



# MONTHLY REPORT-MAR 25

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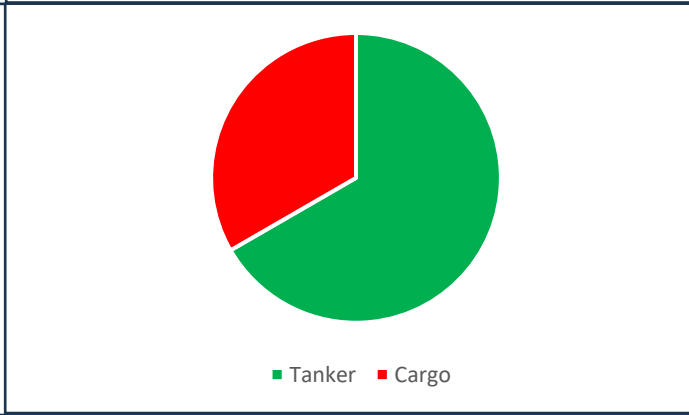
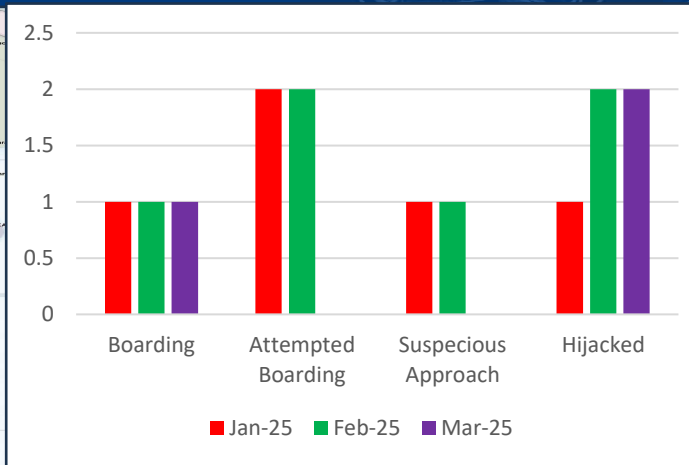
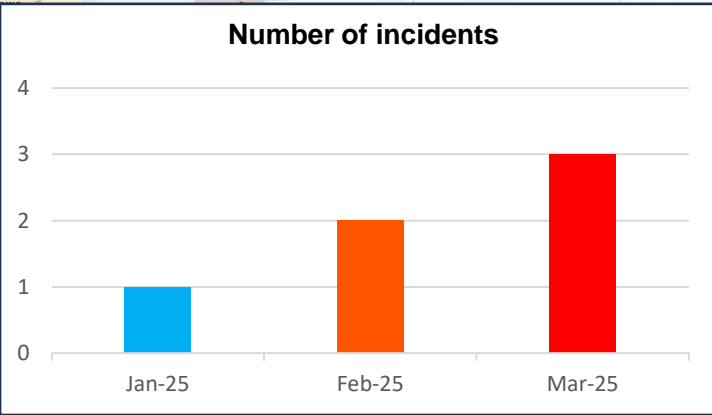


# MARITIME INFORMATION SUMMARY MAR-25





# THEFT, ROBBERY & PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)



## OBSERVATIONS

### STATISTICS

During Mar 25, 3 x incident related to piracy/ armed robbery recorded in general area off Somalia

### COMMENTS

- Slight increase observed
  - 33% increase than Feb 25 (2)
  - 66% increase from Jan 25 (1)
- All 3 x events reported off Socatra involving armed robbery by Somali Pirates on fishing boats; however, no such incident reported/ recorded on merchant Vessels
- TRAP activities around Somali waters is indicative of continuous vulnerability of area for armed related activities
- Small boats/ fishing vessels may be utilized for Illicit activities

