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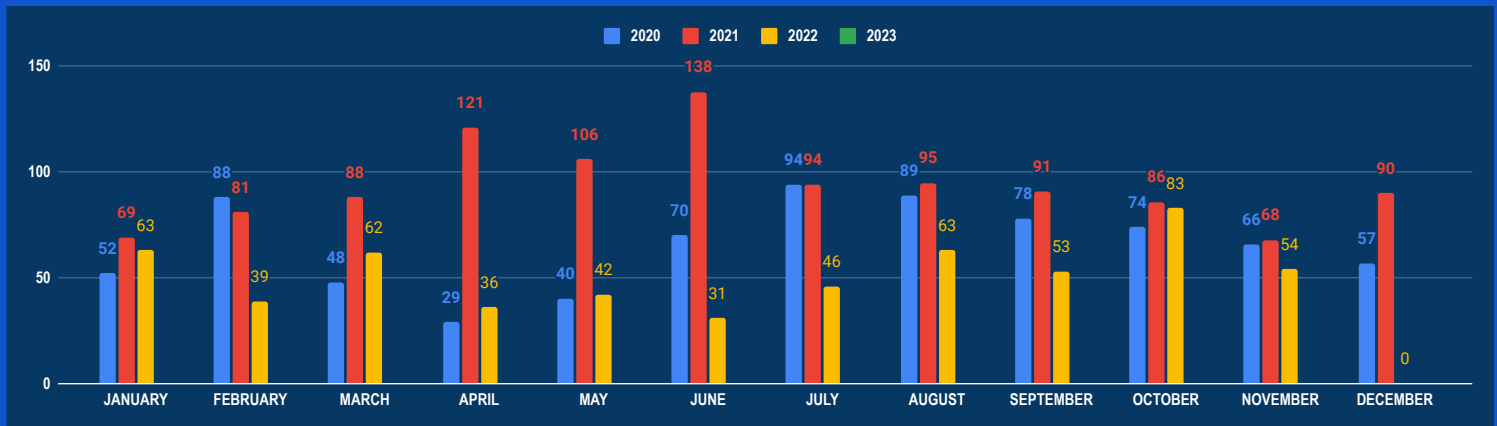


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP NOVEMBER 2022

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS - IFC AOI

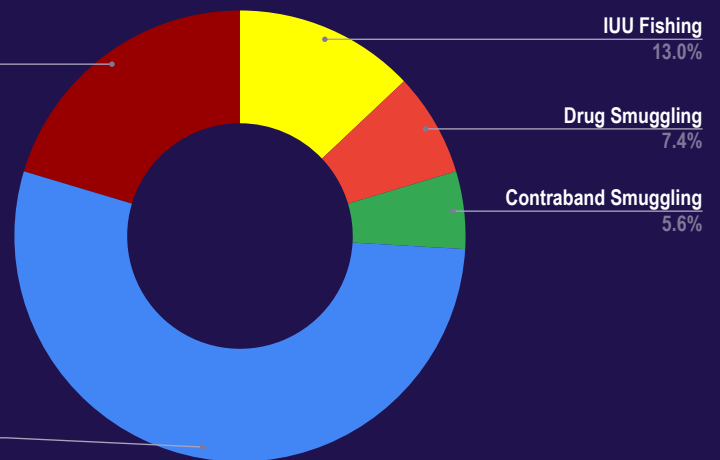
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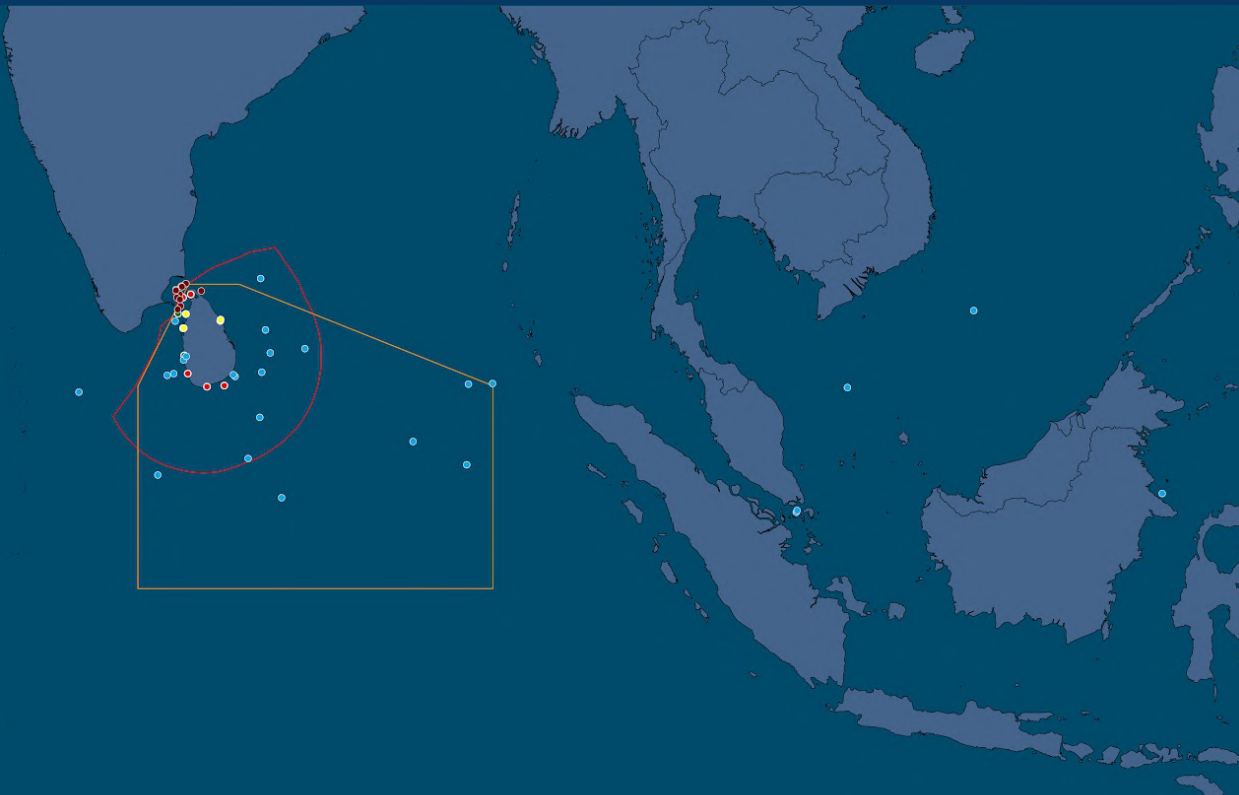
REPORTED INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
IUU Fishing	7	106	19
Drug Smuggling	4	26	2
Contraband Smuggling	3	25	3
Human Smuggling	0	37	0
Maritime Incident	29	287	35
Poaching	11	88	9
Explosive and Firearms	0	3	0

