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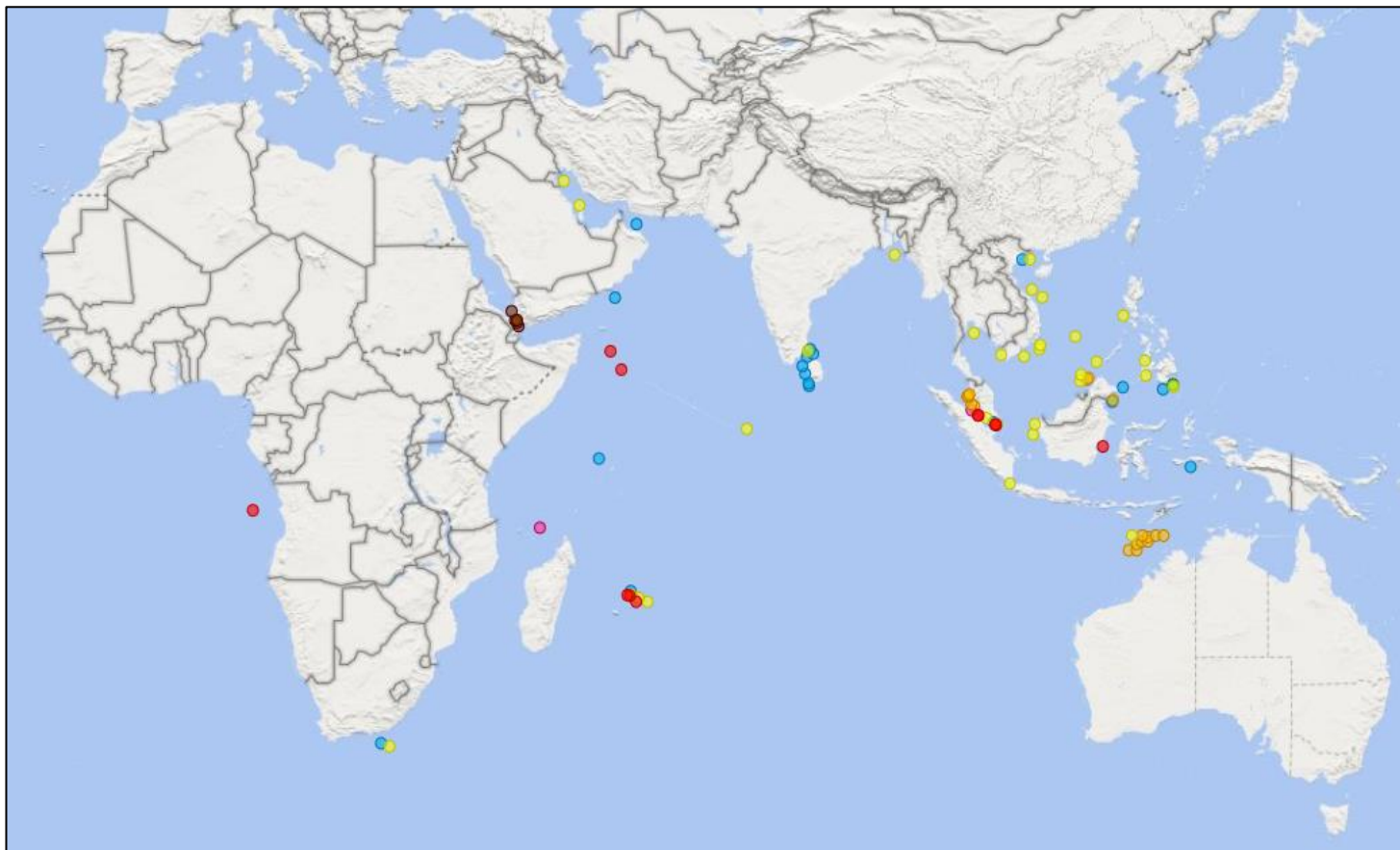
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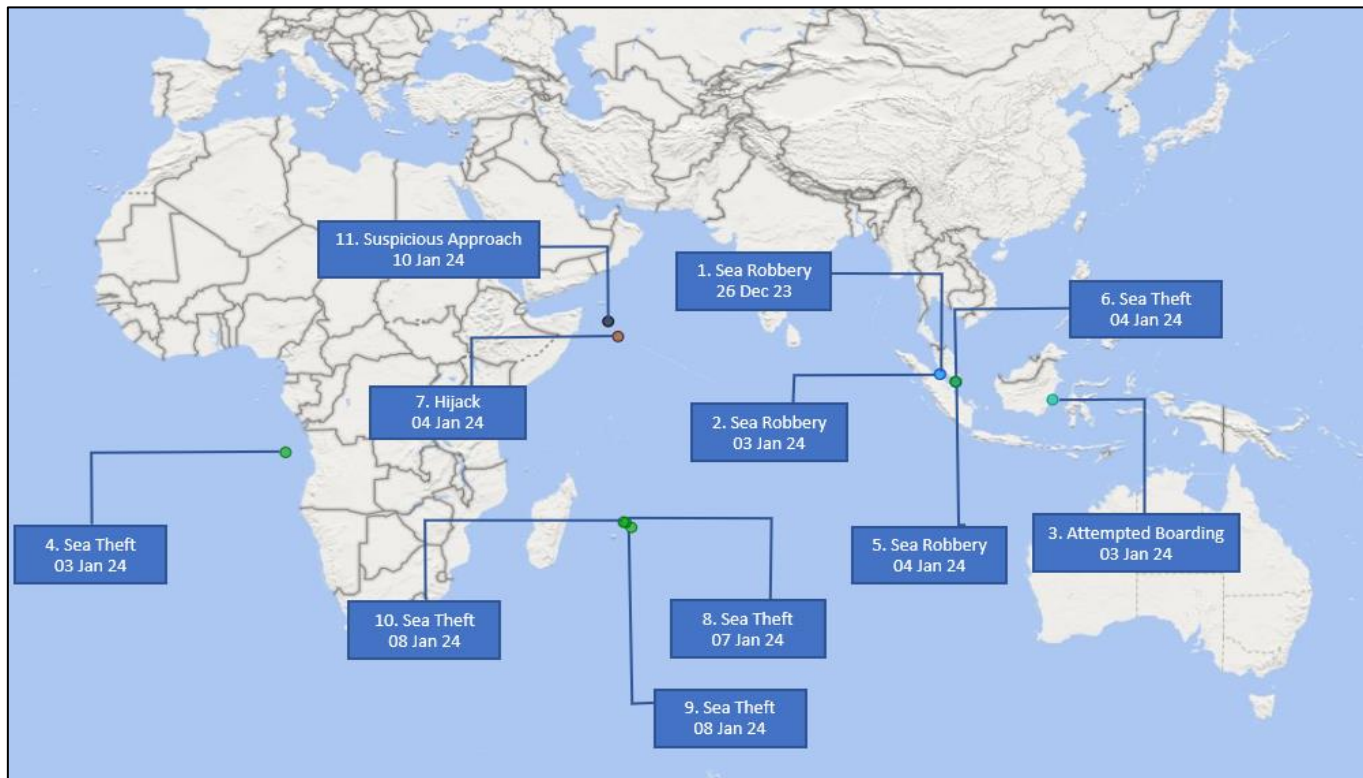
| Category                           | No        |
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| Piracy & Armed Robbery             | 11        |
| Contraband Smuggling               | 17        |
| IUU Fishing                        | 23        |
| Irregular Human Migration          | 02        |
| Maritime Incidents                 | 31        |
| Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid) | 05        |
| Cyber Security Threats             | Nil       |
| Marine Environment Pollution       | 01        |
| Climate Change & Security          | Nil       |
| Others                             | Nil       |
| <b>Total incidents</b>             | <b>90</b> |
| Cyclone(s)                         | Nil       |



