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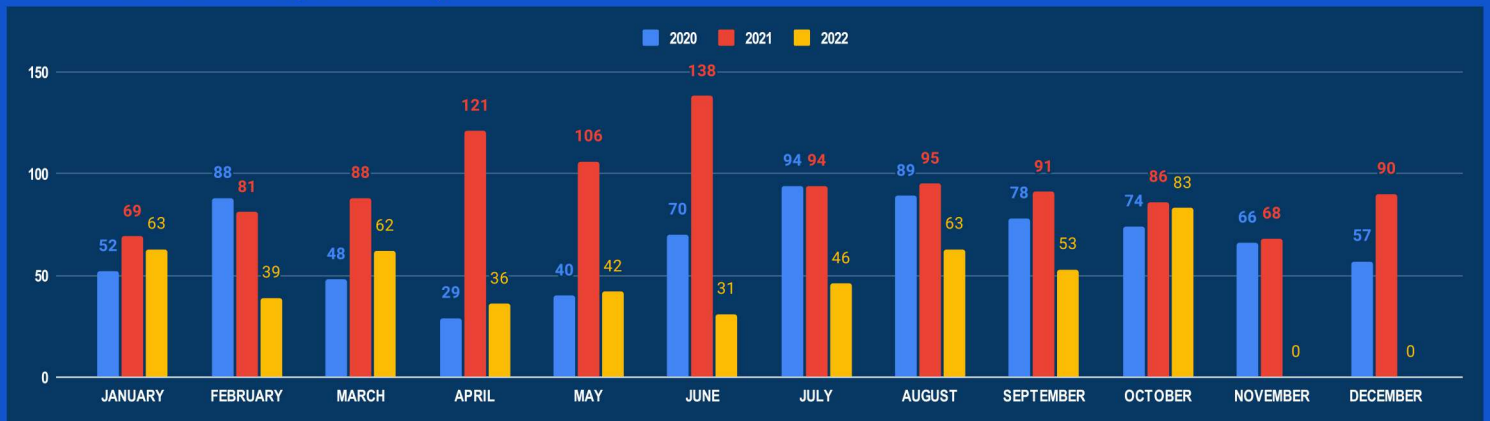


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP OCTOBER 2022

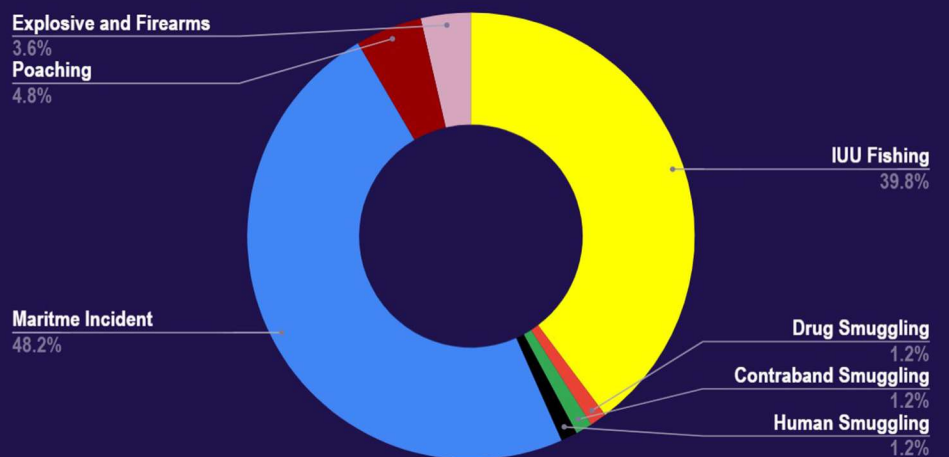
MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (2020-2022)

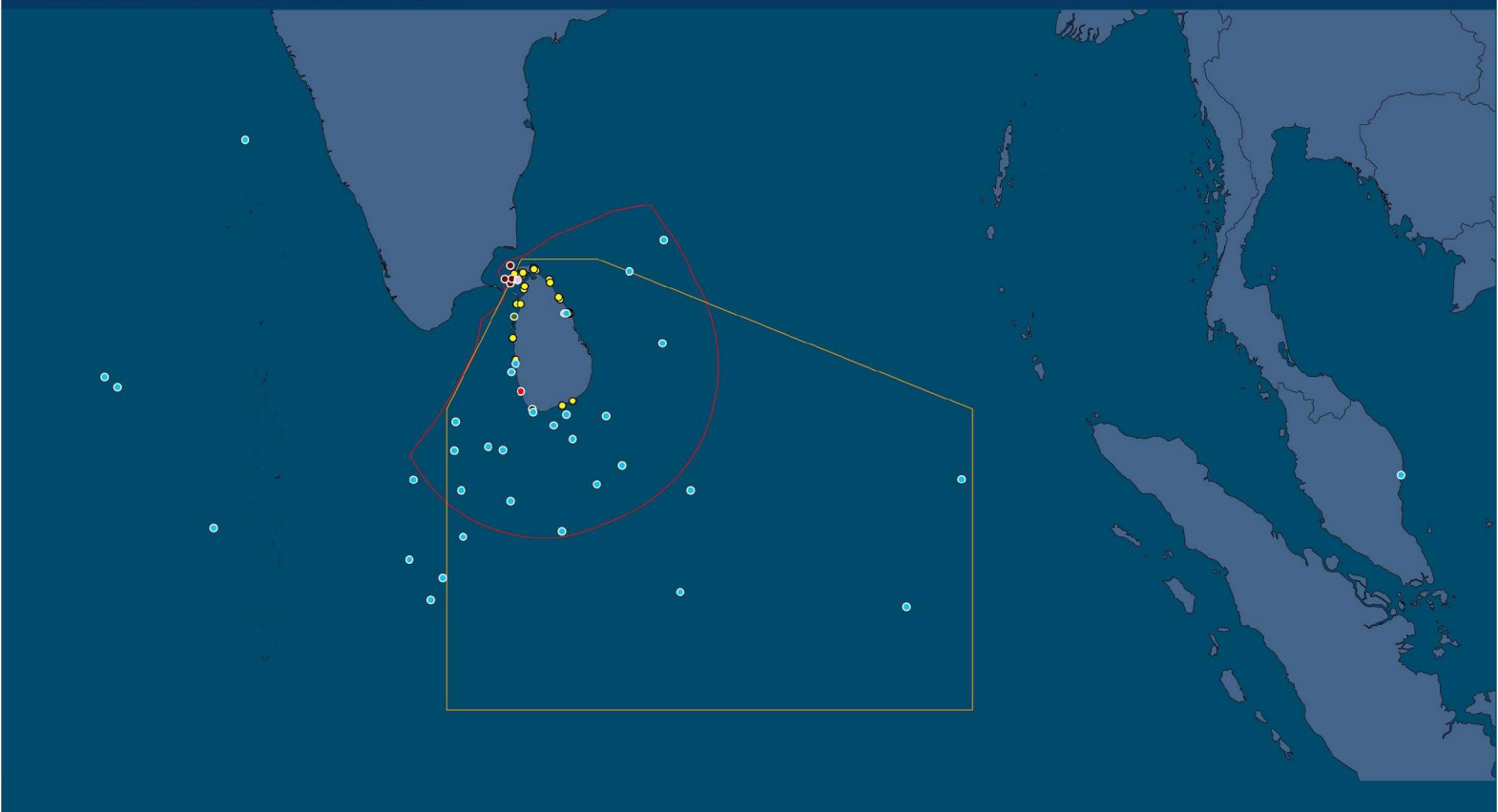


REPORTED INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
IUU Fishing	33	99	26
Drug Smuggling	1	22	0
Contraband Smuggling	1	22	22
Human Smuggling	1	37	0
Maritime Incident	40	258	25
Poaching	4	77	13
Explosive and Firearms	3	3	0



