

WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 19

From 2026.05.11 TO 2026.05.17



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 19

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents



• Maritime incident	:-	07
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	05
• Smuggling	:-	05
• IUU Fishing	:-	03
• Narcotics	:-	03
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	02
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	03
• Other Incidents	:-	05

Total Maritime Incidents 33

Global Weather Incident



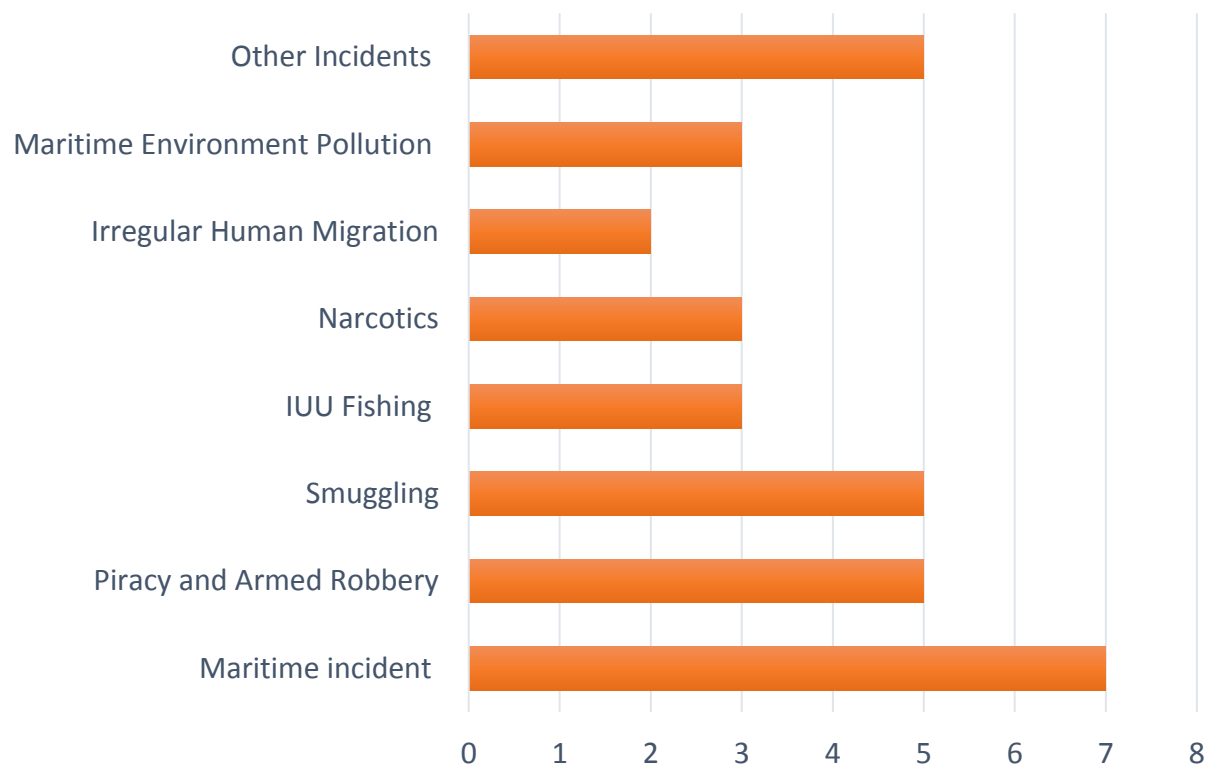
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	01
• Earthquake	:-	04

