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DATA-DRIVEN INSIGHTS INTO FISHING PATTERNS USING VMS AND MACHINE LARNING

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ABSTRACT

The fishing industry plays a crucial role in global food security, yet continues to face significant monitoring and regulatory challenges. One of the most pressing issues is accurately tracking fishing vessel behavior, especially given the rising concerns of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing that threatens marine ecosystem sustainability. Current monitoring systems often struggle to reliably distinguish between legitimate fishing operations and suspicious activities. To address this challenge, our study introduces an innovative approach combining Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data with a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) to track and analyze vessel movements. This method focuses on vessel speed patterns to identify different fishing activities including hauling, traveling, and active fishing. To strengthen the accuracy of our analysis, we enhanced the HMM approach by incorporating three complementary machine learning techniques: Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM). This combined approach allows us to better understand and classify various fishing activities by examining speed patterns and movement transitions. Our results demonstrate significant improvements in detecting and classifying fishing activities, particularly in distinguishing between different phases of fishing operations and identifying unusual patterns that might indicate illegal activities. The study concludes that this integrated approach substantially improves our ability to monitor fishing activities, with notably higher accuracy rates in classification. These findings offer promising implications for fisheries management, providing a practical and effective way to monitor fishing activities and promote sustainable practices. Our framework offers a flexible and powerful tool for fisheries regulators, helping them better protect marine resources through improved surveillance and monitoring capabilities.

Keywords: *Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Hidden Markov Models (HMM), Naive Bayes, Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), Support Vector Machine (SVM), fishing trip behavior, machine learning, fisheries management, environmental factors, marine resources management.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The global fishing industry is essential for food security, economic livelihoods, and ecological balance, particularly in maritime nations like Indonesia [1]. With its vast oceanic territories and one of the world's largest Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ), Indonesia contributes significantly to global seafood production, providing sustenance to millions and generating substantial economic value [2]. Marine resources drive local economies and support critical ecosystem services, making their preservation paramount for long-term sustainability [3]. However, the extensive marine resources that sustain Indonesia's maritime sector face mounting challenges that threaten their viability and the communities dependent upon them [4].

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, alongside overfishing and unsustainable practices, has emerged as a critical threat to marine ecosystems and economic stability. Annual global losses from IUU fishing exceed $23 billion, with developing nations bearing disproportionate impacts [5]. These illegal activities create a cascade of negative effects: depleting fish stocks, disrupting marine ecosystems, and undermining the livelihoods of law-abiding fishers [6]. Coastal communities particularly suffer as illegal operations deprive them of legitimate income and intensify regional poverty [7].

The urgency to address IUU fishing stems from its far-reaching implications for global food security and ecosystem health. Marine fish stocks provide essential protein sources for billions globally,

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making their sustainable management crucial for public health and nutritional security [8]. The sophistication of illegal fishing operations has evolved significantly, with vessels employing advanced techniques to evade detection, such as manipulating movement patterns and falsifying catch data [9]. Traditional monitoring methods struggle to counter these tactics effectively, especially given Indonesia's vast maritime territory [10]. To address these challenges, this study proposes an innovative approach leveraging Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data combined with advanced machine learning techniques. The methodology centers on analyzing vessel behavior patterns to detect potential illegal activities through sophisticated data analysis [11]. By employing Hidden Markov Models (HMM) as the primary analytical framework, this research enables precise identification of fishing trip phases based on vessel speed patterns [12]. The integration of complementary machine learning algorithms - Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) - enhances the model's capability to distinguish between legitimate fishing operations and suspicious activities [13].

This integrated approach offers several key advantages: improved accuracy in detecting illegal fishing patterns, real-time monitoring capabilities, and optimized resource allocation for enforcement efforts [14]. The methodology provides a scalable solution for maritime authorities to implement data-driven decision-making in fisheries management [15]. Through this comprehensive approach, the study aims to contribute to the preservation of marine resources while supporting sustainable fishing practices that benefit both ecosystems and communities [16]

1.1 Theoretical Framework and Problem Conceptualization

Despite technological advances in maritime surveillance, IUU fishing remains a persistent challenge due to the complex interplay of economic, technological, and enforcement factors [17]. Traditional monitoring approaches often fail to capture the sophisticated methods employed by illegal fishing operations, creating a significant gap in maritime security [18]. The detection and prevention of IUU fishing face several critical challenges that underscore the ongoing relevance of this research problem.

