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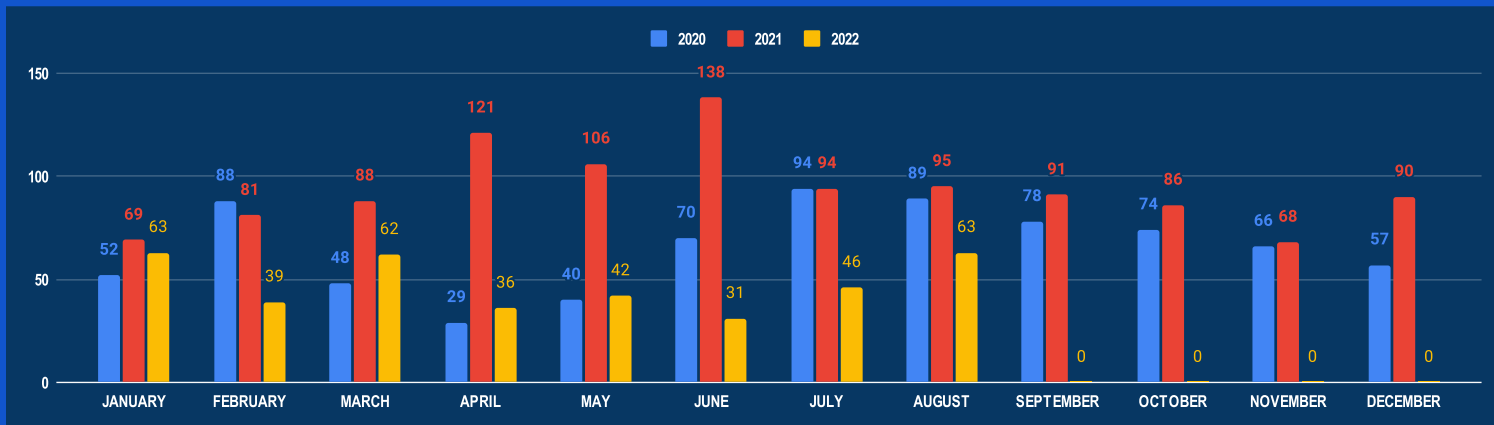


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2022

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (2020-2022)

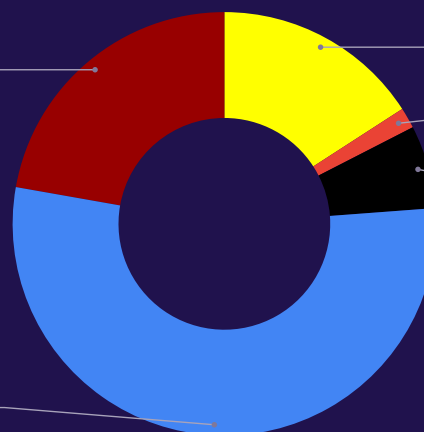


REPORTED INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
IUU Fishing	10	63	35
Drug Smuggling	1	19	3
Contraband Smuggling	0	20	7
Human Smuggling	4	29	0
Maritime Incident	34	185	19
Poaching	14	66	31

