

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Fisheries Enforcement

Overview



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Overview

- **Domestic Patrol Effort, Boardings, & Results**
- **Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity & Results (U.S. EEZ)**
- **Strategic & Operational Emphasis**
 - **Domestic**
 - **International**

Enforcement Effort*

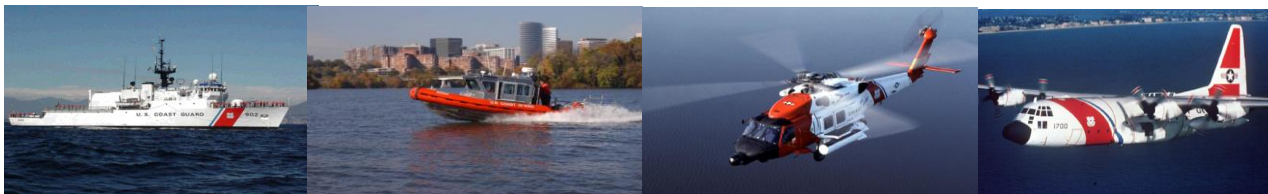
FYTD24 (through 26AUG24)

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	850
Small Boats	2,610
Cutters > 65'	21,691
Total Hours	33,149

***Domestic Fisheries**

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

Reflects approx. 85% of FY23 burn rate. Declining total hours each year since FY21.



Other mission demands and an enlistment shortage continues to draw down CG fisheries patrol effort.

Total HMS Boardings

*FY24 through 26AUG24

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid-Atlantic)	7 (S Atlantic, GoMEX, Carib)	8 (GoMEX)	All Units
FY22	192	186	5	30	413
FY23	57	95	21	8	181
FYTD24*					
Commercial	39	25	3	4	71
Passenger	2	4	0	1	7
Pleasure	9	35	11	8	63
Total	50	64	14	13	141

Reflects 20% less boardings than FY23. Declining HMS boardings each year since at least FY20 (525).

**USCG Domestic Boardings where
Potential HMS Violations were Detected:
FY24: MAY-JUL24**

No significant violations detected.

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY22	176	128	86
FY23	232	145	51
FYTD24*	236	175	51

- **FYTD HMS catch has been approx. 820lbs of sharks.**
- **Patrol hour reductions and workforce shortages impacts detection and interdiction effort.**
- **Interdiction rates continue to remain higher than CG's 20-year average (18%).**

***Through JUL**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity-

HMS fishing on High Seas (Atlantic Ocean)

(FY24 through JUL)

Patrol:

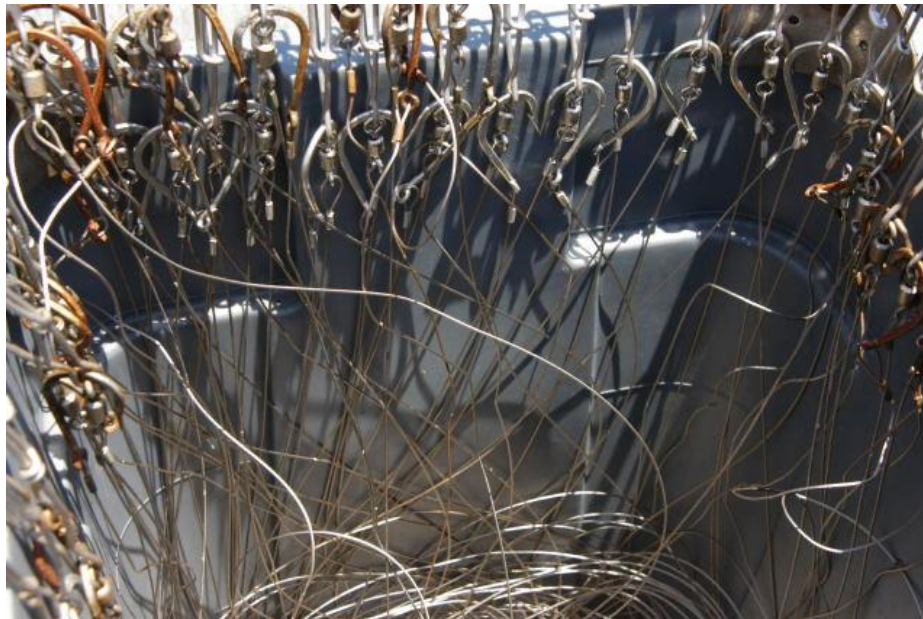
- South America off Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina.

Sightings:

Location	Date	Flag State	Fishing Activity
High Seas off Brazil	APR 2024	Brazil	Tropical tuna onboard.

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY25 as high significance fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Implement:**
 - **Maritime SAFE Act Interagency Working Group's Prioritized Regions & Sub Working Group efforts,**
 - **Negative certification Fishing Vessel Port Denials (Mexico).**
- **Organize high seas & partner nation patrols.**
- **Serve on ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote at-sea inspections, act upon suspected IUU fishing sightings, foster national observer safety, & progress transshipment policy.**

Automatic Identification System (AIS) on Fishing Gear

FAQ #18 is still the most current info re: CG's posture of what's legal/not when it comes to use of AIS on fishing gear/buoys/beacons:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/ais-frequently-asked-questions#18>

- AIS devices must be FCC certified and licensed.

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