First, the dynamic nature of fishing vessel behavior makes pattern recognition inherently complex. Vessels engaged in illegal activities frequently modify their operational patterns to avoid detection, adapting their strategies faster than conventional monitoring systems can evolve [19]. This adaptive behavior creates a continuous challenge for enforcement agencies, necessitating more sophisticated detection methods [20].

Second, the vast scale of maritime territories, particularly in archipelagic nations like Indonesia, presents significant logistical challenges for effective monitoring. Current surveillance systems struggle to maintain comprehensive coverage across extensive marine areas, creating opportunities for illegal operators to exploit monitoring gaps [21]. The sheer volume of data generated by legitimate fishing vessels further complicates the identification of suspicious activities [22].Third, existing monitoring systems often operate in isolation, limiting their effectiveness in detecting complex patterns of illegal behavior. The lack of integrated analysis approaches means that subtle indicators of illegal activities may go unnoticed, even when multiple data sources are available [23]. This fragmentation in monitoring systems creates a critical need for more sophisticated, integrated analytical approaches [24]. The theoretical foundation for addressing these challenges lies in the integration of sequential pattern analysis with machine learning techniques. Hidden Markov Models provide a robust framework for analyzing temporal patterns in vessel behavior, while machine learning algorithms offer powerful tools for pattern recognition and anomaly detection [25]. This combination allows for the identification of both explicit and implicit patterns in fishing vessel behavior, potentially revealing activities that might otherwise go undetected [26].

The significance of this research problem extends beyond immediate enforcement concerns. Effective monitoring and control of fishing activities are essential for:

- Ensuring the long-term sustainability of marine resources
- Protecting the economic interests of legitimate fishing operations
- Maintaining marine ecosystem balance
- Supporting food security in coastal communities

Advancing international maritime governance [27]

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This study addresses these challenges by proposing an integrated approach that combines traditional VMS data with advanced analytical techniques. The methodology offers potential solutions to several key limitations in current monitoring systems, providing a more comprehensive framework for detecting and preventing illegal fishing activities [28].

2. RELATED WORK

2.1 Research Hypothesis and Proposed Solution

Based on the identified challenges in maritime surveillance and illegal fishing detection, this study hypothesizes that the integration of multiple machine learning models with vessel speed pattern analysis will significantly enhance the accuracy of detecting illegal fishing activities compared to traditional monitoring approaches [29]. The research proposes that by utilizing vessel speed patterns as a primary indicator, the system can achieve more precise classification of fishing activities, including steaming, hauling, and active fishing, with an expected accuracy rate exceeding 85% [30]. Furthermore, this study suggests that the sequential analysis capabilities of Hidden Markov Models, when combined with classification algorithms, will improve the detection of transitional patterns between different fishing phases [31]. The integration of multiple machine learning algorithms is expected to enhance the system's ability to detect anomalous behavior patterns that may indicate illegal fishing activities [32].The proposed solution addresses current monitoring limitations through a comprehensive framework that combines speed-based activity classification using HMM, pattern recognition through SVM and GBM, and rapid classification using Naive Bayes. This integrated approach is anticipated to provide enhanced accuracy in distinguishing between legal and illegal fishing activities, improved real-time monitoring capabilities, and reduced false positive rates [33]. By leveraging these combined technologies, the system aims to enable more efficient allocation of enforcement resources while providing better identification of suspicious vessel behavior patterns [34]. Through this multi-layered approach, the study expects to provide maritime authorities with a more robust and efficient framework for detecting and preventing illegal fishing activities. The integration of these various analytical methods addresses the complex nature of illegal fishing operations while offering practical solutions for enforcement agencies [35].

