



**GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO**  
DEPARTAMENTO DE RECURSOS NATURALES Y AMBIENTALES

**REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FISHERIES COUNCIL**

Statistical report of the activities carried out by the Puerto Rico Vigilante Corps during the period from January 1, 2022, to June 31, 2022.

The DNER Ranger Corps continues to provide security, protection, and surveillance to Puerto Rico's Natural Resources in the coastal zone and on open seas.

Preventive maritime and land patrols are carried out in areas of clandestine landfills, sand extraction and damaged coastal mangroves in coastal areas of the Island.

We guide the public and inspect recreational and commercial vessels that disembark 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.

Below you will find a description of the reported cases in the statistical report.

**Law 21 "Law to Punish Anyone Who Throws Waste in Public or Private Places"**  
**17 cases**

- Debris deposit 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"**

**10 cases (one regarding conservation of marine resources)**

- Coral breakage.  
(Submitted to the Legal Division)

**Law 278 "Puerto Rico Fisheries Law"**

**9 cases**

- Fishing without HMS permits. INT-220-1653.  
Referred to Officer (NOAA) Miguel Borges.
- Fishmonger without proper permits.  
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- Fishing of 22 Chapín Panal (**Honeycomb cowfish** - *Lactophrys polygonius*) out of measure. IM-069-2022.  
Submitted to the Legal Division of the Agency.
- Fishing of 3 Common Lobster (*Panulirus argus*) out of measure. IM-070-2022.  
Submitted to the Legal Division of the Agency.
- Fishing of 66 Carrucho (**Queen Conch** - *Strombus gigas*), shell out of measure. IM-076 2022.  
Submitted to the Legal Division of the Agency.
- Fishing in Federal Waters, Banco Bajo Sico EEZ.  
Referred to Officer (NOAA), Miguel Borges.
- Fishing of 4 Common Lobster out of measure. Guayama.  
Referred to the Legal Division of the Agency.
- Fishing of 2 Common Lobster out of measure. Guayama.  
Referred to the Legal Division of the Agency.
- Fishing of 5 Common Lobster out of measure. Guayama.  
Referred to the Legal Division of the Agency.

**Law 430 "Puerto Rico Water Navigation and Safety Act"**  
**303 cases**

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

**Regulation 4860 "Regulation for the use, surveillance"**  
**64 cases**

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

**Regulation 6979 "Regulations for Registration, Navigation and Aquatic Safety in Puerto Rico"**

**143 cases**

- Anchor in nature reserve.

**Regulation 7949 "Regulation on Fisheries "**  
**83 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