



REGIONAL THREAT UPDATE

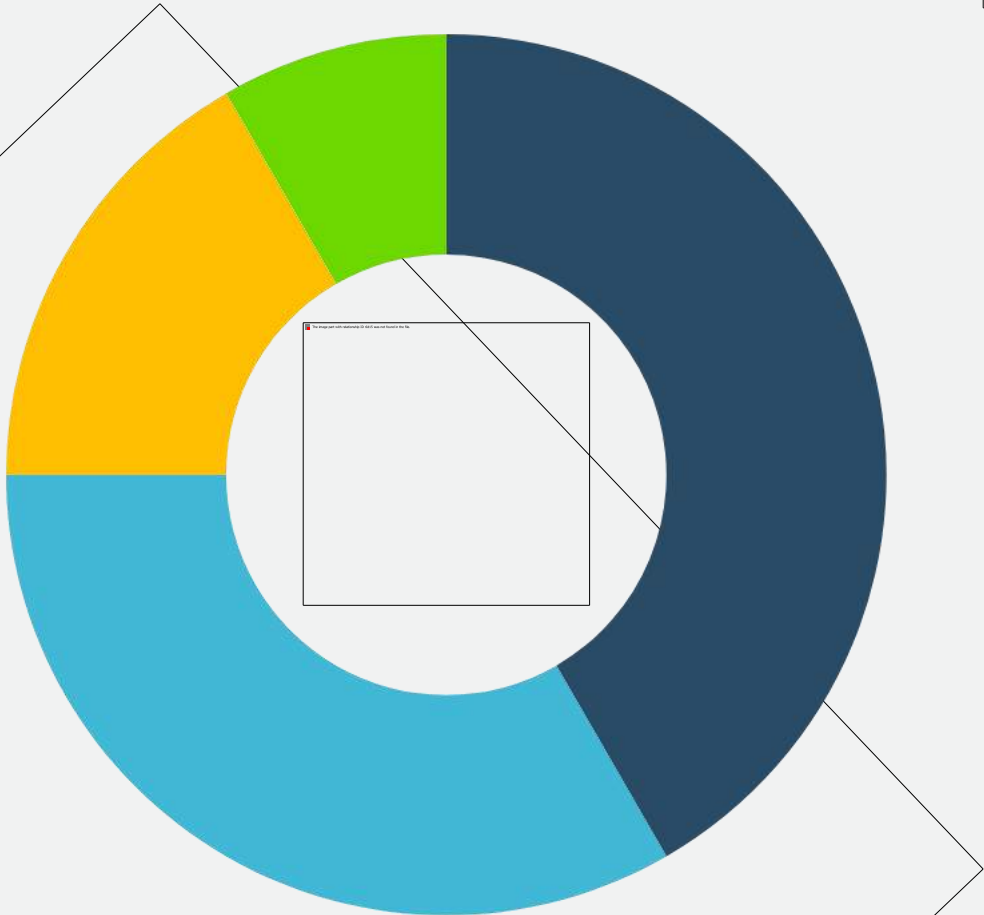


INDIA

| Maritime Threats

Evolving Threats

Rise in hybrid tactics including missile strikes, drone attacks, onboard explosions, piracy, and suspicious vessel approaches.



	Explosions & Unspecified or Hybrid Attacks	41.7%
	Drone and Projectile attacks	33.3%
	Suspicious Vessel Activity	16.7%
	Armed Robbery/Piracy	8.3%

Regional Hotspots & Incident Trends

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Southeast Asia (98 Incidents – 43%)

- Most active region for the 4th consecutive year.
- 81% of robberies occurred in the Singapore–Malacca Strait.
- Majority of incidents happened underway, not in port.

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Gulf of Guinea (29 Incidents – 12%)

- Notable rise in Bonny River region: 7 major attacks (kidnaps & hijacks).
- DGS Circular 25/2025 issued for vessel security in this zone.

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East Africa & West Asia

- Somali piracy resurgence with 13 hijacks up to 955nm offshore.
- 146 total incidents: 65 piracy + 81 Houthi-related hybrid threats.
- Indian-led rescues (e.g., MV Lila Norfolk) highlight response capability.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Spike noted in Bay of Bengal anchorages.
- 15 robberies at Bangladeshi & Indian ports – mostly night operations.
- No firearms used; focus on soft targets and unguarded cargo.



INDIAN RESPONSE ARCHITECTURE

India's Role in Maritime Security

India plays a pivotal role in maritime security across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), safeguarding key trade routes and responding swiftly to emerging threats. Through coordinated efforts by DGS, the Navy, Coast Guard, and surveillance centers like MMDAC, India ensures real-time maritime domain awareness and proactive incident response.

STRATEGIC ROLE

India's position in the IOR enables oversight of key global trade routes and reinforces its role as a regional security anchor.

ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

DGS, the Indian Navy, and Coast Guard jointly uphold maritime laws and lead frontline security operations.

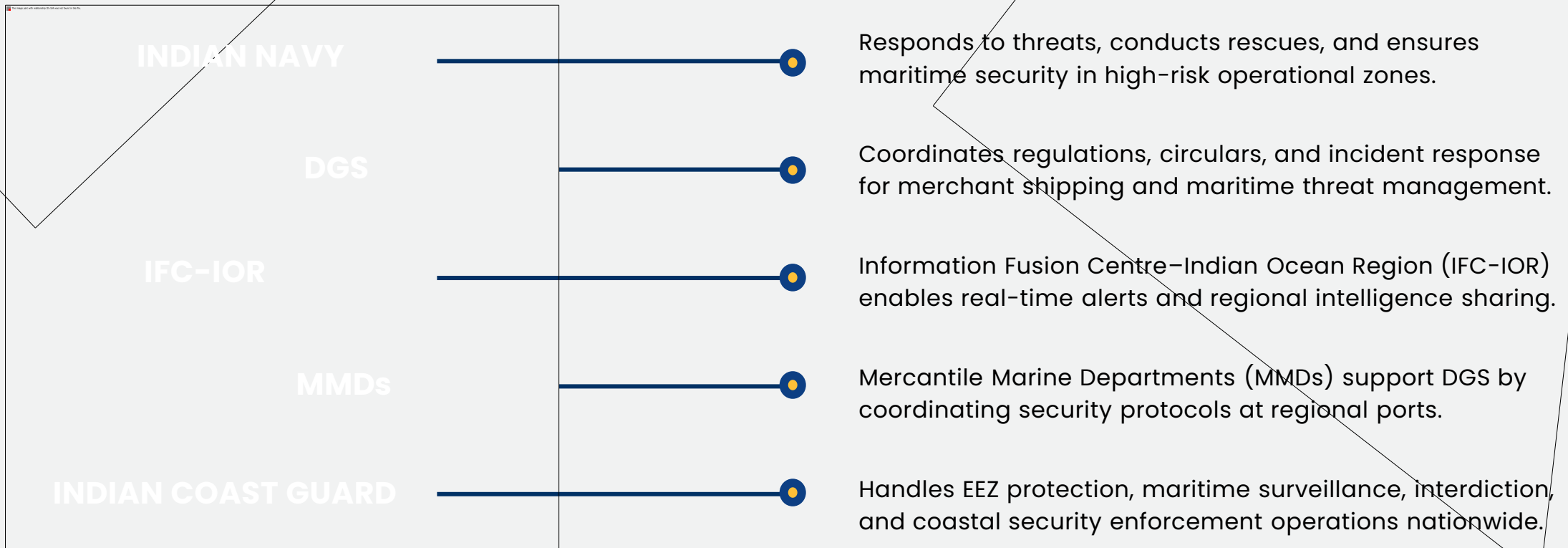
COORDINATION & RESPONSE

MMDAC, DGCOMM, and IFC-IOR enable 24/7 threat monitoring, coordinated responses, and advisory dissemination.



India's Maritime Security Framework

India's maritime security framework operates through a coordinated network of operational, regulatory, and surveillance agencies. At its core, the Directorate General of Shipping ensures seamless alignment between civilian shipping and national security responders.



MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVES-DGS

Domain Awareness

Shares real-time ship movement data with IFC-IOR and relevant naval agencies, aligning regulatory actions with regional surveillance networks to ensure coordinated and timely maritime security responses.

24/7 Monitoring

Operates the Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC), along with DGCOMM and LRIT, to provide 24/7 maritime incident tracking and relay real-time alerts to enforcement agencies.

Policy Leadership

Issues strategic circulars, including SOPs, BMPs, and maritime advisories, to enhance industry compliance, support Navy coordination, and guide responses to emerging regional maritime security threats.