Poaching
20.4%



MARITIME INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022



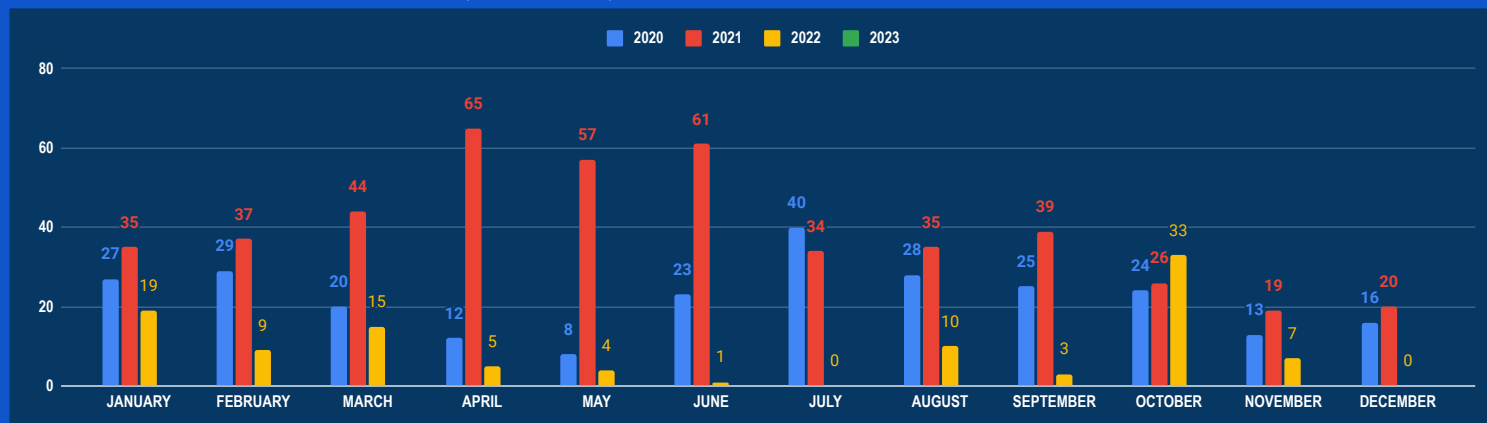


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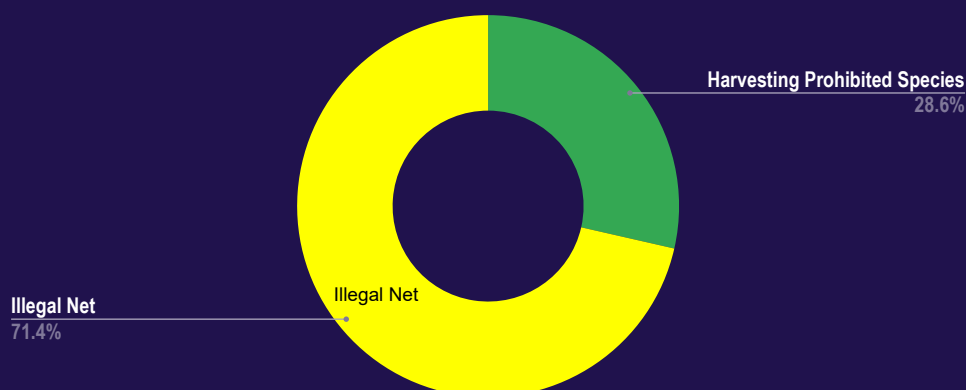
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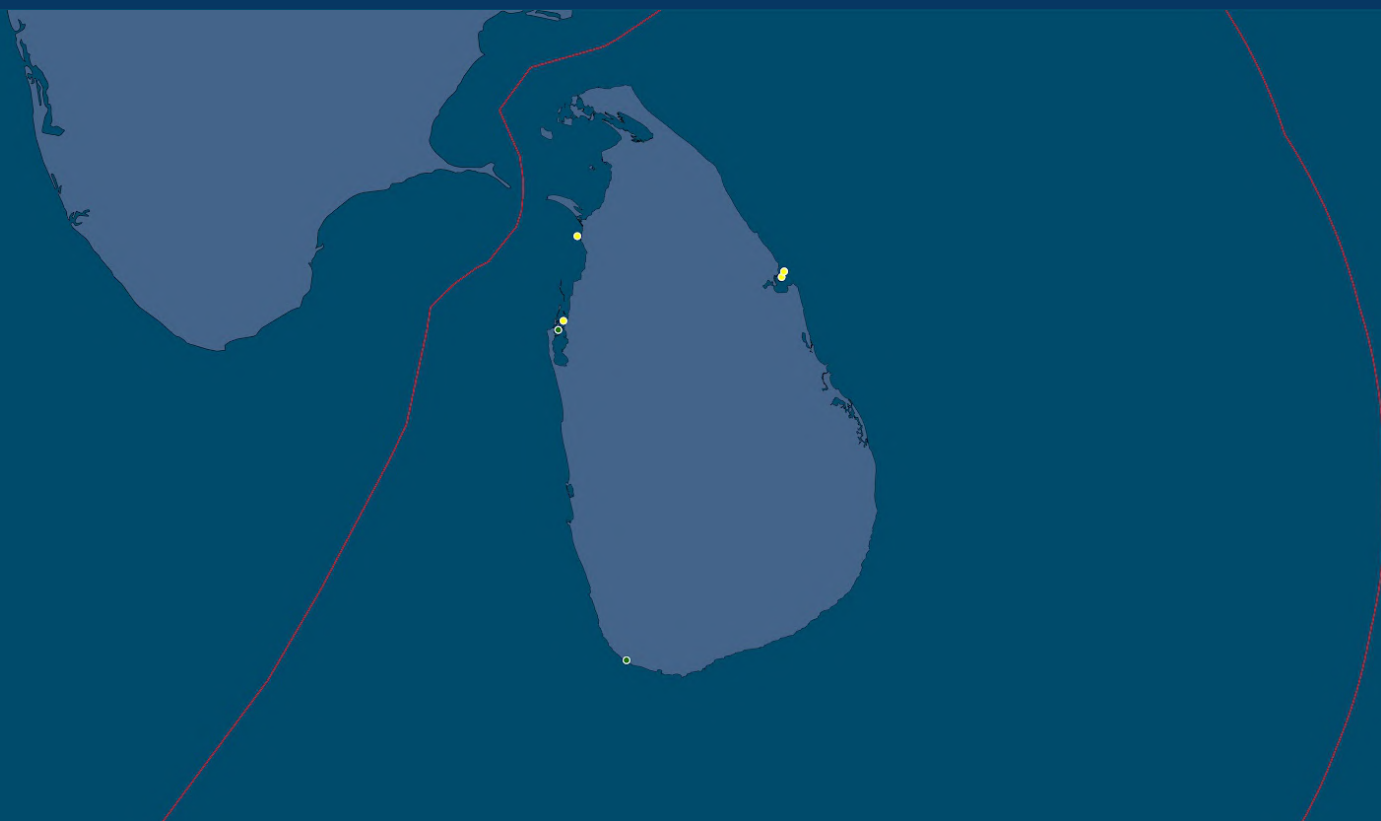


REPORTED INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	7	3
Harvesting Prohibited Species	2	33	12
Illegal Net	5	40	3
Illegal Methods	0	21	0
Explosive Fishing	0	5	1