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| Sub-Category            | No        |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| ● Attack                | Nil       |
| ● Kidnap                | Nil       |
| ● Hijack                | 01        |
| ● Hijack & Kidnap       | Nil       |
| ● Sea Robbery           | 03        |
| ● Sea Theft             | 05        |
| ● Illegal Boarding      | Nil       |
| ● Attempted Sea Robbery | Nil       |
| ● Attempted Sea Theft   | Nil       |
| ● Attempted Boarding    | 01        |
| ● Suspicious Approach   | 01        |
| <b>Total incidents</b>  | <b>11</b> |



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| Sr | Date/ Time           | Sub Category       | Country/ Region           | Location Lat/Long           | Details of Vessels Involved  | Incident Details  | Crew Status           | Vessel/ Post Incident Status | Responder(s)          |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 26 Dec 23<br>0200 LT | Sea robbery        | Indonesia/ Malacca Strait | At Dumai Anchorage          | <i>SHOKAI</i><br>Tanker<br>Flag - Panama<br>IMO: 9940710<br>MMSI: 352002184                    | 04 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel while at anchor and took one crew member as hostage.<br>Ship's crew raised alarm.<br>Perpetrators escaped with engine spares.          | Safe                  | Underway                     | Indonesia authorities |
| 2. | 03 Jan 24<br>0300 LT | Sea robbery        | Indonesia/ Malacca Strait | At Lubuk Gaung Anchorage    | 01 cargo ship<br>Flag - Panama   | 03 perpetrators armed with guns and knives boarded the vessel while at anchor and took one crew member as hostage.<br>Ship's crew raised alarm.<br>Perpetrators escaped with engine spares. | Safe                  | UNK                          | Indonesia authorities |
| 3. | 03 Jan 24<br>0300 LT | Attempted boarding | Indonesia/ Java Sea       | 01° 21'.8 S<br>116° 59'.7 E | <i>HELGA OLDENDORFF</i><br>Bulk carrier<br>Flag - Portugal<br>IMO: 9713040<br>MMSI: 255805804  | 01-04 perpetrators seen in a skiff near the anchor cable. 01 perpetrator attempted to board by climbing the anchor cable.<br>Ship's crew raised alarm and the perpetrators escaped.         | Safe                  | At anchor                    | Indonesia authorities |
| 4. | 03 Jan 24<br>0100 LT | Sea theft          | Angola/ Gulf of Guinea    | At Luanda Anchorage         | <i>BOURBON EXPLORER 519</i><br>Supply ship<br>Flag - France<br>IMO: 9654323<br>MMSI: 228064800 | 03 perpetrators in a canoe approached the vessel while at anchor.<br>02 perpetrators boarded the vessel and escaped with ship's item.   | All crew members safe | Safe (anchored)              | Angola authorities    |
| 5. | 04 Jan 24<br>0315 LT | Sea robbery        | UNK/ Singapore Strait     | 01° 04'0 N<br>103° 40'.0 E  | <i>ARTIN</i><br>Bulk carrier<br>Flag - Iran<br>IMO: 9305221<br>MMSI: 422035200                 | 06 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel while underway.<br>Ship's crew raised alarm.<br>Perpetrators escaped with engine spares.   | Safe                  | Underway                     | UNK                   |



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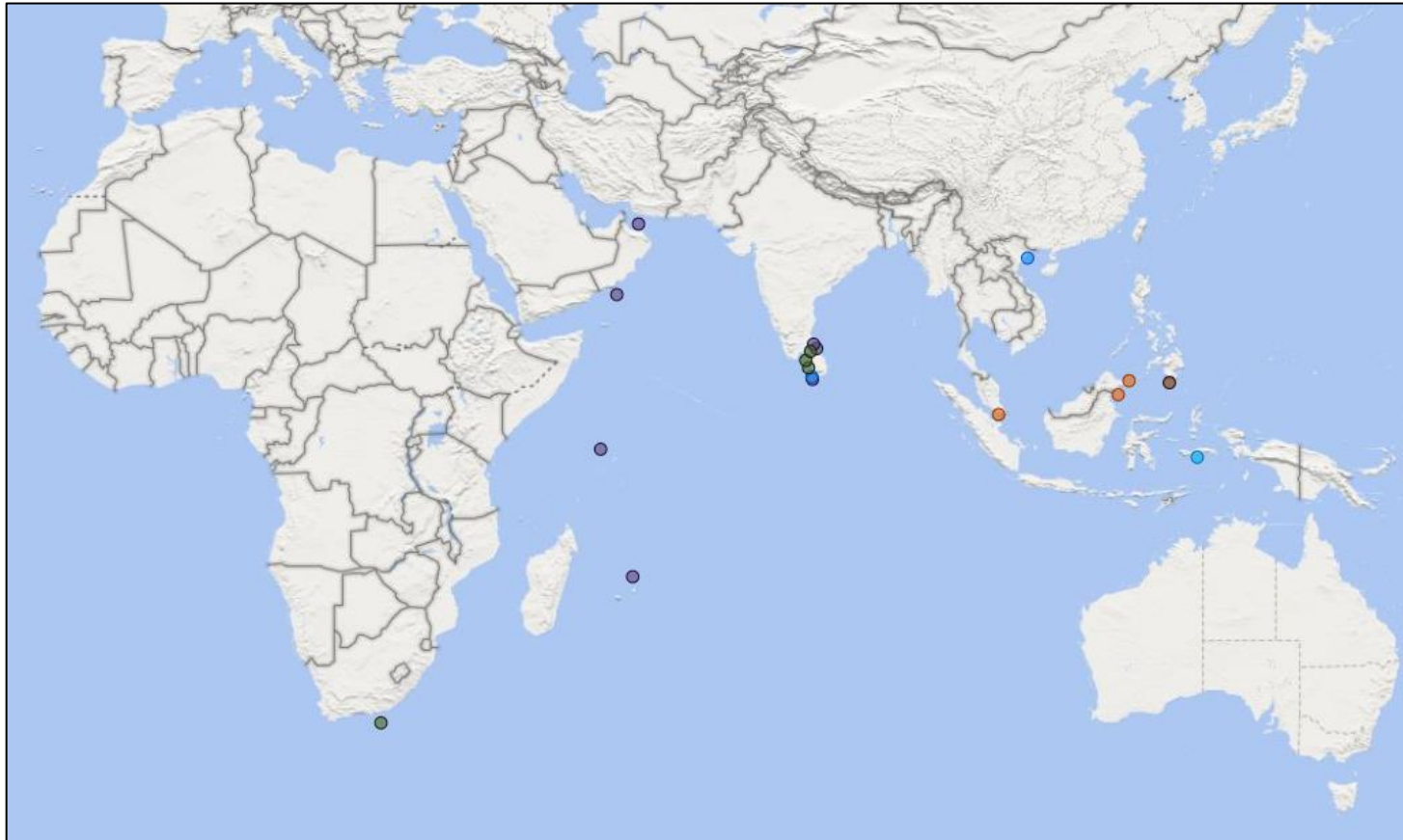
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| 6.  | 04 Jan 24<br>0240 LT | Sea theft           | UNK/<br>Singapore Strait   | 01° 03'.3 N<br>103° 40'.8 E                    | 01 bulk carrier<br>Flag - Singapore  | 05 perpetrators boarded the vessel while underway.<br>Ship's crew raised alarm.<br>Perpetrators escaped with generator spares.  | Safe        | Underway                     | UNK                   |
| 7.  | 04 Jan 24<br>1735 LT | Hijack              | Somalia/<br>Arabian Sea    | 460 nm E of Eyl<br>06° 14'.2 N<br>057° 21'.2 E | <i>LILA NORFOLK</i><br>Bulk carrier<br>Flag - Liberia<br>IMO: 9281700<br>MMSI: 249517000 | 5-6 armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the ship.<br>Shots fired by the perpetrators resulted minor damages to the bridge of the vessel.<br>Perpetrators were unable to breach the citadel and escaped later.<br>The crew maintained inside the citadel for a duration of 20 hours. | Safe        | Underway                     | India authorities     |
| 8.  | 07 Jan 24            | Sea theft           | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean | Off Grand Gaube                                | 01 fishing boat<br>Reg. No. 493 AF 04  | An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the unmanned fishing boat and stole ship's items valued at USD 1,624.   | NA          | UNK                          | Mauritius authorities |
| 9.  | 08 Jan 24            | Sea theft           | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean | Off Trou Aux Biches                            | 01 pleasure craft<br>Reg. No. PC 5953 OL 10  | An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon and stole ship's items valued USD 2,222.   | NA          | UNK                          | Mauritius authorities |
| 10. | 08 Jan 24            | Sea theft           | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean | Off Grand Bay                                  | 01 pleasure craft<br>Reg. No. PPC 7534 OL 12   | An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon and stole ship's items valued USD 1,111.   | NA          | UNK                          | Mauritius authorities |
| 11. | 10 Jan 24            | Suspicious approach | Somalia/<br>Arabian Sea    | 370 nm E of Eyl                                | <i>KERSAINT</i><br>Fishing vessel<br>Flag - France<br>IMO: 9747572<br>MMSI: 228368700    | Reportedly, the vessel was approached by two dhows.<br>Subsequently, one small skiff with four perpetrators followed the fishing vessel.<br>The fishing vessel increased the speed, which resulted in dhows and skiffs aborting the approach.   | Safe        | Underway                     | NA                    |



