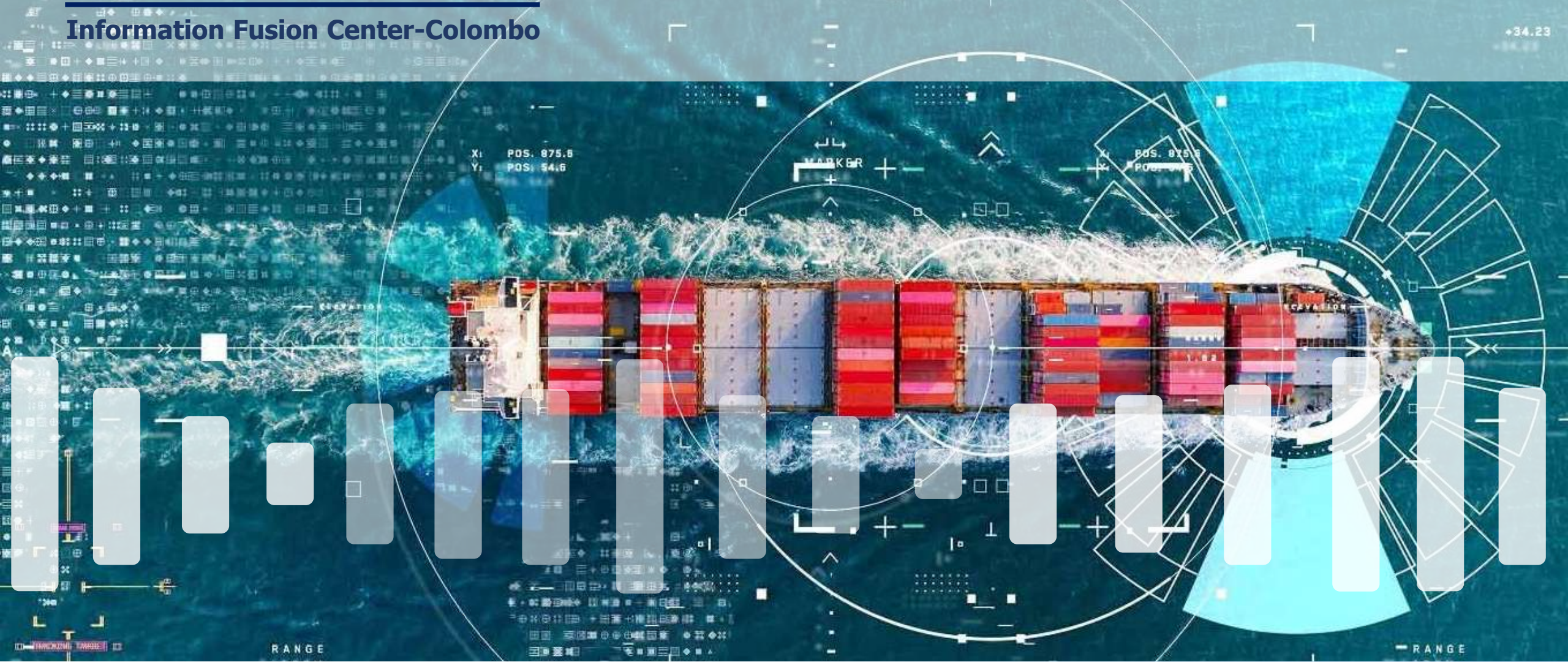


WEEKLY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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Week 13

From 2026.03.30 TO 2026.04.05



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK 13

Executive Summary

Global Maritime Incidents

• Maritime incident	:-	04
• Piracy and Armed Robbery	:-	03
• Smuggling	:-	00
• IUU Fishing	:-	02
• Narcotics	:-	02
• Irregular Human Migration	:-	03
• Maritime Environment Pollution	:-	02
• Other Incidents	:-	02

Total Maritime Incidents 18

Global Weather Incident

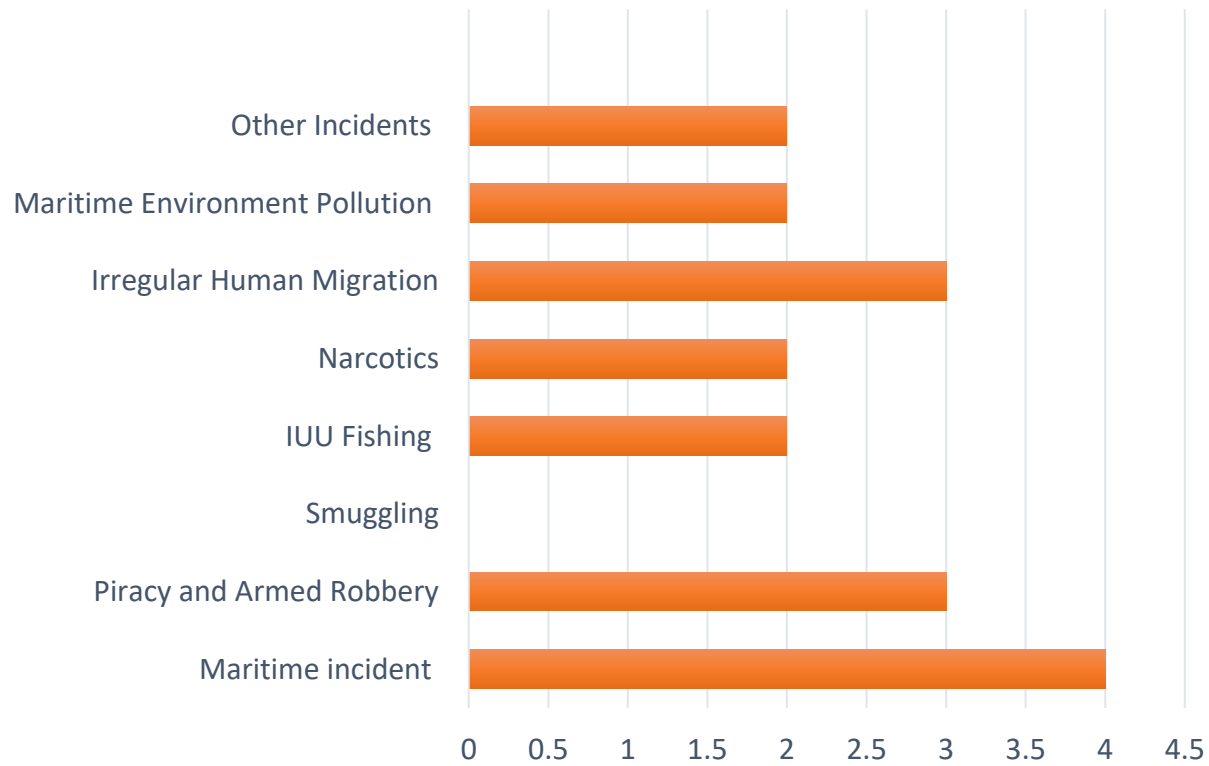
• Tropical Cyclone	:-	03
• Earthquake	:-	06

