



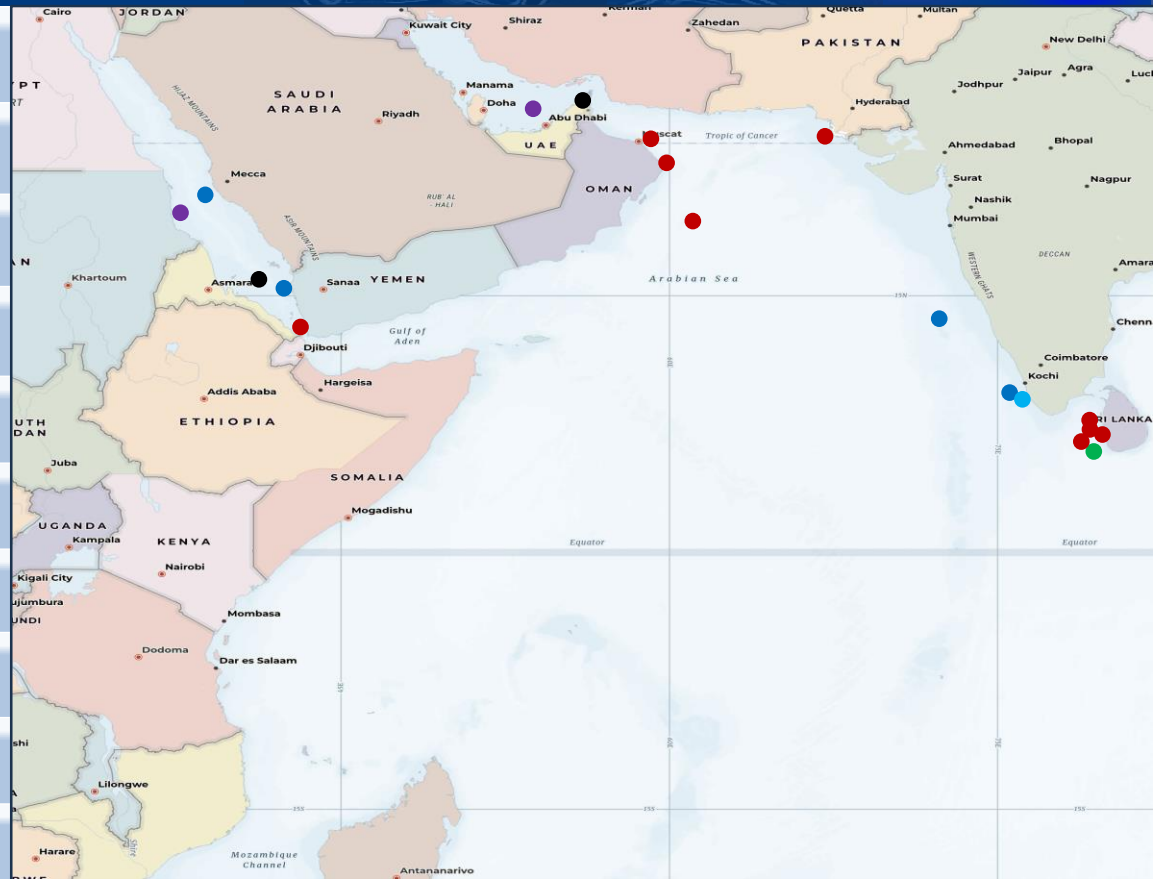
JMICC MONTHLY INCIDENTS REPORT (MIR) - MAY 25

**Joint Maritime Information
Coordination Centre, Pakistan**



MARITIME INFORMATION SUMMARY MAY-25

Category		No of Incidents
●	Maritime Incidents (MI)	03
●	Contraband Smuggling (CS)	09
●	Theft, Robbery & Piracy at sea (TRAPS)	-
●	Maritime Terrorism (MT)	02
●	IUU Fishing	01
●	Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	-
●	Environmental Security (EVSEC)	01
●	Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	02
●	Others	-