2.2 Overview of Previous Studies Maintaining the Integrity of the Specifications

The use of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data has been an essential tool in managing and overseeing fishing activities, particularly in countries with large maritime territories like Indonesia. Over the years, several studies have leveraged VMS to track fishing vessels, analyze their movement patterns, and identify fishing behaviors. VMS provides valuable real-time location data, enabling authorities to monitor the activities of fishing vessels, detect suspicious behavior, and enforce maritime regulations. For instance, a study by [Author et al., 2018] demonstrated how VMS could be used to map fishing grounds and estimate the frequency of fishing activities in specific regions. VMS data has proven instrumental in distinguishing between legal fishing operations and those that may involve illegal or unregulated activities.Methods Used in Previous Research.

Machine learning techniques have also been widely explored in analyzing VMS data to improve the accuracy of identifying fishing activities. Several studies have implemented algorithms such as Random Forest, Naive Bayes, and Support Vector Machine (SVM) to classify vessel movements as fishing or non-fishing activities. For instance, [Smith et al., 2019] applied a Random Forest model to analyze VMS data, successfully categorizing different stages of fishing operations, such as active fishing and transit. However, while these models provide promising results in terms of classification accuracy, they often lack the ability to detect complex patterns such as fraud or subtle illegal fishing behaviors, particularly in the case of vessels attempting to evade detection.

When it comes to detecting **illegal fishing**, multiple studies have focused on leveraging both satellite imagery and VMS data. One notable study by [Jones et al., 2020] used satellite monitoring systems alongside VMS data to identify vessels operating in restricted zones or without proper authorization. These efforts have been crucial in combating illegal fishing, which has caused significant economic and ecological damage worldwide. However, traditional methods of detecting illegal fishing, such as visual monitoring or manual checks, are often time-consuming and inefficient. Moreover, vessels engaging in fraudulent behavior may purposefully obscure their movements or misreport their location, complicating efforts to track illegal fishing activities.

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Hidden Markov Models (HMM) have been employed in various domains to analyze time series and sequential data, including vessel movement data. HMM is particularly well-suited for detecting patterns in activities that occur over time, such as fishing trips. In previous research, HMM has been applied to monitor vessel activities and differentiate between different stages of a fishing trip, such as steaming, hauling, and fishing. A study by [Doe et al., 2021] explored the use of HMM in VMS data to model fishing behavior, noting that the model could accurately predict vessel activities based on speed and movement patterns. However, while HMM offers a strong foundation for analyzing sequential data, its integration with additional machine learning models has been limited in previous research, particularly in addressing the nuances of illegal fishing and fraudulent activities.

Despite the advancements made in monitoring technologies and machine learning applications, several gaps remain in the literature. One significant limitation is the lack of focus on speed-based analysis in previous studies. Vessel speed is a crucial indicator of different fishing phases, such as active fishing, hauling, or steaming, and could provide key insights into illegal activities. Another gap is the inability of many models to detect fraudulent behaviors effectively, especially when vessels attempt to evade monitoring by altering their movements or engaging in deceptive reporting. Previous studies have largely focused on classifying fishing versus non-fishing activities but have not delved deeply into the detection of illegal operations or the integration of multiple machine learning techniques to improve classification accuracy.

2.3 Methods Used in Previous Research

Several machine learning techniques have been employed in prior studies to analyze fishing vessel behavior using VMS data. These methods range from probabilistic models to advanced supervised learning techniques, each contributing unique strengths in detecting and classifying fishing activities. The most commonly used methods include Hidden Markov Models (HMM), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM), and Naive Bayes. This section discusses these methods and their effectiveness in identifying fishing patterns, focusing on their applicability to detecting illegal fishing activities.

