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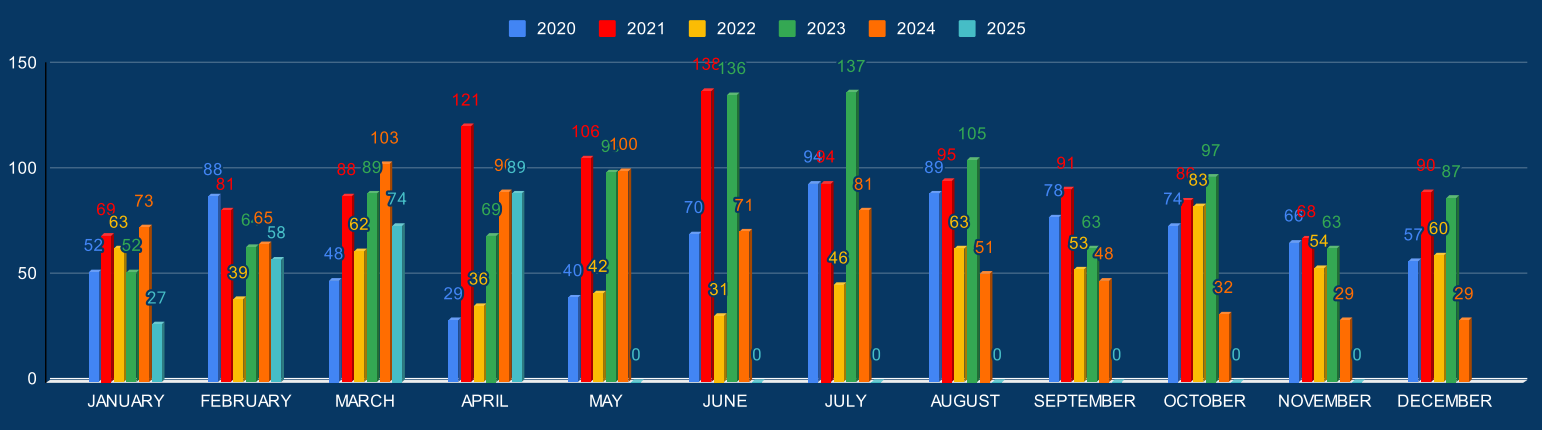


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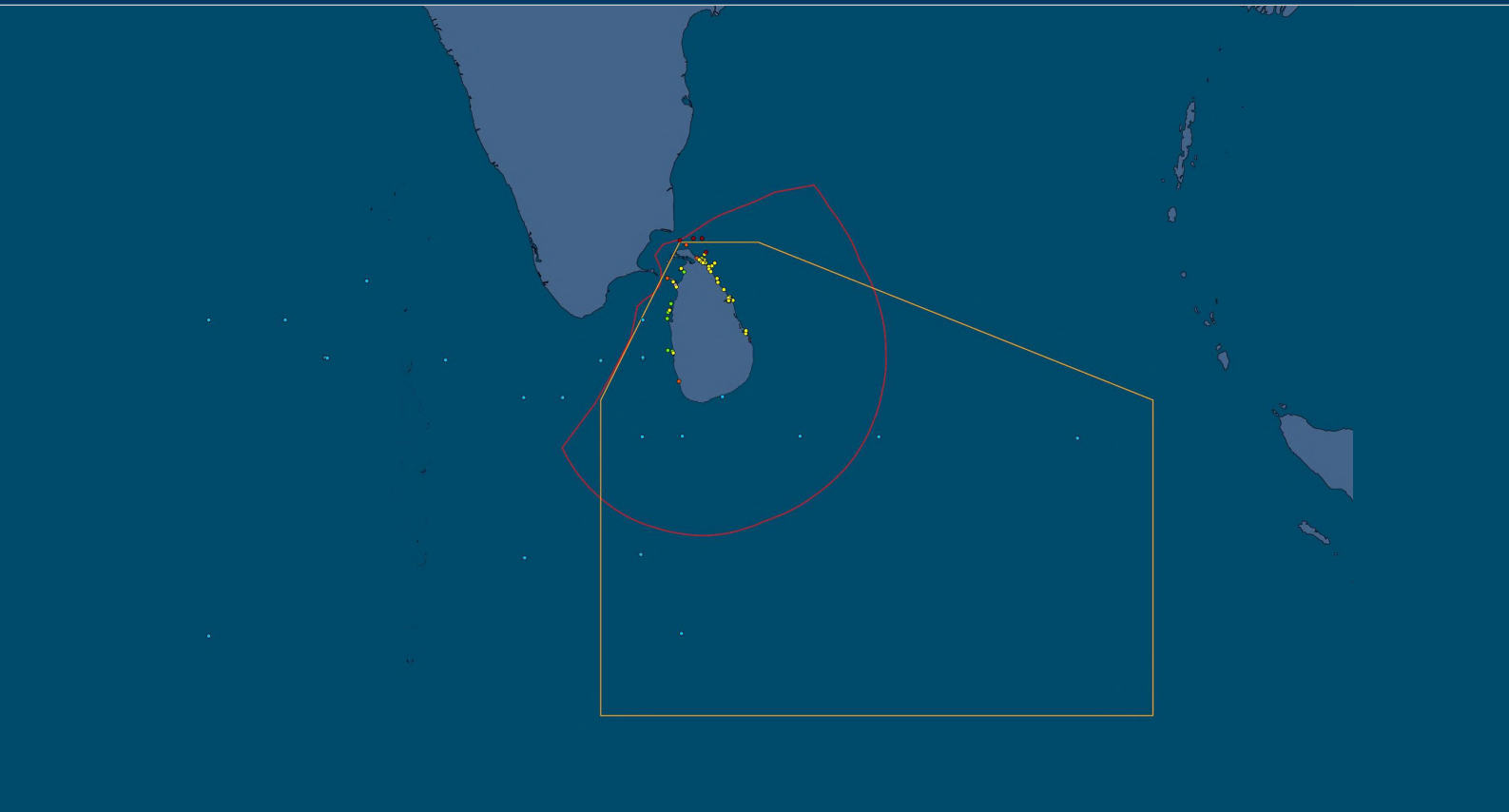
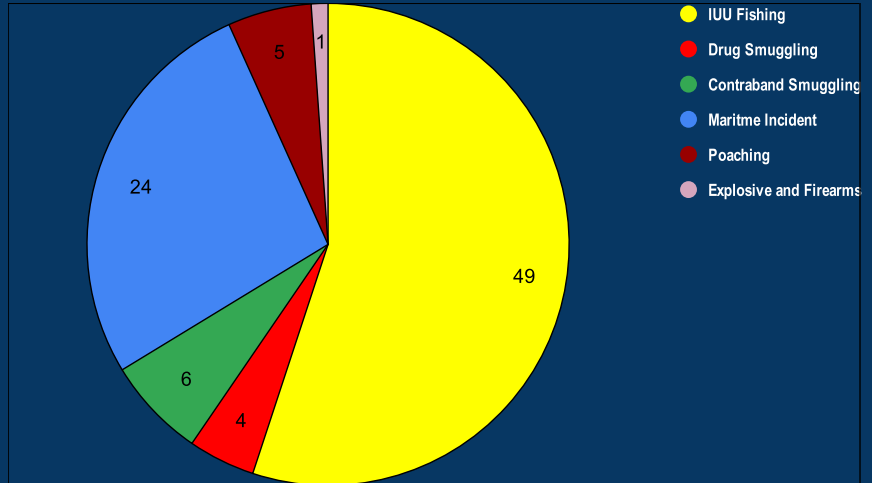
### OVERVIEW

