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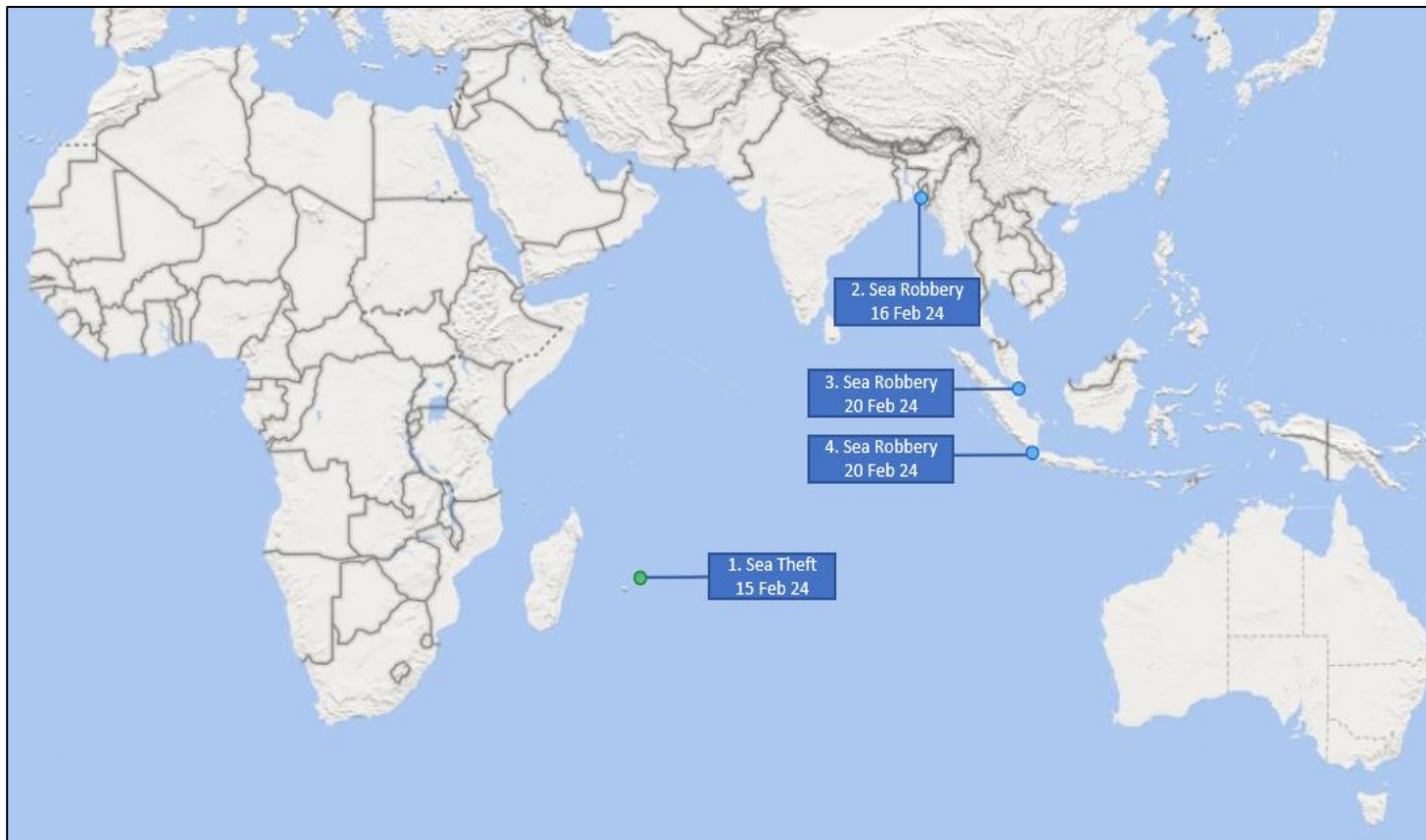
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	04
Contraband Smuggling	16
IUU Fishing	08
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Incidents	23
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	06
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	02
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	62
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	Nil
● Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
● Sea Robbery	03
● Sea Theft	01
● Illegal Boarding	Nil
● Attempted Sea Robbery	Nil
● Attempted Sea Theft	Nil
● Attempted Boarding	Nil
● Suspicious Approach	Nil
Total incidents	04



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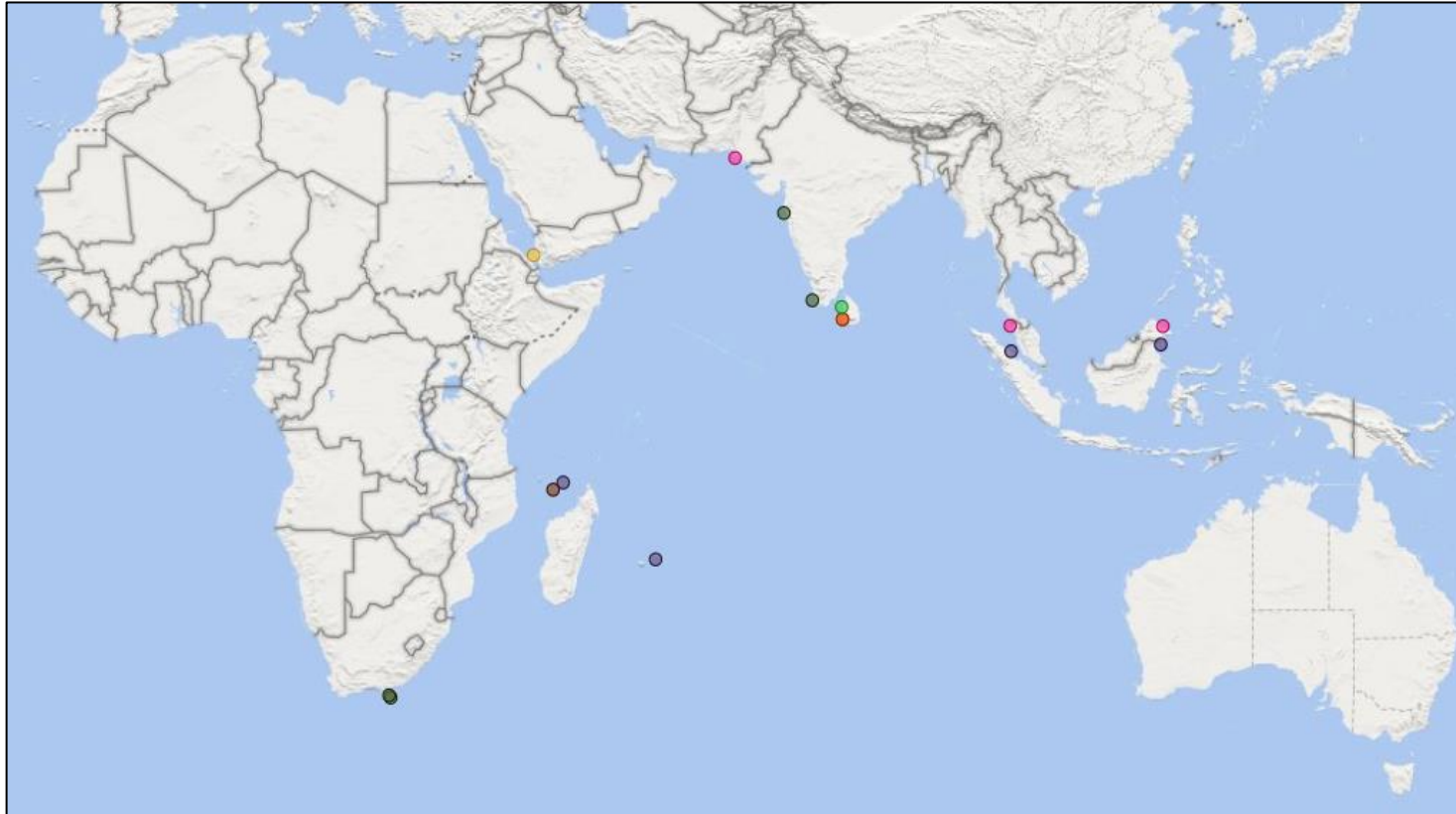
Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Details of Vessels Involved	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	15 Feb 24 Night	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Trou Aux Biches	O1 pleasure craft Reg. No. PPC 8097 OL 06	An unknown number of perpetrators stole an unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon.	NA	UNK	Mauritius authorities
2.	16 Feb 24 2130 LT	Sea robbery	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Chattogram anchorage	<i>MAERSK HA PHONG</i> Container ship Flag - Liberia IMO: 9858735 MMSI: 636019700	04 perpetrators armed with knives and other weapons boarded the container ship while at anchor. Ship's crew raised alarm. Escaped with ship's stores.	Safe	At anchor	Bangladesh authorities
3.	20 Feb 24 0310 LT	Sea robbery	Singapore/ Malacca Strait	1° 07.00' N 103° 29.70' E	<i>TOP DILIGENCE</i> Cargo ship Flag - Hong Kong IMO: 9767895 MMSI: 477191600	04 perpetrators armed with guns boarded the cargo ship while underway. Ship's crew raised alarm. Escaped with engine spares.	Safe	Underway	Singapore authorities
