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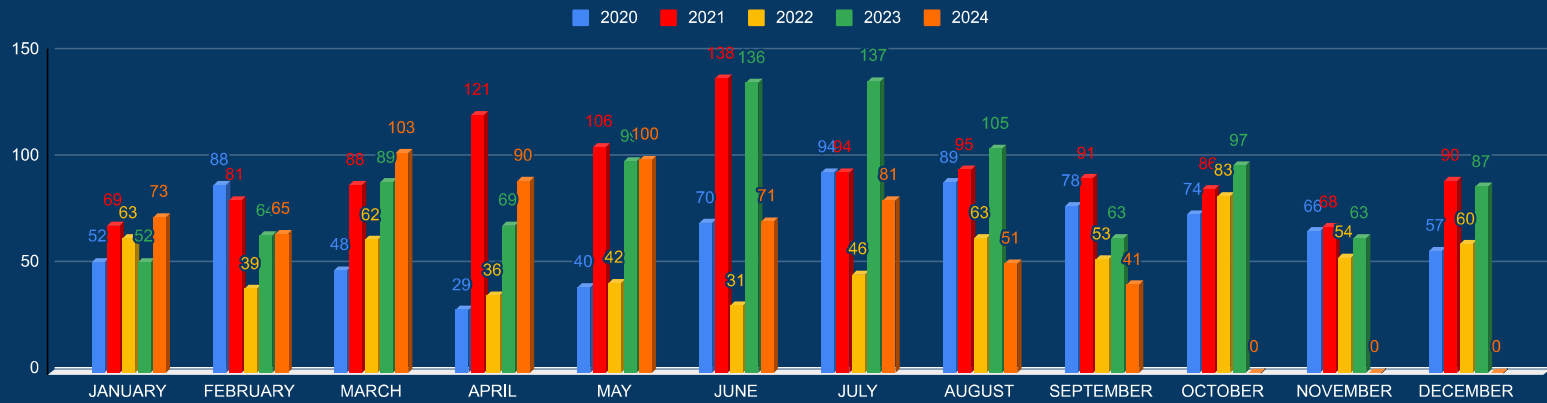


