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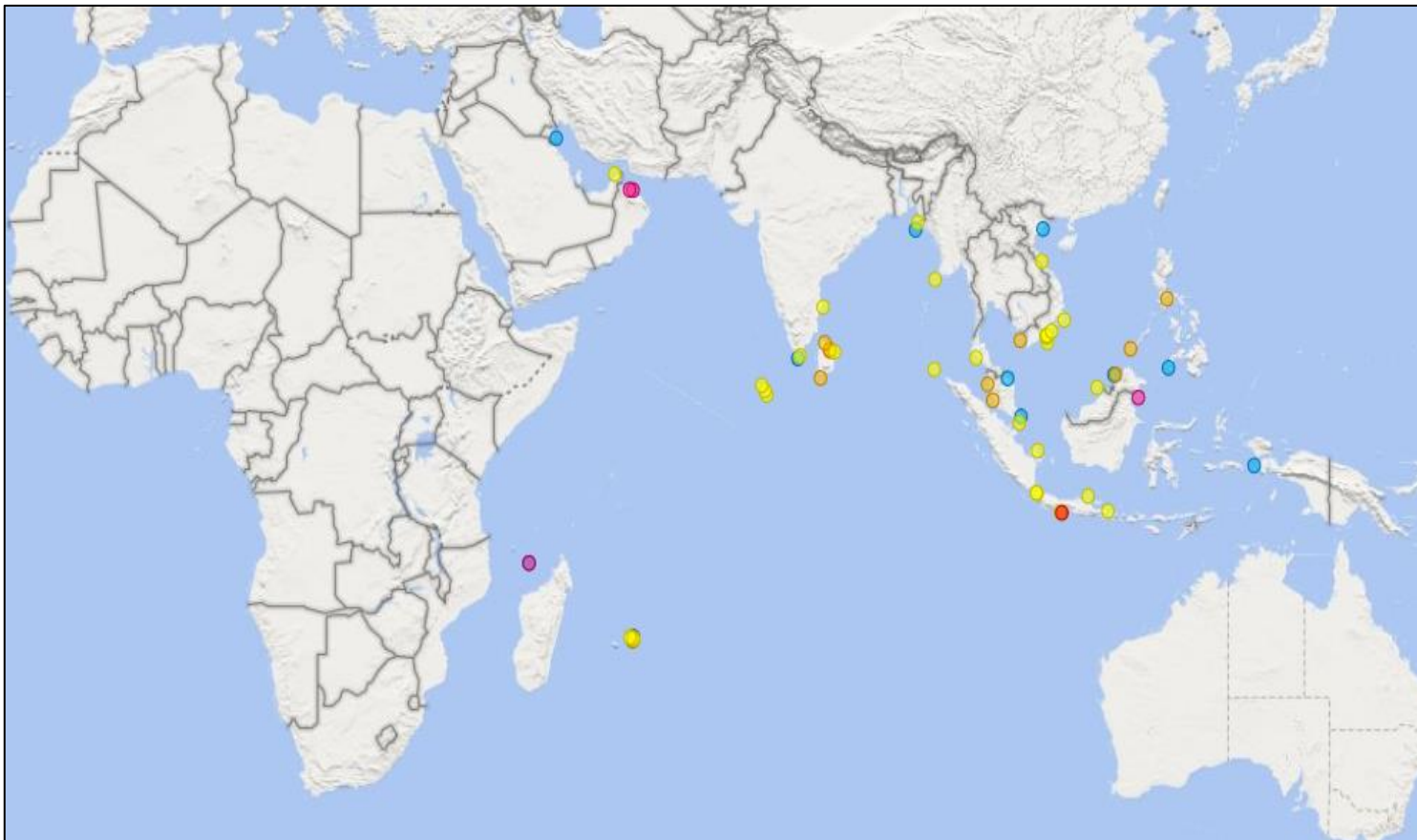
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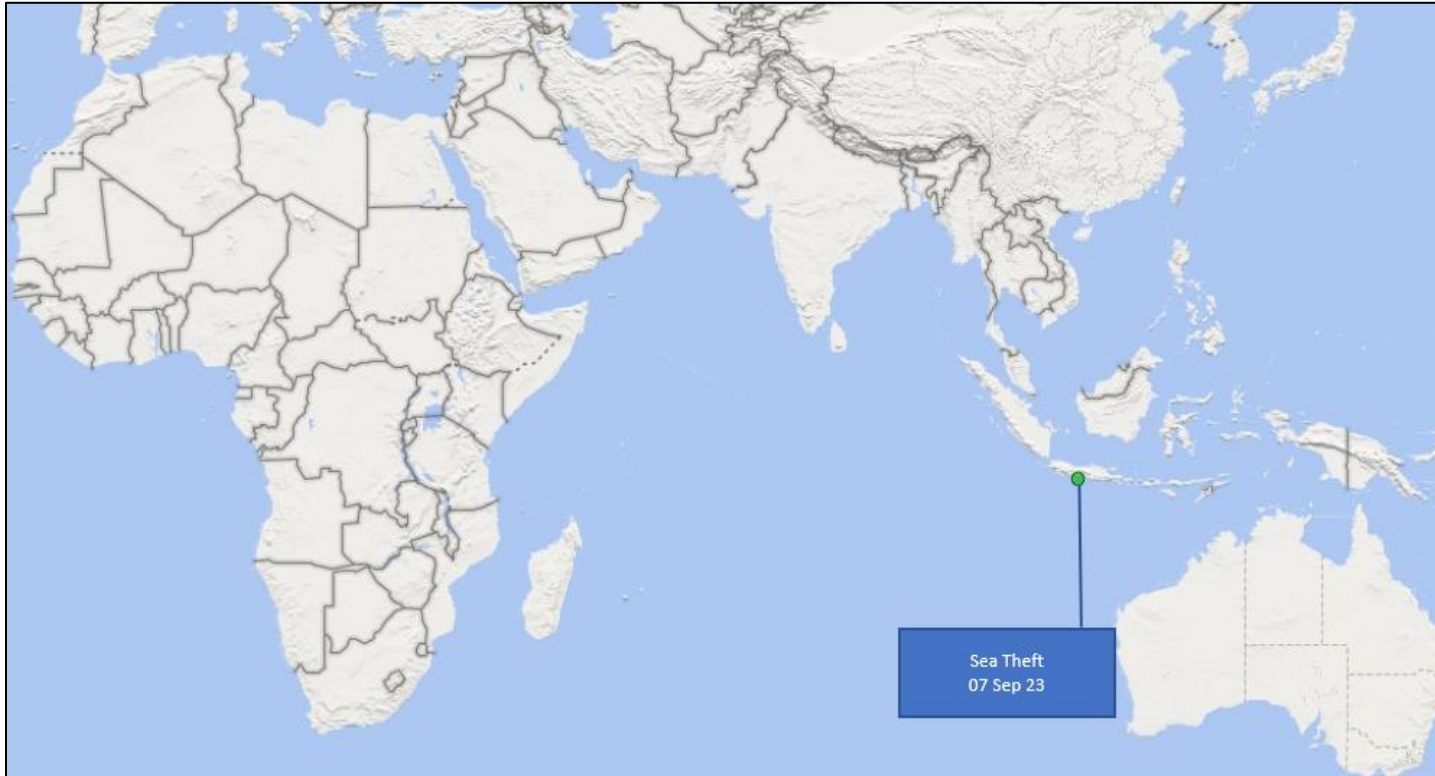
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Contraband Smuggling	11
IUU Fishing	14
Irregular Human Migration	04
Maritime Incidents	28
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	Nil
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
<b>Total incidents</b>	<b>58</b>
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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