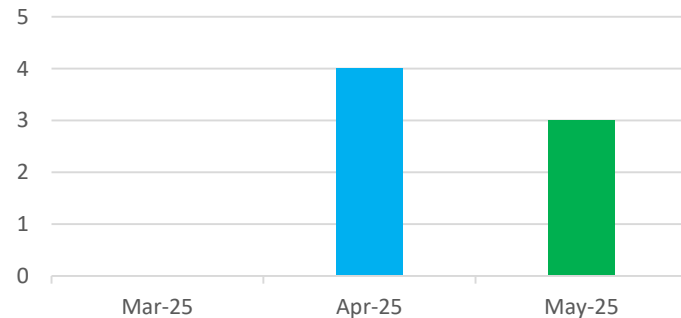




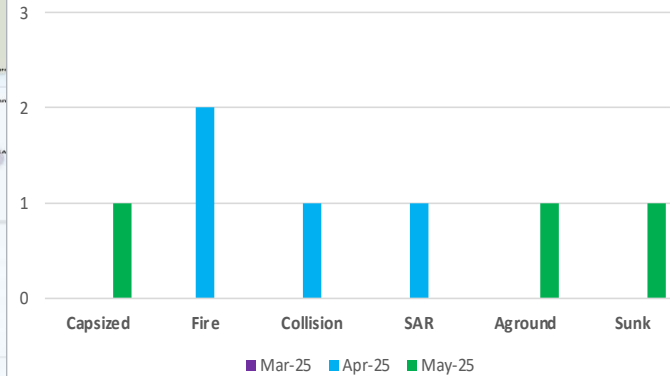
MARITIME INCIDENTS



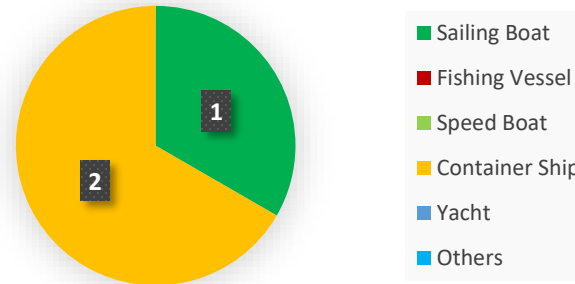
Number of incidents



Type of incident



Type of Vessel



OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

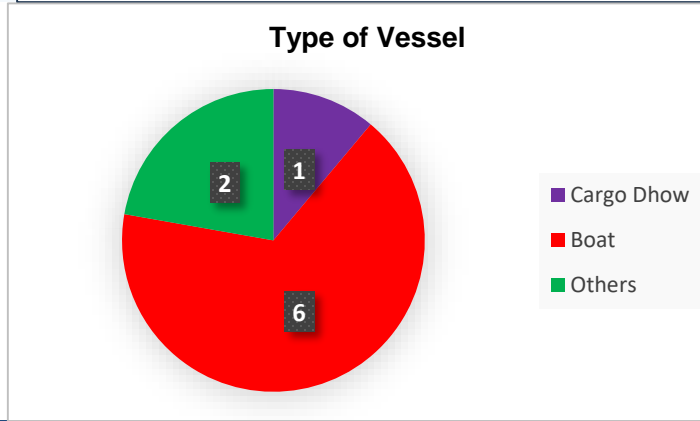
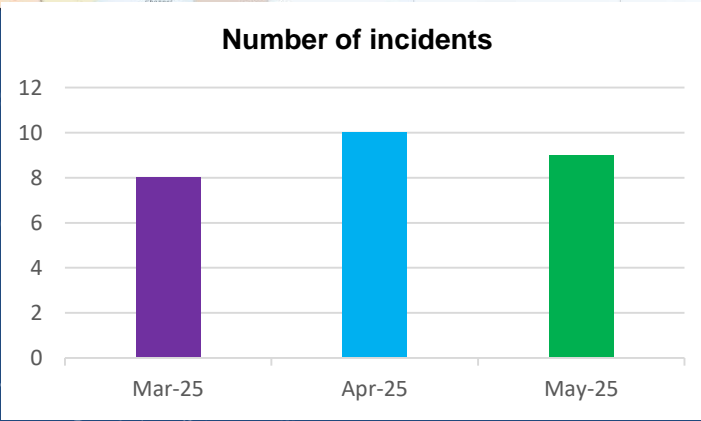
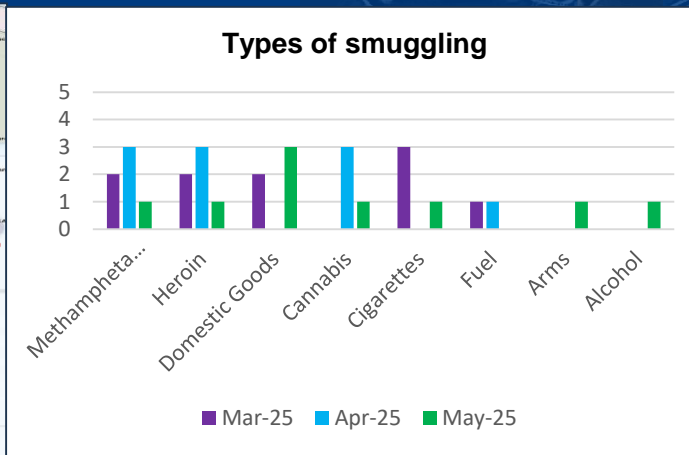
During May 25, 3 x maritime incidents (1 x capsizing of container vessel, 1 x grounding of MV & 1 x Sinking of ship) were recorded in general area of Red Sea & off Indian West Coast

