



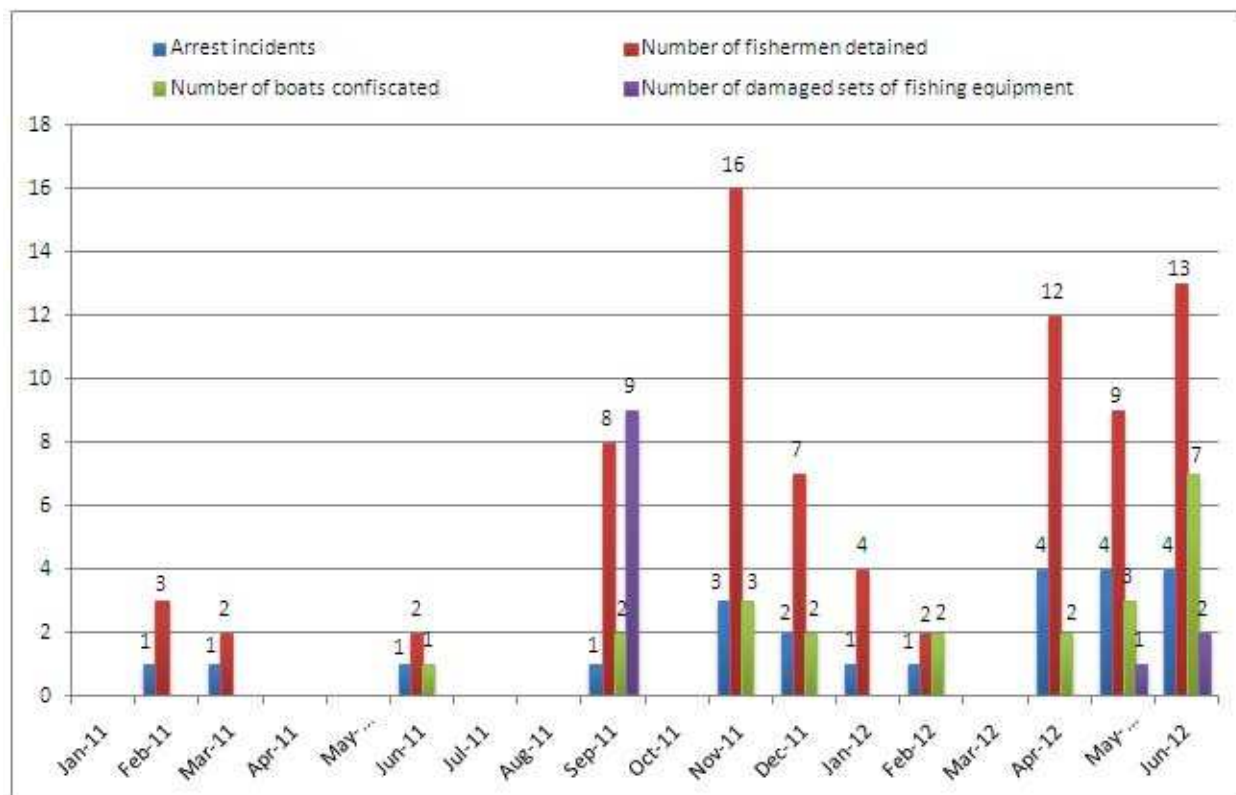
## Arbitrary Detention of Fishermen in the Gaza Sea

**Factsheet  
August 2012**

### *Violations against Palestinian Fishermen off the Gaza Strip shore*

2011	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Arrest Incidents	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	9
Persons Detained	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	16	7	38
Confiscation of Boats	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	2	9
Damaged Fishing Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9

2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Arrest Incidents	1	1	0	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Persons Detained	4	2	0	12	9	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Confiscation of Boats	0	2	0	2	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Damaged Fishing Equipment	0	0	0	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

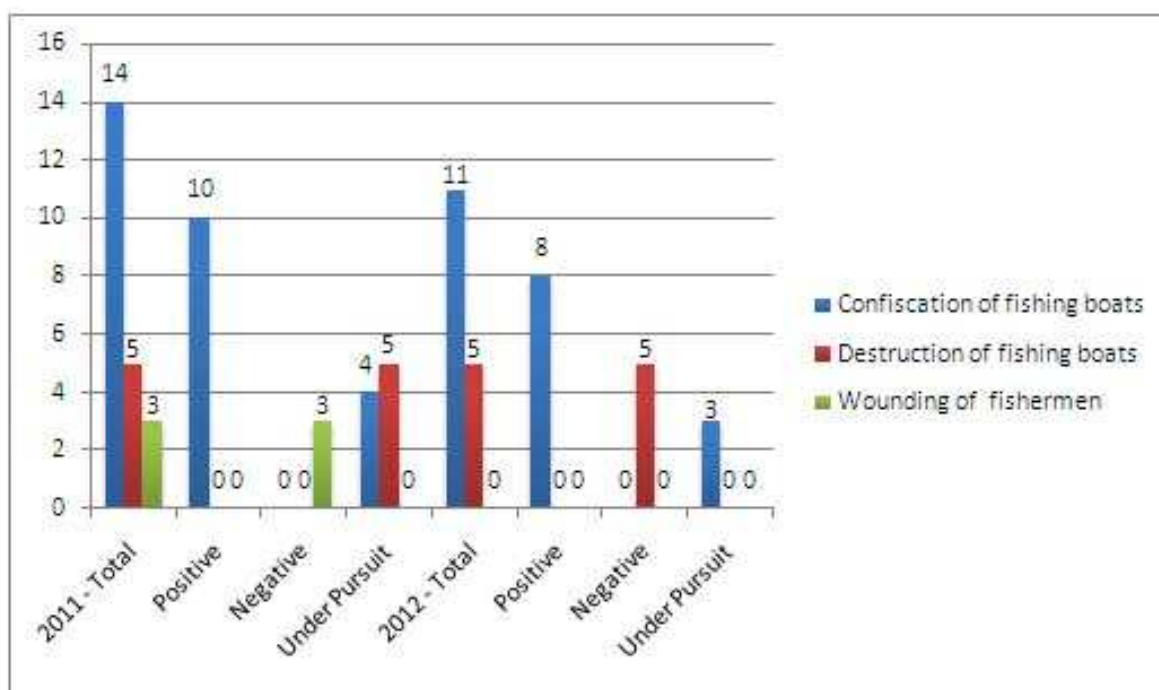




*Status of Legal Complaints filed on behalf of Palestinian Fishermen<sup>1</sup>*

2011 - Subject of Legal Complaint	Number	Positive	Negative	Under Pursuit
Confiscation of fishing boats	14	10	0	4
Destruction of fishing boats	5	0	0	5
Wounding of fishermen	3	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

2012 - Subject of Legal Complaint	Number	Positive	Negative	Under Pursuit
Confiscation of fishing boats	11	8	0	3
Destruction of fishing boats	5	0	5	0
Wounding of fishermen	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>



<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that fishermen are typically released by Israel's authorities within 24 hours of their arrest in the Gaza Sea. In the rare case that a fisherman is kept longer, PCHR monitors their treatment to ensure that no procedural or human rights violations occur. In the event that violations occur, a complaint would be filed. Since January 2011, only one fisherman was kept beyond 24 hours and charged by Israel's authorities. PCHR monitored the situation until the fisherman was charged, at which point the file was handed over to a private attorney. No procedural or human rights violations occurred in this instance; therefore, no complaints have been filed regarding detention since January 2011.