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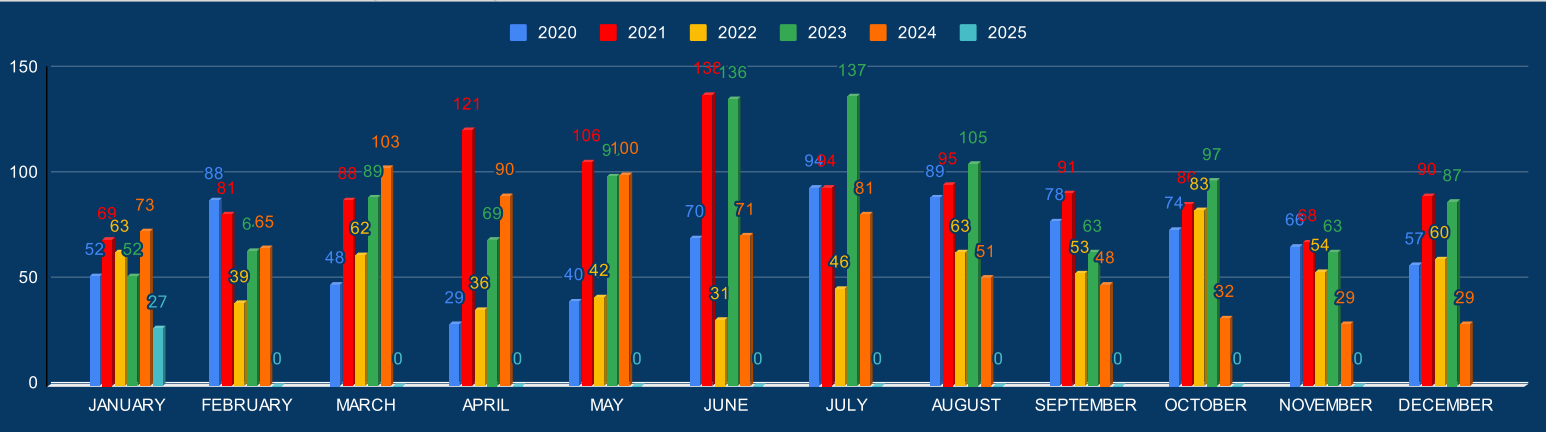