Total Weather Incidents 09

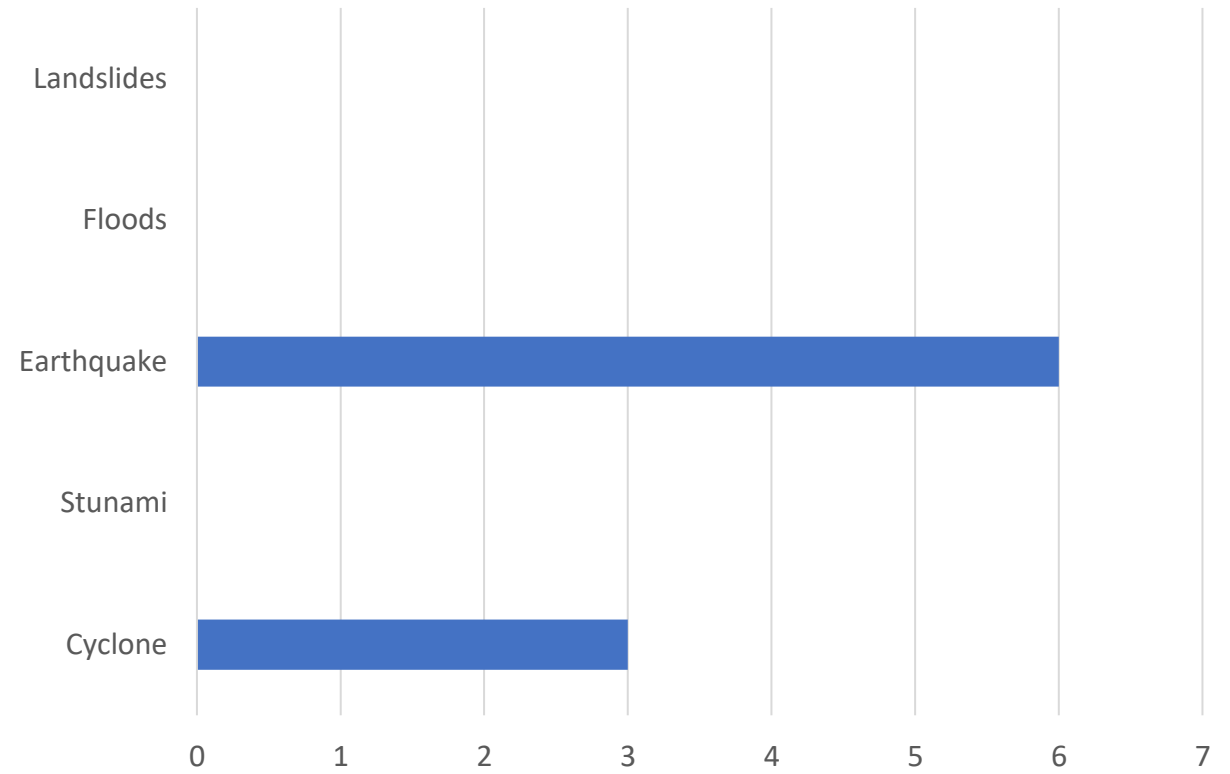


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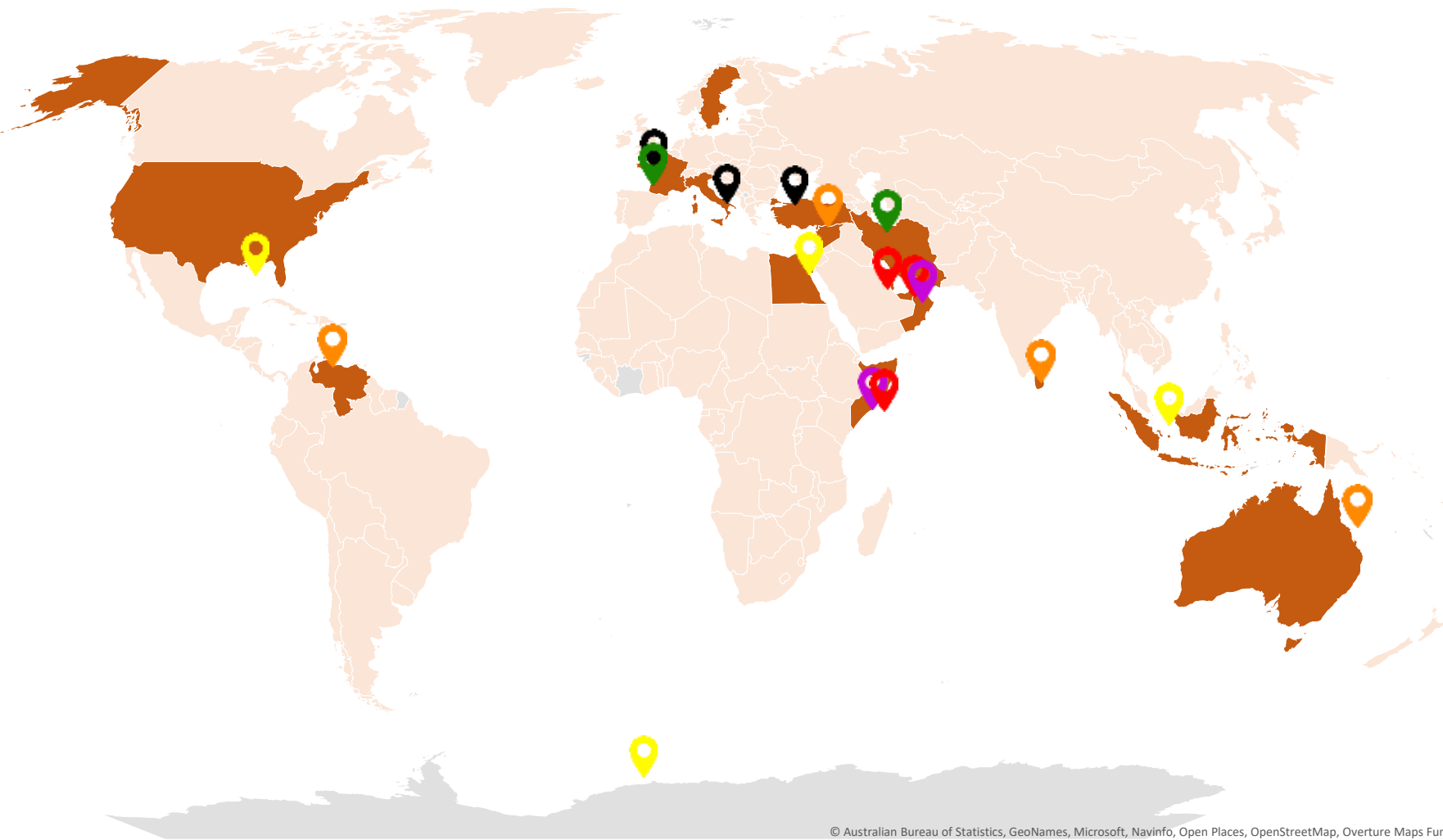
Maritime Incidents