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

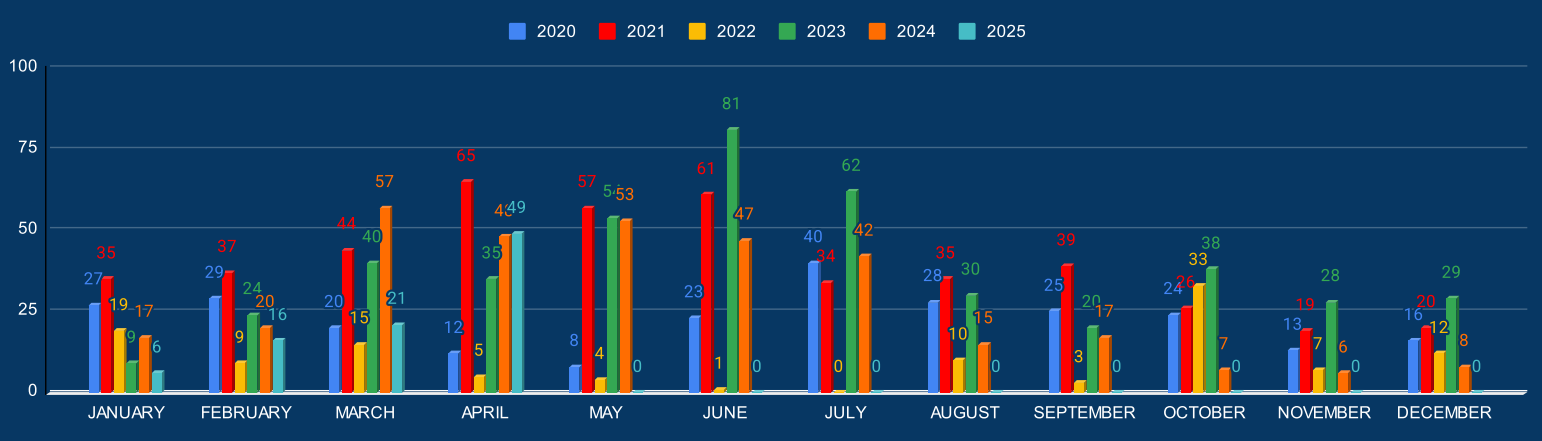
INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
IUU Fishing	5	35	48	49
Drug Smuggling	6	8	2	4
Contraband Smuggling	2	2	0	6
Human Smuggling	2	1	0	0
Maritime Incident	17	23	24	24
Poaching	4	0	16	5
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	1





### IUU FISHING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	1	2	1	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	0	17	10	5
Illegal Net	0	9	15	39
Illegal Methods	4	6	21	5
Explosive Fishing	0	1	1	0

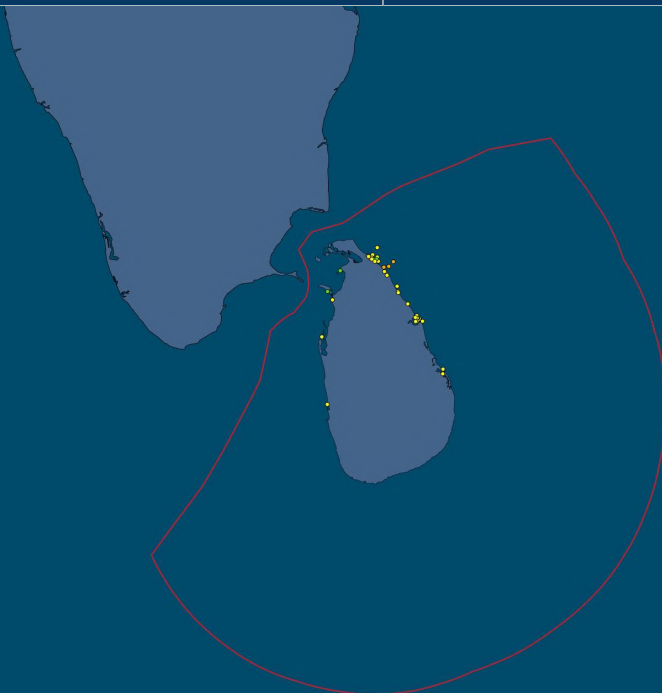
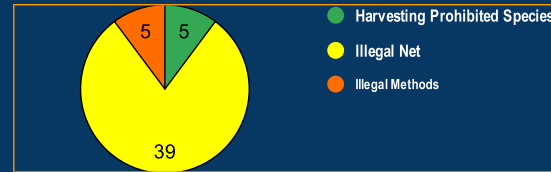
#### IUU FISHING – APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- 49 incidents have been reported (an increase of 01 compared to April 2024).
- Violation of certification conditions: No incidents have been reported (a decrease of 1 compared to April 2024).
- Harvesting Prohibited Species: 5 incidents have been reported (a decrease of 5 compared to April 2024).
- Illegal Nets: 39 incidents have been reported (an increase of 24 compared to April 2024).
- Illegal Methods: 5 incidents have been reported (a decrease of 16 compared to April 2024).
- Explosive Fishing: No incidents reported (a decrease of 1 compared to April 2024).

