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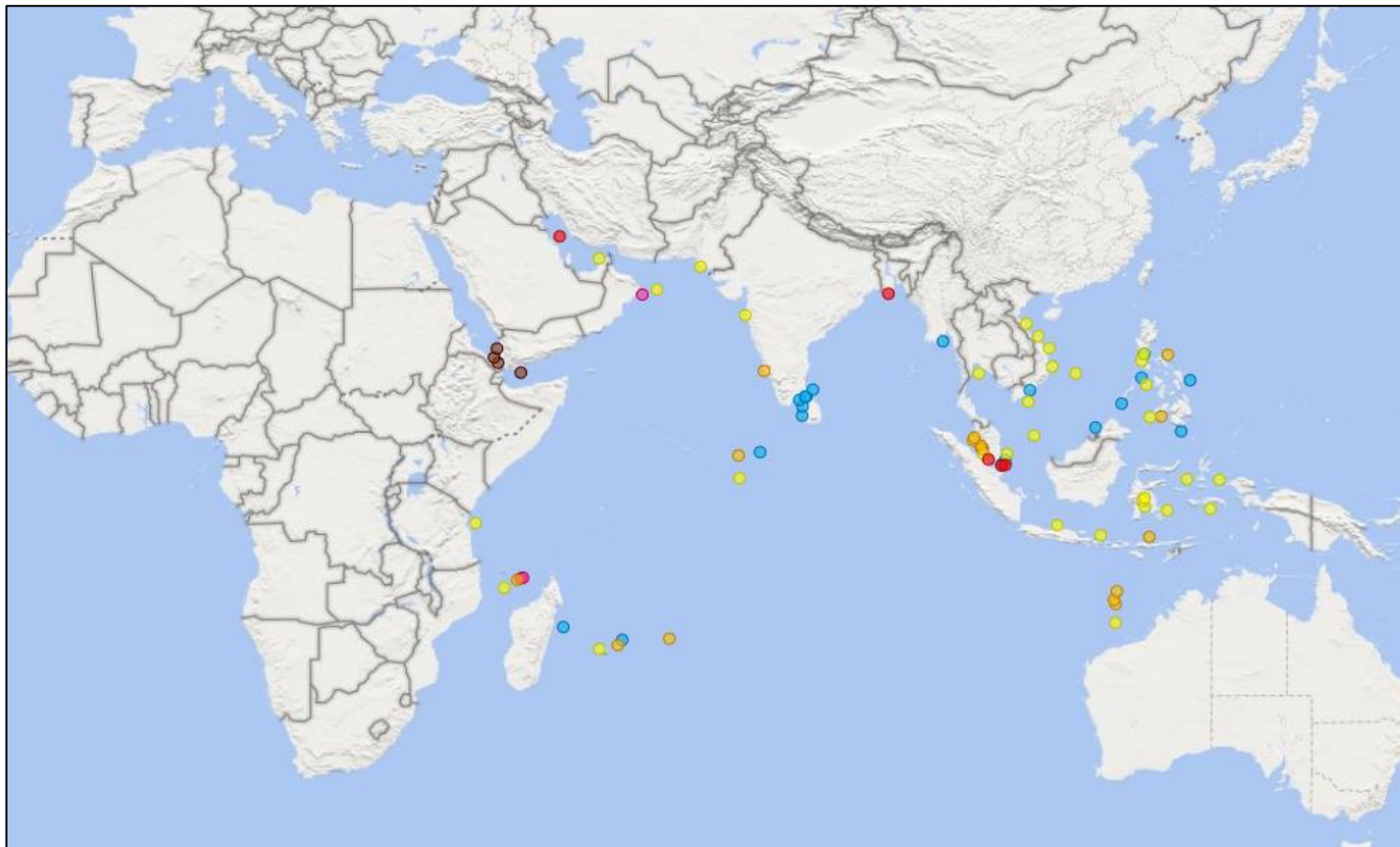
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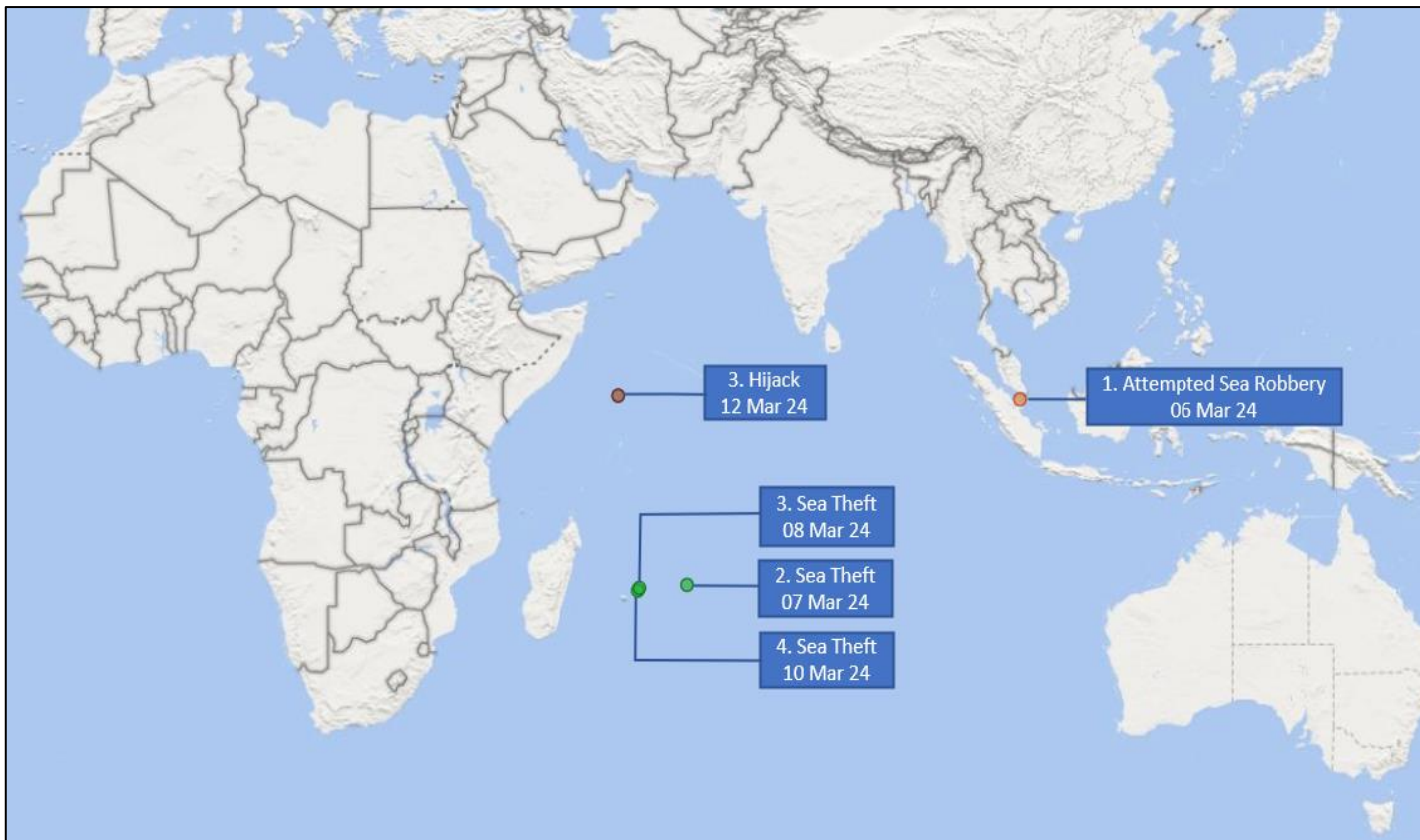
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	05
Contraband Smuggling	27
IUU Fishing	13
Irregular Human Migration	04
Maritime Incidents	32
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	06
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	87
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	01
● Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
● Sea Robbery	Nil
● Sea Theft	03
● Illegal Boarding	Nil
● Attempted Sea Robbery	01
● Attempted Sea Theft	Nil
● Attempted Boarding	Nil
● Suspicious Approach	Nil
Total incidents	05