Weather Incidents



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	04
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	00
 IUU Fishing	02
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	03
 Maritime Environment Pollution	02
 Other	02

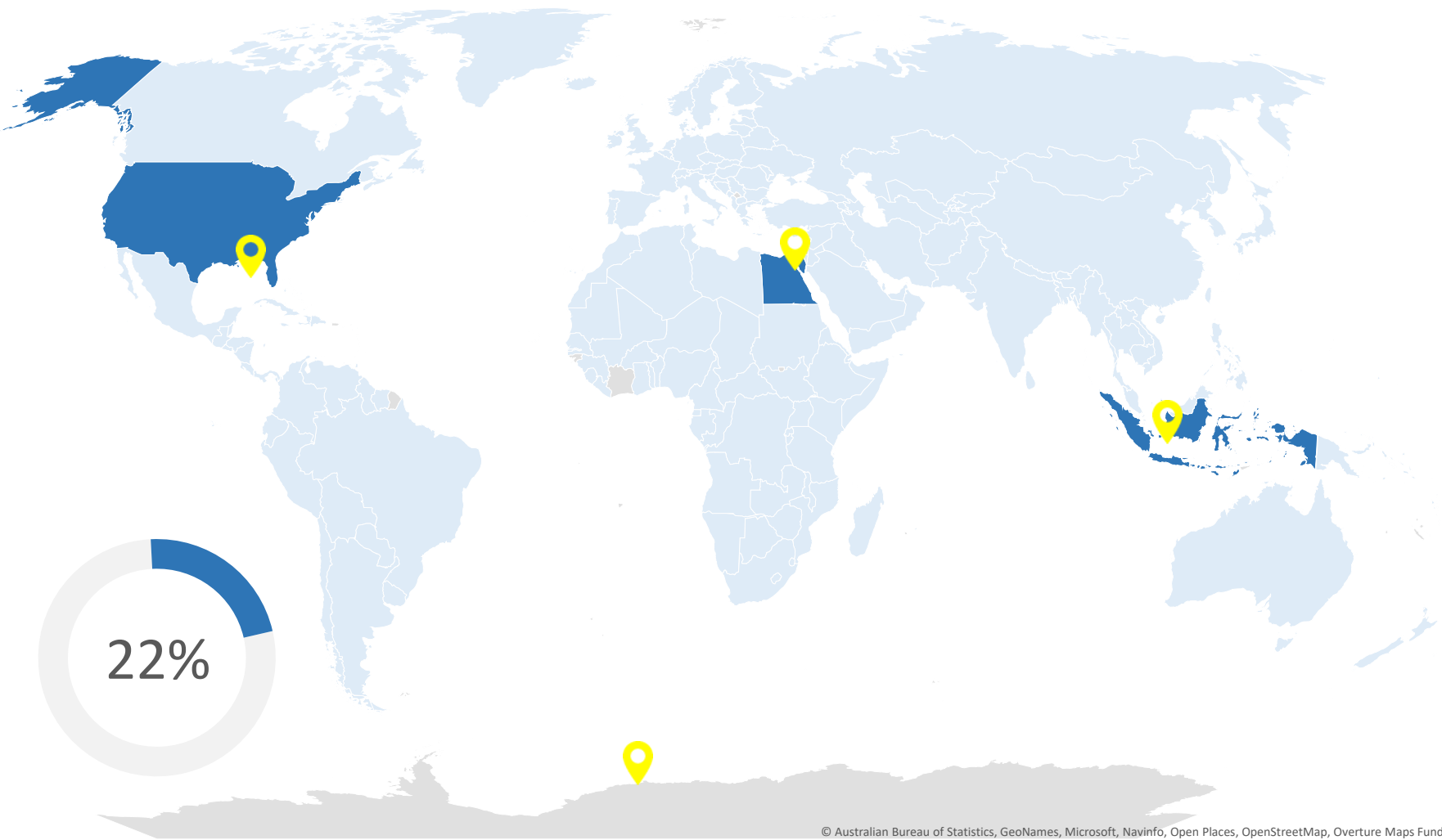
Total Incidents

18

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MARITIME INCIDENTS



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Antarctica	01
Egypt	01
Indonesia	01
USA	01

