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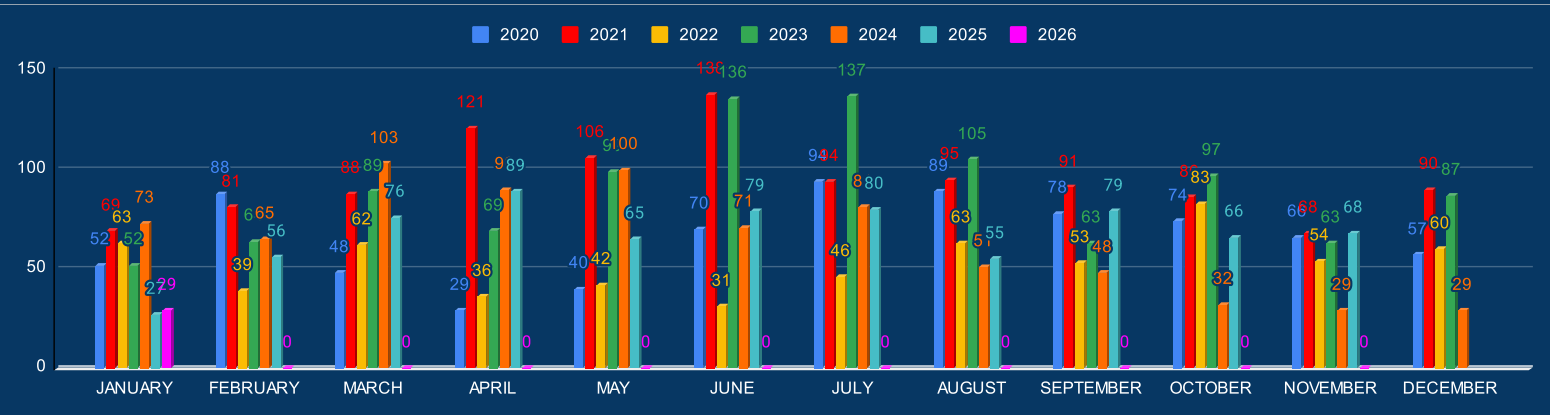


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP DECEMBER 2025

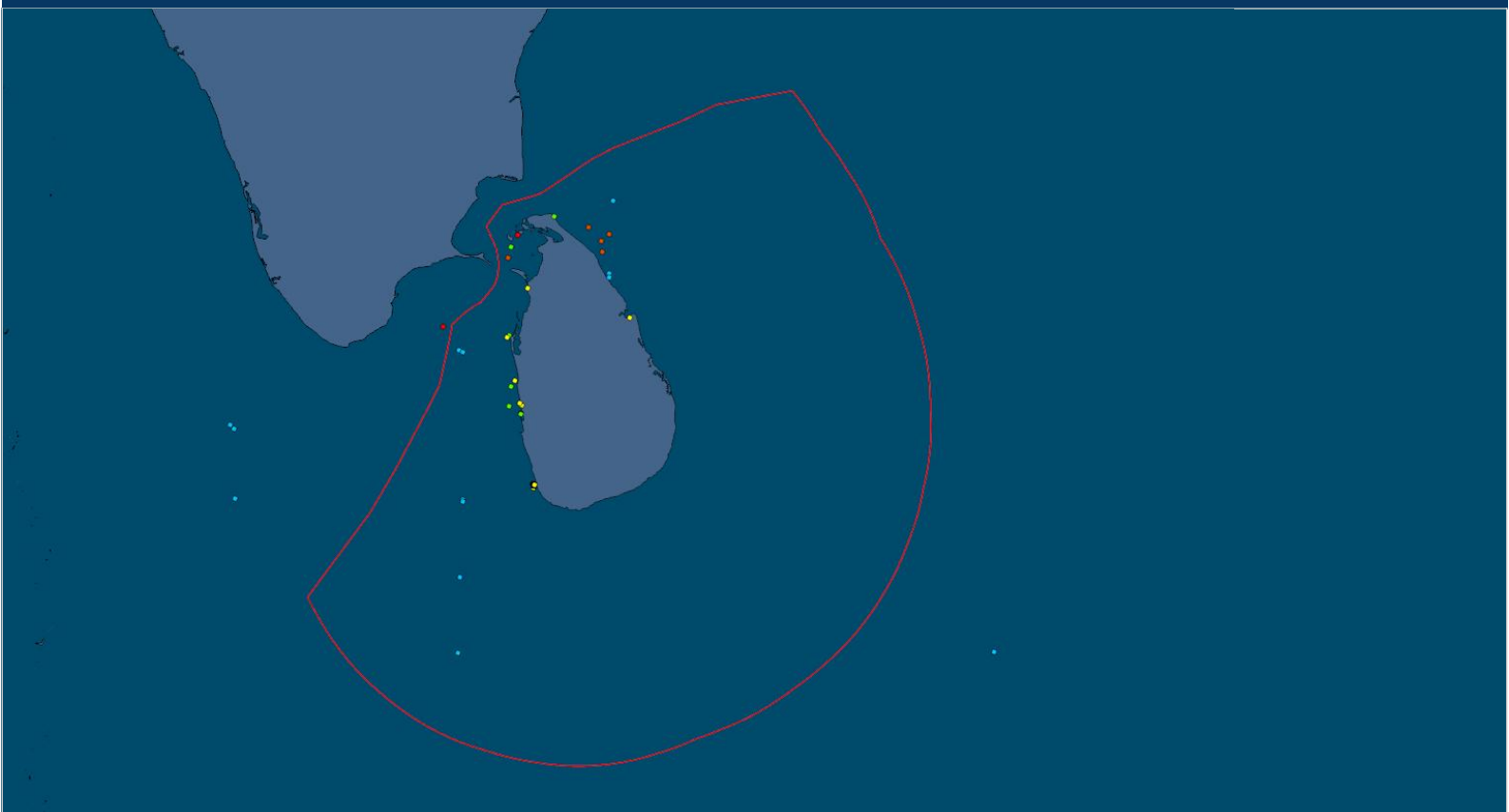
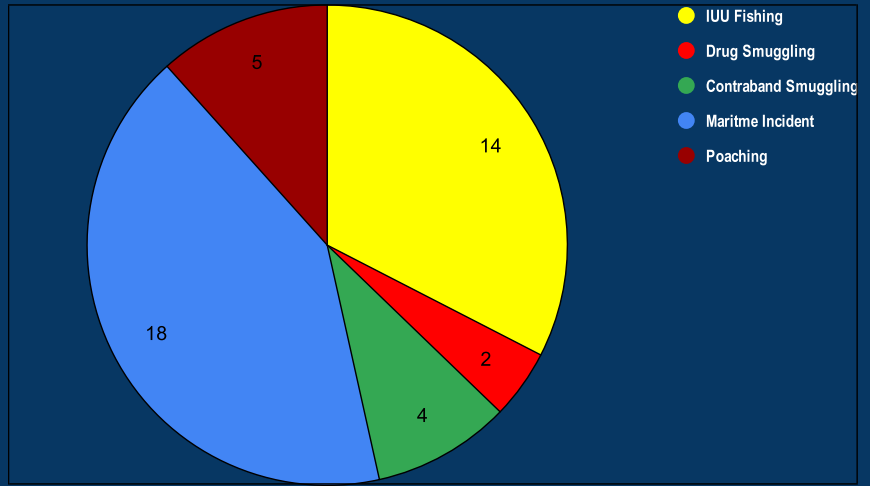
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
IUU Fishing	12	29	8	14
Drug Smuggling	4	0	3	2
Contraband Smuggling	3	2	4	4
Human Smuggling	1	0	0	0
Maritime Incident	39	38	13	18
Poaching	1	18	1	5
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	0