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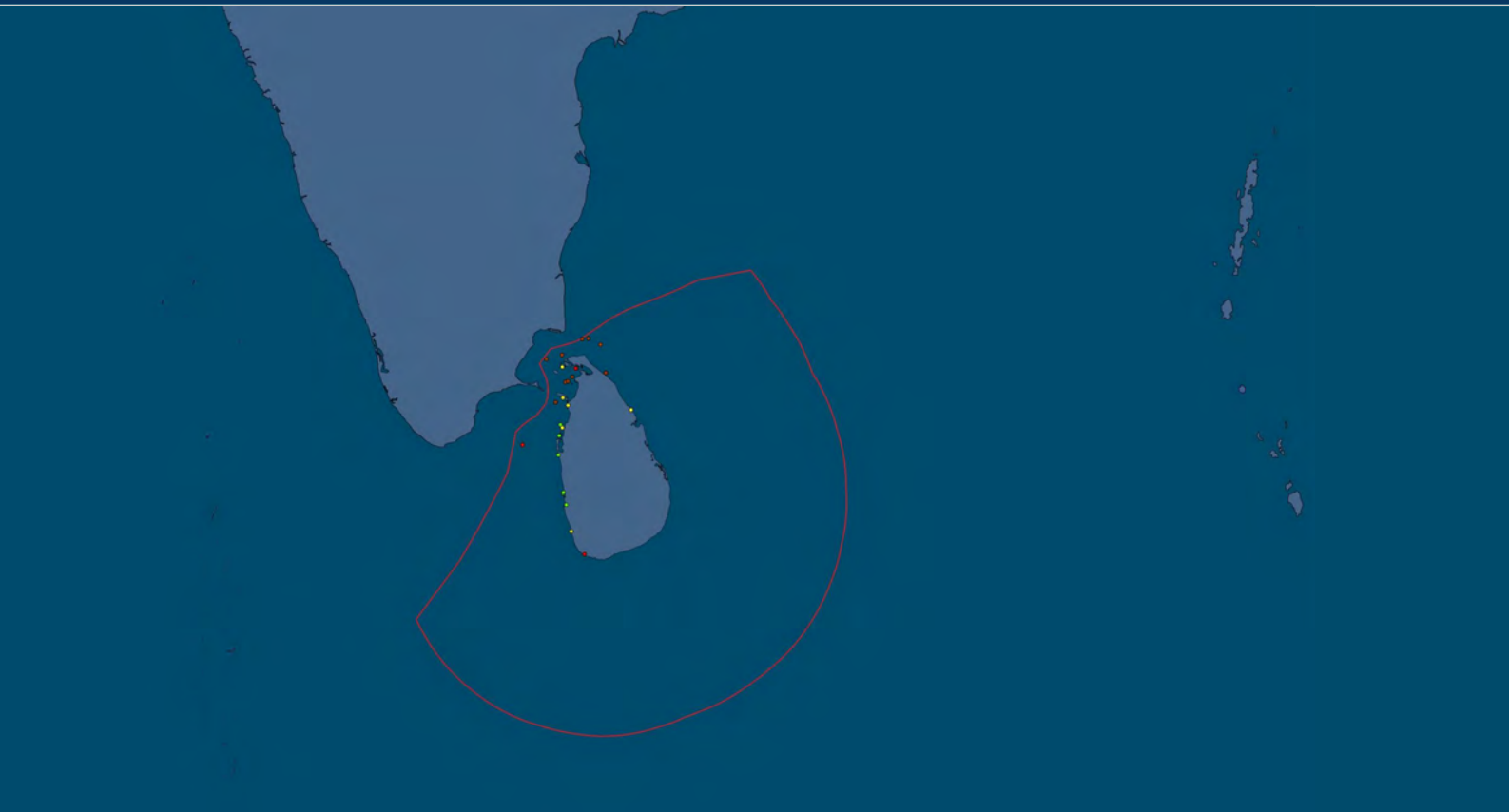
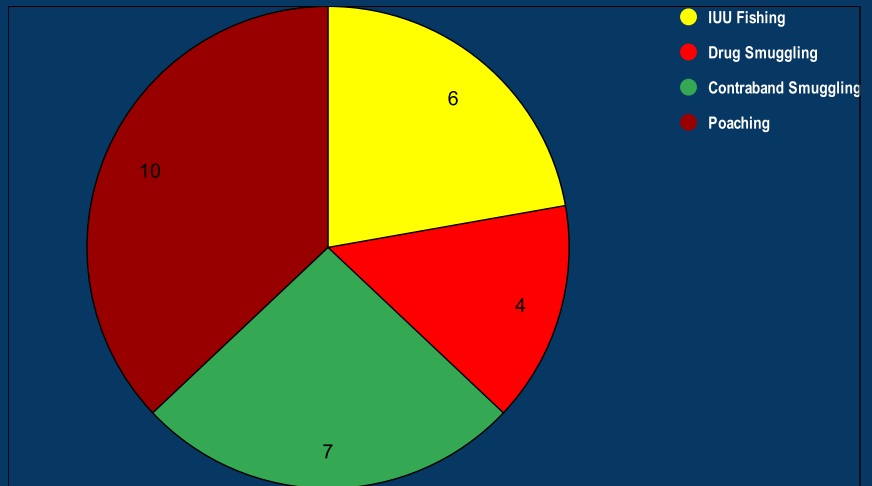
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

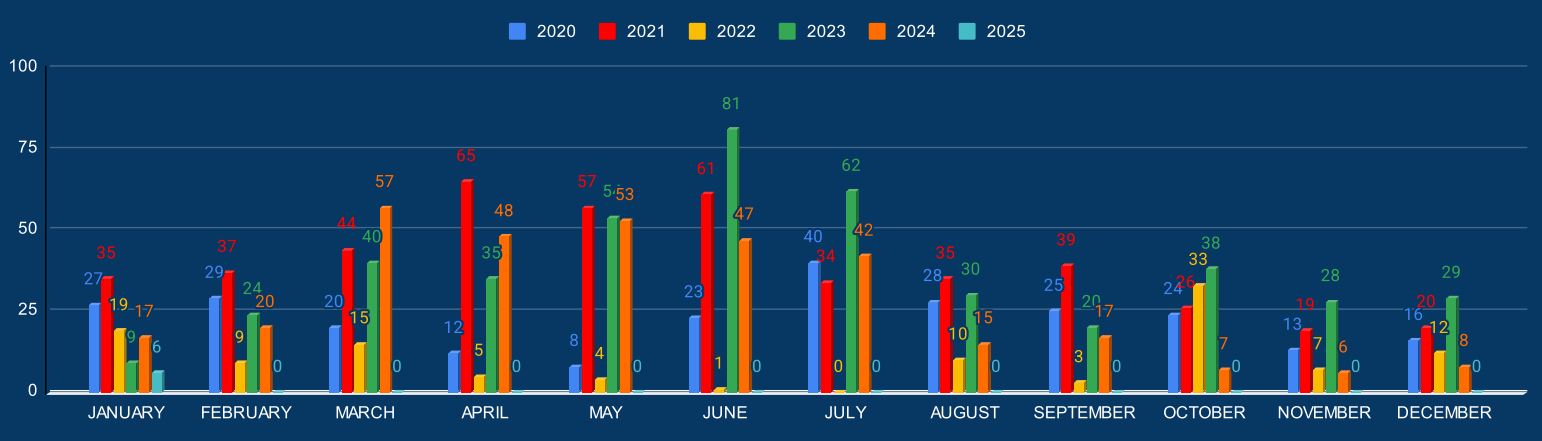
INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
IUU Fishing	19	9	17	6
Drug Smuggling	1	4	3	4
Contraband Smuggling	0	7	2	7
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0
Maritime Incident	28	30	29	0
Poaching	15	2	22	10
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	1	1	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	8	4	8	2
Illegal Net	10	3	5	3
Illegal Methods	0	1	3	1
Explosive Fishing	1	0	0	0

