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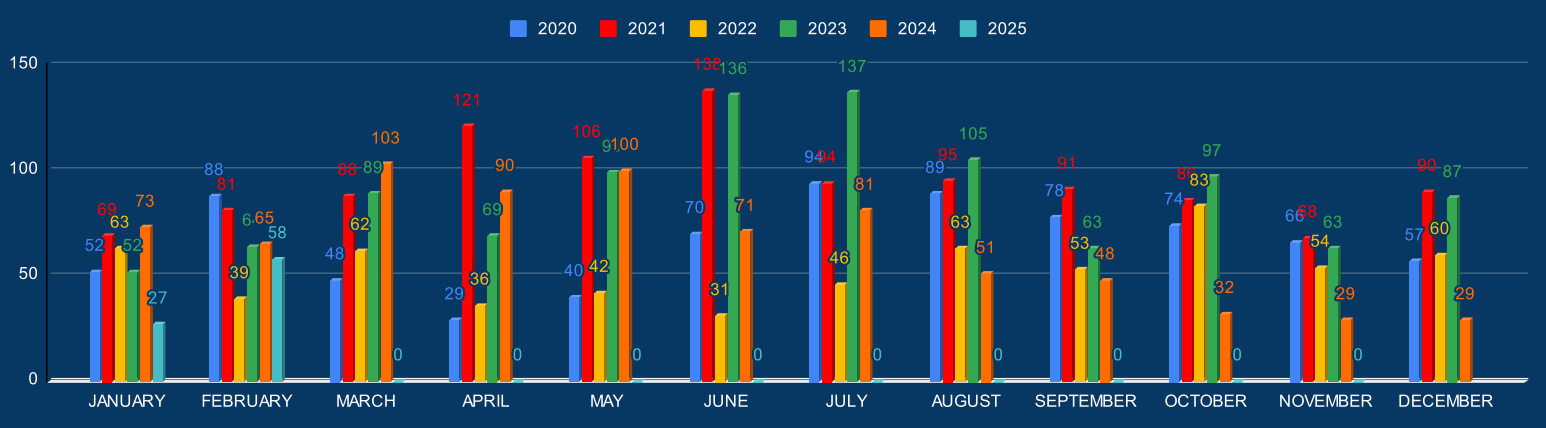