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2024

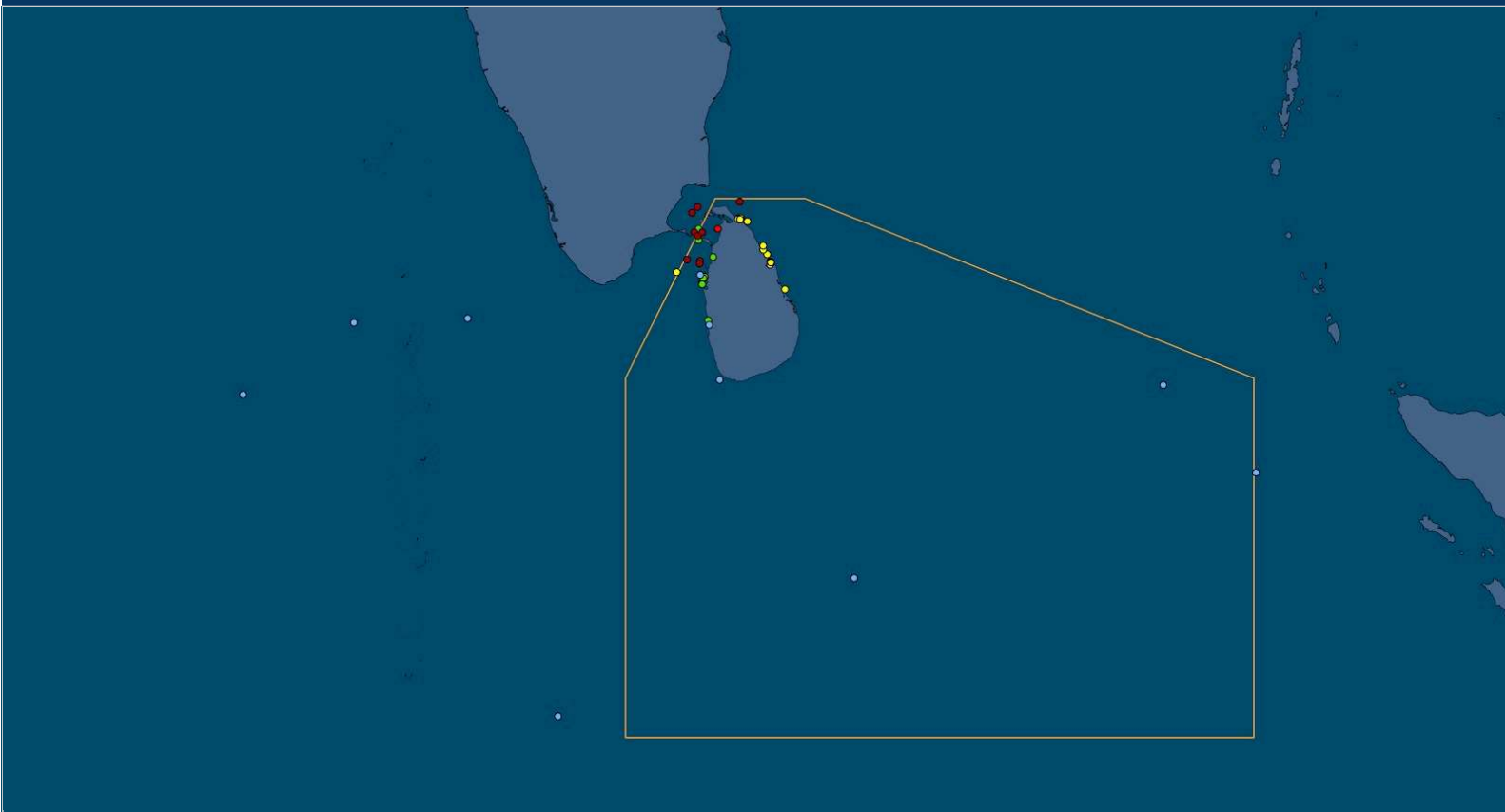
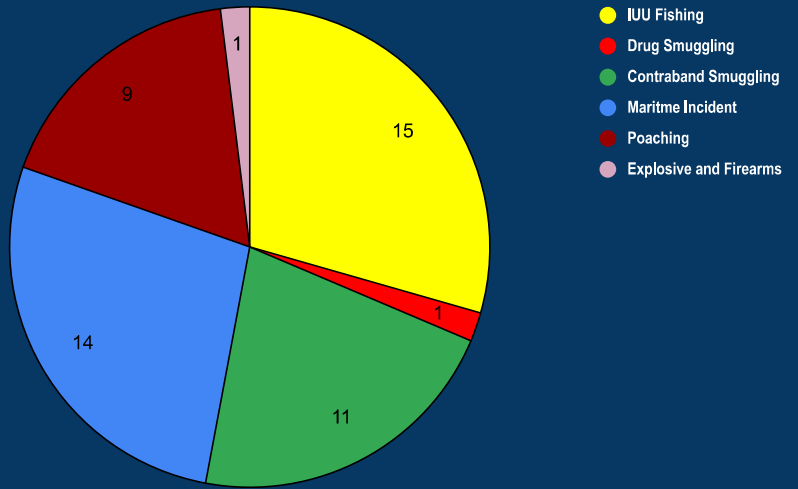
### OVERVIEW

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
IUU Fishing	35	10	30	15
Drug Smuggling	3	1	5	1
Contraband Smuggling	7	0	5	11
Human Smuggling	0	4	0	0
Maritime Incident	19	34	35	14
Poaching	31	14	30	9
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	1





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – AUGUST 2024

**Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:** A total of 15 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in August 2024, a significant reduction from 30 in August 2023 and 42 in July 2024. Notable improvements include fewer cases of illegal nets and harvesting prohibited species, though illegal methods remain a consistent concern. The decrease may reflect better enforcement, though vigilance is needed to sustain these results.

**Poaching:** 9 poaching incidents were reported in August 2024, down sharply from 30 in August 2023 and 29 in July 2024. The most significant declines were seen in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay, reflecting stronger enforcement. However, a new incident in the Palk Strait suggests emerging threats that require additional focus.

**Maritime Incidents:** 14 maritime incidents occurred in August 2024, a significant drop from 35 in August 2023 and 17 in July 2024. The largest reductions were in technical failures and patient onboard cases, while EPIRB alerts also declined. However, new incidents involving Man Over Board and No communication underscore areas that need more attention.

**Drug Smuggling:** Only 2 drug smuggling incidents were reported in August 2024, down from 5 in August 2023, but up from 0 in July 2024. The incidents involved heroin and Kerala cannabis, with no smuggling of other drugs recorded. The reduction suggests improved interdiction, but the presence of heroin highlights the need for continued monitoring.

**Contraband Smuggling:** 11 contraband smuggling incidents were reported in August 2024, up from 5 in August 2023 but slightly down from 13 in July 2024. Most incidents involved Kendu leaves smuggling, with one case of gold smuggling. The rise in Kendu leaves incidents signals increased contraband activity, particularly in this category.

