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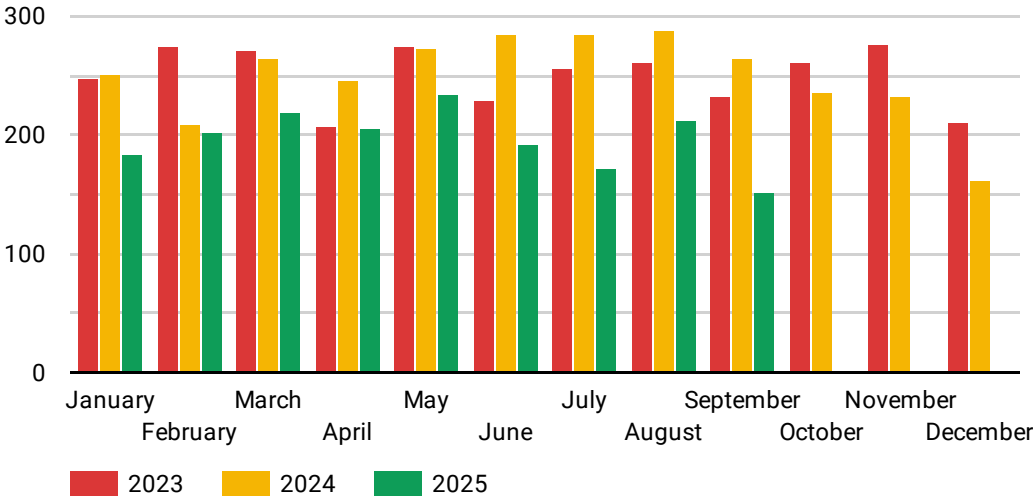
MONTHLY REPORT

September 2025



Overview of MARSEC Incidents in the IFC AOI

Total Monthly Incidents



Incidents Compared with Previous Two Years

Category	Sep 2023		Sep 2024
	Number ...	Number ...	Number ...
Maritime Incidents	77	77	120
Contraband Smuggling	69	69	67
Illegal, Unreported and Unregul...	67	67	35
Irregular Human Migration	9	9	5
Environmental Security	5	5	13
Cyber Security	0	0	19
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	5	5	5
Maritime Terrorism	0	0	0
Grand total	232	232	264

Incidents

151

↓ -113 from previous year

People Involved

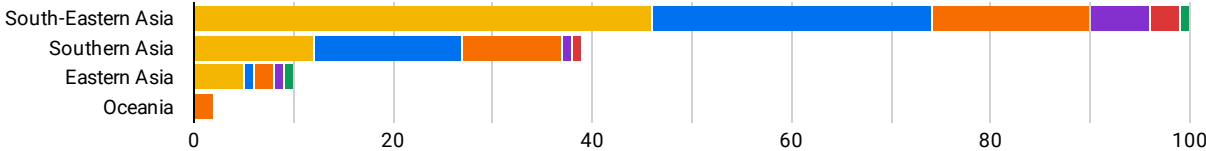
912

↓ -851 from previous year

Vessels Involved

160

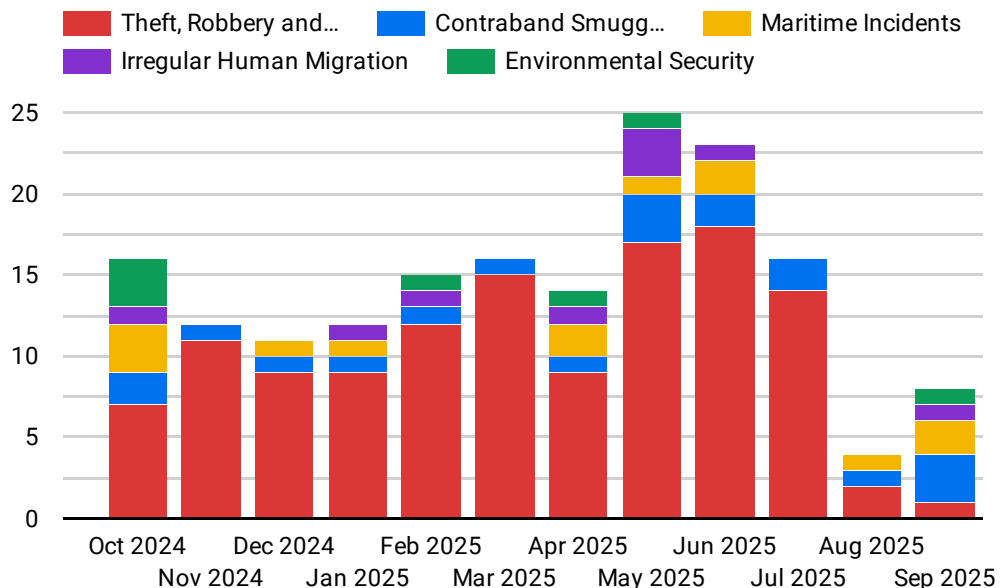
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Overview of MARSEC Incidents in the Singapore Strait

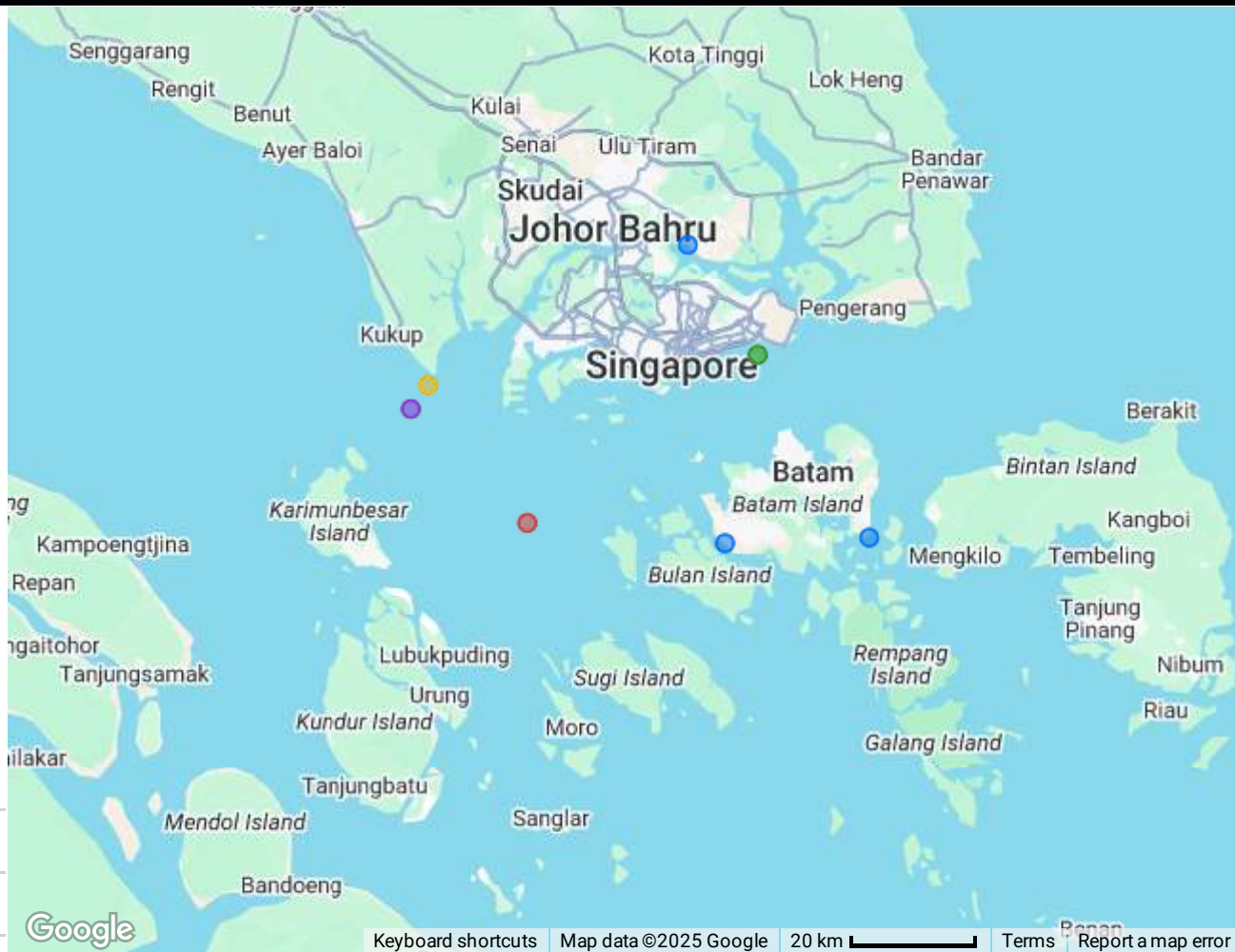
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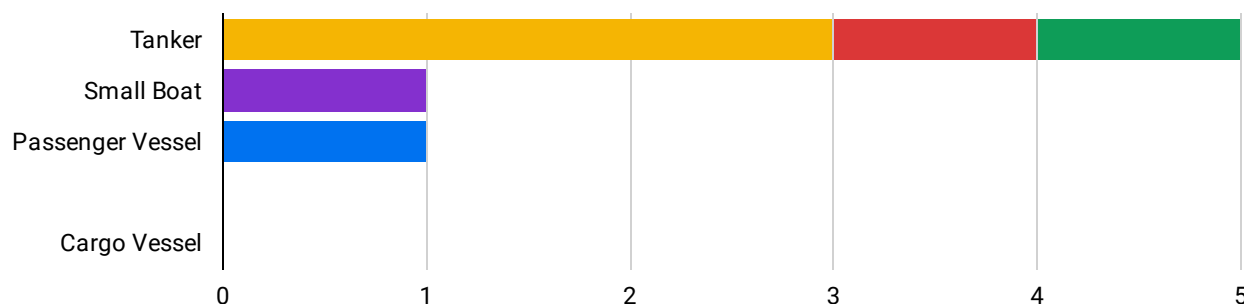
Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Contraband Smuggling	3	2	↑
Maritime Incidents	2	-2	↓
Environmental Security	1	-	
Irregular Human Migration	1	-	
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	1	-3	↓

Grand total 8 -2 ↓



Number of Vessels





Executive Summary



Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea: 4 TRAPS incidents were reported in Sep 2025 throughout the AOI. Statistically, it is comparable with previous years Sep 2024 (4 incidents) and Sep 2023 (5 incidents). Of note, one incident was reported in the Singapore Strait (SS), Sabah, Bangladesh and Philippines respectively.

Maritime Incidents: 63 MI incidents were reported in Sep 2025. Bad Weather was the most common reported incident cause (19 out of 63 incidents).

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: 30 IUUF incidents were reported in Sep 2025. It was observed that illegal fishing methods were evolving to evade detection by enforcement agencies.

Contraband Smuggling: 44 CS incidents were reported in Sep 2025. Domestic Products has dominant the contraband smuggling this month. Drugs smuggling has dropped significantly, whereas fuel smuggling continue to remains lower.

Irregular Human Migration: 8 IHM incidents were reported in Sep 2025. There was a notable increase in incidents this month, primarily driven by cessation of high-risk weather from the mid-year monsoon season and return to weather patterns that is more conducive to both small boat operations and migrant worker roles on land.

Environmental Security: 2 ENVSEC incident was report in Sep 2025. Notably, regional authorities have reportedly been increasingly utilising satellite imagery to detect and respond to ENVSEC incidents.

Cyber Security: There were no CYBSEC incident reported in Sep 2025.





Maritime Terrorism (MT)



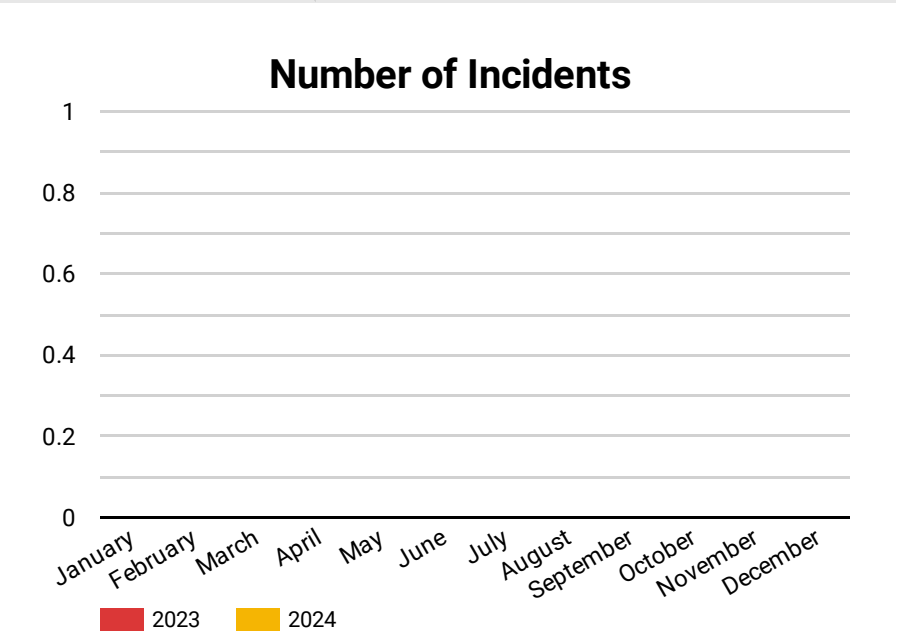
OBSERVATIONS

Summary

- There were no reports of Maritime Terrorism incidents taking place this month.

