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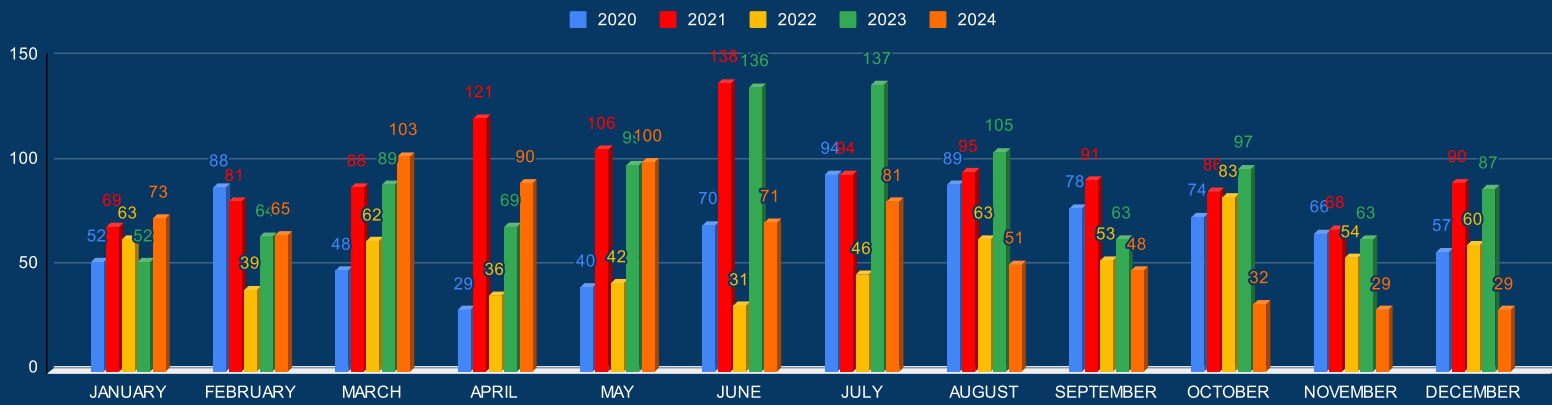


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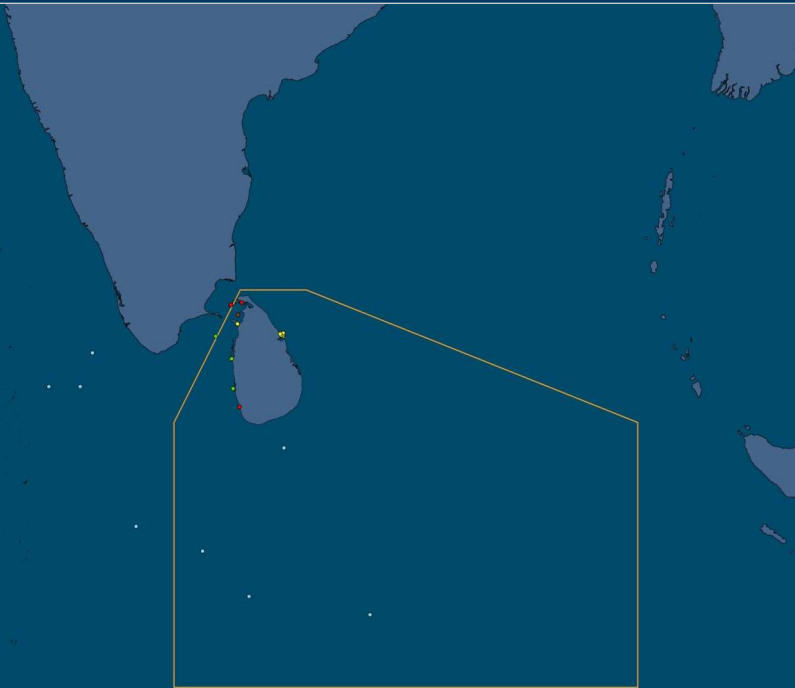
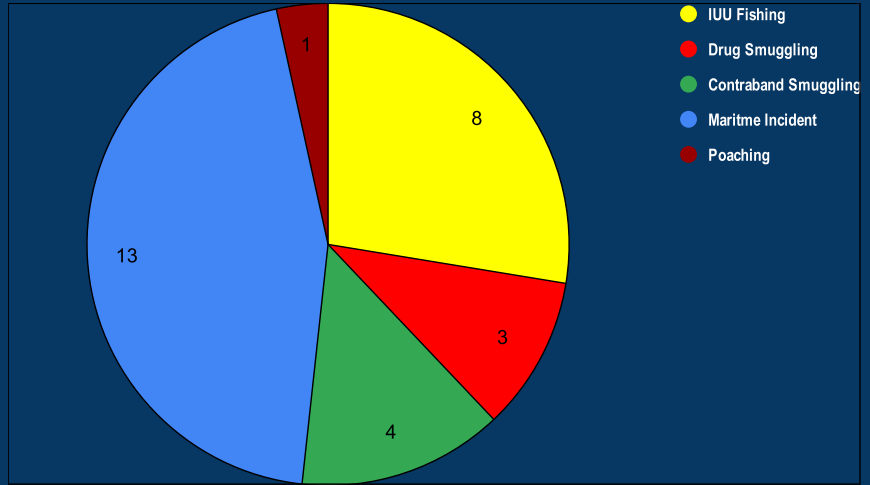
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