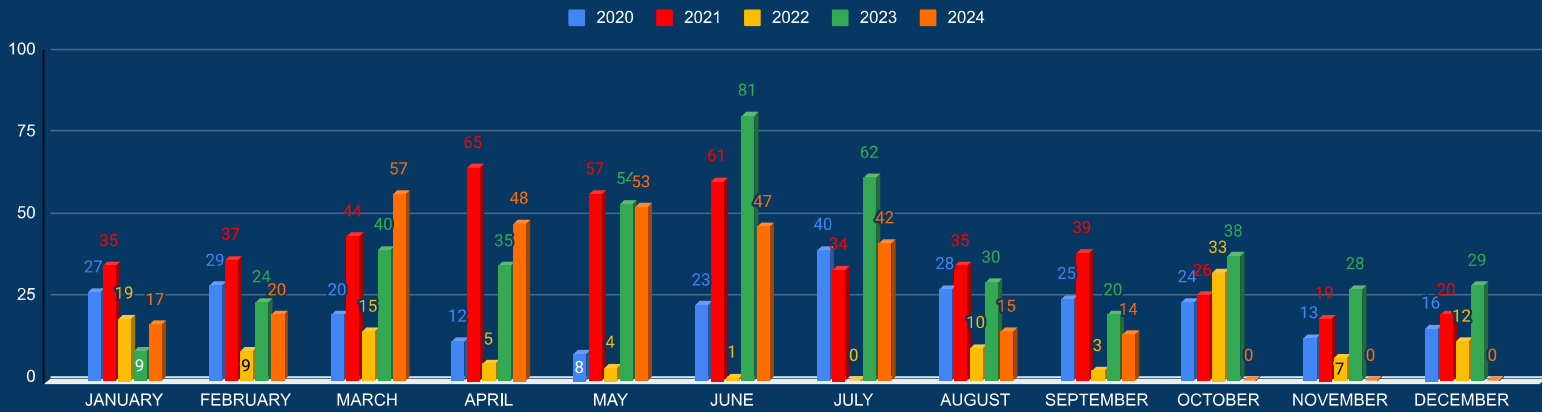
**Human Smuggling:** No human smuggling incidents were recorded in August 2024, maintaining stability in this category.

**Explosive and Firearms Smuggling:** One explosive and firearms smuggling incident was reported in August 2024, compared to none in August 2023. This marks a new area of concern and will require closer monitoring in the coming months.

**Overall Analysis:** The report reflects a generally positive trend with a reduction in incidents across most categories compared to August 2023, particularly in IUU fishing, poaching, and maritime incidents. However, new challenges, such as the emergence of Palk Strait poaching, firearms smuggling, and heroin smuggling, highlight areas that will require ongoing vigilance and enhanced enforcement efforts.

### IUU FISHING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Violation of Certificate Conditions	4	0	0	1
Harvesting Prohibited Species	6	1	7	0
Illegal Net	21	3	14	5
Illegal Methods	4	6	9	9
Explosive Fishing	0	0	0	0

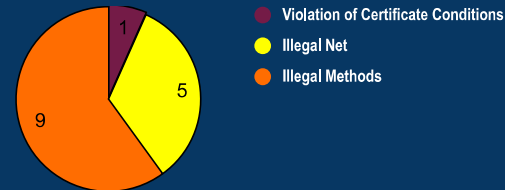
#### IUU FISHING – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 15 incidents in August 2024, compared to 30 in August 2023 and 42 in July 2024.
- Violation of certificate conditions: 1 case (0 in 2023).
- Illegal nets: 5 cases (down from 14 in 2023).
- Illegal methods: 9 cases (unchanged from 2023).
- Harvesting prohibited species and explosive fishing: 0 cases in both years.

##### Comments:

- Significant reduction in overall incidents from last year and the previous month.
- Decrease in illegal nets and harvesting prohibited species violations.
- Continued vigilance is needed, especially with illegal methods remaining consistent.



