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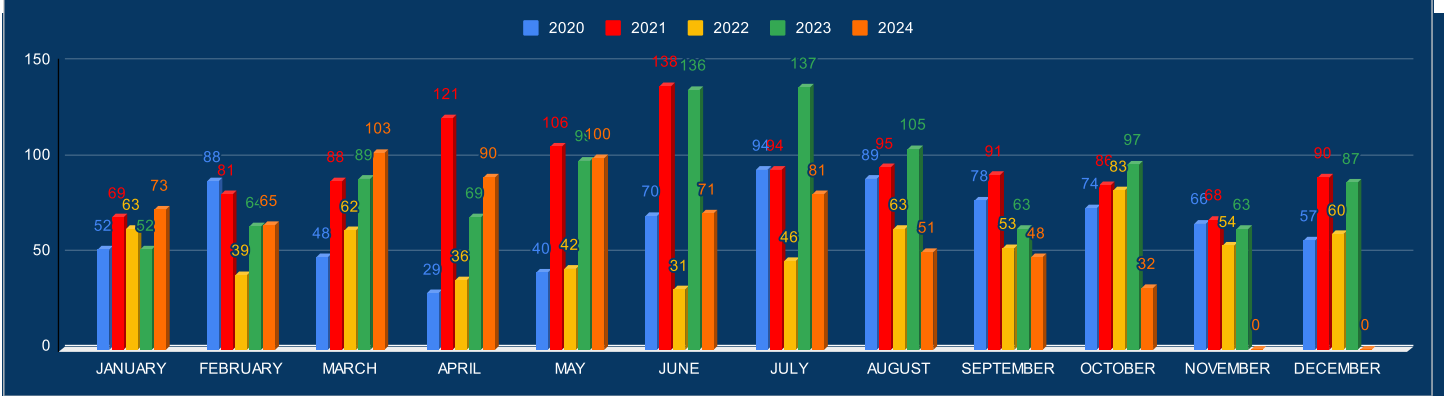


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP OCTOBER 2024

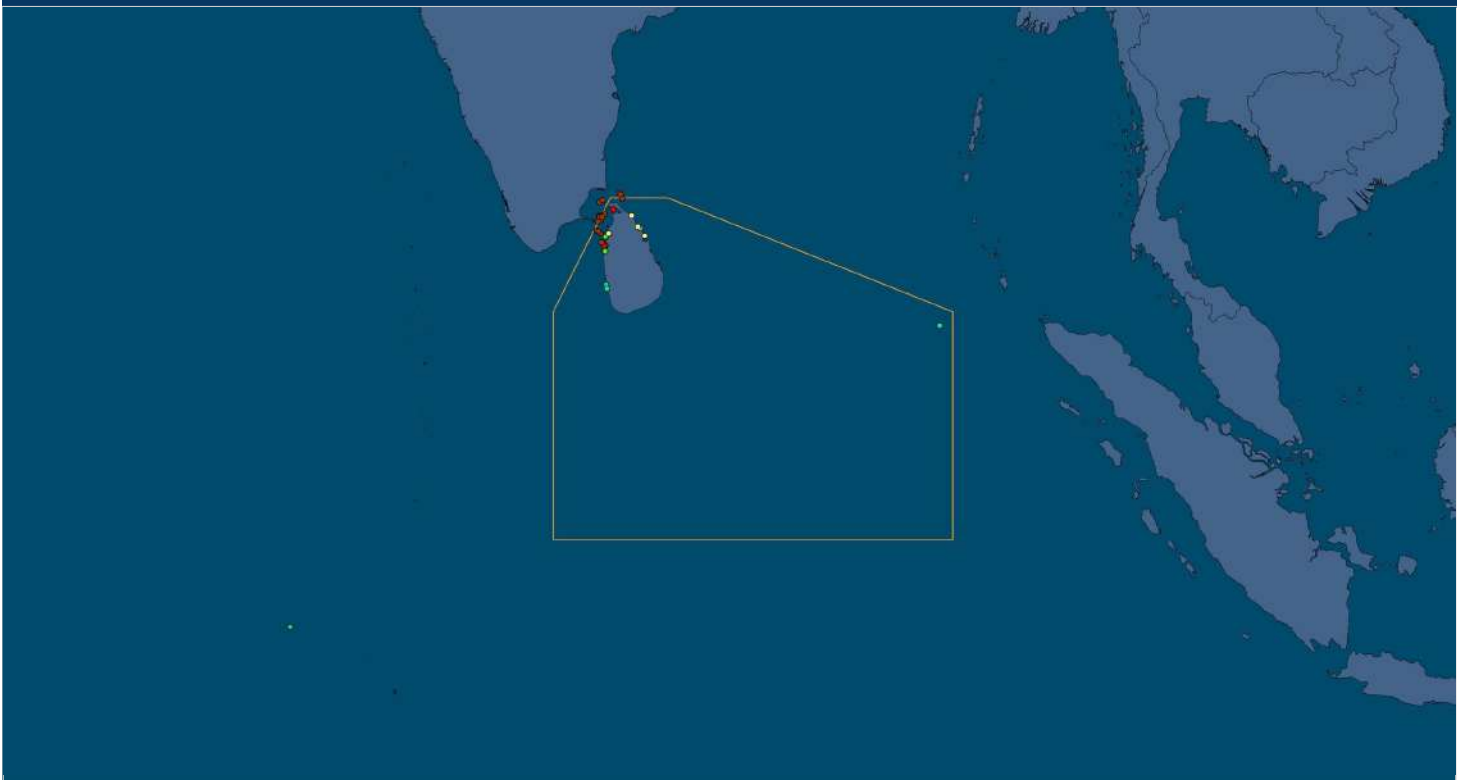
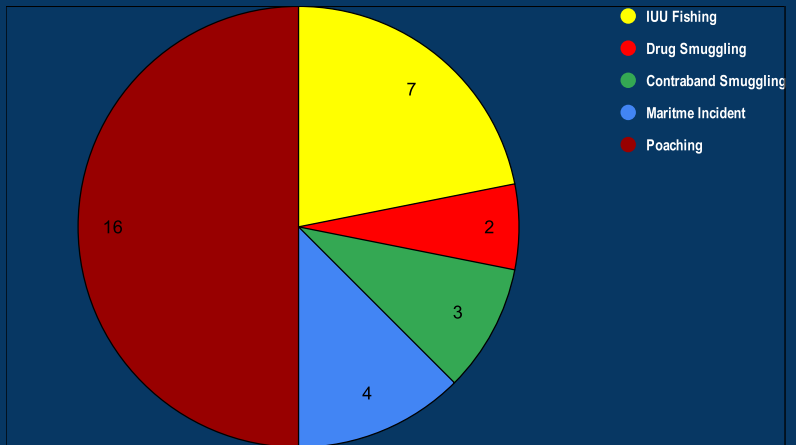
### OVERVIEW