4.	20 Feb 24 0400 LT	Sea robbery	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Panjang Anchorage	<i>GLOBE EXPLORER</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Panama IMO: 9675561 MMSI: 357400000	02 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the cargo ship while at anchor. Ship's crew raised alarm. Escaped with engine spares.	Safe	At anchor	Indonesia authorities



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	02
Drugs	04
Fuel	03
Natural Resources	01
Tobacco	01
Weapons	01
Wildlife	04
Others	Nil
Total incidents	16



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	28 Jan 24	Yemen/ Red Sea	Red Sea	01 boat	Weapons	Explosives and missile components	UNK	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	US authorities
2.	12 Feb 24	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Batu Pier and Tunon Taka Port, Nunukan	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine and ecstasy pills	33 kg and 1,243 pills/ USD 4,591,472	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Indonesia authorities
3.	13 Feb 24	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Colombo	UNK	Domestic products	Garments	44,000 readymade garments/ USD 479,100	Found in four containers mis-declared as raw materials. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Sri Lanka authorities
4.	13 Feb 24	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Colombo	UNK	Domestic products	Orid seeds (Undu seeds)	12,688 kg/ USD 28,124	Found in two containers mis-declared as rice. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Sri Lanka authorities
5.	13 Feb 24	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Choisy, Baie du Cap	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	20.95 kg/ USD 1,314,114	04 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Mauritius authorities
6.	13 Feb 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	70 nm off Mayotte	01 dhow	Drugs	Methamphetamine	1,600 kg	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	France authorities
7.	14 Feb 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Off Mtsangamouji and Tsingoni	02 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	Tobacco	Cigarettes	60 cartons	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 02 suspects apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
