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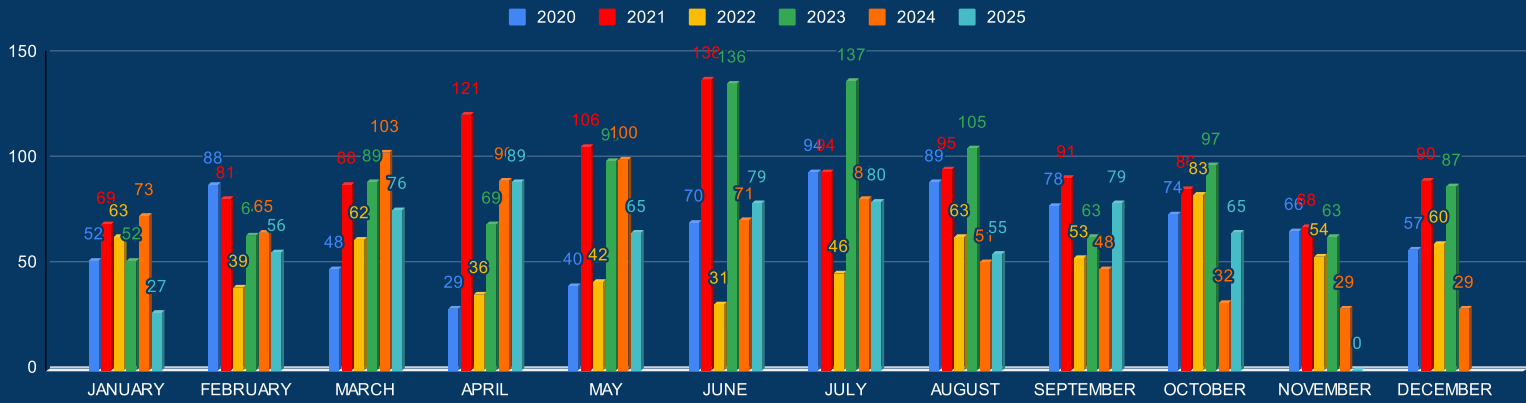


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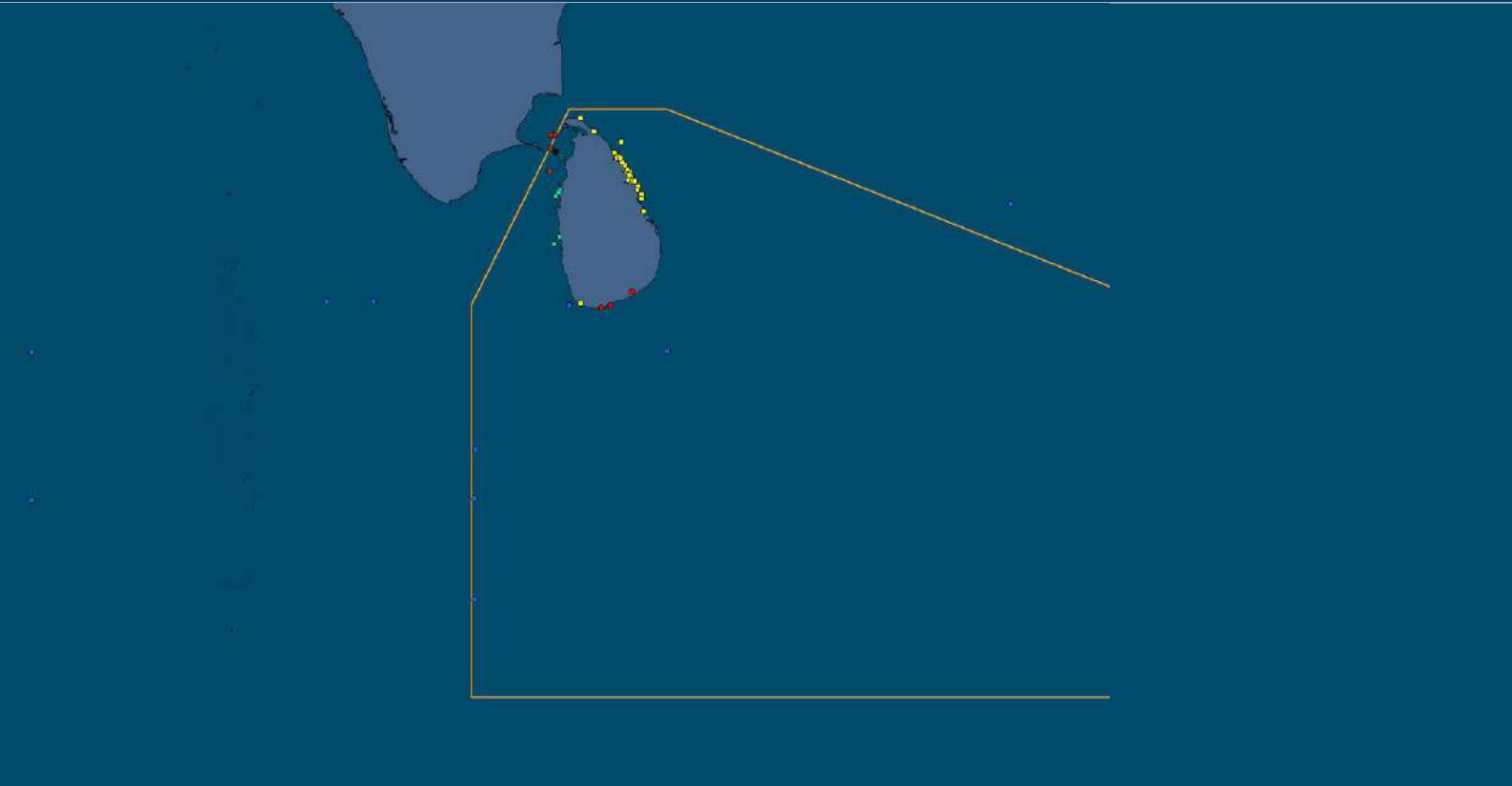
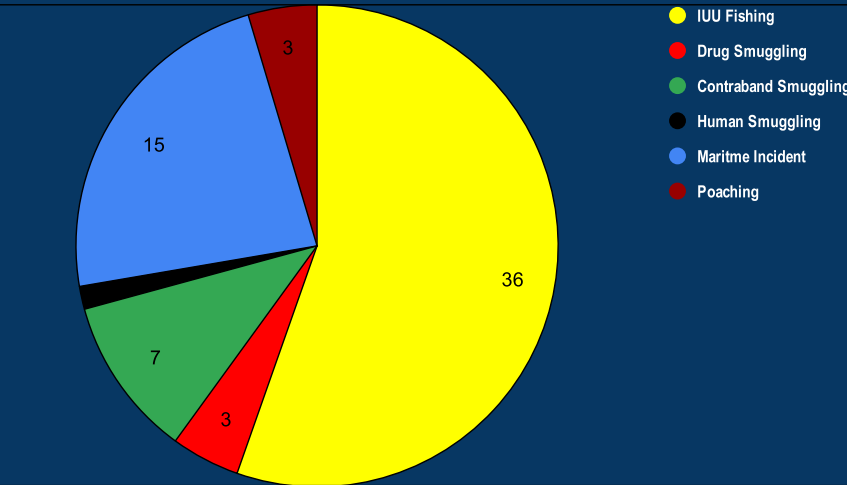
OVERVIEW

