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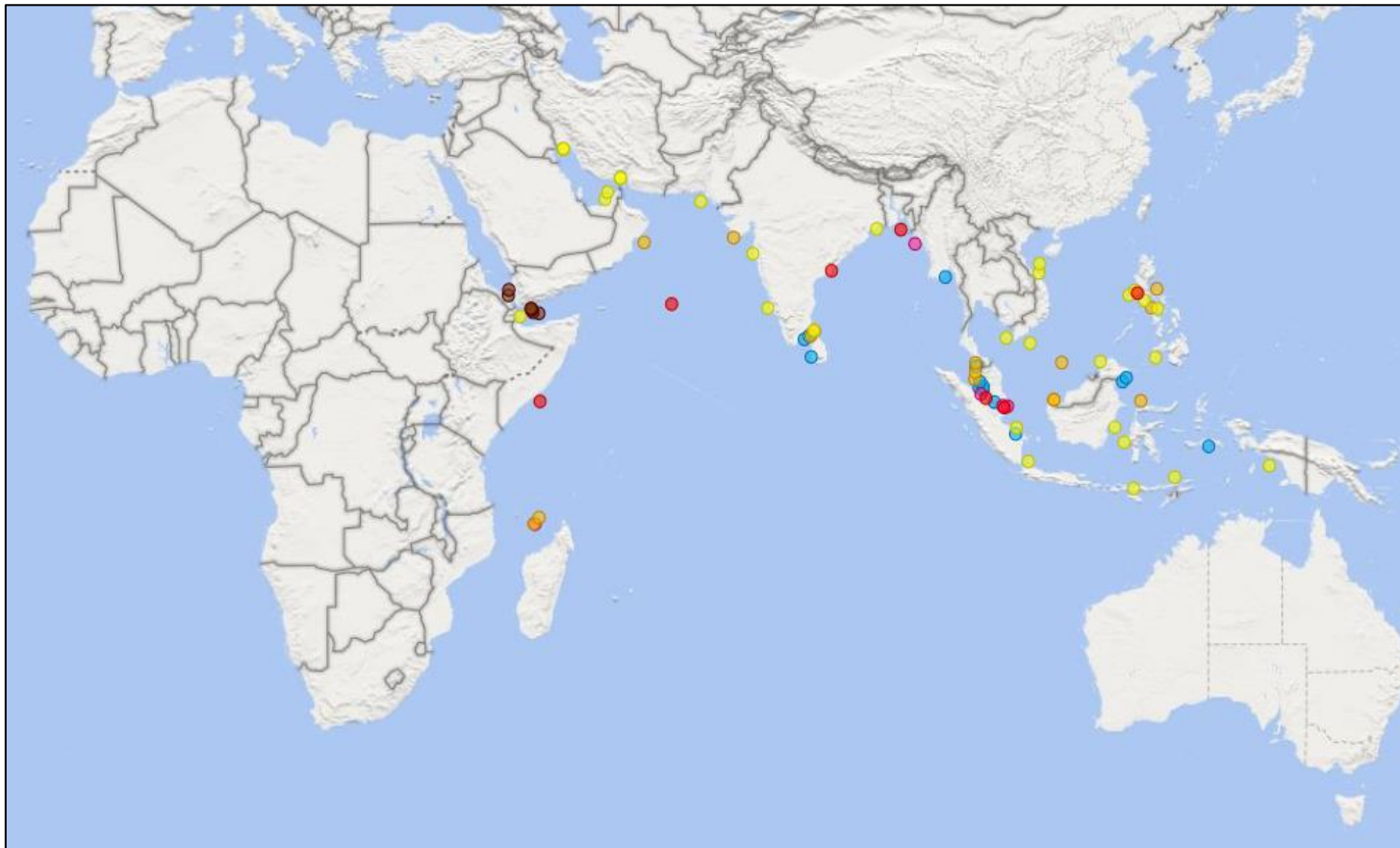