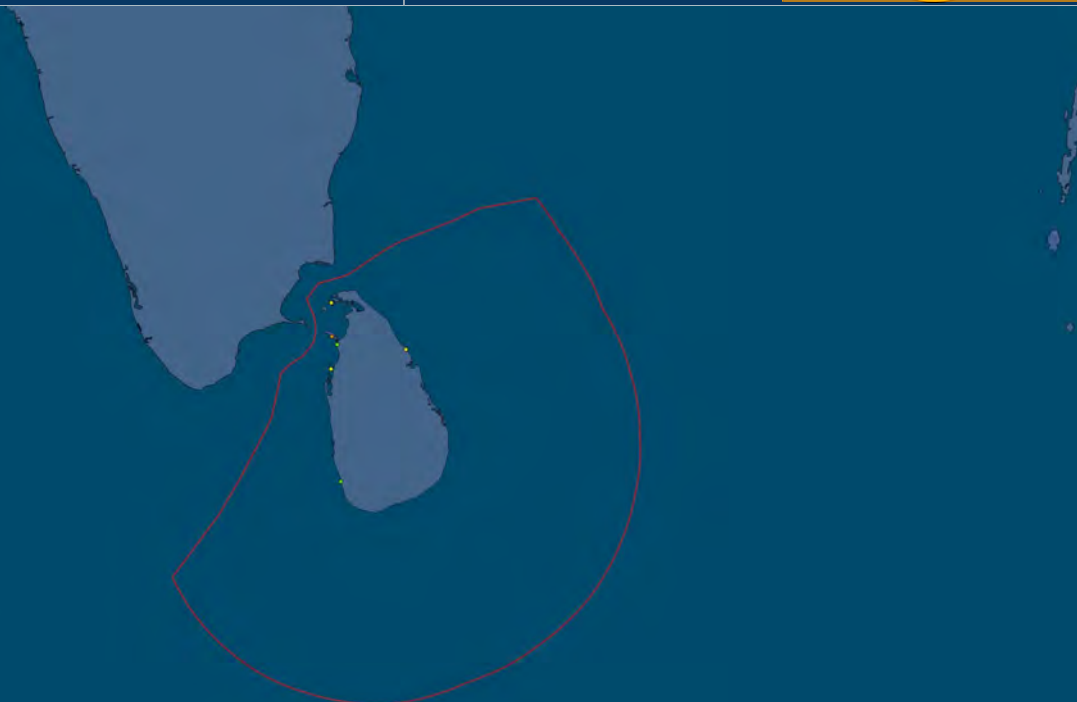
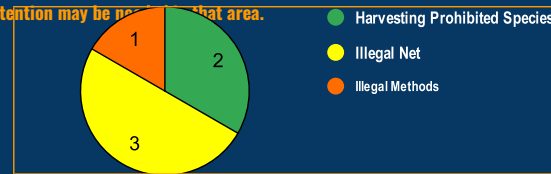
IUU FISHING – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 6 incidents in January 2025, compared to 17 in January 2024 .
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 0 incidents (down from 1 in 2024).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 2 incidents (down from 6 in 2024).
- Illegal Nets: 3 incidents (down from 2 in 2024).
- Illegal Methods: 1 incidents (down from 2 in 2024).
- Explosive Fishing: 0 incidents (unchanged from 2024).

Comments:

- The number of incidents in January 2025 has dropped a lot compared to January 2024, from 17 to just 6. This shows good improvement in reducing illegal activities.
- Most violations have decreased, especially in harvesting prohibited species, which went down from 6 to 2. However, illegal net use has increased slightly, so more attention may be needed in that area.



