



September 2025

INCREASED PRESENCE OF SANCTIONED OIL TANKERS IN VENEZUELA IN SEPTEMBER

A total of 12 vessels sanctioned by United States, United Kingdom and the European Union were sighted. There were also 6 stealth boats and 29 vessels with their AIS signal switched off.

Of the total of **110 tankers** detected in Transparencia Venezuela's monitoring of ports in Venezuelan territorial waters in September, at least **47 have an irregular status and 12 are sanctioned** by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of the Treasury, the UK's Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), and the European Union. The operating shipping companies are based in China, Vietnam, Liberia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), or the Seychelles.

Similarly, the presence of **six vessels internationally classified as stealth ships** was confirmed, including the **XANTHOS EOS**, flying the Curaçao flag, and the **SAMIRA**, registered in the Comoros, originating from Russia. The other **29 vessels kept their mandatory tracking signals**—AIS or automatic identification system—**completely turned off**.

Sanctioned and stealth vessels sighted on Venezuelan coasts in September 2025

IMO	Name of vessel	Flag	Status
9381744	ANTLIA	Guinea	Sanctioned by OFAC and the United Kingdom (OFSI).
9299745	APUS	Guinea	Sanctioned by OFAC and the United Kingdom (OFSI).
9322839	AVRIL	Guinea	Sanctioned by OFAC and the United Kingdom (OFSI).
9296585	SENSUS	Guinea	Sanctioned by OFAC and the United Kingdom (OFSI).
9281011	DI ANCHI	Comoros	Sanctioned by OFAC, the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union.
9353096	GURU	Comoros	Sanctioned by the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union.
9378632	MALAK	Comoros	Sanctioned by OFAC, the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union.
9436006	SAMIRA	Comoros	Sanctioned by OFAC, by the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union. Russia's dark fleet.
9212371	CH ALQUIMIA	Panama	Stealth
9126003	NASCA1	Panama	Stealth. The vessel is not operational since 2022.
9041837	YONGTONGI	Panama	Stealth. The vessel is not operational since 2019.
9255880	PHENIX VI	Guyana	Sanctioned by OFAC.
9204805	SYRMA	Guyana	Sanctioned by OFAC
8108949	CETUS	Bolivia	Stealth. The vessel is not operational since 2022.
9169512	KIRA	Cameroon	Stealth. It operates exclusively for PDVSA.
9231212	XANTHOS EOS	Curaçao	Sanctioned by OFAC, the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union.
9253325	ROSALIN	Sao Tome & Principe	Sanctioned by OFAC, by the United Kingdom (OFSI) and the European Union.
9038854	WARRIOR KING	Togo	Stealth.

Compared to the previous two months, 52 vessels sighted in September had already been detected off the Venezuelan coast, and 11 oil, gas, derivatives, and chemical tankers are new sightings in this period, meaning that there were **63 foreign-flagged vessels identified, not including the 29 without signals** or in dark mode. Of the total of 110 tankers in Venezuelan territorial waters in September, **18 ships are flying the Venezuelan flag**.

An analysis of the overall data for the three months (July, August, and September) revealed that **10 foreign-flagged vessels are exclusively serving PDV Marina**—sailing between Venezuela’s eight oil ports—most of them registered in Panama and the Comoros by shipping companies from the United Arab Emirates.



UAE companies continue to operate freely

Four companies based in the United Arab Emirates operate 16 of the monitored tankers transporting Venezuelan crude oil. *Asia Charm Limited FTZ* alone, created in 2019, is responsible for 13 ships. The company has been the focus of international investigative journalism, with Reuters singling it out, along with two other companies (*Issa Shipping FZE* and *Muhit Maritime*), as shippers involved in the transport of Venezuelan crude oil to evade U.S. sanctions in 2020. The authorities in the United Arab Emirates indicated at the time that they were conducting an investigation into the companies, with no known consequences for Asia Charm, despite its confirmed involvement.

The other three vessels out of the 16 operated from the United Arab Emirates are managed by different shipping companies, but are equally compromised because two ships are sanctioned (**Apus** from **Julius Capital** and **Avril** from **Kroeger Tankers**) and one is a stealth vessel (Nasca I from Centaurus Coal Trading).

Buque llamado AVRIL, registrado con el número IMO 9322839, MMSI 632001087 es Crude Oil Tanker. Actualmente navegando bajo bandera Guinea. Se construyó en 2006.

Planes y precios

Sanctions & Bans: UK (OFSI), US (OFAC)



Track on Map

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DATOS DEL VIAJE

Destino

? **AMUAY BAY**
ETA: Sep 6, 03:00

ETA predicha	-
Distancia / Tiempo	-
Rumbo / Velocidad	258° / 0.0 kn
Calado actual	14.5 m
Estado de navegación	At anchor
Posición recibida	1 min ago 
IMO / MMSI	9322839 / 632001087
Señal de llamada	3X2062
Tipo AIS	Tanker
Bandera AIS	Guinea
Eslora / Manga	250 / 44 m

Último puerto

 **Amuay Anch., Venezuela**
ATA: Sep 10, 14:17 UTC (19 days ago)



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Vessel name **APUS**

Category **Transportation of fossil fuels**

- Violation of the oil embargo
- Transporting russian crude oil/oil products in violation of other restrictions

IMO **9299745**

Flag (Current) **unknown**

Vessel Type **Oil Products Tanker**

DWT **106007**

Sanctions **USA**, **UK**

Regulatory havens facilitating sanctions evasion

As in previous months, continuous monitoring confirmed that Venezuelan crude oil transport operations are carried out to a very significant extent by vessels registered in regulatory havens.

