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OVERVIEW



Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
Contraband Smuggling	16
IUU Fishing	08
Irregular Human Migration	04
Maritime Incidents	39
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	Nil
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	02
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	71
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	Nil
● Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
● Sea Robbery	02
● Sea Theft	Nil
● Illegal Boarding	Nil
● Attempted Sea Robbery	Nil
● Attempted Sea Theft	Nil
● Attempted Boarding	Nil
● Suspicious Approach	Nil
Total incidents	02



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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.	29 Aug 23 0600 LT	Sea robbery	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	At Berth 112, Belawan Port	<i>SLNC SEVERN</i> Bulk carrier Flag - United States IMO: 9629988 MMSI: 303582000	03 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel while at anchor. Ship's items stolen.	All crew members safe	At anchor	Indonesia authorities
2.	01 Sep 23 0135 LT	Sea robbery	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	01° 03' N 103° 41' E In the eastbound lane of TSS	<i>YANGZE 8</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9725732 MMSI: 636016709	04 perpetrators (01 perpetrator armed with gun like objects) were sighted in the engine room while underway. Ship's items stolen.	All crew members safe	Underway/ perpetrators escaped	Singapore authorities

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1.	05 Aug 23 1400 LT	Kidnap	Nigeria/ Gulf of Guinea	04° 27' N 007° 34' E	01 fishing vessel	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the fishing vessel while underway and kidnapped 02 fishermen.	02 fishermen released on 16 Aug 23.	Underway	Nigeria authorities
4.	08 Aug 23 2230 LT	Sea robbery	Singapore/ Singapore Strait	01° 02' N 103° 39' E In Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait	<i>DORIC WARRIOR</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Liberia IMO: 9453511 MMSI: 636014806	04 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel while underway. 01 crew member tied in the engine room. Ship's items stolen.	01 crew member tied and others safe	Underway	Singapore authorities



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	01
Drugs	04
Fuel	03
Natural Resources	05
Tobacco	01
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	02
Others	Nil
Total incidents	16



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Vessel Details	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	25 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	In Wattakkalliya Beach Area	NA	Domestic products	Kendu leaves	1231.8 kg	02 suspects apprehended. Vehicle seized.	Sri Lanka authorities
2.	28 Aug 23	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Poto Tano Ferry Port	NA	Wildlife	Birds	120 birds	Found in 12 boxes. Without valid documents.	Indonesia authorities
3.	29 Aug 23	India/ Palk Bay	Off Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu	NA	Natural resources	Sea shells	567 kg (242 kg of processed and 325 kg of live sea shells)	02 suspects apprehended.	India authorities
4.	29 Aug 23	India/ Palk Bay	Off Mandapam, Tamil Nadu	NA	Natural resources	Sea cucumbers	722 kg of sea cucumber (155 kg processed, 242 kg of boiled and 325 kg of fresh dead sea cucumbers)	03 suspects apprehended.	India authorities
5.	29 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Off Pitipana Lagoon, Negombo	01 dinghy	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	440 kg	Found in 15 packages. Dinghy seized.	Sri Lanka authorities
6	30 Aug 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Kudat, Sabah	01 fishing vessel	Fuel	Petrol	1,600 L	Found in 80 barrels. Master failed to produce valid documents. 03 suspects apprehended. Fishing vessel seized.	Malaysia authorities
7.	31 Aug 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tien Giang Province	01 vessel Reg. No. ND 95368 TS	Fuel	Diesel	50,000 L	07 suspects apprehended. Master failed to produce valid documents. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
8.	31 Aug 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tien Giang Province	01 vessel Reg. No. BV 99889 TS	Fuel	Diesel	90,000 L	07 suspects apprehended. Master failed to produce valid documents. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
9.	31 Aug 23	India/ Palk Bay	At Kalimankundu Beach, Tamil Nadu	01 fishing vessel	Natural resources	Gold	14.8 kg	Suspected to have been smuggled from a foreign country. 03 suspects apprehended. Fishing vessel seized.	India authorities