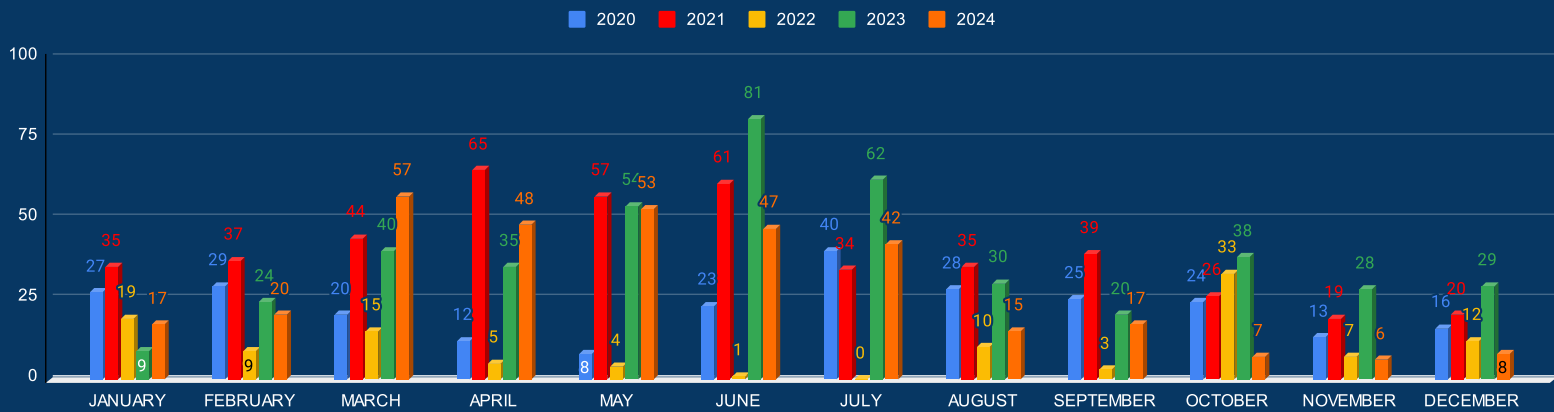
INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
IUU Fishing	20	12	29	8
Drug Smuggling	4	4	0	3
Contraband Smuggling	3	3	2	4
Human Smuggling	1	1	0	0
Maritime Incident	43	39	38	13
Poaching	19	1	18	1
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Violation of Certificate Conditions	7	2	3	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	5	7	22	1
Illegal Net	7	1	3	4
Illegal Methods	1	1	1	0
Explosive Fishing	0	1	0	1

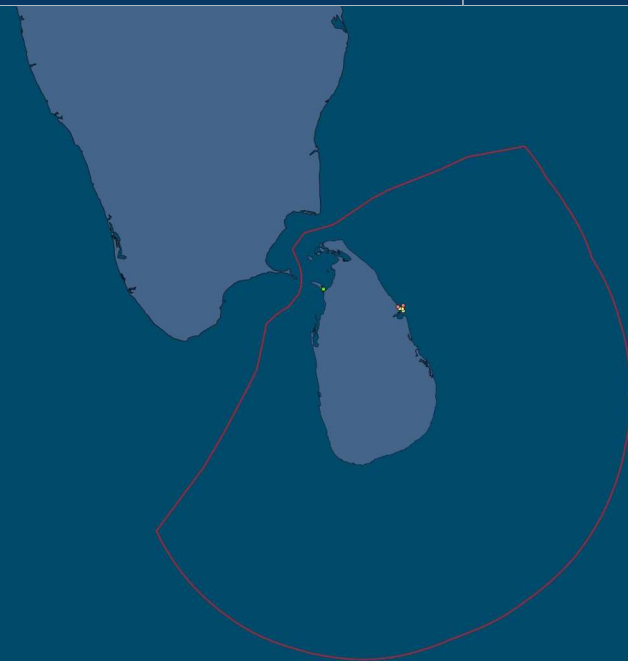
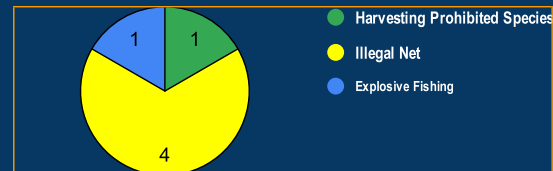
IUU FISHING – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 6 incidents in December 2024, compared to 29 in December 2023 and same with October 2024.
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 0 incidents (down from 3 in 2023).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 1 incidents (down from 22 in 2023).
- Illegal Nets: 4 incidents (up from 3 in 2023).
- Illegal Methods: 0 incidents (down from 1 in 2023).
- Explosive Fishing: 1 incidents (increase 0 from 2023).

