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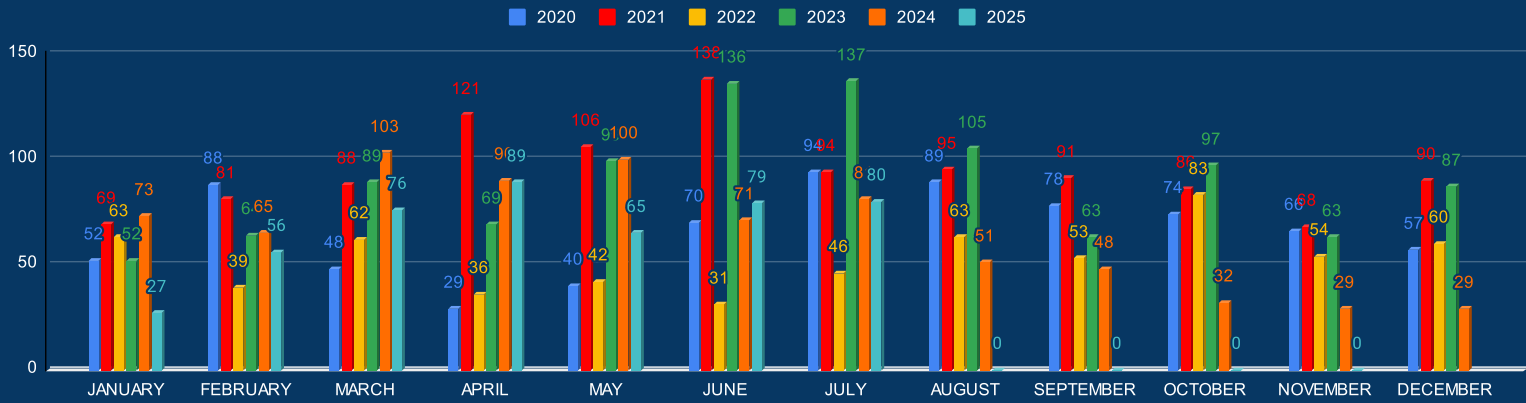


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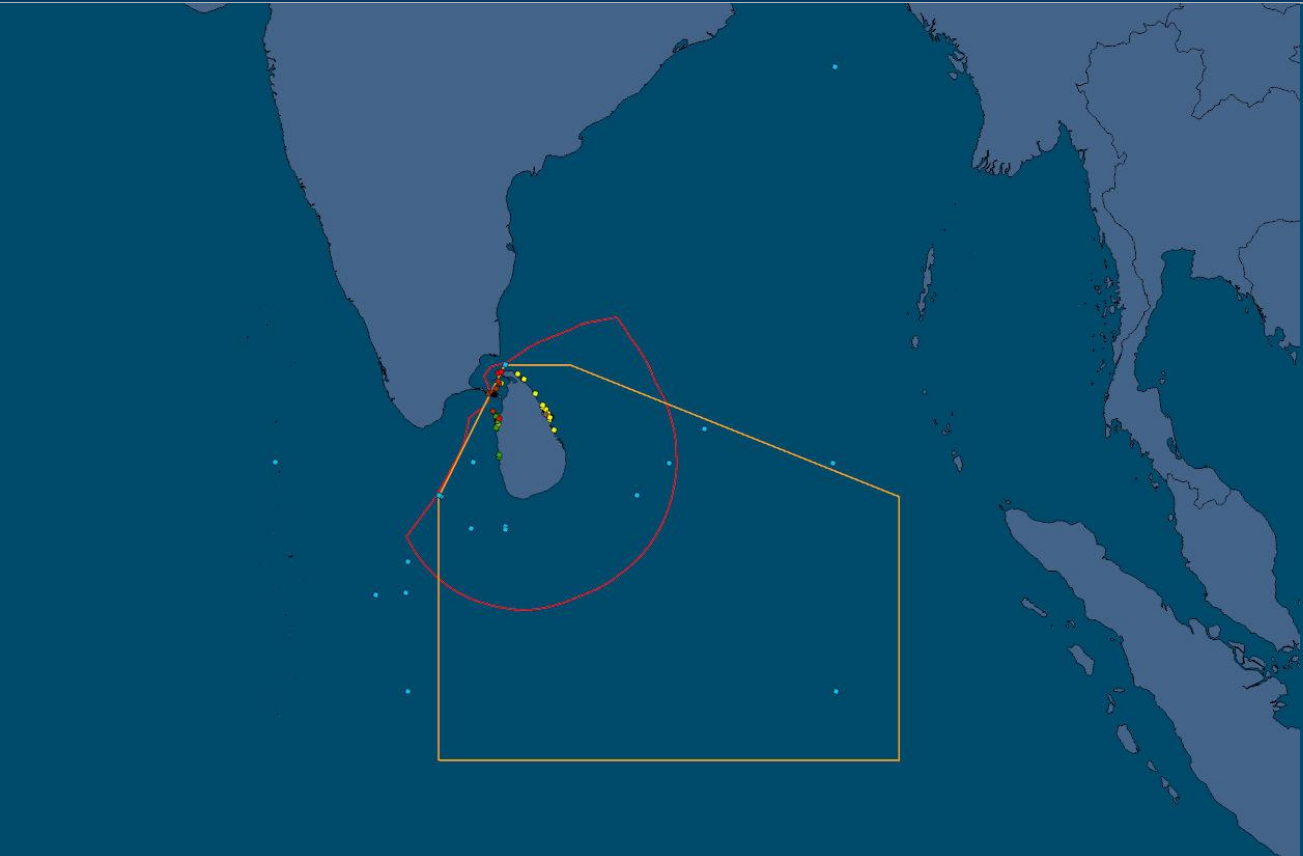
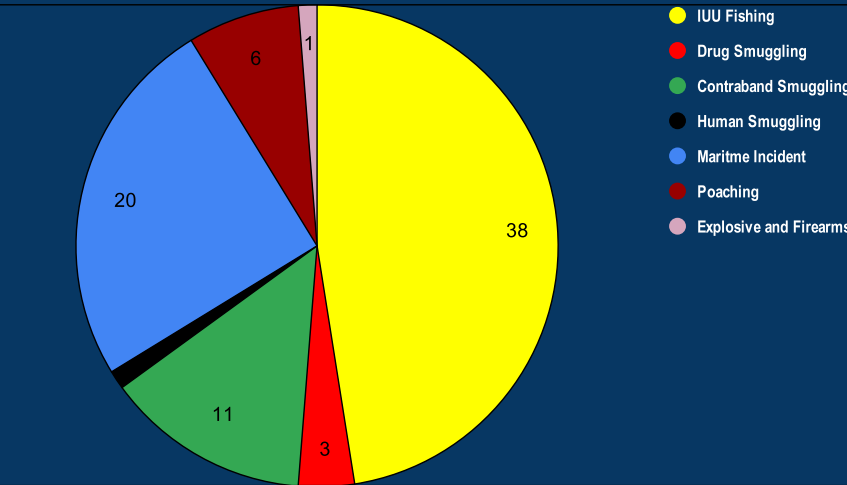
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