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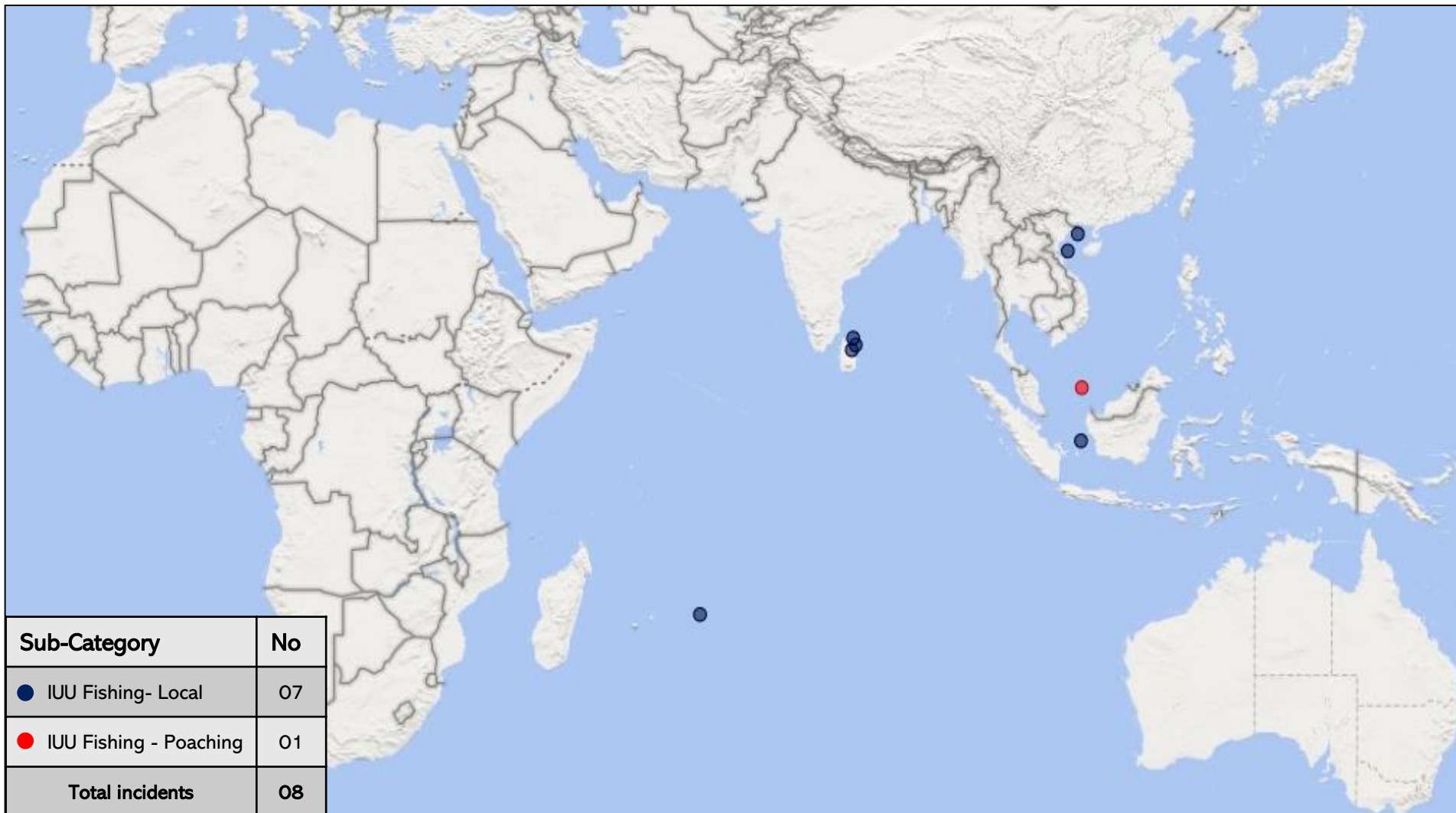
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10.	31 Aug 23	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Shapuree Island, Teknaf Upazila, Cox's Bazar	01 wooden boat	Drugs	Yaba pills	80,000 pills	Found wrapped in a polythene bag. 01 suspect apprehended and 02 escaped. Boat seized.	Bangladesh authorities
11.	01 Sep 23	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Olo Belawan	01 canoe	Drugs and fuel	Methamphetamine and diesel	07 packages and 15 jerry cans	02 suspects apprehended. Canoe seized.	Indonesia authorities
12.	01 Sep 23	India/ Arabian Sea	04 nm off Jakhau, Gujarat	NA	Drugs	Cannabis	02 kg	Found in 02 packets.	India authorities
13.	02 Sep 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Mundra Port, Gujarat	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	3.25 million/ USD 784,673	Suspected to have been smuggled from a foreign country. Mis-declared as air fresheners.	India authorities
14.	04 Sep 23	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	In Arabian Sea	01 fishing vessel	Drugs and alcohol	Drugs and alcohol	9.5 tonnes and 10,000 bottles/ USD 112,000,000	Hidden inside compartments. Fishing vessel seized.	Pakistan authorities
15.	05 Sep 23	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Port of Zamboanga	01 Ro-Ro passenger ship	Natural resources	Coconut lumber	26,000 ft/ USD 3,508	Without valid documents. Vehicles seized.	Philippines authorities
16.	05 Sep 23	India/ Palk Bay	At Uchipuli, Tamil Nadu	NA	Wildlife	Sea cucumber	71 kg/ USD 38,530	UNK	India authorities