COMMENTS

- 2 x incidents (capsizing of MSC ELSA 3 & sinking of MSV SALAMATH) were recorded off Indian West Coast and 1 x incident (grounding of MSC Antonio) was recorded in Red Sea, possibly due to GPS Spoofing
- MSC ELSA-3, carrying hazardous materials on board, capsized off the coast of Kerala, posing significant environmental risks
- Seafarers transiting the Red Sea are advised to maintain heightened situational awareness
- Vessels are advised to cross-verify GPS data with alternative navigational systems (e.g radar, visual bearings, inertial systems) to avoid GPS spoofing



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING



OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

- 9 x incidents were recorded in Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden and off Sri Lanka
- 4 x incidents were recorded involving Narcotics & 5 x incidents were related to Smuggling of Arms, Cigarettes and domestic goods

COMMENTS

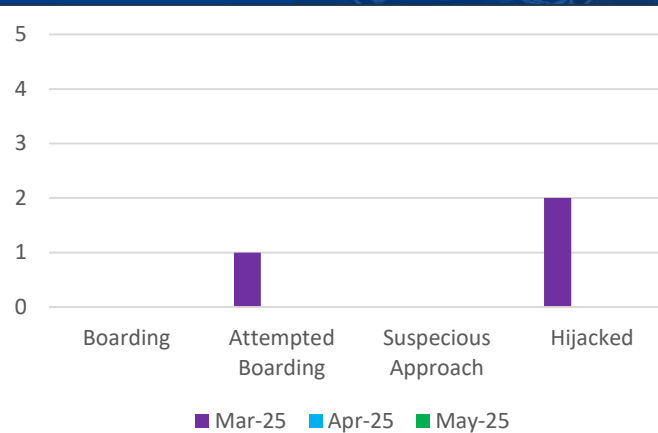
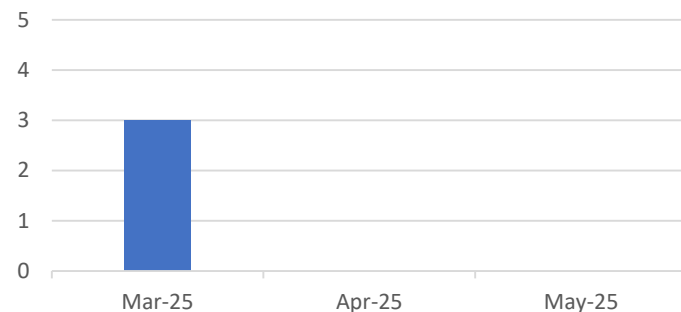
- No significant variation in number of incidents was observed
- Smugglers are likely offloading narcotics stockpiles, exploiting the narrowing pre-monsoon window
- Sri Lankan Navy & Omani Coast Guards conducted multiple successful interdictions, leveraging coastal patrols and intelligence
- Established narcotics route originating from Makran Coast remains vulnerable to periodic exploitation by trafficking networks transiting toward East Africa



THEFT, ROBBERY & PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)



Number of incidents



ZERO

INCIDENT IN MAY 2025

OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

No incident regarding TRAPs recorded during the month of May 25

COMMENTS

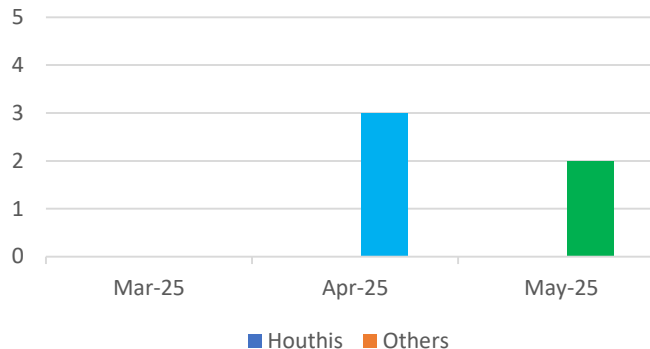
- While no specific incidents related to TRAPs were recorded during Apr 25, the maritime environment remains susceptible to opportunistic and organized criminal activity in several high-risk regions
- Sea fearers are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and enforce ship security protocols while ensuring prompt reporting of suspicious activity