IUU FISHING INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022



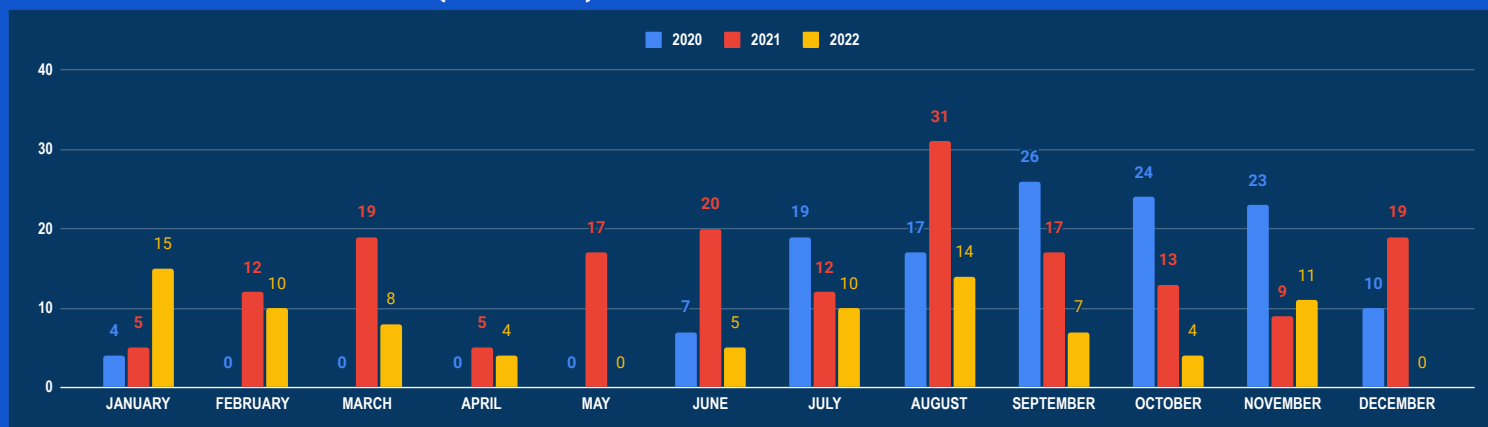


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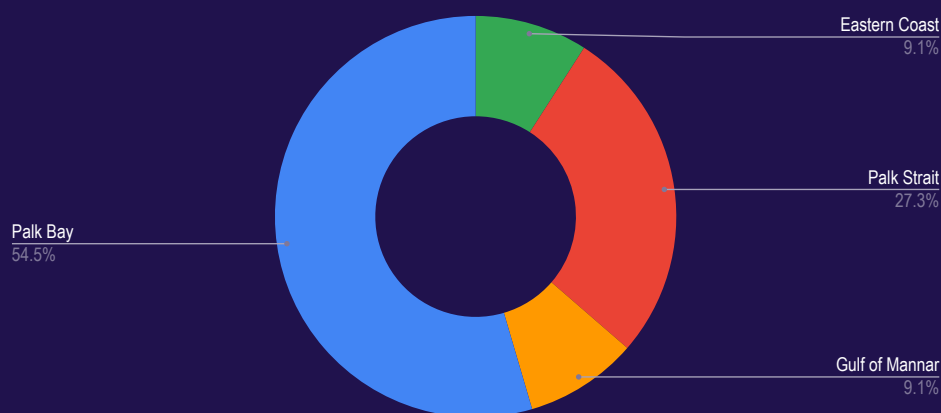
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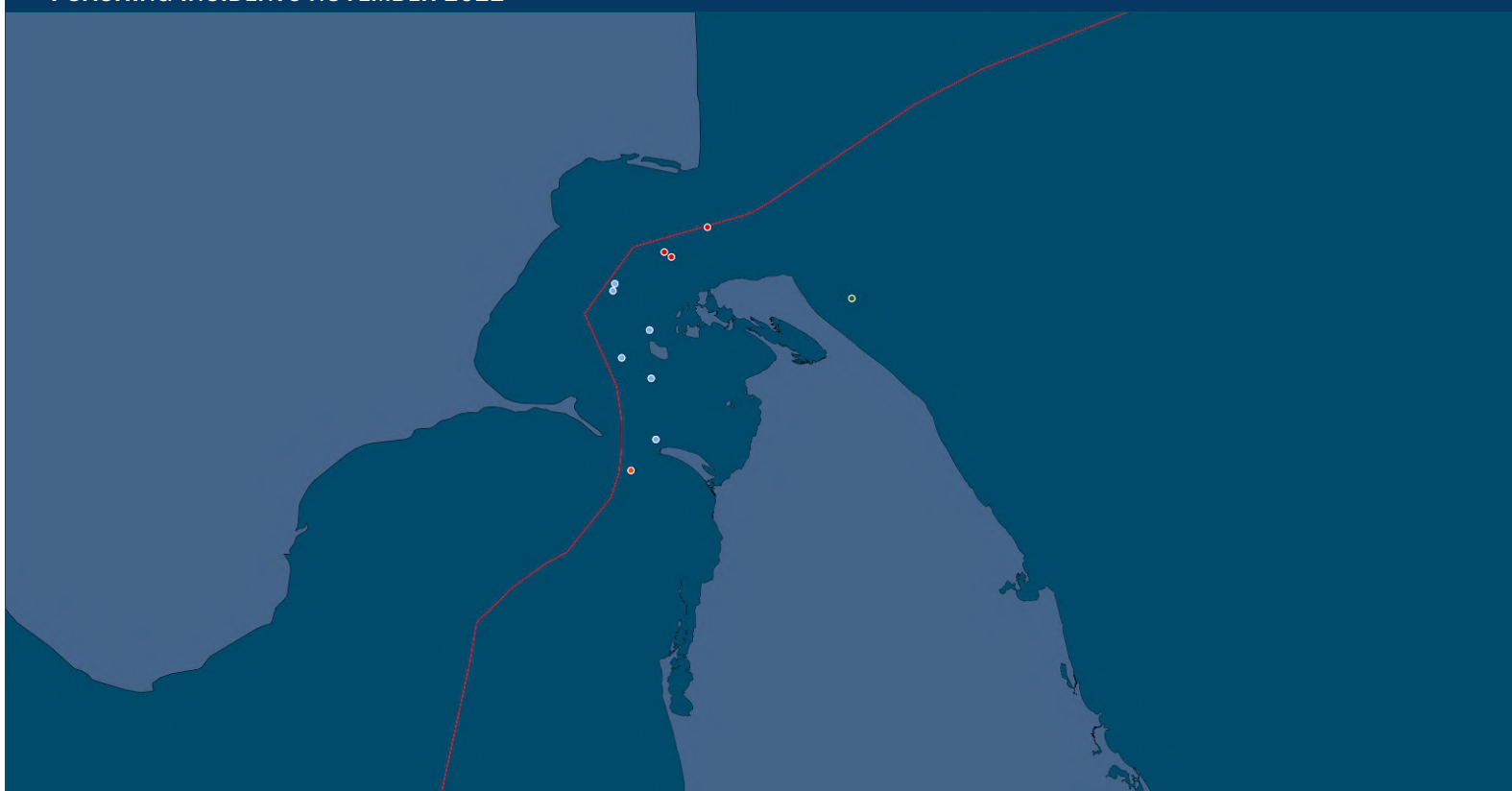