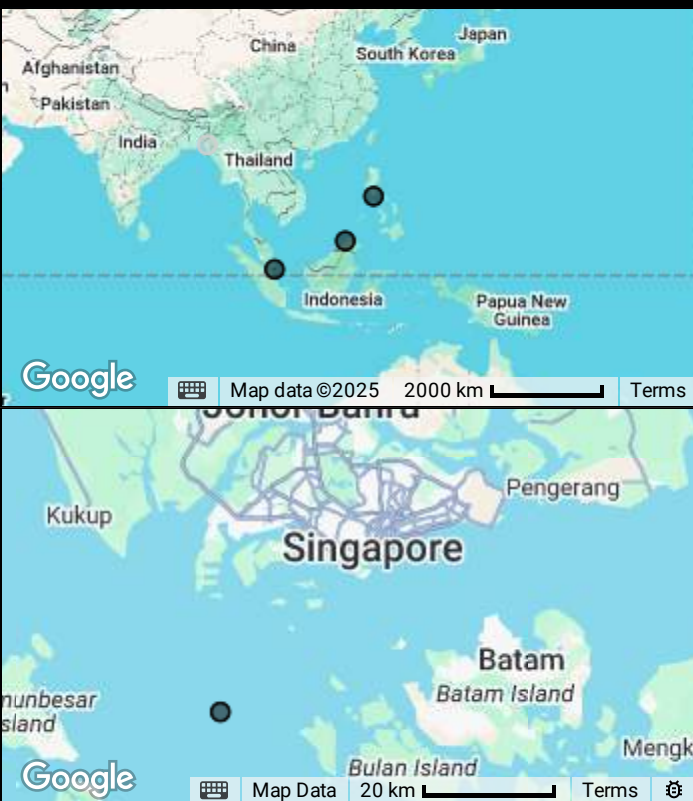
Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

-	Sep 2024
Maritime Terrorism	0

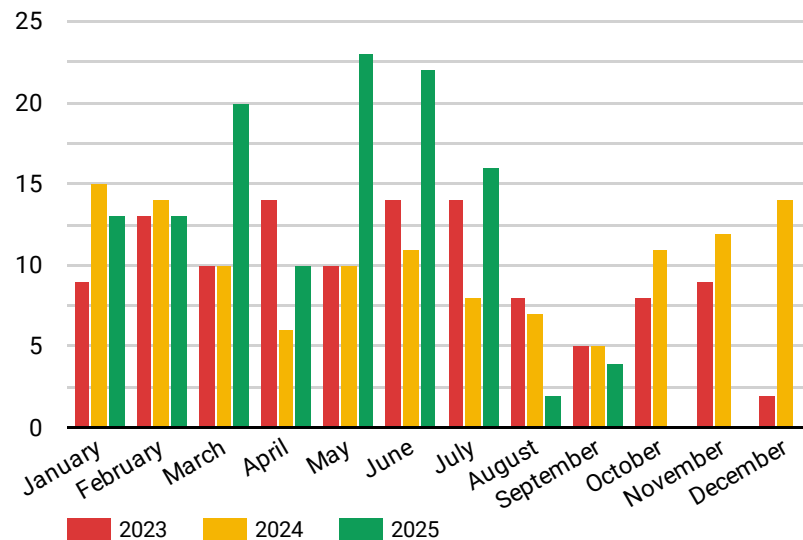




Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)



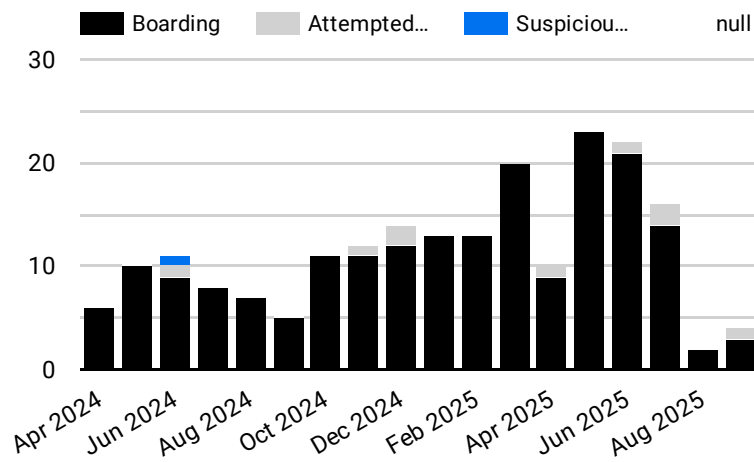
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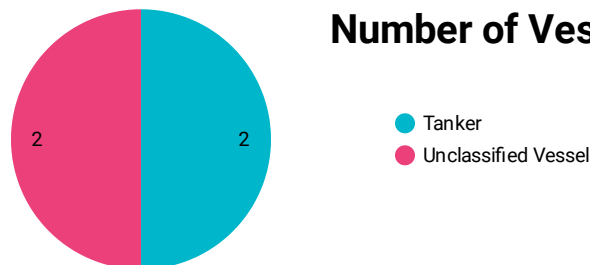
Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

	Sep 2023	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Theft, Robbery and Pirac...	5	5	4

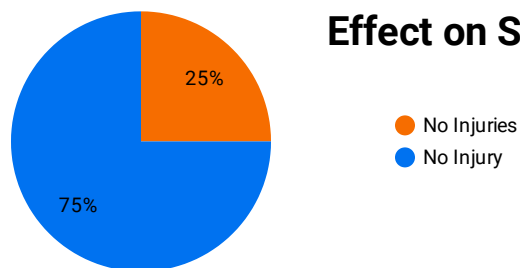
Incident Types



Number of Vessels



Effect on Seafarers



OBSERVATIONS

Statistics.

- In Sep 2025, four TRAPS incidents were recorded, which comparable from the same period in 2024, but slightly lower than the five incidents reported in 2023. 1 incident was reported in the Singapore Strait (SS), Sabah, Bangladesh and Philippines respectively, involved 3 tankers and a passenger ship.
- Of note, 3 incidents occurred during the Period of Darkness (PoD) less 1 recorded during daylight.

Phillip Channel.

- 1 Sea Robbery incident involving a tanker during hours of darkness. 1 crew was tied up by 3 unarmed perpetrators in the engine room but managed to escape unharmed. Some engine spares were stolen.

Sepangar Bay Anchorage, Sabah.

- 1 Sea Theft incident occurred involving 1 tanker while anchor during PoD, involved 2 unarmed perpetrators with a small boat and fled the scene once the crew raised the alarm. Reportedly, no confrontation and injury and nothing was stolen.

Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh

- 1 Sea Theft incident involving a tanker at anchor during PoD, Four unarmed perpetrators attempted to board the vessel but fled once the crew raised the alarm.

Batangas Anchorage, Philippines.

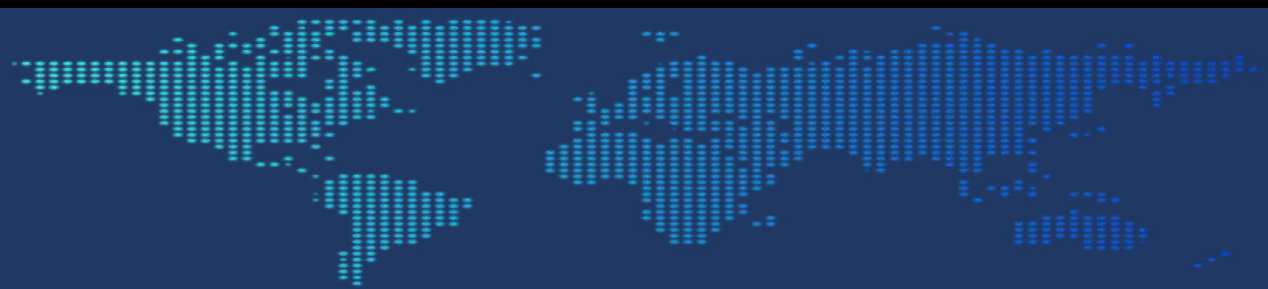
- 1 Sea Theft incident occurred while vessels at anchor, involving a passenger ship during daylight hours, involved two unarmed perpetrators. No confrontation or injuries were reported, though emergency generator spare parts and ship stores were stolen.

Comments.

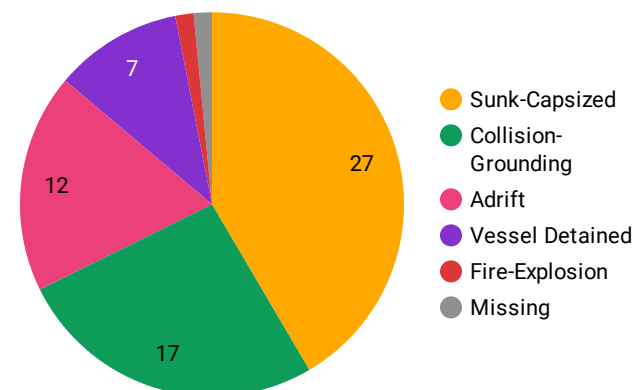
- The number of incident in Sep 2025 was comparable with previous month, contributed likely attributed to effective joint operations by littoral authorities since July 2025, which have served as a strong deterrent to potential perpetrators.
- IFC assess statistics for Oct 2025 to remain low, supported by ongoing enforcement in key areas, but vessels are urged to remain vigilant and implement protective measures to deter threats and prevent unauthorised boarding.
- Perpetrators persist in targeting low-freeboard, slow-moving vessels—particularly bulk carriers, tugs with barges, and container ships under 8 meters—primarily for petty theft, in line with past patterns.



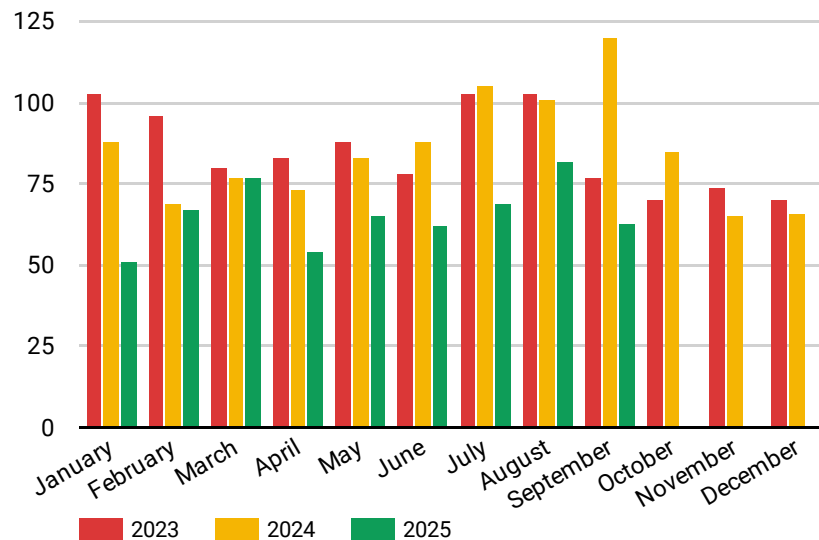
Maritime Incidents (MI)



Number of Vessels, by Type of Incident



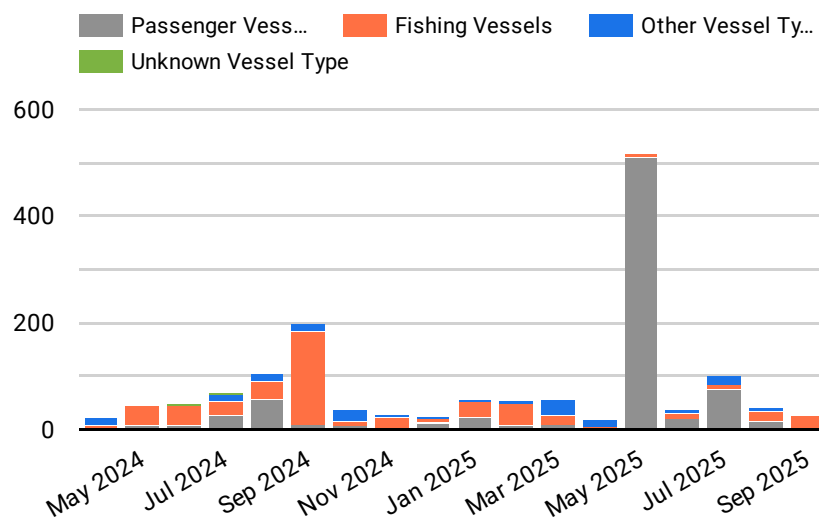
Number of Incidents



Date, Month and Year / Ave Monthly Incidents

Category	Sep 2023	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Maritime Incidents	77	120	63

Dead/Missing



OBSERVATIONS

Statistics:

- Total of 63 MI incidents in Sep 2025, which is lower compared to the same period in 2024 (120), and 2023 (77).
- The largest number of reported incidents was sunk-Capsized (25), followed by Collision-Grounding (16), Adrift (11), and Vessel Detained (8).
- In terms of location, the highest number of reported incidents occurred in the waters of the Philippines (15), Vietnam (10), Malaysia (9), Indonesia (9), and India (6).
- A total of 26 individuals were reported dead or missing this month, which is less than the last month (30). Overall, 52 SAR operations were conducted, resulting in the rescue of 622 individuals during this month.

