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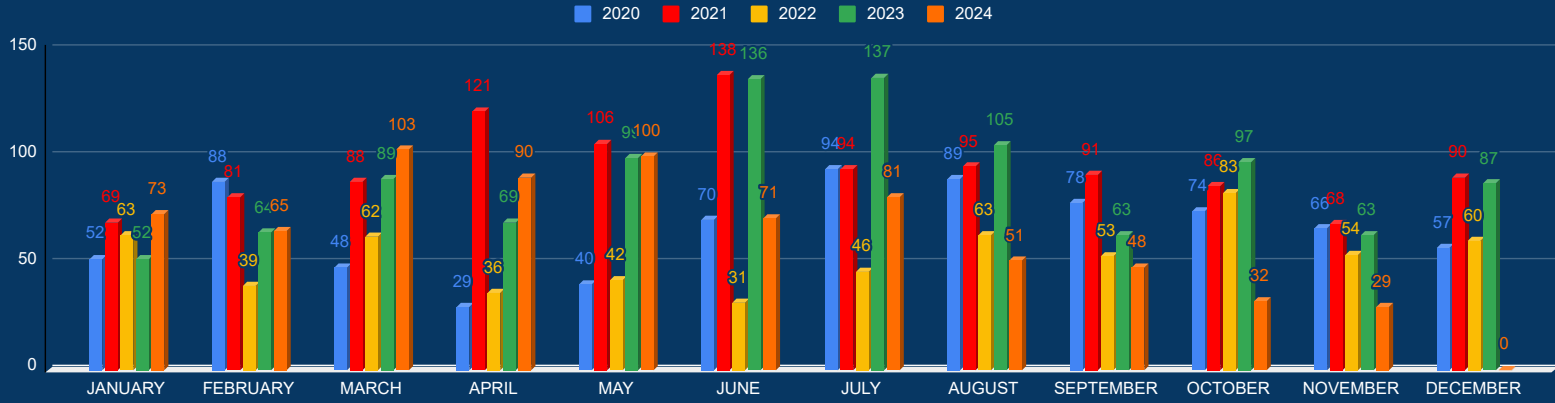


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2024

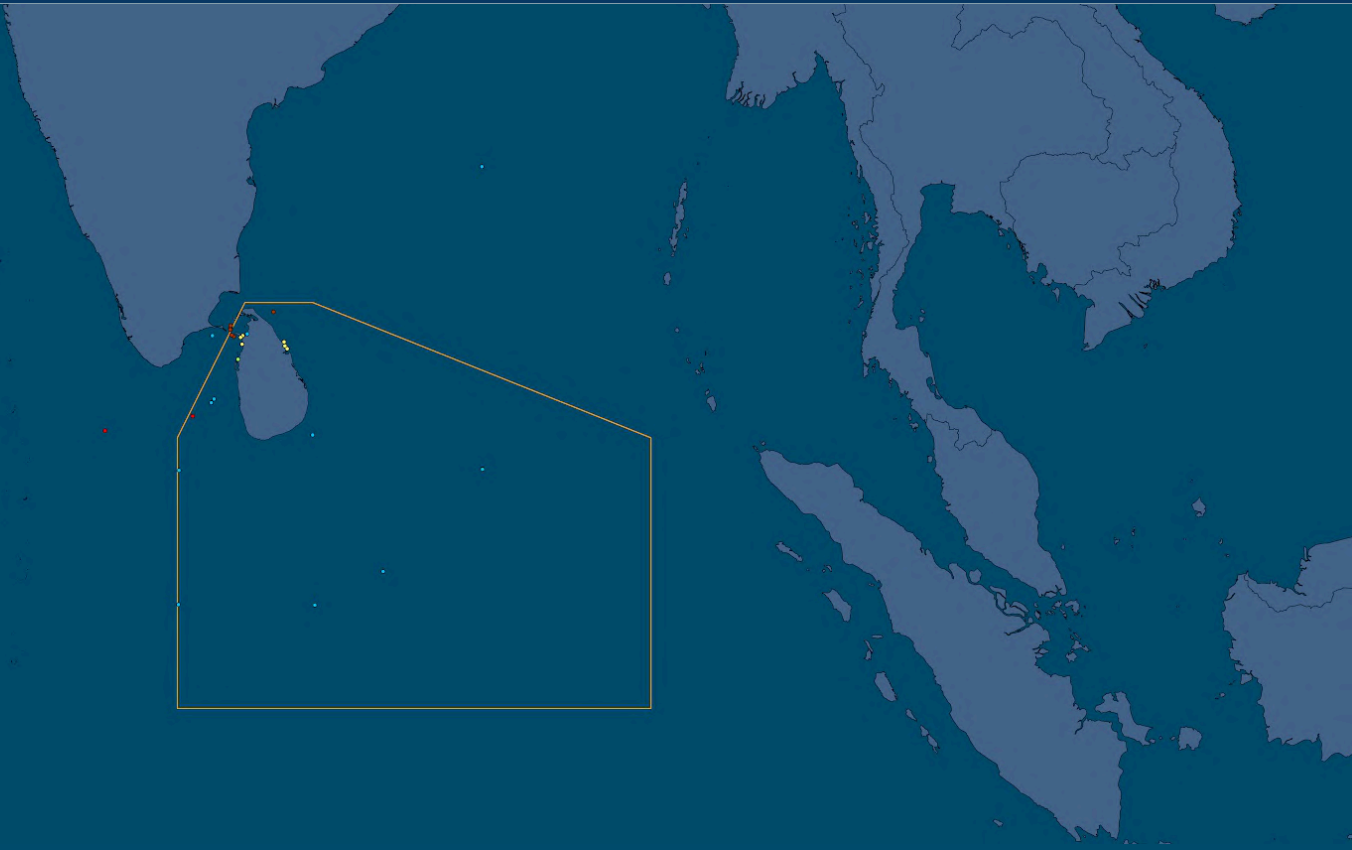
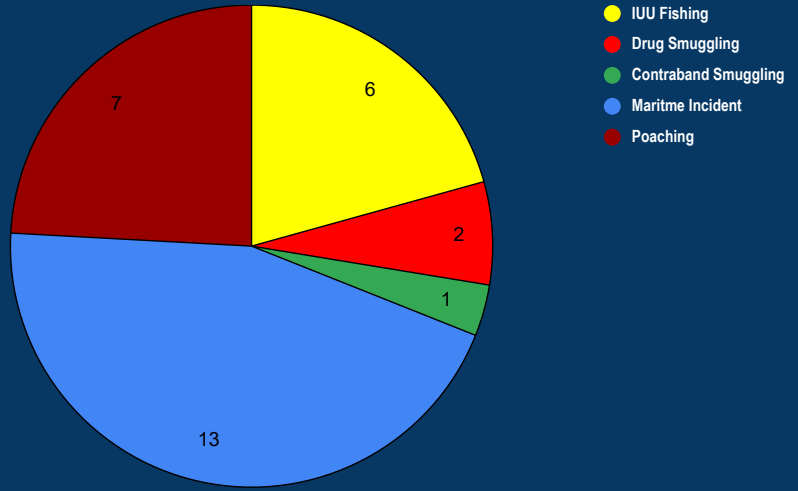
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| IUU Fishing | 19 | 7 | 28 | 6 |
| Drug Smuggling | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Contraband Smuggling | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Human Smuggling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maritime Incident | 35 | 29 | 28 | 13 |
| Poaching | 9 | 11 | 3 | 7 |
| Explosive and Firearms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