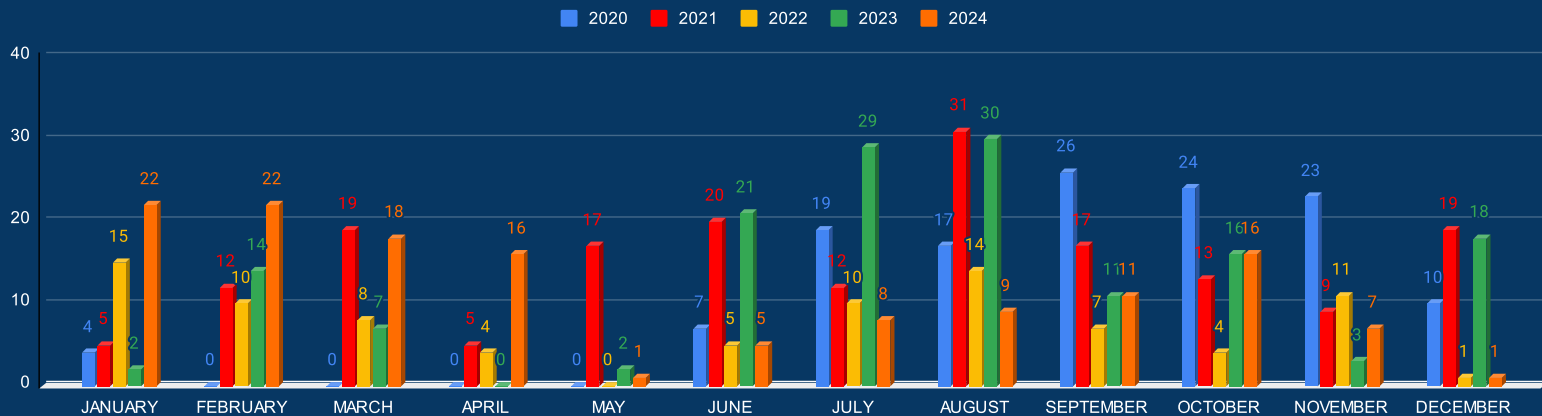
Comments:

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



POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Eastern Coast	2	1	2	0
Palk Strait	2	0	5	0
Gulf of Mannar	4	0	2	0
Palk Bay	10	0	9	1
Others	0	0	0	0

