

Velana International Airport **CARGO 2026**





Velana International Airport (MLE)

Velana International Airport (MLE) is the primary airport of the Maldives. Located on a separate island known as Hulhulé Island, MLE can be accessed within 10 minutes from Malé & Hulhumalé. MLE serves as the main gateway to the Maldives and is well connected with all major airports around the world. Managed and operated by Maldives Airports Company Limited.

Maldives Airports Company Ltd (MACL)

Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is a 100 % government owned limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act of the Republic of Maldives. MACL is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the President of the Maldives.

Why Choose MLE?



Strategic Location

A central hub connecting Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.



Quick & Short Connection Times

Same day connections up to minimum 1-2 hours for through buildup units and 8 hours for rebuild up units at MLE



Commitment to Excellence

Tripling cargo capacity with the new Cargo Terminal and continued investment in technology and innovation



Growing hub for transshipments

Efficient and timely cargo movement across the globe with a growing multi modal connectivity network





Cargo at MLE (New Cargo Terminal Inaugurated in 2024)

Velana International Airport (MLE) provides seamless cargo solutions, handling:

[Perishables](#) | [Live Animals](#) | [Pharmaceuticals](#) | [Dangerous Goods](#) | [Valuable Cargo](#)

Cargo Acceptance & Processing

- **Export Handling:** Weighing, security screening, loading, special cargo handling, storage (VAL/AVI/PES/DG) and secure aircraft dispatching
- **Import Handling:** Cargo retrieval, breakdown, special handling, Storage (VAL/AVI/PES/FRZ/PHARM/DG) and goods releasing
- **Automated Cargo Management:** Online tracking, online payments, only pick order printing, self-handling, and Double Master Airwaybill System
- **24/7 Operations:** Secure CCTV surveillance, easy customs clearance, and sea-air transshipment

Cargo Handling Facilities

Warehousing & Processing

Export Warehouse

3,256 sqm

Import General Warehouse

1,832 sqm

General Cargo Inspection Area

449 sqm

Import Perishable Warehouse

1,487 sqm

15 to 25°C

One-Stop Cargo Processing Areas

Import: 341 sqm

Perishables: 388 sqm

Temperature-Controlled Storage

Import Chillers

19.75 sqm | 20.9 sqm

2 to 8°C

Import Freezers

20.15 sqm | 20.25 sqm

-18 to -25°C

Export Chillers

19.55 sqm (x2)