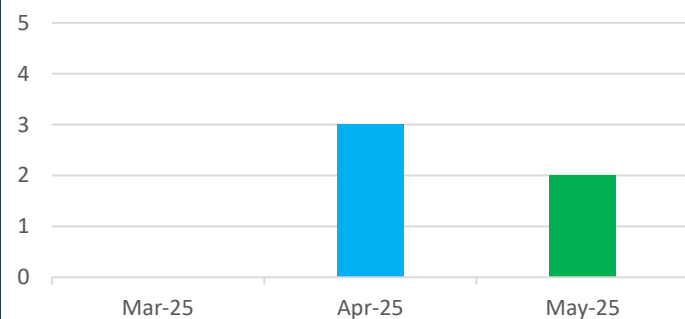
MARITIME TERRORISM



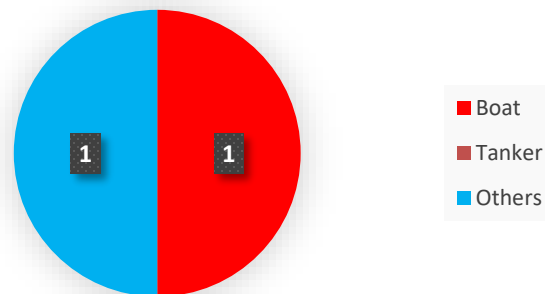
Armed Groups



Number of incident



Type of Vessel



OBSERVATIONS

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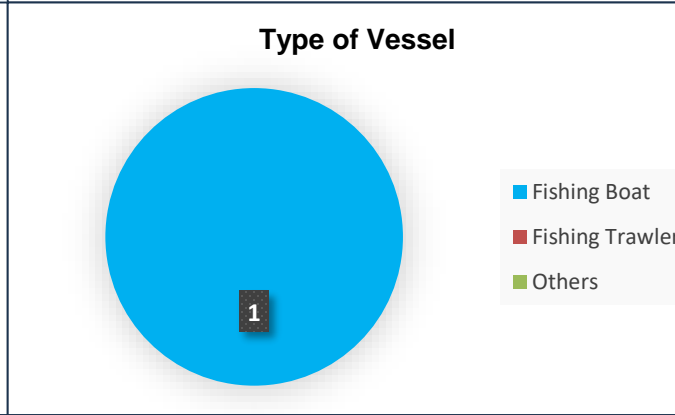
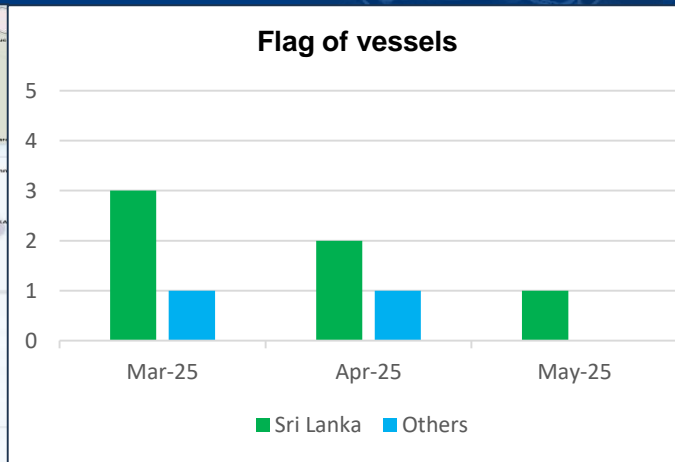
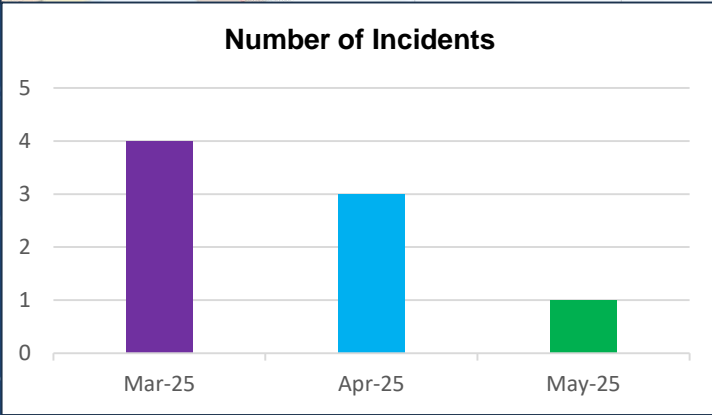
During May 25, 2 x incidents (Drone strikes on Sudan port & ramming of boat into vessels) were recorded in Red Sea & Persian Gulf

