

# WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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From 2026.04.20 TO 2026.04.26



# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 16

## Executive Summary

### Global Maritime Incidents



|                                  |    |    |
|----------------------------------|----|----|
| • Maritime incident              | :- | 09 |
| • Piracy and Armed Robbery       | :- | 02 |
| • Smuggling                      | :- | 04 |
| • IUU Fishing                    | :- | 02 |
| • Narcotics                      | :- | 04 |
| • Irregular Human Migration      | :- | 05 |
| • Maritime Environment Pollution | :- | 01 |
| • Other Incidents                | :- | 08 |

Total Maritime Incidents 35

### Global Weather Incident



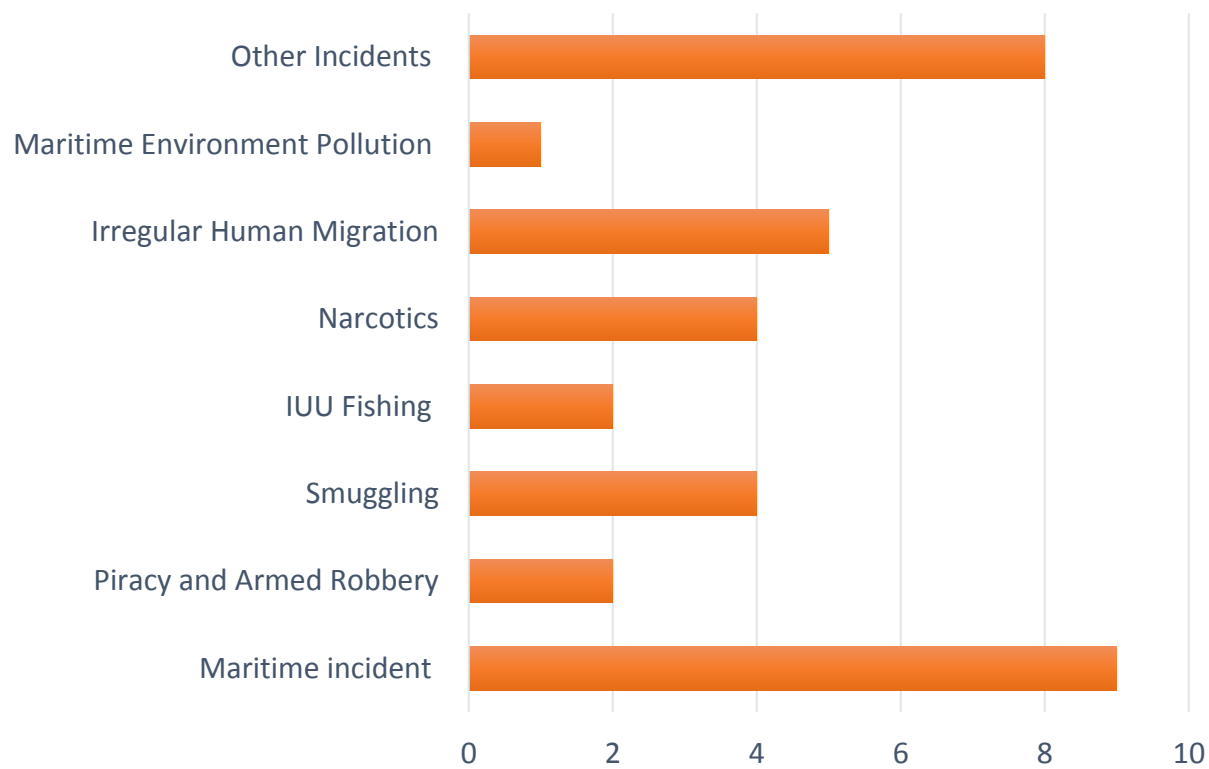
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| • Tropical Cyclone | :- | 01 |
| • Earthquake       | :- | 05 |