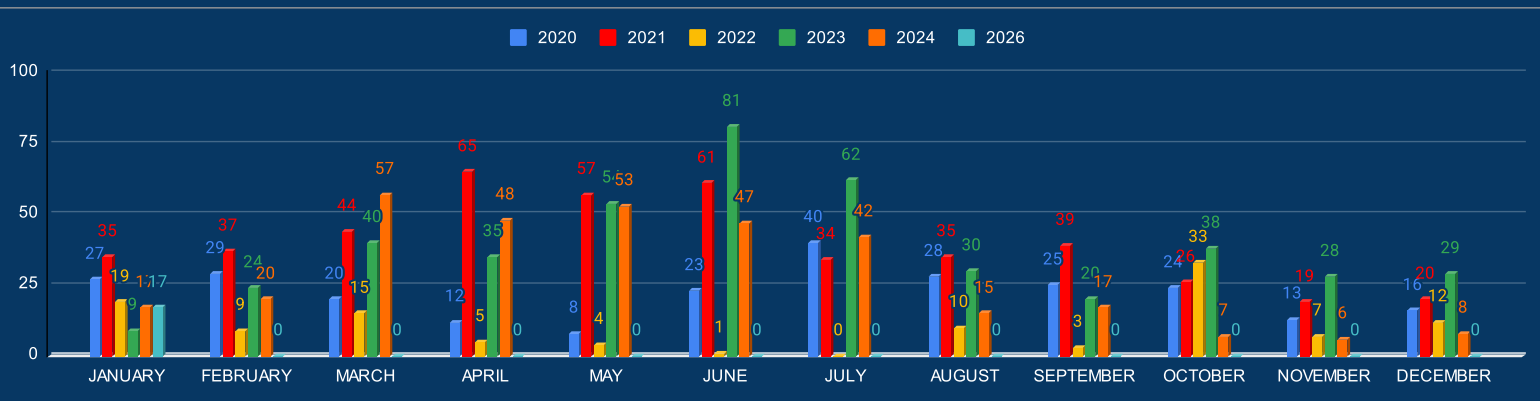


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IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	2	3	0	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	7	22	1	0
Illegal Net	1	3	4	7
Illegal Methods	1	1	0	5
Explosive Fishing	1	0	1	2