MARITIME SECURITY INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

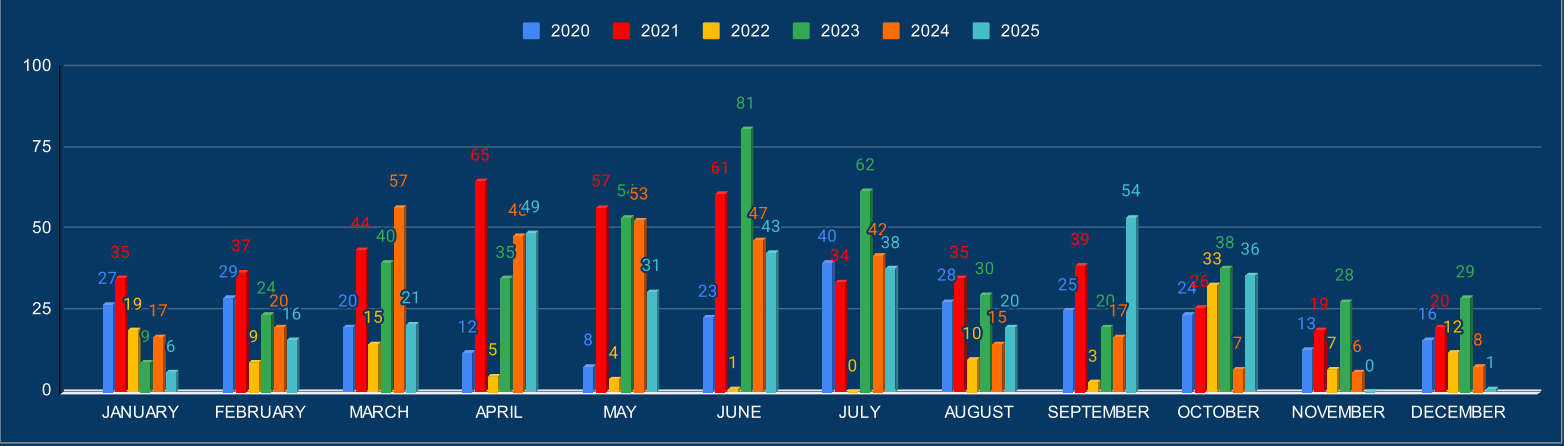
INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
IUU Fishing	33	38	7	36
Drug Smuggling	1	6	2	3
Contraband Smuggling	1	2	3	7
Human Smuggling	1	2	0	1
Maritime Incident	40	33	4	15
Poaching	4	16	16	3
Explosive and Firearms	3	0	0	0





IUU FISHING

NUMBER OF IUU FISHING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)

