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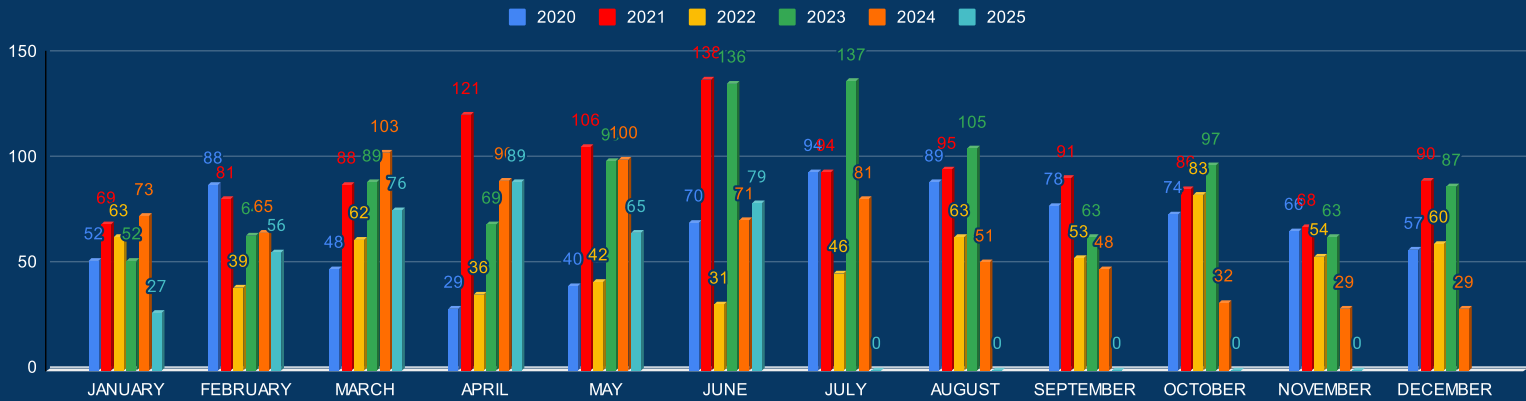


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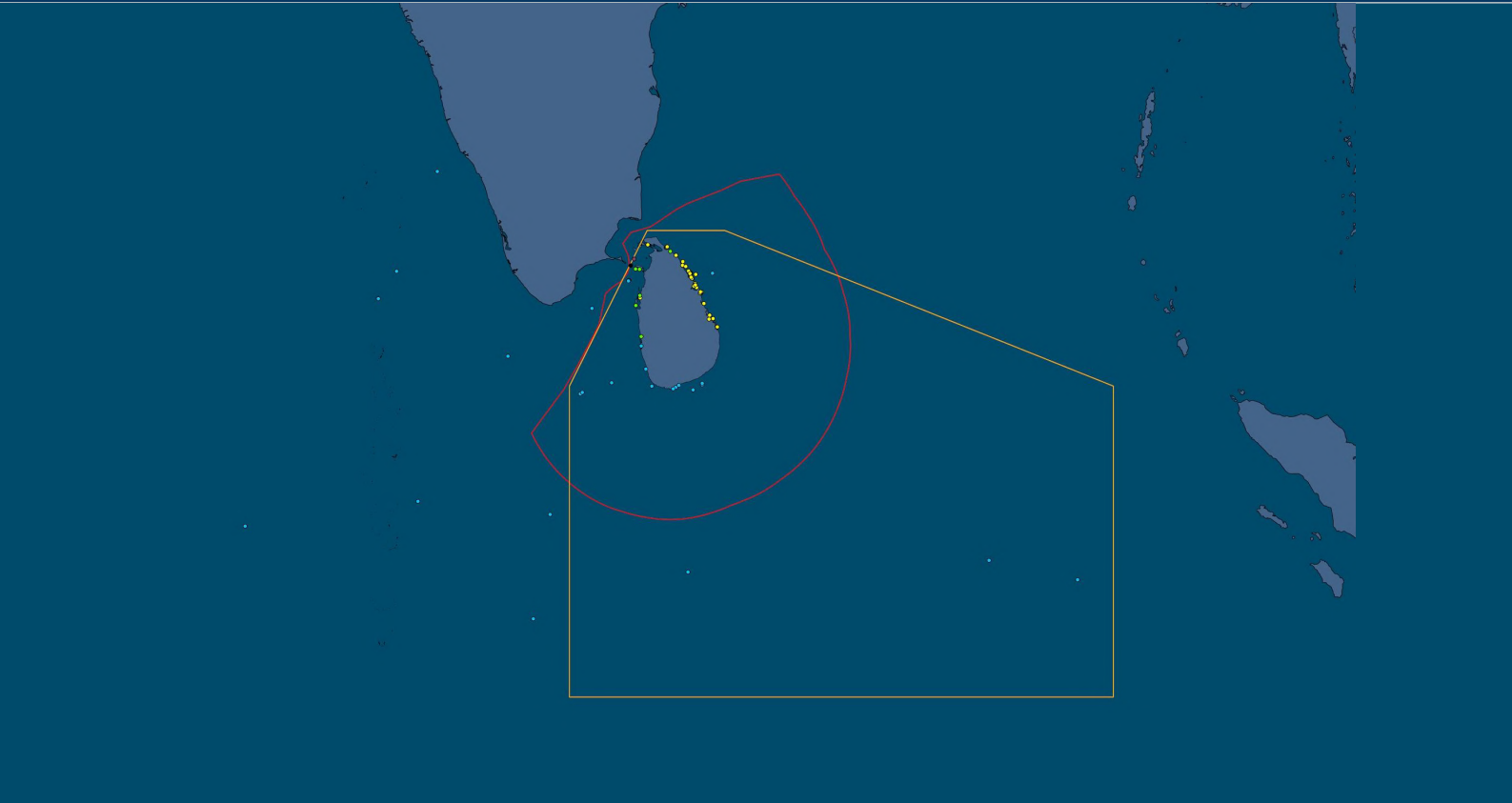
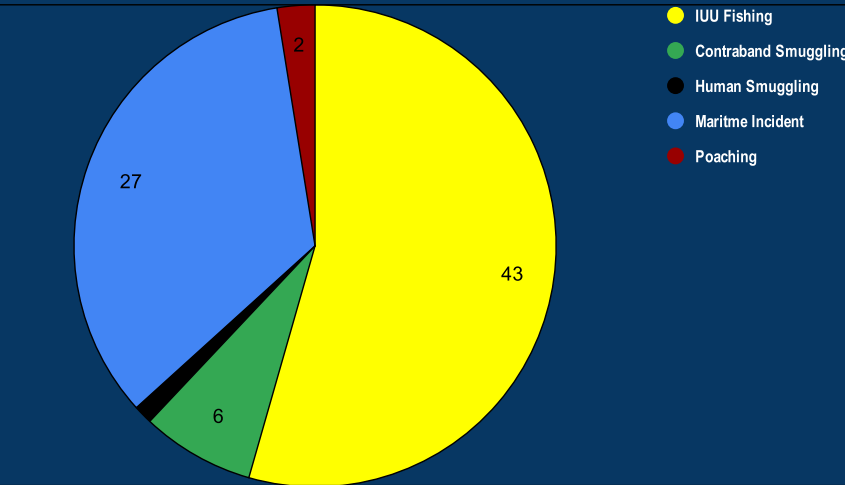
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

