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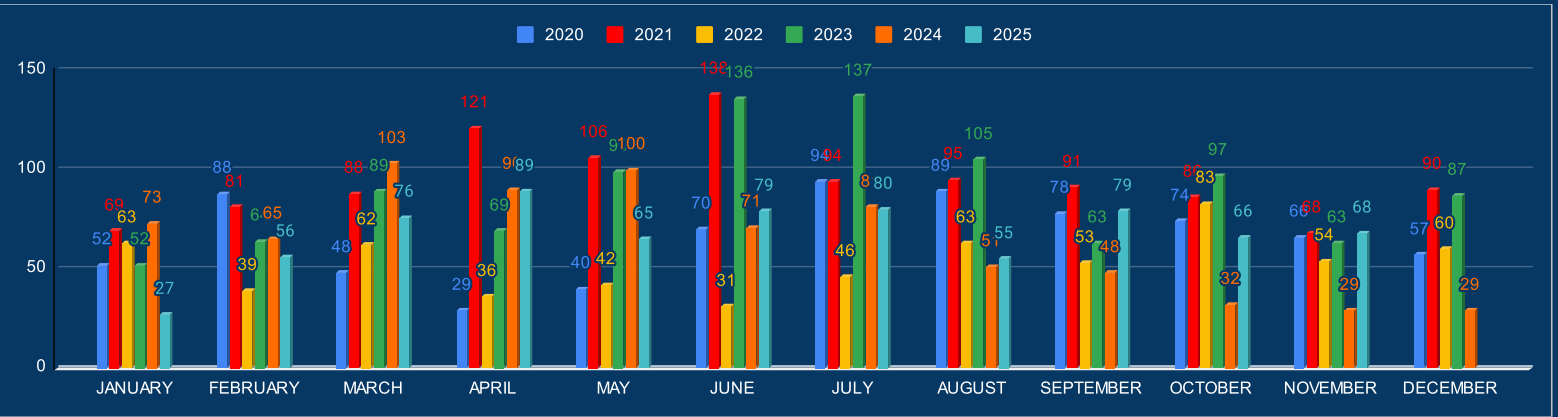