MARITIME INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022



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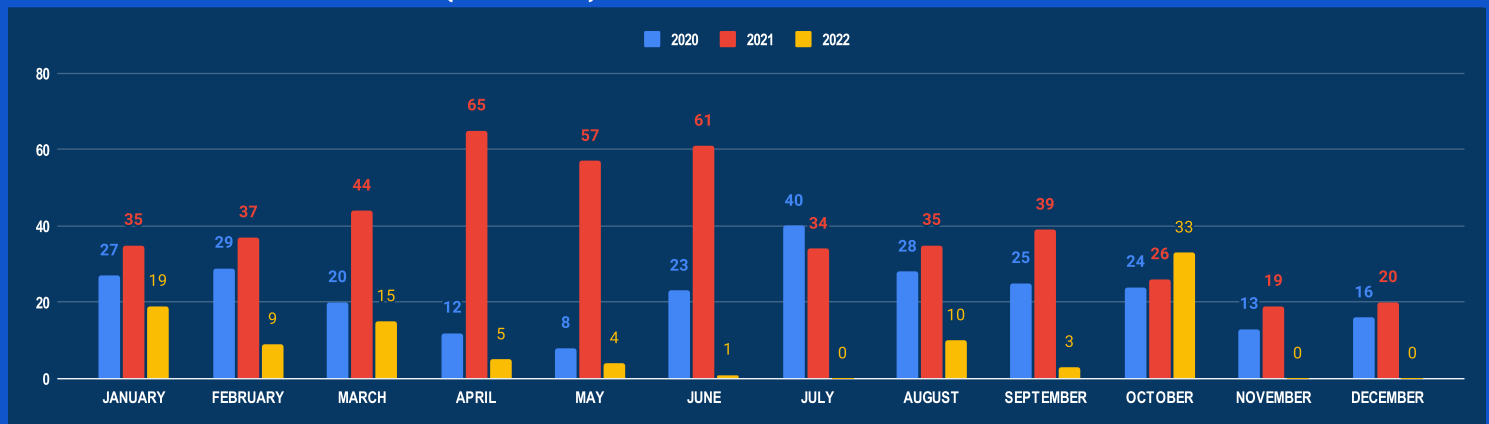


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IUU FISHING INCIDENTS - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2022)



REPORTED INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Violation of Certificate Conditions	3	7	2
Harvesting Prohibited Species	6	31	6
Illegal Net	13	35	14
Illegal Methods	8	21	3
Explosive Fishing	3	5	1