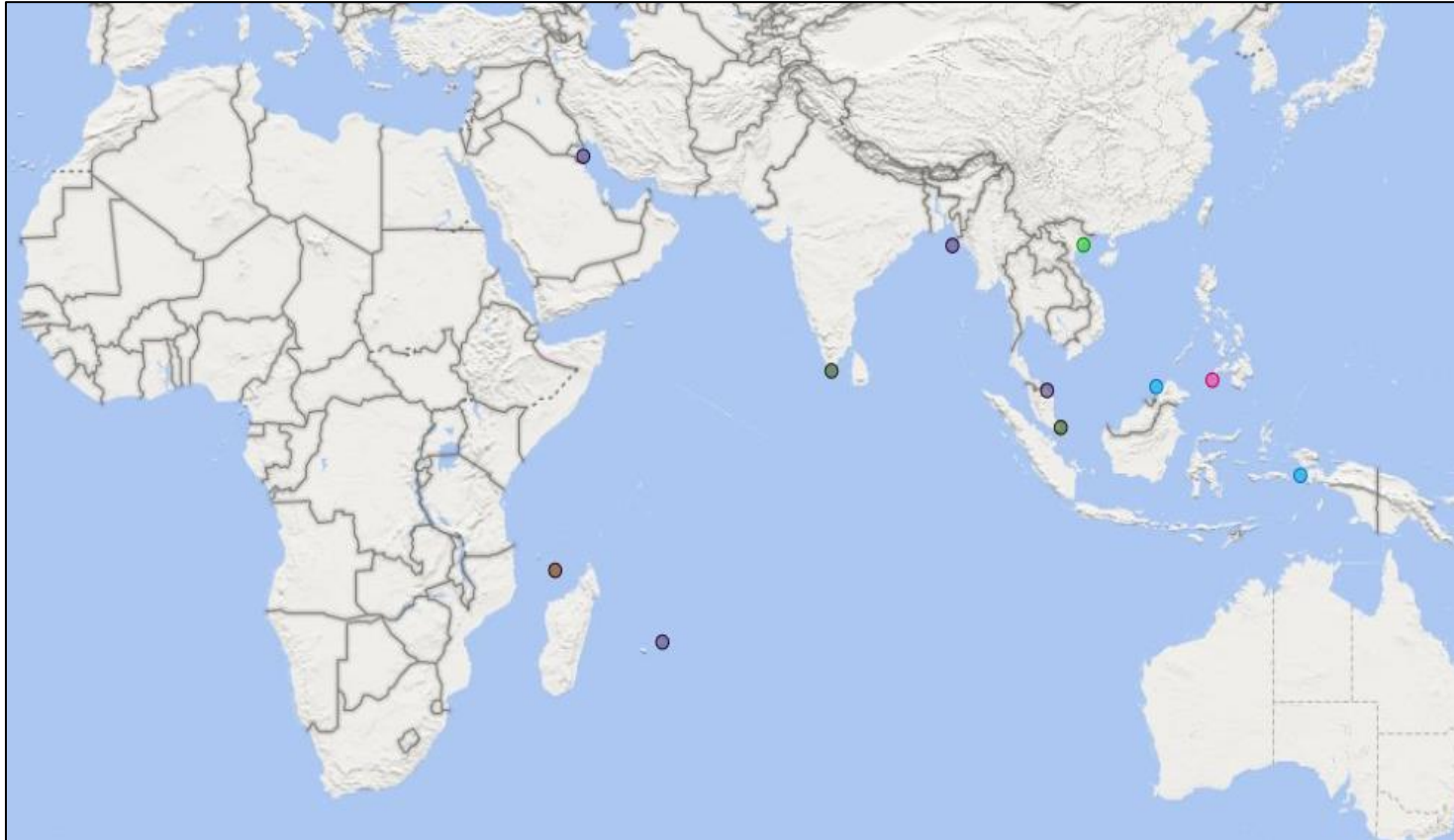
Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Vessel Details	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	07 Sep 23 0315 LT	Sea theft	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Wijayapura Pier, Cilacap	<i>AZAMARA 5</i> Barge Flag - Indonesia	06 perpetrators boarded the barge. 01 perpetrator apprehended. Recovered 02 tons of coal from 39 sacks.	UNK	Alongside	Indonesia authorities



