

# WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 20

From 2026.05.12 TO 2026.05.24



# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 20

## Executive Summary

### Global Maritime Incidents

• Maritime incident	:-	07
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	03
• Smuggling	:-	04
• IUU Fishing	:-	02
• Narcotics	:-	01
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	03
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	03
• Other Incidents	:-	02

Total Maritime Incidents 25

### Global Weather Incident

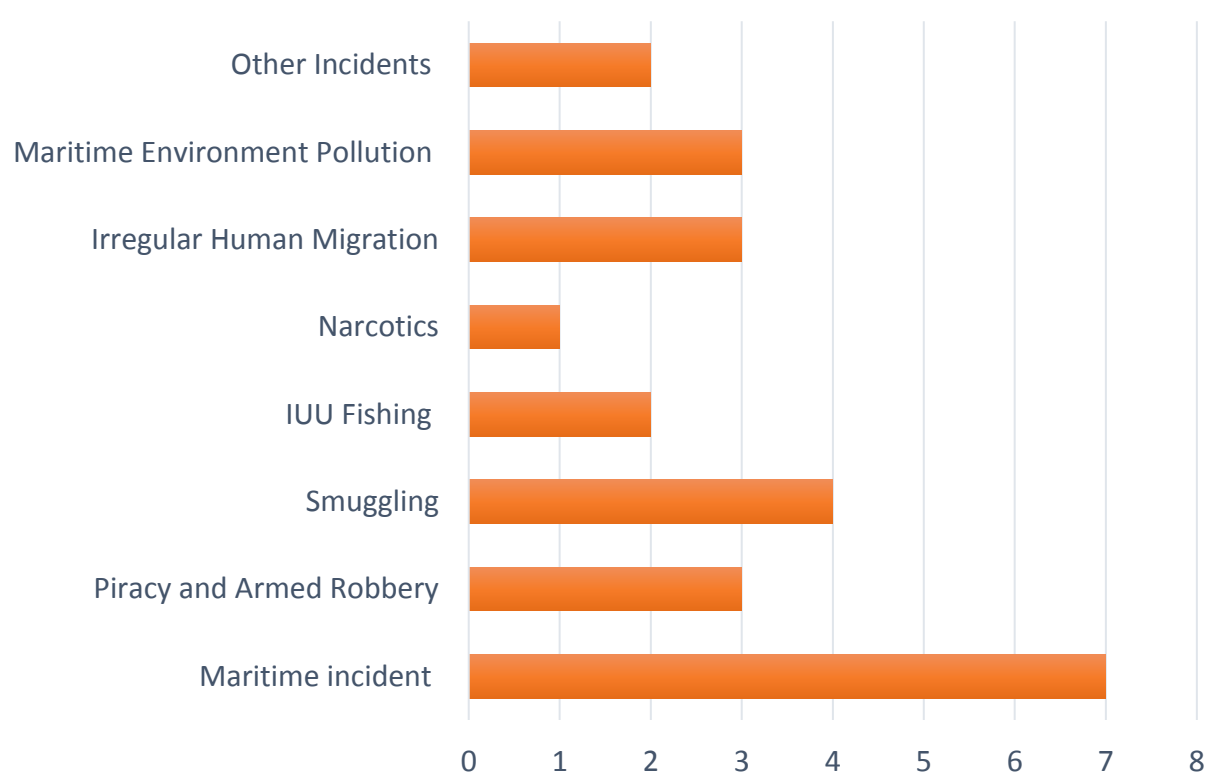
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	0
• Earthquake	:-	05

