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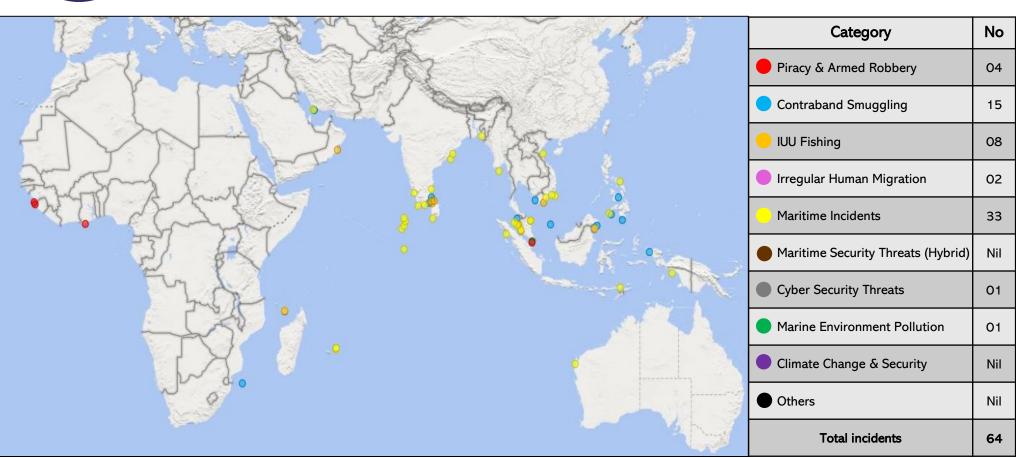
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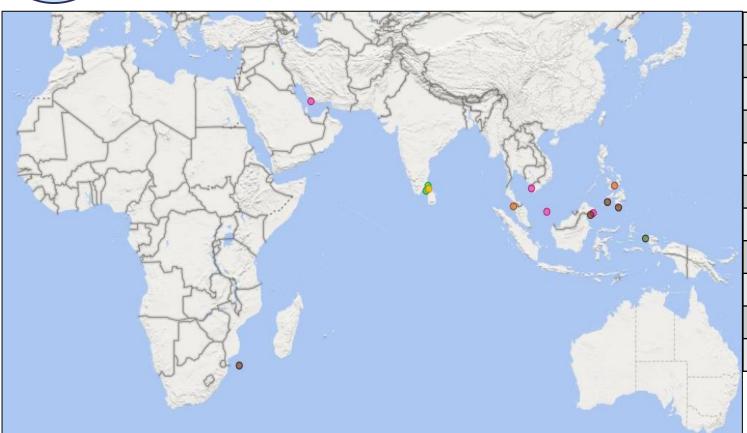
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Sr	Date/	Sub	Country/	Location	Vessel	Incident	Crew	Vessel/ Post	Responder(s)
	Time	Category	Region	Lat/Long	Details	Details	Status	Incident Status	
1.	05 Jul 23	Attempted	Guinea/	09° 17' N	CB CARIBIC	06 perpetrators boarded the	All crew	Anchored	Guinea
	0200 LT	sea theft	Gulf of	013° 45' W	Oil tanker	vessel while at anchor.	members safe		authorities
			Guinea		Flag - Maderia	Nothing stolen.			
				Off Conakry	IMO: 9851713				
				Anchorage	MMSI: 255806264				
2.	05 Jul 23	Sea	Sierra	08° 53' N	HACI ERGOGAN SARI	08 armed perpetrators boarded	O1 crew	Underway	Sierra Leone
	0355 LT	robbery	Leone/	013° 31' W	Supply vessel	the vessel while underway.	member		authorities
			Gulf of		Flag - Türkiye	Gunshots were fired.	injured and		
			Guinea		IMO: 9781530	Ship's items stolen.	others safe.		
					MMSI: 271044206				
3.	10 Jul 23	Attempted	Ghana/	04°53' N	UAL OSPREY	02 perpetrators were spotted on	All crew	Anchored	Ghana
	0835 LT	sea theft	Gulf of	001°41' W	Cargo ship	the upper deck of the vessel	members safe		authorities
			Guinea		Flag - Portugal	while at anchor.			
				At Takoradi	IMO: 9594315	Nothing stolen.			
				Anchorage	MMSI: 255802350				
4.	12 Jul 23	Sea	Singapore/	01° 05' N	01 bulk carrier	05 perpetrators armed with	All crew	Underway and	Singapore
	0300 LT	robbery	Singapore	103° 33' E	Flag - Marshall Islands	knives boarded the vessel while	members safe	safe	authorities
			Strait			underway.			
						Ship's items stolen.			

