

# Package: gfwr (via r-universe)

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get_event	<i>Base function to get events from API and convert response to data frame</i>
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## Description

Base function to get events from API and convert response to data frame

## Usage

```
get_event(
  event_type,
  encounter_types = NULL,
  vessels = NULL,
  flags = NULL,
  vessel_types = NULL,
  start_date = "2012-01-01",
  end_date = "2024-12-31",
  region = NULL,
  region_source = NULL,
  gap_intentional_disabling = NULL,
  duration = 1,
  confidences = c(2, 3, 4),
  limit = 99999,
  offset = 0,
  sort = "+start",
  key = gfw_auth(),
  quiet = FALSE,
  print_request = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

event_type	Type of event to get data of. A vector with any combination of "ENCOUNTER", "FISHING", "GAP", "LOITERING", "PORT_VISIT"
encounter_types	Filters for types of vessels during the encounter. A vector with any combination of: "CARRIER-FISHING", "FISHING-CARRIER", "FISHING-SUPPORT", "SUPPORT-FISHING"
vessels	A vector of vesselIds, obtained via the get_vessel_info() function

flags	ISO3 code for the flag of the vessels. Null by default.
vessel_types	A vector of vessel types, any combination of: "FISHING", "CARRIER", "SUPPORT", "PASSENGER", "OTHER_NON_FISHING", "SEISMIC_VESSEL", "BUNKER_OR_TANKER", "CARGO"
start_date	Start of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and including this date
end_date	End of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and excluding this date
region	sf shape to filter raster or GFW region code (such as an EEZ code). See details about formatting the geojson
region_source	source of the region ('EEZ', 'MPA', 'RFMO' or 'USER_SHAPEFILE')
gap_intentional_disabling	Logical. Whether the Gap events are intentional, according to Global Fishing Watch algorithms
duration	duration, in minutes, of the event, ex. 30
confidences	Confidence levels (1-4) of events (port visits only)
limit	Limit
offset	Offset
sort	How to sort the events. By default, +start, which sorts the events in ascending order (+) of the start dates of the events. Other possible values are -start, +end, -end.
key	Authorization token. Can be obtained with gfw_auth() function
quiet	Boolean. Whether to print the number of events returned by the request
print_request	Boolean. Whether to print the request, for debugging purposes. When contacting the GFW team it will be useful to send this string
...	Other arguments

## Details

There are currently four available event types and these events are provided for three vessel types - fishing, carrier, and support vessels. Fishing events (event\_type = "FISHING") are specific to fishing vessels and loitering events (event\_type = "LOITERING") are specific to carrier vessels. Port visits (event\_type = "PORT\_VISIT") and encounters (event\_type = "ENCOUNTER") are available for all vessel types. For more details about the various event types, see the [GFW API documentation](#).

Encounter events involve multiple vessels and one row is returned for each vessel involved in an encounter. For example, an encounter between a carrier and fishing vessel (CARRIER-FISHING) will have one row for the fishing vessel and one for the carrier vessel. The id field for encounter events has two components separated by a . . The first component is the unique id for the encounter event and will be the same for all vessels involved in the encounter. The second component is an integer used to distinguish between different vessels in the encounter.

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
library(gfwr)
# port visits
get_event(event_type = "PORT_VISIT",
          vessels = c("e0c9823749264a129d6b47a7aabce377",
                    "8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
          start_date = "2017-01-26",
          end_date = "2017-12-31",
          confidence = c(3, 4), # only for port visits
          key = gfwr_auth())

#encounters
get_event(event_type = "ENCOUNTER",
          vessels = c("e0c9823749264a129d6b47a7aabce377",
                    "8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
          start_date = "2018-01-30",
          end_date = "2023-02-04",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# fishing
get_event(event_type = "FISHING",
          vessels = c("8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
          start_date = "2017-01-26",
          end_date = "2023-02-04",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# GAPS
get_event(event_type = "GAP",
          vessels = c("e0c9823749264a129d6b47a7aabce377",
                    "8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
          start_date = "2017-01-26",
          end_date = "2023-02-04",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# loitering
get_event(event_type = "LOITERING",
          vessels = c("e0c9823749264a129d6b47a7aabce377",
                    "8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
          start_date = "2017-01-26",
          end_date = "2023-02-04",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# encounter type
get_event(event_type = "ENCOUNTER",
          encounter_types = "CARRIER-FISHING",
          start_date = "2020-01-01",
          end_date = "2020-01-31",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# vessel types
get_event(event_type = "ENCOUNTER",
          vessel_types = c("CARRIER", "FISHING"),
          start_date = "2020-01-01",
          end_date = "2020-01-31",
          key = gfwr_auth())

# fishing events in Senegal EEZ
get_event(event_type = 'FISHING',