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
IUU Fishing	26	33	38	7
Drug Smuggling	0	1	6	2
Contraband Smuggling	22	1	2	3
Human Smuggling	0	1	2	0
Maritime Incident	25	40	33	4
Poaching	13	4	16	16
Explosive and Firearms	0	3	0	0



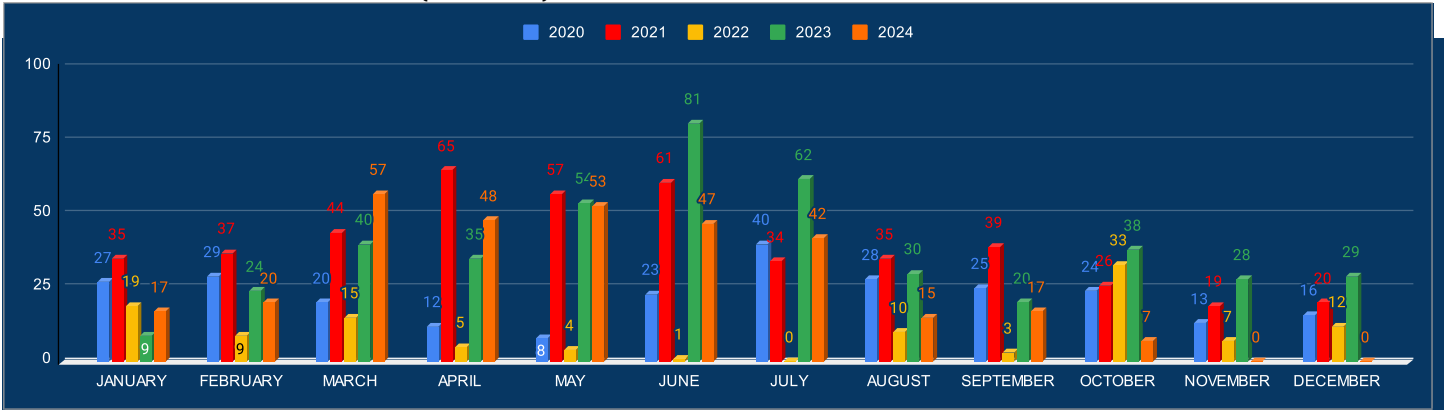


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### IUU FISHING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Violation of Certificate Conditions	2	3	4	1
Harvesting Prohibited Species	6	6	12	0
Illegal Net	14	13	9	2
Illegal Methods	3	8	13	1
Explosive Fishing	1	3	0	3