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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.	06 Mar 24 0030 LT	Attempted sea robbery	Indonesia/ Straits of Malacca and Singapore	01° 03'.1 N 103° 40'.1E	<i>APIRADEE NAREE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9613410 MMSI: 566631000	03 perpetrators armed with metal rods boarded the vessel while underway. Ship's crew raised alarm. Perpetrators escaped and no items stolen.	Safe	Underway	Singapore authorities
2.	07 Mar 24 Night	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Pointe Pecheurs	01 pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 7761 IL OP	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded an unmanned pleasure craft and stole craft's items valued at USD 437.	NA	At anchorage	Mauritius authorities
3.	08 Mar 24 Night	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Trou aux Biches	01 pleasure craft Reg. No. PPC 8184 OL 11	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon and stole craft's items.	NA	At anchorage	Mauritius authorities
4.	10 Mar 24 Night	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Albion	<i>DISCOVERY NEW SENSATION</i> Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 5857 OL 12	Unknown number of perpetrators stole the unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon.	NA	Pleasure craft recovered on 11 Mar 24	Mauritius authorities
5.*	12 Mar 24 1430 LT	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	550 nm E of Mogadishu 01° 27' N 054° 53' E	<i>ABDULLAH</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Bangladesh IMO: 9745598 MMSI: 405000414	20 armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the ship. Ransom demanded by the perpetrators	23 crew members held hostage	At anchorage	Indian Navy & EURONAVFOR Atlanta