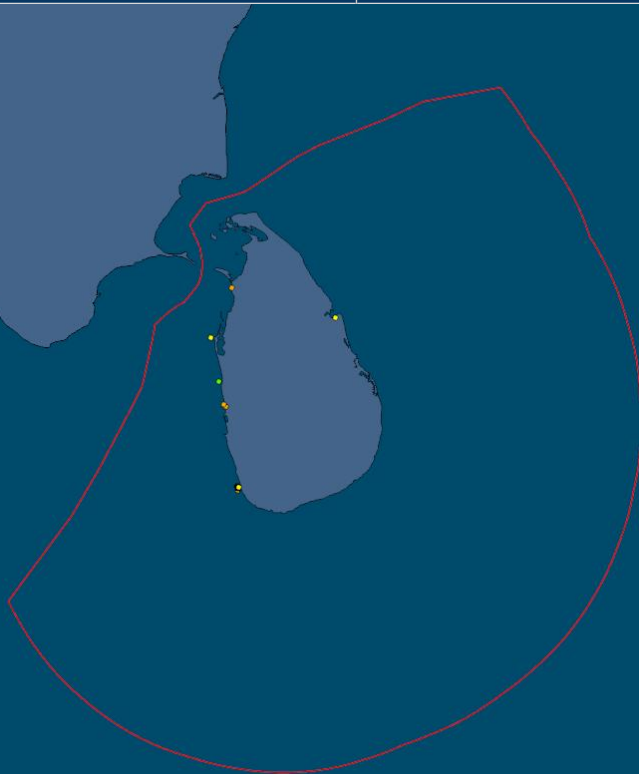
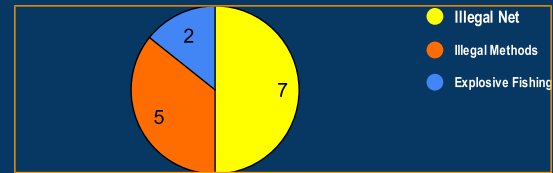
IUU FISHING – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 13 incidents were reported in December 2025, down by 18 incidents from November 2024.
- Illegal net use accounted for 10 incidents, while illegal fishing methods were reported in 12 incidents.
- Explosive fishing was reported 3 times, and harvesting prohibited species occurred in 6 incidents.
- There were no incidents related to Violation of Certificate Conditions.

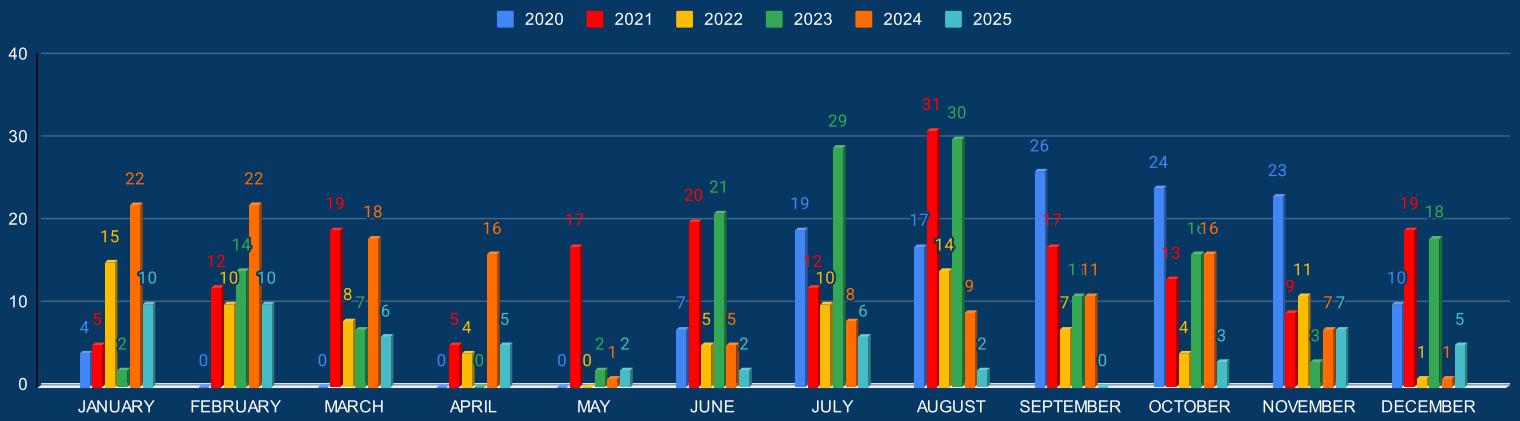
Comments:

• Compared to December 2024, illegal net usage continues to be the primary issue, with an increase in incidents. In contrast, incidents related to explosive fishing and harvesting prohibited species saw a decrease. There were no violations of certificate conditions in December 2025, indicating a potential improvement in compliance.



POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

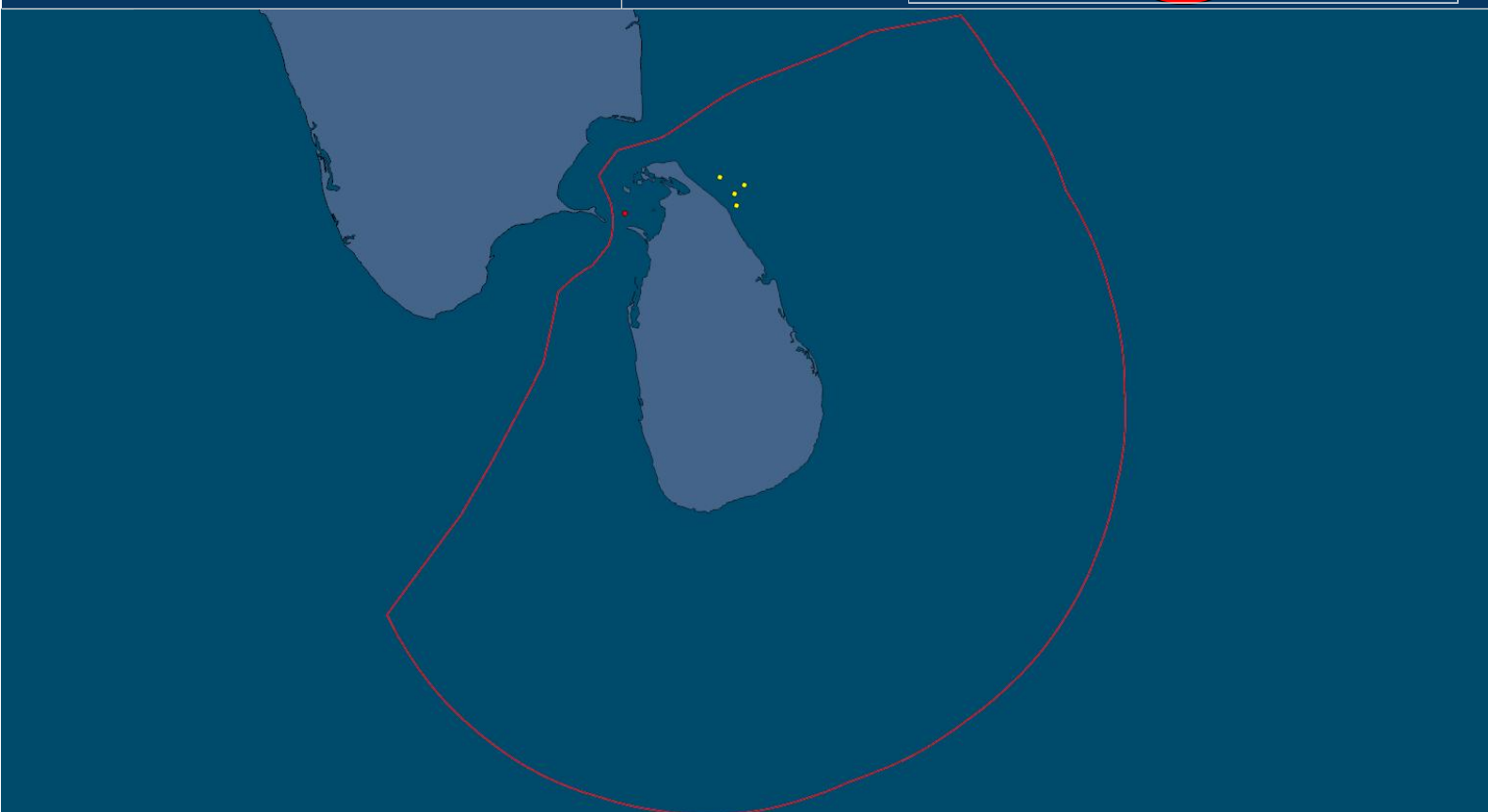
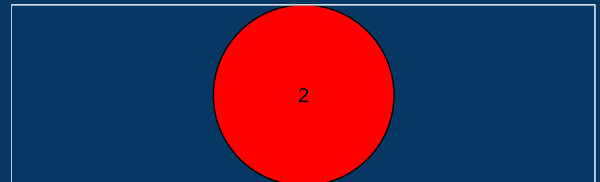
INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
Eastern Coast	1	2	0	0
Palk Strait	0	5	0	2
Gulf of Mannar	0	2	0	0
Palk Bay	0	9	1	0
Others	0	0	0	0

POACHING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 02 incidents were reported in December 2025.

Comments:



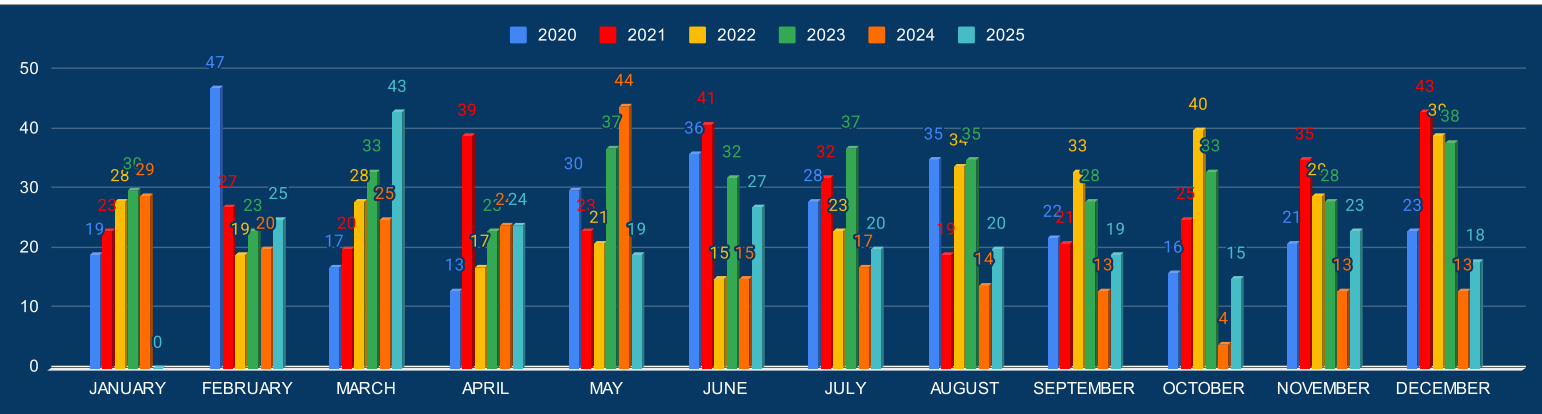


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MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
Technical Failure	9	16	10	3
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	14	12	0	0
Man Over Board	0	0	0	0
Arrival Overdue	1	1	0	0
Capsized	2	0	0	1
Ground	2	1	0	0
Death	1	2	0	0
Patient onboard	3	5	0	7
Collision	1	0	0	0
No Communication	2	1	1	1
Other Incident	2	0	2	5