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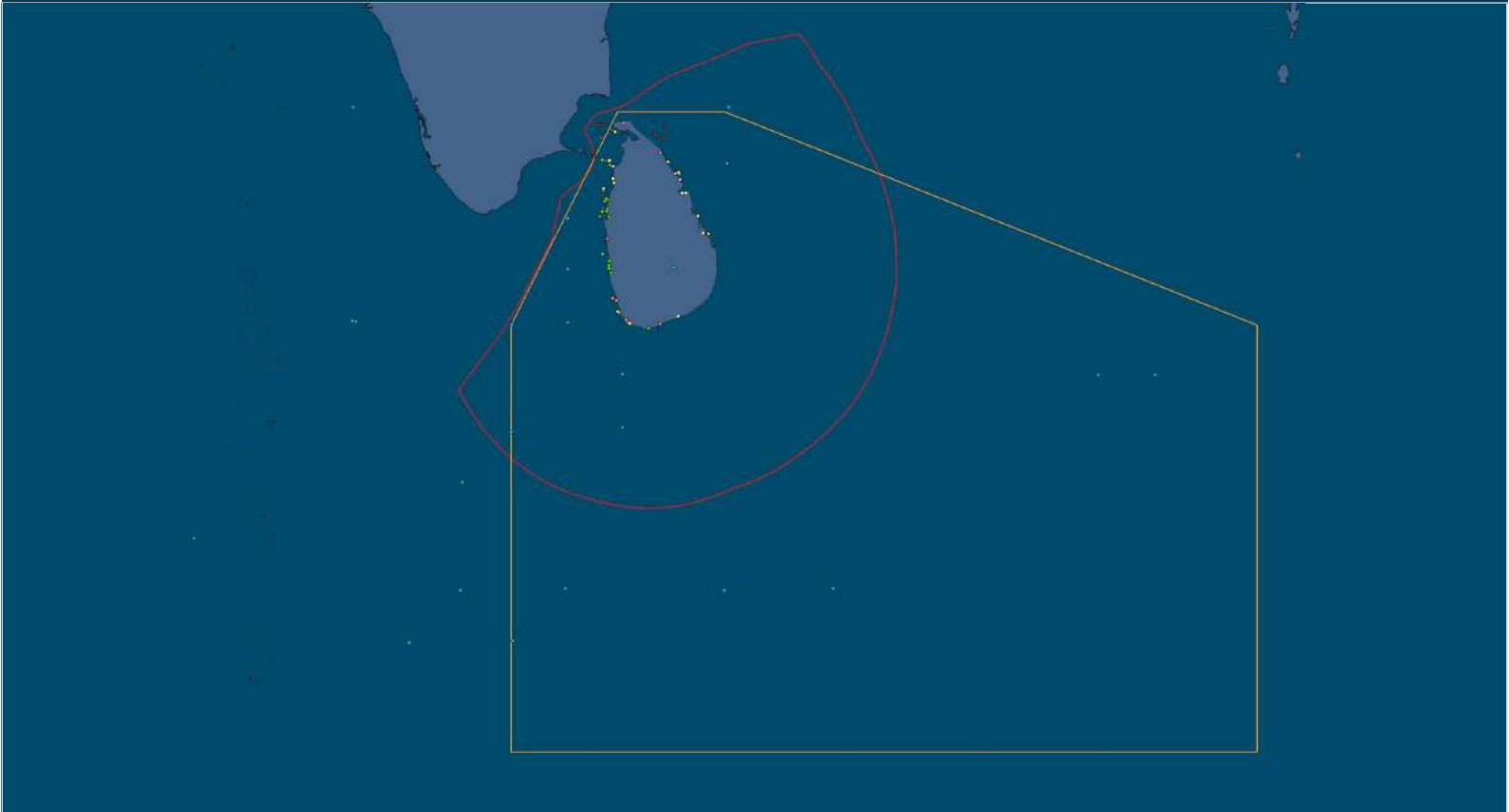
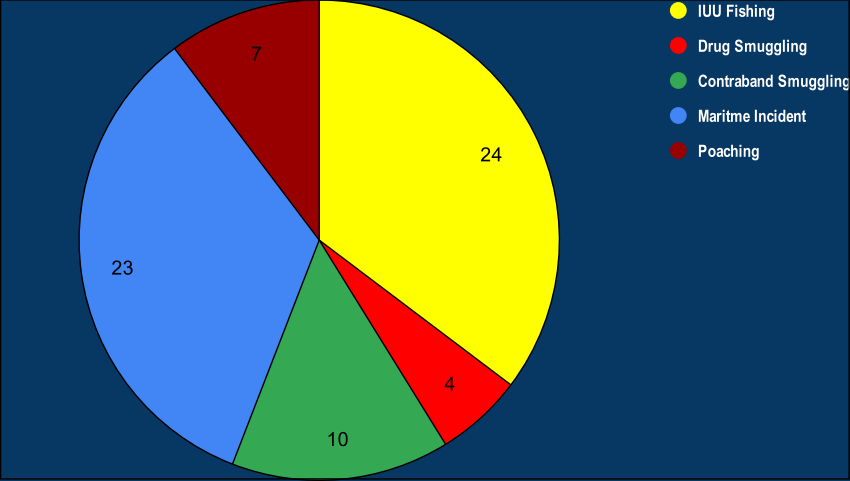
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

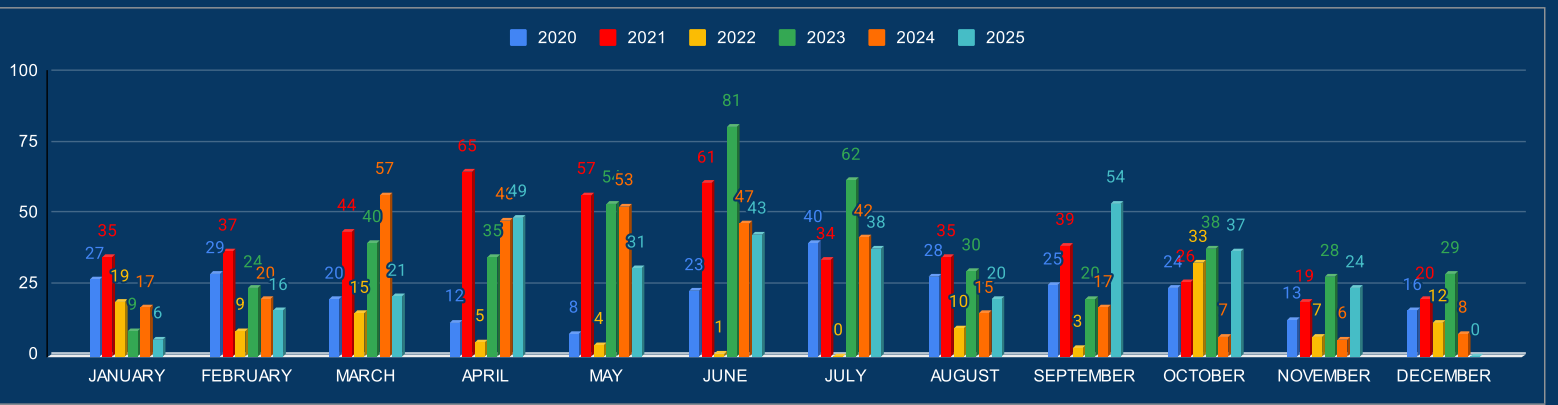
INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	NOV 2023	NOV 2024	NOV 2025
IUU Fishing	7	28	6	24
Drug Smuggling	4	2	2	4
Contraband Smuggling	3	2	1	10
Human Smuggling	0	0	0	0
Maritime Incident	29	28	13	23
Poaching	11	3	7	7
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

