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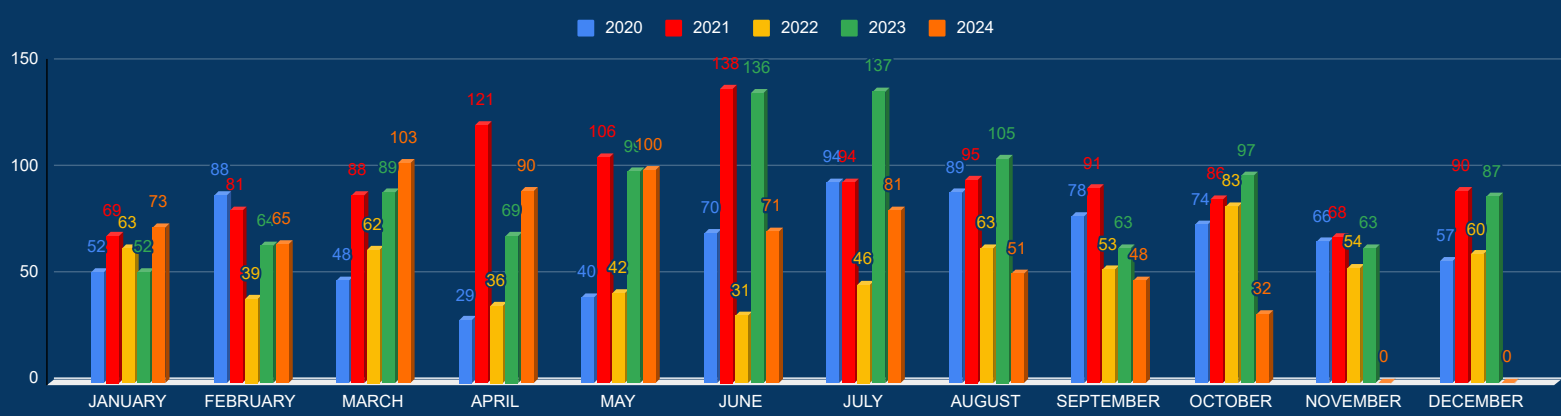


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP SEPTEMBER 2024

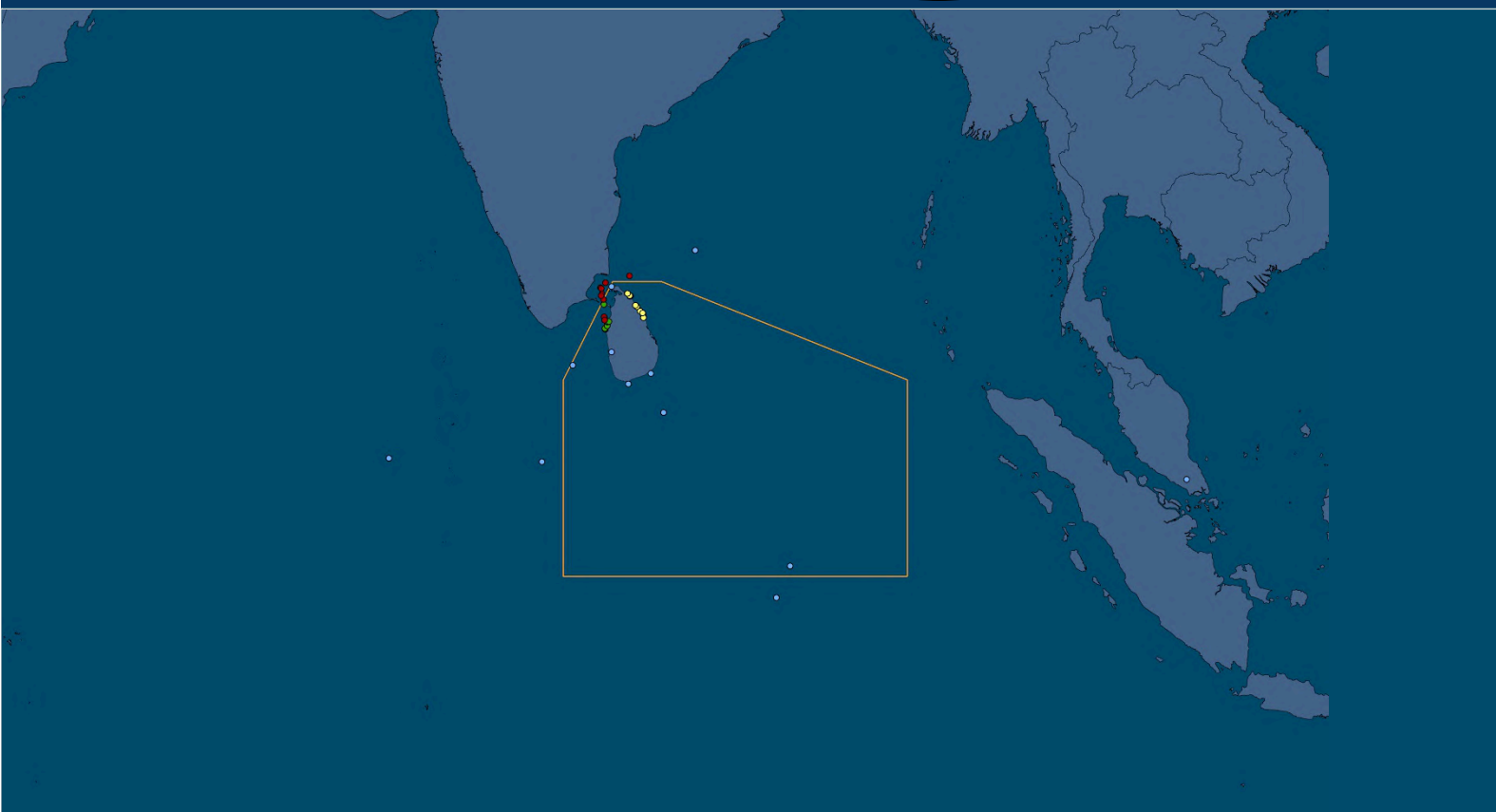
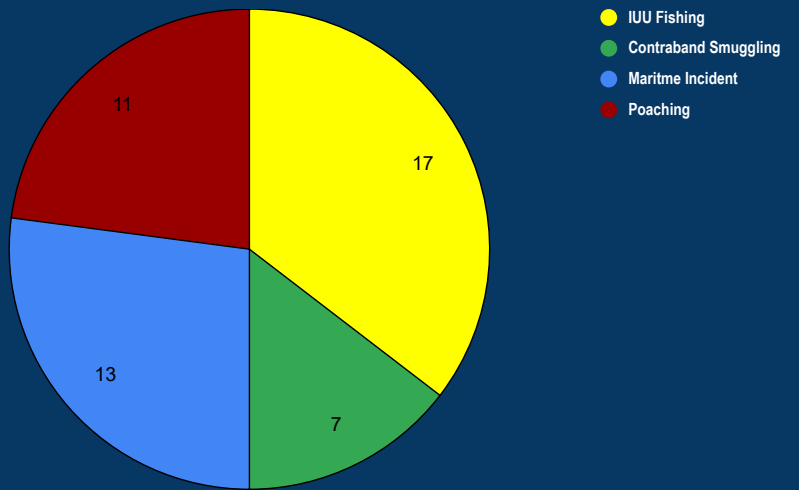
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