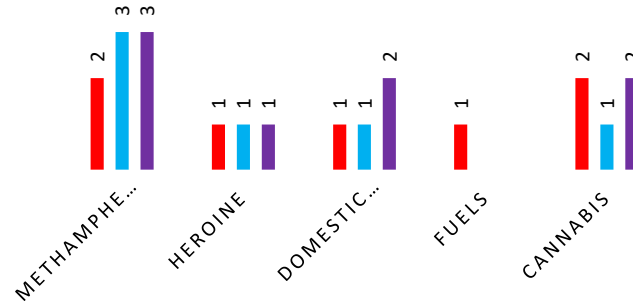


# CONTRABAND SMUGGLING



## Types of smuggling

■ Jan-25 ■ Feb-25 ■ Mar-25



## OBSERVATIONS

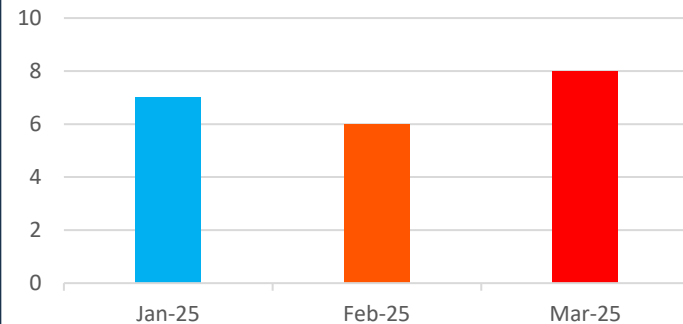
### STATISTICS

- 8 x incidents recorded during Mar 25
  - 4 x incidents reported off Sri Lanka
  - 4 x incidents recorded in Arabian Sea
- Out of 8 x incidents:
  - 2 x incidents involving cannabis
  - 1 x incident involving cigarettes/medicines
  - 1 x incident involving smuggled soap
  - 4 x incidents involving Methamphetamine, hashish & heroin recorded in Arabian Sea

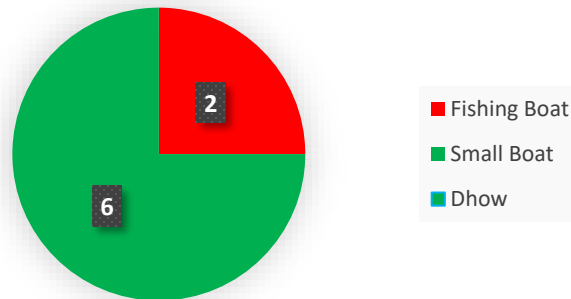
### COMMENTS

- Gradual increase observed
  - 25% increase than Feb 25(6)
  - 13% increase than Jan 25(7)
- The trend of smuggling household items other than cannabis and cigarettes observed in the Gulf of Mannar as the region is considered rich for such products
- High apprehension ratio is indicative of good enforcement measures exercise by local authorities
- Narco smuggling routes from Makran coast is still intact even at the onset of Monsoon season

## Number of incidents

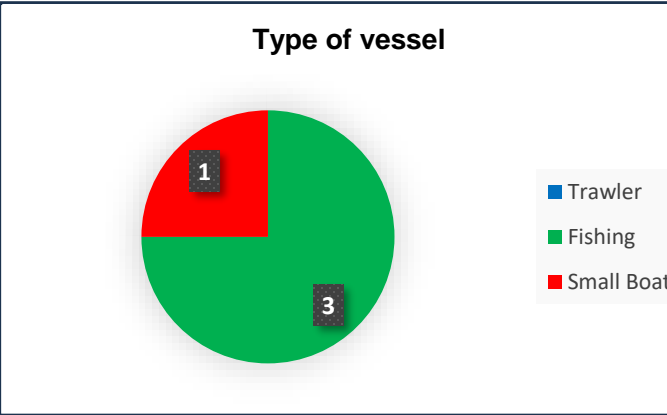
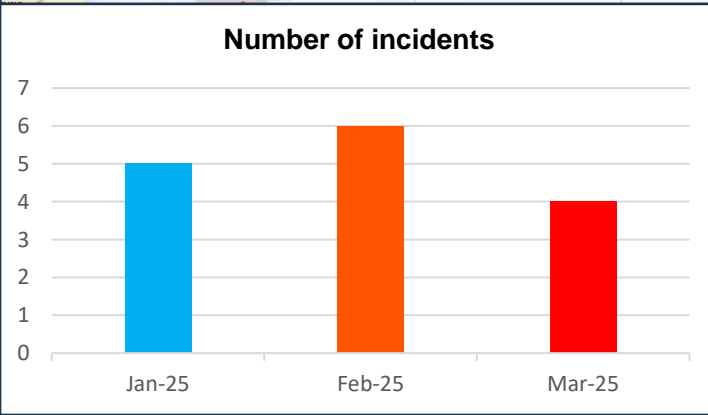
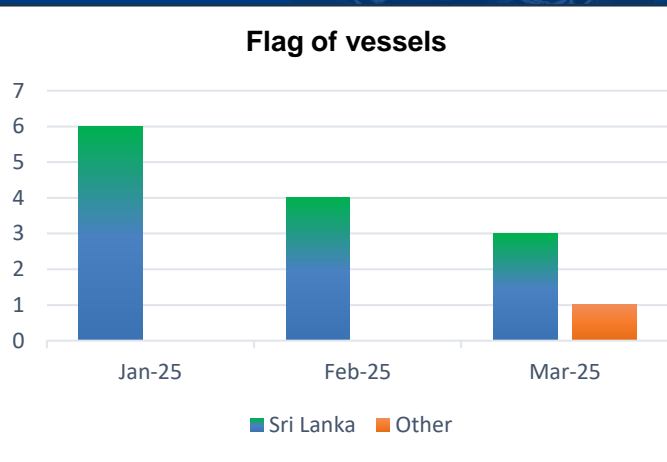