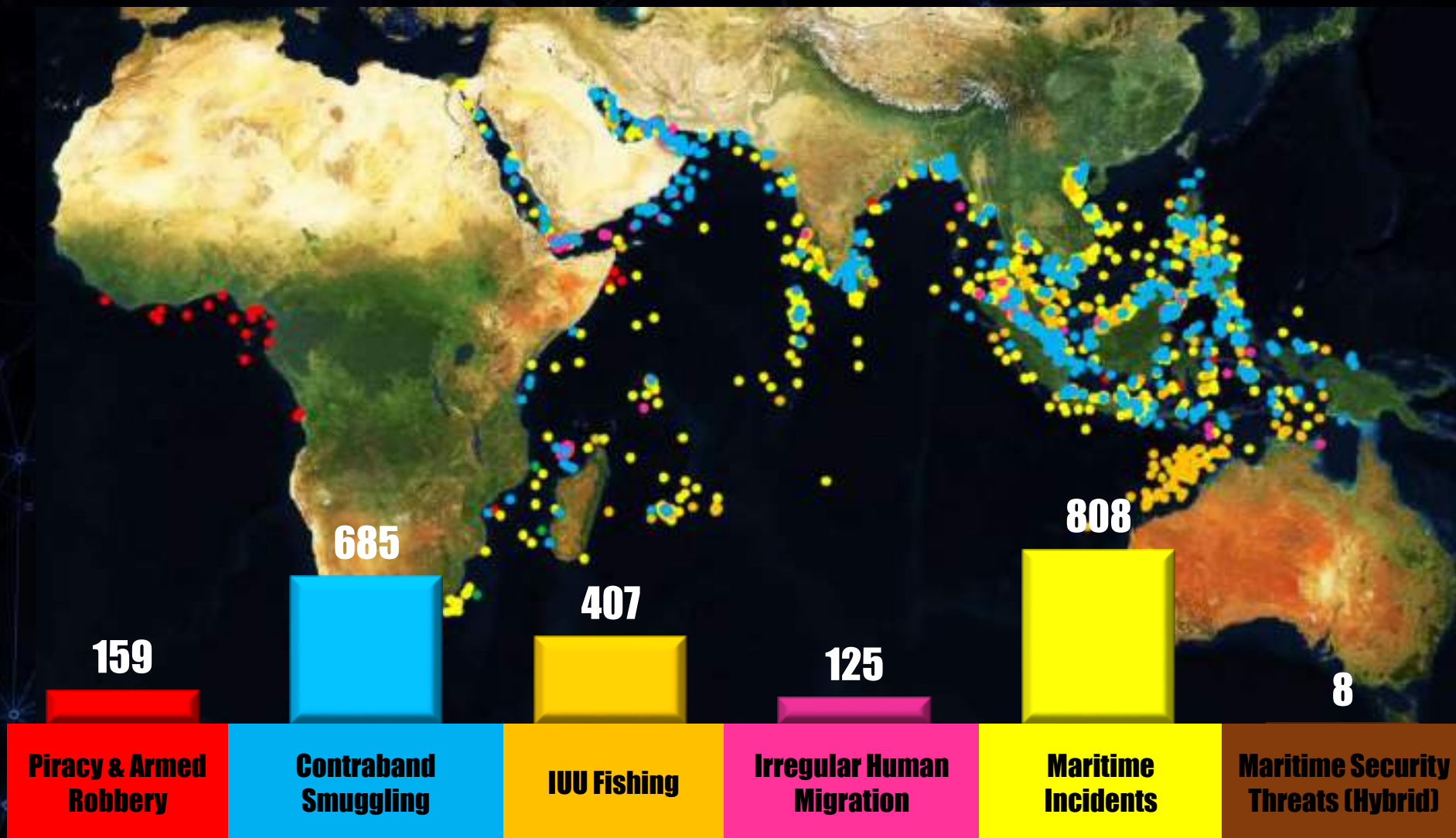


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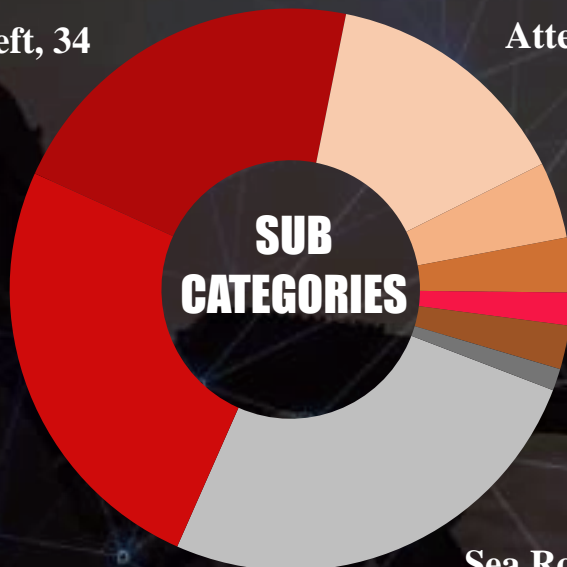
JAN – JUL 2025



Piracy & Armed Robbery

Attempted Sea Theft, 34

Sea Theft, 40



Attempted Sea Robbery, 23

Hijack, 7

Kidnap, 5

Illegal Boarding, 3

Attempted Boarding, 4

Attack, 2

Sea Robbery, 41

TIME OF INCIDENT



DAY
20



NIGHT
122

UNK - 17



**PERPETRATORS /
APPREHENDED**
579

WEAPONS USED



Improvised Weapons 30
(Including knives, shovel,
metal bars and wrenches)