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|------------------------|-----------|
| Alcohol                | 01        |
| Domestic Products      | 03        |
| Drugs                  | 06        |
| Fuel                   | Nil       |
| Natural Resources      | 02        |
| Tobacco                | 01        |
| Weapons                | Nil       |
| Wildlife               | 04        |
| Others                 | Nil       |
| <b>Total incidents</b> | <b>17</b> |



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|----|-----------|--------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | 23 Dec 23 | Sri Lanka/<br>Indian Ocean     | At Kochchikade,<br>Negombo                | 01 fishing boat  | Wildlife             | Turtle meat  | 31.2 kg  | 02 suspects apprehended.  | Sri Lanka<br>authorities    |
| 2. | 01 Jan 24 | Indonesia/<br>Banda Sea        | At Tulehu Port,<br>Ambon, Maluku          | <i>KM CIREMAI</i><br>Passenger ship<br>Flag - Indonesia<br>IMO: 9032135<br>MMSI: 525005001 | Alcohol              | Liquor   | 120 L  | Found with passengers<br>onboard during inspection<br>by authorities.<br>Without valid documents.               | Indonesia<br>authorities    |
| 3. | 03 Jan 24 | Philippines/<br>Celebes Sea    | Off Balut Island                          | 01 boat  | Tobacco              | Cigarettes   | 100 boxes/<br>USD 71,955                                   | 03 (01 foreign) suspects<br>apprehended.<br>Suspected to be smuggled<br>from a foreign country.<br>Boat seized. | Philippines<br>authorities  |
| 4. | 04 Jan 24 | Malaysia/<br>Celebes Sea       | Off Sungai<br>Pukul                       | 01 boat  | Domestic<br>products | Cosmetic sets,<br>medicated oil and<br>deodorant spray | 423 sets, 264<br>bottles and 200<br>bottles/<br>USD 12,043 | Without valid documents.<br>01 foreign suspect<br>apprehended.<br>Hidden under bananas.                         | Malaysia<br>authorities     |
| 5. | 04 Jan 24 | South Africa/<br>Indian Ocean  | At Gqeberha                               | UNK  | Wildlife             | Abalone  | 200 units/<br>USD 5,384                                    | Found in 02 bags.<br>01 vehicle seized.<br>04 suspects apprehended.   | South Africa<br>authorities |
| 6. | 05 Jan 24 | Sri Lanka/<br>Bay of<br>Bengal | At Kaddaikadu<br>Beach,<br>Veththalakerni | UNK  | Drugs                | Cannabis   | 53.8 kg/<br>USD 252,630                                    | Found in 15 packages.<br>Washed ashore.   | Sri Lanka<br>authorities    |
| 7. | 05 Jan 24 | Sri Lanka/<br>Palk Bay         | In Mannar                                 | UNK  | Wildlife             | Sea cucumbers  | 4,500 kg   | 01 suspect apprehended.   | Sri Lanka<br>authorities    |
| 8. | 05 Jan 24 | Sri Lanka/<br>Indian Ocean     | Off<br>Ambalangoda                        | UNK  | Natural<br>resources | Kendu leaves   | 118.12 kg  | Found drifting in 03 sacks.   | Sri Lanka<br>authorities    |
| 9. | 05 Jan 24 | Sri Lanka/<br>Indian Ocean     | 28 nm W of<br>Hikkaduwa,<br>Galle         | <i>KAVINDU 1</i><br>Fishing trawler<br>Reg No.<br>IMUL-A-0996 GLE                          | Drugs                | Methamphetamine<br>and heroin                          | 189.38 kg and<br>55.648 kg/<br>USD 9,906,832               | 06 suspects apprehended.  | Sri Lanka<br>authorities    |