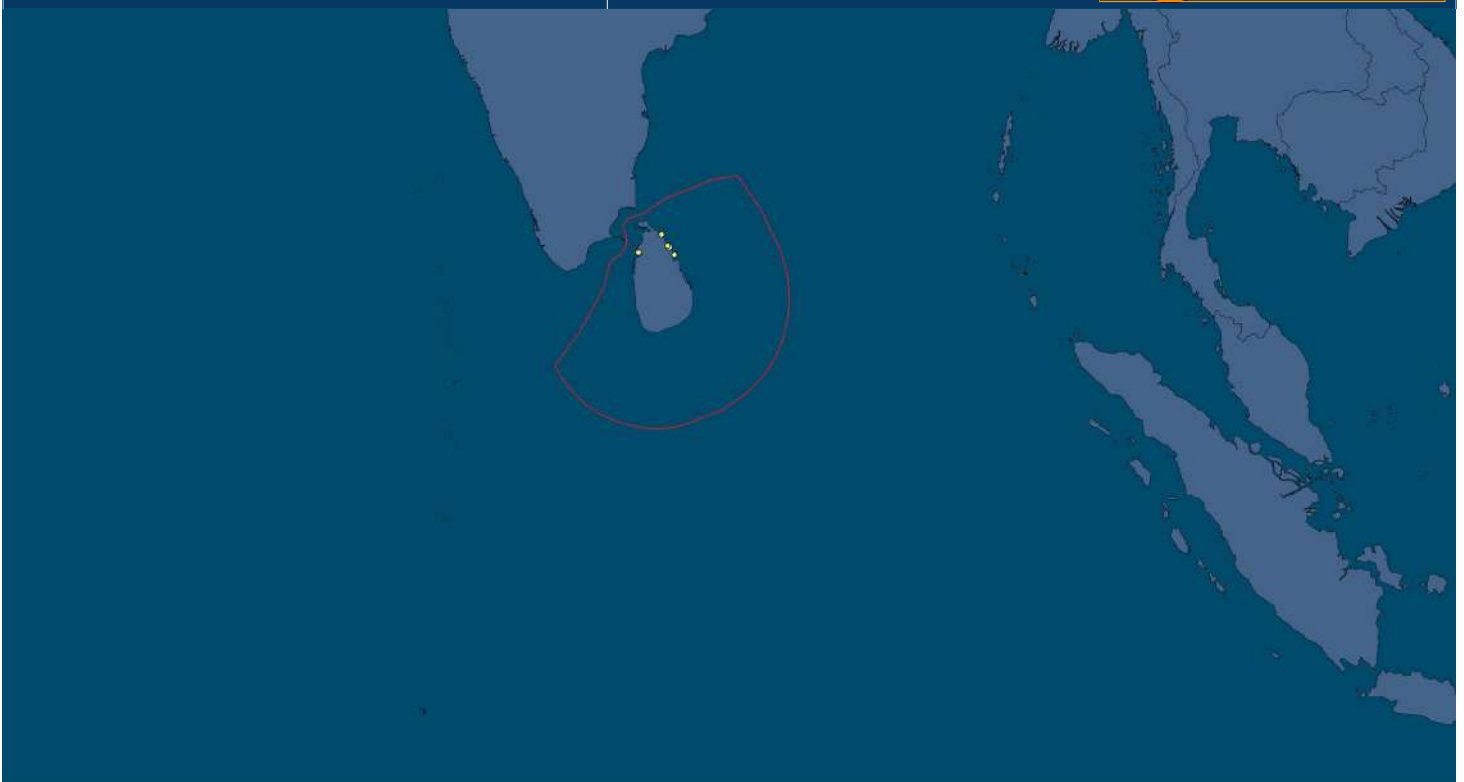
#### IUU FISHING – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 7 incidents in October 2024, compared to 38 in October 2023 and 17 in September 2024.
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 1 case in October 2024 (4 in Oct 2023).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 0 cases (down from 12 in 2023).
- Illegal Nets: 2 cases (reduced from 9 in 2023).
- Illegal methods: 1 case (reduced from 13 in 2023).
- Explosive fishing: 3 cases (increase from 0 in 2023).