Update to WMSU (22 - 28 Jun 23)

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9.	04 Jul 23 0900 LT	Sea theft	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	O1° 16' N 104° 08' E In the westbound lane of TSS	JIN HWA 40 Tug Flag - Malaysia IMO: 9683752 MMSI: 533170113	O4 perpetrators onboard a small boat (sampan) boarded the barge under tow. Ship's items stolen.	All 09 crew members safe	Underway	Malaysia authorities



Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	02
Drugs	Nil
• Fuel	04
Natural Resources	02
Tobacco	04
Weapons	02
Wildlife	01
Others	Nil
Total incidents	15

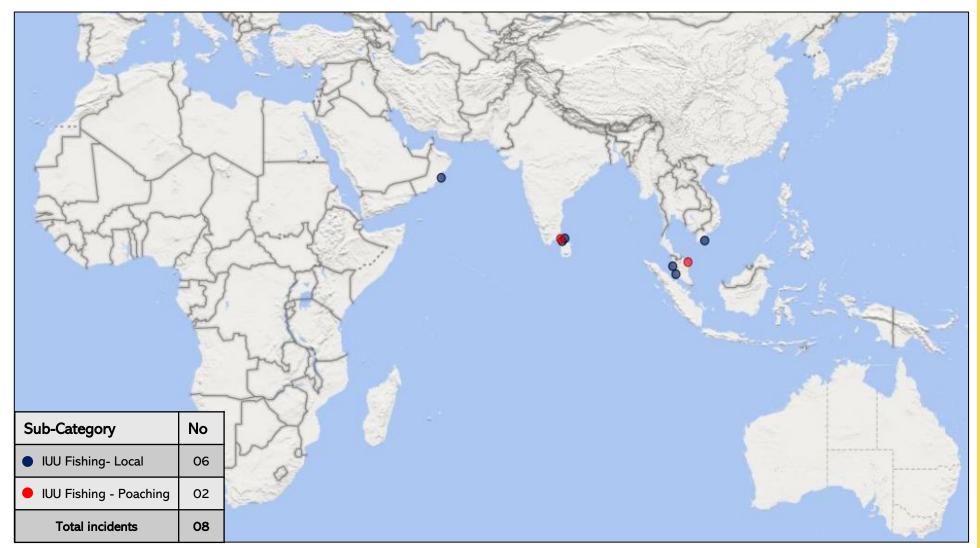


Sr	Date	Country/	Location	Vessel	Туре	Product	Qty/	Additional Details	Responder(s)
		Region		Details			Value		
1.	12 Jun 23	India/	133 nm off	NA	Natural	Kendu leaves	167 kg/	Washed ashore inside 02	India
		Palk Bay	Dhanushkodi,		resources		USD	gunny bags.	authorities
_			Tamil Nadu				1,443,530		
2.	22 Jun 23	India/	Off Point	NA	Natural	Kendu leaves	100 kg/	Found floating at sea.	India
		Palk Bay	Calimere, Tamil Nadu		resources		USD 8,470		authorities
3.	03 Jul 23	Indonesia/	At Sorong Port,	SABUK NUSANTRA 75	Wildlife	Protected	02 birds	O1 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia
		Celebes Sea	West Papua	Passenger/cargo ship		animals (birds)			authorities
				Flag - Indonesia					
				IMO: 9856593 MMSI: 525119106					
4.	04 Jul 23	Philippines/	At General	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	1,368 reams/	Assorted cigarettes.	Philippines
٦.	0+ Jul 25	Celebes Sea	Santos Port,	ONIX	Tobacco	Cigarettes	USD 12,309	Assorted eightettes.	authorities
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			South Cotabato						
5.	04 Jul 23	Malaysia/	E of Sabah,	01 boat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	USD 16,275	Found in boxes while	Malaysia
		Celebes Sea	Tawau					unloading from a boat.	authorities
								Suspects escaped.	
6.	04 Jul 23	Malaysia/	Off Semporna	01 fishing vessel	Fuel	Petrol	17 jerry cans/	O1 suspect apprehended.	Malaysia
_	041100	Celebes Sea	District, Sabah	N. A.			USD 9,202		authorities
7.	04 Jul 23	Sri Lanka/	In the lagoon	NA	Weapons	Water gel sticks	30 and 08/ UNK	Found in a sack hidden in	Sri Lanka
