



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Puerto Rico DNER Rangers Corp Enforcement Report

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Cases described in detail (previous and current periods)

Law 21 "Law to Punish Anyone Who Throws Waste in Public or Private Places" (12 previous period & 18 cases current period).

- Debris was deposited in the coastal area. All for Tickets of Administrative Offenses.

Law 147 "Law for the Protection, Conservation and Management of Coral Reefs in Puerto Rico" (no cases reported).

- Coral breakage.

Law 278 "Puerto Rico Fisheries Law" (3 & 5 cases).

- It is prohibited to throw or deposit or cause or order to be thrown or deposited in any lake, lagoon, spring, river, ravine, channel or any water current in Puerto Rico, oils, acids, poisons or any substance that kills or destroys fish, crustaceans or mollusks.

Law 430 "Puerto Rico Water Navigation and Safety Act" (383 & 323 cases).

- Carrying out activities in the maritime zone without the proper permits.
- Tying a boat to a mangrove.
- Minor without a lifeguard.
- Towing without observing.
- Excessive passenger boat.
- Diving with an unidentifiable flag.
- The boat operates without safety equipment.
- Boating without the required license.
- Negligence in navigation.
- Boating without a navigational direction.
- No, renew annual rights.
- Without safety equipment.

Regulation 4860 "Regulation for the conservation of territorial waters and the maritime-terrestrial zone (MTZ) " (39 & 38 cases).

- Activity without MTZ permission.
- New use without MTZ permission.
- Illegal construction in MTZ.
- Illegal sand extraction in MTZ.

Regulation 6979 "Regulations for Registration, Navigation and Aquatic Safety in Puerto Rico" (163 & 144 cases).

- Operating a watercraft after sunset.
- Sailing without a registration certificate.
- Sailing without a license plate attached to the boat.
- Drinking alcohol while sailing the boat.
- Jet skiing after sunset.
- Anchoring in a natural reserve.

Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries" (3 & 26 cases).

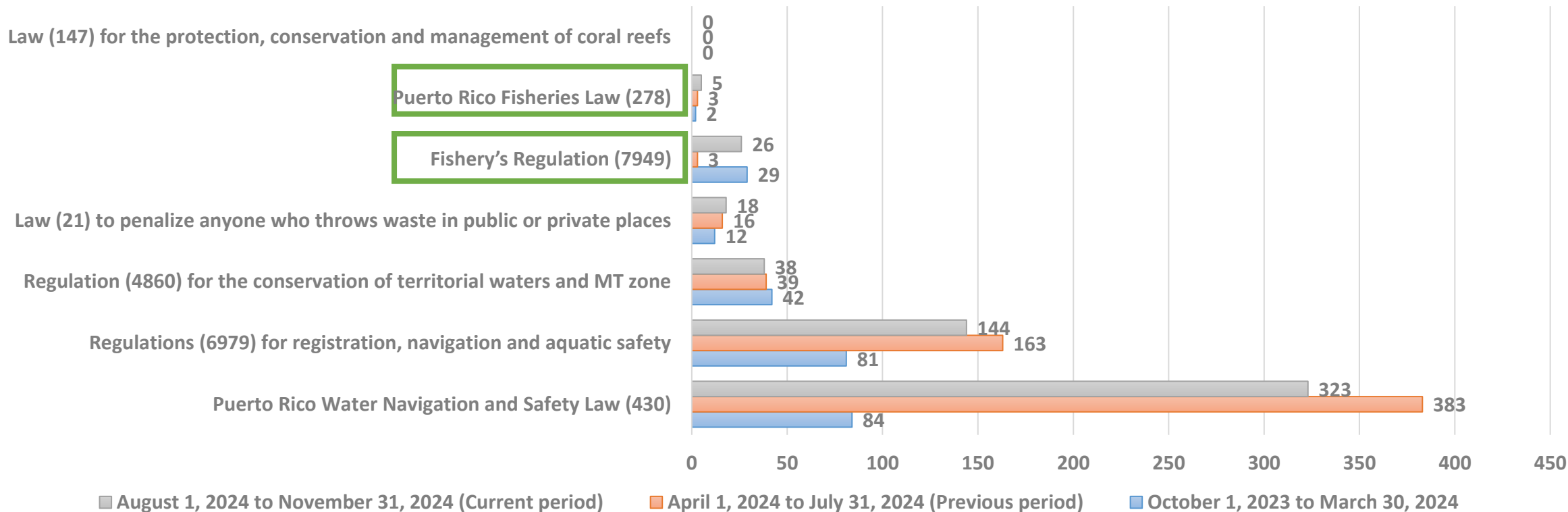
- Use harpoon and SCUBA tank without commercial license.
- Illegal possession of species in closure date.
- Lobster does not measure as required by law.
- Possession of Queen Conch not complying with the size limit.
- Fishing in an area not allowed.
- Excess Queen Conch possession on Recreational and Commercial fisher.