## Type of vessel





# IUU FISHING



## OBSERVATIONS

### STATISTICS

- 4 x incidents involving illegal fishing recorded off Sri Lanka



### COMMENTS

- Gradual decrease observed
  - 33% decrease than Feb 25(6)
  - 20% decrease than Jan 25(5)
- Hot spot of IUUF is observed in gulf of Mannar (Sri Lankan waters); main sea product reported was sea cucumber
- IUUF is not reported/ recorded in Arabian Sea






# ATTACK, PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
18 Mar 25	AL NAJMA	Yemen	Fishing Vessel	Durdura near Eyl, Somalia	A Yemeni-flagged fishing vessel was hijacked off Somalia on March 16, with 7 x pirates holding 8 x Somali crew members, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA is coordinating with international forces to respond, urging vulnerable vessels to register for enhanced security monitoring	
<a href="https://gcaptain.com/somali-pirates-hijack-yemeni-fishing-vessel-off-puntland-coast-latest-in-string-of-attacks/">Link</a>						
22 Mar 25	AL-HIDAYA	Yemen	Fishing Vessel	Dhinowda (Somalia)	Pirates abandoned the hijacked Yemeni fishing vessel Al-Hidaya near Dhinowda after seizing it during the last weekend marking the second such incident involving Yemeni boats. EUNAVFOR Atalanta warns of rising piracy threats in the region, urging vessels to register and take extra precautions.	
<a href="https://maritime-executive.com/article/pirates-abandon-yemeni-fishing-boat-after-four-days">Link</a>						



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29 Mar 25	FV Al-Kambar	Iran	Fishing Vessel	Socotra (Somalia)	The Indian Navy rescued 23 Pakistani nationals from the Iranian fishing vessel FV Al-KAMBAR, which had been hijacked by Somali pirates approximately 90 nautical miles southwest of Socotra. The operation involved the warships INS SUMEDHA and INS TRISHUL who successfully negotiated the pirates' surrender without casualties.	

Link

<https://www.siasat.com/indian-navy-rescues-23-pakistanis-from-somali-pirates-in-arabian-sea-3000884>





# SMUGGLING/ NARCOTICS

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
03 Mar 25	Howra	India	Fishing Boat	Analathivu Island	On 03 Mar 25, Sri Lankan Navy apprehended 2 suspects and seized over 197 kg of Kerala cannabis and a dinghy in waters north of Analathivu Island, Jaffna. The haul, valued over Rs. 78 million, was handed over to Karainagar Police for legal formalities	
<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/03/202503031400/">Link</a>						
06 Mar 25	Howra	Sri Lanka	Fishing Boat	Kalpitiya/ Sri Lanka	On 06 Mar 25, Sri Lankan Navy recovered 160,000 smuggled cigarettes and 22,100 prescription tablets from an abandoned dinghy at Ippanthivu beach (Sri Lanka). The items were handed over to the Police Narcotics Bureau for legal formalities	
<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/06/202503061600/">Link</a>						





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12 Mar 25	Howra	Sri Lanka	Fishing Boat	Kalpitiya	On 11 Mar 25, Sri Lankan Navy apprehended 2 suspects in the Ippanthivu area with 855 bars of smuggled soap and a dinghy. The suspects and apprehended items were handed over to Customs for further formalities	
28 Mar 25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Kalpitiya	On 28 Mar 25, Sri Lankan Navy recovered 124.392kg of Kerala cannabis near Sand Dunes, Talaimannar. Consignment was likely abandoned by smugglers due to surveillance (valued over Rs. 49 million) and handed over to police for legal formalities.	

