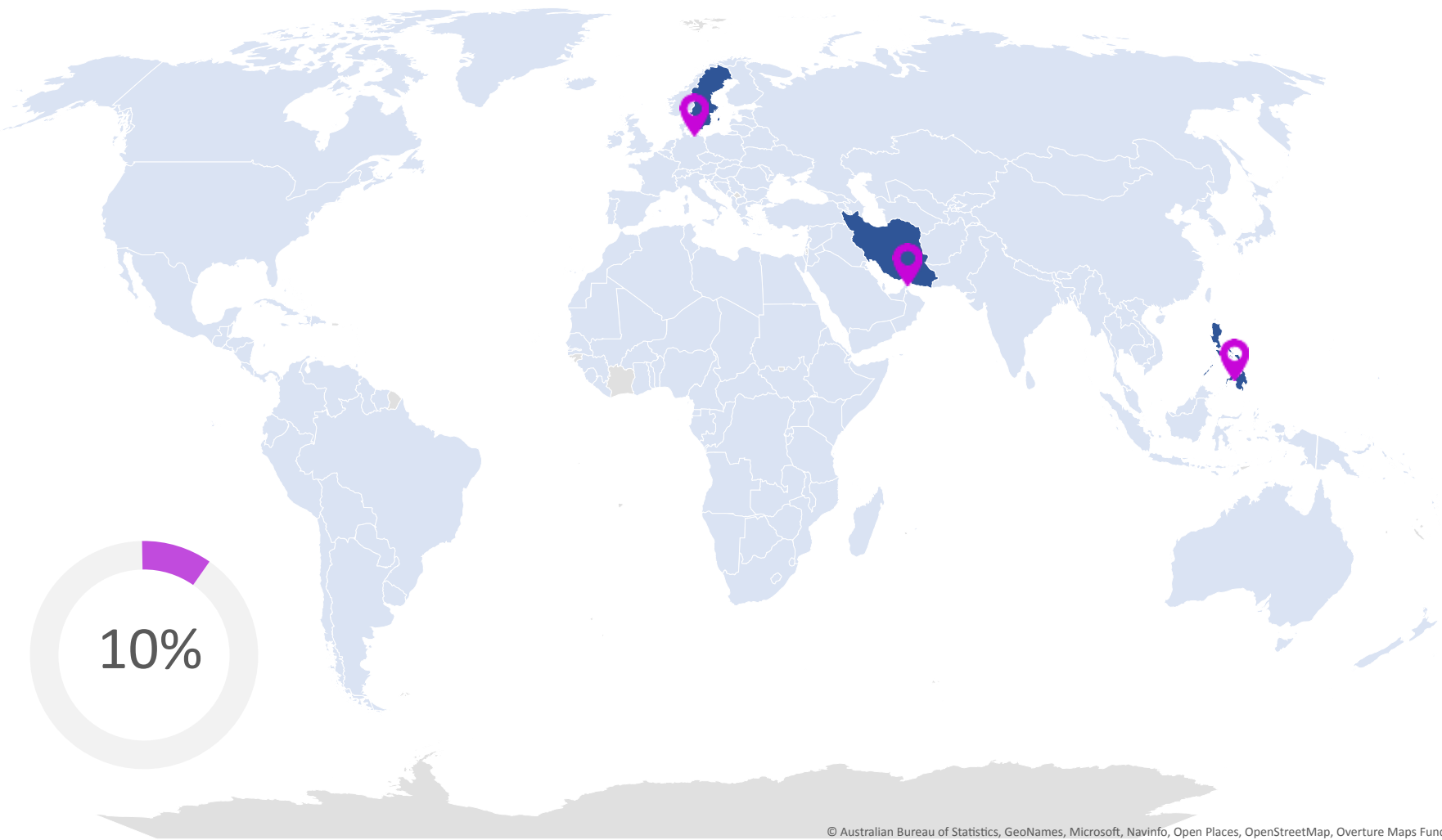
# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Iran	Persian Gulf	Oil Spill	-	Uncertainties remain regarding the nesting turtles' ability to lay eggs, the fate of hatchlings in contaminated sand, the abandonment of tern colonies, and the extent of irreversible damage to Iran's sole protected coral reef ecosystem.

Source -: <https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2026/05/05/768070/black-tide-from-us-israeli-aggression-iran-chokes-persian-gulf-turtle-nesting-sanctuary>



# OTHER



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Iran	01
	Philippines	01
	Sweden	01

Total Incidents

03

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# OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.03	Sweden	Swedish Coast	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Jin hui Flag – Syria Type - Tanker	The boarding was smooth, with full cooperation from the crew. The vessel has been unloaded, but its final destination is unclear.
2026.05.04	Philippines	Philippines Coast	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Chinese Research Vessels	He claimed that this violates the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which mandates consent for such actions.
2026.05.08	Iran	Gulf of Oman	Naval Activities	Name – Jin Li Flag – Barbados Type - Tanker	The government of Iran claims to have seized a sanctioned tanker with longstanding ties to its own oil industry.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pl/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12914/swedish-authorities-board-sanctioned-vessel-over-false-flag->