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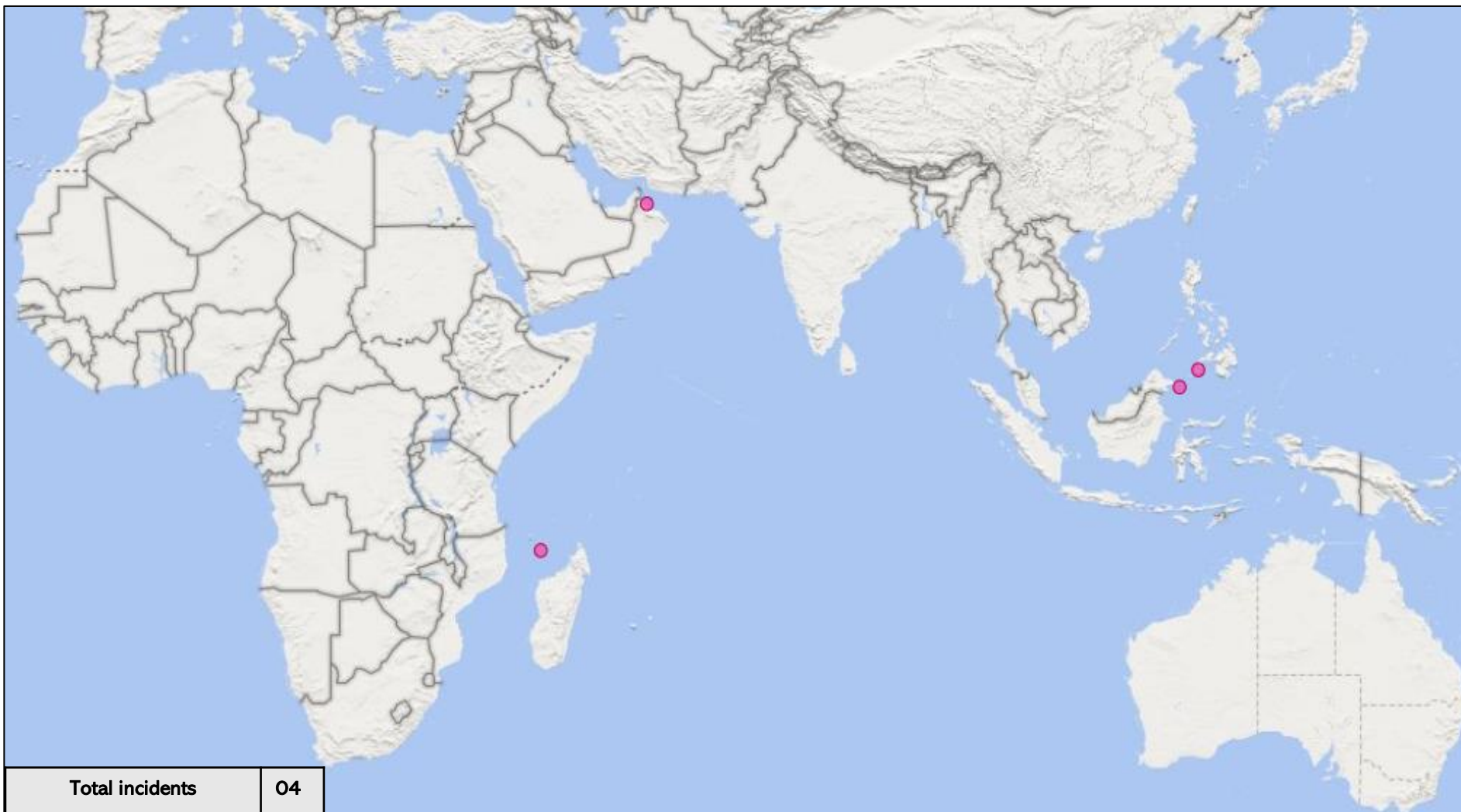
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1.	29 Aug 23	Local	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Leman Island, Karimata District	<i>KM EKA SETIA 04GT 82</i> and <i>KM PROSPEROUS SOURCE GT 104</i> Fishing vessels	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessels and 700 kg of fish.	49 apprehended	Indonesia authorities
2.	30 Aug 23	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Bai Dong	01 fishing vessel	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessel	08 apprehended	Vietnam authorities
3.	01 Sep 23	Local	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Tran Island	02 fishing vessels	Illegal fishing	02 fishing vessels	02 apprehended	Vietnam authorities
4.	01 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Kadeikadu	02 dinghies	Illegal fishing (using unauthorised nets)	Dinghies	07 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
5.	02 Sep 23	Poaching	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off North Natuna, Riau Islands	02 fishing vessels	Illegal fishing	02 foreign fishing vessels	18 foreign fishermen apprehended	Indonesia authorities
6.	02 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Madurankuda, Trincomalee	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (using unauthorised nets)	Dinghy and unauthorised fishing gear	04 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
7.	03 Sep 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Trincomalee	02 dinghies	Illegal fishing (light-coarse fishing and using unauthorised nets)	Dinghies and unauthorised fishing nets	12 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
8.	04 Sep 23	Local	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Plaine Corail, Rodrigues	UNK	Illegal fishing	135 m of illegal fishing nets	UNK	Mauritius authorities