##### Comments:

- IUU fishing incidents reduced to 7 in October 2024, compared to 38 in October 2023 and 17 in September 2024.
- Violations such as illegal nets and harvesting prohibited species showed significant reductions.
- Explosive fishing cases increased to 3 in October 2024, up from 0 in 2023, highlighting a new area of concern.
- Overall, enforcement and compliance have improved, but targeted efforts are needed to address specific violations



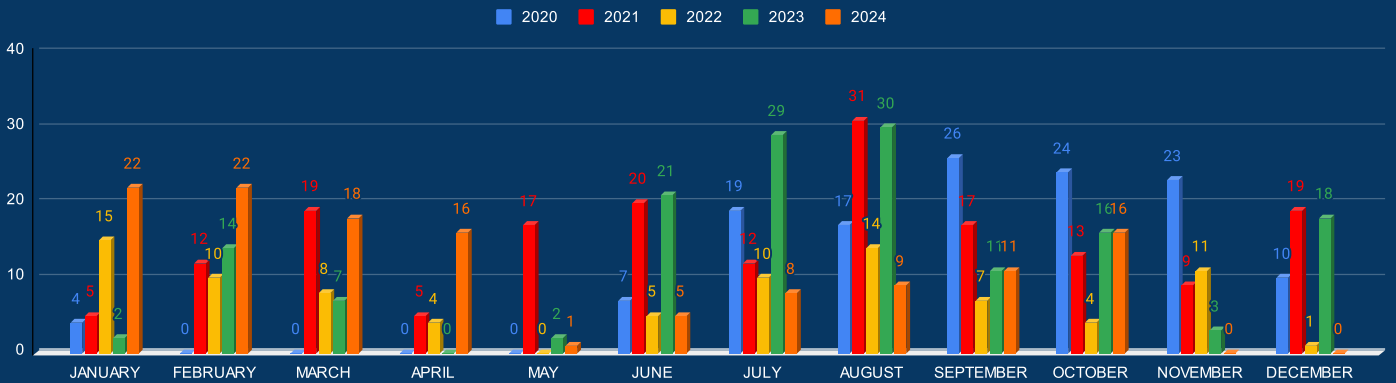


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### POACHING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Eastern Coast	4	0	0	0
Palk Strait	2	0	0	6
Gulf of Mannar	3	0	1	3
Palk Bay	4	4	15	7
Others	1	0	0	0

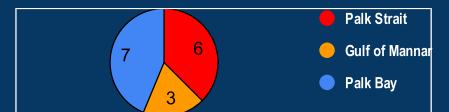
#### POACHING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 16 incidents in October 2024, compared to 16 in October 2023 and 11 in September 2024.
- Eastern Coast: 0 incident (0 in October 2023).
- Palk Strait: 6 incidents (0 in October 2023).
- Gulf of Mannar: 3 incidents (1 in October 2023).
- Palk Bay: 7 incidents (15 in October 2023).
- Other Areas: 0 incidents in both years.

##### Comments:

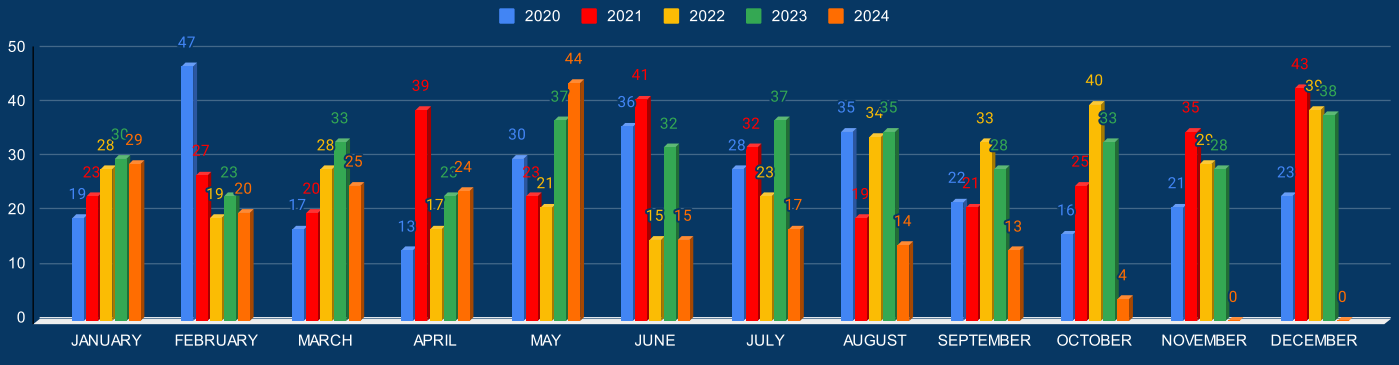
- Total poaching incidents in October remained consistent at 16 in both 2024 and 2023.
- The Palk Strait saw a rise in incidents (6 in 2024 compared to 0 in 2023).
- Incidents in the Gulf of Mannar increased to 3 from 1 in 2023.
- Palk Bay reported a significant drop, from 15 incidents in 2023 to 7 in 2024.
- The Eastern Coast and other areas reported no incidents in both years.





### MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

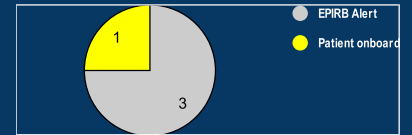
### MARITIME INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

**Statistics:**

- 04 incidents in October 2024, compared to 31 in October 2023 and 13 in September 2024
- No incidents recorded for Fire Onboard, Man Overboard, Arrival Overdue, Grounding, Death, or Other Incidents, compared to October 2023

**Comments:**

- Maritime incidents decreased significantly to 4 in October 2024, compared to 31 in October 2023.
- There was also a decline from 13 incidents in September 2024.
- No cases of Fire Onboard, Man Overboard, Arrival Overdue, Grounding, Death, or other incidents were reported in October 2024.
- This indicates notable improvements in maritime safety.



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<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Collision	<span style="color: brown;">■</span> Capsized	<span style="color: white;">■</span> No Communication	<span style="color: darkred;">■</span> Man Overboard Boat		<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Other	

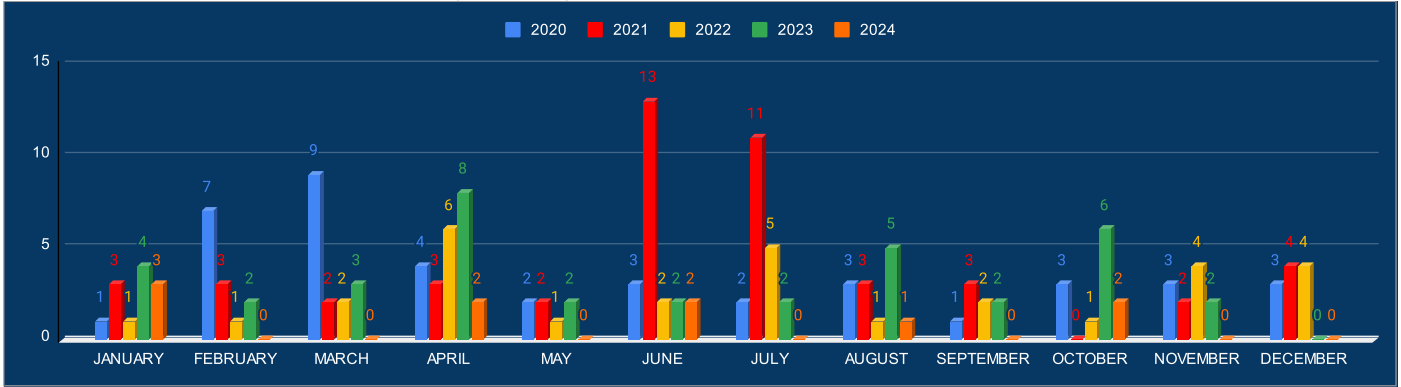


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP OCTOBER 2024

### DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)

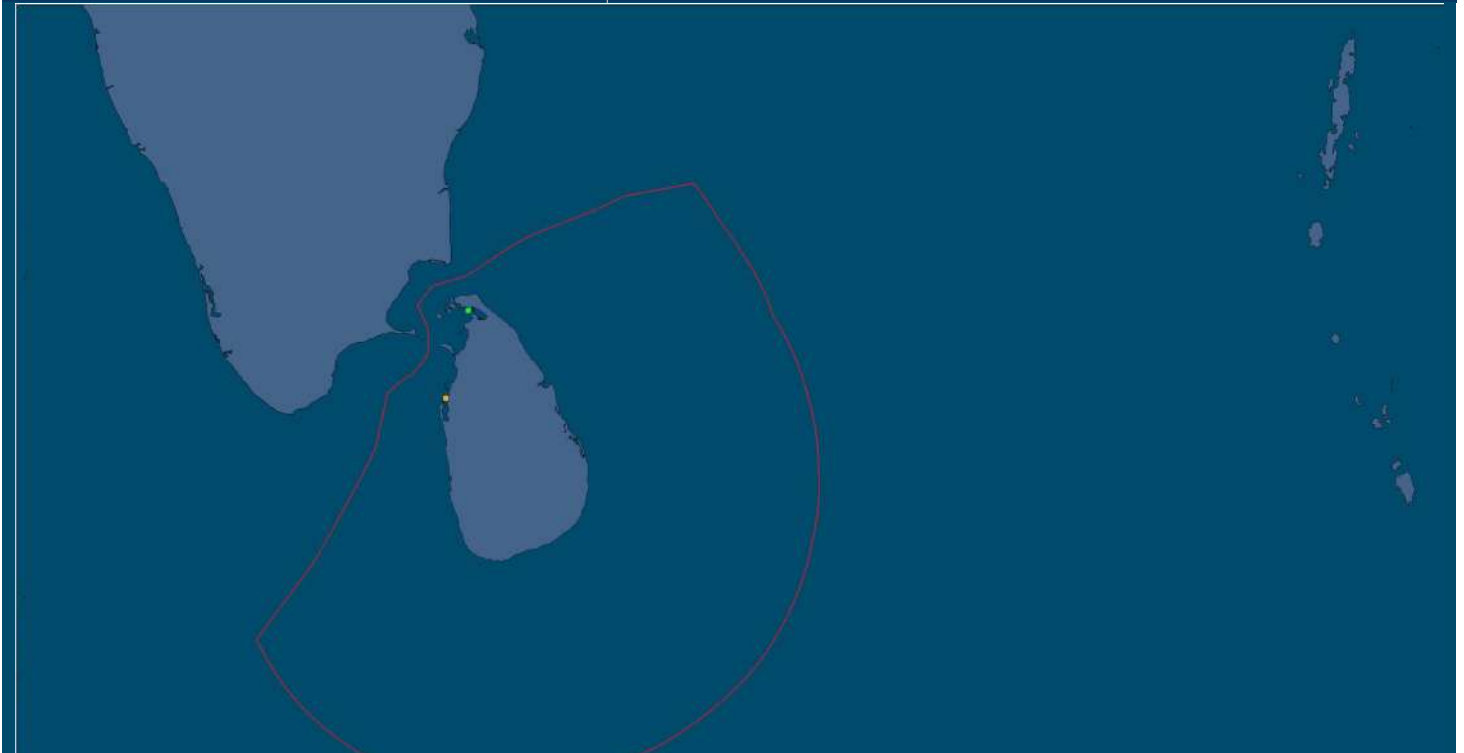
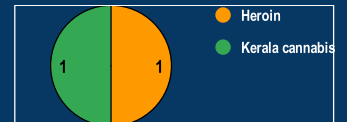


#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Heroin	0	0	3	1
Kerala cannabis	0	0	0	1
Ice	0	0	1	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	0	2	0
Local cannabis	0	1	0	0

#### DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

- 02 drug smuggling incidents reported in October 2024, a significant improvement compared to September 2024.



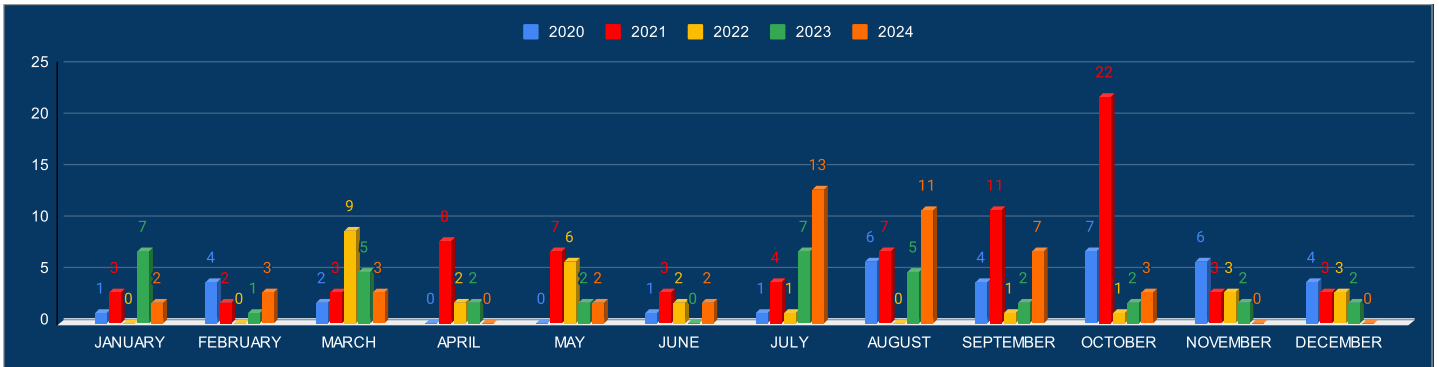


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### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Cardamom	1	0	0	0
Glyphosate	20	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0
Kendu leaves	0	1	0	3
Other	1	0	2	0
Turmeric	20	0	0	0