Poaching
22.2%

Maritime Incident
54.0%

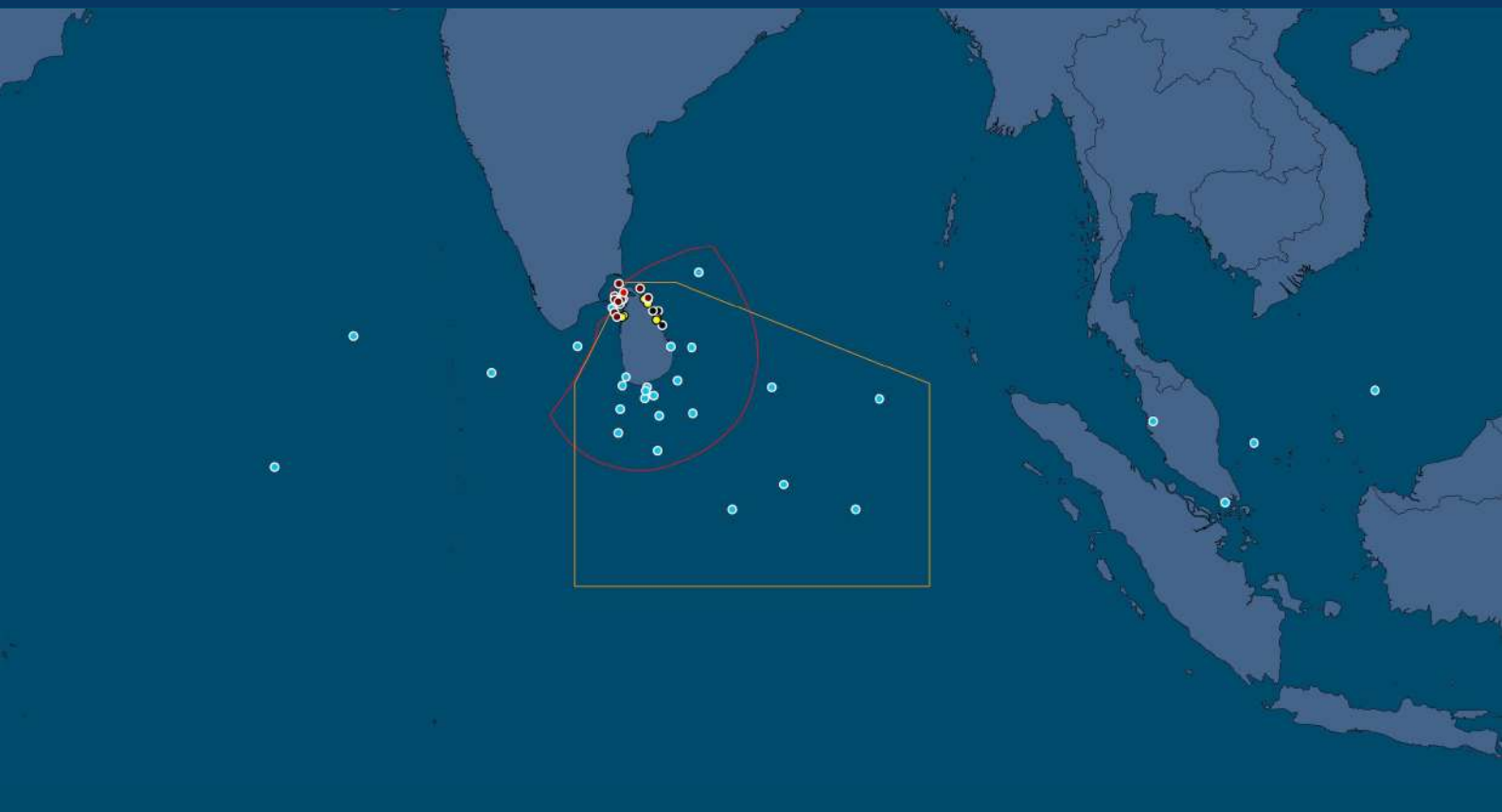


IUU Fishing
15.9%

Drug Smuggling
1.6%

Human Smuggling
6.3%

MARITIME INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022



IUU Fishing Drug Smuggling Contraband Smuggling Human Smuggling Maritime Incident Poaching

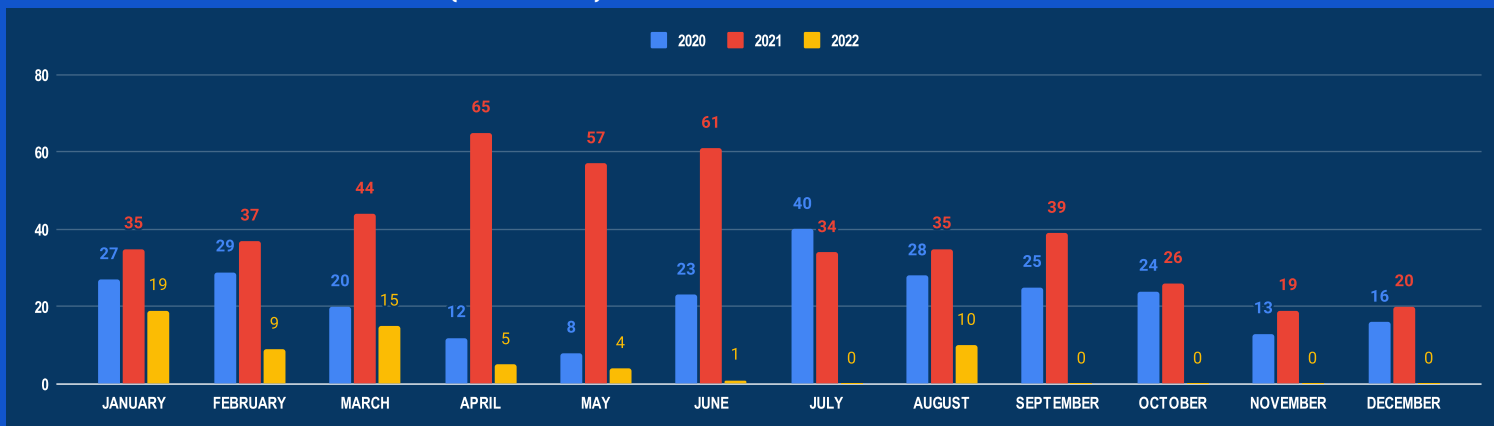


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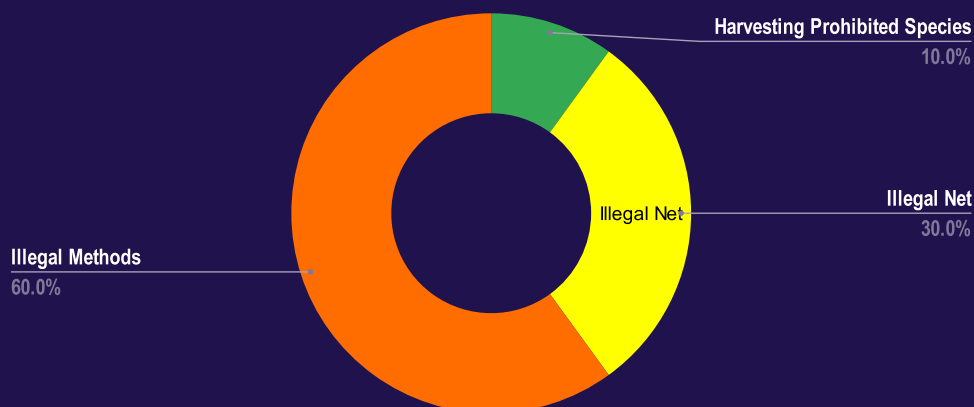
IUU FISHING INCIDENTS - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2022)