REPORTED INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022

	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
Eastern Coast	1	9	0
Palk Strait	3	16	2
Gulf of Mannar	1	10	1
Palk Bay	6	52	6
Other	0	11	0



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 ■ Palk Strait
 ■ Gulf of Mannar
 ■ Palk Bay
 ■ Other

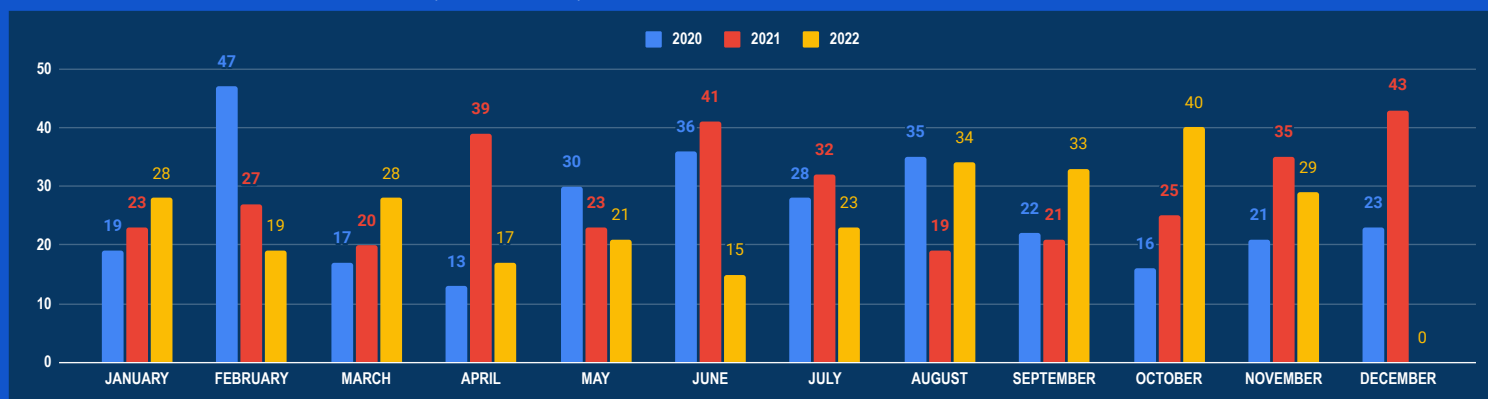


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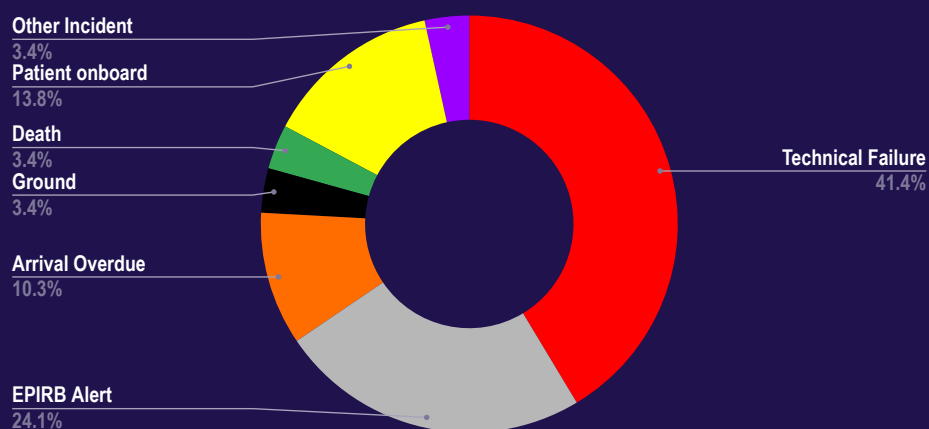
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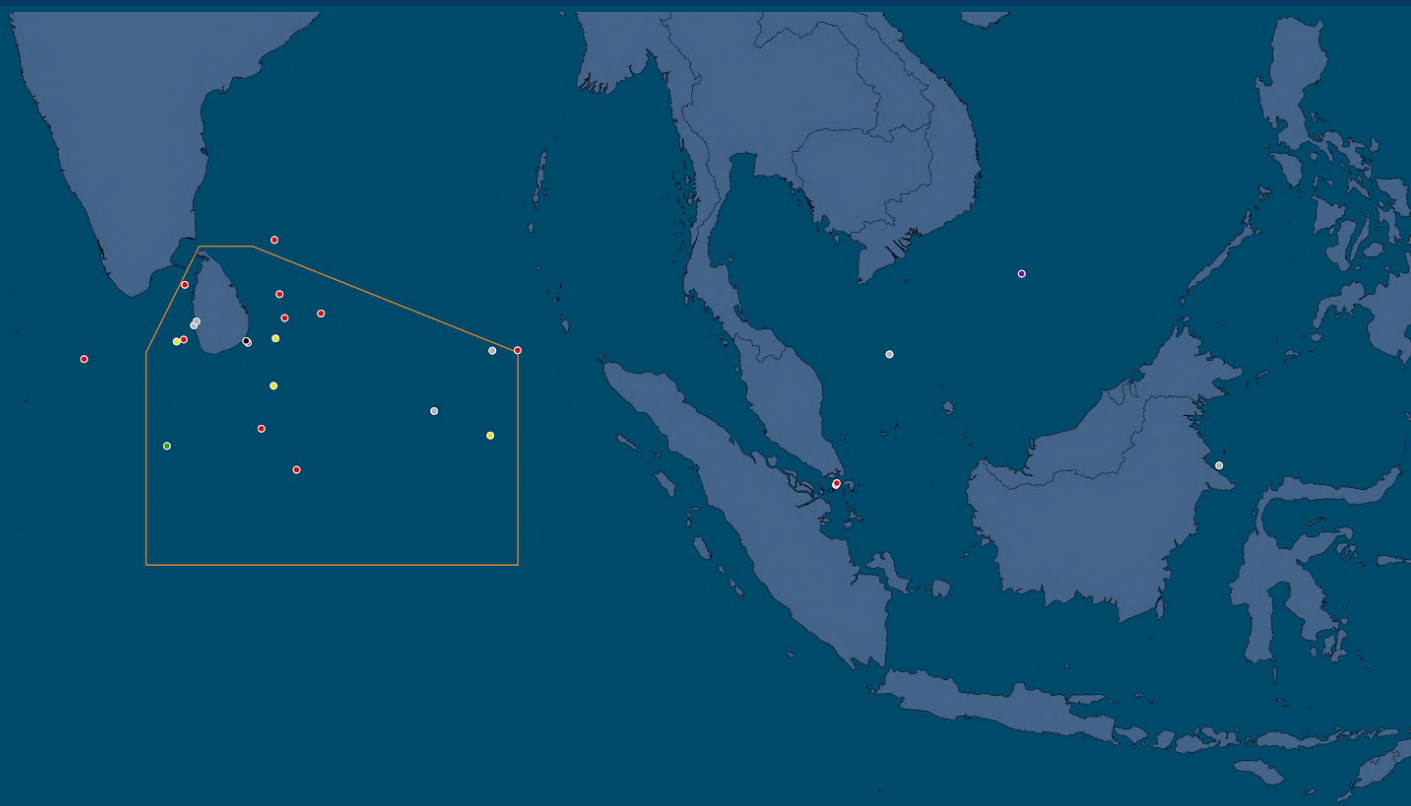


