



Eighth Coast Guard District

LMR Enforcement Update

January 2017

THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION OF THIS BRIEFING IS:

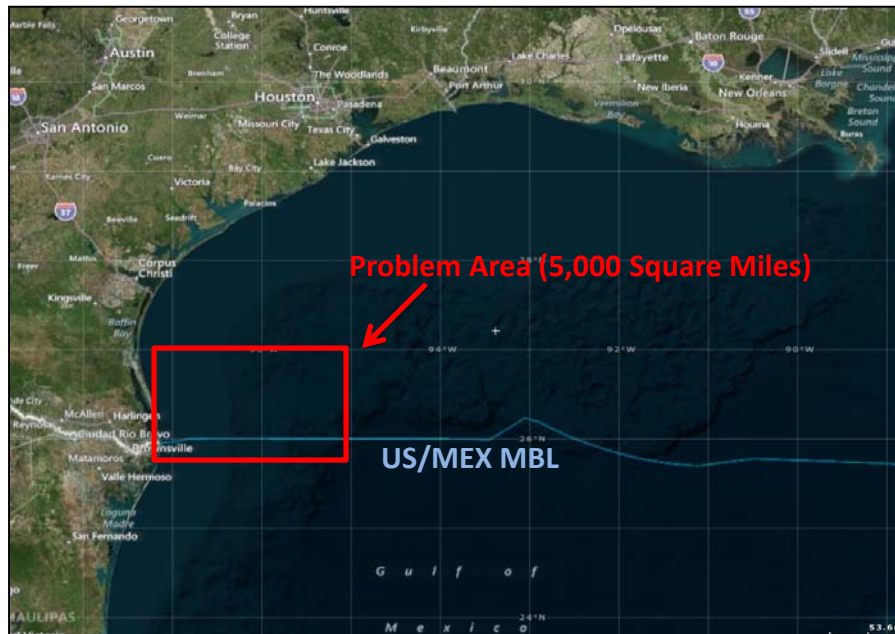
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(U) The Lancha Threat

• (U) Problem Set

- (U) Lanchas are known to operate north of the Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) on a regular basis
- (U) There is no **legitimate** reason for a lancha to operate north of the MBL