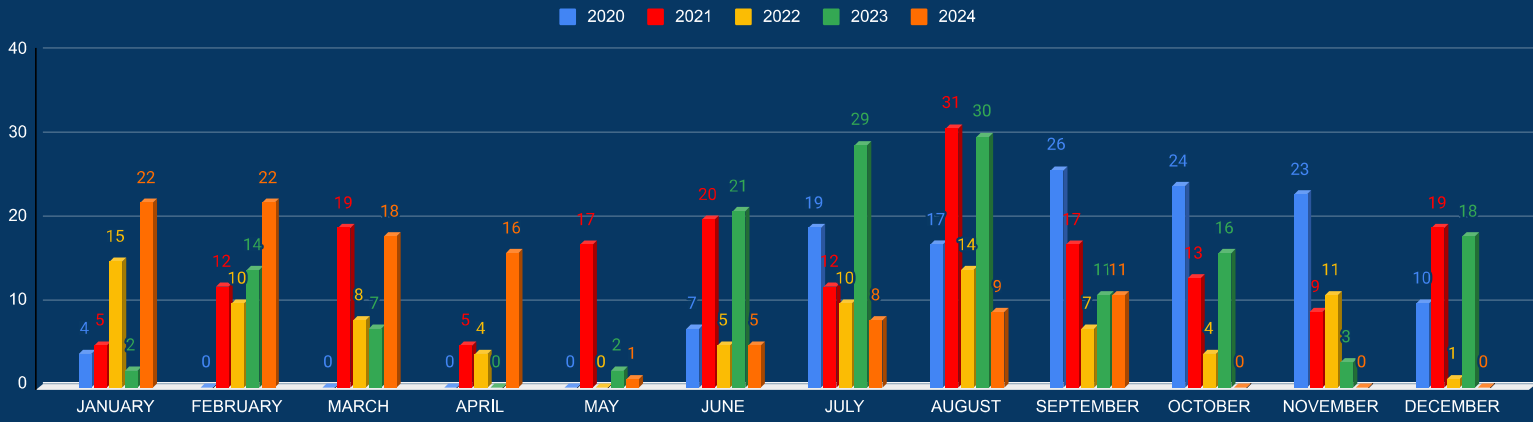


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2024

### POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Eastern Coast	7	3	1	1
Palk Strait	6	1	0	1
Gulf of Mannar	11	2	10	3
Palk Bay	7	8	19	4
Others	0	0	0	0

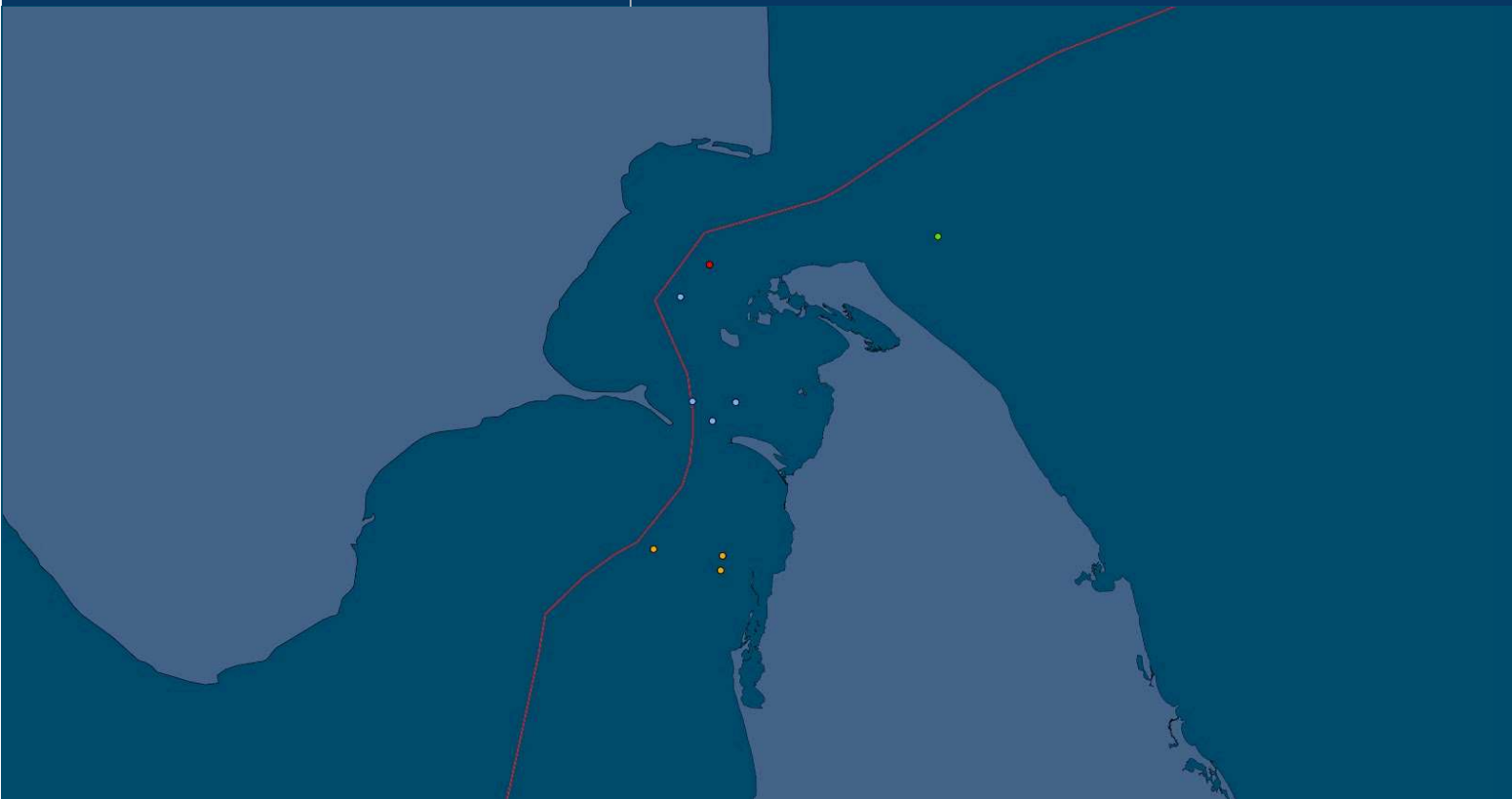
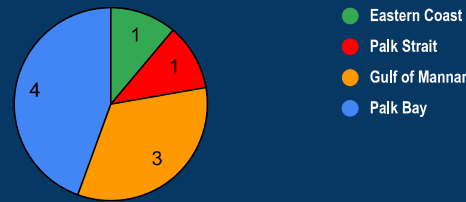
### POACHING INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

