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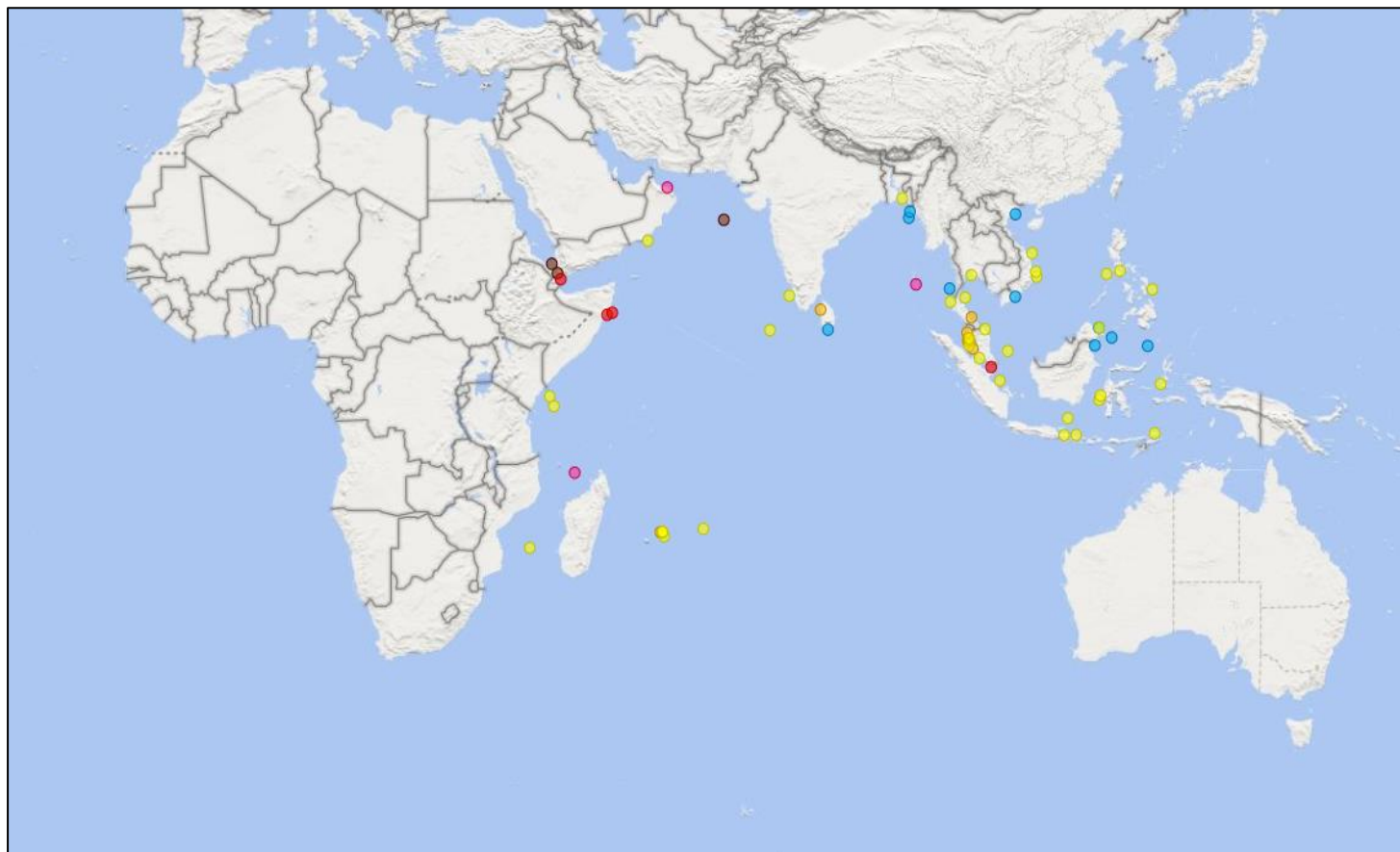
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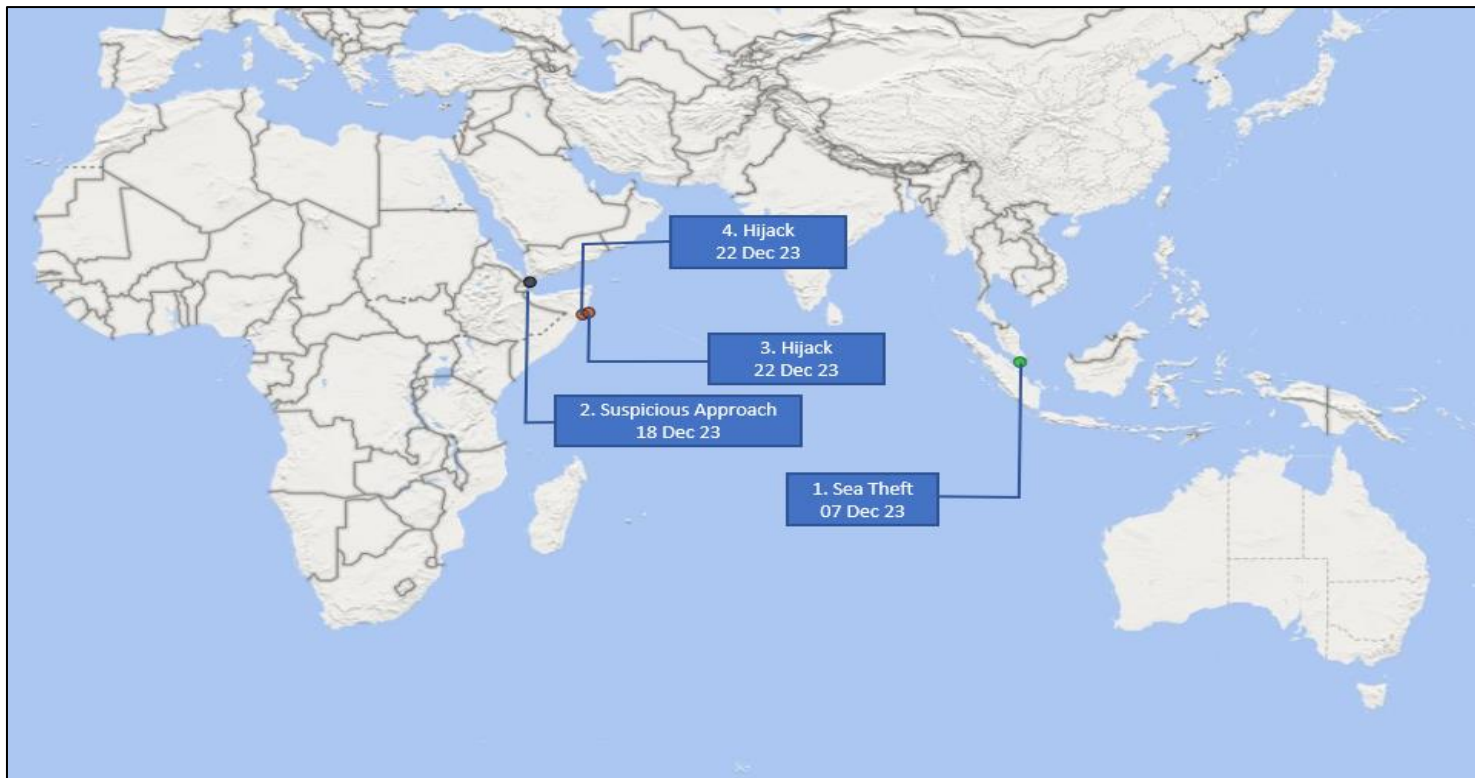
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	04
Contraband Smuggling	10
IUU Fishing	09
Irregular Human Migration	03
Maritime Incidents	33
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	03
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	62
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	02
● 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	04



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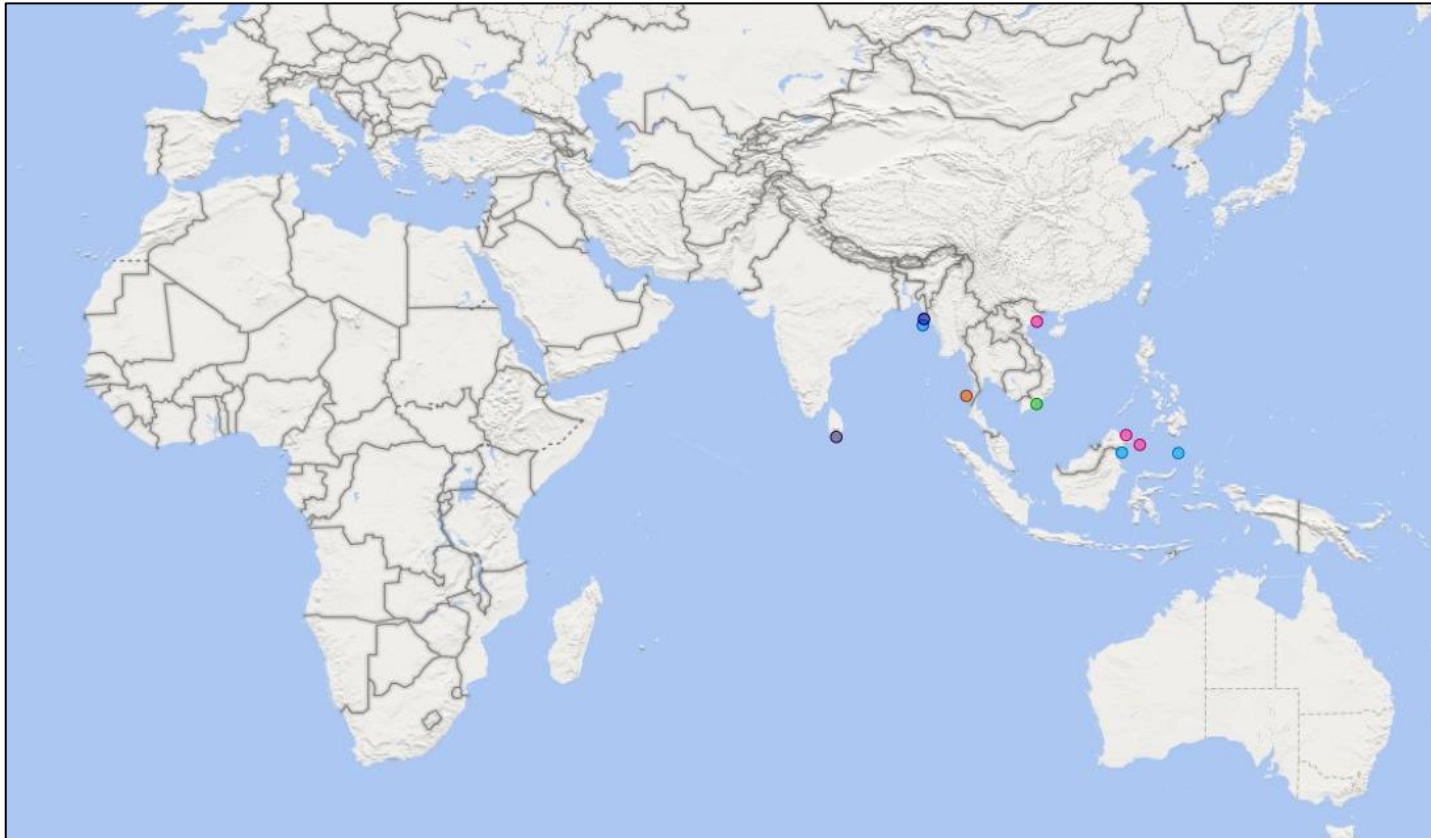
Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Details of Vessels Involved	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	07 Dec 23 0001 LT	Sea theft	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	01° 07'.00 N 103° 31'.07 E	<i>KONRAD SCHULTE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9478808 MMSI: 563093400	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the tanker and escaped with ship's stores.	Safe	Safe	Indonesia authorities
2.	18 Dec 23 1328 LT	Suspicious approach	Djibouti/ Gulf of Aden	63 nm NW of Djibouti	<i>GREEN TRADER</i> Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9259927 MMSI: 538010126	05 small boats with armed personnel approached the tanker.	Safe	Underway	UNK
3.	22 Dec 23 1222 LT	Hijack	Somalia/ Indian Ocean	Approximately 07 nm N of Eyl	<i>EMARAT-2</i> Dhow	Reportedly, 20 heavily armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the dhow.	UNK	UNK	UNK
4.	22 Dec 23	Hijack	Somalia/ Indian Ocean	Approximately 07 nm N of Eyl	<i>FATAH AL KHAIR</i> Dhow	Reportedly, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded and hijacked the dhow.	UNK	UNK	UNK



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	03
Domestic Products	02
Drugs	01
Fuel	03
Natural Resources	01
Tobacco	Nil
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	10