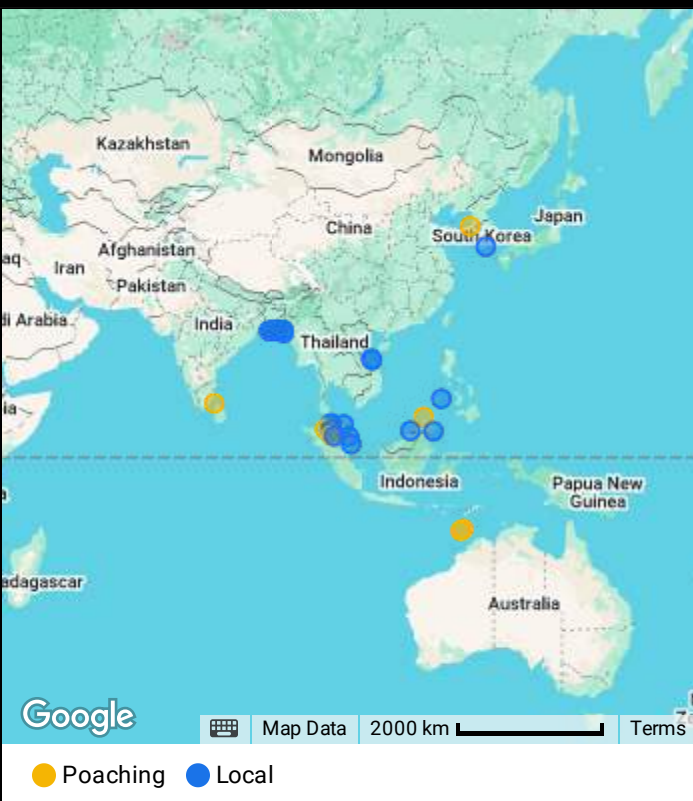
Comments:

- This month, Typhoon Ragasa Typhoon Bualoi and typhoon Neoguri affected the Philippines and Vietnam, causing heavy rainfall, flooding, strong winds and bad weather condition at the sea. Of note, Bad Weather remained the most commonly reported cause of incidents, accounting for 19 of the 63 incidents this month.

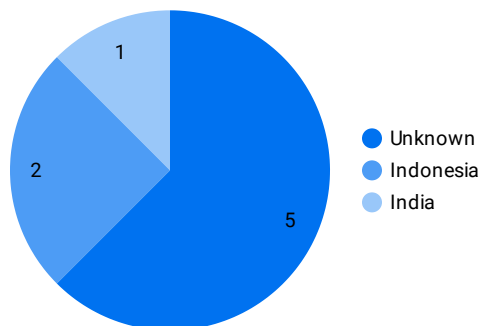




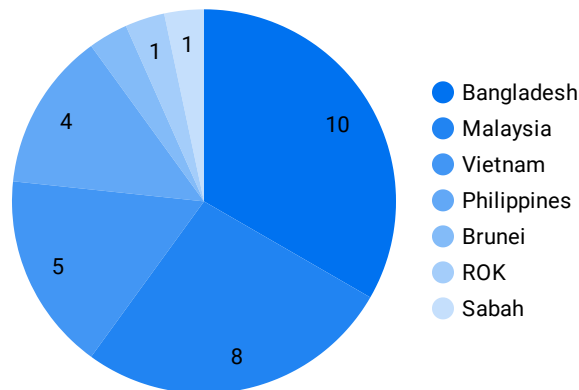
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)



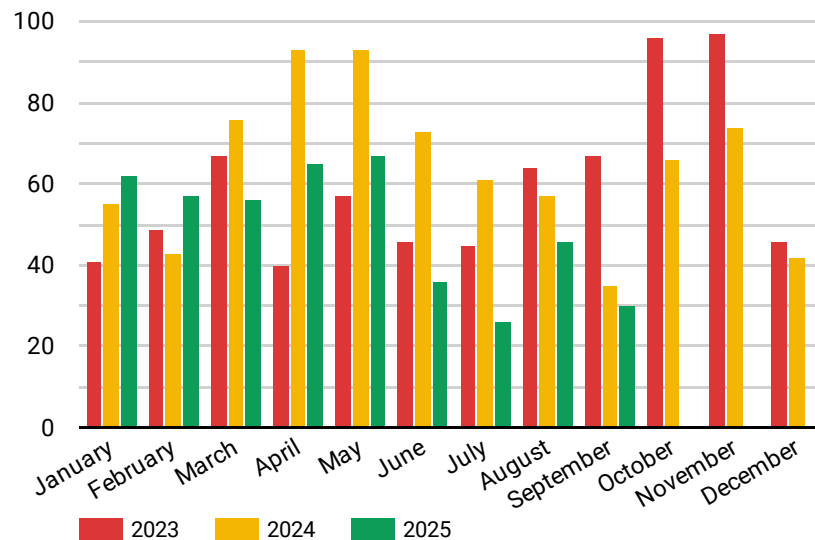
Number and Flag of Vessels, Poaching



Number and Flag of Vessels, Local



Number of Incidents



Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

	Sep 2023	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Illegal, Unreported and U...	67	35	30

OBSERVATIONS

Statistics :

• **Total** of 30 IUUF incidents in Sep 2025. This represented a significant decrease as compared to the same period in 2024 (35), and 2023 (67). However, this month recorded 16 incidents lower than in Aug 2025 (46), reflecting an overall upward trend in incident numbers.

• **Local**: 23 Local incidents were recorded in Sep 2025, which is higher as compared to the same period in 2024 (18), but lower than 2023 (32). However, this month recorded 12 lower than incidents in Aug 2025 (29).

• Majority of Local incidents were reported in the Bangladesh (10 incidents; 33.3%), followed by Malaysia (8 incidents; 26.7%). Indonesia and Vietnam (5 incidents; 11.5%). Philippines (4 incidents; 13.3%) Brunei Sabah and ROK reported 1 incidents each (3.3%).

• **Poaching**: 8 Poaching incidents were recorded in Sep 2025, which is lower as compared to the same period in 2024 (17), and and 2023 (35). However, this month recorded 5 lower incident than in Aug 2025 (12).

• The largest proportion of Poaching incidents involved fishing vessels with "Unknown" nationalities (5 incidents; 62.5%), followed by Indonesia with 2 incident (2 incidents; 25%) and India with 1 incident (2 incidents; 12.5%).

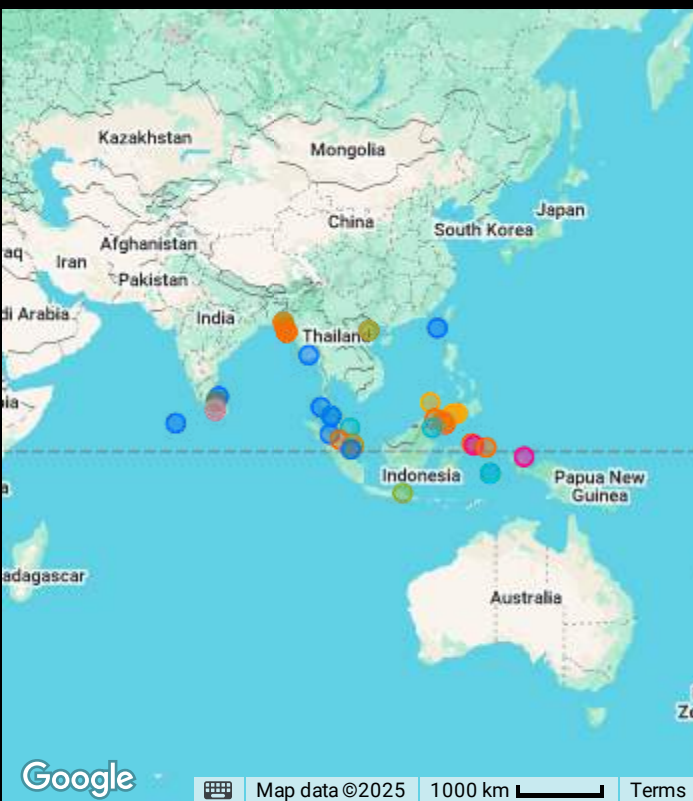
• **International** : NSTR.

Comments :

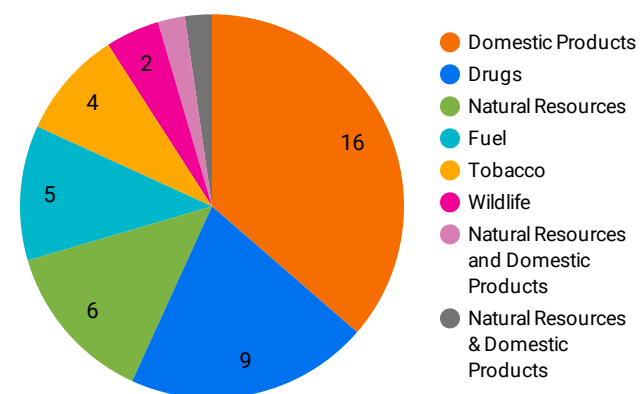
• While it is likely that the regional enforcement efforts have effectively curbed illegal fishing, it is possible that illegal fishing methods to evade detection has evolved. IFC will continue to monitor the changes in data, taking various variables into consideration.



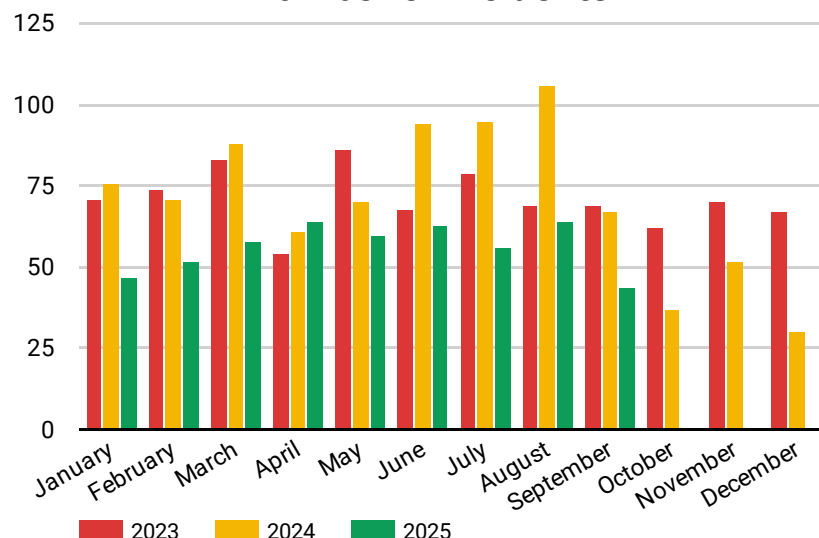
Contraband Smuggling (CS)



Types of Smuggled Goods



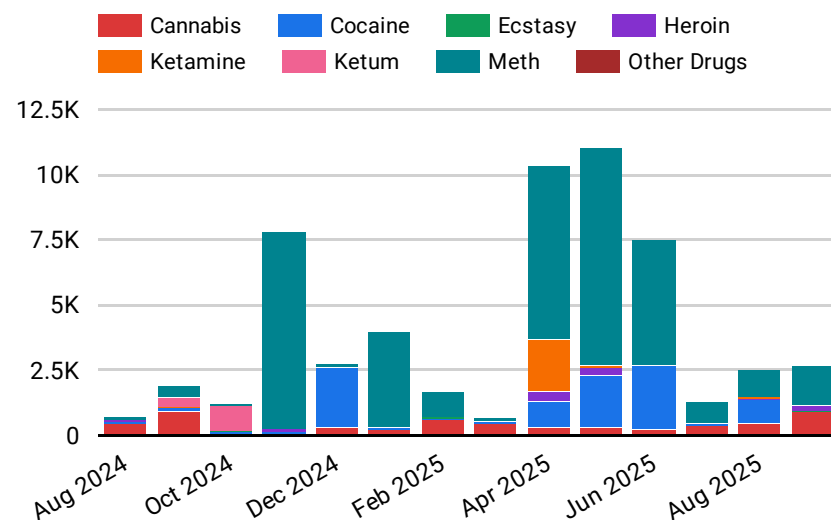
Number of Incidents



Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

	Sep 2023	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Contraband Smuggling	69	67	44

Kilograms of Drugs Seized



OBSERVATIONS

Statistics:

Total of 44 CS incidents in Sep 2025. This represented a significant decrease as compared to the same period in 2024 (67), and 2023 (69).