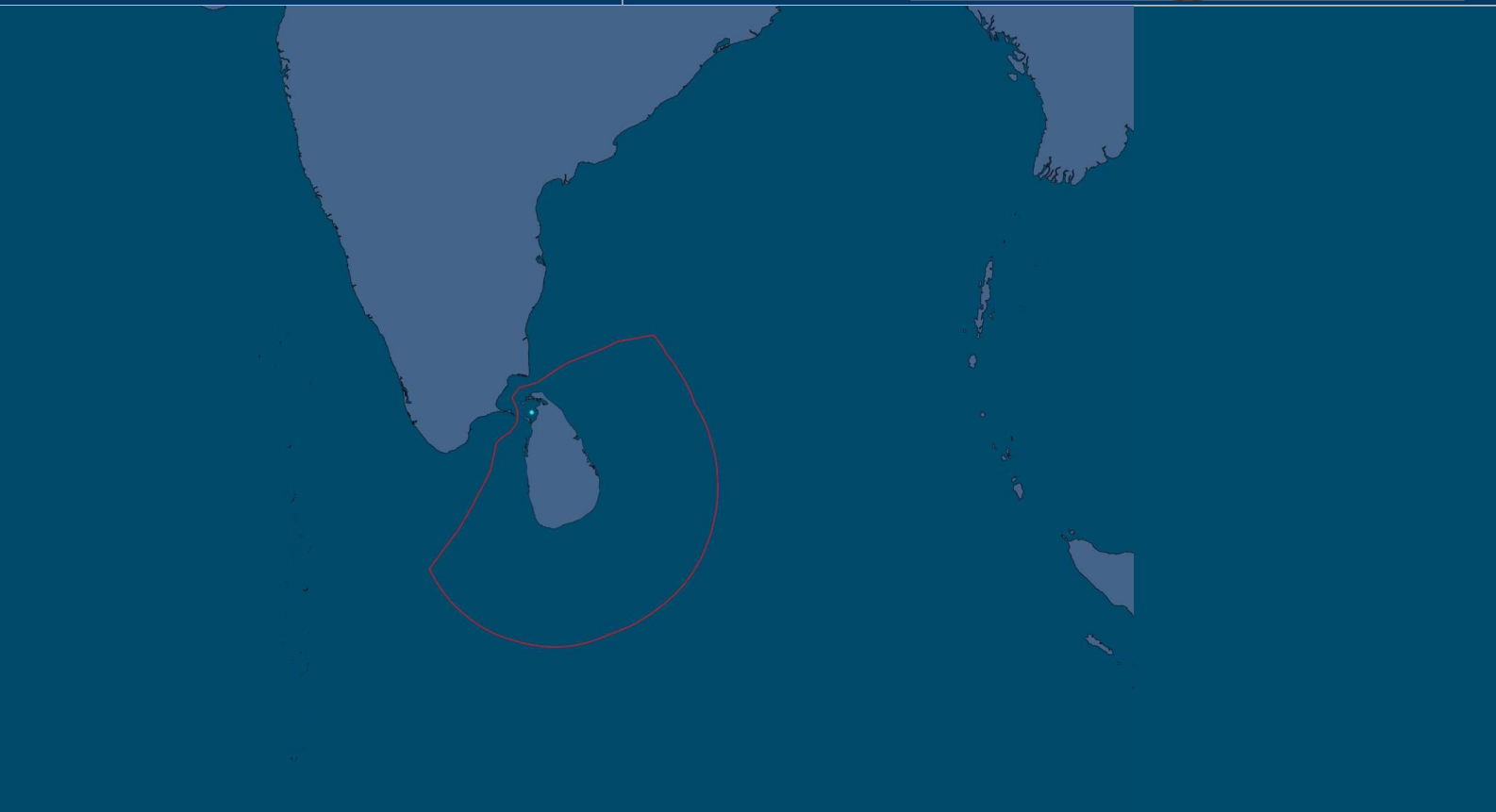
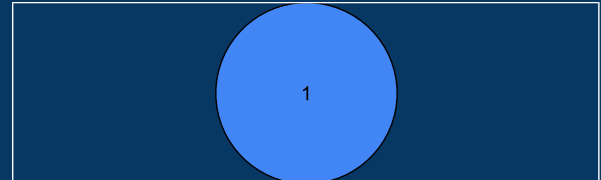
POACHING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 1 incident reported, up from December 2024 but down from November 2024 (07 incidents).
- Breakdown by Area:
- All Areas: No incidents without Palk Bay.

Comments:

- Palk Bay emerges as a hotspot with 1 incidents in December 2024.
- Reduced activity in other regions suggests shifts in poaching patterns.
- Continued vigilance and adaptive enforcement in key areas, especially Palk Bay, are recommended.



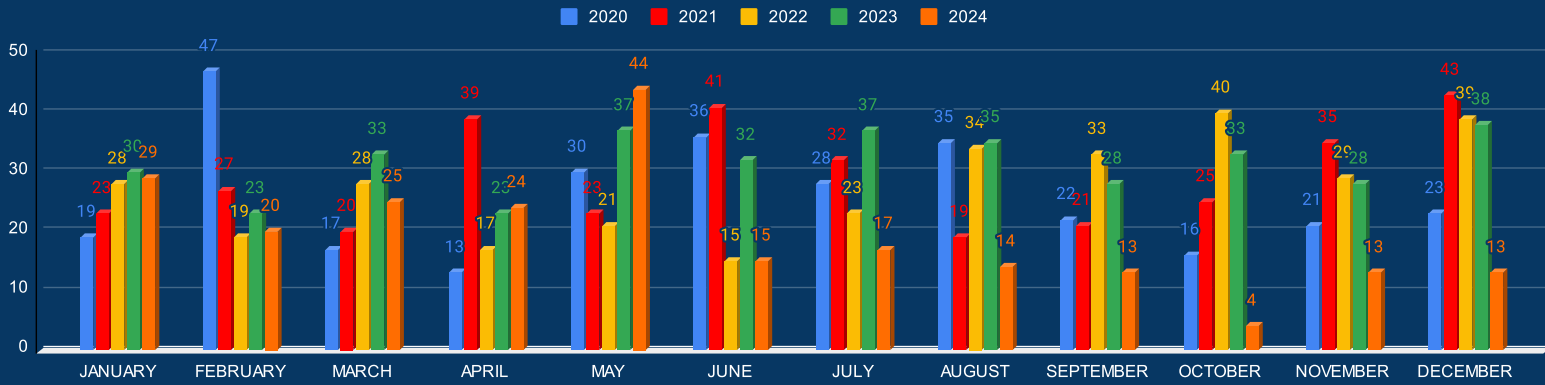


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP DECEMBER 2024

MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Technical Failure	13	9	16	10
Fire onboard	1	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	14	14	12	0
Man Over Board	0	0	0	0
Arrival Overdue	4	1	1	0
Capsized	1	2	0	0
Ground	0	2	1	0
Death	0	1	2	0
Patient onboard	7	3	5	0
Collision	2	1	0	0
No Communication	1	2	1	1
Other Incident	0	2	0	0