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	10 Dec 23	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Sunday Bank, Tawi-Tawi	<i>ML LADY REIN</i> Local cargo vessel <i>SOON HING</i> Tugboat <i>SOON LEE</i> Barge	Fuel	Fuel	UNK	Without valid documents. Suspects apprehended. 03 vessels seized.	Philippines authorities
2.	19 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tan Phu Dong	04 vessels	Natural resources	Sand	700 m ³	Without valid documents.	Vietnam authorities
3.	19 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hai Phong City, Quang Ninh Province	<i>BLUE SEA 03</i> Local vessel Reg. No. QN- 6639	Fuel	Diesel	22,000 L	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
4.	20 Dec 23	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	Off Thahtay Island, Kawthoung Township	01 motorboat	Domestic products	Assorted goods	USD 1,970	Without valid documents. Boat seized.	Myanmar authorities
5.	23 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Nunukan	01 speedboat	Alcohol	Liquor	143 bottles	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country. 02 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
6.	24 Dec 23	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	1.6 nm N of Pulau Bai	02 boats	Fuel	Petrol	400 L	Without valid documents. Boats seized.	Malaysia authorities
7.	24 Dec 23	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	At Veththalakerni beach	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	35.10 kg/ USD 42,937	Found in 16 packages. Washed ashore.	Sri Lanka authorities
8.	25 Dec 23	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Teknaf	Wooden boats	Domestic products, Tobacco Fuel	Chili, Onions, Salt, Soybean oil Tobacco leaves, Octane and diesel	15 sacks, 40 sacks, 03 sacks, 3,752 L 01 sack, 1,821 L and 136 L	19 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea. Boats seized.	Bangladesh authorities



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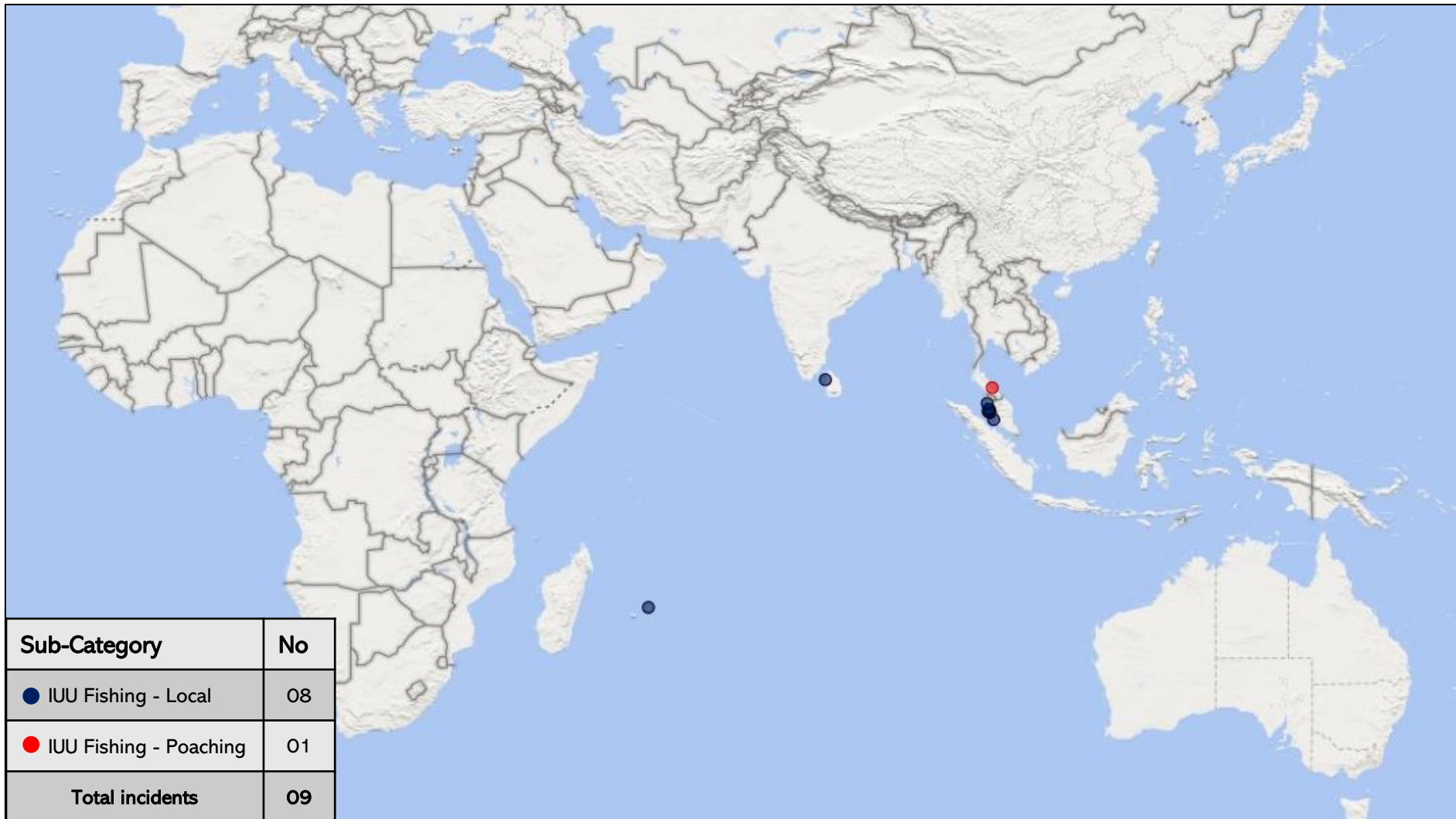
