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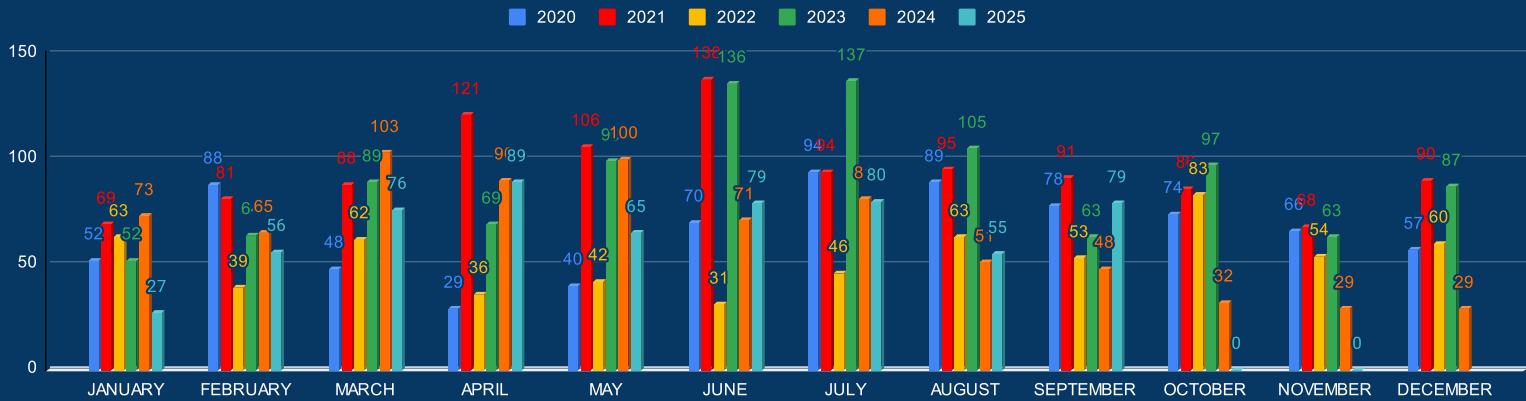


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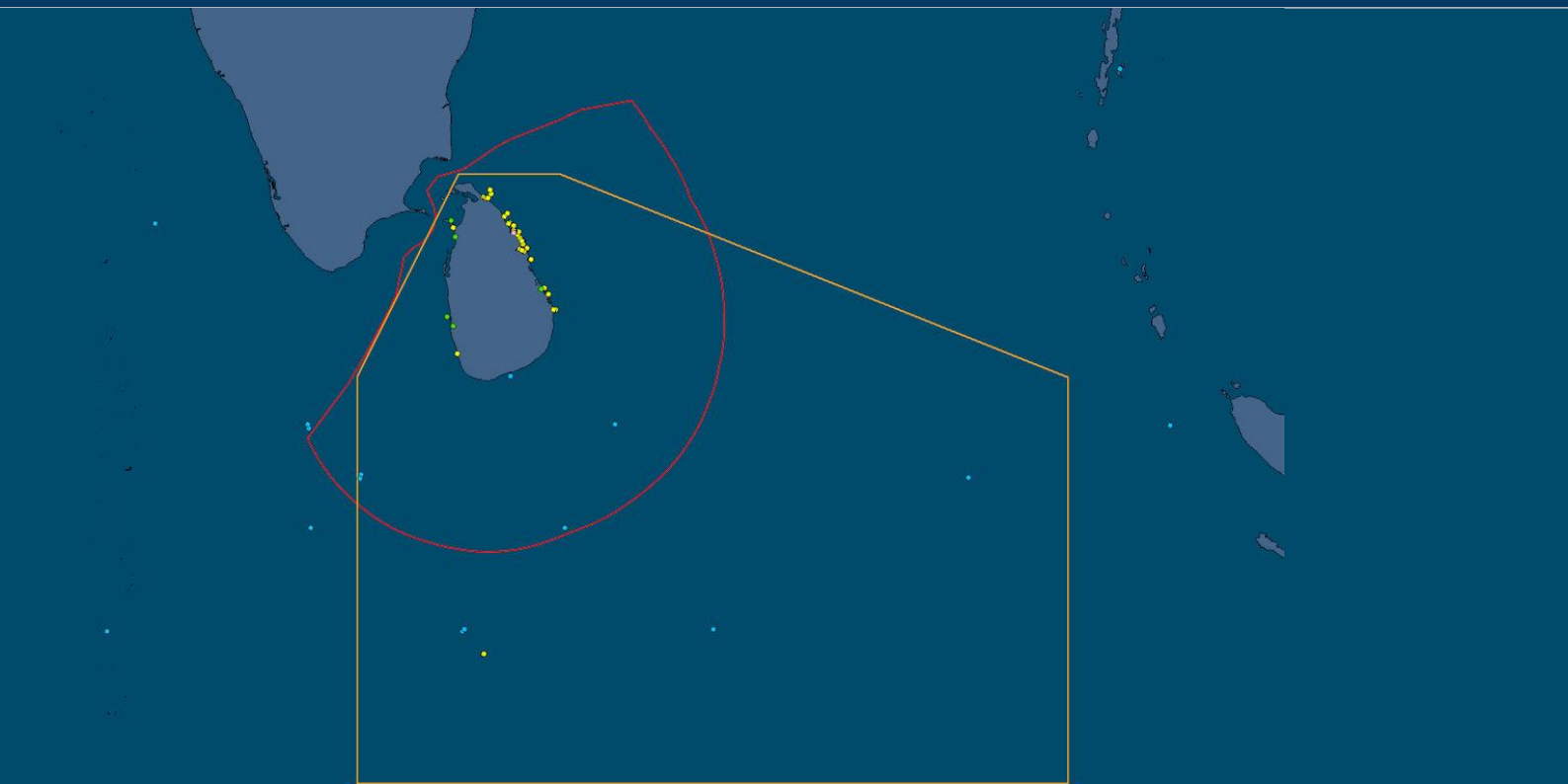
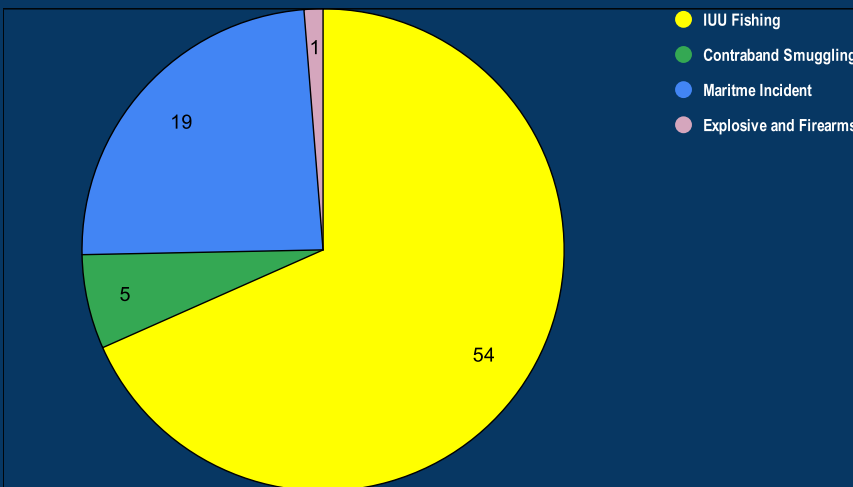
### OVERVIEW

#### MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

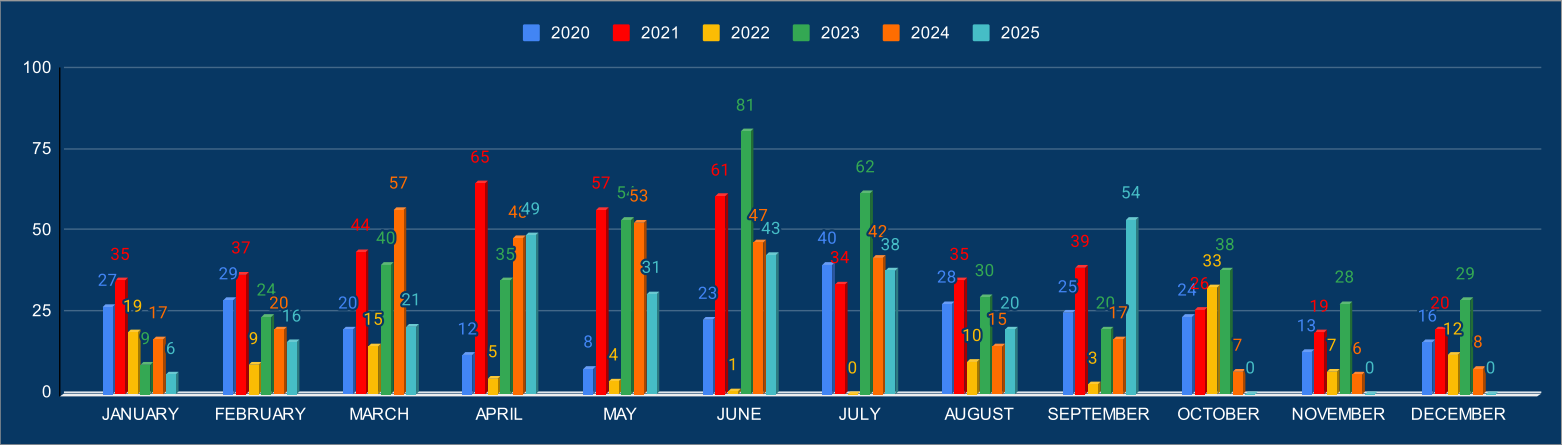
| INCIDENT TYPE          | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| IUU Fishing            | 3        | 20       | 17       | 54       |
| Drug Smuggling         | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0        |
| Contraband Smuggling   | 1        | 2        | 7        | 5        |
| Human Smuggling        | 7        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Maritime Incident      | 33       | 28       | 13       | 19       |
| Poaching               | 7        | 11       | 11       | 0        |
| Explosive and Firearms | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