Firearms 17

GUNS AND KNIVES 16

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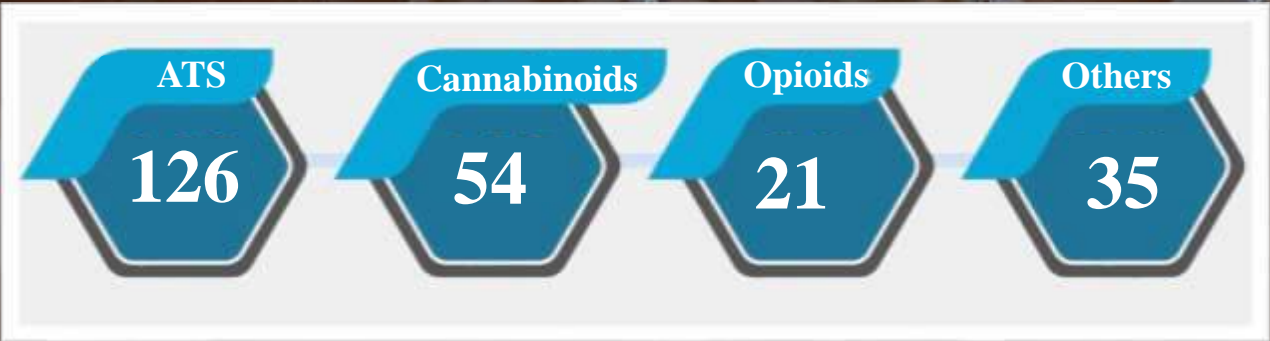
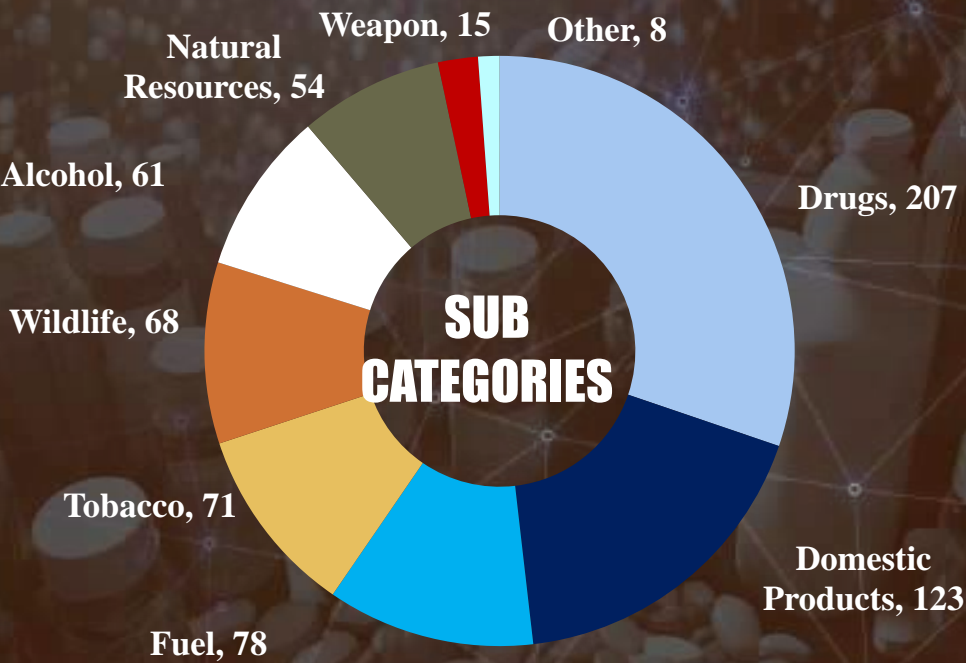


Piracy and Armed Robbery continue to remain suppressed in all regions except Southeast Asia