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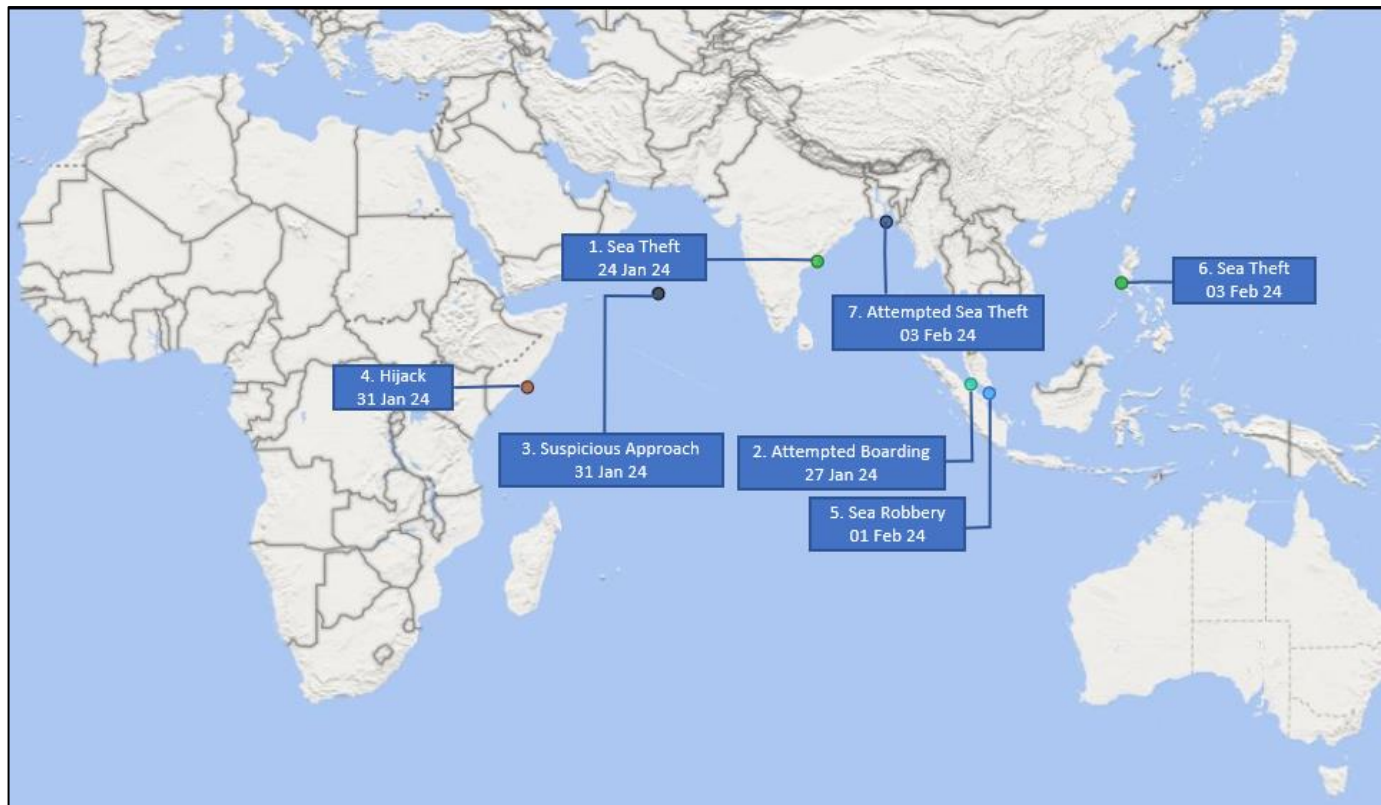
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	07
Contraband Smuggling	14
IUU Fishing	15
Irregular Human Migration	05
Maritime Incidents	29
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	07
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	77
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
Attack	Nil
Kidnap	Nil
Hijack	01
Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
Sea Robbery	01
Sea Theft	02
Illegal Boarding	Nil
Attempted Sea Robbery	Nil
Attempted Sea Theft	01
Attempted Boarding	01
Suspicious Approach	01
Total incidents	07



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1.	24 Jan 24 2345 LT	Sea theft	India/ Bay of Bengal	At Kakinada Port	<i>MT REGENCY</i> Tanker Flag - India IMO: 9258363 MMSI: 419001750	01 boat with 06 perpetrators approached the vessel while at anchor and maintained in the vicinity of the vessel. 01 perpetrator jumped into the water after being sighted by the ship's crew and escaped in the boat. 03 ropes stolen.	All crew members safe	Safe (Anchored)	India authorities
2.	27 Jan 24 0450 LT	Attempted boarding	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Dumai Anchorage	<i>AL AMERAT</i> Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9405851 MMSI: 370706000	A perpetrator attempted to board the vessel at anchor. Ship's crew raised alarm. Boarding attempt was aborted.	Safe	Safe (Anchored)	Indonesia authorities
3.	31 Jan 24	Suspicious approach	UNK/ Arabian Sea	13° 04' N 062° 26' E	01 merchant vessel	Reportedly, 02 mother ships with a skiff approached a merchant vessel and threatened the vessel over radio.	Safe	Underway	UNK
4*	31 Jan 24	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	Off E Coast of Somalia	<i>FV OMARI</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Iran	Reportedly, 07 armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the vessel with 19 fishermen (08 Pakistan and 11 Iran). Indian Navy Ship <i>Sharda</i> intercepted the fishing vessel on 02 Feb 24. All 07 perpetrators apprehended. Vessel and all 19 fishermen rescued.	Safe	Underway.	INS <i>Sharda</i>



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5.	01 Feb 24 0200 LT	Sea robbery	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	Off Singapore 01° 02.59' N 103° 39.50' E	<i>CLIPPER I-STAR</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9660085 MMSI: 566996000	06 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel while underway and took 03 crew members as hostage. Ship's crew raised alarm. Perpetrators escaped with engine spares and personal belongings.	Safe	Underway	Singapore authorities
6.	03 Feb 24 0040 LT	Sea theft	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Manila Bay Anchorage	<i>NORDPUMA</i> Container ship Flag - Cyprus IMO: 9626259 MMSI: 212289000	05 perpetrators boarded the container ship at anchor and escaped with ship's stores.	Safe	Safe (Anchored)	Philippines authorities
7.	03 Feb 24 0610 LT	Attempted sea theft	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Chittagong Inner Anchorage	<i>MV PANDA 2</i> Container ship Flag - Portugal MMSI:255805843 IMO: 9328053	02 perpetrators boarded the ship while at anchor. Ship's crew raised alarm. Perpetrators escaped. Nothing stolen.	All crew members safe	Safe (Anchored)	Bangladesh authorities