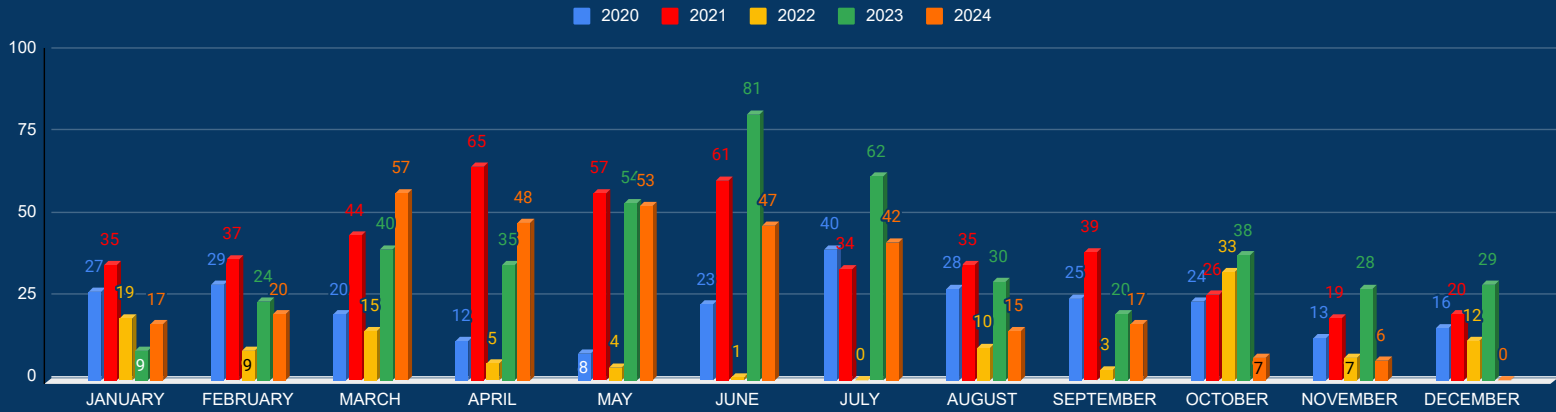


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IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Violation of Certificate Conditions | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Harvesting Prohibited Species | 12 | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| Illegal Net | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Illegal Methods | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Explosive Fishing | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

