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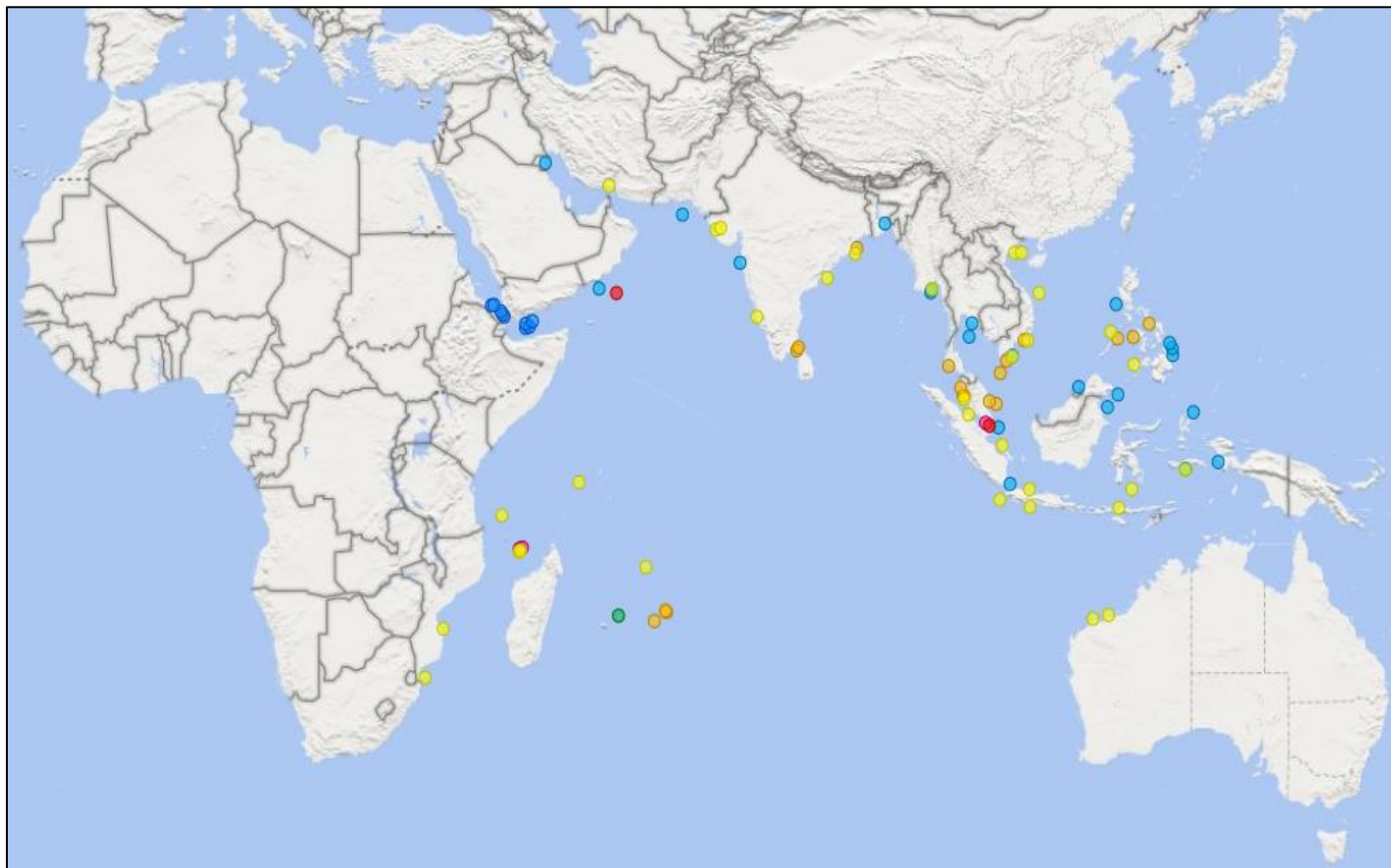


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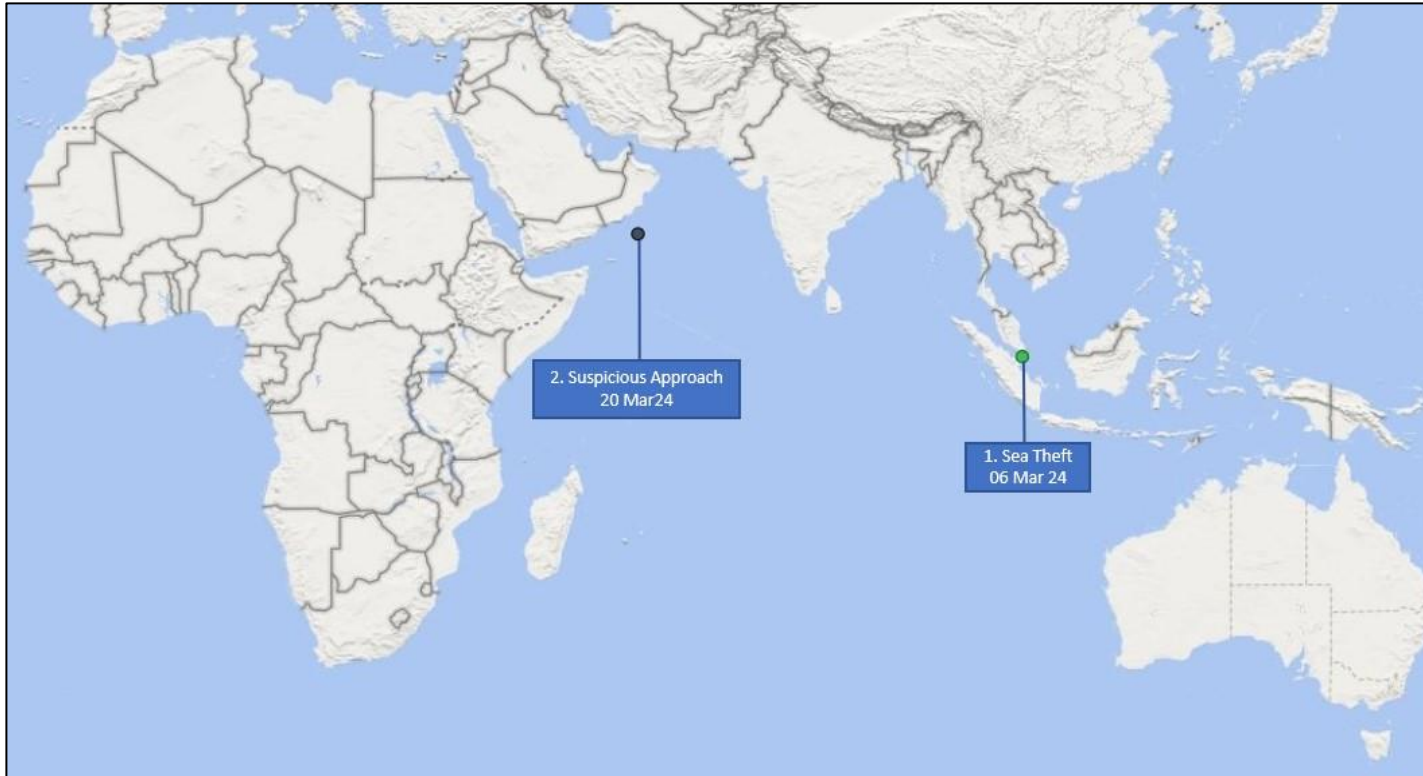
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
Contraband Smuggling	22
IUU Fishing	18
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Incidents	32
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	09
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	87
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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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	01
Total incidents	02