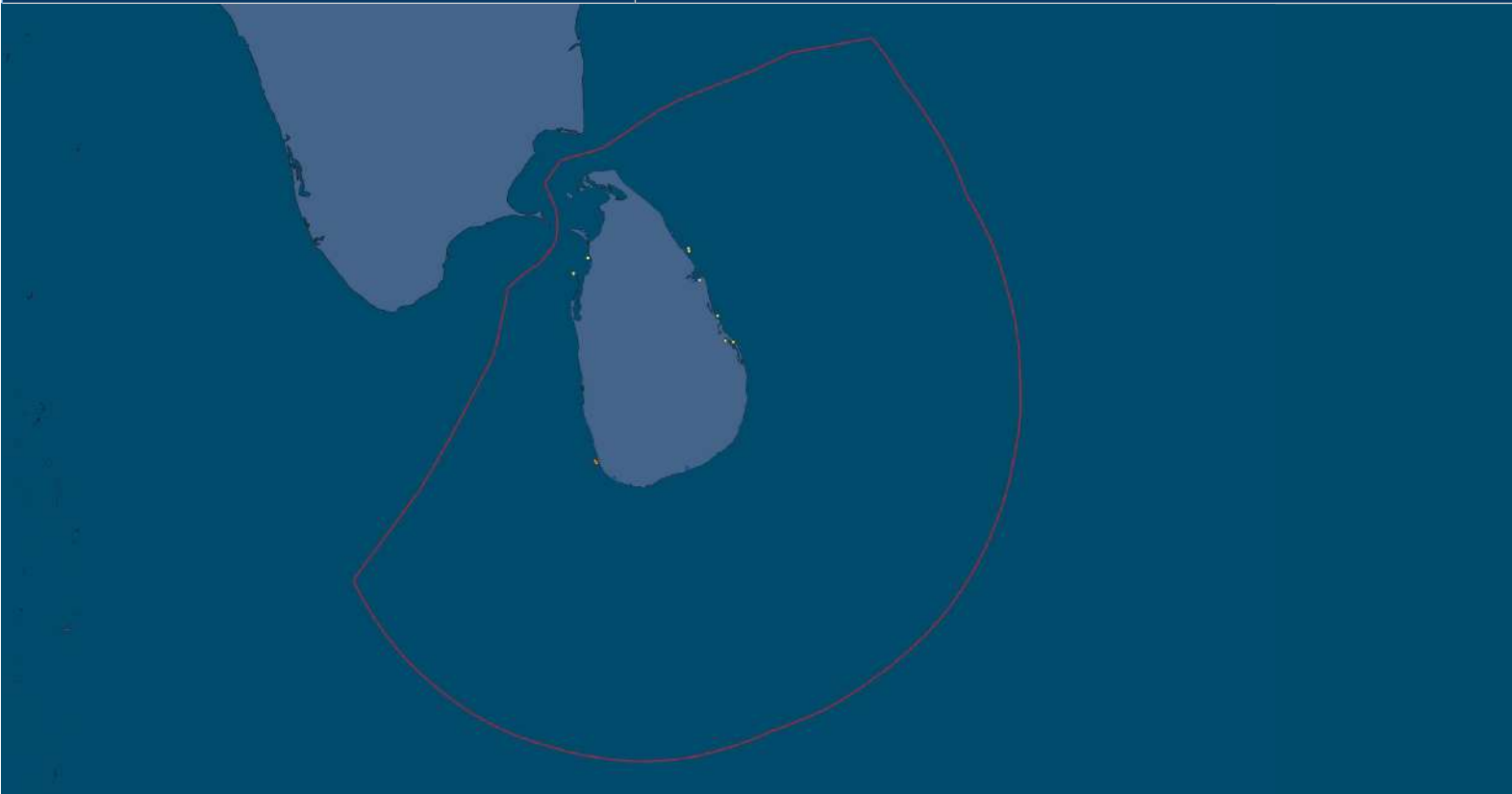
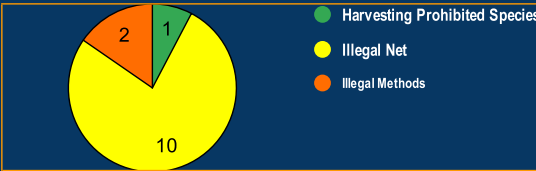