Total Weather Incidents 05

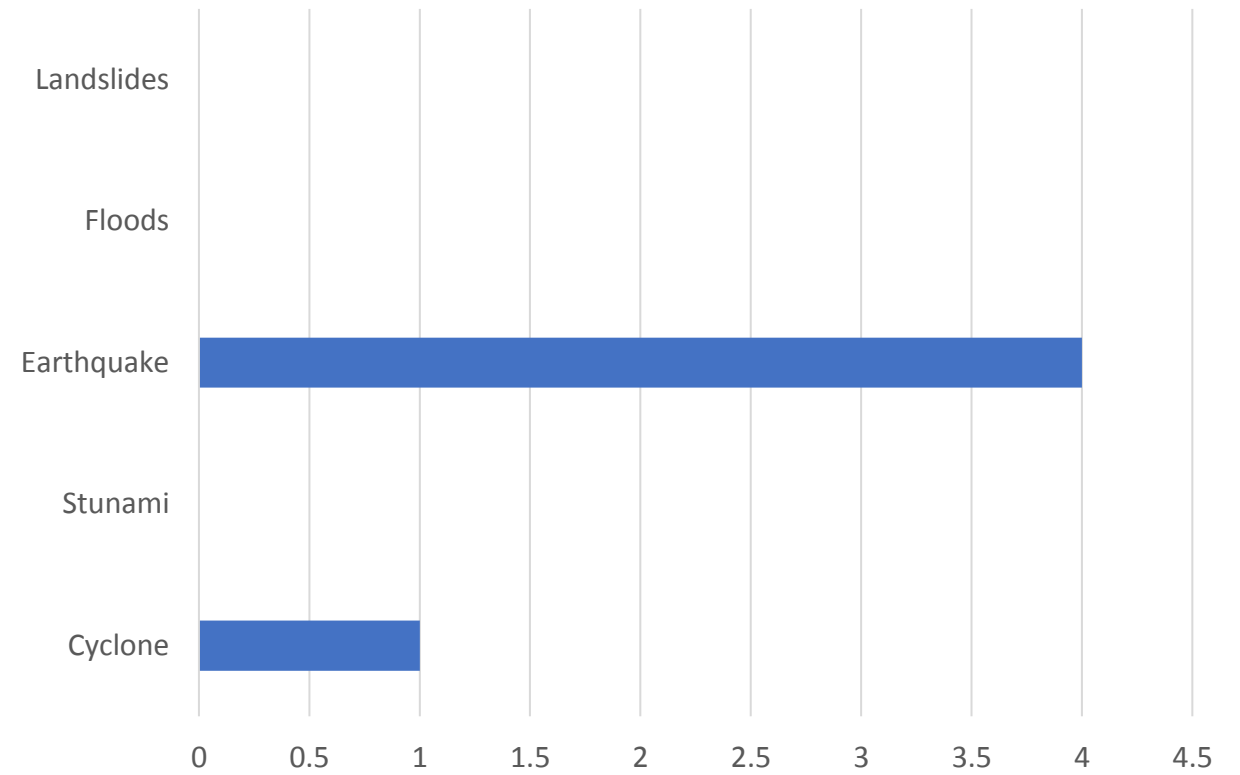


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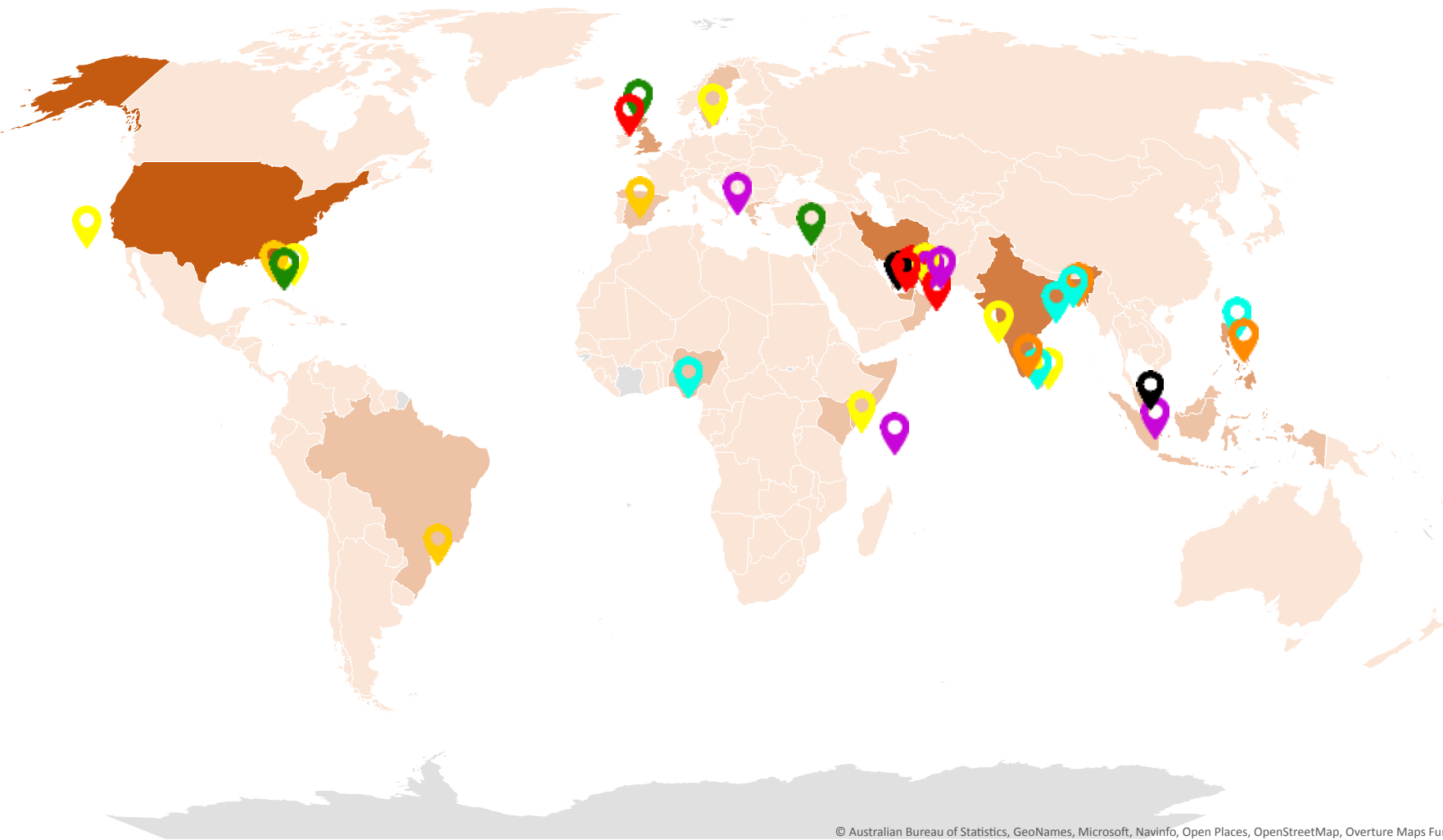
Maritime Incidents











Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	07
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	05
 Smuggling	05
 IUU Fishing	03
 Narcotic	03
 Irregular Human Migration	02
 Maritime Environment Pollution	03
 Other	05