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1.	06 Mar 24 0035 LT	Sea theft	Indonesia/ Singapore Strait	2.6 nm NW of Pulau Cula	<i>YANGTZE CROWN</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9636905 MMSI: 538008025	03 perpetrators boarded the vessel while underway. Ship's crew raised alarm. Perpetrators escaped with engine spares.	Safe	Underway	Singapore authorities
2.	20 Mar 24 0600 LT	Suspicious approach	Oman/ Arabian Sea	160 nm SE of Salalah	01 vessel	07 perpetrators in a small craft carrying a ladder approached the vessel up to 0.3 nm. The craft followed the vessel for 20 minutes and fled away after a warning shot was fired by the onboard armed security team.	Safe	Underway	UNK

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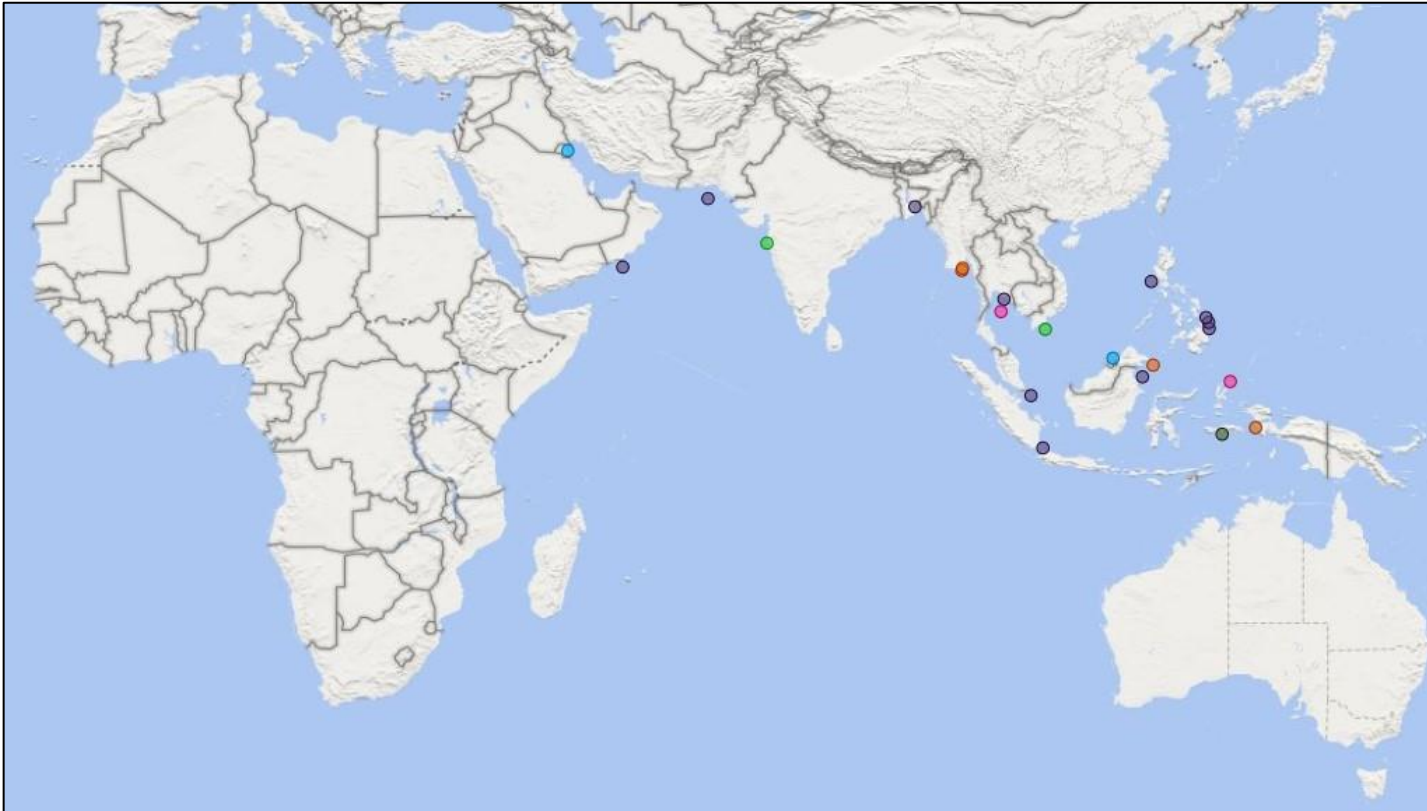
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3*.	14 Dec 23 1613 LT	Hijack	Yemen/ Arabian Sea	400 nm E of Socotra Island 11° 58'.93 N 061° 20'.05 E	<i>RUEN</i> Bulk Carrier Flag: Malta IMO: 9754903 MMSI: 249517000	Reportedly, 06 perpetrators boarded the ship. <i>All 35 perpetrators surrendered and all 17 crew members rescued on 16 Mar 24.</i>	Safe	Underway	India authorities <i>(INS KOLKATA, INS SUBHADRA, MARCOS inserted by C-17 and P8I)</i>

* Details on serial 03 in the latter part of the report.