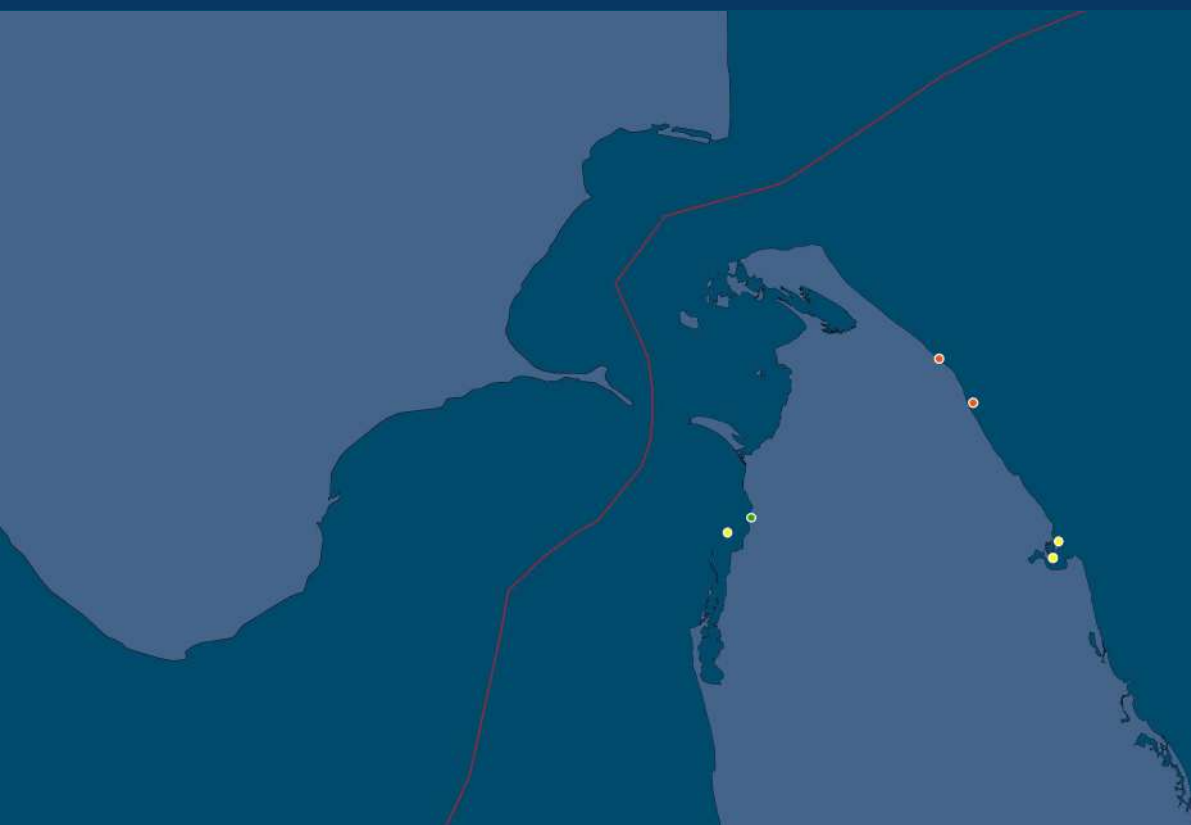


REPORTED INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	4	4
Harvesting Prohibited Species	1	24	6
Illegal Net	3	21	21
Illegal Methods	6	12	4
Explosive Fishing	0	2	0



