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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

# Puerto Rico DNER Rangers Corp Enforcement Report

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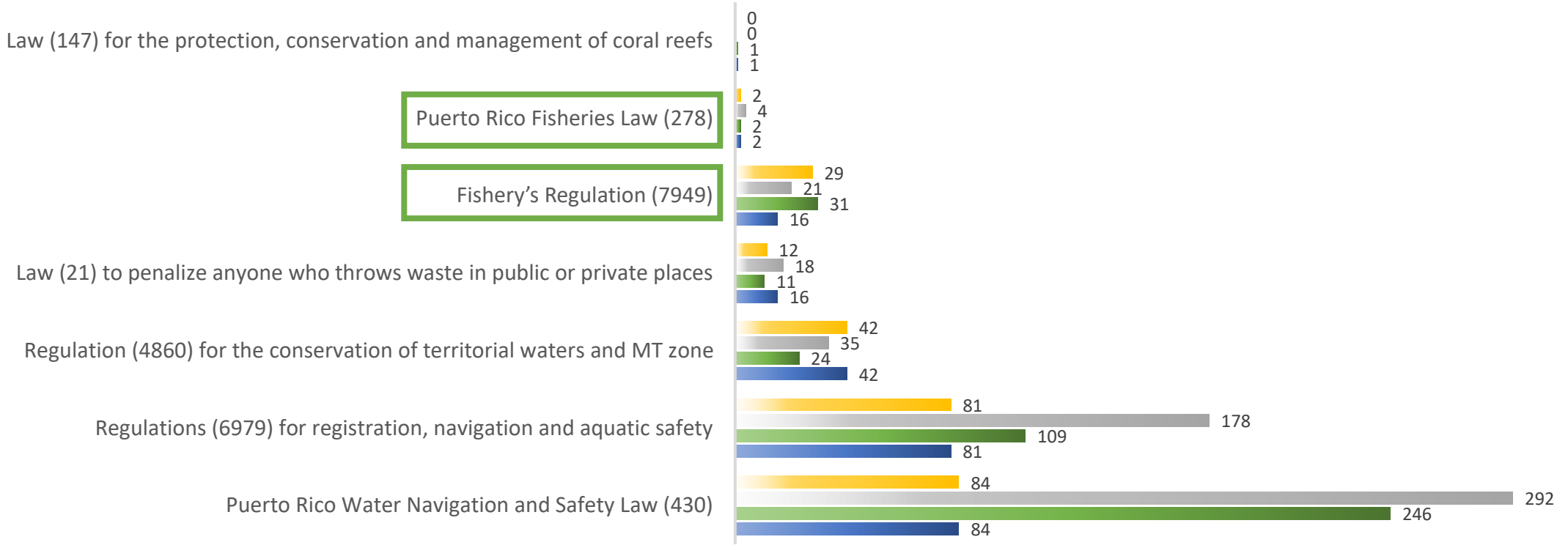




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### CASES SUBMITTED BY DNER'S RANGER CORP



■ October 1, 2023 to March 30, 2024 (Current period)

■ July 1 to September 30, 2023

■ April 1 to June 31, 2023

■ December 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023

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.



## Cases described in detail

### **Law 21 "Law to Punish Anyone Who Throws Waste in Public or Private Places" (12 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" (2 cases).**

- Fishing regulated by measure.
- Illegal fishing.
- Use of equipment not permitted by the state.

### **Law 430 "Puerto Rico Water Navigation and Safety Act" (84 cases).**

- Carry out activity in the maritime area without the proper permits.
- Tie a boat to mangrove.

### **Regulation 4860 "Regulation for the conservation of territorial waters and the maritime-terrestrial zone" (42 cases).**

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

### **Regulation 6979 "Regulations for Registration, Navigation and Aquatic Safety in Puerto Rico" (81 cases).**

- Anchoring in a natural reserve.

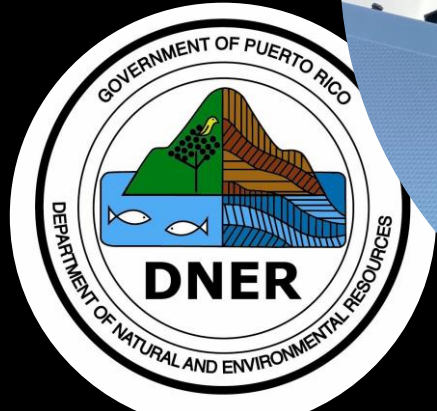
### **Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries" (29 cases).**

- 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.

## Law 278 "Puerto Rico Fisheries Law"

DNER preventive patrol, 3 to 4 nautical miles from Dorado, on Monday, April 8, 2024 (after the time frame of this report):

- Commercial deepwater snapper fishermen in compliance (blue bucket).
- Recreational fishermen with undersized Yellowtail Snapper, *Ocyurus chrysurus*, (fridge with Black Jack or *Caranx lugubris*).
  - Yellowtail snapper is a very important component of U.S. Caribbean fisheries for both the commercial and recreational sectors.
  - Minimum size of yellowtail in federal waters is 12" TL (Puerto Rico has a min size of 10.5" in FL).





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