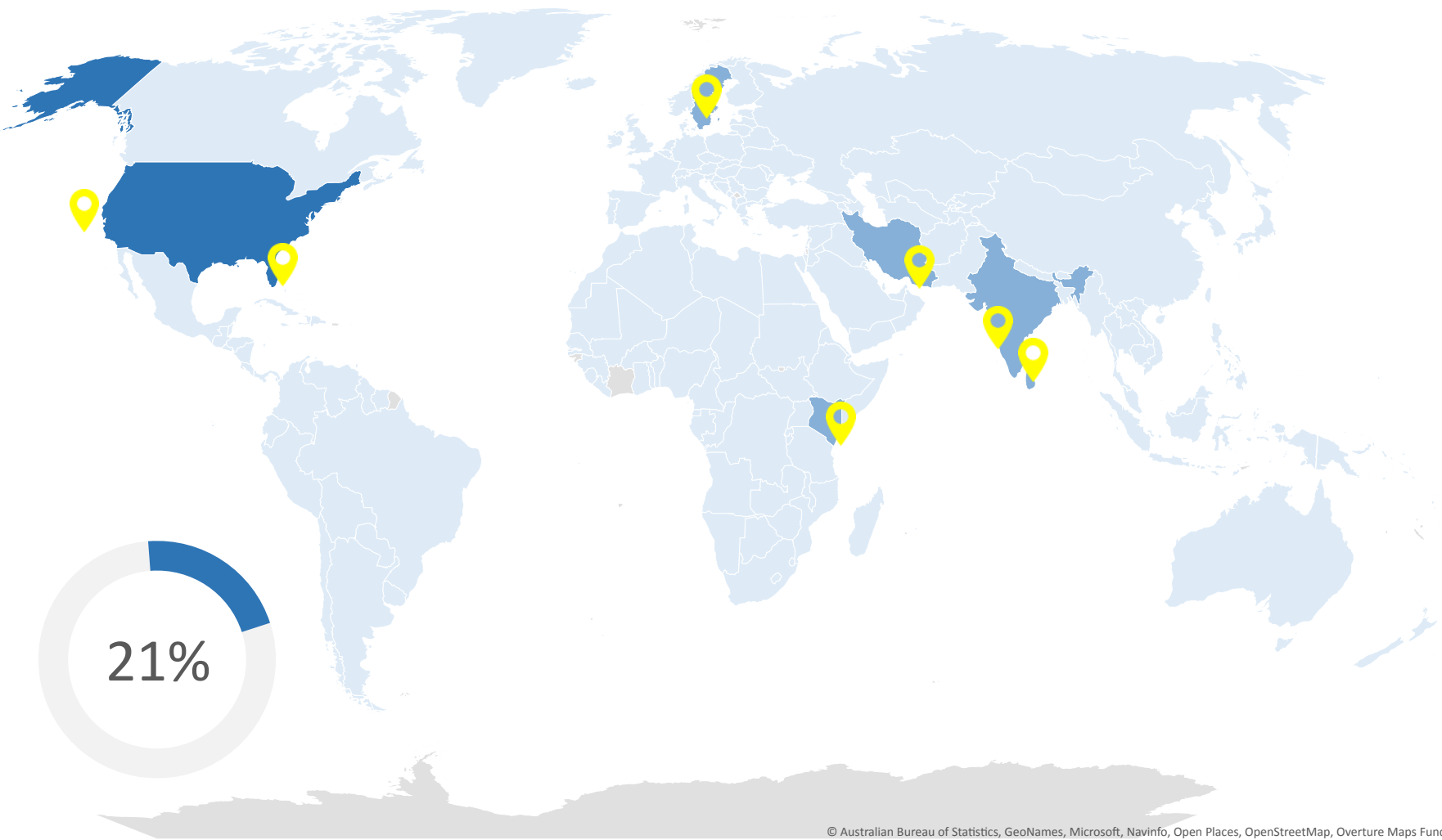
Total Incidents

33

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
India	01
Iran	01
Kenya	01
Sri Lanka	01
Sweden	01
United State	02

Total Incidents

07

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.08	Iran	Strait Of Hormuz	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Indian Dhow	Officials from the Indian Consulate in Dubai are coordinating assistance for the rescued crew members with the dhow owner.
2026.05.08	Sri Lanka	Off south coast(81 NM)	Search and Rescue (SAR)	fishing Boat	Naval personnel provided first aid to an injured fisherman after transferring him from a Merchant Vessel and swiftly transported him to Galle Harbour. They ensured he received specialized care without delay by transferring him to the National Hospital, Galle.
2026.05.09	United State	Miami	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	Witnesses told local outlet WTVJ that several people were knocked off a boat by the explosion and left with burns.
2026.05.09	Kenya	Kilindi, Lamu County	Collisions	Two boats	The Red Cross confirmed that its response teams, including Community Disaster Responders and local divers, were deployed immediately after the incident.
2026.05.10	United State	Off California coast	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	The cause of the fire remains unclear. An investigation has been opened into the incident.
2026.05.11	India	Goa coast	Capsizing /Sinking	Fishing Boat	Local fishermen have urged authorities to provide compensation and immediate assistance to the affected boat owner and workers.

Source -: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/news/indian-sailor-killed-4-injured-after-dhow-catches-fire-near-strait-of-hormuz/videoshow/130979559.cms>
 Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2026/05/10/202605101045/>
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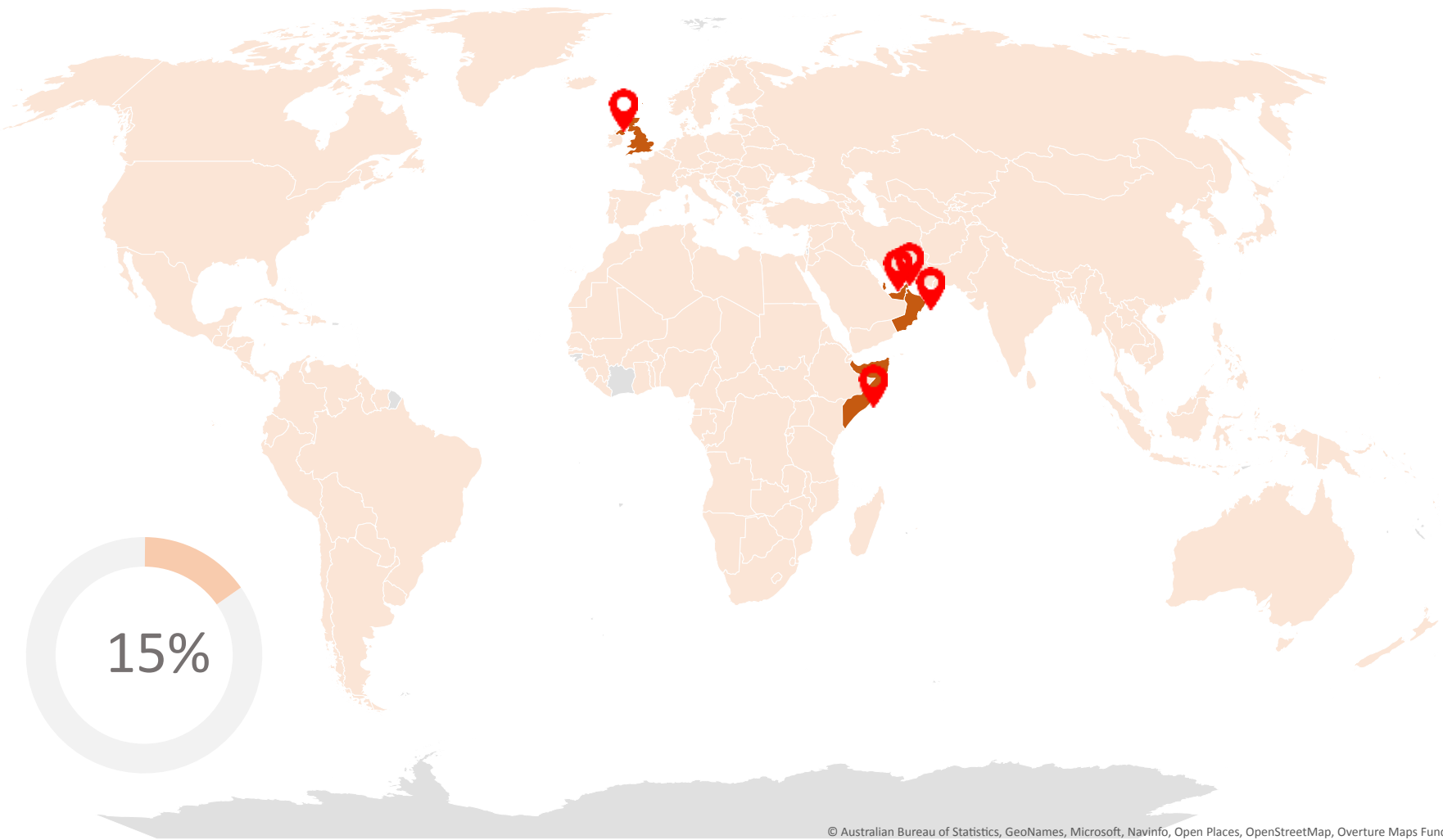
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2026.05.11	Sweden	Vänernborg Sweden	Collisions	Name – Wilson Saimaa Flag – Barbados Type - Cargo	Authorities confirmed that no water ingress or pollution was reported following the incident

Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/16/general/2026/12944/barbados-flagged-cargo-ship-damaged-after-collision-in-swede>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Oman	01
Qatar	01
Somalia	01
United Arab Emirates	01
United Kingdom	01

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05

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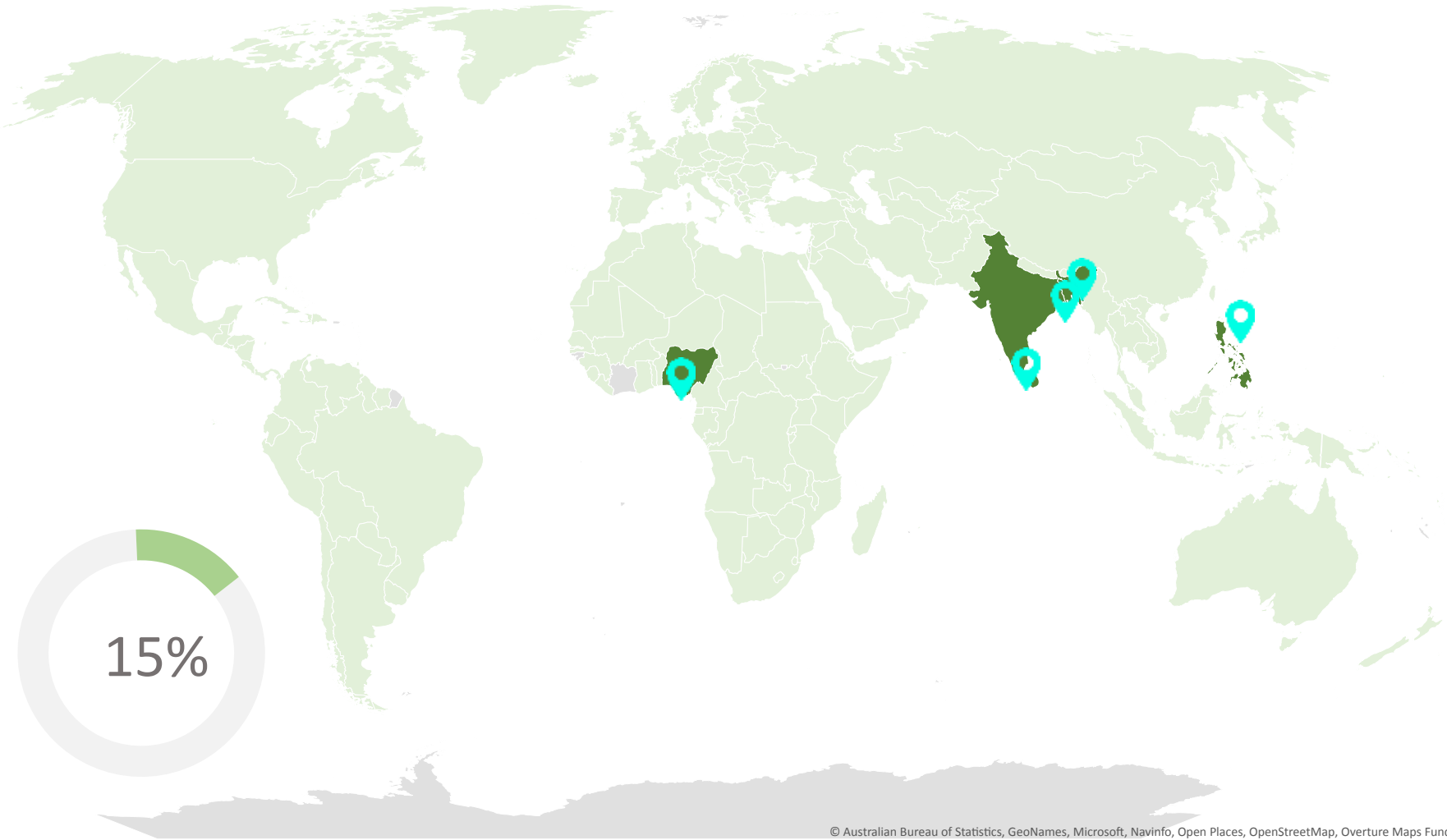
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

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2026.05.09	Somalia	150 nm Somali coast	Piracy	One Dhow	The earlier warnings seemed to have some impact, with reports of increased vigilance by commercial shipping.
2026.05.10	Qatar	23 Nm of Qatar	Assault violations	Name -Safesea Neha Flag – Marshall Island Type - Cargo	Safesea Neha is a 2010 vessel measuring 179.9 meters in length, 28.4 meters in width, and with a carrying capacity of 35,051 tonnes.
2026.05.13	Oman	Limah	Assault violations	Name : MSV HAJI ALI Type: Cargo	The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has deemed the incident an "unacceptable" attack emphasizing that civilian vessels should not be targeted.
2026.05.13	United Kingdom	River Thames in Surrey	Assault violations	Boat	Insp David Richardson acknowledged that police activity might cause concern and distress for local residents during the investigation.
2026.05.14	United Arab Emirates	Coast Off UAE	Illegal boarding	Name - Hui Chuan Flag - Honduran Type – Fishing Vessel	The consultancy identified the vessel as the Honduran-flagged Fishing support vessel Hui Chuan.

