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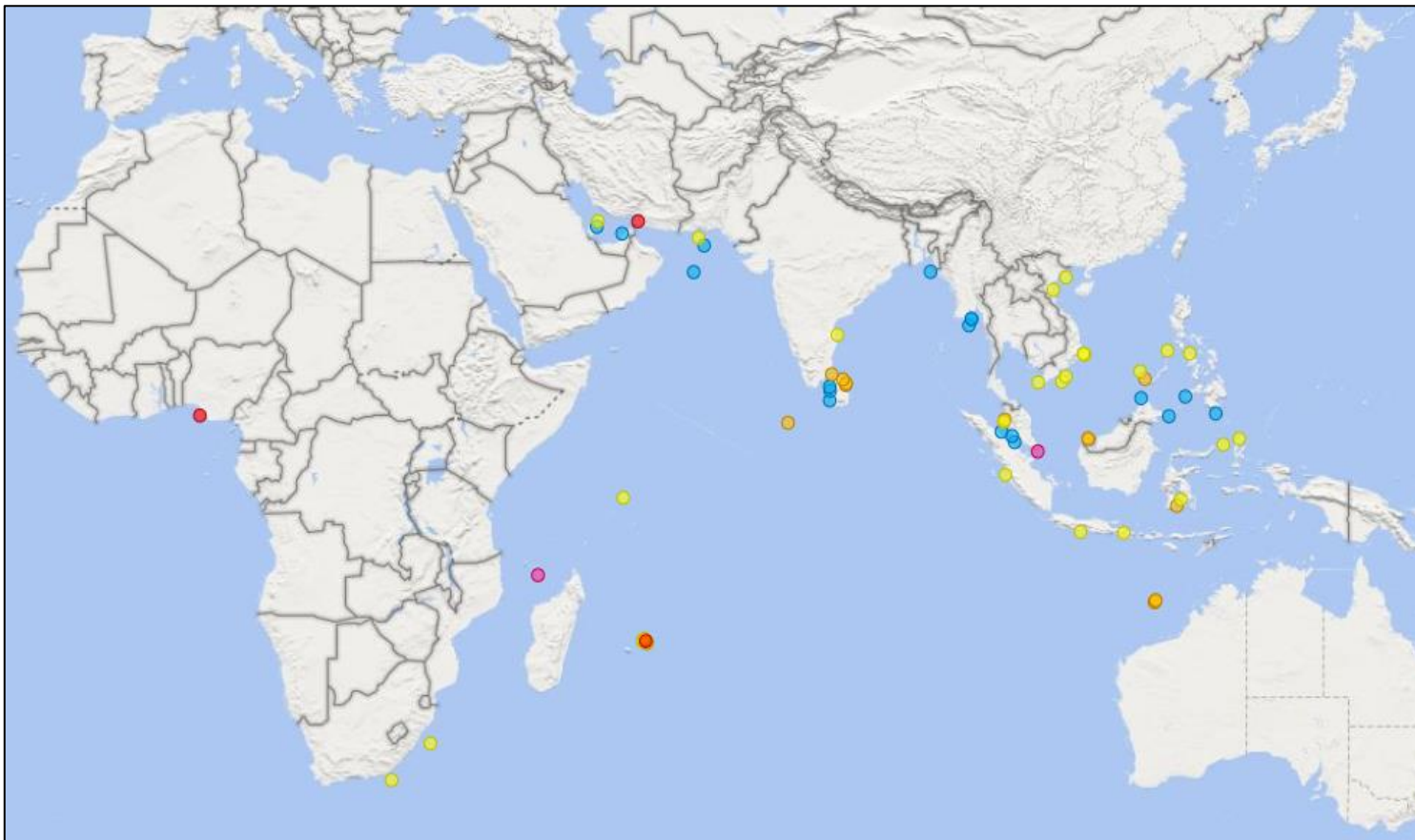
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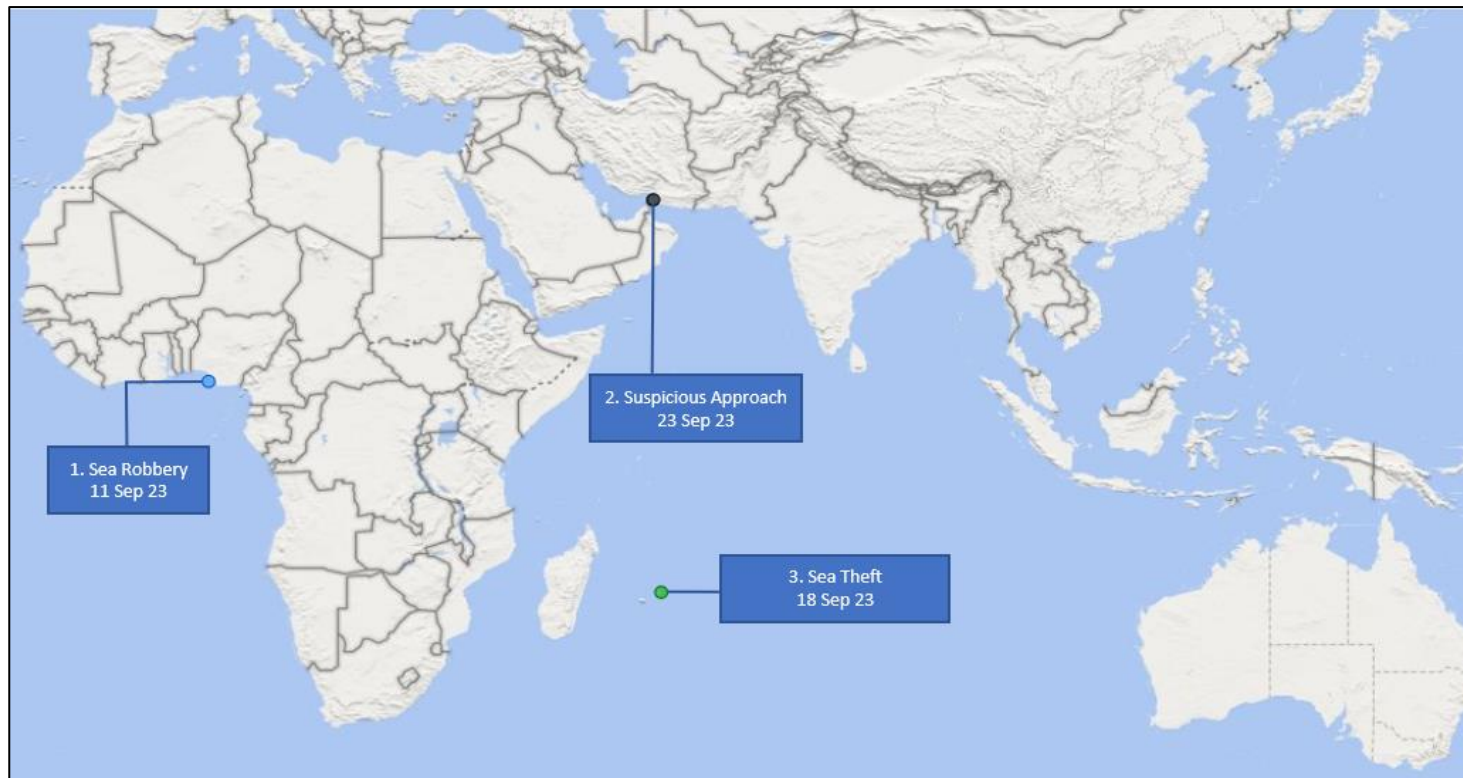
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
Contraband Smuggling	17
IUU Fishing	28
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Incidents	28
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	Nil
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	79
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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



