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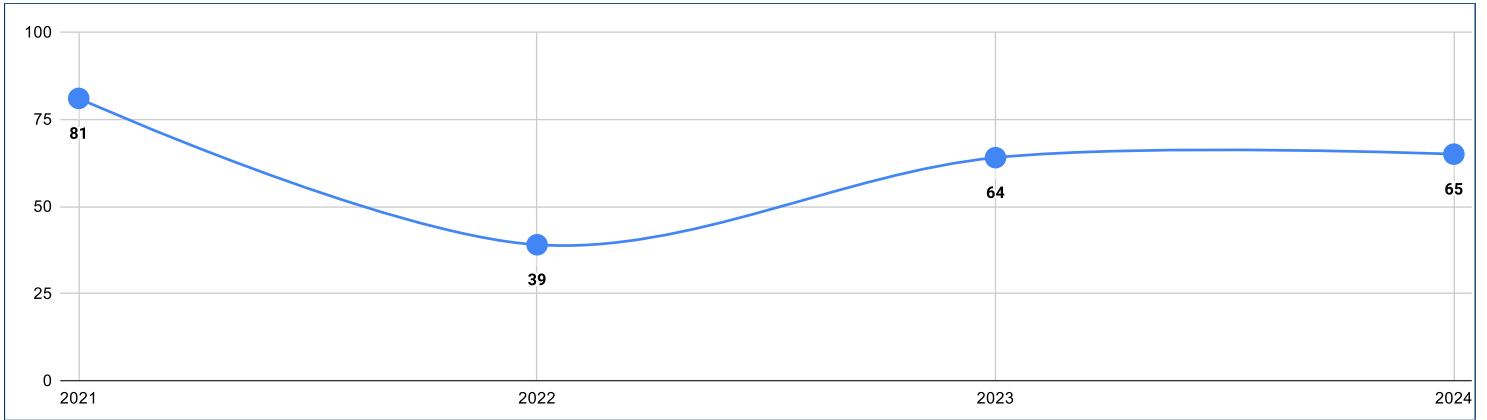


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2024

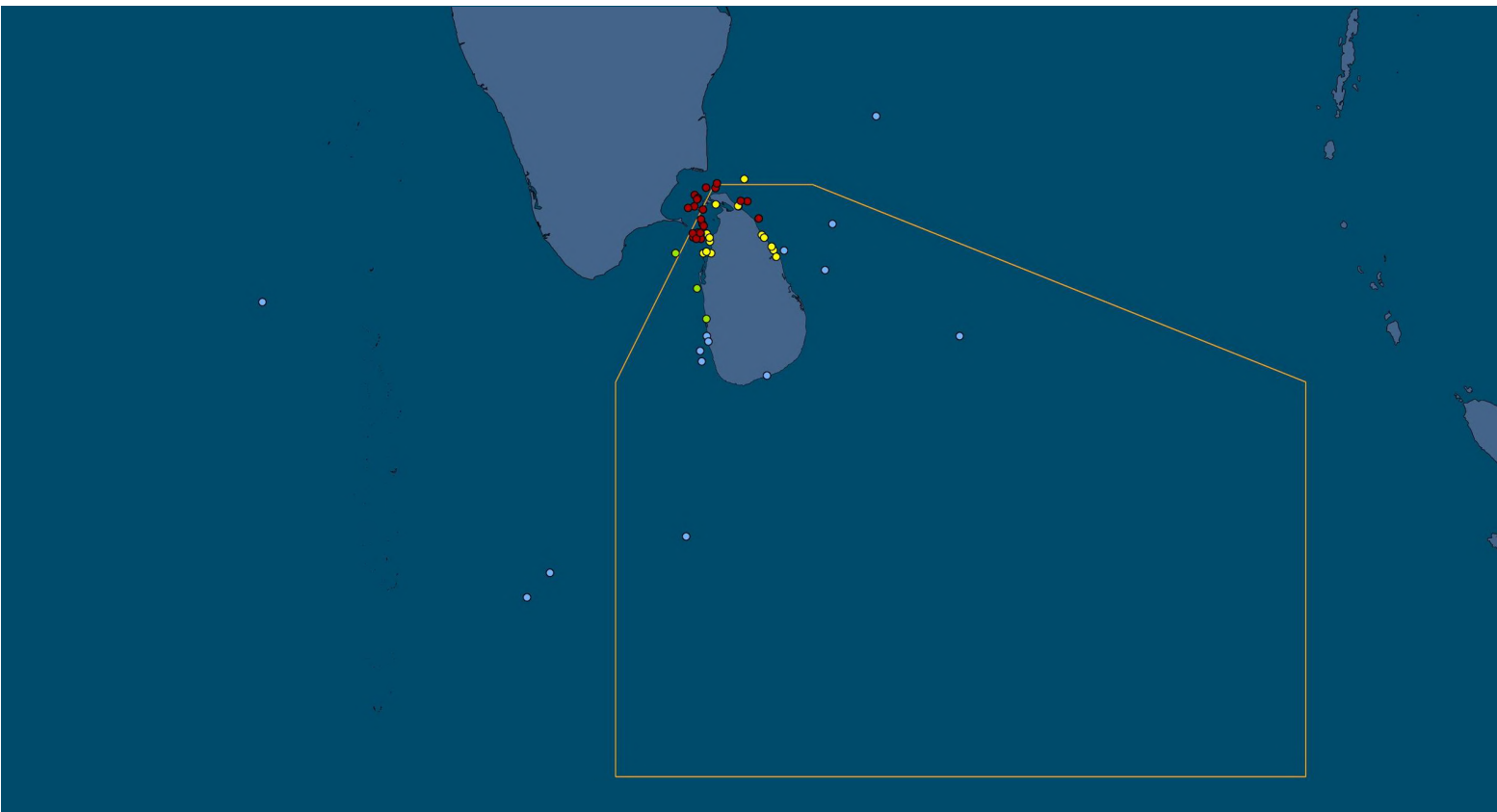
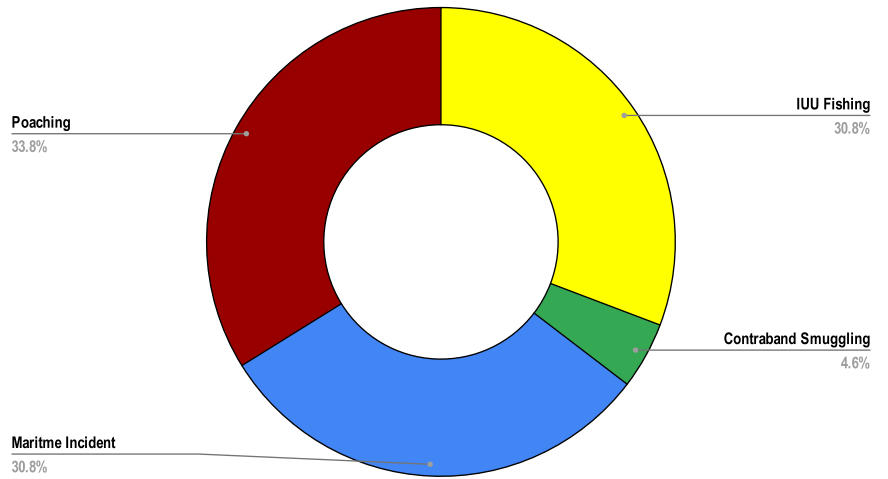
### OVERVIEW

#### MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
IUU Fishing	37	9	24	20
Drug Smuggling	3	1	2	0
Contraband Smuggling	2	0	1	3
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0
Maritime Incident	27	19	23	20
Poaching	12	10	14	22
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0

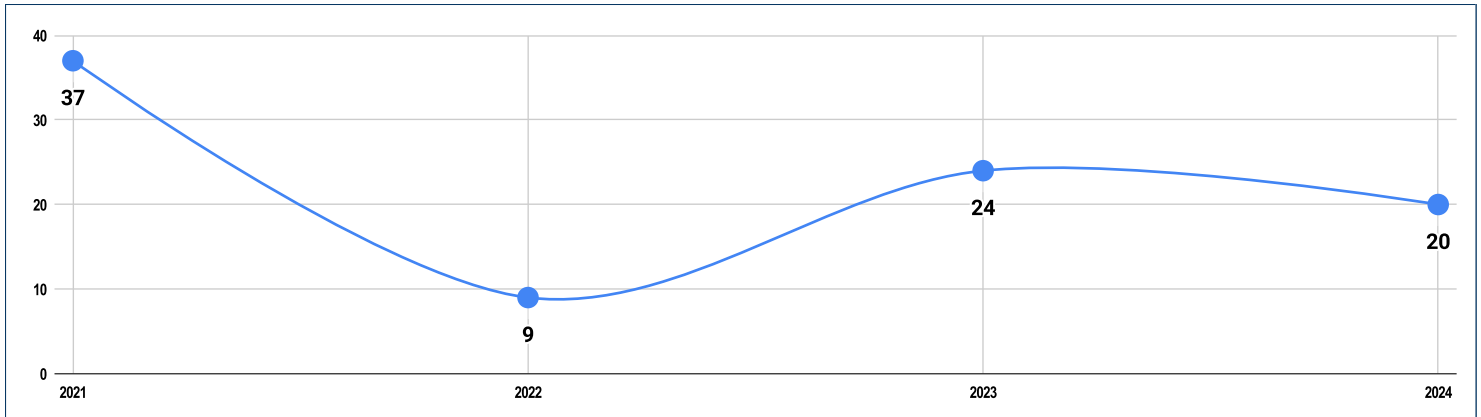


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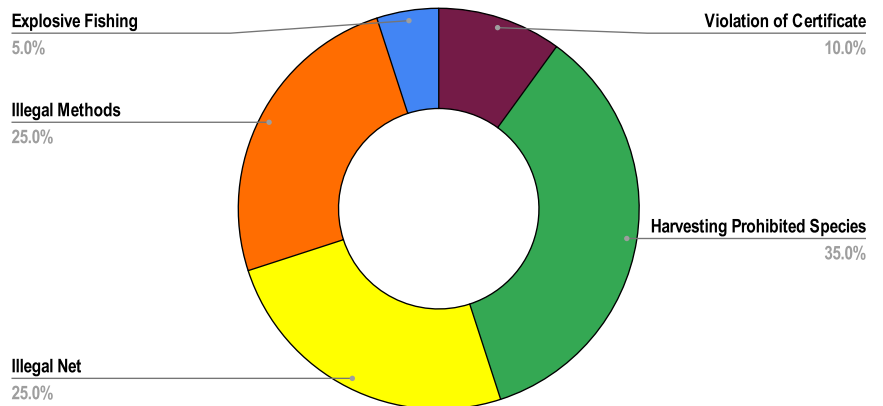
### IUU FISHING

#### NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Violation of Certificate Conditions	10	3	1	2
Harvesting Prohibited Species	10	6	15	7
Illegal Net	3	0	0	5
Illegal Methods	14	0	8	5
Explosive Fishing	0	0	0	1