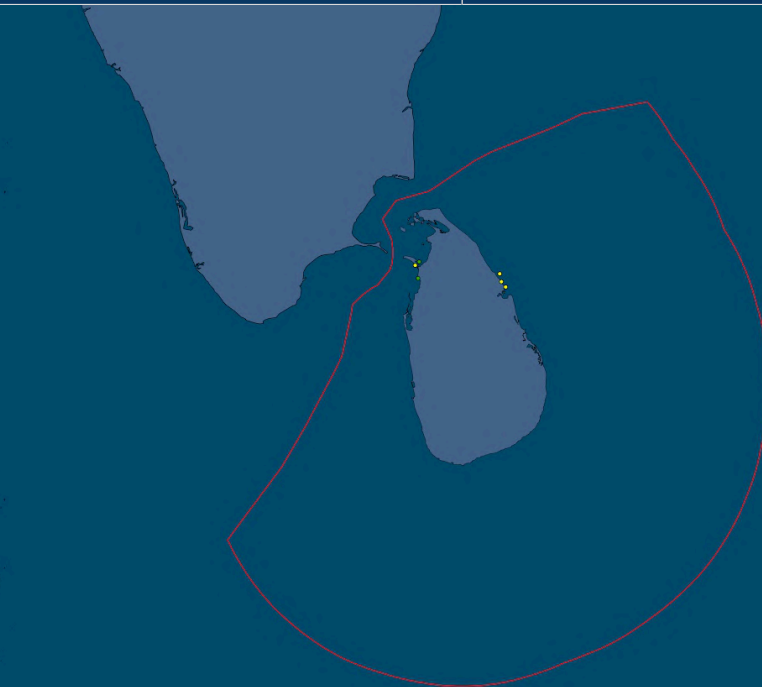
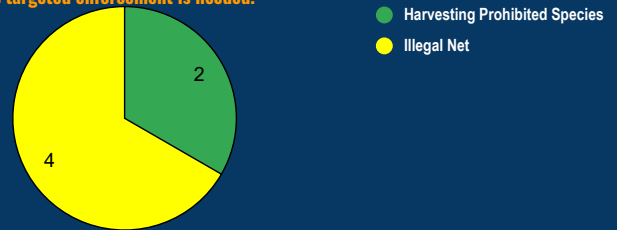
IUU FISHING – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 6 incidents in November 2024, compared to 28 in November 2023 and 7 in October 2024.
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 0 incidents (down from 5 in 2023).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 2 incidents (down from 12 in 2023).
- Illegal Nets: 4 incidents (up from 3 in 2023).
- Illegal Methods: 0 incidents (down from 8 in 2023).
- Explosive Fishing: 0 incidents (unchanged from 2023).

Comments:

- Overall incidents declined significantly from 2023, indicating progress.
- Decreases in Harvesting Prohibited Species and Illegal Methods reflect improved compliance.
- The rise in Illegal Nets suggests targeted enforcement is needed.



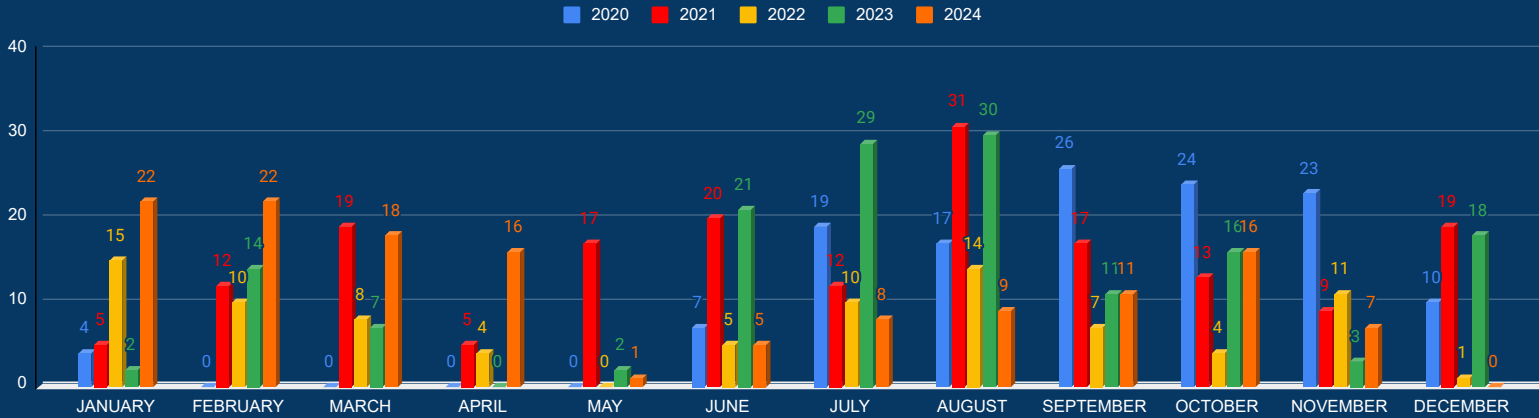


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2024

POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Eastern Coast | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Palk Strait | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Gulf of Mannar | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Palk Bay | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Others | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