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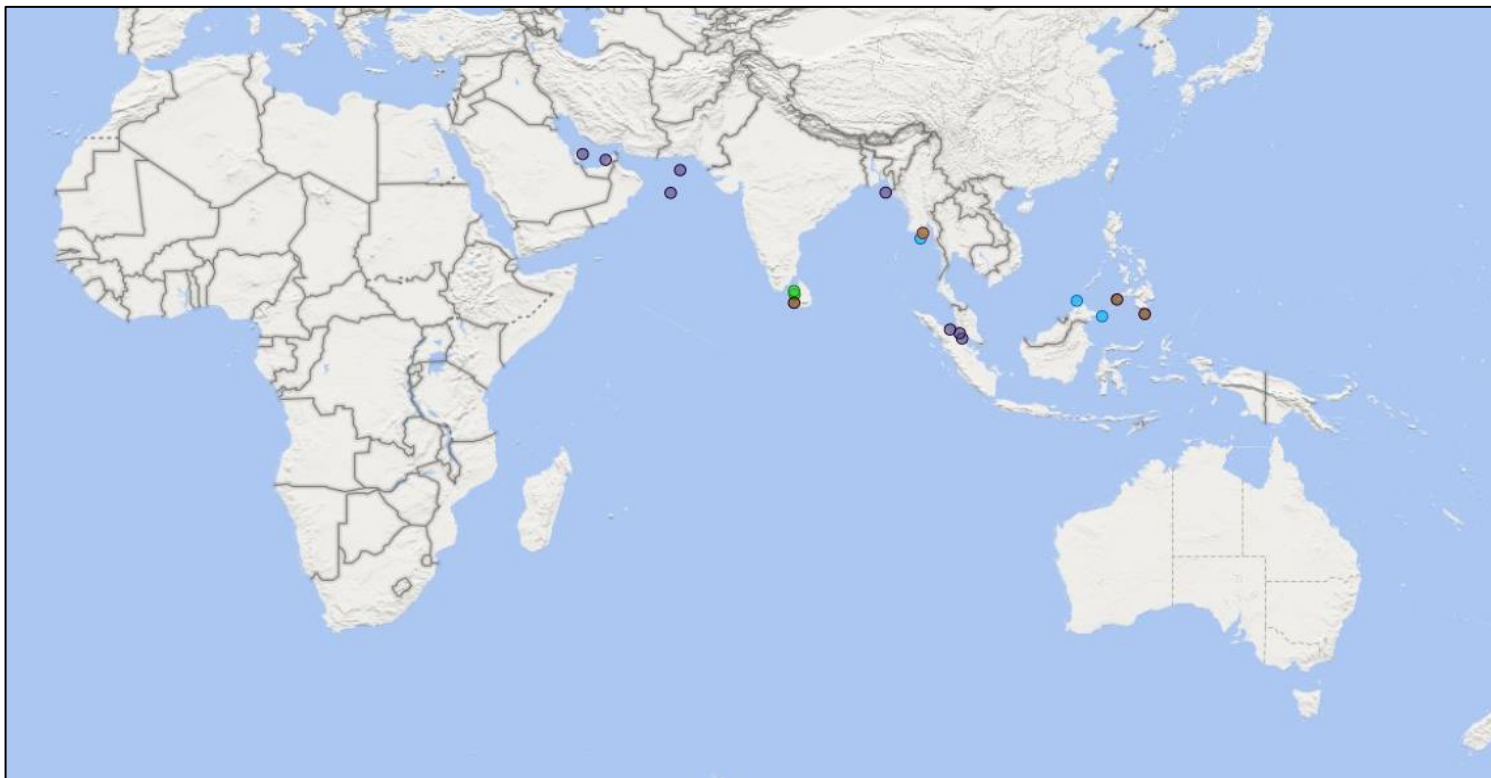
Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Vessel Details	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	11 Sep 23 0035 LT	Sea robbery	Nigeria/ Gulf of Guinea	In Lagos Harbour	<i>MSC WAVE F</i> General cargo ship Flag - Liberia IMO: 9232462 MMSI: 636021255	Four to five perpetrators armed with knives approached in a wooden boat and boarded the cargo vessel while it was underway. The perpetrators escaped with one high pressure washing system and hoses.	All crew members safe	Safe (underway)	Nigeria authorities
2.	13 Sep 23	Suspicious approach	Oman/ Strait of Hormuz	Off Oman	<i>ROYAL BLUE</i> General cargo ship Flag - Panama IMO: 8795962 MMSI: 372313000	The vessel was observed leaving the eastbound traffic separation scheme.	All crew members safe	Safe	UAE authorities
3.	18 Sep 23 (night time)	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Poudre D'or	01 fishing boat Reg. No. C 446 B05	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded and stole an outboard motor engine from an unmanned moored fishing boat.	NA	UNK	Mauritius authorities