		Palk Bay	area of		(explosives)	and non-electric detonators	UNK	the shrubs. Suspected to be used for	authorities
			Allappiddi			detonators		illegal fishing (blast fishing).	
8.	04 Jul 23	Mozambique/	At Port of	NA	Tobacco	Hookah tobacco	UNK	Found in O2 containers.	Mozambique
		Indian Ocean	Maputo					Without valid documents.	authorities
9.	05 Jul 23	Sri Lanka/	In the beach	NA	Weapons	Water gel sticks,	35 and 10	Found in a sack on the	Sri Lanka
		Palk Bay	area of		(explosives)	non-electric	and 155 cm/	beach.	authorities
			Maniyanthottam			detonators and	UNK	Suspected to be used for	
						safety fuse		illegal fishing (blast fishing).	



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10.	06 Jul 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	At Cebu Port	NA	Domestic products	White onions	3,329 bags/ USD 17,973	Found in a container, stacked behind 147 boxes of kimchi. Smuggled from a foreign country.	Philippines Authorities
11.	08 Jul 23	Iran/ Persian Gulf	In Persian Gulf	O1 oil tanker	Fuel	Fuel	900 tons	12 suspects apprehended. Tanker seized.	Iran authorities
12.	08 Jul 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Manalipa Island, Zamboanga del Sur	FB HARAYANA Motorboat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	203 master cases and 66 reams/ USD 129,528	Without valid documents. O6 suspects apprehended. Motorboat seized.	Philippines authorities
13.	08 Jul 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pulau Lembu, Batam	01 wooden boat	Domestic products	Used bags and shoes	UNK	03 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
14.	11 Jul 23	Indonesia/ South China Sea	In North Natuna Sea	ARMAN 114 Oil tanker Flag - Iran IMO: 911641 MMSI: 422263900 S TINOS Oil Tanker Flag - Cameroon	Fuel	Crude oil	272,569 MT/ USD 304,000,000	Suspected illegal transshipment of crude oil to the Cameroon-flagged oil tanker <i>S TINOS</i> . 31 suspects (28 crew members and 03 passengers) were apprehended. Tanker seized. The Cameroon-flagged tanker managed to escape.	Indonesia authorities
15.	11 Jul 23	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	O7 nm off Nam Du Island, Kien Giang Province	O1 vessel Reg. No. KG 95987 TS	Fuel	Diesel	45,000 L	Without valid documents. O4 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities

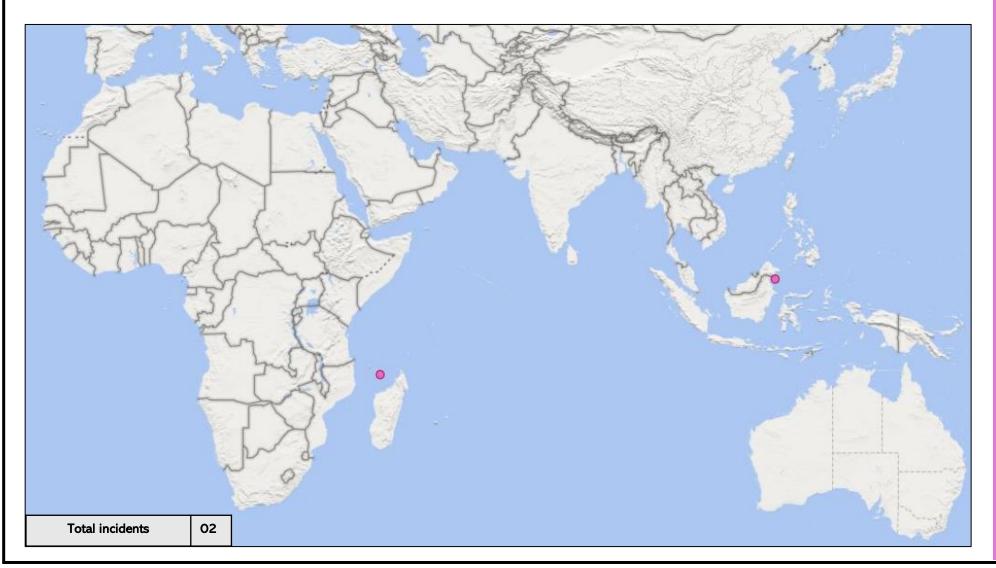




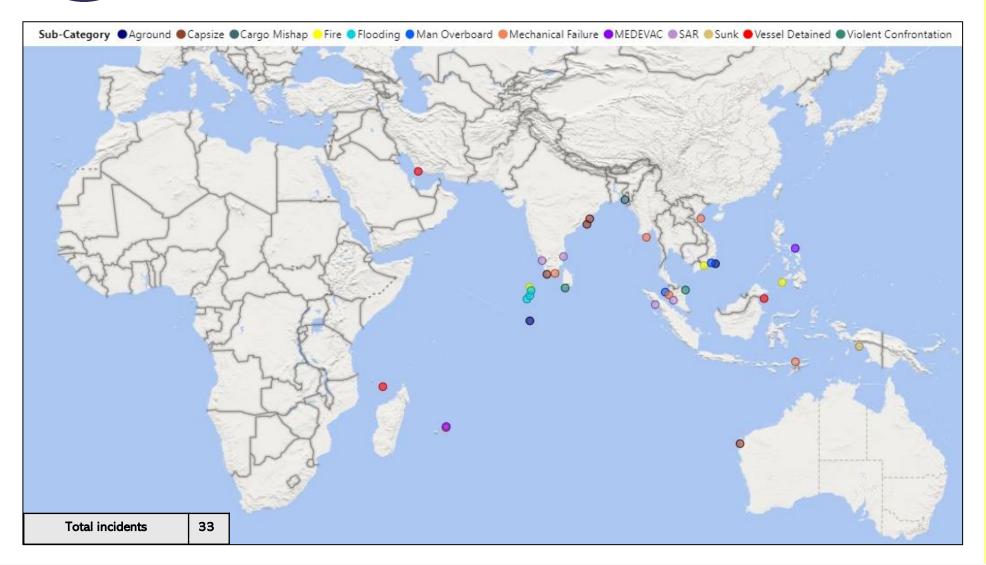


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Sr	Date	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location	Vessel Details	Offence	Seizure/ Value	Fishers Involved	Responder(s)
1.	05 Jul 23	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	118 nm off Kuala Terengganu	O1 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing	Foreign fishing vessel	15 foreign fishermen apprehended	Malaysia authorities
2.	05 Jul 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Sechichan	O1 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Fishing boat and 40 sets of dragon bubu	O2 foreign fishermen apprehended	Malaysia authorities
3.	05 Jul 23	Local	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Duqm	07 fishing boats	Illegal fishing	07 fishing boats	09 foreign fishermen apprehended	Oman authorities
4.	07 Jul 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Chalei and Chundikulam	O3 dinghies	Illegal fishing (light-coarse fishing)	O3 dinghies and unauthorised fishing gear	09 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
5.	08 Jul 23	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Delft Island	O2 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing	O2 foreign fishing trawlers	15 foreign fishermen apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
6.	08 Jul 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Illuppukadawai	O1 dinghy	Illegal fishing (fishing without valid licence)	Dinghy and 1,870 sea cucumbers	O3 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
7.	08 Jul 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kuala Gula, Perak	O1 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Fishing boat and 18 sets of dragon bubu	O1 apprehended	Malaysia authorities
8.	11 Jul 23	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cuong Gian Commune	O4 fishing boats Reg. No. NA 0062 TS, NA 2305 TS, NA 2001 TS and NA 2722 TS	Illegal fishing	Fishing boats	UNK	Vietnam authorities





S	Date	Country/ Region	Origin/ Destination	Location	Vessel Details	Migrants Details	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	02 - 09 Jul 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	11 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	101 apprehended	O5 suspected smugglers apprehended 11 boats seized	France authorities
