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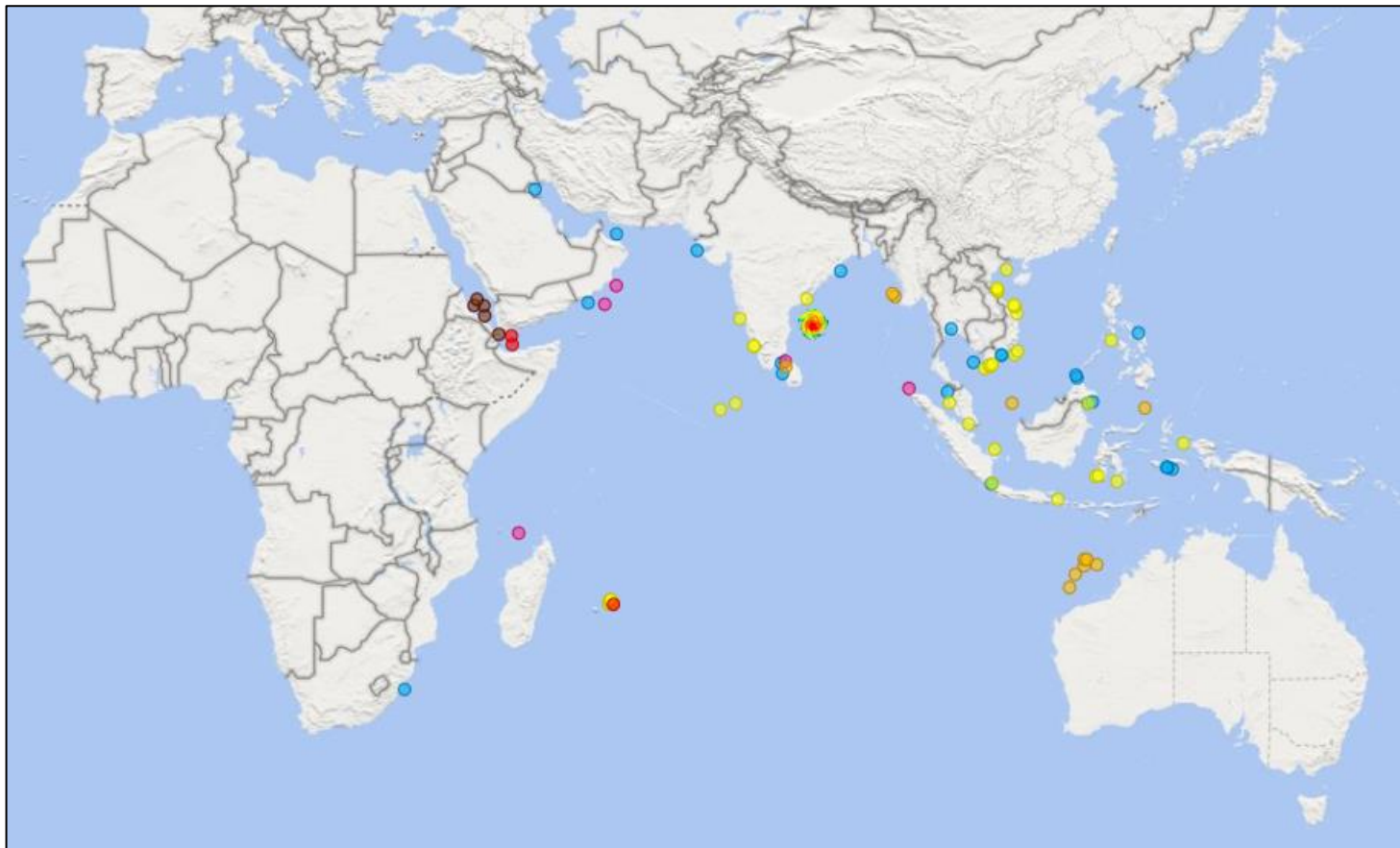
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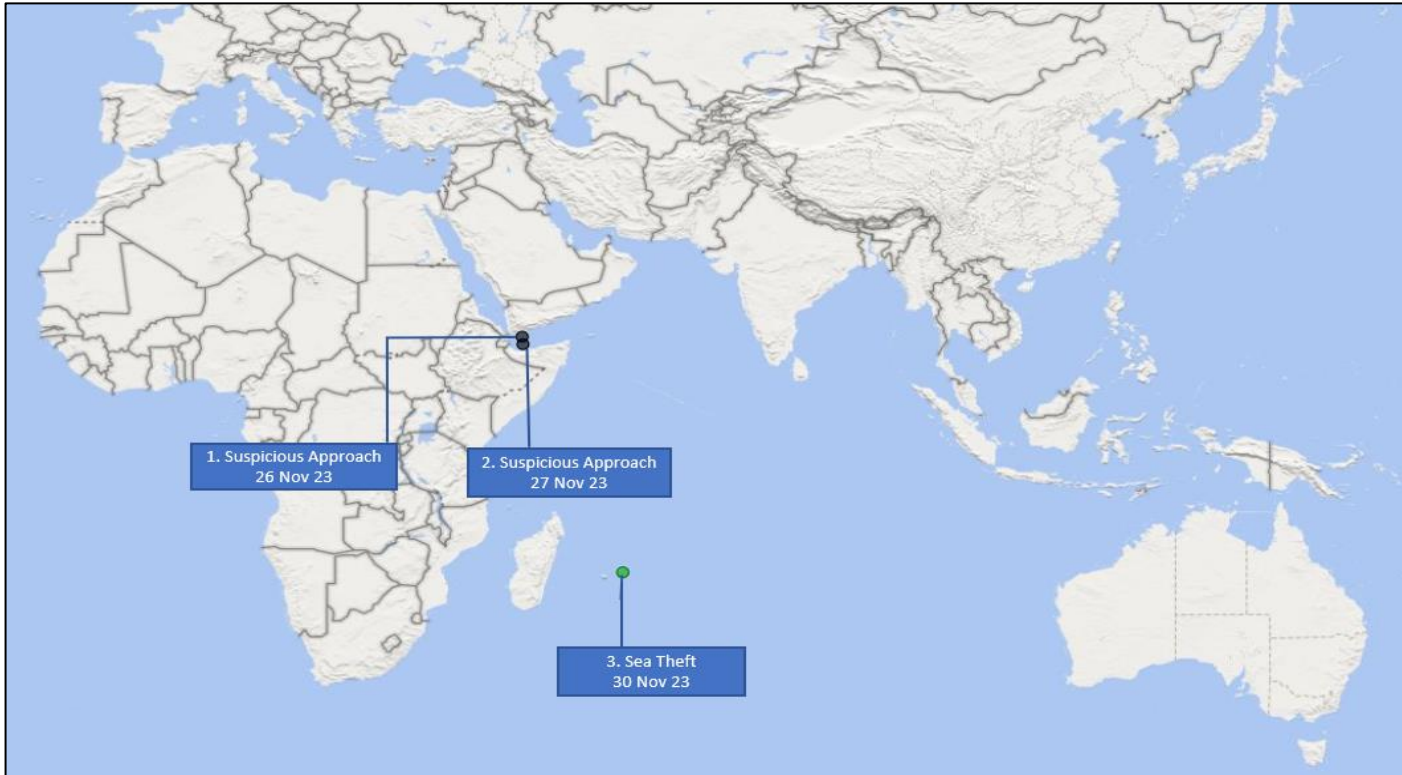
Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
Contraband Smuggling	24
IUU Fishing	11
Irregular Human Migration	05
Maritime Incidents	38
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	05
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	86
Cyclone(s)	01