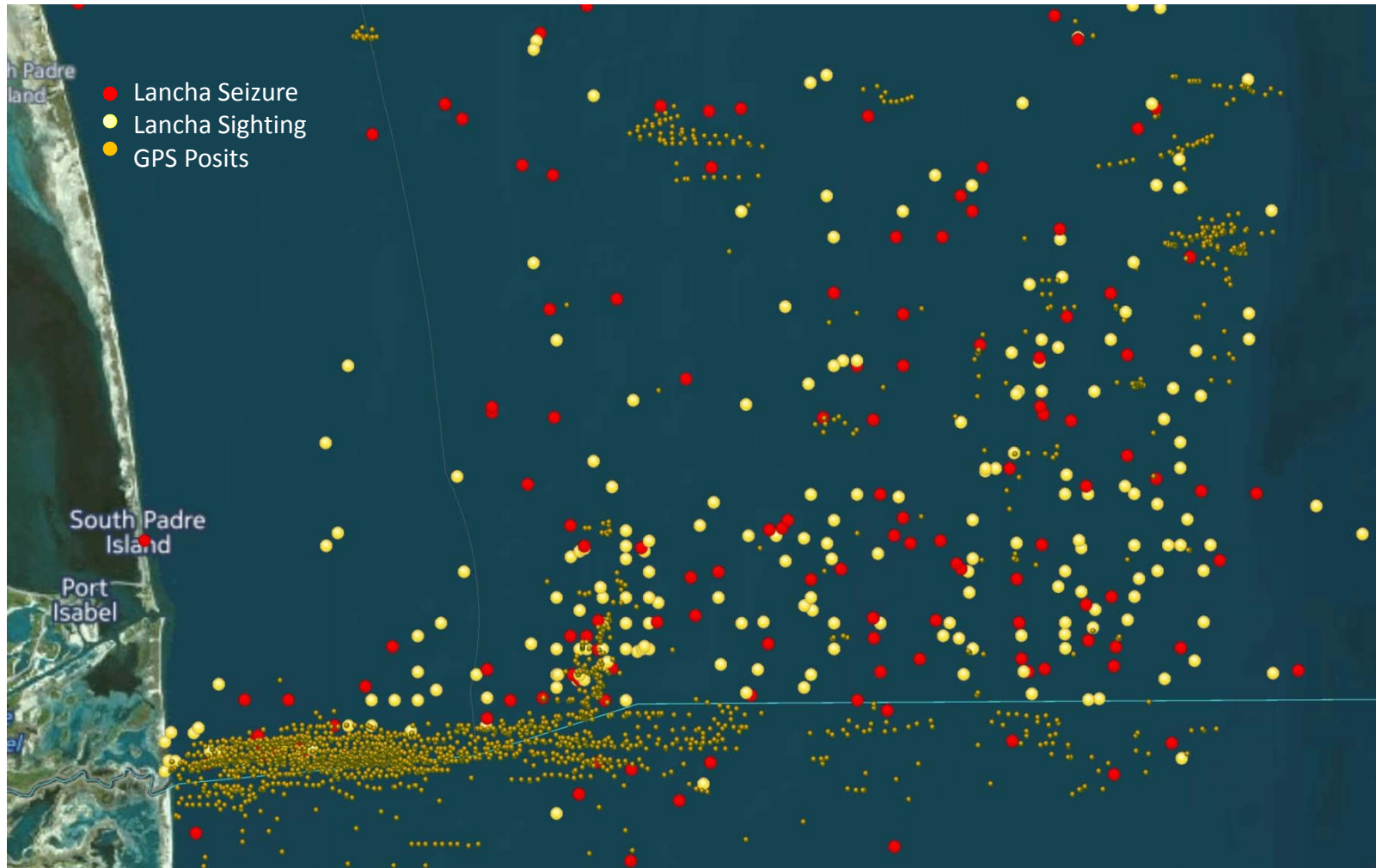
(U) Lancha sighted by USCG aircraft north of the MBL.
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(U) Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX) and Lancha Detections/Seizures





(U) Lancha Incursions

• (U) US Fishery Impact Estimate

- (U) Estimated **1,130 lancha incursions/year**
- (U) Optimal catch for one lancha is **800 – 1,200 lbs/day**
- (U) Larger lanchas are known to catch upwards of 3,000 lbs/day
- (U) **780,000 lbs** of red snapper poached from US waters by lanchas
- (U) 30-31 MAR **16**: 7 lanchas sighted, 5 seized containing 2,589 red snapper; new 24-hour record
- (U) Economic impact to the US red snapper industry is estimated to be **\$3.9 - \$11.7 million USD/year**

** Note: Items in red were derived from a forecast model developed by two independent, academic studies. Due to several factors, it is likely the model is underestimating the actual magnitude of illegal MEX lancha operations.*



(U) The images above depict catch and gear seized from three separate lancha interdictions.

(U) Source: USCG



(U)Domestic Violations

F/V FOOTPRINT:

- 48 Red Snapper discovered in the fish hold (many under legal size limit).
- No federal fishing permit nor IFQ for red snapper (recreational season also currently closed).
- Three BRD violations identified: openings were < 5" requirement.
- Two TED violations identified: > 4" gap on grid structure & > 24" flap extended below grid.

RECREATIONAL CABIN CRUISER

- 171 Red Snapper discovered onboard. Owner/operator stated they caught the Red Snapper 25 NM offshore. Recreational season in Federal Waters is closed.



