Eighth Coast Guard District

Mexican Lancha Threat Overview

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The Mexican (MEX) Lancha Threat

- Lanchas are known to operate north of the Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) on a regular basis.
- Activity consists primarily or illegal fishing and drug smuggling in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

Problem Area (5,000 Square Miles)
MEX Lancha Characteristics

- 20-30 ft long with single 75-200 horsepower outboard engine
- Fiberglass and wooden hulls
- Crew of 2-4
- Longline and gillnet gear
EEZ Incursions

• Typically target red snapper and shark
• Gear typically deployed and left unattended for 5-6 hours
• Gear may be abandoned due to LE presence or inclement weather
USCG - Lancha Detections & Seizures
FY 2008 - Present
USCG - Lancha Red Snapper & Shark Count
FY 2014 - Present

Red Snapper Count
Shark Count
Questions?