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2025

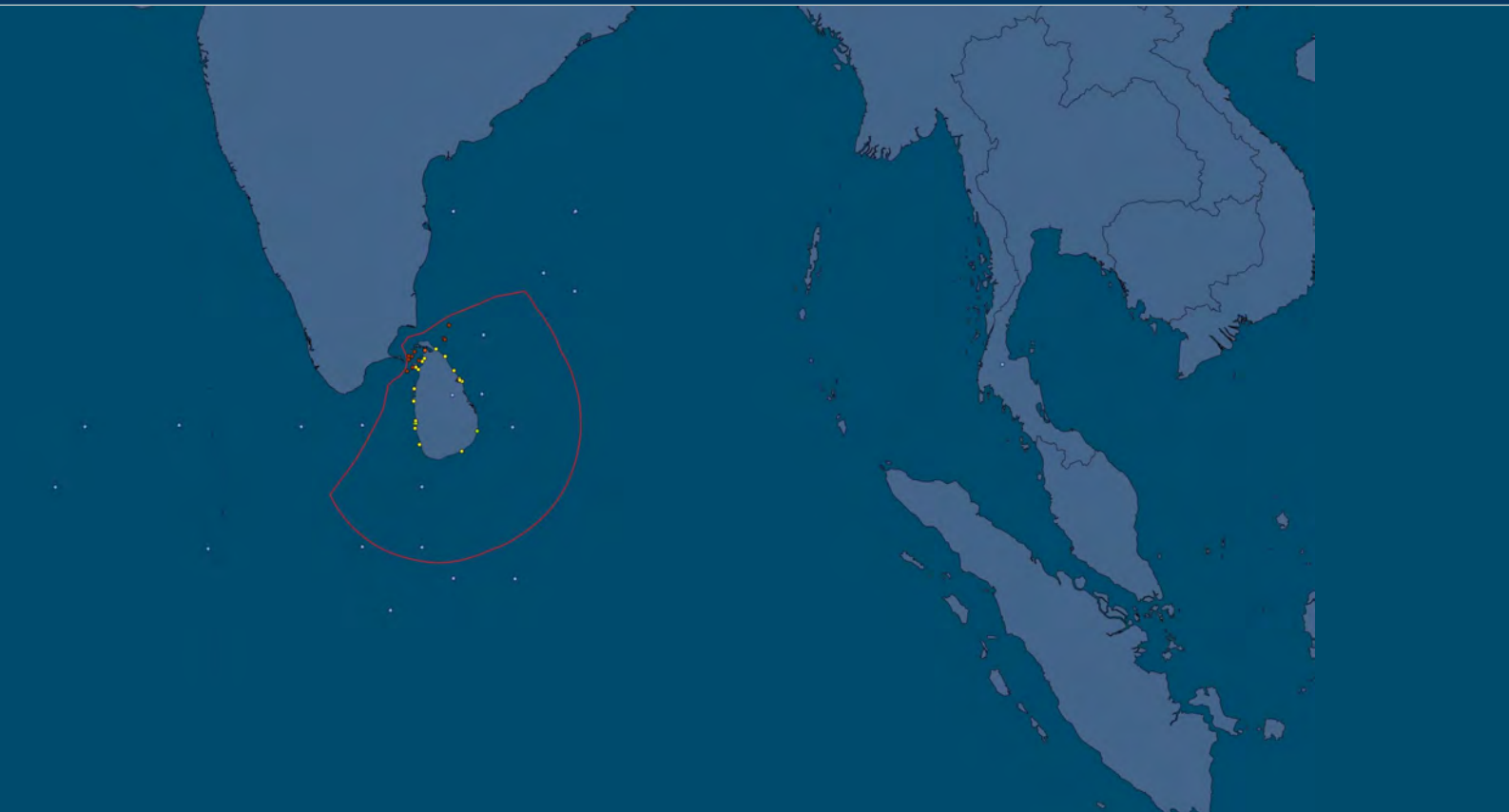
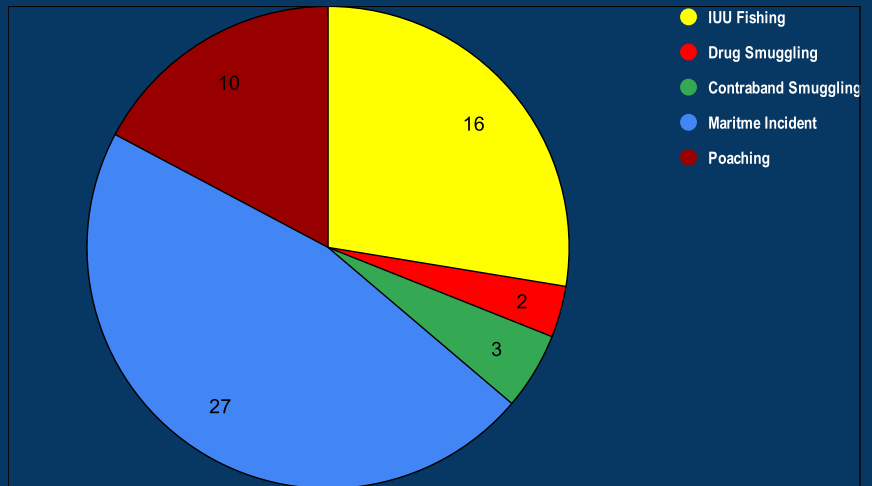
### OVERVIEW

#### MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

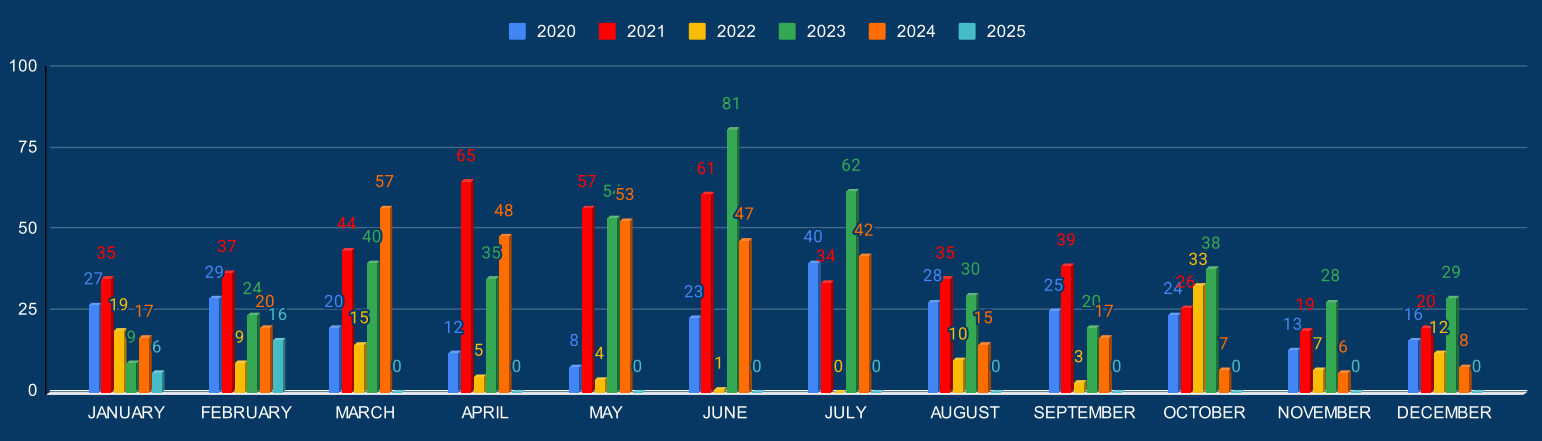
INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024	FEB 2025
IUU Fishing	9	24	20	16
Drug Smuggling	1	2	0	2
Contraband Smuggling	0	1	3	3
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0
Maritime Incident	19	23	20	27
Poaching	10	14	22	10
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0