2 to 8°C

Export Freezer

19.8 sqm

-18 to -25°C

Vaccine Storage

15.38 sqm

2 to 8°C

Secure & Specialized Handling

Live Animal (AVI) Holding Rooms

Import: 13.2 sqm

Export: 34.15 sqm

Physical Cargo Inspection Zone

203.76 sqm

Valuable Cargo Lockers

Import: 22.56 sqm

Export: 7.76 sqm

Dedicated DG storage

180 sqm



Enhancing Cargo Operations at MLE

Infrastructure Advancements Launching in Q4



Installation of EDS
Machines in Export Terminal



Introducing Vacuum Lifters to
Improve Cargo Handling



Implementation of Automated
Dimension Checking System



Installation of 200-ULD Capacity
Storage System

Certifications



EU RA3 Certification
Since 2014



ISAGO Certification
Since 2016



Cargo Statistics 2025

Airport Cargo Tonnage

Import

53,455 T

↑ 11%

Export

5,952 T

↑ 11%

Transshipment

16,439 T

↑ 18%

75,846 T

Total Annual Cargo ↑ 12%

Highest Daily Cargo

Import

281 T

📅 Dec 21

Export

51 T

📅 Oct 07

Transshipment In

199 T

📅 Sep 27

Transshipment Out

100 T

📅 Aug 18

379 T

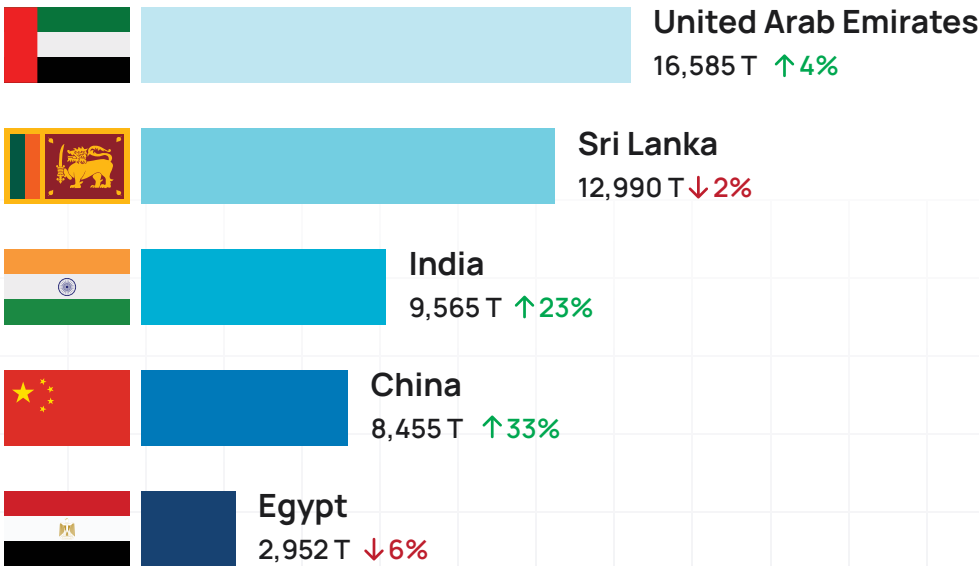
Single-Day Highest Volume

📅 Dec 21

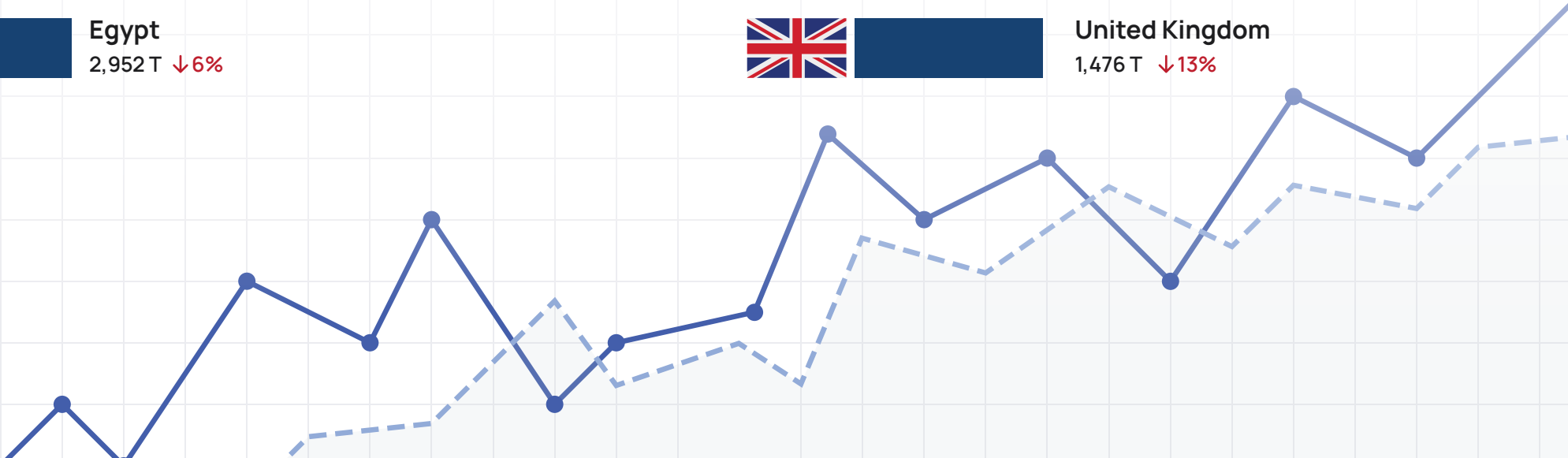
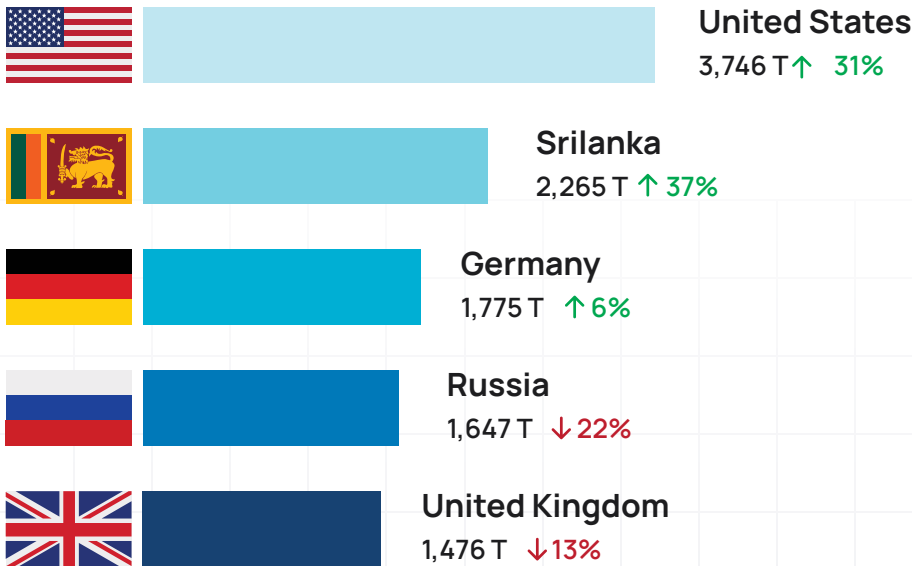
Top 5 Markets