Total Weather Incidents 05

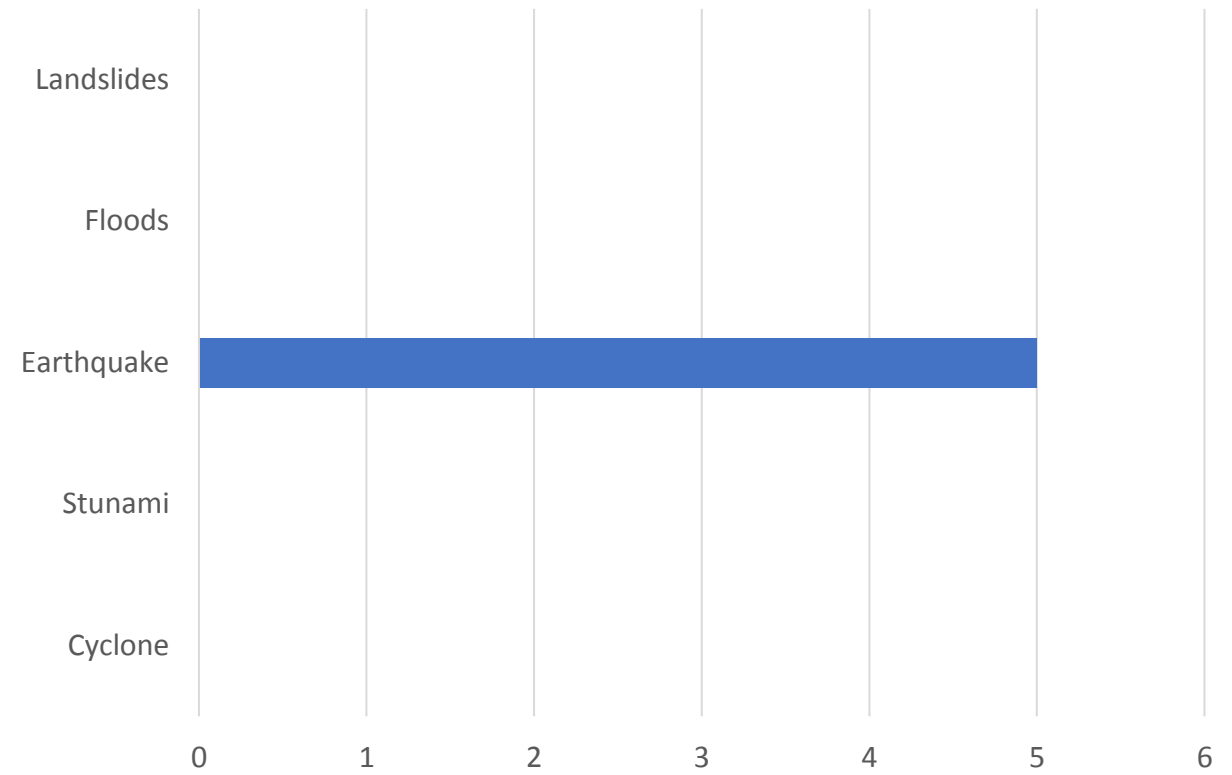


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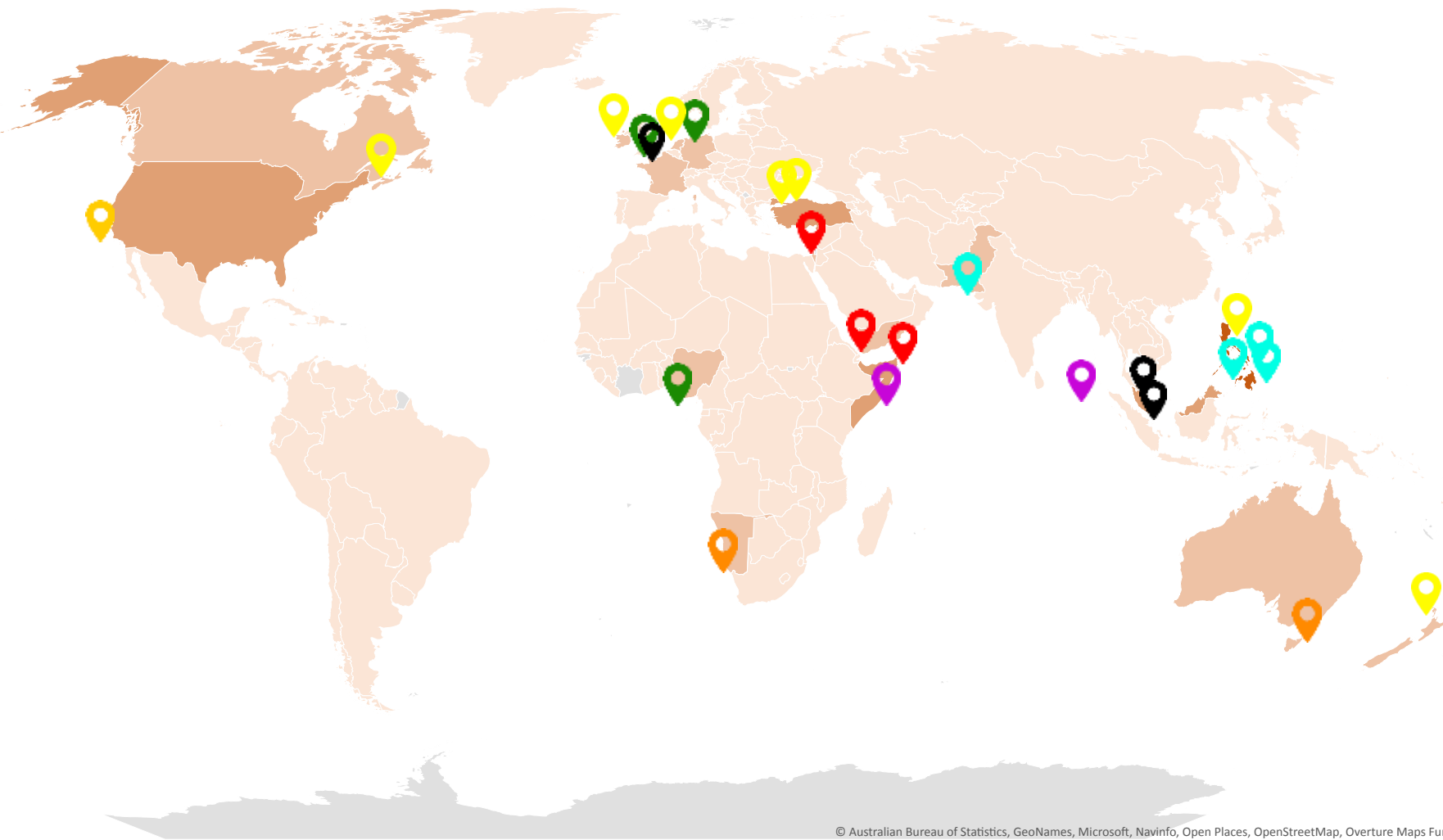
## Maritime Incidents











## Weather Incidents



# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	07
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	04
 IUU Fishing	02
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	03
 Maritime Environment Pollution	03
 Other	02