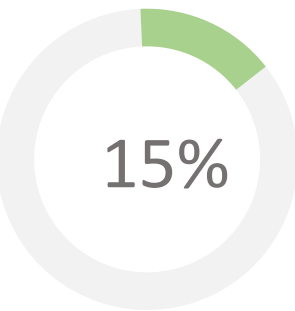
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SMUGGLING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Bangladesh	01
	India	01
	Nigeria	01
	Philippine	01
	Sri Lanka	01



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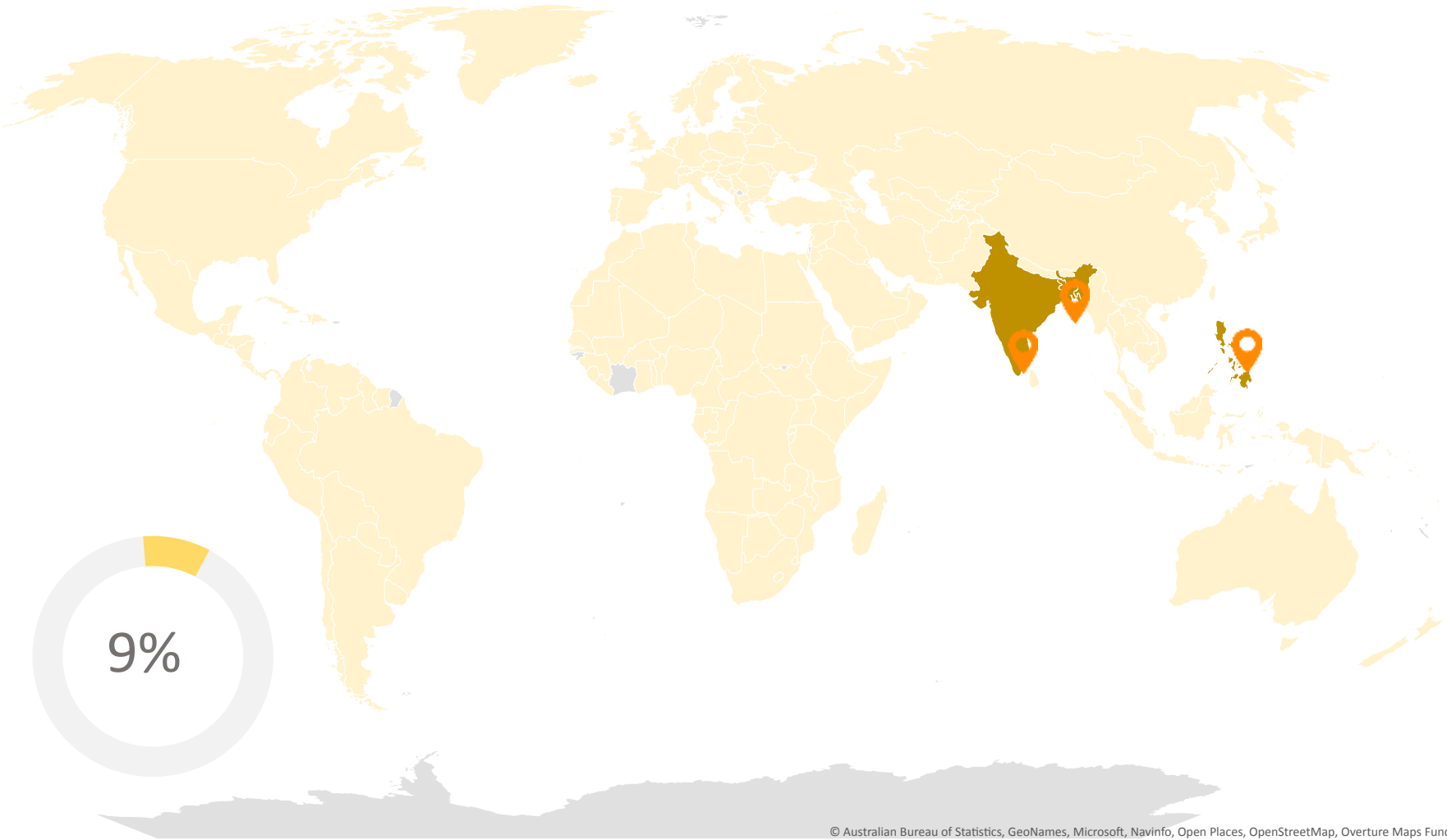
SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.09	India	Coast of Odisha	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Odisha Police seized nearly 3,500 litres of diesel and arrested one person on charge of clandestinely procuring materials from ships anchored in deep sea areas, an officer said on Saturday.
2026.05.11	Philippine	Cebu port	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	We are still conducting an investigation to determine where the cargo came from and where it was supposed to be delivered Lozada said.
2026.05.12	Nigeria	Badagry-Ajara Lagos	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The products were subsequently recovered and evacuated to FOB Badagry for further necessary action in accordance with established procedures.
2026.05.12	Sri Lanka	Western Area	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The apprehended individuals were identified as residents of Negombo, aged 26 and 42.
2026.05.15	Bangladesh	Coast Off Bangladesh	Wild life and endangers species smuggling	-	The arrested pirates are Md Mehedi Hasan, 25, Md Ramzan Sharif, 19, and Md Enayet, 25, who are active members of the Karim Sharif gang, from Bhanga area in Faridpur district.

- Source -: <https://www.thehansindia.com/news/national/odisha-police-bust-maritime-smuggling-ring-1074311>
- Source -: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/p70mp80m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-intercepted-near-cebu-port>
- Source -: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/05/13/fuel-smuggling-nigerian-navy-recover-6000-litres-of-petrol-in-lagos/>
- Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/05/13/202605131455/>
- Source -: <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/law-order/operation-mangrove-shield-coast-guard-arrests-3-forest-pirates-ammunition>



IUU FISHING



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Bangladesh	01
	India	01
	Philippine	01

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IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.10	Bangladesh	Chattogram and Cox's Bazar	Illegal fishing apparatus	-	The ongoing Navy operations will continue until 15 May 2026 the release added.
2026.05.11	India	Thoothukudi Waters	Illegal fishing in protected area	One Fishing Boat	On Monday night, a group of fishermen from Thoothukudi surrounded a Kerala mechanised fishing boat that had allegedly crossed into their maritime limits for fishing.
2026.05.11	Philippine	Iloilo waters	Illegal fishing apparatus	Fishing vessel's	Five of the arrested individuals are residents of Estancia, while one each came from Balasan and Carles.