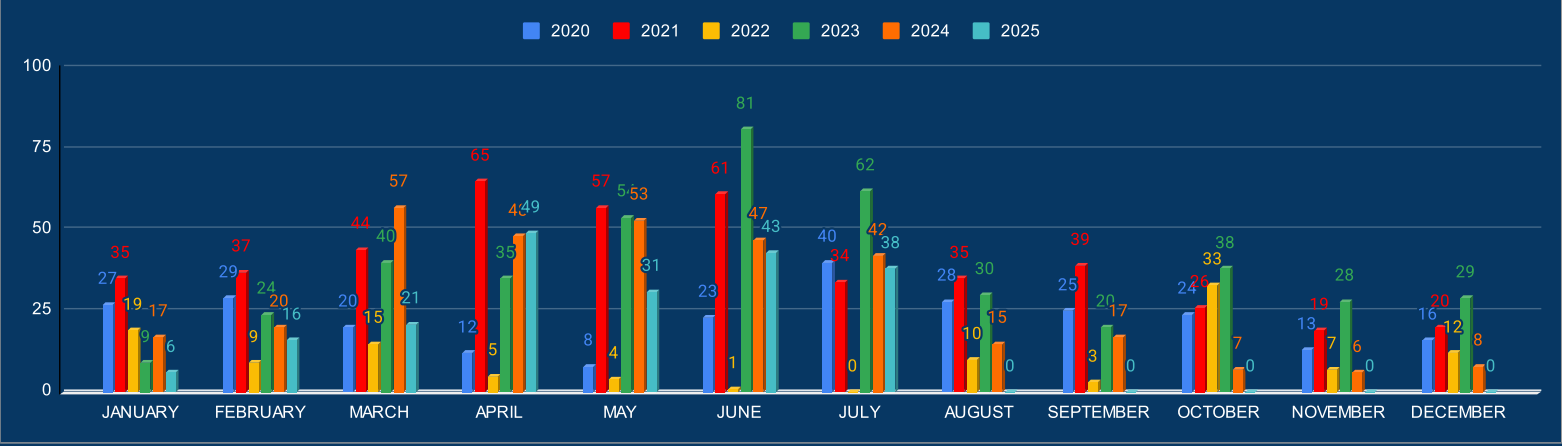
INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
IUU Fishing	0	62	42	38
Drug Smuggling	5	2	0	3
Contraband Smuggling	1	7	13	11
Human Smuggling	7	0	0	1
Maritime Incident	23	37	17	20
Poaching	10	29	8	6
Explosive and Firearms	0	0	0	1





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

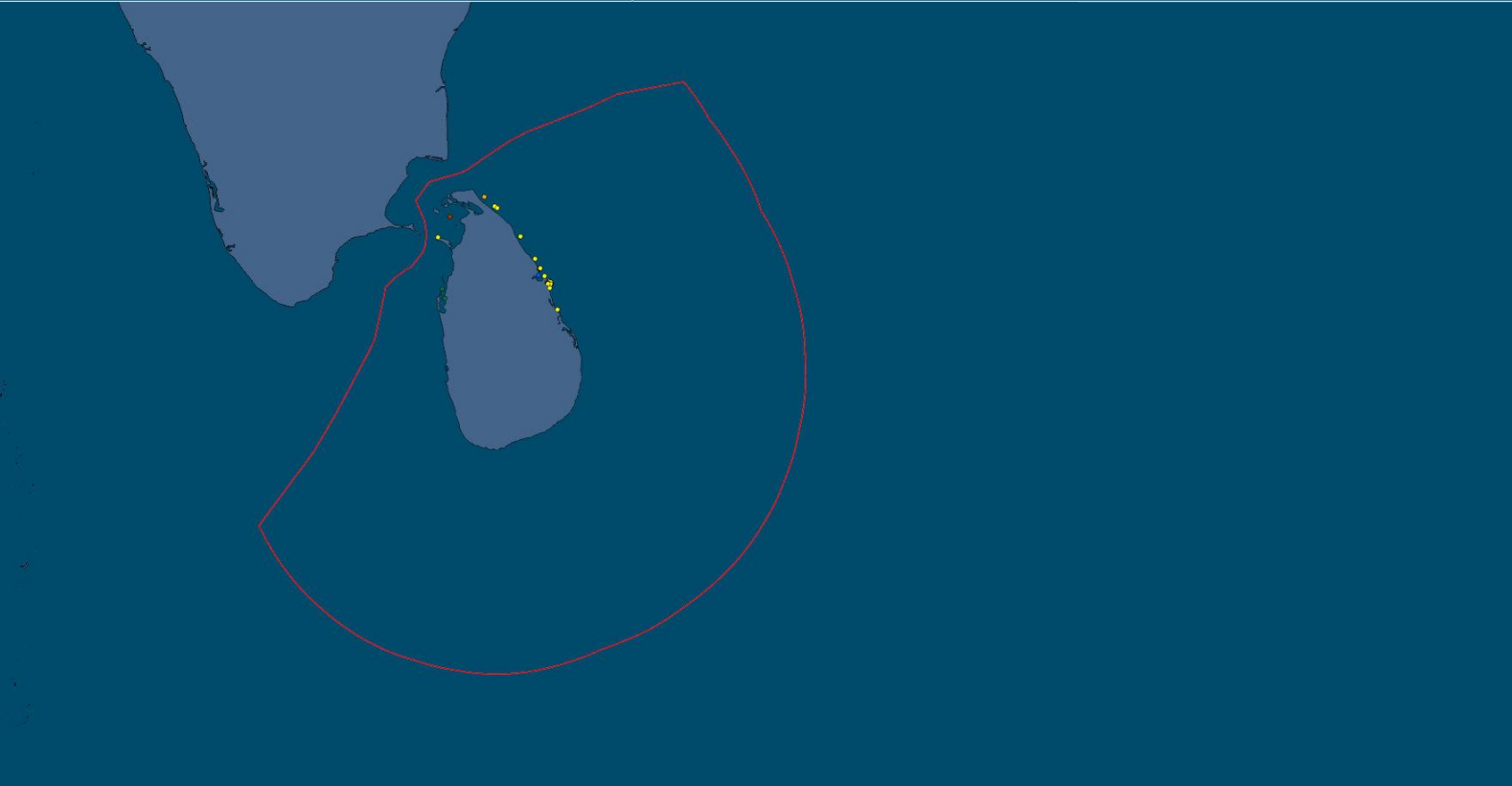
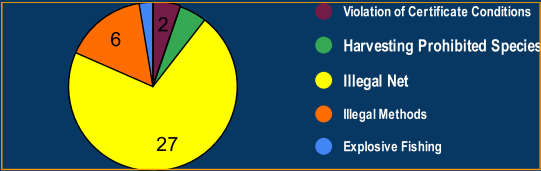


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	0	2	0	2
Harvesting Prohibited Species	0	5	1	2
Illegal Net	0	22	24	27
Illegal Methods	0	32	14	6
Explosive Fishing	0	1	0	1