### IUU FISHING

#### NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024	FEB 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	3	1	2	1
Harvesting Prohibited Species	6	15	7	5
Illegal Net	0	0	5	3
Illegal Methods	0	8	5	3
Explosive Fishing	0	0	1	1

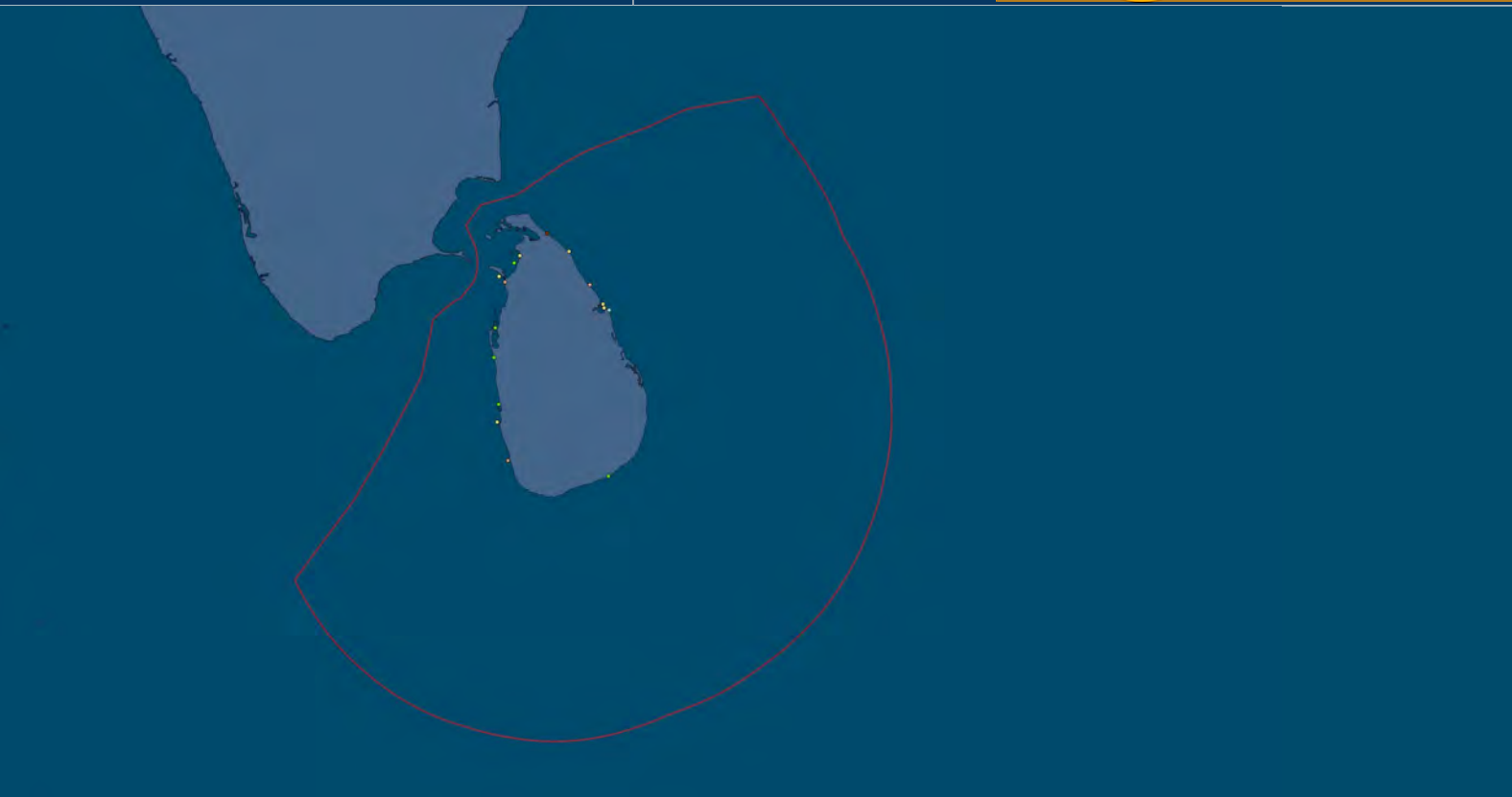
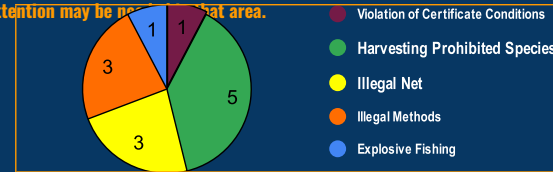
#### IUU FISHING – FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 13 incidents in February 2025, compared to 20 in February 2024.
- Violation of Certificate Conditions: 1 incidents (down from 1 in February 2024).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 5 incidents (down from 2 in February 2024).
- Illegal Nets: 3 incidents (down from 2 in February 2024).
- Illegal Methods: 3 incidents (down from 2 in February 2024).
- Explosive Fishing: 1 incidents (unchanged from February 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.