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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	02
Total incidents	03



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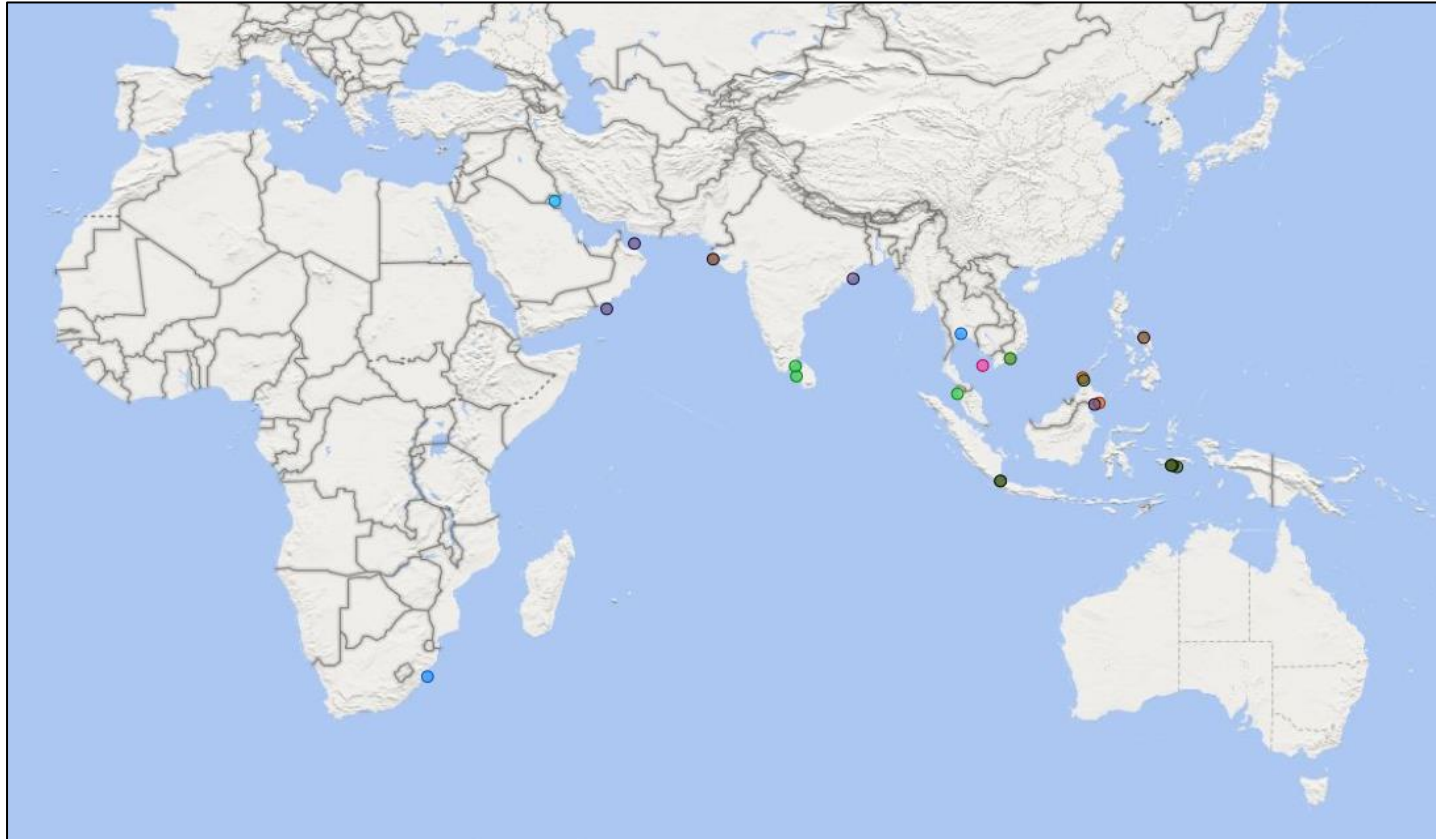
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Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Details of Vessels Involved	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	26 Nov 23 0900 LT	Suspicious approach	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	11° 25' N 045° 03' E	01 merchant vessel	Two black and white craft with 08 persons in military style clothing, approached the vessel within 0.5 nm. Reportedly, the vessel and all crew were safe.	Safe	Underway	UNK
2.	27 Nov 23 0943 LT	Suspicious approach	Yemen/ Gulf of Aden	12° 15' N 045° 02' E	01 merchant vessel	A small craft with 03 persons onboard approached the vessel within 0.6 nm. The craft followed the vessel for 01 hour, thereafter altered course and proceeded away from the vessel. Reportedly, the merchant vessel and all crew members were safe.	Safe	Underway	UNK
3.	30 Nov 23	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Pointe Jerome	Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 7819 OL 15	An unknown number of perpetrators stole the unmanned pleasure craft while at mooring.	NA	Craft found adrift off Black River and towed shore.	Mauritius authorities