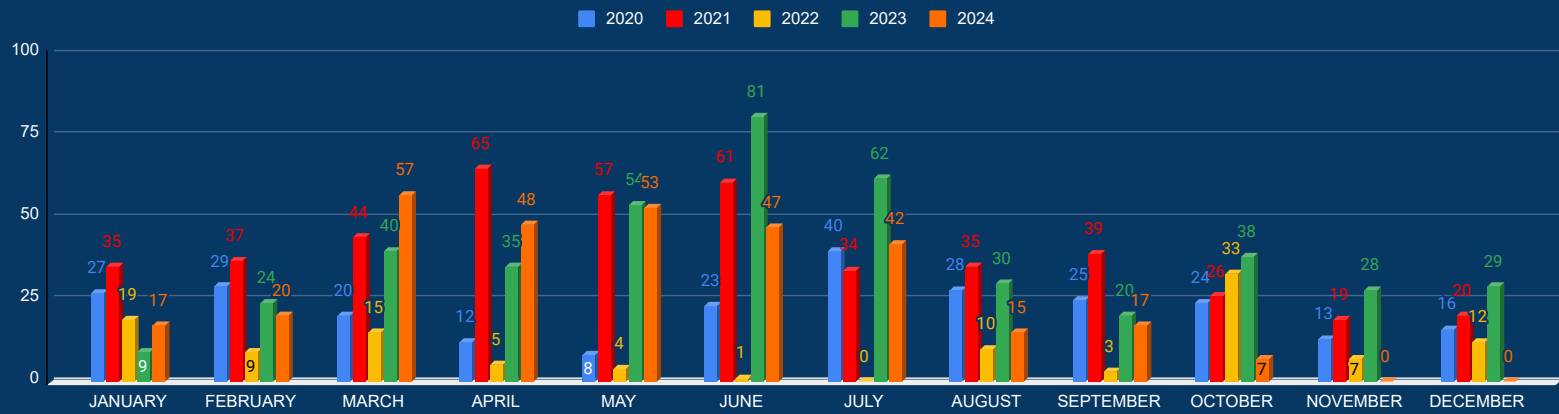
INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
IUU Fishing	39	3	20	17
Drug Smuggling	3	2	2	0
Contraband Smuggling	11	1	2	7
Human Smuggling	0	7	0	0
Maritime Incident	21	33	28	13
Poaching	17	7	11	11
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0



IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
Violation of Certificate Conditions	8	0	0	1
Harvesting Prohibited Species	3	1	2	0
Illegal Net	23	1	14	8
Illegal Methods	4	1	3	8
Explosive Fishing	1	0	1	0