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Alcohol	02
Domestic Products	04
Drugs	11
Fuel	02
Natural Resources	02
Tobacco	Nil
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	01
Others	Nil
Total incidents	22



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1.	04 Mar 24	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Barangay Bongdud, Surigao del Sur	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	1.08 kg/ USD 102,145	Recovered by two fishermen.	Philippines authorities
2.	07 Mar 24	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Manila Int. Port	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis, Dry Mushrooms, Cannabis oil	279 kg, 560 g and 2.23 kg/ USD 6,079,230	Found in 18 boxes. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Philippines authorities
3.	08 Mar 24	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Barangay Bongdud, Surigao del Sur	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	1.08 kg/ USD 102,145	Contraband recovered by locals.	Philippines authorities
4.	09 Mar 24	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Barangay Valencia, Surigao del Norte	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	UNK	Contraband recovered by locals.	Philippines authorities
5.	09 Mar 24	Indonesia/ South China Sea	At Sei Kolak Port, Bintan	<i>KM BULKIT RAYA</i> Passenger vessel	Drugs	Methamphetamine	1.057 kg/ UNK	01 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
6.	09 Mar 24	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Kalwa Creek, Thane, Mumbai	01 boat	Natural resources	Sand	22 m ³ / USD 24,134	Without valid documents. Suspects escaped. Boat Seized.	India authorities
7.	11 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Myanmar Industrial Port	UNK	Domestic products	Assorted goods	UNK/ USD 105,961	Found inside 03 containers. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
8.	11 Mar 24	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	At Asia World Port Terminal	UNK	Domestic products	Assorted goods	UNK/ USD 29,068	Found inside 02 containers.	Myanmar authorities
9.	03 -12 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Bakeuheni Port, Lampung	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine, cannabis and ecstasy pills	80 kg, 2.3 kg and 1,006/ UNK	06 suspects apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
10.	12 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Philippines Sea	At Motorai Island	<i>KM THREE ANGEL 01</i>	Fuel	Diesel	18,000 L/ UNK	Without valid documents. 01 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia authorities



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11.	12 Mar 24	Kuwait/ Persian Gulf	At Shuwaikh Port	NA	Alcohol	Liquor	1,188 bottles/ UNK	Hidden inside a container. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Kuwait authorities
12.	13-14 Mar 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Can Dao Island	02 vessels Reg. No. SG 6668 and LA 07576	Natural resources	Sand	1,400 m ³ / UNK	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended.	Vietnam authorities
13.	14 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Juwata, Kaltara	01 speedboat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	06 kg/ UNK	02 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
14.	14 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Fakfak Port, West Papua	01 speedboat	Domestic products	Motor bikes	15/ UNK	Without valid documents. Found inside a container.	Indonesia authorities
15.	14 Mar 24	Brunei/ South China Sea	At Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Bridge	01 boat	Alcohol	Liquor	550 cans/ UNK	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 03 suspects escaped.	Brunei authorities
16.	14 Mar 24	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	Off Pakistan	UNK	Drugs	Hashish and methamphetamine	1,200 kg and 300 kg/ USD 107 million	Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by Sea.	Pakistan authorities
17.	16 Mar 24	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Chandpur	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	16 kg/ UNK	Found in two bags. 01 suspect apprehended.	Bangladesh authorities
18.	17 Mar 24	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Klaeng district, Rayong	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine	19 kg/ UNK	Found in 19 bags. Found washed ashore by local fishermen.	Thailand authorities
19.	18 Mar 24	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Dhofar	01 boat	Drugs	Khat	990 packages/ UNK	05 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities
20.	19 Mar 24	Malaysia/ Celebes sea	0.4 nm S of Kampung Tandu, Felda Sahabat, Lahad Datu	01 boat	Domestic products	Cooking oil and rice	340 kg and 40 kg/ UNK	Without valid documents. 01 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities



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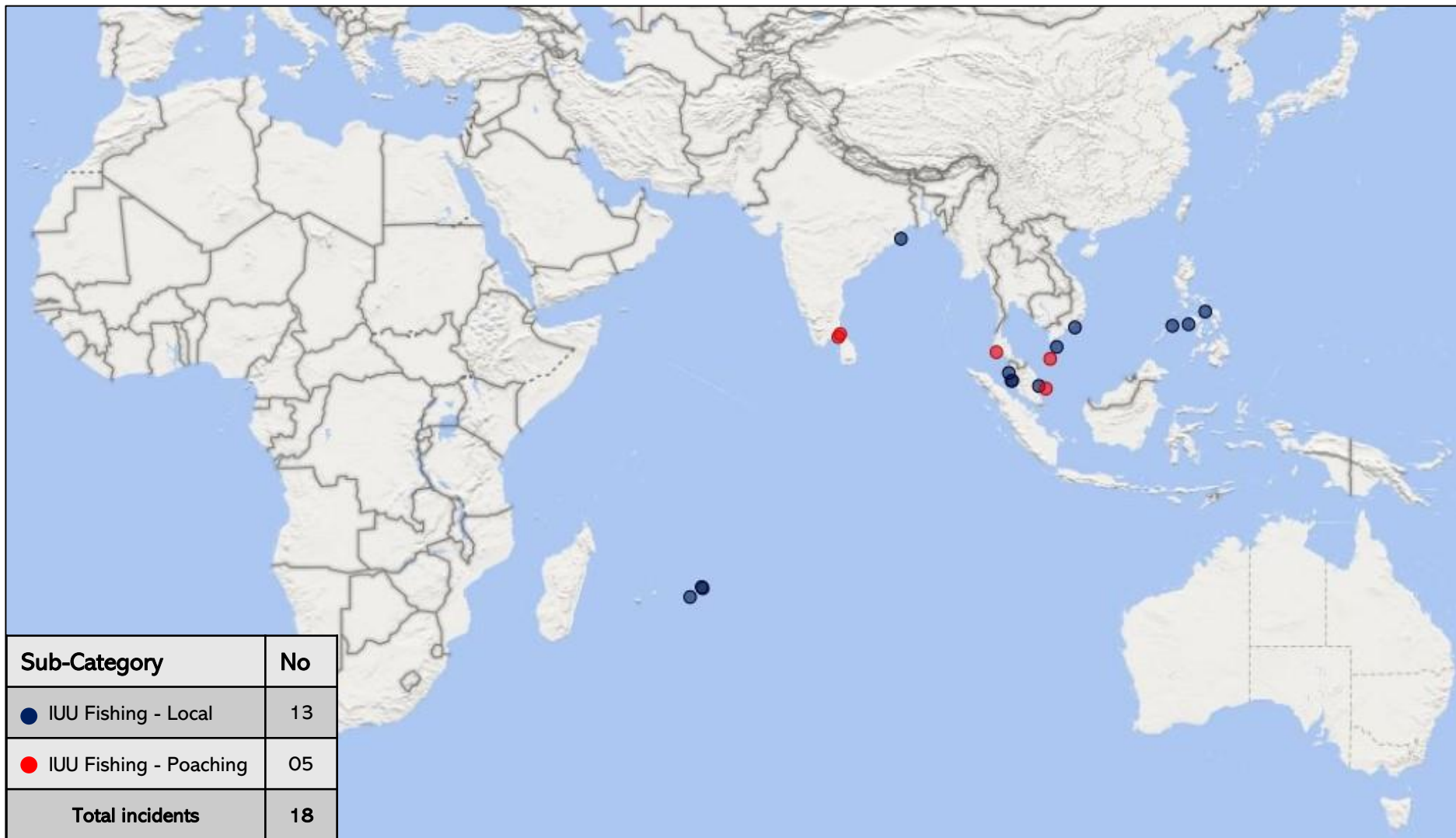
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21.	19 Mar 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Ambon Port, Maluku	<i>KM PERMATA OBI</i> Passenger ship	Wildlife	Birds	04 birds/ UNK	Hidden inside the hull.	Indonesia authorities
22.	19 Mar 24	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	100 nm off Sattahip District, Chonburi Province	05 vessels	Fuel	Fuel	400,000 L/ UNK	Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country. Vessels seized.	Thailand authorities