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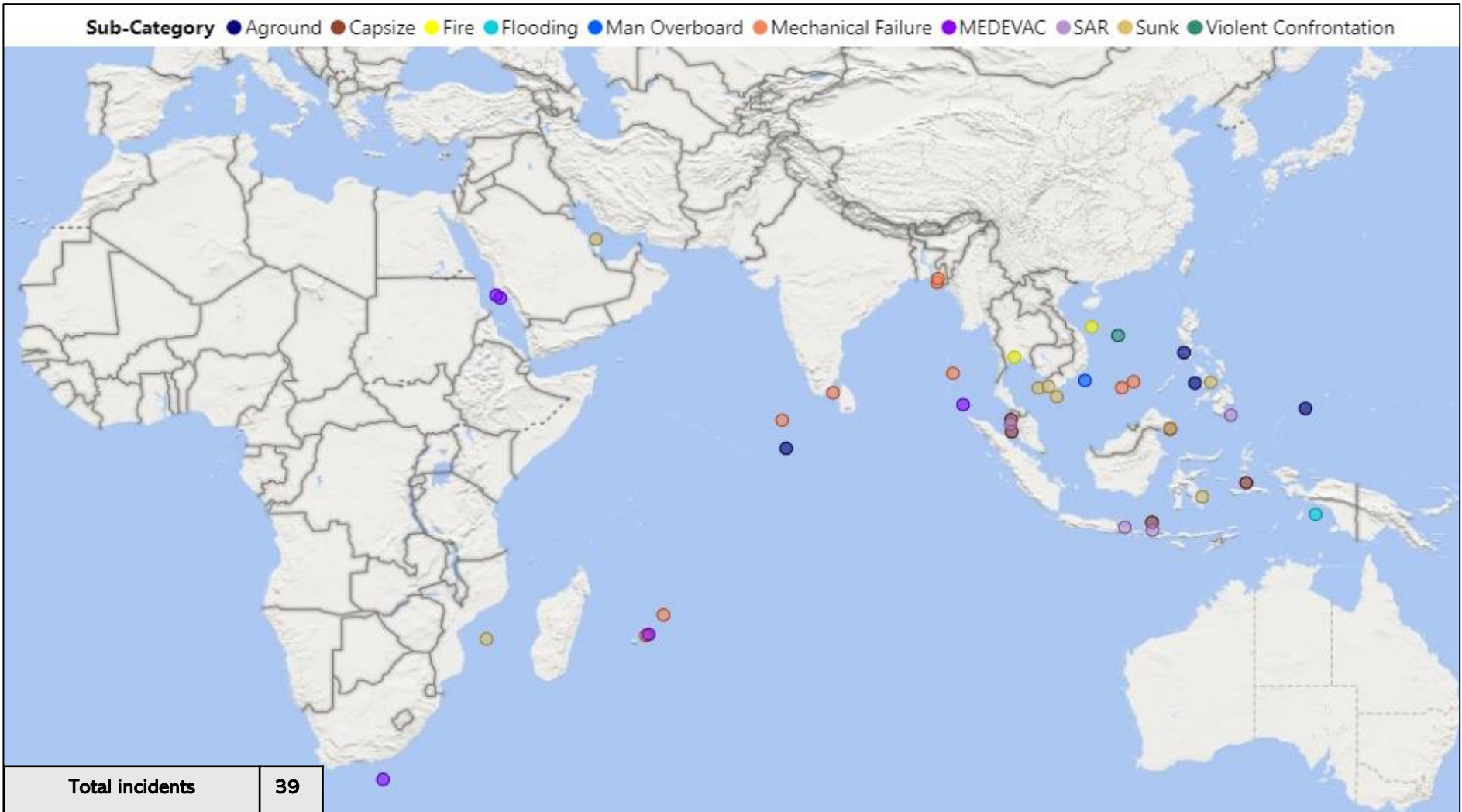
Sr	Date	Country/Region	Origin/Destination	Location	Vessel Details	Migrants Details	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	01 Sep 23	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Philippines/ Malaysia	Off Nongao, Tawi-Tawi	<i>MV EVERGREEN OF ASIA</i> Oil product tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9430703 MMSI: 373370000	06 rescued (04 females and 02 males)	Reportedly, the migrants were suspected to be victims of human trafficking.	Philippines authorities
2.	01 Sep 23	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Philippines/ UNK	At Taha Private Wharf, Baliwasan, Zamboanga	UNK	22 rescued (19 adults and 03 children)	Reportedly, the migrants were suspected to be victims of human trafficking.	Philippines authorities
3.	27 Aug - 03 Sep 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	15 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	151 apprehended	09 suspected smugglers apprehended. 15 boats seized.	France authorities
4.	03 Sep 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Oman/ UNK	Off North Batinah	01 boat	15 apprehended	Migrants were attempting to leave the country via sea route. Boat seized.	Oman authorities