COMMENTS

- 1 x incident wherein drone strikes were carried out on Sudan Port reflects the increasing spill over of internal conflicts into maritime zones
- Targeting of dual-use infrastructure (port, airport, and military base) underscores the Rapid Support Forces (RSF's) evolving asymmetric capabilities and rising normalization of UAVs in littoral conflict
- An incident involving a boats ramming vessels underscores the need for heightened vigilance in the northern Arabian Gulf, particularly in light of the growing use of unmanned platforms.
- Vessels are advised to exercise caution while traversing through Red Sea/ GoA



IUU FISHING



OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

1 x incident related to IUUF was recorded in area off Sri Lanka

COMMENTS

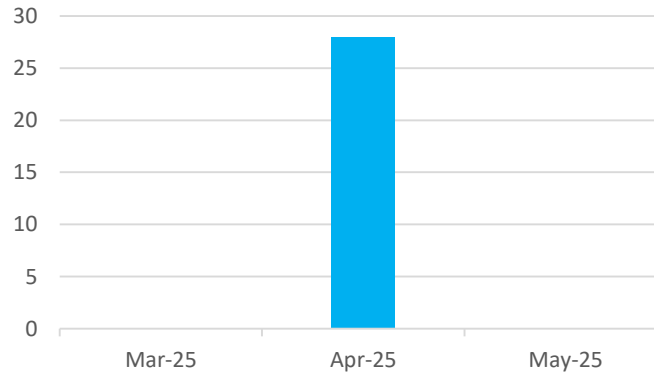
- Gradual decline in number of incidents since Mar 25 observed
- The Gulf of Mannar area remained a hotspot for illegal fishing; however, seasonal factors have significantly curtailed incidents of IUUF
- IUUF is not reported/ recorded in Arabian Sea



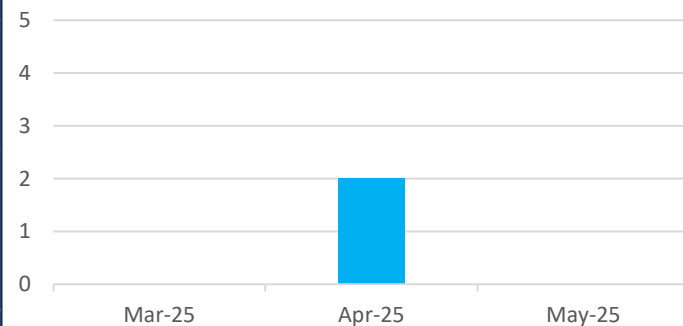
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