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9.	25 Dec 23	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At St. Martin's Island	UNK	Alcohol and drugs	Liquor and methamphetamine	285 bottles, 335 beer cans and 01 kg	Found in 31 abandoned sacks. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Bangladesh authorities
10.	26 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Nusantara Tahuna Port, North Sulawesi	01 passenger ship	Alcohol	Liquor	176 L	Found in 06 boxes. Suspected to be domestically smuggled.	Indonesia authorities



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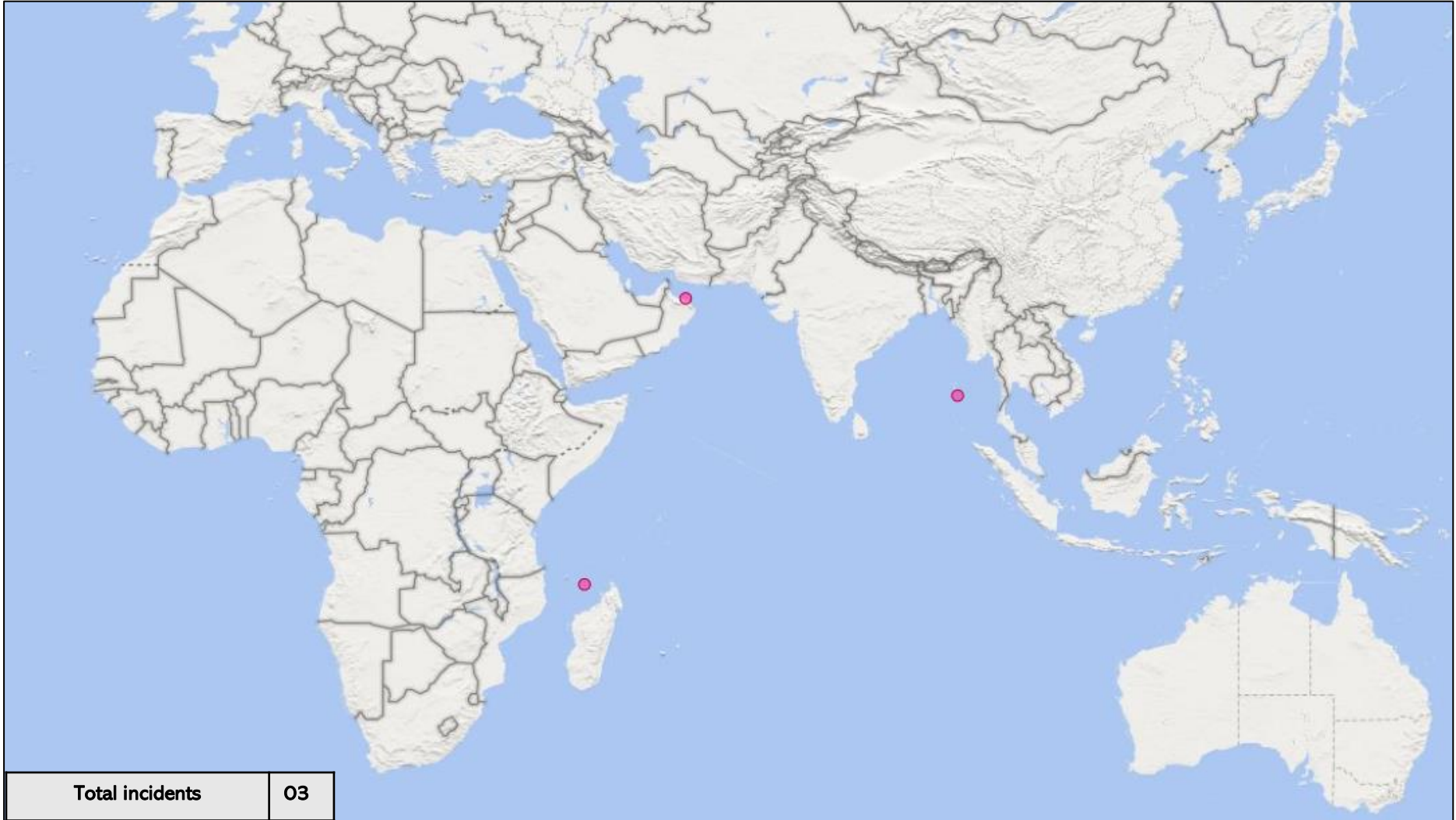
Sr	Date	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Offence	Seizure/ Value	Fishers Involved	Responder(s)
1.	19 Dec 23	Poaching	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	93 nm off Rong Songkhla	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing vessel	06 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Thailand authorities
2.	19 Dec 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Gulf of Mannar	Off Baththalangunduwa and Uchchamunai	03 dinghies	Illegal fishing (night diving)	1,995 sea cucumbers and dinghies	08 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
3.	20 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	4.6 nm SW of Pulau Talang, Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing (banned methods)	32 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
4.	20 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	09 nm W of Tanjung Bungah	01 fishing boat	Fishing in banned area	Fishing boat and 500 kg of fish	03 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
5.	20 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Sekinchan	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat	04 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
6.	20 Dec 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Nassau Bay, Mer Rouge	NA	Illegal fishing	54 m illegal fishing net	UNK	Mauritius authorities
7.	21 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Perairan Kerian and Larut Matang Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing	117 units of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