Total Incidents

04

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MARITIME INCIDENTS

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.30	Indonesia	North Maluku	Capsizing /Sinking	Passenger boat Nazila 05	The boat Nazila 05, carrying 27 passengers and crew, left Taliabu Island in North Maluku province for Kema, a coastal village, shortly after dusk on Sunday.
2026.03.31	Antarctica	Antarctic waters	Collisions	Name- M/V Banderó	The company reported that its crew is safe but shaken, stating the maneuver was deliberate, not accidental. They plan to take legal action, asserting that ramming a vessel in international waters is a criminal act.
2026.04.02	Egypt	Suez Canal	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name- Xin Tai Yuan Flag- Panama Type- Bulk Carrier	At midday, a ship reported a technical failure and grounded north of Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal, near the 87 km marker. The authority indicated the vessel encountered a problem with its rudder during transit.
2026.04.04	USA	Down Over Iran	Search and Rescue (SAR)	two-seat F-15E jet	Iranian state media reported the downing of two planes, and officials are searching for a missing crew member from the first plane, urging citizens to provide information that could assist in locating the airman.

Source -: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/world/27-missing-after-passenger-boat-sinks-in-rough-seas-in-eastern-indonesia>

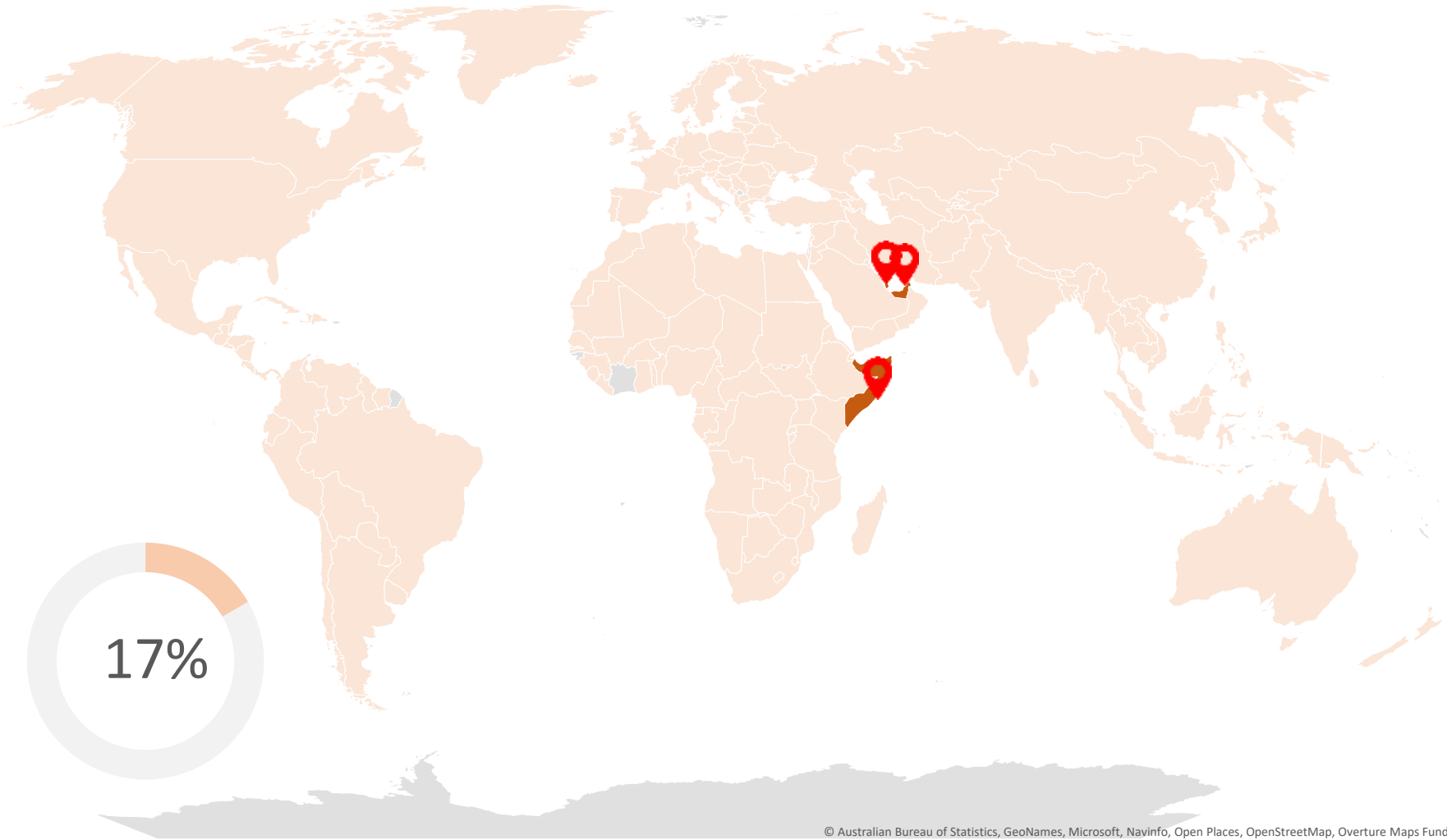
Source -: <https://www.businessupturn.com/trade-policy/activist-ship-collides-with-krill-trawler-in-antarctic-waters/7681/>

Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/chinese-bulker-grounds-in-suez-canal-stopping-traffic-for-four-hours>

Source -: <https://www.eurasiareview.com/04042026-rescue-mission-races-to-find-crew-member-of-us-jet-downed-over-iran/>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Qatar	01
Somalia	01
UAE	01

Total Incidents

03

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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.24	Somalia	East of Mogadishu	Piracy	Name – Alwaseemi 786 Flag - Iran	Operation ATALANTA has been tracking a Piracy Active Group responsible for the hijacking of the Iranian-flagged dhow "ALWASEEMI 786" near the coast of Somalia in late March.
2026.03.24	Qatar	Ras Laffan	Assault violations	Name – Aqua 1 Flag - Panama	QatarEnergy confirmed that the vessel Aqua 1, chartered to the company, was targeted in missile attacks in Qatar's northern territorial waters.
2026.04.01	UAE	Off Dubai	Assault violations	Name – Al Salmi Flag - Kuwait	The attack on merchant vessels in the strait follows a significant escalation, occurring after the United States and Israel targeted Iran on February 28.

