

# Eighth Coast Guard District

Mexican Lancha Presentation  
October 2019

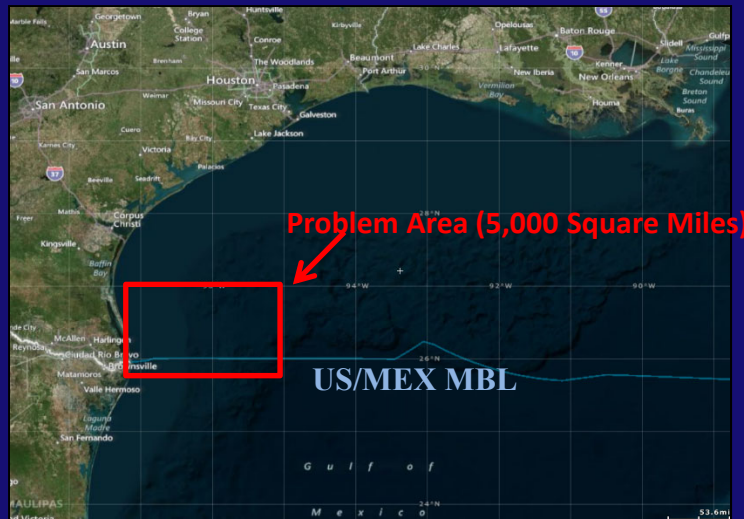


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# Mexican Lancha Threat

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



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# Lancha Characteristics

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



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# 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