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	02
Domestic Products	Nil
Drugs	04
Fuel	01
Natural Resources	01
Tobacco	01
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	02
Others	Nil
<b>Total incidents</b>	<b>11</b>



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Vessel Details	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	05 Sep 23	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Teknaf	01 fishing boat	Drugs	Yaba pills	28,000 pills	Found in a polythene bag. 04 suspects apprehended.	Bangladesh authorities
2.	06 Sep 23	India/ Gulf of Mannar	Off Pilliamadam, Mandapam, Tamil Nadu	NA	Wildlife	Sea cucumber	51 kg/ USD 27,646	UNK	India authorities
3.	07 Sep 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Off Mayotte	08 small boats (Kwassa-Kwassa)	Tobacco	Cigarettes	350 cartons	Suspected to have been smuggled from a foreign country via sea route. 10 suspects apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
4.	08 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Fak-Fak Sea Port	01 passenger ship	Alcohol	Liquor (miras)	70 L	Found in 03 cartons in a container. 01 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
5.	09 Sep 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	At Varadero Port, Cawit, Zamboanga City	<i>M/L ZSHAHUNY II</i>	Fuel	Diesel	90,000 L/ USD 104,078	In 50 tanks and 198 drums. Five suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities
6	10 Sep 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	10 nm off Hon Dau Island, Hai Phong City	04 vessels Reg. No. HP 4789 Reg. No. HP 4156 Reg. No. HP 4159 Reg. No. HP 4628	Natural resources	Sand	800 m3	Without valid documents. Vessels seized.	Vietnam authorities
7.	11 Sep 23	Kuwait/ Persian Gulf	Off Kuwait	01 Boat	Drugs and weapons	Captagon pills, hashish, crystal meth (shabu) and firearm	1 million, 400 kg, 500 gm and 01	02 suspects apprehended. Contraband was believed to have been smuggled from a foreign country. 01 firearm and ammunition. Boat seized.	Kuwait authorities
8.	12 Sep 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	At Menumbok Beach	UNK	Alcohol	Liquor	6,000 cans/ USD 3,900	Believed to be smuggled by a boat and unloaded at beach. Suspects and a vehicle escaped.	Malaysia authorities



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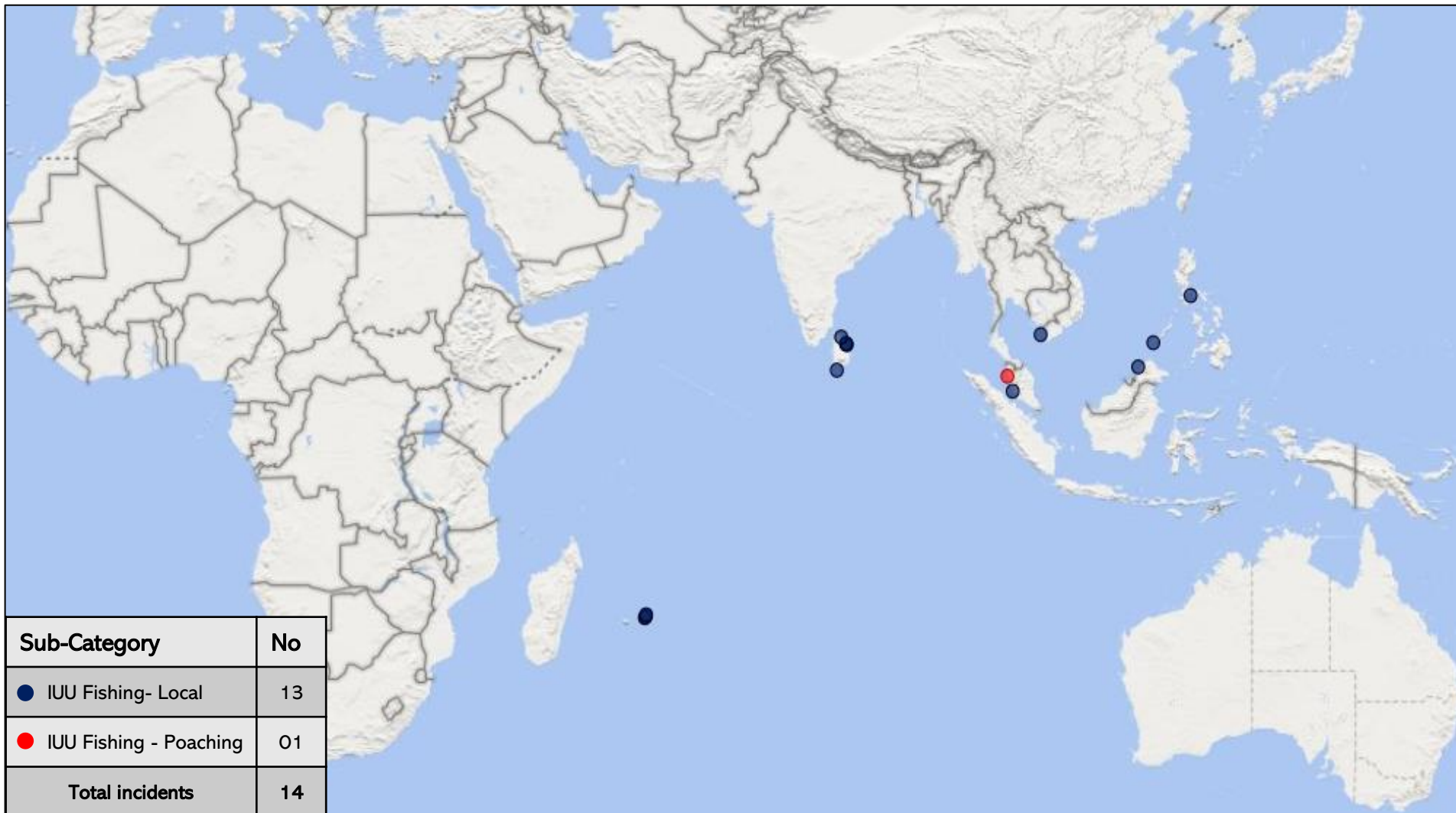
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9.	12 Sep 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Air Genruh Jetty, Sedili	01 boat	Wildlife	Prawn seeds	50 boxes/ USD 436,607	Suspected to have been smuggled from a foreign country.  05 suspects apprehended.  Boat and a lorry seized.	Malaysia authorities
10.	12 Sep 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	At Kuala Bekah Jetty	UNK	Drugs	Methamphet amine (Syabu)	20.748 kg/ USD 140,910	Found in 20 tea packages.  02 suspects apprehended.  Suspected to have been smuggled to a foreign country via sea route.	Malaysia authorities
11.	12 Sep 23	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Poste-Lafayette	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	1.5 kg/ USD 455,358	Hidden on the beach.	Mauritius authorities