##### Comments:

- The use of Illegal nets have been increased, illegal methods and prohibited species harvesting went down, compare to Apr 24.
- Though Explosive fishing & Violation of certificate conditions have been reported in Apr 24. No any incidents reported in Apr 25.



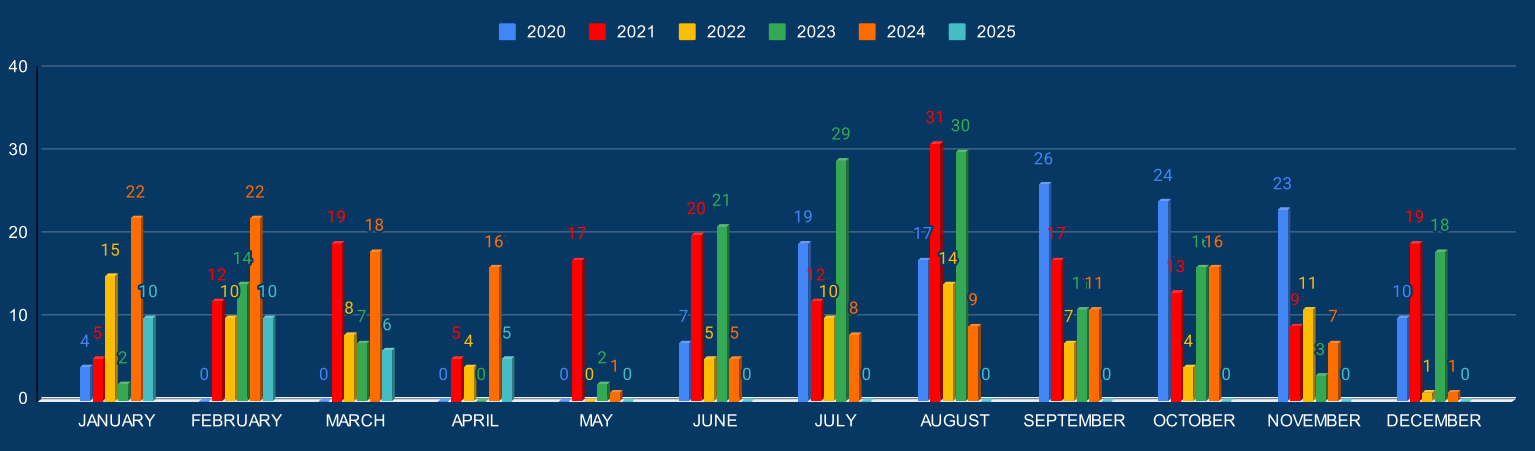


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP APRIL 2025

### POACHING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

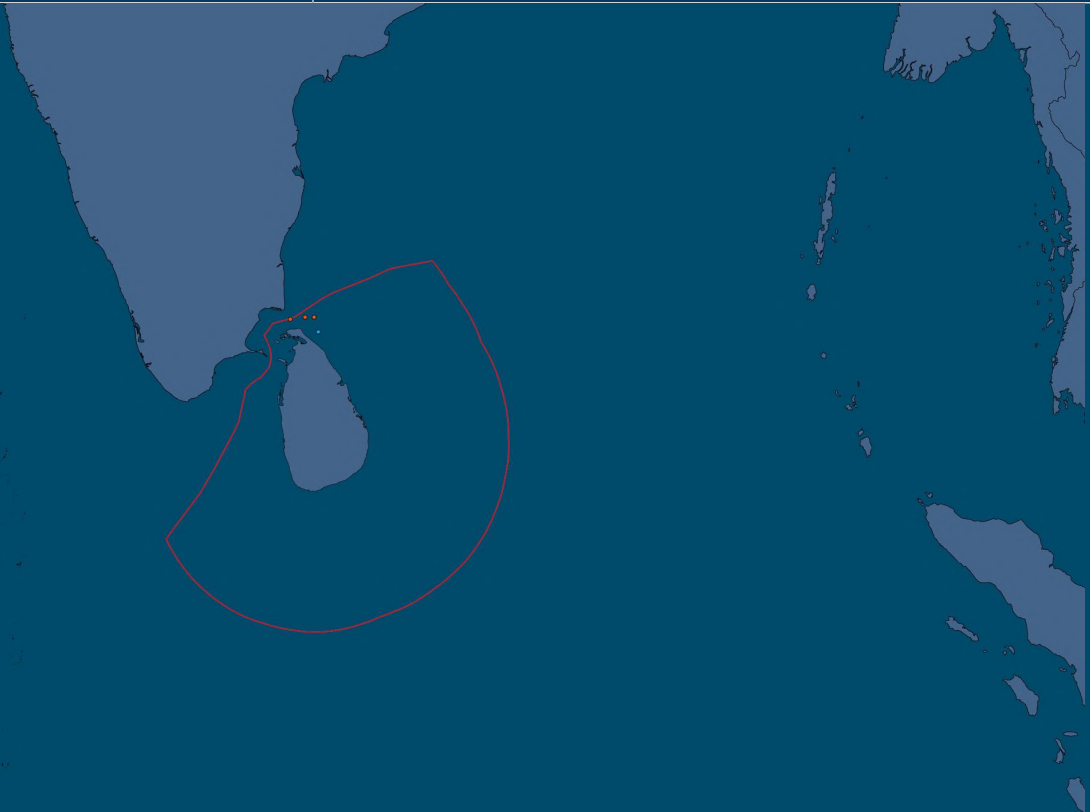
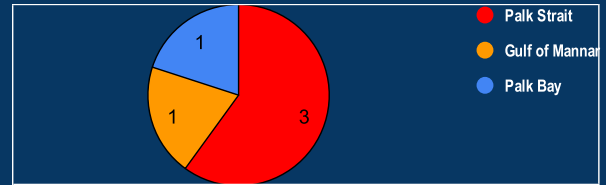
#### POACHING INCIDENTS – APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- A Total of 3 incidents were reported in the Palk strait & one incident in the Palk Bay reflecting a decrease of 4 and 7 incidents respectively compared to Apr 24
- Only incidents happened in Gulf of Mannar area same as Apr 24