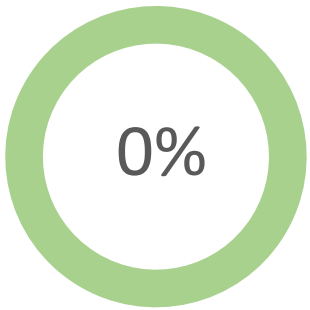
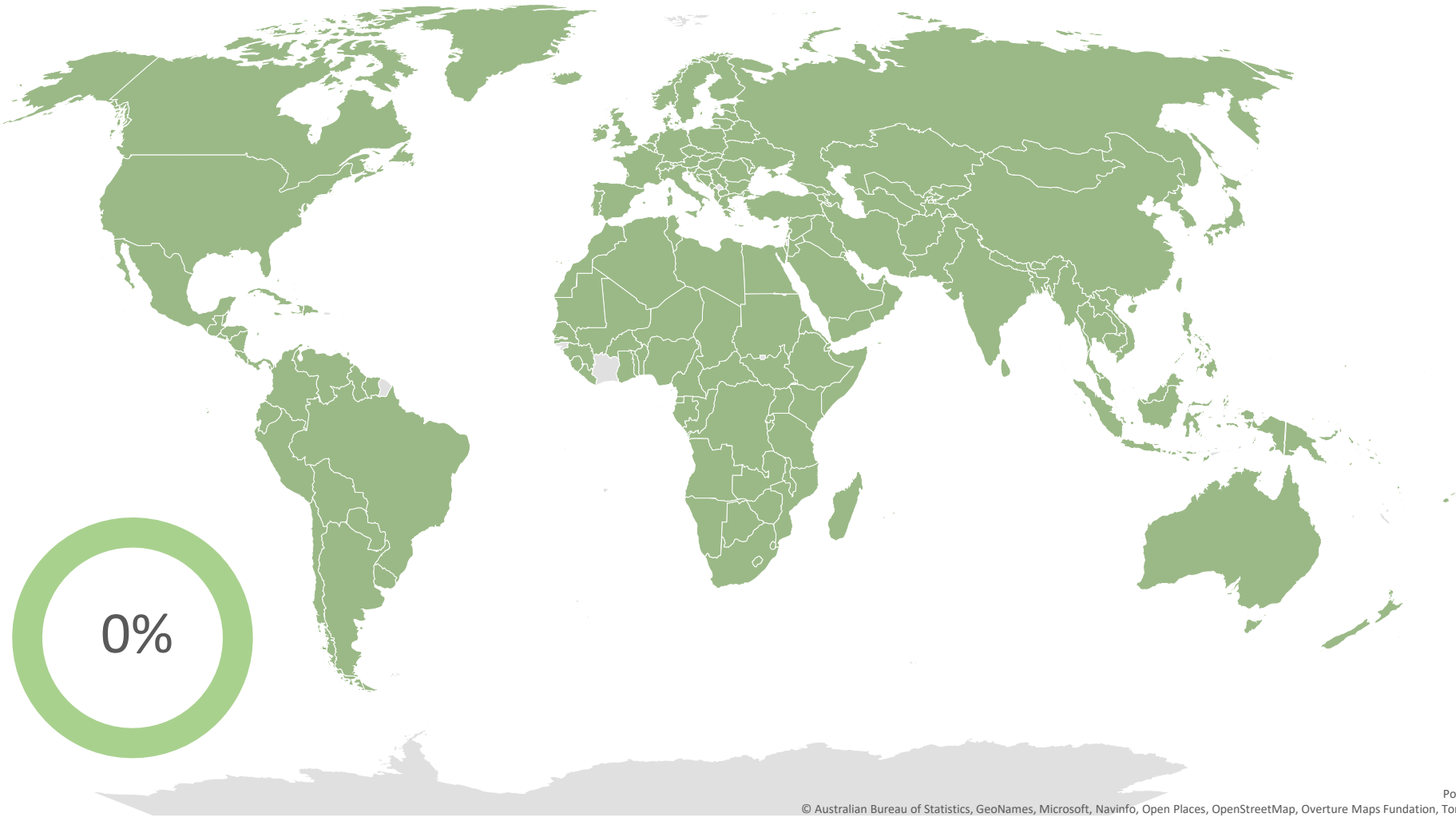
Source -: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/drone-strike-kuwaiti-oil-tanker-off-dubai-537527>

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Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12813/two-projectiles-strike-tanker-in-gulf-waters-near-qatar>