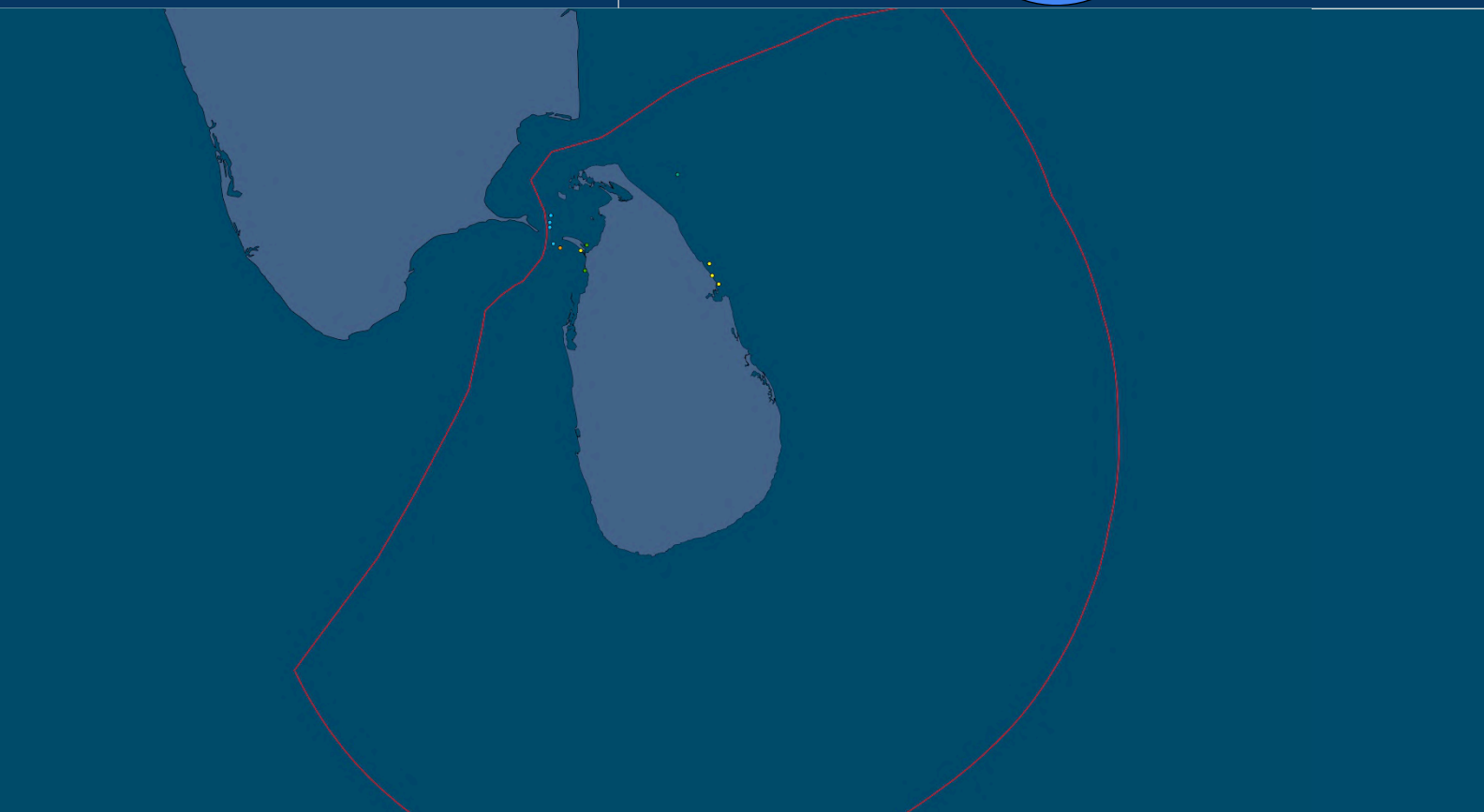
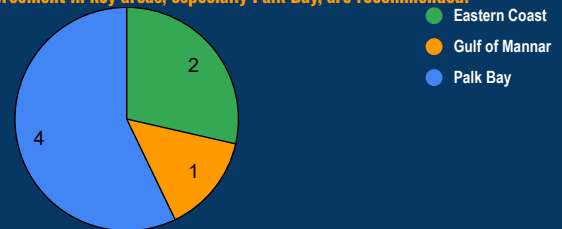
POACHING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 7 incidents reported, up from November 2023 (3 incidents) but down from October 2024 (16 incidents).
- Breakdown by Area:
 - Eastern Coast & Palk Strait: No incidents (1 and 2 incidents in November 2023, respectively).
 - Gulf of Mannar: 1 incident (0 in November 2023).
 - Palk Bay: 4 incidents (0 in November 2023).
 - Other Areas: No incidents.

Comments:

- Palk Bay emerges as a hotspot with 4 incidents in November 2024.
- Reduced activity in other regions suggests shifts in poaching patterns.
- Continued vigilance and adaptive enforcement in key areas, especially Palk Bay, are recommended.