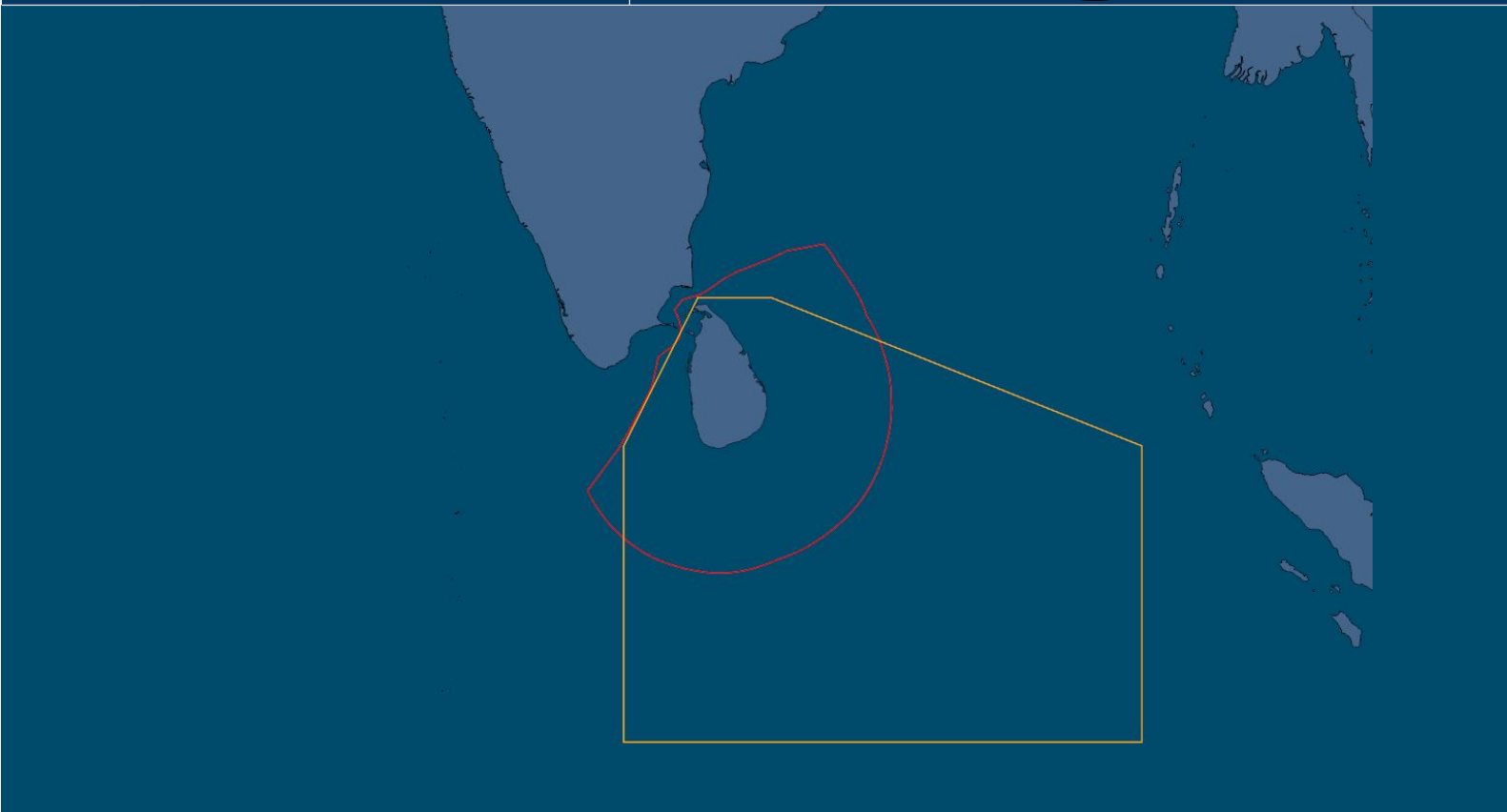
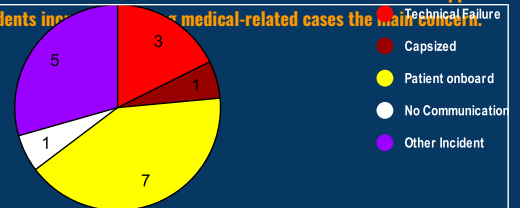
MARITIME INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 8 maritime incidents were reported in December 2025, a decrease of 4 incidents compared to 12 incidents in December 2024.
- Technical Failures decreased significantly from 10 to 3 cases.
- Patient Onboard incidents increased from 0 to 7, becoming the most reported category.
- Other Incidents increased from 2 to 5 cases.
- Capsized cases increased slightly from 0 to 1.
- No incidents were recorded for Fire Onboard, EPIRB Alert, Man Overboard, Arrival Overdue, Ground, Death, or Collision in December 2025.

Comments

• Compared to December 2024, total maritime incidents decreased in December 2025. Technical failures dropped significantly, but Patient Onboard and Other Incidents increased. As medical-related cases the main concern.