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	NOV 2023	NOV 2024	NOV 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	5	0	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	2	12	2	1
Illegal Net	5	3	4	10
Illegal Methods	0	8	0	2
Explosive Fishing	0	0	0	0

IUU FISHING – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- A total of 13 incidents were reported, representing an decrease of 18 incidents compared to November 2024.
 - A total of 10 incidents were reported for illegal net use, and 12 incidents were reported for illegal fishing methods.
 - Explosive Fishing reported 3 incidents & Harvesting Prohibited Species reported in 6 incidents.
 - No Incidents reported to Violation of Certificate Conditions.
- Comments:
- Illegal net usage continues to be the main issue, while a few cases involved Explosive Fishing.



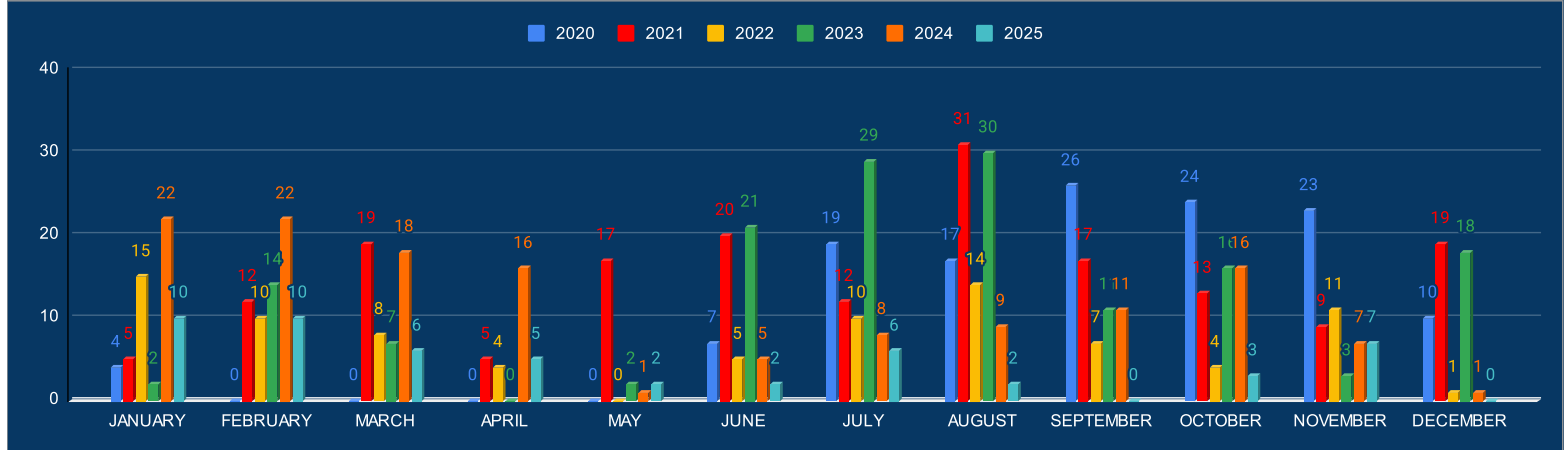


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2025

POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



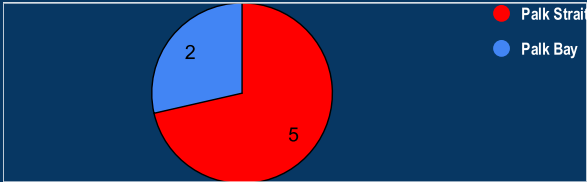
INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	NOV 2023	NOV 2024	NOV 2025
Eastern Coast	1	1	2	0
Palk Strait	3	2	0	5
Gulf of Mannar	1	0	1	0
Palk Bay	6	0	4	2
Others	2	0	0	0

POACHING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:
• 07 incidents were reported in November 2025.

