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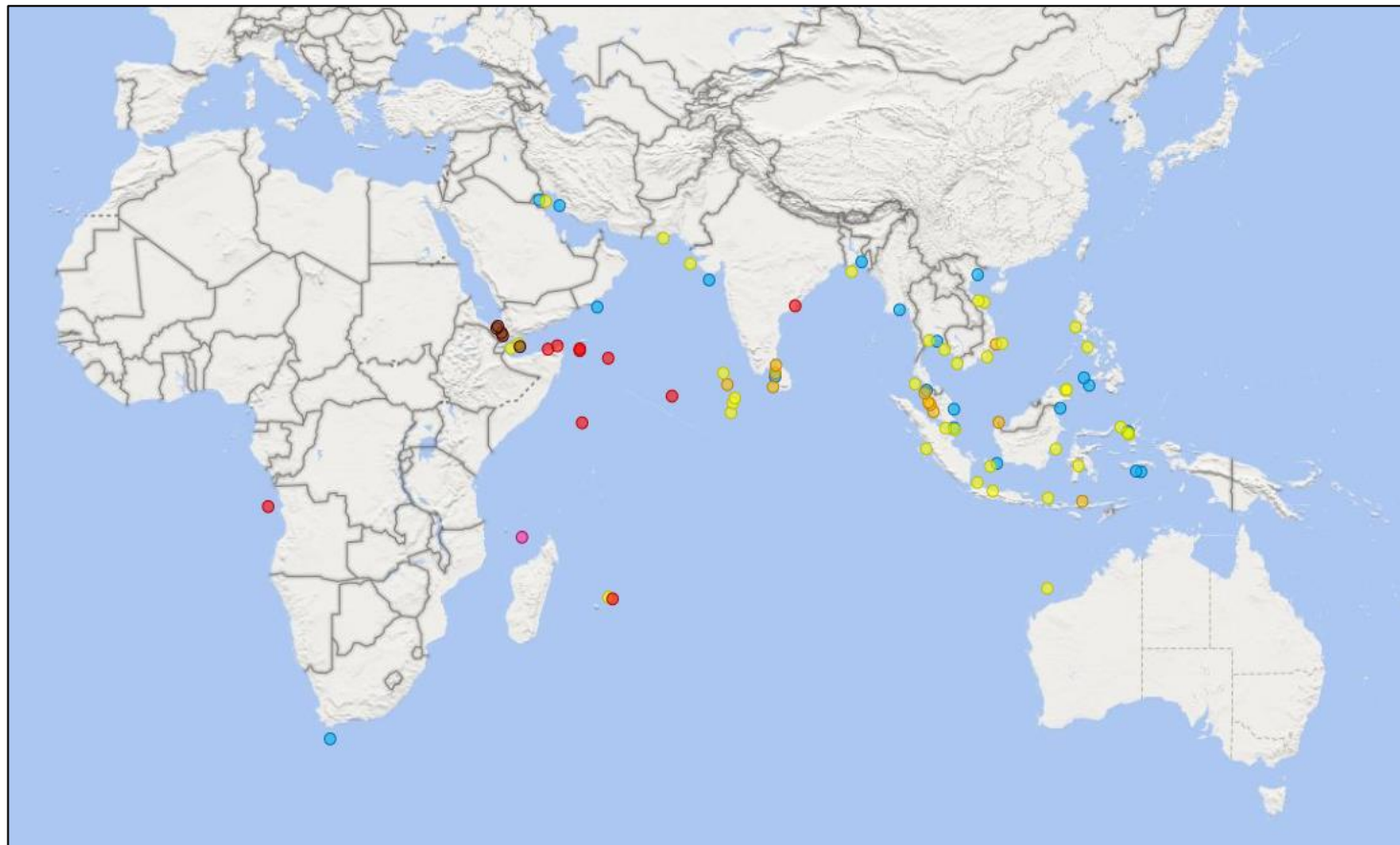
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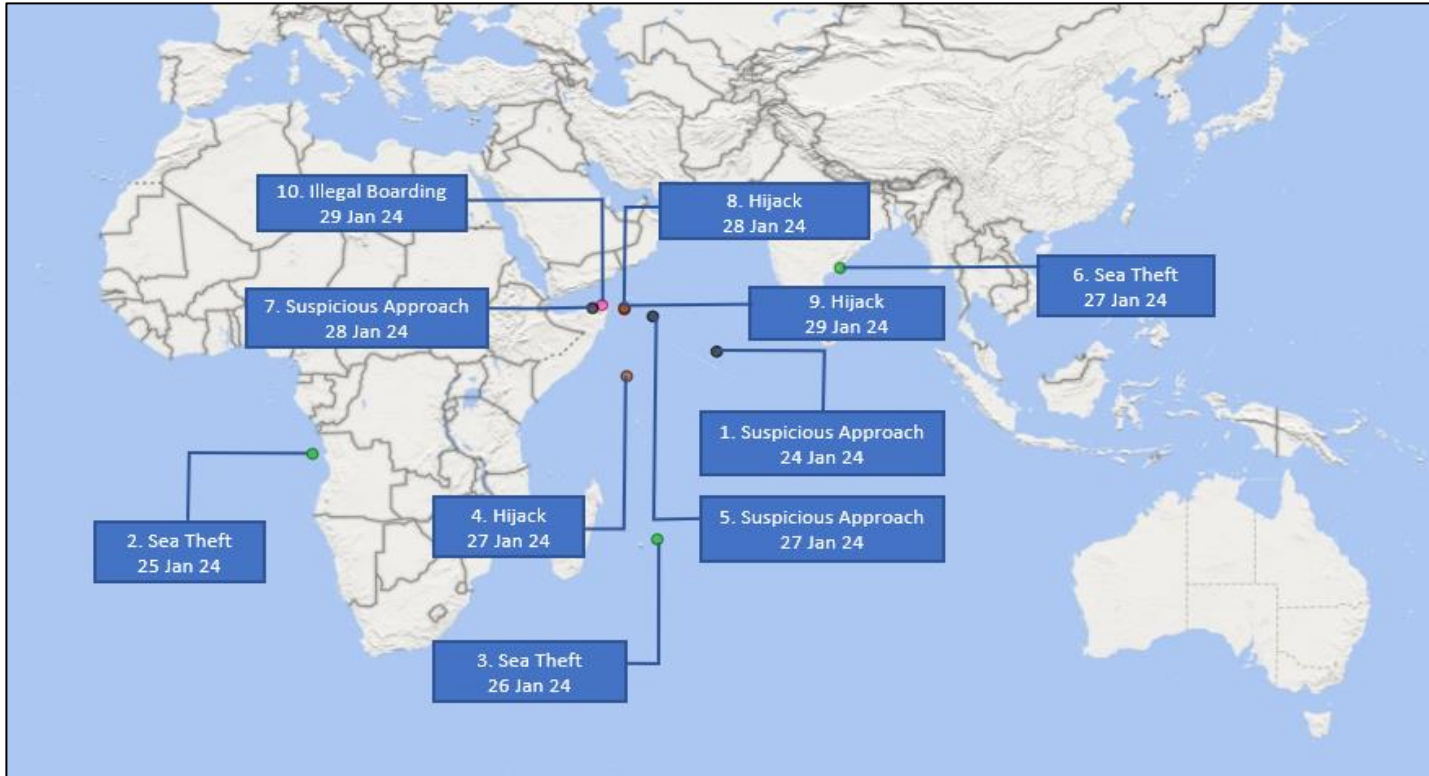


Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	10
Contraband Smuggling	21
IUU Fishing	11
Irregular Human Migration	01
Maritime Incidents	41
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	05
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	89
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	03
● Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
● Sea Robbery	Nil
● Sea Theft	03
● Illegal Boarding	01
● Attempted Sea Robbery	Nil
● Attempted Sea Theft	Nil
● Attempted Boarding	Nil
● Suspicious Approach	03
Total incidents	10



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1.	24 Jan 24 1215 LT	Suspicious approach	Arabian Sea	05° 30'0 N 065° 48'0 E	<i>DONGWON ADRIA</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Korea IMO: 8919489 MMSI: 441734000	Reportedly, one skiff with a ladder approached the vessel while underway. Warning shots were fired by armed security guards. Approach aborted. Crew members and vessel safe.	Safe	UNK	UNK
2.	25 Jan 24 0130 LT	Sea theft	Angola/ Gulf of Guinea	At Luanda Anchorage	<i>AURORA DIAMOND</i> Supply ship Flag - Liberia IMO: 9648025 MMSI: 636019269	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship while at anchor. Perpetrators escaped with ship's item.	All crew members safe	Safe (Anchored)	Angola authorities
3.	26 Jan 24	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Belle Mare	01 pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 2749 OL 18	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded an unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon and escaped with boat's items valued at USD 1,017.	NA	UNK	Mauritius authorities
4*	27 Jan 24	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	955 nm E of Mogadishu	<i>LORENZO PUTHA 04</i> Multiday fishing trawler Flag - Sri Lanka Reg. No. IMUL-A-2590 CHW	Reportedly, three perpetrators boarded and hijacked the trawler, which had a crew of 06 fishermen. Seychelles Coast Guard vessel <i>Topaz</i> intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel on 29 Jan 24. All three perpetrators surrendered to the Seychelles Coast Guard (SCG) and six crew members were safe.	Safe	Underway.	SCGS <i>Topaz</i> , INS <i>Sharda</i> and Sri Lanka authorities
5.	27 Jan 24 1205 LT	Suspicious approach	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	764 nm E of Xaafuun	<i>WAIMEA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9513907 MMSI: 636017496	A small craft with 04 perpetrators approached within 300 m of the vessel. Warning shots were fired by armed security guards. Approach aborted. Crew members and vessel safe.	Safe	Underway	Ship's crew



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6.	27 Jan 24	Sea theft	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Kakinada Anchorage	<i>WHITE PEACH</i> Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9328144 MMSI: 538010330	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship while at anchor. Perpetrators escaped with two ropes.	All crew members safe	Safe (Anchored)	India authorities
7.	28 Jan 24	Suspicious approach	Somalia/ Gulf of Aden	70 nm NW of Bosaso	01 vessel	A small craft with 05 perpetrators approached the vessel within 400 m. Warning shots fired by armed security guards. Approach aborted. Crew members and vessel safe.	Safe	Underway	UNK
8*	28 Jan 24	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	Off E Coast of Somalia	<i>IMAN</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Iran	Reportedly, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded and hijacked the vessel with 17 fishermen. Indian Navy ship <i>Sumitra</i> , intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel on PM 28 Jan 24. All 17 crew members rescued	Safe	Safe	INS <i>Sumitra</i>
9*	29 Jan 24	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	Off E Coast of Somalia	<i>AL NAEEMI</i> Fishing vessel Flag - Iran	Reportedly, 11 armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the vessel with 19 Pakistan fishermen. Indian Navy ship <i>Sumitra</i> , intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel on PM 29 Jan 24. All 19 fishermen rescued and the 11 perpetrators apprehended	Safe	Safe	INS <i>Sumitra</i>
10.	29 Jan 24	Illegal Boarding	Somalia/ Gulf of Aden	Off Abo	01 dhow	Reportedly, unknown number of armed perpetrators boarded the dhow.	UNK	UNK	UNK