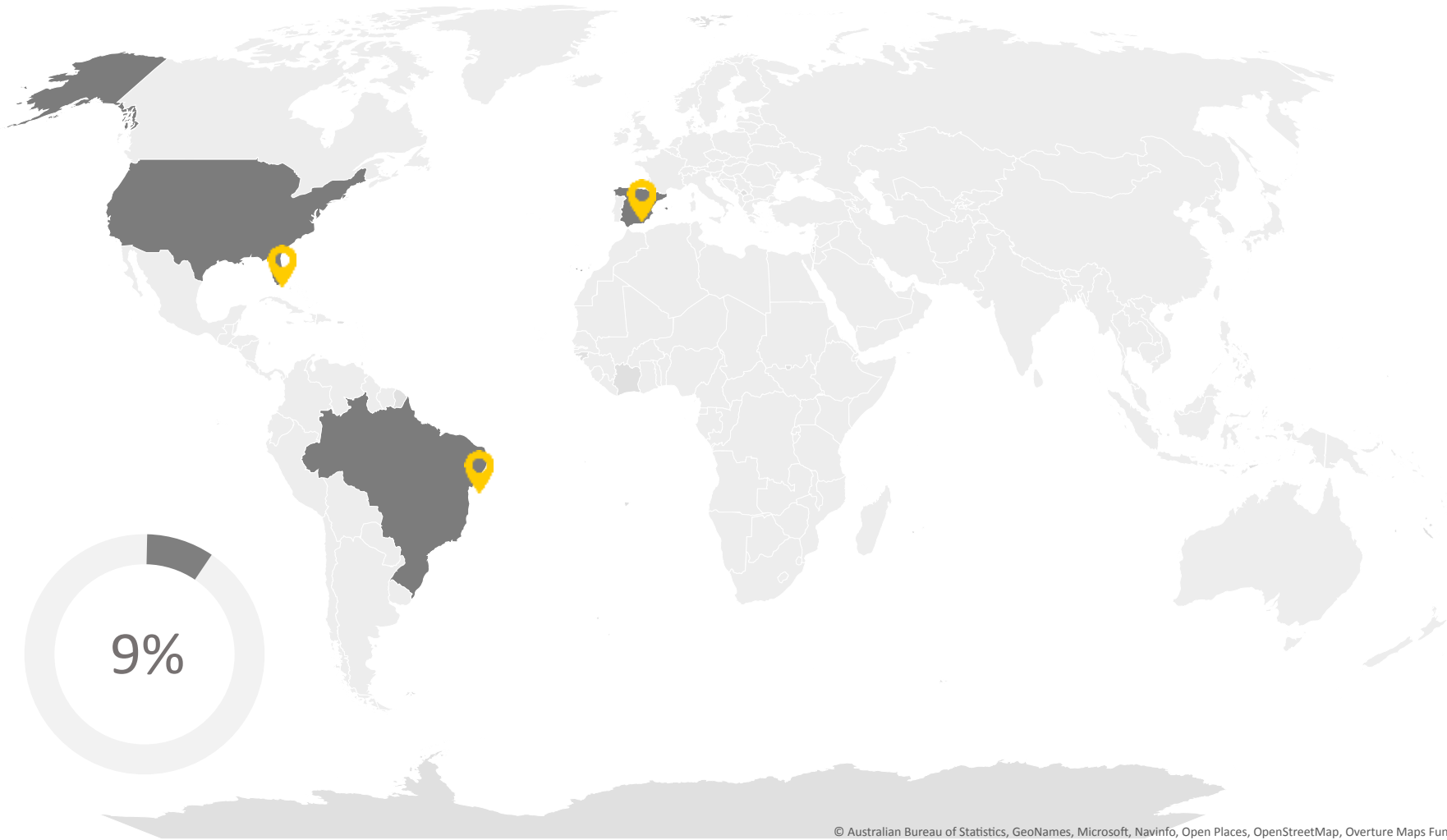
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NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	Brazil	01
	Spain	01
	United State	01

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NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.10	Brazil	Port Of Santos	Seizure of narcotics	Name :GREEN K MAX 1 Type: Cargo IMO: 9838058	Authorities are investigating individuals involved in international drug trafficking, with heightened surveillance at the Port of Santos to combat drug smuggling.
2026.05.14	United State	Port Everglades, Florida	Seizure of narcotics	-	Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma busts cocaine 'triple threat,' interdicting nearly.
2026.05.15	Spain	Costa de Almería	Sea based Drugs Trafficking/crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Drug Speed Boat	Although no officers were injured the customs vessel sustained damage and the suspected drug traffickers fled the scene.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/16/general/2026/12947/drug-bust-from-the-bulk-carrier-at-brazils-santos-port>

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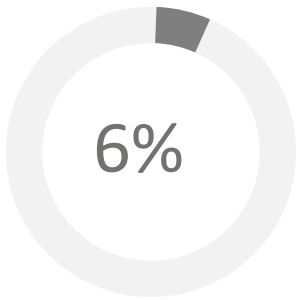
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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Malaysia	01
	United Arab Emirates	01



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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

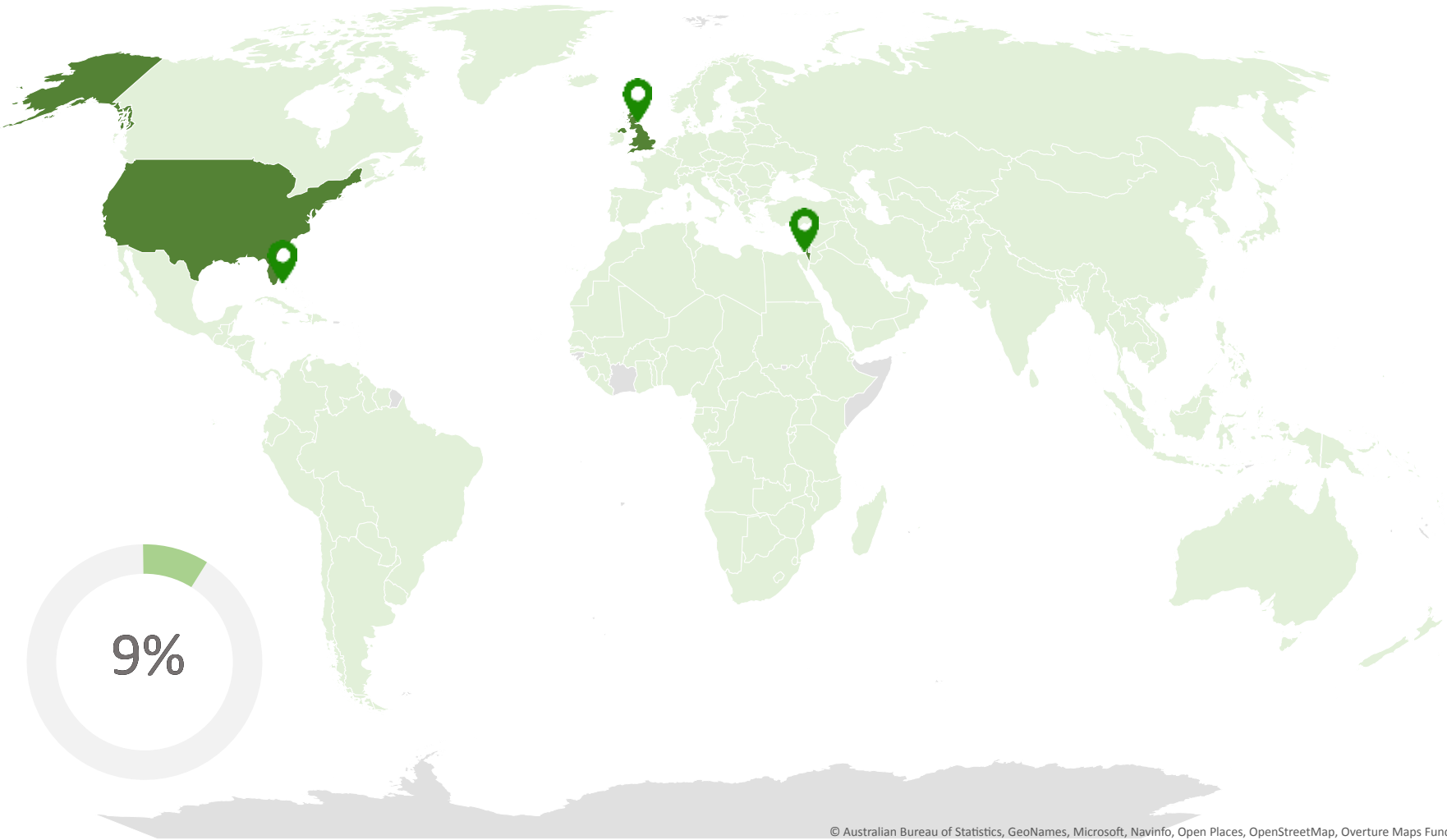
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2026.05.07	United Arab Emirates	Al Nair coast	Overcrowded vessels	One Boat	It is the second "patera" to arrive in three days, with 61 arrivals on Friday.
2026.05.11	Malaysia	western coast of Malaysia	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	One Boat	Maritime accidents often occur in the waters between Indonesia and Malaysia, primarily involving overcrowded boats transporting migrant workers to Malaysian plantations and factories.