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1.	24 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	At Chittagong Outer Anchorage	<i>CHITRAL</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Pakistan IMO: 9272876 MMSI: 463037101	Berthed	Heavy weather. Loaded with 25,000 tons of clinker. The propeller entangled with the anchor chain cable of <i>SARWAR JAHAN</i> at outer anchorage. Propeller damaged.	Bangladesh authorities
					<i>SARWAR JAHAN</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Bangladesh IMO: 9233600 MMSI: 405000183	Berthed	Anchor chain cable lost.	
2.	26 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	08 nm NW of Sangu gas field	01 fishing vessel	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 14 fishermen rescued on 29 Aug 23.	Bangladesh authorities
3.	28 Aug 23	Capsize	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pantai Teluk Batik, Perak	01 passenger vessel	Sank	07 passengers swam ashore. 02 rescued.	Malaysia authorities
4.	28 Aug 23	Violent confrontation	Vietnam/ South China Sea	In South China Sea	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNg 90459 TS	UNK	The local fishing vessel was attacked by a foreign flagged vessel (Reg. No. 4201) with water canons in the South China Sea. Reportedly, 08 fishermen were injured during the attack.	Vietnam authorities
5.	28 Aug 23	Flooding	Indonesia/ Arafura Sea	Off Puriri Island, Mimika, Central Papua	01 ship	Sank	Water ingress. 04 crew members survived. 02 missing.	Indonesia authorities
6.	28 Aug 23	SAR	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	854 nm SE of Cape San Agustin, Davao oriental	<i>MV MAXWELL</i> Bulk carrier Flag - Singapore IMO: 9782027 MMSI: 563015800	Drifted	Adrift for five days. 01 fisherman rescued.	Philippines authorities
7.	29 Aug 23	SAR	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pintu Gedung Island	01 ship	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 person missing.	Malaysia authorities