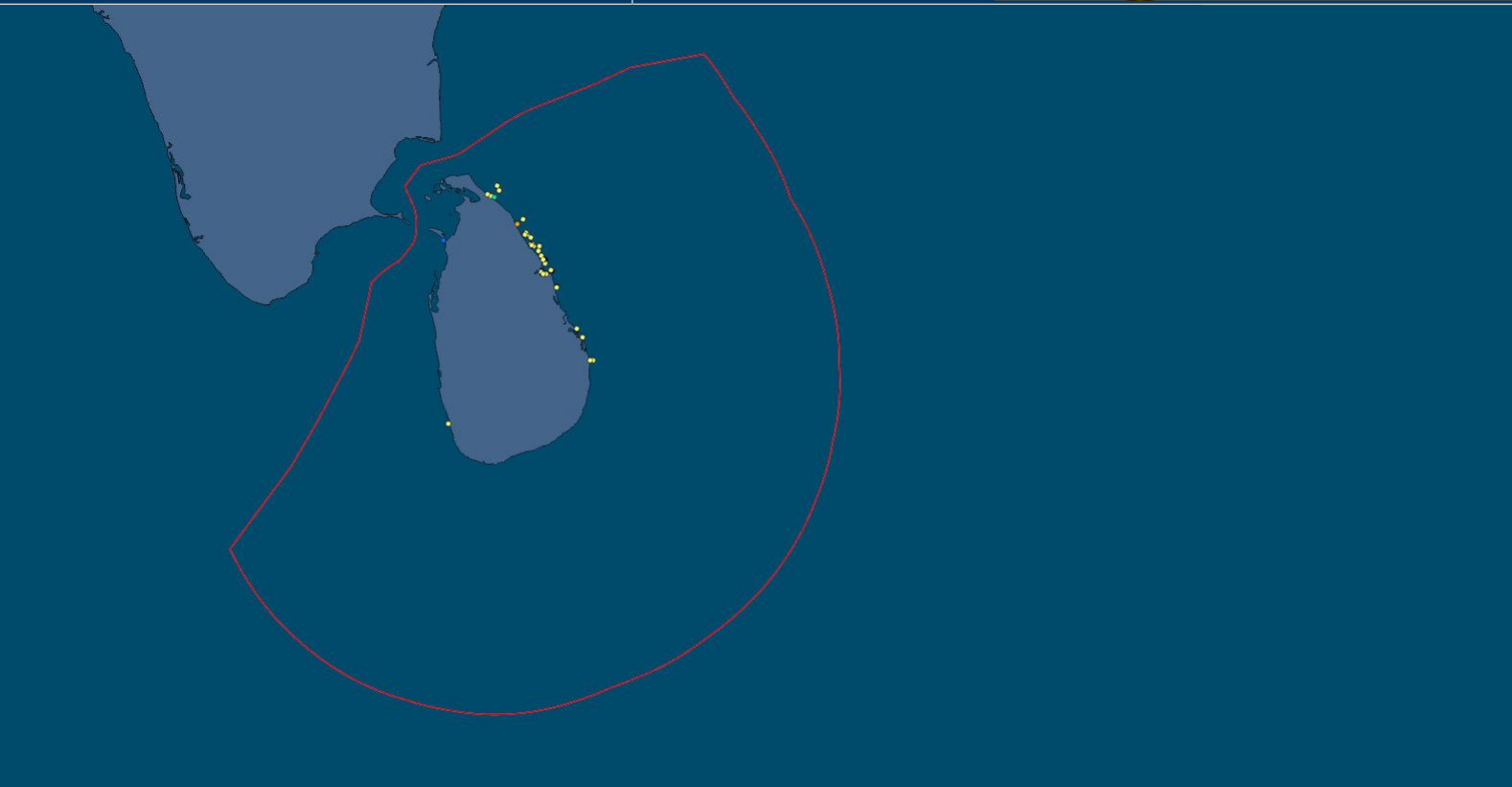


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE                       | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Violation of Certificate Conditions | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Harvesting Prohibited Species       | 1        | 2        | 0        | 1        |
| Illegal Net                         | 1        | 14       | 8        | 47       |
| Illegal Methods                     | 1        | 3        | 8        | 3        |
| Explosive Fishing                   | 0        | 1        | 0        | 3        |

IUU FISHING – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

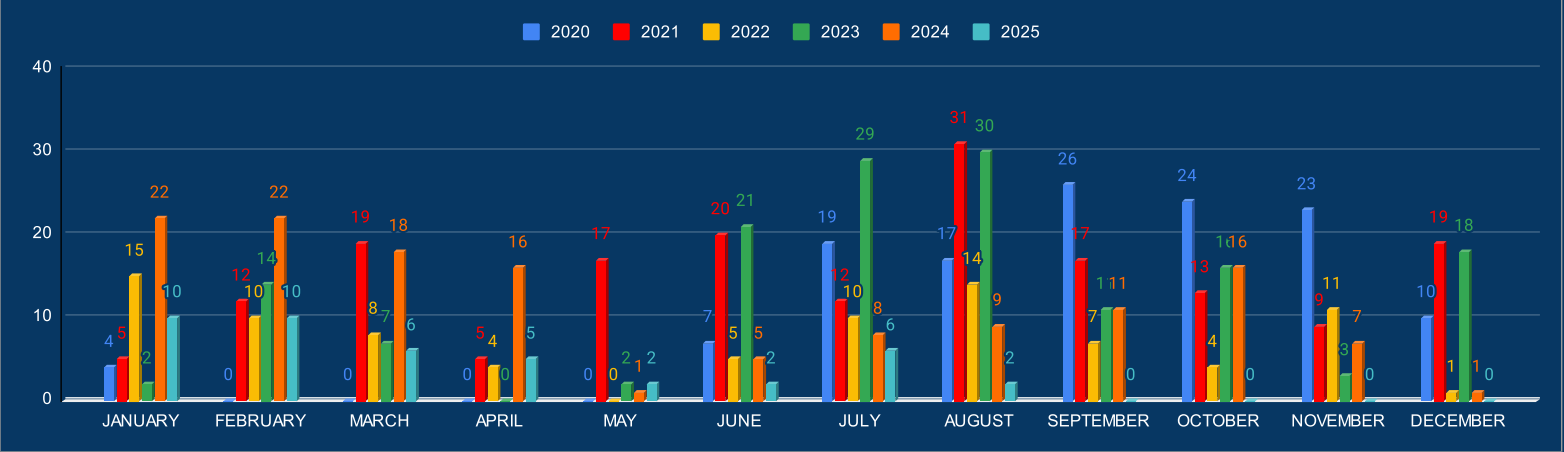
- Statistics:
- A total of 54 incidents were reported, representing an increase of 37 incidents compared to September 2024.
  - A total of 47 incidents were reported for illegal net use, and 3 incidents were reported for illegal fishing methods.
  - Explosive Fishing reported 3 incidents & Harvesting Prohibited Species reported in One incident.
  - No Incidents reported to Violation of Certificate Conditions.
- Comments:
- Illegal net usage continues to be the main issue, while a few cases involved Explosive Fishing.