##### Comments:

- The majority of incidents occurred in the Palk strait (3) & Palk Bay (1), marking a clear decline compared to April last year.
- No incidents were reported in the Eastern Coast & other areas Apr 24.



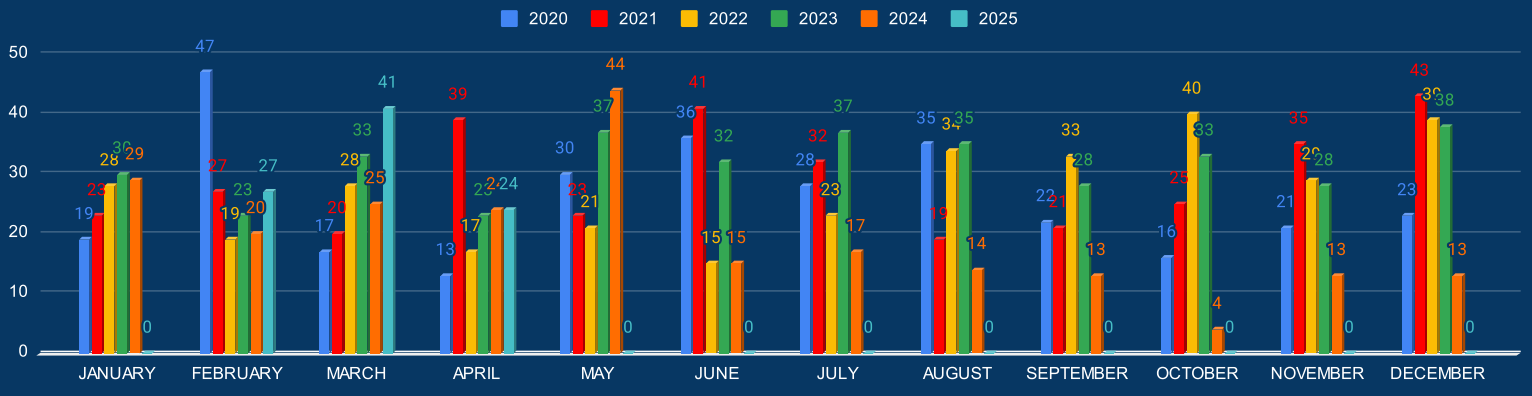


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP APRIL 2025

### MARITIME INCIDENTS

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Technical Failure	7	6	11	11
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	6	10	7	2
Man Over Board	0	0	0	1
Arrival Overdue	0	0	1	2
Capsized	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	0
Death	1	1	1	3
Patient onboard	0	4	1	4
Collision	0	0	0	0
No Communication	1	1	1	0
Other Incident	0	0	1	1