■ Eastern Coast
 ■ Palk Strait
 ■ Gulf of Mannar
 ■ Palk Bay
 ■ Other

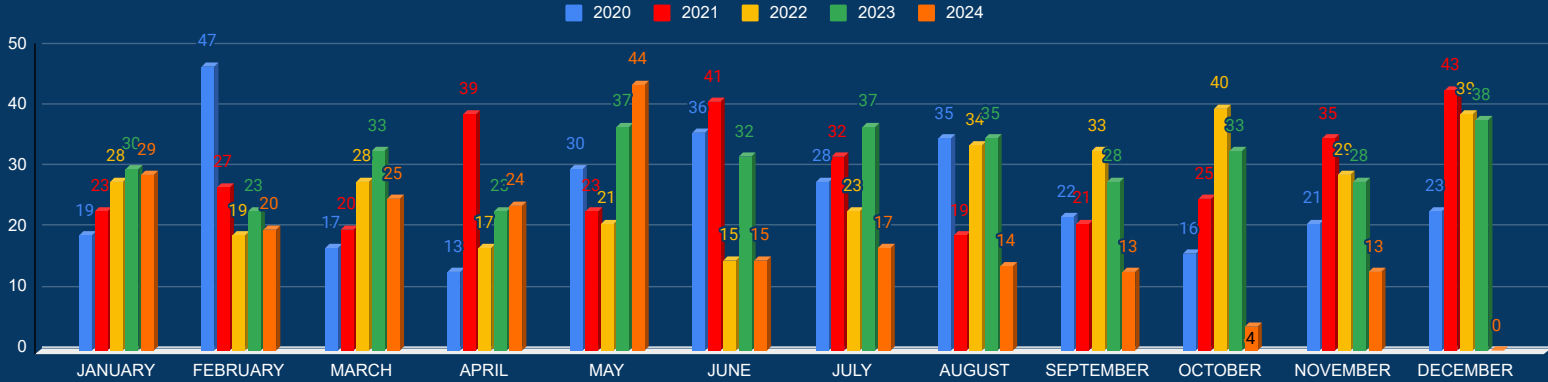


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2024

MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Technical Failure | 8 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Fire onboard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EPIRB Alert | 14 | 7 | 11 | 5 |
| Man Over Board | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Arrival Overdue | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Capsized | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ground | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Death | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Patient onboard | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Collision | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No Communication | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Other Incident | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

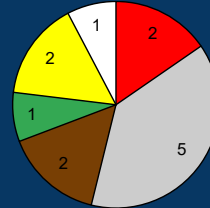
MARITIME INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

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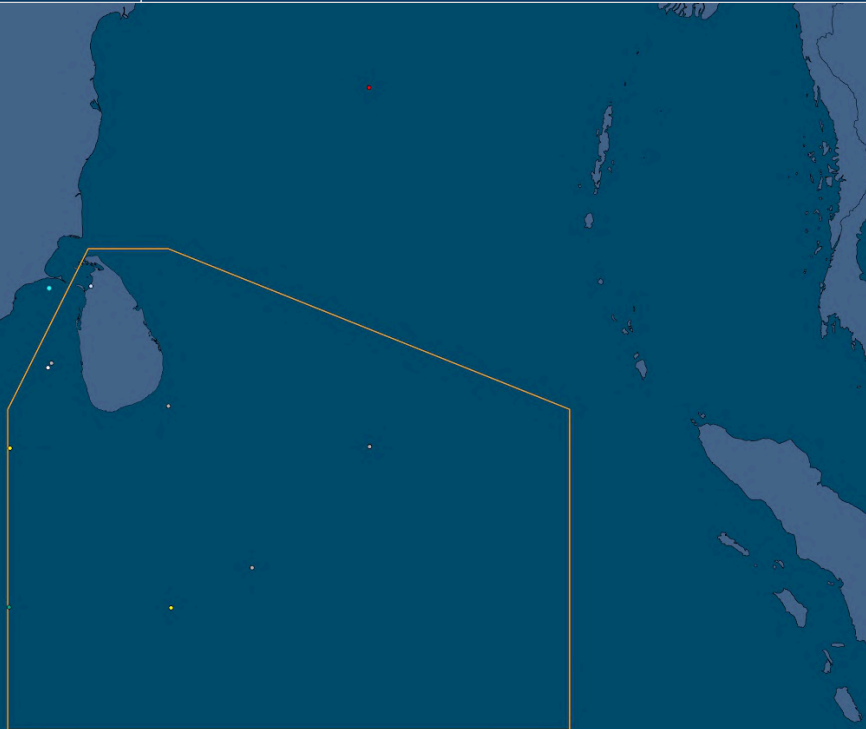
- Total incidents: 13 (down from 28 in November 2023, up from 4 in October 2024).
- Technical Failure: 2 incidents (down from 10 in 2023).
- EPIRB Alert: 5 incidents (down from 11 in 2023).
- Man Overboard: 2 incidents (Same with 2023).
- Death: 1 incident
- Patient Onboard: 2 incidents
- No Communication: 1 incident (down from 3 in 2023).

Comments:

- Incidents decreased compared to November 2023, showing improved safety.
- Zero incidents in critical categories like Grounding and Collision reflect effective protocols.
- Continued focus on recurring issues like EPIRB Alerts and Technical Failures is essential.



- Technical Failure
- EPIRB Alert
- Man Over Board
- Death
- Patient onboard
- No Communication



- Technical Failure
- Patient On board
- Distress Beacon Alert
- Grounded
- Overdue
- Fire On board
- Death
- Collision
- Capsized
- No Communication
- Man Overboard Boat
- Other