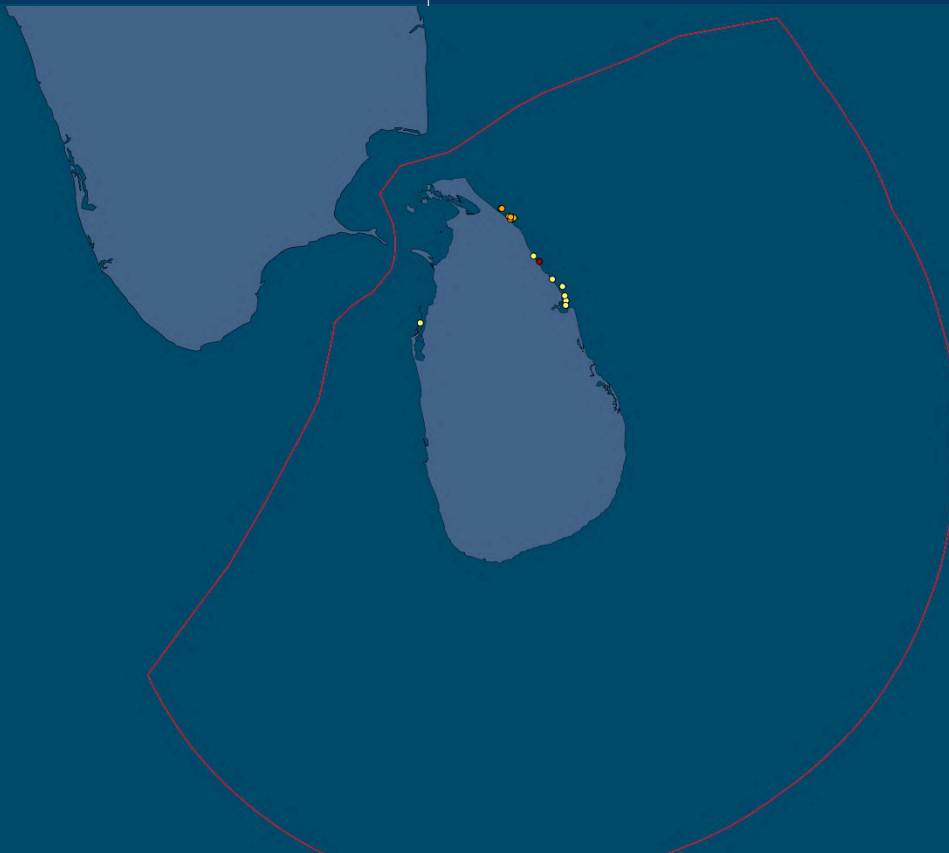
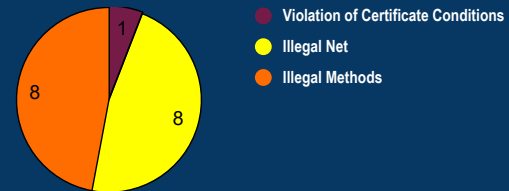
IUU FISHING – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 17 incidents in September 2024, compared to 20 in September 2023 and 15 in August 2024.
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 1 case (0 in 2023).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 0 cases (down from 2 in 2023).
- Illegal Nets: 8 cases (reduced from 14 in 2023).
- Illegal methods: 8 cases (up from 3 in 2023).
- Explosive fishing: 0 cases (down from 1 in 2023).

Comments:

- Although there has been a slight increase in incidents from the previous month.
- Decreases in illegal nets and prohibited species violations suggest progress in deterrence.
- However, the rise in illegal methods highlights ongoing enforcement challenges, emphasizing the need for continued monitoring and adaptive strategies.



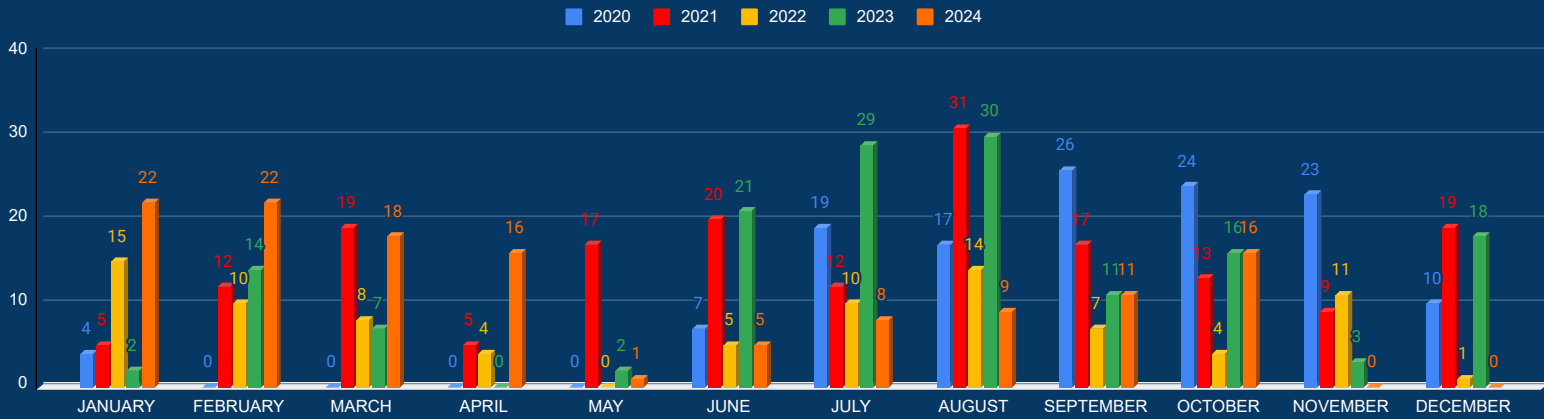


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POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
Eastern Coast	7	1	0	1
Palk Strait	1	1	0	1
Gulf of Mannar	6	1	2	3
Palk Bay	3	4	9	6
Others	0	0	0	0