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	01
Domestic Products	02
Drugs	06
Fuel	02
Natural Resources	04
Tobacco	02
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	07
Others	Nil
Total incidents	24



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1.	24 Nov 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Mundra Port, Gujarat	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	8,010,000 sticks/ USD 1,920,252	Found inside a container. Mis-declared as garments.	India authorities
2.	26 Nov 23	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Ambon Port, Maluku Terkini	<i>KM MUTIARA FERINDO</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9154074 MMSI: 525100536	Wildlife	Birds (protected species)	04 birds	Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
3.	27 Nov 23	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Ambon Port, Maluku Terkini	<i>KM LABOBAR</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9281542 MMSI: 525005052	Wildlife	Birds (protected species)	03 birds	Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
4.	27 Nov 23	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	At Balwharteco Port	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	700 reams/ USD 18,930	Without valid documents.	Philippines authorities
5.	28 Nov 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	15 nm off Khanh Hoi	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. KG 93262 TS	Fuel	Diesel	20,000 L	Without valid documents. 01 suspect apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
6.	28 Nov 23	India/ Palk Bay	Off Pamban, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu	01 boat	Natural resources	Gold	08 kg/ USD 599,800	Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country. 04 suspects escaped.	India authorities
7.	28 Nov 23	Kuwait/ Persian Gulf	At Shuwaikh Port	NA	Alcohol	Liquor	2,000 L	Suspected to be smuggled in from a foreign country.	Kuwait authorities
8.	29 Nov 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Esplanade, Kudat	01 fishing boat	Domestic products	Assorted goods	USD 21,480	Without valid documents. 09 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Malaysia authorities
9.	29 Nov 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Mangsee Reef, Kudat	01 boat	Wildlife	Dried turtle meat, fish, shellfish and seaweed	11 tons/ USD 1,069,290	04 suspects escaped.	Malaysia authorities



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10.	29 Nov 23	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Bakauheni Port, Jambi Province	01 boat	Wildlife	Baby lobsters	50,616/ USD 387,472	Found in 12 boxes. Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
11.	29 Nov 23	Oman/ Gulf of Oman	Off South Batinah	NA	Drugs	Hashish and methamphetamine	45 kg and 14 kg	02 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities
12.	30 Nov 23	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Ambon Port, Maluku Terkini	<i>KM TATAMAILAU</i> Passenger ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 8915639	Wildlife	Birds	11 birds	Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
13.	30 Nov 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Paradip International Cargo Terminal, Odisha	<i>DEBI</i> Cargo vessel Flag - Panama IMO: 9616735 MMSI: 352002464	Drugs	Cocaine	22 kg/ USD 26.5 million	Found in 22 packets (each weighing 1 kg). Hidden in the cranes, affixed with magnets. All crew detained.	India authorities
14.	30 Nov 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	At Dhofar	NA	Drugs	Khat	1,000 packages	05 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities
15.	01 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	At Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon	01 passenger boat	Wildlife	Protected birds	12 birds	Without valid documents. Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea. 01 suspect apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
16.	02 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Bakauheni Port, Jambi Province	UNK	Wildlife	Protected birds and chickens	190 birds and 30 chickens	Without valid documents. Suspected to be domestically smuggled by sea. 01 suspect apprehended. 01 vehicle seized.	Indonesia authorities
17.	02 Dec 23	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	At Kuala Bibang Beach, Semporna, Sabah	UNK	Domestic products and fuel	Cooking oil and petrol	120 boxes and 10 jerry cans/ USD 1,286	Found in cartons and jerry cans, ashore. Suspected to be smuggled to a foreign country by sea.	Malaysia authorities
18.	03 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawau	01 speedboat	Drugs	Methamphetamine	56.64 gm/ USD 857	01 suspect apprehended. Boat ran aground, re-floated and towed ashore.	Indonesia authorities