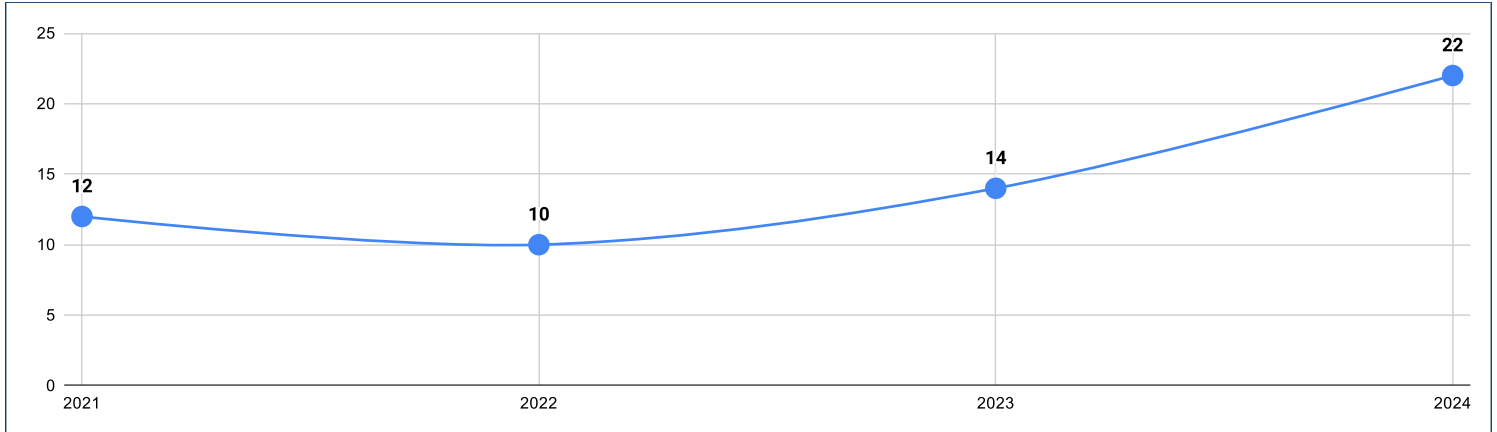


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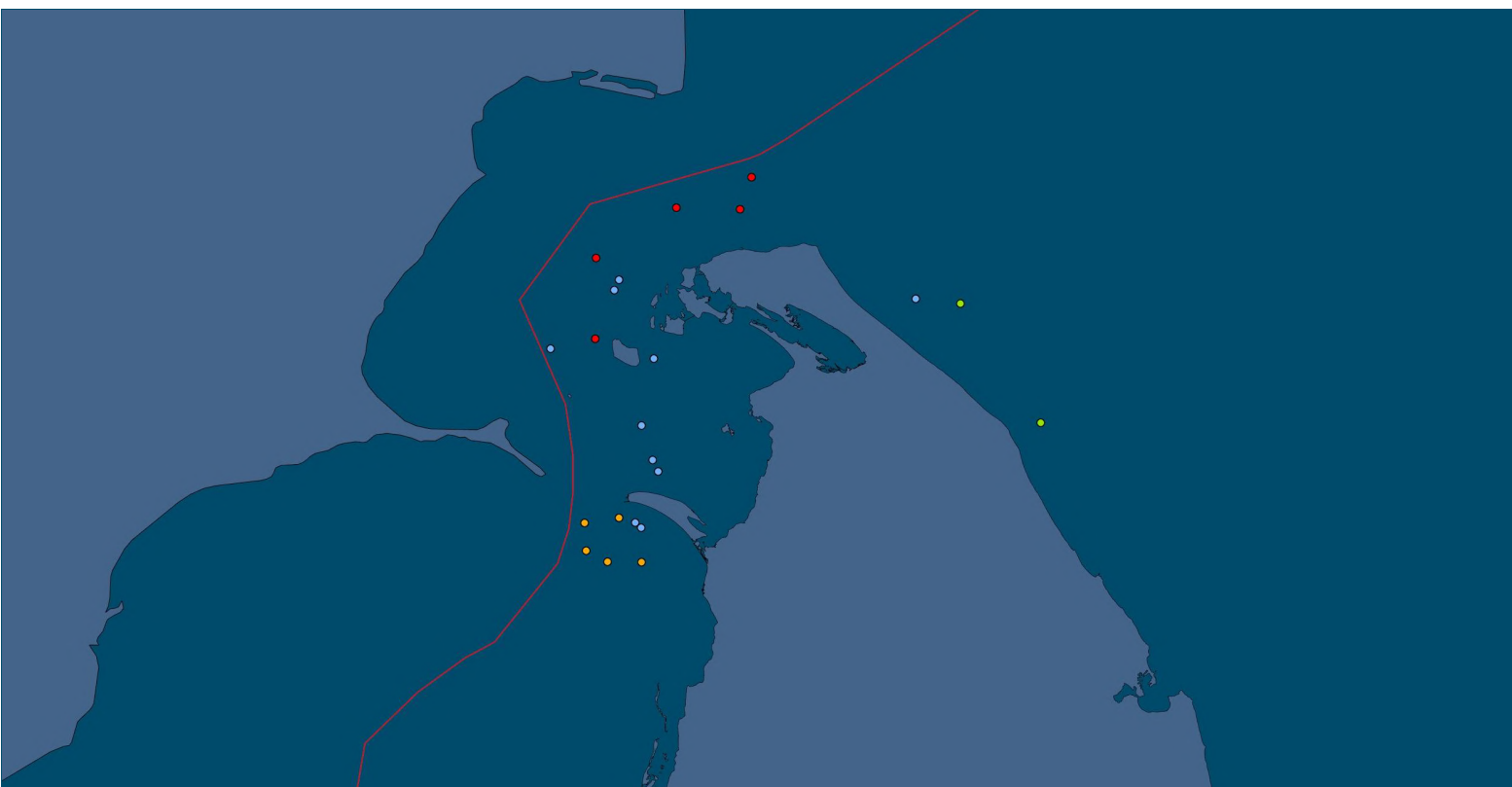
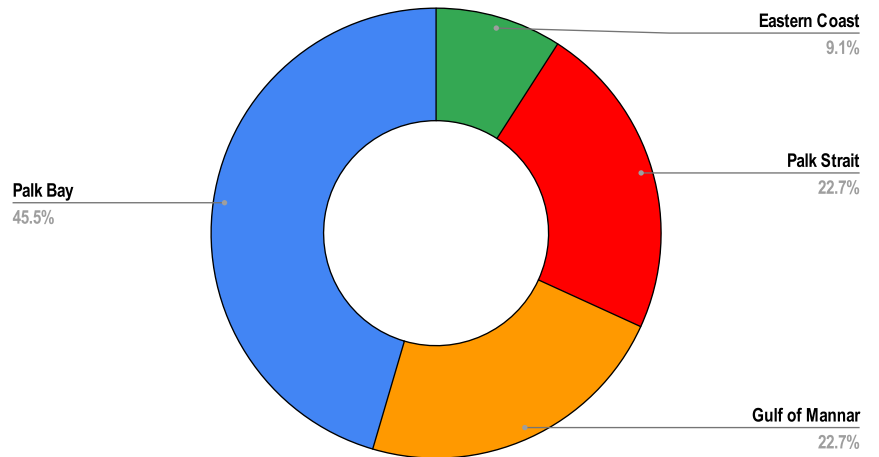
### POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Eastern Coast	1	0	1	2
Palk Strait	1	2	3	5
Gulf of Mannar	1	1	2	5
Palk Bay	9	7	8	10
Others	0	0	0	0