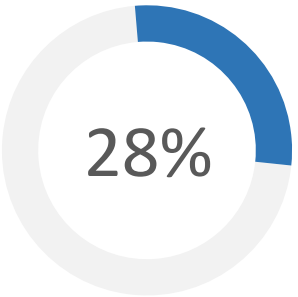
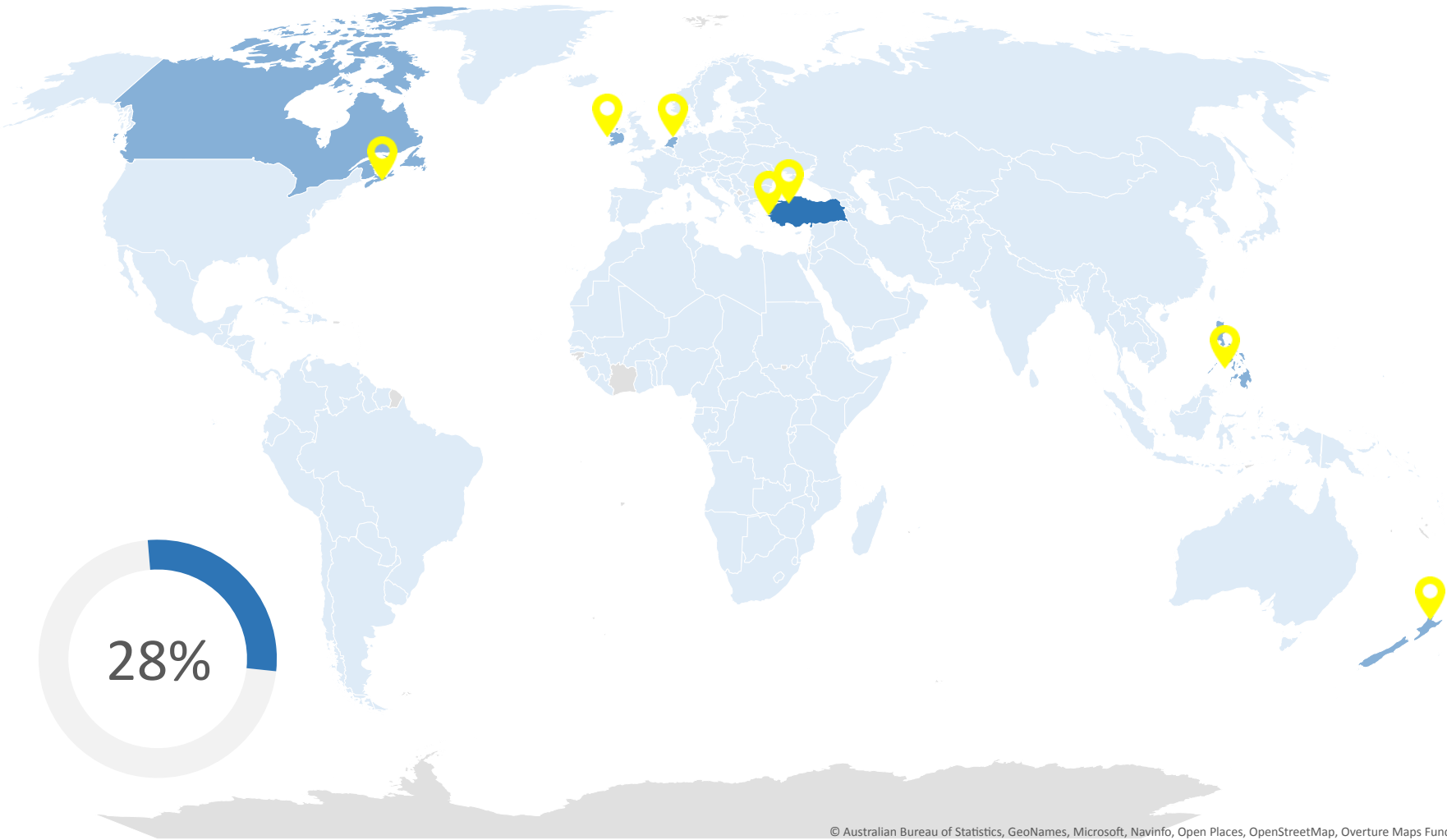
Total Incidents

25

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Canada	01
Ireland	01
Nederland	01
New Zealand	01
Philippine	01
Türkiye	02

Total Incidents

07

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.16	Turkey	Marmara Sea	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name - Hayriye Ana Flag – Palau Type - Cargo	Hayriya Ana is a general cargo ship that was built in 2009 and is sailing under the flag of Palau.
2026.05.16	Philippine	Cagayan waters	Search and Rescue (SAR)	One Boat	However rough sea conditions and strong waves damaged the <b>boat's</b> outrigger causing water to enter the vessel and eventually leading it to capsize.
2026.05.18	Canada	Near Oak Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Oak <b>Island's</b> Ocean Rescue Division utilised a rescue watercraft and the Mobile Drone Control Unit to locate and rescue the last two boaters. The water rescue crews subsequently met a civilian boat to transport the other two boaters and a dog back to shore.
2026.05.19	Türkiye	Antalya Port	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name- Family	Ordu stated that the group spent a significant period at sea attempting to break the illegal blockade on Gaza, with the flotilla's aim being to deliver medical assistance to Palestinians in Gaza aided by volunteer doctors.
2026.05.19	New Zealand	Waitemata Barbour	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	Police said the sole occupant of the vessel was able to escape uninjured on a small dinghy.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12955/cargo-vessel-towed-to-safety-after-engine-failure-off-turkey>  
 Source -: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2230517/3-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-off-cagayan-waters>  
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 Source -: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/boat-in-gaza-bound-aid-flotilla-reaches-turkish-port-after-technical-failure/3942385>  
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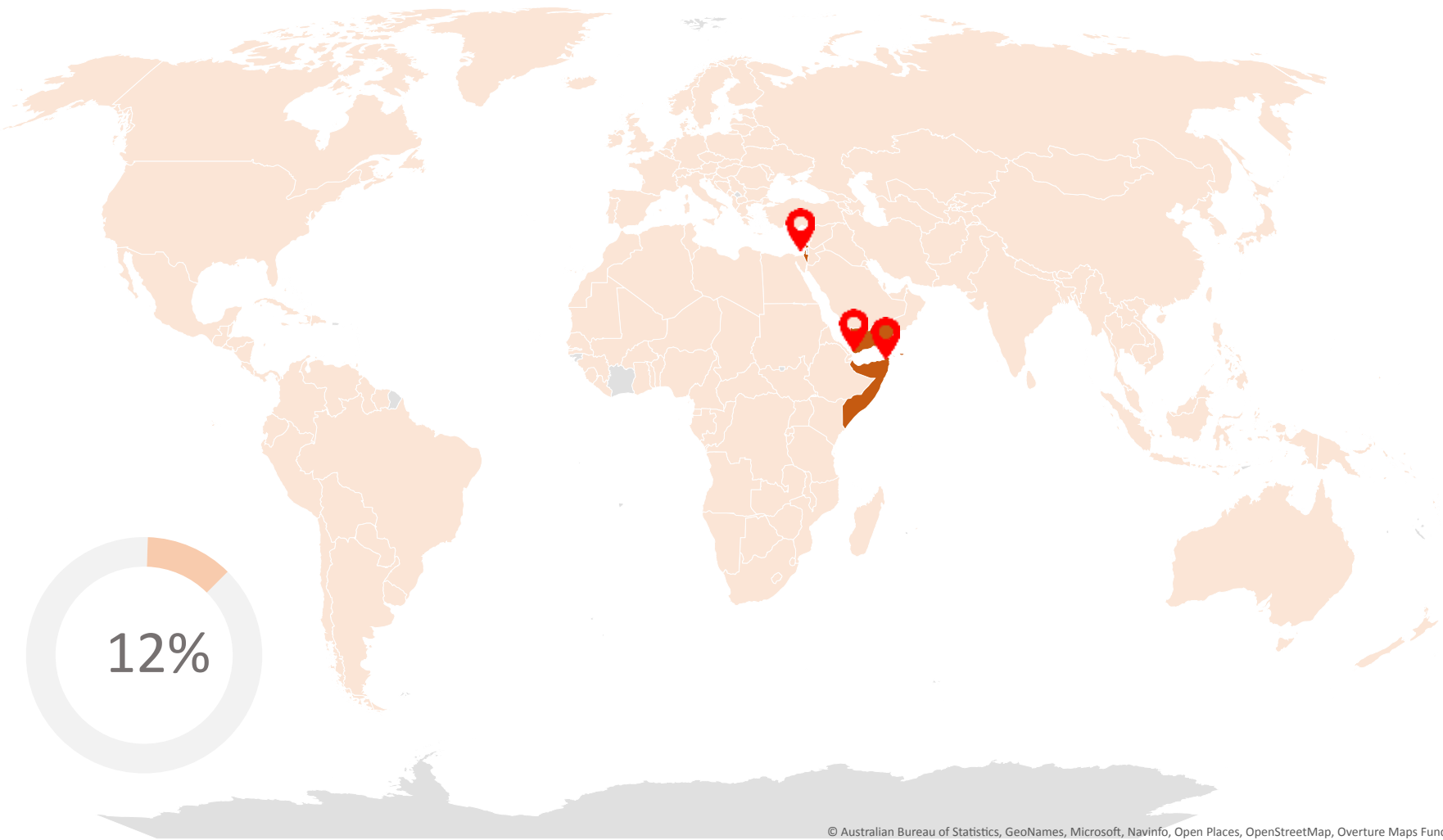
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2026.05.21	Nederland	Off Dutch Coast	Collisions	Name: SINGAPORE EXPRESS Cargo - Hazard A (Major) IMO: 9543093  Name: STELLA POLARIS Type: Fishing IMO: 8700802	Another trawler, UK 24, towed Stella Polaris to Harlingen for damage assessment and repair determination. Local police are investigating the collision.
2026.05.22	Ireland	Southwest of Garry Kennedy	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	speed boat	The assisting vessel was thanked and continued its passage north. The casualty vessel was safely tied alongside at 1838 hrs.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12968/one-injured-after-trawler-collides-with-containership-off-du>