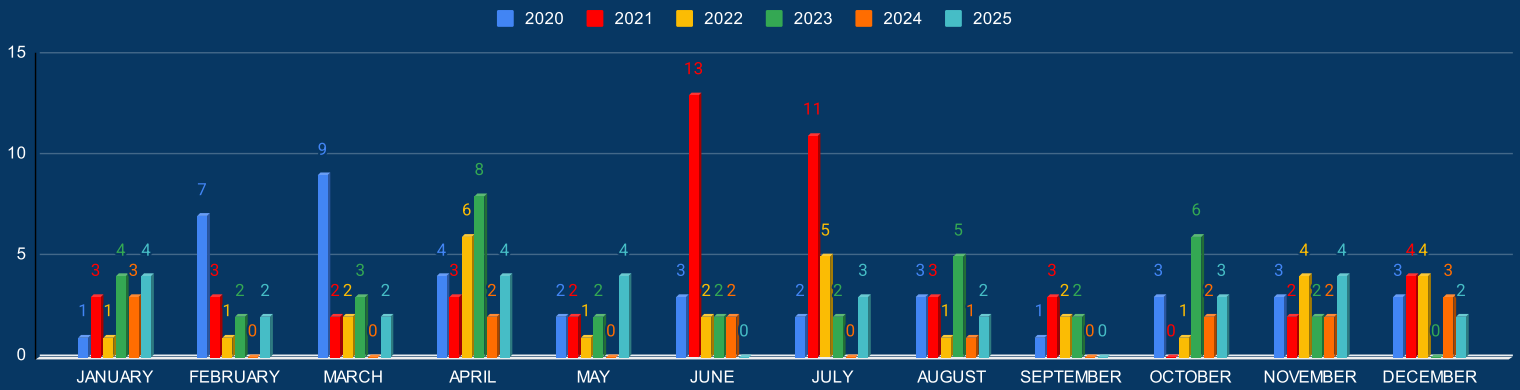


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DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

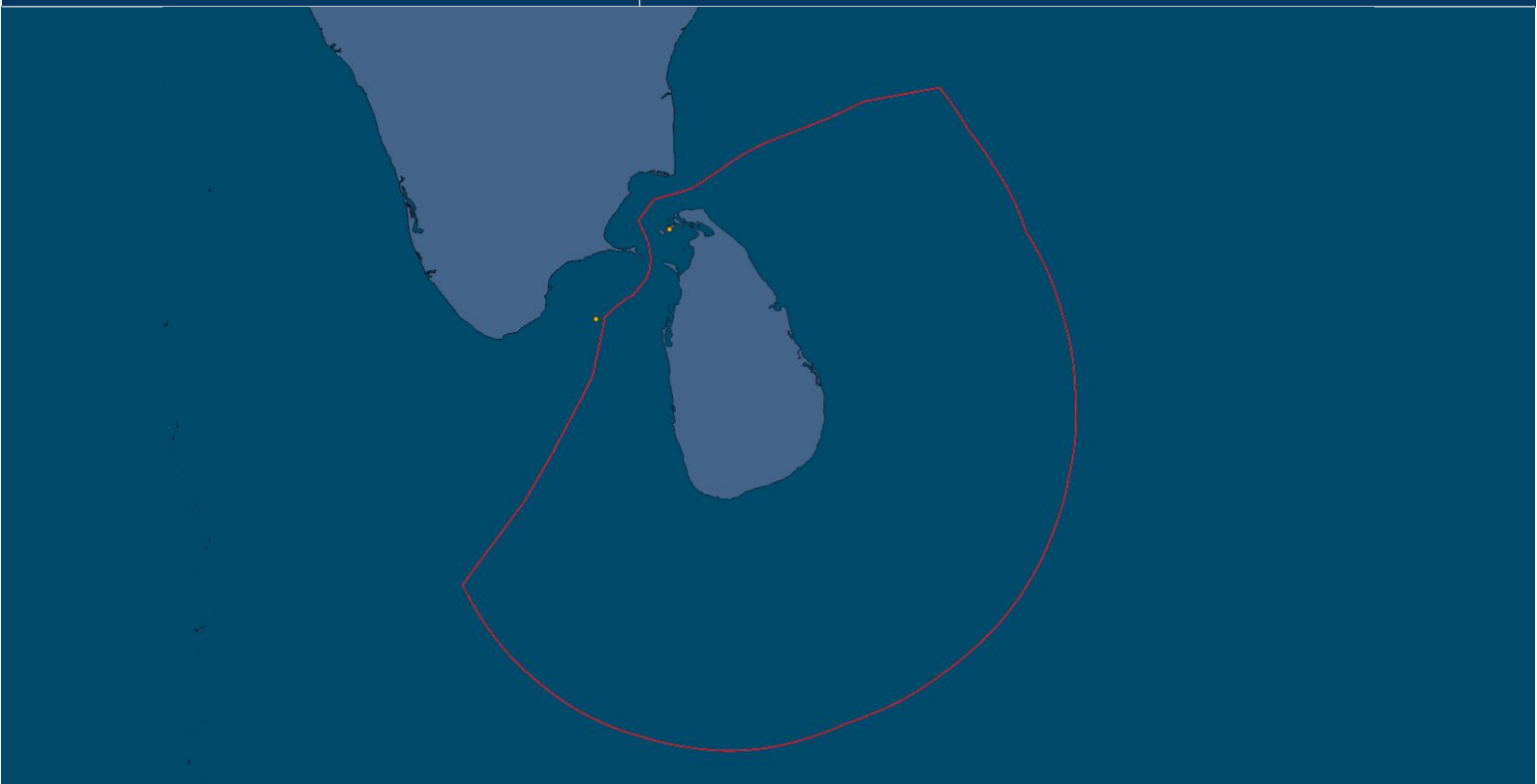
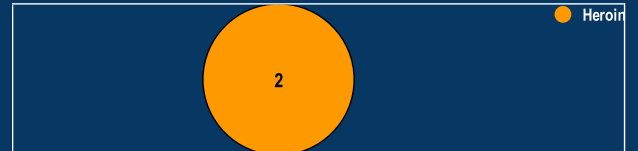
Drug Type	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
Heroin	1	0	1	2
Kerala cannabis	1	0	1	0
Ice	2	0	0	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	0	0	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- Two incidents were reported in December 2025.