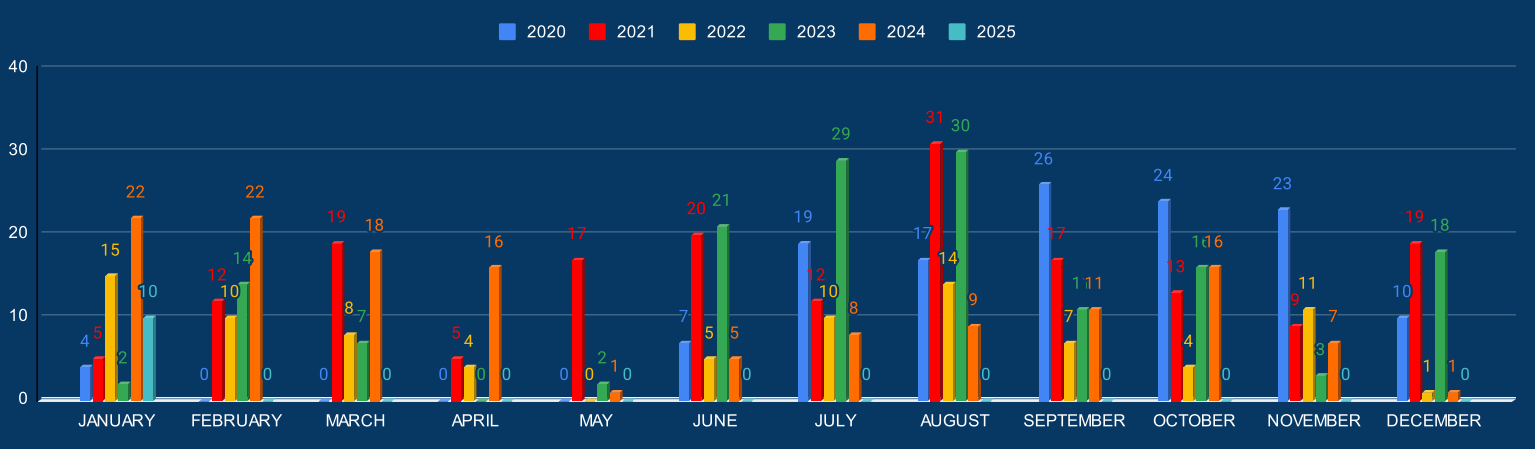


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JANUARY 2025

POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Eastern Coast	1	1	1	1
Palk Strait	6	0	5	4
Gulf of Mannar	2	0	8	1
Palk Bay	6	1	8	4
Others	0	0	0	0

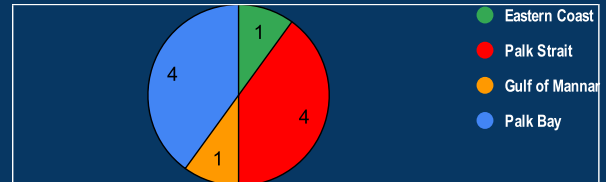
POACHING INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 10 incident reported, down from January 2024(12 incidents) but up from December 2024 (09 incidents).
- Breakdown by Area:
 - Palk Strait & Palk Bay same Incidents(4 incidents)
 - Eastern Coast & Gulf of Mannar same Incidents(1 incidents) Palk Strait & Others no Incidents

Comments:

- The total incidents in January 2025 have slightly decreased compared to January 2024 but increased compared to December 2024. This shows some progress but also a need for continued monitoring. The total incidents in January 2025 have slightly decreased compared to January 2024 but increased compared to December 2024. This shows some progress but also a need for continued monitoring.
- No change in incidents by area, but it's good that some regions had no violations.