Growth compared to 2024

Inbound



Outbound

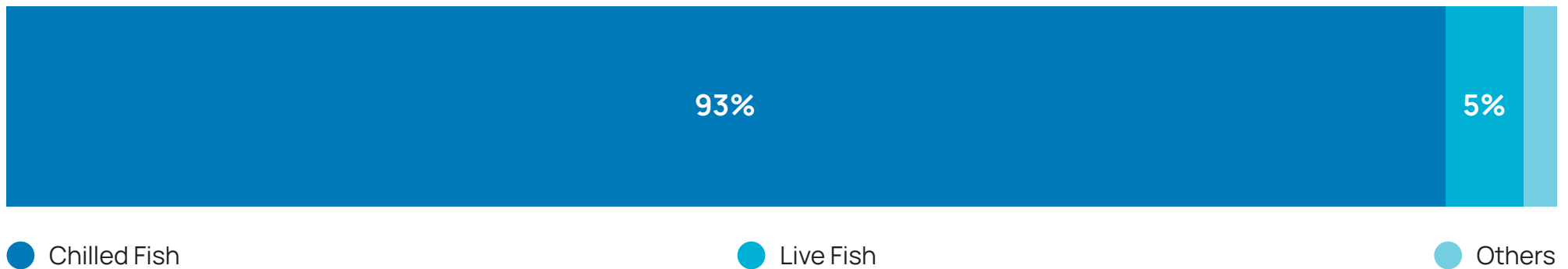


Commodities

Import

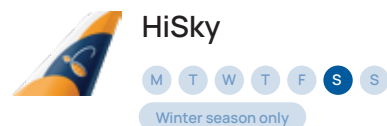
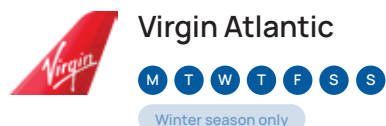
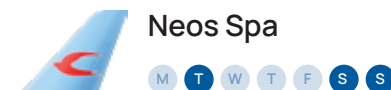
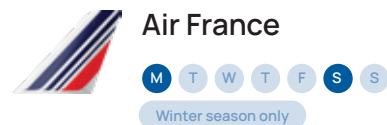


Export



Airline Partners

Europe



Middle East



Asia



Air Asia

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Air Astana

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Air India

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Afcom Cargo (F)