POACHING

NUMBER OF POACHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE  | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Eastern Coast  | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Palk Strait    | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Gulf of Mannar | 1        | 2        | 3        | 0        |
| Palk Bay       | 4        | 9        | 6        | 0        |
| Others         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

POACHING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

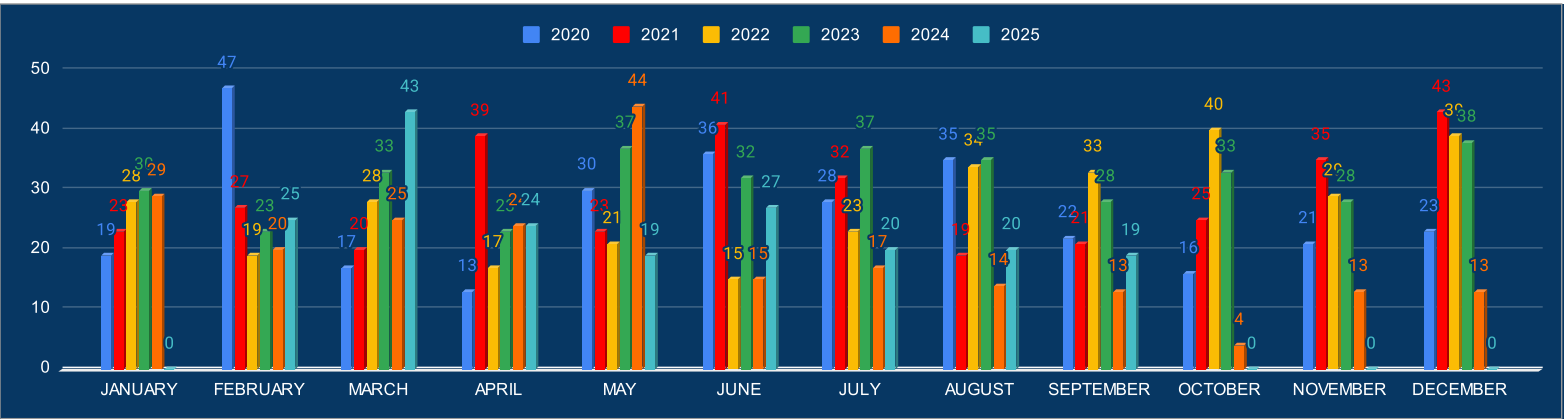
Statistics:  
• NO incidents were reported in September 2025.  
Comments:





MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

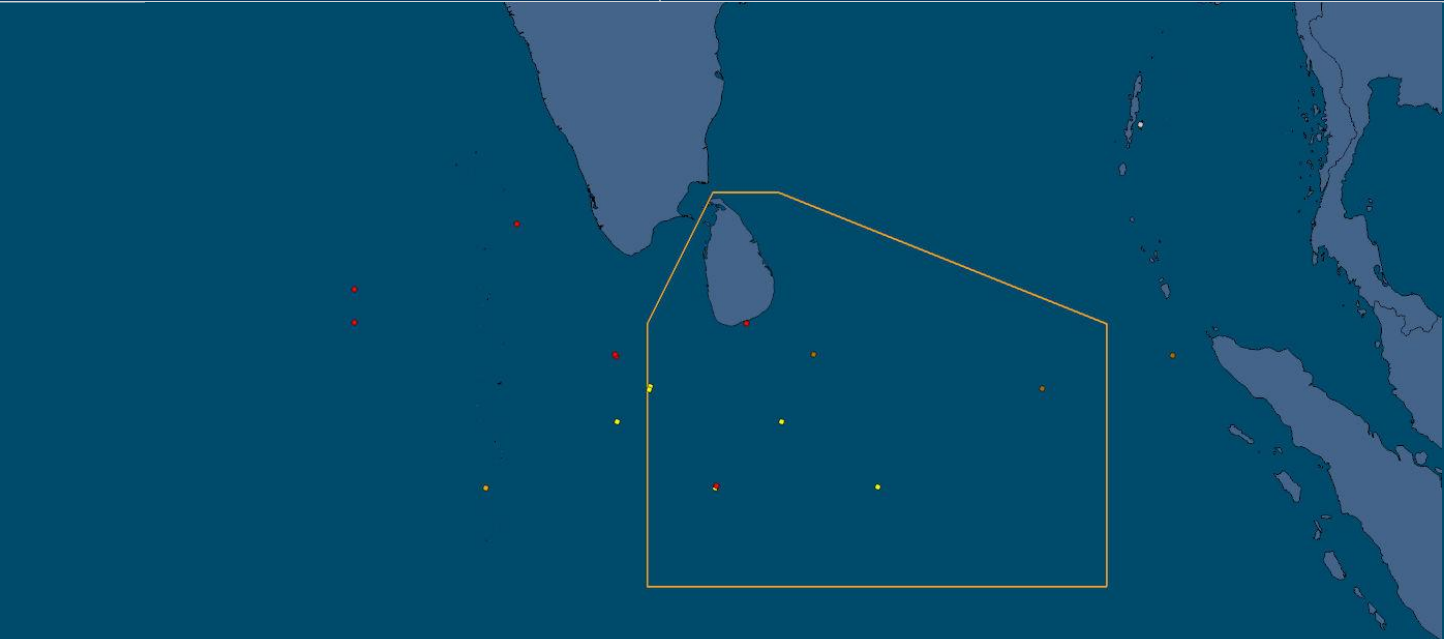
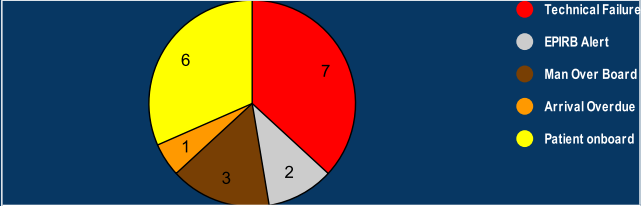
| INCIDENT TYPE     | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Technical Failure | 11       | 12       | 4        | 7        |
| Fire onboard      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| EPIRB Alert       | 10       | 9        | 4        | 2        |
| Man Over Board    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3        |
| Arrival Overdue   | 2        | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| Capsized          | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Ground            | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Death             | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        |
| Patient onboard   | 4        | 2        | 2        | 6        |
| Collision         | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| No Communication  | 2        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| Other Incident    | 0        | 0        | 2        | 0        |

MARITIME INCIDENTS –SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- A total of 19 maritime incidents were reported in September 2025, marking an increase of 4 incidents compared to September 2024.
  - Seven incidents involved technical failures, and 6 incidents reported Patient Onboard .
  - No incidents were reported Fire onboard, Man Over Board, Arrival Overdue, Capsized, Ground, Death, Collision No Communication & Other Incident.

Comments

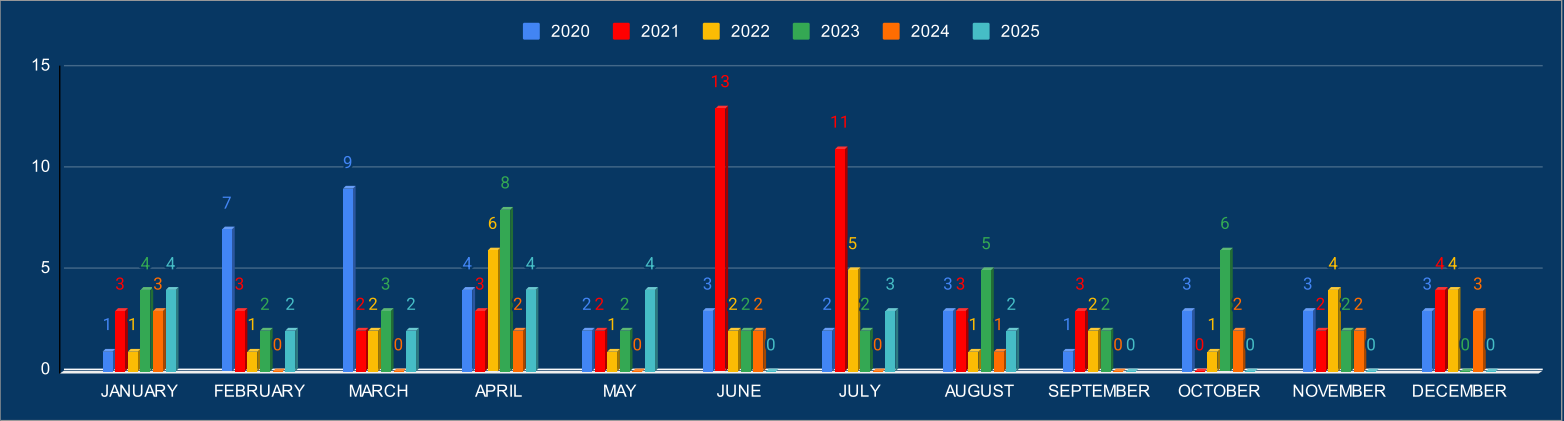
•The total number of maritime incidents increased compared to last year, with 19 reported in September 2025. Most incidents were due to technical failures. EPIRB alerts, Man Over Board & Patient Onboard were also reported, while no incidents occurred related to fire, capsizing, or other categories.





DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:  
• NO incidents were reported in September 2025.