```

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        start_date = "2020-10-01",
        end_date = "2020-12-31",
        region = 8371,
        region_source = 'EEZ',
        flags = 'CHN',
        key = gfw_auth())

# fishing events in user shapefile
test_polygon <- sf::st_bbox(c(xmin = -70, xmax = -40, ymin = -10, ymax = 5),
  crs = 4326) |>
  sf::st_as_sf() |>
  sf::st_as_sf()
get_event(event_type = 'FISHING',
  start_date = "2020-10-01",
  end_date = "2020-12-31",
  region = test_polygon,
  region_source = 'USER_SHAPEFILE',
  key = gfw_auth())

## End(Not run)
```

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get_event_stats	<i>Base function to get events stats from API and convert response to data frame</i>
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## Description

Base function to get events stats from API and convert response to data frame

## Usage

```
get_event_stats(
  event_type,
  encounter_types = NULL,
  vessels = NULL,
  vessel_types = NULL,
  start_date = "2012-01-01",
  end_date = "2024-12-31",
  region_source = NULL,
  region = NULL,
  interval = NULL,
  duration = 1,
  confidences = c(2, 3, 4),
  key = gfw_auth(),
  quiet = FALSE,
  print_request = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

event_type	Type of event to get data of. A vector with any combination of "ENCOUNTER", "FISHING", "GAP", "LOITERING", "PORT_VISIT"
encounter_types	Filters for types of vessels during the encounter. A vector with any combination of: "CARRIER-FISHING", "FISHING-CARRIER", "FISHING-SUPPORT", "SUPPORT-FISHING"
vessels	A vector of vesselIds, obtained via the get_vessel_info() function
vessel_types	Optional. A vector of vessel types, any combination of: "FISHING", "CARRIER", "SUPPORT", "PASSENGER", "OTHER_NON_FISHING", "SEISMIC_VESSEL", "BUNKER_OR_TANKER", "CARGO"
start_date	Start of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and including this date
end_date	End of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and excluding this date
region_source	Optional but mandatory if using the argument region. Source of the region. If 'EEZ', 'MPA', 'RFMO', then the value for the argument region must be the code for that region. If 'USER_SHAPEFILE', then region has to be an sf object
region	GFW region code (such as an EEZ, MPA or RFMO code) or a formatted geojson shape. See Details about formatting the geojson.
interval	Time series granularity. Must be a string. Possible values: 'HOUR', 'DAY', 'MONTH', 'YEAR'.
duration	duration, in minutes, of the event, ex. 30
confidences	Confidence levels (1-4) of events (port visits only)
key	Authorization token. Can be obtained with gfw_auth() function
quiet	Boolean. Whether to print the number of events returned by the request
print_request	Boolean. Whether to print the request, for debugging purposes. When contacting the GFW team it will be useful to send this string
...	Other arguments

**Details**

There are currently four available event types and these events are provided for three vessel types - fishing, carrier, and support vessels. Fishing events (event\_type = "FISHING") are specific to fishing vessels and loitering events (event\_type = "LOITERING") are specific to carrier vessels. Port visits (event\_type = "PORT\_VISIT") and encounters (event\_type = "ENCOUNTER") are available for all vessel types. For more details about the various event types, see the [GFW API documentation](#).