M T W T F S S



Azerbaijan Airlines

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Bangkok Airways

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Batik Air

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Centrum Air

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Fits Air

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Indigo

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Malaysia Airlines

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Maldivian

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Singapore Airlines

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Srilankan Airlines

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Thai AirAsia

M T W T F S S



US-Bangla Airlines

M T W T F S S



Uzbekistan Airways

M T W T F S S

Far East



Beijing Capital Airlines

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China Eastern Airlines

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Chongqing Airlines

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Greater Bay Airlines

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Hongkong Airlines

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Sichuan Air

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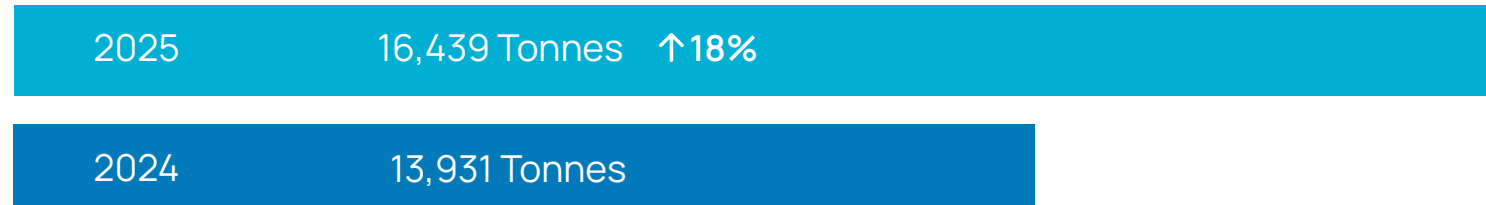
Xiamen Air

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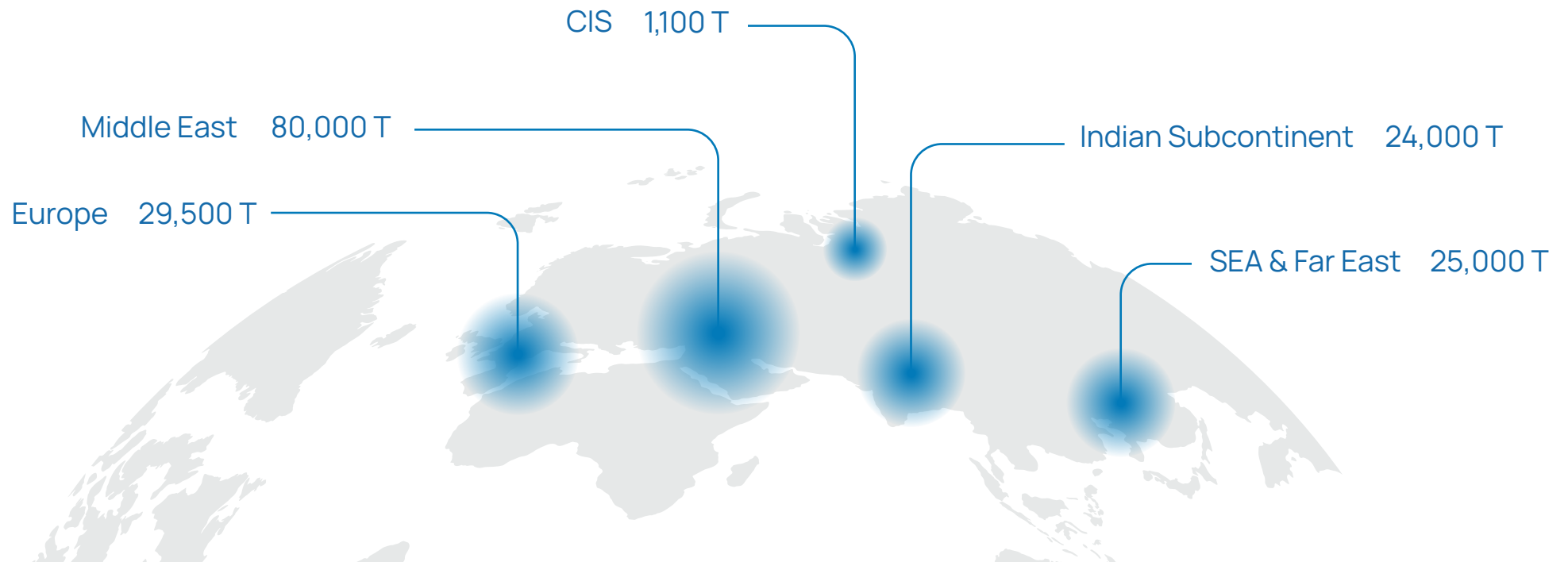
Transshipment at MLE

Monthly average of 1,370 tonnes of transshipment cargo



Cargo Capacity to Global Markets

Annual Capacity - 2025



Sea-to-Air Cargo Transshipments

A full year of active sea-to-air transshipment operations in 2025

Total Uplift

3,202 T.

in 2025 ↑ 177%

Origins

4

Dhaka, Colombo, Tuticorin, Mumbai

Destinations

23

(Mainly Europe & North America)