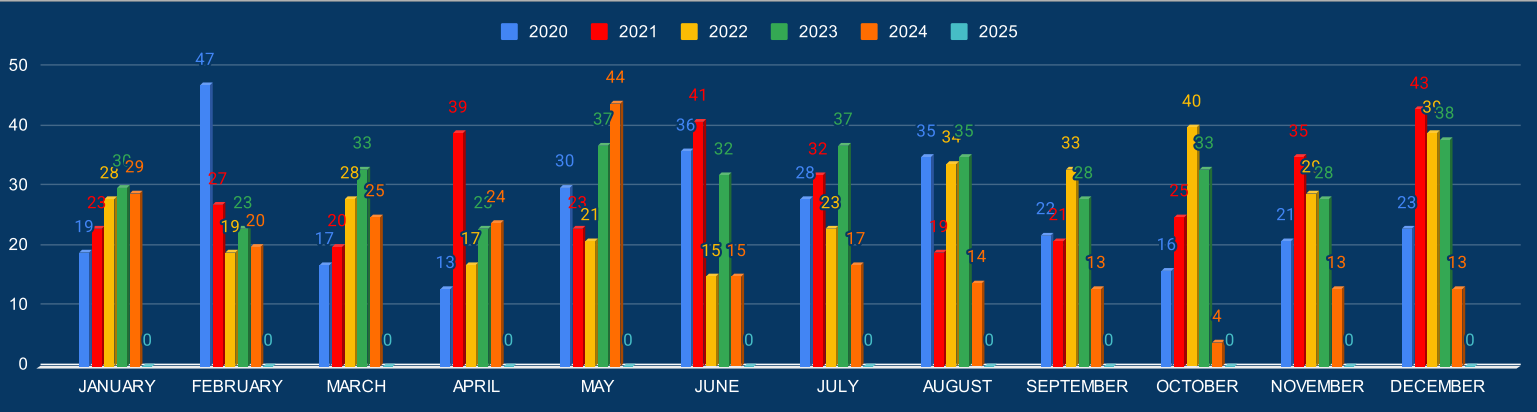


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JANUARY 2025

MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Technical Failure	11	20	9	0
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	8	5	9	0
Man Over Board	0	0	0	0
Arrival Overdue	3	0	0	0
Capsized	2	0	1	0
Ground	0	1	1	0
Death	0	0	1	0
Patient onboard	3	2	4	0
Collision	0	0	0	0
No Communication	0	1	1	0
Other Incident	0	0	1	0

MARITIME INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS



**ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN JANUARY 2025**

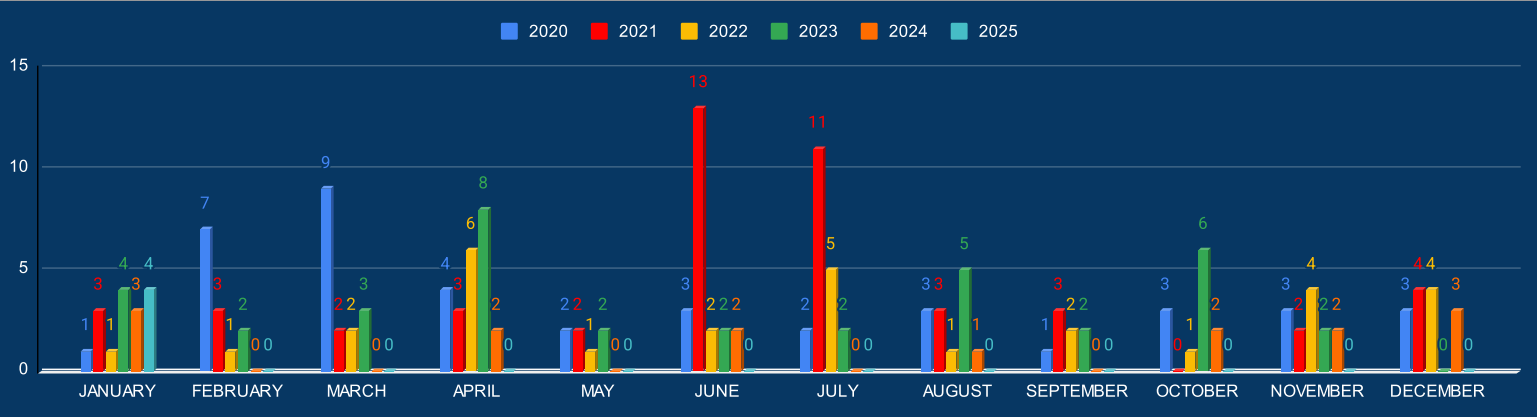


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JANUARY 2025

DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Heroin	1	1	2	0
Kerala cannabis	0	3	0	2
Ice	0	0	1	2
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	0	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0