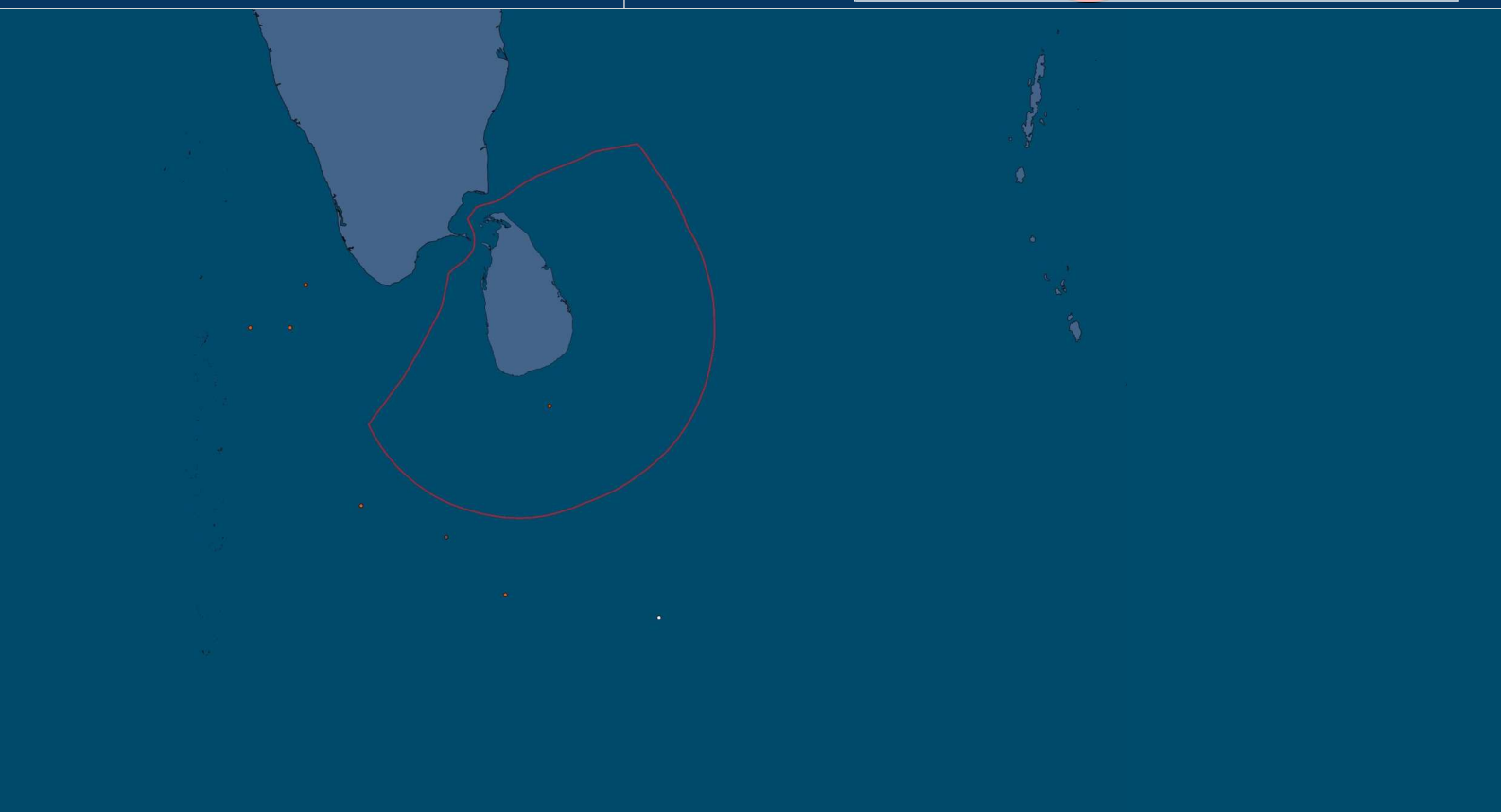
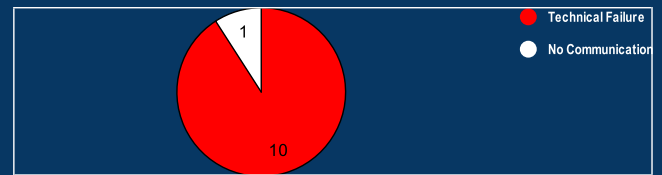
MARITIME INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- Total incidents: 11 (down from 38 in December 2023, Down from 13 in November 2024).
- Technical Failure: 10 incidents (down from 16 in 2023).
- EPIRB Alert: 0 incidents (down from 12 in 2023).
- Patient Onboard: 2 incidents
- No Communication: 1 incident (down from 3 in 2023).
- No other incidents in December 2024.