Source -: <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2026/may/22/lough-derg-rnli-assists-a-person-on-an-18ft-speed-boat-with-engine-failure>



# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Israel	01
Somalia	01
Yemen	01

Total Incidents

03

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# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19	Somalia	Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden	Piracy	-	The Joint Maritime Information Center (JMIC) has increased the threat level in Somali coastal waters to "severe", urging mariners to stay vigilant, follow Best Management Practice for Maritime Security (BMP MS) guidelines, and report suspicious activities to the UKMTO and MSCIO.
2026.05.20	Israel	Coast of Gaza	Assault violations	Two Boat	A spokesperson for Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong said on Wednesday the government wanted to "see all detained Australians released as soon as possible
2026.05.23	Yemen	Socotra Island	Piracy	Tanker	The identity of the small vessel and the individuals onboard was not immediately known. No injuries or damage were reported.

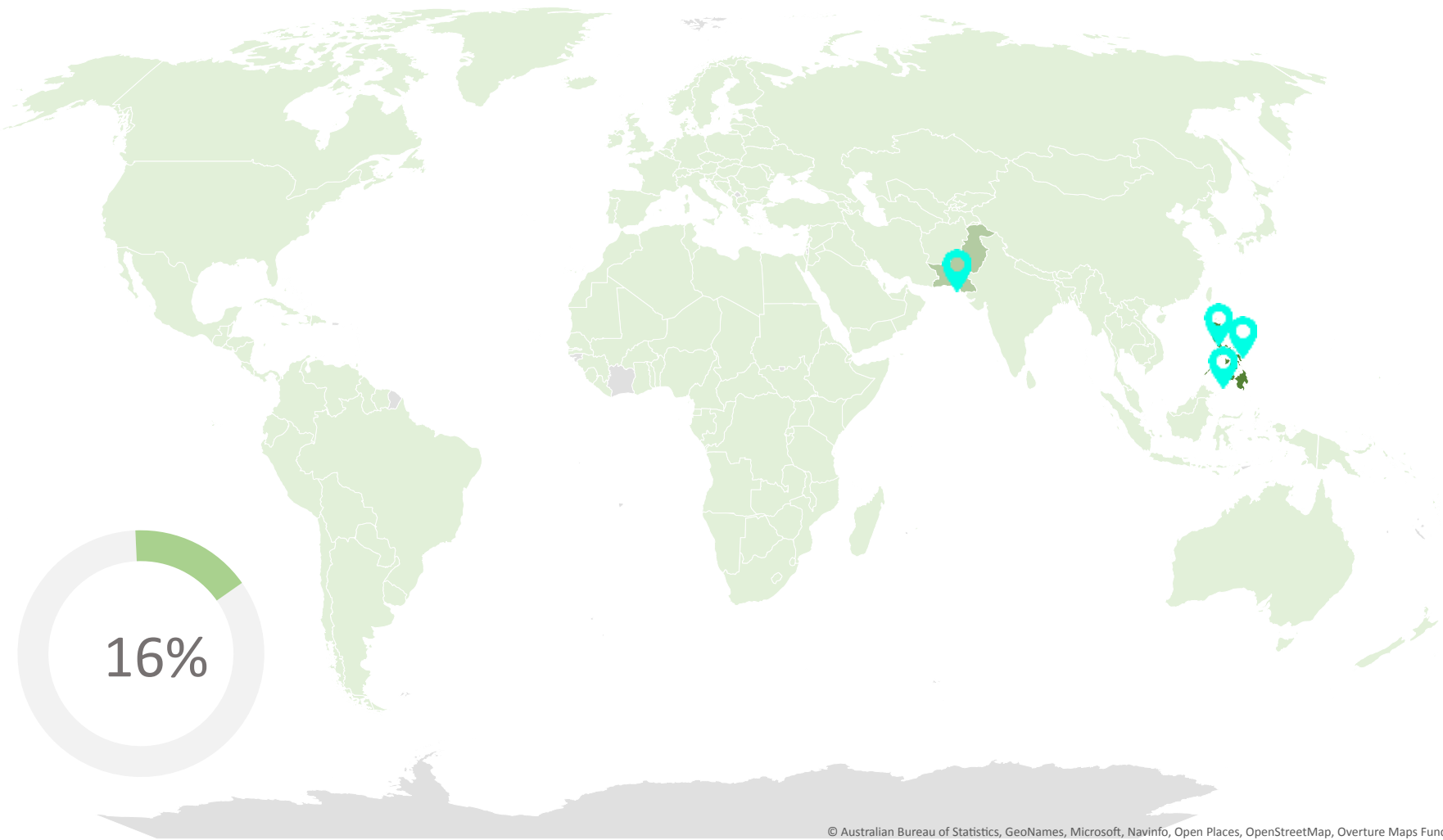
Source -: <https://www.gard.no/en/insights/somali-piracy-warning/>

Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-05-20/israeli-forces-fire-shots-at-gaza-flotilla-organisers-say/106699628>

Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/tanker-fires-warning-shots-after-suspicious-boat-approaches-near-yemens-socotra/>



# SMUGGLING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Pakistan	01
	Philippines	03

Total Incidents

04

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# SMUGGLING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.15	Philippine	Western Mindanao	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two Motorboats	The Philippine Navy seized over P526 million in illicit foreign-brand cigarettes, thwarting two smuggling attempts in western Mindanao. A total of 21 individuals were arrested during operations on 13 and 15 May 26.
2026.05.16	Philippine	Negros Occidental	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	He added the suspects were released on Monday after the 36-hour reglementary detention period lapsed.
2026.05.20	Pakistan	Coast of Gadani	Contraband /Goods smuggling	six fishing boats	Gadani reported the highest recoveries worth Rs. 853 million, followed by Sargodha with Rs. 700 million and Quetta with Rs. 693 million in confiscated goods.
2026.05.22	Philippines	Barangay Sugod	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Authorities intercepted a motorized boat locally known as "Tinanggo" or "Subang-Subang" loaded with boxes of suspected smuggled cigarettes.

Source - : <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/987952/ph-navy-smuggled-cigarettes/story/>

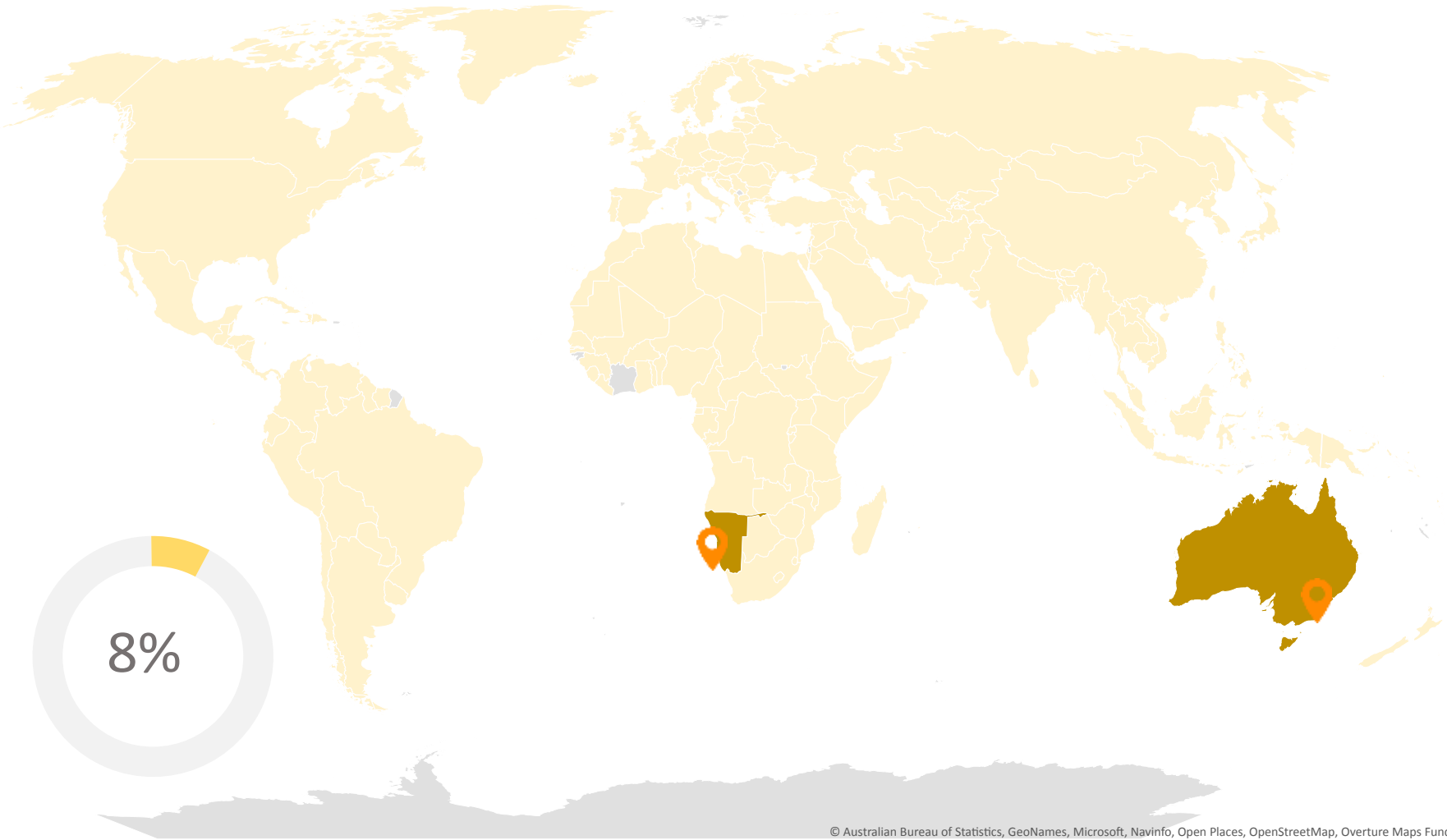
Source - : <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1275268>



Source - : <https://propakistani.pk/2026/05/20/smugglers-busted-using-boats-onion-trucks-luxury-cars-to-move-rs-3-7-billion-loot/>

Source - : <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2233175/3-nabbed-in-zamboanga-del-sur-maritime-anti-smuggling-operation>