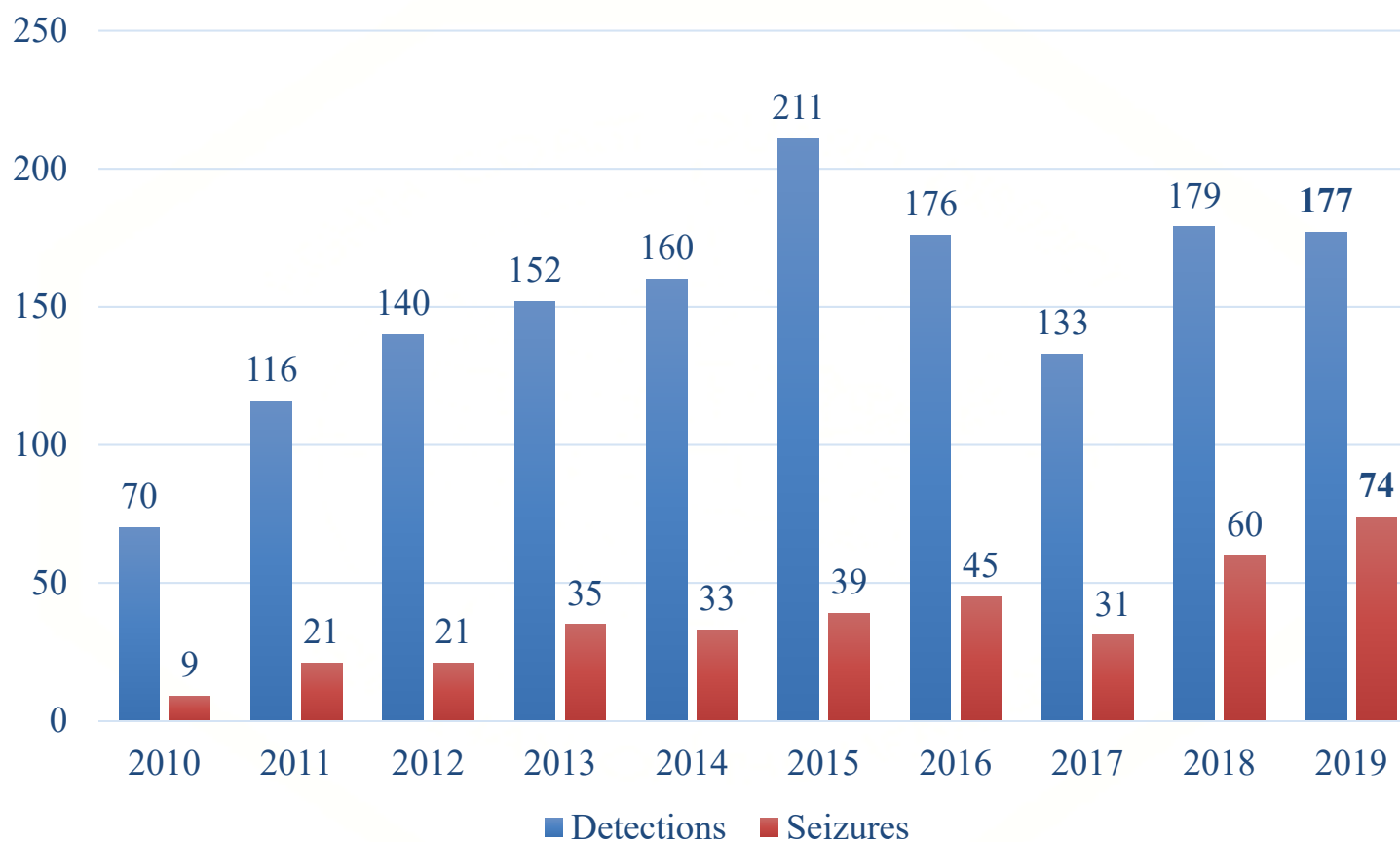


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# Lancha Detections & Seizures by USCG

## FY2010 – FY2019

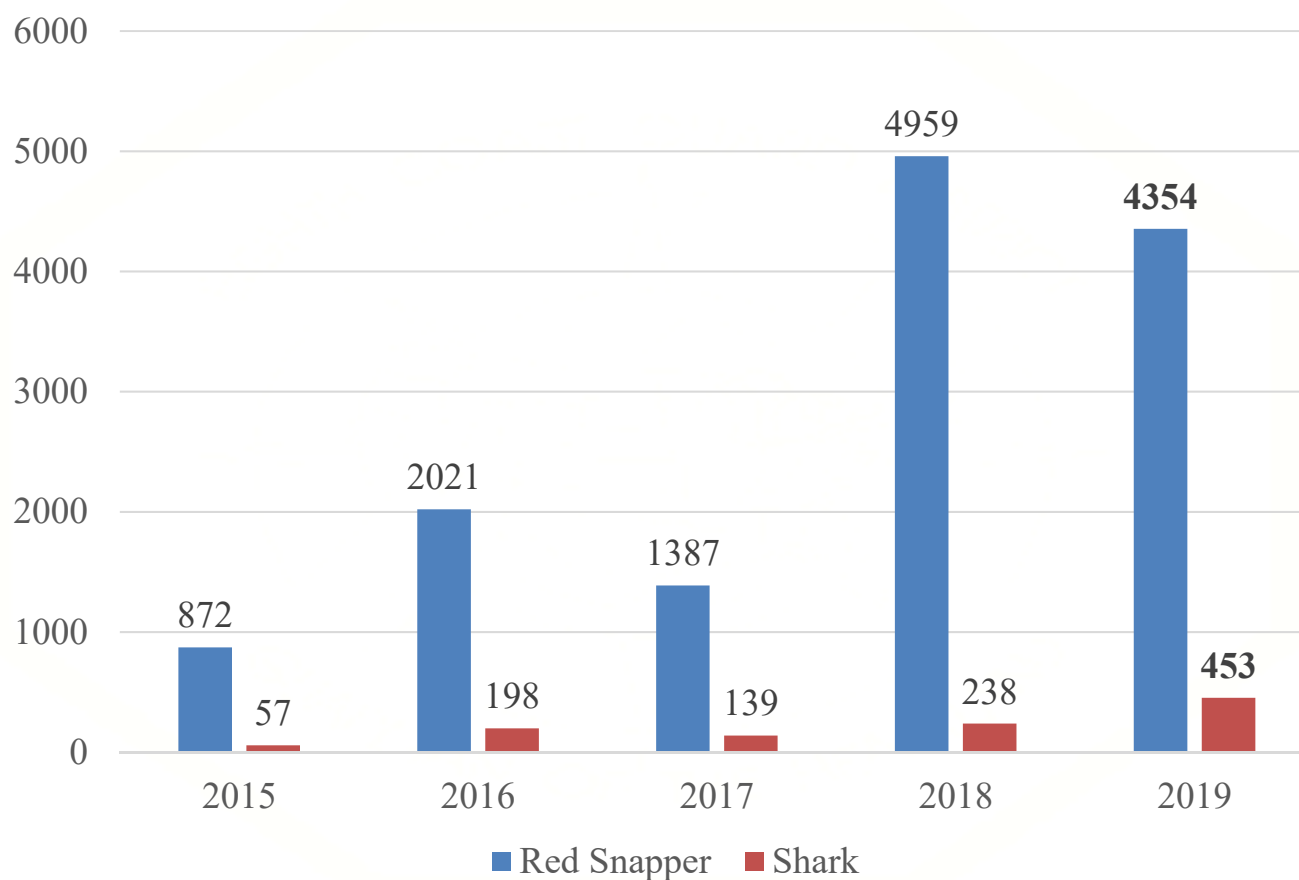


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# Catch on Seized Lanchas (# of Fish)