8.	22 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	13 nm NW of Pulau Jarak, Perak	<i>KM NYALAU</i> Fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat and fish catch	04 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
9.	22 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	9.7 nm SW off Perak Sangga Besar Island	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat and fish catch	02 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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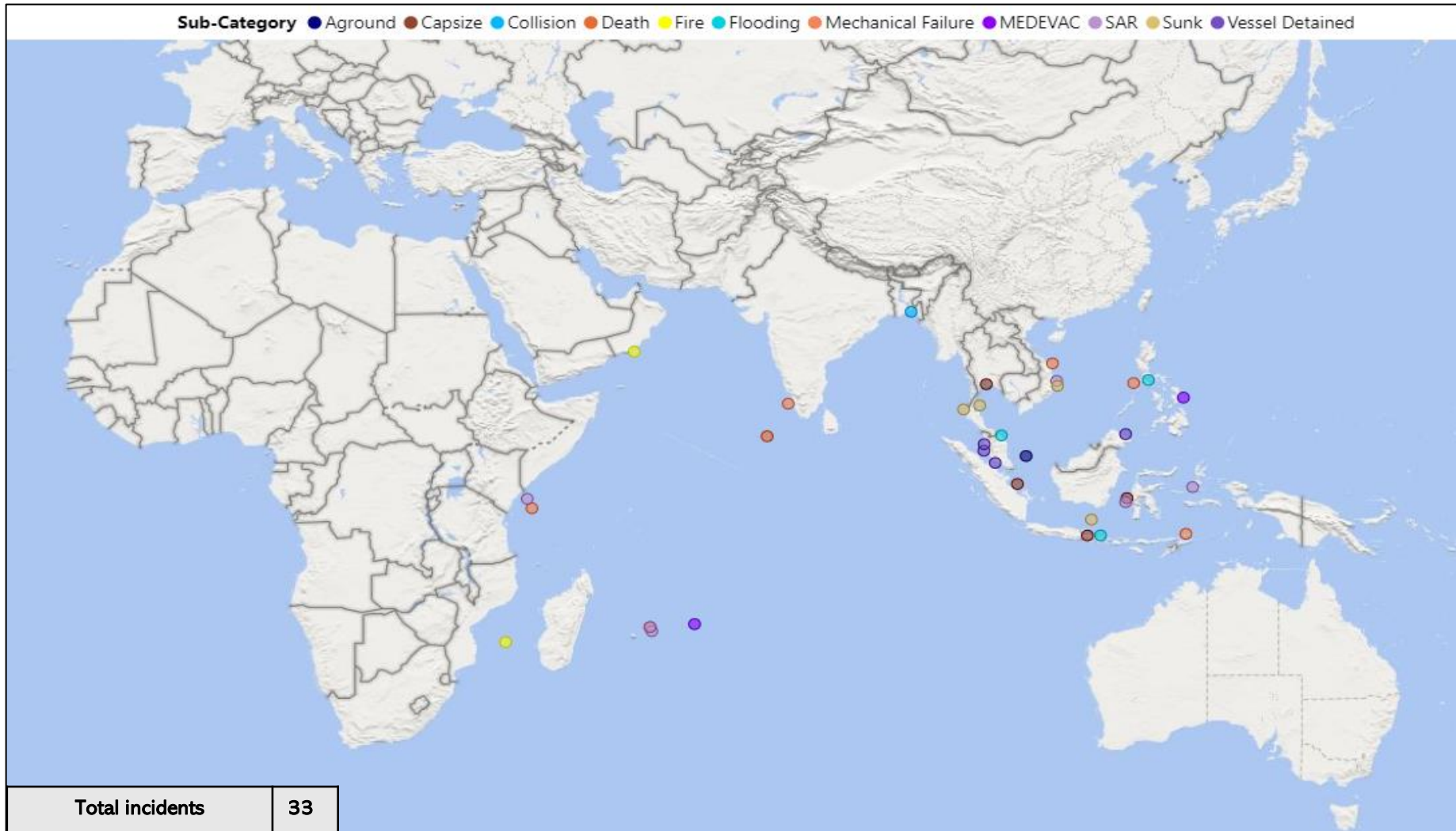
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1.	17 - 22 Dec 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	16 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	228 apprehended	13 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
2.	24 Dec 23	India/ Andaman Sea	Bangladesh/ Indonesia	Off Shaheed Dweep, Port Blair	01 boat	143 rescued	Drifting at sea for 14 days due to mechanical failure. Boat towed ashore.	India authorities
3.	24 Dec 23	Oman/ Gulf of Oman	UNK/ Oman	Off Muscat	01 boat	28 apprehended	Attempting to enter the country illegally by sea. Boat seized.	Oman authorities



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1.	08 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Wetar Island, Maluku	<i>KLM IRSAL</i> Vessel	Aground	Heavy weather. Engine failure and drifted ashore. Both crew members safe.	Indonesia authorities
2.	13 Dec 23	Sunk	Kenya/ Indian Ocean	Off Kenya	<i>JODARI</i> Fishing boat Reg. No. 6196	Sank	03 fishermen rescued. 01 dead.	Fishing vessel in vicinity
3.	14 Dec 23	Aground	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Padang Melang	<i>KM BINTANSEROJA</i> Tugboat	Aground	Heavy weather. 03 crew members rescued. 02 missing.	Indonesia authorities
4.	16 Dec 23	Collision	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Hasail, Padma River	01 trawler 01 Bulk carrier	Capsized UNK	04 persons dead.	Bangladesh authorities