Number of Migrants



Number of incidents



ZERO

INCIDENTS IN MAY 2025

OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

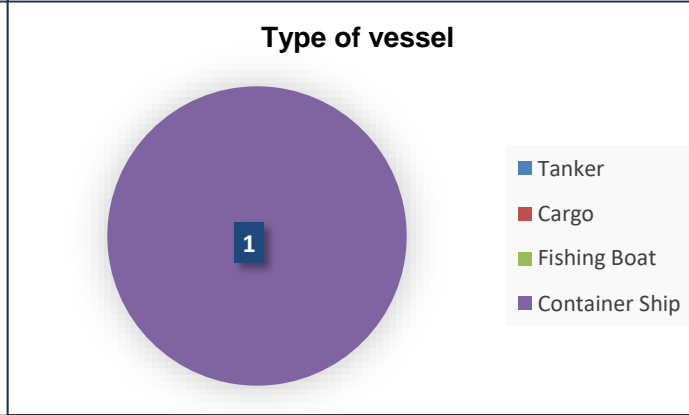
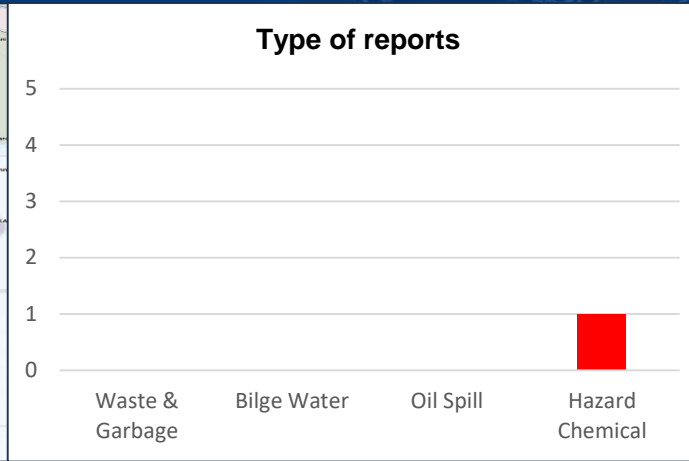
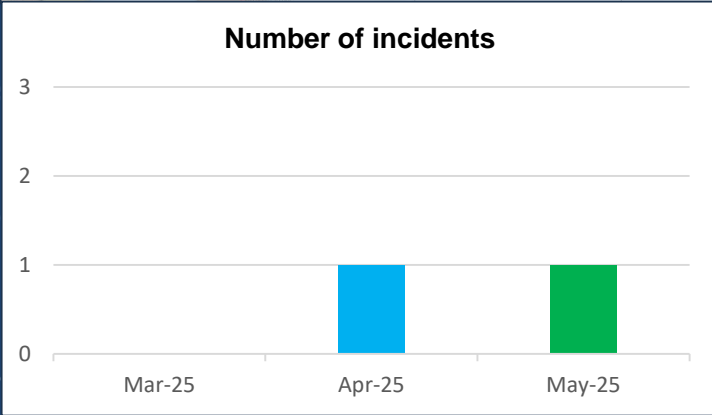
No incident regarding Irregular Human Migration recorded during May 25

COMMENTS

- A noticeable reduction in illegal human migration was observed, primarily attributed to a decline in small boat traffic associated with Monsoon effect.
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- Merchant vessels should maintain a high level of situational awareness when transiting through regions historically associated with IHM activity
- All suspicious sightings or distress signals must be reported to relevant Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers (MRCCs) and coastal authorities without delay



ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY



OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS

1 x incident regarding marine pollution was recorded off Kochi (India)

COMMENTS

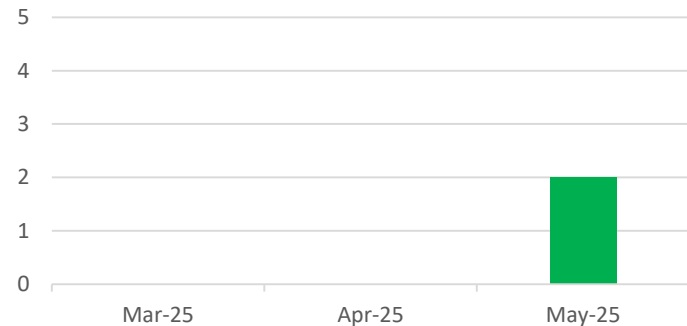
- The incident of MSC Elsa 3 off Kochi underscores the urgent need for removal of hazard chemical endangering marine life
- Vessels operating off Indian west coast must remain alert to submerged hazards and potential environmental contamination



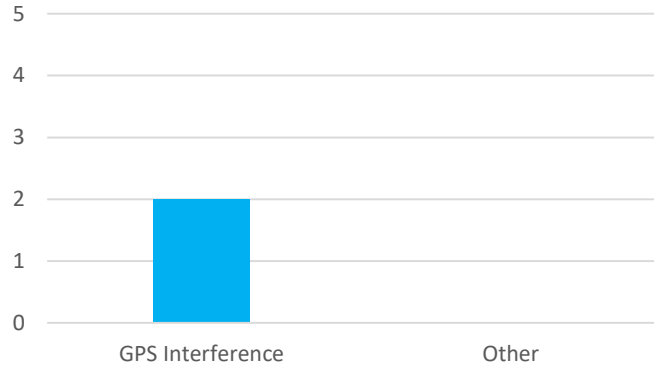
CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)



