



# Heartland District Enforcement Update

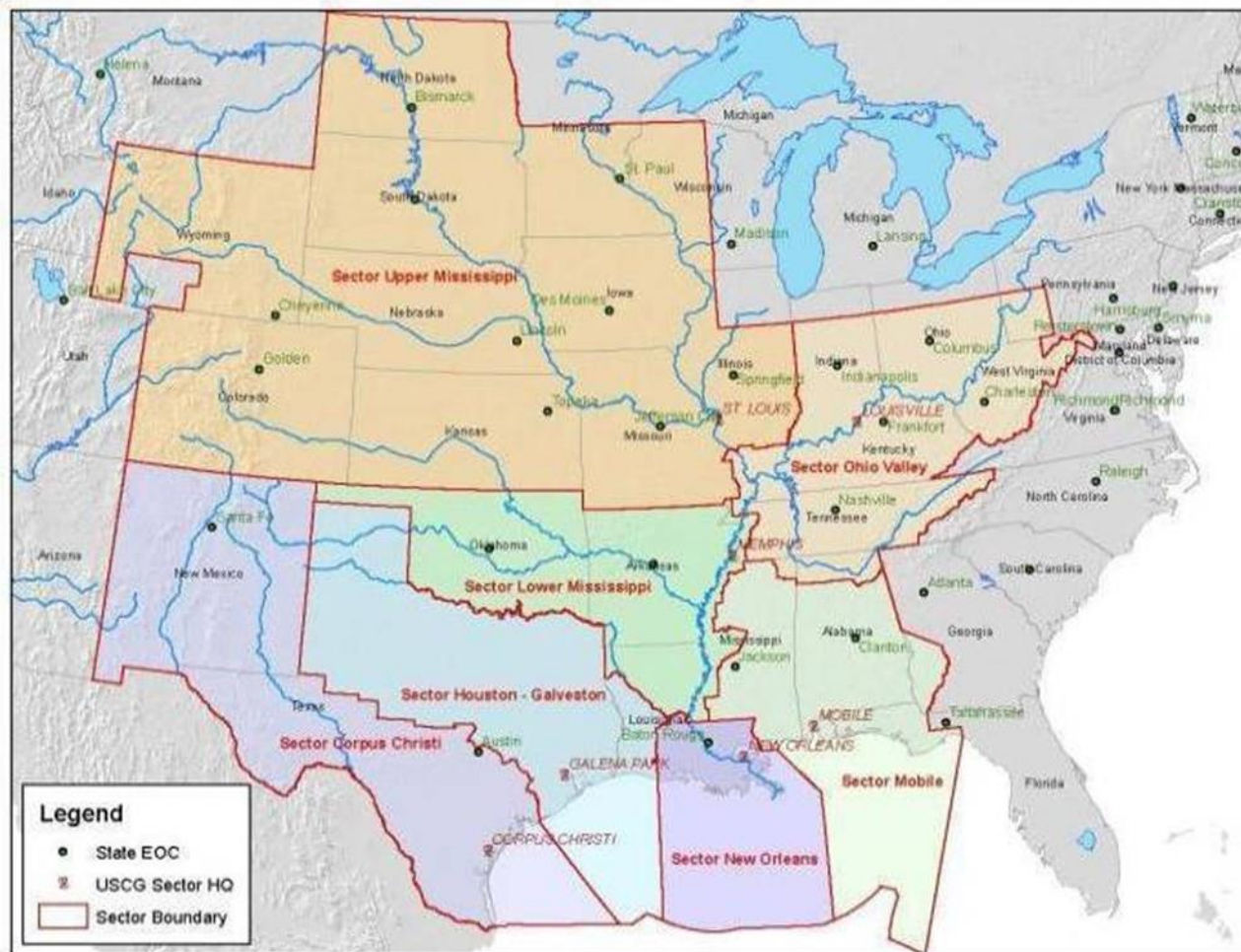
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# Coast Guard Heartland District





# Exclusive Economic Zone Enforcement



Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
Interdictions	87	53	57	45
Red Snapper (lbs)	12,524	5,895	12,376	15,409

- Comments:
  - The Heartland District continues to make the Lancha mission a priority
  - Lancha incursion detections have greatly reduced since the spring and early summer
- Mission Highlights:
  - The District has referred 5 cases to the Assistant United State’s Attorney’s office for prosecution under the Lacey act.
  - 13 June 2025, USCG Station South Padre Island and CGC DANIEL TARR interdicted two lanchas carrying 4 persons each and a total of 1134 lbs of red snapper. All 8 persons were referred for prosecution under the Lacey act.
  - Of the 21 individuals referred for prosecution, 11 have plead guilty.





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# Domestic Fisheries Enforcement



Fiscal Year	2024	2025
Boardings	621	405
Significant Violations	9	5

- FY25 overview:
  - With a heavy emphasis on the lancha mission our smaller patrol boats and stations have taken a larger share of the domestic fisheries mission.
- Most common violations:
  - Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs)
  - By-Catch Reduction Devices (BRDs)
  - Red snapper bag limit violations



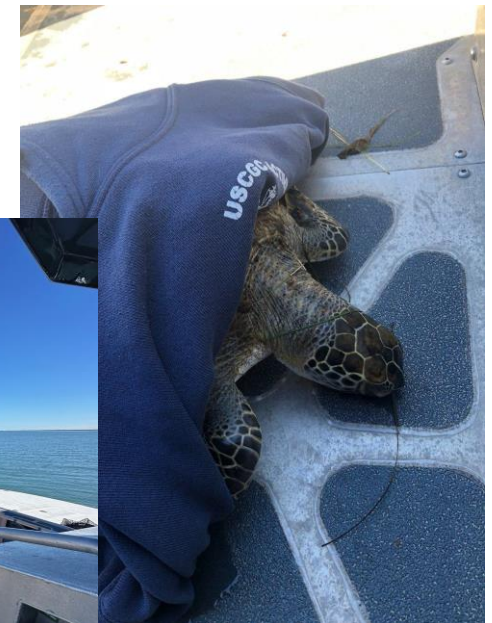


# Marine Protected Resources



Fiscal Year	2024	2025
Requests for Assistance	4	1
Interactions	4	1

- Although we have not received many Marine Protected Resource Assistance requests this year, the Coast Guard remains committed to participating in this mission.





# Questions?

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