Comments:

- Incidents decreased compared to December 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.



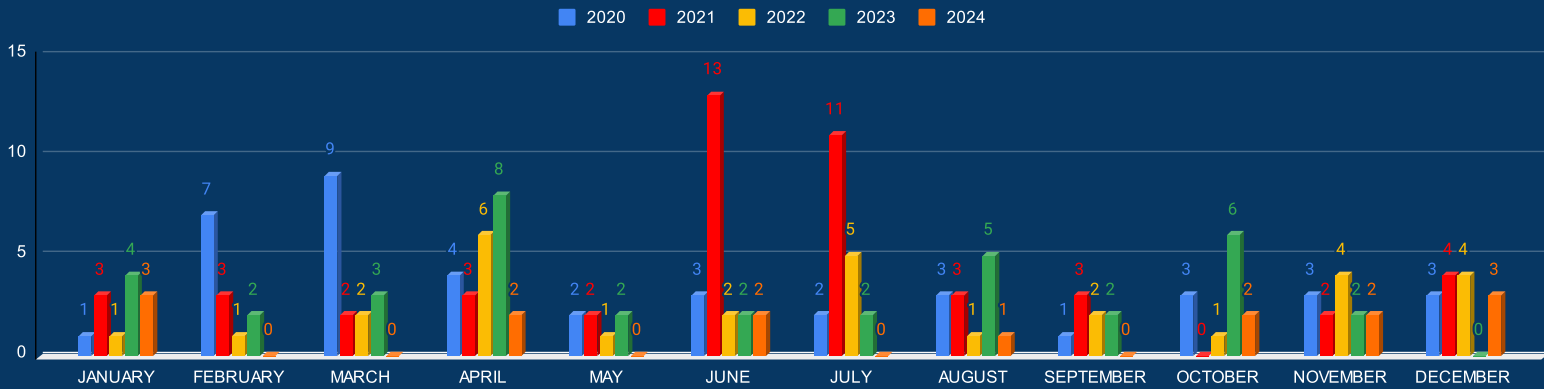


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP DECEMBER 2024

DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

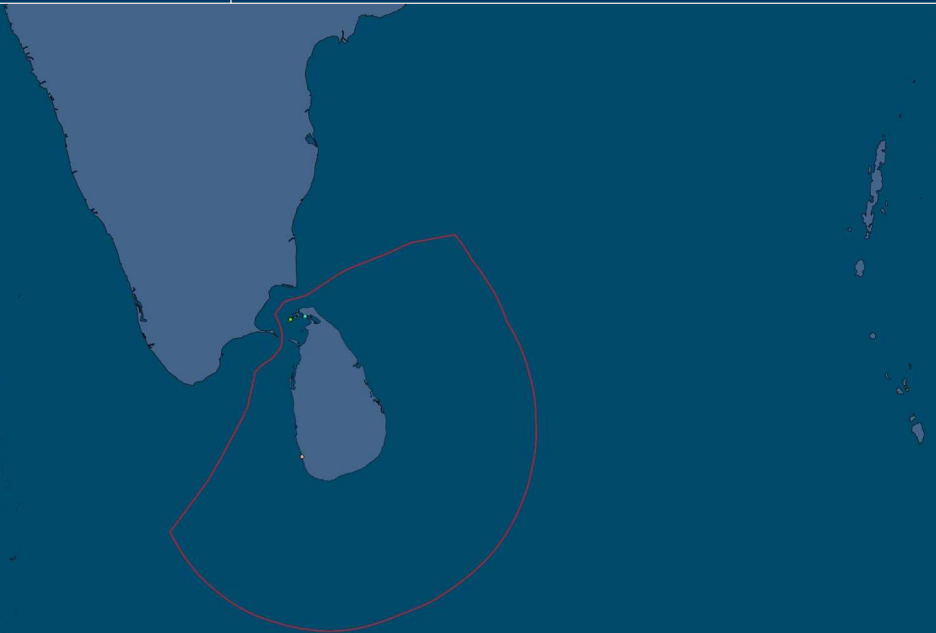
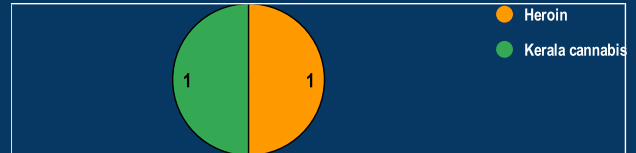
DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

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

Comments:

- Heroin remains the focus of drug smuggling in the reported incidents for December 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.