#### Statistics:

- 9 incidents in August 2024, a sharp decrease from 30 in August 2023, and down from 29 in July 2024.
- Eastern coast: 1 incident in both August 2023 and 2024.
- Palk Strait: 1 incident in August 2024 (none in August 2023).
- Gulf of Mannar: 3 incidents in August 2024, down from 10 in 2023.
- Palk Bay: 4 incidents in August 2024, significantly reduced from 19 in 2023.
- Other areas: No incidents reported in both years.

#### Comments:

- Significant reduction in poaching incidents across all key regions compared to August 2023.
- Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar saw the largest declines, indicating improved monitoring and enforcement.
- Poaching in the Palk Strait has emerged this year, requiring closer attention.



Legend: Eastern Coast (Green), Palk Strait (Red), Gulf of Mannar (Orange), Palk Bay (Blue), Other (Yellow)

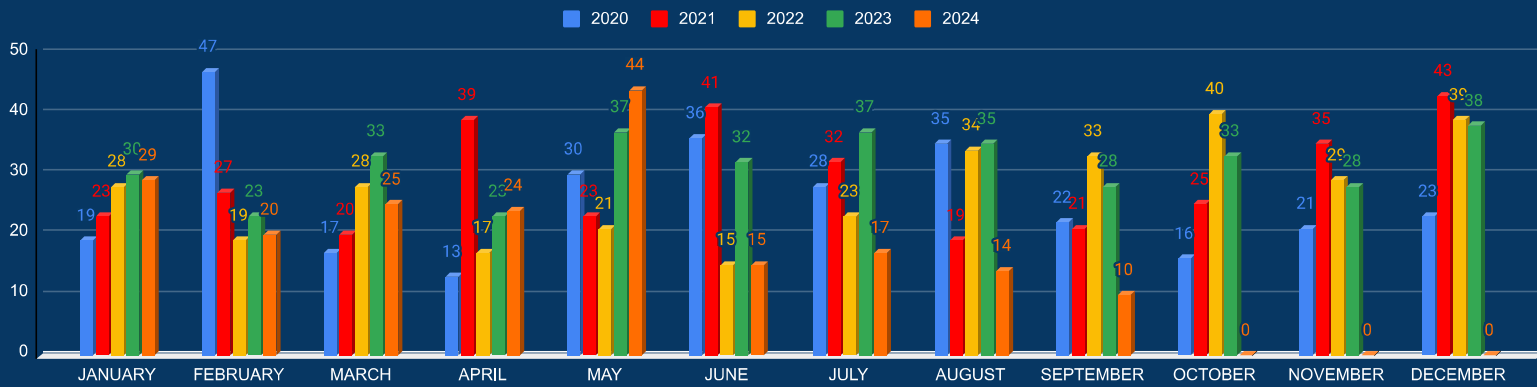


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2024

### MARITIME INCIDENTS

#### NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Technical Failure	2	15	11	2
Fire onboard	0	0	1	0
EPIRB Alert	8	10	11	6
Man Over Boat	1	0	0	1
Arrival Overdue	1	1	1	1
Capsized	1	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	1	0
Death	0	1	1	0
Patient onboard	4	4	8	1
Collision	1	1	0	0
No Communication	0	0	0	2
Other Incident	1	2	1	1