## FY2015 – FY2019

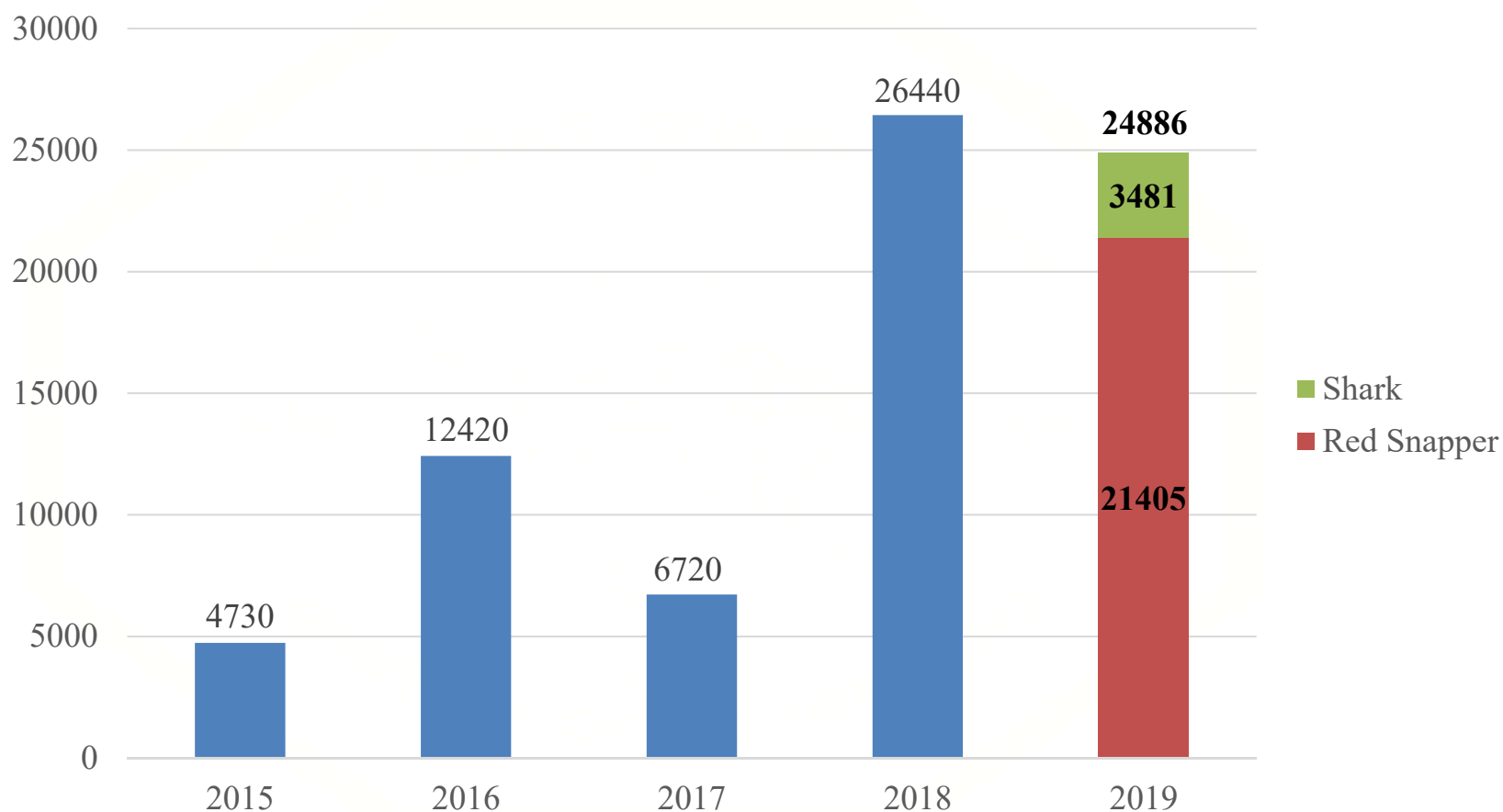


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# Catch on Seized Lanchas (lbs)

## FY2015 – FY2019



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# Lancha Case Disposition

- If not reclaimed by Mexico, lanchas destroyed after 45 days
- Catch recorded and disposed at sea
- Crew transferred to CBP for deportation to Mexico
- Crew are unable to be incarcerated for illegal fishing due to international law
- Case packages prepared by USCG and sent to Mexico via CGHQ for prosecution
- Repeat offender log indicates some fishermen have been interdicted more than 20 times



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