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	04
Drugs	07
Fuel	01
Natural Resources	02
Tobacco	03
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	17



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Vessel Details	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	04 Sep 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Port Klang	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine	51.36 kg/ USD 362,164	Hidden in a container of high-pressure rubber pipe. Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities
2.	07 Sep 23	UNK/ Arabian Sea	In northern Arabian Sea	01 dhow	Drugs	Heroin and hashish	260 kg and 200 kg / USD 9.5 million	Found in 200 packages. Dhow seized.	Combined Task Force (CTF) 150/ HMS Lancaster
3.	11 Sep 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Greyline Container Terminal, Grandpass, Colombo	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	45 million sticks/ USD 34,096	Found in a container. Mis-declared as cotton fabric and plastic buttons. 02 suspects apprehended.	Sri Lankan authorities
4.	11-12 Sep 23	Myanmar/ Andaman Sea	At Asia World Port Terminal, Yangon	UNK	Fuel, domestic products and natural resources	Crude oil, livestock, jade, foodstuffs, industrial materials, consumer goods and illegal teak	USD 175,847	Found in 07 containers. Without valid documents. 13 suspected smugglers apprehended.	Myanmar authorities
5.	12 Sep 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Ilanthadiya Beach	NA	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	2,223.10 kg	Found in 70 packages.. 01 motor cycle seized.	Sri Lanka authorities
6.	13 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Lecah Bay, Rapat Island, Benkalis	01 speedboat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	5.404 kg	02 suspects apprehended. Speedboat seized.	Indonesia and Malaysia authorities
7	13 Sep 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	2.7 nm NE of Marina Kudat Estuary	01 local cargo boat	Domestic products	Oil	2,000 L/ USD 49,424	03 suspects apprehended. Master failed to produce valid documents. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
8.	13 Sep 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Wannimundalama Lagoon Area, Kalpitiya	01 dinghy	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	639 kg	Found in 19 sacks. 02 suspects apprehended. Dinghy seized.	Sri Lanka authorities