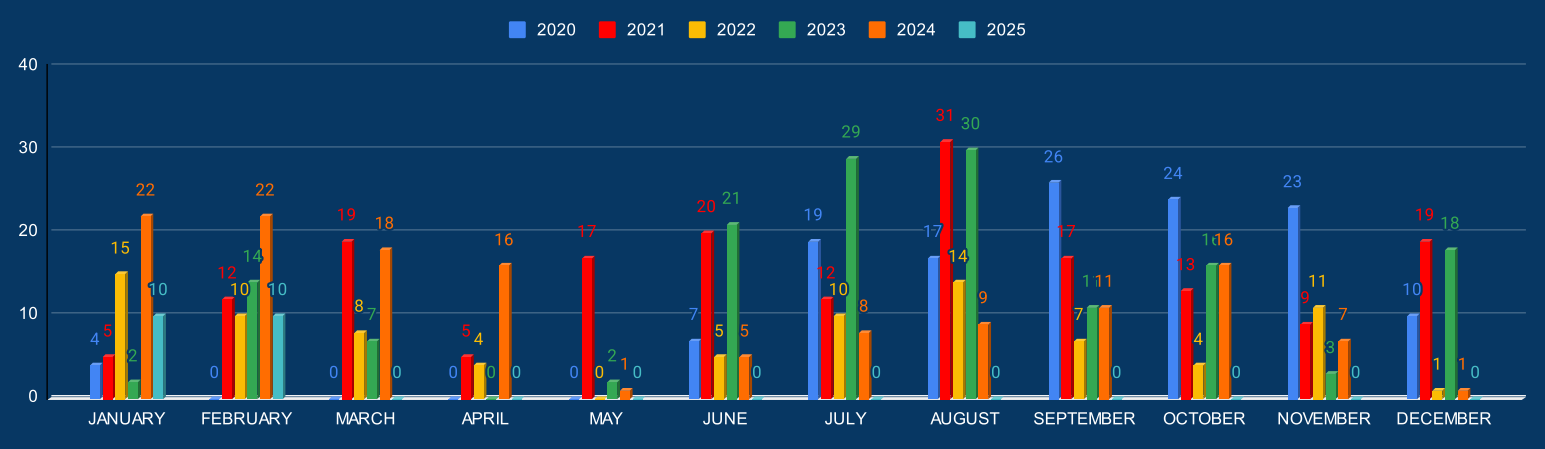


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### POACHING

#### NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024	FEB 2025
Eastern Coast	0	1	2	2
Palk Strait	2	3	5	1
Gulf of Mannar	1	2	5	2
Palk Bay	7	8	10	5
Others	0	0	0	0

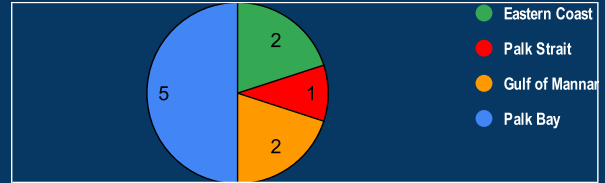
#### POACHING INCIDENTS – FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 10 incident reported, down from February 2024(12 incidents)
- Breakdown by Area:
  - Palk Bay Reported 5 Incidents (down from 5 in February 2024)
  - Eastern Coast & Gulf of Mannar same Incidents(2 incidents) Palk Strait 1 Incidents & 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.