5.	18 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	80 nm NE of Ly Son Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 94373	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Fishing vessel (Reg. No. QNg 94752) and Vietnam authorities
6.	19 Dec 23	Flooding	Indonesia/ Java Sea	NE of Bali Island	<i>VISION GLOBAL</i> General cargo ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9088407 MMSI: 525024175	Sank	13 crew members rescued. 08 missing.	Indonesia authorities and RO-RO vessel <i>NIKI MILA UTAMA</i>
7.	19 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Cap Malheureux	<i>CRAFT LE PERFORMANT</i> Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 0708 OL 12	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 10 persons rescued.	Mauritius authorities
8.	19 Dec 23	SAR	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Ilot Gabriel, Grand Bay	01 fishing boat Reg. No. 195 AF 75	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Mauritius authorities
9.	20 Dec 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Neyama Beach, Besuki	01 fishing boat	Salvaged and towed ashore	Heavy weather. 05 crew members rescued. 01 dead. 01 missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities



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10.	20 Dec 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Balabalagan, Mamuju Regency, West Sulawesi	<i>BIGETRON</i> Passenger boat	UNK	Heavy weather. 33/ 37 rescued. 02 dead. 02 missing.	Indonesia authorities
11.	20 Dec 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Masalembu	<i>KM LABOBAR</i> Local cargo vessel	Sank	Due to overloading. 01 child dead.	Indonesia authorities
12.	20 Dec 23	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Guiuan, Eastern Samar	<i>MV YODOHIME</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Japan IMO: 9735024 MMSI: 431288000	Underway	01 Philippines crew member evacuated (paralysed).	Philippines authorities
13.	21 Dec 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Babang, South Halmahera	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