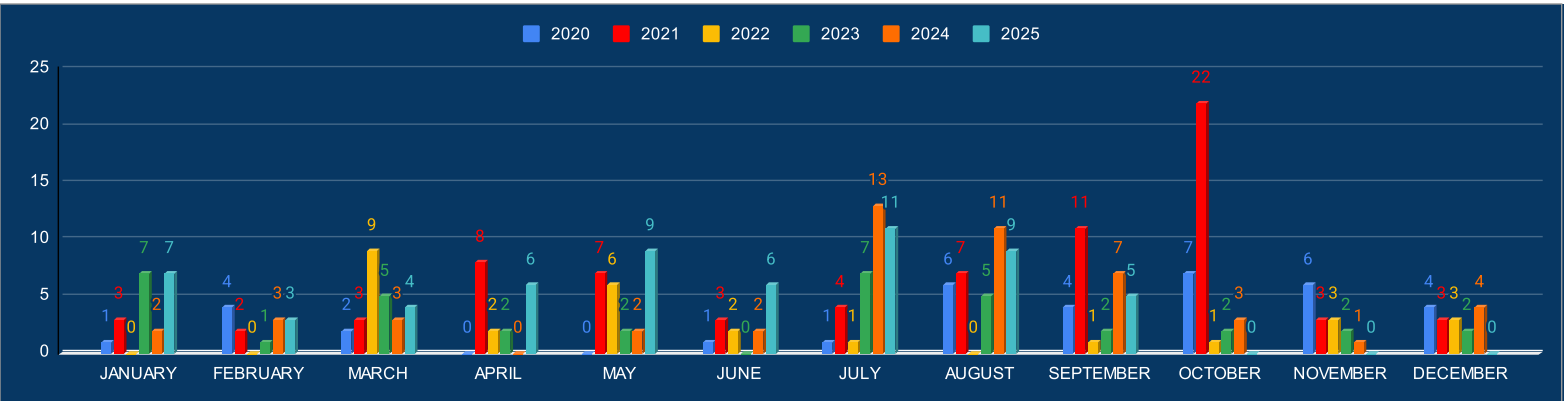
Comments:

**ZERO  
INCIDENTS  
IN SEPTEMBER 2025**



CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

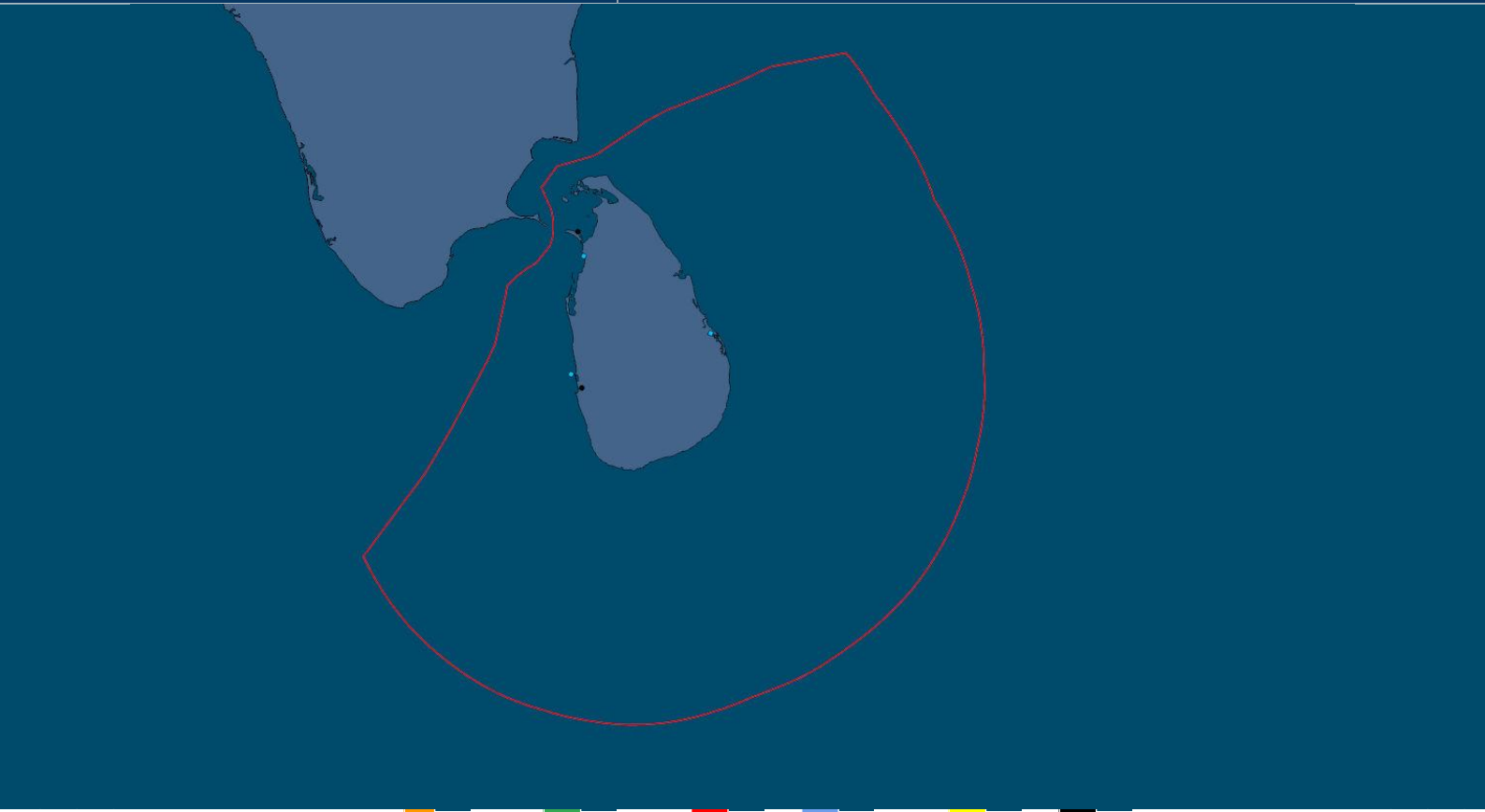
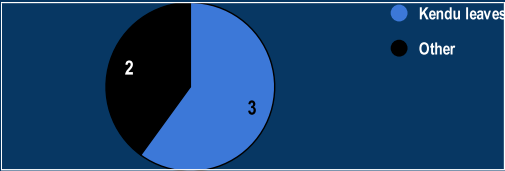