Explosive Fishing

9.1%

Illegal Methods

24.2%

Violation of Certificate

9.1%

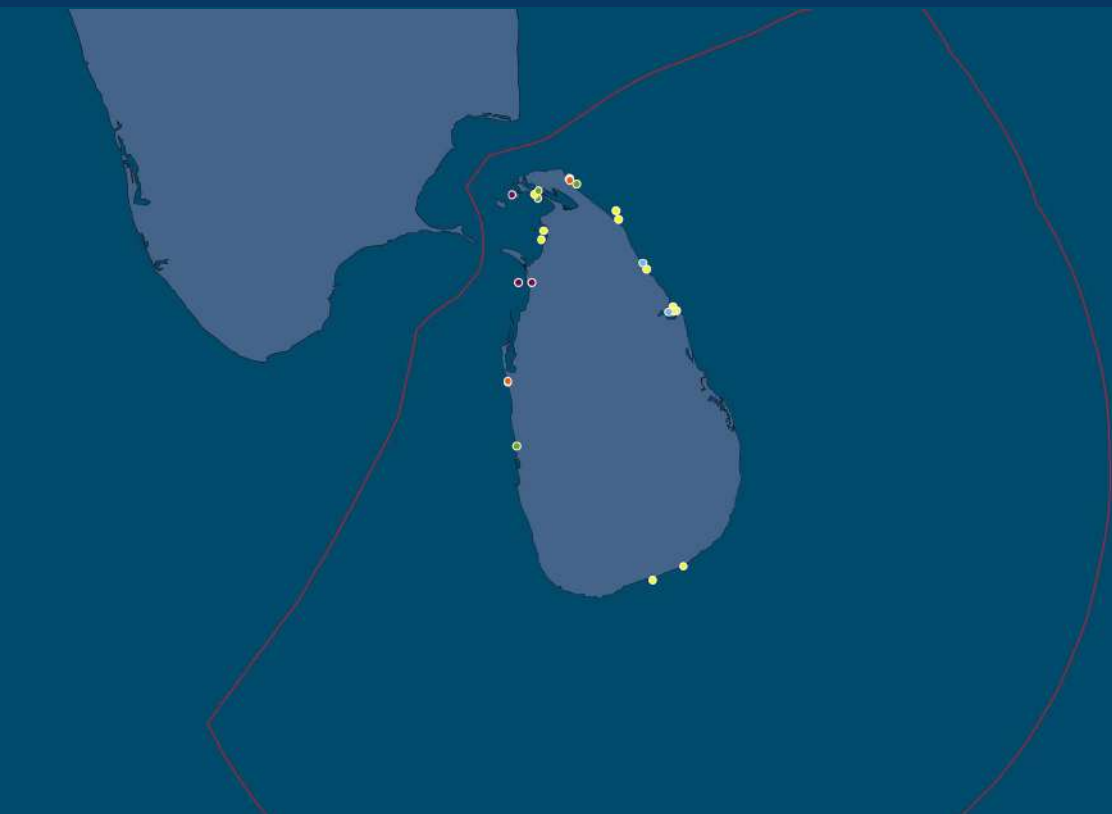
Harvesting Prohibited Species

18.2%

Illegal Net

39.4%

IUU FISHING INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022



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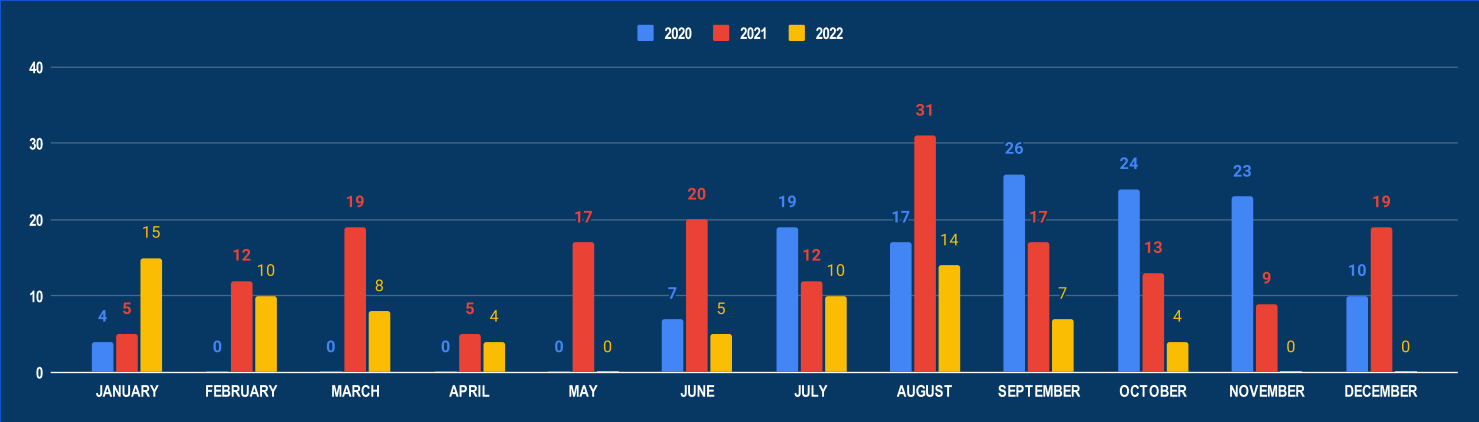


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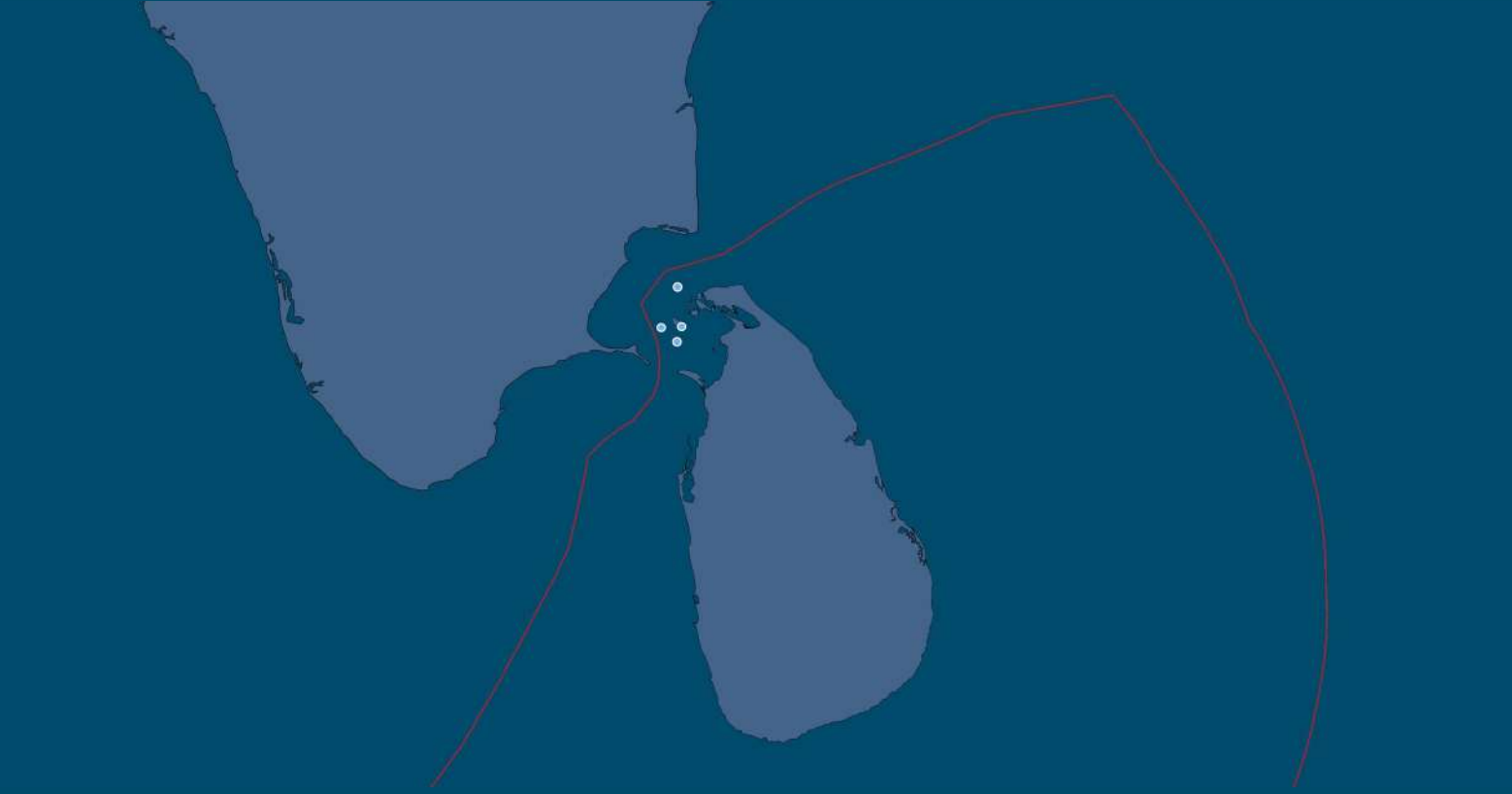


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	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Eastern Coast	0	8	4
Palk Strait	0	13	2
Gulf of Mannar	0	9	3
Palk Bay	4	46	4
Other	0	9	1