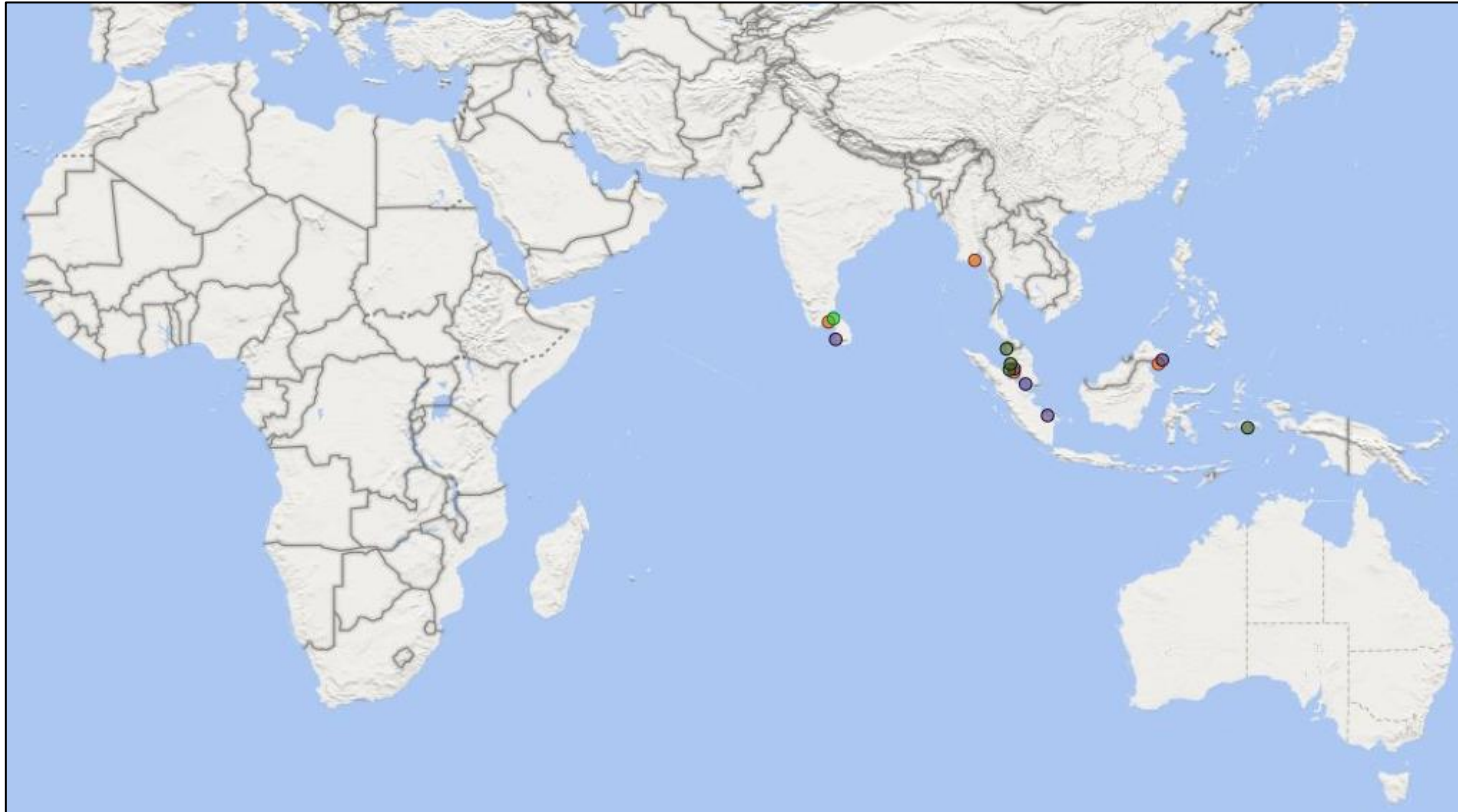
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Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	04
Drugs	04
Fuel	Nil
Natural Resources	02
Tobacco	Nil
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	04
Others	Nil
Total incidents	14



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1.	10 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Ahmad Yani Sea Port, Maluku	<i>KM ALSUDAIS</i> Vessel	Wildlife	Protected birds	02 birds	Without valid documents. Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
2.	26 Jan 24	Indonesia/ South China Sea	At Pekanbaru and Dumai	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine and ecstasy pills	07 kg and 999 pills	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 06 suspects apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
3.	30 Jan 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Sekinchan Jetty	01 boat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	40.37 kg/ USD 279,187	Found hidden in 38 packets of Chinese tea bags. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. 03 escaped. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
4.	30 Jan 24	Indonesia/ South China Sea	At Tanjung Kalain Port, Mentok	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	24 kg	Suspected to be smuggled domestically. 02 suspects apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
5.	31 Jan 24	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Myanmar Industrial Port Terminal	UNK	Domestic products	Woven fabric	91 rolls/ USD 17,995	Found in a container. Mis-declared in import declaration.	Myanmar authorities
6.	01 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	Off Pulau Timbun Mata	06 boats	Natural resources	Wood	100 pieces	Without valid documents. Protected mangrove trees.	Malaysia authorities
7.	02 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawau	01 passenger boat	Domestic products	Cooking oil and sugar	493 kg and 480 kg	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be domestically smuggled.	Malaysia authorities
8.	02 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Tanjung Kepah, Perak	01 boat	Wildlife	Clam seeds (Shell fish)	390 kg/ USD 1,051	02 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
9.	03 Feb 24	India/ Palk Bay	Off Ramanathapuram, Ramnad, Tamil Nadu	UNK	Natural resources	Gold	4.3 kg/ USD 26,494	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. 01 vehicle seized.	India authorities