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1.	06 Mar 24	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Panay, Capiz	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Boat, fishing paraphernalia and 10 kg of fish/ USD 6,951	02 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
2.	07-09 Mar 24	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Masbate	07 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (using banned methods)	Boats	UNK	Philippines authorities
3.	12 Mar 24	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Bantulan, Taytay	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (using illegal equipment)	Boat and fishing paraphernalia	04 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
4.	12 Mar 24	Local	Malaysia/ South China Sea	22 nm N of Kuala Kuantan	02 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	02 boats	10 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
5.	14 Mar 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ South China Sea	35 nm NE off Tioman Island	01 foreign fishing boat	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing boat and 250 kg of fish	06 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
6.	14 Mar 24	Poaching	Thailand/ Malacca Strait	03 nm NW off Ko Yao Yai, Chang Wat Phang-nga	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing vessel	05 apprehended.	Thailand authorities
7.	15 Mar 24	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ke Ga, Tan Tanh	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BTh 84833 TS	Illegal fishing (using banned methods)	Fishing vessel and fishing paraphernalia	01 apprehended.	Vietnam authorities
8.	15 Mar 24	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ca Mau	03 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (using banned methods)	Fishing vessel and fishing paraphernalia	03 apprehended.	Vietnam authorities
9.	15 Mar 24	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Strait	Off Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar	01 foreign fishing trawler	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawler	15 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
10.	16 Mar 24	Poaching	Malaysia/ Gulf of Thailand	160 nm off Tok Bali Estuary	02 foreign fishing vessels	Illegal fishing in country's waters	1,000 kg of fish, vessels and fishing paraphernalia/ USD 641,368	23 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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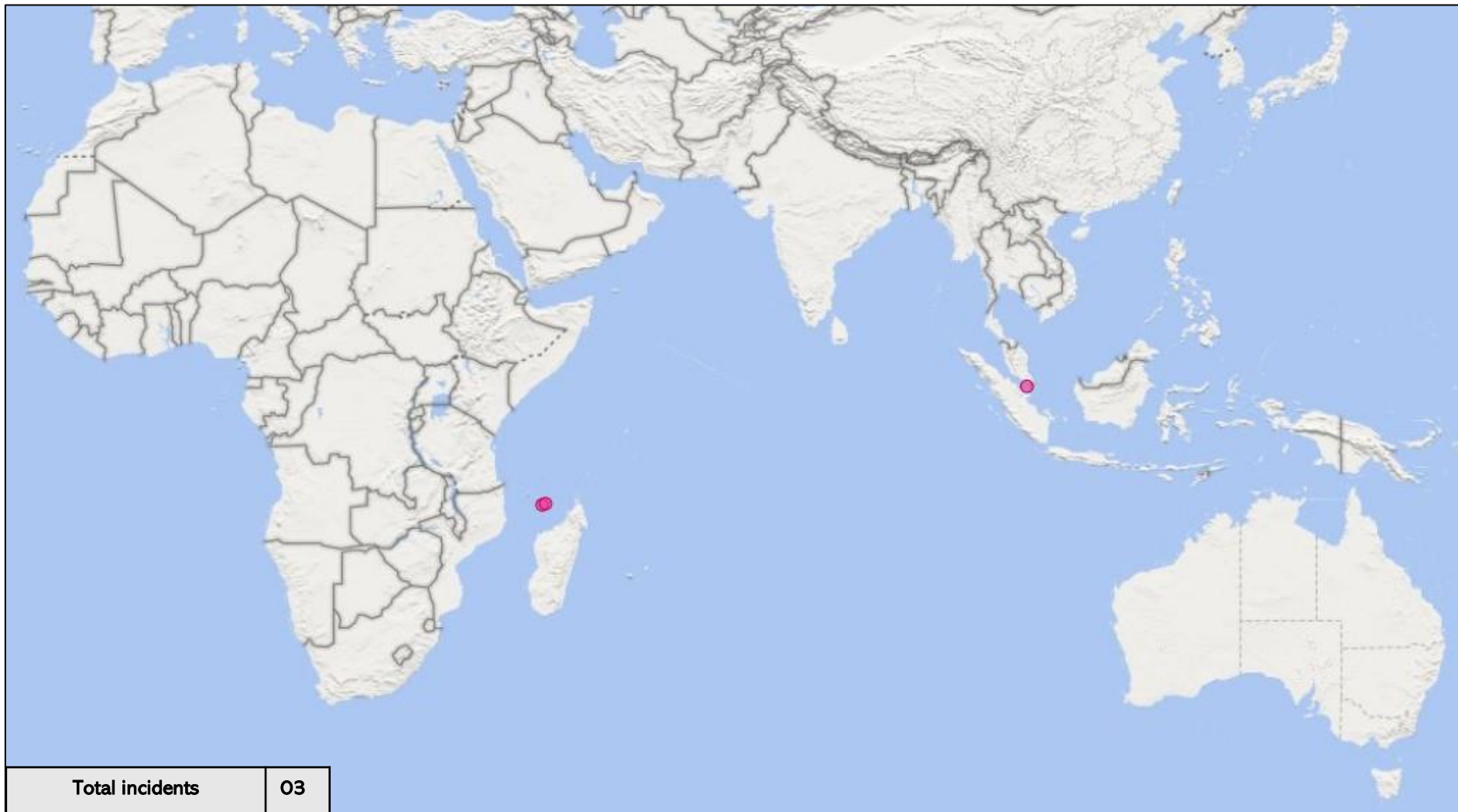
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11.	16 Mar 24	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Delft Island	02 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawlers	21 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
12.	16 Mar 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Passe Bataze, Rodrigues	NA	Illegal fishing	24 m of illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
13.	16 Mar 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Bobby Island, Rodrigues	NA	Illegal fishing	29 m of illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
14.	17 Mar 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	4.3 nm SW off Pulau Talang, Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing	34 sets of dragon bubu/ USD 423	UNK	Malaysia authorities
15.	17 Mar 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pulau Talang, Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing	27 sets of dragon bubu/ USD 423	UNK	Malaysia authorities
16.	17 Mar 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Diamond Island, Rodrigues	NA	Illegal fishing	50 m of illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
17.	18 Mar 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	1.6 nm NW of Sungai Burung Estuary	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Boat and fishing paraphernalia	02 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
18.	19 Mar 24	Local	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Gahirmatha, Odisha	<i>MAA BANADURGA</i> Fishing trawler	Fishing during banned period	Trawler seized	11 apprehended.	India authorities