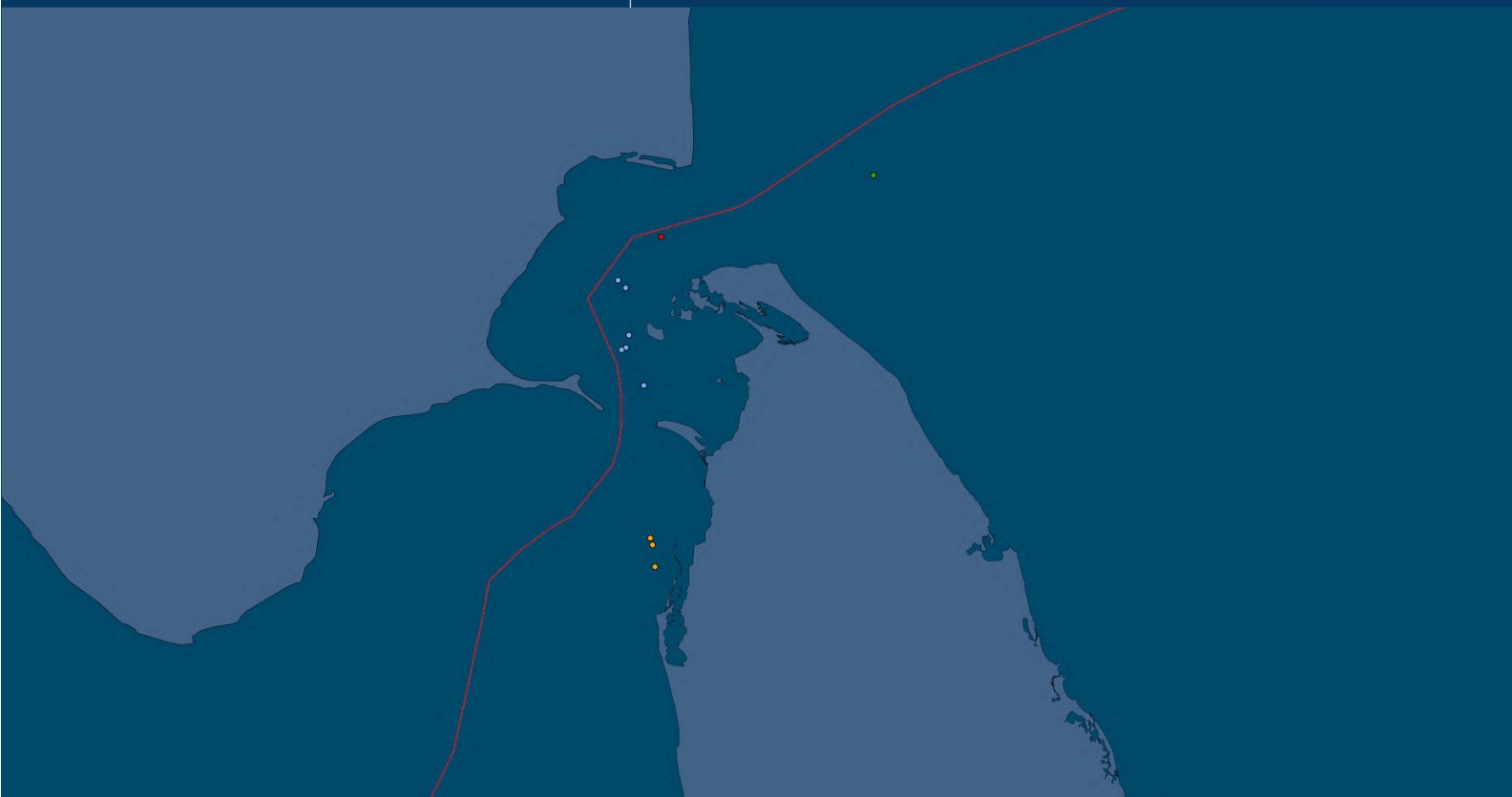
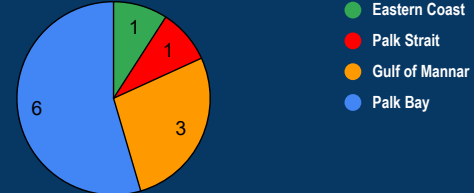
POACHING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- Total of 11 incidents in September 2024, consistent with September 2023 (11 incidents), but higher than the 9 incidents reported in August 2024
- Eastern Coast: 1 incident (0 in September 2023).
- Palk Strait: 1 incident (0 in September 2023).
- Gulf of Mannar: 3 incidents, up from 2 in September 2023.
- Palk Bay: 6 incidents, down from 9 in September 2023.
- Other Areas: 0 incidents in both years.

Comments:

- New poaching incidents on the Eastern Coast and Palk Strait raise concerns.
- Increased poaching in the Gulf of Mannar and decreased activity in Palk Bay suggest shifts.
- Ongoing monitoring and enforcement are needed, especially in newly affected areas.