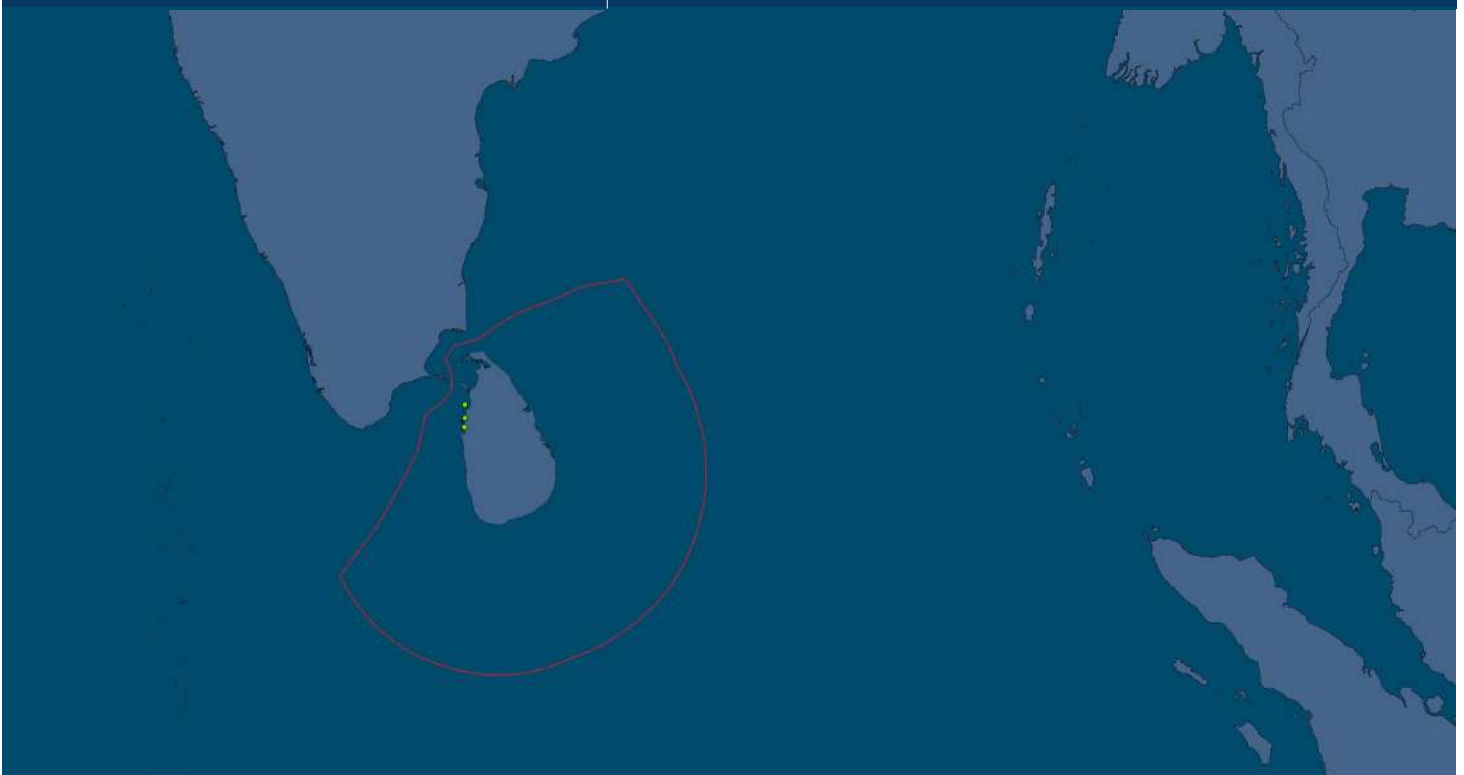
#### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

**Statistics:**

- 03 incidents in October 2024, compared to 02 in October 2023 and 07 in September 2024
- Types of contraband involved in October 2024 : - Kendu Leaves: 3 incidents
- No incidents related to Cardamom, Glyphosate, or Gold reported this month.

**Comments:**

- Contraband smuggling incidents increased slightly to 3 in October 2024, compared to 2 in October 2023.
- The number of incidents increased to 7 in September 2024.
- All reported incidents in October 2024 involved Kendu Leaves.
- No incidents related to Cardamom, Glyphosate, or Gold were reported this month.