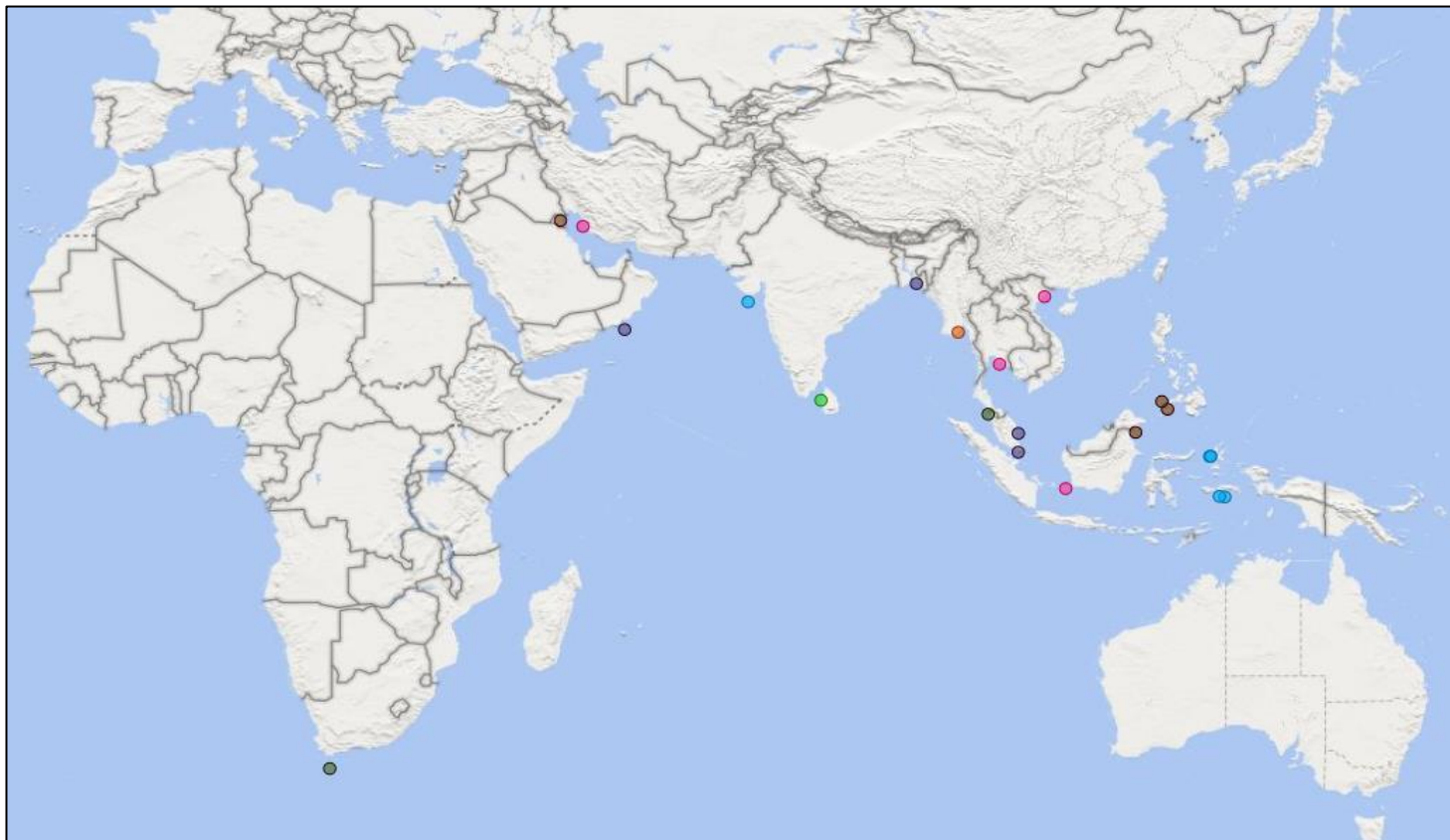
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Alcohol	05
Domestic Products	01
Drugs	04
Fuel	04
Natural Resources	01
Tobacco	04
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	02
Others	Nil
Total incidents	21



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1.	10 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Kendawawangan, West Kalimantan	<i>KAPAL MANTAP 07</i> and <i>TK.SINAR HAAPAN</i> Vessels	Fuel	Crude palm oil (CPO)	219 tons	Ship to ship transfer without valid documents. 01 suspect apprehended. Vessels seized.	Indonesia authorities
2.	20 Jan 24	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Kor Thalu, Rayong Province	01 vessel	Fuel	Diesel	104,000 L	Without valid documents. 03 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Thailand authorities
3.	20 Jan 24	India/ Arabian Sea	03 nm off Nava Bandar, Gujarat	01 boat	Alcohol	Liquor	UNK/ USD 9,160	Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea. 03 suspects apprehended. 01 escaped.	India authorities
4.	22 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Ahmad Yani Port, Ternate	UNK	Alcohol	Liquor	720 L	Found inside a container. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country.	Indonesia authorities
5.	22 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Ahmad Yani Port, Ternate	<i>KM AKSAR 09</i> Vessel	Alcohol	Liquor	605 L	Suspected to be domestically smuggled. Found in 40 boxes.	Indonesia authorities
6.	23 Jan 24	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	At Asia World Port Terminal	UNK	Domestic products	Assorted goods	USD 13,052	Found in 02 containers. Without valid documents. Motorboat seized.	Myanmar authorities
7.	23 Jan 24	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Sadar Upazila, Bhola District, Meghna River	01 speedboat	Drugs	Cannabis	10 kg	01 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	Bangladesh authorities
8.	23 Jan 24	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Off Mampuri, Kalpitiya	UNK	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	521 kg	Found adrift in 16 parcels. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	Sri Lanka authorities
9.	24 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Tunon Taka Nunukan Port	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	214,400 packets/ USD 18,819	Found inside a container. Without valid documents. 01 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
10.	24 Jan 24	Kuwait/ Persian Gulf	At Shuwaik Port	UNK	Tobacco	Tobacco	324,000 bags	Hidden in a container.	Kuwait authorities