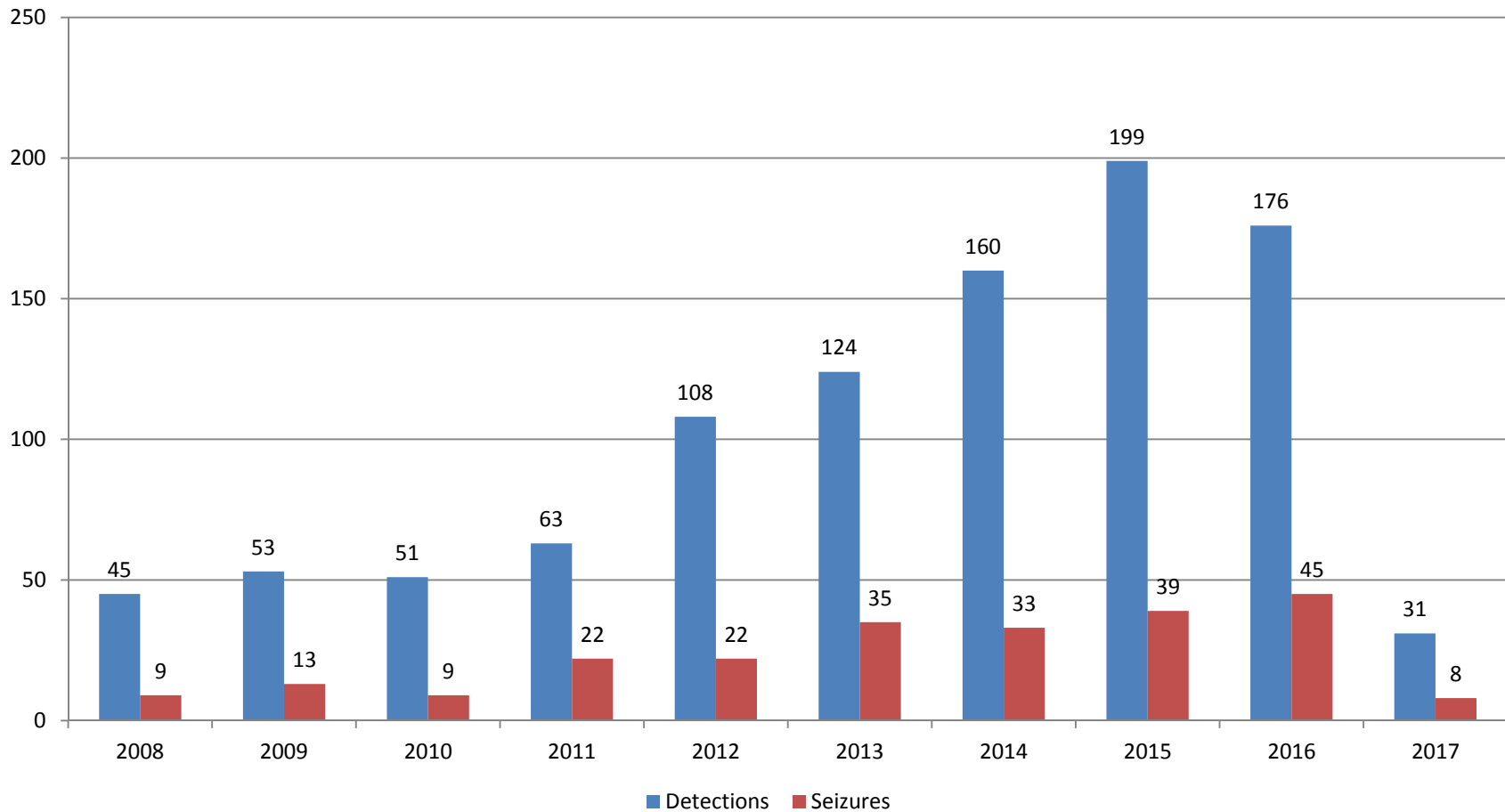




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Lancha Detections/Seizures (FY08-FY17)

Through 31 December 2016



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