SMUGGLING



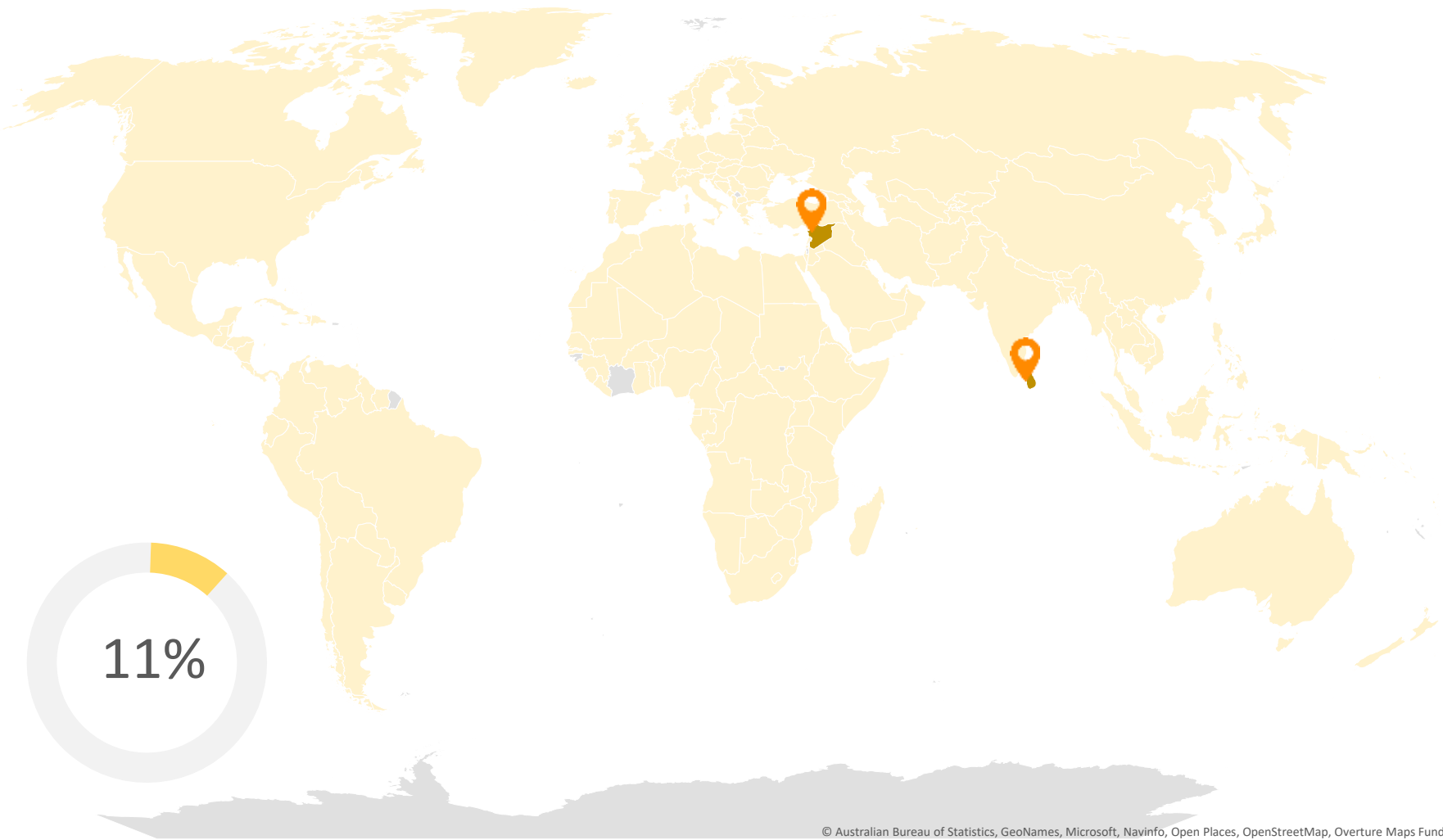
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IUU FISHING



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Sri Lanka	01
	Syria	01

Total Incidents

02

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IUU FISHING

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.27	Sri Lanka	Mannar	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	Passenger boat Nazila 05	The apprehended suspects, aged 26 to 40 and from Vankalai in Mannar, along with the seized sea cucumbers and diving equipment, were transferred to the Assistant Directorate of Fisheries in Mannar for legal proceedings.
2026.04.02	Syria	Arida border	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Lebanese fishing boat	Communication is ongoing between Lebanese and Syrian authorities to secure the release of fishermen and the return of the confiscated boat.

Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/30/202603301430/>

Source -: <https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1502097/syrian-authorities-detain-lebanese-fishing-boat-with-16-fishermen-near-arida-border.html>



NARCOTIC



COUNTRY /REGION	NO
Australia	01
Venezuela	01

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02

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NARCOTIC

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.29	Venezuela	Caribbean Sea	Seizure of narcotics	Metal Shark vessel	Several packages containing illegal drugs were discovered on board during a joint inspection with Customs officials.
2026.03.30	Australia	Australian coast	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/ cocaine	Name - MV Raider	It is understood that the boat had the capacity to carry six tonnes of cocaine.

Source -: <https://7news.com.au/news/custom-built-drug-smuggling-boat-seized-off-australian-coast-with-500-million-cocaine-haul-c-22066065>

Source -: <https://www.curacaochronicle.com/post/local/coast-guard-seizes-drugs-during-maritime-inspection-two-arrested>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
📍	France	01
📍	Italy	01
📍	Turkey	01

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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