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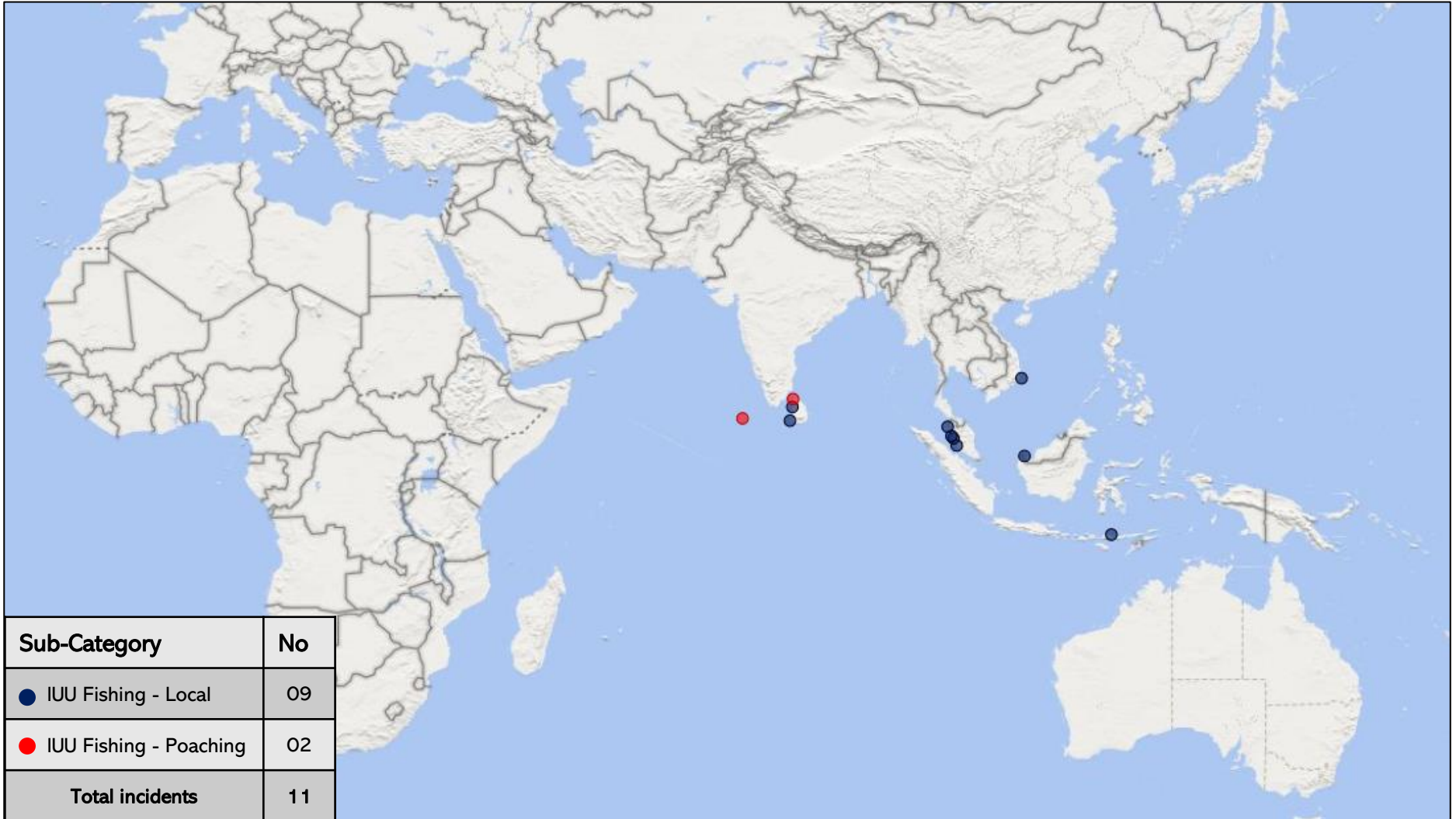
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11.	25 Jan 24	Malaysia/ South China Sea	2.8 nm SW of Kuala Kuantan	01 fibreboat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	08 packets/ USD 4,229	Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
12.	25 Jan 24	Malaysia/ Johor Strait	At Tampoi	UNK	Drugs	Methamphetamine	83 kg/ USD 578,346	08 suspects apprehended. Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities
13.	26 Jan 24	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hai Phong, Quang Ninh	01 vessel	Fuel	Diesel	20,000 L	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
14.	26 Jan 24	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Baliwassan	<i>JFM2</i> Motorboat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	482 cases/ USD 485,213	Without valid documents. 09 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Philippines authorities
15.	26 Jan 24	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Barangay Baliwasan	03 motorboats	Tobacco	Cigarettes	1,981 cases/ USD 2,018,771	Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea. Boats seized.	Philippines authorities
16.	27 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Yos Soedarso Port Amblon, Maluku	<i>KM LABOBAR</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9281542 MMSI: 525005052	Alcohol	Liquor	110 L	Suspected to be domestically smuggled.	Indonesia authorities
17.	28 Jan 24	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Yos Soedarso Port Amblon, Maluku	<i>KM DOBONSOLO</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9032147 MMSI: 525005002	Alcohol	Liquor	75 L	Suspected to be domestically smuggled.	Indonesia authorities
18.	28 Jan 24	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kuala Perlis	01 boat	Wildlife	Clam seeds	1,110 kg/ USD 4,230	Found in 37 sacks. 01 suspect on a boat escaped.	Malaysia authorities
19.	28 Jan 24	Iran/ Persian Gulf	60 nm off Bushehr	01 foreign vessel	Fuel	Fuel	2,000,000 L	Without valid documents. 14 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Iran authorities
20.	28 Jan 24	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	At Hermanus, West Cape	UNK	Wildlife	Abalone	5,200 pieces	01 vehicle seized. 01 suspect apprehended.	South Africa authorities
21.	29 Jan 24	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Dhofar	01 boat	Drugs	Khat	30 boxes	04 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities



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1.	02 Jan 24	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hon Mun Island	02 fishing vessels Reg. No. KH 99344 TS Reg. No. KH 92369 TS	Illegal fishing (fishing in prohibited area)	Fishing vessels	02 apprehended.	Vietnam authorities
2.	22 Jan 24	Poaching	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Delft Island, Jaffna	02 foreign fishing trawlers	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing trawlers	06 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
3.	23 Jan 24	Local	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Dehiwala Beach	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing	Dinghy, 09 lobsters and fishing paraphernalia	03 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
4.	23 Jan 24	Local	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Tanjung Oepao, Nusa Tenggara Timur	01 motorboat	Illegal fishing (blast fishing)	Fishing boat and fishing nets	03 apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
5.	24 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	6.4 nm from the Sekinchan	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat and 200 kg of fish	03 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
6.	25 Jan 24	Local	Sri Lanka/ Gulf of Mannar	Off Kalpitiya	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing	Dinghy and 1,856 conch shells	03 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
7.	25 Jan 24	Poaching	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	57 nm NE of Ha. Kelaa Island	<i>UDAWA</i> Multiday fishing trawler Reg. No. IMUL-A-1402 MTR <i>JHONES AND GAILE</i> Multiday fishing trawler Reg. No. IMUL-A-2506 TLE	Illegal fishing in the country's waters	Fishing vessels	14 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Maldives authorities
8.	26 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pulau Talang, Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing	30 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
9.	29 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	0.63 nm S of Sungai Baru, Perlis	01 fibreboat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fibreboat, fish and fishing paraphernalia	03 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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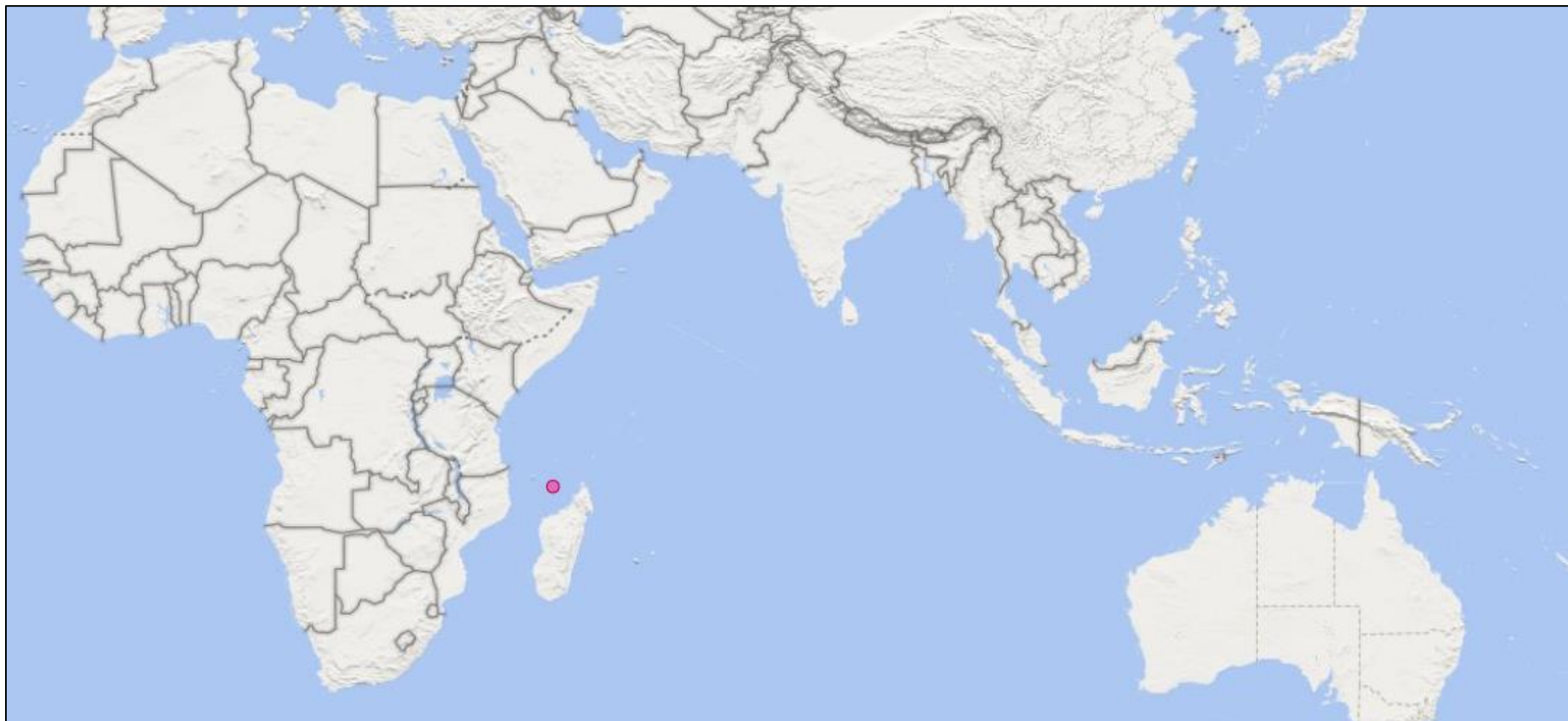
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10.	28 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kerian and Larut Matang Perak	UNK	Illegal fishing	143 sets of dragon bubu	UNK	Malaysia authorities
11.	29 Jan 24	Local	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	0.63 nm S of Sungai Baru, Perlis	01 fibreboat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fibreboat, fish and fishing paraphernalia	03 apprehended.	Malaysia authorities



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Sr	Date	Country/ Region	Origin/ Destination	Location	Details of Vessels Involved	Migrants Details	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	21 - 28 Jan 24	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	04 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	14 apprehended	Migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally. 04 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities

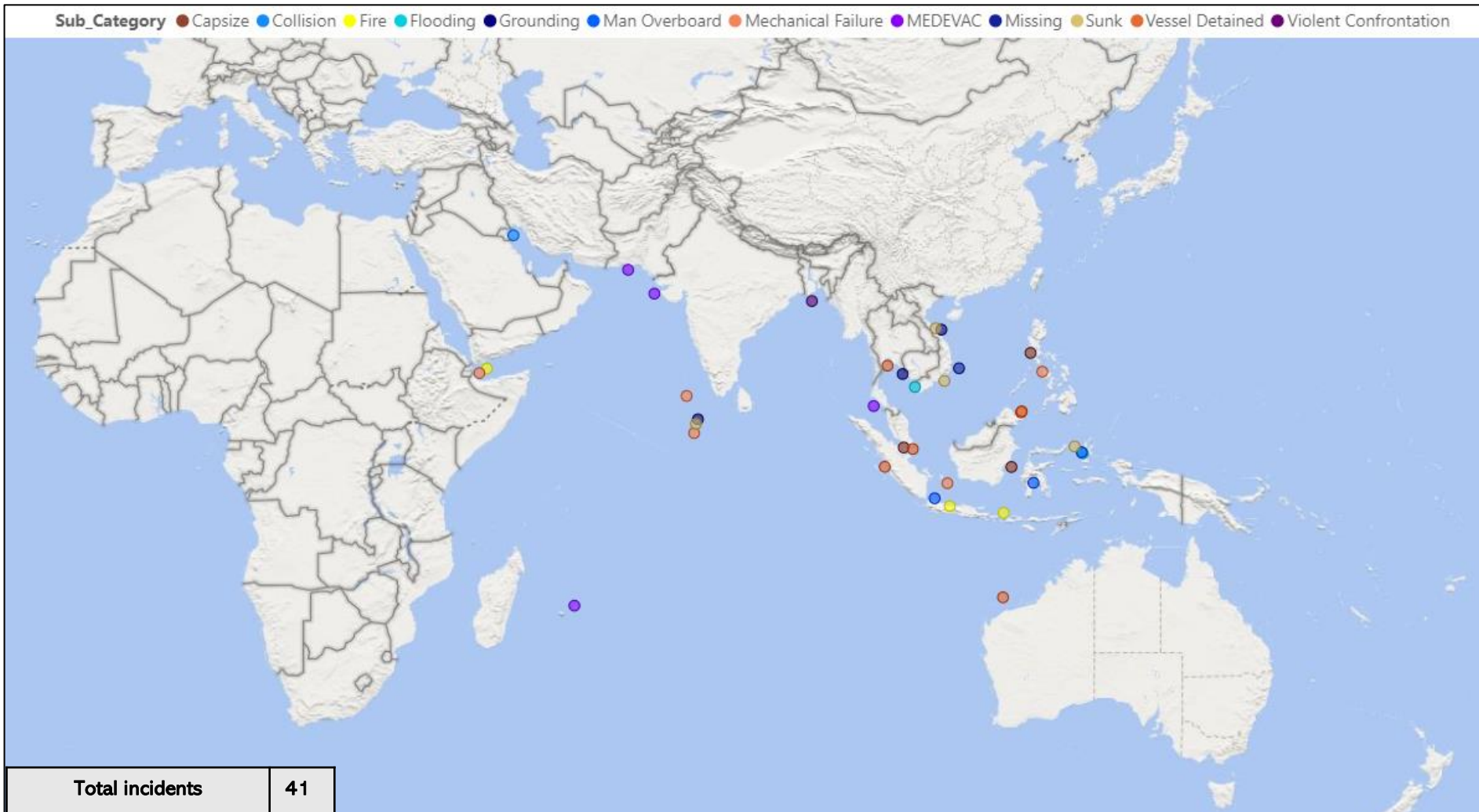


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Sub_Category ● Capsize ● Collision ● Fire ● Flooding ● Grounding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained ● Violent Confrontation



Total incidents

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1.	05 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	In Dampier WA	<i>GENIUS</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Cyprus IMO: 9566992 MMSI: 209796000	Released on 06 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
2.	09 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	In Dampier WA	<i>HC OPAL</i> Cargo ship Flag - Antigua and Barbuda IMO: 9377846 MMSI: 305647000	Released on 10 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
3.	11 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	Djibouti/ Gulf of Aden	In the Gulf of Aden	01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. All 04 Somali fishermen rescued.	<i>JS AKEBONO</i> (CTF 151)
4.	16 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	In Dampier WA	<i>BBC EDGE</i> Cargo ship Flag - Antigua and Barbuda IMO: 9407598 MMSI: 305472000	Released on 16 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
5.	16 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	At Samut Sakorn	<i>JAZEERA REEFER</i> Cargo ship Flag - Maldives IMO: 7635878 MMSI: 455446000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Thailand authorities
6.	16 Jan 24	Flooding	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At PT Semen Tonasa Jetty, North Oba	<i>KLM BERKAT USAHA</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia MMSI: 525101788	Sank	Heavy weather. Water ingress due to leak in the hull. All 06 crew members safe.	Indonesia authorities
7.	17 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	In Singapore	<i>RUBAIYAT HANIF</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Bangladesh IMO: 9403047 MMSI: 405000375	Released on 18 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Singapore authorities



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8.	19 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	In Dampier WA	<i>STELLAR TRADER</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9628817 MMSI: 636021348	Released on 20 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
9.	19 Jan 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Sulu Sea	Off Bokor Island	<i>PUTERA KALI BETING</i> Fishing vessel	Underway	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities
10.	21 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	At Teluk Bayur	<i>V.L 21</i> Tanker Flag - Thailand IMO: 9479761 MMSI: 567069800	Released on 22 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Indonesia authorities
11.	21 Jan 24	Sunk	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Batang Dua Island	<i>LCT BORA V</i> Pleasure craft MMSI: 525024071	Sank	Heavy weather. 10 crew members rescued. 06 missing. 02 dead. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities and the fishing vessel <i>KM MITRA BAHARI</i>
12.	22 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Australia/ Indian Ocean	In Dampier WA	<i>INTHIRANAREE</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Thailand IMO: 9732199 MMSI: 567019000	Released on 24 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Australia authorities
13.	22 Jan 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tan Thanh, Ham Thuan Nam District	Fishing boat Reg. No. BTh 84434 TS	Salvaged	Heavy weather. All 04 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
14.	22 Jan 24	Grounding	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cua Tung Creek	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BTH 88231 TS	Aground	Heavy weather. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
15.	23 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	In Singapore	<i>ASPEN</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9438028 MMSI: 538006689	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Singapore authorities



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16.	23 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Carabao Island, Romblon	<i>ALDRICH MAE</i> Motorboat	Towed ashore	Engine failure. 01 person rescued.	Philippines authorities
17.	24 Jan 24	Flooding	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Phu Quoc Island	Fishing vessel Reg. No. KG 8778 TS	Towed ashore	Water ingress and ran aground. All 04 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
18.	24 Jan 24	Grounding	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Ao Prao, Koh Kood	01 passenger boat	Towed ashore	All 15 (12 passenger and 03 crew) rescued.	Thailand authorities
19.	24 Jan 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Muara Pegah, Muara Jawa	01 landing craft transport	Capsized	Loaded with heavy equipment. 09 crew members rescued. 01 dead.	Indonesia authorities
20.	24 Jan 24	Capsize	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Ilian Bay, Roxas, Palawan	02 motorboats	Capsized	11 passengers missing. SAR initiated.	Philippines authorities
21.	25 Jan 24	Fire	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Pelabuhan Tempat Pendaratan	<i>KM SANU JAYA</i> Fishing boat	Damaged	Fire due to a short circuit. All 05 fishermen rescued. 01 fisherman suffered burn injuries.	Indonesia authorities
22.	25 Jan 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Murante Village, Luwu Regency	01 boat	UNK	01 fisherman dead.	Indonesia authorities
23.	25 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	India/ Arabian Sea	50 nm SW of Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep	<i>ARUL MATHA</i> Fishing boat Reg No. IND-TN-12-MM-5707	Towed ashore on 27 Jan 24.	Engine failure and adrift. All 09 fishermen rescued.	India authorities
24.	26 Jan 24	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	56 nm off Nhat Le Sea	02 fishing vessels	Sank	Heavy weather. 08 fishermen rescued. 01 dead. 02 missing. SAR initiated.	Vietnam authorities and fishing vessels in the vicinity
25.	26 Jan 24	Man overboard	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tidore Island	01 speedboat	UNK	01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Indonesia authorities
26.	26 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	At Sandakan, Sabah	<i>PP 5711</i> Tanker Flag - Tanzania IMO: 9132351 MMSI: 677052800	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Malaysia authorities