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Cases submitted by DNER's Ranger Corp



The DNER Ranger Corps continues to provide security, protection, and surveillance of the Natural Resources of Puerto Rico in the coastal zone and in the open sea. Maritime and land preventive patrols are carried out in areas of clandestine dumps, sand extraction and damaged coastal mangroves in coastal areas of the Island. We guide the public and inspect recreational and commercial vessels that land on our shores. Recreational fishing tournaments that comply with nautical safety regulations are visited, assistance and cooperation is also provided to other state and federal agencies with the arrest of illegals on the coast.



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- Several investigations have been carried out into reports of several turtles being found dead at different locations on the island. Some of the turtles were struck by boats by careless boaters. No one responsible has been found.
- An intervention (ARE-IM-042-24) was carried out on Art. 8.30 for the fishing and possession of eight Mackerels (*Scomberomorus sp.*) out of measure. The case is pending to be submitted to the Legal Division of the DNER.

Scientific name	Common name	Minimum length	
		LH (Inches)	LH (cm)
<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>	Sierra carite, King Mackerel	20	50.8
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	Sierra alazana, Cero Mackerel	16	40.6

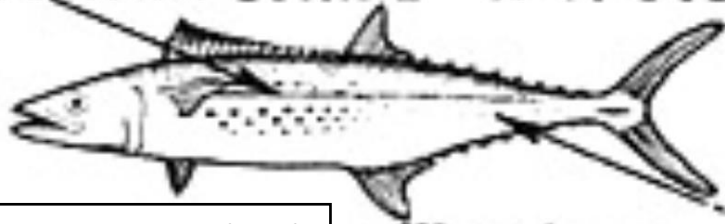




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LONG THIN STRIPE & SPOTS



Alazana, Cero Mackerel,
Scomberomorus regalis

**Gill Rakers
11-14**

SPOTS ONLY

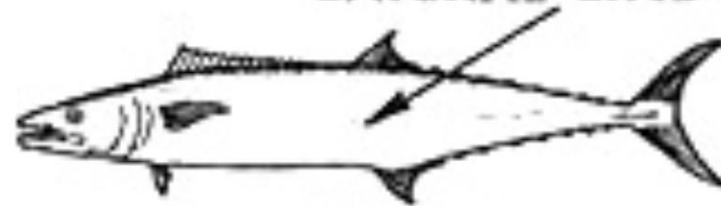


**LATERAL
LINE
REGULAR**

Sierra común o Española, Spanish
Mackerel, *Scomberomorus maculatus*

**Gill Rakers
11-16**

LATERAL LINE DIPS



Carite, King Mackerel,
Scomberomorus cavalla

**Gill Rakers 6-10
(May Disappear at 40 Lbs)**



- Another sea turtle injured by boat engine propellers.
- Pictures of inspection and verification of fishing licenses.





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