The user-defined geojson has to be surrounded by a geojson tag, that can be created using a simple paste:

```
geojson_tagged <- paste0('{"geojson":', your_geojson, '}')
```

If you have an **sf** shapefile, you can also use function `sf_to_geojson()` to obtain the correctly-formatted geojson.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(gfwr)
# stats for encounters involving Russian carriers in given time range
get_event_stats(event_type = 'ENCOUNTER',
  encounter_types = c("CARRIER-FISHING", "FISHING-CARRIER"),
  vessel_types = 'CARRIER',
  start_date = "2018-01-01",
  end_date = "2023-01-31",
  flags = 'RUS',
  duration = 60,
  interval = "YEAR",
  key = gfwr_auth())
# port visits stats in a region (Senegal)
get_event_stats(event_type = 'PORT_VISIT',
  start_date = "2018-01-01",
  end_date = "2019-01-31",
  confidences = c('3', '4'),
  region = 8371,
  region_source = 'EEZ',
  interval = "YEAR")

## End(Not run)
```

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get\_last\_report

*Base function to get status of last report generated*

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## Description

Function to check the status of the last API request sent with get\_raster().

## Usage

```
get_last_report(key = gfwr_auth())
```

## Arguments

key                    Authorization token. Can be obtained with gfwr\_auth() function

## Details

The get\_last\_report() function will tell you if the APIs are still processing your request and will download the results if the request has finished successfully. You will receive an error message if the request finished but resulted in an error or if it's been >30 minutes since the last report was generated using get\_raster().

For more information, see the <https://globalfishingwatch.org/our-apis/documentation#get-last-report-generated>.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_last_report(key = gfw_auth())

## End(Not run)
```

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get_raster	<i>Base function to get raster from API and convert response to data frame</i>
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**Description**

Base function to get raster from API and convert response to data frame

**Usage**

```
get_raster(
  spatial_resolution = NULL,
  temporal_resolution = NULL,
  group_by = NULL,
  filter_by = NULL,
  start_date = NULL,
  end_date = NULL,
  region = NULL,
  region_source = NULL,
  key = gfw_auth(),
  print_request = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

spatial_resolution	raster spatial resolution. Can be "LOW" = 0.1 degree or "HIGH" = 0.01 degree
temporal_resolution	raster temporal resolution. Can be 'HOURLY', 'DAILY', 'MONTHLY', 'YEARLY'
group_by	parameter to group by. Can be 'VESSEL_ID', 'FLAG', 'GEARTYPE', 'FLAGANDGEARTYPE' or 'MMSI'. Optional.
filter_by	parameter to filter by.
start_date	Start of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and including this date
end_date	End of date range to search events, in YYYY-MM-DD format and excluding this date
region	sf shape to filter raster or GFW region code (such as a Marine Regions Geographic Identifier or EEZ code).



**region\_source** source of the region ('EEZ','MPA', 'RFMO' or 'USER\_SHAPEFILE')  
**key** Authorization token. Can be obtained with gfw\_auth() function  
**print\_request** Boolean. Whether to print the request, for debugging purposes. When contacting the GFW team it will be useful to send this string

### Examples

```

## Not run:
library(gfwr)
# using region codes
code_eez <- get_region_id(region_name = 'CIV', region_source = 'EEZ',
key = gfw_auth())
get_raster(spatial_resolution = 'LOW',
           temporal_resolution = 'YEARLY',
           group_by = 'FLAG',
           start_date = "2021-01-01",
           end_date = "2021-10-01",
           region = code_eez$id,
           region_source = 'EEZ',
           key = gfw_auth(),
           print_request = TRUE)
#using a sf from disk /loading a test sf object
data(test_shape)
get_raster(spatial_resolution = 'LOW',
           temporal_resolution = 'YEARLY',
           start_date = '2021-01-01',
           end_date = '2021-10-01',
           region = test_shape,
           region_source = 'USER_SHAPEFILE',
           key = gfw_auth(),
           print_request = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

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get\_regions *List of available regions*