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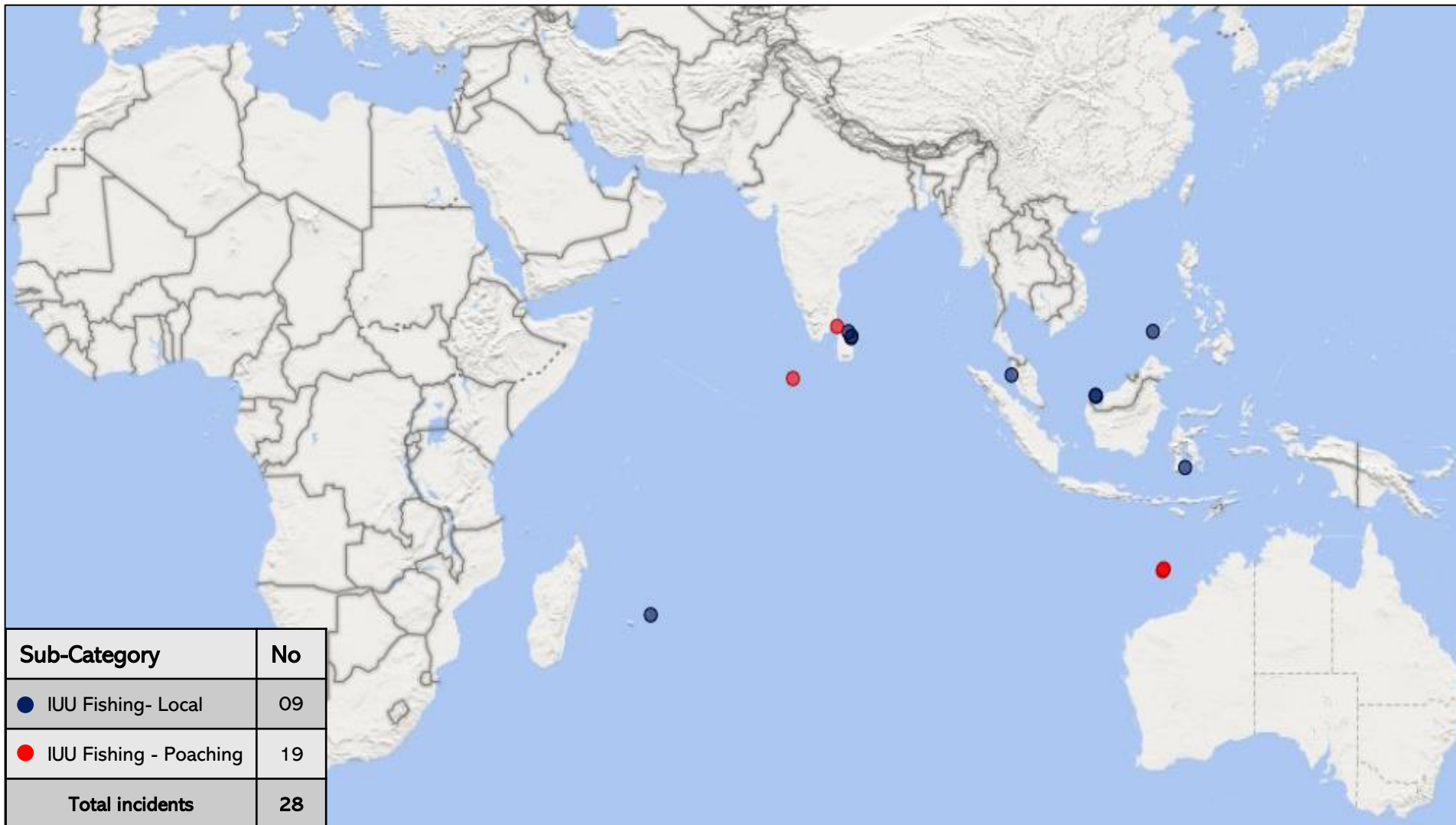
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09.	13 Sep 23	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	In Arabian Sea	01 fishing vessel	Drugs	Narcotics	782 kg/ USD 235,000,000	Hidden inside compartments.	Pakistan authorities
10.	14 Sep 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Sarangani, Davao Occidental	<i>KM PEJUANG</i> <i>DEVISA 2</i> 01 vessel	Tobacco	Cigarettes	296 master cases/ USD 208,579	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country via sea. 04 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities
11.	14 Sep 23	UAE/ Persian Gulf	At Jebel Ali Port	UNK	Drugs	Captagon	8,600,000 tablets/ USD 1 billion	Hidden in a shipment of doors and decorative construction panels in seven containers. 06 suspects apprehended.	UAE authorities
12.	15 Sep 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	In Zamboanga City	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	61 master cases/ USD 88,082	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country via sea. Suspects escaped.	Philippines authorities
13.	15 Sep 23	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	At Myanmar Industrial Port Terminal, Yangon	UNK	Domestic products	Suitcases	135/ USD 2,031	Found in a container. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
14.	15 Sep 23	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	At Asia World Port Terminal, Yangon	UNK	Domestic products	HDPE plastic sheets	19,000 kg/ USD 20,200	Found in 02 containers. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
15.	16 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Asahan	01 motor boat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	07 kg	Found in 07 tea packets. 01 suspect apprehended. Motor boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
16.	17 Sep 23	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Titi, Sanga-Sanga Province	<i>M/L AIZALYN III</i> Cargo ship Flag - Philippines MMSI: 548999081	Domestic products	Sugar, noodles and water tanks	1,950 sacks, 253 boxes and 76 (16 large and 60 medium sized)/ USD 263,400	Without valid documents. Cargo ship seized.	Philippines authorities
17.	17 Sep 23	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Teknaf Upazila, S of Cox's Bazar	01 boat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	5.2 kg	02 suspects escaped. Boat seized.	Bangladesh authorities