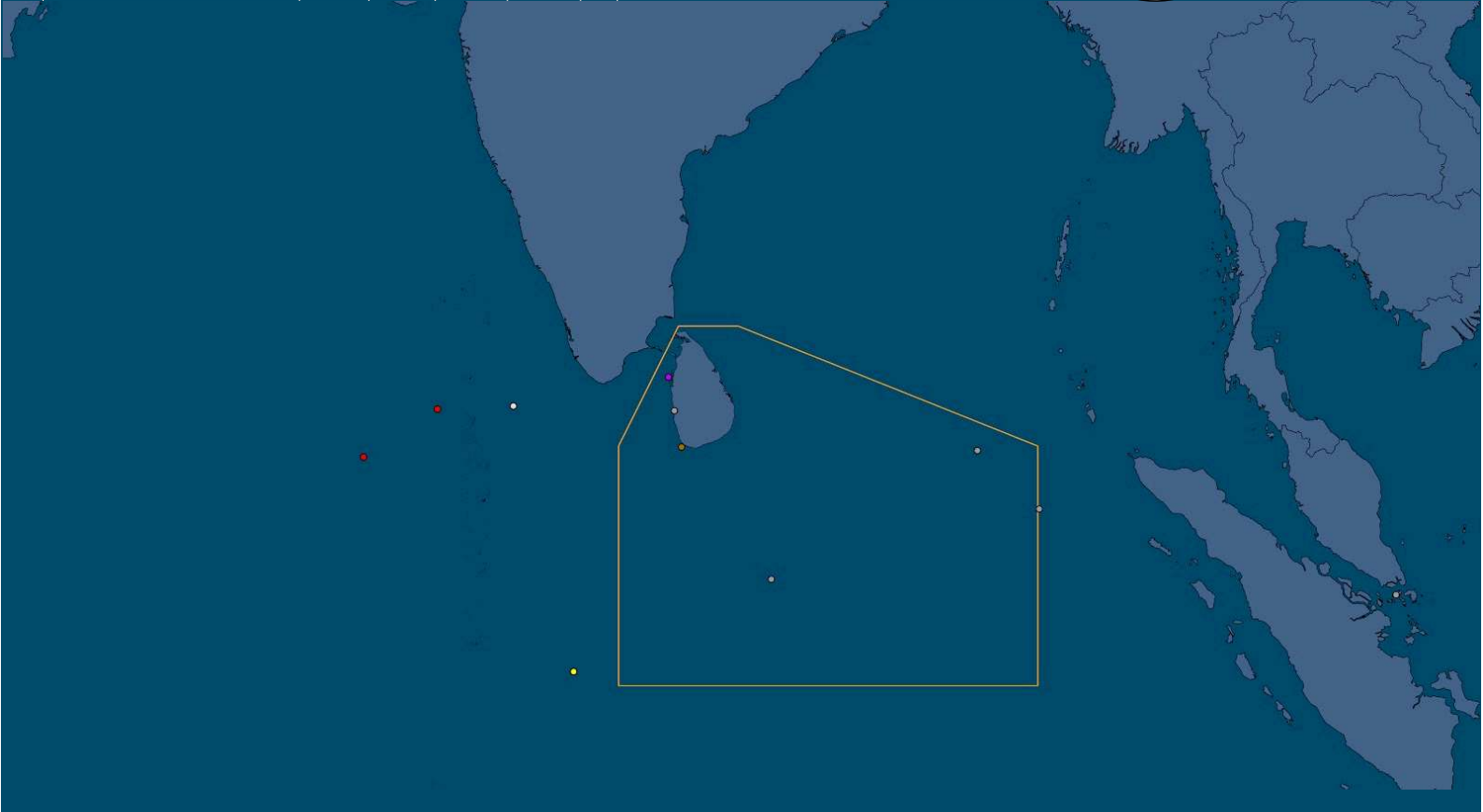
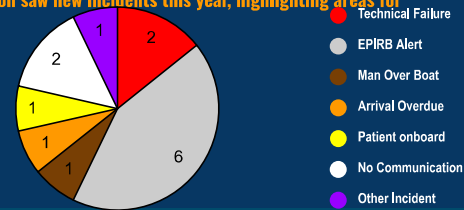
#### MARITIME INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 14 incidents in August 2024, significantly down from 35 in August 2023, and a slight decrease from 17 in July 2024.
- No incidents reported under fire onboard, capsized, grounding, death, or collision in August 2024.

##### Comments:

- A substantial reduction in maritime incidents, particularly in technical failures and patient on board cases, compared to August 2023.
- EPIRB alerts also saw a notable decline, indicating improved emergency management.
- Categories like Man Over Board and No communication saw new incidents this year, highlighting areas for enhanced focus.