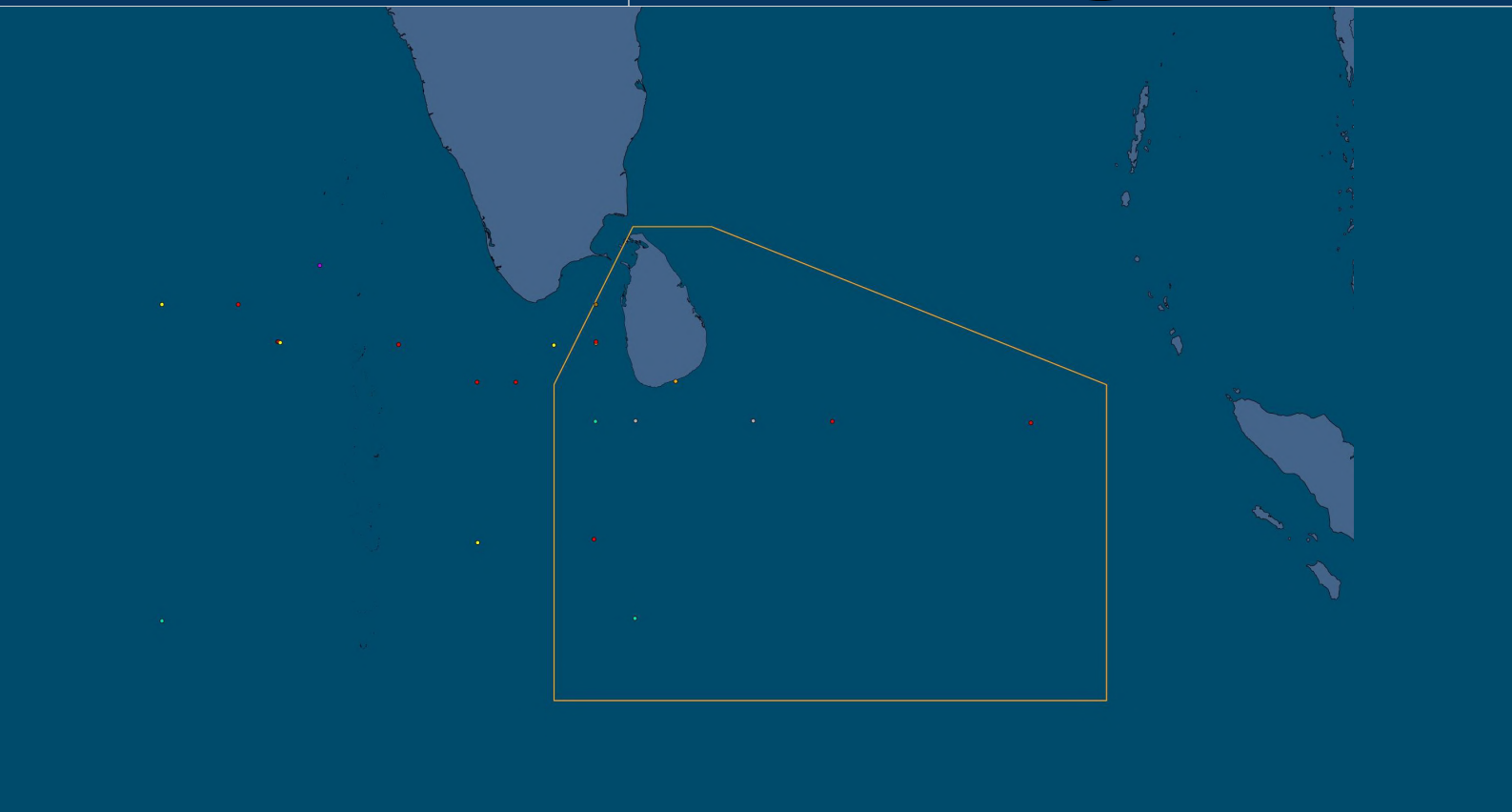
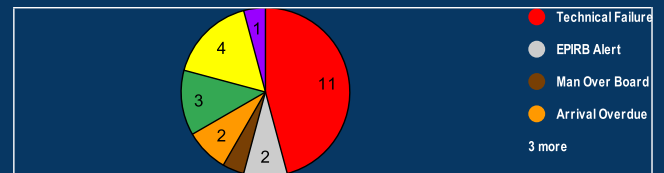
#### MARITIME INCIDENTS –APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- A Total of 24 incidents were reported in April 2025, reflecting an increase of 1 compared to April 2024.
- Technical Failure : 11 incidents were reported , the same numbers as in April 2024.
- Patient onboard : 4 incidents were reported, marking an increase of 03 compared to April 2024.
- Death : 3 incidents were reported marking an increase of 02 compared to April 2024.
- In April 2025, Total of 24 maritime incidents were reported. Among these, EPIRB activations and arrival overdue cases accounted for 2 incidents. Additionally, 1 incident each was recorded under the categories of Man over Board and other Incidents. No Incidents were reported under Fire onboard, Grounding ,Capsizing, Collision or No communication.

##### Comments:

- The total number of incidents has slightly increased compared to last year, with a noticeable rise in medical and death- related case that require attention.How ever, it is reassuring to note that there were no serious incidents such as fires, capsizing or collisions.



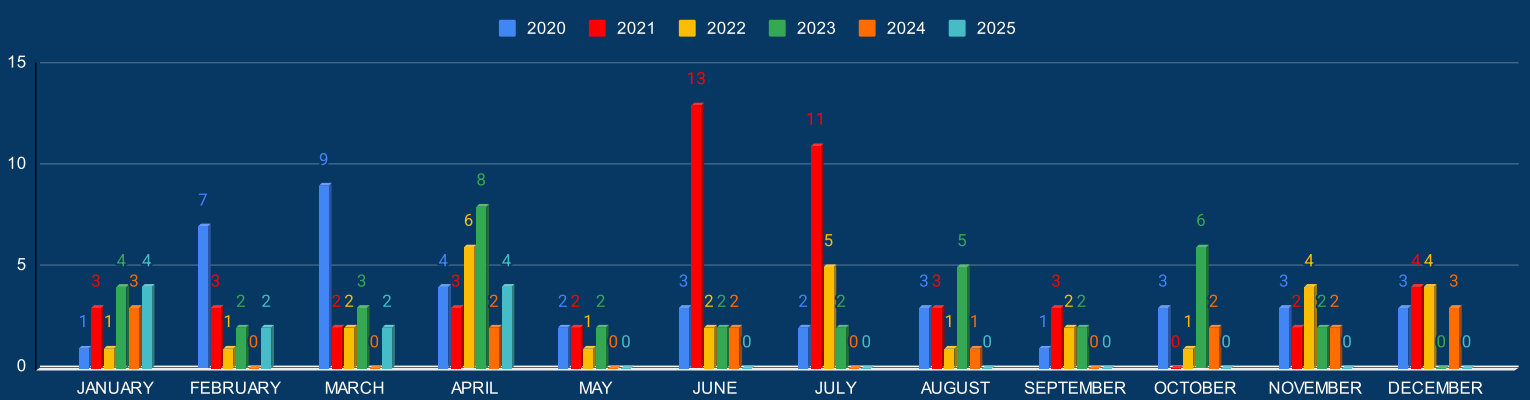


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP APRIL 2025

### DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Heroin	1	1	1	0
Kerala cannabis	2	5	0	4
Ice	3	1	1	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	1	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0