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cardamom      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Glyphosate    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Gold          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Kendu leaves  | 1        | 2        | 5        | 3        |
| Other         | 0        | 0        | 1        | 2        |
| Turmeric      | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- Five incidents of contraband smuggling were reported in September 2025, representing a decrease of two compared to September 2024.
  - Three incidents involved Kendu leaves, and 2 incidents involved other contraband. No incidents were reported involving cardamom, glyphosate, gold, or turmeric.
- Comments:
- Smuggling incidents showed a slight increase 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.



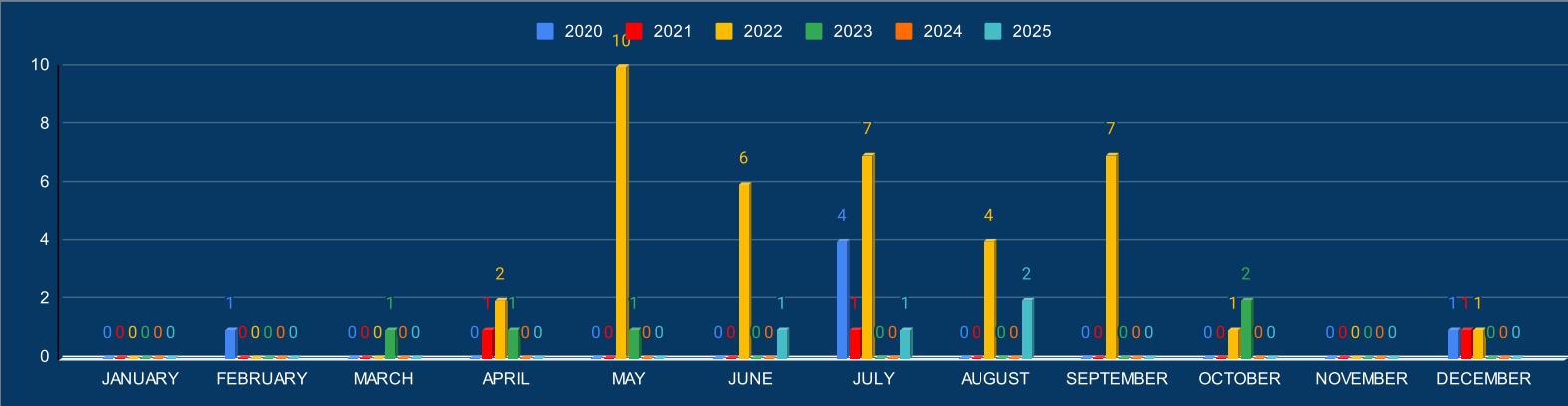


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP SEPTEMBER 2025

### HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE   | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Human Smuggling | 7        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:  
• NO incidents reported in September 2025.

Comments:

**ZERO**  
**INCIDENTS**  
IN SEPTEMBER 2025



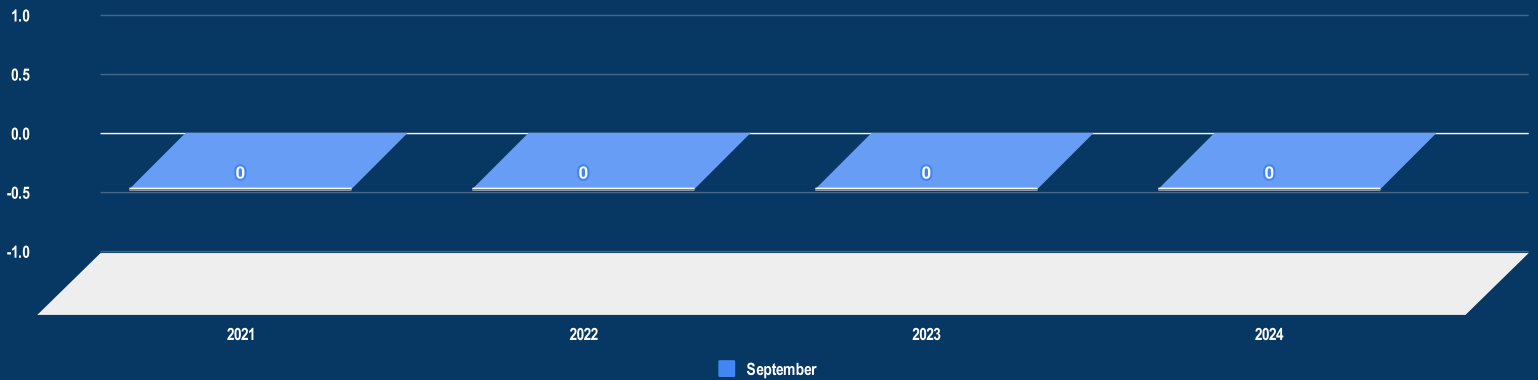


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## MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP SEPTEMBER 2025

### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

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



#### INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

| INCIDENT TYPE    | SEP 2022 | SEP 2023 | SEP 2024 | SEP 2025 |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Water Gel Sticks | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |

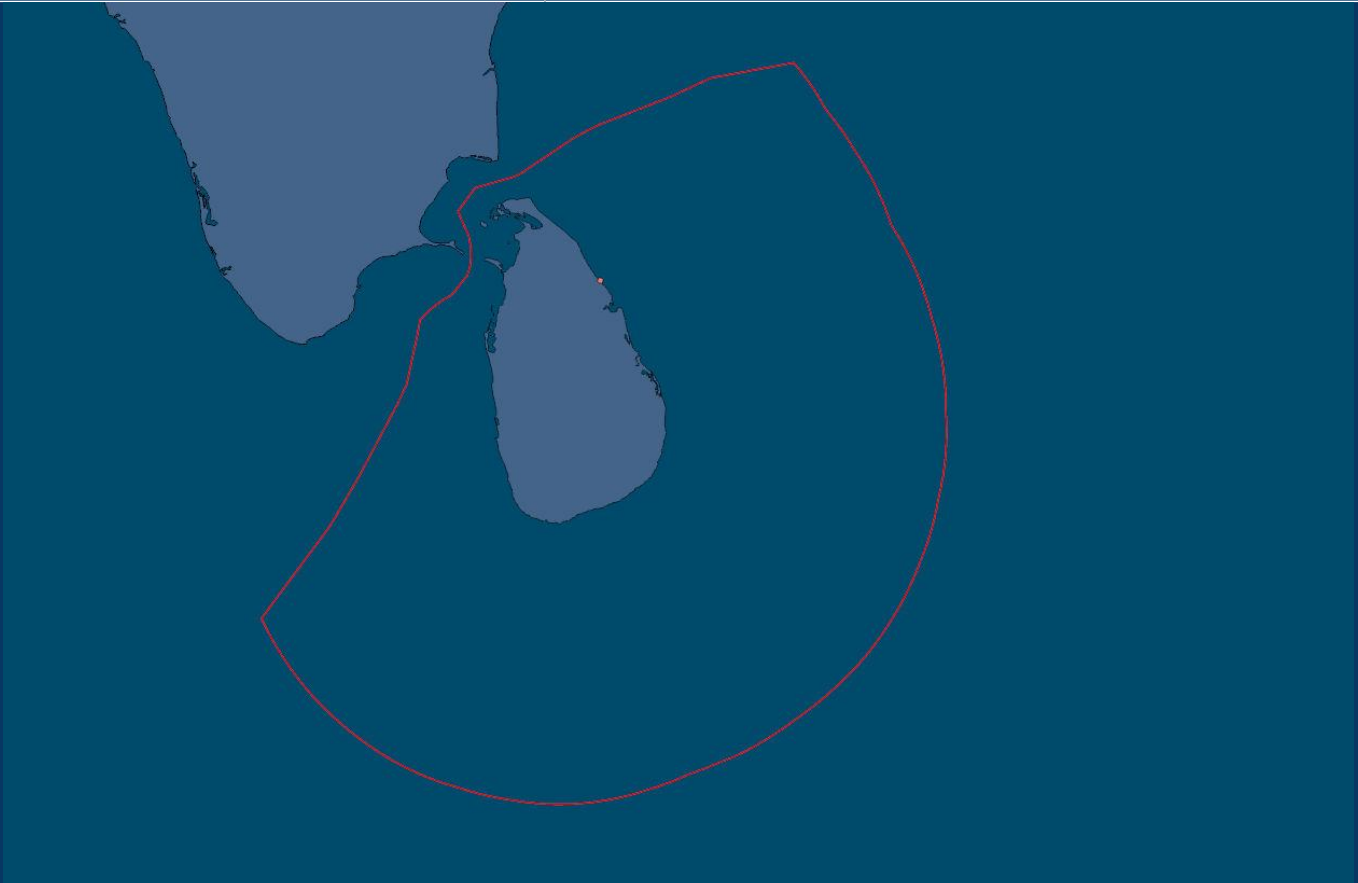
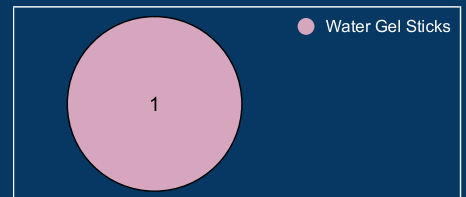
#### EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 SUMMARY

##### Statistics:

- One incidents reported in September 2025.

##### Comments:

- One major explosives-related case and several firearm shootings were reported in September 2025, showing continued ac





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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

### **Poaching:** No Incident.

**Maritime Incidents:** Maritime incidents in September 2025 showed an increase compared to September 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:** No Incident.

**Contraband Smuggling:** In September 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:** No Incident.

**Explosive and Firearms Smuggling:** One incident reported in September 2025.

**Overall Analysis:** In September 2025, the total number of incidents showed slight fluctuations compared to September 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.