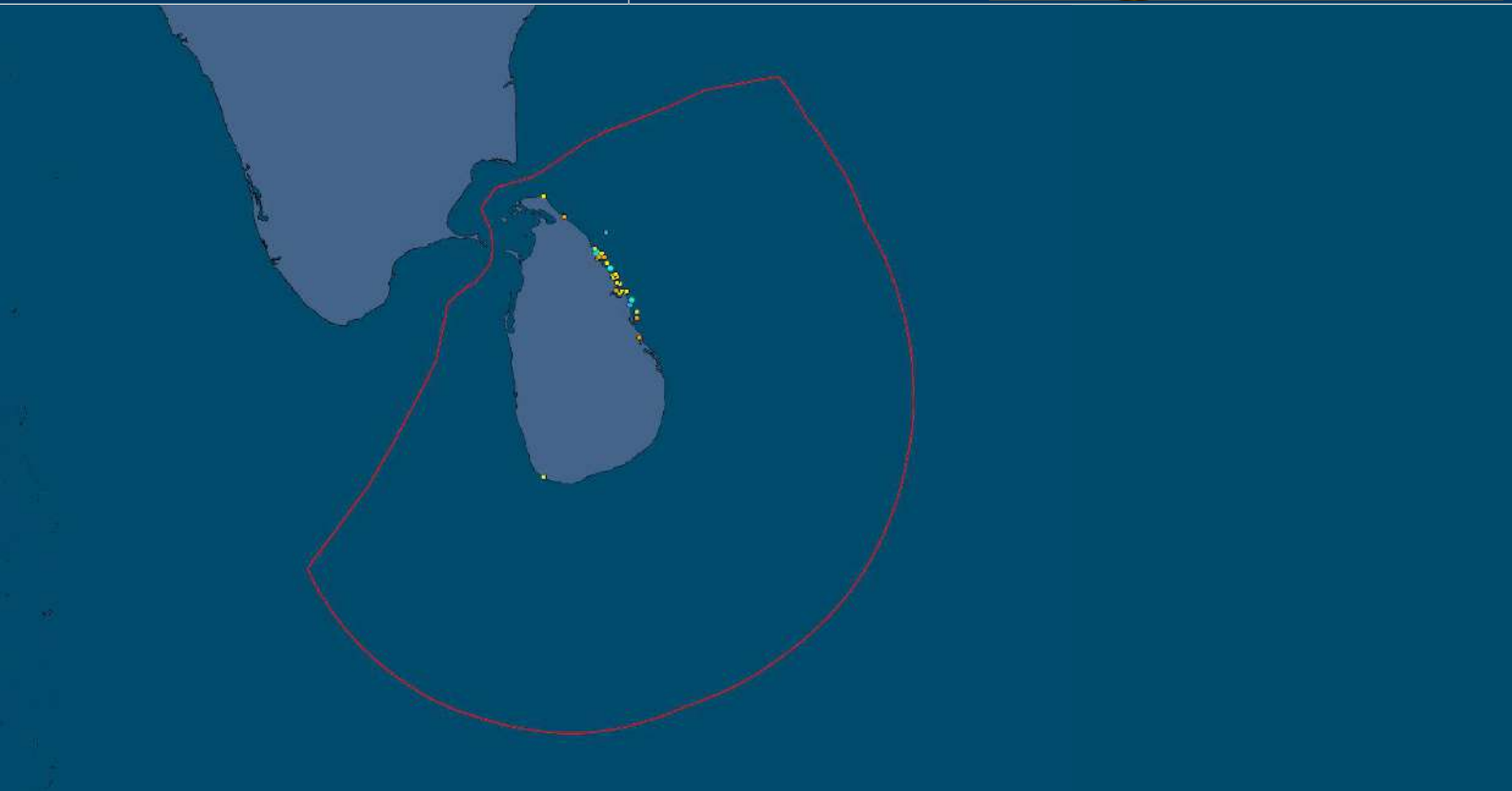
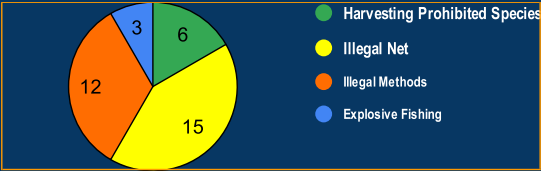


INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Violation of Certificate Conditions	3	4	1	0
Harvesting Prohibited Species	6	12	0	6
Illegal Net	13	9	2	15
Illegal Methods	8	13	1	12
Explosive Fishing	3	0	3	3

IUU FISHING – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

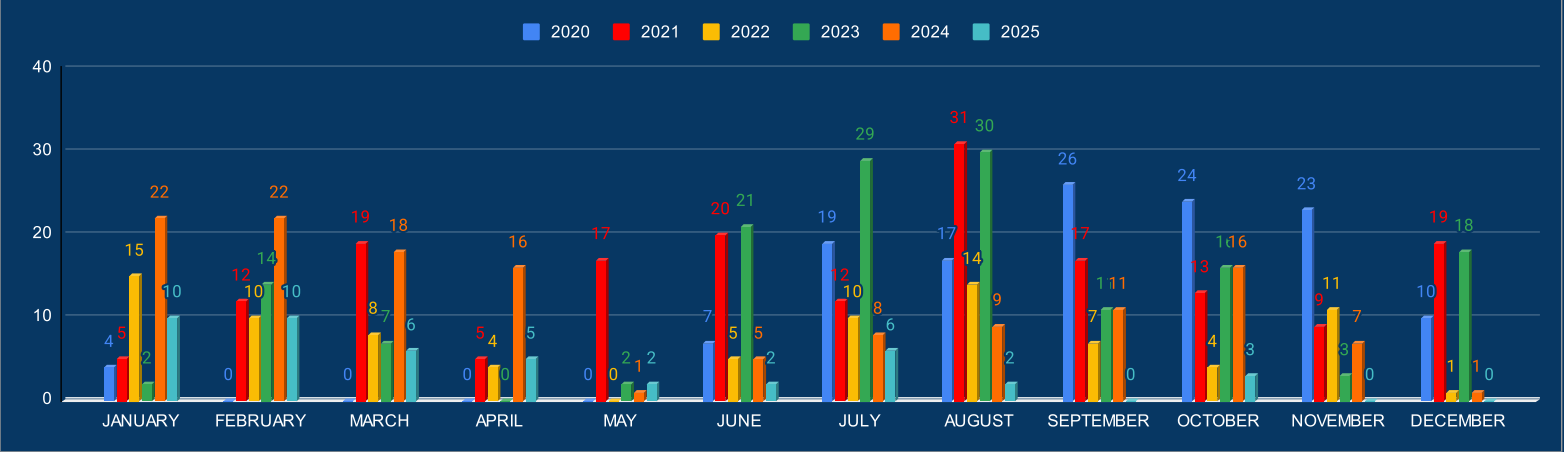
- Statistics:
- A total of 36 incidents were reported, representing an decrease of 18 incidents compared to September 2024.
 - A total of 15 incidents were reported for illegal net use, and 12 incidents were reported for illegal fishing methods.
 - Explosive Fishing reported 3 incidents & Harvesting Prohibited Species reported in 6 incidents.
 - 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