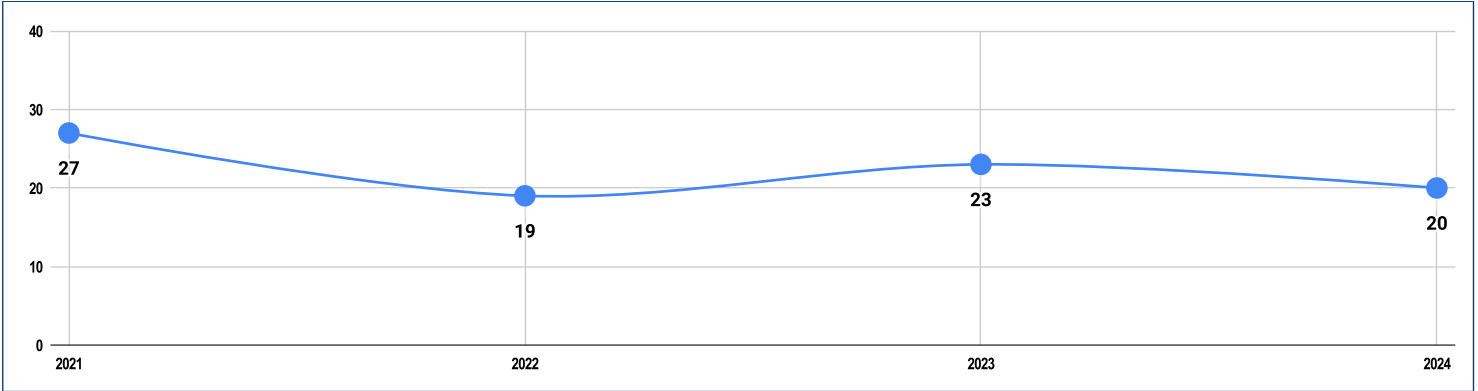


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 ■ Palk Strait 
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 ■ Other