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Sr	Date	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location	Vessel Details	Offence	Seizure/ Value	Fishers Involved	Responder(s)
1.	29 Aug 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Galle Fishery Harbour	01 multiday fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing (shark)	Fishing trawler, dried cut shark fins (850 kg) and dried shark without fins (10.7 kg)	09 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
2.	05 Sep 23	Local	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Vinh Trung Commune	04 fishing vessels	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessels seized	UNK	Vietnam authorities
3.	06 Sep 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pulau Mengalum Sabah	02 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (fish bombing)	Fishing boats	05 apprehended	Malaysia authorities
4.	06 Sep 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Mahebourg	NA	Illegal fishing	65 m of illegal fishing nets	UNK	Mauritius authorities
5.	06 Sep 23	Poaching	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	37 nm off Pulau Kendi	01 foreign fishing boat	Illegal fishing country's waters	Foreign fishing boat	05 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
6.	06 Sep 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Bassin Carangue, L'Escalier	NA	Illegal fishing	19 m of illegal fishing nets	UNK	Mauritius authorities
7.	08 Sep 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Sabak Bernam, Selangor	07 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (fishing in prohibited area)	Fishing boats/ USD 1,389,050	21 apprehended	Malaysia authorities
8.	09 Sep 23	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Tayabas Bay, Lucena City	02 fishing vessels <i>FV PRINCESS BERNICE CARMINA</i> and <i>FV LADY YASMIN</i>	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessels, fish catch and fishing paraphernalia/ USD 1,763,326	31 apprehended	Philippines authorities
9.	09 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	At Nilaveli beach	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (using unauthorized nets)	Dinghy and fishing nets	03 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
10.	09 Sep 23	Local	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Sitio Cadawan	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (blast fishing).	Fishing boat, 100 kg of fish and explosives	03 apprehended	Philippines authorities