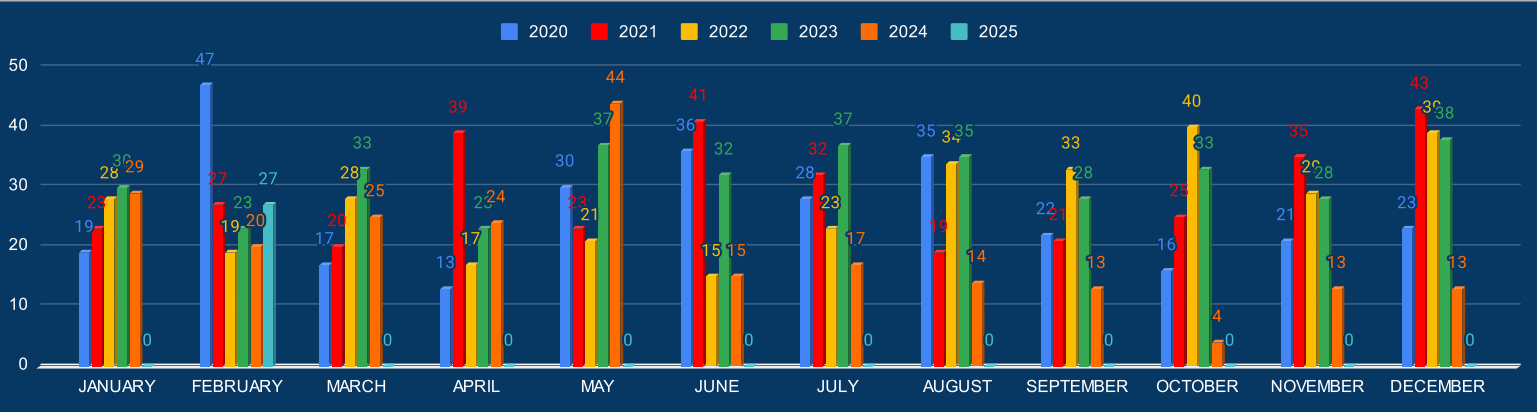


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2025

### MARITIME INCIDENTS

#### NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	FEB 2022	FEB 2023	FEB 2024	FEB 2025
Technical Failure	3	8	15	0
Fire onboard	1	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	4	9	1	3
Man Over Board	0	0	0	0
Arrival Overdue	2	0	0	0
Capsized	1	0	0	0
Ground	4	0	0	0
Death	0	0	0	2
Patient onboard	3	2	1	6
Collision	0	0	1	0
No Communication	0	2	0	0
Other Incident	0	2	1	1

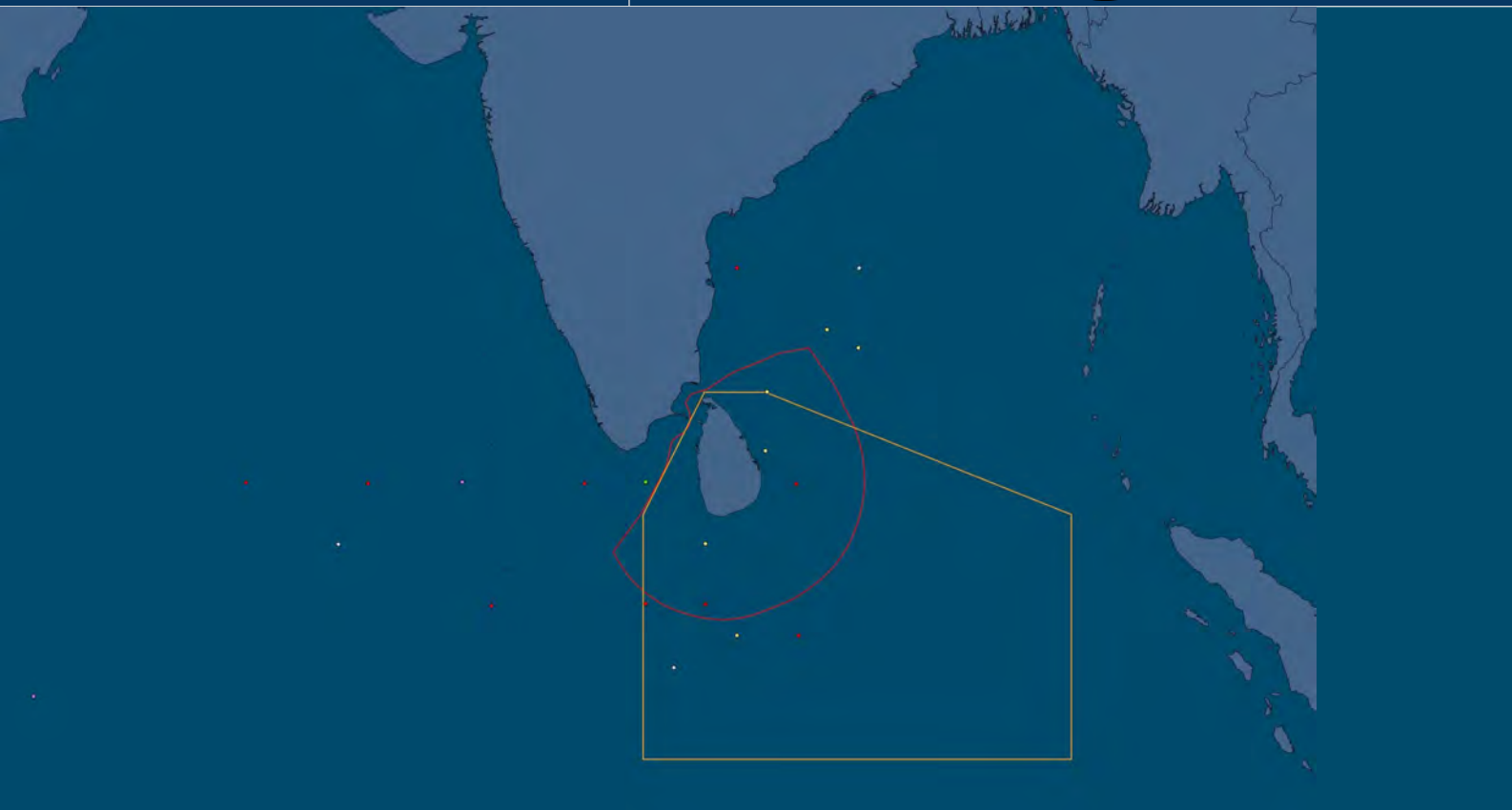
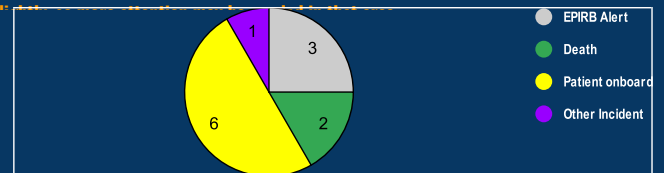
#### MARITIME INCIDENTS –FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 12 incidents in February 2025, compared to 19 in February 2024 .
- Patient onboard: 6 incidents (up from 5 in February 2024).
- EPIRB : 3 incidents (up from 2 in February 2024).
- Death : 2 incidents (up from 2 in February 2024).
- Other : 1 incidents and Technical Failure, Fire Onboard ,Man over Board , Arrival Overdue, Capsized, Ground, Collision, No communication has 0 Incidents.