Drugs (x9, 2,667.3kg): Sri Lanka (Cannabis 33kg), Indonesia(x2 Meth 21kg, Ecstasy 7035 pills), Maldives(Cannabis 67.3g),Thailand (Meth 500kg),Myanmar (Meth 997kg),Taiwan (Heroin (209.3kg),Marijuana(472.39kg),Meth(18.2kg),Nimetazepam (18.3kg), Malaysia (Marijuana (1kg).

Fuel (x5 139,672 Litres): Malaysia (x3 Diesel 107,875 Litres), Vietnam (x2, Diesel 120,000 Litres).

Domestic Products (x16 99,209 kg): Bangladesh (x7), Indonesia (x4), Philippines (x2), Malaysia (x1), Viet Nam(x1), Sabah (x1).

Natural Resources (x6, 111,680kg): Indonesia(x4), Sri Lanka (x1), Viet Nam(x1), Bangladesh(x1).

Tobacco (x4, 8,878 cases): Philippines (x2), Malaysia (x1), Singapore (x1).

Wildlife (x2 550kg): Indonesia (x2)

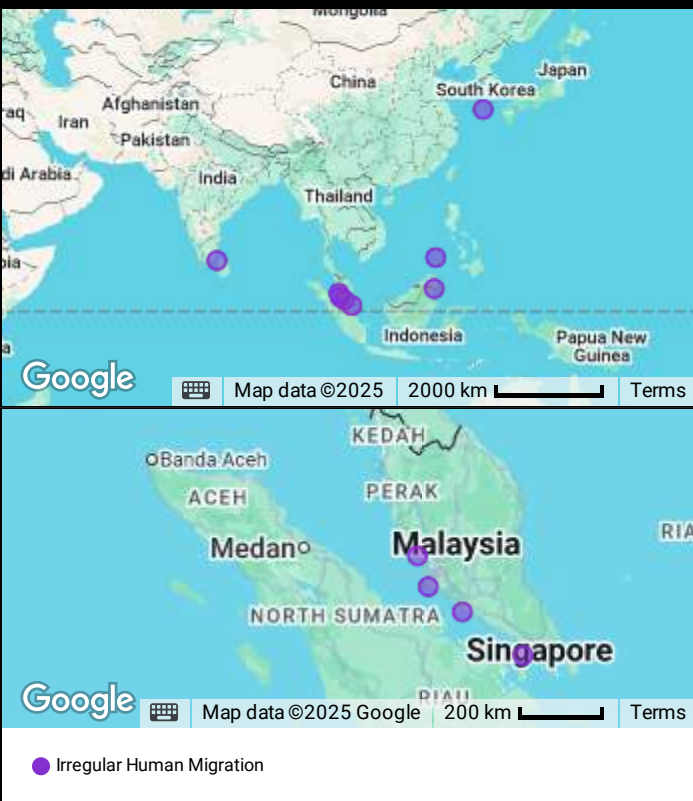
Natural Resources and Domestic Products: Sri Lanka (x2)

Comments:

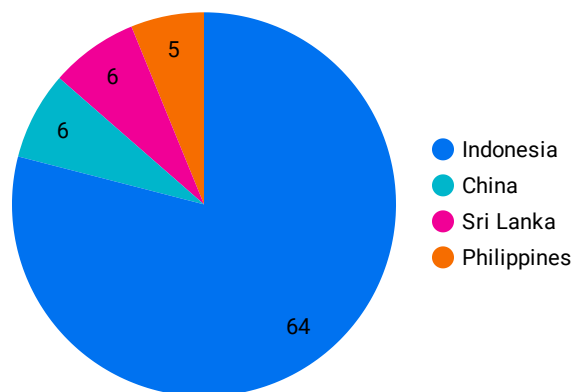
- IFC reported a similar number of CS incidents in Sep 2025 as compared to Aug 2025.
- Drug smuggling incidents were lower compare to previous month, but involved several larger shipments seized; notably in Myanmar (997kg of Meth),and Thailand (500kg of Meth). The MO was observed recently which the smugglers adopted the change of small-scale operations to multi-national organised crime syndicates.
- Fuel seizures declined significantly from 9 incidents in Aug to 5 incidents in Sep. The decrease is likely due to the monsoon season which we did not see the smuggling movement in particular places such as; Sabah, and the Philippines .
- Domestic Products increased significantly. Bangladesh has dominated most of the incidents this month. This result could be because of the strong efforts put together by Bangladesh Coast Guard and Navy, followed by Indonesia has remained similar number compared to the previous month.



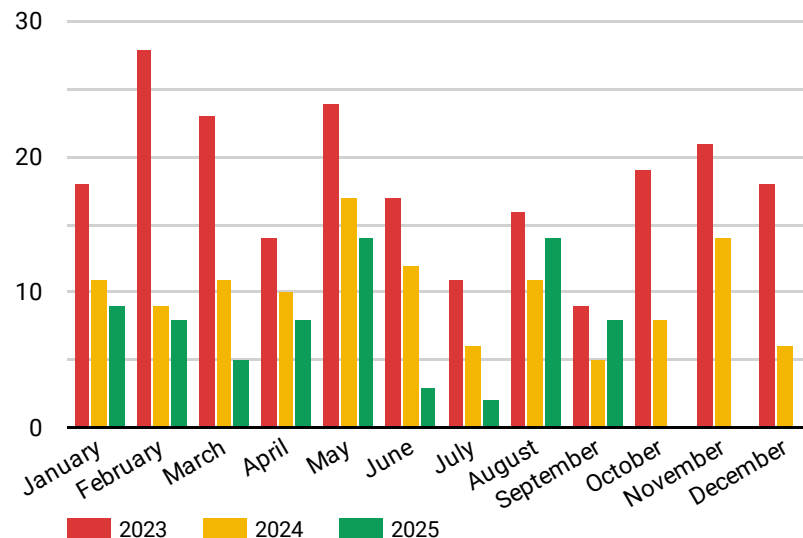
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)



Number and Nationality/Ethnicity of Migrants



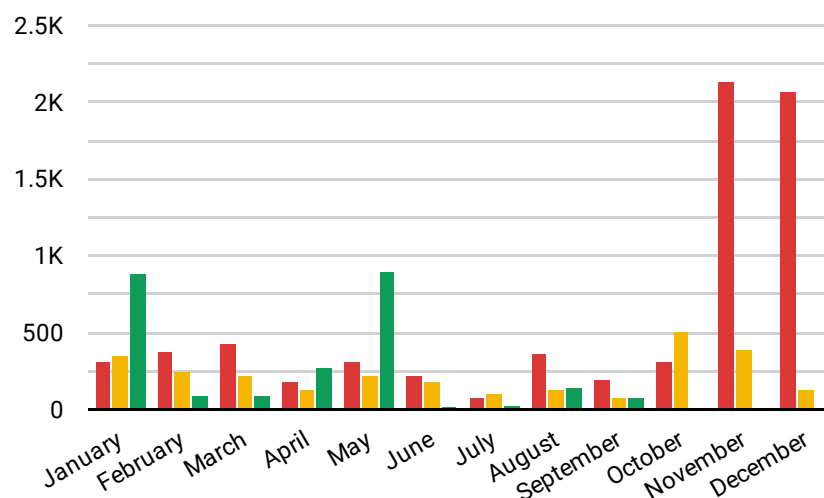
Number of Incidents



Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

	Sep 2023	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Irregular Human Migrati...	9	5	8

Number of People Involved



OBSERVATIONS

Statistics:

- Total of 8 IHM incidents reported in Sep 2025 - all classified as routine Irregular Human Migration.

Comments:

- IHM activity was mainly concentrated in Indonesian/Malaysian waters, with the majority of IHM being related to migrant labour workforce. Once incident in Sri Lanka involved migrants being stranded on a small island by smugglers, and there was one case of Chinese migrants arriving in South Korea who were able to disembark and try to conceal themselves amongst a small community before being arrested.

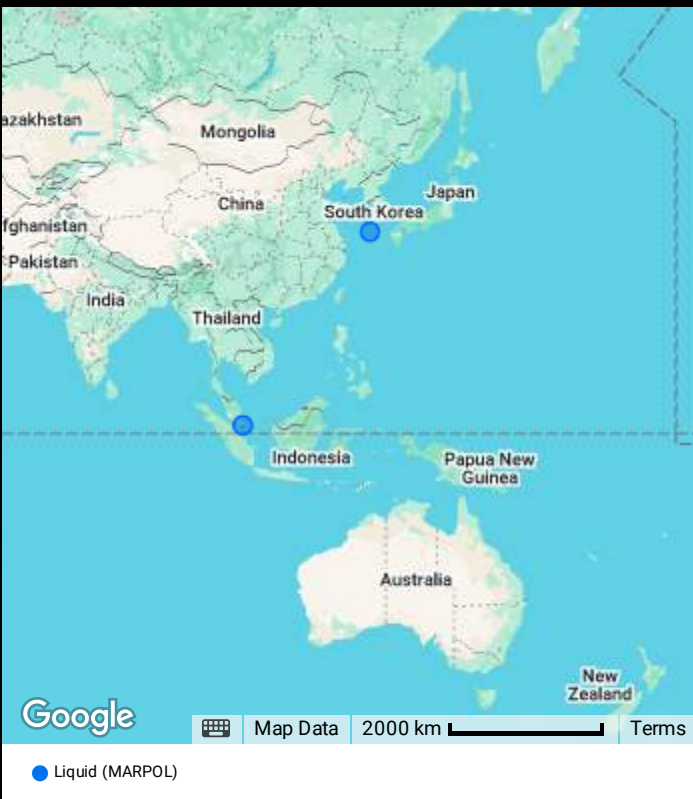
- August and September have shown an increase in IHM incidents compared to June and July, which is consistent with historical trends. This increase is likely due to the cessation of high-risk weather from the mid-year monsoon season and return to weather patterns that is more conducive to both small boat operations and migrant worker roles on land.

- August and September this year show slightly elevated activity compared to last year. This increase is marginal, but if it continues for the remainder of 2025 may indicate a change in either IHM activity. It is possible that the increase seen in August and September is hold-over activity from a quiet June and July.