IUU FISHING INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022



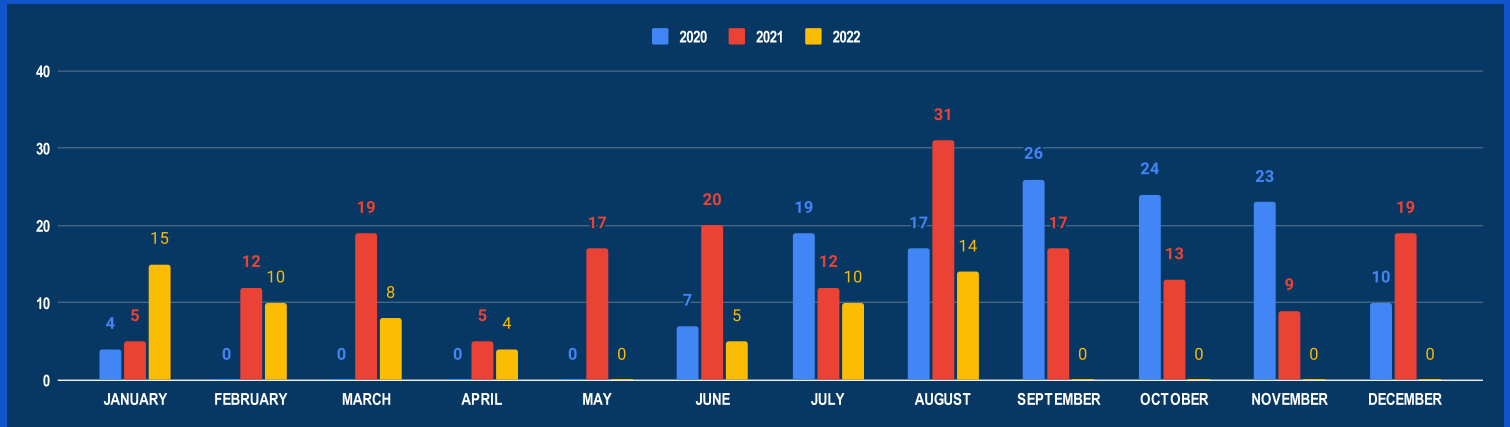


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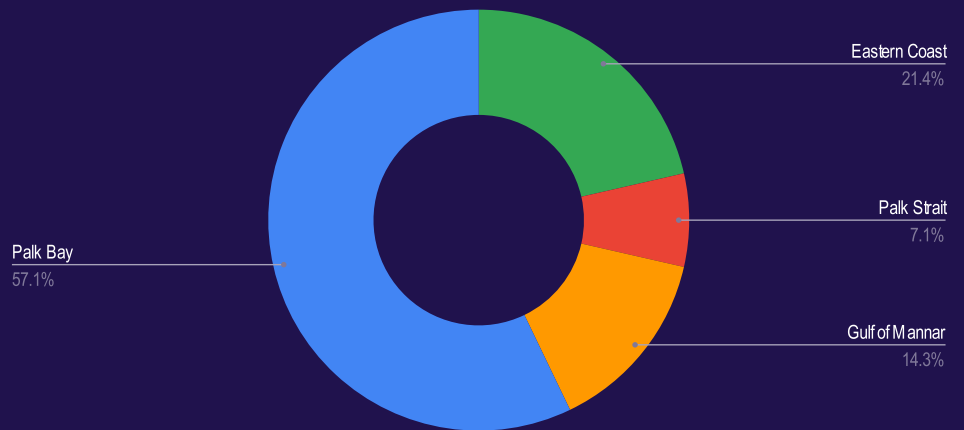
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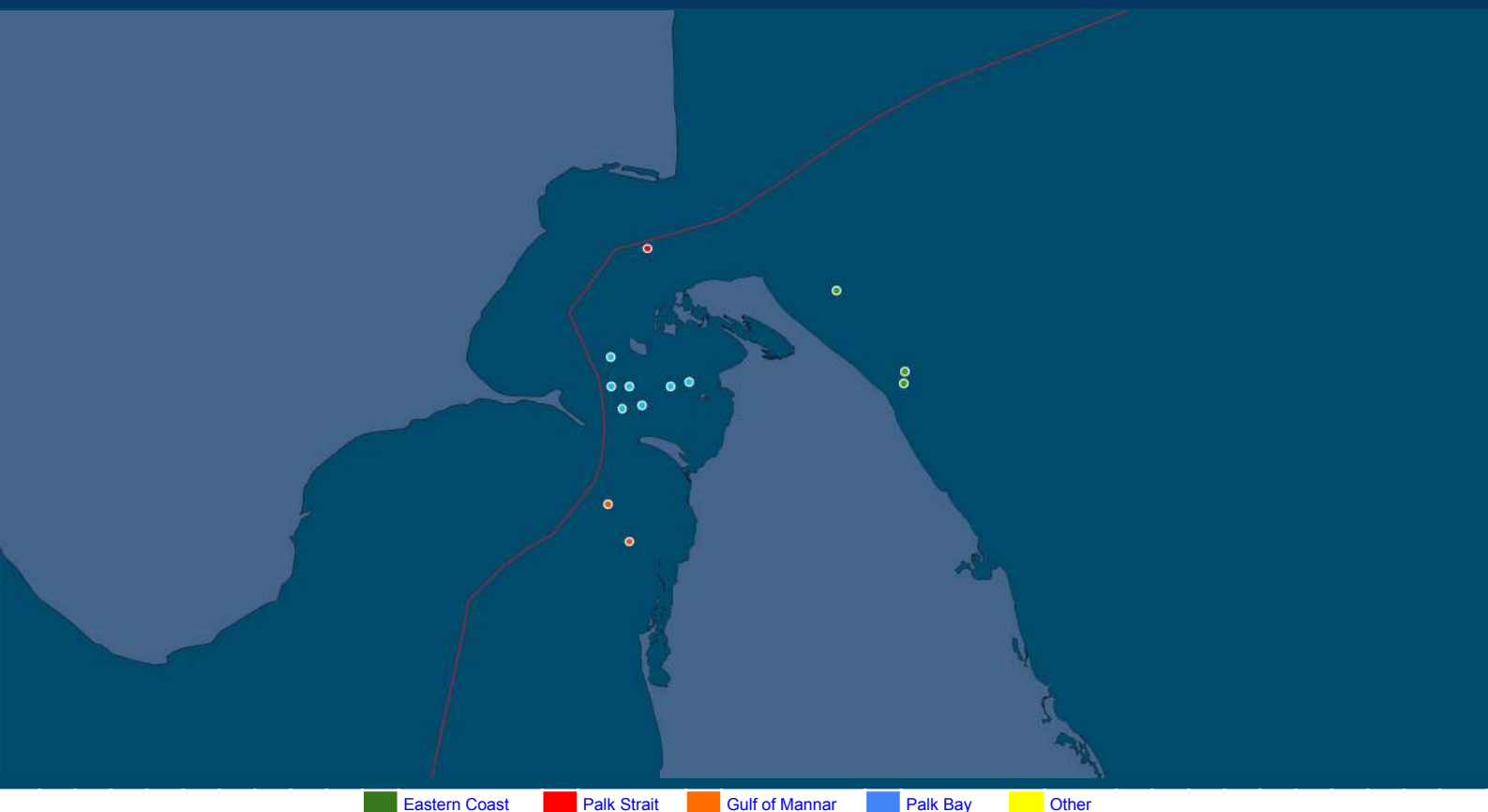


REPORTED INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
Eastern Coast	3	7	7
Palk Strait	1	12	6
Gulf of Mannar	2	8	11
Palk Bay	8	38	7
Other	0	9	0



POACHING INCIDENTS AUGUST 2022



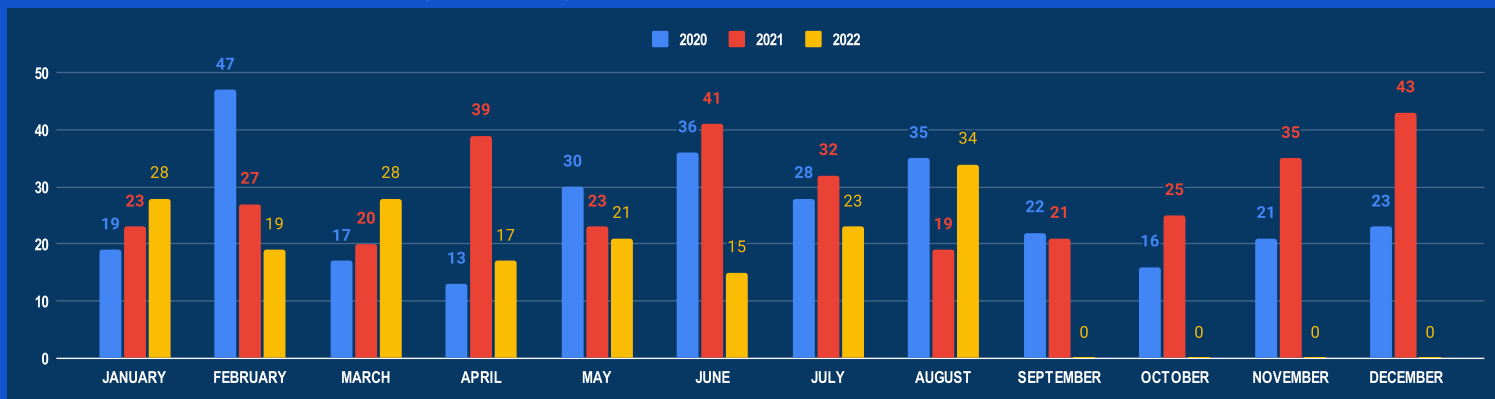


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MARITIME INCIDENT - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2022)



REPORTED INCIDENTS

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
Technical Failure	15	86	2
Fire onboard	0	1	0
EPIRB Alert	10	43	8
Man Over Boat	0	6	1
Arrival Overdue	1	10	1
Capsized	0	3	1
Ground	0	4	0
Death	1	2	0
Patient onboard	4	21	4
Collision	1	2	1
No Communication	0	3	0
Other Incident	2	4	1