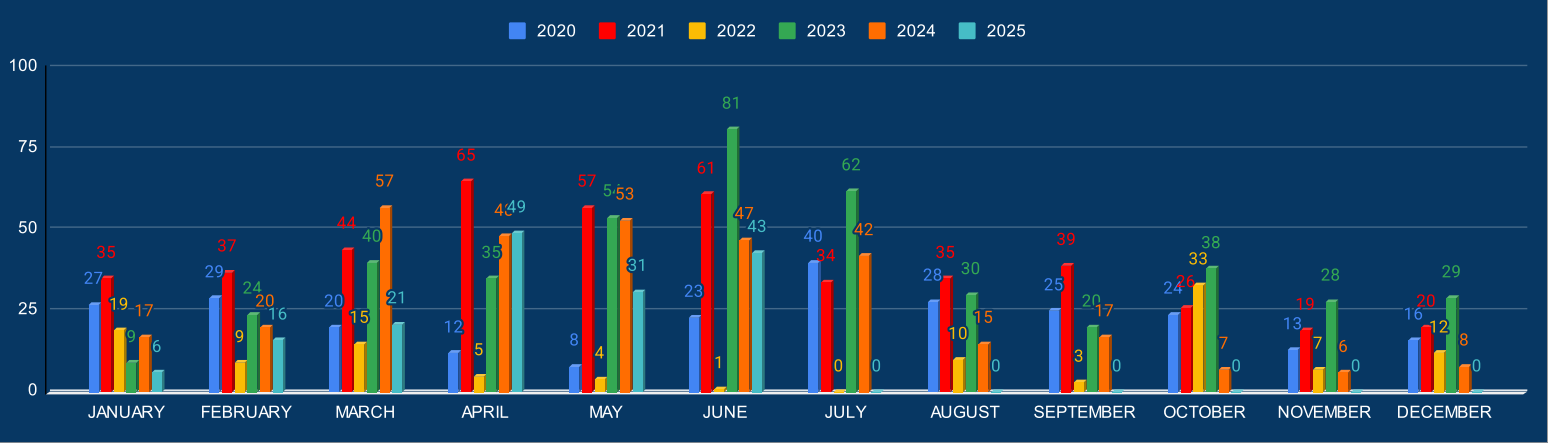
INCIDENT TYPE	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025
IUU Fishing	1	81	47	43
Drug Smuggling	2	2	2	0
Contraband Smuggling	2	0	2	6
Human Smuggling	6	0	0	1
Maritime Incident	15	32	15	27
Poaching	5	21	5	2
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	14	0	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	0	13	1	2
Illegal Net	0	27	22	35
Illegal Methods	1	27	24	6
Explosive Fishing	0	0	0	0

