

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FYTD20 Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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Overview

- **Domestic Boarding Efforts and Results**
- **Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity and Interdiction Results**
- **Strategic & Operational Emphasis**
 - **Domestic**
 - **International**

Enforcement Effort*

FYTD20 (through APR)

Reflects approx. 8% less hrs compared to FY19 through APR.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	825.7
Small Boats	3134.3
Cutters > 65'	33643.4
Total Hours	37603.4

*Domestic Fisheries

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



Total HMS Boardings FYTD20 through APR

CG Boarding Activities	District 1 (NE)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (SE and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY18	157	143	18	40	358
FY19	129	178	29	22	358
FYTD20					
Commercial	28	26	14	7	75
Passenger	0	4	5	3	12
Pleasure	8	59	40	11	118
FYTD20 Total	36	89	59	21	205

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: AUG 2019- APR 2020

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	AUG 2019	CGC SEA HORSE	Possession of 01 undersized blacktip shark without HMS angling permit; carcass condition. (Rec)
1 (Northeast)	SEPT 2019	CGC SANIBEL	(Comm) Fishing for Bluefin Tuna without a federal fisheries permit. (Comm)
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	SEPT 2019	STA Freeport	Possession of 01 undersized blacktip shark; failure to have HMS angling permit onboard. (Rec)

**USCG Domestic Boardings where
Potential HMS Violations were Detected:
AUG 2019- APR 2020**

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	NOV 2019	CGC BENJAMIN DAILEY	Failure to have turtle mitigation gear on board. (Comm)
7 (SE and Carib)	JAN 2020	STA Marathon	Possession of filleted blackfin tuna. (Rec)
7 (SE and Carib)	FEB 2020	CGC DONALD HORSLEY	Fishing for Bluefin Tuna without a federal fisheries permit. (Comm)

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: AUG 2019- APR 2020

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	FEB 2020	CGC SKIPJACK	Possession of 04 shark fins hidden. (Comm)
5 (Mid-Atlantic)	FEB 2020	STA Oregon Inlet	Possession of an oversized Atlantic Bluefin Tuna. (Comm)
8 (Gulf of Mexico)	FEB 2020	CGC BELUGA	Possession of 01 blacktip shark with fins removed, possession of 01 undersized blacktip shark (Comm)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY18- FYTD20*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY18	179	139	60
FY19	177	144	74
FYTD20**	133	99	52

Interdiction numbers and rates are tracking for an all-time high.

****Through MAR**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2019- MAR 2020)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
AUG 2019	Longline	15 Atlantic Sharpnose Sharks
SEP 2019	Longline (6000 yds)	10 sharks- 08 dead, 02 live
NOV 2019	Longline (500 plus hooks)	27 Atlantic Sharpnose Sharks, 2 Scalloped Hammerhead sharks
NOV 2019	Gillnet (200 yds)	5 blacktip sharks (dead)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2019- MAR 2020)

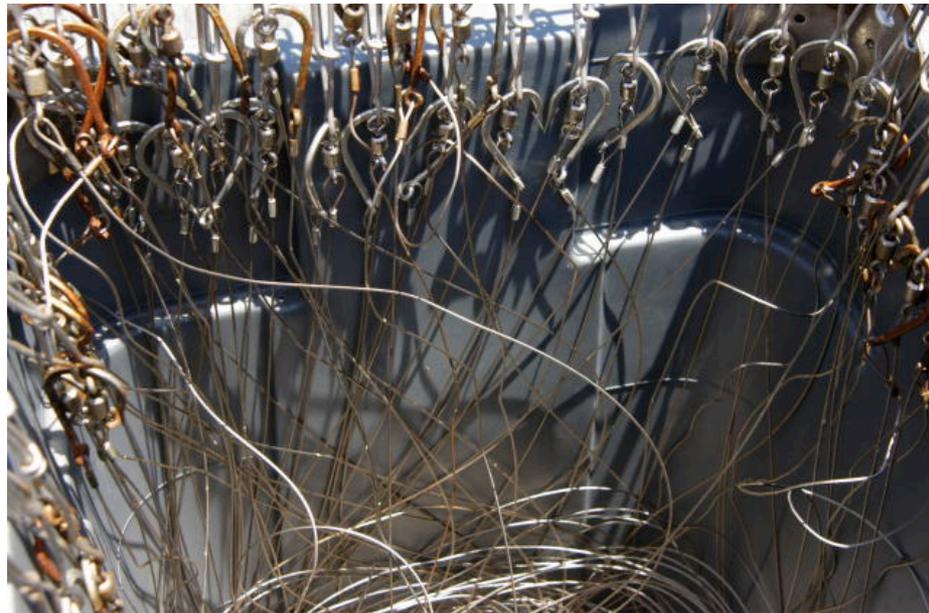
Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
JAN 2020	Longline (2000 yds)	24 sharks (dead)
JAN 2020	Longline (4000 yds)	04 sharks (dead)
FEB 2020	Longline	Hammerhead shark (dead), Atlantic black tip shark (dead)
FEB 2020	Longline (1000 yds)	02 sharks (dead)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (AUG 2019- MAR 2020)

Incursion Date	Gear Type & Length	Number & Type of HMS Species
FEB 2020	Longline (2000 yds)	02 Sharks (dead)
FEB 2020	Longline	09 Sharks

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY20 as high precedence fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Drafting an IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook.**
- **Continue to work as part of the ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote At-Sea Inspector Exchanges, cooperative intel exchanges, transshipment restrictions, and action regarding potential illegal fishing activity sighted by CG assets.**
- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity in Africa. FY20 partnership has been impacted by COVID.**

Questions?



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