Increased Sea thefts and Robberies in Southeast Asia

Primary targets - Bulk Carriers and Tanker

Contraband Smuggling

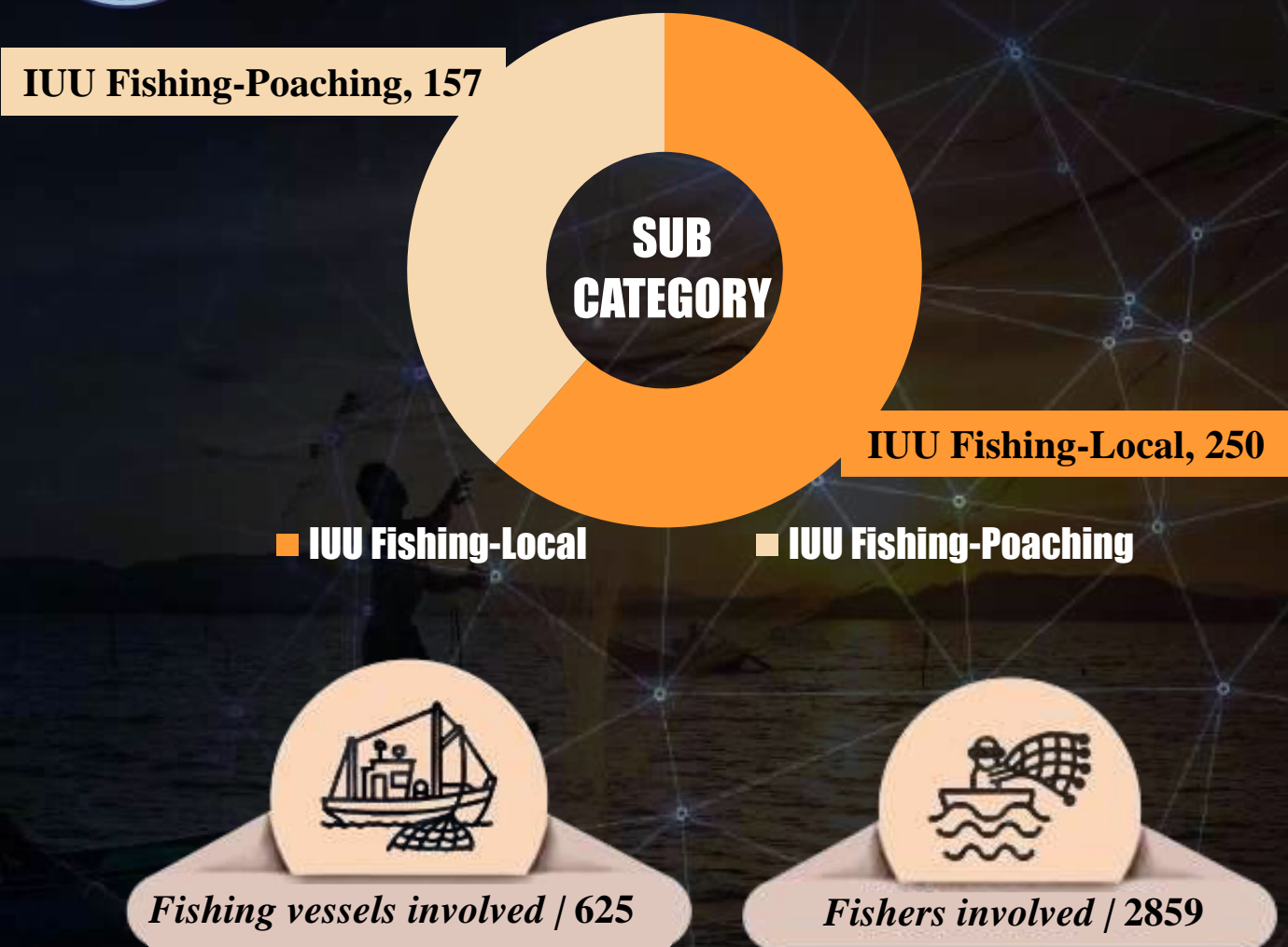


Narcotics seizures remain the highest contributor

Notable surge in seizure of Amphetamine Type Stimulants

Golden Crescent and Golden Triangle | Prominent source of synthetic drug trafficking