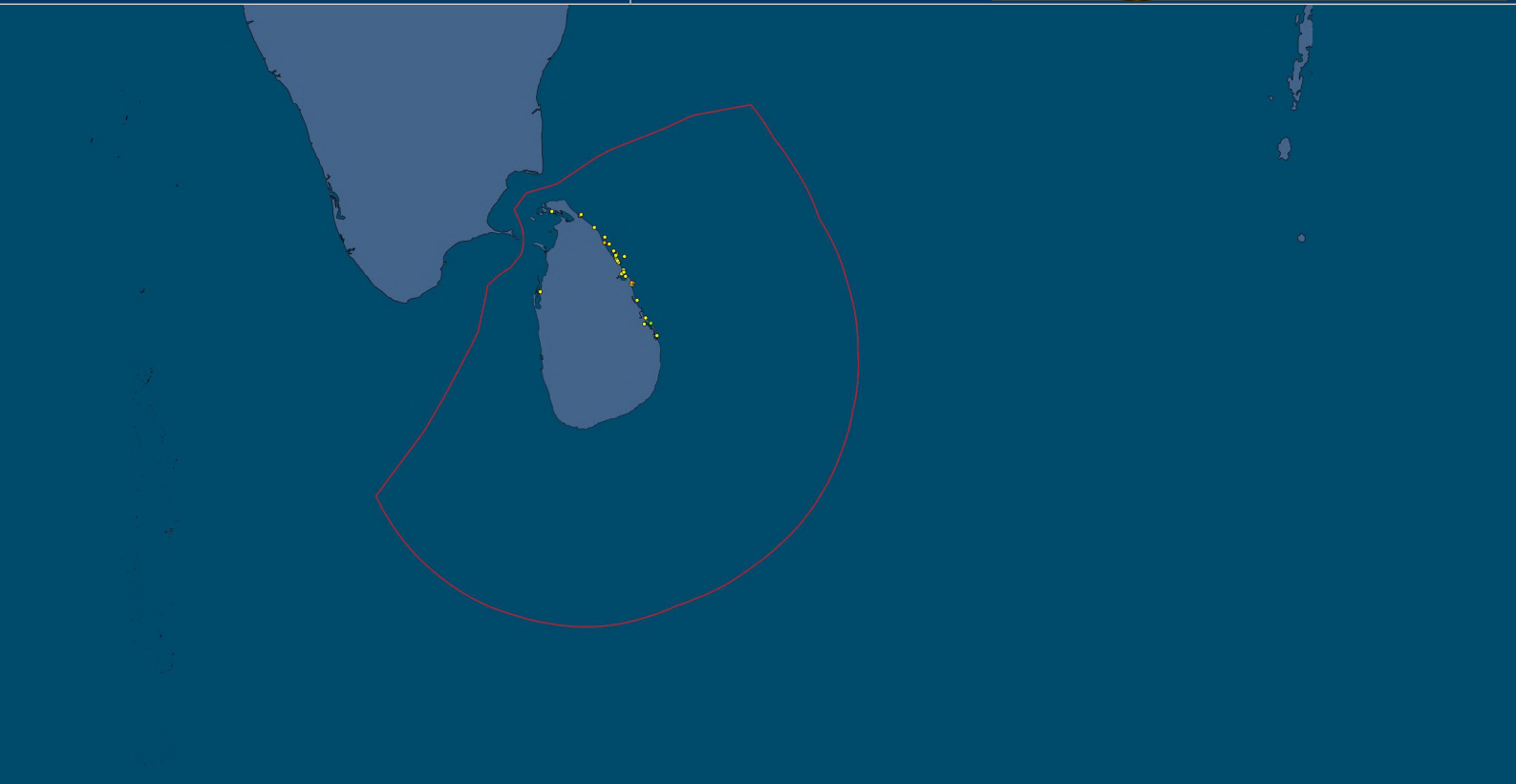
IUU FISHING – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 43 incidents were reported in comparison to June 2024, reflecting a decrease of 4.
- No incidents were reported for violation of certification conditions and Explosive fishing.
- Harvesting of prohibited species accounted for 2 incidents, an increase of 1.
- The use of illegal nets rose markedly, with 25 incidents reported, an increase of more than 13 cases compared to June 2024.
- Only 6 incidents involving illegal methods were recorded, reflecting a notable decrease of 18 cases.

Comments:

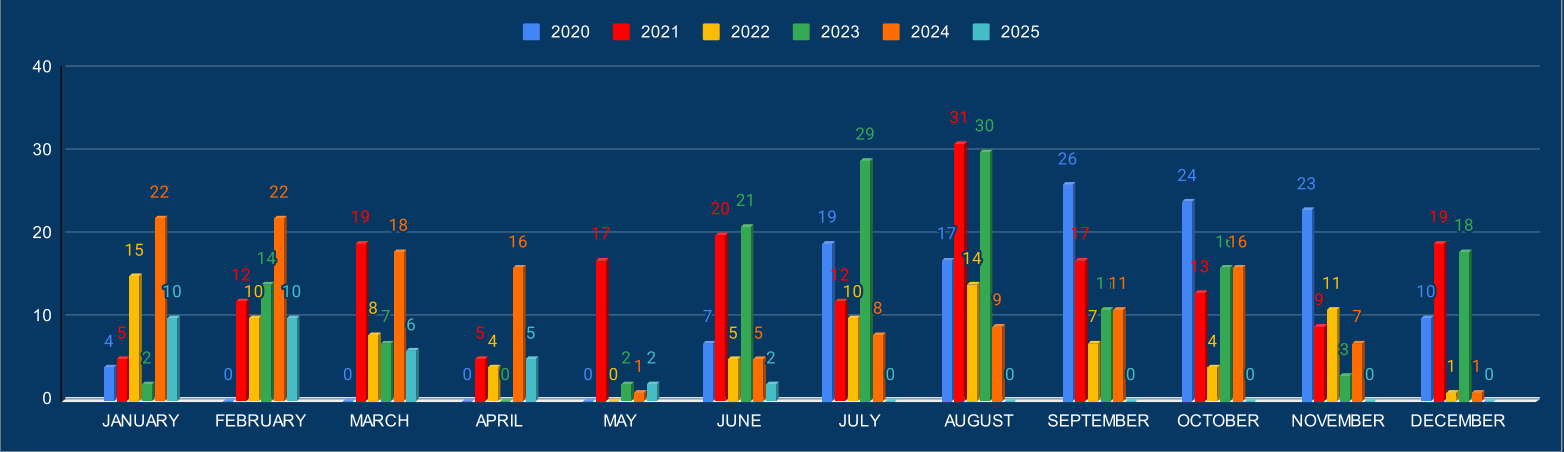
- The total number of incidents saw a slight decline of 4 compared to June 2024. However, cases of illegal net use spiked significantly, increasing by 13 to reach a total of 35 incidents.
- In contrast, incidents involving illegal methods declined sharply by 18 cases, reflecting a 75% decrease. Notably, there were no reported cases of certification condition violations or explosive fishing in June 2025.





POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

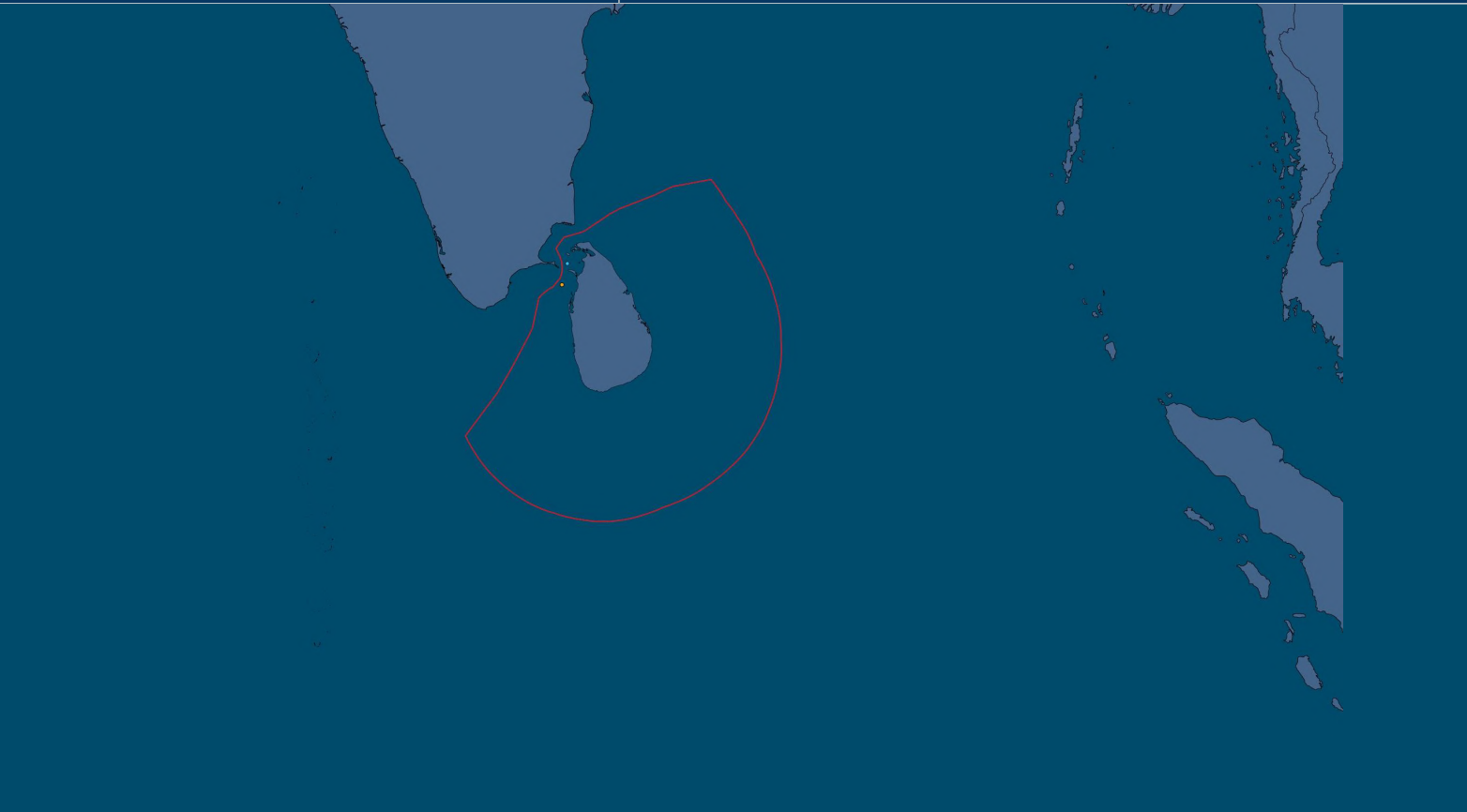
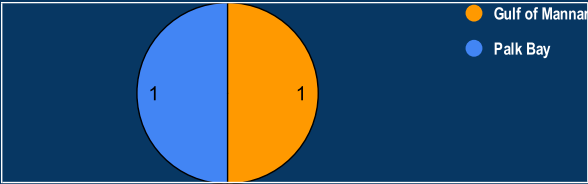


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025
Eastern Coast	1	0	0	0
Palk Strait	0	0	0	0
Gulf of Mannar	1	11	0	1
Palk Bay	3	10	5	1
Others	1	0	0	0

POACHING INCIDENTS – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

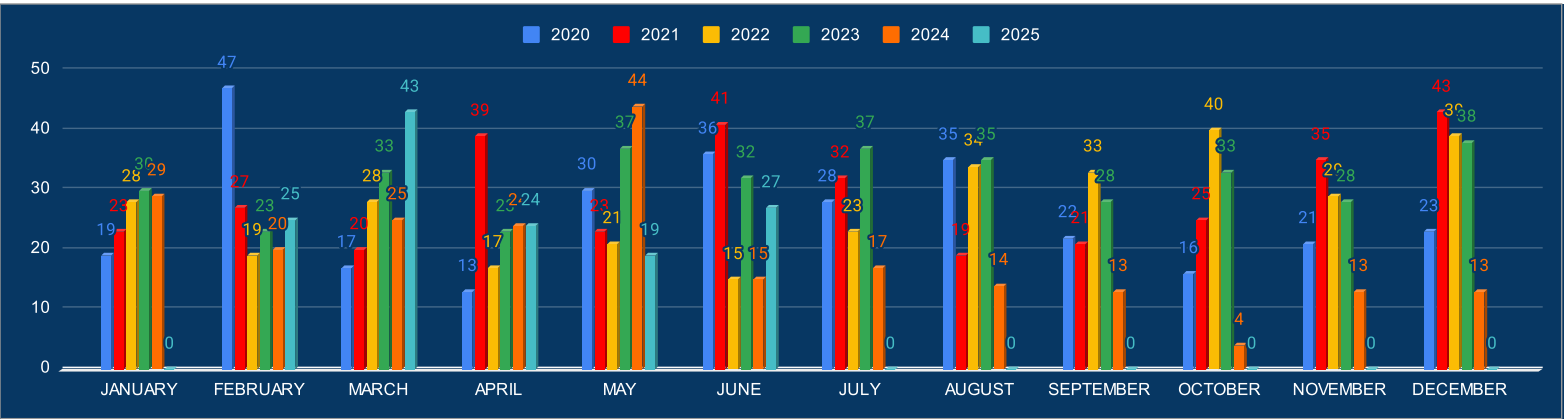
- Statistics:
- A total of 2 incidents were reported in Palk Bay & Gulf of Mannar, reflecting a decrease of 3 incident compared to June 2024.
- Comments:
- No incidents were reported in the Eastern Coast, Palk Strait and other areas, same as June 2024.





MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

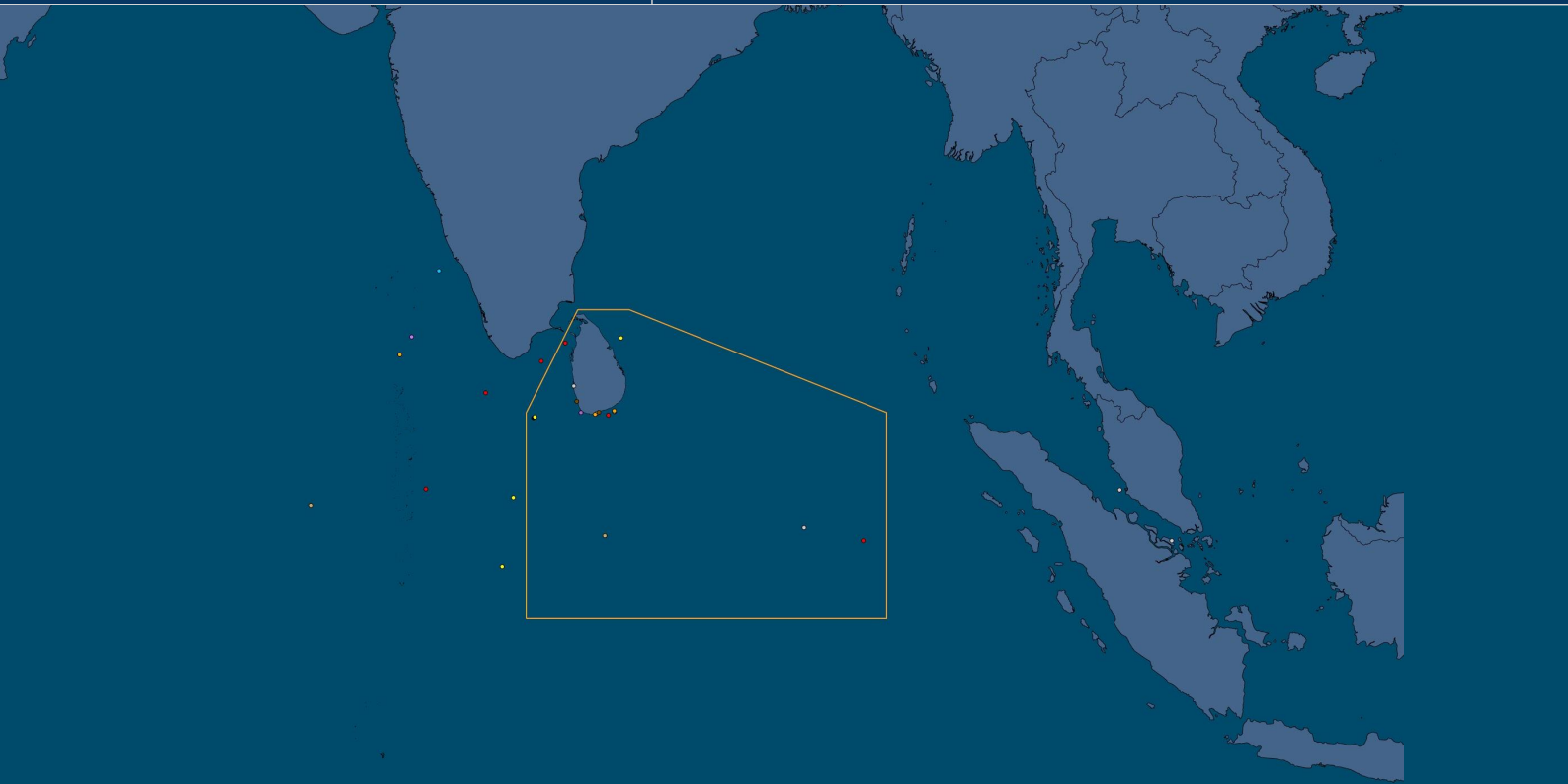
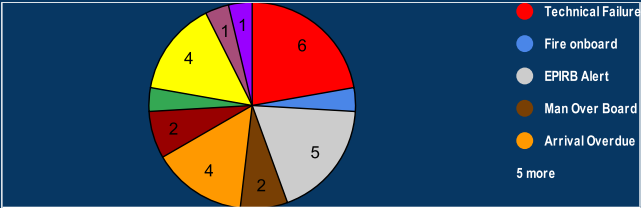


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025
Technical Failure	11	8	3	6
Fire onboard	0	0	0	1
EPIRB Alert	1	9	6	5
Man Over Board	0	0	0	2
Arrival Overdue	2	1	1	4
Capsized	0	1	1	2
Ground	0	0	0	0
Death	0	0	1	1
Patient onboard	1	6	1	4
Collision	0	1	0	1
No Communication	0	4	2	0
Other Incident	0	1	0	1