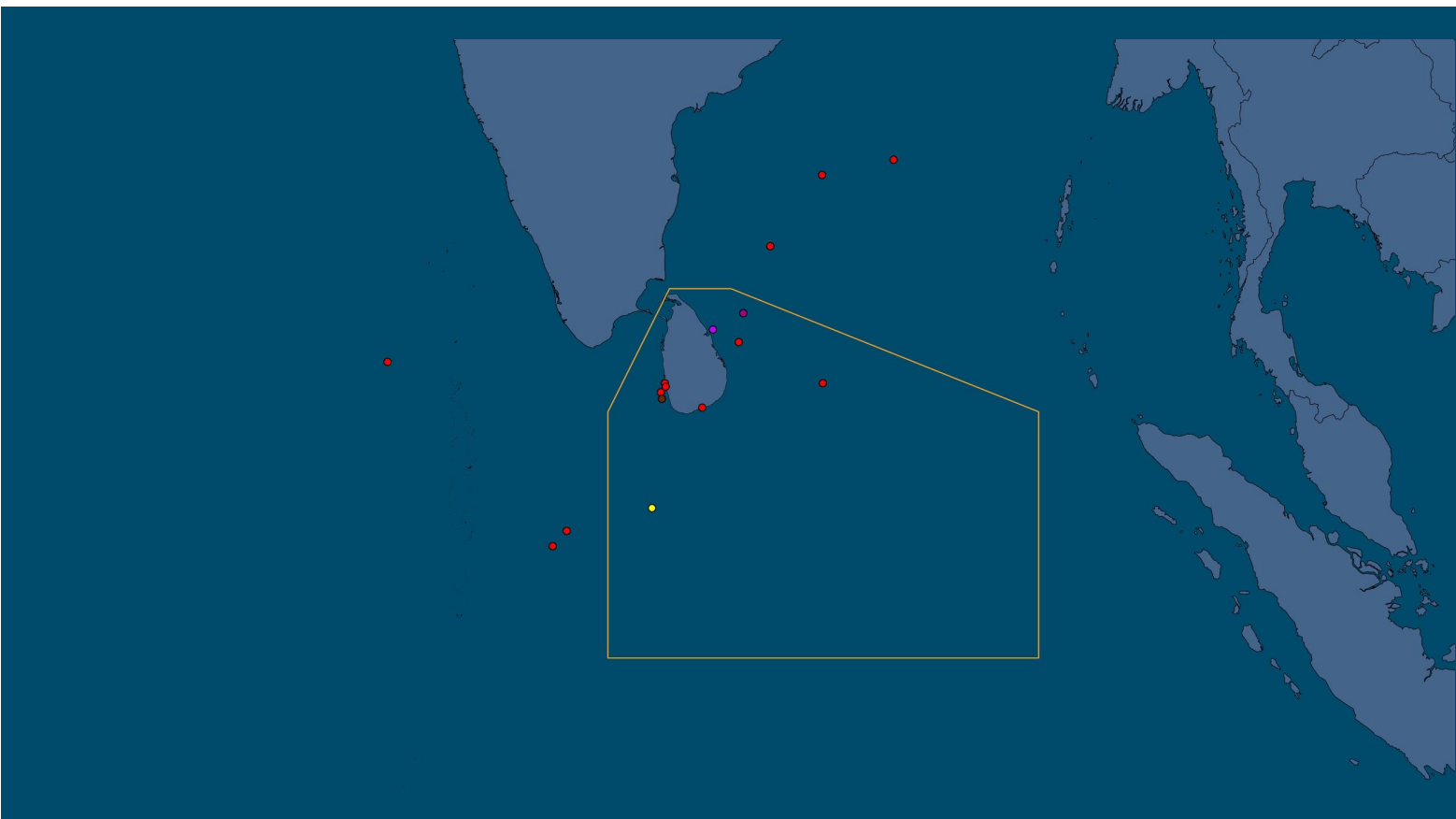
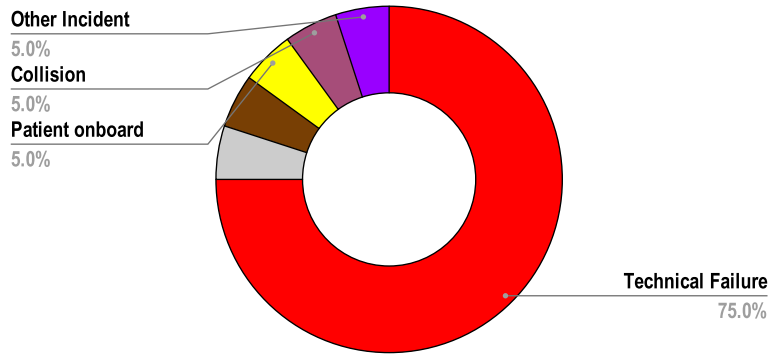
### MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Technical Failure	9	3	8	15
Fire onboard	0	1	0	0
EPIRB Alert	9	4	9	1
Man Over Boat	0	1	0	1
Arrival Overdue	2	2	0	0
Capsized	1	1	0	0
Ground	0	4	0	0
Death	0	0	0	0
Patient onboard	3	3	2	1
Collision	0	0	0	1
No Communication	0	0	2	0
Other Incident	3	0	2	1



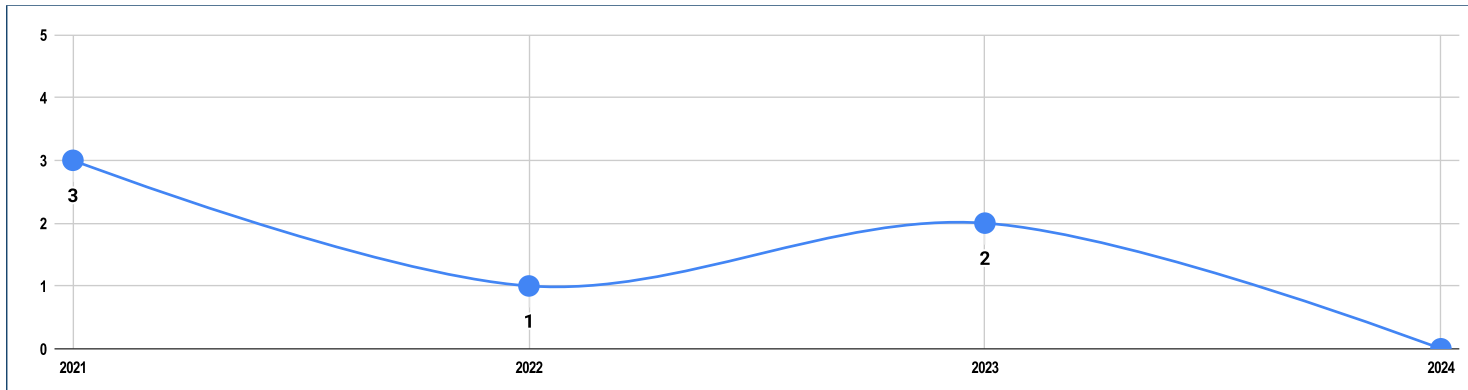


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### DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Heroin	1	0	0	0
Kerala cannabis	2	1	2	0
Ice	0	0	0	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	0	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0