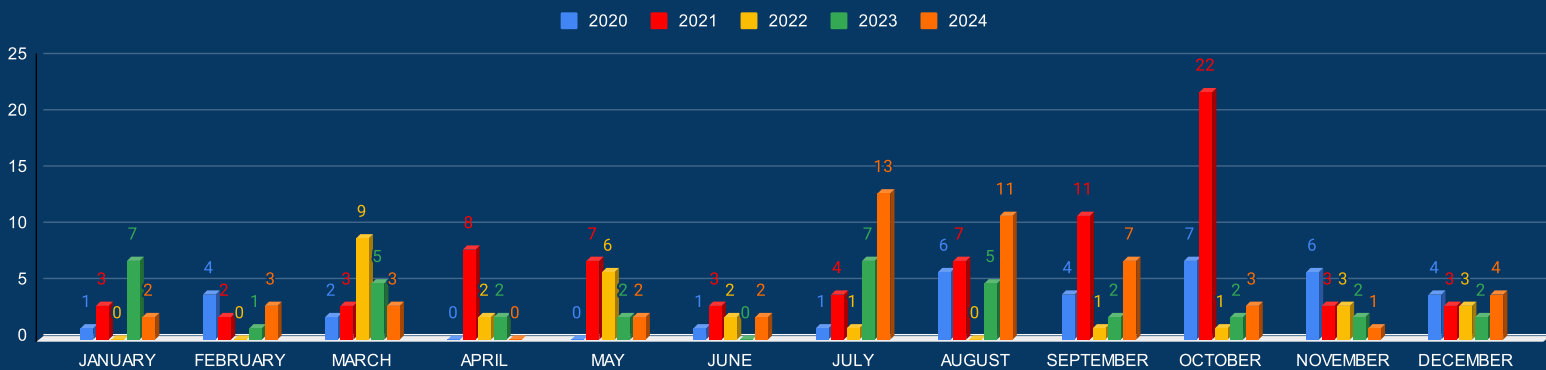


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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

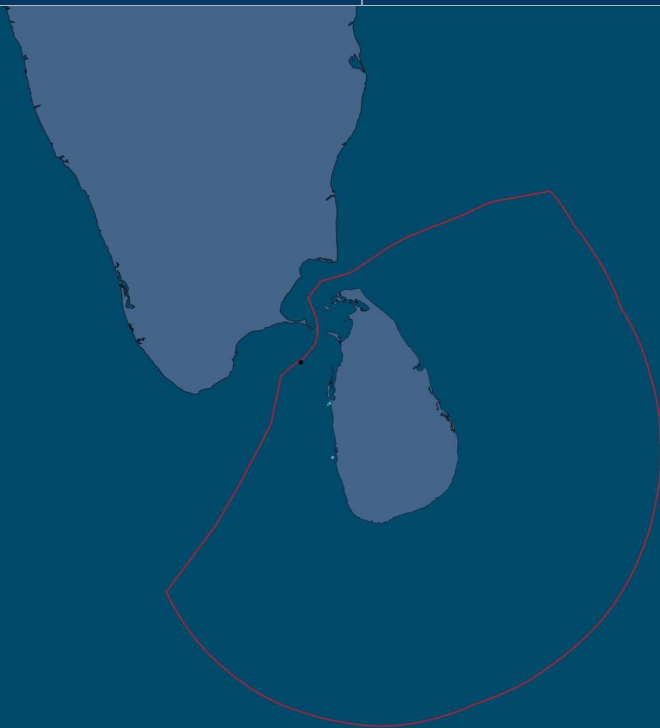
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 3 contraband smuggling incidents was recorded in December 2024, lower compared to both November 2023 (2 incidents) and October 2024 (3 incidents).
- Total incidents in December 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.