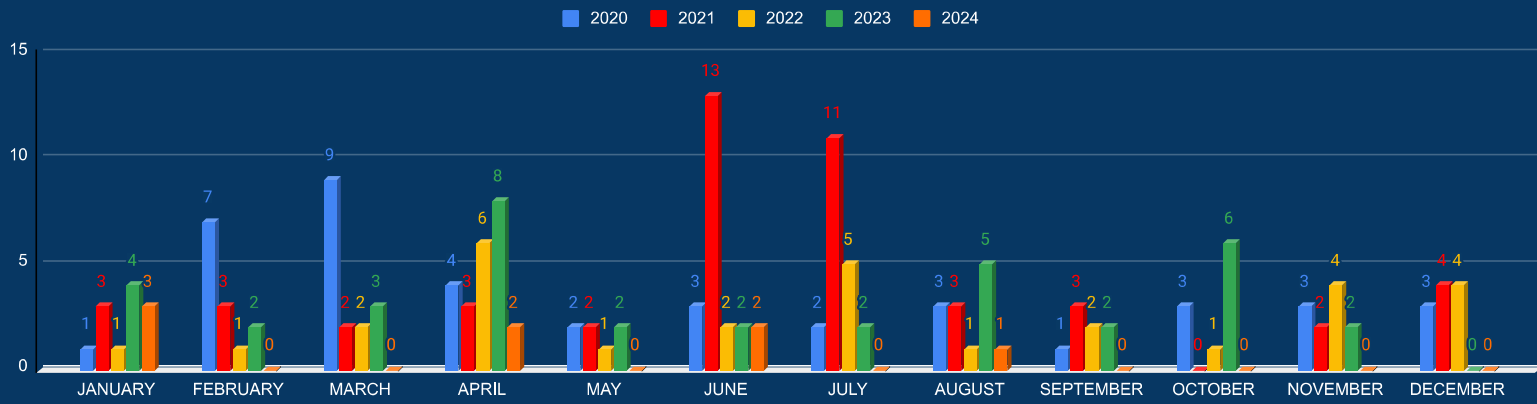


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2024

### DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Heroin	1	0	0	0
Kerala cannabis	2	1	5	1
Ice	0	0	0	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	0	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0

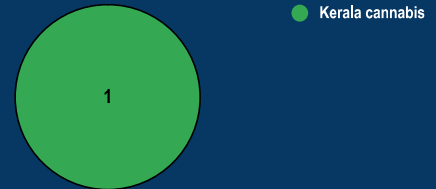
### DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

**Statistics:**

- 2 drug smuggling incidents in August 2024, down from 5 in August 2023, and up from 0 in July 2024.
- Types of drugs involved in August 2024:
  - Heroin: 1 incident
  - Kerala Cannabis: 1 incident
- No incidents related to Ice, Tablets, Hashish, or Local Cannabis.

**Comments:**

- A notable decrease in drug smuggling incidents compared to August 2023, with only heroin and Kerala cannabis involved this year.
- Although minimal incidents were recorded, continued vigilance is required to prevent further smuggling activities.



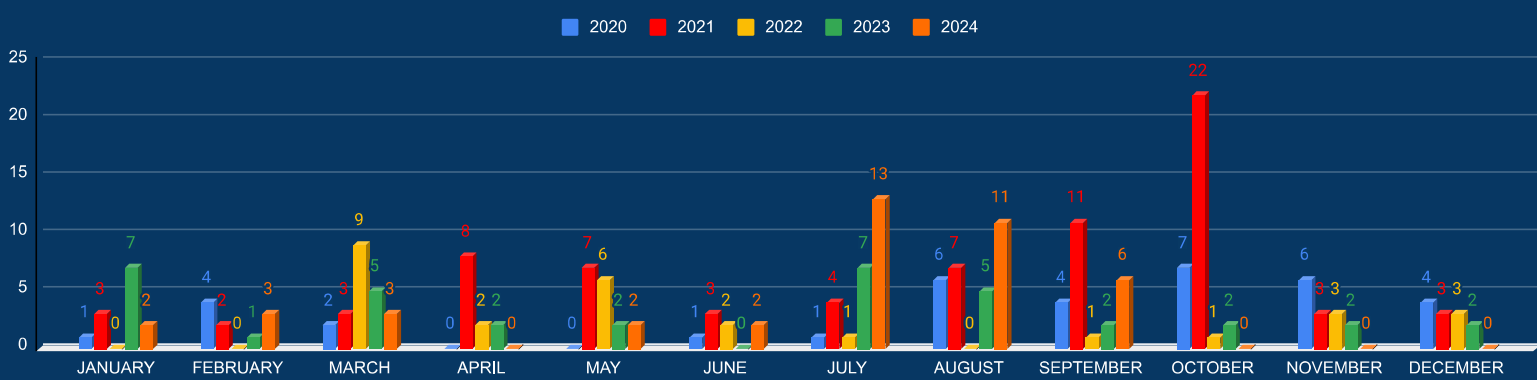


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### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Cardamom	0	0	0	0
Glyphosate	7	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	1
Kendu leaves	0	0	5	10
Other	0	0	0	0
Turmeric	7	0	0	0

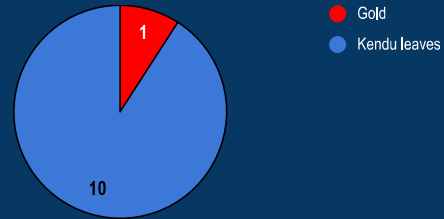
#### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 11 contraband smuggling incidents in August 2024, up from 5 in August 2023, but a slight decrease from 13 incidents in July 2024.
- Types of contraband involved in August 2024:
  - Kendu Leaves: 10 incidents
  - Gold: 1 incident
- No incidents related to Cardamom, Glyphosate, Turmeric, or other contraband.

