

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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Overview

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Enforcement Effort*

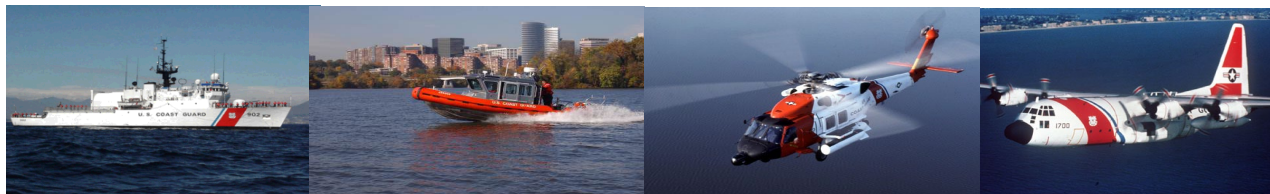
FYTD23 (through 24APR23)

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	642.7
Small Boats	2177.8
Cutters > 65'	22912.9
Total Hours	25733.4

***Domestic Fisheries**

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

Reflects approx. 18% less hrs compared to FY22 which ran 10% less than FY21.



Illegal migration has surged in FY23; drawing down CG fisheries patrol effort.

Total HMS Boardings

*FY23 through MAR 2023

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid-Atlantic)	7 (SE and Carib)	8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY21	251	67	40	19	377
FY22	192	186	5	30	413
FYTD23*					
Commercial	16	20	0	2	
Passenger	0	10	0	1	
Pleasure	1	53	1	3	
Total	17	83	1	6	107

**USCG Domestic Boardings where
Potential HMS Violations were Detected:
OCT 2022- MAR 2023**

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
5 (Mid-Atlantic)	OCT 22	CGC <i>Angela McShan</i>	Possession of 03 yellowfin tuna without permit. (REC)
5 (Mid-Atlantic)	OCT 22	CGC <i>Angela McShan</i>	Possession of 01 yellowfin tuna without permit. (REC)
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	OCT 22	STA Port O'Connor	Sharks not naturally attached to carcasses. (REC)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY21	152	133	79
FY22	176	128	86
FYTD23*	111	63	31

- Detections do not indicate an increasing threat.
- Interdiction rates continue to remain higher than CG's 20 year average (18%).

***Through MAR**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (OCT 2022 through MAR 2023)

Incursion Date	HMS Catch
OCT 2022	3 sharks
DEC 2022	90 lbs of sharks
DEC 2022	10 Blackfin sharks
FEB 2023	606 lbs of sharks

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

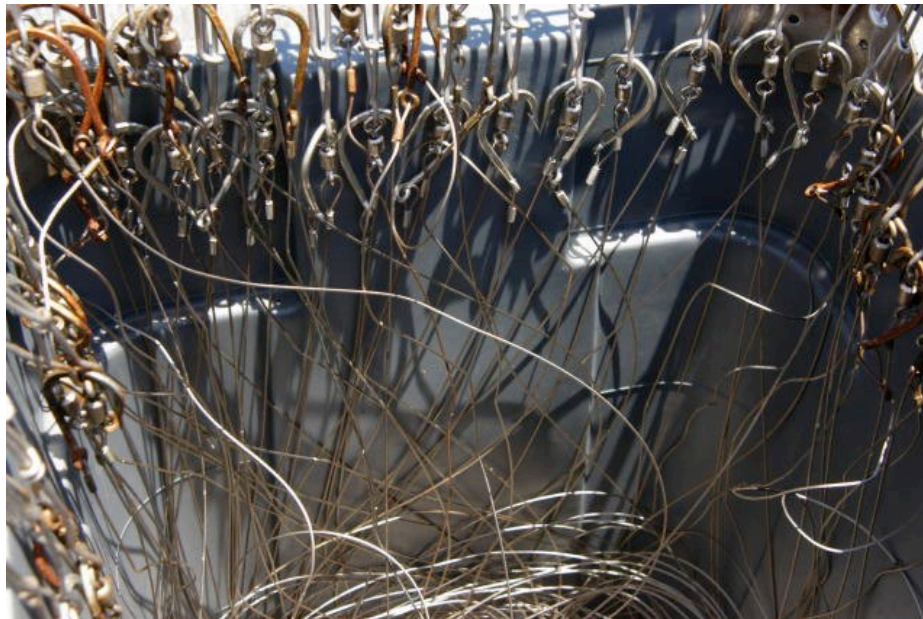
Sightings of Observations of Concern- HMS on High Seas
(OCT 2022 through MAR 2023)

Location	Date	Flag State	Fishing Activity
High Seas off Mid-Atlantic	APR 2023	Republic of China	Fishing in ICCAT Area with intermittent AIS; boarding not authorized by flag state. Sighting report only.

CG continues to analyze potential fishing vessel activity detected during a spring 2023 high seas patrol off S. America

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY24 as high precedence fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Continue to implement:**
 - SAFE Act Interagency WG's Prioritized Regions,
 - USCG Counter-IUU Fishing Implementation Plan,
 - USCG 5-Year Atlantic Area Fisheries Campaign Plan, and the
 - MX Fishing Vessel Port Denial.
- **Serve on ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote At-Sea inspections, act upon suspected IUU fishing sightings, foster electronic monitoring, and address labor conditions.**
- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity and partnerships with other nations.**



Questions?

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