IUU FISHING – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

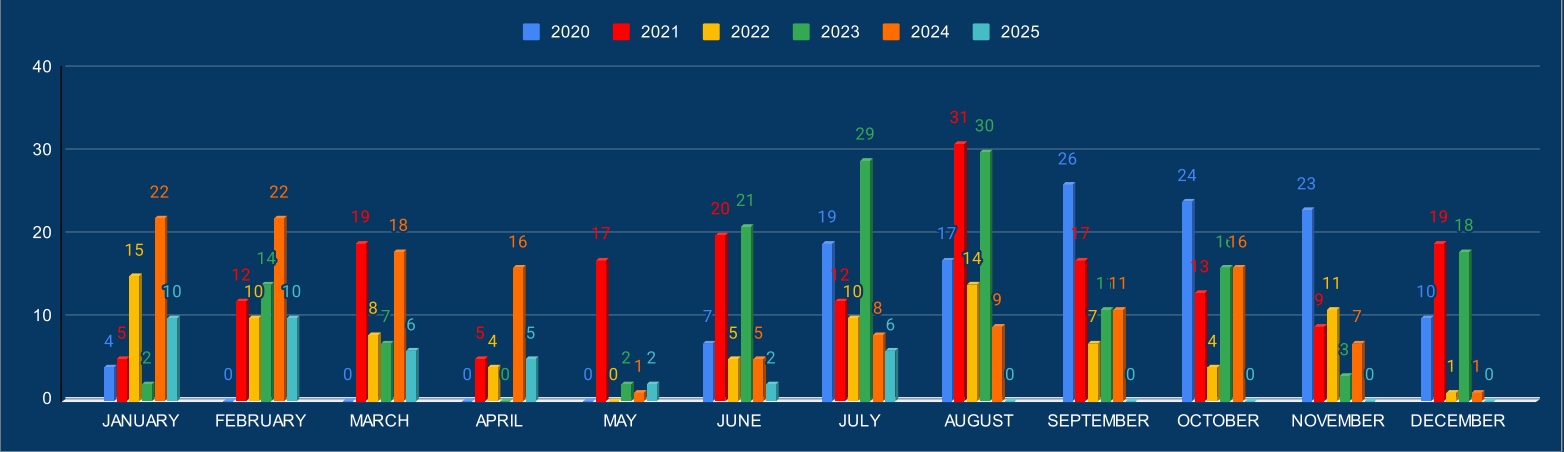
- Statistics:
- A total of 38 incidents were reported, representing a decrease of 4 incidents compared to July 2024.
  - A total of 27 incidents were reported for illegal net use, and 6 incidents were reported for illegal fishing methods.
  - Harvesting of prohibited species and violation of certificate conditions were reported in 2 incidents each.
- Comments:
- Illegal net usage continues to be the main issue, while a few cases involved banned species and certificate violations. Explosive fishing remains rare but is still a serious concern.





POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Eastern Coast	2	0	0	0
Palk Strait	1	1	4	0
Gulf of Mannar	1	11	0	1
Palk Bay	6	17	4	5
Others	0	0	0	0

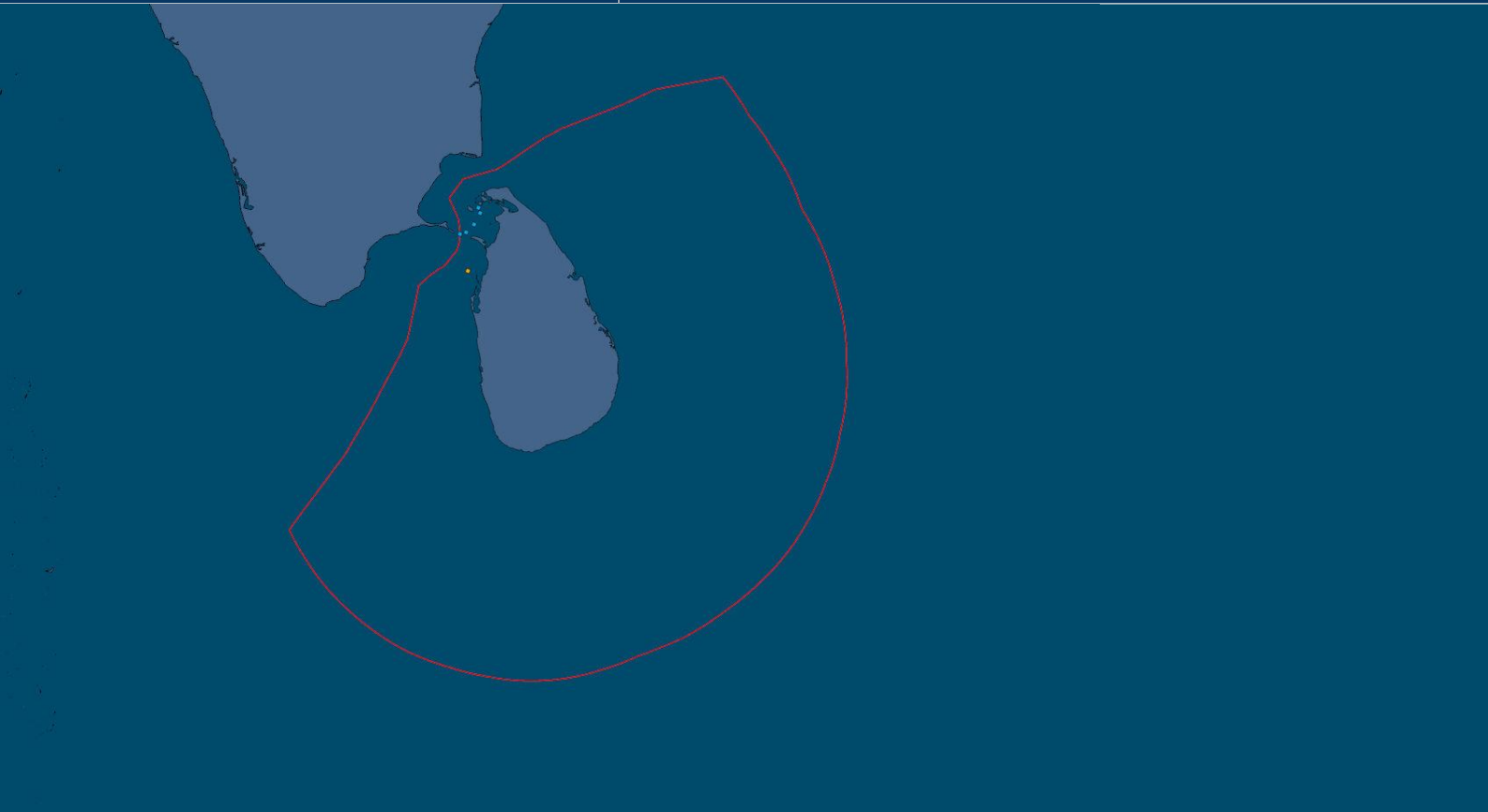
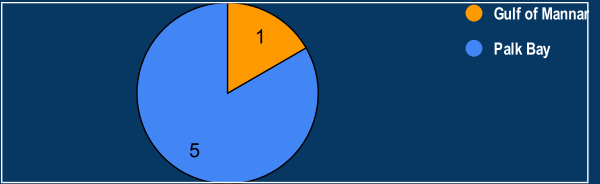
POACHING INCIDENTS – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

**Statistics:**

- A total of 6 incidents were reported in Palk Bay and the Gulf of Mannar, reflecting a decrease of 2 incidents compared to July 2024.
- Five incidents were reported in Palk Bay and one incident in the Gulf of Mannar. No incidents were reported in Palk Strait, the Eastern Coast, or other areas.