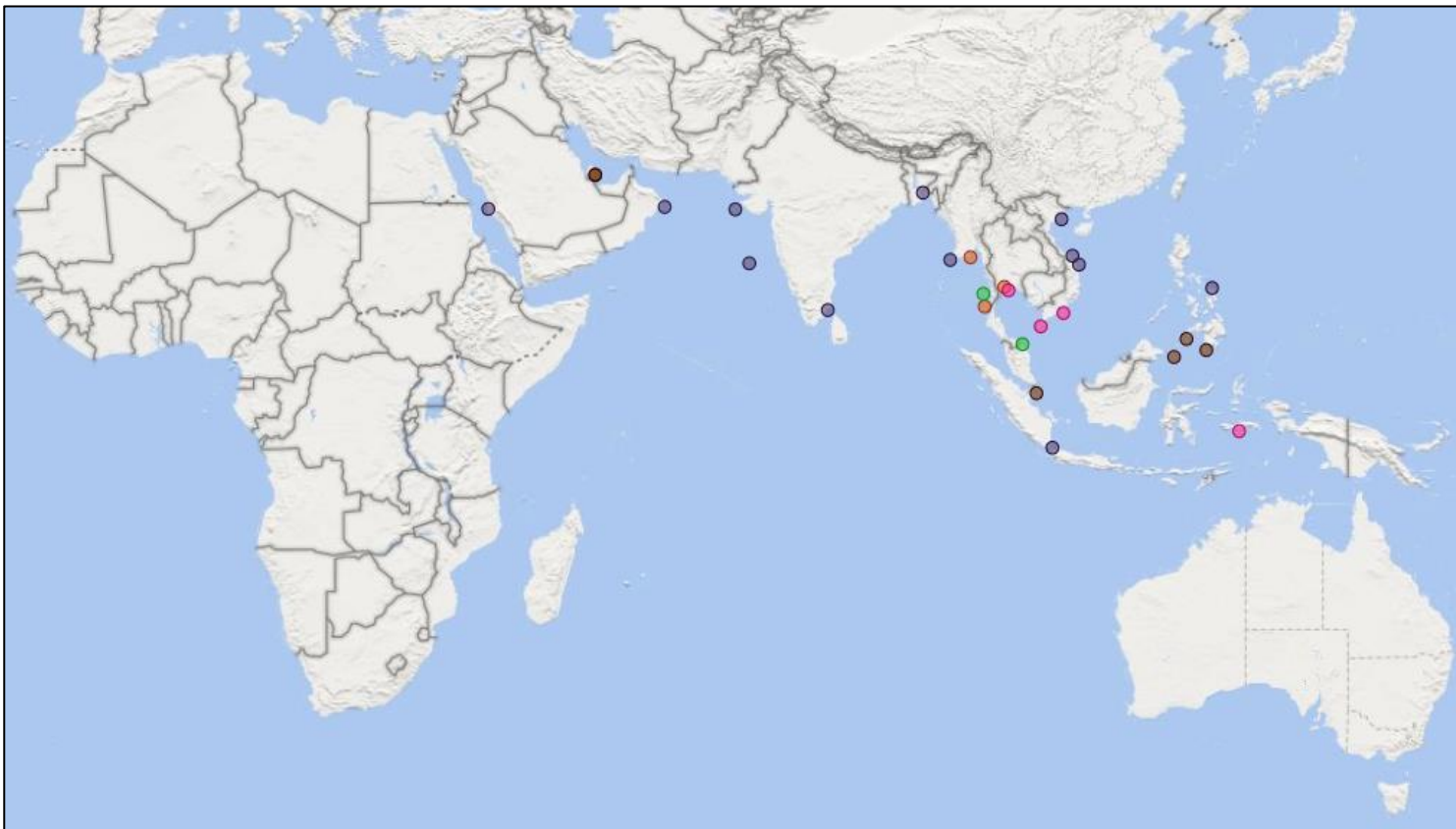
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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	03
Drugs	12
Fuel	04
Natural Resources	02
Tobacco	06
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	27