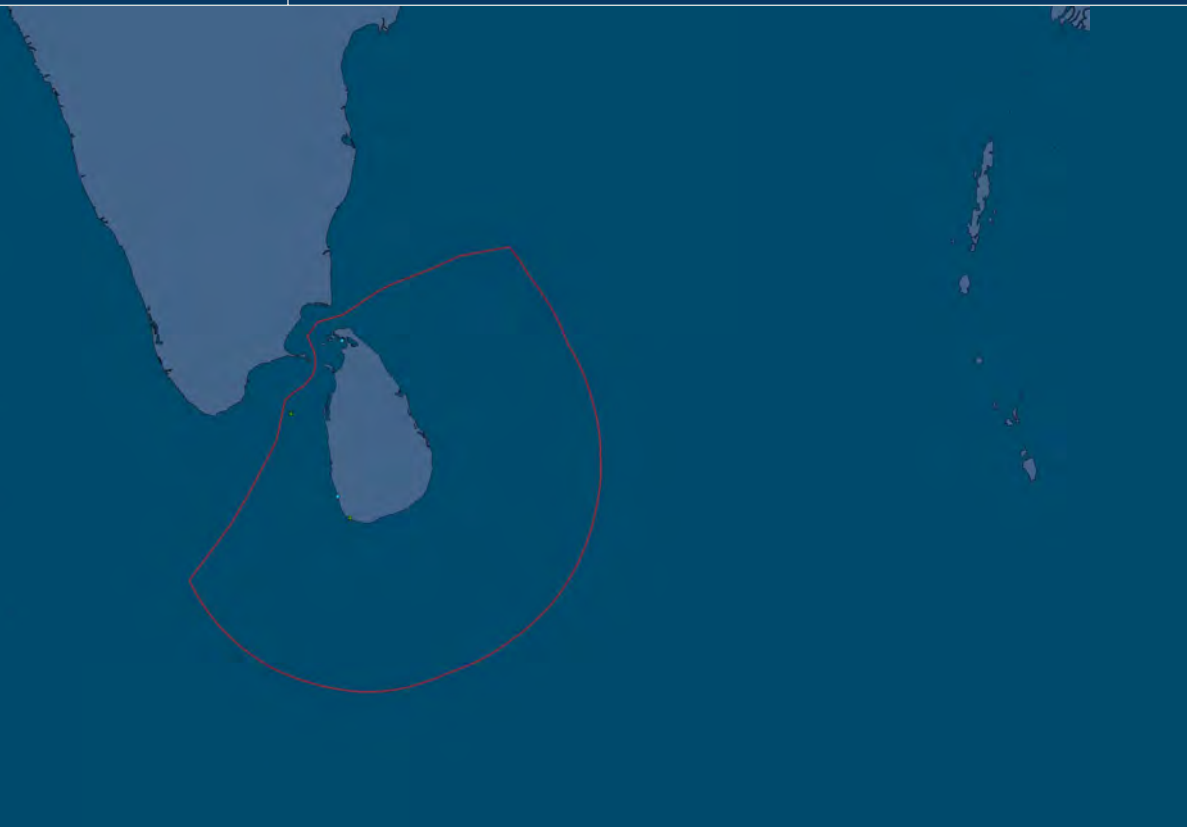
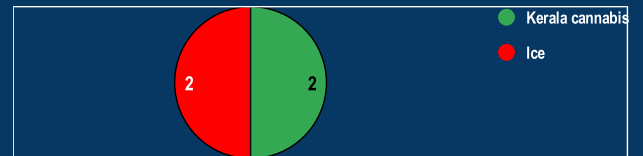
DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 4 Drug smuggling incidents was recorded in January 2025, higher compared to January 2024
- Kerala cannabis peaked in 2023 (3 cases) and returned in 2025 (2 cases)
- Ice incidents increased from 1 in 2024 to 2 in 2025.

Comments:

- Heroin cases dropped to zero, while Ice cases are rising
- Kerala cannabis incidents fluctuated, showing inconsistent trends. No reported incidents for Tablets, Hashish, and Local Cannabis suggest either low prevalence or underreporting