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8.	29 Aug 23	Capsize	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Off Sabah, Lahad Datu District	01 pump boat	Capsized	Heavy weather. All 04 persons (03 females and 01 child) rescued.	Malaysia authorities
9.	29 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	60 nm off St Brandon Island	<i>FV DJASAZEE</i> Fishing vessel	Adrift	Encountered engine failure.	Mauritius authorities
10.	29 Aug 23	Sunk	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	Off Kampung Lahad Datu	01 motorboat	Sank	All 04 persons (03 females and 01 child) rescued.	Malaysia authorities
11.	30 Aug 23	Aground	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Batangas City	<i>LCT GOLDEN BELLA</i> Ship	Aground	Heavy weather. Loaded with 13,456 L of diesel and 173 L of Lubrication Oil. All 12 crew members safe. No oil spill observed.	Philippines authorities
12.	30 Aug 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Kinh Hoi, Ca Mau	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. KG 62019 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. All 02 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
13.	30 Aug 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Besuli Situbondo, East Java	01 fishing boat	Missing	01 fisherman missing.	Indonesia authorities
14.	30 Aug 23	Sunk	Mozambique/ Indian Ocean	Off Mitange	01 boat	Sank	Heavy weather. 03 fishermen swam ashore. 05 missing.	Mozambique authorities
15.	31 Aug 23	Aground	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Parola Ferry Terminal, Iloilo	<i>D'ASEAN JOURNEY</i> RO-RO vessel Flag - Philippines IMO: 8021866	Aground	Heavy weather. All persons (109 passengers and 28 crew members) safe.	Philippines authorities
16.	31 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	12 nm SE of R. Ungoofaar	01 dinghy	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 03 fishermen rescued.	Maldives authorities
17.	31 Aug 23	MEDEVAC	Saudi Arabia/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	01 vessel Flag - Iran	Underway	01 crew member evacuated.	Saudi Arabia authorities
18.	31 Aug 23	MEDEVAC	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	07 nm off Cape Recife, Gqeberha	01 fishing vessel	Underway	01 fisherman evacuated.	South Africa authorities



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19.	01 Sep 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Java Sea	In Alas Strait, Labuan Lahar	UNK	UNK	02 fishermen missing.	Indonesia authorities
20.	01 Sep 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Molucca Sea	W of Obi Seram Island South Halmahera	01 fishing boat	Sank	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman rescued.	Indonesia authorities and US flagged ship
21.	01 Sep 23	Aground	Philippines/ Philippine Sea	Off Palaun	<i>MV JOEGI 5</i> Cargo ship IMO: 8864206	Aground	Heavy weather. Loaded with 15,000 L diesel and 28,020 bags of cement. No oil spill observed.	Philippines authorities
22.	01 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Palk Bay	05 nm off Rameswaram	01 fishing Boat	Repairs carried out	Encountered engine failure. Defect rectified.	India authorities
23.	02 Sep 23	Man overboard	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Phu Quy Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. KH 97957 TS	UNK	Heavy weather. 01 fisherman missing.	Vietnam authorities
24.	02 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Son Ca Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNa 91964 TS	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. Encountered engine failure.	Vietnam authorities
25.	02 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	22 nm SW of Spratly Islands	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. QNa 91964 TS	Underway	Encountered engine failure. Repairs completed.	Vietnam authorities
26.	02 Sep 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Kien Giang Province	01 fishing vessel	Sank	Heavy weather.	Vietnam authorities
27.	02 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Bay of Bengal	Off Andaman Nicobar	<i>HARISHMA</i> Reg. No. IND-AN-SA-MM-2121 Fishing boat	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 11 fishermen rescued.	India authorities
28.	02 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	05 nm off Flic en flac	Pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 9031 OL	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 04 crew members rescued.	Mauritius authorities
29.	03 Sep 23	Fire	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cham Islands, Quang Nam Province	01 boat	UNK	03 crew members rescued (injured).	Vietnam authorities