MARITIME INCIDENTS –JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

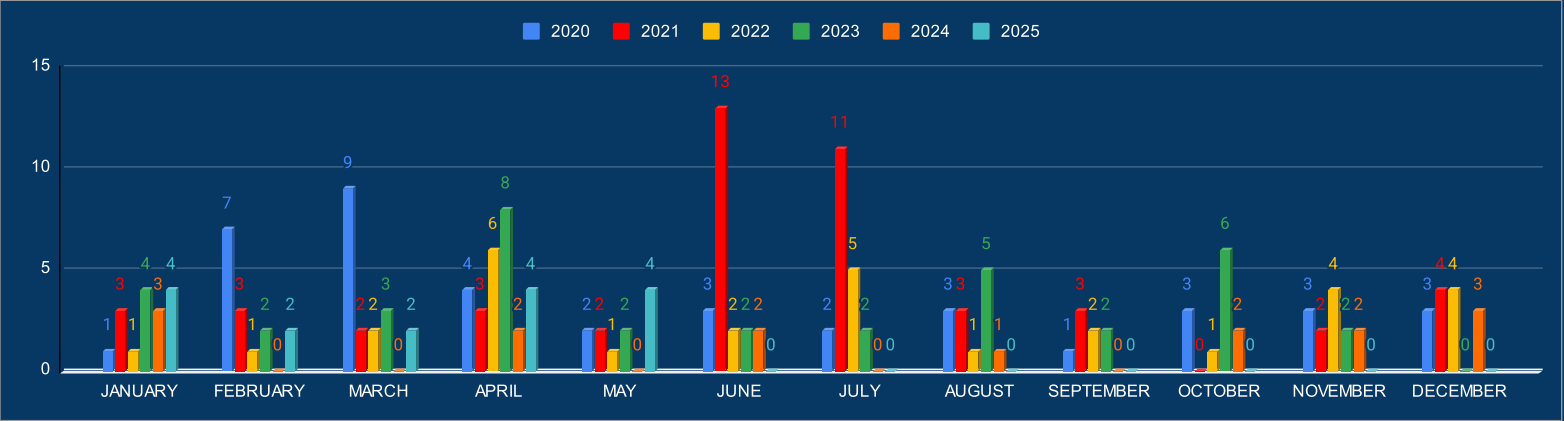
- Statistics:
- A total of 27 maritime incidents were reported in June 2025, reflecting an increase of 12 compared to June 2024.
 - Six incidents involved Technical Failure, 5 incidents reported EPIRB Alert & 4 incidents reported Arrival Overdue / Patient onboard.
 - 2 incidents reported Man over Board , Capsized & Fire onboard, Death , Collision & other reported 01 incidents.
 - No incidents were reported Grounding & No communication.
- Comments
- The overall number of incidents has seen a slight increase compared to the previous year, driven by a noticeable rise in patient onboard and overdue arrival cases. Encouragingly, no major incidents, such as groundings or communication failures were reported.





DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- No incidents reported in June 2025, marking a decrease of 1 compared to June 2024.