# IUU FISHING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Australia	01
	Namibian	01

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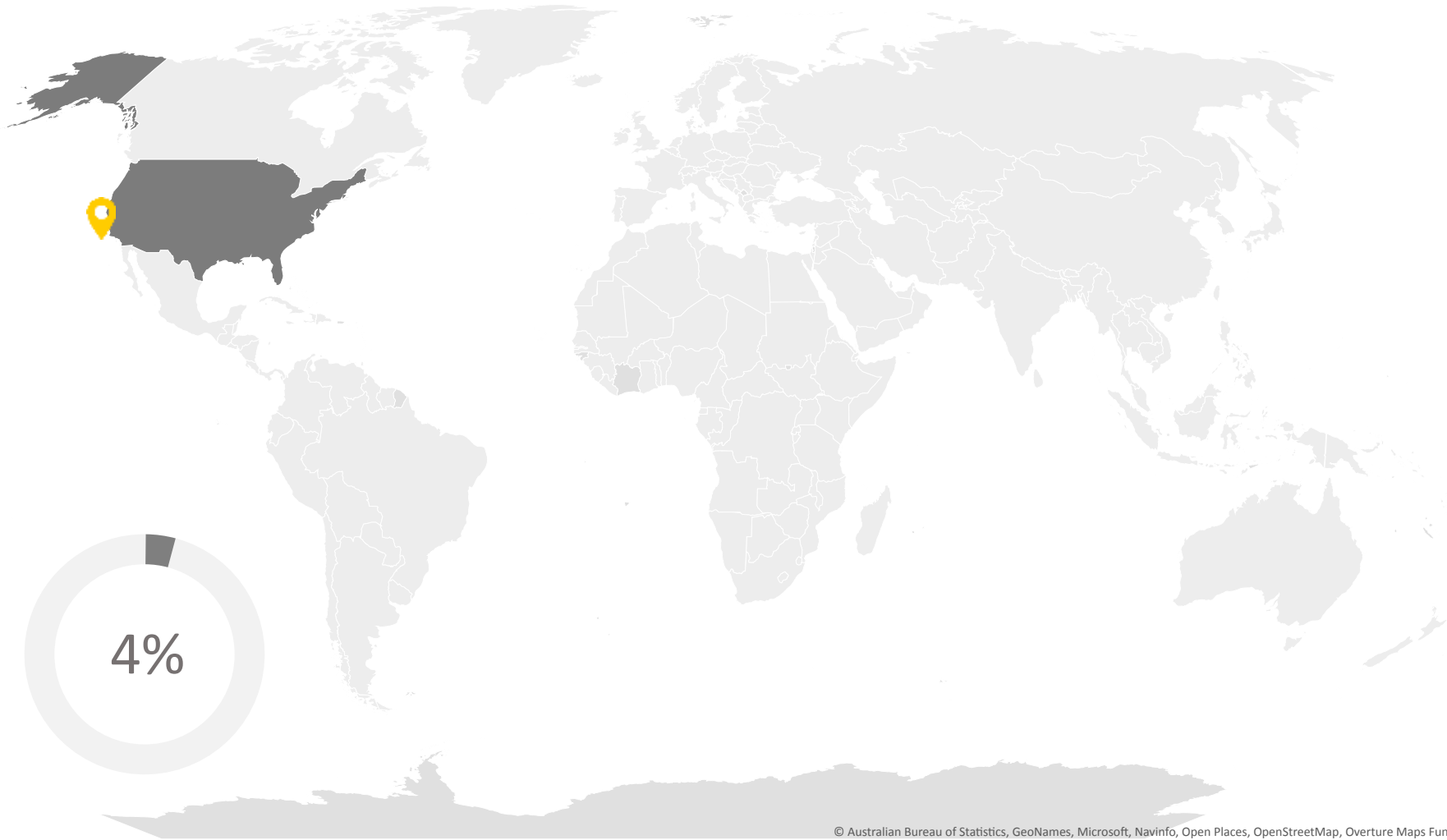
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2026.05.17	Australia	Cagayan waters	Overfishing	One Boat	Many of these hauls are also tied to larger, lucrative smuggling operations of certain marine life.
2026.05.21	Namibian	sovereign waters	Destructive Fishing practices	One fishing Boat	The Ministry commended the professionalism, vigilance, and dedication displayed by the Namibian Navy in carrying out its mandate.


Source -: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/aussie-anglers-boat-seized-officials-112000220.html>

Source -: <https://economist.com.na/106882/general-news/navy-nets-foreign-vessel-for-illegal-fishing-in-namibian-waters/>



# NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION		NO
	United States	01

Total Incidents

01

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# NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.21	United States	Port of Los Angeles	Seizure of narcotics	Crud Oil Tanker	We remain dedicated to pursuing those who attempt to exploit our ports and transportation systems, and to working with our partners to disrupt criminal organizations that threaten public safety.

Source -: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2026/05/22/homeland-security-investigations-and-us-coast-guard-seize-64-million-narcotics>



# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	France	01
	Malaysia	02

Total Incidents

03

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# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.16	Malaysia	off Pulau Pangkor island	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The Perak Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) announced the conclusion of the operation on Saturday, citing no new discoveries in the search area. They indicated that initial reports suggested 37 victims, but this figure may not be accurate.
2026.05.16	Malaysia	Southwest Of Apong River	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing		Sixteen victims were rescued, including 10 men (two Bangladeshis and eight Indonesians) and six Indonesian women aged 24 to 50.
2026.05.17	France	Sea South Of Neufchatel-Hae.	Illegal broader crossing	One Boat	Seventeen people were rescued at sea and taken to Boulogne-sur-Mer.

