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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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Overview

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Enforcement Effort*

FYTD21 (through APR 2021)

Reflects approx. 40% less hrs compared to FY20.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	982.6
Small Boats	3243.5
Cutters > 65'	33721.7
Total Hours	33721.7

*Domestic Fisheries

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



Total HMS Boardings

*FY21 through APR 2021

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid-Atlantic)	7 (SE and Carib)	8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY19	129	178	29	22	358
FY20	223	186	81	35	525
FYTD21*					
Commercial	17	11	7	5	
Passenger	1	5	5	0	
Pleasure	20	11	22	2	
Total	38	27	34	7	106

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: AUG 2020- APR 2021

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
1 (NE)	AUG 20	STA Merrimack River	Lack of HMS permit, Possession of shark without permit; possession of undersized Porbeagle shark. (REC)
1 (NE)	SEP 20	STA Merrimack River	Fishing without HMS permit (targeting Bluefin Tuna). (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	NOV 20	CGC HAROLD MILLER	Lack of turtle handling gear. (COM)
1 (NE)	NOV 20	CGC COHO	Filleting tuna at sea. (COM)

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: AUG 2020- APR 2021

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
7 (SE)	MAR 21	CGC CHARLES SEXTON	Fishing for and retaining swordfish in Bahamas. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	FEB 21	CGC SAWFISH	Possession of 101 shark fins not naturally attached. (COM)
8 (GOMEX)	FEB 21	STA Venice	Fishing for sharks without permit. 95 blacktips. (COM).
7 (SE)	APR 21	STA Marathon	Failure to have HMS Permit, possession of illegal carcass condition, unauthorized hooks. (REC)

**USCG Domestic Boardings where
Potential HMS Violations were Detected:
AUG 2020- APR 2021**

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
7 (SE)	APR 21	CGC POMPANO	Possession of 02 Atlantic sharp nose sharks without permit; use of prohibited J-Hooks. (COM)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY19- 21

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY19	177	144	74
FY20	328	230	137
FYTD21*	105	90	54

FY20: Interdiction numbers and rates were at an all-time high.

***Through APR**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (FY21 through APR)

Incursion Date	HMS Catch
OCT 2020	200 lbs of sharks
DEC 2020	1 shark
JAN 2021	220 lbs of sharks
JAN 2021	1 shark
FEB 2021	220 lbs of sharks
FEB 2021	1 shark
FEB 2021	20 sharks
MAR 2021	5 sharks

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (FY21 through APR)

Incursion Date	HMS Catch
MAR 2021	2 sharks
MAR 2021	9 sharks
APR 2021	1 shark

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Sightings of Potential IUU Fishing on High Seas (AUG 2020-APR 2021)

Location	Vessel	Concern	Action
High Seas off Mid-Atlantic	F/V FULL ALWAYS	Species/Quantity-Quota allocation, exceedance of bycatch allowance	Request to flag state for USCG to board; Request for Trinidad & Tobago to Inspect landing

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY22 as high precedence fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Published a USCG Counter-IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook; developing the Implementation Plan.**
- **Drafting a 5-Year Atlantic Area Fisheries Campaign Plan.**
- **Continue to work through the SAFE Act Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing.**
- **Continue to work as part of the ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote At-Sea inspections, relay suspected IUU fishing sightings, and address transshipment.**
- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity and partnerships with other nations.**



Questions?

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