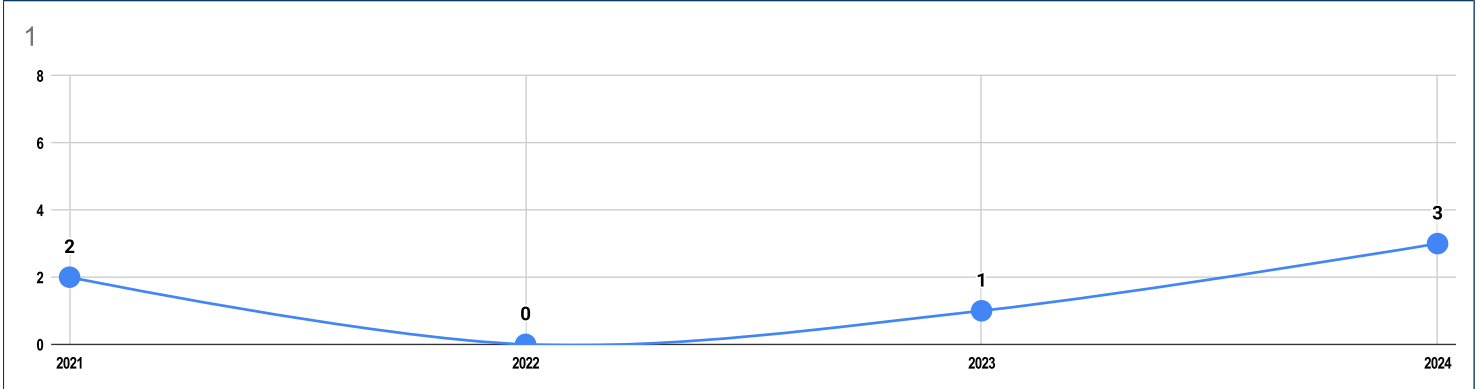


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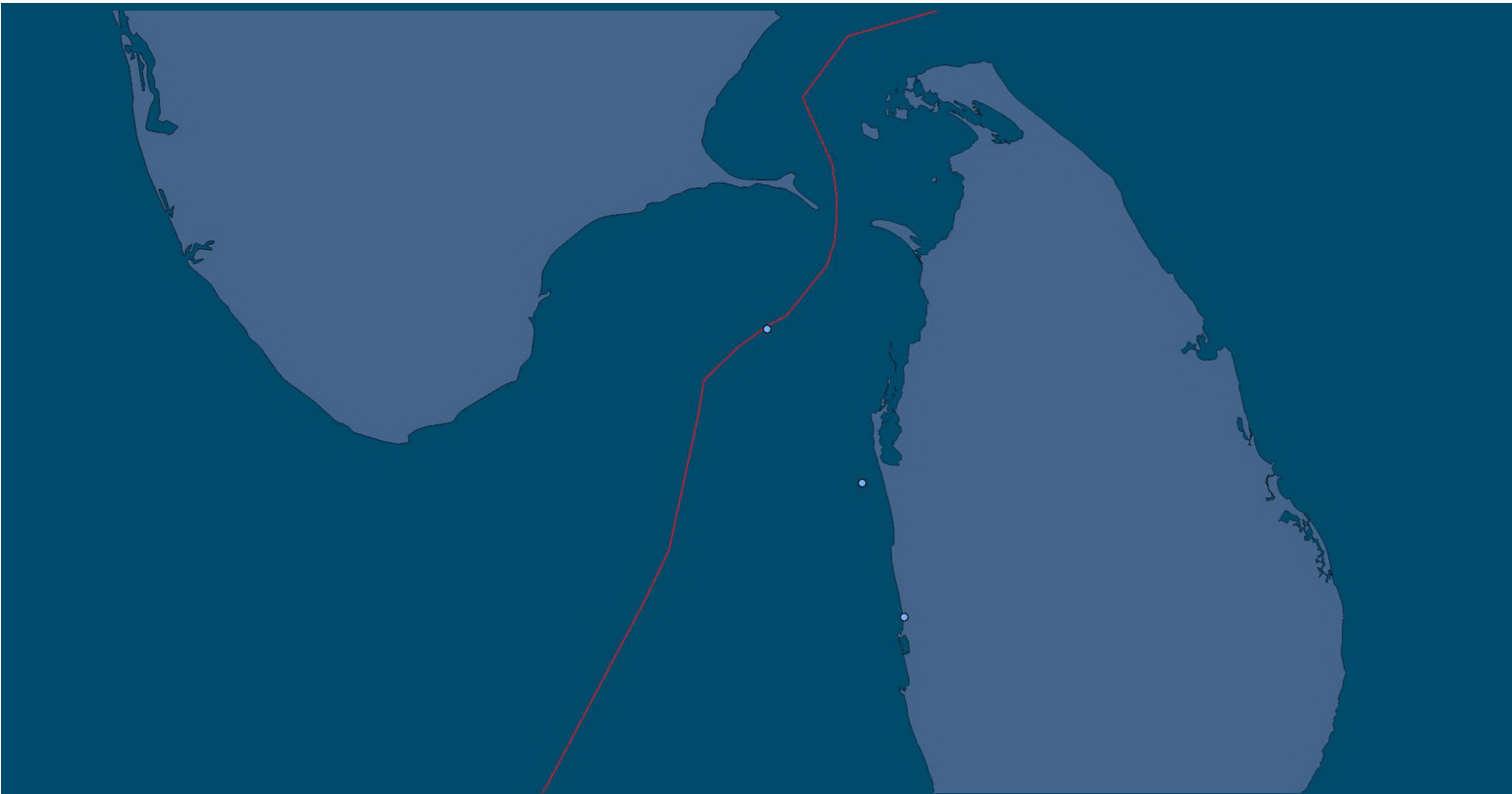
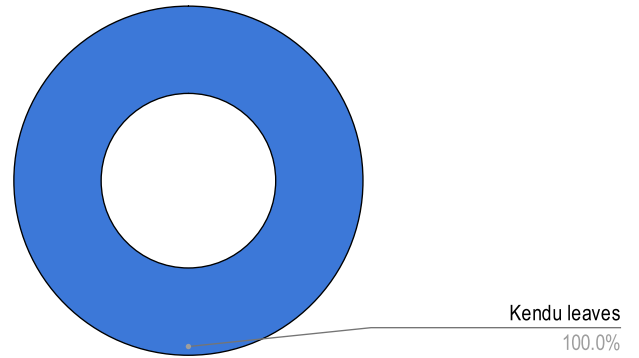
### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Cardamom	0	0	0	0
Glyphosate	1	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0
Kendu leaves	1	0	1	3
Other	0	0	0	0
Turmeric	1	0	0	0