Source -: <https://gazettelife.com/news/55-rescued-from-drifting-boat/>

Source -: <https://pajhwok.com/2026/05/12/14-missing-after-migrant-boat-sinks-off-malaysia/>



MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Israel	01
	United Kingdom	01
	United State	01

Total Incidents

03

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MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.07	Israel	Hadera Power Plant	Chemical spill	-	sharks have gathered seasonally for decades a unique phenomenon that has become a focus of both scientific and public interest.
2026.05.13	United Kingdom	Loch Dochfour	Oil Spill	Yacht	PC Ben Stael said The bell which was stolen was original to the vessel and as such is irreplaceable.
2026.05.15	United State	Palm Beach	Noise pollution	-	Even more alarming is the severity of the trauma: there is a staggering 98% mortality rate for sea turtles following a boat collision, meaning survival is practically impossible once contact is made.

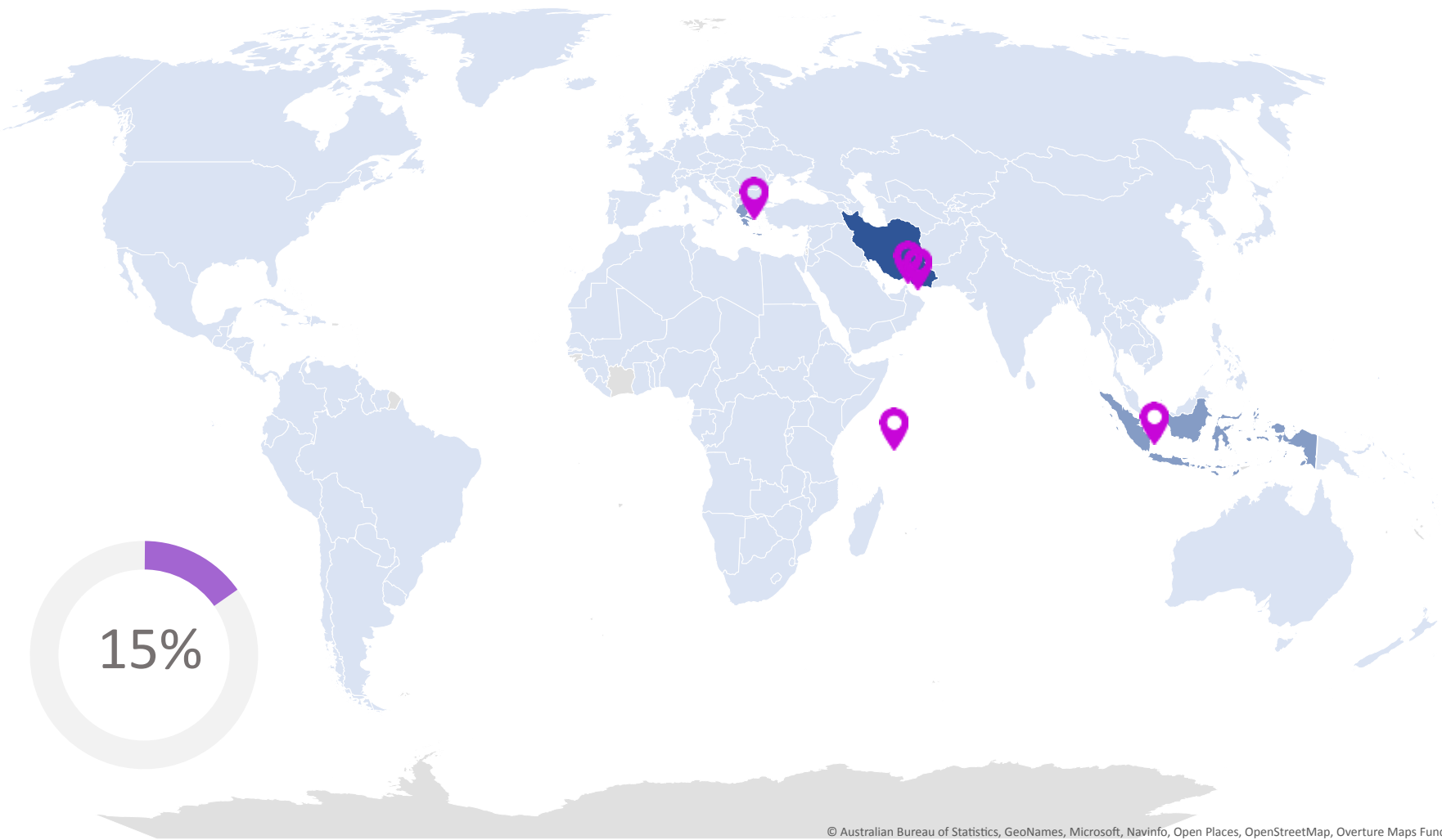
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OTHER