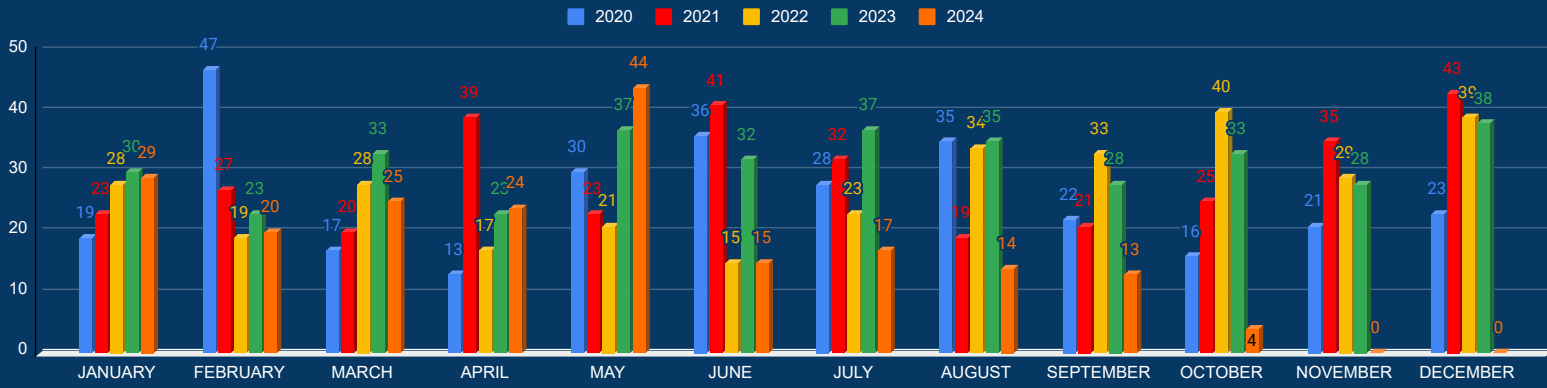


Eastern Coast Palk Strait Gulf of Mannar Palk Bay Other



MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
Technical Failure	3	11	12	4
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	5	10	9	4
Man Over Boat	3	2	0	0
Arrival Overdue	1	2	1	0
Capsized	1	1	0	1
Ground	0	1	1	0
Death	1	0	2	0
Patient onboard	4	4	2	2
Collision	0	0	0	1
No Communication	0	2	1	1
Other Incident	3	0	0	0

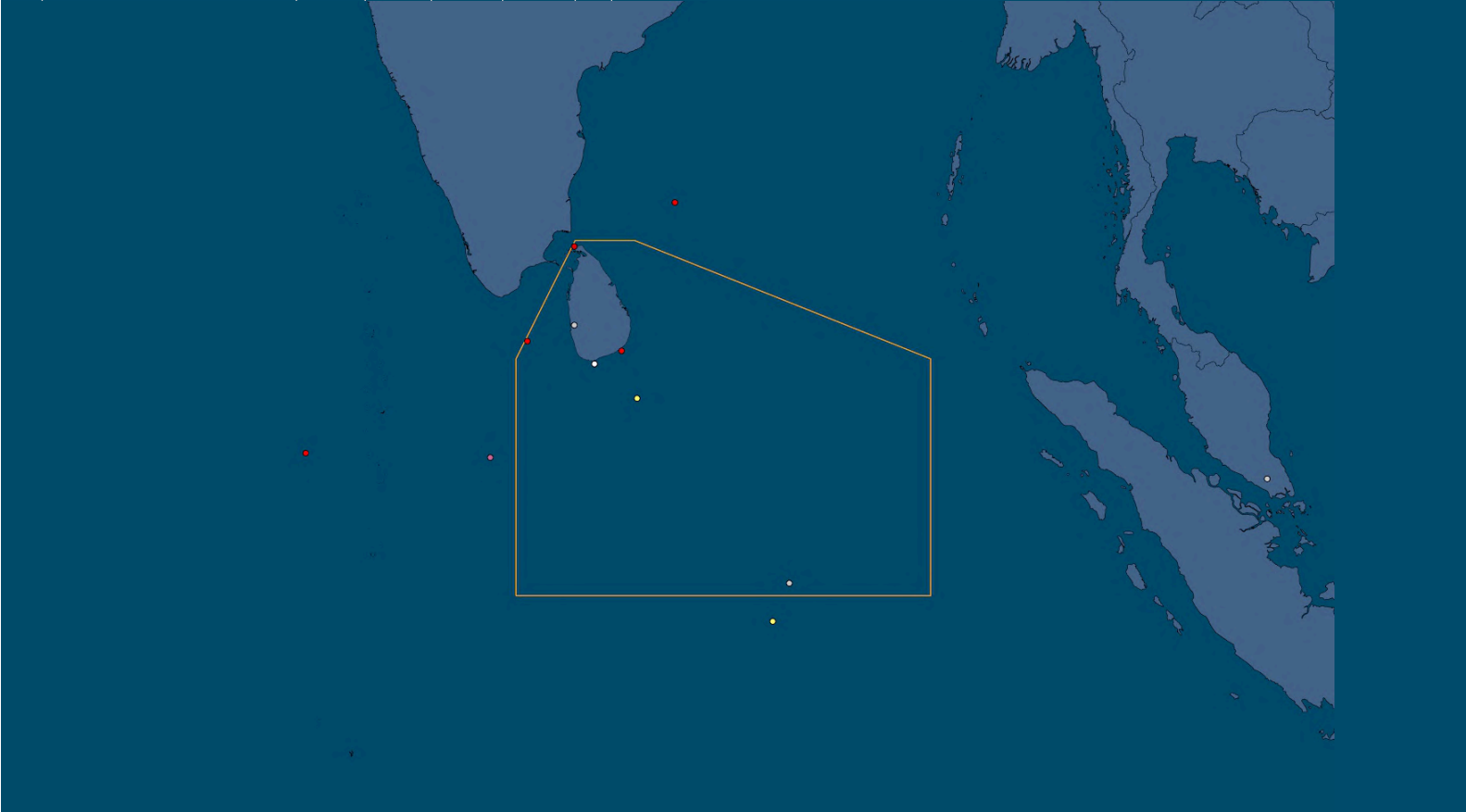
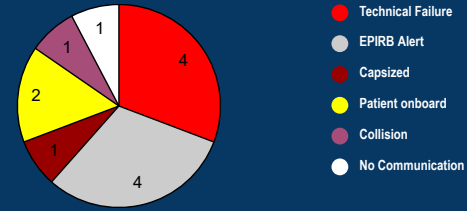
MARITIME INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 14 incidents in August 2024, significantly down from 35 in August 2023, and a slight decrease from 17 in July 2024.
- No incidents recorded for Fire Onboard, Man Overboard, Arrival Overdue, Grounding, Death, or Other Incidents, compared to September 2023