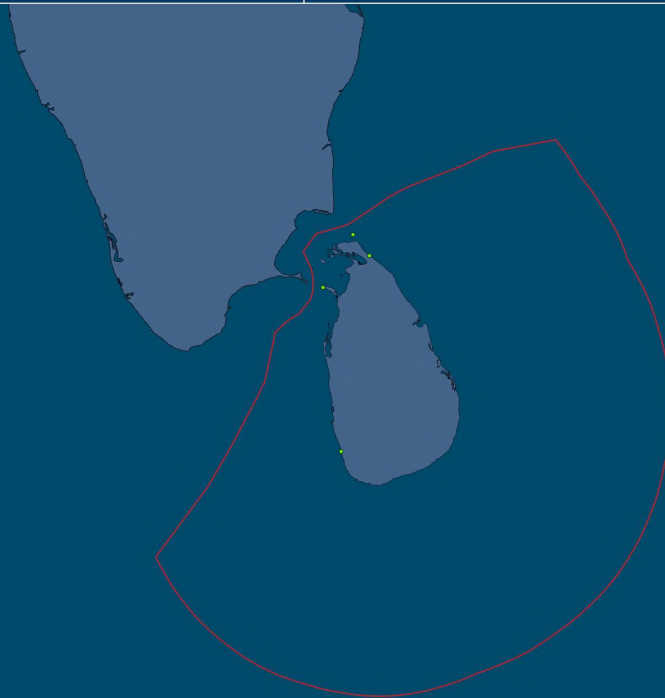
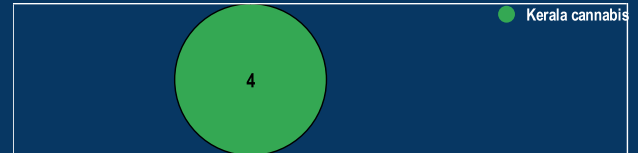
### DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

**Statistics:**

- Drug Smuggling: 4 incidents were reported, marking an increase of 02 compared to April 2024.
- All 4 incidents were reported under the Kerala cannabis, marking an increase of 4 incidents compared to Apr 24.

**Comments:**

- All incidents this month involved Kerala cannabis, indicating a noticeable rise in such cases and suggesting that the focus has been primarily on this type of Narcotic.



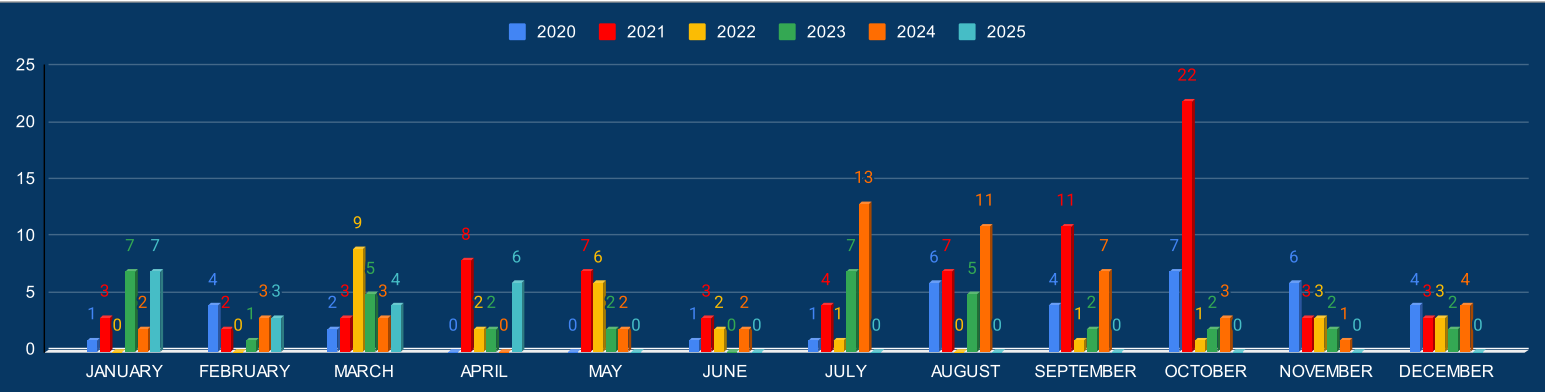


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP APRIL 2025

### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Cardamom	0	0	0	4
Glyphosate	0	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0
Kendu leaves	0	1	0	2
Other	2	1	0	0
Turmeric	0	0	0	0

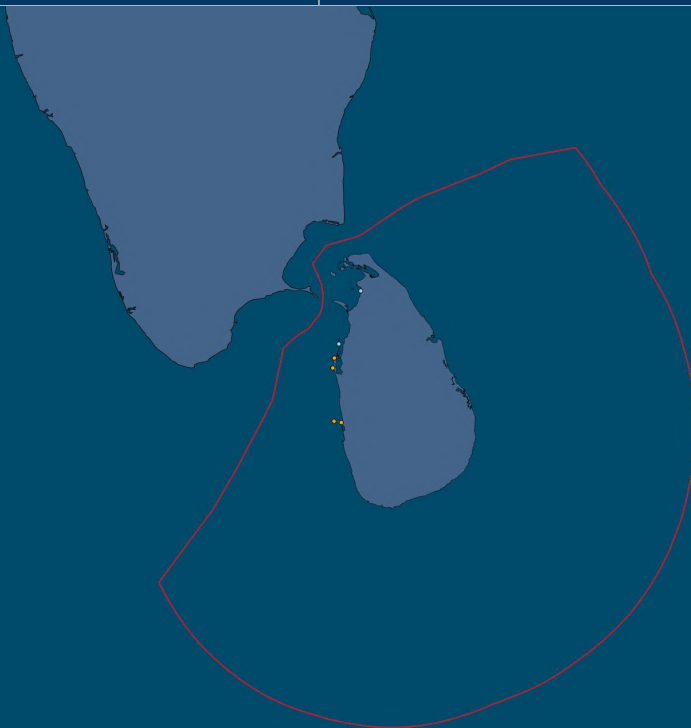
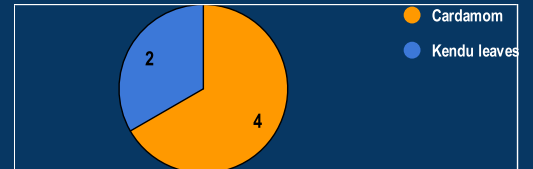
#### CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- Contraband smuggling : 6 incidents were reported marking an increase of 06 compared to April 2024.
- Cardamom related incidents totaled 4 , while 2 incidents were reported involving kenda leaves.
- No incidents were reported to Glyphosate, Gold , Turmeric or Other items.