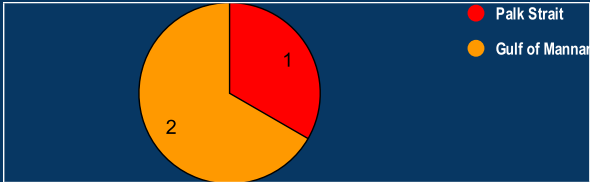
INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Eastern Coast	0	0	0	0
Palk Strait	0	0	6	1
Gulf of Mannar	0	1	3	2
Palk Bay	4	15	7	0
Others	0	2	0	0

POACHING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- 03 incidents were reported in October 2025.

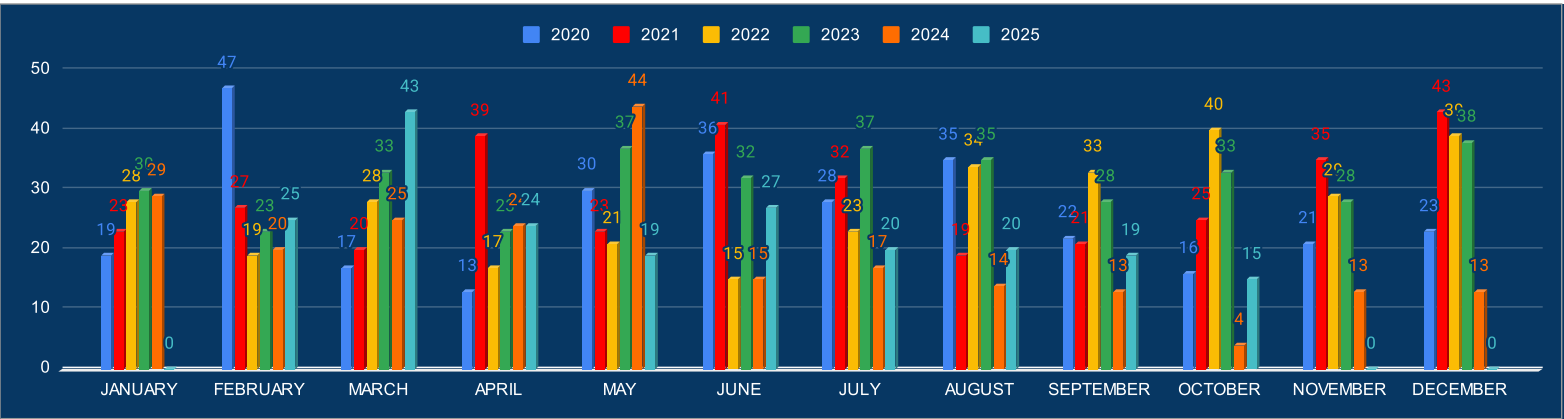
Comments:





MARITIME INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

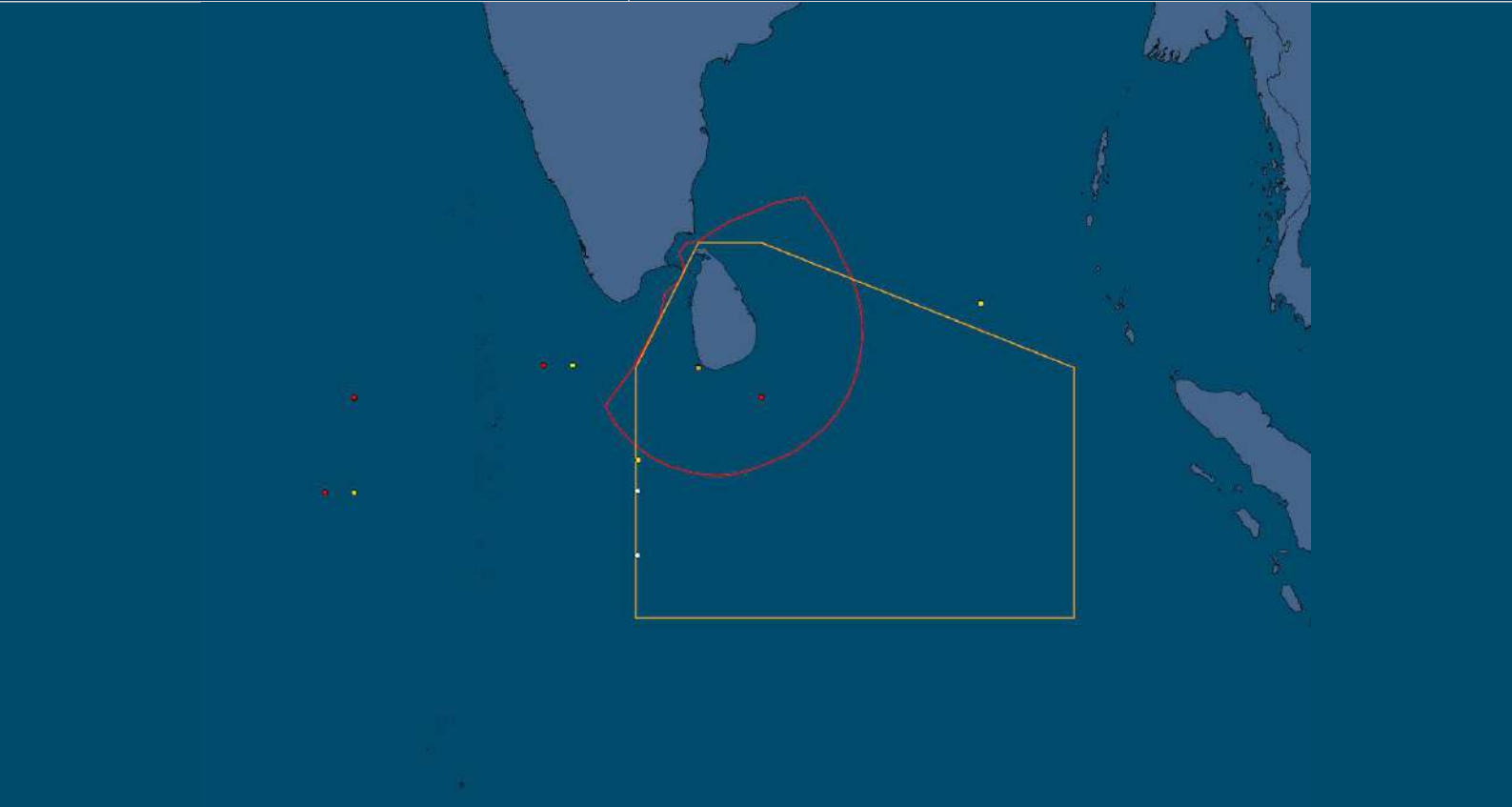
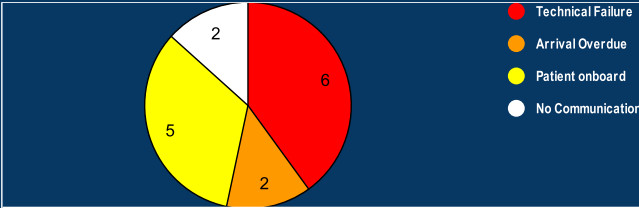
INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Technical Failure	12	10	0	6
Fire onboard	0	0	0	0
EPIRB Alert	11	12	3	0
Man Over Board	0	0	0	0
Arrival Overdue	0	1	0	2
Capsized	0	1	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	0
Death	1	1	0	0
Patient onboard	10	3	1	5
Collision	0	0	0	0
No Communication	3	1	0	2
Other Incident	1	2	2	0

MARITIME INCIDENTS –OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

- Statistics:
- A total of 15 maritime incidents were reported in October 2025, marking an decrease of 4 incidents compared to September 2024.
 - Six incidents involved technical failures, and 5 incidents reported Patient Onboard .
 - No incidents were reported Fire onboard, Man Over Board, Capsized, Ground, Death, Collision & Other Incident.

Comments

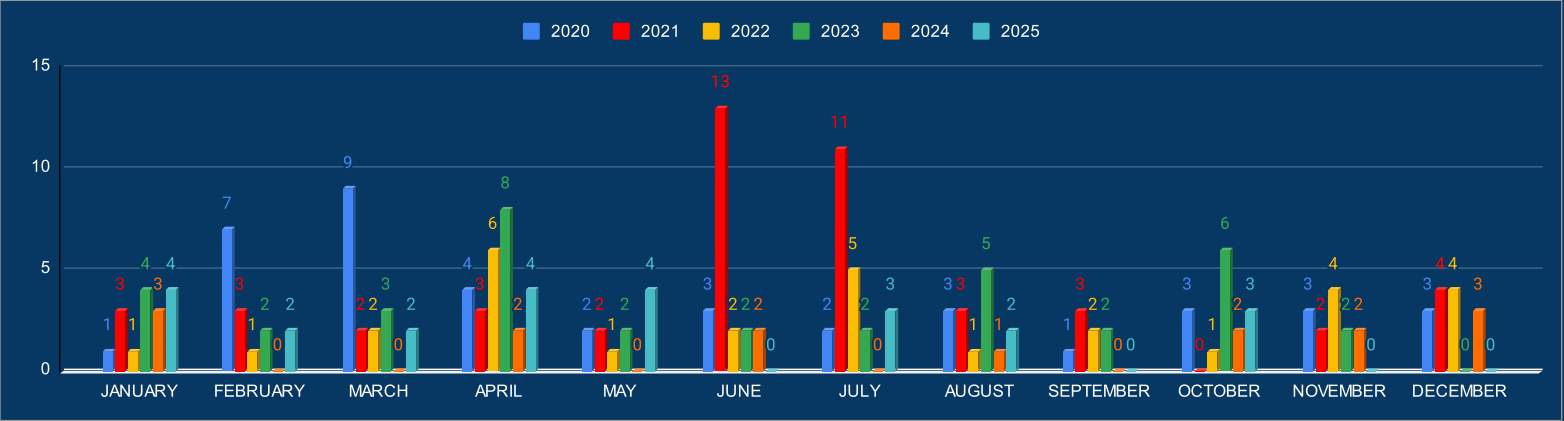
•The total number of maritime incidents increased compared to last year, with 15 reported in October 2025. Most incidents were due to technical failures. Patient Onboard