Airlines

17



Qatar Airways



British Airways



Aeroflot



Gulf Air



Virgin Atlantic



Condor



Etihad Airways



Austrian Airlines



Turkish Airlines



Emirates



Eurowings



Neos



ITA Airways



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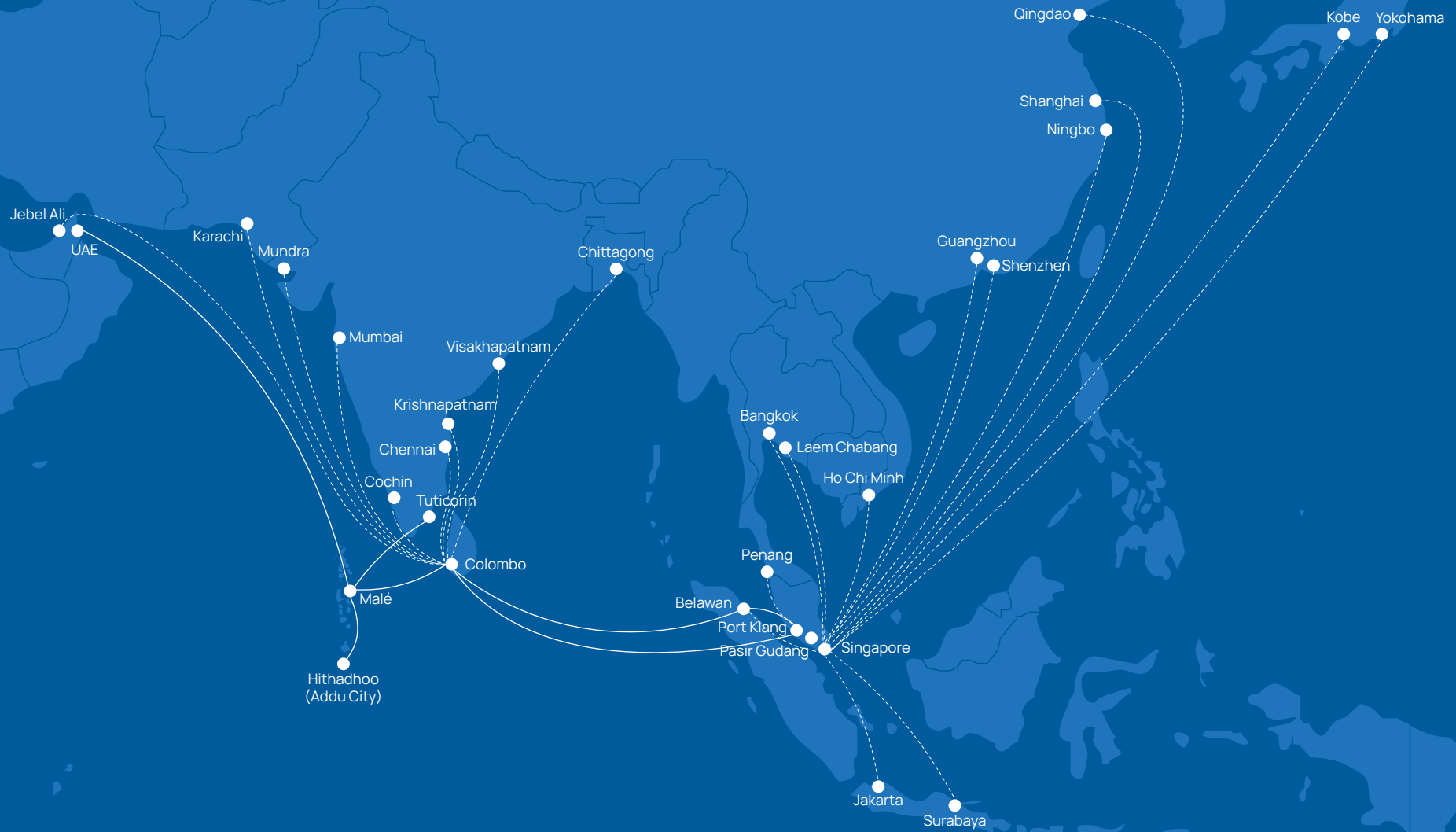