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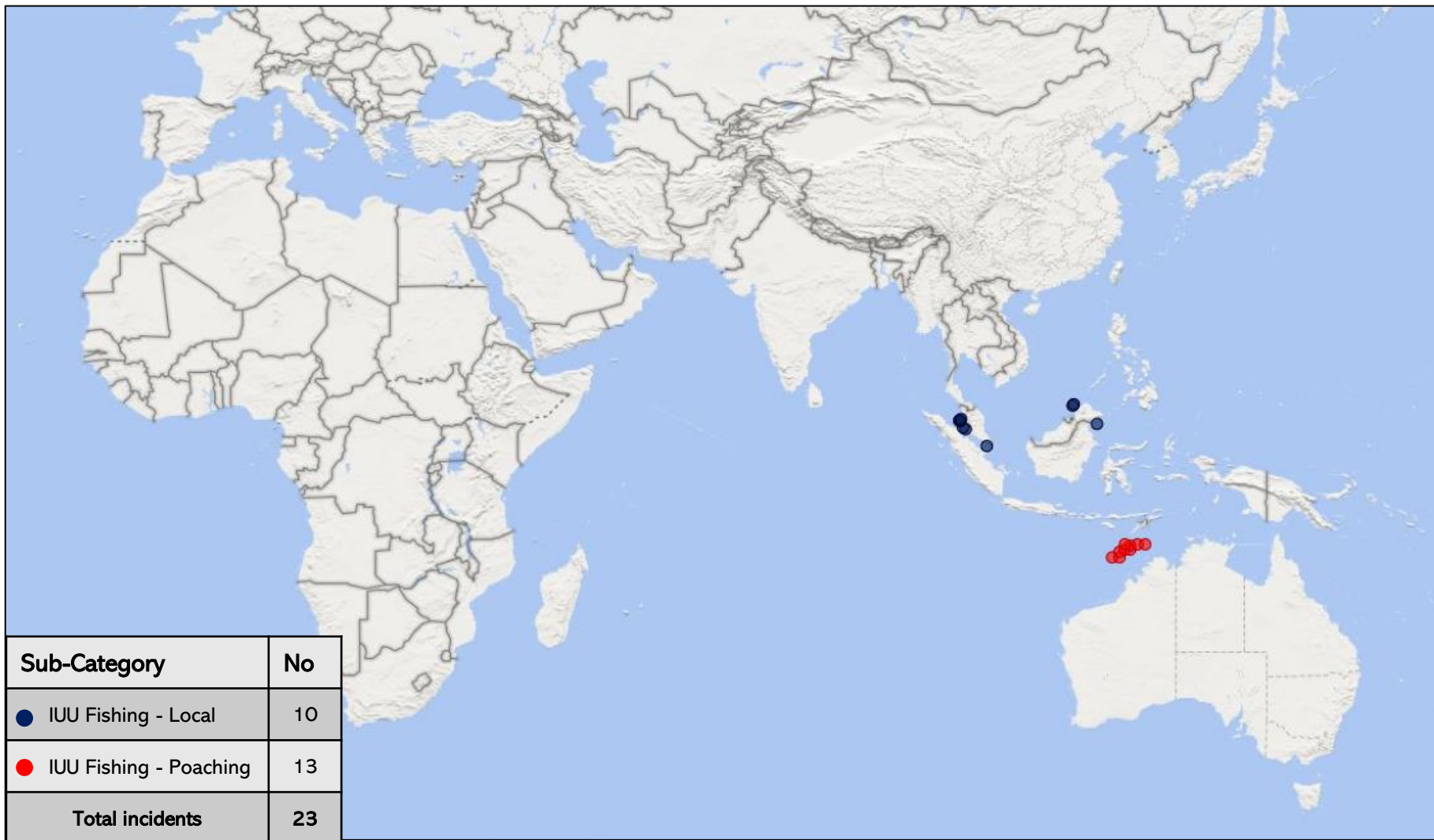
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|-----|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 10. | 05 Jan 24     | Gulf of Oman              | Gulf of Oman                | 01 dhow                                    | Drugs             | Methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine | 187 kg, 37 kg and 05 kg/ USD 11,000,000 | Dhow and crew released. Drugs disposed.  | USCGC EMLEN TUNNELL (WPC 1145) of CTF 150 |
| 11. | 06 Jan 24     | Malaysia/Singapore Strait | Off Sungai Melayu           | 01 boat                                    | Domestic products | Rice and sugar                      | 3,000 kg and 3,500 kg/ USD 12,903       | Without valid documents 02 suspects apprehended.                                       | Malaysia authorities                      |
| 12. | 08 Jan 24     | Sri Lanka/Bay of Bengal   | At Wallipuram Beach, Jaffna | UNK  | Drugs             | Cannabis                            | 84.60 kg/ USD 396,751                   | Found in 40 packages. Washed ashore.   | Sri Lanka authorities                     |
| 13  | 08 Jan 24     | Sri Lanka/Gulf of Mannar  | Off Uchchamunai, Kalpitiya  | 03 dinghies                                | Wildlife          | Sea cucumbers                       | 2,032 kg                                | 06 suspects apprehended.   | Sri Lanka authorities                     |
| 14. | 08 Jan 24     | Mauritius/Indian Ocean    | Off Pointe-aux-Canoniers    | 01 speed boat Flag - Madagascar            | Drugs             | Cannabis                            | 340 kg/ USD 11,507,220                  | 10 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country. Boat seized. | Mauritius authorities                     |
| 15. | 09 Jan 24     | Malaysia/Celebes Sea      | Off Tanjung Labian          | 01 motorboat                               | Domestic products | Rice and cooking oil                | 200 kg and 17 kg/ USD 2,067             | Without valid documents 01 suspect apprehended.  | Malaysia authorities                      |
| 16. | 09 Jan 24     | Oman/Arabian Sea          | Off Dhofar                  | 01 boat                                    | Drugs             | Khat                                | 1,500 packages                          | 02 suspects apprehended.   | Oman authorities                          |
| 17. | 09 -10 Jan 24 | Vietnam/South China Sea   | Off Hai Phong               | 02 vessels Reg. No. HP5907 Reg. No. HD2768 | Natural resources | Sand                                | 900 m <sup>3</sup>                      | Without valid documents. 06 suspects apprehended.                                      | Vietnam authorities                       |



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| Sr  | Date      | Sub Category | Country/ Region           | Location              | Details of Vessels Involved | Offence                                   | Seizure/ Value                 | Fishers Involved                                    | Responder(s)          |
|-----|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1.  | 23 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel, sea cucumbers and fish | 07 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 2.  | 25 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel, sea cucumbers and fish | 10 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 3.  | 27 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel and sea cucumbers       | 13 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 4.  | 28 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                         | 05 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 5.  | 30 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                         | 07 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 6.  | 30 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                         | 06 foreign fishermen apprehended.                   | Australia authorities |
| 7.  | 30 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                         | 08 foreign fishermen apprehended.                   | Australia authorities |
| 8.  | 31 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel and fish                | 11 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 9.  | 31 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel, sea cucumbers and fish | 12 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 10. | 31 Dec 23 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean   | N of Australia        | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel and sea cucumbers       | 05 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel destroyed. | Australia authorities |
| 11. | 03 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ South China Sea | 15 nm off Kuala Papar | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | Fishing boat                   | 05 (01 foreign) fishermen apprehended               | Malaysia authorities  |