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1.	08 Sep 23	Local	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Tanjung Po, Sawarak	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (fishing in a prohibited area)	Fishing boat	03 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
2.	09 Sep 23	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Sitio Cadawan, Barangay Taburi, Rizal town	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (dynamite fishing)	Fishing boat and 100 kg of fish/ USD 70	03 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
3.	11 Sep 23	Local	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Tanjung Po, Sawarak	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (fishing in a prohibited area)	Fishing boat	03 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
4.	12 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	06 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
5.	12 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	10 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
6.	12 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	06 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
7.	13 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Salli, Trincomalee	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (using unauthorized fishing gear)	Dinghy and fishing equipment	06 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
8.	13 Sep 23	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Strait	Off Kakarathivu Island	03 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawlers	17 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
9.	13 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	10 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities



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11.	13 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	07 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
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14.	14 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	15 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
15.	14 Sep 23	Local	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Pulau Semblian, Sinjai Regency	03 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (prohibited fishing gear)	Boats	03 apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
16.	14 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	At Kokkadi beach	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing	Dinghy and fishing equipment	08 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
17.	14 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	07 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
18.	14 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	06 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
19.	15 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	05 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities



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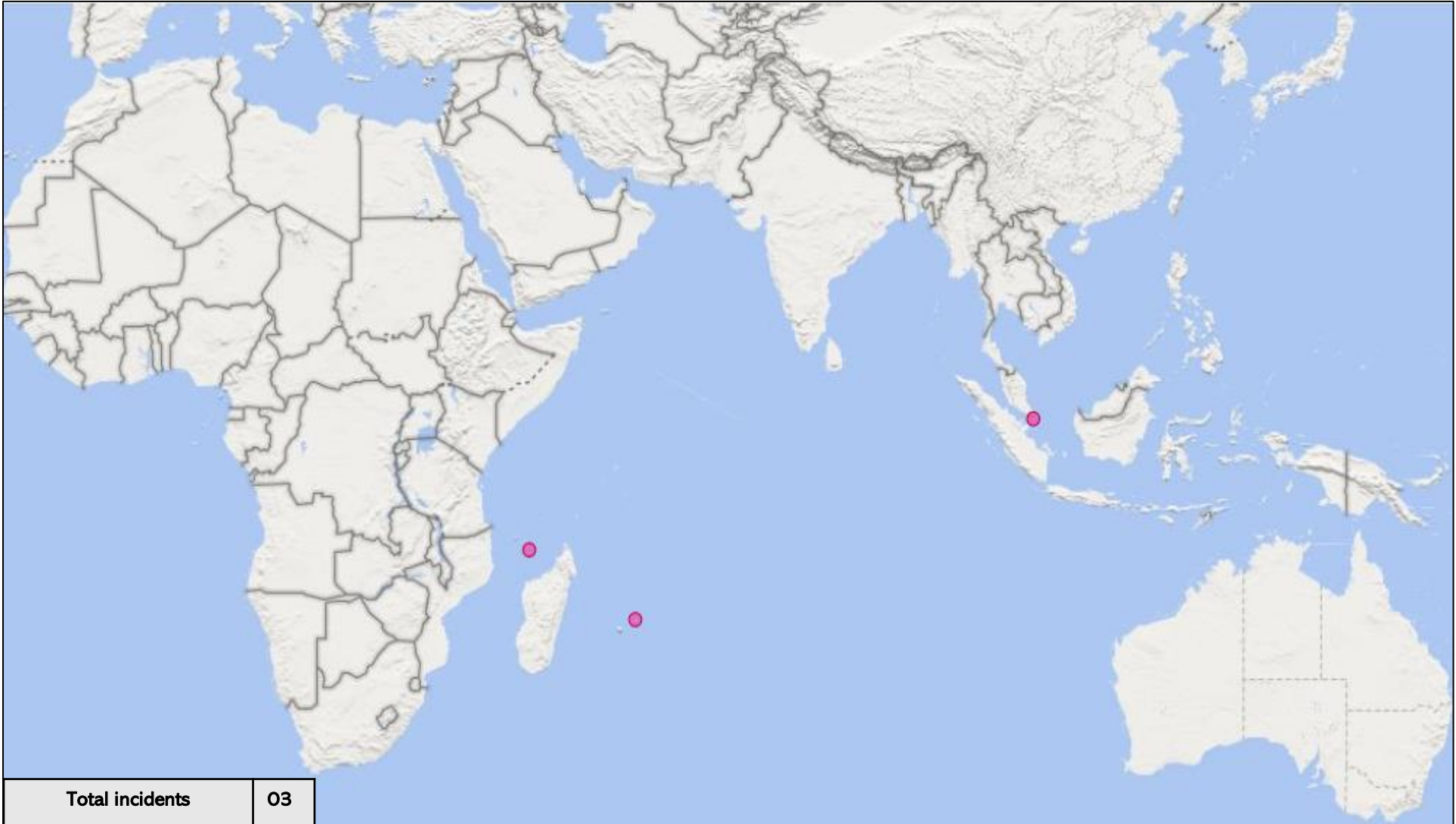
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20.	15 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	09 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
21.	15 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	09 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
22.	15 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Foul Point, Trincomalee	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (light-coarse fishing and using banned fishing nets)	Dinghy and fishing equipment	05 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
23.	16 Sep 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Ile Aux Cerfs	UNK	Illegal fishing (prohibited fishing gear)	Fishing paraphernalia	02 apprehended.	Mauritius authorities
24.	16 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	09 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
25.	17 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	05 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
26.	17 Sep 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	5.5 nm SW of Pulau Sangga Besar	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Boat and fishing gear	02 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
27.	18 Sep 23	Poaching	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	82 nm NE of Dhiffushi Island	04 foreign fishing vessels	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing vessels	UNK	Maldives authorities
28.	18 Sep 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	NW of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	UNK	07 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities



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1.	10 - 16 Sep 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	04 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	30 apprehended	03 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	16 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Singapore Strait	Indonesia/ Malaysia	Off Tanjung Uban, Bintan Regency, Riau Islands	01 speedboat	07 apprehended	01 suspected smuggler apprehended. 07 migrants escaped. Speedboat seized.	Indonesia authorities
3.	18 Sep 23	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Tanzania/ UNK	At Port Louis Harbour	<i>MV GOLDEN TRADER</i> Bulk Carrier Flag - Hong Kong IMO: 9760677 MMSI: 477100800	NA	01 male (stowaway) apprehended.	Mauritius authorities