Other Incident

5.9%

Collision

2.9%

Patient onboard

11.8%

Death

2.9%

Arrival Overdue

2.9%

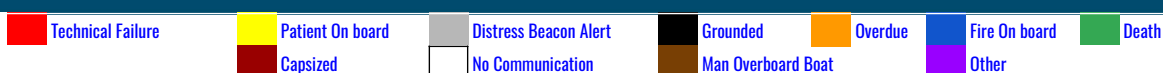
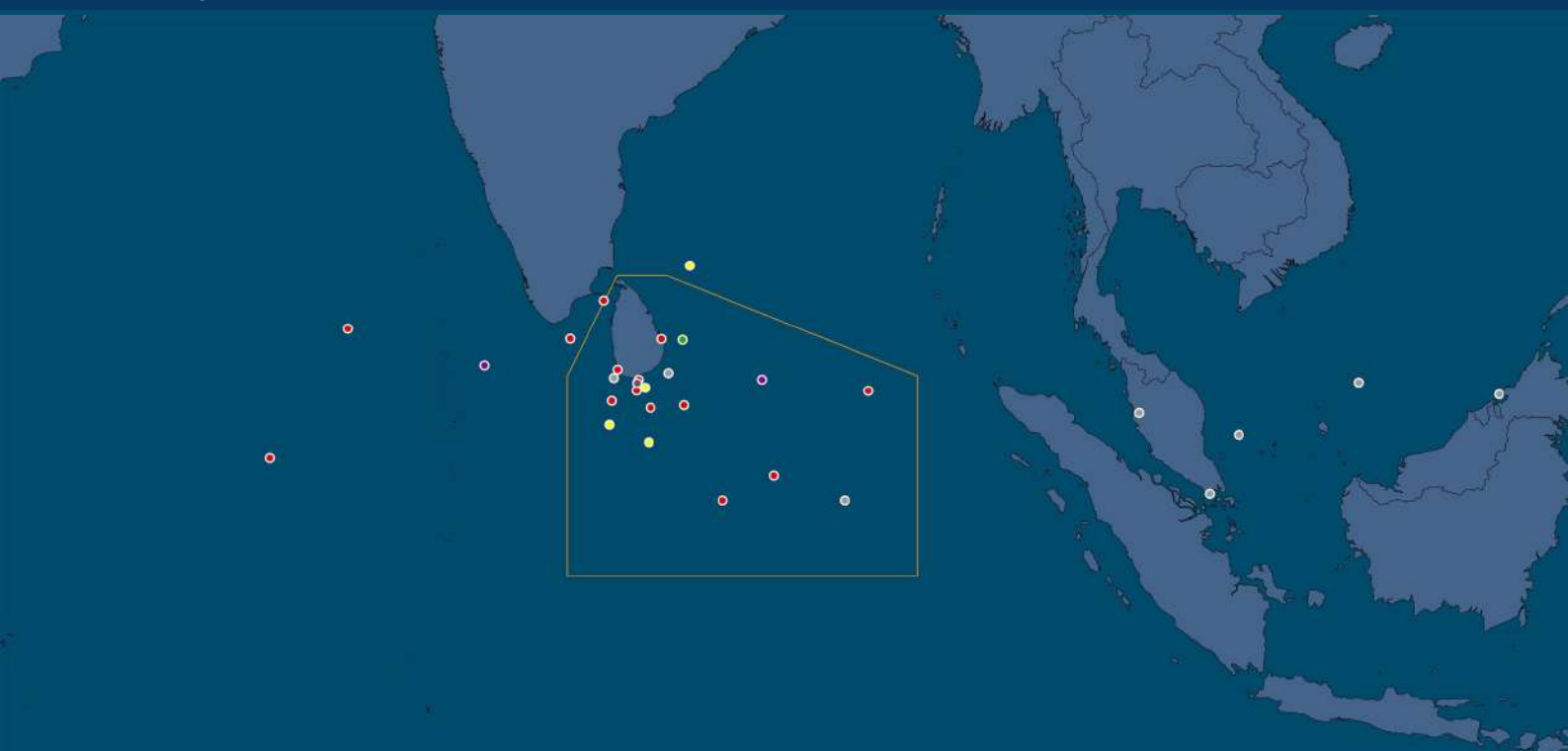
EPIRB Alert

29.4%

Technical Failure

44.1%

MARITIME INCIDENT



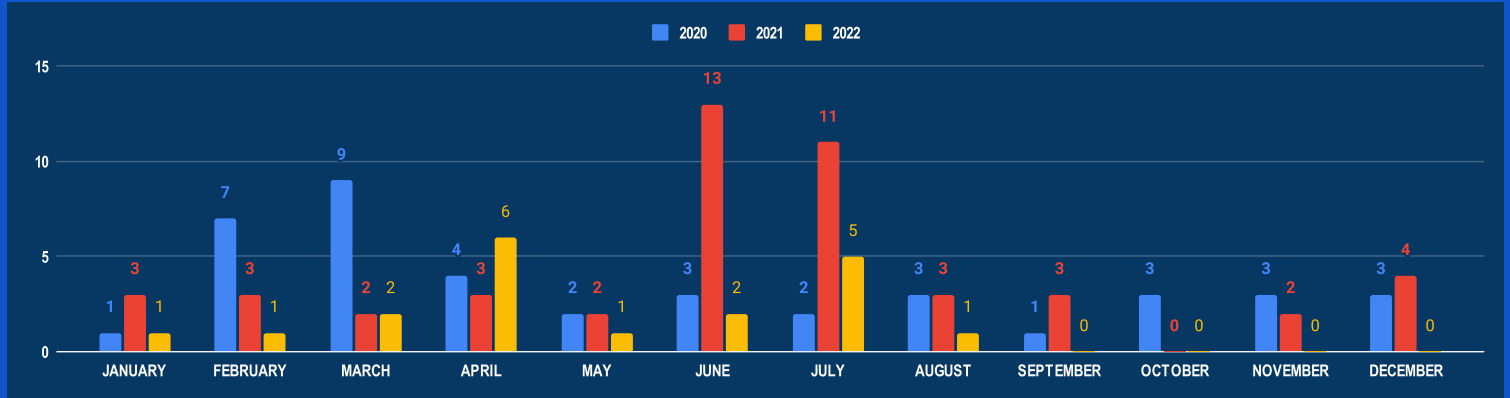


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP AUGUST 2022

DRUG SMUGGLING - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2022)