##### 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,



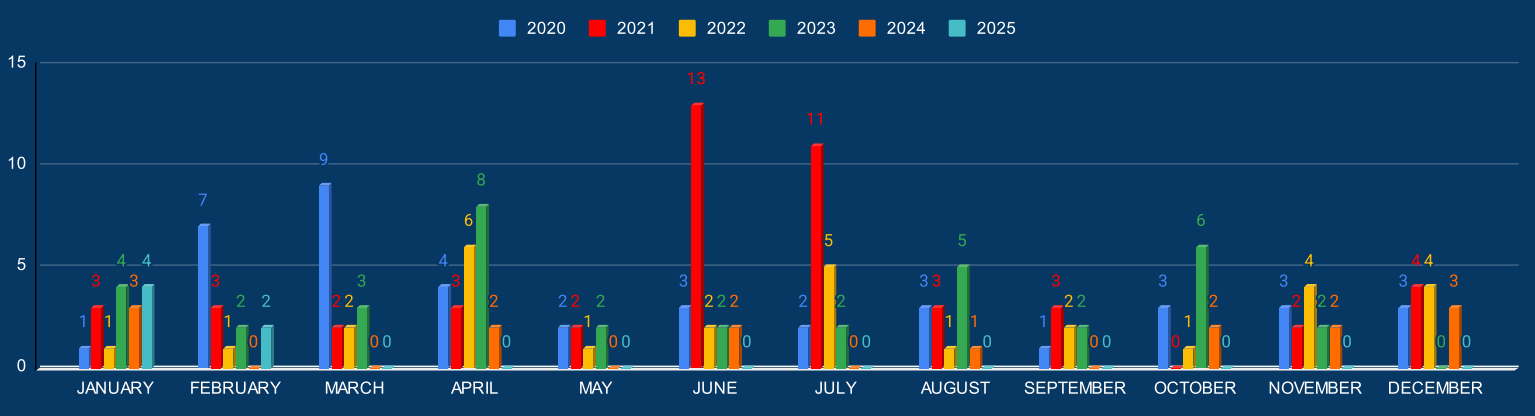


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2025

### DRUG SMUGGLING

#### NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

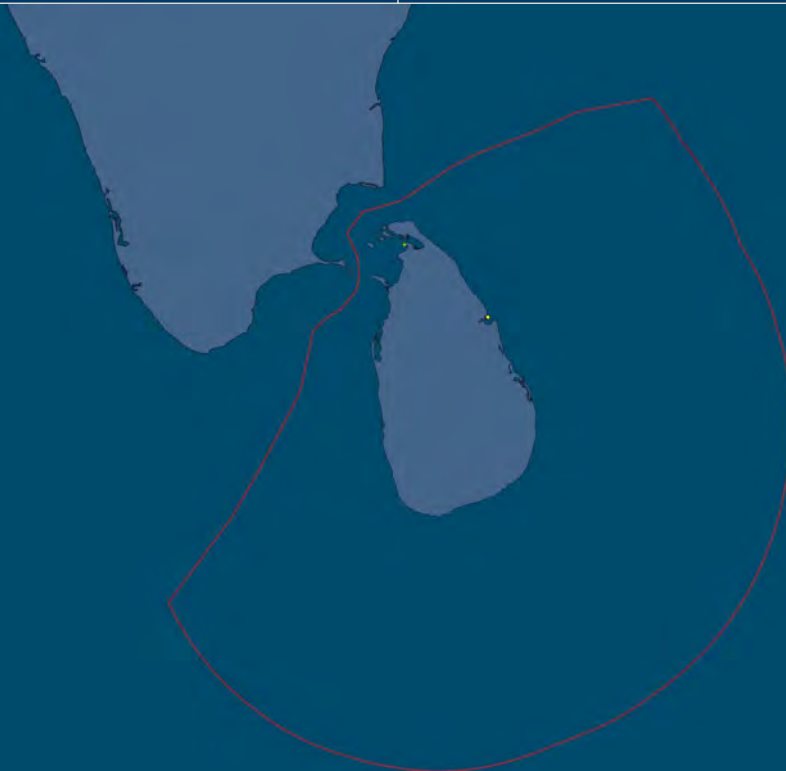
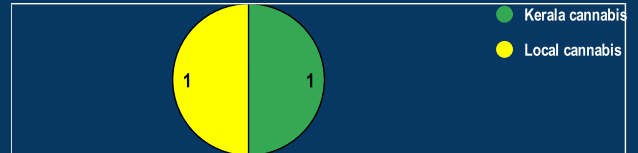
#### DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- A total of 2 Drug smuggling incidents was recorded in February 2025, higher compared to February 2024
- Kerala cannabis and Local cannabis reported 01 incidents
- Heroin, Ice, Tablets and Hashish reported No Incidents.

##### 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



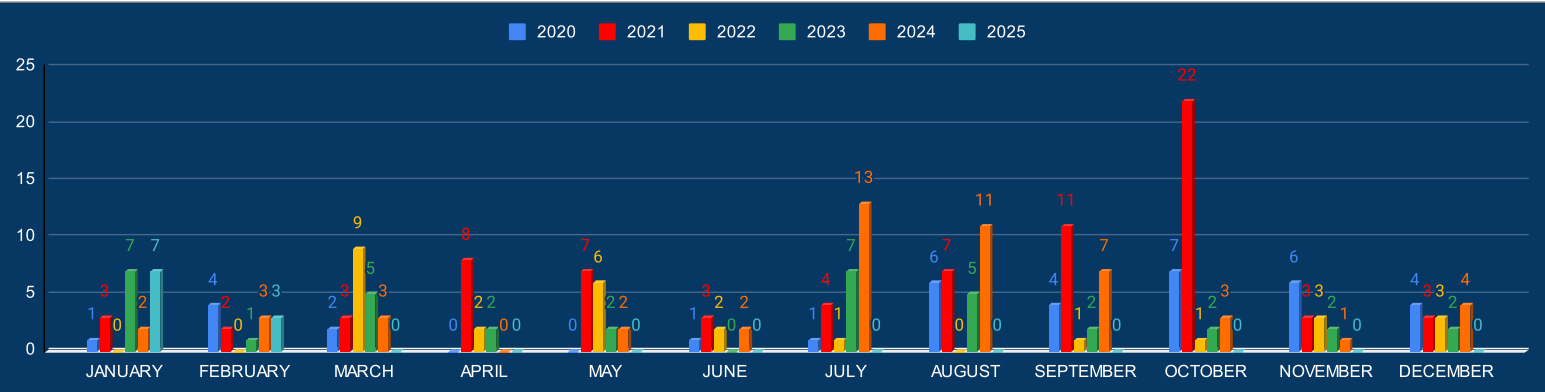


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2025

### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

#### NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

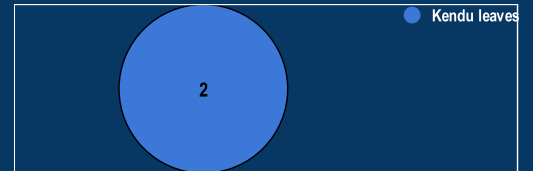
#### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- A total of 2 contraband smuggling incidents was recorded in February 2025, compared to 3 in February 2024
- No incidents in February 2025 involved the smuggling of Cardamon, Glyphosate, Gold, Turmeric & 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.