DRUG SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



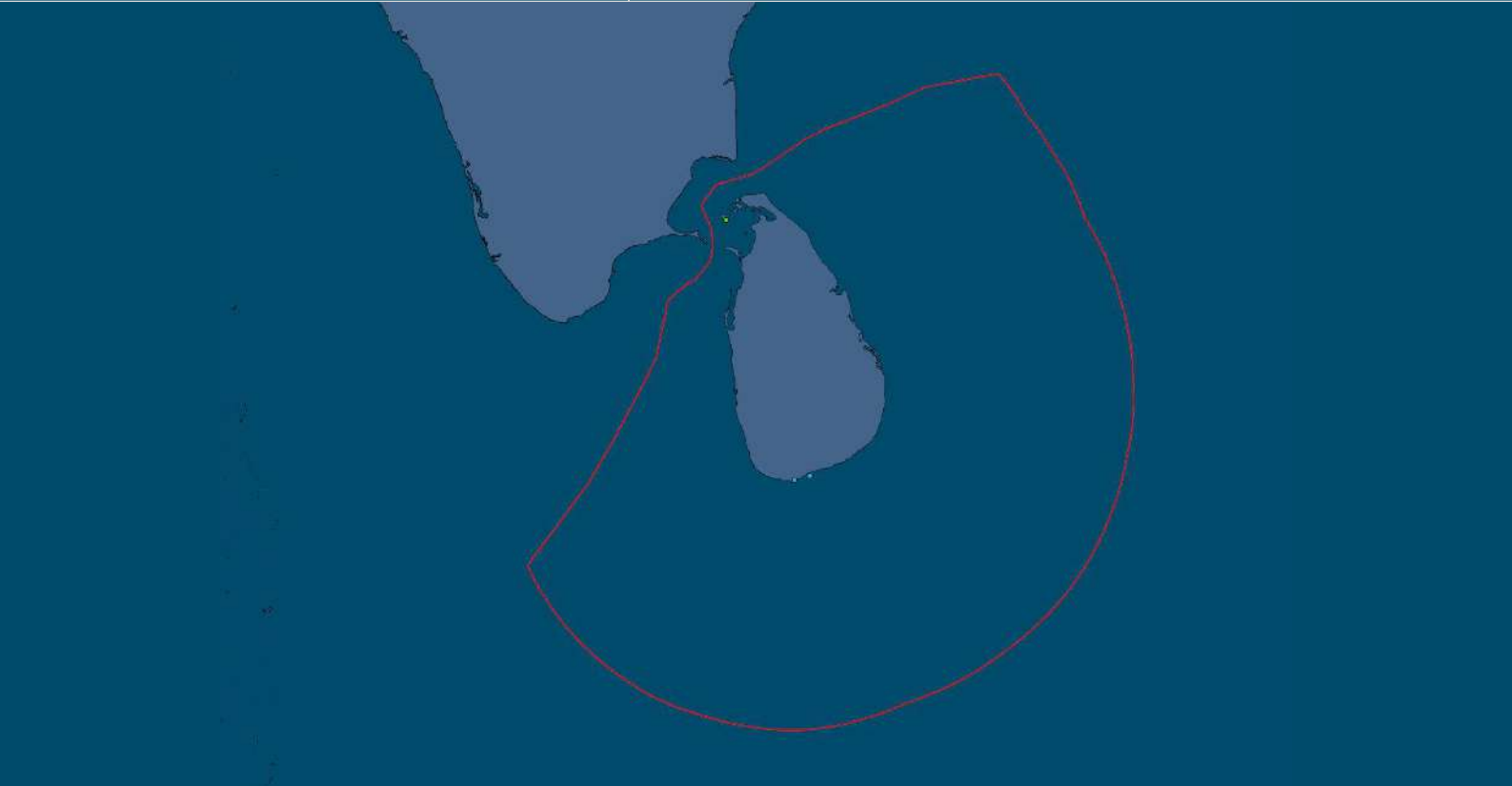
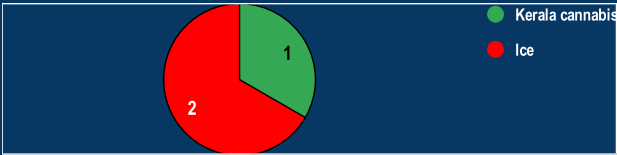
INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

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

DRUG SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:
• Three incidents were reported in October 2025.