POACHING INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022



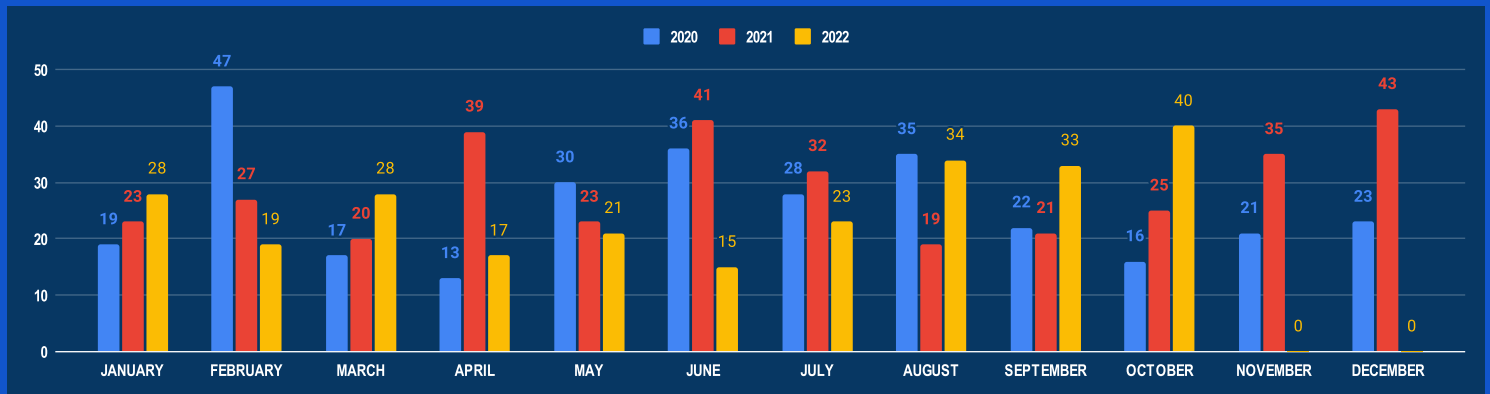


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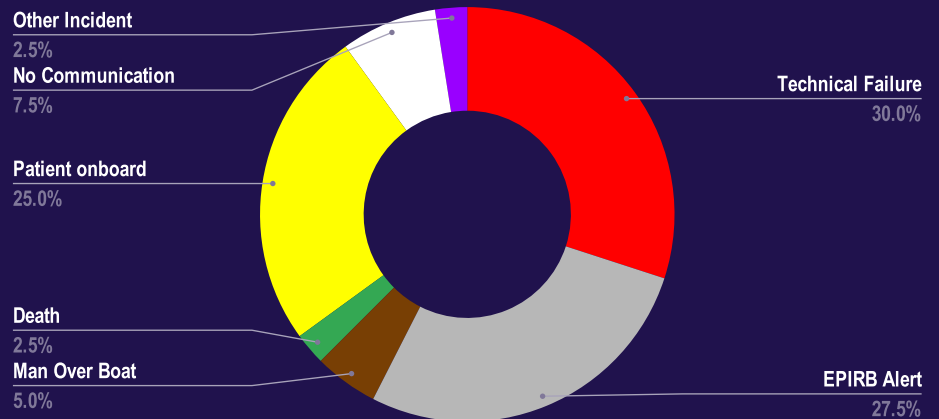
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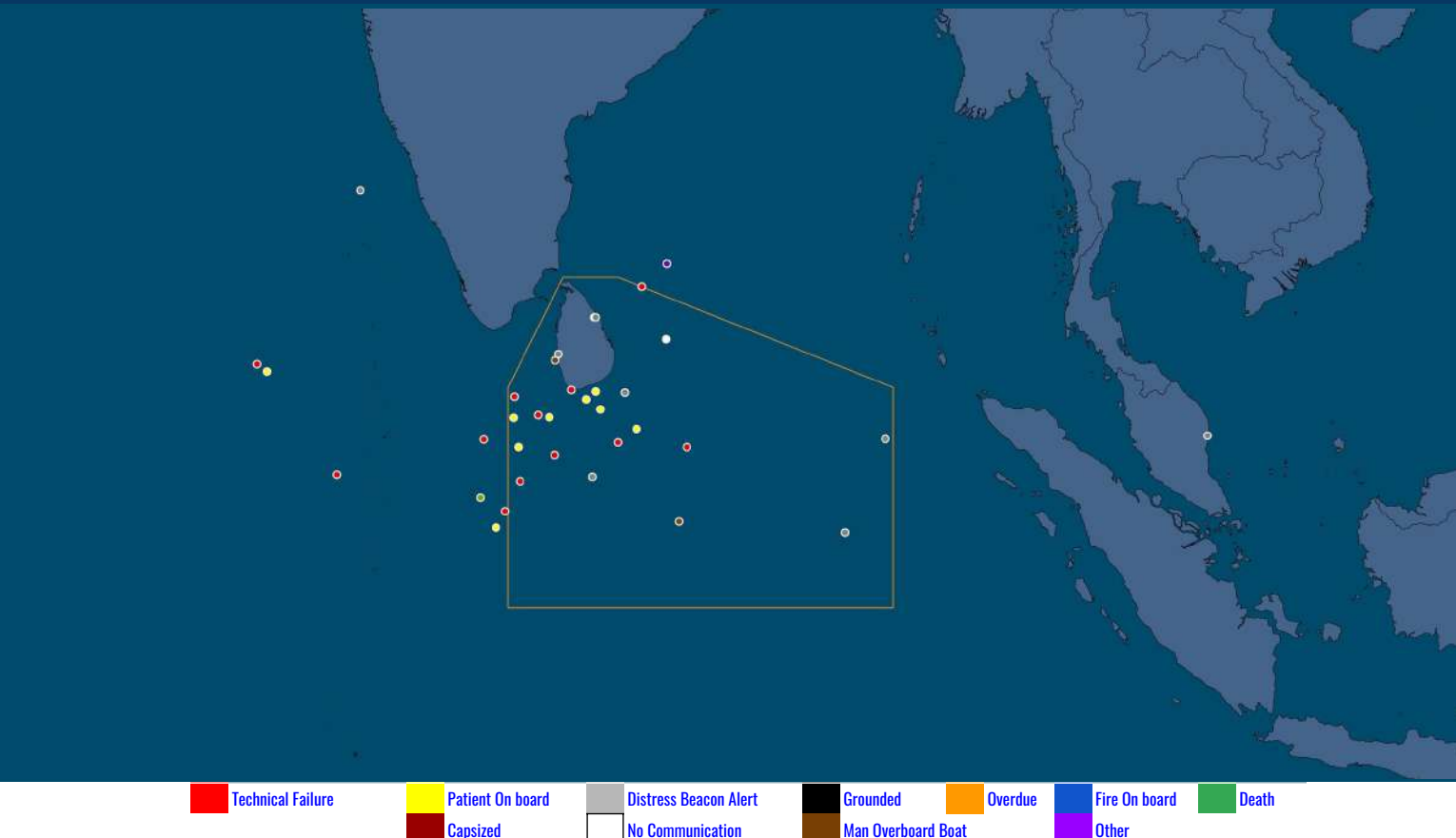


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INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Technical Failure	12	109	3
Fire onboard	0	1	1
EPIRB Alert	11	64	10
Man Over Boat	2	10	1
Arrival Overdue	0	12	2
Capsized	0	4	5
Ground	0	5	0
Death	1	3	0
Patient onboard	10	35	1
Collision	0	2	1
No Communication	3	8	0
Other Incident	1	5	1