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Total incidents

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1.	13 -14 Mar 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	UNK/ Mayotte	Off Acoua and Mtsangamouji	02 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	75 apprehended.	05 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	15 Mar 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Malaysia/ Indonesia	10 nm off Tampok Potian	01 fibre boat	06 apprehended.	Attempting to reach a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities
3.	10 -16 Mar 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	13 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	124 apprehended.	09 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities

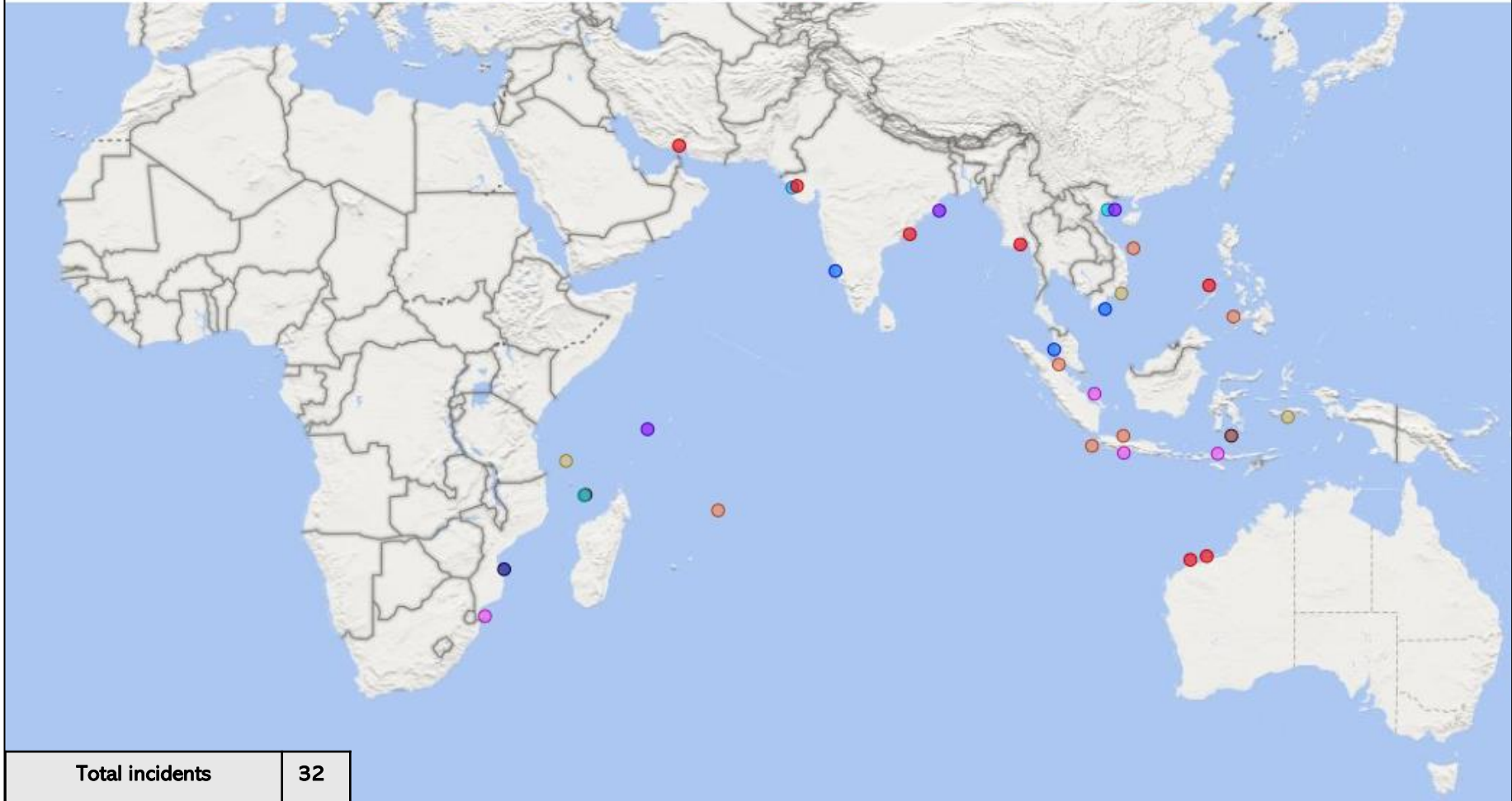


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Sub_Category ● Capsize ● Collision ● Flooding ● Grounding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained





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1.	08 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	At Dampier, WA	<i>GOO AURELLA</i> Multipurpose ship Flag - Liberia	Detained	Failed to comply with IMO regulations.	Australia authorities
2.	08 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Yangon Port	<i>MSC SUPARNA F</i> Container ship Flag - Panama IMO: 9147227 MMSI: 373314000	Detained	Failed to comply with IMO regulations.	Myanmar authorities
3.	08 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Glagah Beach, Banten	<i>KM MUGI JAYA</i> Fishing boat	UNK	Boat ran out of fuel. 02 fishermen rescued. 02 missing.	Indonesia authorities and local fishermen
4.	08 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Malampaya Natural Gas Platform	04 fishing boats	Detained	Boats were operating in unauthorised area.	Philippines authorities
5.	09 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	At Port Hedland, WA	<i>OBROVAC</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Bahamas IMO: 9489170 MMSI: 311000297	Detained	Failed to comply with IMO regulations.	Australia authorities
6.	09 Mar 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	52 nm off Benteng Port, Selayar Islands	<i>KM YUIEE JAYA 02</i> Fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 11 fishermen rescued. 24 missing. 02 dead.	Indonesia authorities and local boats
7.	10 Mar 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Pulau Sembilan	01 motor boat	UNK	Mortal remains recovered on 17 Mar 24.	Indonesia authorities
8.	10 Mar 24	Vessel detained	India/ Arabian Sea	At Deendayal Port, Gujarat	<i>JIN HAI HE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - China IMO: 9591038 MMSI: 413700150	Detained	Vessel detained due to an injury to pilot whilst embarkation.	India authorities



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9.	10 Mar 24	Vessel detained	India/ Bay of Bengal	At Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	<i>LUCIA</i> Tanker Flag - Vietnam IMO: 9250892 MMSI: 574005180	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of the international maritime conventions.	India authorities
10.	10 Mar 24	Collision	India/ Arabian Sea	At Sikka Port, Gujarat	<i>HAFNIA SEINE</i> Tanker Flag - Singapore IMO: 9342217 MMSI: 566931000	UNK	Tanker collided with Single Point Mooring (SPM). No damages or casualties.	UNK
11.	11 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Indramayu	<i>KM SUMBER JAYA</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Indonesia MMSI: 525600049	Towed ashore on 17 Mar 24	Heavy weather. Ran out of fuel.	Indonesia authorities
12.	11 Mar 24	Sunk	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	10 nm off Seri Hamlet, Ambon	<i>KM SWEET</i> Fishing vessel	Sank	Heavy weather. 05 fishermen rescued. 03 missing.	Indonesia authorities
13.	12 Mar 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hon Lao Cape, Mui Ne	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. Bth 97692 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. 03 fishermen rescued. 01 missing.	Vietnam authorities
14.	12 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Bach Long Vi	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. TH 90607 TS	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated. Suffered leg fracture.	Vietnam authorities
15.	12 Mar 24	Flooding	Vietnam/ South China Sea	05 nm SW of Tuong Mai	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. TH 9105 TS	Salvaged	Water ingress and submerged. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
16.	13 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	02° 17'.4 N 101° 04'.8 E	<i>KLM. CAHAYA REZEKI 99</i> Cargo boat Flag - Indonesia	Anchored	Engine failure. All crew members safe.	Indonesia authorities
17.	13 Mar 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Nusa Kambangan Island	<i>KILAT MAJU JAYA - 7</i> Fishing boat	UNK	10 fishermen missing.	Indonesia authorities
18.	13 Mar 24	Man overboard	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Polipu, Karnataka	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman dead.	India authorities



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19.	13 Mar 24	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	At Shahid Rajaei Port Bandar Abbas	<i>YEKTA 4</i> Container Ship Flag - Comoros IMO: 9303675	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of the international maritime conventions.	Iran authorities
20.	13 Mar 24	Flooding	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	11 nm of Baie de Kani	<i>DREAM</i> Pleasure craft Flag - France	Towed ashore	All crew members rescued.	France authorities
21.	14 Mar 24	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	03 nm off Len Dao Island	01 fishing boat Reg. No. BTh 97759 TS	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman missing.	Vietnam authorities
22.	14 Mar 24	Grounding	Mozambique/ Mozambique Channel	N of Inhassoro	01 barge and 01 tug boat	Aground	Heavy weather.	Mozambique authorities
23.	15 Mar 24	Sunk	Mozambique/ Mozambique Channel	Off Cabo Delgado	01 boat	Sank	Heavy weather. Laden with domestic products. All persons rescued.	Mozambique authorities
24.	16 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	60 nm off Ly Son Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 98888 TS	Underway	Engine failure. Defect rectified by crew members.	Vietnam authorities
25.	16 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Paradip, Odisha	<i>LILA LISBON</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9252498 MMSI: 636020527	Underway	01 Indian crew member evacuated. Suffering from chest pain.	Indian Coast Guard ship C-425
26.	16 Mar 24	Missing	Mozambique/ Indian Ocean	Off Ponta Dobela	<i>MAGNUM TOO</i> Ski-boat	Burnt	Both persons missing.	Mozambique authorities
27.	16 Mar 24	Capsize	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	13° 00'.1 S 45° 06'.8 E	<i>CHIKANDRA</i> Fishing vessel Flag - France	Re-floated	All 03 fishermen rescued.	France authorities and local fishing vessel <i>PERSONNEL</i>
28.	17 Mar 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Ndodo, Labuan Bajo	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
29.	17 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Zamboanga Del Norte	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities



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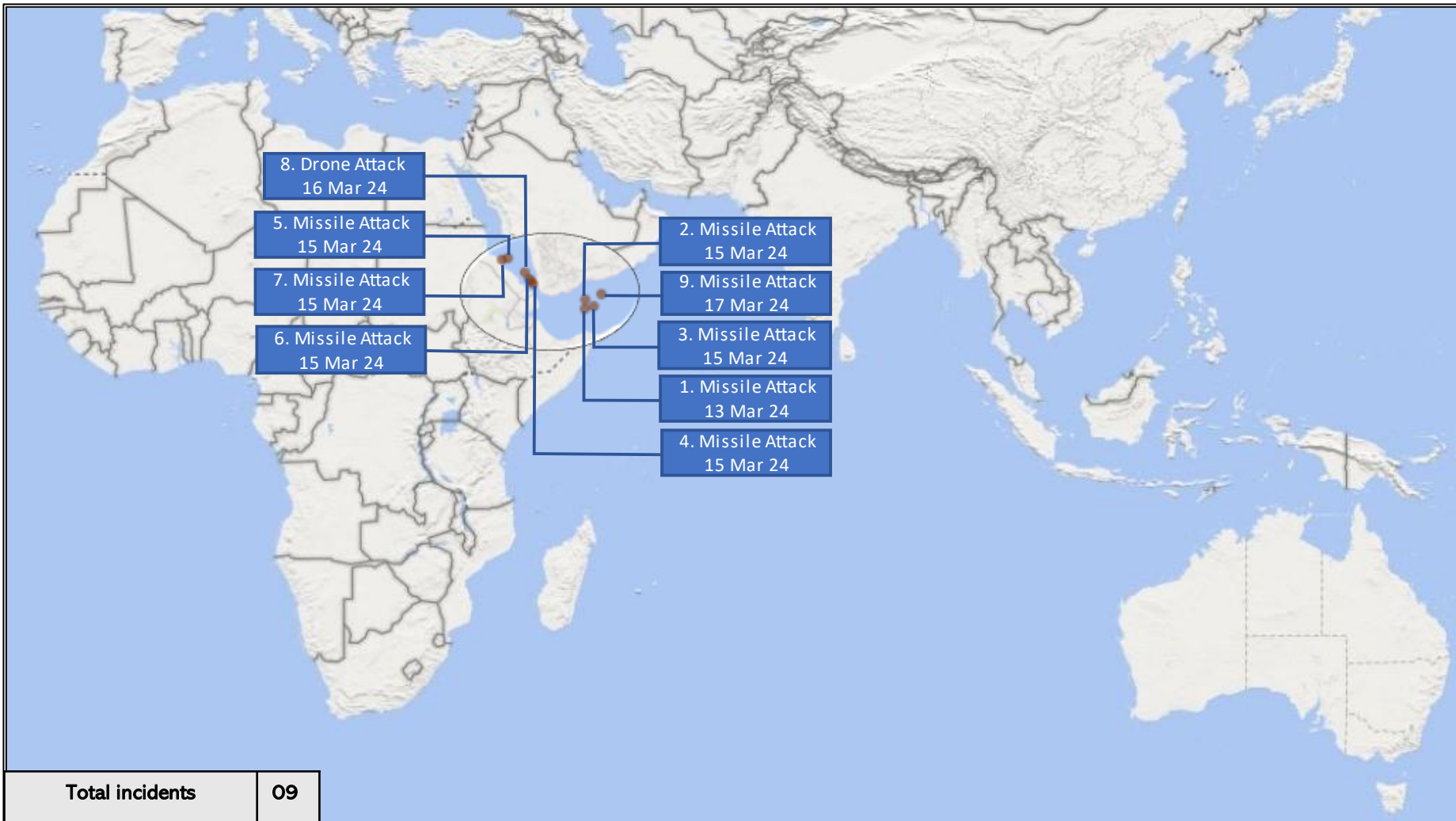
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30.	17 Mar 24	MEDEVAC	Seychelles/ Indian Ocean	05° 22'.05 S 052° 26'.50 E	<i>PORT IMABARI</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9846263 MMSI: 538008276	Underway	01 crew member evacuated.	Seychelles authorities
31.	18 Mar 24	Death	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Merranti Islands	01 fishing boat	Recovered on 19 Mar 24	Mortal remains of fisherman recovered on 19 Mar 24.	Indonesia authorities
32.	18 Mar 24	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	14° 40' S 060° 59' E	<i>FV OCEAN HARVEST</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Mauritius MMSI: 645608000	Towed Ashore	Engine failure.	Mauritius authorities



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1.	13 Mar 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In Gulf of Aden	NA	An Anti Ship Ballistic Missile fired in the Gulf of Aden. No damages to any vessels reported.	NA	NA	UNK
2.	14 -15 Mar 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	In Gulf of Aden	NA	Two Anti Ship Ballistic Missiles fired in the Gulf of Aden. No damages to any vessels reported.	NA	NA	UNK
3.	14 -15 Mar 24	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	NA	Two Anti Ship Ballistic Missiles fired in the Red Sea. No damages to any vessels reported.	NA	NA	UNK
4.	15 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Red Sea	76 nm W of Al Hudaydah	<i>PACIFIC 01</i> Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9395379 MMSI: 352003611	A missile was fired towards the vessel. No damages.	Safe	Underway	UNK
5.	15 Mar 24 Night	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	50 nm SE of Aden	<i>FUXING V</i> Bulk Carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9381196 MMSI: 636021117	The vessel reported an explosion astern of the vessel about 50 nm SE of Aden, Yemen.	Safe	Underway	UNK
6.	15 Mar 24 Night	Yemen/ Red Sea	65 nm W of Al Hudaydah	<i>MADO</i> LPG Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9694622 MMSI: 538010974	An explosion was reported on the starboard beam of the vessel. No damage to the vessel.	Safe	Underway	UNK
7.	15 Mar 24 Night	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	NA	03 Anti Ship Ballistic Missiles fired in the Red Sea. No damages to any vessels reported.	NA	NA	UNK
8.	16 Mar 24 Day	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	NA	02 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) launched. 01 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) was shot down by the US Navy ship. 01 crashed.	NA	NA	US authorities