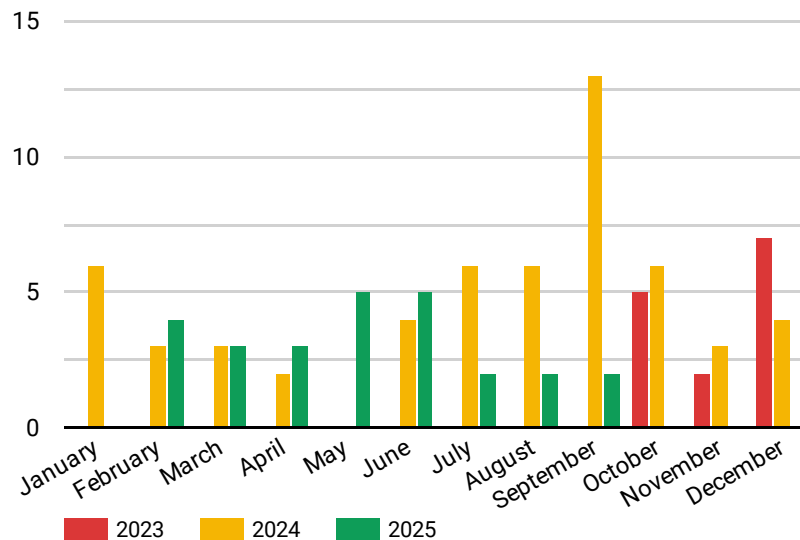




Environmental Security (ENVSEC)



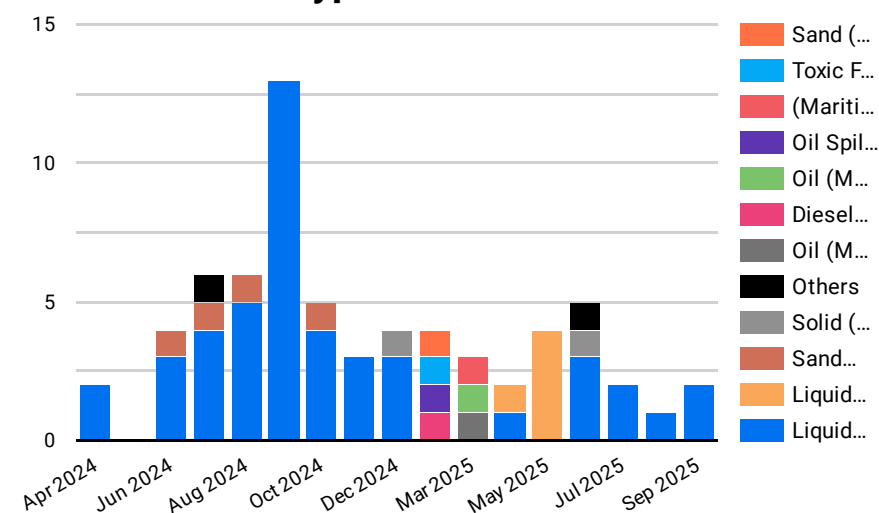
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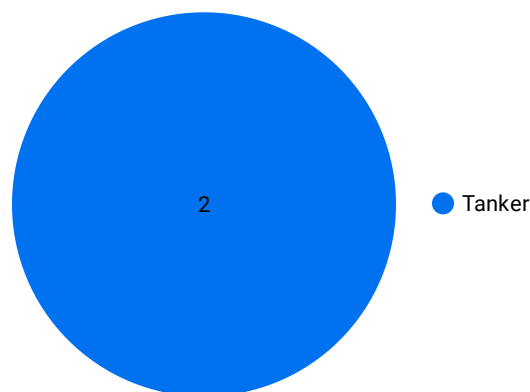
Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025
Environmental Security	13	2

Types of Violation



Sources of Incidents



OBSERVATIONS

Statistics :

• 2 ENVSEC incident in Sep 2025. This represented a significant decreased as compared to the same period in 2024 (13), and 2023 (0). This month recorded lower incidents than previous months.

Maritime Pollution (MARPOL): 2 MARPOL incident, involving oil spill.

Maritime Illegal Exploitation : NSTR

Contagion : NSTR

Others : NSTR.

Comments :

• While oil spills continue to be the main contributor to MARPOL violations over the years, IFC will closely monitor of this incident trend. Notably, regional authorities have reportedly been increasingly utilising satellite imagery to detect and respond to ENVSEC incidents.



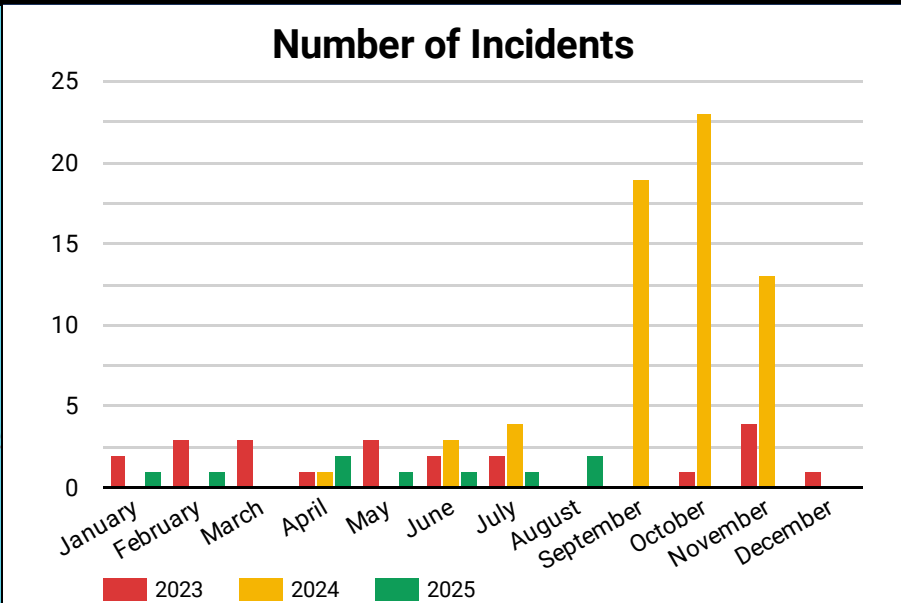


Cyber Security (CYBSEC)

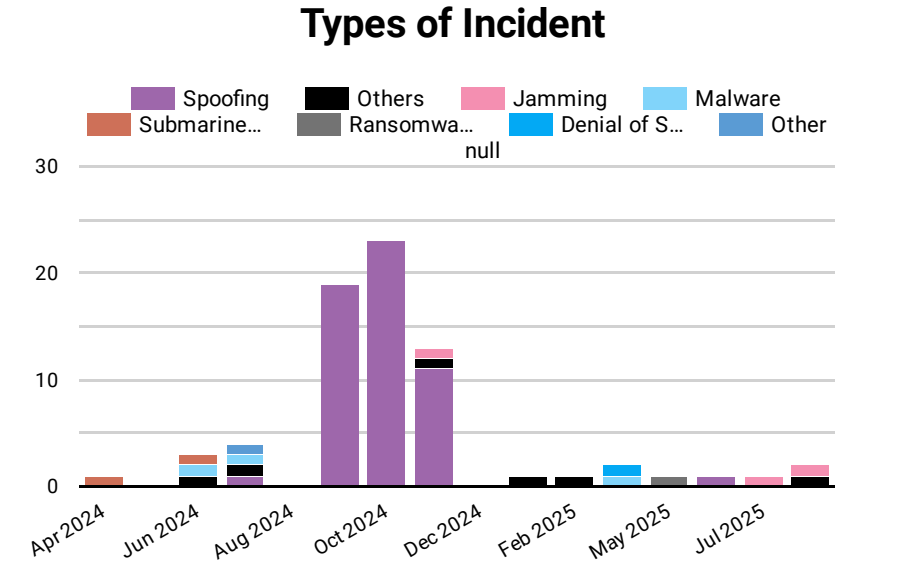


Vessels/Organisations Involved

No data



Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents		
	Sep 2023	Sep 2024
Cyber Security	0	19



OBSERVATIONS

Comments:

- There were no reports of Cyber Security incidents taking place this month.





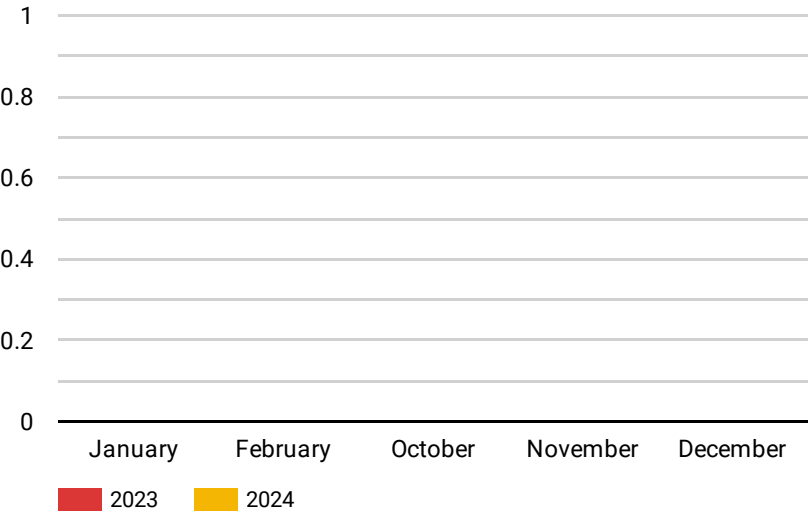
Other Incidents



Comparison of Monthly / Number of Incidents

No data

Number of Incidents



OBSERVATIONS

Summary

- There were no reports of Other Incidents taking place this month.





Late Reported Incidents



The Information Fusion Centre Monthly Report covers all incidents reported up to, and including, the first working day of the following month.

The table below shows the number of incidents that missed the cutoff date for the previous month's report, or were historic incidents that the IFC had not previously reported. Please note these incidents are included in the incident count graphs shown in this report.

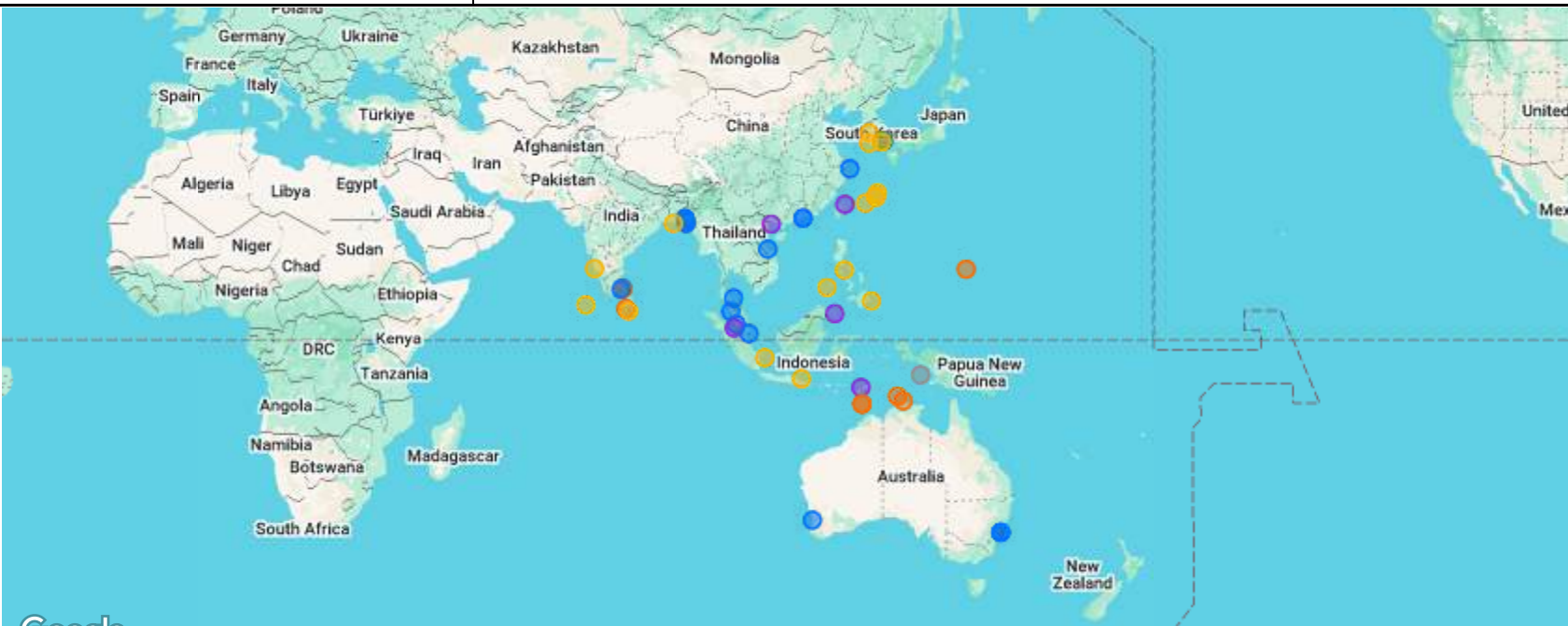
Category	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Apr 2025	Grand total
Contraband Smuggling	17	2	-	19
Maritime Incidents	14	2	-	16
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	7	-	-	7
Irregular Human Migration	5	-	1	6
Cyber Security	1	-	-	1
Environmental Security	1	-	-	1
Grand total	45	4	1	50