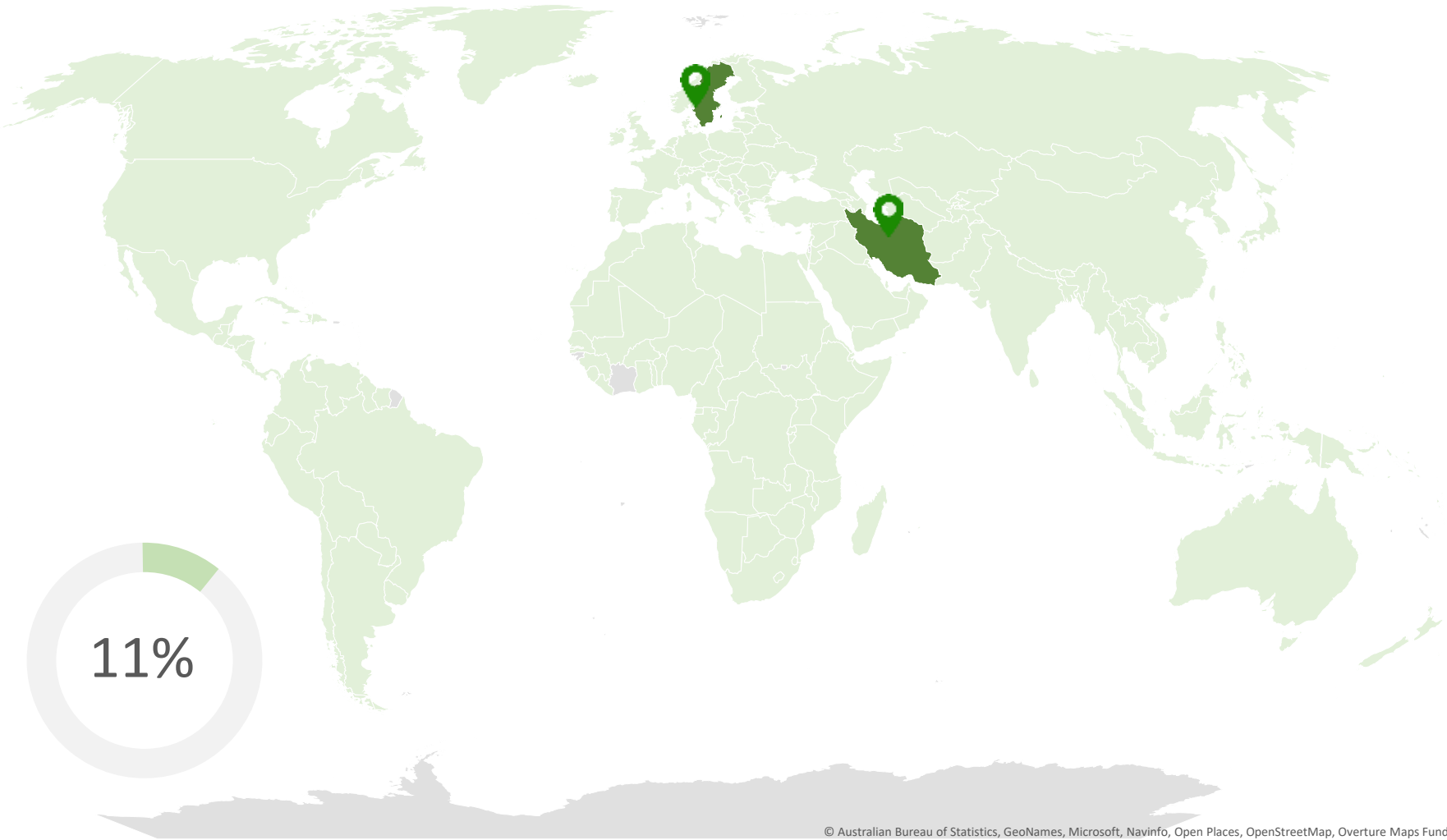
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.01	Turkey	Caribbean Sea	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	Migrant Boat	Rescue teams and a helicopter from Izmir recovered 21 survivors and 18 bodies from the water; one survivor later died in hospital, according to the Coast Guard.
2026.04.01	French	English Channel	Failed Broader crossing	-	Negotiations between the UK and France concerning a deal to prevent small boats from crossing the Channel have been extended
2026.04.02	Italy	Mediterranean Sea	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The survivors, including five children, were taken to Lampedusa, while three others from the boat were reported missing.



Source -: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/boat-carrying-afghan-migrants-capsizes-off-turkey-killing-19-101775045687524.html>

Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgldep231lxo>

Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/19-confirmed-dead-in-illegal-migrant-boat-sinking-off-italy>

MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Iran	01
	Sweden	01

Total Incidents

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MARITIME ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

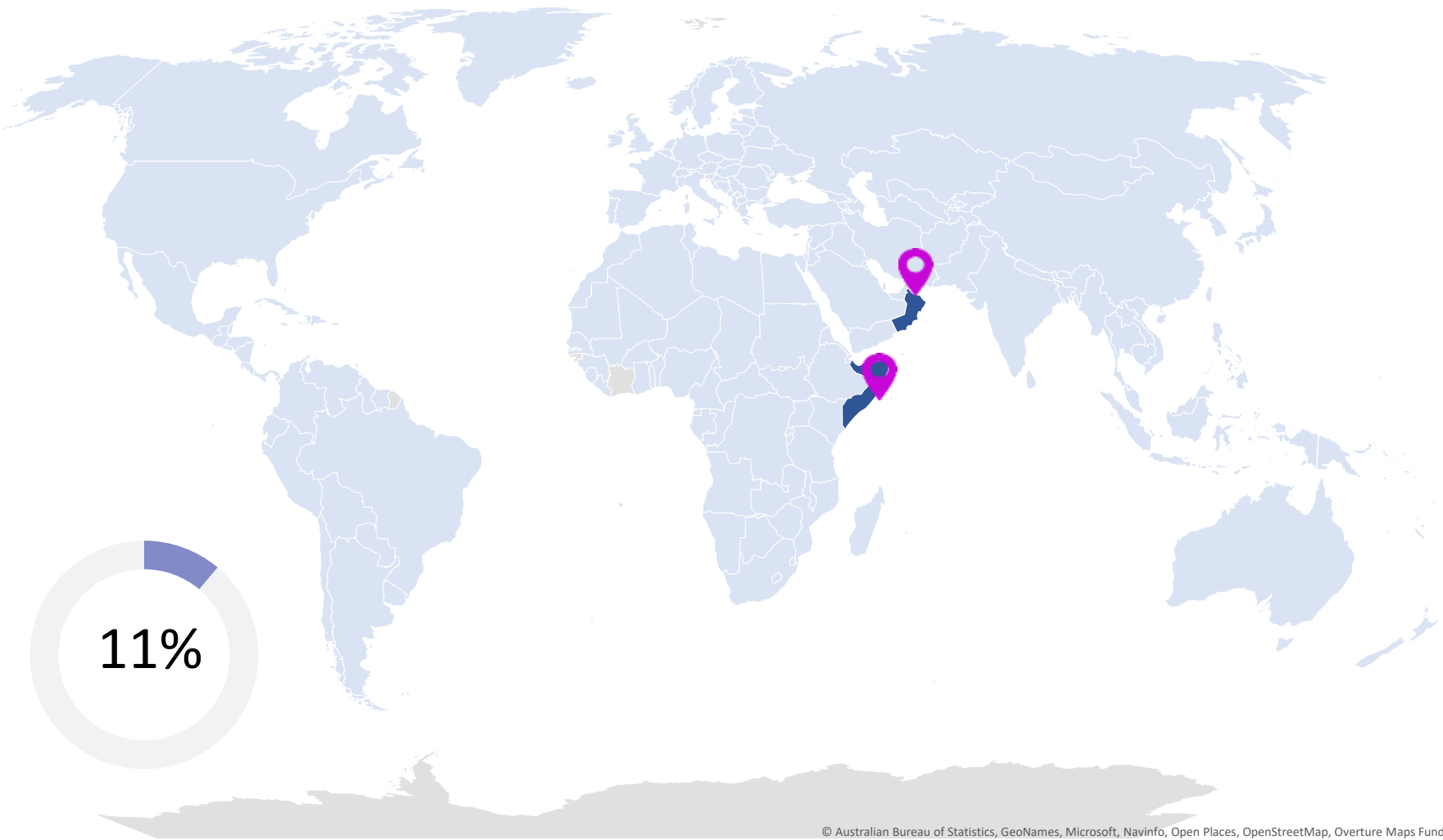
INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.28	Iran	Gulf Area	Air Pollution	-	Attacks on oil facilities have released toxic smoke, posing significant risks to human health and natural resources.
2026.04.03	Sweden	Baltic Sea	Oil Spill	Name- Flora 1 Flag- Sierra leone Type- Chemical Tanker	An aerial surveillance aircraft detected an oil spill east of the island of Gotland.