Comments:



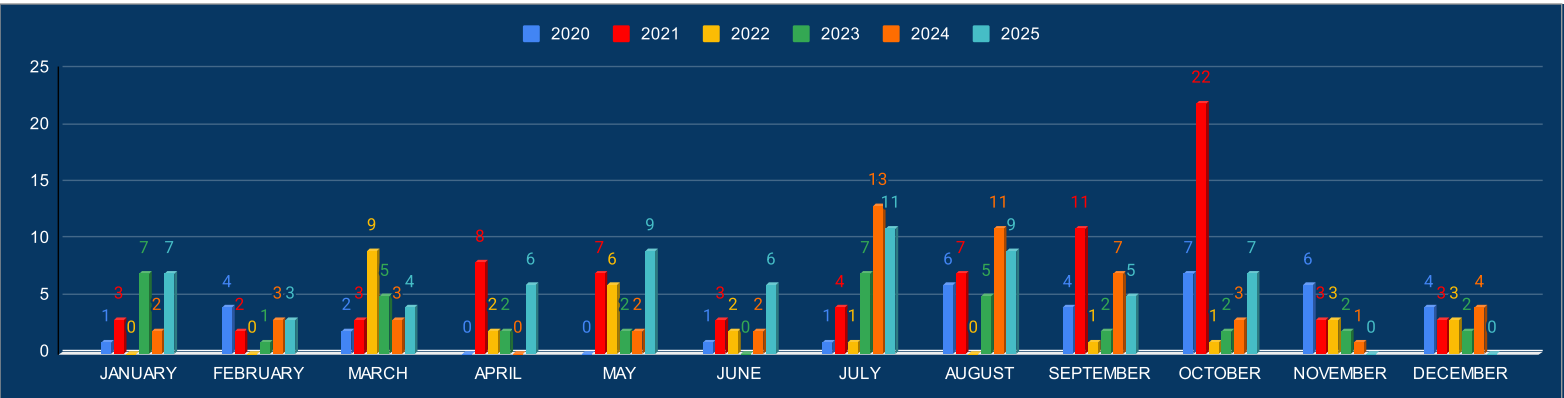


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MARITIME INCIDENT BULLETIN MONTHLY MAP OCTOBER 2025

CONTRABAND SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Cardamom	0	0	0	0
Glyphosate	0	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	1
Kendu leaves	1	0	3	2
Other	0	2	0	1
Turmeric	0	0	0	0

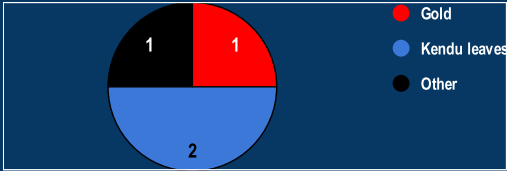
CONTRABAND SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- Four incidents of contraband smuggling were reported in October 2025, representing a decrease of one compared to September 2024.
- Two incidents involved Kendu leaves

Comments:

- Smuggling incidents showed a slight increase compared to last year, with Kendu leaves being the primary item smuggled.