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1.	28 Feb 24	Qatar/ Persian Gulf	At Hamad Port	01 vessel	Tobacco	Tobacco	5,500 kg/UNK	Found inside fake compartment of 03 imported trailers.	Qatar authorities
2.	01 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Bay of Bengal	05 nm NW of White Island	01 boat	Drugs	Drug pills	26,000 pills/ USD 2,450,000	02 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Myanmar authorities
3.	02 Mar 24	Saudi Arabia/ Red Sea	At Jeddah Port	UNK	Drugs	Amphetamine	1,298,886 pills	Hidden inside electric ovens. 02 suspects apprehended.	Saudi Arabia authorities
4.	04 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	Off Kyunsu	01 wooden boat	Natural resources	Timbers	7.177 tonnes/ USD 9,138	Without valid documents. Boat seized.	Myanmar authorities
5.	04 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Industrial Port	UNK	Domestic products	Aluminium profiles and winding machine	17,000 kg and 01/ USD 44,294	Found inside 02 containers. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
6.	04 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Asia World Port Terminal	UNK	Domestic products	Oil filters	5,000 sets/ USD 2,665	Found inside a container. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
7.	04 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Bac Hoa	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	20 kg/UNK	Found washed ashore.	Vietnam authorities
8.	04 Mar 24	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Maitum	01 vessel	Tobacco	Cigarettes	114 master cases/ USD 44,975	01 suspect apprehended. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities
9.	05 Mar 24	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Sta Cruz Island, Zamboanga	01 motorboat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	60 master cases/ USD 61,021	02 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Philippines authorities
10.	05 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ca Mau	01 vessel	Fuel	Diesel	50,000 L/UNK	Without valid documents. 04 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
11.	05 Mar 24	Arabian Sea	In Arabian Sea	01 dhow	Drugs	Methamphetamine	770kg/UNK	Contraband disposed at Sea.	U.S. Coast Guard
12.	06 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tien Giang	01 fishing vessel	Fuel	Diesel	4,000 L/UNK	Without valid documents. 05 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
13.	06 Mar 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kerian	01 vessel	Natural resources	Sand	UNK	Without valid documents. 21 suspects apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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14.	06 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Lipi Pier, Teluk Ambon	<i>KM NUSANTARA JAYA 20</i>	Fuel	UNK	5,000 L/ USD 1,290	Found in 250 jerrycans. 07 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Indonesia authorities
15.	07 Mar 24	Qatar/ Persian Gulf	At Hamad Port	NA	Tobacco	Tobacco	7,150 kg/UNK	Hidden in the water tanks.	Qatar authorities
16.	08 Mar 24	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	Off Barangay Tangbo	NA	Drugs	Cocaine	25 kg/ USD 1,915,324	Contraband found in two large plastic bags wrapped in a fish net.	Local fisherman and Philippines authorities
17.	08 Mar 24	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	At Sattahip Port	01 tanker	Fuel	Diesel	150,000 L/UNK	Without valid documents. Tanker seized.	Thailand authorities
18.	08 Mar 24	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Chandpur Launch Ghat	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	10.20 kg/UNK	02 suspects apprehended.	Bangladesh Authorities
19.	09 Mar 24	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawi-Tawi	<i>YASMEN</i> Motor launch	Tobacco	UNK	UNK/ USD 1,152,758	Without valid documents. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities
20.	09 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Binh Hai	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	04 kg/UNK	Found washed ashore.	Vietnam authorities
21.	09 Mar 24	Thailand/ Andaman Sea	Off Ban Lam Liang	01 boat	Domestic products	Rubber sheets	2,110 kg/UNK	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country. 05 suspects apprehended.	Thailand authorities
22.	10 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Ly Son	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	28.2 kg/UNK	Found in 24 packages washed ashore.	Vietnam authorities
23.	10 Mar 24	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Danai	01 speedboat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	45 boxes/UNK	Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
24.	10 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Bakaunheni Seaport, South Lamping	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine	70 kg/UNK	03 suspects apprehended. 02 vehicles seized.	Indonesia authorities
25.	11 Mar 24	India/ Bay of Bengal	At Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu	UNK	Drugs	Hashish and cannabis	100 kg and 876 kg/ USD13,390,318	Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country.	India authorities



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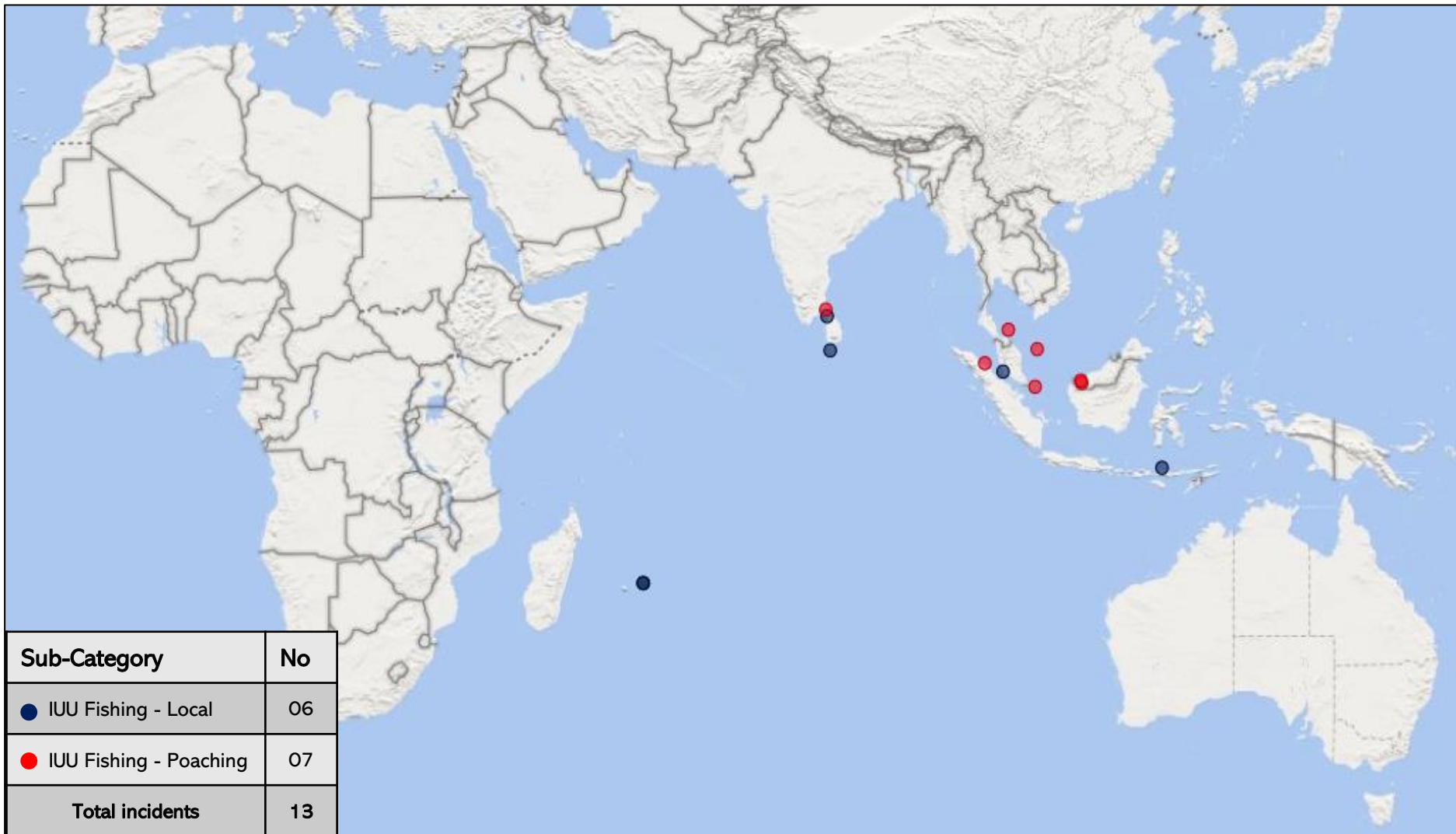
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26.	12 Mar 24	India/ Arabian Sea	180 nm off Porbandar	01 boat	Drugs	Cannabis	80 kg/ USD 54,297,315	Found in 60 packages. 06 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	India authorities
27.	12 Mar 24	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Oman	UNK	Drugs	Khat	870 packages/UNK	04 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities



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1.	28 Feb 24	Poaching	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Riau Island	PSF 2500 Fishing vessel Flag - Malaysia	Illegal fishing in the country's water	Fishing vessel, fishing paraphernalia and 200 kg of fish	03 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
2.	04 Mar 24	Poaching	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	77 nm off Songkhla	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing boat	06 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Thailand authorities
3.	06 Mar 24	Poaching	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Belawan	01 fishing vessel Flag - Malaysia	Illegal fishing in country's water	Fishing vessel, fishing paraphernalia and 110 kg of fish	05 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
4.	06 Mar 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	137 nm off Kuala Terenjanu	02 foreign fishing vessels	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Vessels and 1,600 kg of fish/ USD 639,318	19 foreign fishermen apprehended	Malaysia authorities
5.	06 Mar 24	Local	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Iranativu	02 dinghies	Illegal fishing (harvesting sea cucumbers without valid documents)	Dinghies, diving equipment and 1,339 sea cucumbers	19 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
6.	06 Mar 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Mahebourg	NA	Illegal fishing	122 m illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
7.	07 Mar 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	113 nm N of Tanjung Po	01 foreign fishing boat	Illegal fishing in country's waters	01 boat	03 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
8.	08 Mar 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	82 nm N of Tanjung Po	01 foreign fishing boat	Illegal fishing in country's waters	01 boat	04 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
9.	09 Mar 24	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Chalei	05 dinghies	Illegal fishing (using unauthorized fishing gear)	Fishing gear and dinghies	09 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
10.	09 Mar 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Mahebourg	NA	Illegal fishing	UNK	02 apprehended.	Mauritius authorities



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11.	10 Mar 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	17.5 nm NW of Pulau Ketam	01 fishing trawler	Illegal fishing (without valid document and using illegal fishing methods)	01 fishing trawler	04 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
12.	10 Mar 24	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Strait	Off Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar	03 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawlers	22 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
13.	11 Mar 24	Local	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Sulewngwaseng, East Nusa Tenggara	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (blast fishing)	Boat and homemade bombs	02 apprehended. 03 escaped.	Indonesia authorities



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Origin/Destination	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Migrants Details	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	25 Feb - 02 Mar 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	06 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	69 apprehended.	05 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	05 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Indonesia/ Malaysia	Off Karimun	01 fishing boat	02 apprehended.	Migrants were suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea. 02 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
3.	06 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Malaysia/ Indonesia	At Pelintung Beach, Dumai	UNK	40 (32 males and 08 females) apprehended	Migrants were attempting to re-enter the country illegally.	Indonesia authorities
4.	03 - 09 Mar 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	06 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	42 apprehended.	04 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities

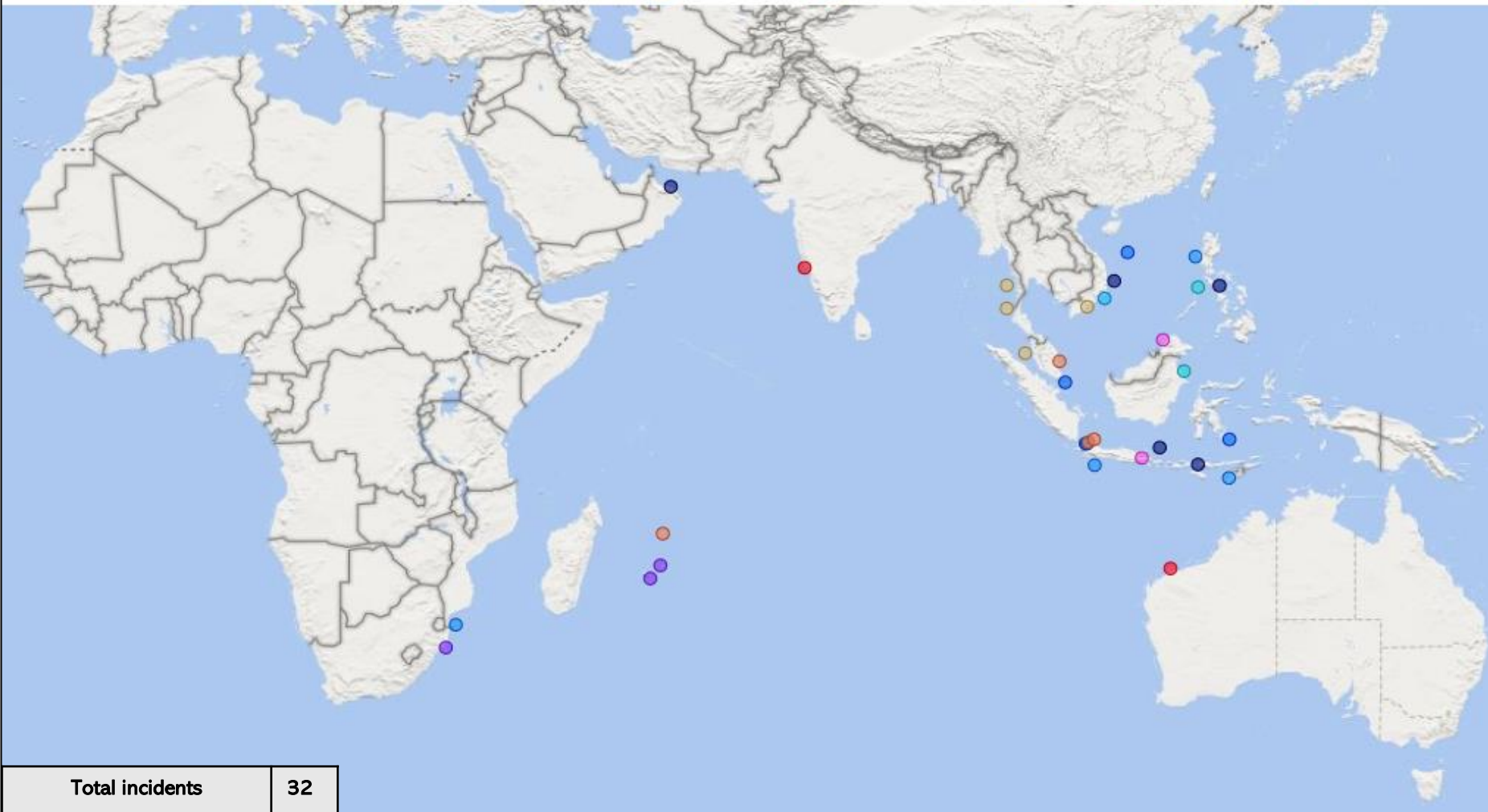


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Sub_Category ● Capsize ● Collision ● Flooding ● Grounding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained



Total incidents

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1.	01 Mar 24	Flooding	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tanah Kuning, Bulungan	<i>LCT SPOB MAYON</i> Tanker Flag - Indonesia MMSI: 525400914	Sank	Heavy weather. Water ingress. All 05 crew members safe.	Indonesia authorities
2.	02 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	At Dampier, WA	<i>VALLIANZ PEGASUS</i> Tug Flag - Tuvalu IMO: 9752553 MMSI: 572616220	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of the international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
3.	02 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	02 nm off Port of Richards Bay	01 cruise liner	Underway	01 Philippines crew member evacuated.	South Africa authorities
4.	04 Mar 24	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Paracel Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 94916 TS	UNK	01 fisherman rescued on 05 Mar 24.	Vietnam authorities
5.	05 Mar 24	Flooding	Philippines/ South China Sea	05 nm SW off Brown Rock Island, Coron	<i>FB EPIROSE II</i> 01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. Water ingress. 20 fishermen rescued. 01 missing.	Philippines authorities
6.	05 Mar 24	Vessel detained	India/ Arabian Sea	At Karwar	<i>NAV NEHA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9563392 MMSI: 636023072	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of the international maritime conventions.	India authorities
7.	06 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Gosong Narako Island	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 04 fishermen rescued on 08 Mar 24.	Indonesia authorities
8.	07 Mar 24	Capsize	Philippines/ South China Sea	17 nm off Agno Pangasinan	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued on 10 Mar 24.	Philippines authorities
9.	07 Mar 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Kapota Reef, Wakatobi Regency	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities



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10.	07 Mar 24	Capsize	Mozambique/ Indian Ocean	Off Southern Matutuine	01 fishing boat	Capsized	Water ingress. 03 fishermen rescued. 08 missing. 01 dead.	Indonesia authorities and local fishing boat
11.	07 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	Réunion/ Indian Ocean	Off Réunion Island	<i>PACIFIC WORLD</i> Passenger vessel Flag - Panama IMO: 9000259 MMSI: 357189000	Underway	01 Japanese passenger evacuated.	France authorities
12.	08 Mar 24	Grounding	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Lat Reef	01 fishing boat Reg. No. NT 02038 TS	Sank	Water ingress. All 04 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
13.	08 Mar 24	Man overboard	Malaysia/ South China Sea	3.3 nm off Pulau Pemanggil	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Malaysia authorities
14.	08 Mar 24	Sunk	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	53 nm NW of Perak Island	01 fishing boat	Sank	Water ingress. Both Indonesian fishermen rescued.	Malaysia authorities and the tow boat <i>BOMBER 1601</i>
15.	08 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off West Sebalah Beach, Baai Island	<i>TITAN 33</i> Tug Flag - Indonesia MMSI: 525100581	Aground	Heavy weather. Engine failure. Tugboat was towing barge <i>TITAN 10</i> . All 10 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities
16.	08 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	107 nm W of Raphael Island	<i>FREGATE</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Mauritius MMSI: 645475000	Towed ashore	Engine failure.	Mauritius authorities and fishing vessel <i>ALBATROS</i>
17.	09 Mar 24	Grounding	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Sture Island, West Manggarai Regency	<i>KM DUTA BAHAGIA GT19</i> Ship Flag - Indonesia	Sank	Heavy weather. All 04 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities
18.	09 Mar 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Probolinggo	01 fishing boat	Damaged	Heavy weather. Mortal remains of 01 fisherman recovered. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities and local fishermen