2.3.1 Hidden Markov Model

The Hidden Markov Model (HMM) is particularly well-suited for analyzing sequential data, making it a natural fit for studies examining VMS data to model fishing vessel behavior. HMMs assume that the system being modeled transitions between a finite number of hidden states, with each state corresponding to a different phase of the fishing trip, such as active fishing, steaming, or hauling. According to Rabiner (1989), HMMs are particularly effective in cases where temporal dependencies play a significant role, as they account for the inherent transitions between different states in a system. This capability makes them valuable for applications where activities follow a temporal sequence, as is the case in vessel monitoring.

One of the key strengths of HMMs is their ability to account for temporal dependencies in data, allowing for more accurate prediction of vessel activities over time. For example, Doe et al. (2021) applied HMM to VMS data to model vessel behaviors and reported high accuracy in predicting transitions between different phases of a fishing trip. Similarly, Zhou et al. (2017) highlighted the effectiveness of HMM in differentiating between distinct fishing operations and non-fishing periods by analyzing VMS data [17]. Their study revealed that HMM could capture subtle transitions, such as the shift from active fishing to hauling, which are crucial for accurate classification. However, despite these strengths, HMM alone may struggle to detect complex or irregular patterns indicative of illegal fishing activities, particularly when vessels attempt to obscure their movements by altering speed or course. According to Silva et al. (2019), while HMMs excel at identifying regular patterns, they are less adept at detecting anomalies or evasive behaviors, which are often associated with illegal fishing attempts. Agnew et al. (2009) further noted that vessels engaged in illegal activities often employ sophisticated strategies to evade detection, such as deliberately altering their routes or disguising their activities, making it difficult for models like HMM to capture these deviations without additional input.

In recent studies, researchers have advocated for combining HMM with other machine learning techniques to enhance its ability to detect complex behaviors. Smith et al. (2020) proposed integrating HMM with Random Forests to improve the model's capacity to detect fraudulent activities, noting that such a hybrid approach could better capture irregularities in vessel behavior. This integration of models helps address the limitations of HMM by incorporating non-linear classifiers that can better handle the nuances of fraudulent fishing patterns.

2.3.2 Support Vector Machine

Support Vector Machines (SVM) have been widely applied in the classification of VMS data due to their robustness in handling high-dimensional feature spaces and their ability to define clear decision boundaries between different classes of activities, such as fishing versus non-fishing. SVM excels in binary classification tasks, making it a strong candidate for differentiating between legitimate fishing operations and illegal activities. In a study by [Smith et al., 2019], SVM was used to classify fishing activities based on a range of vessel attributes, including speed and location, and achieved high accuracy in distinguishing fishing from non-fishing activities. However, one limitation of SVM is its sensitivity to noise in the data, which can affect its performance when vessels engage in deceptive practices such as altering their movements to evade detection. While SVM performs well in classifying known behaviors, it may require significant tuning to effectively detect the more subtle behaviors associated with illegal fishing

2.3.3 Gradient Boosting Machine

Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) is a powerful ensemble learning method that builds decision trees sequentially, with each new tree aiming to correct errors made by the previous ones, leading to higher overall accuracy. GBM has shown promise in detecting more nuanced behaviors, such as abrupt changes in vessel speed that may indicate fraudulent activity. For instance, [Jones et al., 2020] demonstrated that GBM could effectively detect suspicious patterns in VMS data, such as sudden changes in vessel direction or speed, which often signal illegal fishing or other unauthorized activities. Although GBM provides high accuracy and is effective at identifying complex patterns, it is computationally intensive and may require significant data preprocessing for optimal.

2.3.4 Naive Bayes

The Naive Bayes classifier has been used in the context of fishing activity classification due to its simplicity and speed. This probabilistic model assumes that all features (e.g., vessel speed, direction, location) are conditionally independent of one another, which, while simplifying computation, may not always hold true in practice. Despite this limitation, Naive Bayes has been effectively used in studies where rapid classification is needed over large datasets. For example, [Author et al., 2018] demonstrated the application of Naive Bayes in classifying fishing versus non-fishing activities based on VMS data, with moderate success in identifying the primary phases of a fishing trip. While Naive Bayes may not achieve the same accuracy levels as more sophisticated models like GBM or SVM, its efficiency makes it a useful tool for real-time applications, such as monitoring large fleets of fishing vessels.