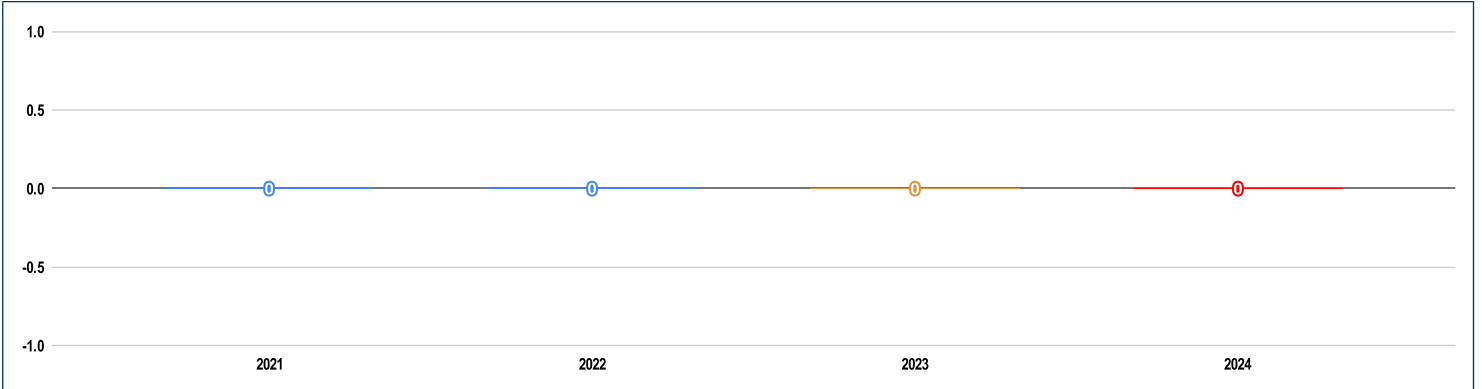


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### HUMAN SMUGGLING

#### NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0

**ZERO  
INCIDENTS  
IN FEBRUARY 2024**



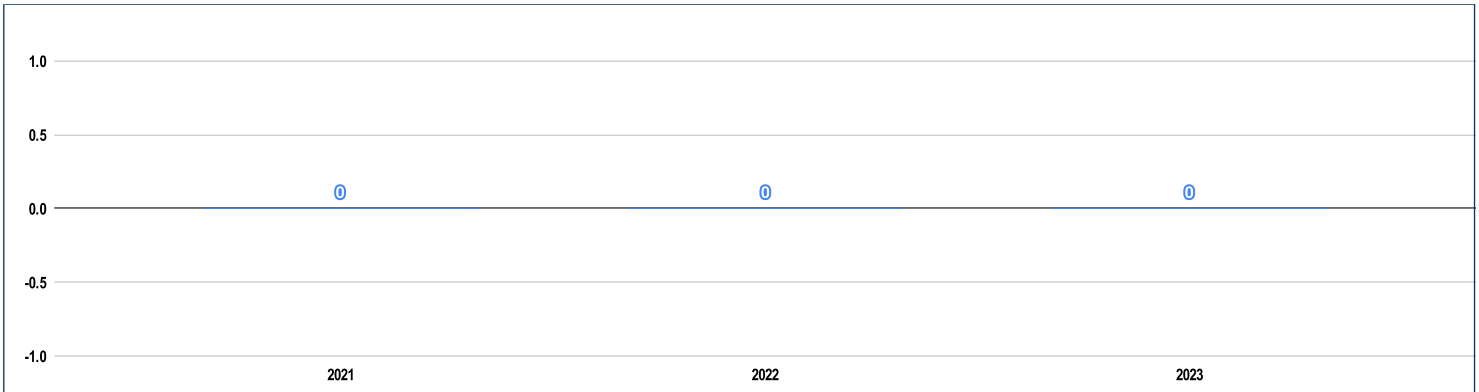


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2024

### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2021	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024
Water Gel Sticks	0	0	0	0

**ZERO  
INCIDENTS  
IN FEBRUARY 2024**

## EVENTS

### 1. 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### Navy seizes 02 poaching trawlers in Sri Lankan waters

The Sri Lanka Navy, together with the Sri Lanka Coast Guard, conducted a special operation to chase away Indian poaching trawlers from Sri Lankan waters in the dark hours of 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The operation led to the seizure of 02 Indian trawlers and arrest of 19 Indian fishermen poaching in Sri Lankan waters near the Delft Island, Jaffna.