Source -: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/iran-war-triggers-major-environmental-damage-carbon-emissions-surpass-iceland-levels/3887053>

Source -: <https://united24media.com/latest-news/sweden-detains-sanctioned-tanker-after-oil-spill-in-baltic-sea-near-gotland-17582>



OTHER



	COUNTRY /REGION	NO
	Oman	01
	Somalia	01

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OTHER

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUBCATEGORY	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.28	Oman	Salalah Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported targeting a U.S. support vessel off the coast of Oman, while asserting respect for Oman's national sovereignty.
2026.04.01	Somalia	-	Naval Activities	Name-Guney Flag- Somalia Type- General Cargo	Today marks a significant milestone showcasing Somalia's resurgence in international shipping, as highlighted by Nur during the announcement ceremony in Mogadishu.

Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12803/maersk-suspends-operations-at-salalah-port-in-oman-after-dro>

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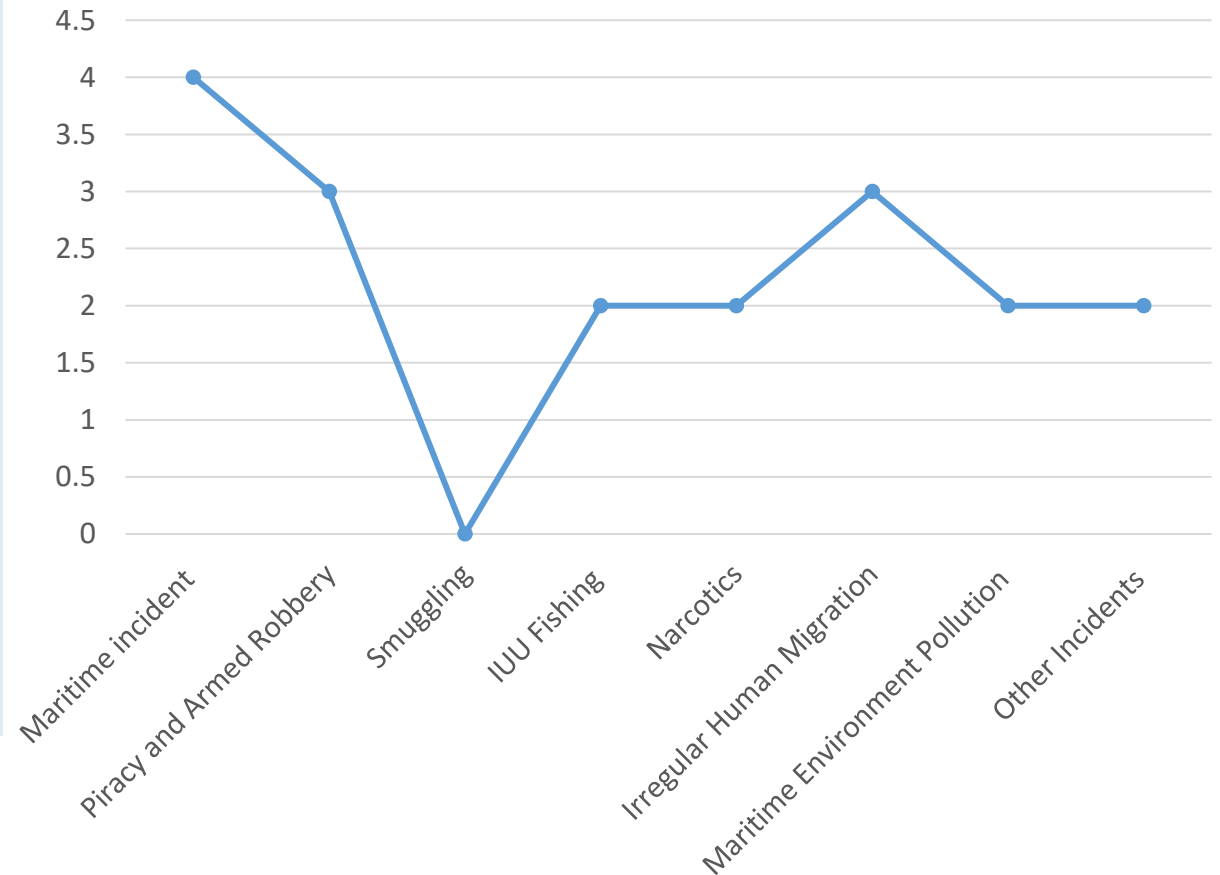
WEEKLY ANALYSIS

During this week, 18 incidents were reported globally, including 04 maritime incidents, 03 piracy and armed robbery incidents, 02 IUU fishing, 02 narcotics-related cases, and 03 irregular human migration incidents, and 02 environmental pollution incidents and 02 Other incidents. Weather-related incidents included 03 tropical cyclones and 06 earthquakes, further affecting maritime operations and vessel routing.

Recommendations

To strengthen maritime security and safety, enhancing maritime domain awareness through improved AIS monitoring, radar coverage, and intelligence sharing is crucial. Naval patrols should increase in high-risk areas such as the Horn of Africa, Gulf region, and Mediterranean. Improve vessel inspection protocols, crew training, and emergency procedures for SAR operations to reduce maritime accidents. Pollution response capabilities should also be strengthened with oil spill detection systems and rapid deployment plans. Enhanced collaboration among regional maritime authorities will help address piracy, environmental issues, and irregular migration.

Maritime Incidents





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