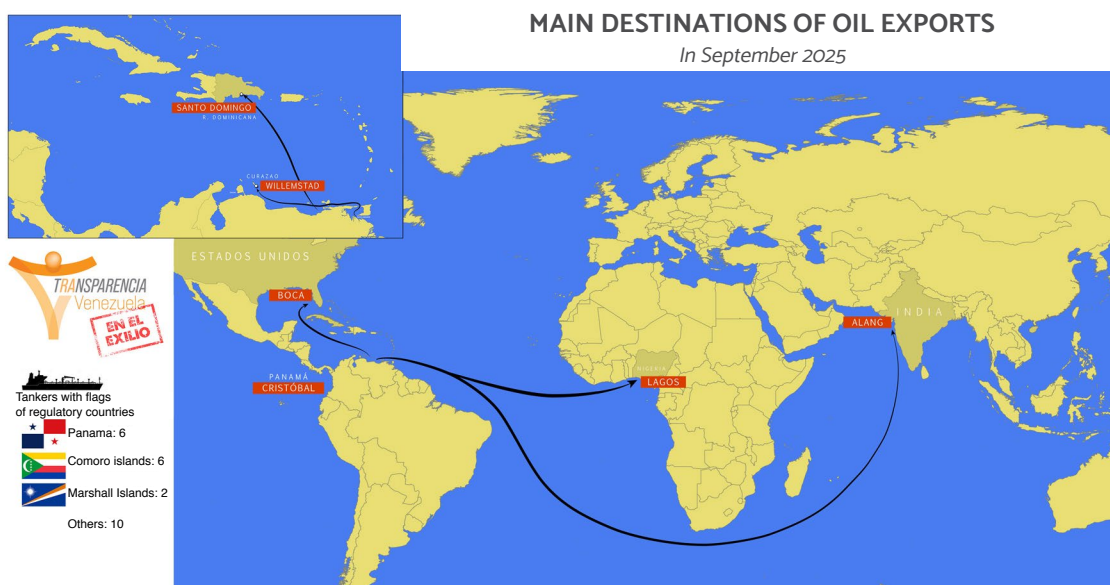
Guinea (4), Comoros (4), and Panama (3) top the list of tankers flying flags of convenience to evade oil sanctions.

The opaque oil trade, with its high risk of corruption, is becoming entrenched

The resumption of Chevron's operations in Venezuela and the resulting flow of oil to the United States was confirmed by the tracking of vessels in August (6) and September (6).

However, the terms of the current oil license are well below export levels under the previous license due to Chevron's commitment to pay its tax obligations in Venezuela in kind, i.e., with oil, according to Reuters.

Thus, **PDVSA will maintain most of its exports in Asian markets with opaque intermediaries and high risks of financial losses due to non-compliance, corruption, and environmental damage.**



Compounding these risks is the **upturn in the use of cryptocurrencies in oil trading transactions**, reflected in the also growing allocation of crypto assets in the official exchange market, replacing the dollar. This is happening without proper information to the public about this policy and without a careful assessment of the possible economic or other impacts.

Foreign-flagged vessels that reached Venezuelan shores in September 2025

IMO	Name of vessel	Flag	Shipping company (owner)	Operator	Country of operator
S/N_1	ALICE	Panama	No Information		
9779109	AMBRIELLE	Panama	Ambrielle Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9247821	BALSA	Panama	Balsa Navigation Sa	Cardona Ship Management Servs	Philippines
9212371	CH ALQUIMIA	Panama	Bolton Shipping Co Inc	Peruvian Management Co Eirl	Peru
9228320	FAITHFUL STAR	Panama	Faithful Star Shipping	Chem Star Shipping Pte Ltd	Singapore
9133824	HENRIK	Panama	Dias Shipping Ltd	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9705823	IVI	Panama	Ivi Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9186730	LADY GENESIS	Panama	Sintra Marine Services Sa	Sintra Marine Services Sa	Panama
9225330	LARKO	Panama	Dorado Marine Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9779094	MARIELA	Panama	Mariela Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9133836	MORITZ	Panama	Dias Shipping Ltd	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9110183	MORNING SUN	Panama	Meriel Management Corp	Meriel Management Corp	Liberia
9126003	NASCA I	Panama	Centaurus Coal Trading Llc	Centaurus Coal Trading Llc	United Arab Emirates
S/N_3	NAUTUS	Panama	No Information		
9971707	NAVE COSMOS	Panama	No Information		
9971733	NAVE NEUTRINO	Panama	Haijin No 11 Tianjin Leasing	Navios Maritime Partners Lp	Monaco