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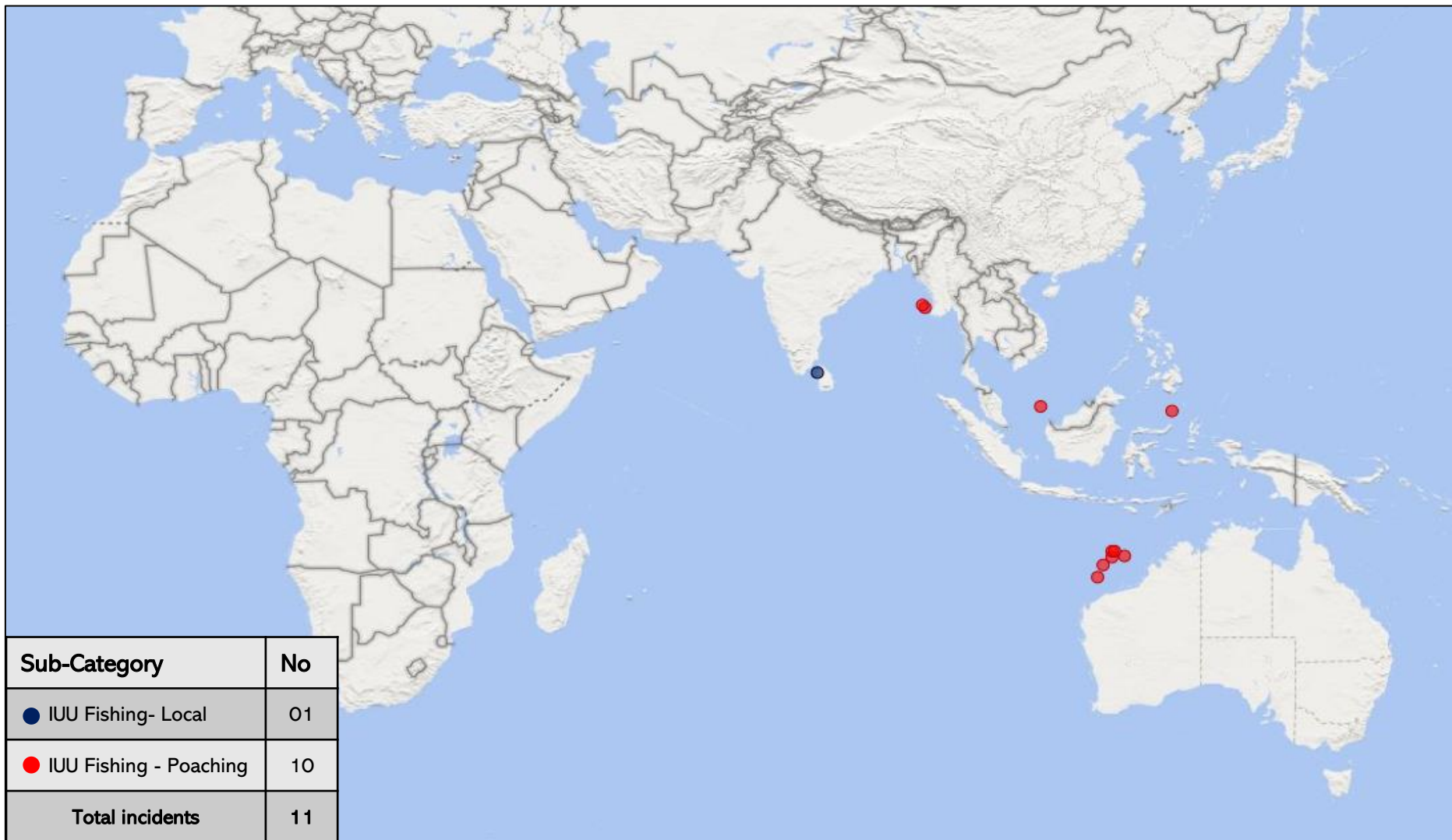
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19.	03 Dec 23	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	30 nm SW of Tho Chu Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. TG 91138 TS	Fuel	Diesel	30,000 L	Without valid documents. 05 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
20.	03 Dec 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Butterworth Container Base Port	UNK	Natural resources	Wood	33.9 tons/ USD 39,858	Found inside a container. Wood infected with insect pests.	Malaysia authorities
21.	03 Dec 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Kalpitiya	NA	Natural resources	Kendu Leaves	465 kg	Found in 08 sacks hidden in the lagoon area.	Sri Lanka authorities
22.	04 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ho Chi Minh City	01 vessel Reg. No. BTr 7688	Natural resources	Sand	80 m ³	Without valid documents. 04 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
23.	04 Dec 23	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	At Bank Pakong Port	<i>SRIMONGKHOLSAP</i> Tug Flag - Thailand MMSI: 567006563	Drugs	Methamphetamine	02 tons	Suspected to be smuggled to two foreign countries. 13 suspect apprehended. Vessel seized.	Indonesia authorities
24.	04 Dec 23	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	At Durban Port	UNK	Drugs	Cocaine	433 blocks/ USD 7,985,615	Hidden in meat boxes. Suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country by sea.	South Africa authorities



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1.	26 Nov 23	Poaching	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off North Natuna	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's water	Fishing vessel	20 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
2.	27 Nov 23	Poaching	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tahuna, Sulawesi Sea	<i>FB.CA.AM 02</i> Foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in the country's water	Fishing vessel	02 fishermen apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
3.	29 Nov 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Squids	11 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
4.	29 Nov 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Gulf of Mannar	Off Kondachchikuda, Silawathura	04 dinghies	Illegal fishing (night diving)	Dinghies and 1,670 sea cucumbers	12 apprehended.	Sri Lanka authorities
5.	30 Nov 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Sea cucumbers	13 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
6.	30 Nov 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	UNK	06 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
7.	01 Dec 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Sea cucumbers	10 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
8.	02 Dec 23	Poaching	Myanmar/ Bay of Bengal	18° 54'.5 N 091° 17'.7 E	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's water	Fishing vessel and 25 sharks	07 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Myanmar authorities
9.	02 Dec 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Sea cucumbers	13 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities



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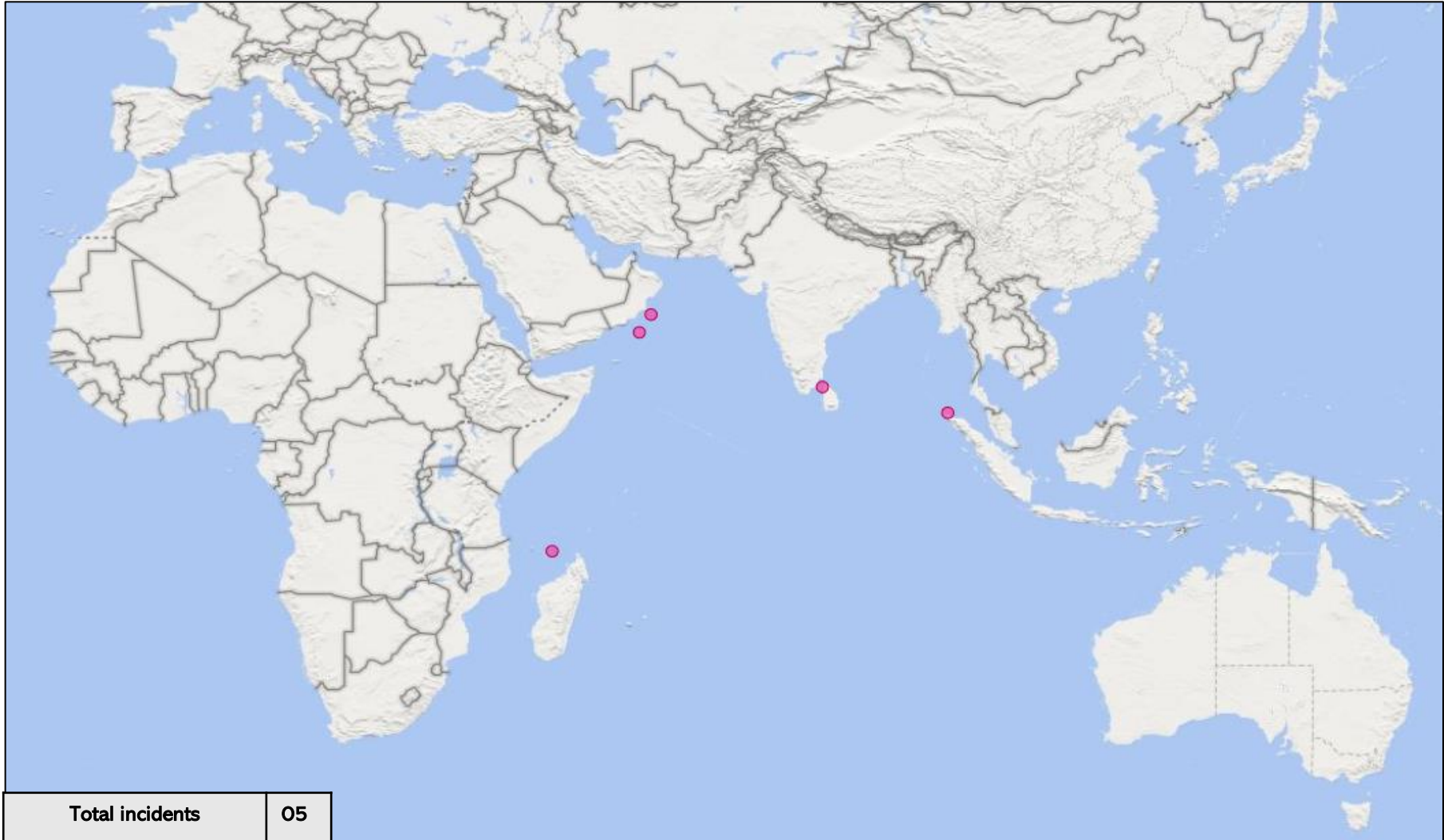
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10.	02 Dec 23	Poaching	Australia/ Indian Ocean	N of Australia	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fish	04 foreign fishermen. Vessel and fishermen were subsequently released.	Australia authorities
11.	03 Dec 23	Poaching	Myanmar/ Bay of Bengal	18° 57'.5 N 092° 12'.2 E	01 foreign fishing vessel	Illegal fishing in country's water	Fishing vessel and 36 sharks	08 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Myanmar authorities



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1.	27 Nov 23	India/ Palk Bay	Sri Lanka/ India	At Dhanushkodi, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu	01 boat	07 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally by sea.	India authorities
2.	29 Nov 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	UNK/ Oman	Off Oman	UNK	02 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally by sea.	Oman authorities
3.	26 Nov - 02 Dec 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	11 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	213 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally. 11 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boats seized.	France authorities
4.	02 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Andaman Sea	UNK/ Indonesia	At Le Meulee, Sukajaya, Aceh	01 wooden boat	139 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally. Boat seized.	Indonesia authorities
5.	03 Dec 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	UNK/ Oman	Off Dhofar	03 boats	12 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally by sea. Boats seized.	Oman authorities