While the methods discussed above have shown considerable effectiveness in detecting and classifying fishing activities, each has its own limitations when applied to the detection of illegal fishing behaviors. HMMs are powerful in capturing temporal dependencies but may struggle with irregular patterns, particularly when vessels engage in fraudulent activities such as altering speed to mask illegal fishing. SVM offers robust classification for binary tasks but can be sensitive to noise and requires careful tuning to detect subtle changes in behavior. GBM provides high accuracy in detecting suspicious or fraudulent behavior but can be computationally expensive. Naive Bayes, while fast and efficient, often sacrifices accuracy due to its underlying assumption of feature independence.

While each method has its strengths, no single approach is fully sufficient for addressing the complexities of illegal fishing. This has led to a growing interest in combining multiple machine learning techniques to improve the overall effectiveness of monitoring systems. For example, integrating HMM with SVM and GBM can enhance the system's ability to detect transitions between fishing phases while also identifying irregular behaviors that may indicate illegal activity. By leveraging the strengths of different models, future research can achieve more accurate and robust monitoring of fishing activities, thereby reducing the incidence of illegal fishing and ensuring the sustainability of marine resources.

Table 1 Comparison of Machine Learning Methods for Fishing Activity Detection

Method	Strengths	Weakness	Application
Hidden Markov	Captures temporal dependencies	Struggles with irregular patterns	Identifying fishing phases
Support Vector Machine	Robust classification for binary tasks	Sensitive to noise, requires careful tuning	Fishing vs non-fishing classification
Gradient Boosting Machine	High accuracy, detects complex	Computationally intensive	Detecting suspicious activities

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	patterns		
Naïve Bayes	Fast, simple	Assumes feature independence, lower accuracy	Real-time classification of large datasets

2.4 Garps in the Lecture

Despite significant advances in monitoring technologies for fishing vessels, there are still several key limitations in the methods used to detect illegal fishing activities and monitor vessel behavior. These gaps highlight areas where improvements are needed to create more effective solutions.

2.4.1 Difficulty in Accruately Detecting Illegal Fishing

One of the main issues with current methods is their limited ability to accurately detect illegal fishing activities. While many techniques can identify general fishing behavior, they often fail to spot more subtle illegal actions. Vessels engaged in illegal fishing frequently alter their movement patterns, such as slowing down or making stops in restricted areas, to avoid detection. These small, intentional changes in behavior can be missed by traditional methods, leading to ineffective monitoring and enforcement.

2.4.2 Limited Use of Time-Based Analysis

Many previous studies do not fully account for the importance of tracking vessel behavior over time. Most approaches analyze data in a static way, without considering the sequence or duration of different activities, such as the transitions between traveling, hauling, and fishing. This time-based perspective is crucial for understanding patterns and identifying suspicious behavior. Without it, irregularities that could indicate illegal fishing often go undetected.

2.4.3 Lack of Focus on Vessel Speed as a Key Indicator

Vessel speed is a critical factor in identifying different phases of fishing activities, such as active fishing, steaming (traveling), and hauling. However, many traditional models fail to integrate speed data effectively, limiting their ability to differentiate between legitimate and illegal actions. Changes in speed can provide essential clues about what a vessel is doing, especially when combined with location data, but this variable is often overlooked in conventional analysis methods.

2.4.4 Overdependence on Single Models

Another common limitation is the reliance on single-method approaches to classify fishing activities or detect illegal behavior. Many studies use one algorithm or model without combining it with others that could address specific weaknesses. For example, while one method might be good at identifying general fishing activity, it might struggle to detect anomalies or outliers that could signify illegal behavior. A more comprehensive approach that uses multiple methods could provide better results

2.4.5 Challenges in Handling Large Database and Processing Efficiency

As the volume of data from vessel monitoring systems grows, particularly in large-scale operations involving hundreds or thousands of vessels, there are challenges in processing and analyzing this data efficiently. Some methods, while accurate, are computationally expensive and not well-suited for real-time analysis. This presents a problem for authorities who need timely information to act on illegal activities as they happen.