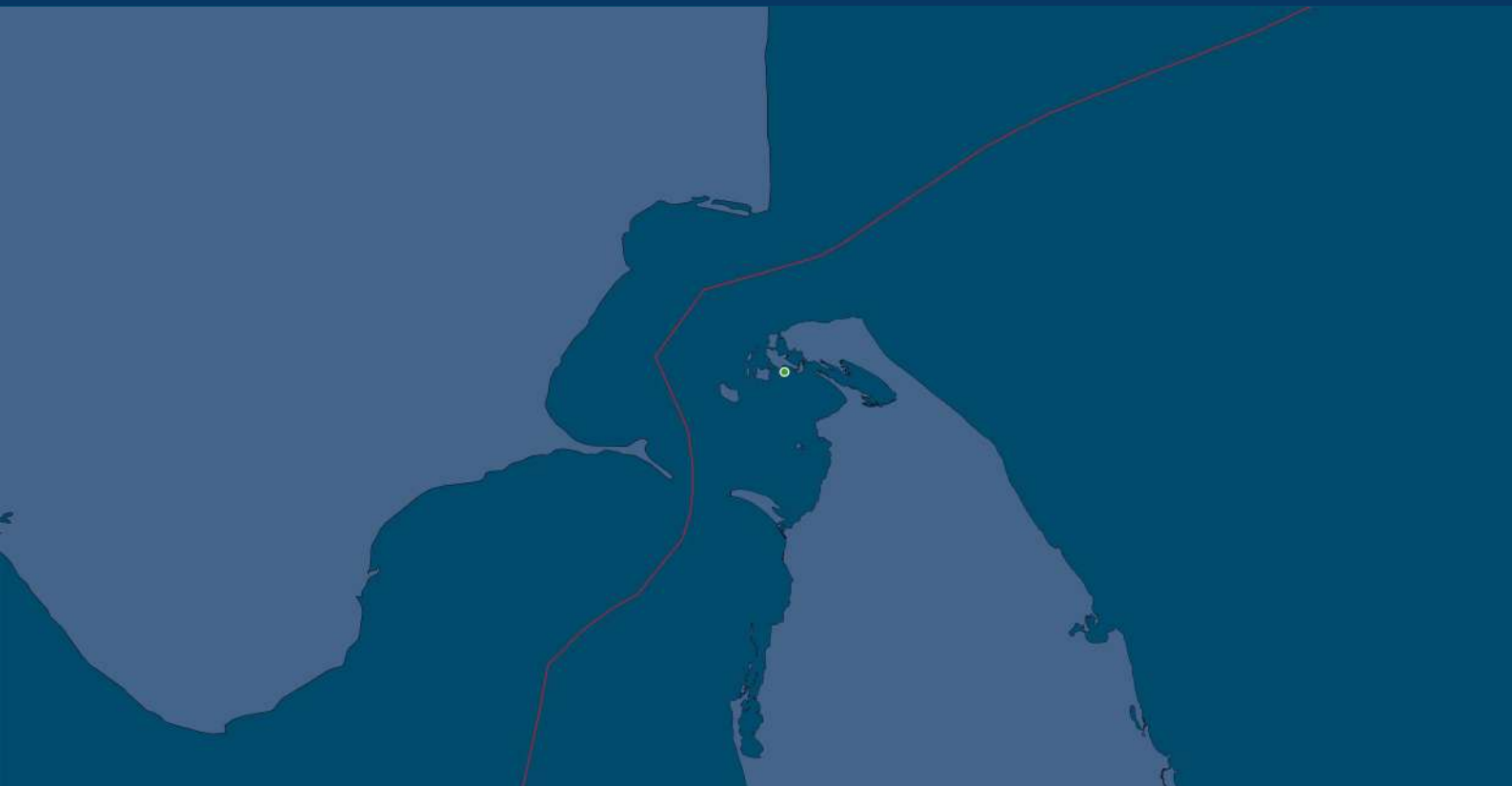


REPORTED INCIDENTS

DRUG TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
Heroin	0	2	1
Kerala cannabis	1	12	2
Ice	0	3	0
Tablets	0	1	0
Hashish	0	1	0



DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENT



Heroin Ice Kerala Cannabis Hashish Other

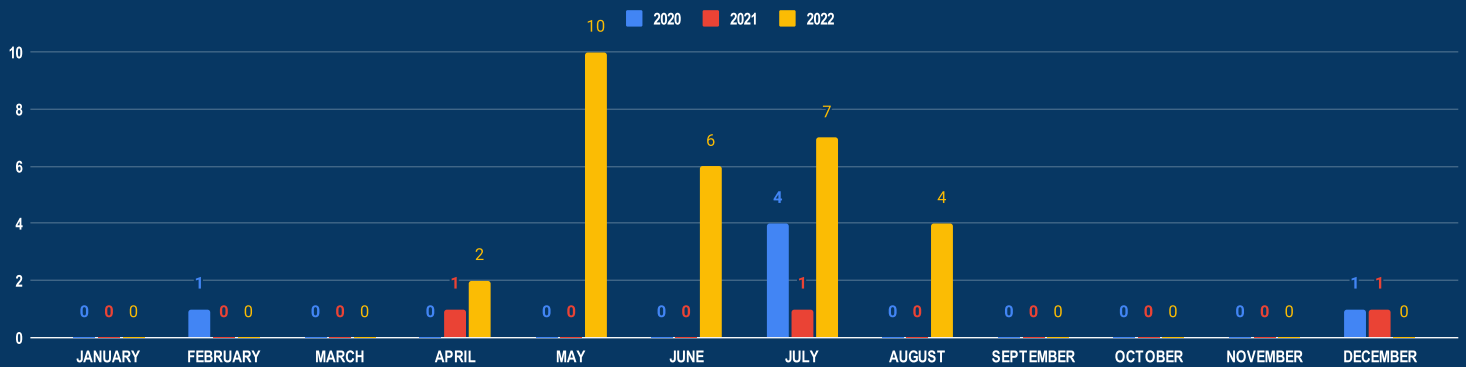


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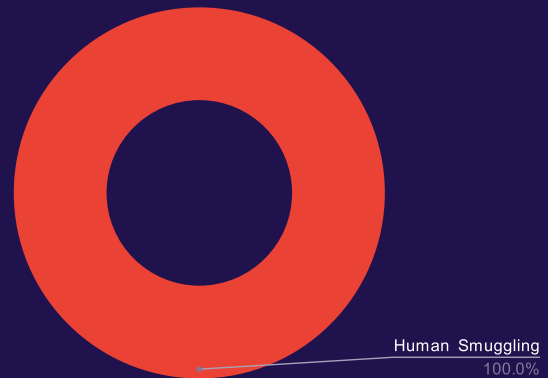
HUMAN SMUGGLING - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2022)



REPORTED INCIDENTS

INCIDENT TYPE	AUG 2022	TOTAL 2022	AUG 2021
Human Smuggling	4	29	0



HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENT



Human Smuggling

EVENTS

01. 02nd August 2022

Navy rescues 03 fishermen from capsized fishing boat in the outer harbour area of Trincomalee

Sri Lanka Navy rescued 03 fishermen from a capsized small fishing boat, while engaging in fishing in the outer harbour area of Trincomalee on 02nd August 2022.