14.	21 Dec 23	Sunk	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	5.5 nm of Koh Tao	<i>T.SANDEEMANETHUP</i> Ferry Flag - Thailand MMSI: 567001729	Sank	Heavy weather. All 102 passengers rescued.	Thailand authorities
15.	21 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Kenya/ Indian Ocean	Off Kenya	02 boats	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 03 persons rescued.	Kenya authorities
16.	22 Dec 23	Flooding	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Laiya, San Juan	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. All 09 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities and cargo vessel <i>MV OCEAN DEPENDABLE</i>
17.	22 Dec 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	2.7 nm off Mui Doi in Van Ninh	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. PY 96126 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. All 05 fishermen missing.	Vietnam authorities
18.	22 Dec 23	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Mathurin, Rodrigues	<i>PHOENIX JAMNAGAR</i> Tanker Flag - Singapore IMO: 9828962 MMSI: 563080600	Underway	01 person evacuated.	Mauritius authorities
19.	23 Dec 23	Fire	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Hasik Niyabat, Dhofar	01 boat	UNK	All 11 crew members rescued.	Oman authorities



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20.	23 Dec 23	Capsize	Malaysia/ South China Sea	0.29 nm S off Pulau Berhala	01 fishing boat	Sank	Heavy weather. Both fishermen rescued.	Malaysia authorities
21.	23 Dec 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	9.7 nm SW of Pulau Sangga Besar	01 local fishing trawler	Detained	Operating without valid documents. 02 foreign fishermen detained.	Malaysia authorities
22.	23 Dec 23	Sunk	Thailand/ Andaman Sea	Off Ko Torinla	01 boat	Sank	16 passengers rescued. 02 missing.	Thailand authorities
23.	23 Dec 23	Capsize	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	03 nm off Koh Larn	01 pleasure craft	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. All 30 persons rescued.	Thailand authorities
24.	24 Dec 23	Flooding	Thailand/ Malacca Strait	Off Bubu Island	<i>PANDAYA 19</i> Speedboat	Submerged	All 04 crew members and 77 passengers rescued.	Thailand authorities