Comments:

- Maritime incidents have significantly decreased compared to September 2023 and slightly decreased compared to August 2024.
- Declines observed in critical categories, such as Technical Failures and EPIRB Alerts.
- No incidents were reported under high-severity categories, such as Grounding, Deaths, and Fire Onboard, indicating improved safety measures.



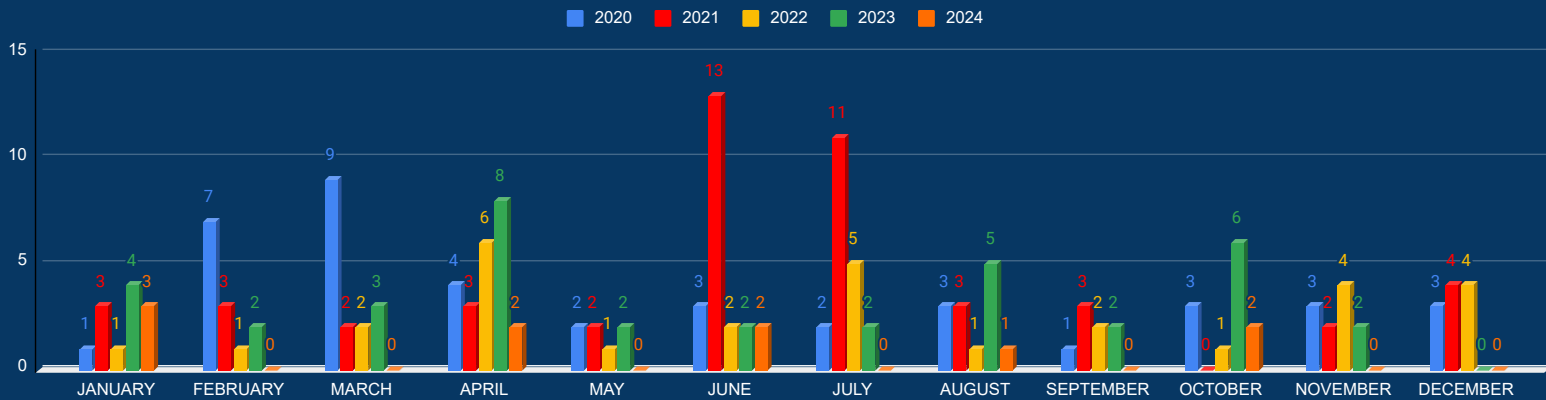


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DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

- No drug smuggling incidents reported in September 2024, a significant improvement compared to August 2024.


**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

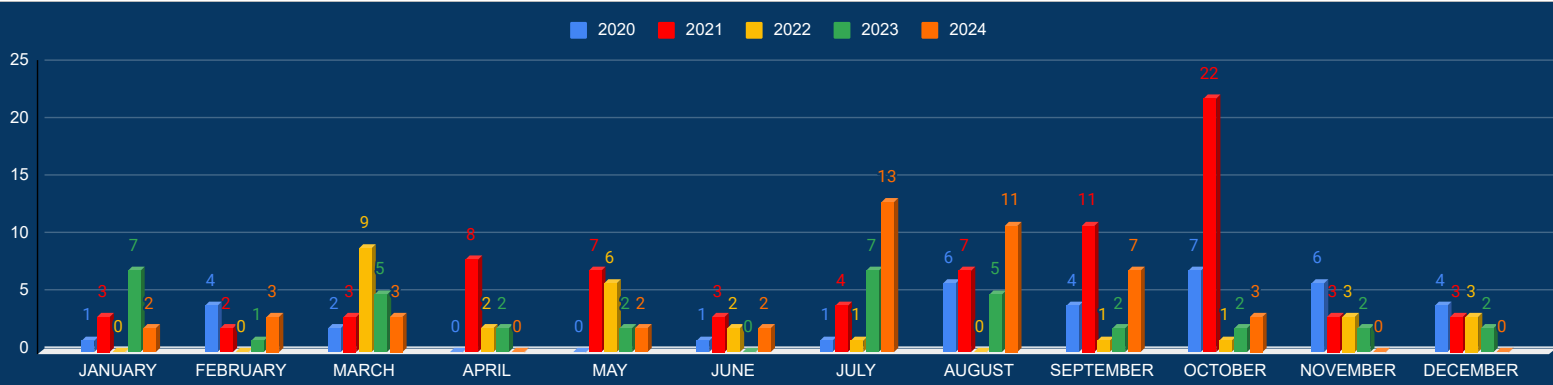


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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
Cardamom	0	0	0	0
Glyphosate	10	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0
Kendu leaves	1	1	2	5
Other	0	0	0	1
Turmeric	10	0	0	1