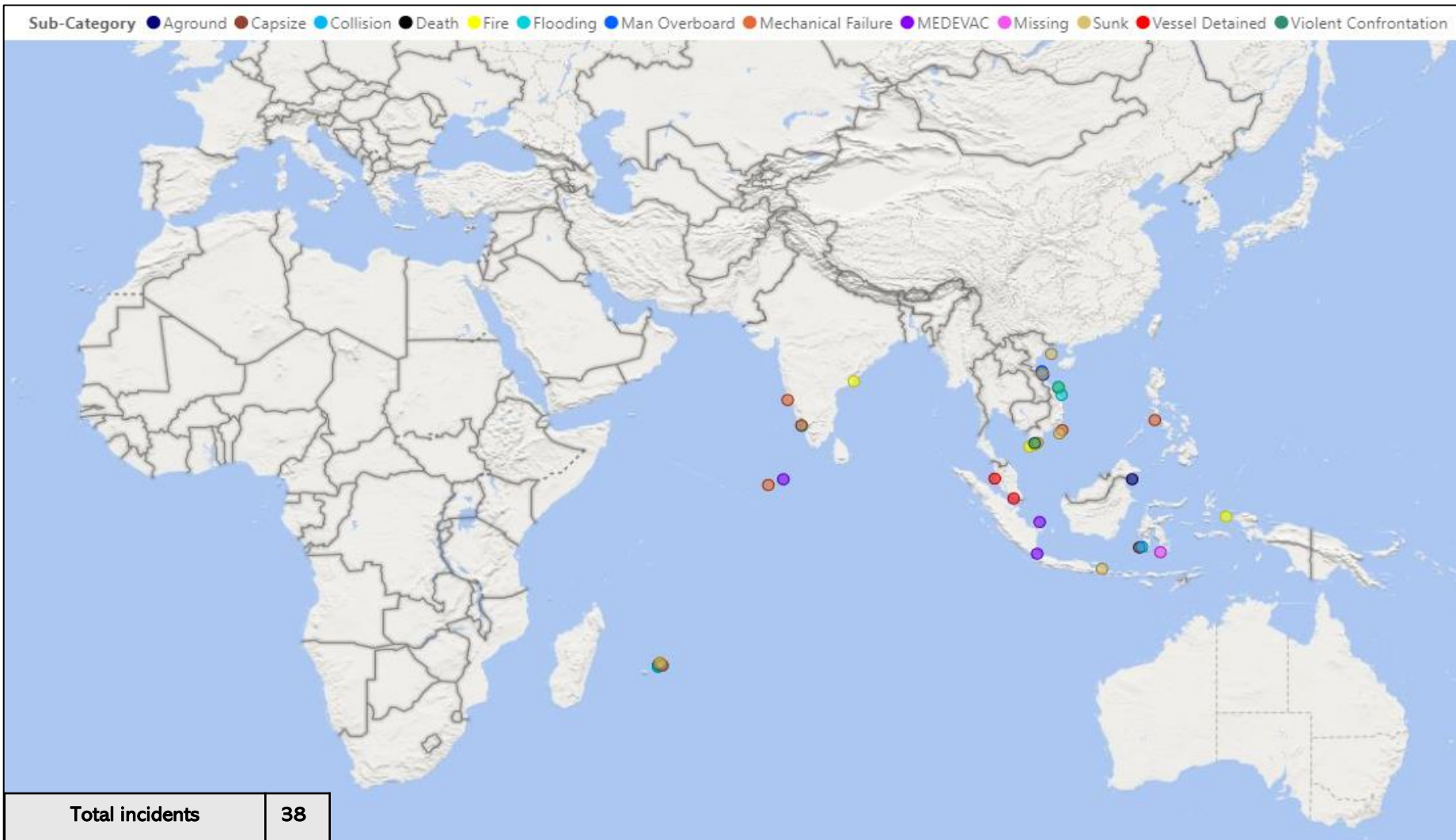


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Sub-Category ● Aground ● Capsize ● Collision ● Death ● Fire ● Flooding ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● Missing ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained ● Violent Confrontation



Total incidents

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1.	27 Nov 23	Missing	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Vicinity of Wali Island and Karanrang Pangkep Island	01 fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
2.	27 Nov 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	63 nm off Cua Gianh	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QB 98312 TS	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Vietnam authorities
3.	27 Nov 23	Collision	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Karanrang Island, Pankep Regency	01 cargo-passenger ship	UNK	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
					01 fishing boat	Towed ashore	UNK	
4.	28 Nov 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	14.2 nm NW of Pangkor Island	01 cargo ship Flag - Hong Kong	Detained	Failed to report arrival.	Malaysia authorities
5.	28 Nov 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Quang Ninh	<i>NAM PHAT 01</i> Cargo vessel Flag - Vietnam IMO: 9604720	Sank	Heavy weather. Water ingress. All 10 crew members and 01 passenger rescued.	Vietnam authorities
6.	29 Nov 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	05 nm off Nha Mat	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BL 1619 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. Water ingress. All 07 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities and fishing vessel Reg. No. BL 234 TS
7.	29 Nov 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hon La Port	01 fishing boat Reg. No. QNg 98024 TS	Sank	Water ingress. All 03 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
8.	29 Nov 23	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	52 nm off Hòn Khoai Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 98869 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. Explosion of gas cylinder. All 05 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities and local boats
9.	29 Nov 23	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Ambulong Island	<i>MV CHACHA 101</i> Cargo (fish carrier)	Towed ashore	Engine failure and adrift. All 09 crew members rescued.	Philippines authorities
10.	29 Nov 23	Flooding	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Illot Mangenie	01 fishing boat Reg. No. J 389 AF 11	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. Water ingress. 01 fisherman rescued.	Mauritius authorities



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11.	30 Nov 23	Violent confrontation	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ca Mau	03 fishing vessels	UNK	Fishermen assaulted by throwing fish bombs and using homemade guns. 03 fishermen sustained injuries.	Vietnam authorities
12.	30 Nov 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	140 nm off Phu Quy Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. CM 08957 TS	Towed ashore	Engine failure and adrift. All 11 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
13.	30 Nov 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	03 nm off Ky Ha	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNa 00597 TS	UNK	01 fisherman went overboard. Mortal remains recovered later.	Vietnam authorities
14.	30 Nov 23	Flooding	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Quang Ngai	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 90458 TS	Sank	Water ingress. All 11 crew members rescued.	Vietnam authorities and a local fishing vessel
15.	30 Nov 23	Fire	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Saukabu, Raja Ampat	<i>KLM INDOSIREM</i> Passenger vessel Flag - Indonesia	Sank	All 20 passengers rescued. No injuries reported.	Indonesia authorities
16.	30 Nov 23	MEDEVAC	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Simbang Island	01 fishing boat	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated. Suffered from sea sickness.	Indonesia authorities
17.	30 Nov 23	MEDEVAC	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Bakauheni Port	01 ship	Underway	01 crew member evacuated. Suffered from leg injury.	Indonesia authorities
18.	30 Nov 23	Flooding	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Benitier Island	Pleasure craft Reg. No. 6431 OL 08	UNK	Water ingress caused by the wash from a passing pleasure craft (Reg. No. PC 5172 OL 17) All 05 persons rescued (01 injured).	Mauritius authorities
19.	30 Nov 23	Aground	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Black River	<i>CORAL QUEEN</i> Catamaran Reg. No. PC 1906 OL 35	Aground	Water ingress.	Mauritius authorities
20.	01 Dec 23	Aground	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cham Island	<i>MT KING RICH</i> Tanker Flag - Sierra Leone IMO: 8920139 MMSI: 667092000	Aground	The vessel was abandoned by crew on 18 Nov 23 due to water ingress. No oil spill reported.	Vietnam authorities