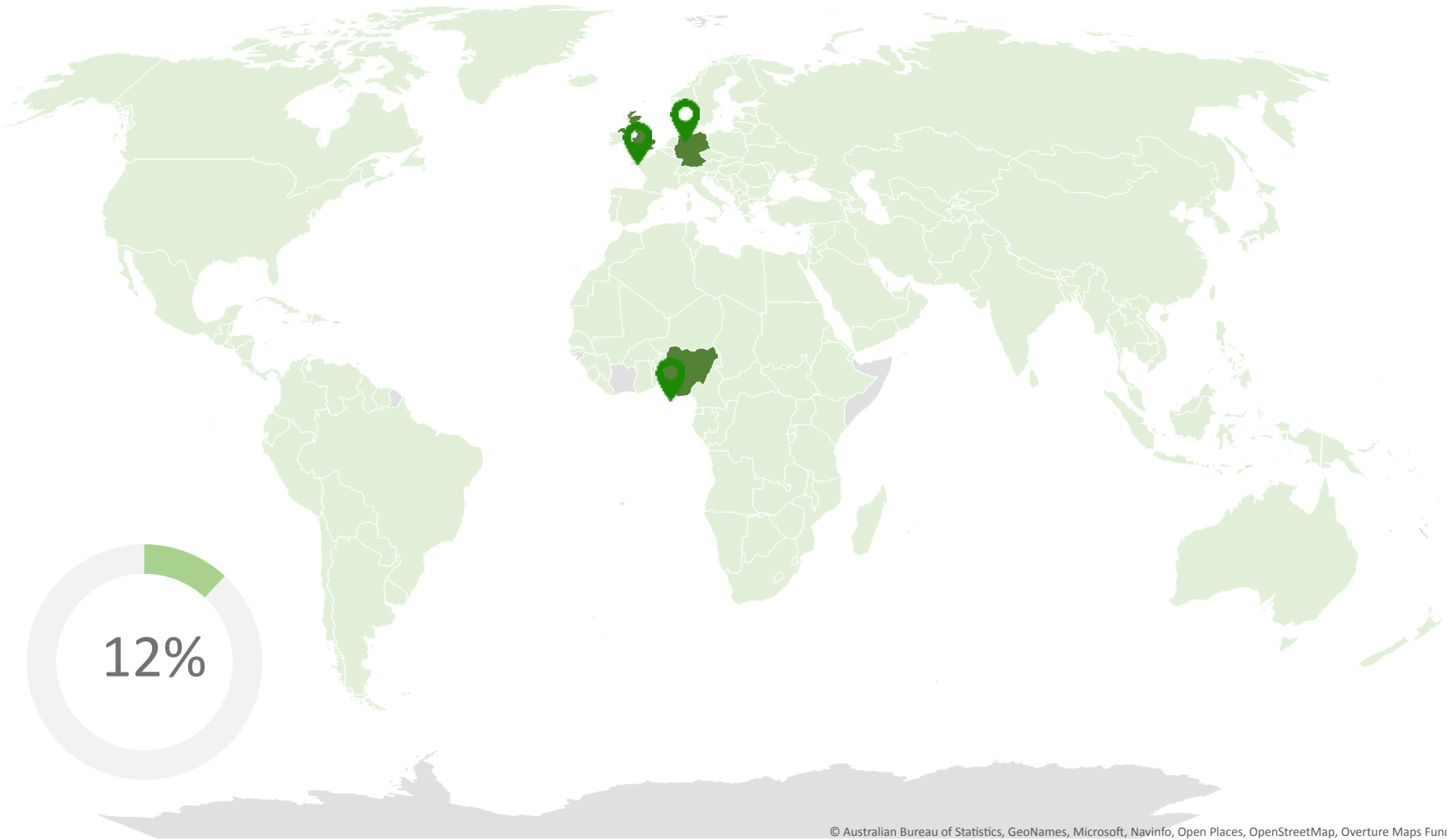
Source -: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2608593/malaysia-calls-off-search-rescue-operation-for-victims-of-migrant-boat-tragedy>

Source -: <https://voi.id/en/news/575814>

Source -: <https://www.africanews.com/2026/05/03/two-sudanese-women-die-in-overcrowded-migrant-boat-crossing-from-northern-france/>



# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Germany	01
	Nigeria	01
	United Kingdom	01

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03

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# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.18	United Kingdom	Solent strait	Chemical spill	-	The chemicals likely entered the environment from wastewater treatment facilities, sewage discharges, old landfills, and adjacent military locations.
2026.05.18	Germany	Kiel Canal	Oil Spill	Name – Rix Mariner Flag – Cyprus Type - Cargo	The vessel is expected to remain there until the cause of the leak has been identified and repaired. As of 19 May, it was still stationary.
2026.05.20	Nigeria	Bonny Island	Oil Spill	Name: LADY MARTINA Type: Cargo IMO: 5104033  Name: MAERSK VALPARAISO Type: Cargo - Hazard A (Major) IMO: 9433054	The Maersk Valparaiso ran aground in the Bonny Inner Anchorage on 21 May. It refloated the next day and is currently anchored at Onn Port for assessment and repairs. Maersk has reported the incident to NIMASA, initiating an investigation into the collision.

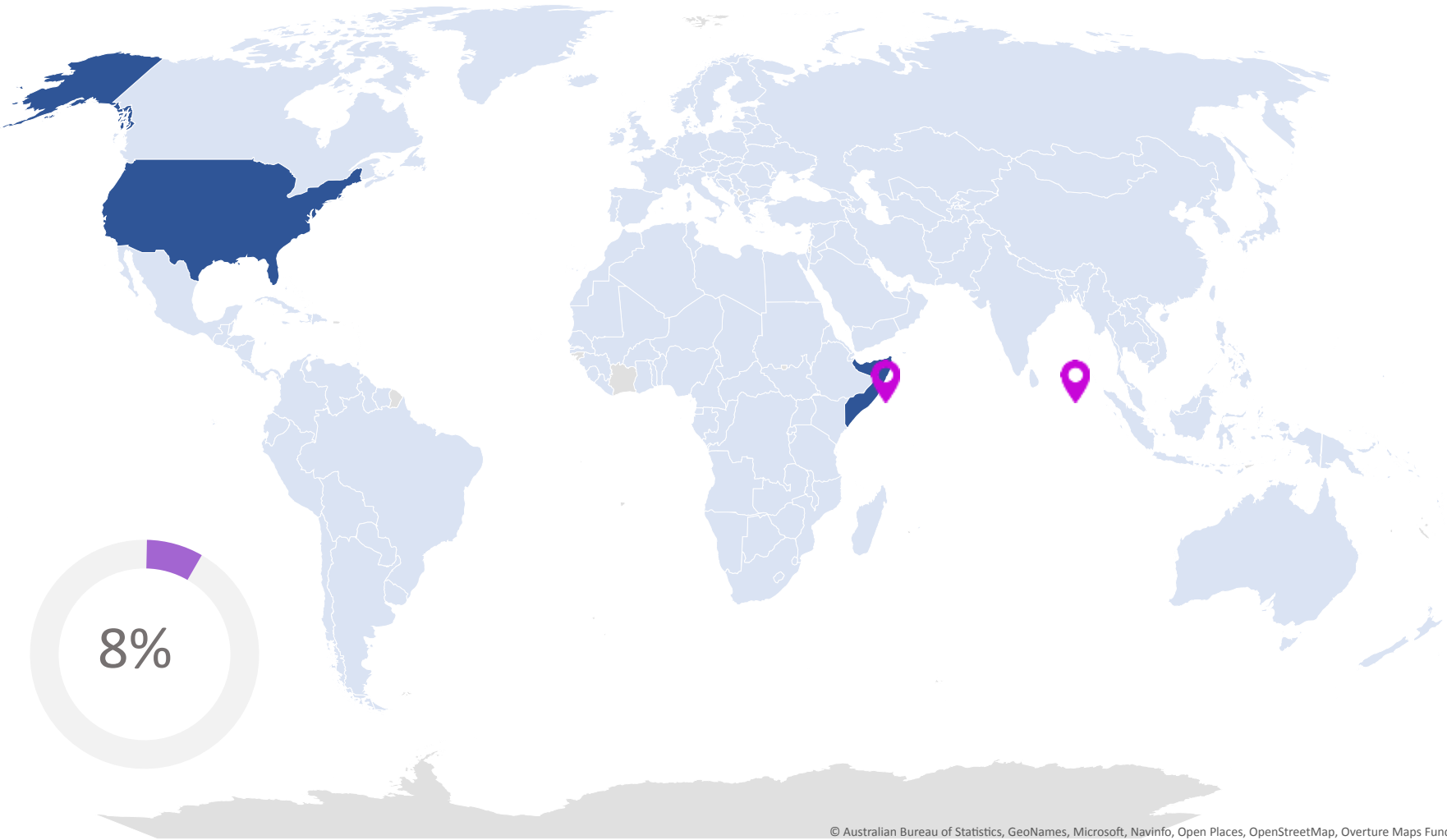
Source -: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/may/19/toxic-pfa-forever-chemicals-channel-southern-england-solent>