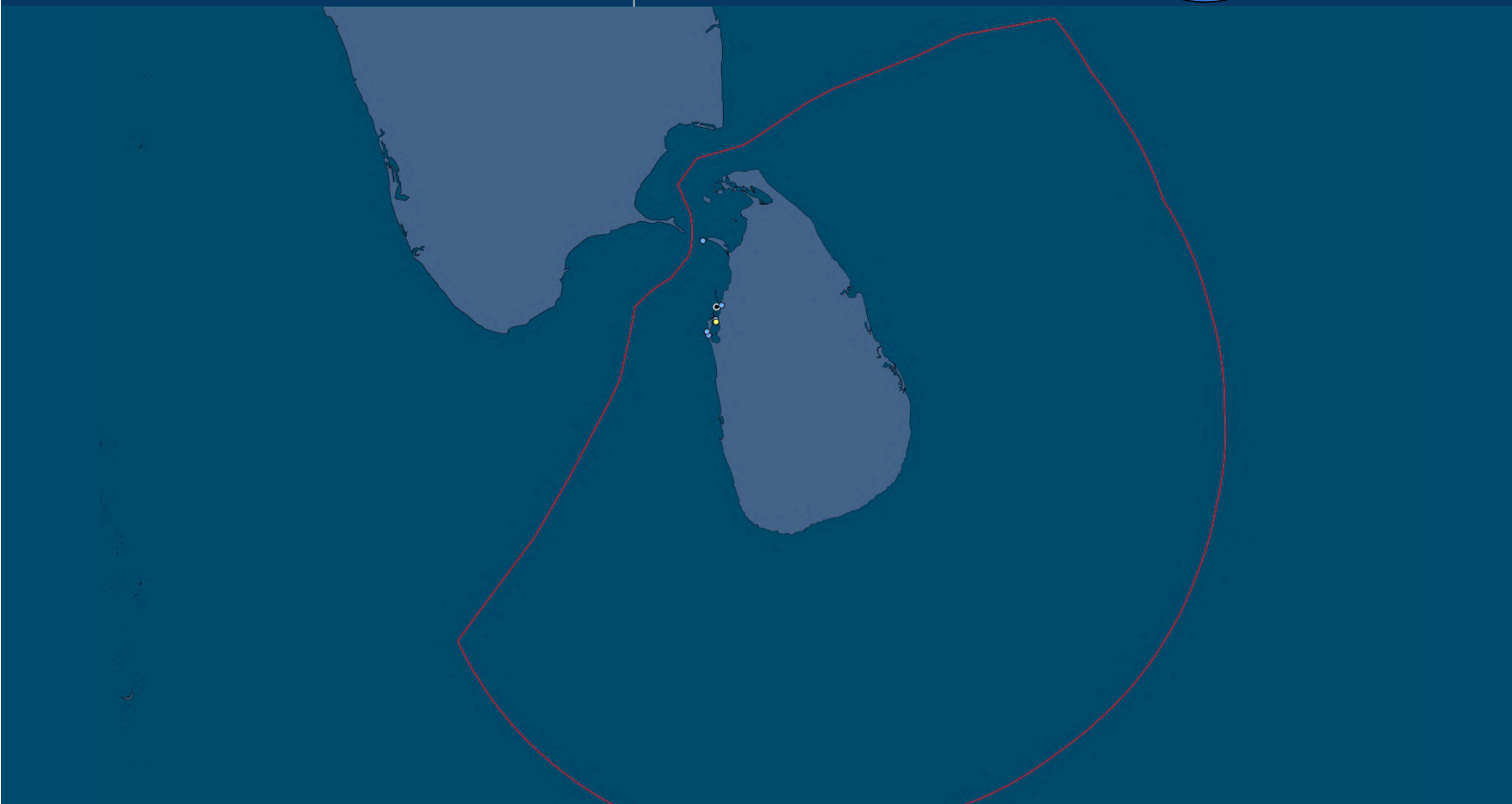
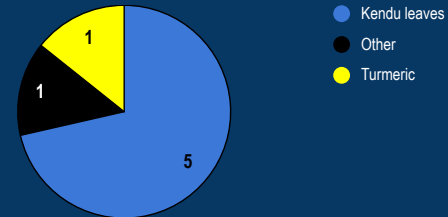
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 7 contraband smuggling incidents recorded in September 2024, down from 11 incidents in August 2024 but significantly higher than September 2023.
- Types of contraband involved in September 2024:
 - Kendu Leaves: 5 incidents
 - Turmeric: 1 incident
 - Other contraband: 1 incident
- No incidents related to Cardamom, Glyphosate, or Gold reported this month.

Comments:

- Kendu Leaves smuggling makes up 71% of September cases.
- Turmeric and other contraband show targeted, less frequent smuggling.
- Fewer incidents than August may signal better enforcement, but vigilance is needed.
- No Cardamom, Glyphosate, or Gold smuggling suggests shifting routes.