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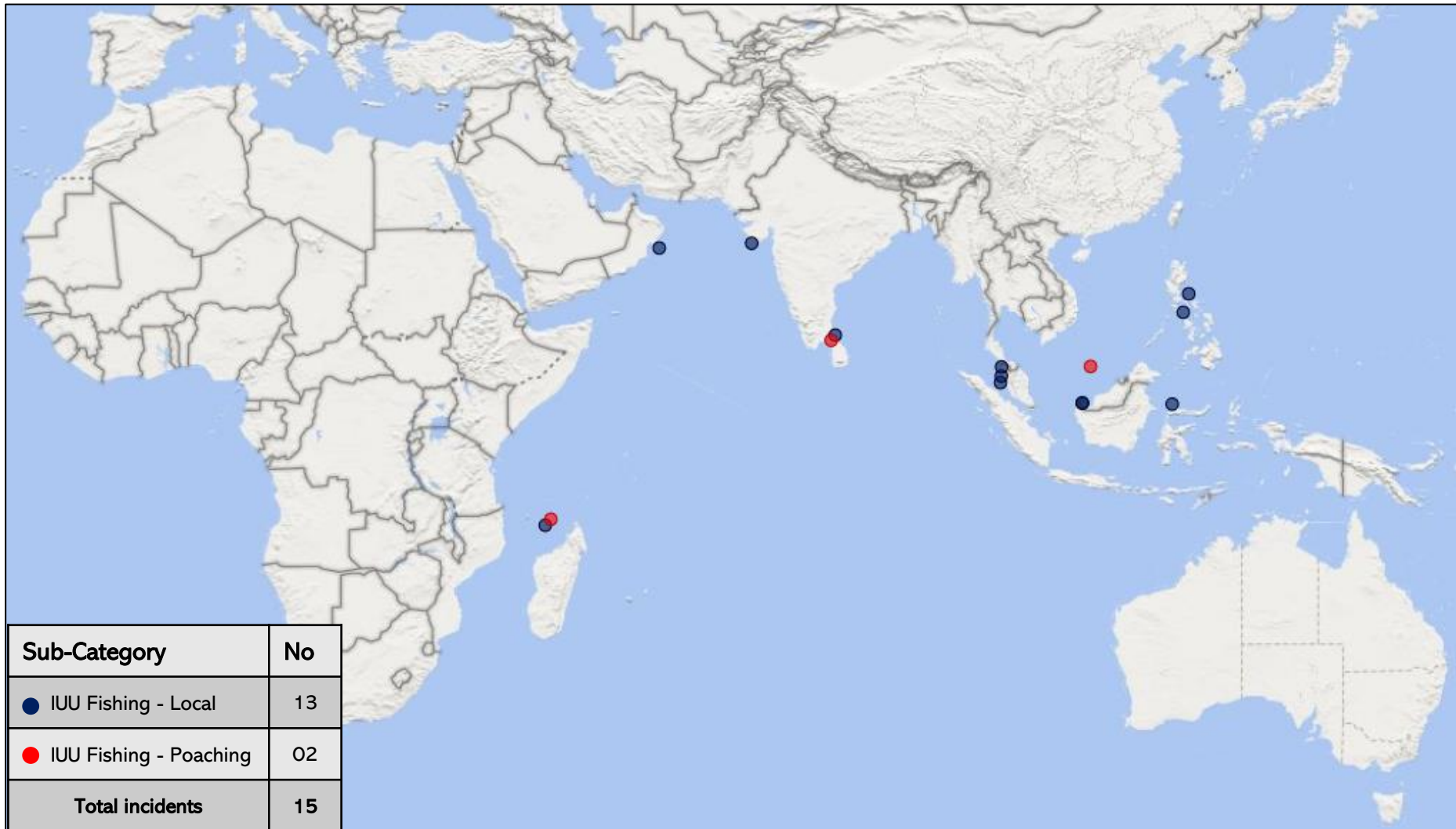
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10.	03 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Port Klang West	UNK	Domestic products	Frozen meat	24,993 kg/ USD 93,030	Without valid documents. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities
11.	04 Feb 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Namlea Port, Maluku	<i>KM DOROLONDA</i> Passenger vessel	Wildlife	Protected birds	16 birds	Without valid documents. Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
12.	04 Feb 24	India/ Laccadive Sea	Off Periapattinam, Tamil Nadu	01 fibreboat	Domestic products	Sleeping pills	679,000 pills	Intended to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	India authorities
13.	04 Feb 24	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Wattala	UNK	Drugs	Narcotic pills	192,000 pills/ USD 32,051	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
14.	05 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Kampung Kuala Jetty, Sanglang, Kedah	01 fibreboat	Wildlife	Shrimp seeds	312 packages/ USD 6,512	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities



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1.	31 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	03 nm W of Tanjung Payung, Bintulu	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (fishing in prohibited area)	Fishing boat and fishing paraphernalia	04 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
2.	31 Jan 24	Local	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Off Mayotte	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (banned method)	Fishing boat and fish catch	02 foreign fishermen apprehended.	France authorities
3.	01 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	0.3 nm NE of Talang Pulau	UNK	Illegal fishing	28 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
4.	02 Feb 24	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Gacot Island, Bantoncillo, Banton	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (banned fishing methods)	Boat, fishing net and fishing paraphernalia	04 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
5.	02 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	04 nm of Talang Island	UNK	Illegal fishing	30 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
6.	02 Feb 24	Local	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Somnath, Gujarat	06 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Boats seized	UNK	India authorities
7.	02 Feb 24	Local	Oman/ Arabian Sea	In the Wilayat of Mahout	UNK	Illegal fishing (using illegal nets)	05 illegal fishing nets	UNK	Oman authorities
8.	03 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	1.19 nm SW of Sungai Padang, Perlis	01 fibre boat	Illegal fishing (banned fishing methods)	Fibre boat	01 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
9.	03 Feb 24	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Delft Island	02 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawlers	23 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
10.	02 Feb 24	Local	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Somnath, Gujarat	06 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Boats seized	UNK	India authorities
11.	04 Feb 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	210 nm off Mukah	02 foreign fishing boats	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing boats and fish/USD 36,120	UNK	Malaysia Authorities
12.	05 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	3.95 nm of Pulau Kendi	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat	05 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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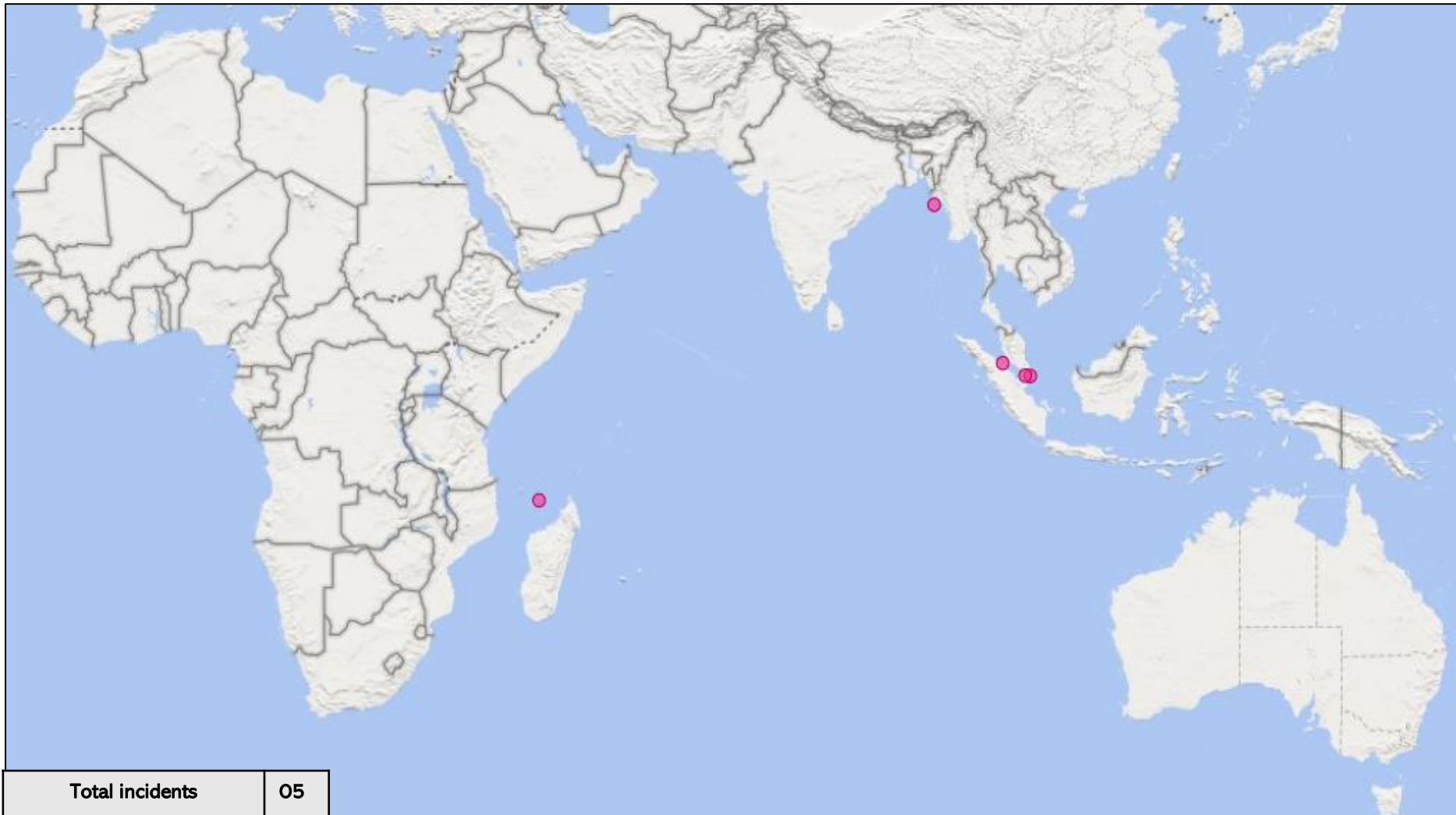
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13.	05 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	0.2 nm SW of Kampung Bharu Jetty	UNK	Illegal fishing	31 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
14.	05 Feb 24	Local	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	Off Purok Dau, Poblacion, Real, Quezon	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (Blast fishing)	Fishing boat and 20 kg of fish/ USD 54	UNK	Philippines authorities
15.	06 Feb 24	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Kadeikadu	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (light coarse fishing)	Dinghy and fishing paraphernalia	01 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities



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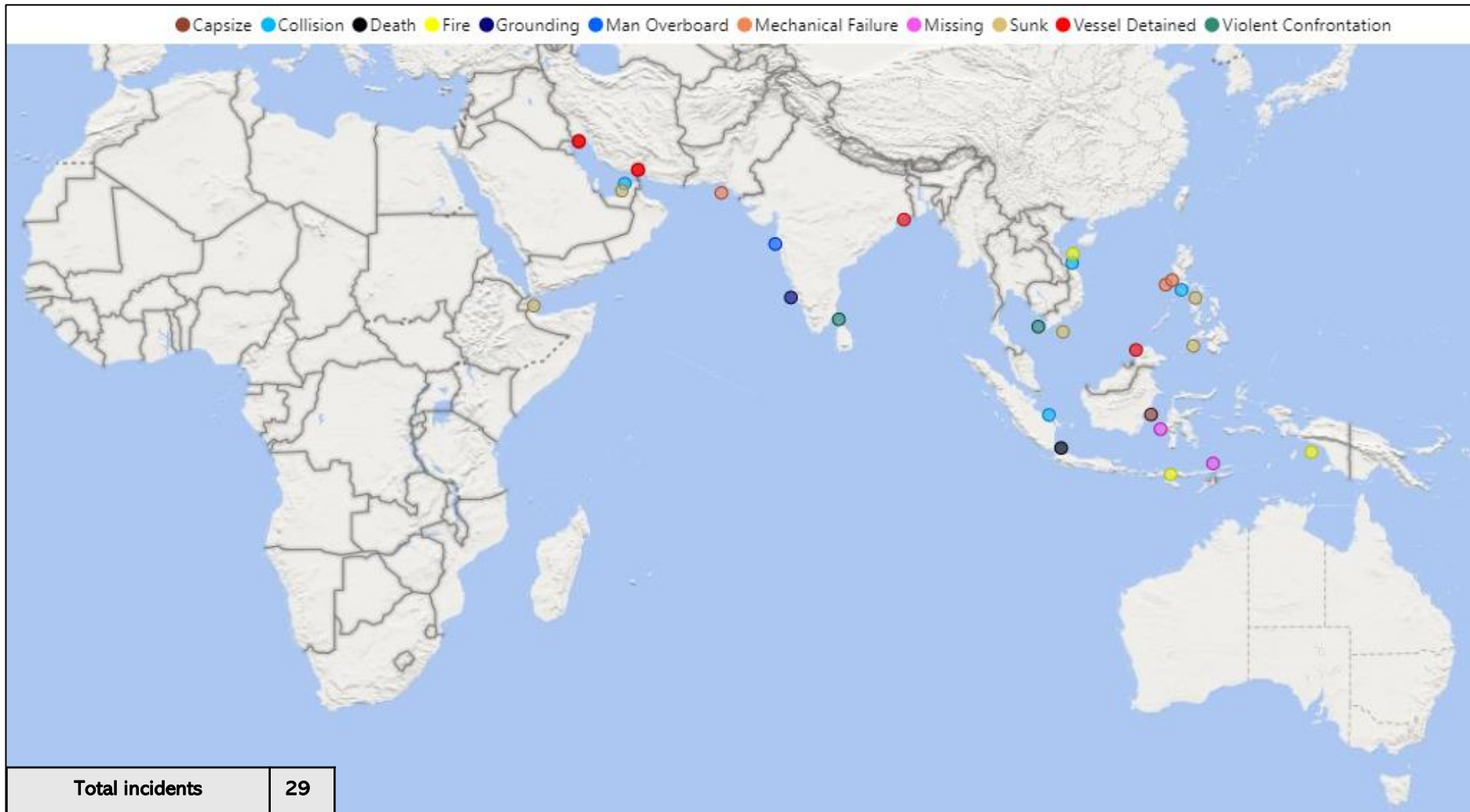
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1.	30 Jan 24	Indonesia/Singapore Strait	Indonesia/Singapore	At Batam Centre International Port	UNK	01 apprehended.	Reportedly, the migrant was intended to be smuggled out to a foreign country by sea. 01 suspected smuggler apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
2.	01 Feb 24	Myanmar/Bay of Bengal	UNK/Myanmar	Off Changkhali, Sittwe, Rakhine	01 boat	38 apprehended.	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally. Boat seized.	Myanmar authorities
3.	02 Feb 24	Malaysia/Malacca Strait	Malaysia/Indonesia	Off Tanjung Piai, Pontian	01 boat	03 apprehended.	Reportedly, the migrants were intended to be smuggled out by sea. 01 suspected smuggler apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
4.	27 Jan-03 Feb 24	Mayotte/Indian Ocean	Comoros/Mayotte	Off Mayotte	09 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	132 apprehended.	09 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
5.	03 Feb 23	Indonesia/Malacca Strait	Malaysia/Indonesia	Off Rokan Hilir	<i>KM NELAYAN JAYA II</i>	09 apprehended.	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to re-enter the country illegally. 01 suspected smuggler apprehended.	Indonesia authorities



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1.	02 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	At Bandar Khomeini	<i>TINA //</i> Cargo ship Flag - Togo IMO: 3585386 MMSI: 671399100	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Iran authorities
2.	02 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	At Shahid Rajaei Port, Bandar Abbas	<i>LUCIA</i> Container ship Flag - Saint Kitts and Nevis IMO: 9138343 MMSI: 341884000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Iran authorities
3.	09 Jan 24	Vessel detained	India/ Bay of Bengal	At Haldia, West Bengal	<i>ASPHALT EXPRESS</i> Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9394739 MMSI: 371334000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	India authorities
4.	09 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	At Bandar Khomeini	<i>FOREVER HAPPY</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Cook Islands IMO: 9146613 MMSI: 518101000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Iran authorities
5.	15 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	At Shahid Rajaei Port, Bandar Abbas	<i>KS PROJECT</i> Cargo ship Flag - Panama IMO: 9457141 MMSI: 370119000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Iran authorities
6.	19 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ South China Sea	18 nm SW of Sampaloc Point	<i>FBCA SAILING</i> Fishing vessel	UNK	Heavy weather. Engine failure. All 26 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities
7.	23 Jan 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Samboja, E Kalimantan	01 fishing boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman survived. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities



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8.	28 Jan 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Malunda, West Sulawesi	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities
9.	29 Jan 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	20 nm NE of Con Dao	<i>SAMADRA INDAH II</i> Cargo ship Flag - Malaysia IMO: 8327741 MMSI: 533429000	Sank	Loaded with 66 rice containers. 12 crew members rescued. 03 missing. SAR initiated.	Vietnam authorities and the fishing vessel Reg. No. BTh - 97171 TS
10.	31 Jan 24	Collision	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Verde Island, Batangas	<i>OCEAN JET 6</i> Passenger vessel Flag - Philippines	UNK	All 124 (105 passengers and 19 crew members) safe.	Philippines authorities
					<i>HOP & GO 1</i> Passenger ferry	Damaged Towed ashore	05 (02 crew and 03 passengers) safe. 02 Philippines crew members dead. 02 Chinese passengers injured.	
11.	31 Jan 24	Sunk	Djibouti/ Gulf of Aden	Off Djibouti	<i>HOUSSAM 2</i> Dhow	Sank	All 05 crew members rescued.	Djibouti authorities
12.	01 Feb 24	Sunk	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Barangay Cantagda, Romblon	01 fishing boat	Sank	02 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities
13.	01 Feb 24	Sunk	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Tumulatab, Payao	<i>RCT-999</i> Fishing vessel	Sank	34 fishermen rescued. 04 missing.	Philippines authorities
14.	02 Feb 24	Collision	Vietnam/ South China Sea	04 nm NE of An Hòa	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNA 01160 TS	Sank	All 06 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
					01 Tug	UNK	Tug was towing a barge.	
15.	02 Feb 24	Grounding	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Ullal, Karnataka	<i>NAVAMI SHIVANI</i> Fishing boat	Salvaged and towed ashore	All 06 fishermen rescued.	India authorities and fishing boats in the vicinity
16.	02 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Sampaloc Point	01 fishing vessel	UNK	Heavy weather. Engine failure. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities
17.	02 Feb 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Tanjung Babi	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	02 fishermen recovered on 03 Feb 24, found in a state of dehydration.	Indonesia authorities



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18.	03 Feb 24	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Tanjung Logong, Gaya Island	01 passenger boat	Detained	Carrying passengers beyond the permissible limit and not carrying safety equipment. 01 crew member detained.	Malaysia authorities
19.	03 Feb 24	Fire	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Siaba Island, East Nusa Tenggara Province	<i>KLM CARPEDIEM</i> Sailing boat	Damaged	All 06 persons (04 crew members and 02 tourists) rescued.	Indonesia authorities
20.	03 Feb 24	Violent confrontation	India/ Bay of Bengal	20 nm SE of Kodiyakarai, Tamil Nadu	02 fishing boats	UNK	05 fishermen allegedly assaulted at sea by 04 foreign fishermen onboard a boat. The foreign fishermen escaped with GPS, mobile phones and fish catch.	India authorities
21.	03 Feb 24	Man overboard	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Mumbai	01 vessel	UNK	01 person rescued.	India authorities
22.	03 Feb 24	Violent confrontation	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	12 nm of Kinh Hoi	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 91296 TS 01 fishing vessel	Sank	Reportedly, 04 suspects of one group threw petrol bombs on another fishing vessel, which resulted in a fire. All 05 fishermen rescued by another fishing vessel.	Vietnam authorities and fishing vessel in the vicinity
23.	04 Feb 24	Sunk	UAE/ Persian Gulf	Off Abu Dhabi	01 boat	Sank	Heavy weather. Both persons rescued.	UAE authorities
24.	04 Feb 24	Collision	UAE/ Persian Gulf	Off Dubai	<i>M/T GAS UTOPIA</i> Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9770531 MMSI: 373225000 Fishing vessel	UNK UNK	Distress alert monitored by MRCC LA Reunion. SAR initiated.	UAE authorities



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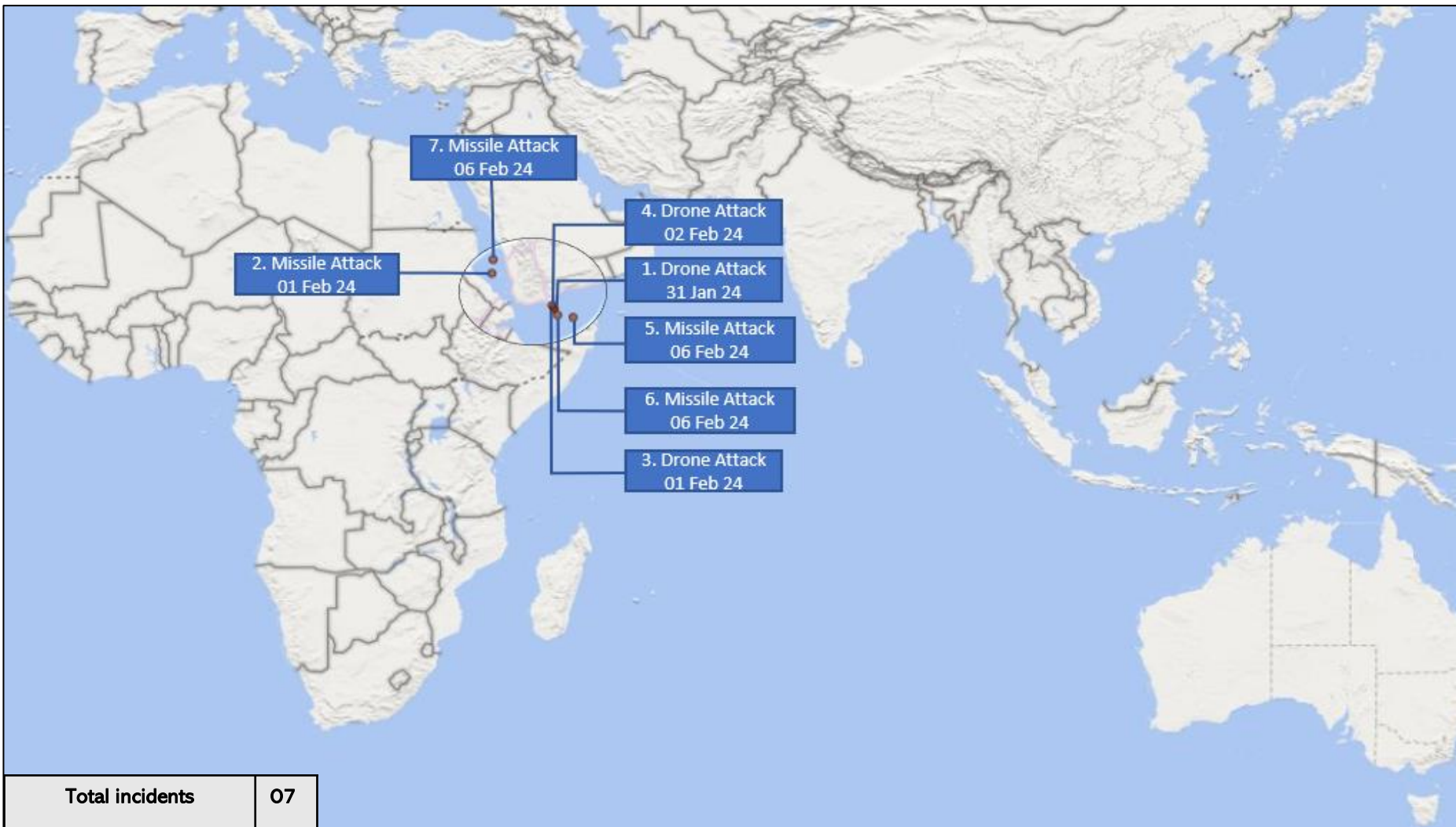
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25.	04 Feb 24	Fire	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Amar Timika	<i>KM BAYU SENTOSA</i> Fishing vessel	Damaged	Fire due to a lightning strike. 2 passengers rescued. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities
26.	04 Feb 24	Collision	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Banyuasin, South Sumatra	<i>SINAR AGUNG</i> Speedboat	UNK	05 persons rescued. 03 dead. 03 missing.	Indonesia authorities
					01 boat	UNK		
27.	04 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	176 nm SW off Karachi	<i>SAS-5 ABU HADRIYAH</i> Tug Flag - St Kitts Nevis IMO: 8016093 MMSI: 341261001	Underway	Generator and engine failure. Defect rectified with assistance from PMSA ship.	Pakistan authorities
28.	05 Feb 24	Death	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Panjang Island, Banten	<i>KM ANUGERAH</i> Fishing vessel	UNK	Due to lightning strikes. 04 fishermen dead. 03 rescued.	Indonesia authorities
29.	05 Feb 24	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Ky Phoung Ward	01 fishing vessel	Damaged	Fire while at anchor. Fire extinguished. No casualties reported.	Vietnam authorities