25.	24 Dec 23	SAR	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Phu Yen	01 fishing boat Reg. No. PY 96121 TS	UNK	All 05 fishermen missing.	Vietnam authorities
26.	24 Dec 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Off Kampung Sim- Sim	01 local fishing boat	Detained	A local fishing boat was detained for carrying 45 passengers without valid documents.	Malaysia authorities
27.	24 Dec 23	SAR	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Pointe D'Esny	01 kayak	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. 02 persons rescued.	Mauritius authorities
28.	25 Dec 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	10.5 nm SW of Sungai Burung, Perak	01 local fishing boat	Detained	Operating without valid documents. All 05 foreign fishermen detained.	Malaysia authorities
29.	25 Dec 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	7.5 nm SW of Tanjong Dahan	01 tanker Flag - Cameroon	Detained	Operating without valid documents. All 06 foreign crew members detained.	Malaysia authorities
30.	25 Dec 23	Death	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Gdh. Dandhoo Island	01 fishing vessel	Berthed	Mortal remains of a Bangladesh fisherman recovered.	Maldives authorities



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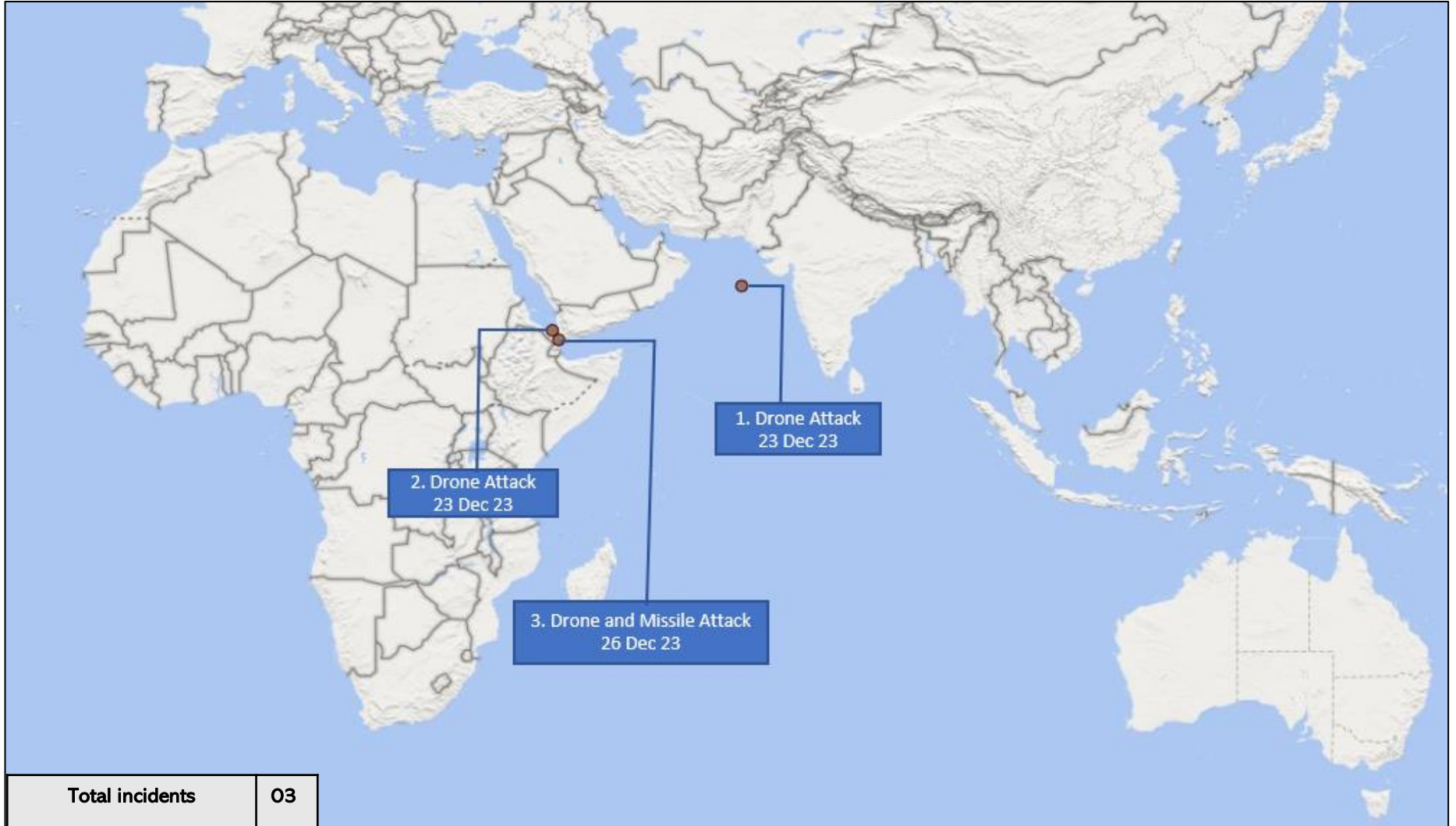
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31.	25 Dec 23	Fire	Mozambique/ Mozambique Channel	45 nm E of Mozambique	<i>APOLLO TRIUMPH</i> Cargo vessel Flag - Panama IMO: 9594365 MMSI: 357869000	Adrift	All 19 crew members abandoned the ship into life rafts.	UNK
32.	26 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro	01 tourist boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 04 passengers rescued.	Philippines authorities
33.	26 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Indian Ocean	12 nm off Chettuva Harbour, Kerala	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 07 fishermen rescued.	India authorities