8.	15 Feb 24	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	At St Francis Bay	UNK	Wildlife	Abalone	205 kg/ USD 47,637	06 suspects apprehended. Vehicle seized.	South Africa authorities
9.	15 Feb 24	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	At Mochko checkpoint, Keamari	01 trawler	Fuel	Diesel	7,000 L	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. Trawler seized.	Pakistan authorities
10.	15 Feb 24	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	At Mannar	UNK	Wildlife	Conch Shells	3,621	01 suspect apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities



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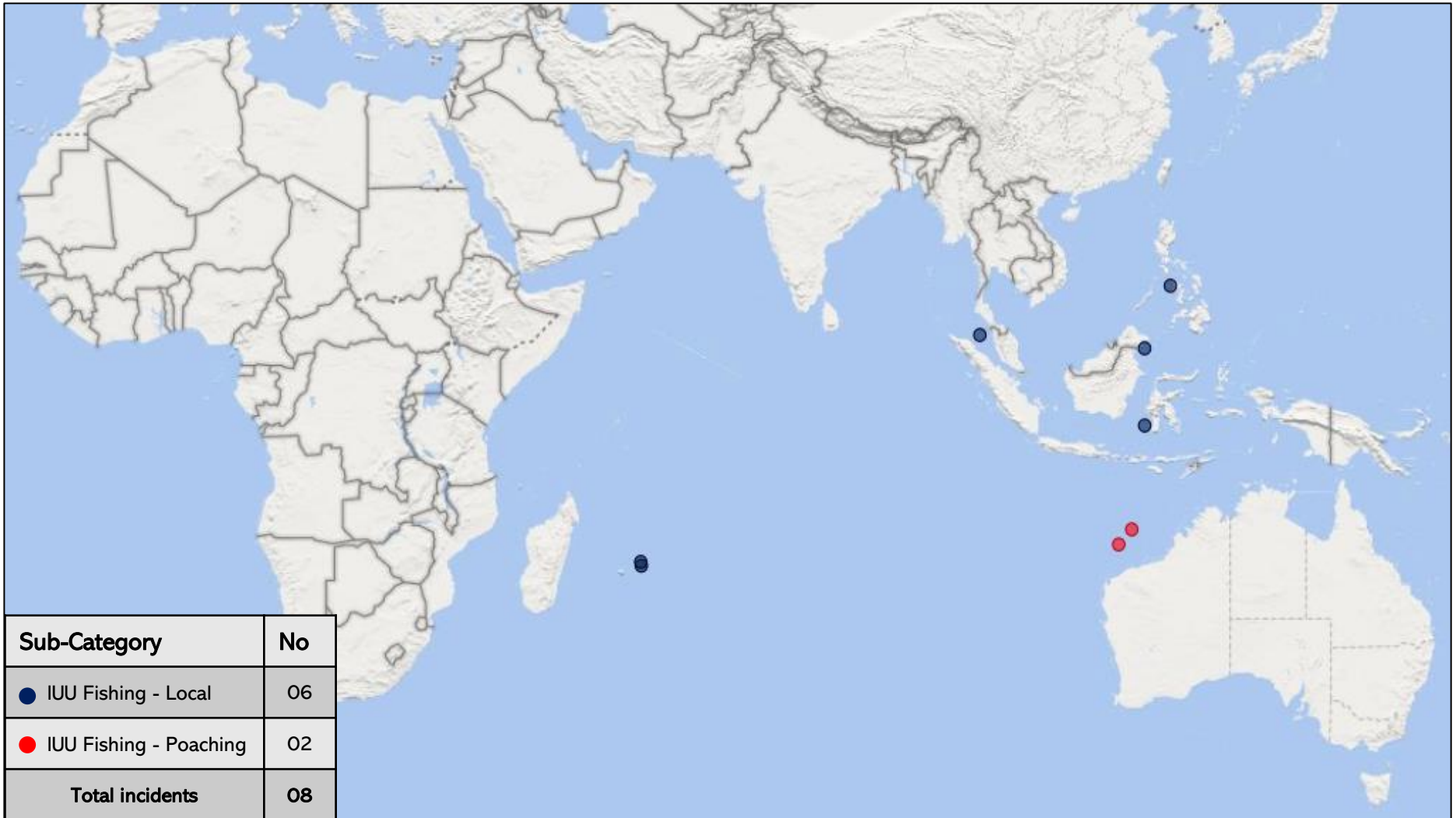
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11.	15 Feb 24	India/ Arabian Sea	At Nhava Sheva Port, Mumbai	UNK	Wildlife	Peacock tail feathers	2.8 million/ USD 242,096	Mis-declared as coir doormats. Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended.	India authorities
12.	16 Feb 24	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	At Jeffrey's Bay	01 boat	Wildlife	Abalone	2,266 pieces/ USD 79,455	Hidden near the beach. Boat seized.	South Africa authorities
13.	18 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Straits	0.6 nm N of Langgun Island	01 boat	Fuel	Diesel	6,000 L	Without valid documents. 03 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
14	18 Feb 24	Indonesia/ Malacca Straits	Off Kembilik, Asahan Regency	01 small boat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	04 kg	Found in 04 packets. 01 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
15.	19 Feb 24	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Off Baththalangun duwa, Kalpitiya	01 boat	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	1,471 kg	Found in 42 sacks. 02 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Sri Lanka authorities
16.	19 Feb 24	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Off Tanbangka, Sandakan	01 speedboat	Fuel	Petrol	UNK/ USD 2,336	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities



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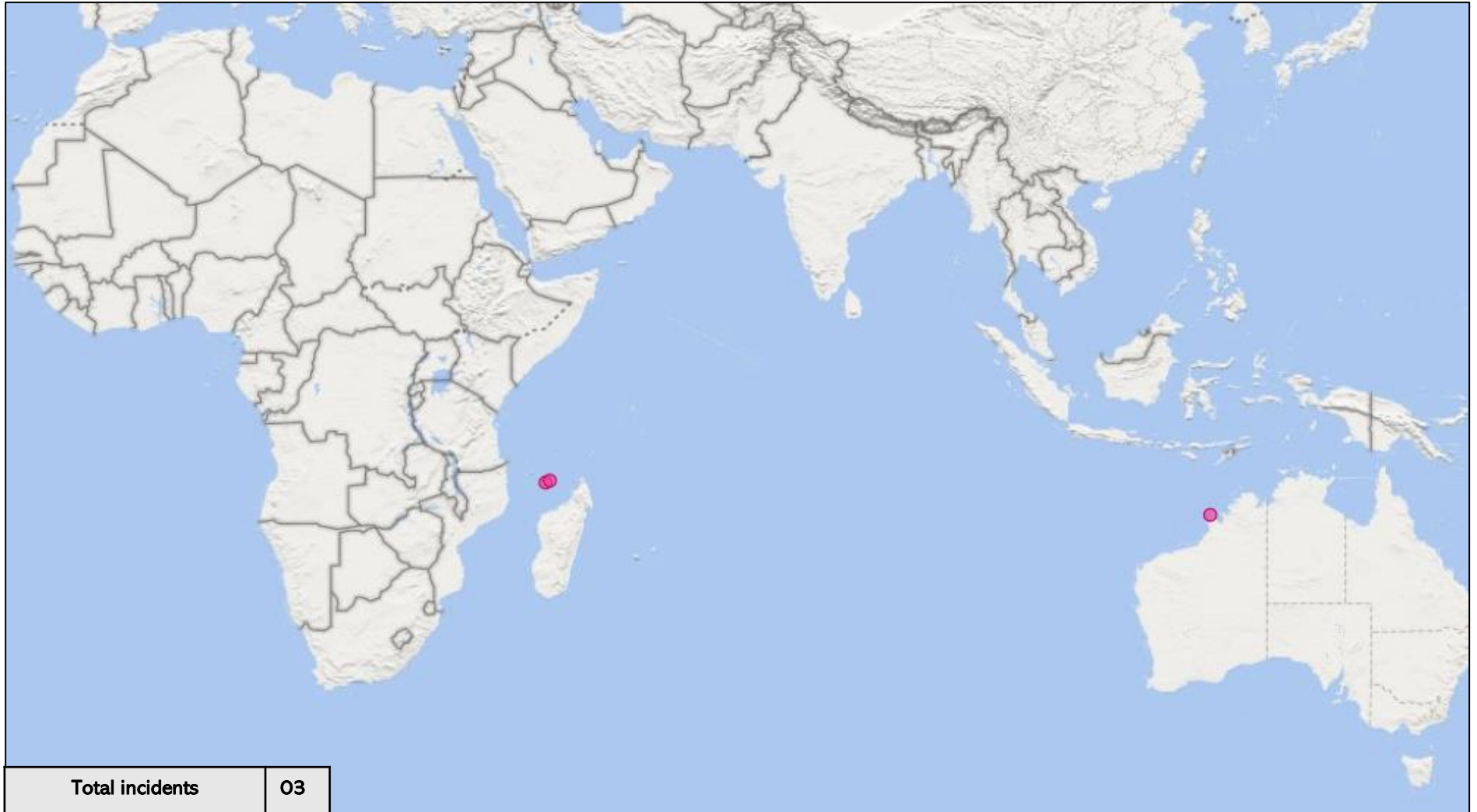
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1.	13 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	9.9 nm SW of Kalumpang Perak Island	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Boat and fishing equipment	03 foreigners apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
2.	14 Feb 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Lobster	02 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel seized.	Australia authorities
3.	15 Feb 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Poste La Fayette	NA	Illegal fishing	80 m illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
4.	15 Feb 24	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Panay	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (using illegal equipment)	Boat, 10 kg fish and fishing paraphernalia/ USD 11,093	04 apprehended	Philippines authorities
5.	16 Feb 24	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Grand L'Anse	NA	Illegal fishing	75 m illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
6.	16 Feb 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	UNK	03 foreign fishermen apprehended. Vessel seized.	Australia authorities
7.	17 Feb 24	Local	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Pangkep, South Sulawesi	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (blast fishing)	Boat and fishing paraphernalia	05 apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
8.	18 Feb 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	2.8 nm W of Kalumpang Island	UNK	Illegal fishing (banned methods)	51 sets of dragon bubu/ USD 209	UNK	Malaysia authorities



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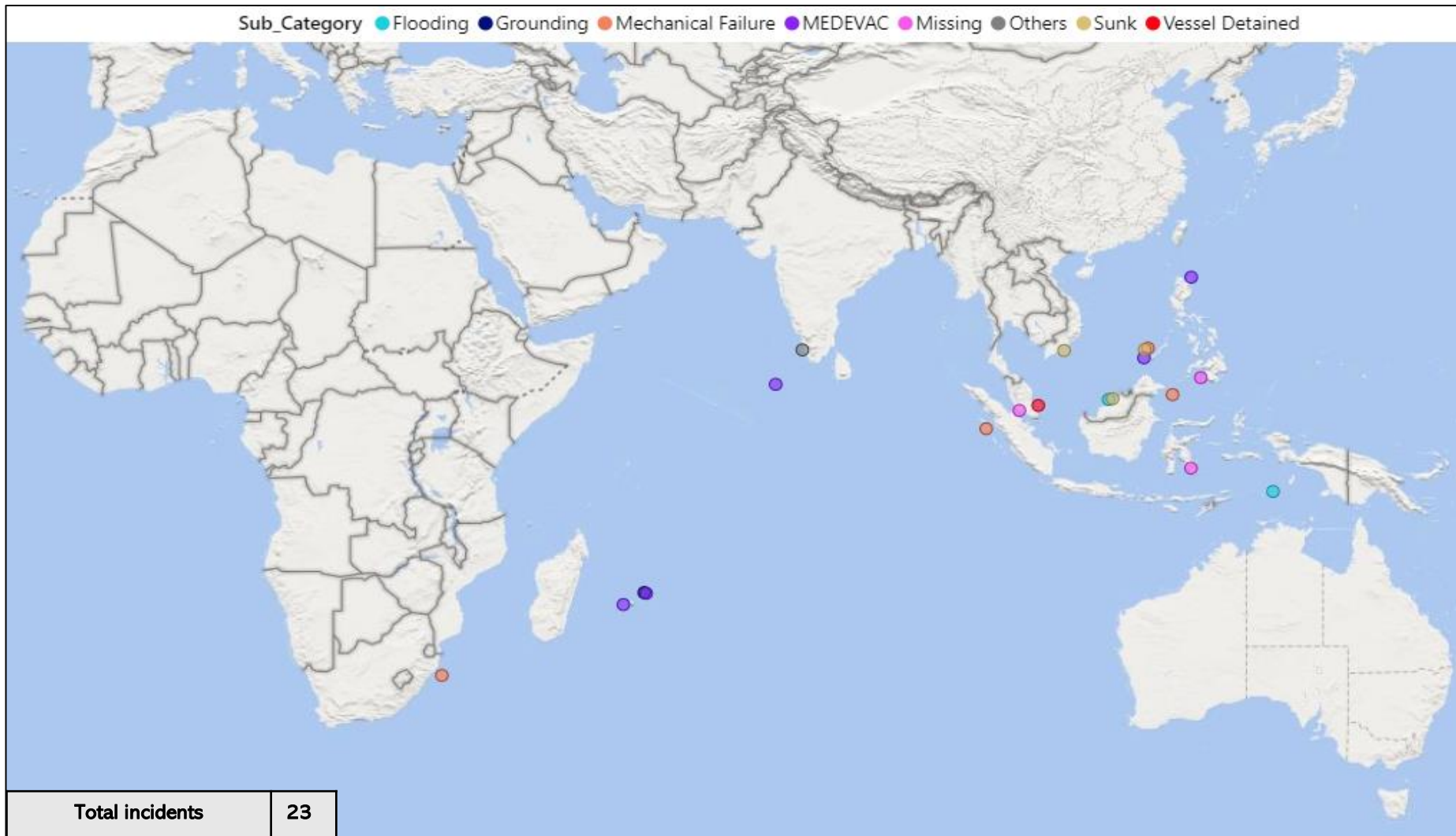
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1.	11-18 Feb 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	06 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	77 apprehended.	05 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	14 Feb 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mtsangamouji and Tsingoni	02 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	52 apprehended.	02 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