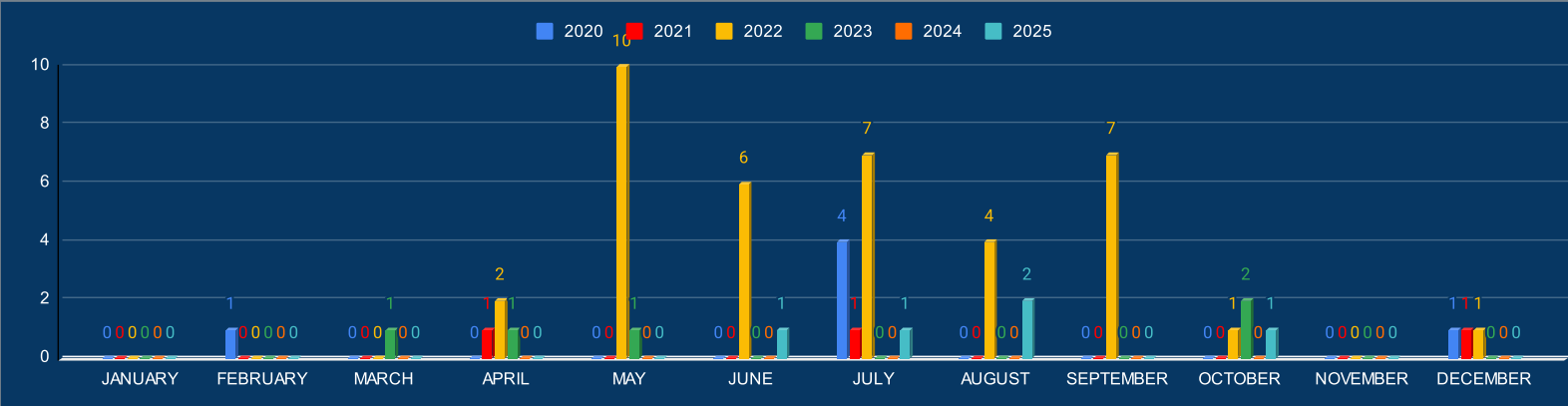


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HUMAN SMUGGLING

NUMBER OF HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

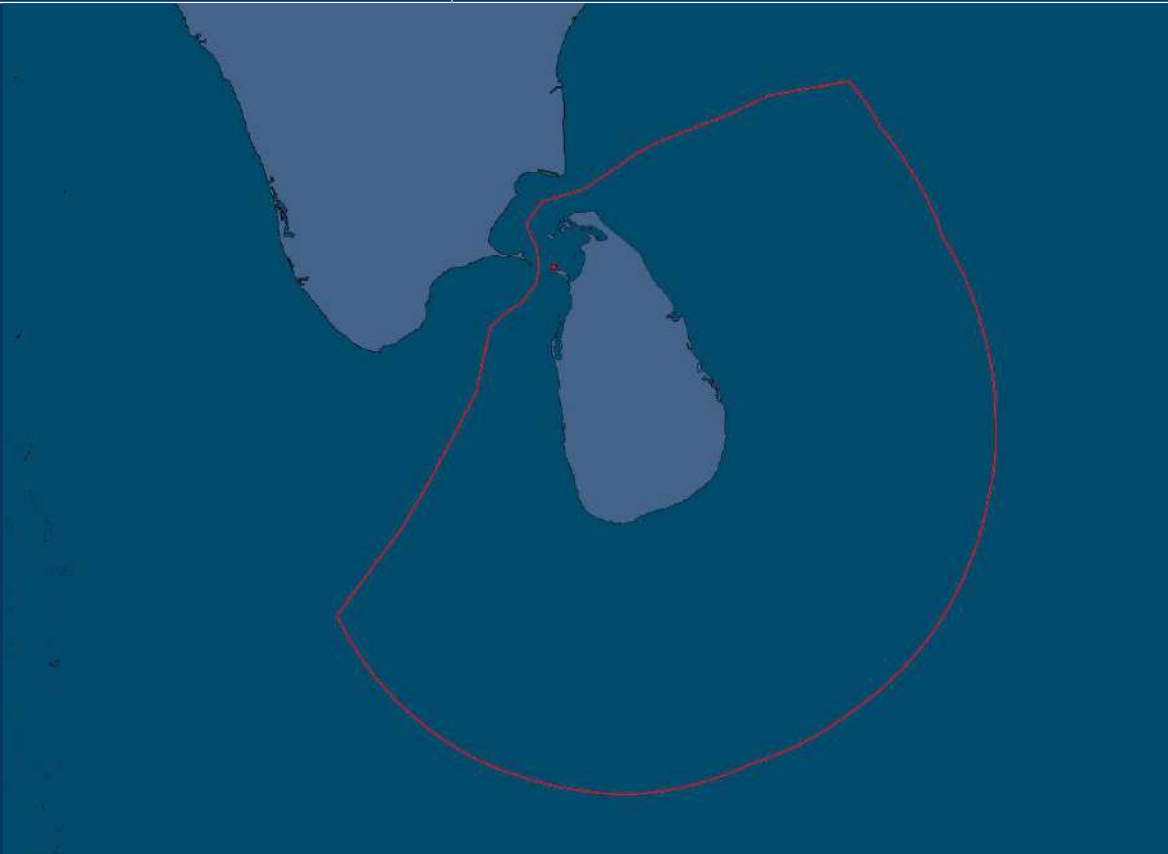
INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Human Smuggling	1	2	0	1

HUMAN SMUGGLING INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- One incident reported in October 2025.

Comments:



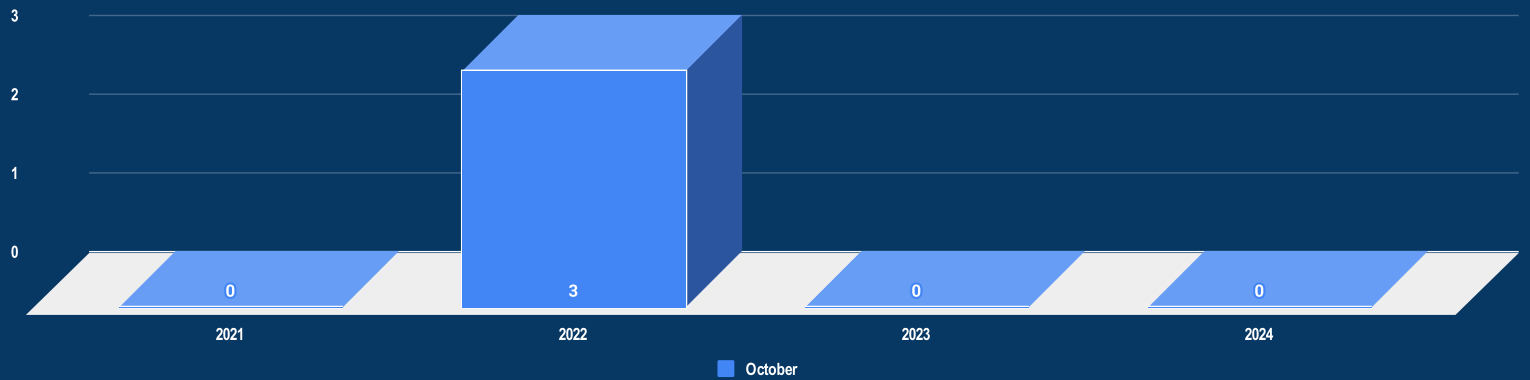


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EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS

NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE & FIREARMS INCIDENTS (2020-2025)



INCIDENTS IN BRIEF

INCIDENT TYPE	OCT 2022	OCT 2023	OCT 2024	OCT 2025
Water Gel Sticks	3	0	0	0

EXPLOSIVE AND FIREARMS INCIDENTS – OCTOBER 2025 SUMMARY

Statistics:

- No incidents reported in October 2025.

Comments:

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**ZERO
INCIDENTS**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2025

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:

The total number of incidents in October 2025 showed a slight increase compared to October 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: Three incidents.

Maritime Incidents: Maritime incidents in October 2025 showed an increase compared to September 2024. Technical failures were the leading cause reported during this period.

Drug Smuggling: Three incidents.

Contraband Smuggling: In October 2025, smuggling incidents showed a slight increase compared to the previous year. Ice the primary item smuggled.

Human Smuggling: One incident.

Explosive and Firearms Smuggling: No incidents reported in October 2025.

Overall Analysis: In October 2025, the total number of incidents showed slight fluctuations compared to October 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 and ice. Although serious incidents such as explosive fishing continuous monitoring and robust preventive measures are essential to maintain safety and curb illegal activities.