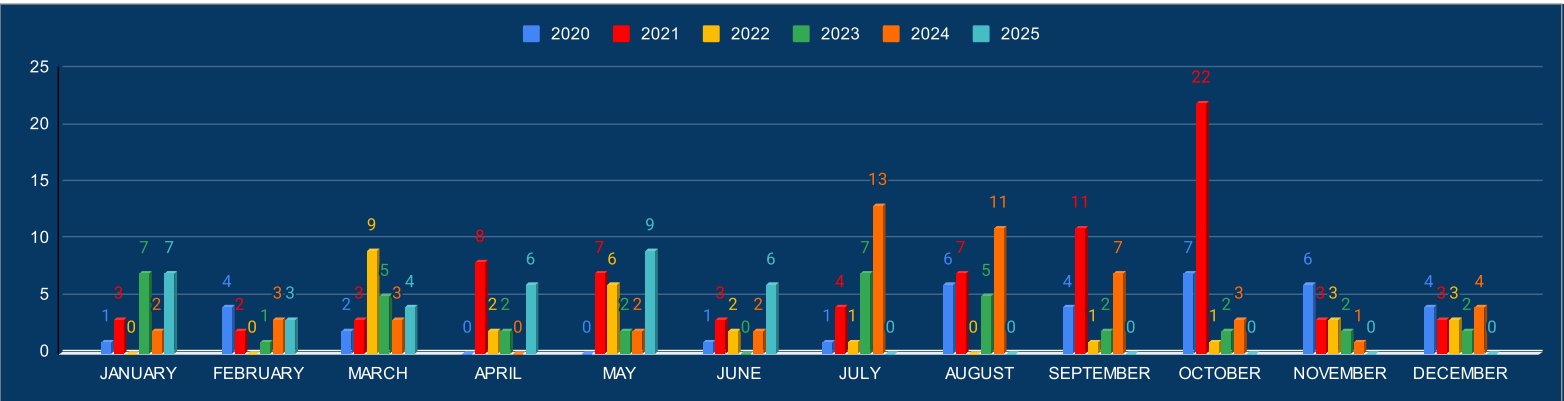


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JUNE 2025

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

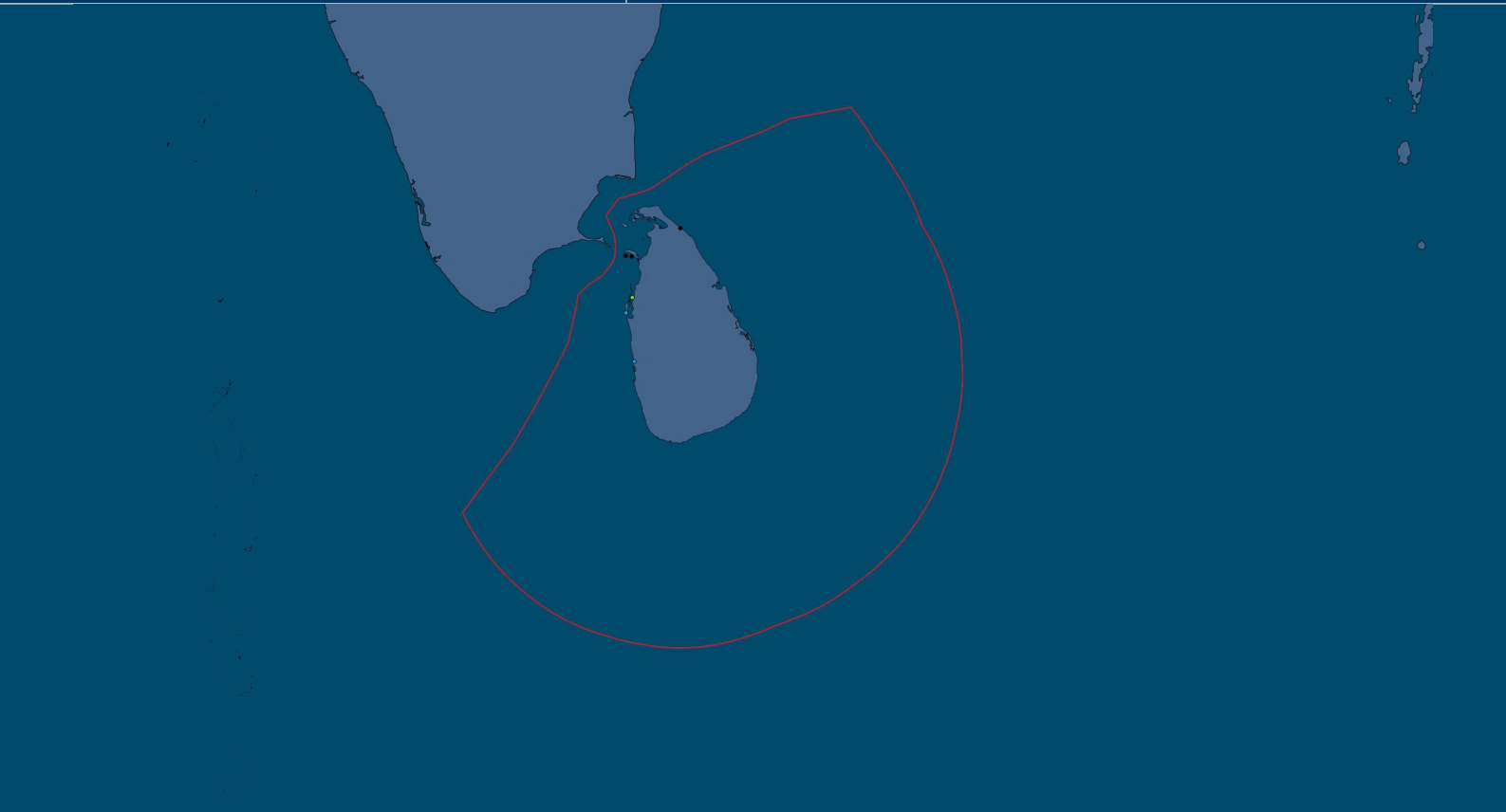
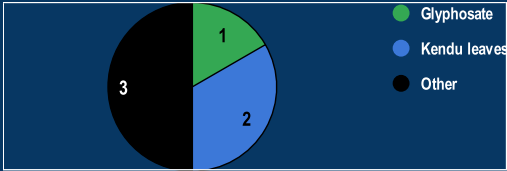
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 06 incidents of contraband smuggling were reported in June 2025, marking an increase of 4 compared to June 2024.
- Among these, one incident involved Glyphosate, while 3 incidents were related to other & 2 incidents were reported Kendu leaves.
- No incidents were reported involving Cardamom, Gold & Turmeric.

Comments:

- Smuggling activities appear to have shifted focus toward alternative products such as liquids, sand, and soap items, with Kendu leaves emerging as the most frequently trafficked commodity highlighting a growing trend.