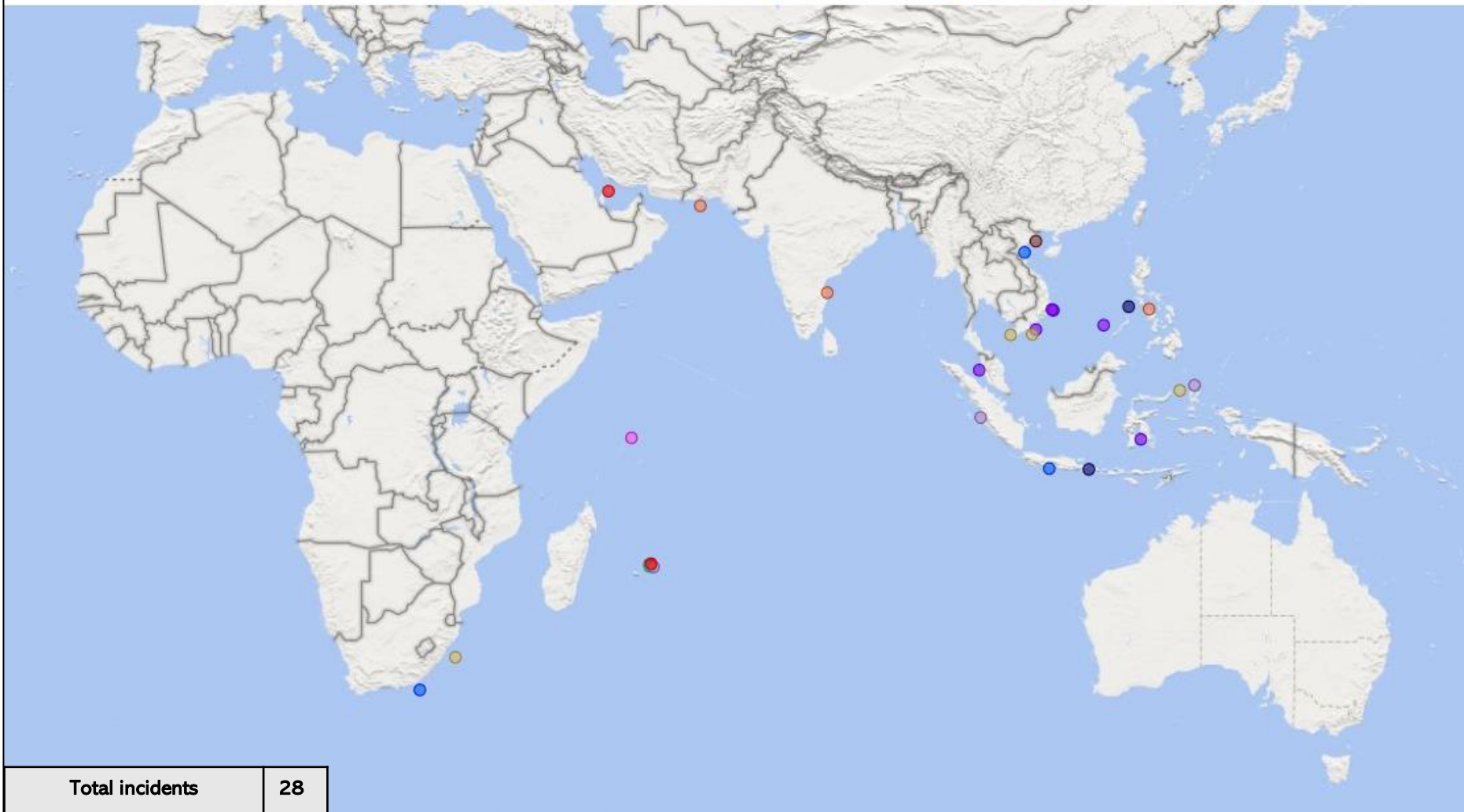


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Sub-Category ● Aground ● Capsize ● Fire ● Flooding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● SAR ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained





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1.	31 Aug 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Philippine Sea	Off Morotai Island	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	02 fishermen missing (found safe on 14 Sep 23 off Miangas Island, Sulawesi Province, Indonesia).	Indonesia authorities
2.	02 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Bay of Bengal	266 nm E of Krishnapatnam	01 fishing boat Flag - Sri Lanka Reg. No. OFRP-A-1604 TLE	Capsize	Encountered engine failure. All 03 fishermen rescued on 14 Sep 23 and brought ashore on 17 Sep 23.	India authorities, Sri Lanka authorities and <i>MV INTERSEA VOYAGER</i>
3.	04 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	Off Pakistan	<i>NAZAR-E-KARAM</i> Fishing vessel Reg. No. 15653-B	Underway	Water ingress. Encountered engine failure.	Pakistan authorities and <i>FV MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH</i>
4.	09 Sep 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Nghi Son Port	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued.	Vietnam authorities
5.	11 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Romblon	01 fishing boat	Adrift	Encountered engine failure. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities/ fishing boats in vicinity
6.	12 Sep 23	Sunk	Indian Ocean	320 nm SE of Durban, South Africa	<i>DER HAE NO 66</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Taiwan	Sank	Water ingress. All 16 fishermen rescued.	Fishing boat in the vicinity
7.	13 Sep 23	Missing	Seychelles/ Indian Ocean	82.4 NW of Silhouette Island	<i>LA BELLE JANE</i> Fishing vessel	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. 01/03 fisherman (skipper) missing.	Seychelles authorities
8.	14 Sep 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ Gulf Of Thailand	02 nm SW of Cai Doi Vam	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 07804 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. All 02 persons rescued.	Vietnam authorities
9.	14 Sep 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cai Doi Vam	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 07804 TS	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. Both fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities



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10.	14 Sep 23	Aground	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Coron Island Palawan	<i>LADY ALINA</i> Cargo vessel Flag - Philippines IMO: 9732864 MMSI: 548691200	Refloated and anchored on 15 Sep 23	All 17 crew members safe. No oil pollution was reported.	Philippines authorities
11.	14 Sep 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Batang Kapas	01 fishing boat	Sank	Heavy weather. Loaded with construction material. 02 fishermen missing.	Indonesia authorities
12.	14 Sep 23	Man overboard	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	08 nm off Algoa Bay	01 supply boat 01 cargo vessel	UNK UNK	The wheelhouse of a supply boat, with a crew member inside, was knocked overboard by the crane of a cargo vessel during replenishment operations about 08 nm off Algoa Bay, South Africa. Reportedly, the man overboard was rescued by crew members of the supply boat.	South Africa authorities
13.	15 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kuala Terong, Perak	01 fishing vessel	UNK	01 fisherman.	Malaysia authorities
14.	15 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	244 nm off Nha Trang	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. Qna 95489 TS	UNK	01 fisherman. Suffered limb paralysis.	Vietnam authorities
15.	15 Sep 23	Aground	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Deux Frere	01 pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 7822 II 16	Refloated and towed ashore	UNK	Mauritius authorities
6.	15 Sep 23	Vessel detained	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Tamarin	<i>BABOO</i> Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 6018 OL 09	Detained	Suspected to be involved in illegal activities.	Mauritius authorities
17.	16 Sep 23	Capsize	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Quang Ninh	01 fishing boat Reg. No. HP 4274	Sank	Water ingress. All 09 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities



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18.	16 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Vung Tau	<i>MSC SVEVA</i> Container Ship Flag - Panama IMO: 9708681 MMSI: 374645000	Underway	01 crew member. Suffered minor injuries on right elbow.	Vietnam authorities
19.	16 Sep 23	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Muara Logending, Central Java	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 02 fishermen fell overboard. 01 swam ashore. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities
20.	17 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Nha Trang	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNa 90767 TS	Underway	01 crew member. Abdominal pain.	Vietnam authorities
21.	17 Sep 23	Aground	Indonesia/ Bali Sea	In Bali Strait	<i>KMP GERBANG SAMUDRA 2</i> Passenger ship	Aground	Encountered engine failure. All 114 passengers evacuated. No oil spill was reported.	Indonesia authorities
22.	17 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Marian Beach, Padamarang Island, Kolaka Regency	UNK	UNK	01 person injured.	Indonesia authorities
23.	17 Sep 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Tanjung Daluma, North Maluku	01 local cargo ship	Sank	Heavy weather. Loaded with cattle. All 04 crew rescued.	Indonesia authorities and locals
24.	17 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Sabina Shoal	<i>FFB CAMANO 1</i> Fishing vessel	Underway	01 crew member evacuated. Suffered a leg injury.	Philippines authorities
25.	17 Sep 23	Vessel detained	Iran/ Persian Gulf	In the Persian Gulf	02 foreign oil tankers	Detained	Involved in fuel smuggling activities. 1.5 million L of oil seized. 37 crew members apprehended.	Iran authorities
26.	17 Sep 23	Flooding	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Bain des Dames	<i>IMMERSION</i> Kayak	UNK	Water ingress. Both fishermen rescued.	Mauritius authorities



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27.	17 Sep 23	Fire	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	In Port Louis Harbour	<i>FV RUI JIN FA</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Taiwan MMSI: 416004368	Damaged	All crew members safe. Fire extinguished. No oil spill reported.	Mauritius authorities
28.	17 Sep 23	SAR	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Belle Mare	NA	NA	A French tourist (female) was reported missing whilst snorkeling. Mortal remains recovered on 18 Sep 23.	Mauritius authorities



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- UAE seizes billion dollar amphetamine haul

On 14 Sep 23, UAE authorities apprehended six suspects and seized 8,600,000 tablets of captagon hidden in a shipment of doors and decorative building panels in seven containers at Jebel Ali Port, UAE. The estimated value of the seizure was USD 1 billion.



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