Comments:



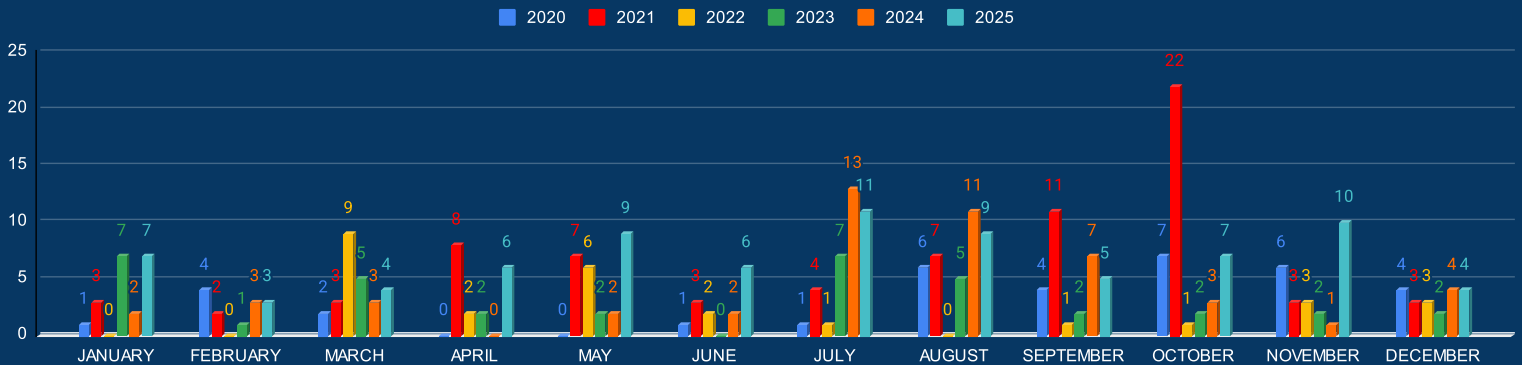


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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

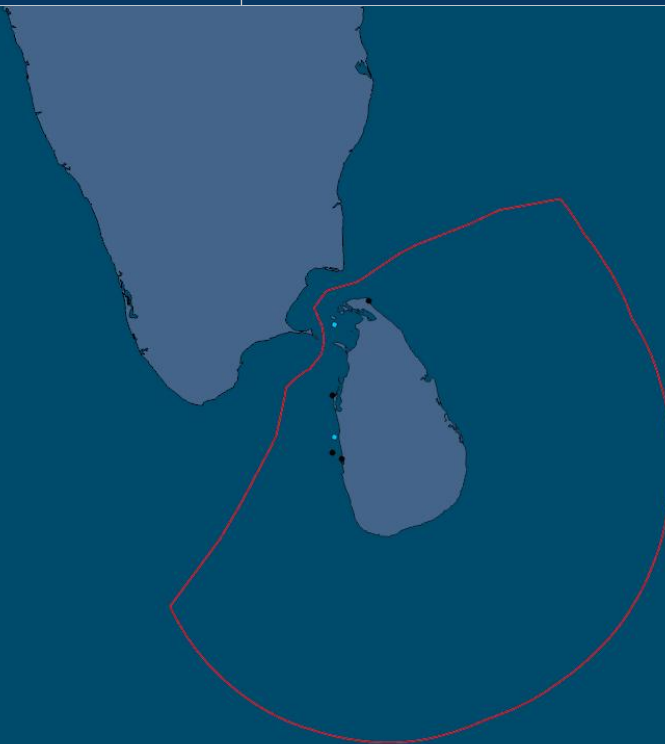
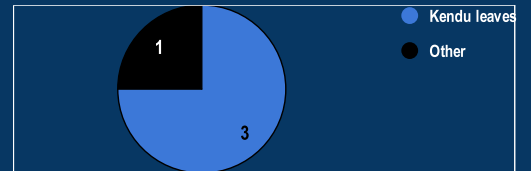
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- A total of 4 contraband smuggling incidents were reported in December 2025, an increase of 1 incident compared to December 2024 (3 cases).
- Kendu leaves accounted for 3 incidents, remaining the primary smuggled item (same as 2024).
- Other items recorded 1 incident, up from 0 in 2024.
- No cases involved Cardamom, Glyphosate, Gold, or Turmeric.

Comments:

- Smuggling incidents showed a slight increase compared to last year, with Kendu leaves being the primary item smuggled.