Illegal Unregulated & Unreported Fishing



Decline observed in IUU Fishing incidents during Jan – Jul 25

Cross-border fishing main driver of Poaching incidents

Evasive methods and seasonal changes likely causes for the decline

Irregular Human Migration



Boats

225



**Rescued/
Apprehended**

5784



Missing

237



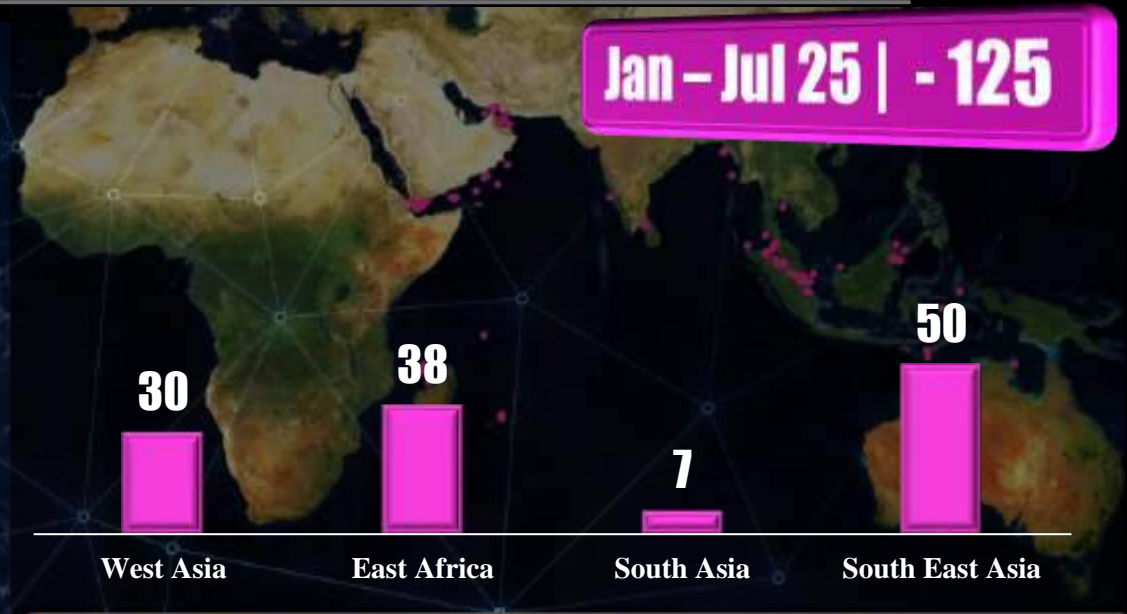
Smugglers Apprehended

138



Death

495



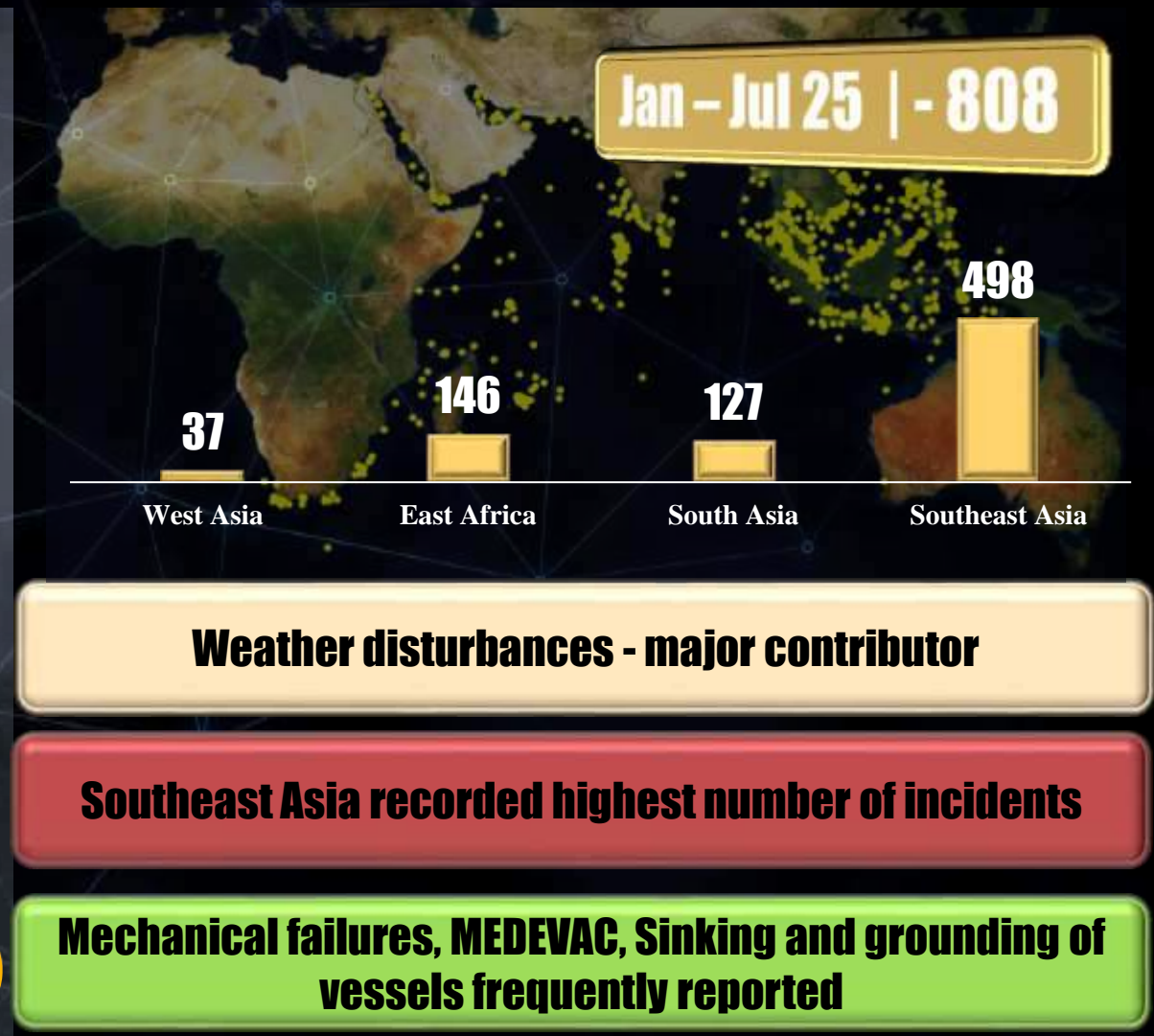
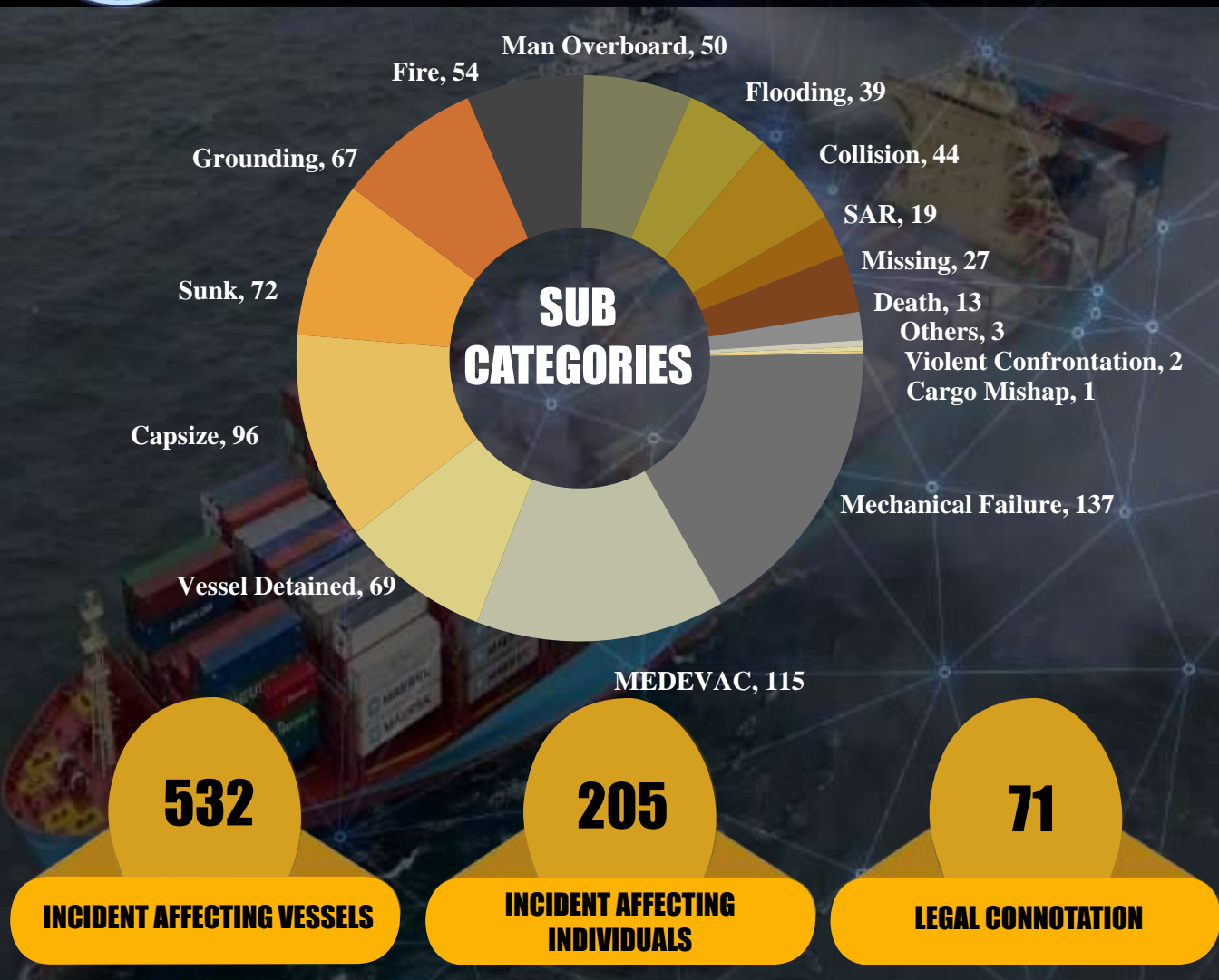
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Use of unseaworthy overcrowded vessels by migrants

Unsafe migration attempts from East Africa towards oil-rich Gulf countries.