People Involved
384

Vessels Involved
61

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods
\$187.29M

Reported Kg Weight of Seized Contraband
281.1K





IFC Recommendations



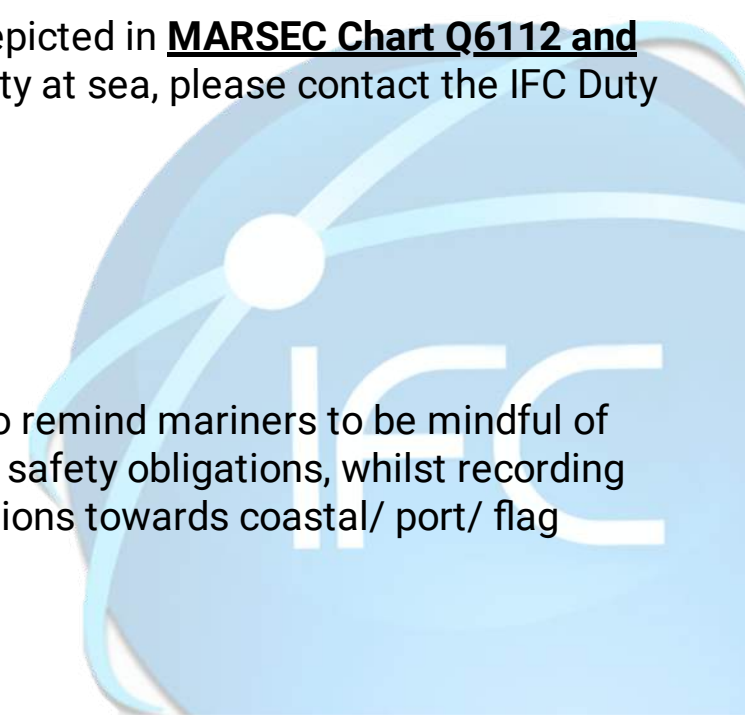
1. All mariners to report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (**Westbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Belawan and Dumai Anchorages in Indonesia, Manila Anchorage in the Philippines, and Chittagong Outer Anchorage in Bangladesh**).
3. All mariners are advised to adopt **Ship Protection Measures** recommended in the **Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia** (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
4. All mariners to take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to **the coastal state authorities** for follow-on investigation.
5. All mariners are advised to participate in **IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR)** as depicted in **MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113**. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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Tel: +65 9626 8965 (Hotline)
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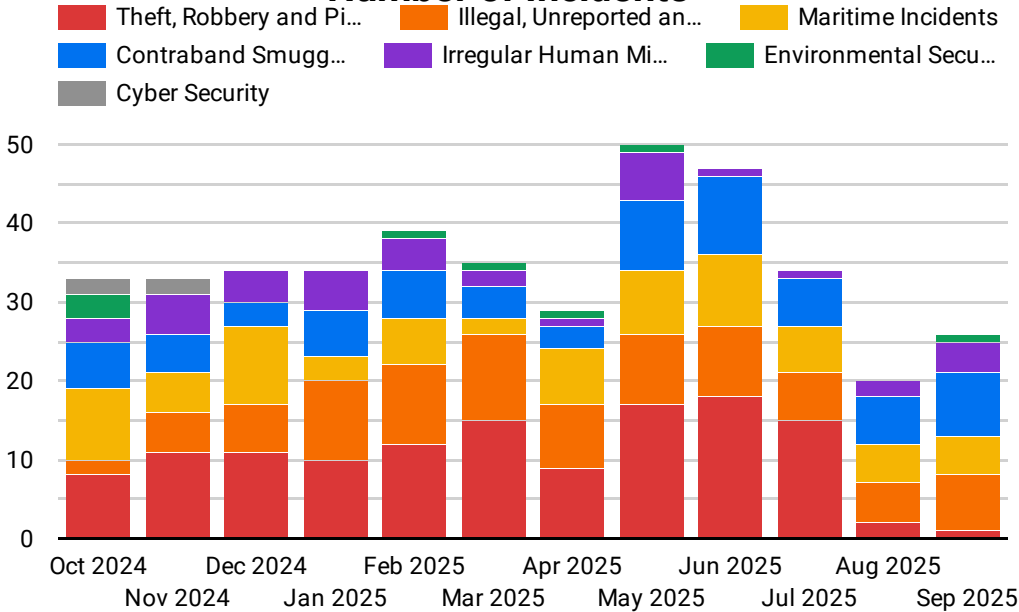
The IFC seeks your observations in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.





Overview of MARSEC Incidents in Straits of Malacca and Singapore

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Contraband Smuggling	8	2 ↑
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	7	2 ↑
Maritime Incidents	5	-7 ↓
Irregular Human Migration	4	1 ↑
Environmental Security	1	-2 ↓
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	1	-3 ↓

Grand total

26

-9 ↓

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

\$30.78M

↑ 4,079.6% from previous year

People Involved

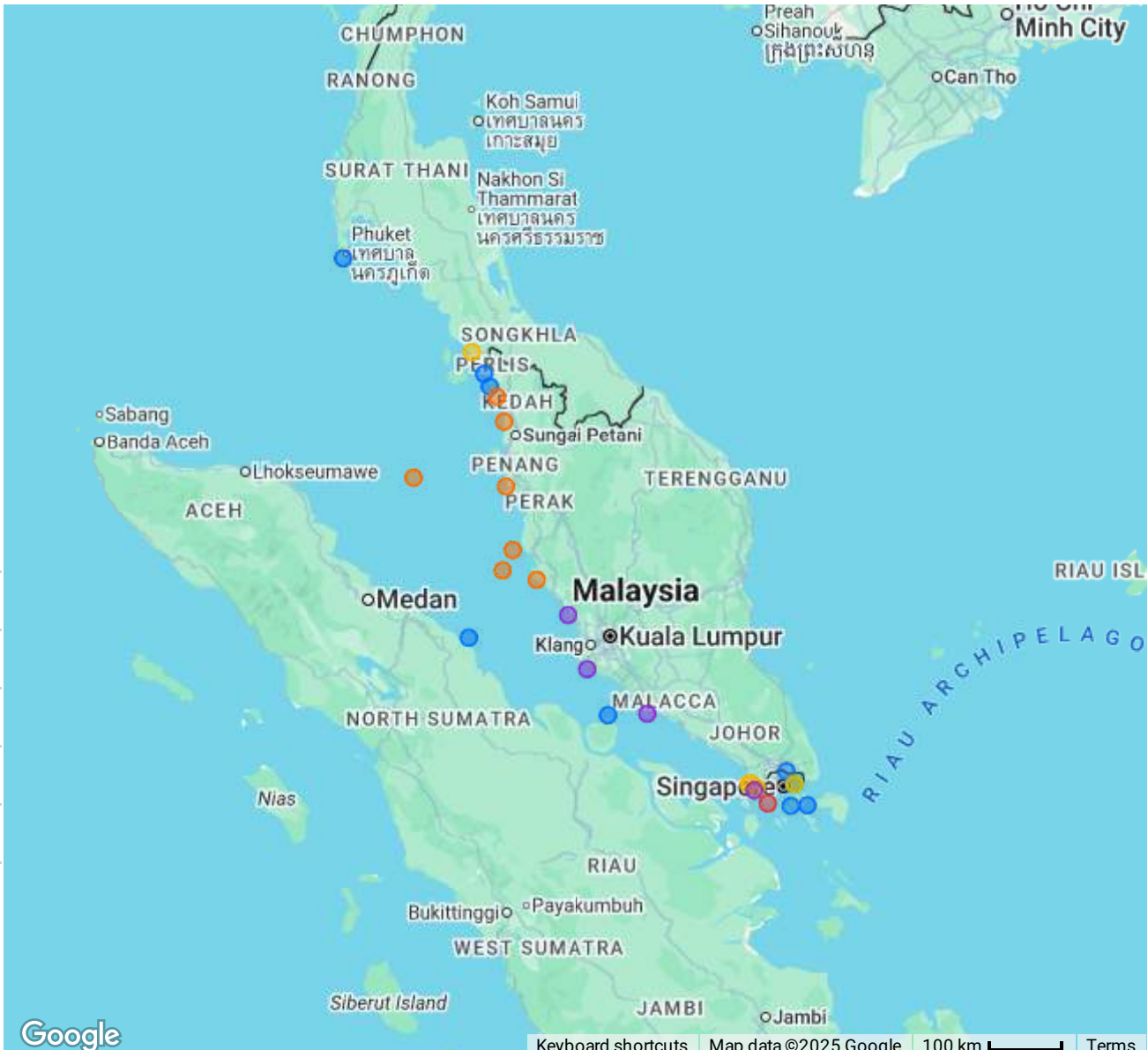
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↓ -595 from previous year

Vessels Involved

25

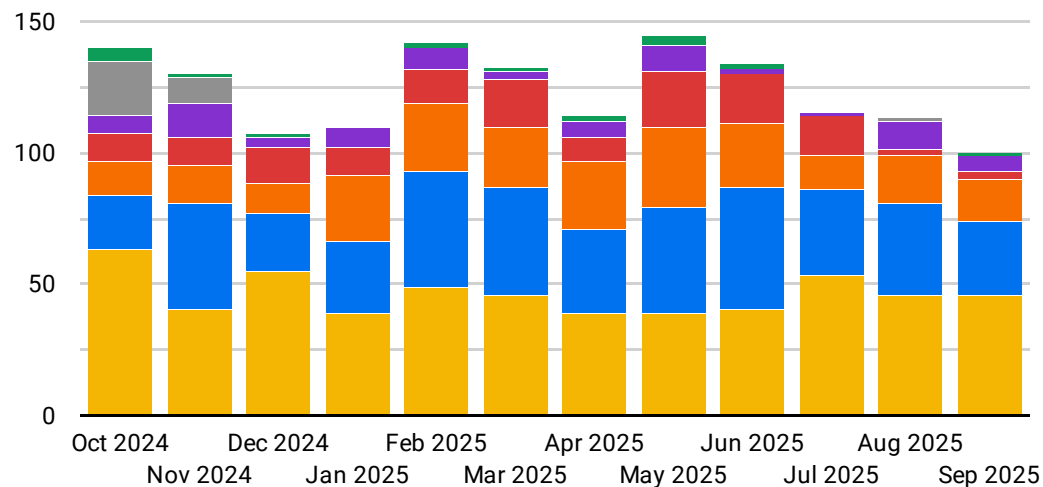
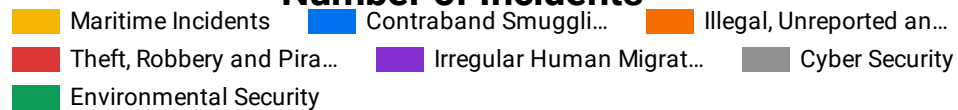
↓ -8 from previous year





Overview of MARSEC Incidents in South-Eastern Asia

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Maritime Incidents	46	-48 ↓
Contraband Smuggling	28	-9 ↓
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	16	-2 ↓
Irregular Human Migration	6	2 ↑
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	3	-2 ↓
Environmental Security	1	-9 ↓

Grand total 100 -87 ↓

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

\$96.02M

↑ 533.0% from previous year

People Involved

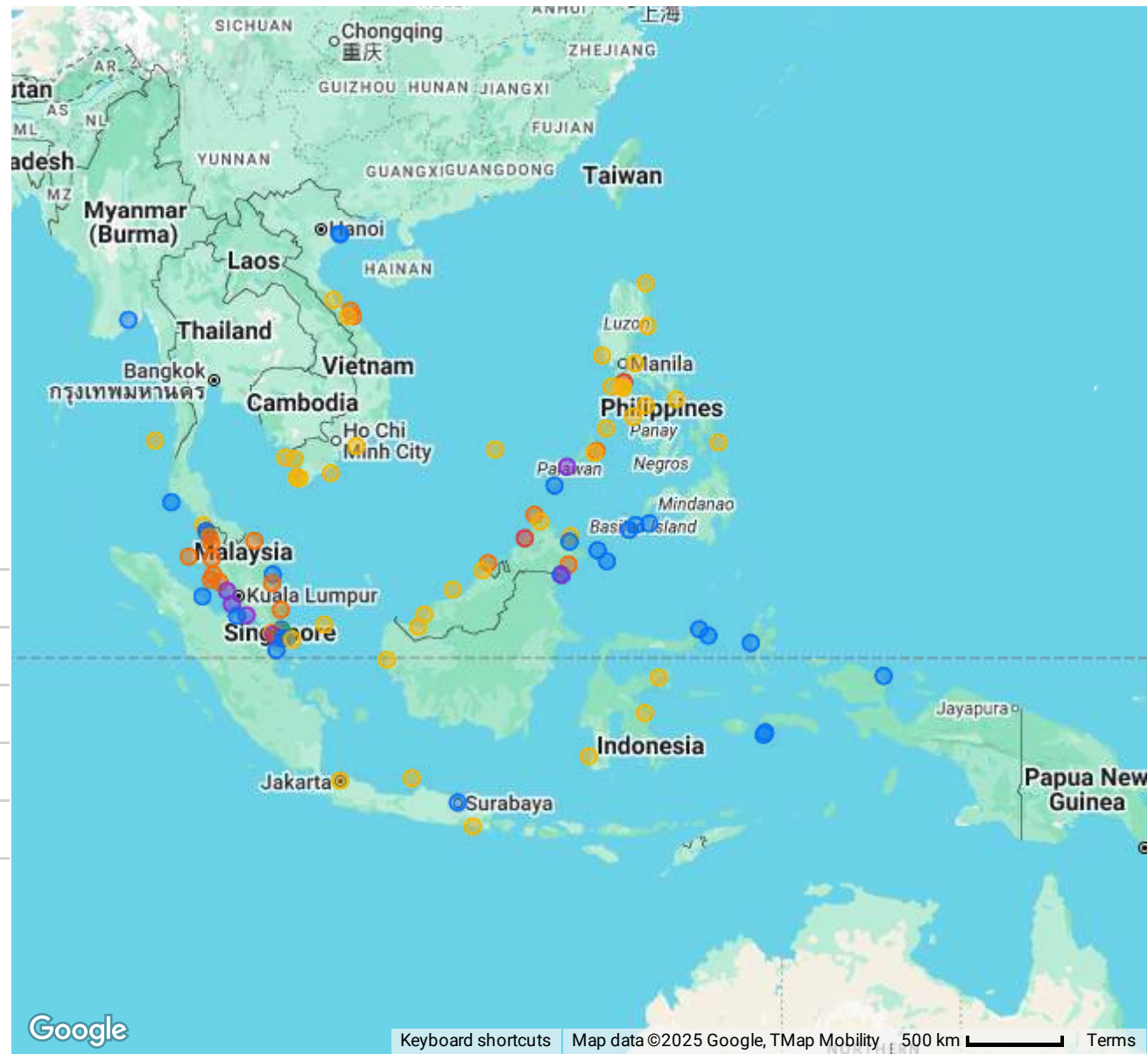
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↓ -679 from previous year