Total Weather Incidents 06

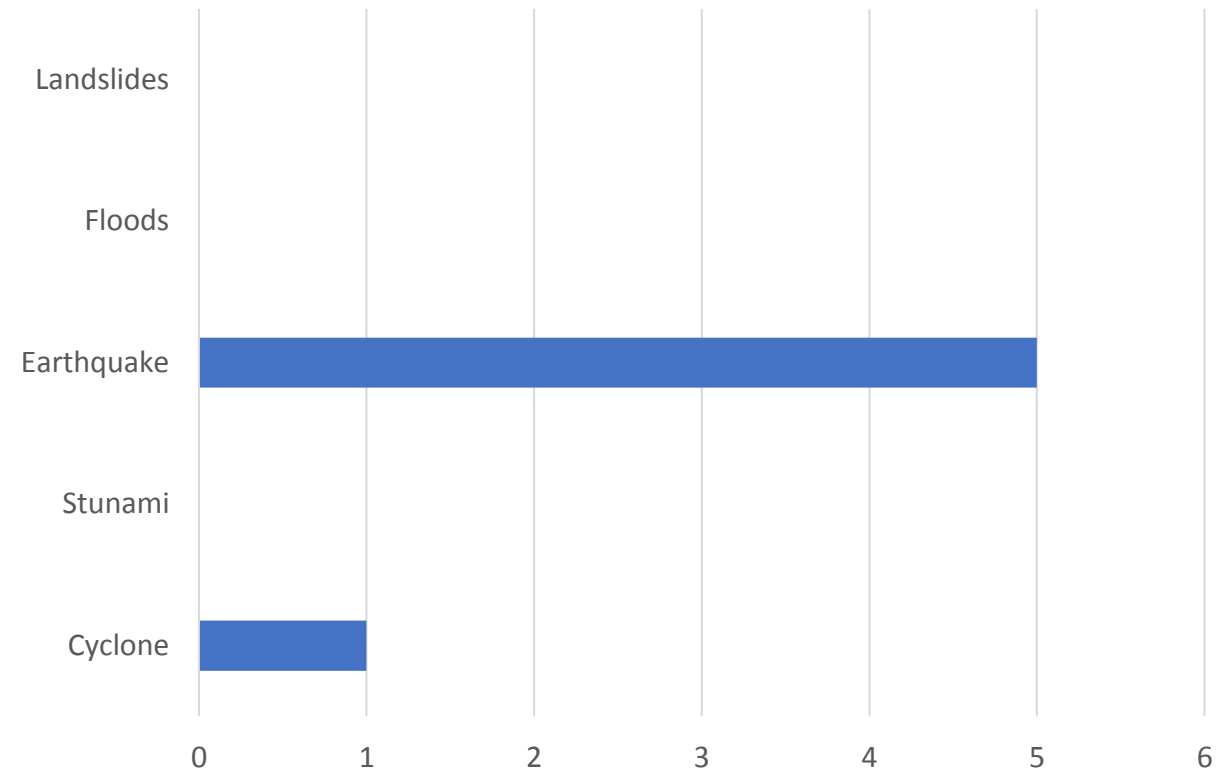


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## Maritime Incidents

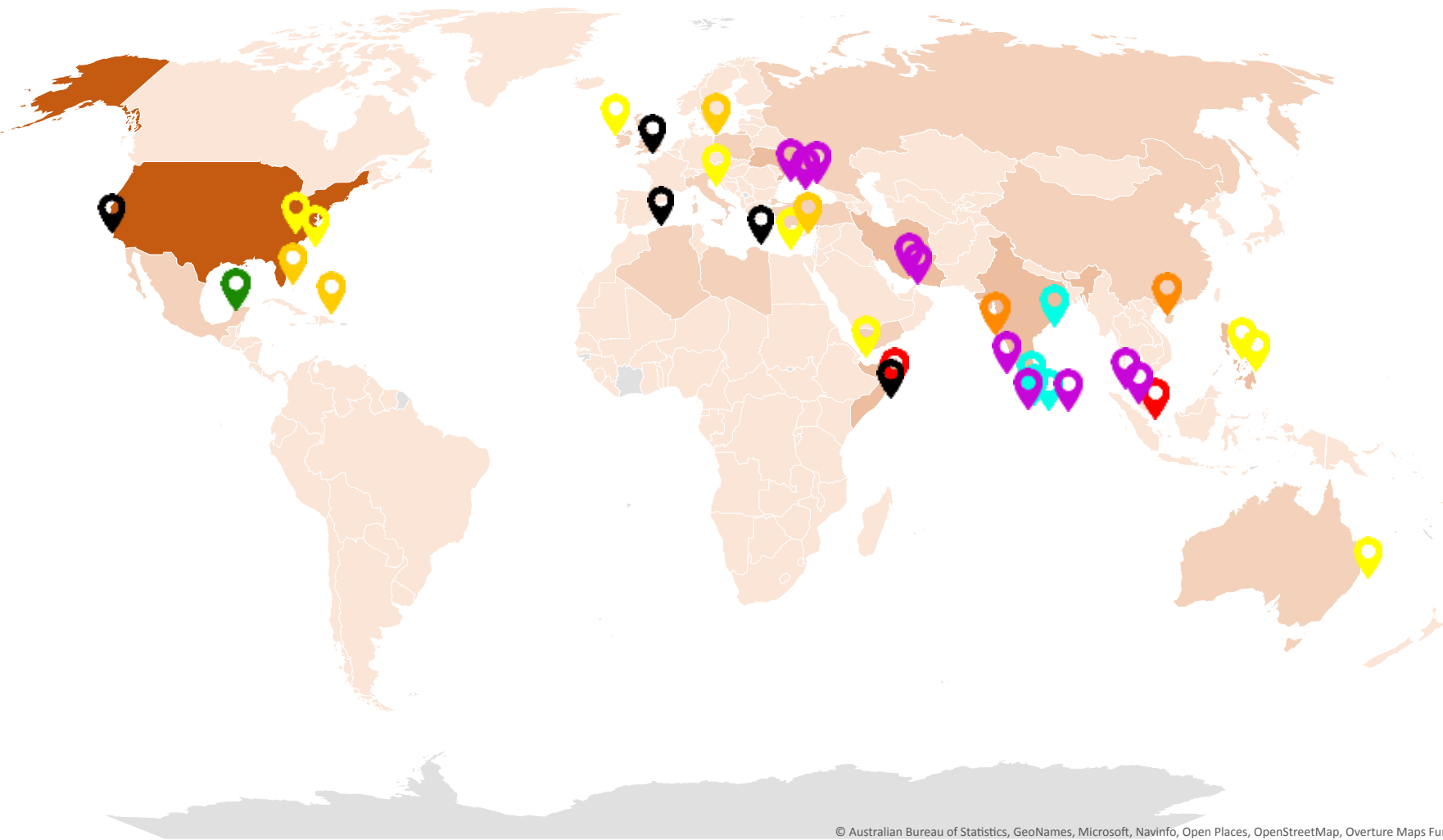


## Weather Incidents





# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



| CATEGORY                       | NO |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Maritime Incidents             | 09 |
| Piracy & Armed Robbery         | 02 |
| Smuggling                      | 04 |
| IUU Fishing                    | 02 |
| Narcotic                       | 04 |
| Irregular Human Migration      | 05 |
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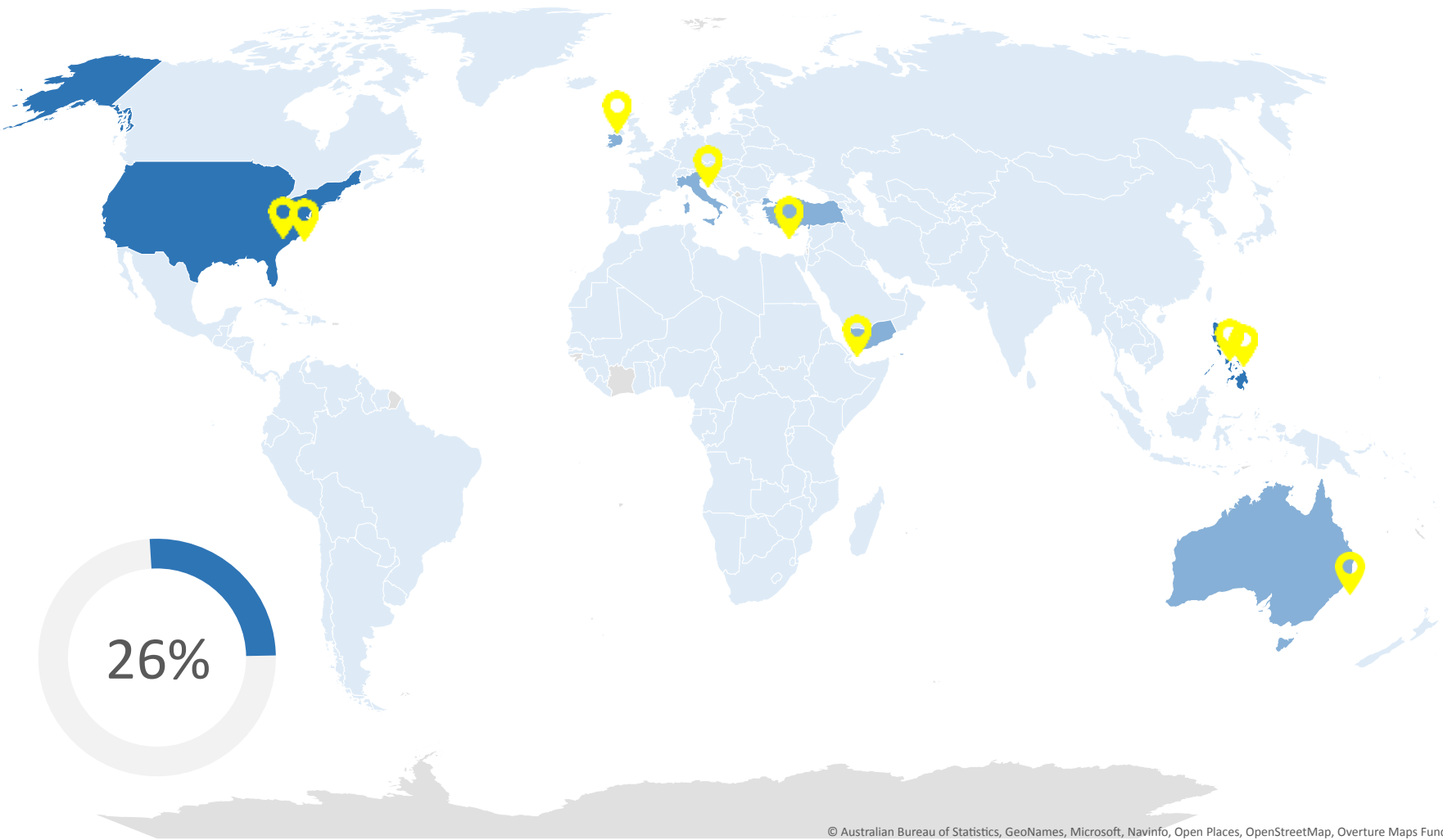
Total Incidents