3.	16 Feb 24	Australia/ Indian Ocean	Indonesia/ Australia	At Beagle Bay	UNK	37 apprehended.	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally.	Australia authorities



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1.	06 Feb 24	Missing	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Maguindanao del Norte Province	01 watercraft	Towed ashore	07/11 fishermen missing. 04 fishermen rescued. SAR initiated.	Philippines authorities
2.	10 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	La Réunion/ Indian Ocean	Off La Réunion Island	<i>KOTA LESTARI</i> Container Ship Flag – Singapore IMO: 9628348 MMSI: 563265000	Underway	01 Indonesia crew member evacuated.	France authorities
3.	12 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	At San Vicente Port, Sta. Ana, Cagayan	<i>CV20</i> Sailing yacht	Underway	01 French crew member evacuated. Wrist injury.	Philippines authorities
4.	13 Feb 24	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ South China Sea	0.2 nm W of Tanjung Duata, Tioman Island	01 tug boat and barge	Detained	Illegal anchoring (without valid documents).	Malaysia authorities
5.	13 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawi-Tawi	<i>DHIEMAL</i> Passenger vessel	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 78 passengers and 07 crew rescued.	Philippines authorities
6.	13 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Rizal, Palawan	<i>KMARIN DIAMOND</i> LNG Tanker Flag – Liberia IMO: 9333620 MMSI: 636023284	Underway	01 Korean crew member evacuated. Finger injury.	Philippines authorities
7.	13 Feb 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Balu Island, North Tiworo	01 fishing boat	UNK	Mortal remains of the fisherman recovered on 14 Feb 24	Indonesia authorities
8.	14 Feb 24	Sunk	Malaysia/ South China Sea	09 nm NW of Kuala Kemena, Bintulu	<i>BOS AZLINA</i> Passenger Flag - Malaysia IMO: 9708019 MMSI: 533000312	Sank	All 08 persons including crew members rescued.	Malaysia authorities