As an extension of these operations, the Northern Naval Command deployed Fast Attack Craft of the Navy and Coast Guard to chase away a cluster of Indian poaching trawlers, having spotted they were engaging in illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters close to the Delft Island in the dark hours of 07<sup>th</sup> February. The operation resulted in the seizure of 02 Indian poaching trawlers and arrest of 19 Indian fishermen continued to remain in Sri Lankan waters.

The seized trawlers together with 19 Indian fishermen were brought to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal proceedings.



## 2. 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Navy apprehends 06 persons for illegal harvesting of sea cucumber

The Sri Lanka Navy on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 apprehended 06 persons for illegal harvesting of sea cucumber sans valid licence, during a search operation conducted in Kalmunai Point sea area, Jaffna. The operation also led to the seizure of a dinghy and 774 sea cucumbers harvested by illegal means.

In continuation of these efforts, the Naval Detachment of Kalmunai Point belonging to SLNS Welusumana in the Northern Naval Command mounted this operation by deploying naval craft and intercepted a dinghy on suspicion, in the sea area of Kalmunai Point. The search led to the apprehension of 06 individuals engaged in illegal harvesting of sea cucumber, without valid licence. Naval personnel also took hold of the dinghy used for this illegal activity and about 774 sea cucumbers, illegally harvested.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Guru Nagar in Jaffna and are between 27 to 49 years of age. Those 06 suspects together with sea cucumbers, diving equipment and the dinghy were handed over to the Kilinochchi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal act





### 3. 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### **Navy nabs 04 suspects attempting to smuggle in over 1177kg of Tendu leaves and insecticide in Sinnapadu sea area**

A special search operation conducted by the Sri Lanka Navy in the sea area of Sinnapadu, Puttalam on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 led to the apprehension of 04 suspects attempting to smuggle in Tendu leaves weighing over 1177kg (wet weight) and 150 bottles of insecticide.

As an extension of these efforts, SLNS Thambapanni and Rapid Action Boat Squadron carried out this special operation in the sea area of Sinnapadu today and intercepted 02 dinghies on suspicion. During subsequent search, naval personnel apprehended 04 suspects who were attempting to smuggle in about 1177kg and 600g (wet weight) of Tendu leaves in 41 sacks and 150 bottles of insecticide. Aside from that, 02 dinghies used for this illegal act were also taken into naval custody.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Kalpitiya, from 20 to 42 years of age. Meanwhile, the suspects along with the seized stock of Tendu leaves and bottles of insecticide were handed over to the Customs Preventive Office in Katunayake. The 02 dinghies have been kept in the naval custody, until they are handed over to authorities for onward legal action.



#### 4. 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

##### **Two (02) suspects held with 1472 Pregabalin capsules**

A coordinated operations conducted by the Sri Lanka Navy and Division Crime Investigation Bureau – Mannar led to the arrest of 02 suspects and seizure of 1472 Pregabalin capsules and a three wheeler in Mannar on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Based on information provided by the North Western Naval Command, SLNS Gajaba in the North Central Naval Command mounted an operation with the assistance of Division Crime Investigation Bureau – Mannar in Uppukulam area of Mannar. As a result of this operation, a person was searched on suspicion and he was arrested for the possession of 20 Pregabalin capsules. After further interrogation of the suspect, the raiding party carried out a another search operation in the same locality and was able to find 1432 more Pregabalin capsules from a house and 20 capsules of the same medicinal drug from a three wheeler as well as arrest of another (01) suspect in connection to this racket.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Silawathura and Mannar, aged 28 and 29. The suspects together with medicinal drugs and the three wheeler were handed over to the Mannar Police for onward legal action.





## 5. 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Navy nabs 02 suspects attempting to smuggle in Tendu leaves in Kalpitiya sea area

A special search operation conducted by the Sri Lanka Navy in the sea area of Baththalangunduwa, Kalpitiya on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 led to the apprehension of 02 suspects attempting to smuggle in Tendu leaves weighing about 1471kg (wet weight) by a dinghy.

As an extension of these efforts, SLNS Vijaya in the Northwestern Naval Command carried out this special operation off Baththalangunduwa, deploying Inshore Patrol Craft. During the operation, naval personnel intercepted a suspicious dinghy speeding off towards beach and found 42 sacks of Tendu leaves being smuggled. Accordingly, the stock of Tendu leaves, weighing about 1471kg (wet weight), the dinghy and 02 suspects onboard were taken into the naval custody.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Kalpitiya, aged 32 and 37. Meanwhile, the suspects along with the seized stock of Tendu leaves and the dinghy will be handed over to the Customs Preventive Office in Katunayake for onward legal action.



## 6. 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### 53000 Pregabalin capsules recovered in Mannar

A coordinated operation conducted by the Navy and Police STF in the Iluppukadawai lagoon, Mannar on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 led to the recovery of 53000 Pregabalin capsules concealed in shrubs.

As an extension of these efforts, the operation was carried out by SLNS Buwaneka in the North Central Naval Command with the assistance of Police STF in the Iluppukadawai lagoon. During this operation, naval and STF personnel recovered a suspicious box in nearby shrubs and found 53000 Pregabalin capsules, suspected to have been smuggled in.

The recovered stock of prescription drugs were handed over to the Iluppukadawai Police STF for onward legal proceedings.