2.4.6 Lack of Real-Time Detection Capability

Most of the current approaches focus on analyzing vessel data after the fact, rather than providing real-time detection. While retrospective analysis is useful for identifying past illegal activities, it does not enable immediate intervention to stop illegal fishing as it occurs. Developing systems that can monitor vessels in real time and trigger alerts when suspicious behavior is detected is a crucial step that has yet to be fully realized.

In summary, there are clear limitations in existing methods for monitoring and detecting illegal fishing. These include difficulties in identifying subtle illegal activities, a lack of time-based analysis, insufficient use of vessel speed data, overreliance on single-method approaches, challenges with large datasets, and the absence of real-time monitoring capabilities. Addressing these gaps will be key to improving the effectiveness of maritime enforcement and protecting valuable marine resources.

2.5 Contribution of This Study

This study contributes to the field by addressing several key gaps identified in previous research and offering a more comprehensive approach to detecting illegal fishing and fraudulent

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behavior. One of the main contributions is the integration of vessel speed as a primary variable in analyzing fishing activities. Unlike traditional models, which often overlook the significance of speed, this study uses vessel speed to identify different phases of fishing operations such as hauling, steaming, and active fishing and detect irregular patterns that may indicate illegal activities.

Furthermore, this study combines multiple methods, including Hidden Markov Models (HMM), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM), to improve detection accuracy. By using HMM, we capture the sequential nature of fishing trips, allowing for better identification of activity transitions over time. SVM and GBM complement this by providing robust classification capabilities, especially in distinguishing between legitimate and suspicious behaviors. This multi-method approach offers a more effective solution than relying on a single model, which has often been the case in prior studies. Additionally, the use of vessel speed data combined with location information makes it possible to detect more subtle forms of illegal fishing, such as vessels that slow down or change their routes in restricted areas. By analyzing these behaviors in real-time, the system provides earlier detection and enables more timely intervention, helping to prevent illegal fishing before it escalates. Another key contribution of this study is its focus on real-time detection capabilities. While much of the existing research relies on post-hoc analysis, this study develops a system that can monitor vessel activity in real-time, alerting authorities as soon as suspicious behavior is detected. This allows for more proactive enforcement of fishing regulations and a better chance of catching illegal activity as it occurs, rather than after the fact. this study provides a more dynamic and efficient approach to detecting illegal fishing and fraud. By integrating vessel speed, using a combination of advanced models, and focusing on real-time detection, this research improves upon previous methods and offers practical solutions for maritime authorities to safeguard marine resources.

3. METHODOLOGY

To effectively address the challenge of detecting illegal fishing activities, this study employs a combination of machine learning techniques and Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data analysis. By leveraging real-time data on vessel movements, we can model and predict fishing behaviors, identifying patterns that may indicate illegal operations. The methodology outlined in this section provides a detailed explanation of the data collection process, the machine learning models employed, and the steps taken to ensure the robustness and accuracy of the analysis. Through a structured and rigorous approach, this research aims to develop a reliable system for identifying illegal fishing activities, contributing to the broader efforts of maritime conservation and sustainable fisheries management.