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9.	14 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Palawan	01 motorboat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. 02 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities
10.	14 Feb 24	Flooding	Malaysia/ South China Sea	09 nm off Kuala Kemena	<i>BOS AZLINA</i> Passenger Flag - Malaysia IMO: 9708019 MMSI: 533000312	Sank	Water ingress. 08 crew members rescued.	Malaysia authorities and a local vessel
11.	14 Feb 24	Flooding	Indonesia/ Arafura Sea	Off Saunlakin, Tanimbar Islands, Maluku	<i>KOAN</i> Tanker Flag - Indonesia IMO: 8865470 MMSI: 525022223	Sank	Heavy weather. Water ingress. All 18 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities and a local vessel
12.	14 Feb 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	66 nm off Vung Tau	01 fishing boat Reg. No. BV 97209 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. 08 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
13.	15 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Louis	<i>CMA CGM VOLGA</i> Container Ship Flag - Malta IMO: 9705081 MMSI: 256169000	Underway	01 Romanian crew member evacuated.	Mauritius authorities
14.	15 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Korakora Resort	<i>REVALI</i> Dinghy	UNK	01 fisherman evacuated.	Maldives authorities
15.	15 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off South Nias Regency, North Sumatra	01 boat	Underway	Engine failure. 03 crew members safe.	Indonesia authorities
16.	16 Feb 24	Grounding	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Mauritius	<i>MASSILA</i> Yacht	Towed ashore	01 person rescued.	Mauritius authorities



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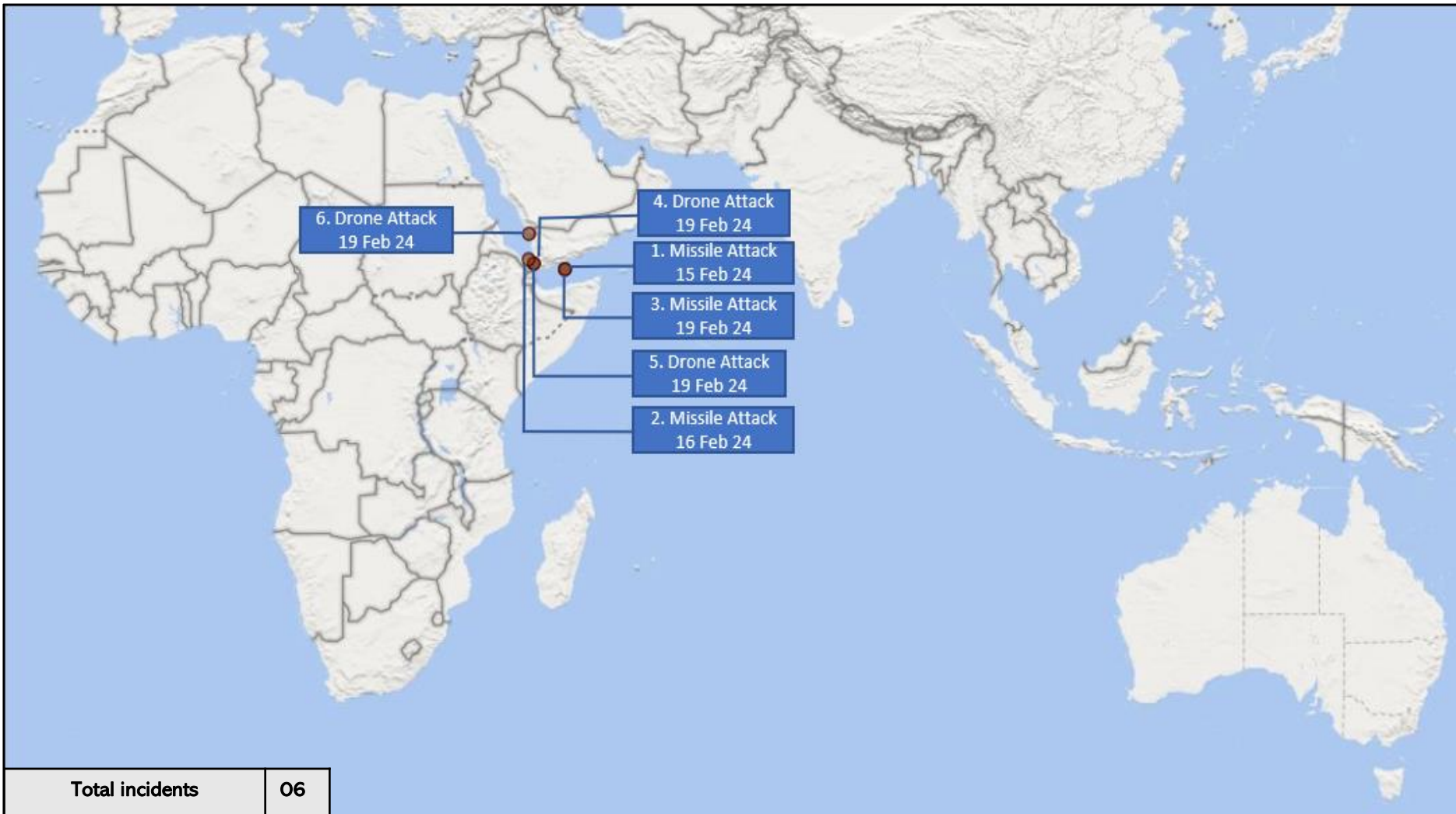
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17.	17 Feb 24	Capsize	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Pangutaran Island	01 boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 06 persons rescued.	Philippines authorities and <i>MV NAVIOS LUMEN</i>