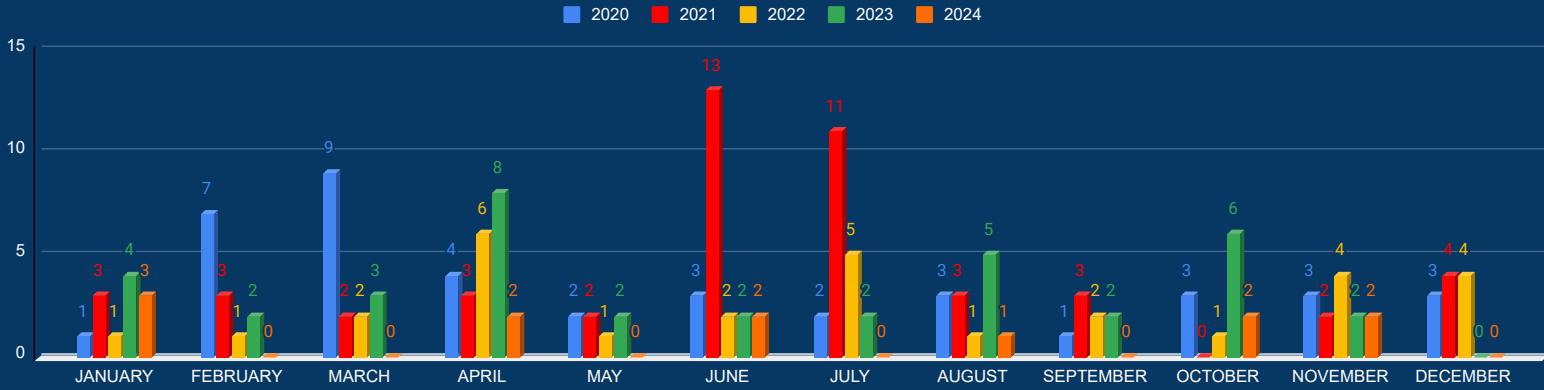


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2024

DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

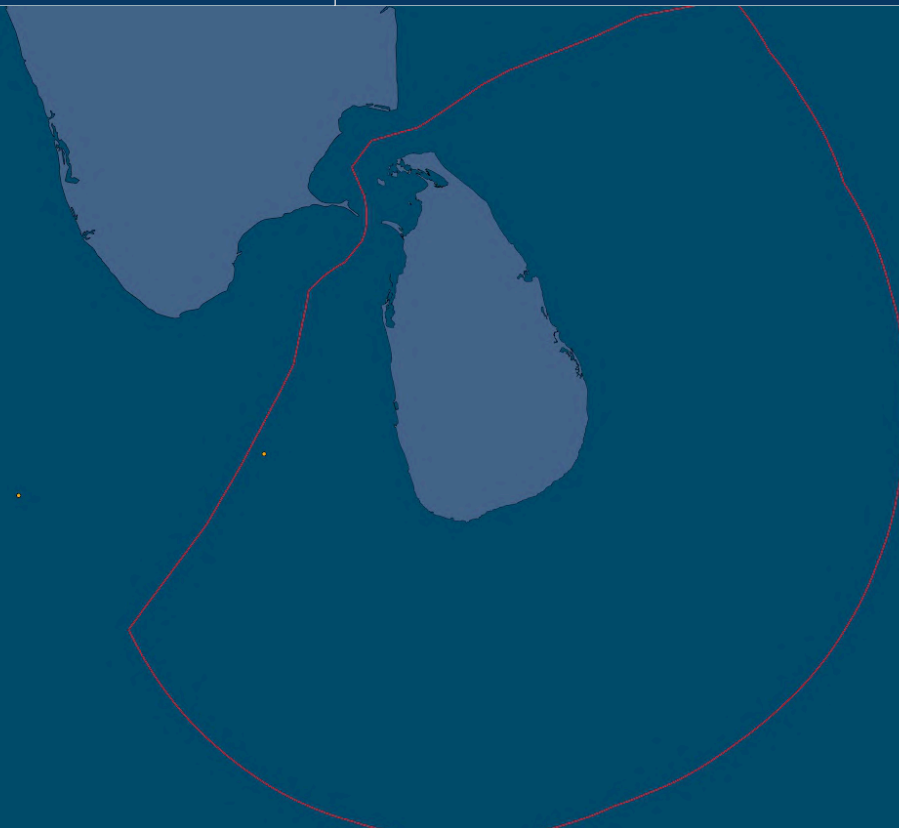
DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 2 drug smuggling incidents were recorded in November 2024.
- Compared to the previous month, October 2024, where 2 incidents were also reported, there was no change in the number of incidents.
- Both incidents in November 2024 involved the smuggling of heroin.

Comments:

- Heroin remains the focus of drug smuggling in the reported incidents for November 2024.
- Vigilance is essential as drug smuggling trends often shift between categories and geographic hotspots.
- Authorities should maintain robust monitoring systems and preventive measures to curb the movement of illicit substances, especially in areas known for drug trafficking routes.
- Collaboration between international agencies and local enforcement is critical to track and intercept such activities efficiently.