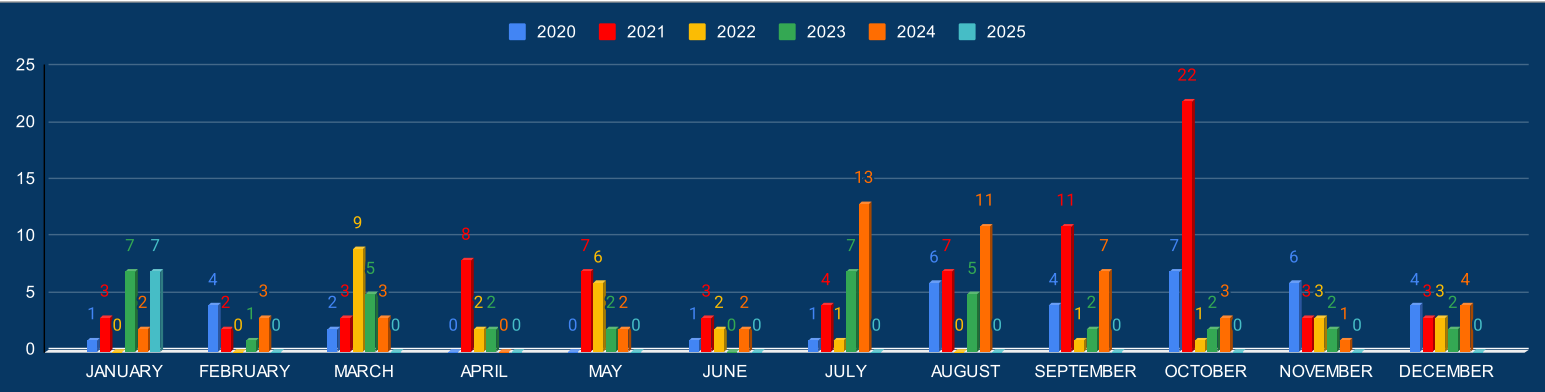


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JANUARY 2025

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Cardamom	0	0	0	1
Glyphosate	0	2	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	1
Kendu leaves	0	5	2	2
Other	0	0	0	3
Turmeric	0	2	0	0

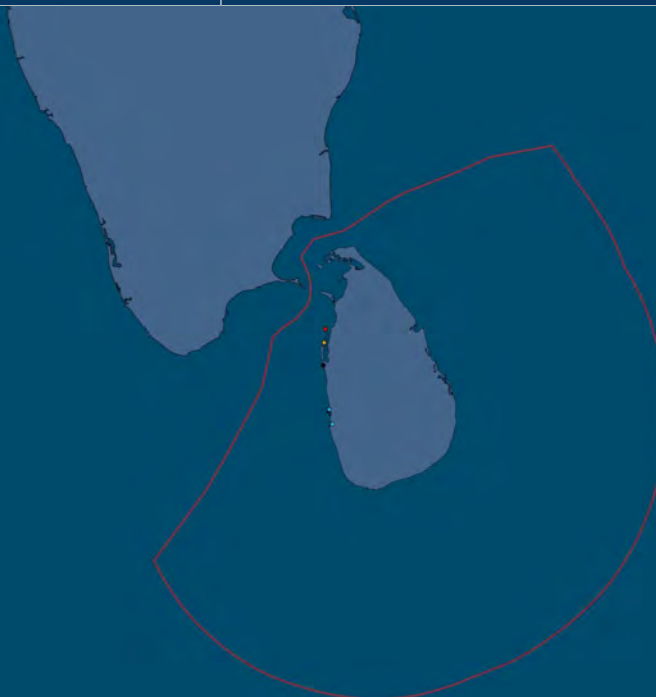
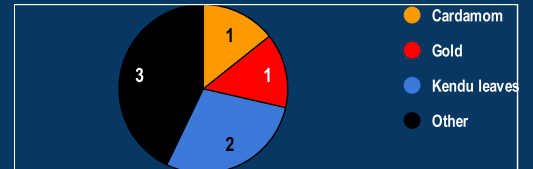
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 7 contraband smuggling incidents was recorded in January 2025, higher compared to both January 2024 (2 incidents) and December 2024 (4 incidents).
- Total incidents in January 2025 involved the smuggling of kendu leaves & other incidents

Comments:

- Smuggling incidents increased in January 2025 compared to both last year and last month, which is a concern.
- The incidents involved kendu leaves and other items, so stricter controls are needed to prevent further smuggling.