35

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS



| COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|-----------------|----|
| Australia       | 01 |
| Ireland         | 01 |
| Italy           | 01 |
| Philippine      | 02 |
| Turkey          | 01 |
| United States   | 02 |
| Yemen           | 01 |

Total Incidents

09

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# MARITIME INCIDENTS

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION                                | SUBCATEGORY   | VESSEL DETAILS                            | ADDITIONAL DETAILS  |
|---------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| 2026.04.16    | Turkey         | Sea of Marmara                          | Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication | Name: CEYO<br>Type: Cargo<br>IMO: 8649993 | Under VTS coordination, the vessel was successfully towed and repositioned within the anchorage with no pollution reported in the incident  |
| 2026.04.17    | Ireland        | Dun Laoghaire Harbour                   | Search And Rescue (SAR)                               | Pleasure Craft                            | At around 1515 hrs the vessel fire was reported as extinguished and the vessel sank.  |
| 2026.04.18    | Australia      | Sea Off The South-east Queensland Coast | Search and Rescue (SAR)                               | -   | A life raft was deployed, and water police assisted before both men were airlifted to land by a surf life-saving helicopter in stable condition. Police reported that both men returned home safe and well. |
| 2026.04.18    | USA            | Bogue Inlet                             | Search and Rescue (SAR)                               | One Boat                                  | Chief Petty Officer Ken MacDougall urged boaters to check weather and water conditions and ensure they have proper safety equipment including life jackets.   |
| 2026.04.19    | Italy          | Venice                                  | Fire/Folding/Explosion                                | Boat                                      | A woman and a five-year-old boy sustained serious burns in a boat fire on Sunday afternoon near the Marina Park Boat Ramp in Venice.  |
| 2026.04.22    | Philippine     | off Occidental Mindoro                  | Search and Rescue (SAR)                               | Motor banca Boat                          | The SAR team reached the site after 20 minutes and immediately located the capsized motorbanca, leading to the rescue of the distressed passengers, the PCG said.   |

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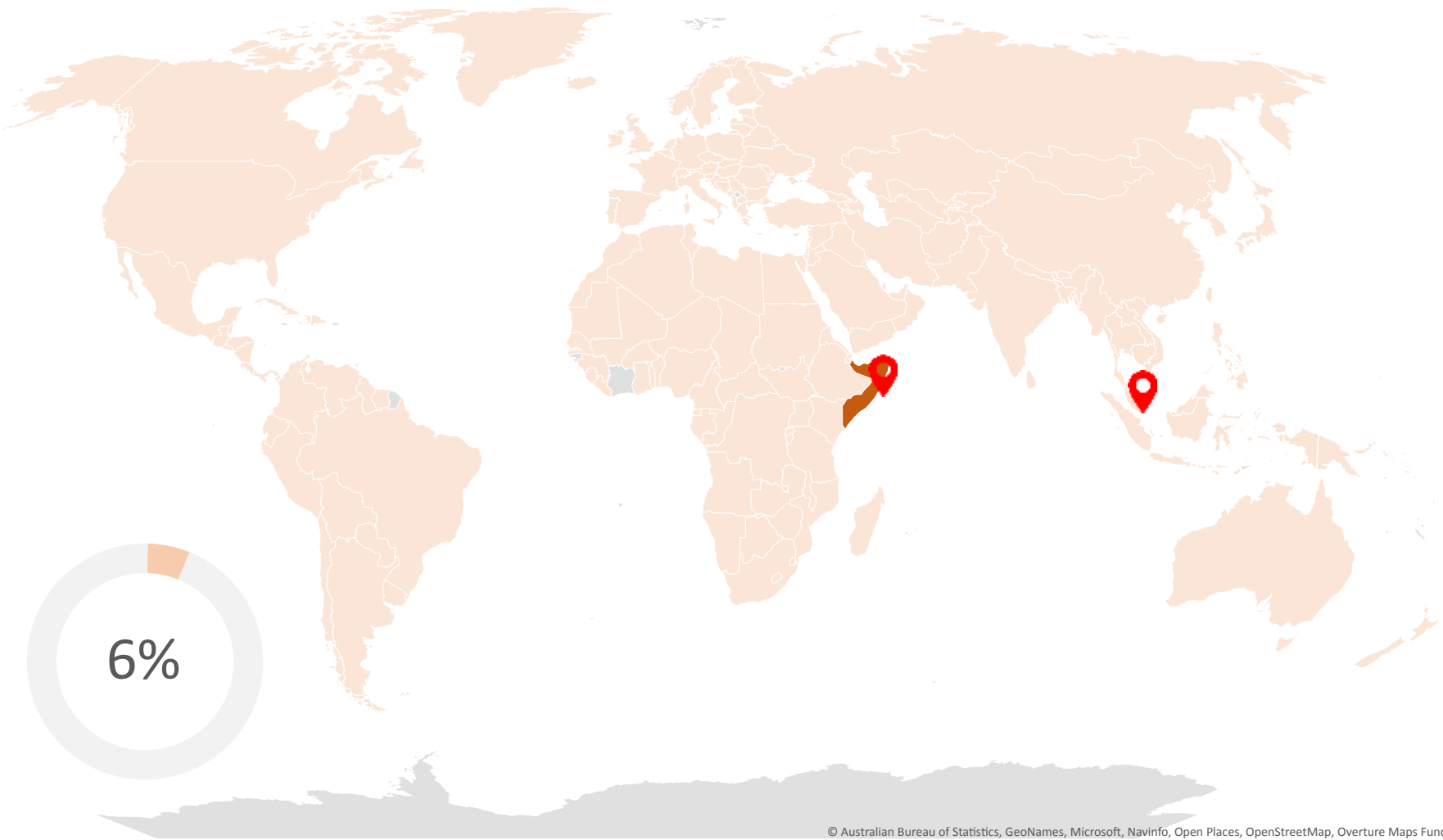
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|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 2026.04.21    | USA            | Detroit River | Search and Rescue (SAR) | One Boat        | We actually monitor the radio around the clock in our office, Glenn Swinton said.   |
| 2026.04.21    | Yemen          | Mayun Island  | Capsizing /Sinking      | Military boat   | No official statement has yet been issued by the Giants Brigades or relevant authorities regarding the circumstances of the incident or the final toll of casualties and missing personnel. |
| 2026.04.24    | Philippine     | off Bohol     | Search and Rescue (SAR) | Motorbanca Boat | Four elderly passengers were transferred to a rescue vessel, while three others reached the shoreline of Barangay Tilmobo safely.   |

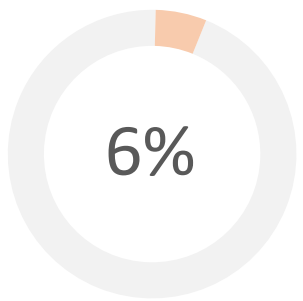
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# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



| COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|-----------------|----|
| Singapore       | 01 |
| Somalia         | 01 |