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27.	26 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	In Singapore	<i>DARYA ANITA</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9667447 MMSI: 538009658	Released on 28 Jan 24.	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of the international maritime conventions.	Singapore authorities
28.	26 Jan 24	Grounding	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off NW of K.Galufahu Reef	<i>ASSIDHA</i> Local cargo vessel	Towed ashore	All 03 crew members (02 foreign) safe. No hull damage.	Maldives authorities
29.	26 Jan 24	Fire	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	60 nm SE of Aden	<i>MARLIN LUANDA</i> Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9829899 MMSI: 538007848	Damaged (underway)	Fire due to missile hit. All 23 crew members safe.	US, India and France authorities
30.	27 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Belitung Island	<i>SYMPHONY ONE</i> Speedboat Flag - Singapore	Underway	Engine failure. All passengers safe.	Indonesia authorities and ship's crew
31.	27 Jan 24	Capsize	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Rapat Island, Bengkalis District, Riau	01 fishing boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. All 03 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities
32.	27 Jan 24	Sunk	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	9.8 nm E of Aa.Madivaru Island	<i>DOLPHIN</i> Supply vessel	Sank	Heavy weather. All 03 crew members rescued.	Maldives authorities
33.	27 Jan 24	Mechanical failure	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off V.Atoll	<i>DMM-07</i> Speed boat	UNK	Heavy weather. Engine failure. All 31 persons rescued.	Maldives authorities
34.	27 Jan 24	MEDEVAC	India/ Arabian Sea	40 nm off Dwarka	<i>IFB SIDHESHWARI</i> Fishing boat	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated. Sustained leg injury.	India authorities
35.	27 Jan 24	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Louis	<i>CL GEORGE ELIOT</i> Tanker Flag - Liberia MMSI: 636022164 IMO: 9943960	Underway	01 crew member evacuated. Hand injury.	Mauritius authorities



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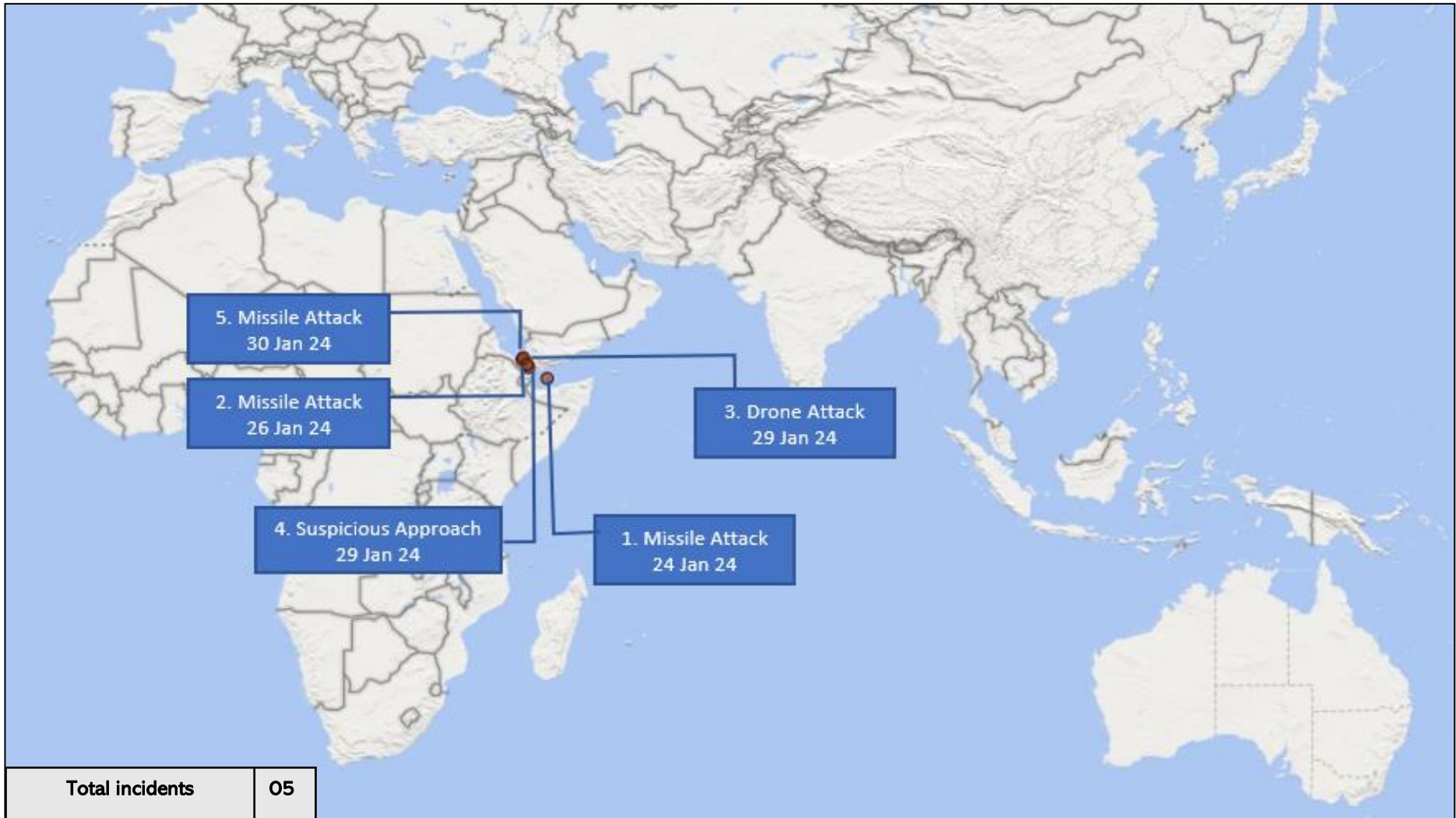
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36.	28 Jan 24	MEDEVAC	Thailand/ Malacca Strait	At Racha Yai Island	NA	NA	01 person evacuated. Suspected of a brain hemorrhage.	Thailand authorities
37.	28 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ South China Sea	At Sungai Endau Jetty, Johor	03 fishing boats	Detained	Suspected to be involved in illegal activities. Without valid documents. All 08 fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
38.	28 Jan 24	Missing	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Khanh Hoa	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman missing. SAR initiated.	Vietnam authorities
39.	28 Jan 24	MEDEVAC	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	09 nm W of Ormara	<i>SHAYAN-E-MUSTAA</i> Fishing vessel	Underway	01 unconscious fisherman evacuated.	Pakistan authorities
40.	30 Jan 24	Vessel detained	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	In Singapore	<i>VOLVOX TERRANOVA</i> Suction dredger Flag - Netherlands IMO: 9164110 MMSI: 245992000	Detained	Vessel failed to comply with the requirements of international maritime conventions.	Singapore authorities
41.	30 Jan 24	Collision	Kuwait/ Persian Gulf	Off Kuwait	01 fishing boat	UNK	04 fishermen injured.	Kuwait authorities
					01 fishing boat	UNK		