**Comments:**

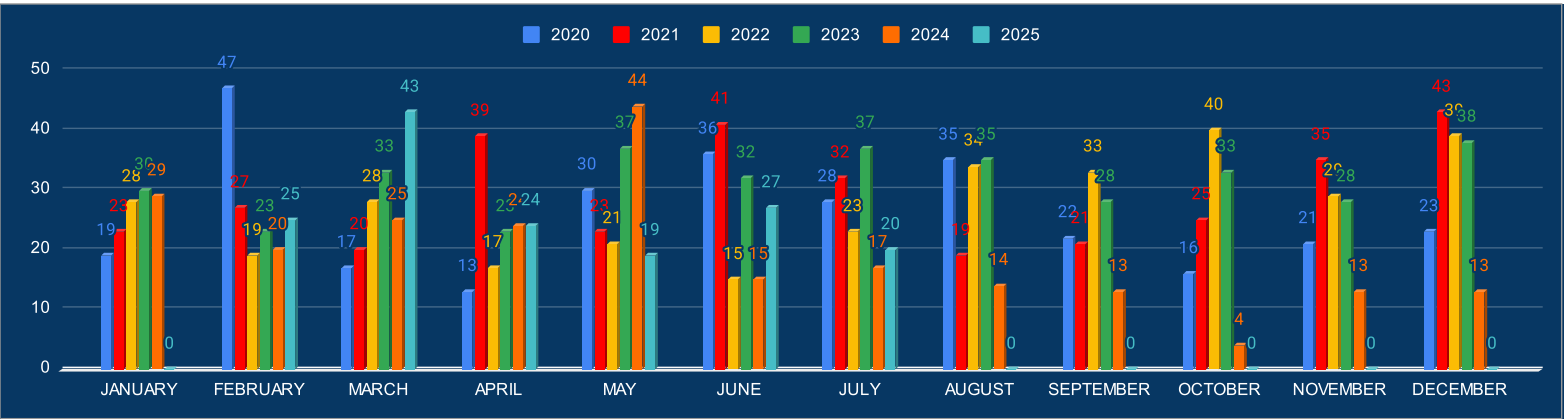
- There was a slight decrease in incidents compared to July 2024. Most incidents occurred in Palk Bay, with only one reported in the Gulf of Mannar. No incidents were recorded in Palk Strait, the Eastern Coast, or other areas. Overall, the situation reflects a modest improvement





MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

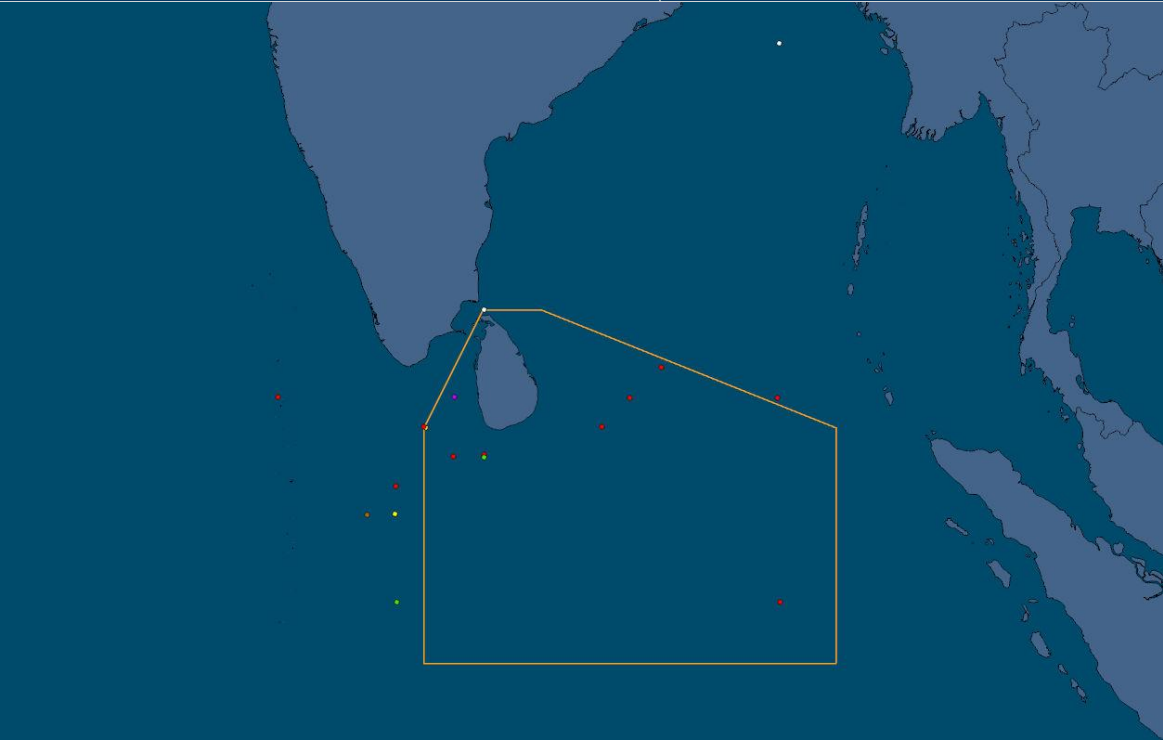
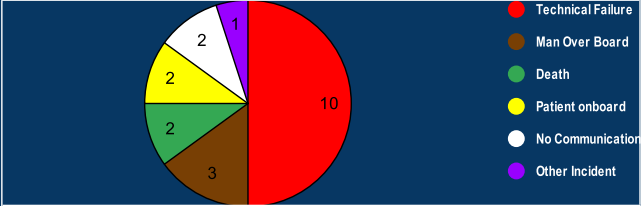


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Technical Failure	13	13	3	10
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	6	10	4	0
Man Over Board	0	0	0	3
Arrival Overdue	0	3	3	0
Capsized	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	0
Death	0	1	1	2
Patient onboard	0	6	5	2
Collision	0	0	0	0
No Communication	2	0	0	2
Other Incident	1	1	0	1