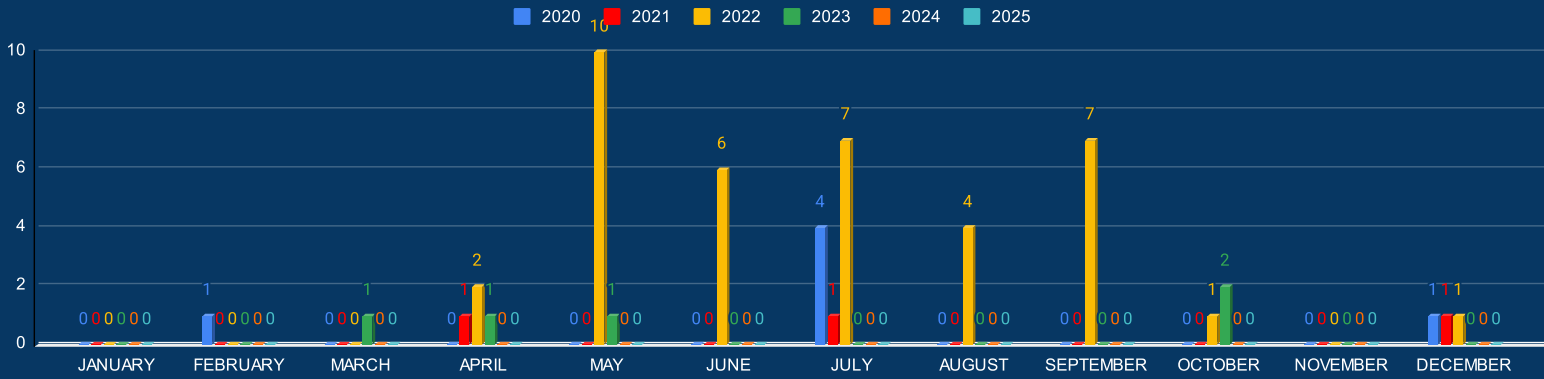


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS

**ZERO
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IN JANUARY 2025**

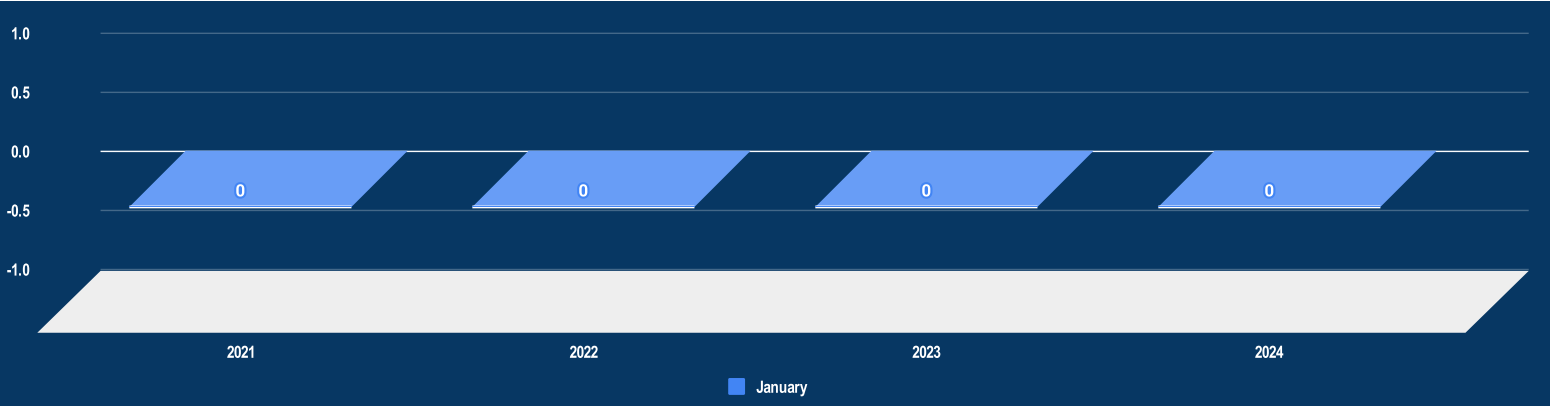


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EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025
Water Gel Sticks	0	0	0	0

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS



**ZERO
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IN JANUARY 2025**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – JANUARY 2025

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: A total of 6 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in January 2025, significantly lower than 11 in January 2024. Key observations include:

Incidents involving illegal nets increased to 3 (from 5 in 2024).

Harvesting prohibited species dropped dramatically to 2 (from 8 in 2024).

Explosive fishing: 0 incidents (from 0 in 2024).

The overall decline reflects progress, though targeted enforcement for illegal nets is required.

Poaching: 10 poaching incident was reported in January 2025, a decrease compared to January 2024 (22 incidents). Palk Bay & Palk Strait remains a hotspot for activity. Other areas showed no poaching incidents, indicating shifts in patterns.

Maritime Incidents: No incidents of Maritime Incidents were reported in January 2025

Drug Smuggling: 04 Drug Smuggling incident were reported in January 2025

Contraband Smuggling: Seven contraband smuggling incidents were reported in January 2025, Growth as January 2024. These involved kendu leaves & Others.

Human Smuggling: No incidents of human smuggling were reported in January 2025, maintaining stability in this category.

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

Overall Analysis: Illegal Fishing (IUU): Cases dropped from 11 to 6, showing good progress. However, illegal net use increased, needing better enforcement. Poaching: Cases dropped sharply from 22 to 10, but Palk Bay and Palk Strait remain key trouble spots. No reported Maritime incidents. Drug Smuggling increased, which is a positive sign. Contraband Smuggling: Increased to 7 cases, mainly involving kendu leaves and other items. Stronger controls are needed. Human & Firearms Smuggling: No incidents, showing stability in these areas. Conclusion: While illegal fishing and poaching have decreased, contraband smuggling has increased. Continued enforcement is needed to maintain progress and reduce violations further.