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1.	24 Jan 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	50 nm S of Al Mukha	<i>MAERSK DETROIT</i> Container ship Flag - USA IMO: 9333034 MMSI: 338474000	Reportedly, 03 anti-ship ballistic missiles were fired towards the USA flagged container ship <i>MAERSK DETROIT</i> in the Gulf of Aden, Yemen. 01 anti-ship ballistic missile ditched into the sea about 100 m on the starboard side of the vessel and the other 02 missiles were shot down by a US Navy Ship. The vessel and all crew members were safe.
2.	26 Jan 24	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	60 nm SE of Aden	<i>MARLIN LUANDA</i> Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9829899 MMSI: 538007848	Reportedly, the Marshall Islands flagged tanker <i>MARLIN LUANDA</i> with 23 crew members was hit by an Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile about 60 nm SE of Aden, Yemen. Major fire in one of the cargo holds. Engine failure. Distress alert raised by the vessel. USS Carney, FS Alace and INS Visakhapatnam responded to the distress alert and provided necessary assistance to the vessel All crew members safe.
3.	29 Jan 24	Yemen/ Red Sea	Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a Royal Navy ship shot down an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the Red Sea off Yemen.
4.*	29 Jan 24 1835 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	44 nm W of Al- Mukha	01 merchant vessel	Reportedly, 03 small craft approached a merchant vessel within 01 nm about 44 nm W of Al-Mukha, Yemen. Warning shots fired by armed security guards. Approach aborted. All crafts cleared the area. Vessel and crew were safe.
5.	30 Jan 24	Yemen/ Red Sea	Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down an anti-ship cruise missile in the Red Sea off Yemen.

*Disclaimer: The trend of suspicious approaches off the Yemeni coast indicate that these approaches are most likely conflict-related and therefore, categorised under this section.



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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT (S)

- Crew of 'LORENZO PUTHA 04' held captive by pirates in Arabian Sea rescued.

On 27 Jan 24, an incident of hijacking was reported onboard the Sri Lanka flagged multiday fishing trawler *LORENZO PUTHA 04* about 955 nm East of Mogadishu, Somalia. Three perpetrators boarded and hijacked the trawler. In a coordinated multilateral response to the hijacking of a Sri Lankan fishing vessel, the Sri Lanka Navy, in collaboration with the Seychelles Defence Forces and Indian Navy successfully intercepted and rescued the hijacked vessel. Indian Navy deployed INS *Sharda* and also tasked HALE Sea Guardian to locate and intercept the hijacked fishing vessel. The Seychelles Coast Guard vessel *Topaz* intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel on 29 Jan 24. Seychelles special military forces boarded the fishing vessel, took control of the vessel in Seychelles EEZ and rescued the Sri Lanka fishermen. All three perpetrators surrendered and all six crew members were safe.



Operational coordination and information sharing between the Sri Lanka and Seychelles International Liaison Officers at IFC IOR, Gurugram was a key contributor in the interception of the hijacked fishing vessel by SCGS *Topaz* in Seychelles EEZ on 29 Jan 2024.

- Iran flagged fishing vessel *IMAN* with 17 crew members rescued off the E Coast of Somalia.

On 28 Jan 24, an incident of hijacking was reported onboard the Iran-flagged fishing vessel *IMAN* off the East Coast of Somalia. An unknown number of perpetrators boarded and hijacked the vessel. An Indian Navy warship, *Sumitra*, intercepted the vessel and, following established SOPs, coerced the pirates for the safe release of the crew along with the boat. All 17 crew members were rescued. Subsequently, the vessel was sanitised and released.





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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT (S)

- Iran flagged fishing vessel *AL NAEEMI* with 19 fishermen rescued in Arabian Sea

On 29 Jan 24, an incident of hijacking was reported onboard another Iran-flagged fishing vessel *AL NAEEMI* off the East Coast of Somalia. 11 armed perpetrators boarded and hijacked the vessel with 19 Pakistan fishermen. Indian Navy warship, *Sumitra* intercepted the fishing vessel on PM 29 Jan 24. Through coercive posturing and effective deployment of integral helo and boats, the warship compelled the safe release of the crew and the vessel. All 19 fishermen were rescued and the 11 perpetrators were apprehended.



- Missile attack on MV *Marlin Luanda* in the Gulf of Aden.

On 26 Jan 24, an incident of a missile attack was reported onboard Marshall Island Flagged crude oil tanker *MT Marlin Luanda* (IMO No 9829899) in the GoA (approx. position: 080 Djibouti 160 nm). *MT Marlin Luanda* was enroute to Fujairah, UAE from Port Said, Egypt, carrying a cargo of 87000 MT of Naphtha, a highly flammable liquid hydrogen mixture and 1500 MT of bunkers. Subsequent to the missile strike, a significant fire broke out in one of the cargo holds. The vessel raised a distress alert, which was monitored and responded to by INS Visakhapatnam, USS Carney and FS Alace operating in the area. The warships supported the firefighting effort by providing large quantities of high-efficiency foam concentrate to fight the fire. Based on the request from the master, a fire fighting team from INS Visakhapatnam comprising 10 Indian Naval personnel with specialised fire-fighting equipment embarked the vessel on 27 Jan 24 to assist the ship's crew in augmenting firefighting efforts. The coordinated efforts of the ship's crew and the firefighting team from the Indian Navy resulted in effective control of the fire.



The Centre actively coordinated the operations through constant communication between the vessel, the Company Security Officer and the Indian Navy to ensure necessary assistance and support to the vessel in this incident.



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