



United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

FY14 Enforcement Overview

HMS Advisory Panel Meeting
September 2014

Enforcement Effort*

FYTD14

*Domestic Fisheries

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1,520
Small Boats	7,868
Cutters > 65'	40,872
Total Hours	50,260

- Atlantic Seaboard
- Gulf of Mexico
- Caribbean
- Great Lakes



Total HMS Boardings FY14 through mid-August

CG Boarding Activities	District 1 (NE)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (Southeast and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY 2012	117	61	137	40	355
FY 2013	71	77	79	11	238
FYTD 2014					
Commercial	26	52	9	17	
Passenger	0	3	2	0	
Pleasure	6	37	42	9	
FYTD Total	32	92	53	26	203



HMS Violation Summary- FY14 through July

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
D7	NOV 13	CGC GANNET	Claimed fishing for SWO w/o HMS federal fisheries permit
D8	NOV 13	CGC HERON	Possession of 12 thresher shark fins w/o carcasses and possession of 03 undersized short fin mako sharks.
D5	JAN 14	CGC STATEN ISLAND	Failure to maintain thresher and short fin mako sharks in their proper form, failure to possess a valid HMS permit
D8	MAR14	CGC RAZORBILL	Incorrect gangion length, circle hook discrepancies, and use of non-corrodible hooks.

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity FY14 through July

	District 1 (Northeast)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (Southeast and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)
Detections	0	0	0	112
Interceptions	0	0	0	92
Interdictions	0	0	0	30



Results of Lancha Economic Impact Analysis

- 12.2% Likelihood of Discovery
- Estimates 1,133 Incursions per year
- Impacts 778,000 lbs of Snapper
- Results in \$3.8-\$11.6 million in Illicit Gains

**Results most likely underestimate the true number of incursions and overall impact*

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity Where HMS catch was identified

- **97 deceased sharks have been recovered in MX fishing vessel gear FYTD**
- **Future USCG studies could include the impact on the shark fishery as well as the impact of the concentrated fishing effort on the biomass of the Gulf of Mexico as a whole.**

Ongoing Efforts

- **Continue to participate in the USCG Lancha Working Group**
- **Continue to work with Mexico, Dept of Justice, and Regional partners to deter lancha threat**
- **Continue to work with USC on patrol modeling implementation**
- **Share copies of Ocean Guardian (2014 revision)**

Questions?



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