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19.	09 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Louis	<i>KLONDYKE 139</i> Fishing trawler Flag - Mauritius IMO: 8714322 MMSI: 645629000	Underway	01 New Zealand crew member evacuated.	Mauritius authorities
20.	09 Mar 24	Collision	Vietnam/ South China Sea	07 nm off Ca Na Fishing Port	01 cargo vessel	Underway	UNK	Vietnam authorities and local fishing vessel (Reg. No. BD 94580 TS)
					01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BD 92155 TS	Sank	08 fishermen rescued. 01 missing.	
21	10 Mar 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	380 nm E of Vung Tau	<i>HUNG PHAT 89</i> Cargo vessel Flag - Vietnam MMSI: 574012359	Sank	All 11 crew members rescued.	Vietnam authorities
22.	10 Mar 24	Grounding	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Barangay Capaclan, Romblon	<i>SWM SALVE REGINA</i> Passenger vessel Flag - Philippines IMO: 9831983 MMSI: 548926500	Aground	All 168 passengers and 55 crew members rescued.	Philippines authorities
23.	10 Mar 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off TPI Oeba, Fatubesi	01 passenger boat	UNK	Heavy weather. All 35 persons rescued.	Indonesia authorities and local boats
24.	10 Mar 24	Missing	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Pulau Gaya	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 02 fishermen missing.	Malaysia authorities
25.	10 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Malaysia/ South China Sea	21 nm off Beserah Beach	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. Boat ran out of fuel. Both fishermen rescued on 11 Mar 24.	Malaysia authorities
26.	10 Mar 24	Sunk	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	3.8 nm SW of Kawthaung township	<i>NGWE LA YAUNG</i> Fishing boat	Sank	All fishermen rescued.	Myanmar authorities
27.	10 Mar 24	Sunk	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	23nm SW off Myeik	<i>KING LIGHT</i> Boat	Sank	06 persons rescued.	Myanmar authorities
28.	10 Mar 24	Grounding	Oman/ Gulf of Oman	Off Al-Ghubrah	01 boat	UNK	Heavy weather. All 09 persons rescued.	Oman authorities