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/undefined/accidents/2026/12960/northern-lock-in-kiel-canal-closed-due-to-oil-sheen>

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12967/collision-between-two-vessels-causes-oil-spill-in-nigeria-fi>



# OTHER



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Somalia	01
	United States	01

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# OTHER

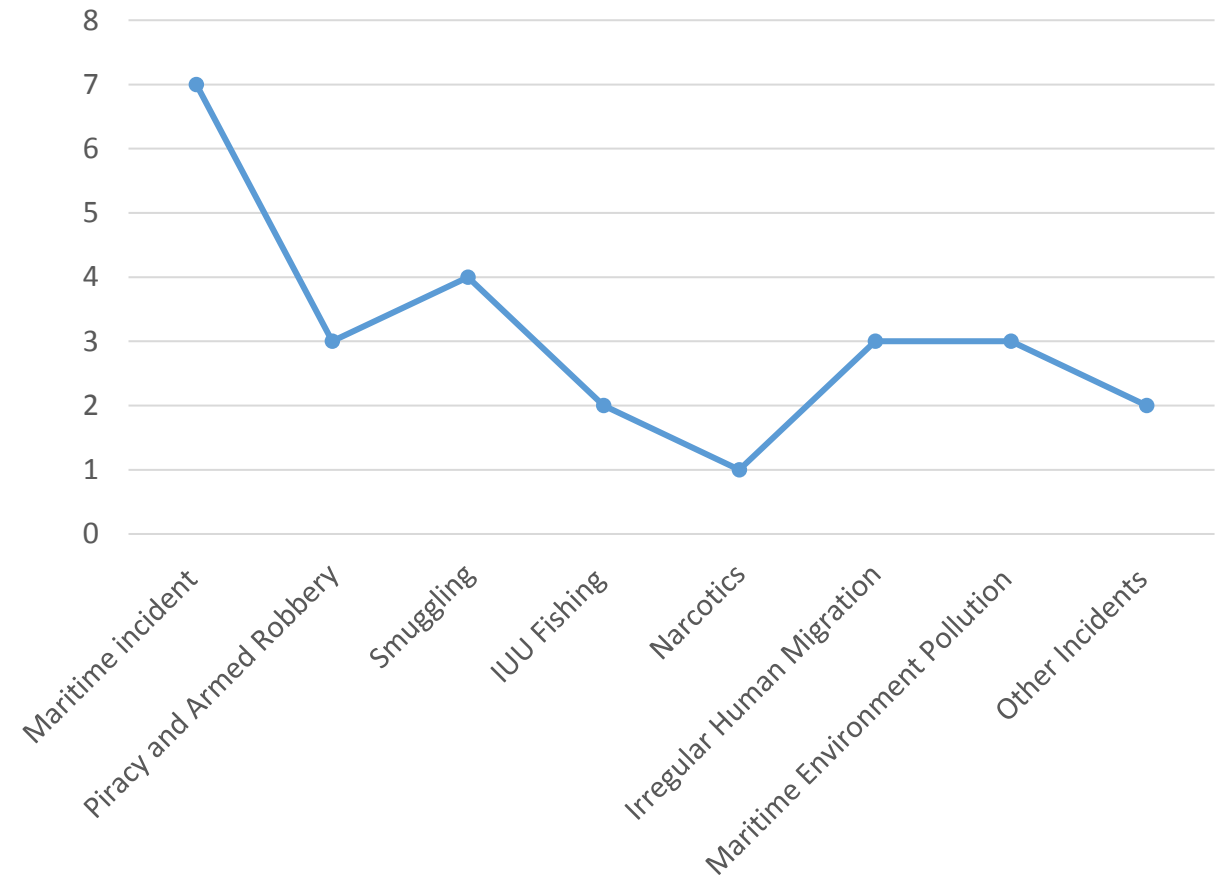
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19	United States	Indian Ocean	Naval Activities	Name – Skywave Flag – Botswana Type - Tanker	The two previous vessels seized in April were the tankers Majestic X and Tifani both intercepted in the Indian Ocean.
2026.05.21	Somalia	coast of Somalia	Naval Activities	–	Somali pirates are currently holding two oil tankers and a general cargo/cement carrier, captured between April 21 and May 2, including one vessel hijacked off Yemen and taken to Somalia.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12961/us-seizes-oil-tanker-linked-to-iranian-oil-shipments-near-ma>  
 Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/somali-piracy-rises-again-as-iran-u-s-war-forces-ships-to-take-dangerous-detours-around-africa/>



# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

Maritime Incidents





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