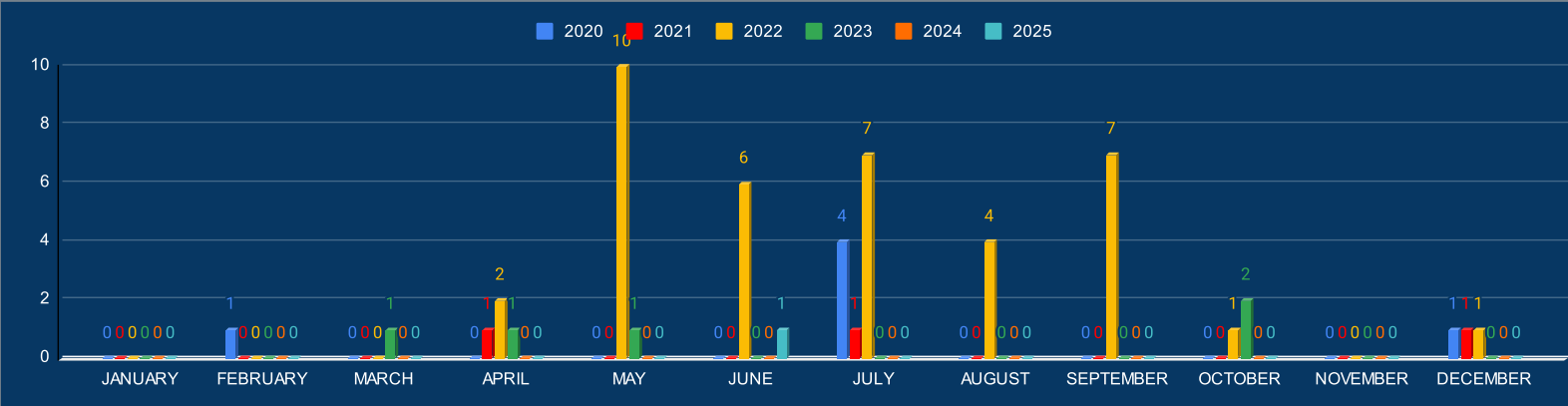


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

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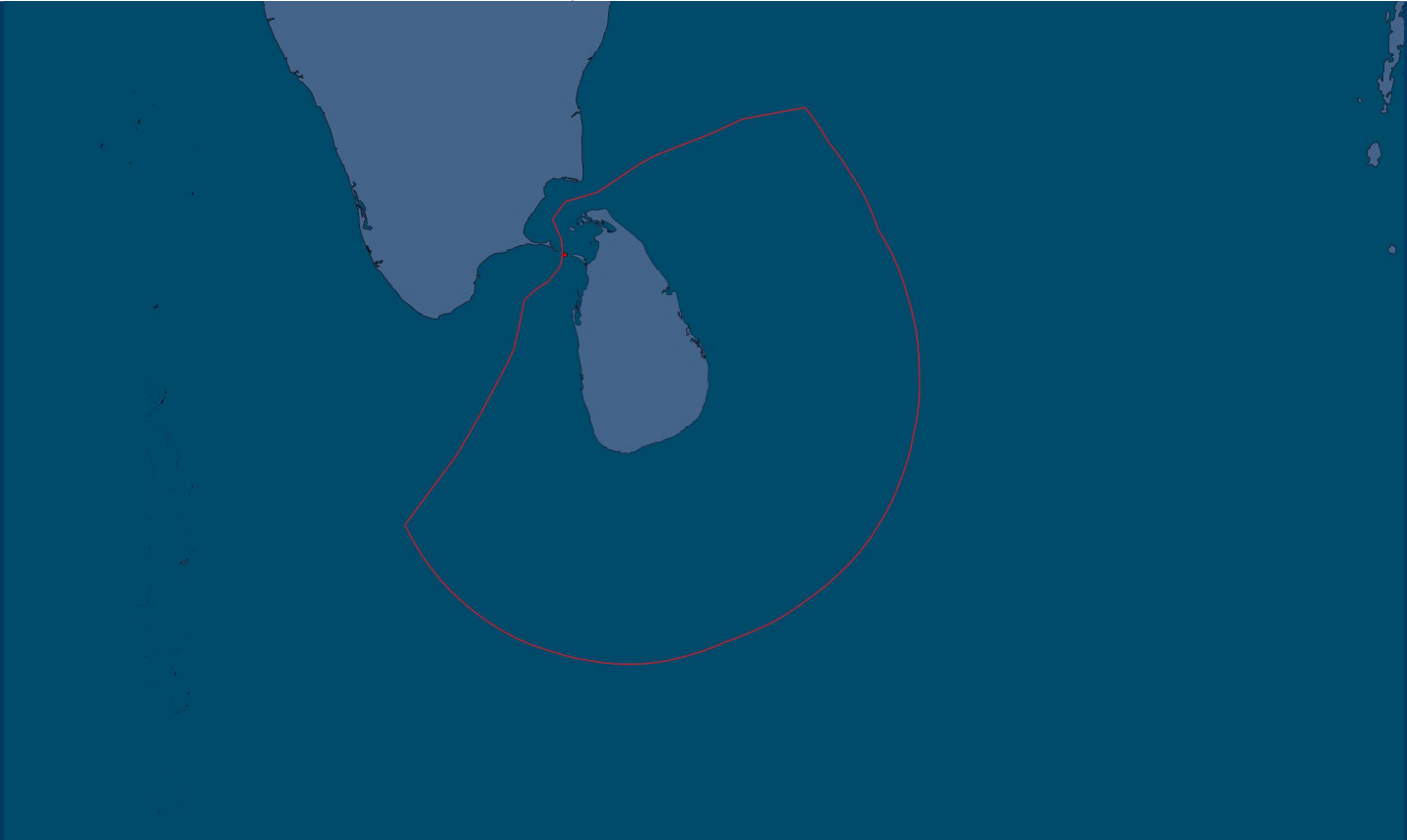


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025
Human Smuggling	6	0	0	1

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- One incidents reported in June 2025.
- Comments:
- While such cases remain minimal, ongoing vigilance is crucial to preventing their recurrence.





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EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – JUNE 2025 SUMMARY

NO INCIDENTS

ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN JUNE 2025



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – JUNE 2025

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:

In June 2025, 43 fishing-related incidents were reported, a slight decrease of 4 from June 2024. Illegal net use rose sharply to 35 cases, while prohibited species harvesting saw a minor increase. Incidents involving illegal methods dropped by 18, and no cases of certification violations or explosive fishing were reported, indicating better compliance.

Poaching: In June 2025, 2 incidents were reported in the Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar, a decrease of 3 from June 2024. No incidents occurred in the Eastern Coast, Palk Strait, or other areas, indicating localized reduction and overall regional stability.

Maritime Incidents: In June 2025, 27 maritime incidents were reported, an increase of 12 from June 2024. Key issues included technical failures, EPIRB alerts, and medical emergencies. Serious incidents like man overboard, capsizing, fire, and collision were minimal, with no cases of grounding or communication loss.

Drug Smuggling: No incidents of Drug Smuggling were reported in June 2025

Contraband Smuggling: In June 2025, six contraband smuggling incidents were reported an increase of four compared to June 2024. The majority involved Kendu leaves, while additional cases related to sand, liquor, and soap products were also recorded. Notably, no smuggling incidents involving cardamom, gold, or turmeric were reported.

Human Smuggling: One incidents of human smuggling were reported in June 2025.

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No incidents of explosive and firearms smuggling were reported in June 2025, maintaining stability in this category.

Overall Analysis: In June 2025, maritime and coastal security trends presented a mixed outlook across various categories. A total of 43 IUU fishing-related incidents were recorded, showing a slight decline compared to the previous year. Notably, the use of illegal nets surged, while incidents involving illegal fishing methods and certification violations showed improvement. Poaching activity also declined, with only two cases reported and no incidents in other sensitive regions.

Maritime incidents rose significantly to 27, primarily attributed to technical failures, EPIRB alerts, and onboard medical emergencies; however, there were no reports of groundings or communication breakdowns. Contraband smuggling cases increased to six from two cases in last year, mainly involving Kendu leaves, sand, liquid, and soap products.

On a positive note, there were no reported incidents of drug trafficking, or the smuggling of explosives or firearms indicating sustained control in these high-risk areas. Human smuggling remained low, with only one case recorded