2.	11 Jul 23	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	UNK	Off East Tawau, Sabah	05 small boats	04 apprehended	Boats seized	Malaysia authorities



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		Category	Region		Involved	Status		
1.	21 Jun 23	Aground	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Binh Thuan Province	NEMRUT BAY Bulk carrier Flag - Panama IMO: 9860788 MMSI: 373054000	Aground	Loaded with 25,510 tons of steel. Offloading of the cargo by general cargo ship <i>PHUONG NAM 98</i> in progress since 10 Jul 23. Salvage operation initiated.	Vietnam authorities and PHUONG NAM 98 general cargo ship
2.	02 Jul 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Gulf of Mannar	S of Tuticorin	AVADH Tug Flag - Palau IMO: 9564358 MMSI: 511100816	Aground	Heavy weather. Tug propellers entangled with a drifting fishing net. O9 crew members (05 Indian and 04 Indonesian) onboard the tug. Both	India authorities, Sri Lanka authorities and Tug OCEANLEC 263
					<i>ATULYA</i> Barge	Aground	vessels ran aground at Nadukuda, Mannar south, Sri Lanka on 07 Jul 23.	
3.	04 Jul 23	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Pura Island, East Nusa Tenggara Province	KM NUSANTARA Passenger ferry	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 21 passengers and 04 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities
4.	04 Jul 23	Capsize	Australia/ Indian Ocean	47 nm S of Coral Bay	O1 boat	Capsized	All 04 persons rescued.	Australia authorities
5.	05 Jul 23	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	8.3 nm SE of Virac, Catanduanes	MV FOMENTO TWO Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9736731 MMSI: 563028900	Underway	O1 Indian crew member evacuated. Finger injured.	Philippines authorities
6.	05 Jul 23	SAR	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Sungai Besar, Selangor	UNK	UNK	Mortal remains of O2 missing fishermen recovered on O6 Jul 23.	Malaysia authorities
7.	05 Jul 23	Violent confrontation	Malaysia/ South China Sea	118 nm off Kuala Terengganu	O1 fishing vessel	Seized	A law enforcement officer suffered serious injuries to his head after being attacked by a machete-wielding crew member from a foreign flagged fishing vessel. All fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities

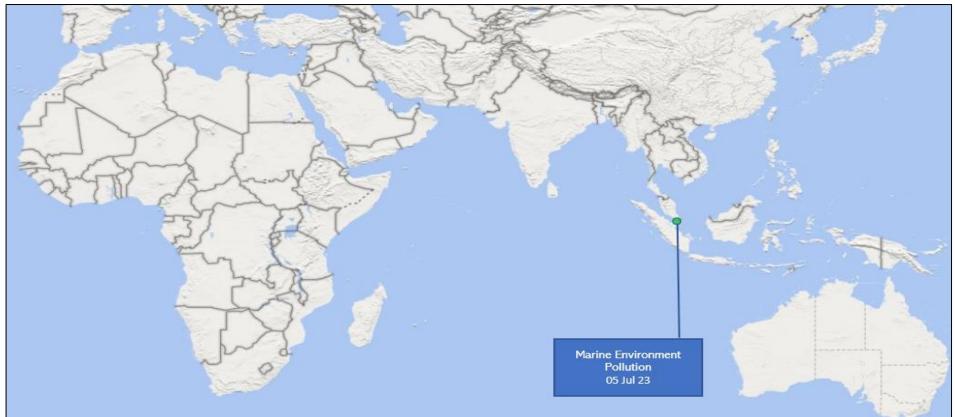
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8.	05 Jul 23	SAK	Indonesia/	Off Bakongan	UNK	UNK	O1 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
			Indian Ocean	Timur, South				
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9.	05 Jul 23	Flooding	Maldives/	04° 32' N	MUTHA SAPPHIRE	Anchored	Hull damage.	Maldives authorities
			Indian Ocean	073° 27' E	Barge	<u> </u>	No crew onboard.	
10.	05 Jul 23	Fire	Maldives/	Off K.Eriyadhoo	CRYSTAL SPEED	Towed	Due to battery explosion.	Maldives authorities and
			Indian Ocean		Passenger boat	ashore	All 39 passengers rescued.	locals
							08 injured.	
11.	05 Jul 23	Flooding	Maldives/	Off	RICARDO	Sank	Heavy weather.	Maldives authorities
			Indian Ocean	Adh.Mahibadhoo	Local supply vessel		All 08 crew members rescued.	
				Island				
12.	05 Jul 23	Mechanical	Mauritius/	18 nm off Flic en	SHIN SHUEN FAR No	Towed	Encountered engine failure.	Mauritius authorities and
		failure	Indian Ocean	Flac	668	ashore		fishing vessel FV NF
					Fishing vessel			DAFA No 168
					Flag - Taiwan			
					IMO: 9627318			
13.	06 Jul 23	Man	Vietnam/	02 nm SE of	O1 fishing vessel	UNK	O1 fisherman missing.	Vietnam authorities
		overboard	South China	Phan Thiet	Reg. No. KH 93879		SAR initiated.	
			Sea		TS			
14.	06 Jul 23	Mechanical	Vietnam/	Off Nghe An	01 Fishing Vessel	Towed	Heavy weather.	Vietnam authorities and
		failure	South China		Reg. No. NA 90941	ashore	Engine failure (propeller entangled	fishing vessel (Reg. No.
			Sea		TS		in a fishing net)	NA 90673 TS)
15.	06 Jul 23	Fire	Philippines/	Off Zamboanga	O1 motor boat	Damaged	Fire due to short circuit.	Philippines authorities
			Sulu Sea				Carrying 100 L of gasoline and	
							various essentials goods.	
							All 08 crew members rescued (05	
							injured).	
							No oil spill.	
16.	06 Jul 23	Vessel	Iran/	In Persian Gulf	NADA II	Detained	Allegedly involved in illegal	Iran authorities
		detained	Persian Gulf		Oil tanker		activities.	
					Flag - Tanzania			