Total Incidents

02

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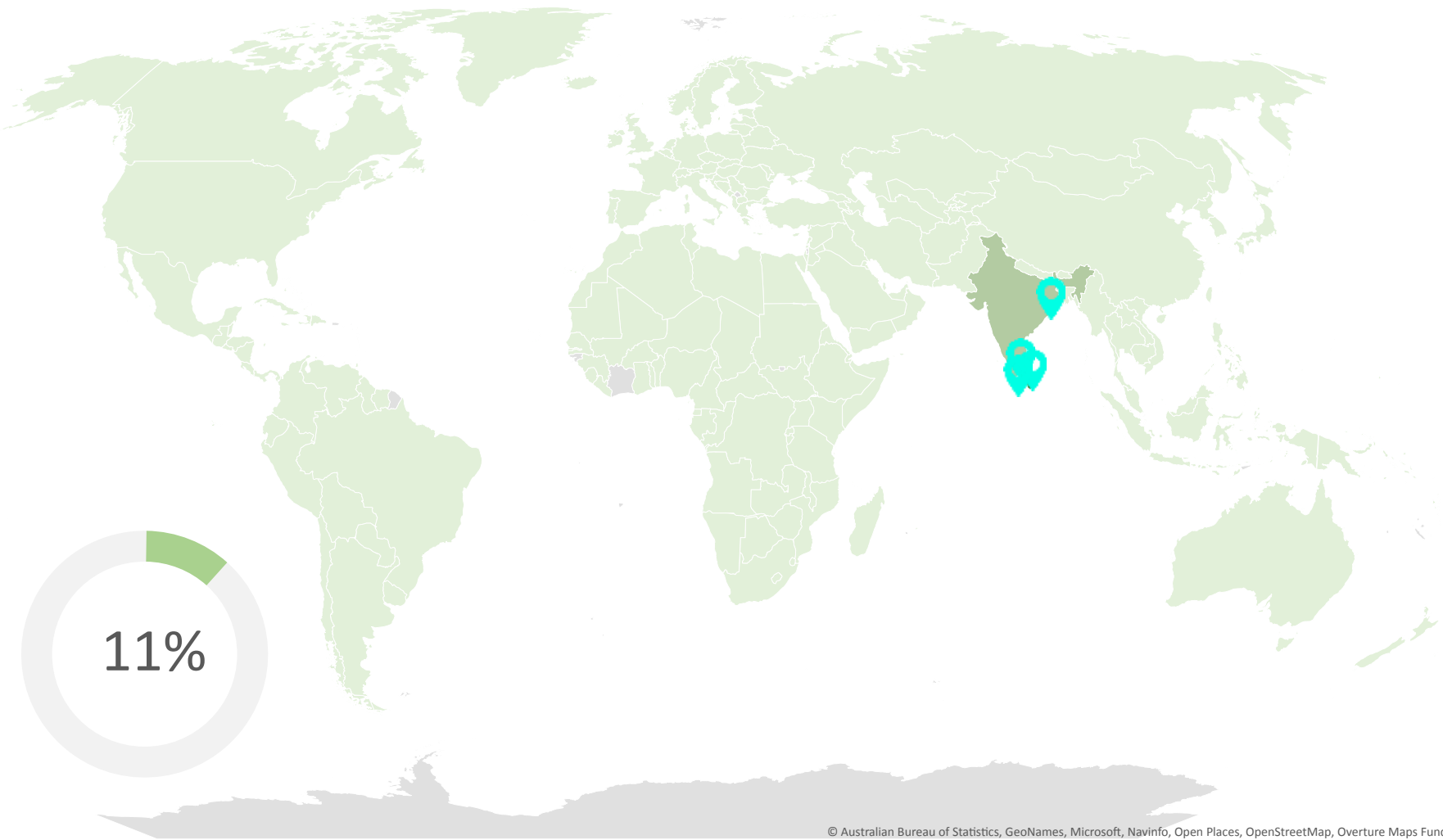
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|------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| 2026.04.14 to 20 | Singapore      | Singapore Strait, Manila North Anchorage, Philippines and Nahodopi | Piracy /Armed Robbery | -   | Over the past week 14-20 April, five CAT 4 incidents of armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. |
| 2026.04.21       | Somalia        | 83NM southeast of Eyl, Somalia                                     | Piracy                | Name – Honour 25<br>Flag – Palau<br>Type - Tanker | Authorities have advised vessels in the area to maintain heightened caution and vigilance.                                   |

Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12883/cargo-ship-targeted-by-armed-craft-near-somalia-crew-safe>

Source - : <https://safety4sea.com/recaap-isc-five-incident-of-armed-robbery-14-20-april/>



# SMUGGLING



|  | COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|--|-----------------|----|
|  | India           | 01 |
|  | Sri Lanka       | 03 |

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# SMUGGLING

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION                | SUBCATEGORY                 | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2026.04.18    | Sri Lanka      | Northwestern area       | Contraband /Goods smuggling | -              | The seized consignment of smuggled items was subsequently handed over to the Puttalam Excise Department for further investigation and necessary legal proceedings.                                     |
| 2026.04.22    | Sri Lanka      | Northwestern naval area | Contraband /Goods smuggling | -              | Following the seizure, the entire stock of turmeric was handed over to the Kalpitiya Police Station for further legal proceedings.   |
| 2026.04.22    | Sri Lanka      | Western naval Area      | Contraband /Goods smuggling | Dingi Boat     | Following the seizure, the 02 suspects, the dinghy, and the entire stock of Kendu leaves were handed over to the Katunayake Customs Preventive Office for further investigation and legal proceedings. |
| 2026.04.24    | India          | Sundarbans              | Contraband /Goods smuggling | Fishing Boat   | Over 13,320 kg of areca nuts recovered, second smuggling bust within week.   |

Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/04/20/202604201600/>

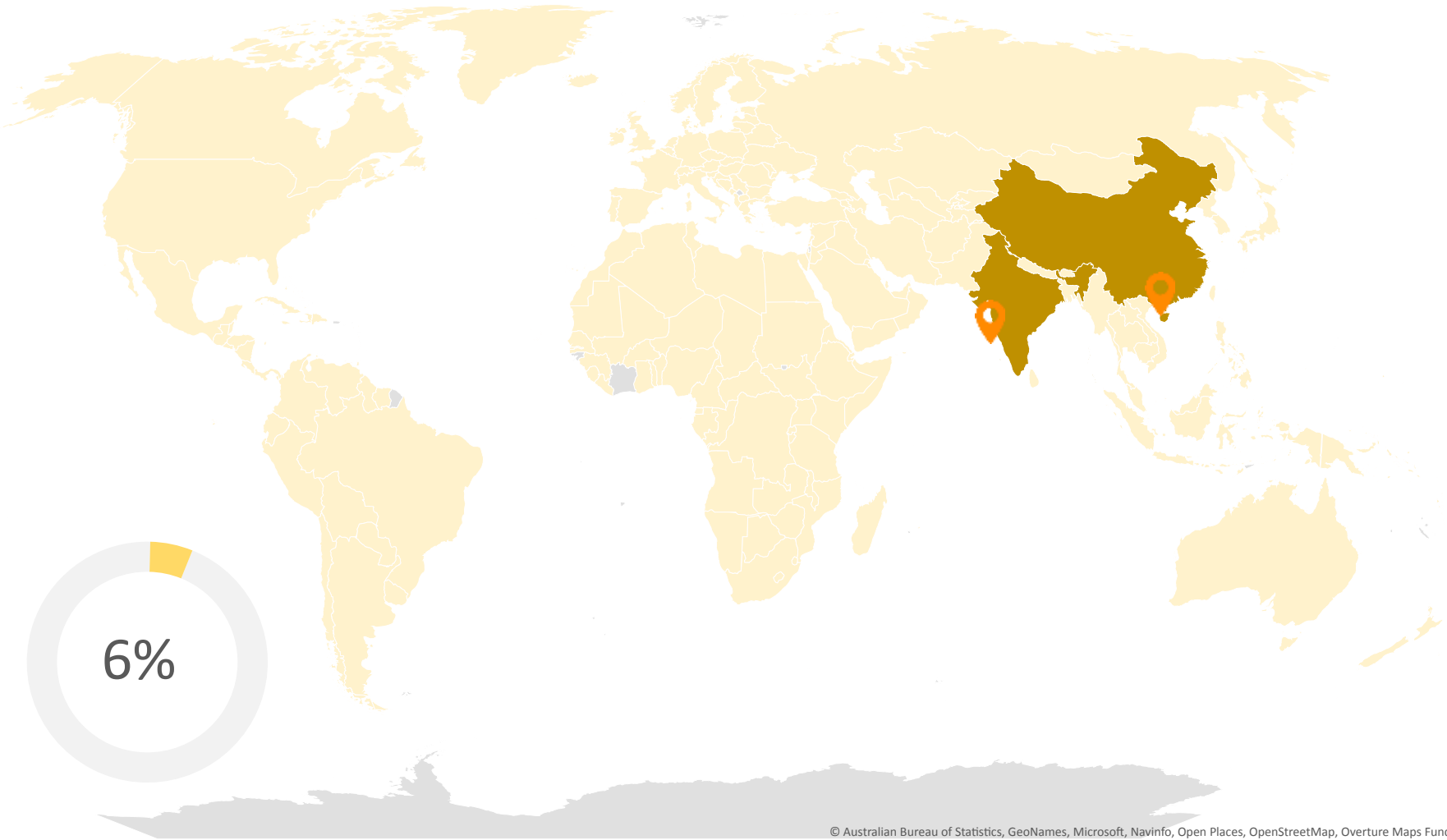
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# IUU FISHING