MARITIME INCIDENTS –JULY 2025 SUMMARY

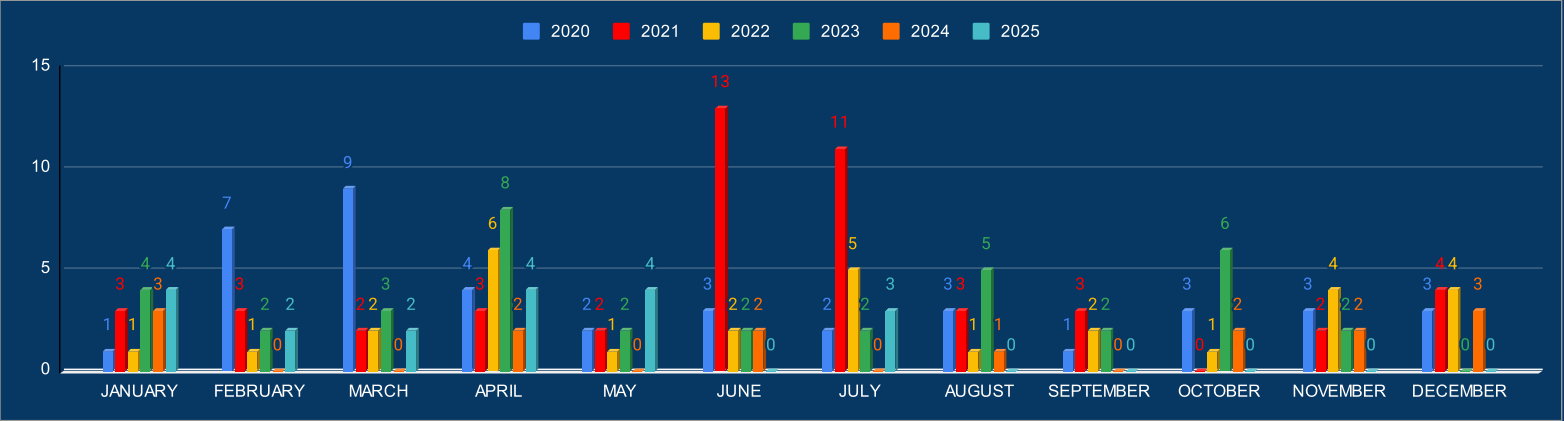
- Statistics:
- A total of 20 maritime incidents were reported in July 2025, marking an increase of 3 incidents compared to July 2024.
  - Ten incidents involved technical failures, and three incidents were cases of man overboard. Two incidents each were reported for death, patient onboard, and loss of communication.
  - No incidents were reported Fire onboard, EPIRB Alert, Arrival Overdue, Capsized, Ground & Collision
- Comments
- There was a slight increase in maritime incidents compared to the previous year. Technical failures remained the most common issue, while some cases involved man overboard, fatalities, and medical emergencies. No major accidents such as fire, collision, or capsizing were reported





DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

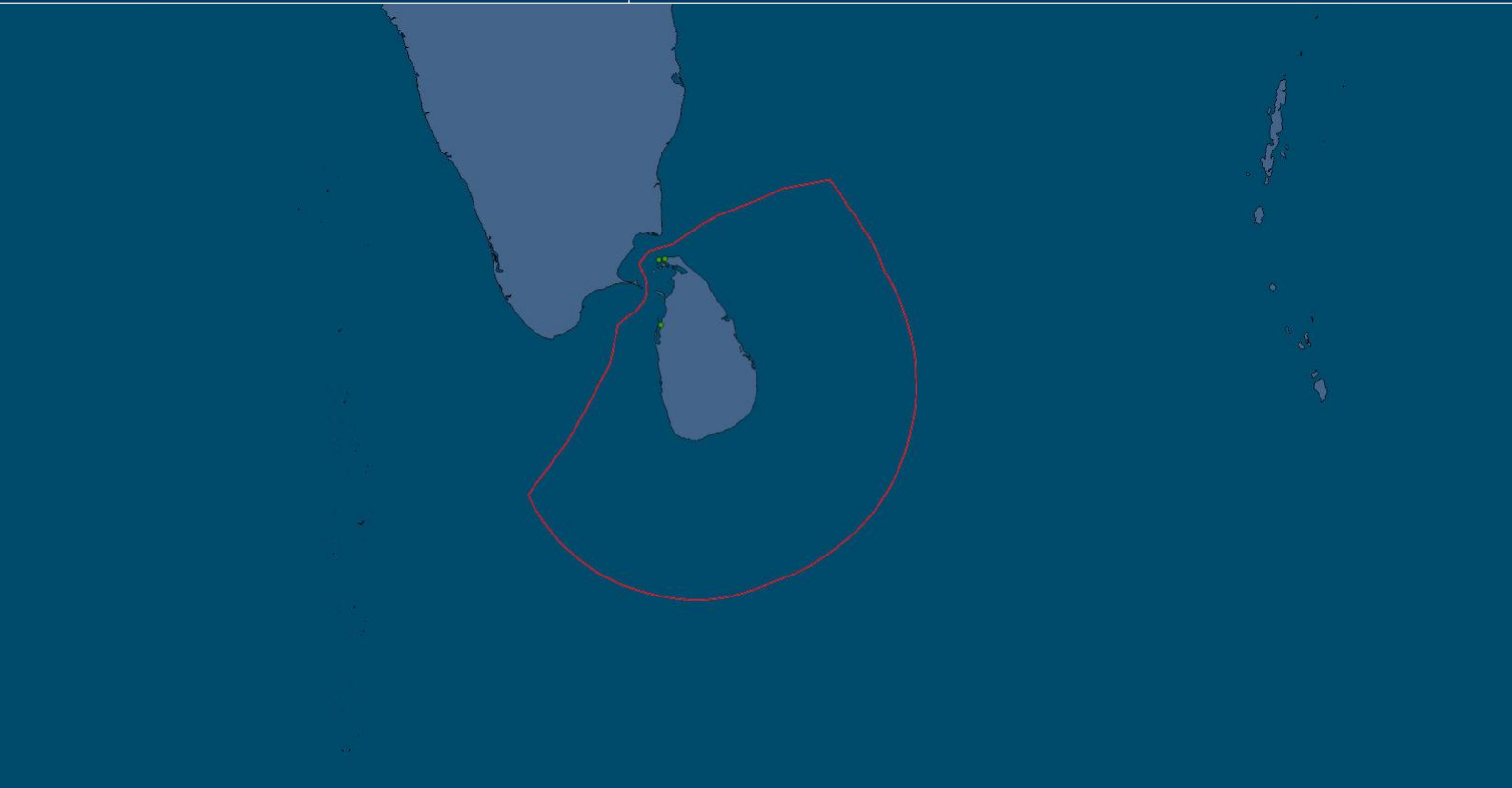
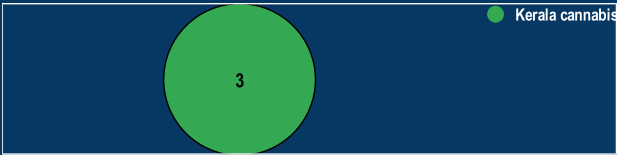


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

Drug Type	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Heroin	0	0	0	0
Kerala cannabis	4	2	0	3
Ice	0	0	0	0
Tablets	0	0	0	0
Hashish	1	0	0	0
Local cannabis	0	0	0	0