Air Arabia

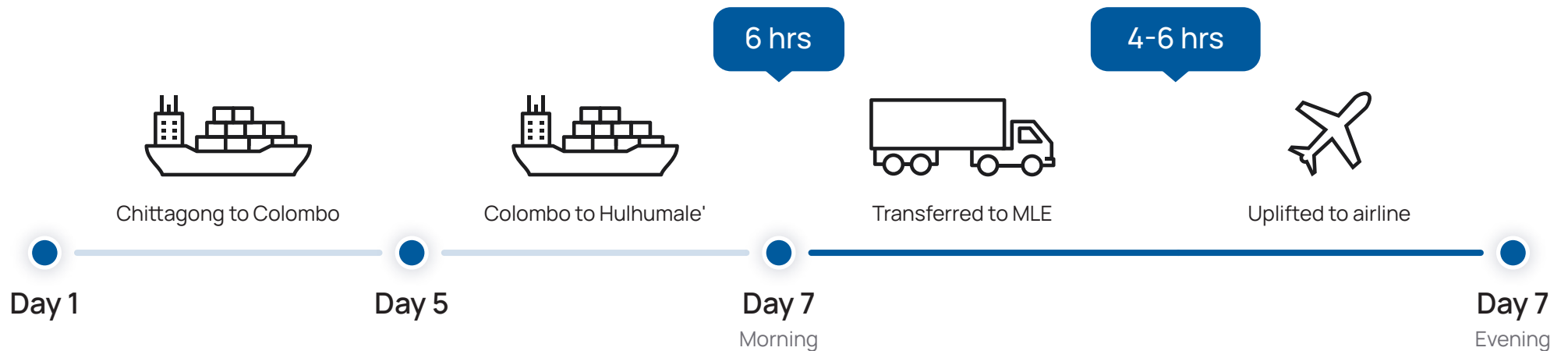


Azerbaijan Airlines

Trade Lanes



Short Connection Times



Freighters at MLE

4300+ T

Freighter Throughput

ISC & SEA

Routes

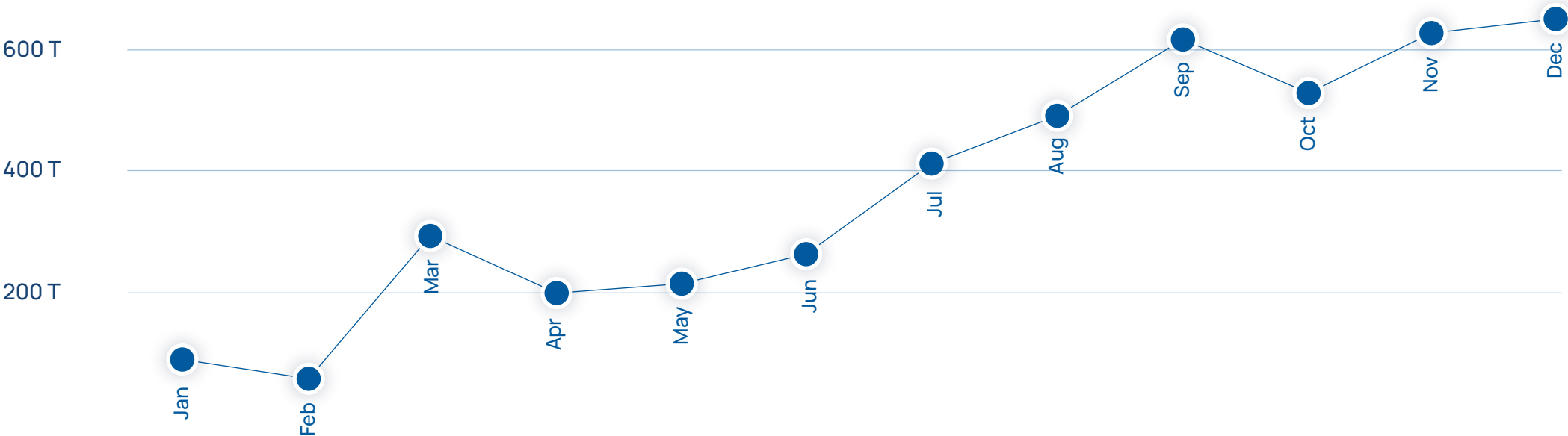
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Freighters operated

524

Freighter Movements

Freighter cargo throughput 2025





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