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1.	31 Jan 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down three unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and an anti-ship ballistic missile in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen.
2.	01 Feb 24	Yemen/ Red Sea	57 nm W of Al Hudaydah	<i>KOI</i> Container ship Flag - Liberia IMO: 9461489 MMSI: 636018059	Reportedly, two anti-ship ballistic missiles were fired towards the vessel. Missiles impacted water about 01 nm on the starboard side of the vessel. Vessel and all crew members were safe.
3.	01 Feb 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and an uncrewed surface vehicle (USV) in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen.
4.	02 Feb 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen.
5.	06 Feb 24 0320 LT	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	50 nm S of Aden	<i>STAR NASIA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9361237 MMSI: 538002633	Reportedly, 03 anti-ship ballistic missiles fired towards the Marshall Islands flagged bulk carrier <i>STAR NASIA</i> about 50 nm S of Aden, Yemen. 01 missile hit the vessel, causing minor damages. 01 missile impacted the water near the ship with no effect 01 missile was shot down by the US Navy ship. Vessel and all crew members were safe.
6.	06 Feb 24 1630 LT	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	50 nm S of Aden	<i>STAR NASIA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9361237 MMSI: 538002633	Reportedly, US Navy ship shot down an anti-ship ballistic missile fired towards the Marshall Islands flagged bulk carrier <i>STAR NASIA</i> about 50 nm S of Aden, Yemen.
7.	06 Feb 24 0300 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	57 nm W of Al Hudaydab	<i>MORNING TIDE</i> General cargo ship Flag - Barbados IMO: 9320506 MMSI: 314617000	Reportedly, 03 anti-ship ballistic missiles fired towards the Barbados flagged bulk carrier <i>MORNING TIDE</i> about 57 nm W of Al Hudaydab, Yemen. 01 missile hit the port side of the vessel, causing minor damage to the bridge windows. 02 missiles impacted the water near the ship with no effect. Vessel and all crew members were safe.



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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT (S)

- Indian naval platforms foil another piracy attempt along east coast of Somalia

On 31 Jan 24, an incident of hijacking was reported onboard the Iran-flagged fishing vessel FV *OMARI* off the E Coast of Somalia. Seven armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel with 19 fishermen (08 Pakistan and 11 Iran) onboard. Indian Navy ship *Sharada* on anti-piracy mission was diverted to intercept the fishing vessel. On 02 Feb 24, INS *Sharda* intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel during the early hours. The warship deployed its helicopter and boats to compel the pirates to release the crew and the vessel. Subsequently, the warship conducted a confirmatory boarding of FV *OMARI* to ensure the safety of the crew who had been held captive by the Somali pirates. All 19 fishermen were rescued and all seven perpetrators were apprehended on 02 Feb 24.



During the last two months, IFC-IOR has monitored 11 incidents involving fishing dhows and foreign-flagged fishing vessels being hijacked by the perpetrators in the Arabian Sea, East of Somalia. The perpetrators may likely use the hijacked dhow as a **mother ship** in attacking/ hijacking other vessels. Further, the uptick in hijacking incidents in the last two months, also reveals a resurgence of piracy and armed robbery in the region. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution, remain vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels are also requested to report suspicious activities to the nearest law enforcement agencies and IFC-IOR (ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in).



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