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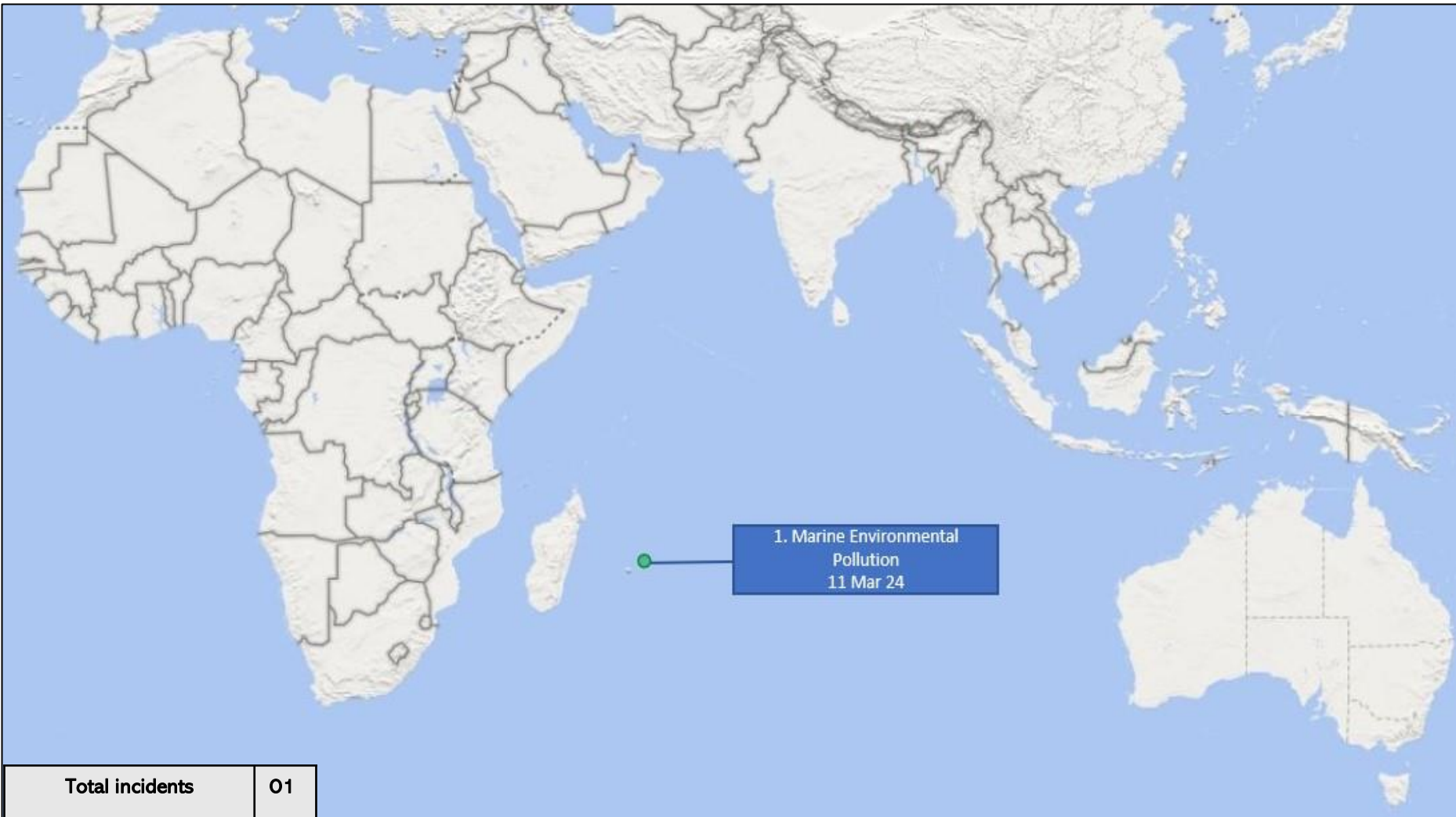
Sr	Date	Country/ Region	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
9.	17 Mar 24 Night	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	85 nm E of Aden	<i>MADO</i> LPG Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9694622 MMSI: 538010974	An explosion was reported about 200 m on starboard bow of the vessel. No damage to the vessel. Vessel was targeted earlier on 15 Mar 24.	Safe	Underway	UNK



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Sr	Date	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Vessel Status	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	11 Mar 24	Marine environment pollution	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Terre Rouge Estuary	NA	NA	1,000 L of Low Sulphur High Speed Diesel (LSHSD) spill reported. Oil spill contained by local authorities.	Mauritius authorities



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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT (S)

Anti-Piracy Operations against Pirate Ship *MV RUEN* by Indian Navy

On 16 Mar 24, the Indian Navy intercepted the pirate ship *MV RUEN* 1,400 nm (2,600 km) from the Indian coast, effectively foiling the intentions of Somali pirates seeking to hijack ships navigating through the area. The armed perpetrators had hijacked the vessel, which was under the control of the pirates for almost three months.

Based on the analysis of the surveillance information, the Indian Navy was able to track the movements of the pirate ship *RUEN* and directed *INS KOLKATA* to intercept the vessel approximately 260 nm East of Somalia. The warship intercepted *MV RUEN* in the early hours of 15 Mar 24 and confirmed the presence of armed pirates through a ship-launched drone. **The pirates shot down the drone and also opened fire at *INS KOLKATA*.** In a calibrated response *iaw* the International Laws, *INS KOLKATA* disabled the ship's steering system and navigational aids, forcing the pirate ship to stop.

INS KOLKATA undertook a series of actions while maintaining her position close to the pirate ship and also engaged in forceful negotiations, which resulted in the pirates surrendering and releasing the pirate ship *MV RUEN* and its original crew present onboard. The efforts of the *INS KOLKATA* during this anti-piracy operation were augmented by the deployment of *INS SUBHADRA* and also by air-dropping of the Marine Commandos (PRAHARS) by C-17 aircraft. Additionally, HALE RPA and P8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft kept the pirate vessel under constant surveillance. **Due to sustained pressure and calibrated actions by the Indian Navy over 40 hours, all 35 Somali pirates surrendered PM 16 Mar 24. All 17 original crew members of *MV RUEN* were also safely evacuated from the pirate vessel without any injury.** The 35 perpetrators apprehended during the operation are being taken back to India for prosecution *iaw* the Maritime Anti-Piracy Act 2022. The vessel was also sanitised for the presence of illegal arms, ammunition and contraband. The seaworthiness of *MV RUEN* was assessed in the morning of 17 Mar 24. Presently, the vessel is headed for Salalah, Oman and is being sailed by its original crew under the escort of the Indian Navy.



IFC-IOR coordinated the operational response and assistance to the vessel through seamless information sharing and active communication with the ship owners and Indian Navy during this entire operation.



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Seychelles Ratifies High Sea Treaty

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/high-seas-treaty-will-help-defend-small-island-nations-fisheries>

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