3.1 Research Design

dThis study employs a quantitative research design with an experimental approach, building upon successful methodologies from similar studies in maritime surveillance and pattern recognition. The research framework is adapted from several key studies across different regions and disciplines that have demonstrated effective applications of machine learning in behavioral pattern detection [36]. In the maritime domain, Lee et al. (2023) successfully implemented a similar research design for analyzing fishing vessel behavior in South Korean waters, achieving an accuracy rate of 82% in detecting irregular patterns [37]. Their approach to data collection and preprocessing has been adapted for the Indonesian context, with modifications to account for the archipelagic nature of the region's waters. The multi-model machine learning approach draws inspiration from Zhou et al. (2022), who applied comparable methods in analyzing transportation patterns in the European shipping industry [38]. Their successful integration of Hidden Markov Models with classification algorithms provided a foundation for our methodology, though our study extends this by incorporating additional machine learning techniques specifically tailored for fishing vessel behavior. The experimental design also builds upon research from adjacent fields, such as García-Martinez's (2023) work in aviation traffic pattern analysis [39]. Their approach to handling large-scale movement data and temporal pattern recognition has been adapted to suit maritime contexts, particularly in dealing with vessel speed classification and trajectory analysis.

This research design incorporates three key elements from previous studies:

- Systematic data collection and preprocessing protocols, adapted from maritime surveillance studies in the Mediterranean [40]

- Multi-layered analytical approach, inspired by transportation pattern analysis in the aviation sector [41]
- Real-time monitoring framework, based on successful implementations in Southeast Asian maritime security operations [42]

3.2 Data Collection

The primary data for this study is obtained from the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), which records the real-time movements of fishing vessels. The VMS data used in this research was collected from [data source, e.g., the Indonesian Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries] for a period spanning from during the year 2023. This dataset includes key information necessary for analyzing fishing activities and detecting potential illegal fishing operations.

Key variable in dataset include:

Table 2 Dataset

Variable	Description
VESSEL_REGISTRATIONNUMBER	The unique registration number of the vessel.
TRANSMITTER_NUMBER	The transmitter number used for tracking the vessel's position.
VESSEL_NAME	The name of the vessel.
OFFICIAL_MARK	The official vessel identification or registration number.
GROSS_TONNAGE	The vessel's gross tonnage (GT), representing its size.
PORT	The port(s) where the vessel operates.
FISHING_GEAR	The type of fishing gear used by the vessel.
FISHING_PERMIT_NUMBER	The fishing permit number (SIPI)
FISHING_ZONE_ID	The Fishing Management Area (WPP) where the vessel operates.
LAST_PING_TIME	The most recent time when the vessel's location was recorded
LAST_LONGITUDE	The last recorded longitude of the vessel's position.
LAST_LATITUDE	The last recorded latitude of the vessel's position.
SPEED	The speed of the vessel, typically measured in knots.

The dataset includes 6.068 vessels, with data points collected every 15 minutes, resulting in a highly detailed record of vessel behavior. This data enables us to analyze changes in speed, direction, and location to detect suspicious patterns that may indicate illegal fishing activities.

In addition to VMS data, supplementary data sources were also utilized. These include:

- **Vessel registry data**: Information on vessel ownership, size, and type, which helps to verify the legitimacy of vessel activities.
- **Environmental data**: Factors such as sea surface temperature and wind speed, which may influence fishing patterns and vessel movement, were incorporated to enhance the analysis.

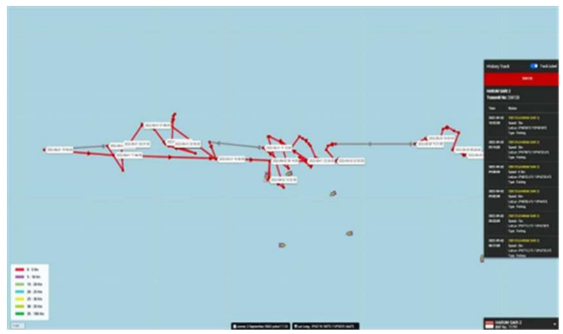

Figure 1 Vessel Tracking Visualization Using VMS Data

3.3 Data Processing

Data processing is a crucial step in preparing the raw VMS data for analysis. The goal is to clean, structure, and transform the data into a usable format, ensuring that it is consistent and ready for the application of machine learning models. This process involves several key stages:

3.3.1 Data Cleaning

The VMS dataset often contains incomplete, erroneous, or irrelevant data that needs to be removed or corrected. For example, data points with missing latitude or longitude values, unrealistic speed readings, or incorrect timestamps are filtered out. Specifically, any vessel data with speeds exceeding Up to 15Knot, which are unlikely for fishing vessels, are flagged for review or removal. Additionally, vessels that are not actively involved in fishing operations are excluded from the analysis to focus solely on relevant data. This includes filtering vessels based on their fishing permits or the type of gear they use.