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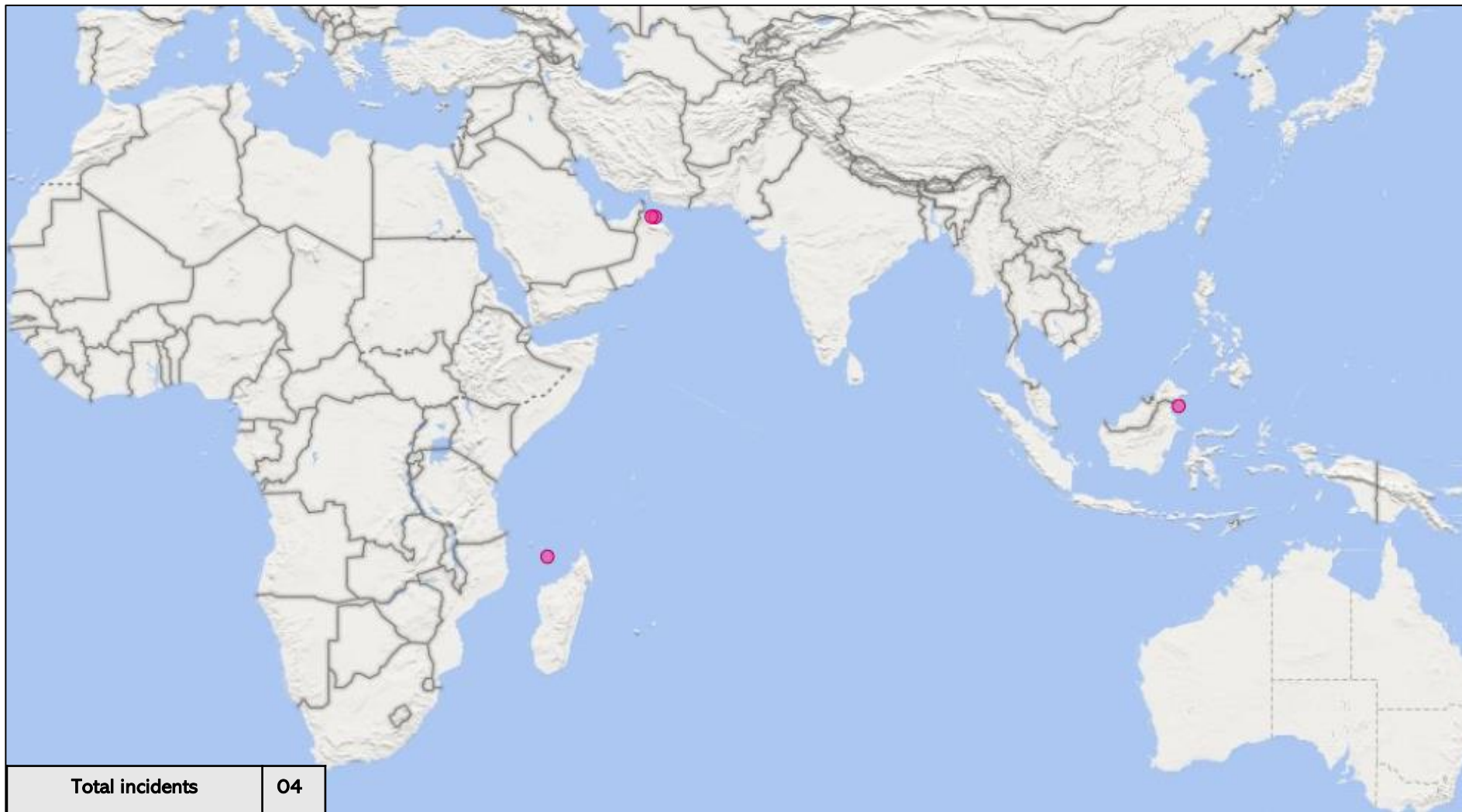
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11.	10 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Adukkupadu, Nilaveli	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (using unauthorized nets)	Dinghy and fishing equipment	06 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
12.	10 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Chalai	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (light course fishing)	Dinghy and fishing equipment	01 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
13.	10 Sep 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Trou D'eau Douce	NA	Illegal fishing	45 m of illegal fishing nets	UNK	Mauritius authorities
14.	11 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	At Sinnamulachchenai Beach, Kinniya	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (illegal diving)	Dinghy and diving gear	02 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities



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Sr	Date	Country/ Region	Origin/ Destination	Location	Vessel Details	Migrants Details	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	07 Sep 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	08 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	154 apprehended	10 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	08 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Indonesia/ Malaysia	Off Sebatik	01 speedboat	31 apprehended (10 males, 14 females, 06 children and 01 suspected smuggler)	Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
3.	10 Sep 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	UNK/ Oman	Off North Batinah	01 boat	23 apprehended	Migrants were trying to enter the country via sea route.	Oman authorities
4.	11 Sep 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	UNK/ Oman	Off North Batinah	01 boat	22 apprehended	Migrants were trying to enter the country via sea route.	Oman authorities