18.	17 Feb 24	Others	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Kochi, Kerala	01 fishing boat	Adrift	Fishing vessel adrift with 11 fishermen without food, fuel and water for 48 hours. All fishermen safe.	India authorities
19.	18 Feb 24	Missing	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Tanjung Tanah Merah	01 speedboat	UNK	01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities
20.	18 Feb 24	Mechanical failure	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	Off Richards Bay	01 sailing yacht	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 03 crew members rescued.	South Africa authorities
21.	18 Feb 24	Sunk	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Tanjung Mangkok	<i>KM ARIF WIJAYA KUSUMA</i> Boat	Sank	Collided with the reef. All 09 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities and the locals
22.	19 Feb 24	Sunk	Philippine/ South China Sea	Off Palawan	<i>AMELIA KYLE-1</i> Cargo vessel	Sank	Loaded with 20,000 bags of cement. All 14 crew members rescued.	Philippine authorities and <i>FB MOMMY ROSE I</i>
23.	19 Feb 24	MEDEVAC	India/ Arabian Sea	30 nm W of Goa	<i>CELEBRITY MILLENNIUM</i> Passenger ship Flag - Malta IMO: 9189419 MMSI: 249055000	UNK	01 Mexico passenger evacuated. Cardiac arrest.	India authorities



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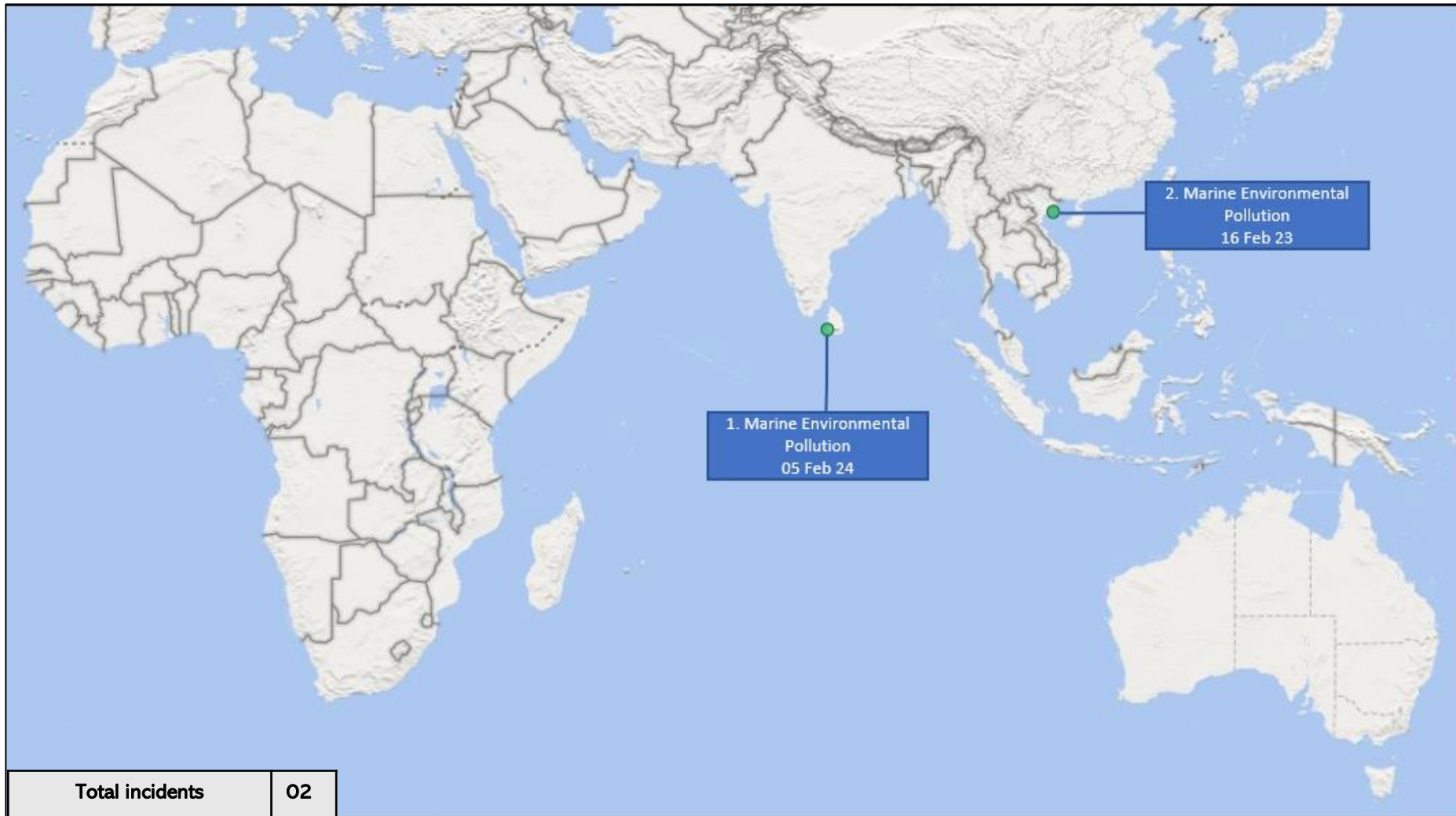
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1.	15 Feb 24 1045 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	100 nm E of Aden	<i>LYCAVITOS</i> Bulk Carrier Flag - Barbados IMO: 9368857 MMSI: 314263000	Reportedly, the vessel was attacked by an projectile, which exploded in close proximity to the vessel. Minor damage to a diesel generator pipe resulted in a diesel leak. All crew safe.
2.	16 Feb 24 1130 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	70 nm NW of Al Mukha	<i>POLLUX</i> Crude Oil Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9243320 MMSI: 352001721	Reportedly, three missiles were fired at the tanker about 70 nm NW of Al Mukha, Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident. Vessel and crew members safe.