##### Comments:

- The focus of smuggling appears to have shifted toward agricultural products, with Cardamom being the most frequently smuggled items, indicating a rising trend.



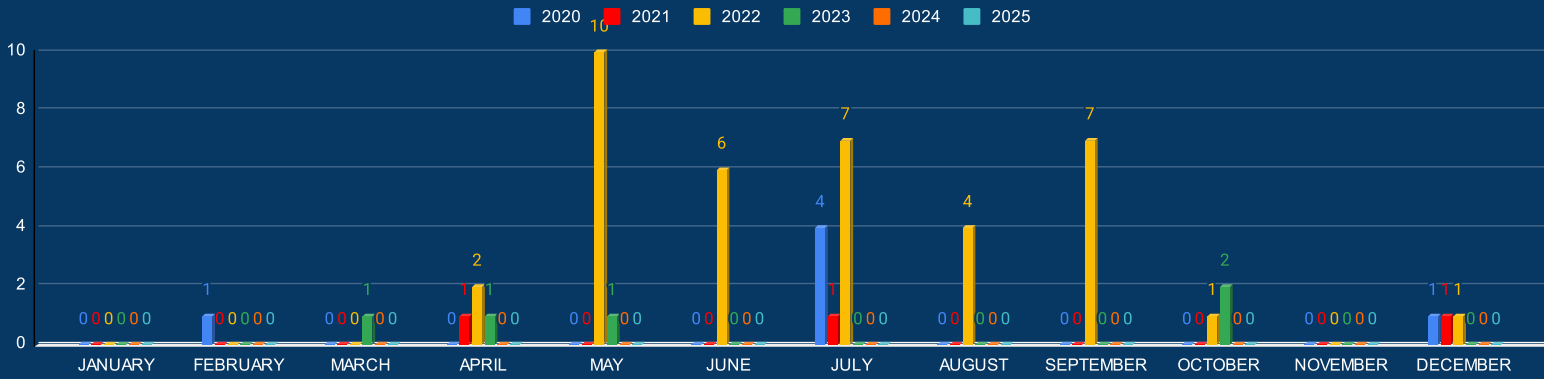


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP APRIL 2025

### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Human Smuggling	2	1	0	0

#### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – APRIL 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS





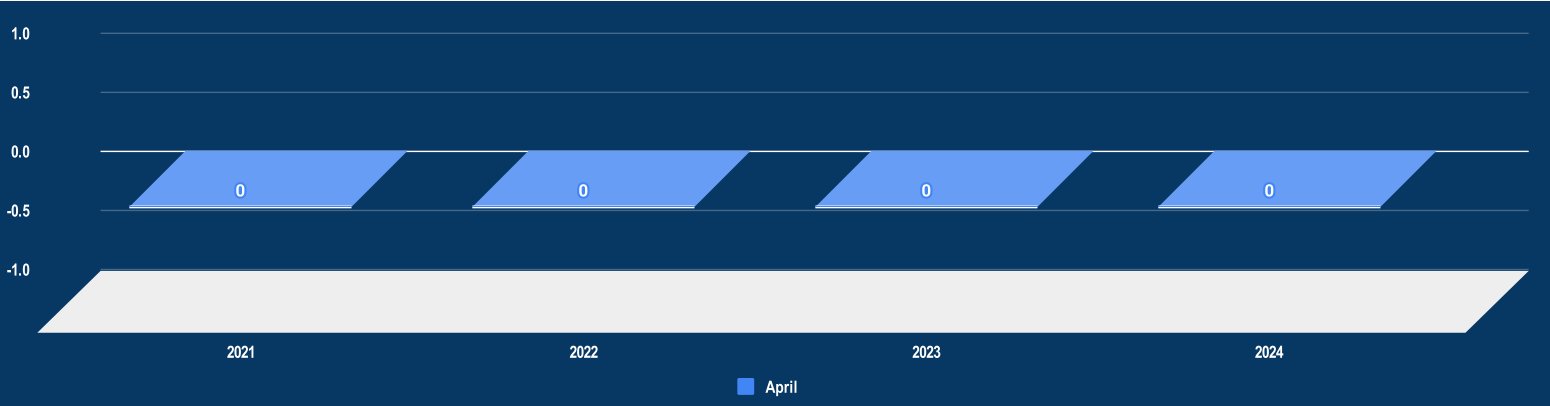


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### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