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21.	01 Dec 23	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Ca Mau	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. KG 94259 TS	Damaged	Fire due to a short-circuit. Fire extinguished.	Vietnam authorities
22.	01 Dec 23	Fire	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Dummulapeta, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	01 fishing vessel	UNK	Explosion of cylinder. Crew abandoned the vessel. All 11 fishermen rescued.	India authorities
23.	02 Dec 23	Flooding	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Da Nang	01 cargo vessel Flag - Vietnam	UNK	Heavy weather. Water ingress. All 09 crew members rescued.	Vietnam authorities
24.	02 Dec 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Pangkep Regency, South Sulawesi	<i>KM RESKY</i> Passenger vessel	Sank	Heavy weather. 08 persons rescued. 07 dead.	Indonesia authorities
25.	02 Dec 23	Sunk	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Grand Bay	<i>CHALLENGER 4</i> Pleasure craft	Sank	Heavy weather. Unmanned pleasure craft.	Mauritius authorities
26.	02 Dec 23	Death	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Port Louis	<i>DE FU NO. 2</i> Fishing vessel	NA	Mortal remains of a crew member recovered.	Mauritius authorities
27.	03 Dec 23	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Vam Ba Tinh	01 fishing boat	UNK	Explosion in the engine room. All 12 fishermen rescued (03 injured).	Vietnam authorities
28.	03 Dec 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	10° 37' N 108° 09' E	01 fishing vessel Reg No: BTh 85627 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. All 06 fishermen rescued.	Local fishing vessel and Vietnam authorities
29.	03 Dec 23	Aground	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	Off Tawau	01 speedboat	Re-floated and towed ashore	01 crew member rescued. Suspected to be involved in illegal activity.	Indonesia authorities
30.	03 Dec 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Bali Strait	01 fishing vessel	Sank	All 06 fishermen rescued.	Indonesia authorities
31.	03 Dec 23	MEDEVAC	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off K.Male'	<i>KOOMASS</i> Fishing vessel	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated.	Maldives authorities
32.	03 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Belle Mare	<i>DIVE TIME</i> Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 2021 OL 13	Towed ashore	Engine failure. Both persons rescued.	Mauritius authorities
33.	04 Dec 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off East Johor	03 ships	Detained	Illegal anchoring.	Malaysia authorities



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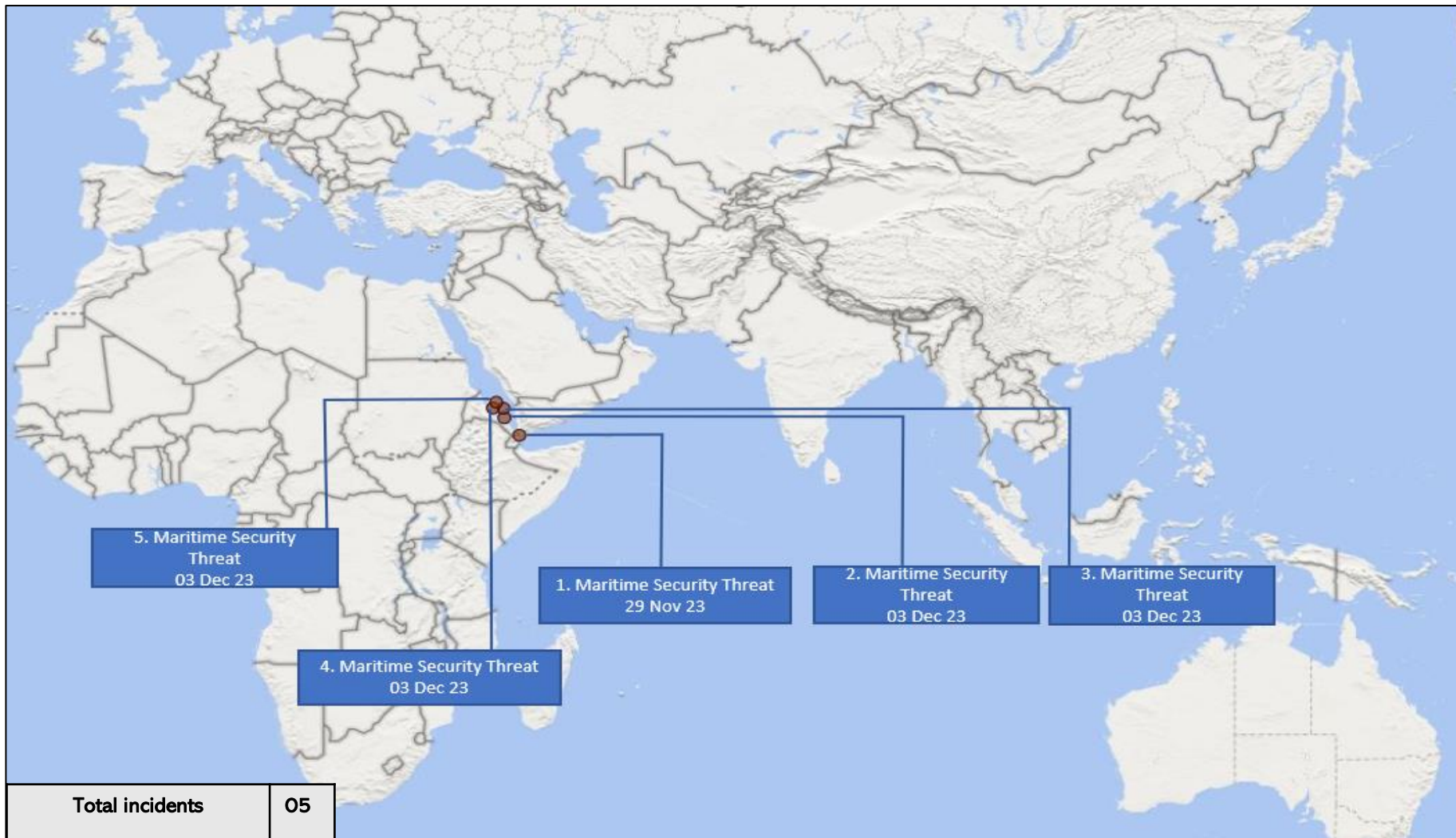
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34.	04 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Bay of Bengal	20 nm off Karwar, Karnataka	<i>IFB CHRISTO REI</i> Fishing vessel	Towed ashore	Engine failure and adrift.	Local fishing vessel <i>SEA HORSE</i> and India authorities
35.	04 Dec 23	Flooding	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Bepore, Kerala	<i>SARAH PUTHIN</i> Fishing vessel Reg. No. IND-KL-04-MM-1692	Sank	Water ingress. All 14 crew members rescued.	India authorities
36.	04 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	Off East Bank	<i>SAFINA BUX</i> Fishing boat	Towed ashore	Engine failure and adrift. All 04 fishermen rescued.	Pakistan authorities
37.	04 Dec 23	Fire	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Grand Bay	01 fishing boat Reg. No. A 907AF 2022	Damaged	Unmanned fishing boat caught fire. Fire extinguished.	Mauritius authorities
38.	05 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Ziyaraifushi Island	<i>HAWAAS</i> Fishing boat	Underway	Ran out of fuel.	A local vessel and Maldives authorities