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9038880	NEREO	Panama	Venfleet Ltd	Pdv Marina Sa	Venezuela
9252187	OREO	Panama	Marovo International Corp	Oceanic Steamships Ltd	China (Hong Kong)
9183635	RAGNAR	Panama	Stavento Maritime Inc	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9167174	RIANA	Panama	Riana Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9705859	ROSSE	Panama	Rosse Sa	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9568495	SAKURA ADVANCE	Panama	Courageous & Ksk Panama Sa	Kokuka Sangyo Co Ltd	Japan
9568500	SAKURA BELLE	Panama	Glorious & Ksk Panama Sa	Kokuka Sangyo Co Ltd	Japan
9261396	STEF	Panama	Draco Marine Corp	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9280354	TAILWINDS	Panama	Onyx Sea Navigation Ltd	Lerinel Shipping Ltd	Greece
9038866	TESEO	Panama	Venfleet Ltd	Pdv Marina Sa	Venezuela
9964376	TEVEL	Panama	Vela Shipholding Inc	Vela Shipholding Inc	Liberia
9041837	YONG TONG 1	Panama	Yongtong Shipping Hk Co Ltd	Shanghai Huitong Shipping Co	China
9226970	YOSELIN	Panama	Zeus Sea Lines Ltd	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9047386	BEAUTY ONE	Comoros	Apollon International Ltd	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9281011	DIANCHI	Comoros	Pyay Shipping Ltd	Pyay Shipping Ltd	China
9353096	GURU	Comoros	Fu Man Shipping Ltd	Fu Man Shipping Ltd	China (Hong Kong)
9378632	MALAK	Comoros	Cheng Shipping & Trader Ltd	Cheng Shipping & Trader Ltd	Seychelles

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8917845	VANESSA	Comoros	Jasim Shipping Management Ltd	Asia Charm Ltd Fze	United Arab Emirates
9381744	ANTLIA	Guinea	Hs Legend Ltd	Hs Legend Ltd	Liberia
9299745	APUS	Guinea	Julius Capital Llc	Julius Capital Llc	United Arab Emirates
9322839	AVRIL	Guinea	Kroeger Tankers Fze	Kroeger Tankers Fze	United Arab Emirates
9296585	SENSUS	Guinea	Hs Sensus Ltd	Hs Sensus Ltd	Liberia
9173056	CAMILA B	Liberia	World Star Shipping Sa	Transgas International Inc	United States
9897846	CANOPUS VOYAGER	Bahamas	Essential Shipping Co Ltd	Chevron Shipping Co Llc	United States
9503574	COLON	Tanzania	Lowest Point Inc	Manteniship Xxi SI	Spain
9335056	COURAGE	Liberia	Ocean Tanker 2401 Ltd	Synergy Navis Marine Pvt Ltd	India
9802152	IONIC ANAX	Marshall Islands	Ionic Anax Inc	Ionic Tankers Mgt Inc	Greece
9345881	LOYAL	Vietnam	Global Pacific Shipping Jsc	Global Pacific Shipping Jsc	Vietnam
9857858	MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGER	Bahamas	Prosalt Navigation Sa	Chevron Shipping Co Llc	United States
9382750	MINERVA GLORIA	Malta	Seahawk Management Sa	Minerva Marine Inc	Greece
9255880	PHENIX VI	Guyana	Sky Wealthy Ltd	Nanjing Haigao Shipping Co Ltd	China
9423683	PVT AZURA	Vietnam	Petrovietnam Transportation	Petrovietnam Transportation	Vietnam
9586734	RIO ORINOCO	Marshall Islands	Alcot Shipmanagement Co	Pdv Marina Sa	Venezuela

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9255828	SCOT BAYERN	Malta	Scot Bayern Sa	Scot Gemi Isletmeciligi As	Turkey
9204805	SYRMA	Guyana	Minh Thu Shipping Trading Jsc	Minh Thu Shipping Trading Jsc	Vietnam
9503586	YORACO	Tanzania	Pdv Marina Sa	Pdv Marina Sa	Venezuela
9284817	ALICIA	Cuba	No Information		
8108949	CETUS	Bolivia	Sea Bliss Shipping Corp	Intercaribbean Tankers Sa.	Dominican Republic
9169512	KIRA	Cameroon	Ju Long Ltd	Ju Long Ltd	Seychelles
S/N_2	MAGPIE 03	Hong Kong	No Information		
8410768	MAYAN PRINCESS	Honduras	Central Investments Sa	Rutamaya Petroleum Products	Honduras
9250074	PRAIRIE TULIP	Portugal	Earth Shipping Bv	Bluered Bv	Netherlands
9253325	ROSALIN	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	Serpens Ltd	Nightingale Plov Co Ltd	China
S/N_4	S/N	China	No Information		
9038854	WARRIOR KING	Togo	Umbridges Trade Sa	Umbridges Trade Sa	Panama
9231212	XANTHOS EOS	Curacao	Merluza Group Ltd	Merluza Group Ltd	China

*Data compiled between September 1– 23, 2025

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