MARITIME INCIDENT OCTOBER 2022



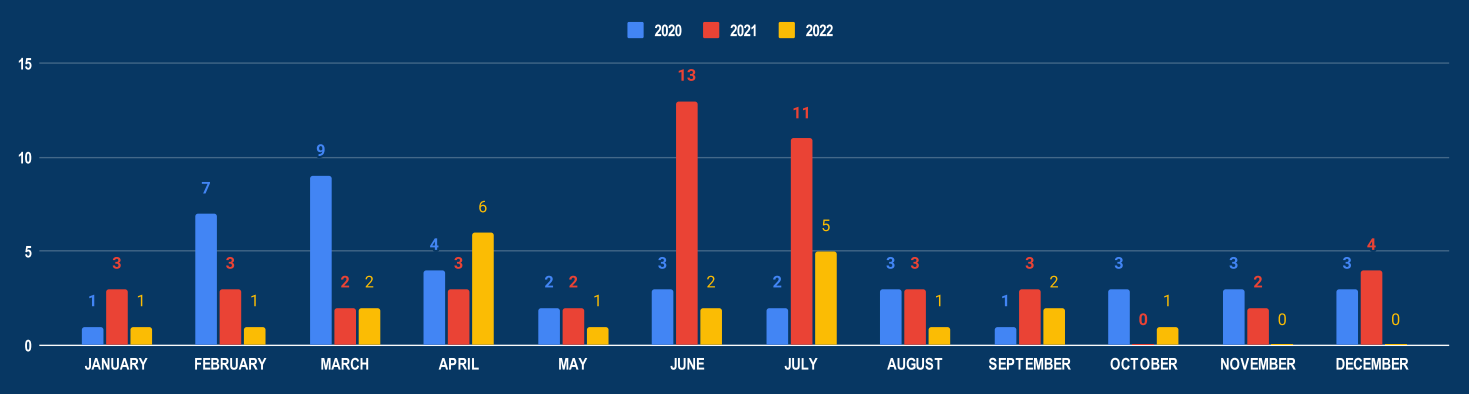


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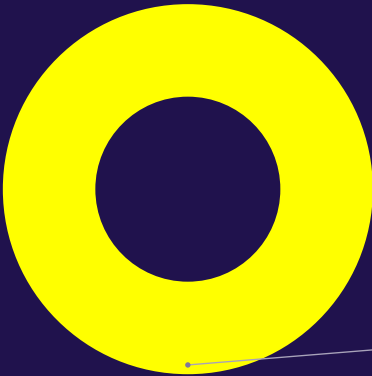
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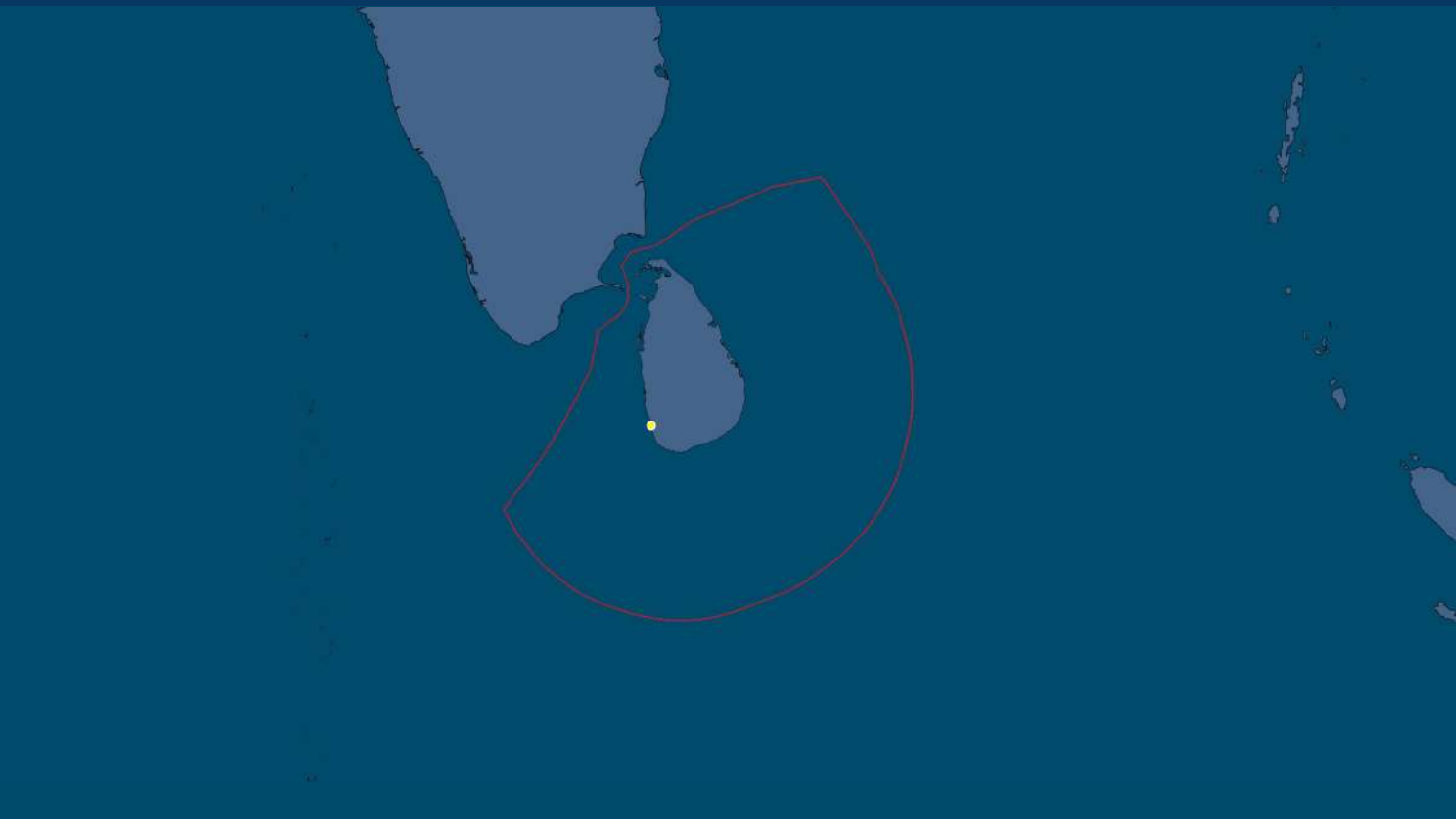


REPORTED INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022

Drug Type	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Heroin	0	2	0
Kerala cannabis	0	13	0
Ice	0	3	0
Tablets	0	2	0
Hashish	0	1	0
Local cannabis	1	1	0



DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENT OCTOBER 2022



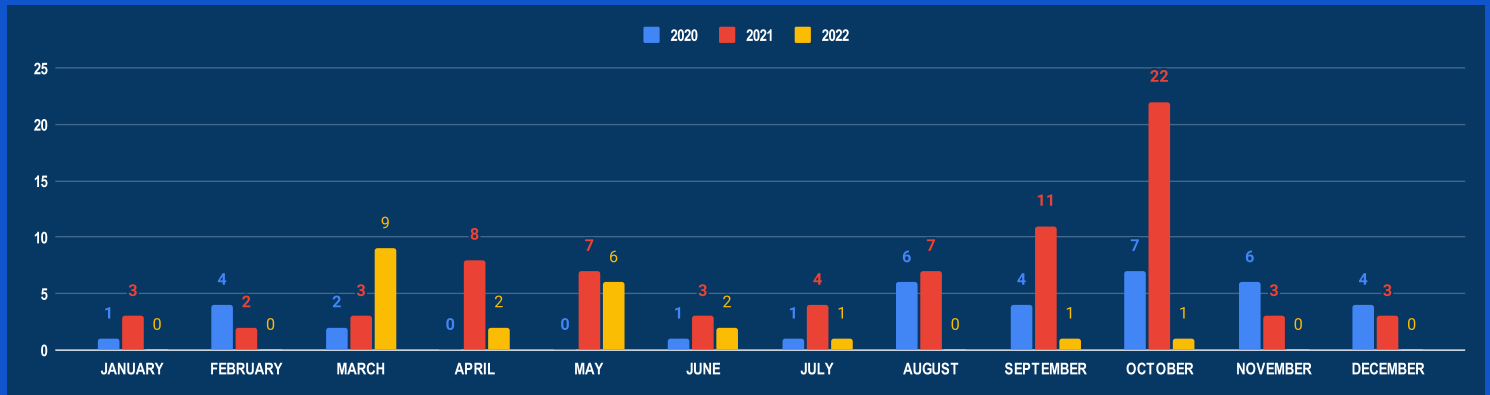


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CONTRABAND SMUGGLING - IFC AOI

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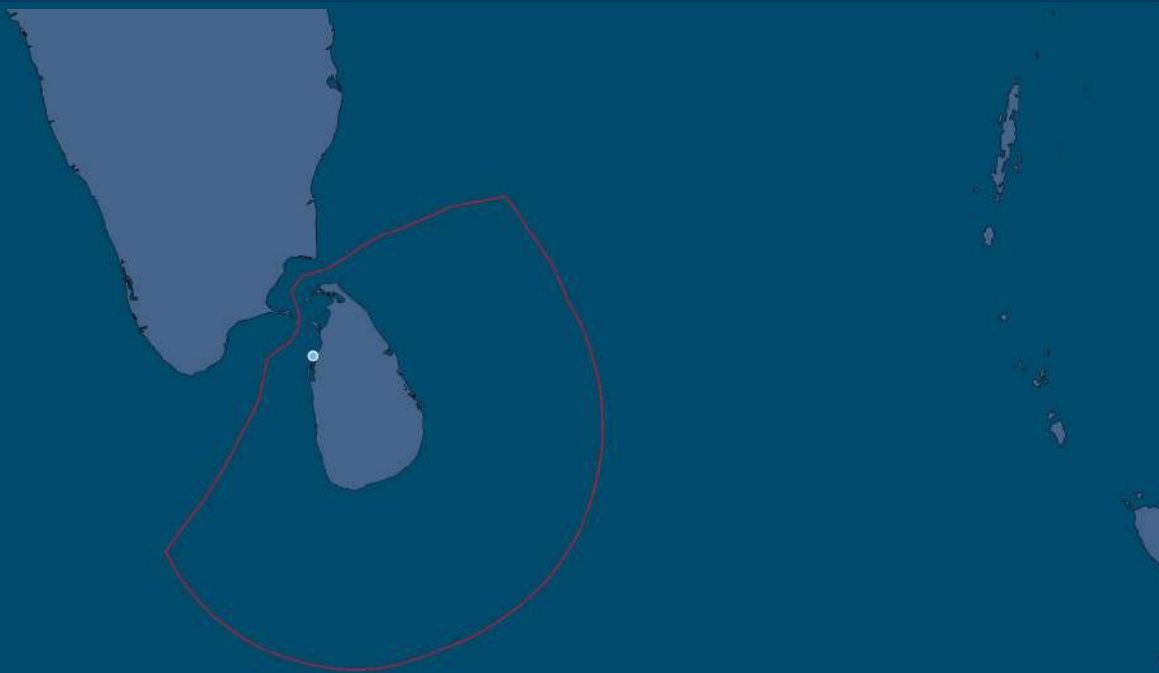


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INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Cardamom	0	2	1
Glyphosate	0	0	0
Gold	0	2	0
Kendu leaves	1	8	0
Other	0	9	1
Turmeric	0	1	20



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENT OCTOBER 2022



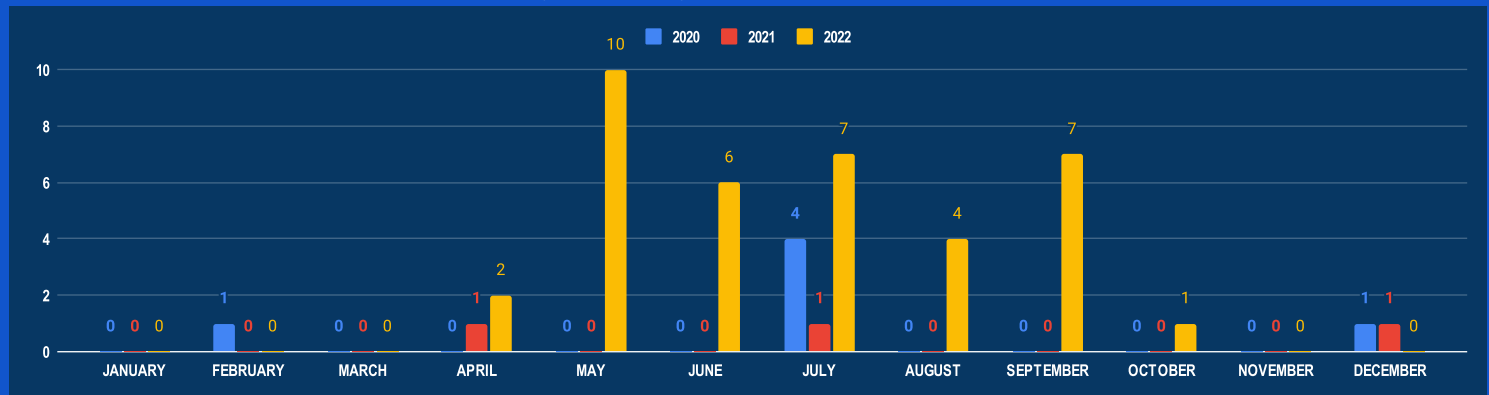


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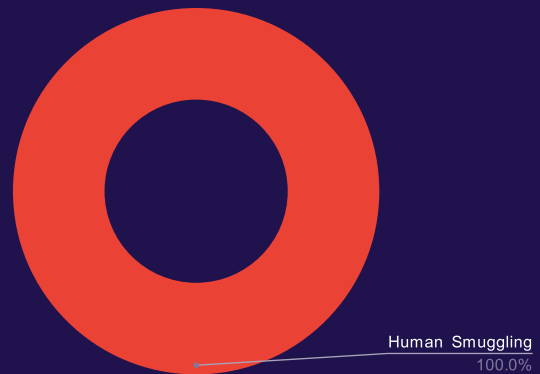
HUMAN SMUGGLING - IFC AOI