Vessels Involved

106

↓ -146 from previous year



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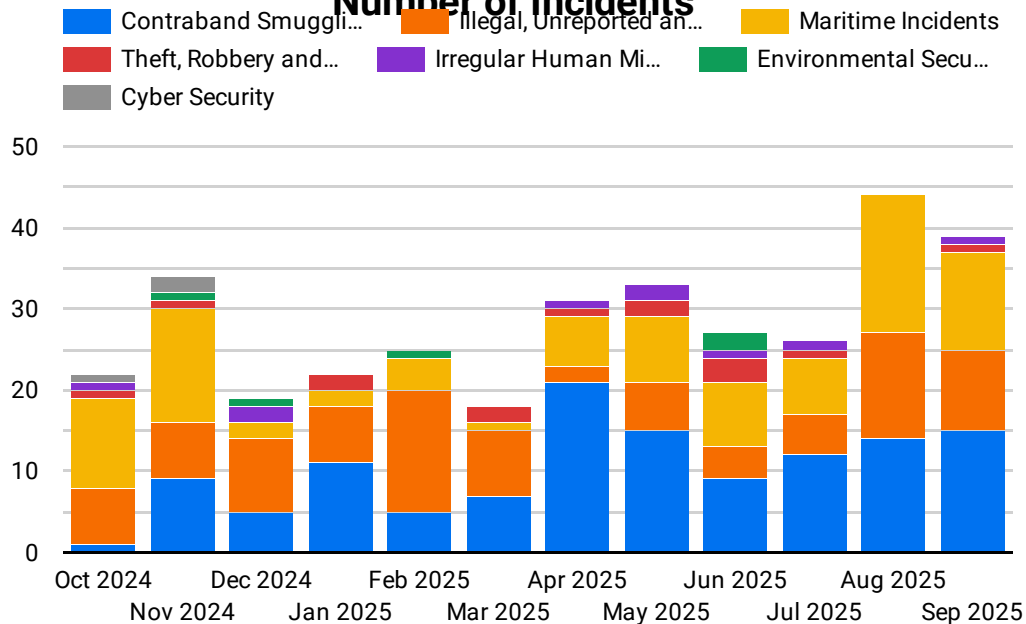
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Terms



Overview of MARSEC Incidents in Southern Asia

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Contraband Smuggling	15	-7 ↓
Maritime Incidents	12	-8 ↓
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	10	3 ↑
Irregular Human Migration	1	0
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	1	-

Grand total 39 -12 ↓

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

\$728.84K

↓ -88.4% from previous year

People Involved

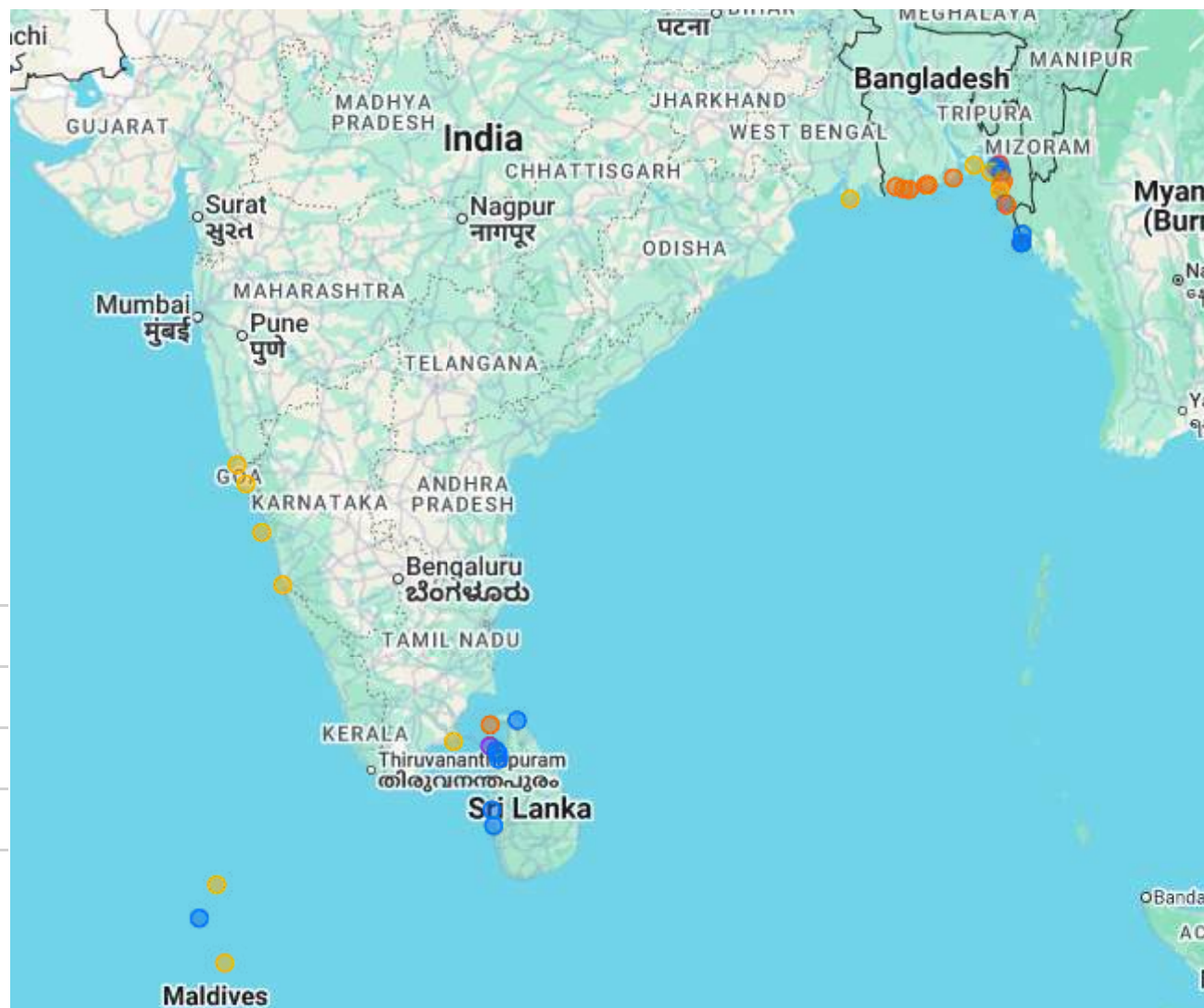
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↓ -102 from previous year

Vessels Involved

42

↓ -20 from previous year



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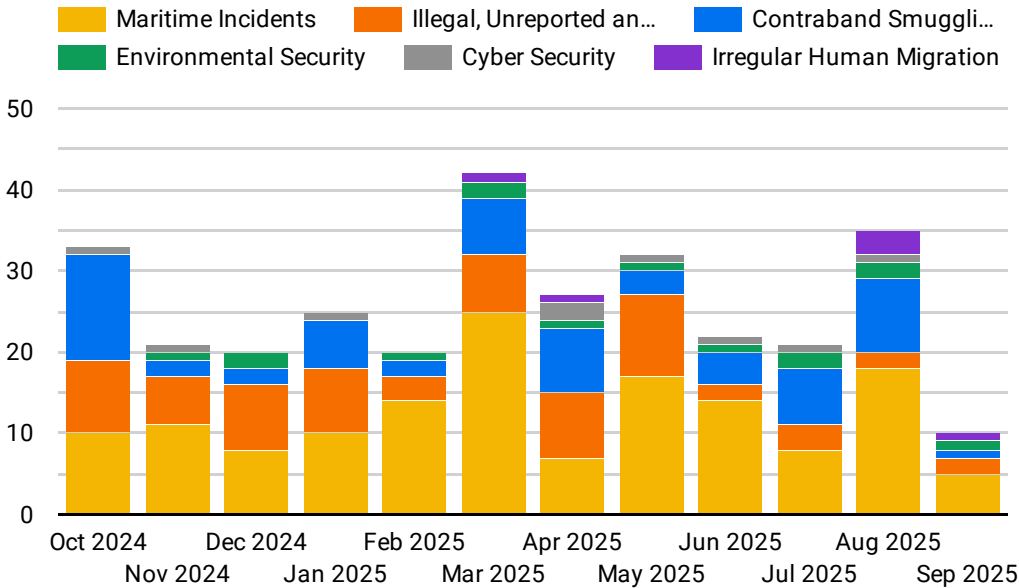
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Overview of MARSEC Incidents in Eastern Asia

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Maritime Incidents	5	1 ↑
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	2	0
Irregular Human Migration	1	-
Contraband Smuggling	1	-7 ↓
Environmental Security	1	-1 ↓

Grand total 10 -6 ↓

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

\$1.26M

↓ -98.0% from previous year

People Involved

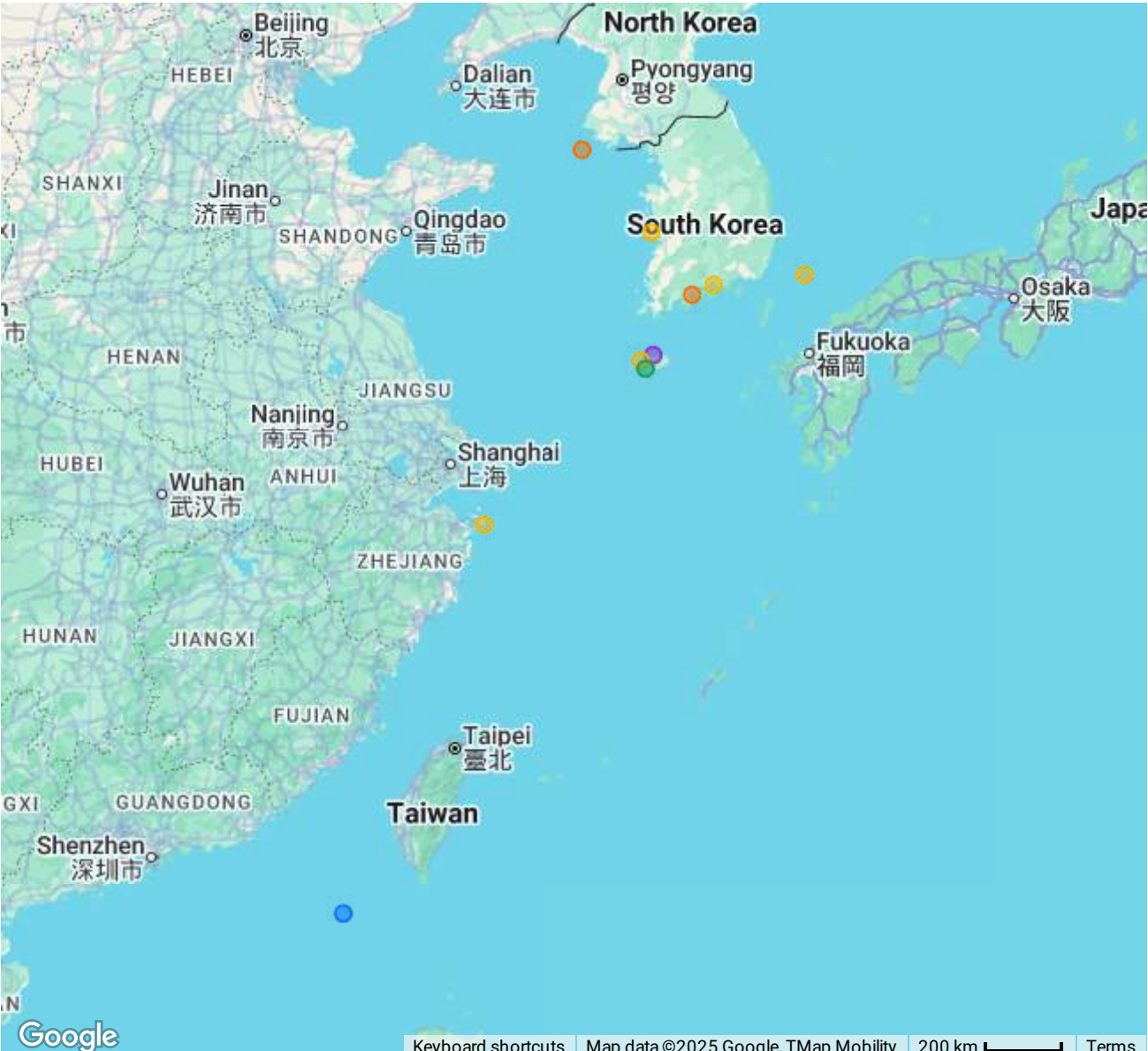
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↓ -6 from previous year