Cardamom Glyphosate Gold Kendu leaves Turmeric Other

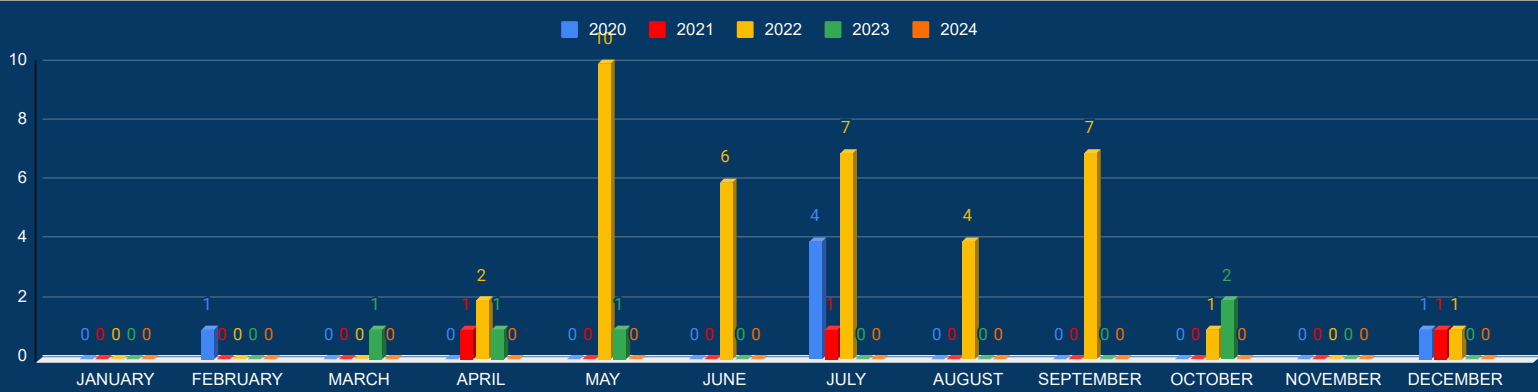


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	SEP 2021	SEP 2022	SEP 2023	SEP 2024
Human Smuggling	0	7	0	0

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

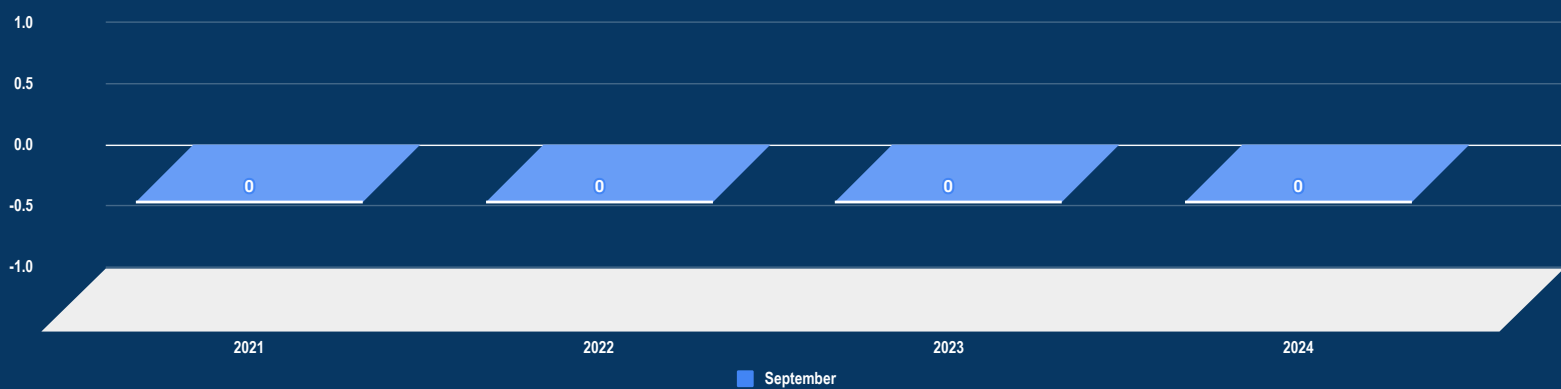
NO INCIDENTS

**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN SEPTEMBER 2024**



EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

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

**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN SEPTEMBER 2024**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2024

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: A total of 17 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in September 2024, an increase from 15 in August 2024 but a decrease from 20 in September 2023. While cases of illegal nets (8) have significantly reduced from 14 in 2023, illegal methods (8) have risen sharply from 3 in the same period. The introduction of one case involving violations of certificate conditions highlights a new compliance issue, though no explosive fishing or prohibited species harvesting was recorded this year.

Poaching: 11 poaching incidents were reported in September 2024, consistent with September 2023 but higher than the 9 incidents in August 2024. The Gulf of Mannar saw a modest increase, reporting 3 incidents compared to 2 in 2023. Palk Bay experienced a reduction, with 6 incidents compared to 9 in 2023. However, new poaching activity was reported in the Eastern Coast and Palk Strait (1 case each), signaling the need for enhanced surveillance in these areas.

Maritime Incidents: 14 maritime incidents occurred in September 2024, maintaining the same level as August 2024 and representing a sharp decline from 35 in September 2023. No incidents involving fire onboard, man overboard, overdue arrivals, grounding, deaths, or other serious maritime issues were reported, reflecting improved safety measures.

Drug Smuggling: No drug smuggling incidents were reported in September 2024, continuing a positive trend after 2 incidents in August 2024.

Contraband Smuggling: 7 contraband smuggling incidents were recorded in September 2024, down from 11 in August 2024 but higher than the numbers for September 2023. Kendu leaves smuggling remained the primary concern (5 cases), along with one case each involving turmeric and other contraband. No smuggling of gold, cardamom, or glyphosate was recorded.

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

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No explosive or firearms smuggling incidents were reported in September 2024, following a single case in August 2024.

Overall Analysis: The September 2024 report indicates steady performance in reducing overall incidents compared to previous years. Improvements in IUU fishing enforcement and the absence of drug or human smuggling incidents are notable achievements. However, the rise in illegal fishing methods and contraband activity, along with the emergence of new poaching areas, underscore the need for sustained vigilance and targeted enforcement efforts.