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1.	23 Dec 23	India/ Arabian Sea	19° 49'.5 N 066°17'.5 E	<i>CHEM PLUTO</i> Tanker Flag - Liberia IMO: 9624770 MMSI: 636021051	A drone attack was reported against the Liberia flagged tanker <i>CHEM PLUTO</i> about 220 nm off Dwarka, Gujrat, India. The drone exploded on the poop-deck. No injuries were reported.
2.	23 Dec 23	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down 04 drones in the Red Sea, Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident.
3.	26 Dec 23	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down 12 drones, 03 Anti-Ship Ballistic Missiles and 02 Land-Attack Cruise Missiles within a span of 10 hours in the Red Sea, Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident.



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- Drone attack on *MV CHEM PLUTO*, 220 nm West of Porbandar, Gujrat, India

On 23 Dec 23, a drone attack was reported onboard Liberia-flagged tanker *MV CHEM PLUTO* while en route from Jubail, Saudi Arabia, to New Mangalore, India. The vessel was approximately 220 miles off the coast of India in the Arabian Sea when it was hit by a drone. The drone hit led to a fire onboard and was extinguished by the ship's crew. Consequently, a total power failure was reported onboard and the vessel went adrift until the defect was rectified by the crew members. No injury to the crew was reported in this incident. However, the vessel reported substantial damages at the stern section and internal compartments. On receipt of the first hand information about this incident , IFC-IOR coordinated the necessary assistance to the vessel. Based on the inputs provided by IFC-IOR, an Indian Navy aircraft, a warship and a Coast Guard ship were diverted to provide assistance to the vessel. The ships escorted *MV CHEM PLUTO* safely to Mumbai, India, for repairs and further investigation of the attack.



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Spanish Police seize 7.5 Tonnes of Cocaine Hidden in Frozen Tuna Fish

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