|  | COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|--|-----------------|----|
|  | China           | 01 |
|  | India           | 01 |

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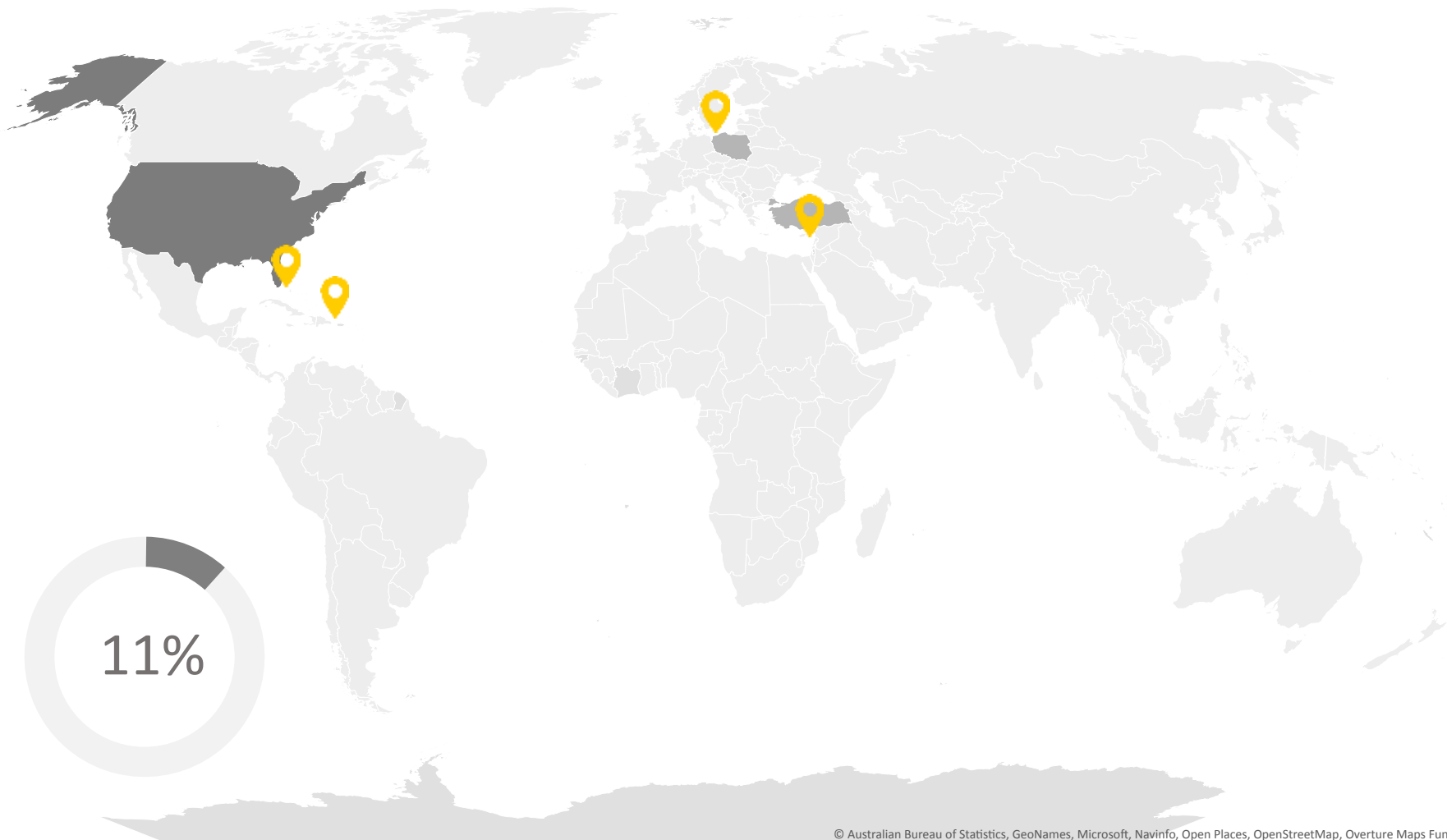
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| 2026.04.22    | China          | Lung Kwu Chau   | Unreported catch                       | One Fishing Boat | The AFCD is currently investigating two Mainlanders on board for suspected contravention of the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171). |
| 2026.04.22    | India          | Coast off Goa's | Poaching /Maritime boundary violations | 15 Fishing Boat  | Fisheries Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar commended the <b>department's</b> swift action calling it a sign of heightened enforcement.          |

Source -: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202604/22/P2026042200760.htm>

Source -: <https://www.thegoan.net/goa-news/15-outstation-vessels-seized-for-poaching-off-goa%E2%80%99s-coast/147048.html>



# NARCOTIC



| COUNTRY /REGION |               | NO |
|-----------------|---------------|----|
|                 | Poland        | 01 |
|                 | Türkiye       | 01 |
|                 | United States | 02 |

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# NARCOTIC

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION    | LOCATION          | SUBCATEGORY  | VESSEL DETAILS              | ADDITIONAL DETAILS   |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 2026.04.19    | USA               | Caribbean Sea     | Seizure of narcotics   | One Boat                    | Joint Task Force Southern Spear forces struck a boat allegedly ferrying illicit narcotics in the Caribbean US Southern Command announced Sunday night.   |
| 2026.04.21    | Poland            | Airport warehouse | Seizure of narcotics   | -                           | The shipment, declared as LED panels, arrived in a wooden crate containing 47 units.   |
| 2026.04.23    | USA               | Miami Beach       | Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine | Coast Guard Cutter Resolute | During three separate interceptions by the Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma and the USS Billings, vessels suspected of smuggling drugs in Caribbean waters were tracked and stopped by a collaborative law enforcement team.                                |
| 2026.04.24    | Türkiye and Syria | Latakia port      | Seizure of narcotics   | Cargo Ship                  | Turkish intelligence, specifically MIT, monitored a drug shipment from Southeast Asia that passed through Egypt and Lebanon before arriving in Latakia. This information was relayed to Syrian authorities to facilitate a coordinated interception. |

