Convictions and major offences in the fishing sector

List of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing vessels apprehended and/or prosecuted in 2024

Vessel name	Flag state	Outcome
Vessels apprehended in 2024		
RANASURA -IMUL-A-1697 MTR	Sri Lanka	Court acquitted the accused due to insufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case. Final order delivered on 30/01/2025.
NATHALIA – [IMUL-A-1895 MTR]	Sri Lanka	Court order on motion to dispose of the catch if unfit for human consumption. Next hearing scheduled for 15/04/2025.
SAMPATH -16- [IMUL -A-0835 KTL]	Sri Lanka	Convict fined SCR 400,000 or forfeiture of the vessel and equipment. Sentence delivered on 24/07/2024.
SUNSHINE- [IMUL-A-1549 MTR]	Sri Lanka	Forfeiture of the vessel and fishing gears to the Republic. Final order to be delivered on 20/03/2025.
MARLU 6	Seychelles	Ongoing investigation.
SAMPATH – 06- [IMUL-A-0857 KLT]	Sri Lanka	Convict fined SCR 500,000 or 18-months imprisonment. Forfeiture of vessel and its gear to the Republic. Proceeds from sale of fish also forfeited. Sentence delivered on 27/02/2025.

List of fisheries offences recorded by SFA from 2020 to 2023.

Number of infractions recorded during inspections:

Type of offences	No. Offences
Market Inspection (District)	1
Artisanal Landings (District)	0
Semi-Industrial	2
Land Patrol	17
Coastal Patrol	12
Sport Fishing	0