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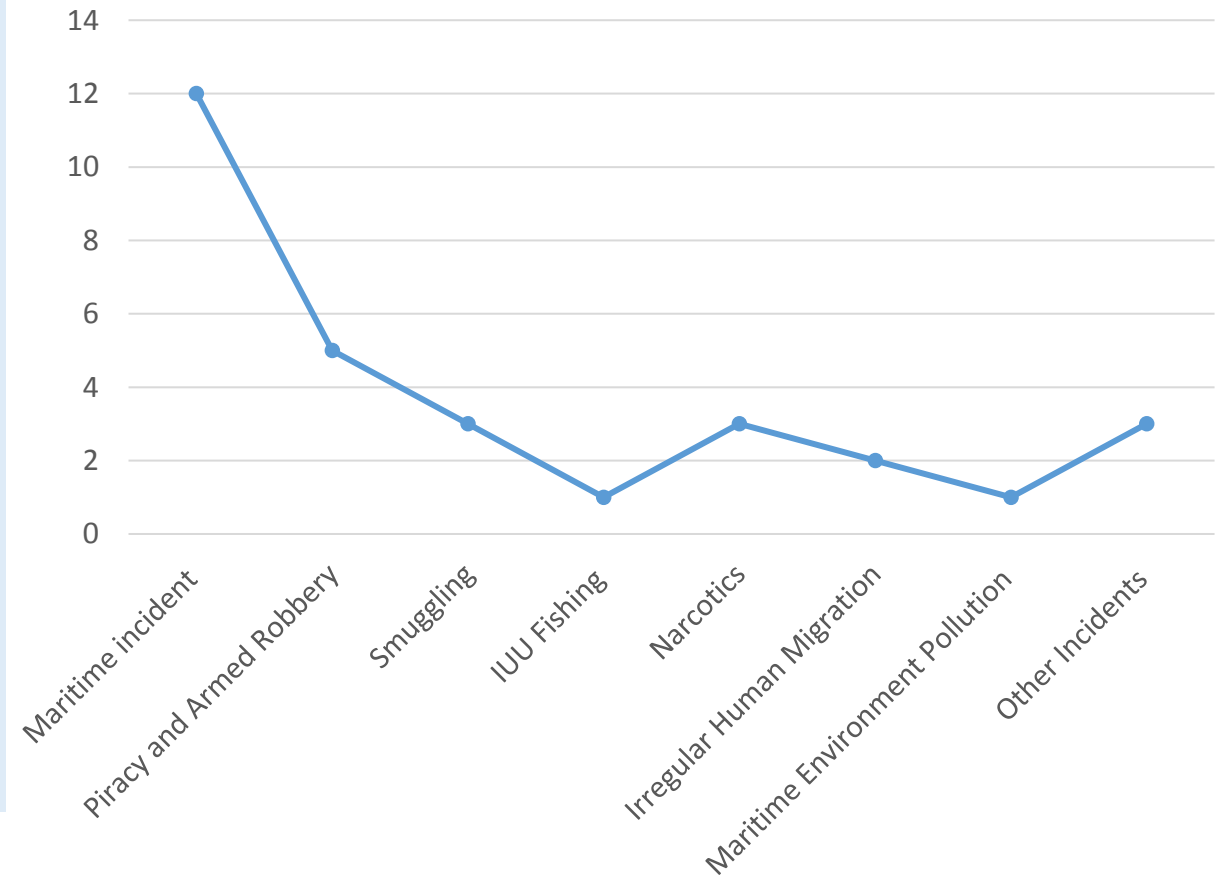
# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

This week, 30 incidents were recorded globally. Among these 12 maritime incident involved search and rescue (SAR) operations fire/explosion, mechanical failures and capsizing/sinking. Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 05 incidents, ,while 3 Smuggling incidents and IUU fishing accounted for 1 incident. Narcotics-related incidents totaled 03. Irregular human migration incidents were 02, It was reported 01 Maritime environmental pollution incident. 03 other incident were recorded involved military and coast guard actions in Iran, Philippines, and Sweden. Weather-related incidents included 01 tropical cyclone and 09 earthquakes.

## Recommendations:

To strengthen maritime safety and security, enhanced maritime domain awareness is essential, including AIS tracking, satellite surveillance, and real-time information sharing among regional agencies. Naval and coast guard patrols should be increased in high-risk areas such as the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Mediterranean to deter piracy, armed robbery, and smuggling. Regular vessel inspections and crew training are critical to reduce fire, mechanical failures, and capsizing incidents. SAR coordination should be improved for efficient rescue during maritime accidents and migration events. Environmental protection measures, including rapid response to oil spills, are necessary to mitigate ecological damage. Enhanced international cooperation and intelligence sharing will improve enforcement against illegal fishing, narcotics trafficking, and other maritime threats.

### Maritime Incidents





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The information in this report has been sourced from various internal and external parties, including international and local stakeholders, maritime agencies, and open sources. The report analyzes incidents to identify trends and discrepancies, aiming to improve the safety and security of mariners and seafarers. While efforts have been made to ensure data accuracy, users should exercise due diligence. Some incident locations may be approximate. IFC-Colombo requests stakeholders' cooperation in reporting incidents for more accurate analysis of maritime threats. The views expressed in this report do not reflect those of the Sri Lanka Navy or Government of Sri Lanka.

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