Vessels Involved

10

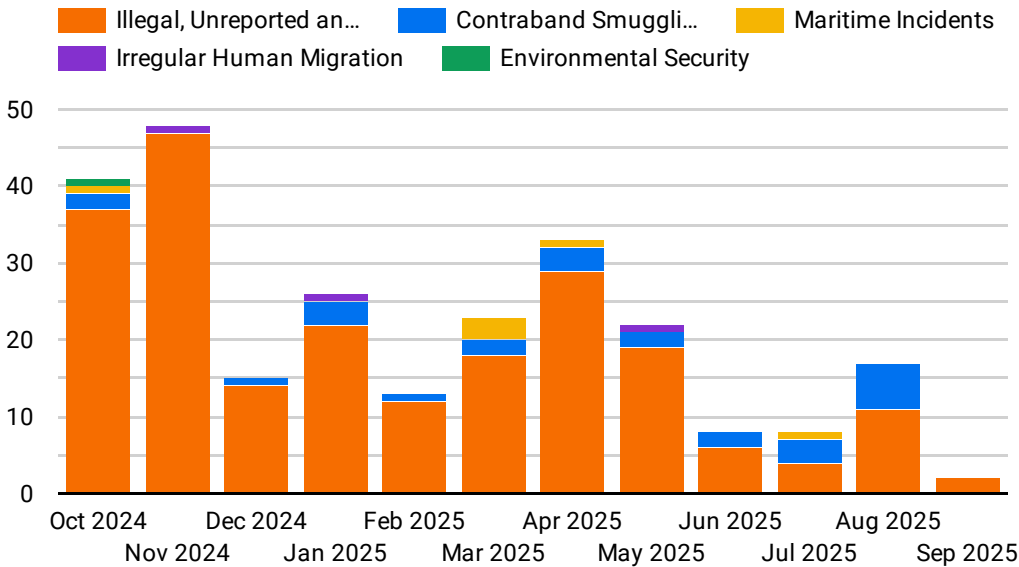
↓ -10 from previous year





Overview of MARSEC Incidents in Oceania

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year



Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

No data

No data from previous year

People Involved

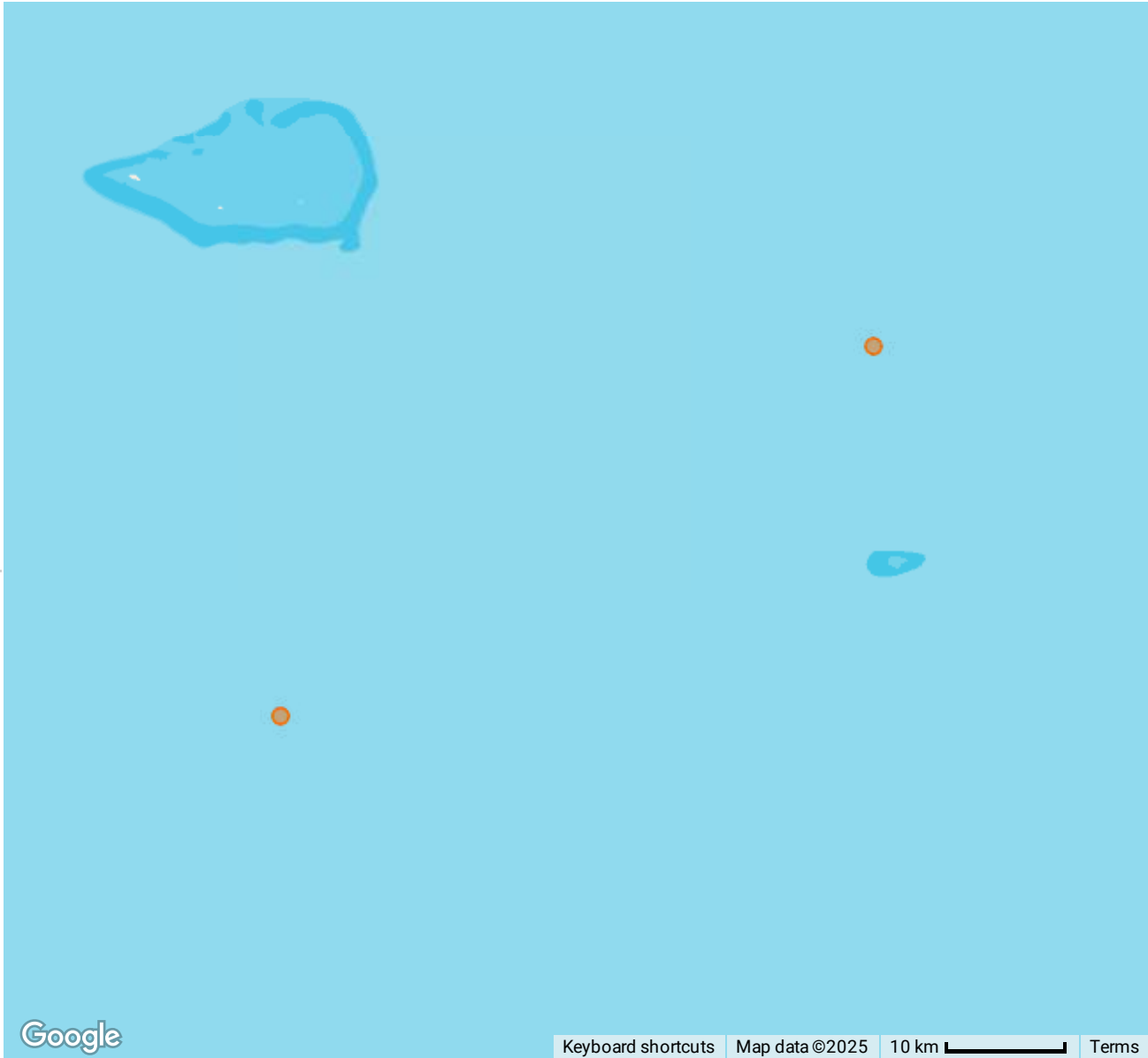
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↓ -64 from previous year

Vessels Involved

2

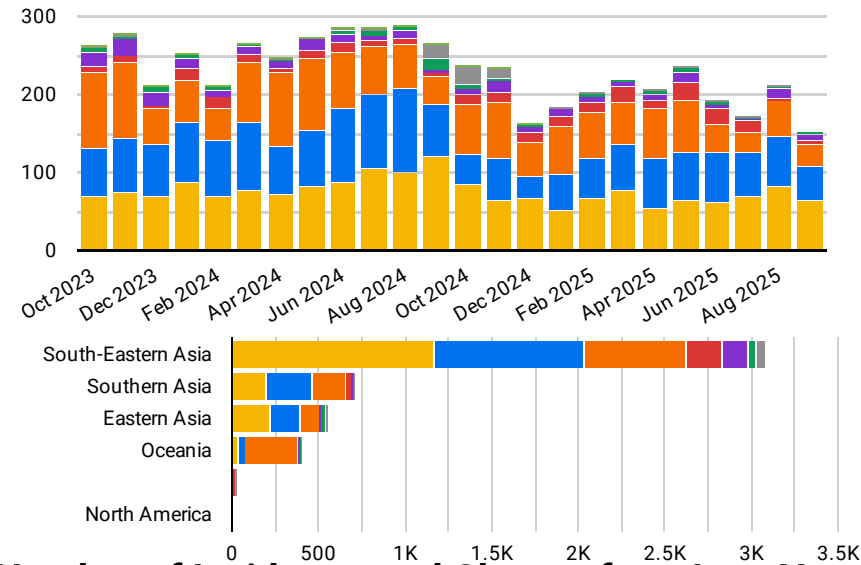
↓ -9 from previous year





Overview of MARSEC Incidents this Year to Date

Number of Incidents



Number of Incidents, and Change from Last Year

Maritime Incidents	1,610	-219 ↓
Contraband Smuggling	1,355	-225 ↓
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	1,213	-88 ↓
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea	246	44 ↑
Irregular Human Migration	191	-119 ↓
Environmental Security	82	-15 ↓
Cyber Security	72	23 ↑
Maritime Terrorism	0	0
Others	0	-3 ↓

Grand total 4,769 -602 ↓

Reported US\$ Value of Seized Goods

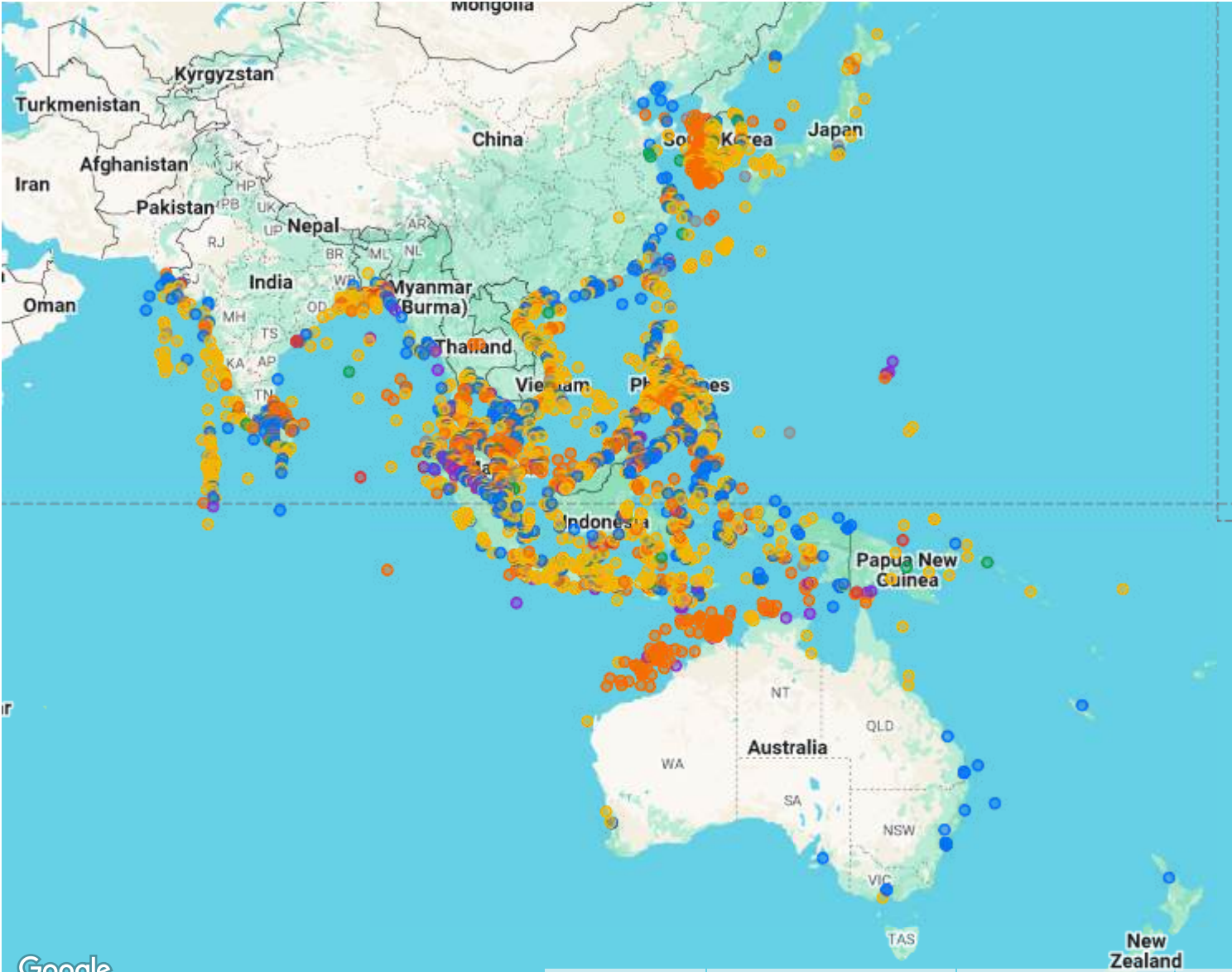
\$13.70B
↑ 45.8% from previous year

People Involved

30,870
↓ -18.5% from previous year

Vessels Involved

5,674
↓ -11.0% from previous year



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