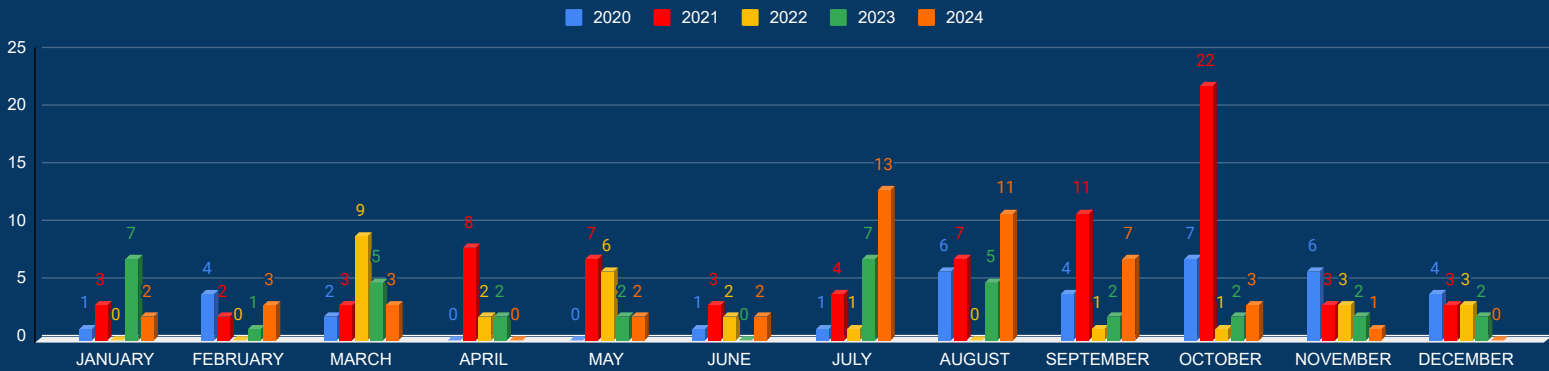


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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cardamom | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glyphosate | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gold | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kendu leaves | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Turmeric | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

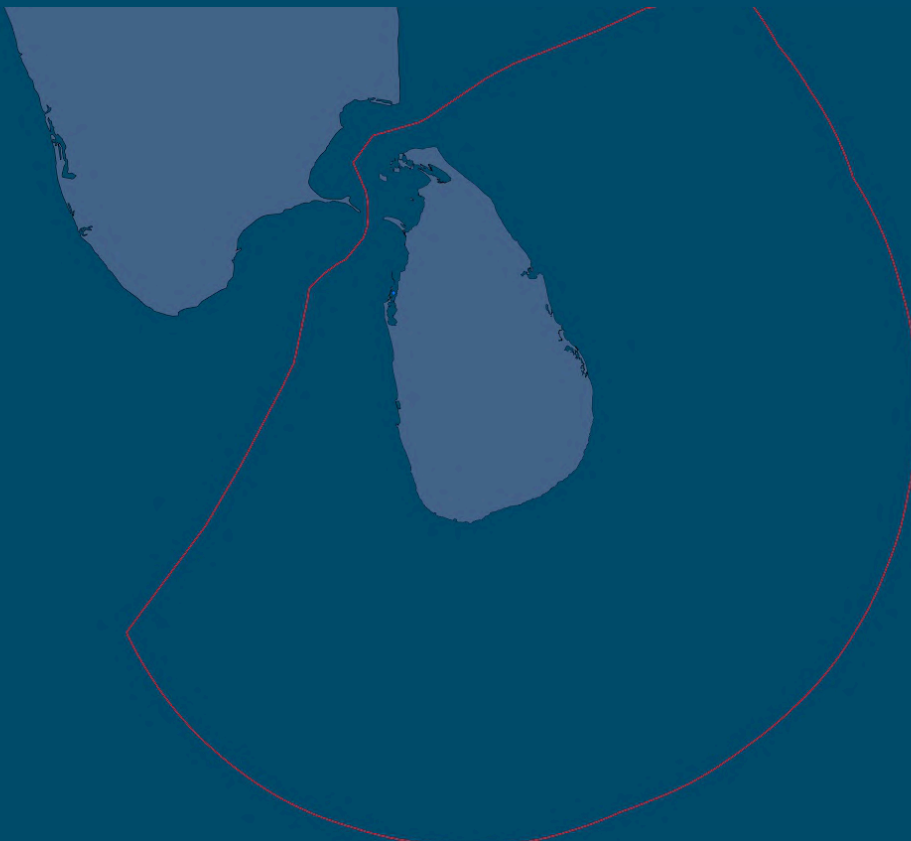
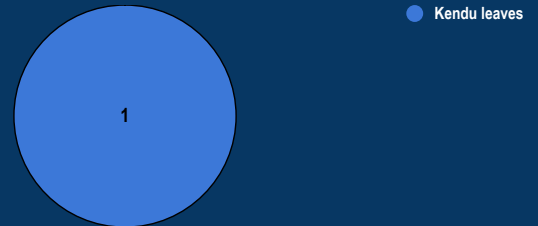
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 1 contraband smuggling incident was recorded in November 2024, lower compared to both November 2023 (2 incidents) and October 2024 (3 incidents).
- The single incident in November 2024 involved the smuggling of kendu leaves.

Comments:

- The decline in incidents suggests a temporary lull; however, the smuggling of kendu leaves continues to be a focus.
- Perpetrators may exploit lesser-patrolled routes or utilize new methods to transport contraband, necessitating continuous vigilance and adaptive counter-smuggling strategies.
- Authorities and trade stakeholders should prioritize monitoring in known smuggling hotspots and strengthen enforcement measures.
- Collaboration between regional enforcement agencies is essential to identify and dismantle contraband networks.