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

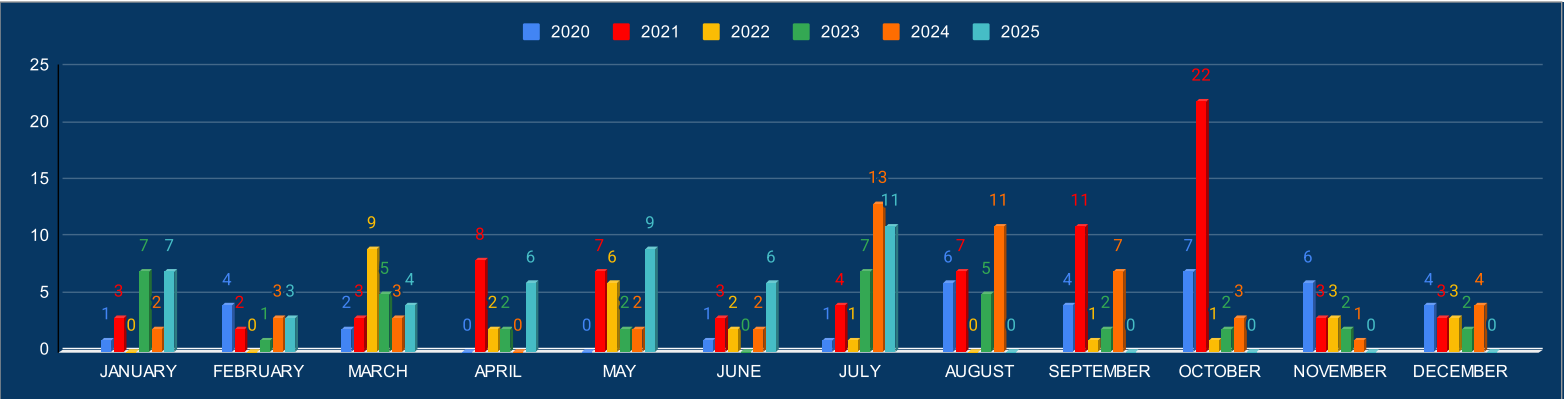
- Statistics:
- Three incidents were reported in July 2025, marking an increase of three compared to July 2024.
  - All three incidents involved Kerala cannabis. No incidents were reported involving heroin, ice, tablets, hashish, or local cannabis
- Comments:
- This month saw an increase in incidents compared to the same period last year. All reported cases were linked to Kerala cannabis, with no other types of drugs detected. Focused attention is required to control Kerala cannabis activity





CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

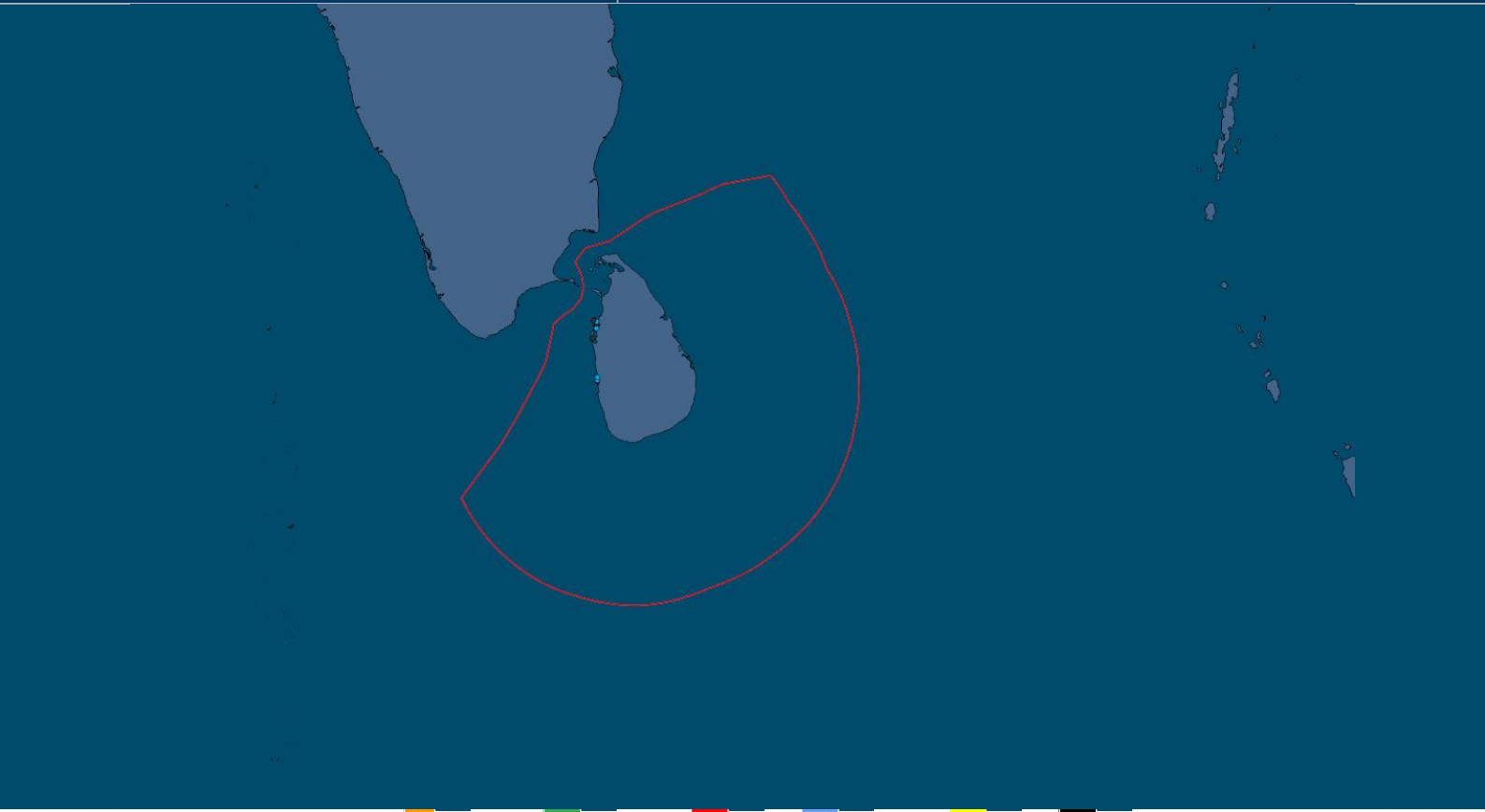
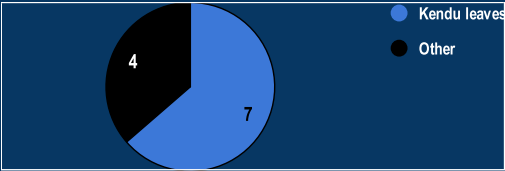


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Cardamom	0	0	0	0
Glyphosate	0	0	0	0
Gold	1	1	0	0
Kendu leaves	0	6	9	7
Other	0	0	0	4
Turmeric	0	0	4	0

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:**
- Eleven incidents of contraband smuggling were reported in July 2025, representing a decrease of two compared to July 2024.
  - Seven incidents involved Kendu leaves, and four incidents involved other contraband. No incidents were reported involving cardamom, glyphosate, gold, or turmeric.
- Comments:**
- Smuggling incidents showed a slight decrease compared to last year, with Kendu leaves being the primary item smuggled. No cases were reported involving gold, turmeric, cardamom, or glyphosate. While the situation reflects a modest improvement, continued monitoring is necessary.