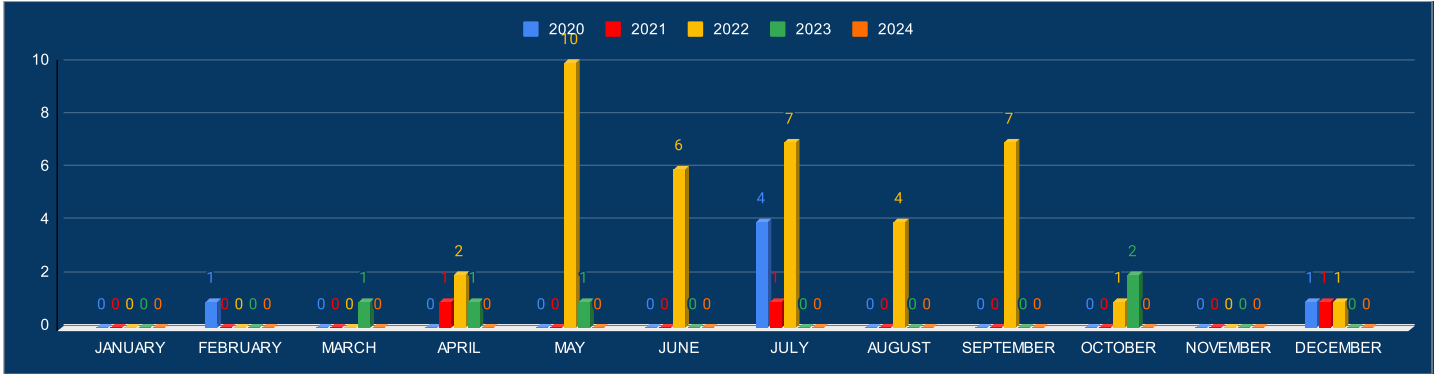


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### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Human Smuggling	0	1	2	0

#### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS





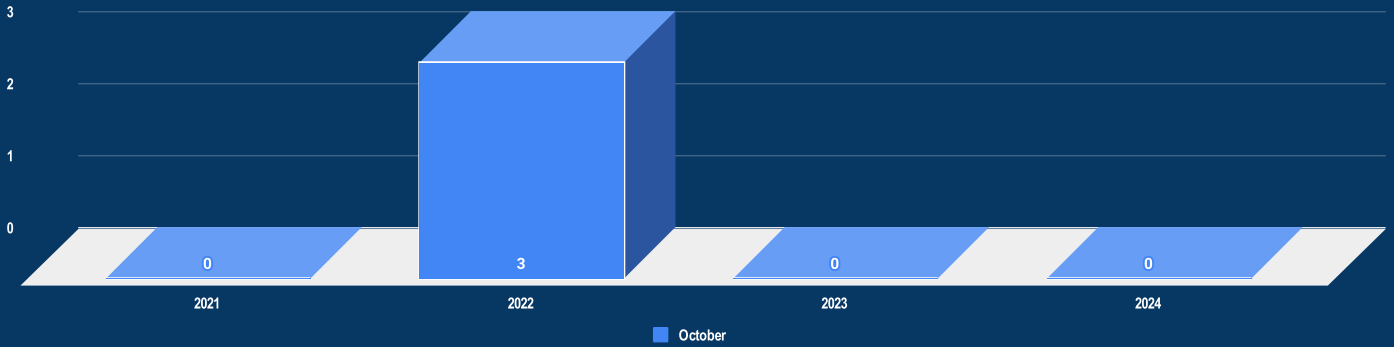


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### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2021	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Water Gel Sticks	0	3	0	0

#### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2024 SUMMARY

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





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2024

**Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:** IUU fishing incidents dropped to 7 in October 2024, down from 38 in October 2023 and 17 in September 2024. There was a clear reduction in violations like illegal nets and harvesting prohibited species. However, explosive fishing cases rose to 3 in October 2024, which is a new concern.

**Poaching:** Total poaching incidents in October remained the same in 2024 and 2023, with 16 incidents each year. However, there was a rise in poaching in the Palk Strait, with 6 incidents in 2024 compared to none in 2023. The Gulf of Mannar saw an increase in incidents, from 1 in 2023 to 3 in 2024. Palk Bay reported a significant drop, from 15 incidents in 2023 to 7 in 2024. No poaching incidents were reported on the Eastern Coast or in other areas in both years.

**Maritime Incidents:** There has been a significant decrease in maritime incidents in October 2024 to 4 compared to 31 in October 2023, and a decrease in October 2024 compared to 13 in September 2024. There have been no serious incidents such as onboard fires, fires involving people on board, groundings or fatalities, indicating a clear improvement in maritime safety.

**Drug Smuggling:** 2 smuggling incidents were reported in October 2024, continuing a positive trend after 0 incidents in September 2024.

**Contraband Smuggling:** Contraband smuggling incidents slightly increased to 3 in October 2024, up from 2 in October 2023. There was a higher number of incidents in September 2024, with 7 reported. All smuggling incidents in October 2024 involved Kendu Leaves, and there were no reports of smuggling related to Cardamom, Glyphosate, or Gold during this month.

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

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

**Overall Analysis:** The October 2024 report indicates steady performance in reducing overall incidents compared to previous years. Zero incidents of human smuggling 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.