After having spotted the capsized fishing boat, the Inshore Patrol Craft P 244 patrolling in the outer harbour area of Trincomalee, attached to the Eastern Naval Command, promptly rescued the fishermen from the watery grave. Upon being rescued, they were safely sent back ashore. Rescued fishermen were identified as residents of China Bay and Kinniya, Trincomalee.



02. 04th August 2022

Navy recovers Kerala cannabis worth about Rs. 10 million of street value in Northern waters

Sri Lanka Navy took hold of about 34kg and 38g (wet weight) of Kerala cannabis floating in the sea area between Kayts and Punguduthive Islands in Jaffna, during a patrol carried out in the sea area on 04th August 2022

The seizure was made by the Inshore Patrol Craft P 014 attached to SLNS Kanchadewa in the Northern Naval Command, in the sea area between Kayts and Punguduthive Islands this morning. The seized narcotic consignment floating at sea, weighed about 34kg and 38g (wet weight) and it was stuffed in 08 packages. The gross street value of seized Kerala cannabis is believed to be about Rs. 10 million.



Navy apprehends 13 individuals suspected to be on illegal migration attempt in Talaimannar

Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 13 persons who were suspected to be attempting to illegally migrate to a foreign country by sea, during a search operation carried out in seas off Sand Banks, Talaimannar on 05th August 2022.

Sri Lanka Navy has been conducting regular search operations and patrols covering the sea and coastal areas around the island with the aim of suppressing illegal migration and other forms of illegal activities. During a special operation mounted by a team of Navy Marines off Sand Banks, Talaimannar, a group of individuals remaining suspiciously at Sand Banks were approached and interrogated. Subsequently, the group of individuals who were suspected to be remaining there until the arrival of a boat to illegally migrate from the country were nabbed by the Navy. Among the apprehended persons were 03 males and 04 females above 18 years of age and 06 individuals below 18 years of age.

The suspects held in the operation were identified as residents of Vavuniya, Trincomalee and Morawewa areas and they were handed over to the Talaimannar Police for onward legal proceedings.

For the purpose of making fast money, smugglers cheat the innocent and organize this kind of unethical enterprise using unsafe craft. As such, Navy urges the public to refrain from risking their lives by engaging in perilous sea voyages and be victims before the law.



04. 10th August 2022

Navy seizes poaching trawler in Sri Lanka's waters off Mullaitivu

Sri Lanka Navy conducted a special operation to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in island's waters on 10th August 2022. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 09 Indian fishermen, while poaching in Sri Lanka's waters off Mullaitivu, via the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

The Navy continues to carry out regular patrols in island's waters to prevent illegal fishing practices by foreign fishermen, with a view to protect the fishery resources of the country and livelihood of local fishermen.

Accordingly, the Navy deployed a Fast Attack Craft of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF), attached to the Eastern Naval Command to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in Sri Lanka's waters, via the IMBL on 10th August. In this operation, the Navy seized the Indian poaching trawler with 09 Indian fishermen and their fishing gear.

The Indian trawler and the 09 Indian fishermen held by the Navy are being brought to the Trincomalee harbour and handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Trincomalee for onward legal action.



05. 11th August 2022

Navy renders assistance to bring ashore distressed local fishing trawler with a deceased fisherman

Sri Lanka Navy on the night of 11th August 2022 brought ashore a local fishing trawler in distress in seas, about 68 nautical miles (125km) off the Galle Lighthouse, due to a mechanical failure.

Reportedly, the distressed local fishing trawler 'SERAN 1' (Reg. No. IMUL-A-0446 KLT) was on a fishing voyage with 05 fishermen and left the Beruwala fishery harbour on 07th August. The vessel suffered mechanical failure while it was returning ashore with the sudden demise of one of its fishermen due to an accident at sea. Meanwhile, the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, disseminated the situation to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo at Navy Headquarters.

In response to the request for assistance, Sri Lanka Navy hurried SLNS Parakramabahu to the sea area where the incident was reported. Having located the distressed fishing trawler, the SLN ship safely towed it with 04 fishermen aboard unharmed to the Galle fisheries harbour on the night of 11th August, amidst rough sea condition. Subsequently, the remains of the fisherman was directed to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital, through the relatives of him. Onward investigations into the incident will be carried out by the Galle Harbour Police.



06. 16th August 2022

Navy apprehends 10 individuals suspected to be attempting to illegally migrate from island

Sri Lanka Navy apprehend 10 individuals, suspected to be on an illegal migration attempt to a foreign country via sea, during a special operation conducted in seas off Kurusapadu, Talaimannar on the night of 16th August 2022.

Sri Lanka Navy has been conducting regular operations and patrols covering the sea and coastal areas around the island with the aim of suppressing illegal migration and other forms of illegal activities. In a similar operation, the Inshore Patrol Craft P 175 of SLNS Buwaneka in the North Central Naval Command intercepted a suspicious dinghy in the sea area of Kurusapadu on the night of 16th August. Upon investigation, the Navy apprehended 10 individuals who were suspected to be on an illegal migration attempt to a foreign country via sea. Among the apprehended individuals were; 04 males including 02 boat operators and 02 females who are over 18 years of age and 04 other individuals below 18 years of age. The Navy also held the dinghy used for this illegal sea voyage.

The suspects were identified as residents of Pesalai, Urumalai, Kilinochchi and Kantale and they were handed over to the Talaimannar Police for onward legal action.



07. 19th August 2022

Navy rescues 06 fishermen from distressed local fishing trawler off Dondra

The Navy rescued 06 fishermen from a local multiday fishing trawler in distress about 18.5 nautical miles (34 km) off Dondra in southern waters and bring them ashore on morning 19th August 2022.