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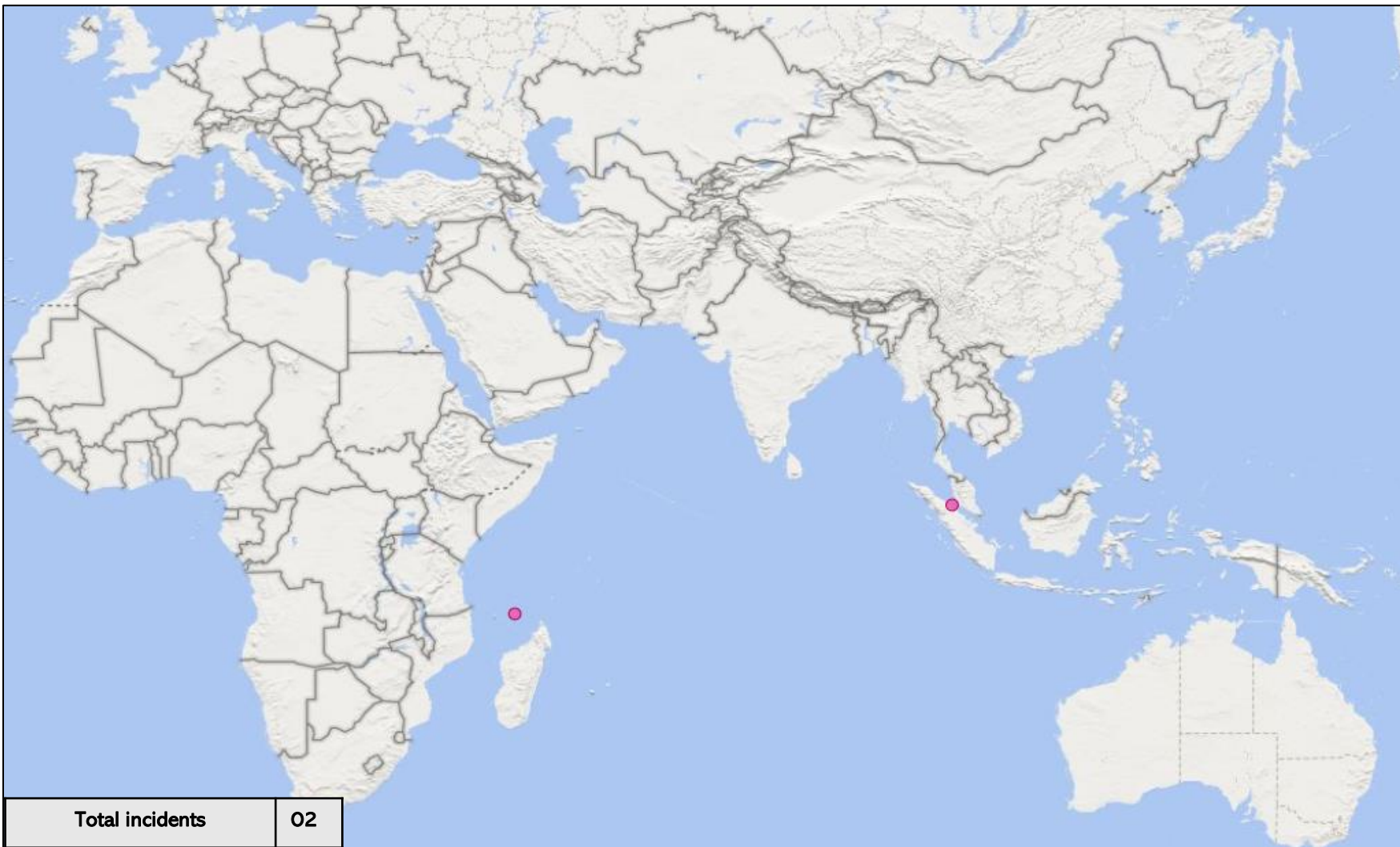
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|-----|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12. | 03 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | Off Tabu-Tabu                   | 04 fishing boats            | Illegal fishing (blast fishing)           | Boats and 50 kg of fish/ USD 4,310         | Suspects escaped.                 | Malaysia authorities  |
| 13. | 04 Jan 24 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean    | N of Australia                  | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                                     | 09 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Australia authorities |
| 14. | 04 Jan 24 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean    | N of Australia                  | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                                     | 08 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Australia authorities |
| 15. | 04 Jan 24 | Poaching     | Australia/ Indian Ocean    | N of Australia                  | 01 foreign fishing vessel   | Illegal fishing in country's waters       | Vessel                                     | 06 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Australia authorities |
| 16. | 04 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Celebes Sea      | 16 nm SW of Kalumpang Island    | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | Fishing boat and fishing paraphernalia     | 03 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Malaysia authorities  |
| 17. | 04 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Singapore Strait | 04 nm SW of Tanjung Lomba-Lomba | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | Fishing boat and fish catch                | 04 apprehended.                   | Malaysia authorities  |
| 18. | 04 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | Off Kuala Sepetang, Perak       | 03 fishing boats            | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | 03 fishing boats and fish catch            | 06 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Malaysia authorities  |
| 19. | 05 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | 04 nm NW of Pulau Dua, Perak    | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | Fishing boat and fishing paraphernalia     | 20 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Malaysia authorities  |
| 20. | 05 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | 10 nm W of Bagan Panchor        | 02 fishing boats            | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | 02 fishing boats and fishing paraphernalia | 03 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Malaysia authorities  |
| 21. | 06 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | 11 nm SW of Sungai Besar        | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (without valid documents) | Fishing boat and 300 kg of fish            | 05 foreign fishermen apprehended. | Malaysia authorities  |
| 22. | 07 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ Malacca Strait   | 01 nm W of Pulau Talang, Perak  | UNK                         | Illegal fishing                           | 32 sets of dragon bubu                     | UNK                               | Malaysia authorities  |
| 23. | 08 Jan 24 | Local        | Malaysia/ South China Sea  | Off SW of Pulau Mengalum        | 01 fishing boat             | Illegal fishing (banned method)           | Fishing boat                               | 04 (02 foreign) apprehended.      | Malaysia authorities  |



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|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | 03 Jan 24                | Indonesia/<br>Malacca Strait | Indonesia/<br>Malaysia | Off Panipahan<br>Darat Island | UNK                            | 22 apprehended.     | Reportedly, the migrants were<br>suspected to be smuggled out by<br>sea.<br>02 suspected smugglers<br>apprehended. | Indonesia authorities |
| 2. | 31 Dec 23 -<br>06 Jan 24 | Mayotte/<br>Indian Ocean     | Comoros/<br>Mayotte    | Off Mayotte                   | 08 boats<br>(kwassa-kwassa)    | 86 apprehended.     | 08 suspected smugglers<br>apprehended.<br>Boats seized.  | France authorities    |