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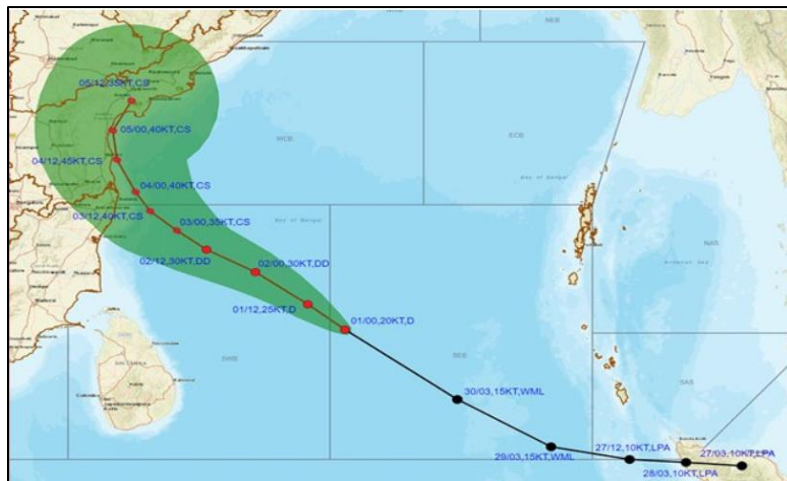




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1.	29 Nov 23	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Bab el-Mandab Strait	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy Ship shot down a drone in the Bab el-Mandab Strait off Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident.
2.	03 Dec 23 0915 LT 1235 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Bab el-Mandab Strait	<i>UNITY EXPLORER</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Bahamas IMO: 9726035 MMSI: 311000552	Reportedly, the Bahamas flagged bulk carrier <i>UNITY EXPLORER</i> was hit by a missile in the Bab el-Mandab Strait in a likely conflict-related incident. Ship sustained minor damages. All crew members safe.
3.	03 Dec 23 1530 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Bab el-Mandab Strait	<i>NUMBER 9</i> Container ship Flag - Panama IMO: 9340752 MMSI: 373044000	Reportedly, the Panama flagged container vessel was hit by a missile in the Bab el-Mandab Strait in a likely conflict-related incident. Ship sustained minor damages. All crew members safe.
4.	03 Dec 23 1630 LT	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Bab el-Mandab Strait	<i>SOPHIE II</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Panama IMO: 9881366 MMSI: 374462000	Reportedly, a drone missile attack was made against the Panama-flagged bulk carrier <i>SOPHIE II</i> in the Bab el-Mandab Strait in a likely conflict-related incident. No significant damages. All crew members safe.
5.	03 Dec 23	Yemen/ Red Sea	In Bab el-Mandab Strait	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy Ship shot down two drones in Bab el-Mandab Strait off Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident.



Cyclone *MICHAUNG* in the Bay of Bengal

The Severe Cyclonic Storm *MICHAUNG* originated in the Gulf of Thailand on 29 Nov 23 and intensified into a tropical cyclone by 01 Dec 23 while entering the Bay of Bengal. The tropical cyclone further strengthened and moved Northwesterly towards the east coast of India with a maximum wind speed of 110 km/h. The cyclonic storm made landfall in Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh on 05 Dec 23 and brought heavy rainfalls to the NE of Tamil Nadu and SE of Andhra Pradesh, India followed by widespread floods and inundations in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and weakened thereafter. Reportedly, more than 17 people have lost their lives while more than 41,000 people of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh were evacuated and relocated temporarily.



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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT (S)

- **Seized over 11 tonnes of dried turtle meat, endangered marine species worth USD 1,069,290**

On 29 Nov 23, Malaysia authorities seized a boat with 11 tonnes of dried turtle meat, fish, shellfish and seaweed off Mangsee Reef, Kudat, Malaysia. Reportedly, four suspects escaped. The estimated value of the seizure was USD 1,069,290.



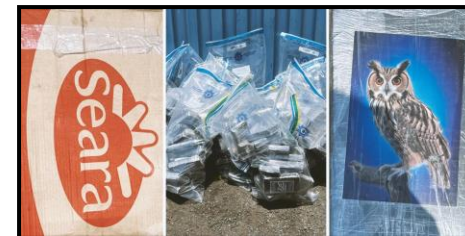
- **Drug bust, 2 tons of “Ice”, bound for Australia and Philippines**

On 04 Dec 23, Thailand authorities apprehended 13 suspect and seized the Thailand flagged tug *SRIMONGKHOLSAP* with 02 tons of methamphetamine at Bank Pakong Port, Thailand. Reportedly, contraband was intended to be smuggled to two foreign countries.



- **Cocaine disguised in meat boxes seized in Durban in latest SA-Brazil bust**

On 04 Dec 23, South Africa authorities seized 433 blocks of cocaine, hidden in meat boxes at Durban Port, South Africa. Reportedly, the contraband was suspected to be smuggled from a foreign country. The estimated value of the seizure was USD 7,985,615.





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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Australia police seize USD 39m in cocaine from bulker's sea chest

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/australian-police-seize-39m-in-cocaine-from-bulker-s-sea-chest>

Lobster closure season - La Réunion

<https://www.linfo.re/la-reunion/societe/peche-a-la-langouste-fermeture-annuelle-jusqu-au-31-mars-2024>

2023 - 2030 Australian cyber security strategy

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/cyber-security-subsite/files/2023-cyber-security-strategy.pdf>

Nine-month seasonal ban on shrimp fishing and trading in Muscat, Oman

<https://www.muscatdaily.com/2023/12/03/nine-month-seasonal-ban-on-shrimp-fishing-and-trading/>

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