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INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
Technical Failure	12	121	8
Fire onboard	0	1	0
EPIRB Alert	7	71	14
Man Over Boat	0	10	3
Arrival Overdue	3	15	3
Capsized	0	4	1
Ground	1	6	0
Death	1	4	2
Patient onboard	4	39	3
Collision	0	2	1
No Communication	0	8	0
Other Incident	1	6	0



MARITIME INCIDENT NOVEMBER 2022



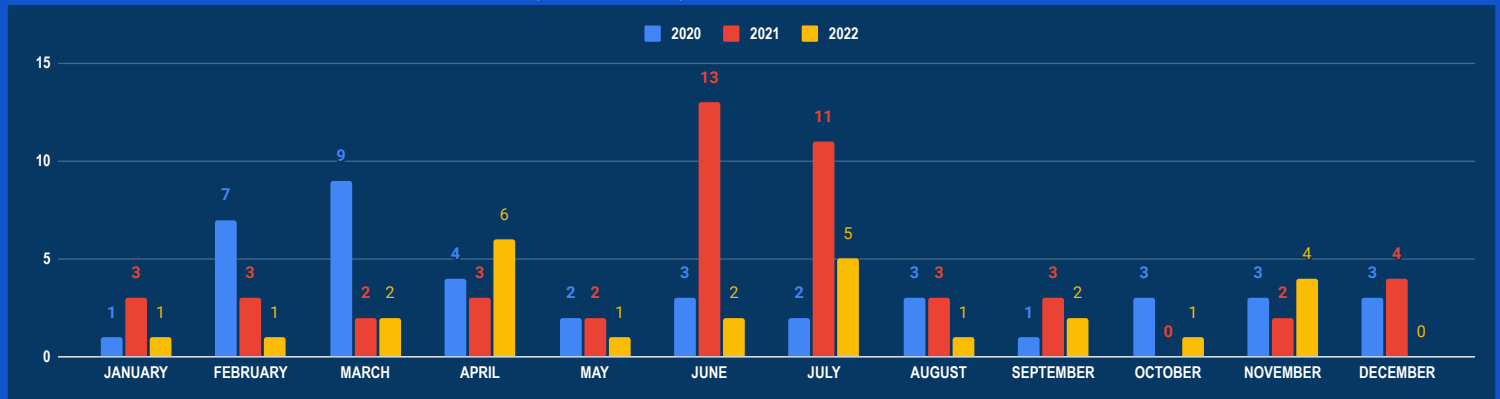


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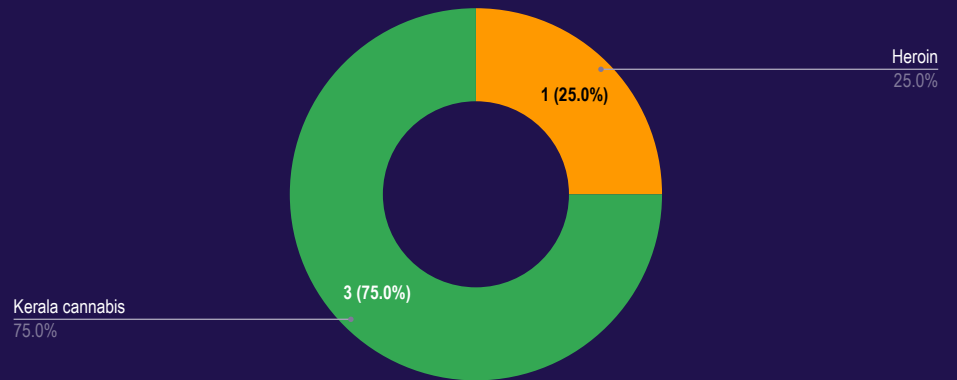
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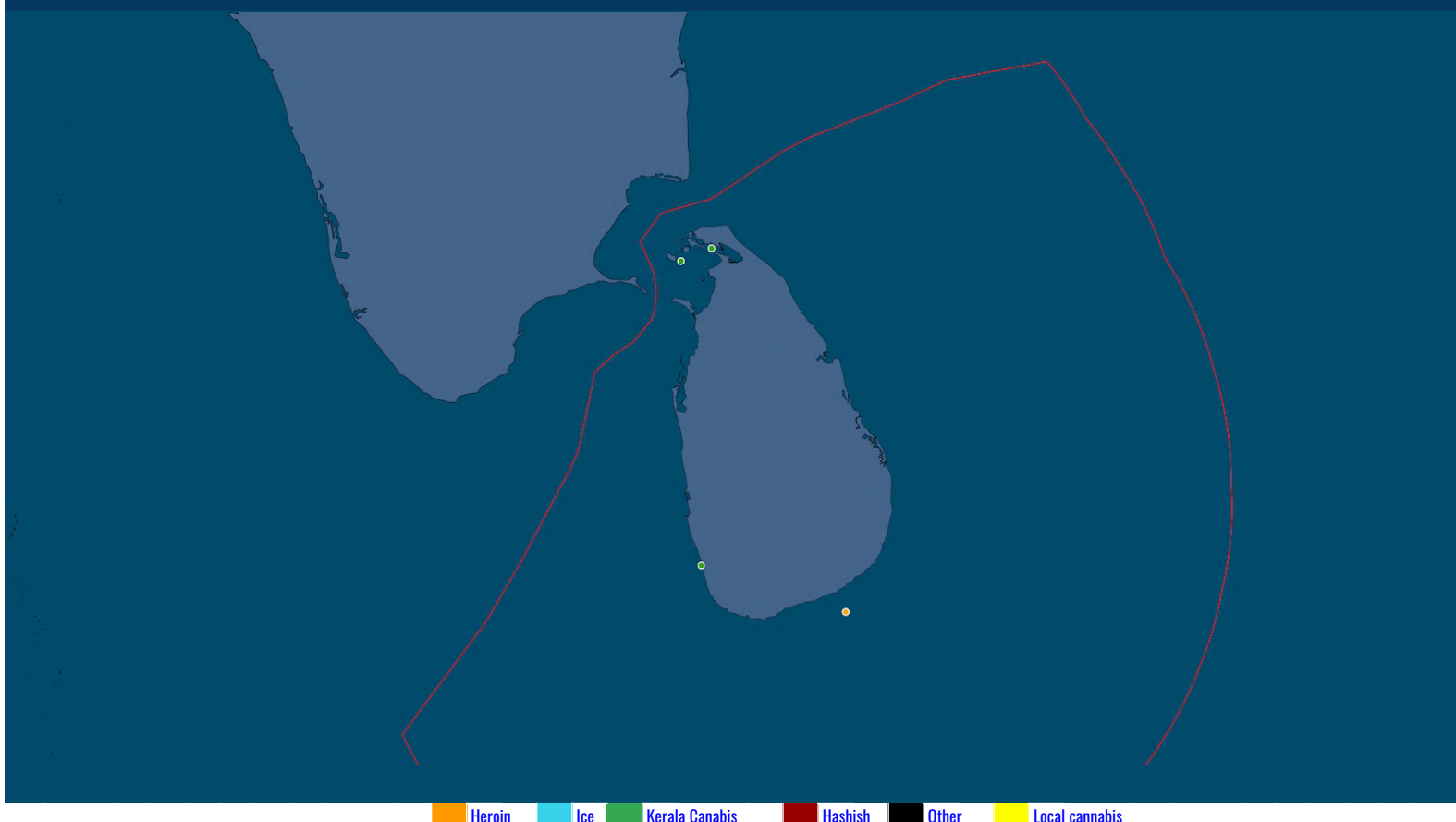