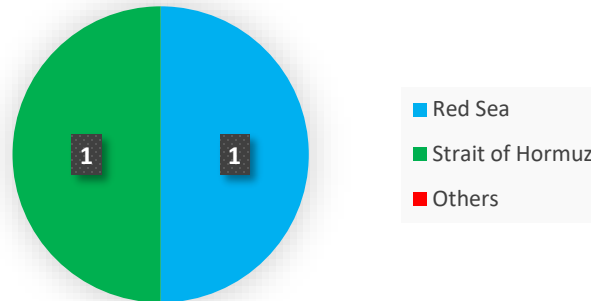
Number of incidents



Type of incidents



Location of incidents



OBSERVATIONS

STATISTICS



Incident regarding GPS interference reported by UKMTO on 8 & 27 May 25

COMMENTS

- These incidents, though non-kinetic in nature, highlight a growing pattern of electronic interference or signal manipulation intended to cause harm to mariners in key maritime chokepoints
- Seafarers transiting through Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz are advised to maintain heightened vigilance for GPS anomalies, including signal loss, position drift, or spoofed coordinates
- Vessels are advised to cross-verify GPS data with alternative navigational systems (e.g radar, visual bearings, inertial systems) to avoid GPS spoofing




MARITIME INCIDENTS

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
14 May 25	MSV Salamath (41980137 0)	India	Sailing Vessel	Arabian Sea	The Indian vessel MSV Salamath sank in the Arabian Sea due to rough sea conditions. All 6 x crew members were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard and safely transported to Mangalore Port.	
Link						
15 May 25	MSC Antonia (9398216)	Liberia	Container Ship	Red Sea	The container vessel MSC Antonia ran aground in the Red Sea near Jeddah, possibly due to GPS spoofing. The vessel remains stranded approximately 100 NM offshore.	
Link						



MARITIME INCIDENTS

DateG	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
24 May 25	MSC ELSA 3, (9123221)	Liberia	Container ship	Kochi Coast (Inida)	Container ship MSC Elsa 3 capsized in the Arabian Sea approximately 38 NM off the Kochi coast while en route from Vizhinjam to Kochi. All crew members were rescued. Some containers, including those with hazardous materials like calcium carbide, have washed ashore, triggering environmental alerts. An oil spill from the sunken ship has also been detected and efforts to contain the environmental damage are underway.	



Link

<https://keralakaumudi.com/en/news/news.php?id=1540024&u=msc-elsa-3-container-ship-capsized-while-travelling-from-vizhinjam-to-kochi-efforts-underway-to>





CONTRABAND SMUGGLING




Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
4 May 25	-	-	-	Karachi (Pakistan)	Pakistan Customs officials in Karachi intercepted a shipment attempting to smuggle 14,000 kilograms of donkey skins, valued at Rs. 80 million, to China. The consignment had been falsely declared as leather products. As the export of donkey skins is banned, authorities have launched a formal investigation into the incident.	
4 May 25	-	-	Boat	Bab al-Mandab	Yemeni security forces intercepted a boat carrying anti-tank missiles, ammunition, and grenades off Ras Al-Ara near the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait. The incident is indicative of efforts to prevent arms smuggling through the critical maritime chokepoint amid ongoing regional tensions.	

Link <https://island.lk/smuggling-of-donkey-skins-worth-millions-stopped-at-karachi-port/>

Link <https://khabaragency.net/news231761.html>



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING



Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
4 May 25	-	-	Boat	Muscat (Oman)	The Musandam Coast Guard Police intercepted an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of alcoholic beverages into Oman. They seized 2 x boats and arrested 6 x individuals.. Authorities have initiated legal action against the suspects.	 
6 May 25	-	-	Boat	Oman	The Oman Coast Guard Police, in coordination with the General Department for Combating Narcotics, arrested 3 x Asian nationals attempting to smuggle hashish and marijuana into Oman by sea. Authorities seized the drugs and have initiated legal action.	

Link <https://www.muscatdaily.com/2025/05/04/musandam-coast-guard-foils-alcohol-smuggling-attempt/>

Link <https://www.muscatdaily.com/2025/05/06/muscat-drug-smugglers-nabbed-at-sea/>



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING



Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
7 May 25	-	-	Boat	Mannar (Sri Lanka)	Sri Lankan Navy seized approximately 301 kg of Kerala cannabis and apprehended 3 x suspects near Eluvativu Island, Jaffna. The suspects, aged 43 to 58 were caught with the drugs in a dinghy. The estimated value of the seizure exceeds Rs. 120 million.	
7 May 25	-	-	Boat	Negombo (Sri Lanka)	Sri Lankan Navy seized approximately 325 kg of Kendu leaves from 9 x suspicious sacks in the sea near Negombo. The consignment was likely abandoned by smugglers due to Navy patrols and was handed over to Customs for legal action.	