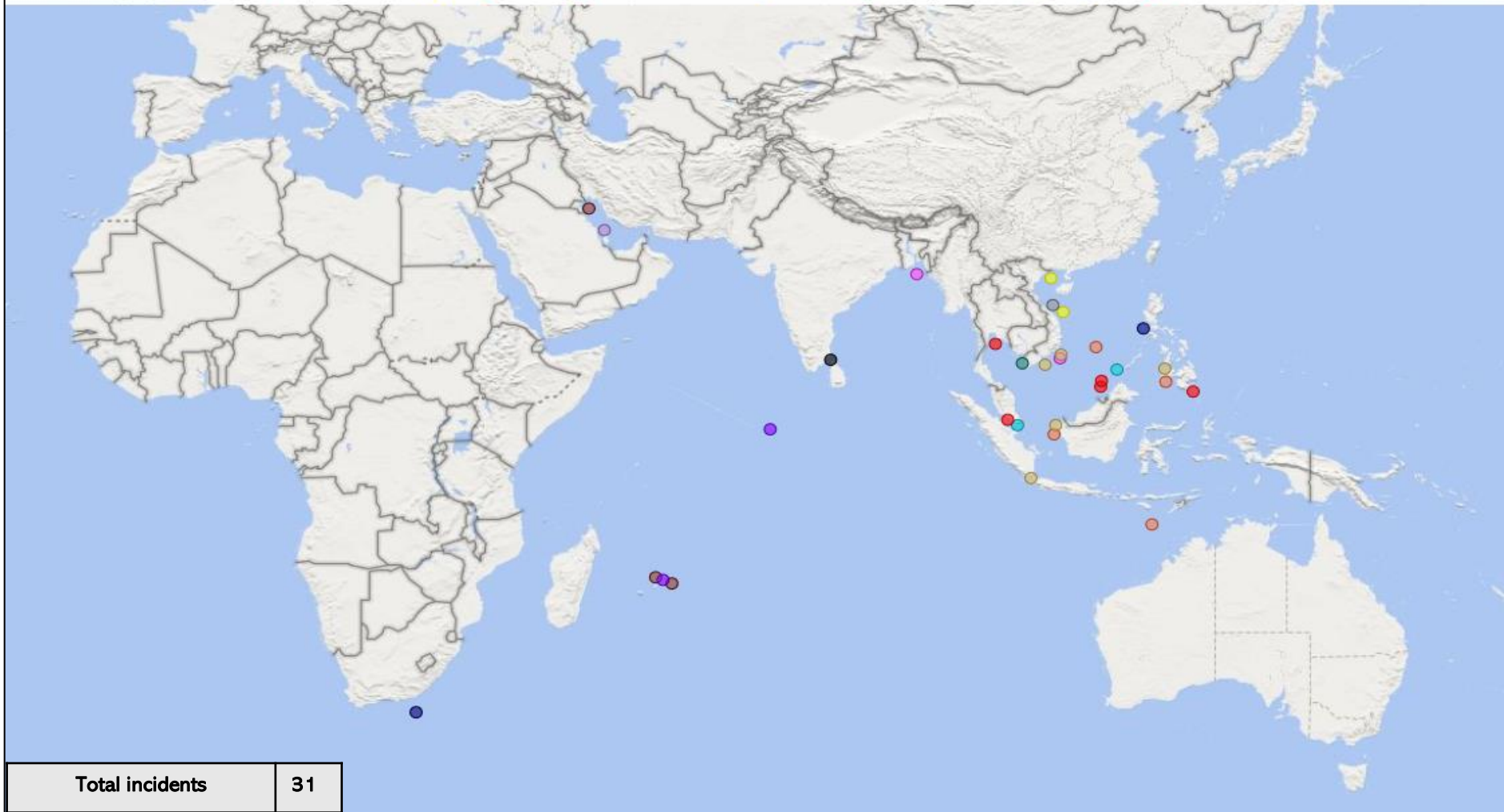


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Sub\_Category ● Aground ● Capsize ● Death ● Fire ● Flooding ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● Others ● SAR ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained ● Violent Confrontation



Total incidents

31



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|----|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---------------|---|--|
| 1. | 20 Dec 23 | Flooding              | Philippines/ South China Sea | 40 nm off Buliluyan, Palawan                         | 01 fishing boat                        | Sank          | Water ingress. 01 fisherman rescued on 28 Dec 23.   | Philippines authorities and the China flagged fishing vessel |
| 2. | 31 Dec 23 | Missing               | Vietnam/ South China Sea     | Off Phu Quy Island                                   | 01 fishing boat Reg. No. BD 98011-TS   | UNK           | 03 fishermen missing.   | Vietnam authorities  |
| 3. | 31 Dec 23 | Mechanical failure    | Indonesia/ South China Sea   | Off Padang Tikar, Kubu Raya Regency, West Kalimantan | 01 fishing boat                        | UNK           | Engine failure. All 08 fishermen rescued.   | Indonesia authorities  |
| 4. | 02 Jan 24 | Violent confrontation | Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand    | Off Khanh Hoi, U Minh                                | 01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 91296 TS | Sank          | Vessel at anchor was hit by a petrol bomb thrown from another fishing vessel. Fire due to explosion. All 05 fishermen safe.   | Vietnam authorities  |
| 5. | 02 Jan 24 | Mechanical failure    | Philippines/ South China Sea | Off Lampinigan Island                                | <i>DEN RUSSEL</i> Passenger boat       | Towed ashore  | Engine failure. All 120 passengers rescued.   | Philippines authorities                                      |
| 6. | 02 Jan 24 | SAR                   | Bahrain/ Persian Gulf        | E of Fast Al Jarim                                   | 01 boat                                | UNK           | Engine failure. 02 persons rescued.   | Bahrain authorities  |
| 7. | 03 Jan 24 | Vessel detained       | Malaysia/ South China Sea    | Off Labuan   | 01 cargo ship                          | Detained      | 14 crew members apprehended. Reportedly, the ship was involved in welding activity not permitted iaw. the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952 Act, Malaysia.   | Malaysia authorities   |
| 8. | 03 Jan 24 | Flooding              | Indonesia/ Singapore Strait  | Off Pemping, Riau Island                             | <i>PACIFIC SUN 1</i> Local barge       | Aground       | Heavy weather. Loaded with 211 containers. Experienced water ingress due to overloading, while being towed by the tug <i>ENDEAVOUR 1</i> . Intentionally ran aground to avoid sinking. All 10 crew members safe. Salvage operation in progress. | Indonesia authorities  |





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| 9.  | 03 Jan 24 | Mechanical failure | Philippines/<br>Philippine Sea | Off Cagbalete Island               | 01 fishing boat   | Towed ashore on 06 Jan 24. | Engine failure.<br>01 fisherman rescued.  | Philippines authorities and the motor banca <i>CHENRY</i> |
| 10. | 03 Jan 24 | Missing            | Bangladesh/<br>Bay of Bengal   | Off Anwara Upazila                 | 01 fishing trawler  | UNK                        | All 13 fishermen missing.   | Bangladesh authorities                                    |
| 11. | 04 Jan 24 | Mechanical failure | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea    | 08 nm E Song Tu Tay Island         | 01 fishing vessel<br>Reg. No. PY 96301 TS   | Anchored                   | Heavy weather.<br>Engine failure.<br>Towed to anchorage.<br>All 05 fishermen rescued.                               | Vietnam authorities                                       |
| 12. | 04 Jan 24 | Fire               | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea    | At Phuong Oanh Port, Mong Cai City | 01 cruise ship  | Damaged                    | Fire due to short circuit.<br>Fire spread to 02 cruise ships moored nearby causing damage.<br>No casualties.        | Vietnam authorities                                       |
| 13. | 04 Jan 24 | Sunk               | Indonesia/<br>Java Sea         | Off Legundi Island                 | <i>SRI MUNCUL</i><br>Fishing vessel   | Sank                       | Heavy weather.<br>All 06 fishermen rescued.   | Indonesia authorities and the locals                      |
| 14. | 04 Jan 24 | Vessel detained    | Thailand/<br>Gulf of Thailand  | Off Laem Chabang,                  | <i>ERA MERAH PUTIH</i><br>Multi purpose offshore vessel<br>Flag - Indonesia<br>IMO: 534937<br>MMSI: 525016455 | Detained                   | Without valid documents.  | Thailand authorities                                      |
| 15. | 04 Jan 24 | Death              | Sri Lanka/<br>Palk Bay         | Off Jaffna                         | 01 Fishing vessel   | UNK                        | Went unconscious while fishing.<br>Reported dead at hospital.<br>Cause of death unknown.                            | Sri Lanka authorities                                     |
| 16. | 04 Jan 24 | Capsize            | Kuwait/<br>Persian Gulf        | Off Kuwait                         | 01 fishing boat   | Capsized                   | All 03 persons rescued.   | Kuwait authorities  |
| 17. | 05 Jan 24 | Vessel detained    | Malaysia/<br>Malacca Strait    | 5.6 nm SW of Tanjung Tohor         | 01 cargo vessel<br>Flag - Marshall Islands  | Detained                   | Operating without valid documents.<br>All 19 crew members detained.   | Malaysia authorities                                      |
| 18. | 05 Jan 24 | Vessel detained    | Malaysia/<br>South China Sea   | 0.18 nm W of Jesselton Jetty       | 02 tourist boats  | Detained                   | Carrying passengers beyond the permissible limit and not carrying safety equipment.<br>02 crew members apprehended. | Malaysia authorities                                      |