Reportedly, the multiday fishing trawler 'Dileesha Putha II' (Reg. No. IMUL-A-1024 MTR) which left the Kudawella fisheries harbour on a fishing voyage on 16th August 2022, was at risk of sinking having collided with a ship plying in the sea area. Accordingly, the owner of the fishing trawler has reported the incident to the fishing monitoring point of SLCG at Kudawella fisheries harbour. Upon dissemination of the incident to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo at the Navy Headquarters by Sri Lanka Coast Guard, the MRCC Colombo sent a distress signal to the ships in the sea area about the development.

Subsequently, the Fast Attack Craft P 472 of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF) in the Southern Naval Command was rushed to the sea area where the incident was reported to rescue the 06 fishermen on the distressed fishing trawler. Having located the distressed trawler, the Navy promptly rescued the 06 fishermen from the distressed trawler and rushed them to the Tangalle Base Hospital after bringing them to the Tangalle Fisheries Harbour on Am 19th August.



Navy seizes poaching trawler in Sri Lanka's waters off Mullaitivu

Sri Lanka Navy conducted a special operation on 22nd August to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in island's waters. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 10 Indian fishermen, while poaching in Sri Lanka's waters off Mullaitivu, via the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

The Navy continues to carry out regular patrols in island's waters to prevent illegal fishing practices by foreign fishermen, with a view to protect the fishery resources of the country and livelihood of local fishermen.

Accordingly, the Navy deployed a Fast Attack Craft of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF), attached to the Eastern Naval Command to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in Sri Lanka's waters, via the IMBL on 22nd August. In this operation, the Navy seized an Indian poaching trawler remaining off Mullaitivu, with 10 Indian fishermen and their fishing gear.

The Indian trawler and 10 Indian fishermen held by the Navy are being brought to the Trincomalee harbour and handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Trincomalee for onward legal action.



09. 23rd August 2022

Navy renders assistance to bring ashore ill fisherman for treatment

Sri Lanka Navy brought ashore a fisherman who fell ill while at sea and rushed him to the hospital for treatment on 23rd August 2022. The fisherman who was aboard a local multiday fishing trawler, in seas about 47 nautical miles (about 87 km) northeast of the Foul Point, Trincomalee, had suddenly fallen ill and was in need of medical attention.

The multiday fishing trawler 'Manuki' (Reg. No. IMUL-A-0345 KLT) was on a fishing voyage leaving the Cod Bay Fishery Harbour, Trincomalee on 08th August 2022, with 06 fishermen. Meanwhile, the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, has disseminated the distress to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo at Navy Headquarters, about this ill fisherman who was aboard the trawler.

In response to a request for assistance, Sri Lanka Navy sent out the Fast Attack Craft P 4443 of the 04th Fast Attack Craft Flotilla (4 FAF) attached to the Eastern Naval Command to bring the ill fisherman for treatment. Having taken over him to the Navy's craft on the evening of 23rd August 2022 amidst rough sea condition, the patient was brought to the Trincomalee Harbour administering first aid and subsequently he was rushed to the General Hospital, Trincomalee for further treatment.



10. 27th August 2022

Navy seizes poaching trawler in Sri Lanka's waters off Mannar

Sri Lanka Navy on the night of 27th August 2022 conducted a special operation to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in the island's waters. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 06 Indian fishermen, while poaching in Sri Lanka's waters off Talaimannar, via the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

The Navy continues to carry out regular patrols in the island's waters to prevent illegal fishing practices by foreign fishermen, with a view to curbing its impact on the local fishing community as well as the damage it causes to the marine environment of the country.

In this special operation mounted by the North Central Naval Command to chase away Indian trawlers poaching in Sri Lanka's waters, via the IMBL, the apprehension was made by the Fast Attack Craft attached to the Northern Naval Command on 27th August. In this operation, the Navy seized an Indian poaching trawler remaining off Talaimannar, with 06 Indian fishermen and their fishing gears.

The Indian trawler and 06 Indian fishermen held by the Navy are in naval custody in Talaimannar and they handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Mannar for onward legal action.



11. 28th August 2022

Navy takes hold of 44 persons suspected to be on illegal migration attempts

The Navy took hold of 44 persons whom were suspected to be on illegal migration attempts from the country via sea routes, on the night of 28th August 2022. The apprehensions were made during special search operations conducted by the Navy off Trincomalee and in the beach area of Valaithottam, Batticaloa.

Accordingly, the Eastern Naval Command conducted a special search operation off Trincomalee in the dark hours of 28th August, deploying Fast Attack Craft P 465 and P 4443 of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF) attached to the Command.

In this operation, P 465 intercepted a suspicious local multiday fishing trawler off Trincomalee and held 29 individuals who were suspected to be on an illegal migration attempt from the country. Among the apprehended persons were 25 males, including 05 in connection to the racket, 02 females over 18 years of age and 02 individuals below 18 years. Thus, the suspects along with the multiday fishing trawler were taken into naval custody.

Further, another search operation mounted by SLNS Walagamba in the Eastern Naval Command at Kuchchaveli beach in the dark hours of 28th August, made way to the apprehension of 02 suspects and a dinghy. The individuals who are residents of Kuchchaveli were suspected to have transferred people from shores to the fishing trawler intercepted by P 465.

Meanwhile, P 4443 engaged in this operation off Trincomalee searched a similar local multiday fishing trawler and nabbed 05 males over 18 years of age. As such, the group that was suspected to be on an illegal migration attempt from the country and the multiday fishing trawler were taken into naval custody.

In the meantime, a search operation carried out in Valaithottam beach area on the night of 28th August by SLNS Lankapatuna in the Eastern Naval Command led to the apprehension of 10 males over 18 years, remaining suspiciously at the beach. It was suspected that the individuals were wandering there with the intention of migrating from the country by the fishing trawler intercepted by P 4443.

The suspects held in these operations were identified as residents of Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Puttalam, Hambantota, Valaichchenai, Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu and Kuchchaveli.

The 34 individuals held by P 465 and P 4443 and 02 suspects held by SLNS Walagamba handed over to the Trincomalee Harbour Police and Kuchchaveli Police respectively for onward legal proceedings. Meanwhile, the 10 individuals held by SLNS Lankapatuna were handed over to the Eechchalampattu Police in Batticaloa for onward legal action.

As it is observed that human smugglers organize this nature of rackets using unsafe methods

for the purpose of making fast money, the Navy urges the public to refrain from risking their lives by engaging in perilous sea voyages and be victims before the law.