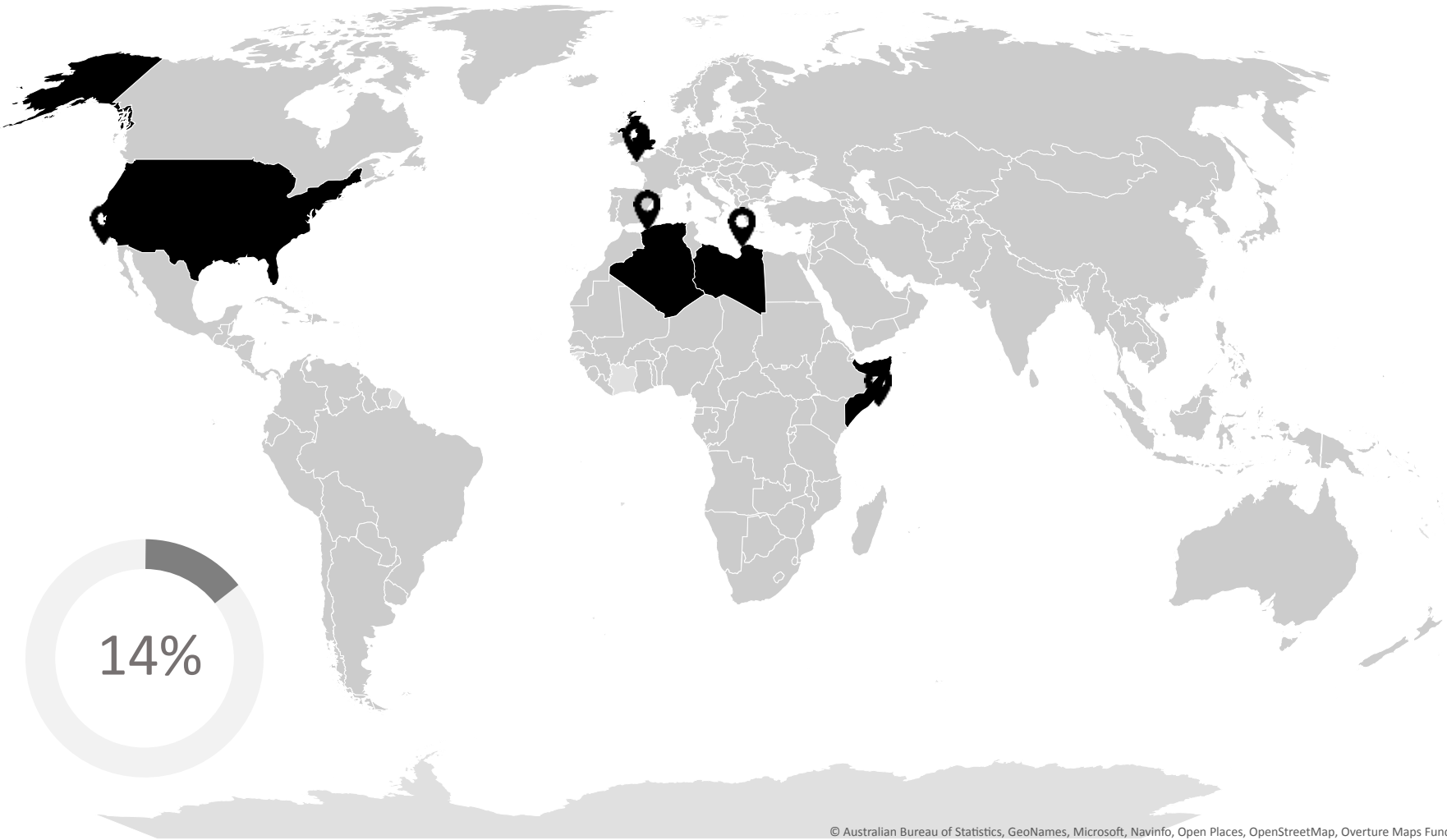
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Source -: <https://news.usni.org/2026/04/20/u-s-forces-strike-suspected-narco-boat-3-killed>

Source -: <https://wpde.com/news/nation-world/gallery-19-3-million-dollars-cocaine-offloaded-miami-beach-coast-guard-turns-over-6-suspected-drug-smugglers-us-coast-guard-south-florida-news-illegal-drug-smuggling-caribbean-waters-seized-bust-t-fentanyl-cocaine-other-illegal-drugs-cutter-resolute>

Source -: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/turkiye-syria-seize-66-million-worth-of-drugs-in-joint-operation/news/amp>

# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



|   | COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|---|-----------------|----|
|  | Algeria         | 01 |
|  | Libya           | 01 |
|  | Somalia         | 01 |
|  | United Kingdom  | 01 |
|  | United States   | 01 |

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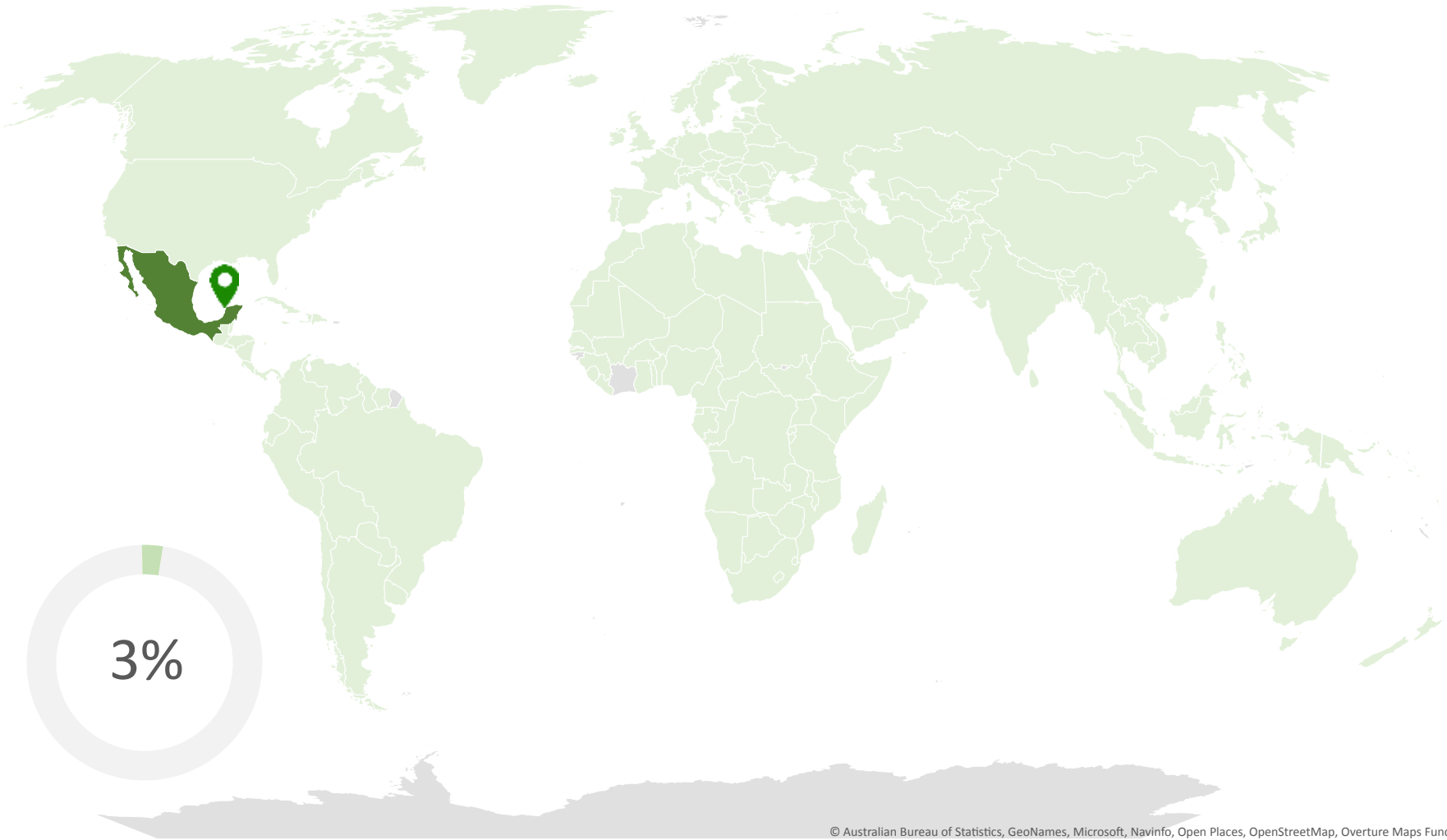
# IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION