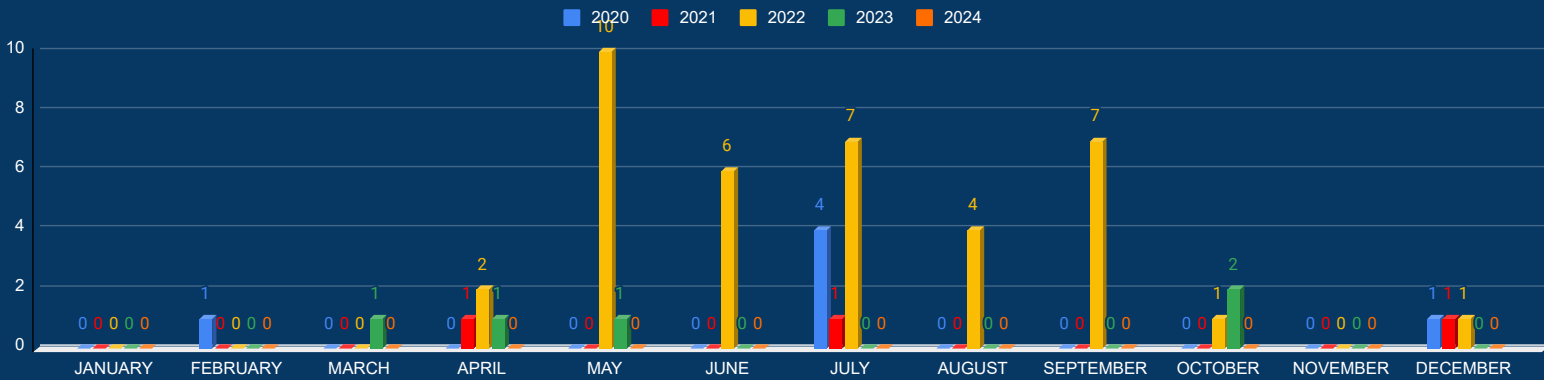


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Human Smuggling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

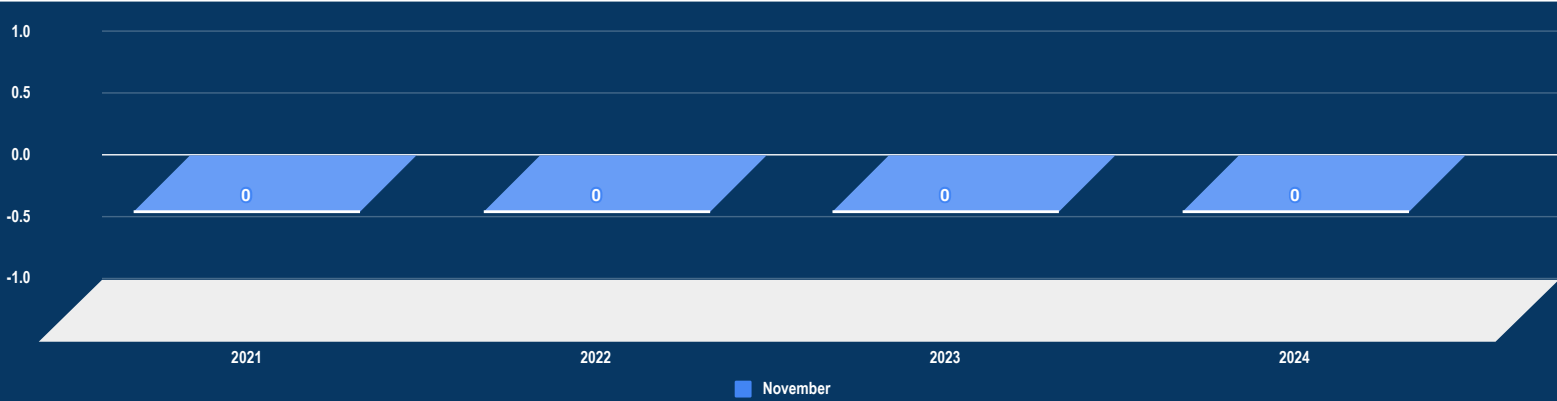
NO INCIDENTS





EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | NOV 2021 | NOV 2022 | NOV 2023 | NOV 2024 |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Water Gel Sticks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS

**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN NOVEMBER 2024**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2024

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: A total of 6 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in November 2024, significantly lower than the 28 incidents in November 2023 and slightly lower than the 7 incidents in October 2024. While incidents involving illegal nets (4) increased slightly from 3 in November 2023, no cases of illegal methods or certificate condition violations were reported. Harvesting prohibited species incidents (2) decreased substantially from 12 in 2023, and no incidents of explosive fishing were observed this year.

Poaching: 7 poaching incidents were recorded in November 2024, an increase from 3 incidents in November 2023 but lower than the 16 incidents in October 2024. The Palk Bay was the primary hotspot with 4 incidents (up from 0 in 2023), while no poaching was reported in the Palk Strait and other areas.

Maritime Incidents: 13 maritime incidents occurred in November 2024, a reduction from 28 incidents in November 2023 but higher than the 9 incidents in October 2024. EPIRB alerts rose to 5 incidents (from 11 in 2023), while technical failures dropped to 2 incidents (from 10 in 2023).

Drug Smuggling: 2 drug smuggling incidents were reported in November 2024, consistent with November 2023 and October 2024. Both incidents involved heroin and Kerala cannabis smuggling.

Contraband Smuggling: A single contraband smuggling incident was recorded in November 2024, down from 2 incidents in November 2023 and 3 incidents in October 2024. The incident involved the smuggling of kendu leaves.

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

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No incidents involving explosives or firearms were reported in November 2024, consistent with November 2023.

Overall Analysis: The November 2024 report highlights significant reductions in IUU fishing and maritime incidents compared to November 2023, reflecting ongoing improvements in enforcement and safety measures. However, the resurgence of poaching in Palk Bay and persistent contraband smuggling of kendu leaves underscore the need for heightened surveillance and targeted interventions. The absence of drug smuggling in other categories and stability in human smuggling incidents remain positive trends.