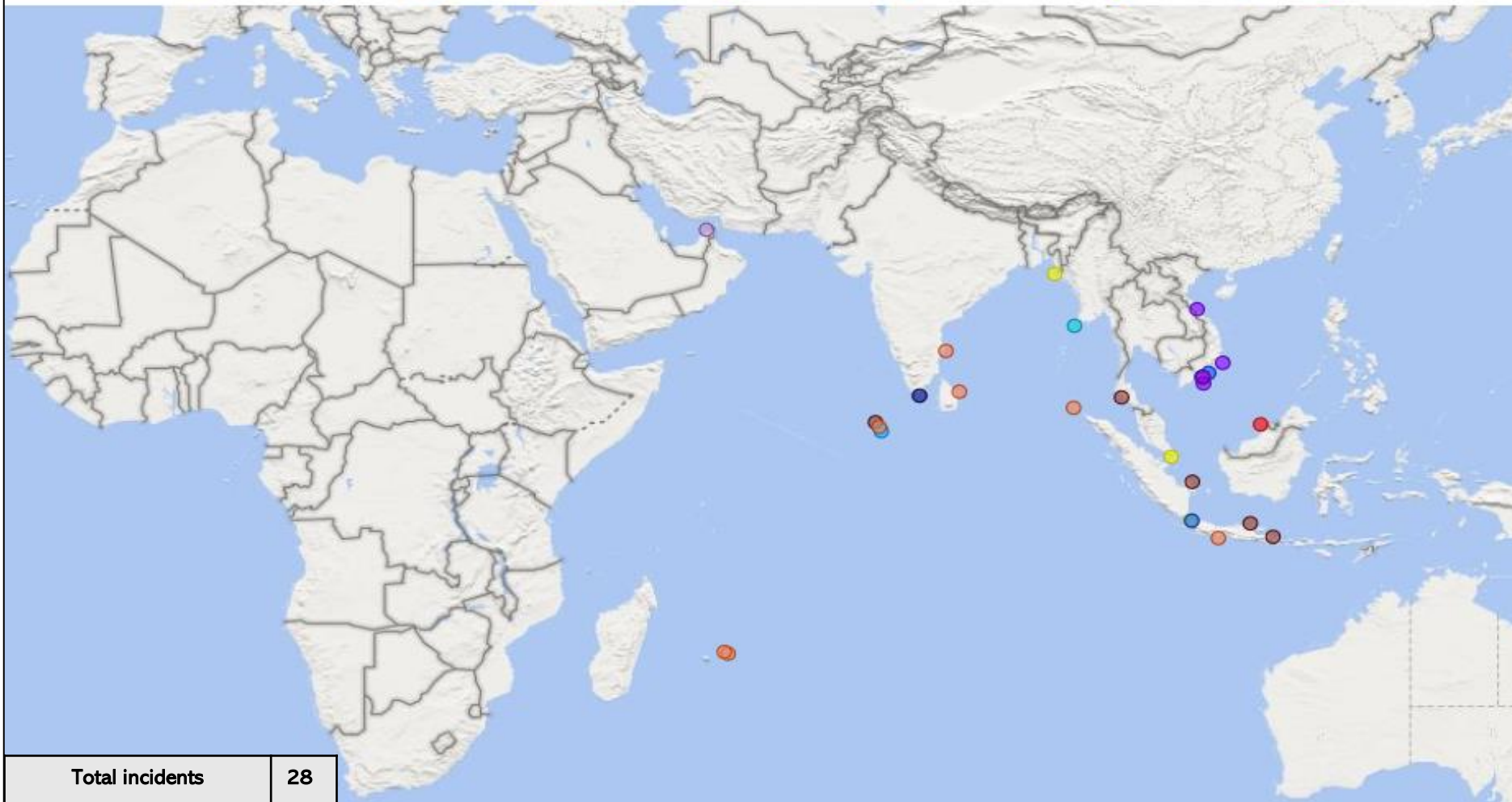


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**Sub-Category** ● Aground ● Capsize ● Collision ● Fire ● Flooding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● SAR ● Vessel Detained



Total incidents

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1.	03 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	290 nm E of Vung Tau	<i>GREEN K-MAX 6</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9862621 MMSI: 636018871	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure.	Vietnam authorities
2.	03 Sep 23	Fire	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Cox's Bazar	01 fishing vessel	UNK	Fire due to gas cylinder explosion. 01 fisherman dead.	Bangladesh authorities
3.	05 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Nusakambangan	<i>KM ALVIANO</i> Ship	Adrift	Encountered engine failure. 05 crew members rescued. 04 crew members stayed onboard awaiting tugboat.	Indonesia authorities
4.	05 Sep 23	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Bojonegara, Serang Regency	<i>KM LUFTI JAYA</i> Fishing vessel	Underway	01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authority
5.	05 Sep 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Banyuwangi, East Java	<i>MEKAR JAYA</i> Fishing vessel	Capsize	Heavy weather 20 survived 04 dead 03 missing	Indonesia authorities
6.	05 Sep 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Bangka Regency	01 fishing boat	Sank	01 fisherman rescued.	DREDGE 21 SINGKEP 1
7.	05 Sep 22	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ South China Sea	3.3 nm SW of Kuala Baram, Miri	01 tug	Detained	Without valid document. 02 crew members apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
8.	05 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Survival Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BTH 907887 TS	Underway	03 fishermen were airlifted.	Vietnam authorities
9.	06 Sep 23	Fire	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Pelabuhan Indah Kiat Merak, Cilegon City, Banten	<i>MUTIARA BERKAH 1</i> Passenger ferry Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9288801 MMSI: 525100999	UNK	All 158 passengers were rescued.	Indonesia authorities