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2022)



REPORTED INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Human Smuggling	1	37	0



HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENT OCTOBER 2022



Human Smuggling



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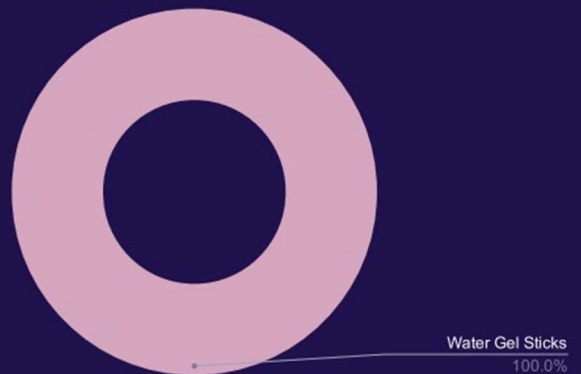
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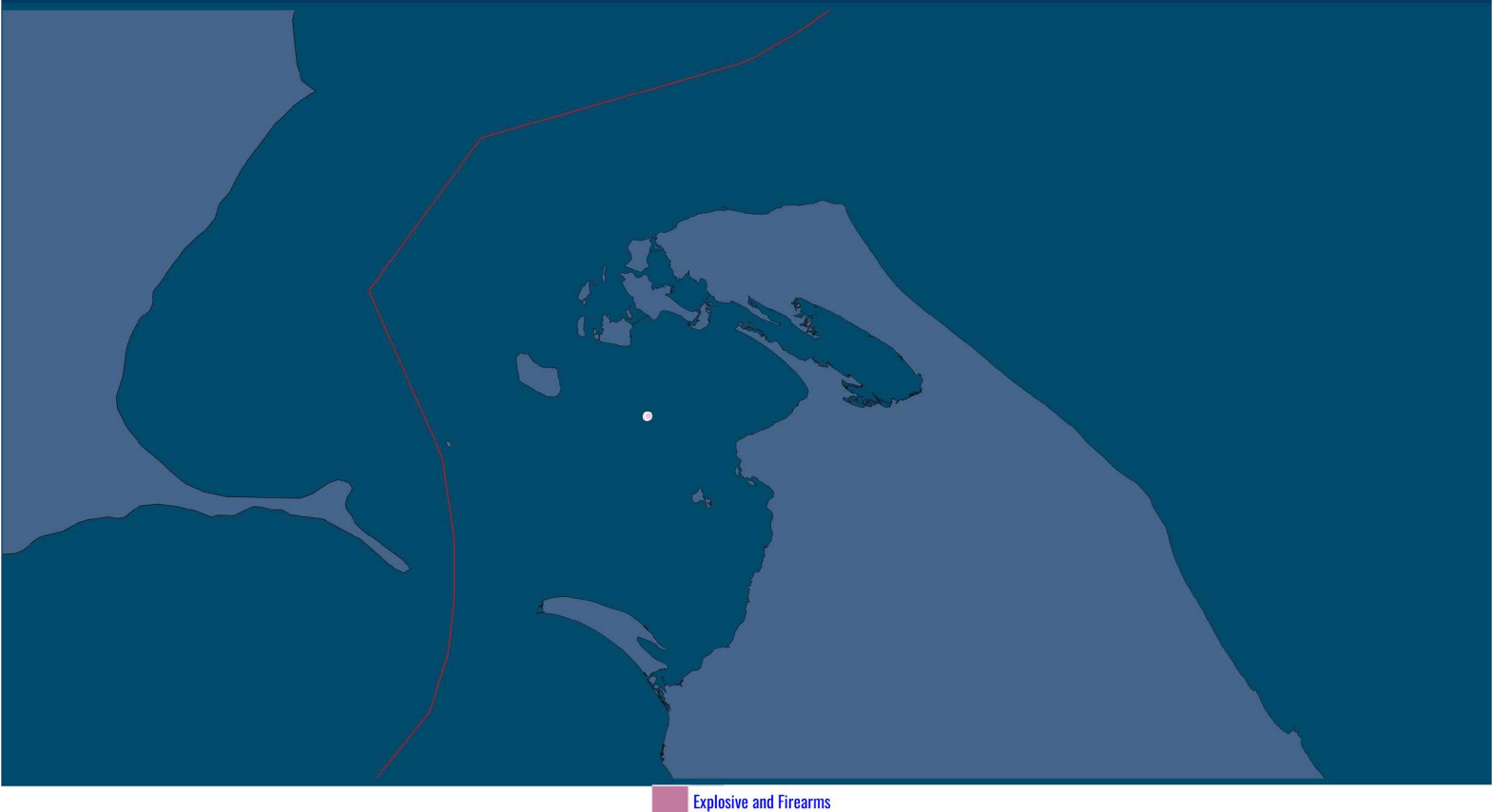


REPORTED INCIDENTS OCTOBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	TOTAL 2022	OCT 2021
Water Gel Sticks	3	3	0



EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENT OCTOBER 2022



EVENTS

01. 01st October 2022

Navy rescues 38 local tourists aboard a distressed trawler in Kalpitiya seas

Sri Lanka Navy sprang into action to rescue 38 persons aboard a distressed trawler, while it was carrying the group of local tourists from Kalpitiya to Baththalangunduwa on the evening of 01st October 2022. The trawler was in desperate situation following a leakage of sea water into the craft.

The trawler named 'Dreamy Travels' registered for the sea transportation of tourists under No. CN/34/4, was at the risk of sinking, as it had experienced a leakage of sea water into the craft, while it was carrying a group of local tourists from Kalpitiya to the Baththalangunduwa Island. Following the desperation was disseminated to SLNS Vijaya in the Northwestern Naval Command by the boat owner on the afternoon of 01st October, Sri Lanka Navy made prompt arrangements to rush Inshore Patrol Craft P 152 and P 228 attached to SLNS Vijaya and Sri Lanka Coast Guard Inshore Patrol Craft CG 202 to the location of the distressed trawler.

Having reached the location, the Navy hurriedly rescued 32 males (including 03 boat operators of the trawler) and 06 females from the distressed trawler and safely brought them to the Kalpitiya fisheries harbour.



Navy takes hold of smuggled stock of Kendu leaves in Kalpitiya sea area

Sri Lanka Navy took hold of a smuggled consignment of Kendu leaves weighing over 427 kg (wet weight), during a patrol carried out in Paramunai sea area of Kalpitiya on 07th October 2022.

The recovery of the stock was made by Marine personnel attached to SLNS Vijaya in the Northwestern Naval Command, while patrolling the Paramunai sea area onboard the Inshore Patrol Craft P 228. Accordingly, they retrieved 10 suspicious packages adrift at sea and found that the packages were stuffed with Kendu leaves weighing about 427kg and 800g (wet weight).

It is believed that the smugglers may have left this stock of Kendu leaves in the sea area due to constant naval operations. Meanwhile, the contraband item has been kept in the naval custody until it is produced for onward legal proceedings. .