##### Comments:

- A significant rise in Kendu leaves smuggling compared to last year, indicating increased activity in this category.
- The gold smuggling case highlights the need for continued monitoring of high-value contraband.





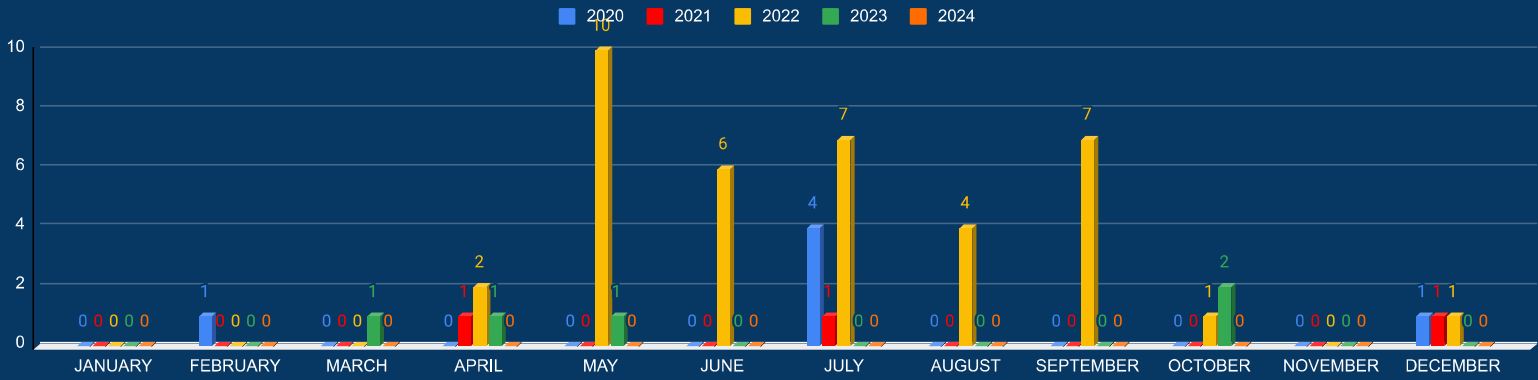


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### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Human Smuggling	0	4	0	0

### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

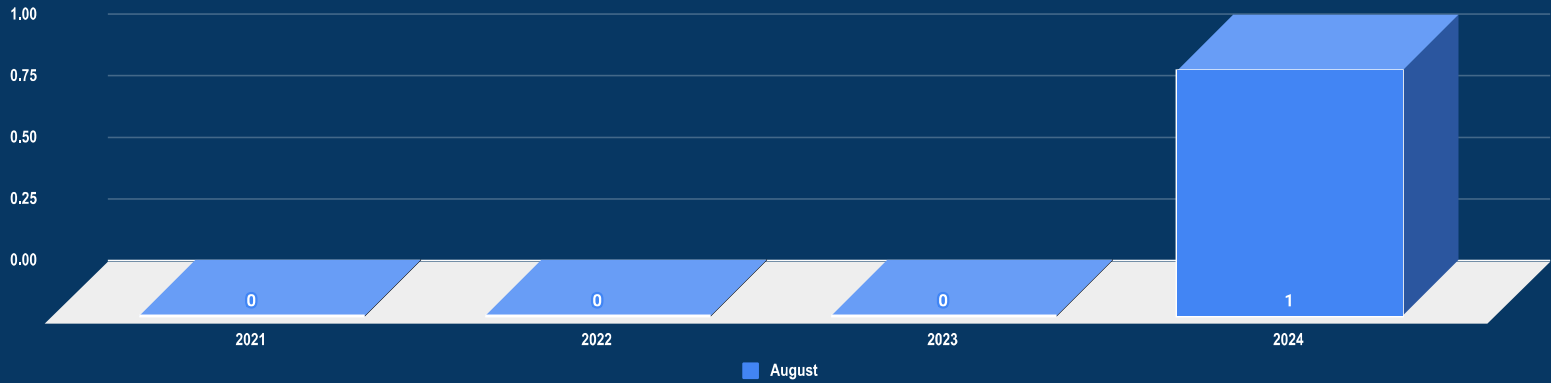
NO INCIDENTS

**ZERO  
INCIDENTS  
IN AUGUST 2024**



### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2021	AUG 2022	AUG 2023	AUG 2024
Water Gel Sticks	0	0	0	1

### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – AUGUST 2024 SUMMARY

no incidents found in last year but only one incident found in 2024 august