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| 19. | 05 Jan 24 | Aground         | Philippines/<br>South China Sea | Off Calatagan,<br>Barangay                  | <i>MV GROUP SEVEN</i><br>Passenger vessel   | Aground              | All 08 crew members safe.<br>No environment or oil pollution reported.  | Philippines authorities        |
| 20. | 06 Jan 24 | Vessel detained | Philippines/<br>Celebes Sea     | At Davao Port                               | <i>MV MAKASSAR STRAIT</i><br>General cargo ship<br>Flag - Belize<br>IMO: 8358506<br>MMSI: 312917000 | Detained             | Without valid documents.  | Philippines authorities        |
| 21. | 06 Jan 24 | Capsize         | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean      | Off Grand Bay                               | 01 pleasure craft<br>Reg. No.<br>PPC 7081 OL 10   | Capsized             | An unmanned pleasure craft capsized on its mooring inside the lagoon.   | Mauritius authorities          |
| 22. | 06 Jan 24 | Capsize         | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean      | Off Le Morne                                | 01 kayak  | Recovered            | Heavy weather.<br>01 person dead.   | Mauritius authorities          |
| 23. | 06 Jan 24 | Aground         | South Africa/<br>Indian Ocean   | Off St Francis Bay                          | 01 fishing vessel   | Damaged              | All 24 fishermen rescued.<br>No environment or oil pollution reported.  | South Africa authorities       |
| 24. | 07 Jan 24 | Fire            | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea     | Off Son Tra                                 | 01 fishing vessel   | Anchored/<br>damaged | Reportedly the fire spread to 04 fishing boats in the vicinity.<br>Fire extinguished by local authorities.<br>All 04 fishermen rescued. | Vietnam authorities            |
| 25. | 07 Jan 24 | Others          | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea     | At Trieu Lang Commune, Trieu Phong District | 01 boat   | Washed ashore        | An unmanned boat washed ashore.   | Vietnam authorities and locals |
| 26. | 07 Jan 24 | Sunk            | Philippines/<br>Sulu Sea        | Off Dapitan                                 | 01 motorboat  | Sank                 | All 12 passengers rescued.  | Philippines authorities        |
| 27. | 07 Jan 24 | MEDEVAC         | Mauritius/<br>Indian Ocean      | Off Port Louis                              | <i>MSC MAREEN</i>   | Underway             | 01 person evacuated.  | Mauritius authorities          |
| 28. | 08 Jan 24 | MEDEVAC         | Maldives/<br>Indian Ocean       | 9 nm off G. Thinhoo Island                  | <i>HANDA LOTUS DHONI</i><br>Fishing vessel  | UNK                  | 01 fisherman evacuated.   | Maldives authorities           |



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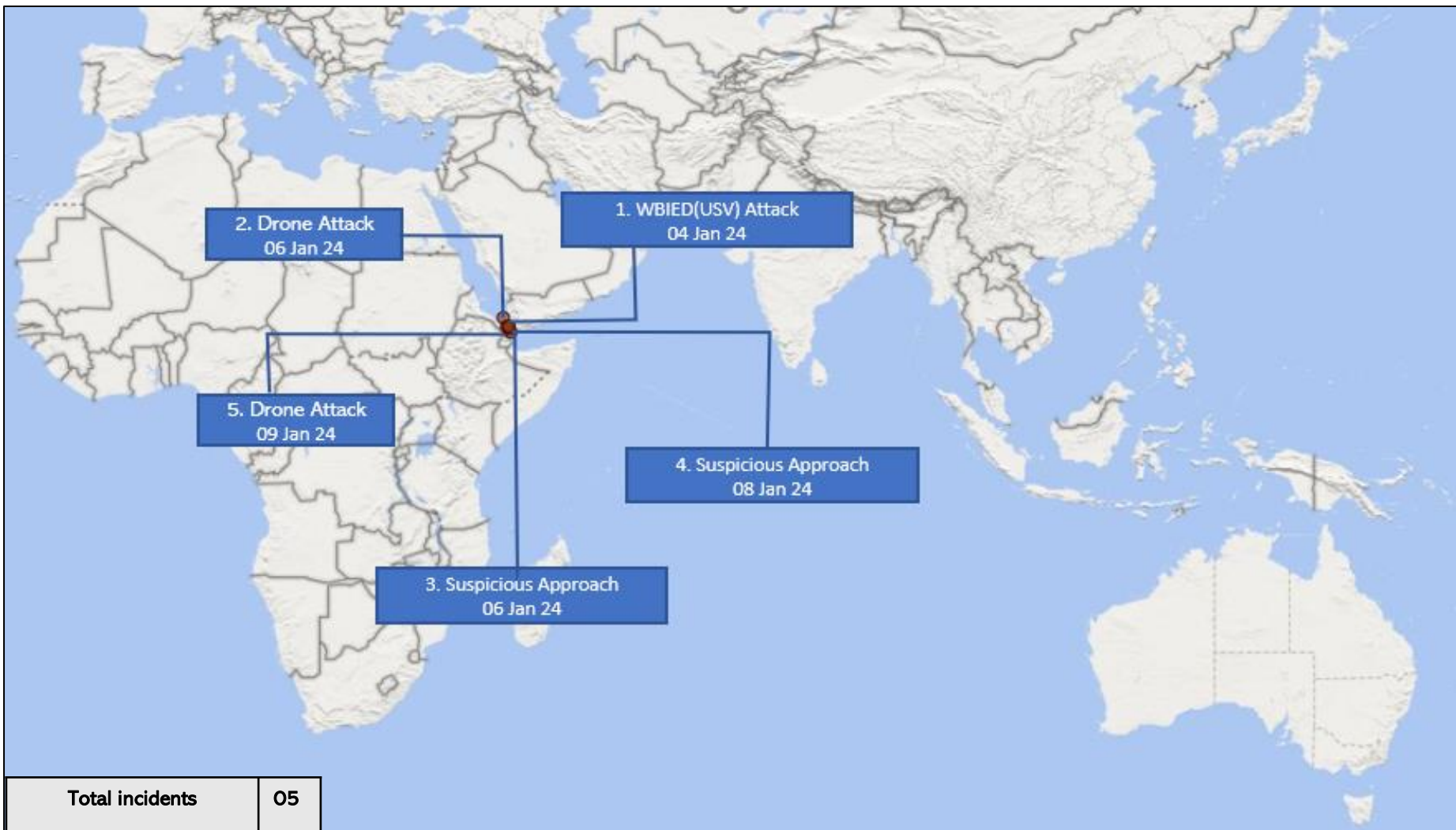
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| 29. | 09 Jan 24 | Sunk         | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea | Off Vinh Linh District | 01 fishing boat   | Towed ashore  | Heavy weather.<br>Both fishermen swam ashore. | Vietnam authorities                                    |
| 30. | 09 Jan 24 | Sunk         | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea | Off Ben Tre            | 01 fishing boat<br>Reg. No. TG 90215 TS   | Sank          | Heavy weather.<br>All 19 fishermen rescued.   | Vietnam authorities                                    |
| 31. | 09 Jan 24 | Collision    | Vietnam/<br>South China Sea | 4 nm SE of La Gan Cape | 01 fishing vessel<br>Reg. No. BTh 86681 TS  | Sank          | All 05 fishermen rescued.                     | Vietnam authorities and fishing vessel in the vicinity |
|     |           |              |                             |                        | <i>HAI AN 18</i><br>Cargo ship<br>Flag - Vietnam<br>IMO: 9511404<br>MMSI: 574391000 | Underway      | UNK   |  |