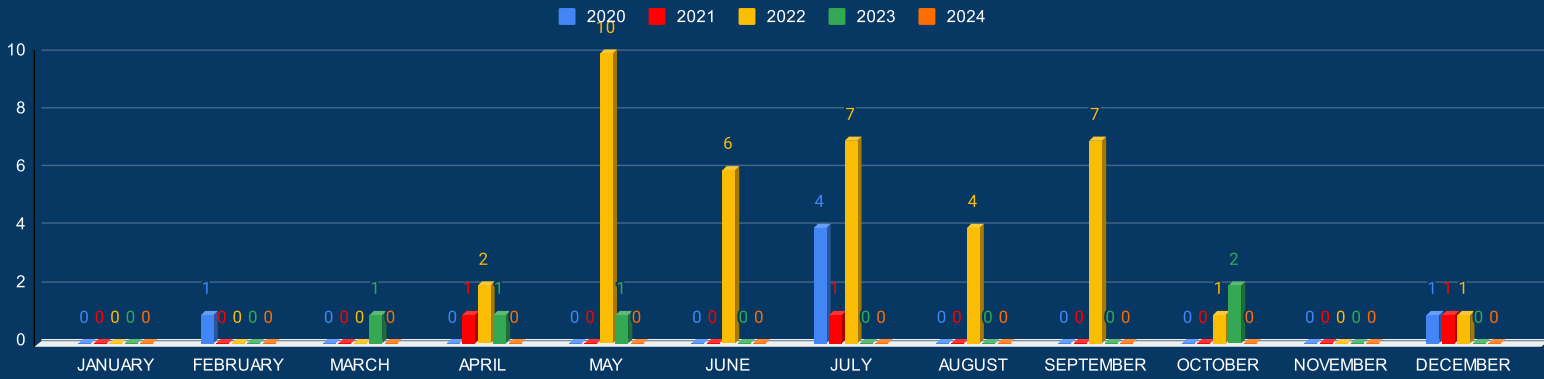


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Human Smuggling	1	1	0	0

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS

**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN DECEMBER 2024**

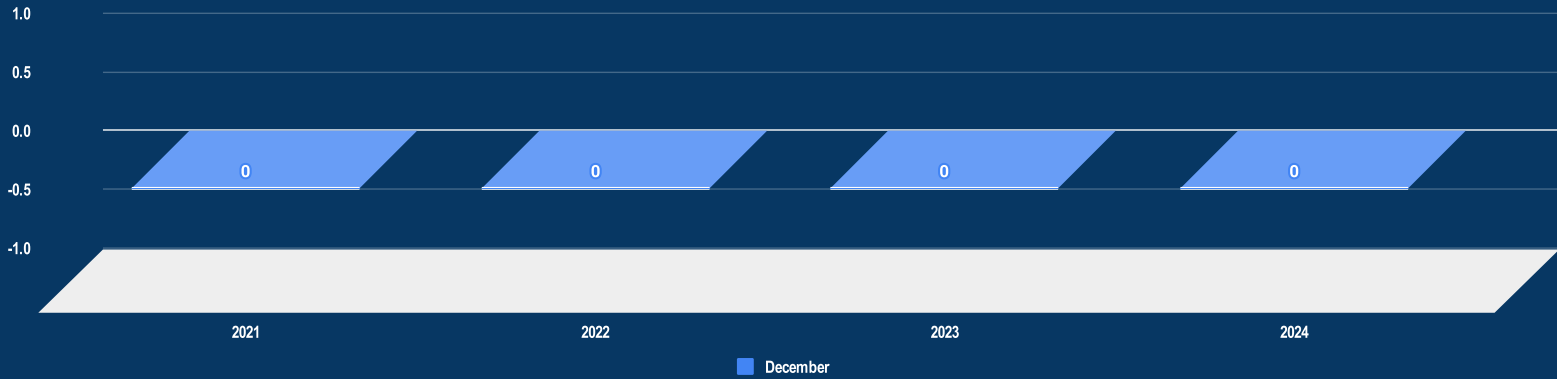


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EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2024)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS



**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN DECEMBER 2024**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2024

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: A total of 6 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in December 2024, significantly lower than 29 in December 2023. Key observations include:

Incidents involving illegal nets increased to 4 (from 3 in 2023).

Harvesting prohibited species dropped dramatically to 1 (from 22 in 2023).

Explosive fishing incidents increased to 1 (from 0 in 2023).

The overall decline reflects progress, though targeted enforcement for explosive fishing is required.

Poaching: One poaching incident was reported in December 2024, a decrease compared to November 2024 (7 incidents). The Palk Bay remains a hotspot for activity. Other areas showed no poaching incidents, indicating shifts in patterns.

Maritime Incidents: Total incidents dropped to 11 in December 2024, a substantial decrease from 38 in December 2023.

Drug Smuggling: Two drug smuggling incidents were recorded, consistent with November 2024. Smuggled items included heroin and Kerala cannabis.

Contraband Smuggling: Three contraband smuggling incidents were reported, the same as December 2023. These involved kendu leaves.

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

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No incidents were reported, consistent with previous months.

Overall Analysis: The December 2024 report highlights marked reductions in IUU fishing and maritime incidents compared to 2023, reflecting improved compliance and safety measures. The Palk Bay's emergence as a poaching hotspot and persistent contraband smuggling warrant focused action. Drug smuggling trends remain stable, while the absence of human smuggling incidents is a positive sign.