South East Asia witnessed the majority of IHM incidents

Maritime Incidents



Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)

FLAG OF VESSELS



Vessels Affected

158

Successful Attacks



Drone Attack

12



Missile/
Projectile Attack

38

Unsuccessful Attacks



Drone Attack

103



Missile/
Projectile Attack

97

TOTAL INCIDENTS

323

Nov 23 - Jul 25



INCIDENT MONTHLY COMPARISON



Highlights @ Jan – Jul | 2025

Hybrid threats remained low until Jun 25

Resumption of Red Sea Attacks in Jul 25

Greek owned vessels targeted

Severity of attacks was alarming



OPERATIONAL RESPONSES BY IFC-IOR

Drone Attack on CMA CGM SYMI



			DRONE ATTACK
CMA CGM SYMI		350 nm SW of Mumbai	
			RESPONSE COORDINATION IFC, Singapore France Navy Indian Navy ILOs at IFC-IOR

Hijack of FV Lorenzo Putha 04

Sri Lanka Flagged Fishing Vessel



Hijacked off Somalia



**Information Sharing via Sri Lanka and
Seychelles ILO at IFC-IOR**



Pirates Apprehended

Vessel Information (MULA 2992 CHN)	
Vessel Information IMO: 412719822 Call Sign: A0FT887 Latest Position: 2014-01-27 04:18:44 Latitude: 0.447560 Longitude: 45.607722 Course: 267.9° Heading: 8° Status: Unknown Latest Report: 2014-01-26 20:11:49 Destination: Est. Arrive Cargo: Drayage 80	Options Flag: Sri Lanka Source: IACS Class: B
More Vessel Information Ship Image	



LORENZO PUTHA 04



HIJACK

955 nm E of Mogadishu

**RESPONSE
COORDINATION**

**Seychelles Coast
Guard
Srilanka Navy
Indian Navy
ILOs at IFC-IOR**

MV ABDULLAH – HIJACK INCIDENT

Bangladesh Flagged Bulk Carrier



Hijacked off Somalia



Information Sharing led by Ban ILO at IFCIOR



Activity Timeline	25 Alerts and Not. Indications	3 Identity Changes
166 Port Calls	999+ Reported Voyage Details	165 Meetings

Flag	Bangladesh
IMO	9745598
MMSI	405000414
Call sign	SQCO8
Class	Cargo
Subclass	Bulk Carrier
Length	190 meters
Commercial Manager	Golden Ocean Group Limited (Bermuda)
DWT	18063 tons
Destination	HAMBURG
ETA	19 Mar 2024 13:30




MV ABDULLAH





HIJACK

550 nm E of Mogadishu

RESPONSE COORDINATION

Bangladesh DG Shipping/ Navy
Indian Navy
Italian Navy
ILOs at IFC-IOR

Hijacking of MV Ruen

INJURED CREW RESCUED



**PIRATES COERCED
ONE INJURED CREW MEMBER
RELEASED
18 DEC 23**

**INTERCEPTED AND SHADOWED
FOR 48 HOURS BY IN UNITS**



**MV RUEN (18 CREW)
HIJACKED
14 DEC 23**



**RUEN WITH SKIFF UNDER TOW
: PIRACY TRIGGER**



**MOVEMENT ON UPPER DECK :
PIRATES**



MEDEVAC from IFMV off Malaysia

Msg received through CSO



Informed to Thai ILO



Conveyed to Thai & Malaysia ILO at IFC-SG



MRCC Kuantan alerted



Chief Engg safely disembarked at Kuantan



Prompt information exchange

Operational coordination

Successful medical evacuation

Op Assistance to SY BIT

Malaysian SY (Chinese crew) stranded in East IOR



Msg received through IN ILO at IFC-SG



IFC-IOR established contact with shipping agent



IN aircraft & ship diverted for assistance



Prompt information exchange

Operational coordination

Successful fuelling assistance provided

Medical Assistance FV Abdul Rehman Hanzia

Info received through ILOs

350nm SE of Oman

IN warship diverted towards FV

Timely medical assistance onboard

Prompt info sharing and operational coord



MSC ELSA 3

Message Received from CSO, MSC Cyprus Office



Vessel in distress, 30 Nm off the Kerala Coast



26 deg list - Unable to correct view heavy seas



IN, ICG & DG Shipping, India alerted – MR aircraft diverted for immediate assistance deploying 2 liferaft



Crew safely rescued by IN & ICG Vessels



Prompt Info Sharing

Coordination between Shipping Company & Indian Agencies

WAN HAI 503

Message Received from DG Shipping



Vessel 120 Nm NW of Kochi, Explosion in cargo hold area



IN alerted, one warship and ICG assets diverted



Indian Naval ship rescued 18 survivors



ICG involved in fire-fighting and SAR of 04 crew



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Vessel 120 Nm NW

// alerted, on

Indian Na

ICG involved

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12 June 2025

Your Excellency, Secretary General:

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious incident involving a Singapore-flagged vessel, WAN HAI 503 (IMO no. 9294862), on the west coast of Kerala in India, on 9 June 2025.

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CURRENT THREAT SCENARIO



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