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Greece	01
	Indonesia	01
	Iran	02
	Seychelles	01

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05

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Naval Activities	Name – JV INNOVATION Type - Tanker IMO - 9276688	The tanker remains operational, with all crew still on board and reported safe.
2026.05.09	Seychelles	Seychelles	Foreign affairs	Name - PS TOPAZ	Originally built as INS Tarmugli (T64) for the Indian Navy, this vessel was part of the Trinkat-class fast attack craft fleet and was gifted to Seychelles in 2005 as part of defence cooperation between the two nations.
2026.05.11	Indonesia	Military pier in Jakarta	Naval Activities	Name - KRI Canopus-936	Indonesia has already deployed as many as 93 personnel to Germany to learn how to operate the KRI Canopus-936. City & Local Guides
2026.05.12	Greece	Island of Lefkada	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Drone boat	A coast guard source said investigators are examining whether the drone was intended to target ships carrying Russian oil to the wider Mediterranean.
2026.05.13	Iran	Strait Of Hormuz	Foreign affairs	Name - YUAN HUA HU Type - Tanker	Tracking data showed a tanker loaded with Basrah Medium crude oil at Iraq's Basrah terminal in early March and stayed in Gulf waters for over two months. The vessel was chartered by Unipet, the trading arm of the Chinese state oil company Sinopec.

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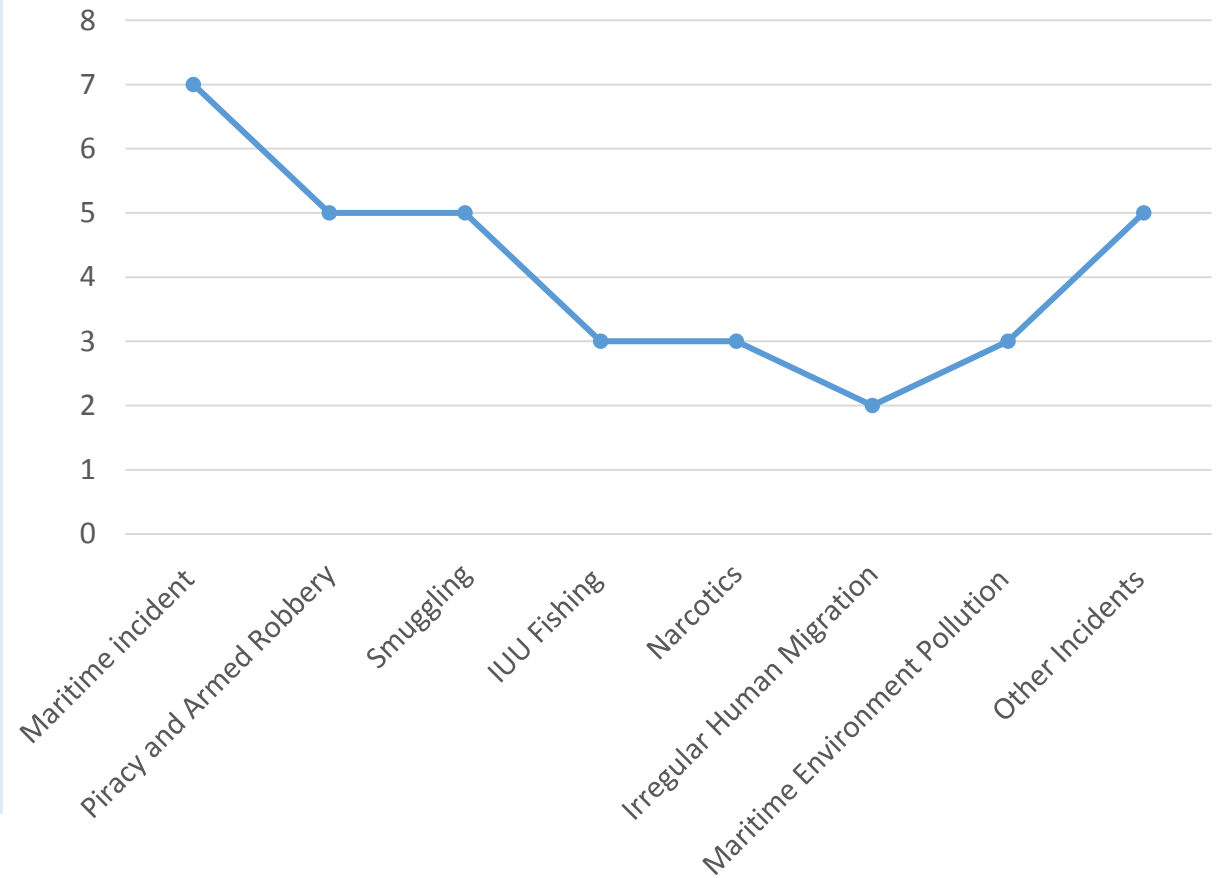
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

This week, 33 incidents were reported globally. Among these 07 maritime safety incidents included fire/explosion, collisions, capsizing/sinking, and search and rescue (SAR). Piracy and armed robbery accounted for 05 incidents, while 05 and IUU fishing accounted for 03 . Narcotics-related incidents totaled 03 . Irregular human migration incidents were 02, it was reported 03 Maritime environmental pollution incidents . 05 other incidents were recorded including naval activities in Iran and Indonesia, foreign affairs involving Seychelles and Iran, and a drone boat seizure in Greece. Weather-related incidents included 01 tropical cyclone and 04 earthquakes.

Recommendations:

To Strengthen maritime domain awareness through AIS tracking, satellite surveillance, and real-time intelligence sharing to monitor piracy-prone regions such as the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Somali coast. Enhance naval and coast guard patrols in high-risk waters to deter piracy, smuggling, and illegal migration. Improve SAR coordination to ensure rapid response during capsizing, collisions, and migrant vessel accidents. Conduct regular vessel inspections and crew training to reduce risks of fires, explosions, and mechanical failures. Expand environmental protection measures, including rapid spill response teams and stricter enforcement against noise pollution and chemical discharges. Boost international cooperation to combat drug trafficking, IUU fishing, and wildlife smuggling, with joint task forces and intelligence-sharing frameworks.

Maritime Incidents





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