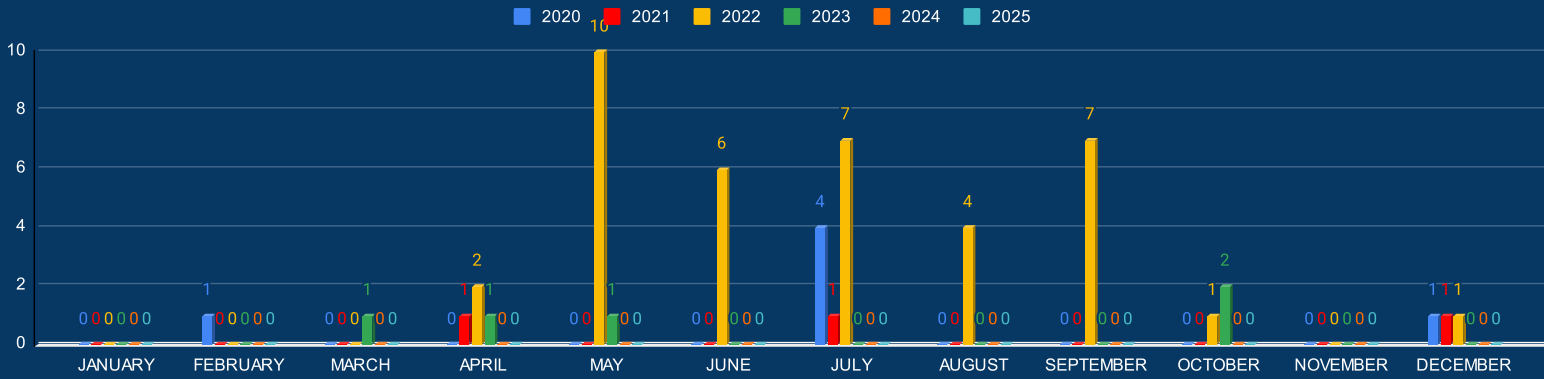


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### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

#### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS





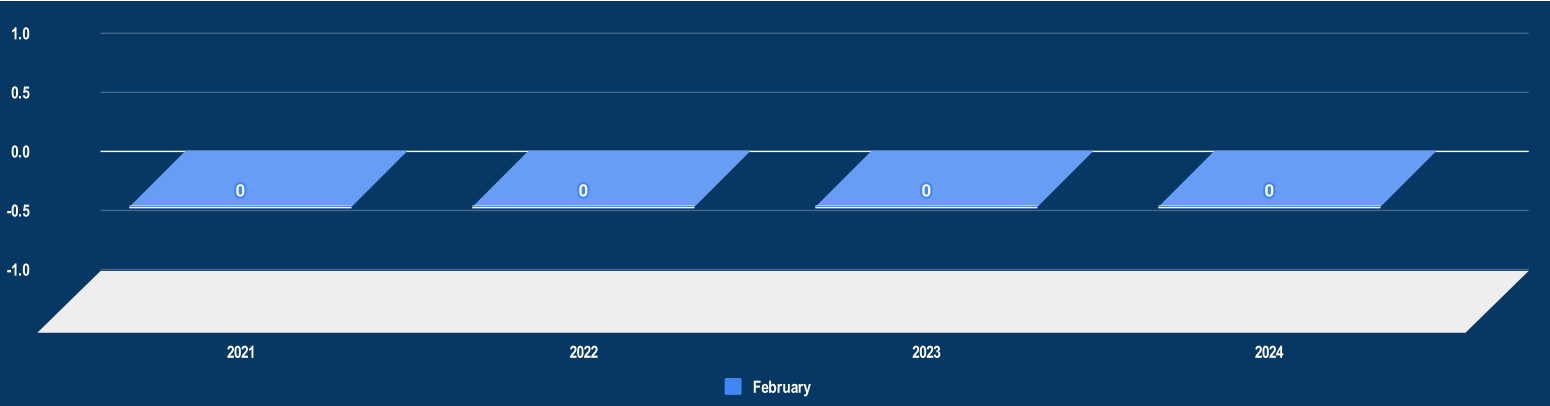


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP FEBRUARY 2025

### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

#### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS



**ZERO  
INCIDENTS  
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 13 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in February 2025, lower than 27 in February 2024. Key observations include:

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

Harvesting prohibited species dropped dramatically to 5 (from 7 in 2024).

Explosive fishing 1 incident (1 in 2024).

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

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

**Maritime Incidents:** 12 Maritime Incidents were reported in February 2025

**Drug Smuggling:** 02 Drug Smuggling incident were reported in february 2025

**Contraband Smuggling:** 02 contraband smuggling incidents were reported in February 2025 . These involved kendu leaves .

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

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

**Overall Analysis:** Illegal Fishing (IUU): Cases growth from 06 to 13, showing bad progress. However, illegal net use decreased, needing better enforcement. Poaching: Cases same with previous month , but Palk Bay and Gulf of mannar remain key trouble spots. increase Maritime incidents. Drug Smuggling increased, which is a positive sign. Contraband Smuggling, mainly involving kendu leaves . 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.