REPORTED INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022

Drug Type	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
Heroin	1	3	0
Kerala cannabis	3	16	1
Ice	0	3	1
Tablets	0	2	0
Hashish	0	1	0
Local cannabis	0	1	0



DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENT NOVEMBER 2022



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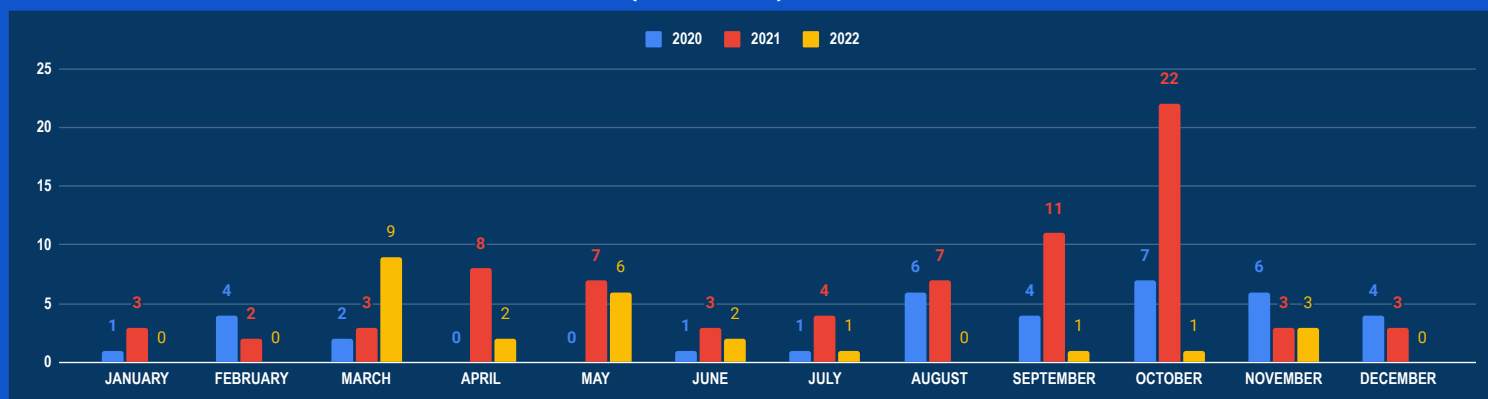


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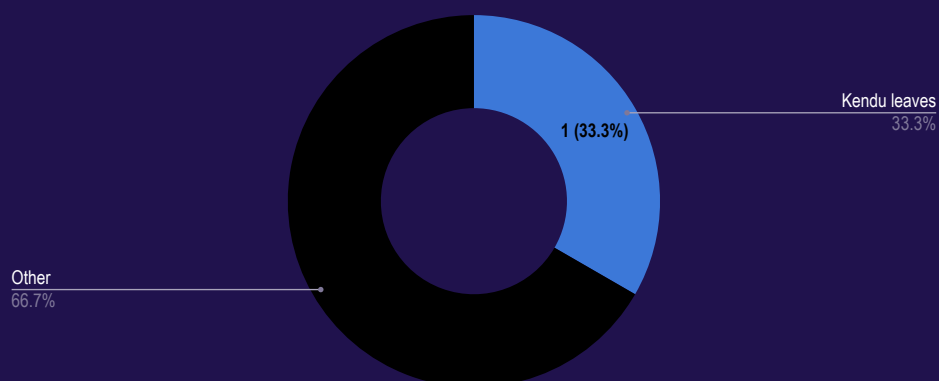
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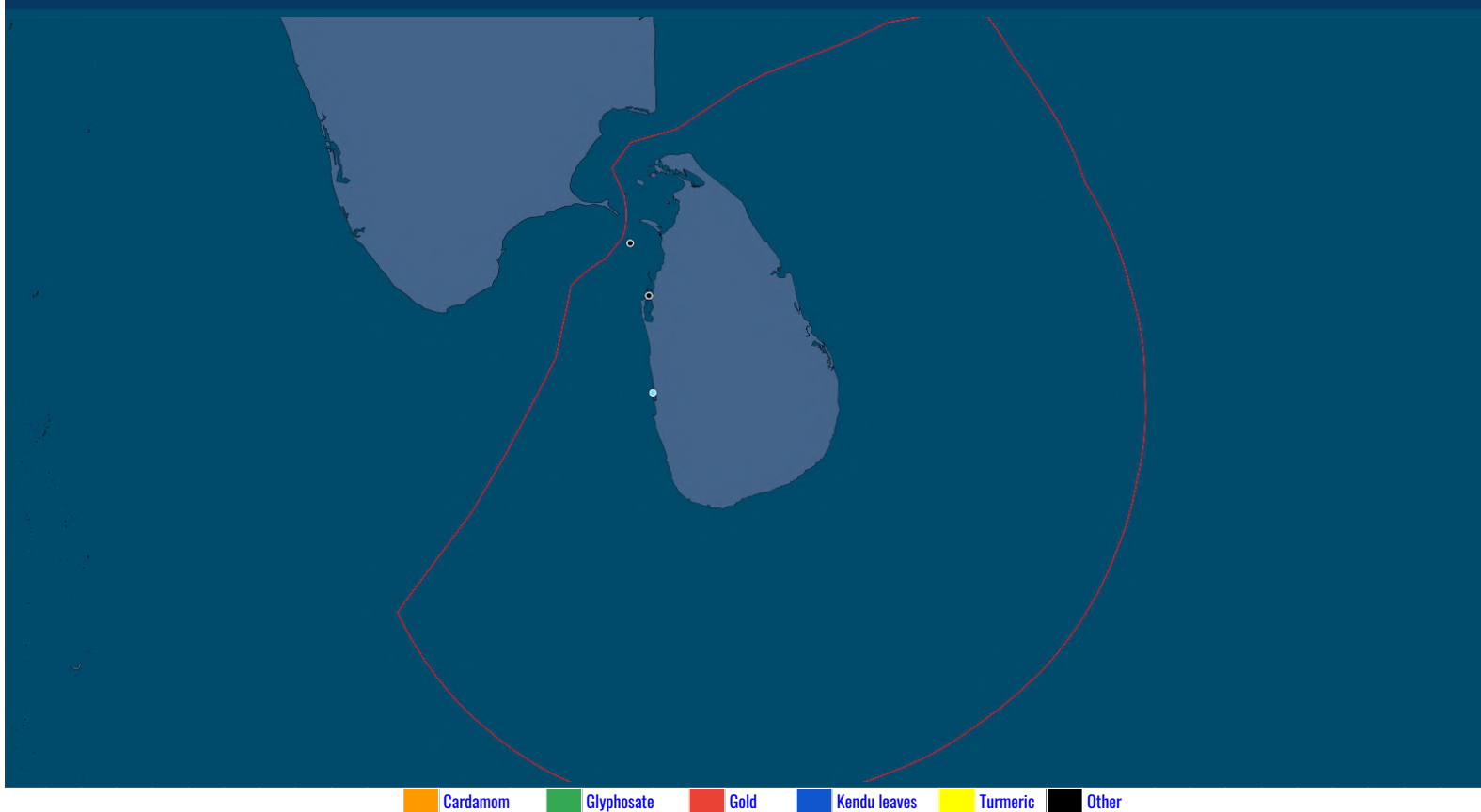