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|---------------|----------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 2026.04.18    | UK             | English Chanel  | Illegal broader crossing         | Nine boats     | The deal expired on 31 March but a two-month extension has been signed, costing the UK £16.2m while the two sides continue to negotiate a new contract.   |
| 2026.04.19    | Libya          | Tobruk coast  | Illegal Migrants boats capsizing | -              | Since the beginning of 2026 through early April, 683 migrants have died or gone missing in the Mediterranean, according to data from the International Organization for Migration.  |
| 2026.04.20    | USA            | Coast of San Diego                                    | Illegal Migrants boats capsizing | Panga Boat     | The incident involved a panga, a fishing vessel typically used by smugglers, which flipped in the ocean approximately 35 miles north of the Mexico border near Torrey Pines State Beach, shortly after sunrise, as reported by US Coast Guard Petty Officer Chris Sappey. |
| 2026.04.23    | Somalia        | <b>Mogadishu's Aden Adde</b><br>International Airport | Detention of Migrations          | -              | Deputy Foreign Minister Hassan Mohamed Ali welcomed returnees at <b>Mogadishu's</b> Aden Adde International Airport, where officials took immediate action to meet their humanitarian needs following their prolonged hardship in Libya.                                  |
| 2026.04.24    | Algeria        | Algeria coast   | Illegal Migrants boats capsizing | One Boat       | The North Africa route to Spain is one of the main paths used by migrants trying to reach Europe, often using overcrowded and unseaworthy boats.  |

Source - : <https://libyaobserver.ly/news/four-people-rescued-six-bodies-recovered-after-boat-sinks-tobruk-coast>  
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# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



| COUNTRY /REGION  | NO |
|--|----|
|  Mexico | 01 |

Total Incidents

01

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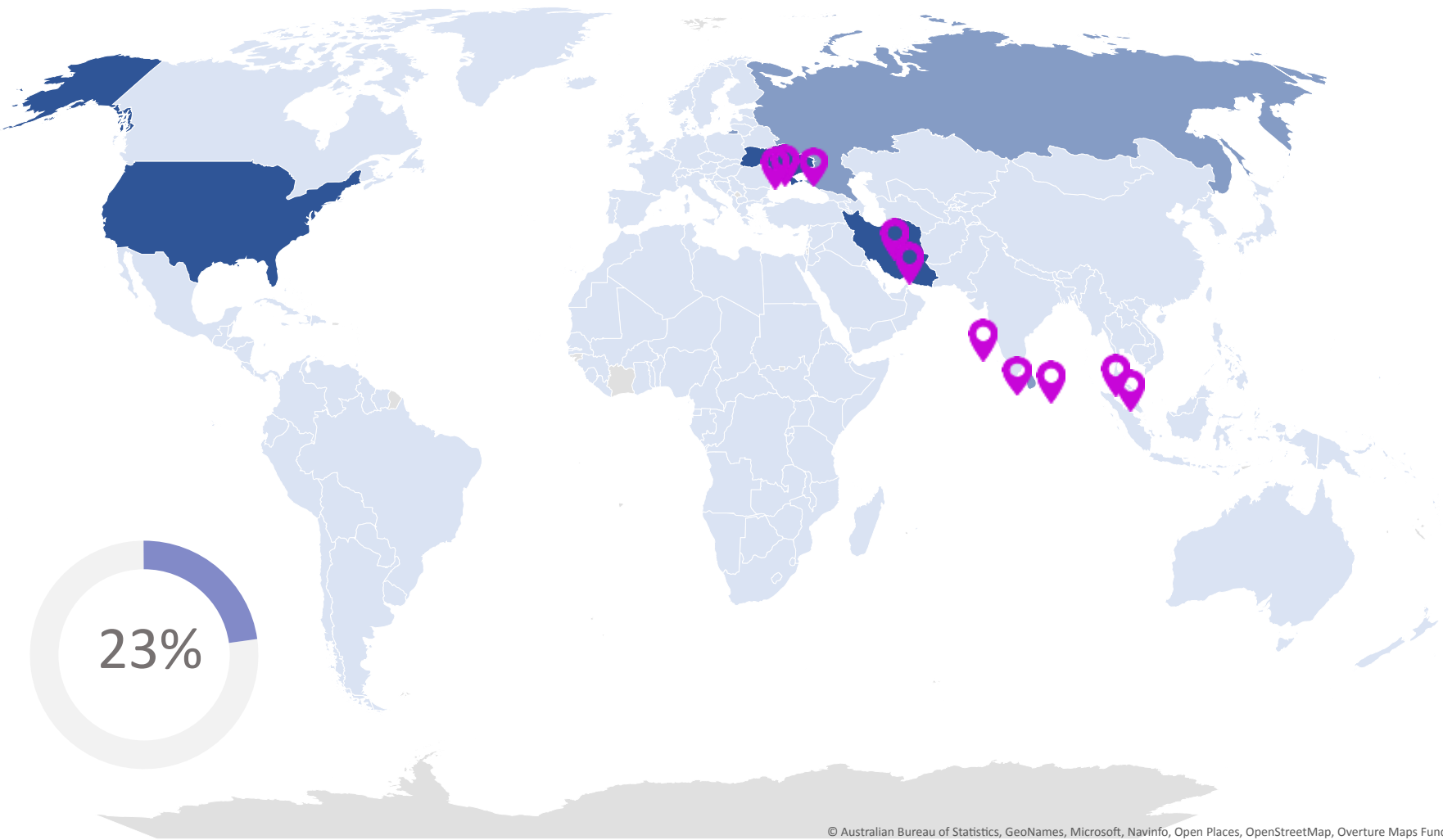
# MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| 2026.04.20    | Mexico         | Western Gulf | Oil Spill   | -              | Conservationists emphasize the urgent need to contain the spill to protect over 1,000 marine species, including endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles, which are currently nesting on the northern beaches of Veracruz and Tamaulipas. |

Source -: <https://news.mongabay.com/2026/04/oil-spill-continues-in-gulf-of-mexico-vulnerable-habitats-while-pemex-admits-fault/amp/>



