

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Fisheries Enforcement

Overview



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Overview

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Enforcement Effort*

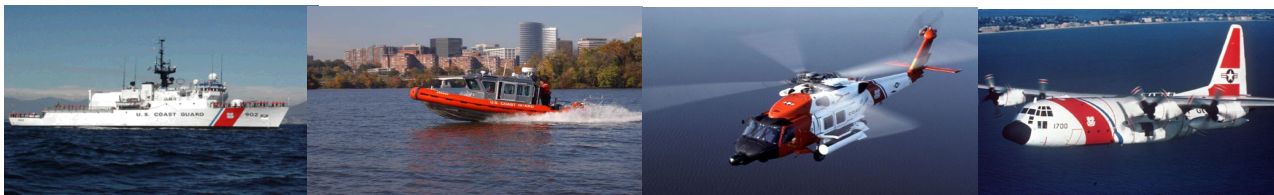
FYTD23 (through 25AUG23)

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1084
Small Boats	3994
Cutters > 65'	36,957
Total Hours	42,036

Reflects approx. 17% less hrs compared to FY22 which ran less than FY21.

***Domestic Fisheries**

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



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

Total HMS Boardings

*FY23 through 25AUG23

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	57	30	4	3	
Passenger	3	12	1	0	
Pleasure	5	71	7	1	
Total	65	113	12	4	194

- **No significant cases to report: APR-JUL 2023.**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY21	152	133	79
FY22	176	128	86
FYTD23*	209	122	46

- HMS catch since May has been approx. 750lbs of sharks.
- Detections do not indicate an increasing threat.
- Interdiction rates continue to remain higher than CG's 20 year average (18%).

*Through JUL

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

Sightings of Observations of Concern- HMS on High Seas (APR – JUL 2023) includes analysis of JAN sightings

Location	Date	Flag State	Fishing Activity
High Seas off South America	JAN 2023	Trinidad and Tobago	Longline activity indicative of fishing for tuna-like species on high seas with no current ICCAT permit; later compliant with ICCAT vessel registry.
High Seas off South America	JAN 2023	Trinidad and Tobago	Longline activity with yellowfish and albacore tuna catch without current ICCAT permit; later compliant with ICCAT vessel registry.

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Partner Nation Waters

Purpose:

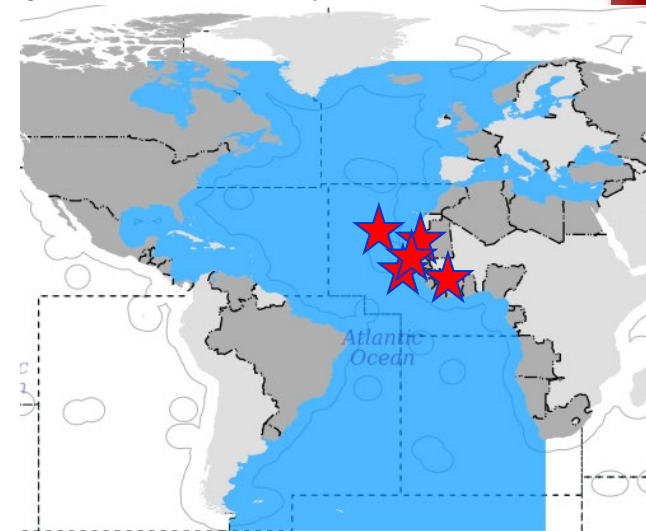
To combat illicit transnational activities including IUUF by conducting multinational Law Enforcement operations in the western Atlantic; identify potential IUU Fishing.

Partners:

- Shipriders: Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Senegal
- Observers: Côte d'Ivoire, Brazil
- Port visits: Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire



CGC Spencer crew pose with Ivorian Navy and Gendarmerie after conducting boarding procedure training; Feb 2023. Credit: Petty Officer M McGee



<https://www.fao.org/figis/geoserver/factsheets/rfbs.html>

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Sightings of Observations of Concern- Partner Nation Waters



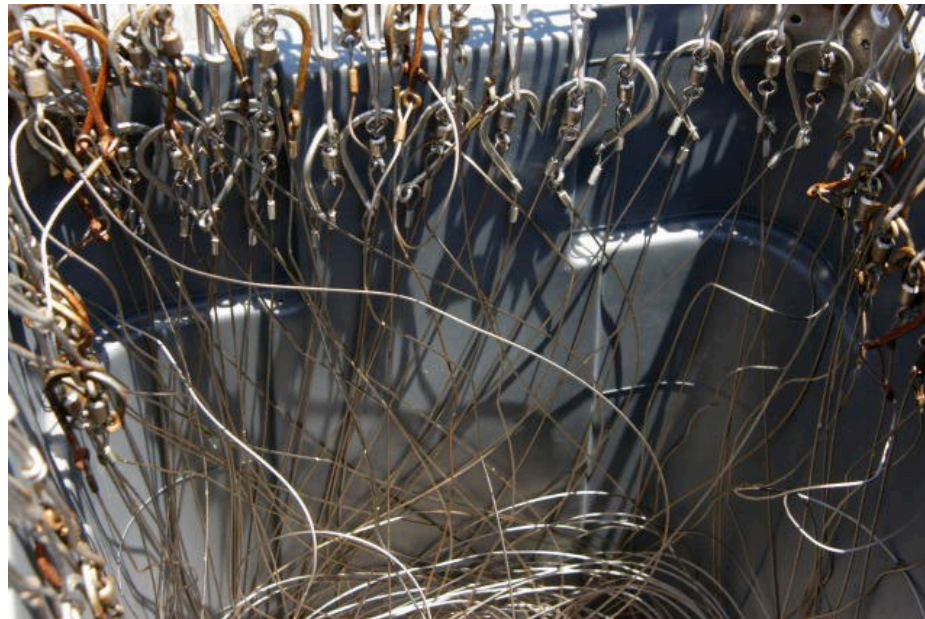
16Jan2023: USCG assigned to USCGC explain boarding procedures to Foreign Partners: Senegalese Navy, Cabo Verde Judicial Police and Fisheries Enforcement Inspector. Operation included joint training, exercises, and maritime security alongside African partners in support of US interests abroad, regional partnerships, and international maritime governance. Photo: USCG PO M McGee)



14Jan2023: USCG assigned to USCGC Spencer assists The Gambia in a Gambian-led boarding of a fishing vessel. Credit: USCG PO M McGee

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

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



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Continue to implement:**
 - Maritime SAFE Act Interagency Working Group's Prioritized Regions & Sub Working Group efforts,
 - 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, participate in a high seas boarding inspection seminar, act upon suspected IUU fishing sightings, foster electronic monitoring, and progress labor condition policy.**

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity and partnerships with other nations through:**
 - **Interagency Road Shows,**
 - **Mobile Training Branch visits, and**
 - **Joint patrols involving U.S. Coast Guard assets.**



Questions?

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