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### Description

List of available regions

### Usage

```
get_regions(region_source = "EEZ", key = gfw_auth())
```

### Arguments

**region\_source** string, source of region data ('eez', 'mpa', 'rfmo')  
**key** string, API token

**Value**

dataframe, all region ids and names for specified region type

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get_region_id	<i>Function to pull numeric code using region name</i>
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**Description**

Function to pull numeric code using region name

**Usage**

```
get_region_id(region_name, region_source = "EEZ", key = gfw_auth())
```

**Arguments**

region_name	string or numeric, EEZ/MPA/RFMO name or id
region_source	string, source of region data ('eez', 'mpa', 'rfmo')
key	string, API token

**Value**

dataframe, eez code and EEZ name for matching EEZs

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get_vessel_info	<i>Base function to get vessel information from API and convert response to data frame</i>
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**Description**

Base function to get vessel information from API and convert response to data frame

**Usage**

```
get_vessel_info(
  query = NULL,
  where = NULL,
  ids = NULL,
  includes = c("AUTHORIZATIONS", "OWNERSHIP", "MATCH_CRITERIA"),
  match_fields = NULL,
  registries_info_data = c("ALL"),
  search_type = "search",
  key = gfw_auth(),
  print_request = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

query	When search_type = "search", a length-1 vector with the identity variable of interest, MMSI, IMO, call sign or ship name.
where	When search_type = "search", an SQL expression to find the vessel of interest
ids	When search_type = "id", a vector with the vesselId of interest
includes	Enhances the response with new information, defaults to include all. "OWNERSHIP" returns ownership information "AUTHORIZATIONS" lists public authorizations for that vessel "MATCH_CRITERIA" adds information about the reason why a vessel is returned
match_fields	Optional. Allows to filter by matchFields levels. Possible values: "SEVERAL_FIELDS", "NO_MATCH", "ALL". Incompatible with where
registries_info_data	when search_type == "id", gets all the registry objects, only the delta or the latest. "NONE" The API will return the most recent object only "DELTA" The API will return only the objects when the vessel changed one or more identity properties "ALL" The registryInfo array will return the same number of objects that rows we have in the vessel database
search_type	Type of vessel search to perform. Can be "search" or "id". (Note:"advanced" and "basic" are no longer in use as of gfwr 2.0.0.)
key	Authorization token. Can be obtained with gfw_auth() function
print_request	Boolean. Whether to print the request, for debugging purposes. When contacting the GFW team it will be useful to send this string
...	Other parameters, such as limit and offset

**Details**

When search\_type = "search" the search takes basic identity features like MMSI, IMO, callsign, shipname as inputs, using parameter "query". For more advanced SQL searches, use parameter "where". You can combine logic operators like AND, OR, =, >=, <, LIKE (for fuzzy matching). The id search allows the user to search using a GFW vessel id.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(gfwr)
# Simple searches, using includes
get_vessel_info(query = 224224000, search_type = "search",
key = gfw_auth())
# Advanced search with where instead of query:
get_vessel_info(where = "ssvid = '441618000' OR imo = '9047271'",
search_type = "search", key = gfw_auth())
# Vessel id search
```

```

get_vessel_info(search_type = "id",
ids = c("8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01",
"6583c51e3-3626-5638-866a-f47c3bc7ef7c"), key = gfw_auth())
all <- get_vessel_info(search_type = "id",
ids = c("8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
registries_info_data = c("ALL"), key = gfw_auth())
none <- get_vessel_info(search_type = "id",
ids = c("8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
registries_info_data = c("NONE"), key = gfw_auth())
delta <- get_vessel_info(search_type = "id",
ids = c("8c7304226-6c71-edbe-0b63-c246734b3c01"),
registries_info_data = c("DELTA"), key = gfw_auth())

## End(Not run)

```

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gfw_auth	<i>Get user API token from .Renviron</i>
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### Description

Get user API token from .Renviron

### Usage

```
gfw_auth()
```

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test_shape	<i>A sample shapefile</i>
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### Description

An sf shapefile to show as an example of user-defined GeoJSON in `get_event()` and `get_raster()`

### Usage

```
test_shape
```

### Format

A shapefile with a single polygon.

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