# OTHER



|  | COUNTRY /REGION | NO |
|--|-----------------|----|
|  | Iran            | 02 |
|  | Russia          | 01 |
|  | Sri Lanka       | 01 |
|  | Ukraine         | 02 |
|  | United States   | 02 |

Total Incidents

08

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# OTHER

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION         | SUBCATEGORY                           | VESSEL DETAILS   | ADDITIONAL DETAILS   |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2026.04.18    | Iran           | Hormuz Strait    | Naval Activities                      | Two Tanker   | <b>This incident follows the announcement by Iran's Central Military Headquarters</b> of a renewed closure of the strategic maritime route, highlighting that passage now requires explicit authorization from Tehran. |
| 2026.04.20    | Russia         | Tuapse Port      | Other Military /Coastguard activities | -  | Oil booms have been deployed to contain the spill, while six vessels including speedboats and oil skimmers are engaged in the cleanup operation.   |
| 2026.04.21    | Sri Lanka      | Colombo port     | Naval Activities                      | Name - Nireekshak  | The crew is also scheduled to participate in several activities organised by the Sri Lanka Navy and to visit tourist attractions within the country.   |
| 2026.04.21    | USA            | Indian Ocean     | Naval Activities                      | Name - Tifani  | A US military official told NYT the White House will determine the ultimate fate of the vessel and its cargo.  |
| 2026.04.22    | Iran           | Strait of Hormuz | Naval Activities                      | Name: EUPHORIA<br>Name: EPAMINONDAS<br>Type: Cargo<br>IMO: 9235828<br>IMO: 9153862<br>Name: MSC FRANCESCA<br>Type: Cargo<br>IMO: 9401116 | Amid heightened regional tensions, the United States has imposed restrictions on vessels associated with Iranian ports to limit Tehran's trade.  |

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# OTHER

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION     | SUBCATEGORY      | VESSEL DETAILS   | ADDITIONAL DETAILS   |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--|--|
| 2026.04.21    | Ukraine        | Odesa Port   | Naval Activities | -  | Russia has struck Ukrainian maritime exports ever since the beginning of the Russo-Ukraine war. The attacks are aimed at disrupting ports critical for trade and wartime logistics.          |
| 2026.04.23    | USA            | Indian Ocean | Naval Activities | Name – Deep Sea<br>Name - Sevin<br>Type – Tanker<br>Type – Tanker<br>IMO – 9218492<br>IMO – 9357353<br>Name – Dorena<br>Type – Tanker<br>IMO – 9569669 | The U.S. military intercepted and redirected three Iranian-flagged oil tankers in Asian waters near Malaysia, India, and Sri Lanka, as reported by shipping and security sources to Reuters. |
| 2026.04.24    | Ukraine        | Odesa region | Naval Activities | -  | The drone was attempting to approach one of the <b>region's</b> seaports, the Ukrainian Navy reported on social media.   |

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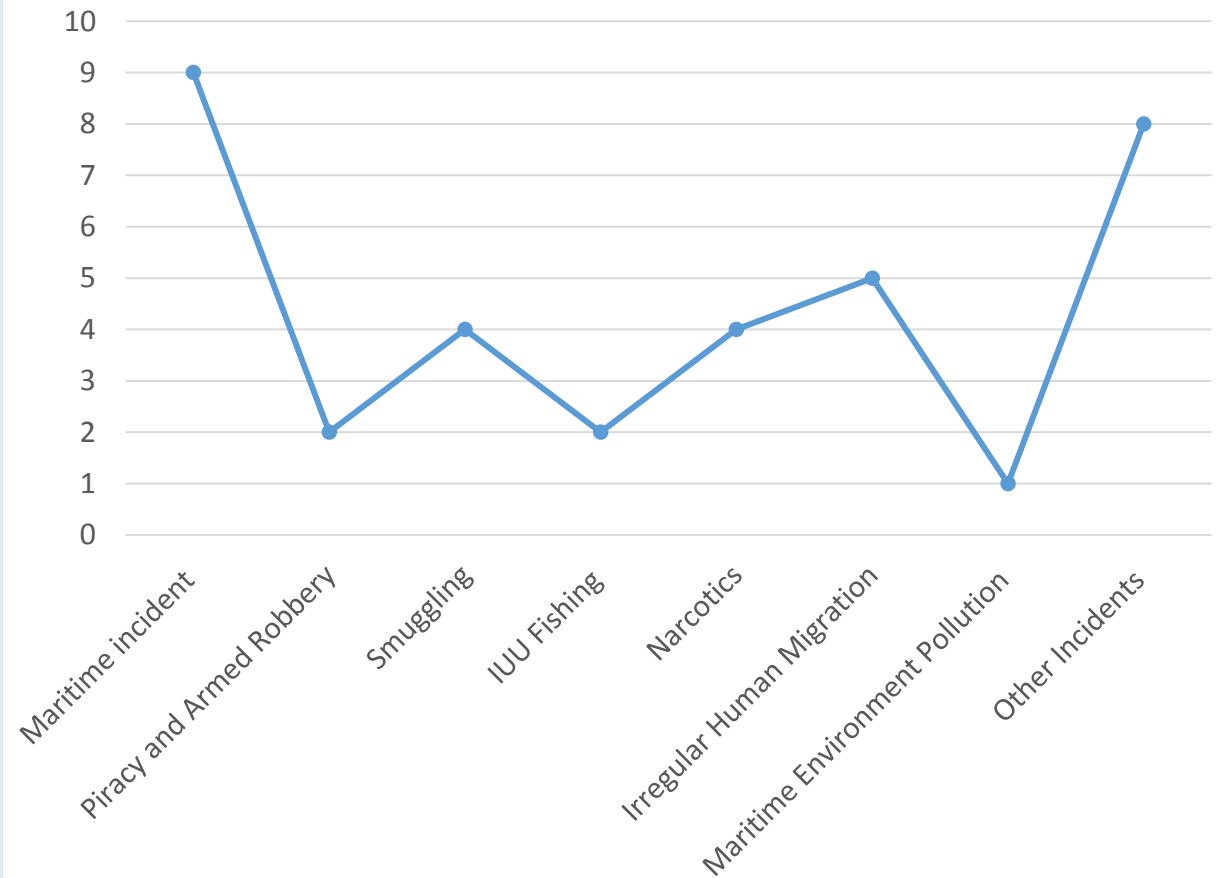
# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

During this week, 35 incidents were recorded globally. Of these, 9 maritime incidents occurred, including engine failures, fire outbreaks, collisions, and search and rescue (SAR) operations. Piracy and armed robbery incidents accounted for 2, while 4 smuggling incidents, 2 IUU fishing cases, and 4 narcotics-related incidents were reported. 5 irregular human migration incidents occurred, with boats capsizing and illegal crossings. 1 maritime environmental pollution incident was reported, including an oil spill in Mexico's Gulf of Mexico. Other incidents, largely related to military or coast guard activities, accounted for 8 incidents. Weather-related incidents included 1 tropical cyclone and 5 earthquakes affecting maritime operations.

## Recommendations

To improve maritime safety and security, maritime domain awareness should be enhanced with AIS monitoring, satellite surveillance, and real-time coordination between agencies. Naval and coast guard patrols must increase, especially in regions like the Strait of Hormuz, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean. Vessel inspections and crew training should be prioritized to reduce fire hazards, mechanical breakdowns, and ensure SAR readiness. For smuggling and IUU fishing, authorities should strengthen inter-agency collaboration and enforcement measures. Additionally, efforts to combat maritime pollution should include improved spill detection and rapid response protocols.

### Maritime Incidents





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