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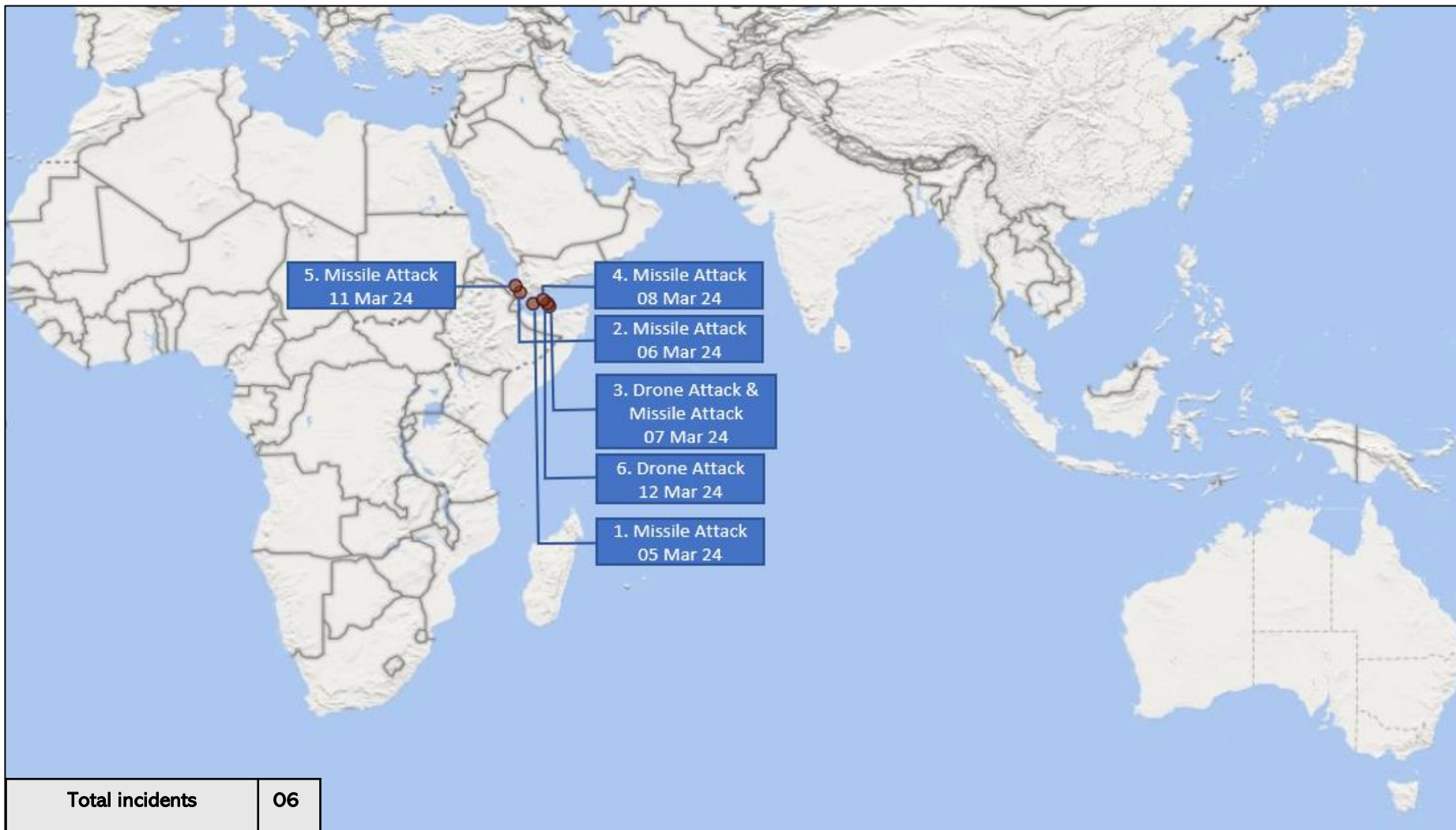
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29.	11 Mar 24	Grounding	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Kangean, Smenep	<i>SEROJA III</i> Tanker Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9662825 MMSI: 525020127	Aground	Heavy weather.	Indonesia authorities
30.	11 Mar 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Rambut Island	<i>KM PARI KUDUS</i> Passenger vessel	UNK	Heavy weather. 34/35 persons rescued. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities and local boats
31.	11 Mar 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Sikka	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman swam ashore. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities
32.	12 Mar 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Cipatujah	01 fishing boat	Sunk	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued.	Local fishing boat



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1.	05 Mar 24 Night	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	NA	US Navy ship shot down 01 Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile (ASBM) and 03 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).	NA	NA	US Navy
2.	06 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	54 nm SW of Aden	<i>TRUE CONFIDENCE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Barbados IMO: 9460784 MMSI: 314579000	01 Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile (ASBM) hit the vessel resulting in serious damage. 03 crew members lost their lives and critically 04 injured. All crew members abandoned the vessel, rescued by Indian Navy ship <i>KOLKATA</i> and disembarked at port of Djibouti.	03 dead. 04 injured. Crew disembarked at port of Djibouti.	Adrift	Indian Navy
3.	07 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	NA	US Navy ship shot down 03 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).	NA	NA	US Navy
4.	08 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Red Sea	50 nm SSE of Aden	<i>PROPEL FORTUNE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9500699 MMSI: 563142300	The vessel reported two explosions ahead of the vessel. The vessel and crew members are reportedly safe.	Safe	Underway	UNK
5.	11 Mar 24 1306 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	71 nm SW of As Salif	<i>PINOCCHIO</i> Container ship Flag - Liberia IMO: 9400112 MMSI: 636020659	Explosion in the vicinity of the vessel.	Safe	Underway	UNK
6.	12 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Red Sea	In the Red Sea	NA	Italian Navy ship shot down two drones.	NA	NA	Italian Navy



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Hijack incident onboard a Bangladesh-flagged bulk carrier MV *ABDULLAH*

On 12 Mar 24, an incident of hijacking was reported onboard a Bangladesh-flagged bulk carrier *MV ABDULLAH*, 550 nautical miles east of Mogadishu, Somalia. The vessel was enroute to Al Hamriyah, UAE, from Maputo, Mozambique. The vessel was boarded and hijacked by 20 armed perpetrators and all 23 crew members on board were held hostage. The hijackers employed both a speedboat and a mothership (likely to be a hijacked Iranian dhow) in the operation. The vessel is presently anchored off Somalia, since AM 14 Mar 24 and negotiations between the perpetrators and Bangladesh national agencies is in progress.



The Centre monitored an alert involving the hijack incident of MV Abdullah. Accordingly, all international and national stakeholders were communicated about the situation. Indian Navy's maritime patrol aircraft and a warship were diverted at the scene of the incident. Furthermore, Op Atlanta also deployed a Spanish warship to assist the vessel in distress. The assistance and operational response in this incident is being coordinated by all the International Liaison Officers (ILOs) at IFC-IOR led by the Bangladesh ILO.

The recent hijacking incidents onboard MV Abdullah, MV Ruen and fishing dhows/ vessels indicate the ability of Pirate Action Groups to target vessels beyond 200 nm. The modus operandi monitored in the hijacking incidents continues to remain the same i.e. usage of dhows as a mothership along with skiffs and speed boats. The mother ship (dhow) remains in the proximity of MV after boarding till the pirates establish control over the vessel as a possible means for a quick exit if required. 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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