**Link** <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/12/202503121000/>

**Link** <https://www.uniindia.com/sri-lanka-navy-seize-over-124-kg-smuggled-kerala-cannabis/world/news/3426051.html>



# SMUGGLING/ NARCOTICS



Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
08 Mar 25	<b>HMS LANCASTER</b>	United Kingdom	Frigate	Arabian Sea	The Royal Navy's HMS Lancaster seized 402 kilograms of illicit drugs, including 319kg of heroin and 83kg of methamphetamine, from a vessel in the Arabian Sea on March 8 . This successful operation was conducted in support of the New Zealand-led Combined Task Force 150, highlighting international cooperation in maritime security efforts	
19 Mar 25	<b>USCGC EMLEN TUNNELL (WPC-1145)</b>	USA	Sentinel-class Fast-response Cutter	Arabian Sea	The US Coast Guard seized 260 kilograms of illegal narcotics, including 200kg of methamphetamine and 60kg of heroin, from a vessel in the Arabian Sea on March 19. The operation was conducted by the USCGC Emlen Tunnell, working with the New Zealand-led Combined Task Force 150, highlighting international cooperation in combating maritime drug trafficking	

**Link** <https://www.forcesnews.com/services/navy/royal-navys-hms-lancaster-crew-seizes-402kg-illegal-narcotics-arabian-sea>

**Link** <https://www.cusnc.navy.mil/Media/News/Display/Article/4132283/cmfs-combined-task-force-150-and-us-coast-guard-integration-key-in-recent-drug>



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Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
29 Mar 25	PMSS KASHMIR	-	Fishing	Arabian Sea	The successful seizure was made possible through timely intelligence sharing and coordinated efforts between the Pakistan Navy, PMSA, JMICC and ANF, culminating in a successful JIBO. The confiscated narcotics have an estimated value of PKR 2.3 billion in the international market	
31 Mar 25	INS TARKASH	India	Frigate	Arabian Sea	INS Tarkash seized over 2,500 kilograms of illicit narcotics, including 2,386 kg of hashish and 121 kg of heroin, from a vessel in the Arabian Sea on March 31. This significant bust was made possible through a joint effort between the Indian Navy and the New Zealand-led Combined Task Force 150, highlighting the success of multinational partnerships in maritime security operations	



**Link** <https://arynews.tv/maritime-forces-seize-1000kg-of-narcotics-in-joint-operation/>

**Link** <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=2117629#>







# IUU FISHING

Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
03 Mar 25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Vinayasodi ,Jaffna	On 01 Mar 25, Navy apprehended 17 individuals for illegal sea cucumber harvesting off 'K' Point and Vinayasodi, Jaffna, seizing 4255 sea cucumbers, 4 dinghies and diving equipments.	
Link	<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/07/202503070715/">https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/07/202503070715/</a>					
12 Mar 25	Howras	Sri Lanka /India	Fishing Boats	Nandikadal Lagoon, Back Bay,	From 28 Feb to 09 Mar 25, Sri Lankan Navy apprehended 26 individuals for illegal fishing across multiple areas, seizing gear, vehicles and sea cucumbers during coordinated operations in Northern and Eastern Commands.	
Link	<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/12/202503121515/">https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/12/202503121515/</a>					





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Date	Ship Name (IMO No)	Flag	Type	Location	Brief Description	Picture
07 Mar 25	Howra	India	Fishing Boat	South of Mannar	On 06 Mar 25, Sri Lanka Navy seized 1 Indian fishing boat and apprehended 14 fishermen for illegal poaching in Sri Lankan waters near Mannar during a special naval operation.	
<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/07/202503070715/">Link</a>						
18 Mar 25	Howra	India	Fishing Boat	Jaffna	On 17 Mar 25, Sri Lanka Navy seized 1 Indian boat and apprehended 3 fishermen for illegal fishing off Delft Island, Jaffna, during a special operation by Northern Naval Command.	
<a href="https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/18/202503180900/">Link</a>						



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