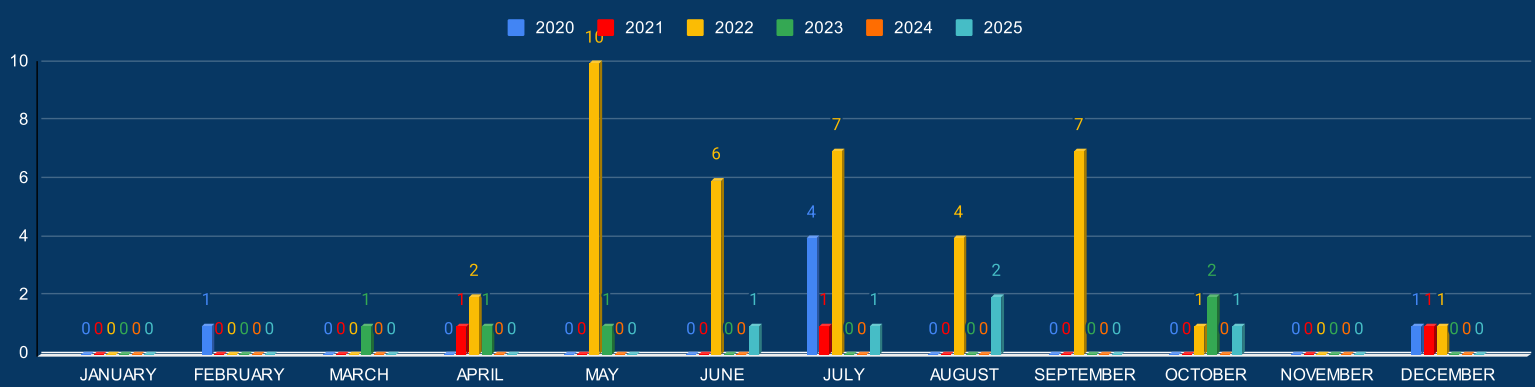


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2025
Human Smuggling	1	0	0	0

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- No incident reported in December 2025.

Comments:



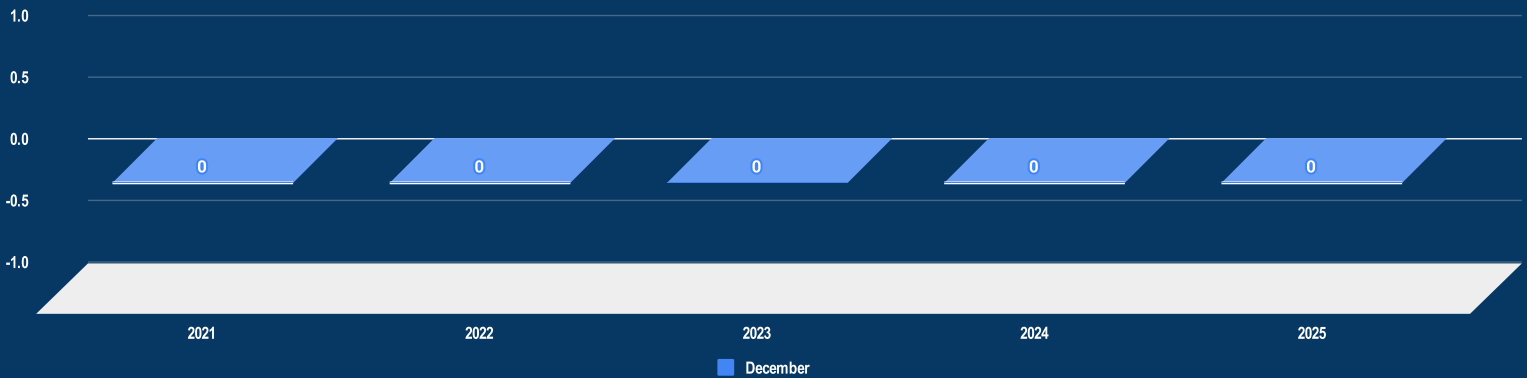


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EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – DECEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- No incidents reported in December 2025.

Comments:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2025

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:

The total number of incidents in December 2025 showed a slight increase compared to November 2024. Illegal net usage remained the primary issue, accounting for most reported cases. A few incidents involved illegal net usage and illegal fishing methods, while a few incidents involved explosive fishing. No violations of certificate conditions were reported during the month.

Poaching: were relatively low, with 02 incidents reported, primarily in the Palk Strait area.

Maritime Incidents: A total of 08 maritime incidents were recorded during the month. Medical emergencies (patient onboard cases) became the most common type of maritime incident, while technical failures decreased significantly compared to previous periods. A single capsized vessel and several other minor incidents were also reported.

Drug Smuggling: accounted for 02 incidents, both involving heroin trafficking.

Contraband Smuggling: recorded 04 incidents, with Kendu leaves remaining the primary item smuggled, while one incident involved other miscellaneous contraband items.

Human Smuggling: No incidents were reported relating to human smuggling or explosives and firearms trafficking during December 2025.

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

Overall Analysis: The maritime security situation in December 2025 remained relatively stable. While IUU fishing continues to be the most persistent challenge, maritime safety incidents were largely related to medical emergencies rather than mechanical failures. Smuggling activities were limited in scale, primarily involving contraband goods and narcotics. Continuous monitoring and coordinated maritime enforcement efforts remain essential to deter illegal activities and ensure maritime safety in the region.