Comments:



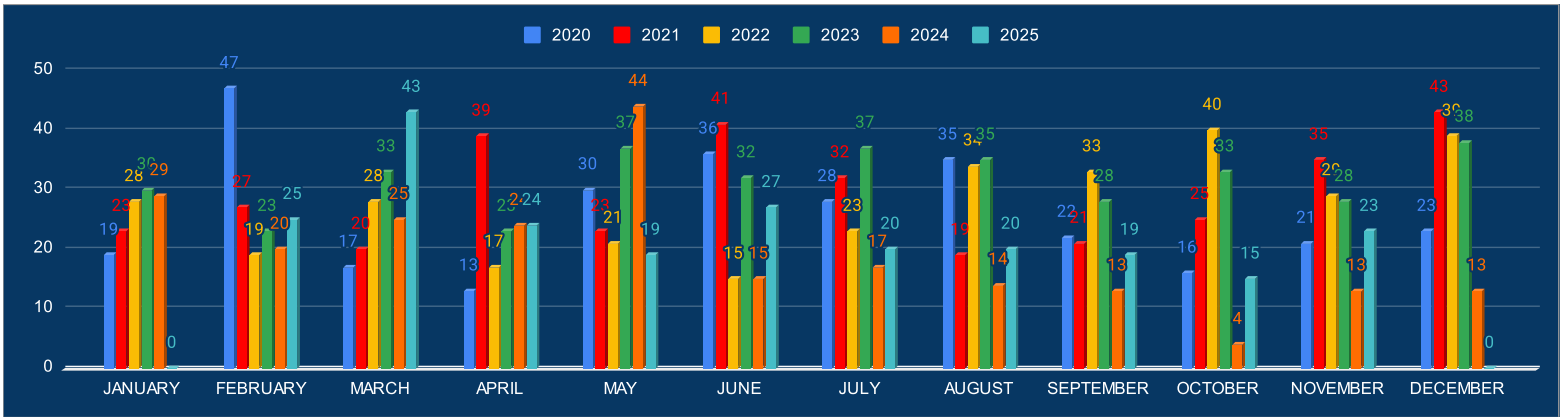


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2025

MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

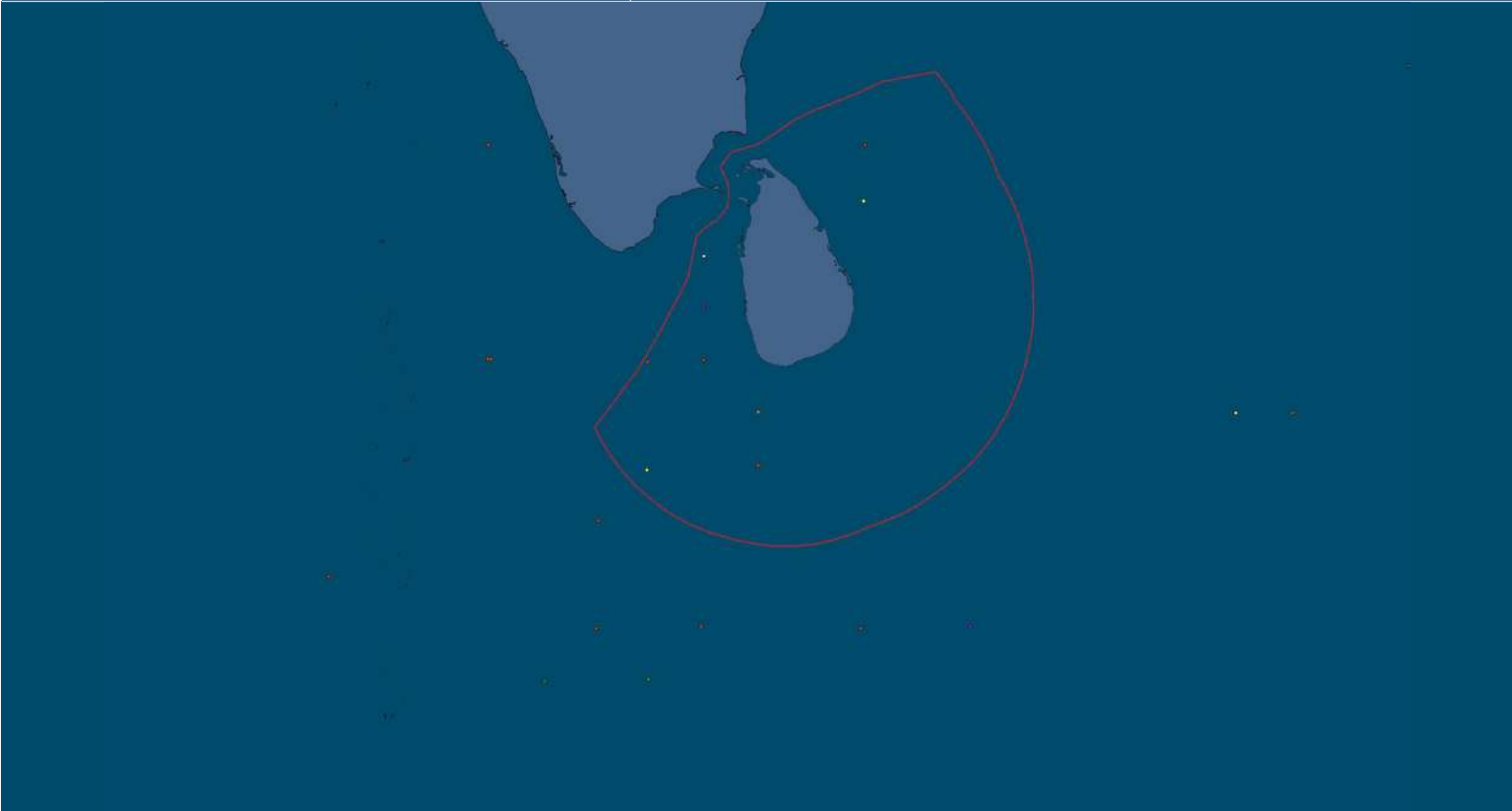
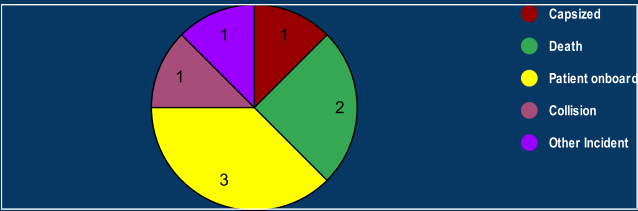