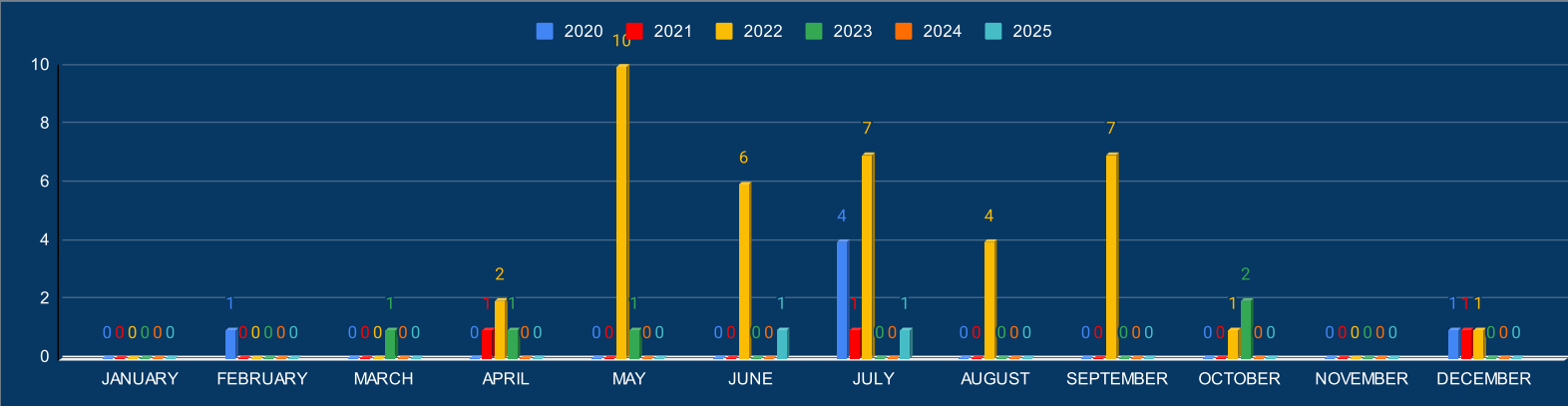


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JULY 2025

### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Human Smuggling	7	0	0	1

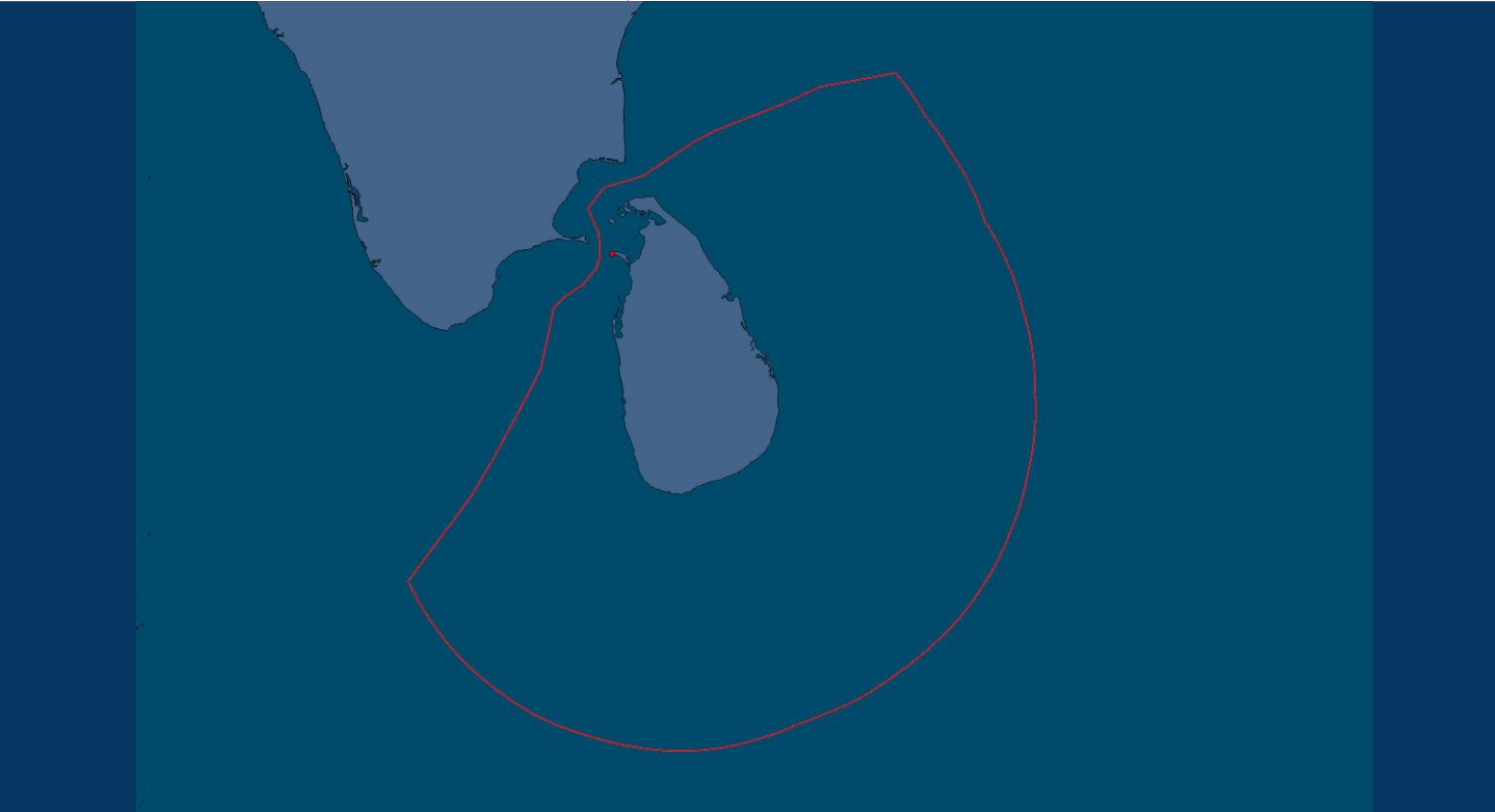
#### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- One incidents reported in July 2025.

Comments:

- Continuous monitoring is needed to prevent such cases. Authorities should stay alert to control human smuggling.