3.	19 Feb 24 1255 LT	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	100 nm E of Aden	<i>SEA CHAMPION</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Greece IMO: 9299915 MMSI: 241505000	Two explosions were reported in the vicinity of the Greece flagged bulk carrier <i>SEA CHAMPION</i> about 100 nm E of Aden, Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident. Vessel and crew members safe.
4.	19 Feb 24 2046 LT	Saudi Arabia/ Red Sea	90 nm W of Jizan	01 vessel	Reportedly, 02 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) followed a merchant vessel at a height of 100 m above the vessel for 30 minutes about 90 nm W of Jizan, Saudi Arabia. Vessel and crew members safe.
5.	19 Feb 24	Djibouti/ Bab al- Mandab Strait	60 nm N of Djibouti	<i>NAVIS FORTUNA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9404455 MMSI: 538009155	Reportedly, the Marshall Islands flagged bulk carrier <i>NAVIS FORTUNA</i> was hit by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), resulting in superficial damage to the accommodation superstructure, about 60 nm N of Djibouti in the Bab al-Mandab Strait in a likely conflict-related incident. All crew members safe.
6.	18-19 Feb 24 Night	Yemen/ Red Sea	In the Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, US Navy ships shot down 10 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and an anti-ship cruise missile in the Red Sea off Yemen.



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1.	05 Feb 24	Marine environment pollution	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Off Colombo	<i>GLOBAL CREST</i> Tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9113094 MMSI: 372463000	UNK	Oil spill observed. Illegal discharge by the vessel in the country's water.	Sri Lanka authorities
2.	16 Feb 24	Marine environment pollution	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Hai Phong Coast, Ky Loi	NA	NA	Black crude oil clumps found scattered along the coast. Clean up effort by local authorities.	Vietnam authorities



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