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10.	06 Sep 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Gayasan Wonotirto Beach, East Java	01 fishing boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. 15 fishermen survived. 08 missing.	Indonesia authorities
11.	06 Sep 23	Fire	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	At Singapore Port	01 pilot boat	UNK	Fire extinguished. All crew members safe.	Singapore authorities
12.	06 Sep 23	Aground	India/ Gulf of Mannar	Off Kudankulam cargo terminal, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu	01 barge	Aground	Loaded with 600 tons steam generators. <i>RESCO 5</i> tug's tow rope parted. No oil spill.	India authorities
13.	06 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	210 nm E of Sri Lanka	<i>SERENE 1</i> VLCC tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9197832 MMSI: 374483000	Underway	Encountered engine failure. Defect rectified on 08 Sep 23.	Sri Lanka authorities
14.	07 Sep 23	SAR	UAE/ Persian Gulf	Off Umm al-Quwain	01 helicopter (Bell 212) Reg. No. A6-ALD	Wreckage recovered	Mortal remains of both crew members (Egyptian and South African) recovered on 08 and 10 Sep 23.	UAE authorities
15.	07 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Vung Tau	<i>BFAD SOUTHERN</i> Container Ship Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9509176 MMSI: 538009289	Underway	02 Indian crew members. Burn injuries.	Vietnam authorities
16.	07 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	W of Gemini Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 46 TS	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated.	Vietnam authorities
17.	07 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Bay of Bengal	240 nm NE of Chennai	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. IND-TN-02-MM-2591	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure and went adrift since 02 Sep 23. All 09 fishermen rescued.	India authorities
18.	07 Sep 23	Capsize	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off B. Dharavandhoo Island	01 local cargo vessel	Sank	All 13 persons rescued.	Maldives authorities



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19.	08 Sep 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off La Gi	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BD 95753 TS	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Vietnam authority
20.	08 Sep 23	Collision	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Harbour entrance Hulhumale	02 speedboats	Damaged	All 08 persons rescued.	Maldives authorities
21.	08 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	04° 38' N 073° 32' E	<i>MUSTHAREE</i> Fishing vessel	Towed ashore	All 03 fishermen rescued.	Local vessel in the vicinity
22.	08 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Marianne Islet, Rodrigues	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. 01 fisherman rescued.	Mauritius authorities
23.	09 Sep 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Nghi Son Port	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued.	Vietnam authority
24.	10 Sep 23	Capsize	Thailand/ Andaman Sea	Off Koh Ael island	01 fishing boat	UNK	02 fishermen swam ashore. 02 missing.	Thailand authorities
25.	10 Sep 23	Flooding	Myanmar/ Bay of Bengal	10 nm SW of Hainggyi Island, Ayeyarwady Division	MV SHWE EAIN THI Local cargo ship	UNK	Heavy weather. Loaded with 4,000 tons of cement. Lost stability and water ingress. No casualties.	Myanmar authorities
26.	11 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Quang Binh	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QB 93885 TS	Underway	01 crew member evacuated. Broken leg.	Vietnam authorities
27.	11 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Albion	LE TRIO Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 7905 OL 11	Berthed	Encountered engine failure.	Mauritius authorities
28.	12 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Bay of Bengal	50 nm off Indira Point, Andaman	BHASKAR III Fishing vessel	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure.  09 fisherman rescued.	India authorities





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- 400 kg of hashish, other drugs, firearm seized from a boat in Kuwait

On 11 Sep 23, Kuwait authorities apprehended two suspects and seized a boat with one million captagon pills, 400 kg of hashish, 500 gm of crystal meth (shabu) and ammunition off Kuwait. Reportedly, the contraband was believed to be smuggled from a foreign country.



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Major maritime insurers join initiative to reduce cargo fires

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