



Puerto Rico DNER Rangers Corp, Enforcement Report December 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

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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" (23 cases).

- 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" (5 cases).

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

Law 430 "Puerto Rico Water Navigation and Safety Act" (194 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 passengers on a 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.

Investigations were conducted into sightings of injured and entangled sea turtles and manatees at various points on the island due to negligent navigation.

Regulation 4860 "Regulation for the conservation of territorial waters and the maritime-terrestrial zone (MTZ) " (24 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" (64cases).

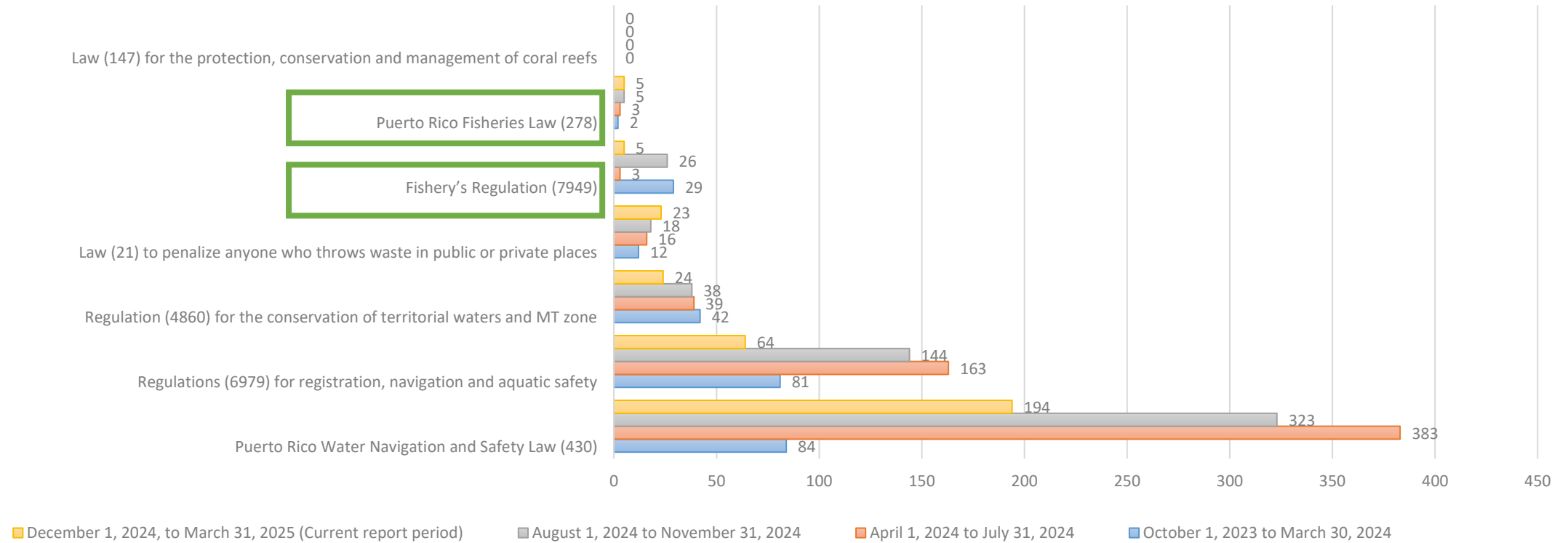
- Operating a watercraft after sunset.
- Sailing without a registration certificate.
- Sailing without a license plate attached to the boat.
- Drinking alcohol while sailing the boat.
- Jet skiing after sunset.
- Anchoring in a natural reserve.

Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries" (5 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.



Cases submitted by DNER's Ranger Corp (report periods from October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025)



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.

These fishermen, off Puerto Real, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, were caught by the Aguadilla Maritime Unit fishing a large quantity of queen conch without a valid DNER commercial fishing license.





Ceiba Maritime Unit Routine interventions,
including some in collaboration with the U.S.
Coast Guard

In the Exclusive Economic
Zone (ie. Bajo de Sico)

In the coast of Ceiba, nothing illegal was found

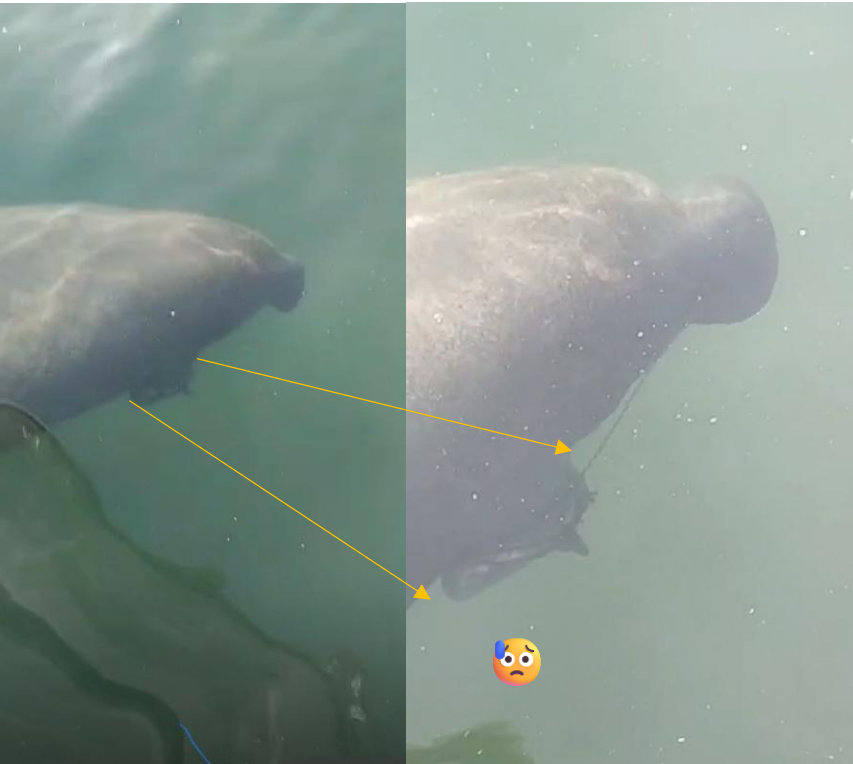
At night



Recently, DNER invested \$488,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to strengthen its surveillance capabilities. This funding supported the acquisition of a 36-foot Contender vessel, equipped with three 300-horsepower engines, for offshore patrol operations. Additionally, three aluminum boats were added to support monitoring of inland water fishing activities.



The Marine Unit in Ceiba also responded to a threat to the manatee known as “Tuque”. He became entangled in a rope and, once freed, faced an even greater threat: he became “emotionally trapped in Valentine's Day activities”.





Questions?

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