03. 11th & 13th October 2022

Navy apprehends 15 persons engaged in illegal fishing activities in Northern waters

The Navy apprehended 15 persons who engaged in illegal night diving and illegal fishing practices on 11th and 13th October 2022. These separate search operations were conducted off Point Pedro, Ampan and Chundikulam, where the Navy also took hold of fishing and diving gear used for these illegal acts.

Sri Lanka Navy conducts regular operations to prevent illegal fishing practices performed by a handful of people in coastal areas around the island. As an extension of these efforts, Naval Detachment Point Pedro of SLNS Uththara in the Northern Naval Command held 03 persons engaged in illegal diving activities. The search operation was carried out off Point Pedro, Jaffna in the wee hours on 13th October, where 02 dinghies and diving equipment used by the suspects were also held.

Meanwhile, SLN Marine personnel of Naval Deployment Vettalakeni in the Northern Naval Command also nabbed 06 persons with 02 dinghies and diving equipment, while they were engaging in night diving in Ampan sea area on the night of 11th October. In addition, those Marine personnel also held 06 individuals with 01 dinghy and an unauthorized fishing net, whilst fishing in the Chundikulam sea area using the unauthorized net, on the same day.

The apprehended persons of these separate operations were identified as residents of Jaffna, Manalkadu, Mannar and Mullivaikkal areas, who are from 23 to 43 years of age. The persons and their belongings held by the Navy on 11th October were handed over to the Thalayadi Fisheries Inspector in Jaffna for onward action. Meanwhile, those individuals held with their equipment on 13th October were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector, Jaffna for onward legal proceedings.



Navy nabs 05 persons for engaging in night diving to harvest sea cucumber in Northern waters

The Navy apprehended 05 persons for engaging in night diving to harvest sea cucumber, during a special operation conducted off Kudairippu, Vettalakeni in Jaffna in the dark hours of 13th October 2022. Along with the suspects, 02 dinghies and about 10,000 illegally harvested sea cucumbers were also taken into naval custody.

Sri Lanka Navy conducts constant operations in coastal and sea areas around the island to prevent various forms of illegal fishing activities. In a similar effort, this apprehension was made by a team of Marine personnel of the Naval Deployment Vettalaiken in the Northern Naval Command, on 13th October. Incidentally, the operation has led to the apprehension of 05 individuals who were engaging in night diving to harvest sea cucumber. Further, the naval personnel also seized 02 dinghies used for this illegal act and about 10,000 illegally harvested sea cucumbers.

The apprehended persons were identified as residents of Kuchchaweli, who are from 22 to 35 years of age. The persons and their belongings held in this operation were handed over to the Thalayadi Fisheries Inspector in Jaffna for onward legal action.



05. 19th October 2022

Navy seizes poaching trawler in Northern waters

Sri Lanka Navy conducted a special operation to chase away Indian poaching trawlers from Sri Lanka's waters on the night of 19th October 2022. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 03 Indian nationals poaching in the island's waters off the Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar.

Sri Lanka Navy has stepped up its patrols and operations in Sri Lanka's waters to curb illegal fishing practices of foreign fishing trawlers.

In a similar operation conducted in the dark hours of 19th October, the Northern Naval Command deployed a Fast Attack Craft of the 04th Fast Attack Flotilla to chase away a cluster of Indian poaching trawlers, after having spotted them engaged in illegal fishing in Sri Lanka's waters off the Kovilan Lighthouse, through the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Thus, the Navy held an Indian poaching trawler that continued to remain in the island's waters, with 03 Indian fishers and their fishing gears.

The seized trawler together with 03 Indian fishermen was brought to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and they handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal proceedings.



Navy finds 400 water gel sticks at Kakarativu Island, Jaffna

A special search operation conducted by the Navy at the Kakarativu Island, Jaffna on morning 20th October 2022, led to the recovery of 400 water gel sticks which are used as commercial explosives.

Sri Lanka Navy has been conducting regular operations to prevent illegal fishing practices conducted by a handful of people using explosives, disregarding its harmful repercussions on marine ecosystems. In a similar operation, the naval establishment SLNS Kanchadewa in the Northern Naval Command unearthed a buried sack with 400 water gel sticks, at the Kakarativu Island, on morning 20th October 2022.

Meanwhile, the Northern Naval Command recovered 706 water gel sticks from the Kakarativu Island, during previous operations carried out on 05th and 07th October as well.

It is suspected that these explosive items have been hidden away with the intention of using them for blast fishing later. Meanwhile, the recovered cache of explosives handed over for onward legal action.



45 would-be illegal immigrants held in Habaraduwa

During a coordinated search operation carried out by the Navy and Police in the beach area of Habaraduwa, Galle on 23rd October 2022. 45 would-be illegal immigrants were apprehended, whilst they were remaining in a lodge in the area.

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 activities. As an extension of these efforts, SLNS Dakshina in the Southern Naval Command with the assistance of Habaraduwa Police had apprehended this group of would-be illegal immigrants, after searching a lodge in the area. It is suspected that they were awaiting at the lodge, until the arrival of a boat to illegally migrate from the country. Among the apprehended persons were 35 males and 07 females above 18 years of age and 03 individuals below 18 years of age.

Meanwhile, a bus used to transport this group of people were also seized in this search operation.

The suspects held in the operation were identified as residents of Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar, Vennappuwa and Puttalam areas. The suspects along with the bus were handed over to the Habaraduwa Police for onward legal proceedings.



Poaching trawler held in Northern waters during operation conducted by Navy and Coast Guard

Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Coast Guard conducted a special operation in northern waters to chase away Indian poaching trawlers from Sri Lanka's waters on the night of 26th October 2022. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 07 Indian fishermen, poaching in island's waters south of the Delft Island in Jaffna.

Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard remain alert to foil illegal fishing practices of foreign fishing trawlers in Sri Lanka's waters and regularly conduct patrols and operations to prevent such endeavours.

As an extension of these efforts, the Northern Naval Command mounted a special operation in the dark hours of 26th October, by deploying a craft of Sri Lanka Coast Guard attached to the Northern Naval Command, to chase away a cluster of Indian poaching trawlers in Sri Lanka's waters, off the Delft Island. The operation led to the seizure of an Indian poaching trawler continued to remain in island's waters, with 07 Indian fishers and their fishing gear.

The seized trawler together with 07 Indian fishermen was brought to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and they were handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal proceedings.



Coast guard arrested a person with narcotics

Coast Guard personnel attached to the Coast Guard Station Beruwala arrested a person in possession of Kerala Cannabis onboard a Fishing Vessel at the Beruwala Fishery Harbour on 31st October 2022.

During the arrival formalities Coast Guard personnel carried out a thorough search onboard the fishing vessel, found 95.2 g of Kerala Cannabis concealed inside the fishing vessel.

The arrested suspect and apprehended items were handed over to the Police Station, Beruwala for further investigations/ legal action.