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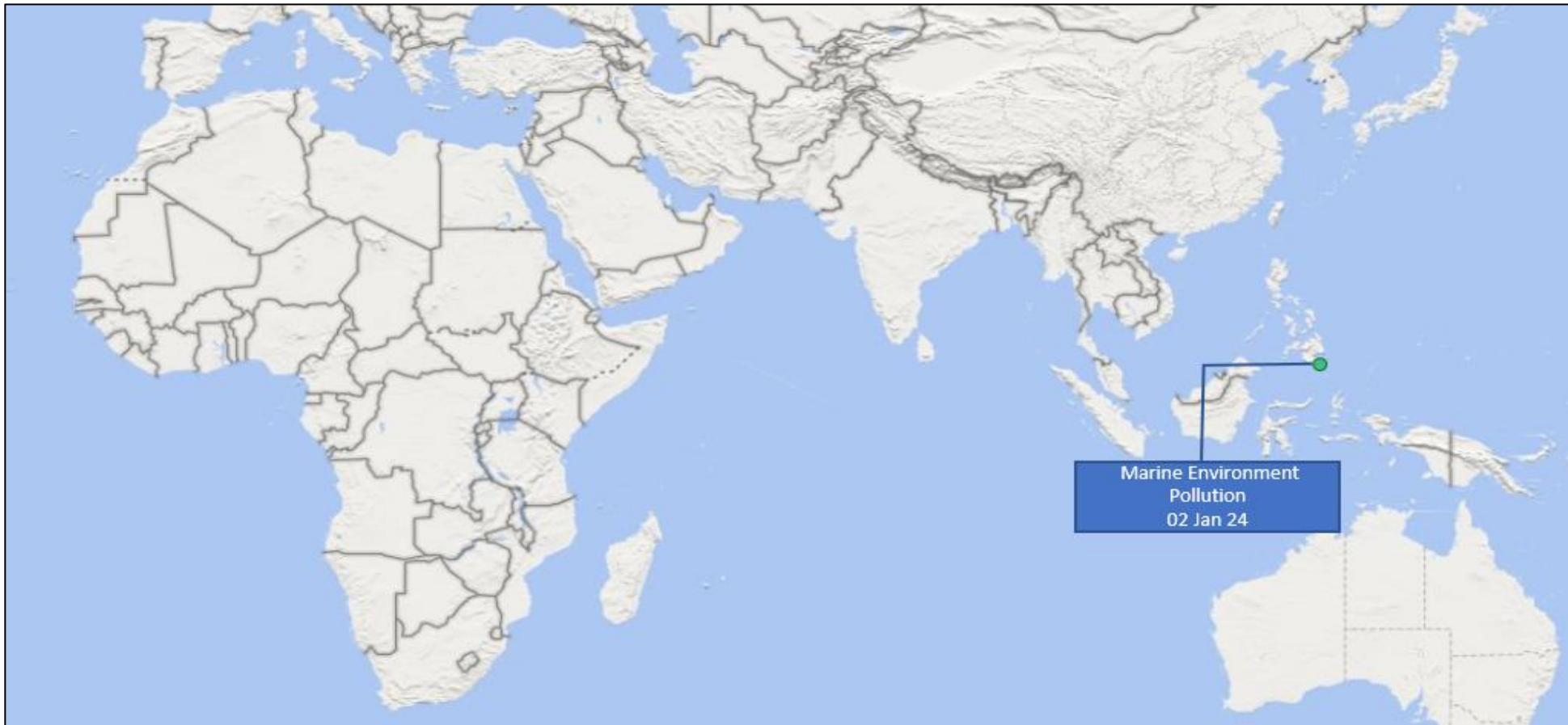
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| 1. | 04 Jan 24            | Yemen/<br>Red Sea  | Red Sea           | NA                             | Reportedly, a WBIED (Uncrewed Surface Vessel) exploded in the Red Sea. No damages to vessels or casualties were reported.   |
| 2. | 06 Jan 24            | Yemen/<br>Red Sea  | Red Sea           | NA                             | Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in the Red Sea off Yemen.   |
| 3. | 06 Jan 24<br>1624 LT | Yemen/<br>Red Sea  | 50 nm SE of Mocha | 01 vessel                      | Reportedly, 06 small craft approached a merchant vessel to within 01 nm about 50 nm SE of Mocha, Yemen. Vessel and crew are safe.   |
| 4. | 08 Jan 24<br>1100 LT | Yemen/<br>Red Sea  | 50 nm SE of Mocha | 01 vessel                      | Reportedly, 02 small craft approached a merchant vessel to within 0.5-01 nm about 50 nm SE of Mocha, Yemen. Vessel and crew are safe.                                     |
| 5. | 09 Jan 24            | Yemen/<br>Red Sea  | Red Sea           | NA                             | Reportedly, UK and US Navy ships shot down 18 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), 02 anti-ship cruise missiles and 01 anti-ship ballistic missiles in the Red Sea, off Yemen. |



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| 1. | 02 Jan 24 | Marine environment pollution | Philippines/Sulu Sea | Off Davasm Port, Davao City | NA                          | NA            | Approximately 30 L of spilled oil was collected from 200 m <sup>3</sup> of affected waters. Oil spill contained. | Philippines authorities |



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- Hijack incident onboard *MV LILA NORFOLK* off Somalia.

On 04 Jan 24 at around 1420 hrs (UTC), an incident of hijacking was reported onboard the Liberia flagged bulk carrier *LILA NORFOLK* about 460 nm E of Eyl, Somalia. The vessel was boarded by five to six armed perpetrators during its transit to Khalifa Bin Salman Port, Bahrain. The ship's crew heard fire shots by the perpetrators, raised an alert and secured themselves inside the citadel. IFC-IOR monitored the alert on the Mercury Net and coordinated the operational response by promptly communicating with the ship's owner and the Indian Navy. Based on the inputs provided by the Centre, an Indian Navy aircraft and a warship were diverted to assist the vessel. The vessel was kept under continuous surveillance through Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) and integral helicopter. The forceful warnings by the MPA and likely interception by the Indian Navy warship compelled the perpetrators to escape during the dark hours. All 21 crew members were reported safe.



***IFC- IOR Comment:*** The Centre has monitored six incidents of hijacking of dhows by an unknown number of perpetrators off Somalia in the last two months. The possibility of using one of these dhows in the incident of the hijacking of *MV LILA NORFOLK* cannot be ruled out. Post incident analysis by the Centre indicates that the ship's crew displayed thorough professionalism, followed SOPs and maintained themselves inside the citadel for a duration of 20 hours. One additional crew, who could not make it to citadel also hid himself without coming in contact with the perpetrators. It is appreciated that while this hijack incident failed, the perpetrators are still operating in the area and may make an attempt on an opportune target. 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](mailto:ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in)).



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<https://marine-offshore.bureauveritas.com/newsroom/modernization-gmdss-entry-force-1-january-2024-amended-solas-chapter-iv>

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