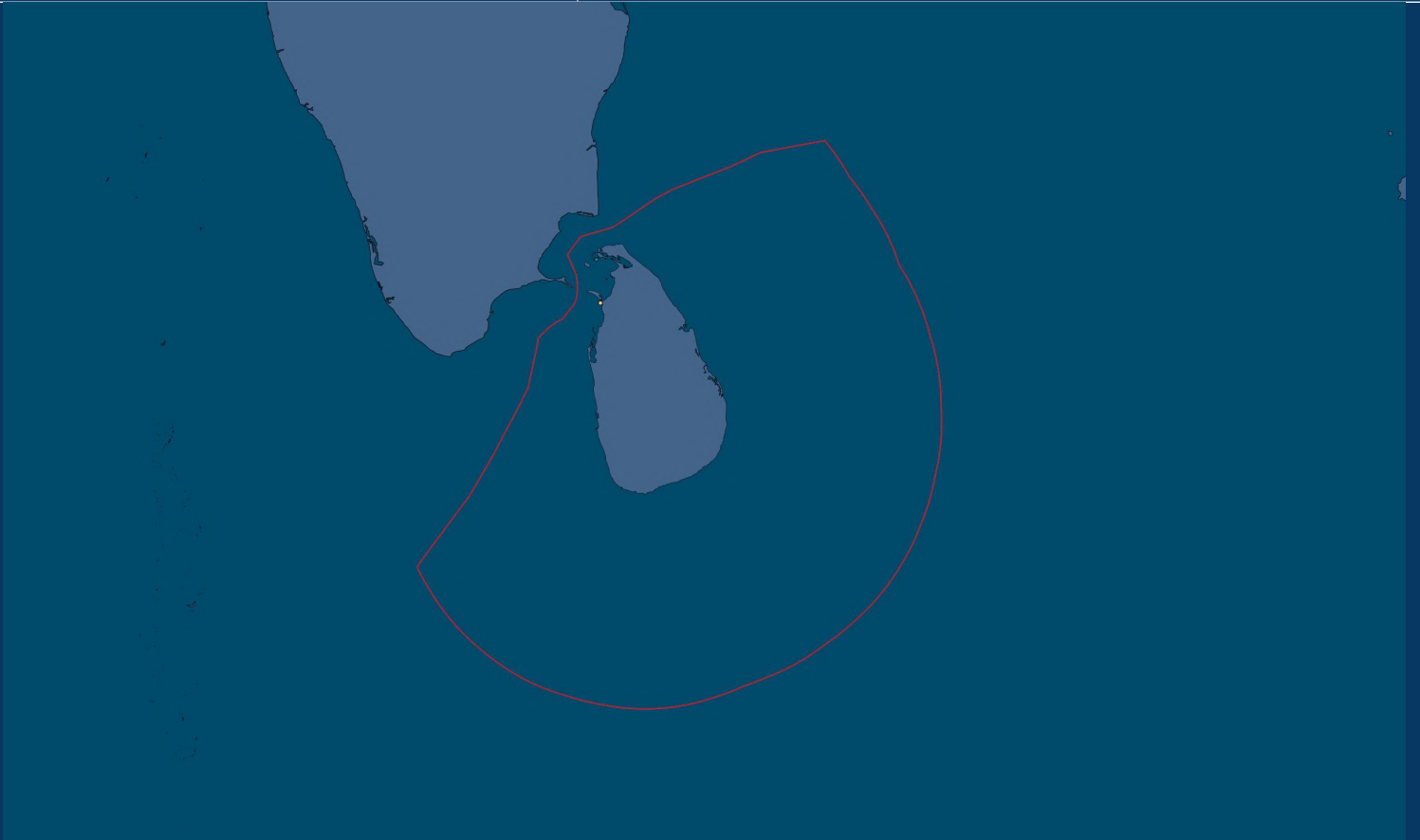
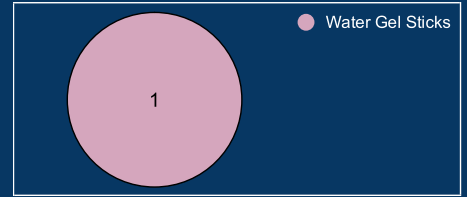


#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	APR 2022	APR 2023	APR 2024	APR 2025
Water Gel Sticks	0	0	0	1

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

One Incident reported, No increase or decrease is seen, but continued monitoring is important.





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – APRIL 2025

### **Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:**

A total of 49 IUU fishing incidents were recorded in April 2025, marking a rise from 48 incidents in April 2024. Notably, incidents involving illegal nets surged to 39, up from 15 the previous year, indicating growing concern. In contrast, harvesting of prohibited species dropped significantly to 5, compared to 10 in April 2024. No incidents of explosive fishing were reported. While the overall trends reflect some progress, the sharp increase in illegal net use underscores the need for more targeted enforcement efforts in that area.

**Poaching:** In April 2025, 4 poaching incidents were reported, making a significant decrease from 16 incidents in April 2024. The Palk Bay & Palk Strait continue to be hotspots for such activity, while no poaching incidents were recorded in other areas, suggesting a shift in poaching patterns.

**Maritime Incidents:** 24 Maritime Incidents were reported in April 2025

**Drug Smuggling:** 04 Drug Smuggling incidents were reported in April 2025

**Contraband Smuggling:** 06 contraband smuggling incidents were reported in April 2025. These involved Cardamom & Kendu Leaves.

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

**Explosive and Firearms Smuggling:** 01 incidents were reported in April 2025.

**Overall Analysis:** In April 2025, various maritime security issues were recorded. Illegal fishing remains a major concern. With 49 IUU fishing incidents reported - largely driven by a sharp increase in the use of illegal nets. However, there were signs of improvement as harvesting of banned species declined and no incidents of explosive fishing were reported. Poaching also saw a significant drop, with only 4 cases reported compared to 16 in the same period last year. Primarily concentrated in the Palk Bay and Palk Strait.

Maritime incidents rose slightly to 24. While drug and contraband smuggling remained relatively low with 4 and 6 cases respectively. Mainly involving Kerala cannabis, cardamom & Kendu leaves. Human smuggling remained under control, with no reported cases and only 1 incident involving explosives or firearms was recorded. In hand, enforcement is still necessary to curb the use of illegal nets and the smuggling of agricultural items.