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30.	03 Sep 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	Off An Thoi	01 fishing boat Reg. No.KG 25825TS	Sank	Heavy weather. 01 swam ashore. 01 dead. 03 rescued.	Vietnam authorities
31.	03 Sep 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Bokori Island	01 vessel	Sank	Heavy weather. All 19 persons rescued.	Locals and Indonesia authorities
32.	03 Sep 23	Sunk	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Naga City, Cebu	<i>SUGBO 2</i> Tugboat Flag - Philippines IMO: 8015776	Sank	Loaded with 8,612 L of diesel and 1,200 L of lub oil. All 07 crew members rescued.	Tugboat <i>SUGBO 7</i>
33.	03 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	India/ Andaman Sea	Off Campbell Bay, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	<i>MV THERMOPYLAE</i> Vehicles carrier Flag - Malta IMO: 9702443 MMSI: 229711000	Underway	01 Philippines crew member evacuated. Suffered abdominal pain.	India authorities
34.	03 Sep 23	Sunk	Bahrain/ Persian Gulf	Off Halat Al Salta	01 boat	Sank	All 03 crew members rescued.	Bahrain authorities
35.	03 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Port Louis	<i>LADY JANE</i> Container ship Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9297474 MMSI: 538009624	Underway	02 Indian crew members evacuated. Burn injury.	Mauritius authorities
36.	04 Sep 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Gili Lawa, Komodo National Park, Bali	01 boat	Capsized	06 persons (02 locals and 04 tourists) rescued (01 injured).	Indonesia authorities
37.	04 Sep 23	Capsize	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	Off Timba-Timba Island	01 boat	Sank	08 persons rescued. 01 dead.	Malaysia authorities
38.	04 Sep 23	MEDEVAC	Saudi Arabia/ Red Sea	In Red Sea	01 ship	Underway	01 Turkish crew member (female) evacuated. Head injury.	Saudi Arabia authorities
39.	05 Sep 23	Mechanical failure	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	E of L.Isdhoo Island Reef	01 yacht	Aground	Engine failure. All 02 crew members (01 local and 01 foreign) rescued.	Maldives authorities



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1.	03 Sep 23	Marine environment pollution	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Chonburi Province	<i>KALLISTA</i> Oil tanker Flag - Panama IMO: 9411965 MMSI: 352001127	Moored	60,000 L of crude oil leaked into the sea while being transferred from a moored tanker loaded with 273,000 metric tons of crude oil off Chonburi Province, Thailand. Oil spill contained by authorities.	Thailand authorities
2.	03 Sep 23	Oil Spill	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Naga City, Cebu	<i>SUGBO 2</i> Tugboat Flag - Philippines IMO: 8015776	UNK	Loaded with 8,612 L of diesel and 1,200 L of lub oil. Oil spill contained by authorities.	Philippines authorities



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SMIT Salvage team departs *FSO SAFER* in Yemen following successful oil removal operation

<https://gcaptain.com/smit-salvage-team-departs-fso-safer-in-yemen-following-successful-oil-removal-operation/>

Shrimp fishing season commenced in Oman from 01 Sep 23

<https://www.muscatdaily.com/2023/08/31/shrimp-fishing-season-begins-from-sept-1-mafwr/>

Future IUU fishing trends in a warming world: A global horizon scan

<https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/occasional-papers/future-iuu-fishing-trends-warming-world-global-horizon-scan>

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