REPORTED INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 2022

INCIDENT TYPE	NOV 2022	TOTAL 2022	NOV 2021
Cardamom	0	2	0
Glyphosate	0	0	0
Gold	0	2	0
Kendu leaves	1	9	0
Other	2	11	0
Turmeric	0	1	3



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENT NOVEMBER 2022



EVENTS

01. 04th November 2022

SLCG Arrested five fishermen engaging in illegal fishing practices

Sri Lanka Coast Guard patrol craft deployed off Trincomalee area on routine patrol arrested/apprehended five fishermen along with 60 Kg of illegal fish catch and FGD whilst engaging in illegal fishing on 04th November 2022. They were engaged in a purse seine net fishing operation in the sea off the Trincomalee area (approximately 250m from the land). According to the existing fishing operation regulations, purse seine net fishing is authorized only in the area beyond 11.2 km from the coast.

Arrested/apprehended fishermen and items were handed over to the Assistant Director of Fisheries of Trincomalee for further legal action.



Navy seizes two (02) poaching trawlers in island's waters

Sri Lanka Navy conducted a special operation in seas north of Talaimannar to chase away Indian poaching trawlers from Sri Lanka's waters on the evening of 05th November 2022. The operation led to the seizure of 02 Indian trawlers with 15 Indian fishermen, poaching in the island's waters.

Sri Lanka Navy remains ever alert to foil illegal fishing practices of foreign fishing trawlers in Sri Lanka's waters and regularly conducts patrols and operations to prevent such activities.

As an extension of these efforts, the North Central Naval Command mounted a special operation this evening, having spotted a cluster of Indian poaching trawlers in Sri Lanka's waters, in seas north of Talaimannar. Thus, two (02) Fast Attack Craft of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF) attached to the Northern Naval Command were deployed for this operation and it led to the seizure of 02 Indian poaching trawlers continued to remain in island's waters, with 15 Indian fishers.

The seized trawlers together with Indian fishermen are being brought to Talaimannar and they were handed over to the Mannar Fisheries officials for onward legal proceedings.



Navy seizes local fishing trawler carrying over 331kg of heroin worth around Rs. 6622 - 13244 Mn gross street value in southern waters

A special operation conducted by the Navy in coordination with the Police Special Task Force and Police Narcotic Bureau off the Great Basses Reef Lighthouse Hambantota, led to the interception of a local fishing trawler carrying over 331kg of heroin (Including packages), worth around Rs. 6622 – 13244 million in gross street value and apprehension of 06 suspects on 05th November 2022. The drug-carrying trawler and the suspects were brought to the Galle Harbour this morning (07th November). Meanwhile, Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne also arrived at the Galle Harbour to inspect the consignment.

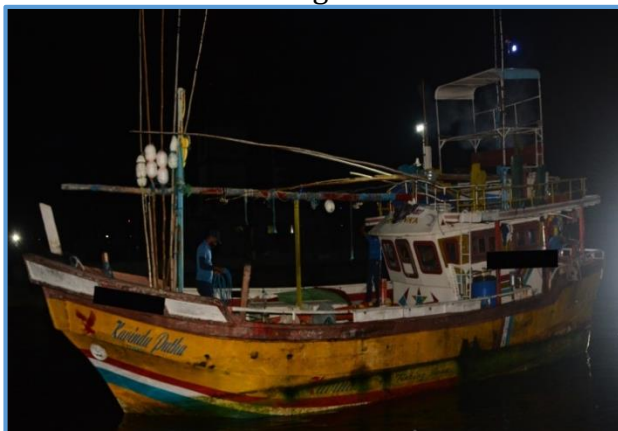
The special operation was mounted by the Offshore Patrol Vessel SLNS Wickrama II, based on a coordinated intelligence operation of the Navy Intelligence, Police Special Task Force and Police Narcotic Bureau. Accordingly, the Navy's sea unit deployed in this special mission intercepted a suspicious local fishing trawler in southern waters about 10 nautical miles (about 18km) off the Great Basses Reef Lighthouse.

Subsequent search led to the recovery of 300 packages of the substance, weighed about 331kg and 110g, stuffed in 12 sacks which had been concealed in the trawler. Thus, the Navy nabbed 06 locals aboard and the fishing trawler used for this illegal act on 05th November.

As such, the gross street value of the stock of heroin held by the Navy is believed to be around Rs. 6622 – 13244 million in gross street value.

Moreover, the Navy, Police Narcotic Bureau and Police STF held a dinghy, which is suspected to have been made ready to fetch the stock of narcotics from mid-sea, and arrested 03 male and 01 female suspects involved in the land-network of this racket, in an operation mounted off Nillwella and its beach area on 06th November. Meanwhile, the Police Narcotic Bureau is conducting further operations in search of more suspects in connection to this illegal act.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Hambantota, Kottegoda, Dikwella and Mahamadala, who are from 31 to 62 years of age. The haul of narcotics, multiday fishing trawler, dinghy and 10 suspects were handed over to the Police Narcotic Bureau for onward legal action.





Navy takes hold of over 2448 kg of smuggled Kendu Leaves in Negombo

A special search operation carried out by the Navy in Duwa area, Negombo on 08th November 2022 made way for the seizure of over 2448kg of smuggled Kendu Leaves, 02 lorries, 01 dinghy and apprehension of 02 suspects.

Sri Lanka Navy conducts regular operations to prevent a wide range of illegal activities stemming from the coastal areas of the island. In a similar effort, SLNS Parakrama in the Western Naval Command searched 02 lorries parked in Duwa area, during a special search operation conducted on 08th November, upon receipt of information to the Naval Intelligence. Following inspection of the vehicles, led to the recovery of about 1580kg and 940g of Kendu Leaves in 48 packages loaded in the lorries with the intention of distribution. Meanwhile, the Navy also held 02 suspects involved in this illegal act.