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		Category	Region		Involved	Status		
17.	06 Jul 23	Cargo mishap	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	In Sandwip Channel, Chattogram	PANGAON EXPRESS Cargo vessel Flag - Panama IMO: 8662309 MMSI: 357671000	Partially submerged	Heavy weather. Loaded with 96 containers, 03 lost overboard. Vessel lost stability, listed to port and took in water. All 14 crew members rescued.	Bangladesh authorities
18.	07 Jul 23	SAR	India/ Arabian Sea	08 nm W of Beypore, Kerala	UK SONS Fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. All 05 crew members stranded at sea since 05 Jul 23 rescued.	India authorities
19.	07 Jul 23	Aground	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Fuvahmulah Island	O1 barge	Aground	Loaded with large quantity of boulders. Salvage operation initiated.	Maldives authorities
20.	07 Jul 23	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Louis	MV AMAR MERAY Cargo vessel Flag - Belize IMO: 9338589 MMSI: 312098000	Underway	O1 crew member evacuated.	Mauritius authorities
21.	07 Jul 23	Vessel detained	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Off Four-à-Chaux, Dzaoudzi- Labattoir	07 fishing boats	Detained	Operating without valid documents.	France authorities
22.	09 Jul 23	SAR	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Puducherry, Tamil Nadu	O1 fishing boat Reg. No. IND-TN-04- MO-6633	Towed ashore	Both fishermen rescued.	India authorities
23.	09 Jul 23	Violent confrontation	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	431 nm SW of Galle	SACHINTHA PUTHA Multiday fishing vessel Flag - Sri Lanka Reg. No. IMUL-A- 0460 CHW 01 foreign flagged vessel	UNK	Collision between Sri Lanka flagged fishing vessel and a foreign flagged vessel. Foreign vessel hurled a petrol bomb at the fishing vessel. O1 fisherman suffered burn injuries evacuated on 11 Jul 23.	Sri Lanka authorities and bulk carrier <i>SPAR</i> <i>MIRA</i>

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24.	09 Jul 23	Mechanical failure	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	Off Pyapon, Ayeyarwady Division	MV LASHIO Local cargo vessel	Towed ashore on 10 Jul 23	All crew members safe.	Myanmar authorities and local vessel MV CHAN LATT LATT
25.	09 Jul 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Arafura Sea	Off Porsite, Timika	O1 fishing vessel	Sank	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued. 02 missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities
26.	10 Jul 23	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Go Cong Dong district, Tien Giang Province	O1 fishing boat Reg. No. TG 92868 TS	Burnt	Fire extinguished. 07 other fishing vessels damaged. No casualties.	Vietnam authorities
27.	10 Jul 23	Mechanical failure	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	24 nm off Jarak Island, Perak	O1 fishing boat	Towed ashore	All 12 fishermen rescued.	Malaysia authorities
28.	10 Jul 23	Capsize	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Muthalapozhi, Kerala	O1 fishing boat	Capsized	All O4 fishermen dead.	India authorities
29.	10 Jul 23	Capsize	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh	O1 fishing boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. O4 fishermen swam ashore. O1 missing. O1 dead. SAR initiated.	India authorities
30.	10 Jul 23	Capsize	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Kapasakudi, Andhra Pradesh	01 fishing boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. 03 fishermen swam ashore. 01 dead.	India authorities
31.	11 Jul 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawau, Sabah	05 pump boats	Detained	Suspected to be involved in illegal activities. O4 persons apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
32.	11 Jul 23	Man overboard	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	In Malacca Strait	KM PERMATA MAJU Motor ship	UNK	O1 crew member missing. SAR initiated.	Malaysia authorities
33.	11 Jul 23	Flooding	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off L. Kurendhoo Island	ALIVILAA Local cargo vessel	Berthed	Hull damaged. Water ingress. All O4 crew members rescued.	Maldives authorities

Sr	Date	Sub Category	Incident Details
1.	05 Jul 23	Ransomware attack	A ransomware attack was reported in Japan's biggest maritime port of Nagoya. The attack was reportedly initiated by a group of foreign hackers. Operations at the port were disrupted but have resumed as of 07 Jul 23.





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1.	05 Jul 23	Marine environment pollution	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	Off Raffles Marina	UNK	UNK	An oil slick was observed due to a fire in a chemical storage facility. The authorities used chemical dispersants to clean the oil slick around the marina.	Singapore authorities

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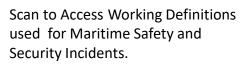
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