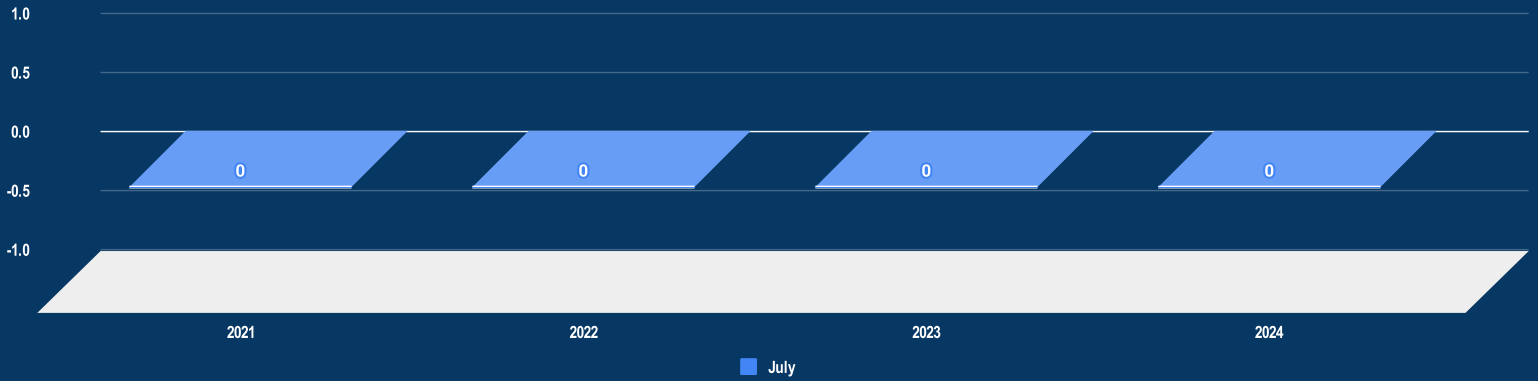


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP JULY 2025

### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

#### NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	JUL 2022	JUL 2023	JUL 2024	JUL 2025
Water Gel Sticks	0	0	0	1

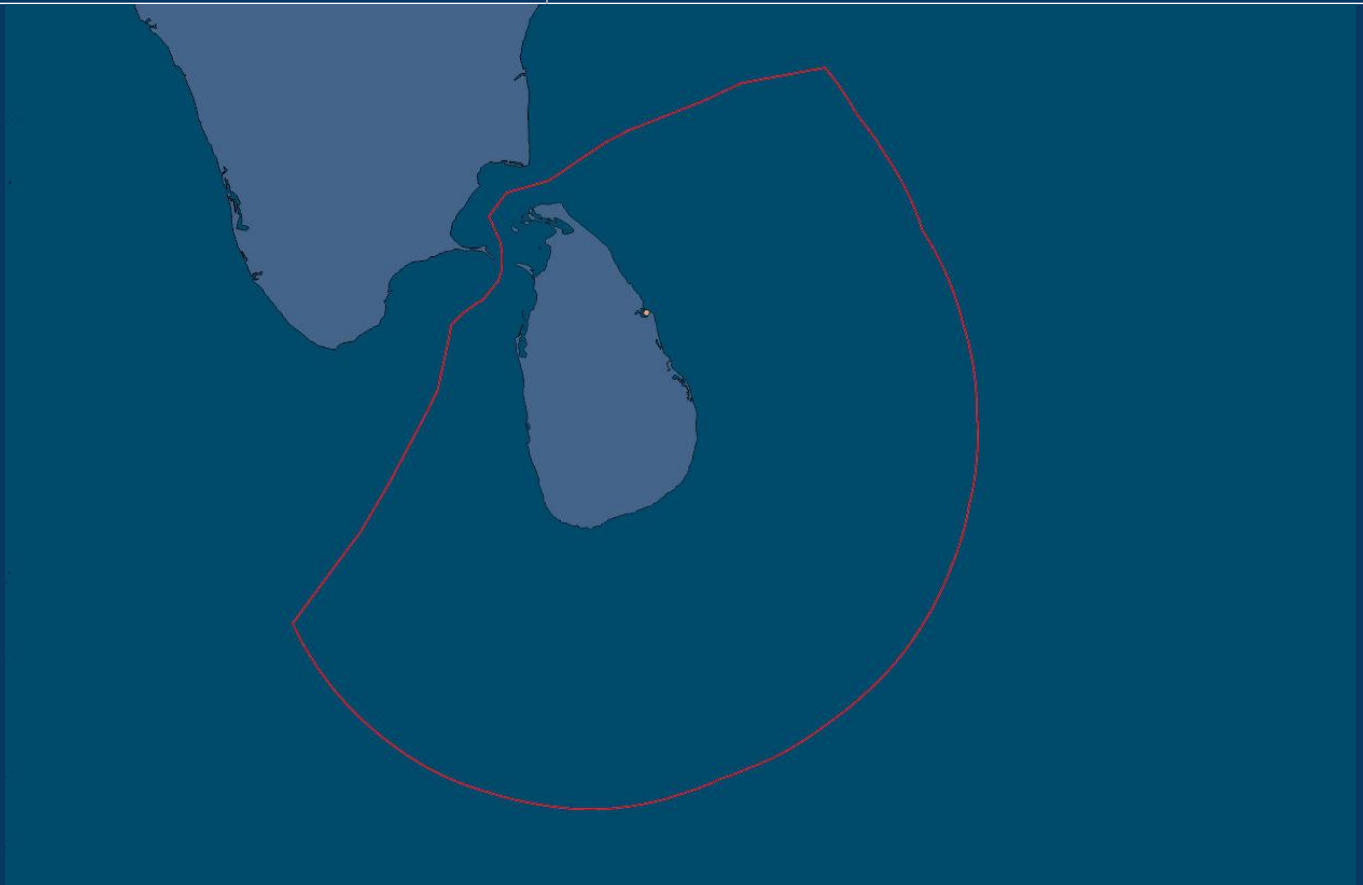
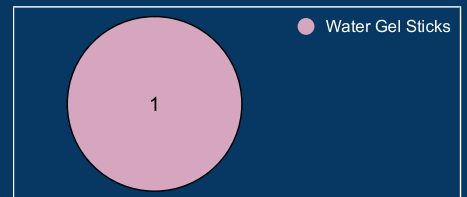
#### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – JULY 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- One incidents reported in July 2025.

##### Comments:

- Strong measures are required to curb these dangerous activities, and sustained vigilance is essential to ensure safety.





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – JULY 2025

### **Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:**

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

**Poaching:** In July 2025, the total number of incidents showed a slight decrease compared to July 2024. Most incidents occurred in Palk Bay, with only one reported in the Gulf of Mannar. No incidents were recorded in Palk Strait, the Eastern Coast, or other areas. Overall, the situation reflects a modest improvement.

**Maritime Incidents:** Maritime incidents in July 2025 showed a slight increase compared to July 2024. Technical failures were the leading cause, followed by cases involving man overboard, fatalities, and medical emergencies. No major accidents, such as fire, collision, or capsizing, were reported during this period.

**Drug Smuggling:** In July 2025, drug-related incidents increased compared to the previous year. All reported cases involved Kerala cannabis, with no other drugs detected. Targeted efforts are needed to curb the spread and activities associated with Kerala cannabis.

**Contraband Smuggling:** In July 2025, smuggling incidents showed a slight decrease compared to the previous year. Kendu leaves remained the primary item smuggled, while no cases involving gold, turmeric, cardamom, or glyphosate were reported. Overall, the situation reflects a modest improvement but requires continued monitoring.

**Human Smuggling:** One incidents of human smuggling were reported in June 2025.

**Explosive and Firearms Smuggling:** Strong measures are required to prevent dangerous activities involving explosives and firearms. Ongoing vigilance is crucial to ensure safety and security.

**Overall Analysis:** In July 2025, the total number of incidents showed slight fluctuations compared to July 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. Although serious incidents such as explosive fishing, human smuggling, and firearms-related cases remain rare, they require ongoing attention. Overall, the situation reflects some improvement; however, continuous monitoring and robust preventive measures are essential to maintain safety and curb illegal activities.