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	NOV 2023	NOV 2024	NOV 2025
Technical Failure	12	10	2	0
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	7	11	5	0
Man Over Board	0	2	2	0
Arrival Overdue	3	0	0	0
Capsized	0	1	0	1
Ground	1	0	0	0
Death	1	0	1	2
Patient onboard	4	0	2	3
Collision	0	0	0	1
No Communication	0	3	1	0
Other Incident	1	1	2	1

MARITIME INCIDENTS –NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

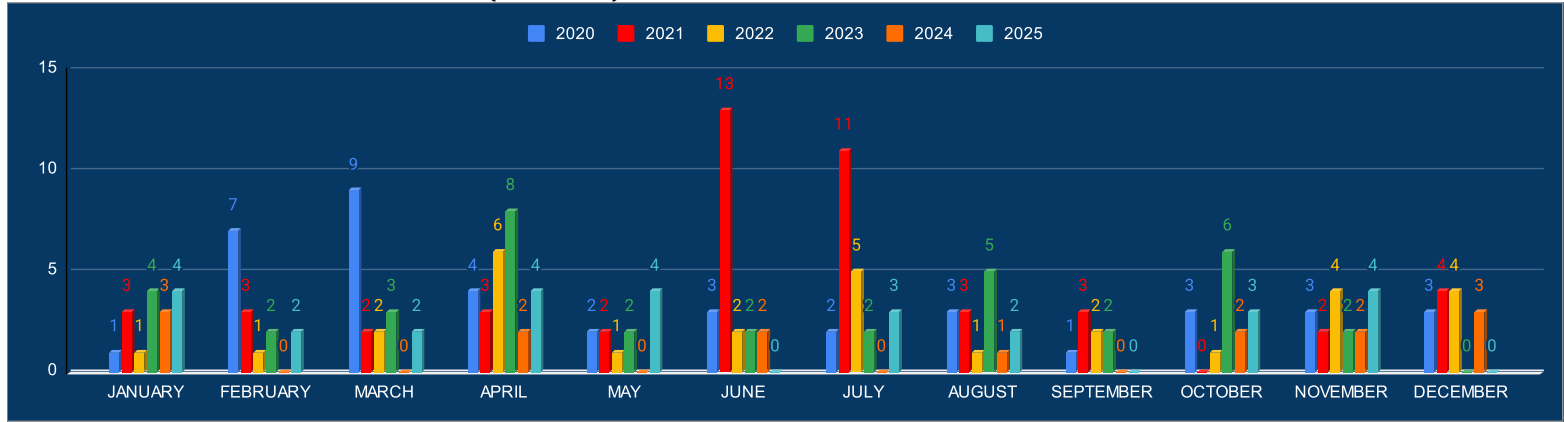
- Statistics:**
- A total of 8 maritime incidents were reported in November 2025, marking an decrease of 4 incidents compared to November 2024.
 - Six incidents involved technical failures, and 5 incidents reported Patient Onboard .
 - No incidents were reported Fire onboard, Man Over Board, Capsized, Ground, Death, Collision & Other Incident.
- Comments**
- The total number of maritime incidents increased compared to last year, with 15 reported in October 2025. Most incidents were due to technical failures. Patient Onboard





DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



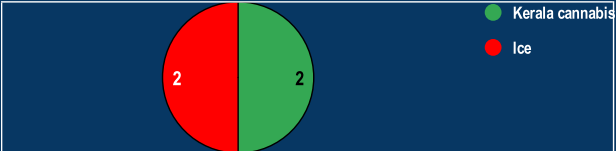
INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:
• Four incidents were reported in November 2025.

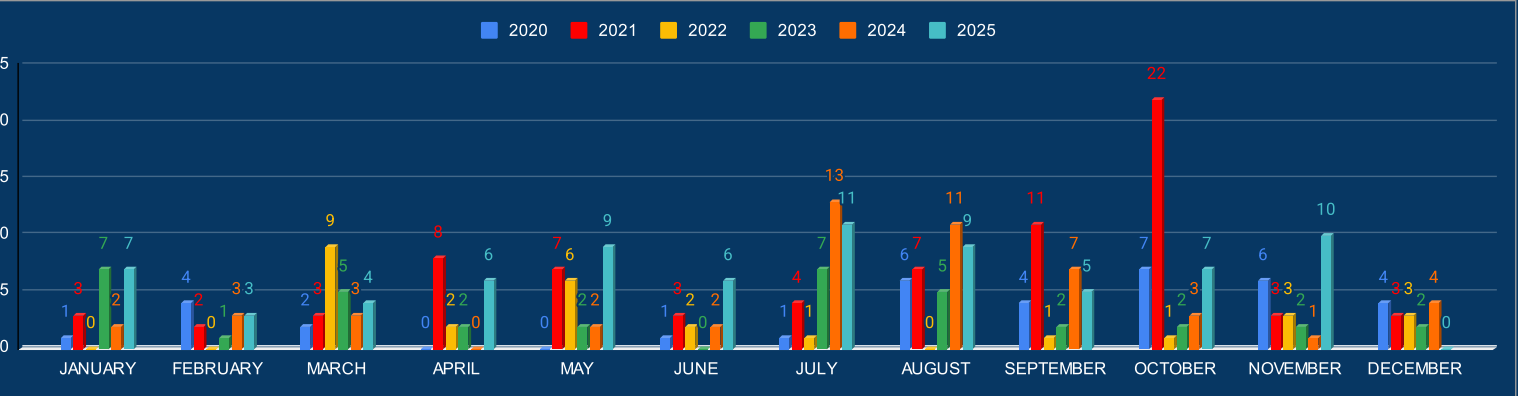
Comments:





CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

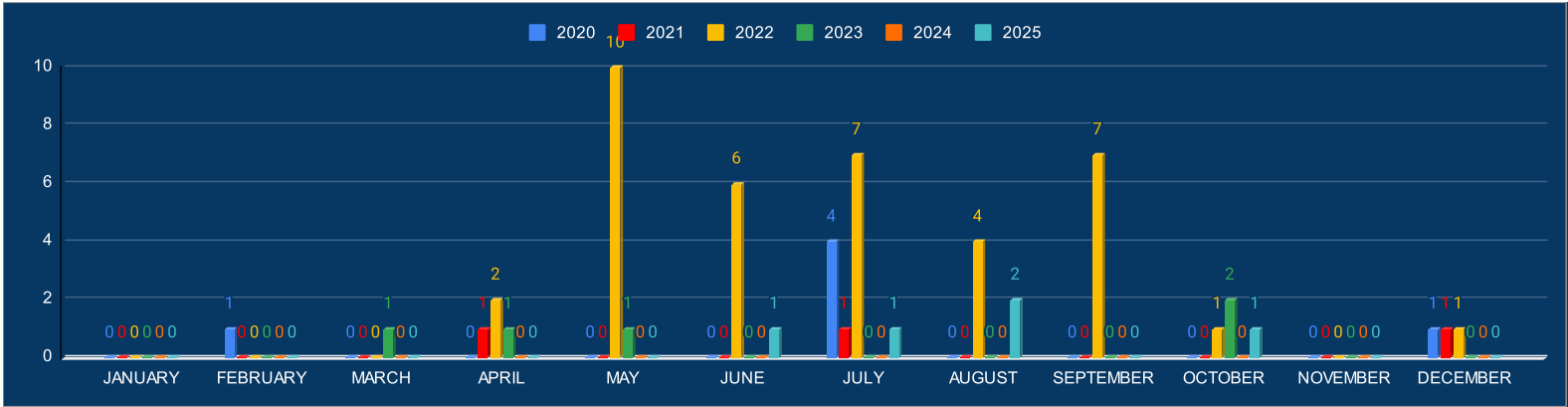
- Statistics:
- Four incidents of contraband smuggling were reported in November 2025, representing a decrease of one compared to November 2024.
 - Two incidents involved Kendu leaves
- Comments:
- Smuggling incidents showed a slight increase compared to last year, with Kendu leaves being the primary item smuggled.





HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- No incident reported in November 2025.

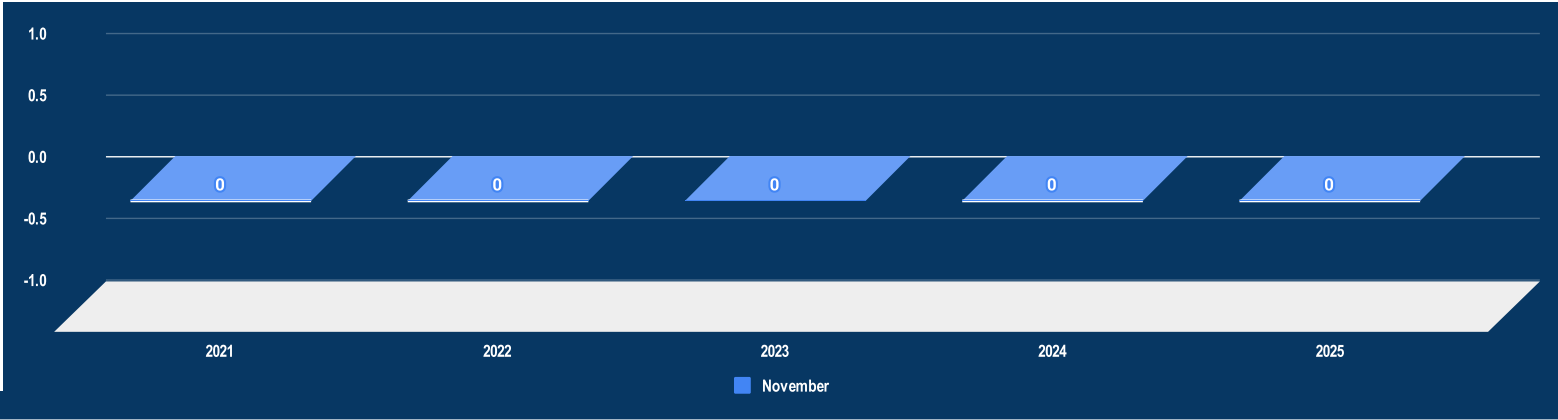
Comments:

ZERO
INCIDENTS
IN NOVEMBER



EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – NOVEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:
• No incidents reported in November 2025.

Comments:





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2025

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:

The total number of incidents in October 2025 showed a slight increase compared to October 2024. Illegal net usage remained the primary issue, accounting for most reported cases. A few incidents involved violations of certificate conditions. Although rare, explosive fishing continues to be a serious concern requiring ongoing attention.

Poaching: Three incidents.

Maritime Incidents: Maritime incidents in October 2025 showed an increase compared to September 2024. Technical failures were the leading cause reported during this period.

Drug Smuggling: Three incidents.

Contraband Smuggling: In October 2025, smuggling incidents showed a slight increase compared to the previous year. Ice the primary item smuggled.

Human Smuggling: One incident.

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No incidents reported in October 2025.

Overall Analysis: In October 2025, the total number of incidents showed slight fluctuations compared to October 2024, with some areas recording decreases while others experienced small increases. Illegal net usage and technical failures remained the most common issues across both maritime and fishing-related incidents. Smuggling activities saw a slight decline, primarily involving Kendu leaves, while drug-related cases were exclusively linked to Kerala cannabis and ice. Although serious incidents such as explosive fishing continuous monitoring and robust preventive measures are essential to maintain safety and curb illegal activities.