Further search carried out by the Navy in the lagoon area of Duwa also led to the recovery of 26 packages containing about 867kg and 200g of Kendu Leaves from a dinghy.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Negombo, aged 28 and 41. The accused along with the vehicles, dinghy and about 2448 kg and 140g of Kendu Leaves were handed over to the Customs Preventive Office – Katunayake for onward legal action.



Navy and Coast Guard take hold of Kerala cannabis worth over Rs. 137 million gross street value in northern waters

A coordinated operation carried out by the Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Coast Guard in the sea area southeast of the Delft Island, Jaffna in the wee hours of 09th November 2022, led to the seizure of Kerala cannabis weighing over 458kg (wet weight) from a dinghy.

Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard regularly conduct search operations and patrols in island's waters to ward off illegal activities taking place via sea routes.

As an extension of these efforts, the Coast Guard Craft CG 402 attached to the Northern Naval Command, searched a suspicious dinghy in the sea area southeast of the Delft Island on 09th November. The search led to the seizure of about 458kg and 900g (wet weight) of Kerala cannabis in 18 packages and apprehension of 02 suspects and the dinghy used for the act of smuggling.

The gross street value of seized Kerala cannabis held in this operation is believed to be more than Rs. 137 million.

The suspects held in this operation were identified as residents of Mandaitivu and Nachchikuda, aged 37 and 44. The suspects along with Kerala cannabis and dinghy handed over to the Delft Police for onward legal action.



Sri Lanka Coast Guard apprehended a fishing vessel with illegally harvested dried shark fins

Sri Lanka Coast Guard personnel deployed at Beruwala Fishery Harbour for fishery monitoring and regulating duties apprehended a Multiday Fishing Vessel along with six fishermen in possession of illegally harvested dried Shark fins on 10th November 2022.

The apprehension was made while conducting an onboard inspection in Multiday Fishing Trawler and found 51 Nos of dried Shark fins (approx 0.635 Kg) hidden inside the boat when they returned after fishing. Retaining, transshipping, or landing the 'parts of any shark species' is an offence under the Shark Fisheries Management (High Seas) Regulations, 2015.

The arrested persons with apprehended items were handed over to the Fishery Inspector Beruwala for onward legal actions.



SLCG Arrested five fishermen engaging in illegal fishing practices

Sri Lanka Coast Guard patrol craft deployed off the Trincomalee area on routine patrol arrested/apprehended seven fishermen along with 31 Kg of illegal fish catch and FGD whilst engaging in illegal fishing on 10th November 2022. They were engaged in a purse seine net fishing operation in the sea off the Trincomalee area (approximately 3km from the land).

Arrested/apprehended fishermen and items were handed over to the Assistant Director of Fisheries of Trincomalee for further legal action.



Navy seizes Kerala cannabis worth over Rs. 12 million gross street value in northern waters

Sri Lanka Navy intercepted a dinghy which was carrying Kerala cannabis weighing over 41kg (in wet weight), during a special operation conducted in the sea area off the Kalmunai Point, Jaffna in the wee hours on 14th November 2022. The operation also led to the apprehension of a suspect (01) in connection to the incident.

Sri Lanka Navy regularly conducts search operations and patrols in island's waters to ward off illegal activities taking place via sea routes.

In a similar effort, a suspicious dingy was intercepted by SLNS Welusumana in the Northern Naval Command, during a special operation mounted off the Kalmunai Point on same day. The operation led to the recovery of about 41kg and 800g (in wet weight) of Kerala cannabis in 19 packages. Further, the dinghy used for the illegal activity and a suspect aboard were also held in this operation.

The gross street value of seized stock of Kerala cannabis is believed to be more than Rs.12 million.

The suspect held in this operation is a resident of Monarappiddi in Jaffna, aged 36. The suspect along with Kerala cannabis and the dinghy handed over to the Pooneryn Police for onward legal action.



Navy takes hold of 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 evening of 16th November 2022. The operation has led to the seizure of an Indian trawler with 14 Indian fishermen poaching in the island's waters off Mamunei in Veththalakerni, Jaffna.

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 on the evening of 16th November, the Northern Naval Command deployed a Fast Attack Craft of the 04th Fast Attack Flotilla attached to the Command to chase away a cluster of Indian poaching trawlers, after having spotted they were engaging in illegal fishing in Sri Lanka's waters off Mamunei in Veththalakerni, Jaffna. In this operation, the Navy held an Indian poaching trawler that continued to remain in the island's waters, with 14 Indian fishers and their fishing gear.

The seized trawler together with 14 Indian fishermen was brought to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and they were handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Office in Jaffna for onward legal proceedings.



Sri Lanka Coast Guard arrested six fishermen with illegally harvested dolphin flesh

Sri Lanka Coast Guard personnel deployed at Beruwala Fishery Harbour combined with intelligence staff arrested 06 fishermen along with illegally harvested Dolphin flesh (Around 200 kg) while carrying out arrival inspections on 16th November 2022. During the inspection, illegal harvest was found inside the fishing tank of a multiday fishing trawler.

The arrested persons with apprehended items were handed over to the Department of Wildlife Conservation Marine Department Office, Hikkaduwa for further legal action.



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 inside a traveling bag onboard a fishing vessel at the Beruwala fishery harbour on 21st November 2022.

During the departure formalities, Coast Guard personnel carried out a thorough search onboard the fishing vessel, and found 50g of kerala cannabis concealed inside a bag belonging to a crew member of the fishing vessel.

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



Sri Lanka Coast Guard Apprehended a fishing vessel with illegally harvested dried shark fins

Sri Lanka Coast Guard personnel deployed at Galle Fishery Harbour for fishery monitoring and regulating duties apprehended a multiday fishing vessel along with 06 fishermen in possession of illegally harvested shark fins on 26th November 2022.

The apprehension was made while conducting an onboard inspection in multiday fishing trawler and found 38 Nos of dried Shark fins hidden inside the boat when they returned after fishing. The arrested persons with apprehended items were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Galle for legal action.



Five (05) poaching trawlers held in northern waters during special 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 evening of 28th November 2022. The operation led to the seizure of 05 Indian trawlers with 24 Indian fishermen, poaching in island's waters off the Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Jaffna.

Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard remain ever 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 on 28th November, by deploying Craft of the 04th Fast Attack Flotilla and the 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 Kovilan Lighthouse, Kareinagar, Jaffna. The operation led to the seizure of 05 Indian poaching trawlers continued to remain in island's waters, with 24 Indian fishers and their fishing gear.

The seized trawlers together with 24 Indian fishermen were brought to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for onward legal proceedings.



Sri Lanka Coast Guard arrested one dinghy with two fishermen while engaging in illegal fishing practices

Sri Lanka Coast Guard Personnel attached to Coast Guard Station Panadura combined with officials of Fishery Department Moratuwa, arrested one dinghy with two fishermen while engaging in fishing in an unauthorized fishing ground.

Arrested/apprehended fishermen and items were handed over to the Moratuwa Fishery Inspectors for further legal action.