Link <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/08/202505080900/>

Link <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/09/202505090900/>




CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
09 May 25	-	-	Boat	Mannar (Sri Lanka)	Sri Lankan Navy recovered 310 kg (approx) smuggled Kendu leaves ashore and, in coordination with Police, seized over 12000 foreign cigarettes and arrested 2 x suspects.	
10 May 25	-	-	Boat	Kalpitiya (Sri Lanka)	Sri Lankan Navy intercepted 2 x dinghies smuggling 497 kg of Kendu leaves near Mohoththuwarem, Kalpitiya, apprehending 4 x suspects. The consignment and suspects were handed over to the Puttalam Excise Special Unit for legal action	
Link	https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/15/202505151400/					
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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
29 May 25	-	-	Boat	North Arabian Sea	HMS Lancaster, operating in support of CTF 150, seized heroin, hashish and methamphetamine worth over USD 36 million in the North Arabian Sea, disrupting drug smuggling and strengthening maritime security in the region	



Link

<https://combinedmaritimeforces.com/2025/05/29/new-zealand-led-combined-task-force-150-and-royal-navy-interdict-over-36-million-worth-of-illicit-drugs/>





MARITIME TERRORISM


Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
6 May 25	-	-	-	Port Sudan	Drone strikes targeted Port Sudan, causing fires near the maritime port, airport, and military base. Flights were suspended, but no casualties were reported. The attacks are believed to be linked to the ongoing conflict between Sudan's military and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF)	
11 May 25	-	-	Small Craft	Jebel Ali (UAE)	UKMTO reported a small craft collision incident 80 NM off Jebel Ali Port (UAE). The craft attempted to collide with multiple vessels, but all crew members on the targeted vessel remained safe	

Link <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2025/12057/drone-strikes-cause-explosions-in-the-sudanese-city-of-port->

Link <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2600316/middle-east>



IUU FISHING


Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
9 May 25	-	Sri Lanka	Fishing Boat	Off Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan Navy alongwith fisheries department arrested 36 x individuals for illegal fishing in various sea areas. They seized 117 unauthorized nets, 9 dinghies, 3,808 sea cucumbers, explosives, and fishing equipment. The suspects and seized items were handed over to the relevant authorities for legal action	

Link <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/05/21/202505211500/>



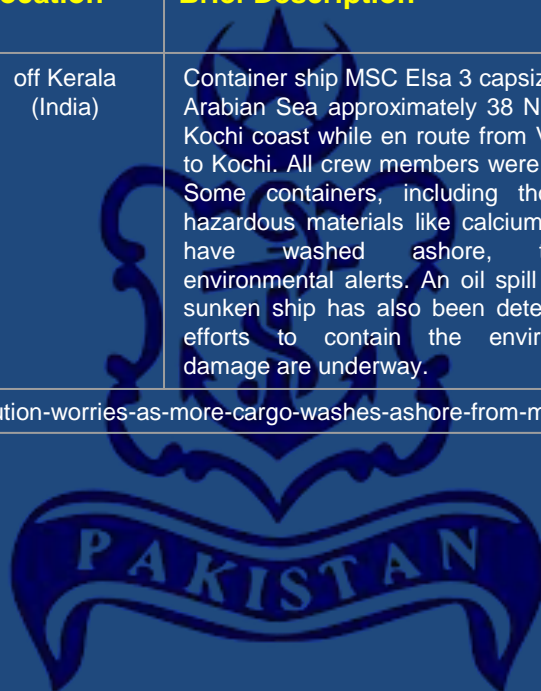


ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

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<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/pollution-worries-as-more-cargo-washes-ashore-from-msc-elsa-3>





CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
9 May 25	-	-	-	Southern Red Sea	UKMTO has received multiple corroborating reports from vessels experiencing GPS interference in the Red Sea within the designated area. The disruptions, lasting several hours, affected navigation systems and required vessels to rely on backup methods.	
18 May 25	-	-	-	Strait of Hormuz	UKMTO has also received several verified reports of GPS signal interference in Strait of Hormuz affecting vessel navigation for extended periods and necessitating reliance on alternative positioning system.	

Link <https://www.ukmto.org/ukmto-products/advisories/2025>

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