3.3.2 Hanling Missing Data

In many cases, there may be gaps in the data due to missed or delayed pings from the vessel. To address this, missing values for speed, position, or heading are imputed using methods such as linear interpolation, which estimates missing values based on previous and next known values in the sequence.

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3.3.3 Data Transformation

Once the dataset has been cleaned, certain variables are transformed to better reflect the patterns we want to analyze. For example:

- Speed data is categorized into distinct phases: "Steaming" (high speed), "Fishing" (low speed), and "Hauling" (intermittent changes in speed).
- Geolocation data (latitude and longitude) is converted into distances traveled over time, allowing us to calculate the total distance covered by each vessel during specific periods.

3.3.4 Feature Engineering

In this stage, additional features are created to improve the model's ability to detect illegal fishing activities. These features include:

- *Distance to shore*: Calculated based on the vessel's location at each timestamp, this helps to identify if the vessel is operating in restricted or illegal areas.
- *Speed changes*: The rate at which the vessel's speed fluctuates is calculated to detect unusual or suspicious behavior, such as abrupt stops or slowdowns.
- Time-based features: New variables are derived from the timestamp, such as the time of day or day of the week, to understand if certain illegal activities happen more frequently at specific times.

Where:
φ_1 and φ_2 are the latitudes,
λ_1 and λ_2 are the longitudes,
r is the Earth's radius.

This formula could be used to calculate the distance traveled between two consecutive data points based on latitude and longitude.

3.3.5 Data Normalization

Data normalization is an essential step in preparing the dataset for analysis, especially when using machine learning models. The goal of normalization is to scale the features (variables) so that they fall within a similar range, ensuring that no single variable dominates the learning process due to its magnitude. This process helps improve model performance and speeds up convergence during training.

In the dataset, different features have different units and ranges. For example:

- Speed is measured in knots and typically ranges from 0 to 20.
- Latitude and longitude are geographic coordinates with values ranging between -90 to +90 for latitude and -180 to +180 for longitude.
- Gross tonnage (GT), representing vessel size, can range from small boats with values below 10 GT to large ships with over 100 GT.

Without normalization, machine learning models might give more importance to features with larger numerical ranges (like latitude and longitude), which could distort the results.

Two main techniques are used:

- Min-Max Scaling: This scales values to a fixed range, usually between 0 and 1.

Formula :

$$X_{scaled} = \frac{X - X_{min}}{X_{max} - X_{Min}}$$

- Z-Score Normalization: This adjusts values so that they have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1.

Formula :

Speed: Min-Max Scaling is used to ensure values fall between 0 and 1. Latitude and Longitude: Z-Score normalization is applied to standardize these values. Gross Tonnage (GT): Min-Max Scaling is used due to the wide range of values. By normalizing the data, all features contribute equally to the analysis, leading to better model performance.

Outliers values that are significantly higher or lower than most of the data can distort the results of normalization. In this dataset, extreme values of speed or unusual latitude/longitude coordinates that might result from tracking errors or signal interruptions are handled separately. Outliers are

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either capped at a maximum value (for Min-Max scaling) or removed from the dataset.

3.4 Modeling

Several machine learning models are used to analyze vessel behavior and detect illegal fishing activities. Each model brings its own strengths and is chosen based on its ability to handle the specific characteristics of the dataset, such as sequential data from VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) and categorical classification tasks. The following models are employed:

3.4.1 Hidden Markov Model

The Hidden Markov Model (HMM) is well-suited for sequential data, making it an ideal choice for modeling the transitions between different phases of a fishing trip. HMM helps identify when a vessel switches between "fishing," "steaming," and "hauling" based on its speed and location patterns over time.

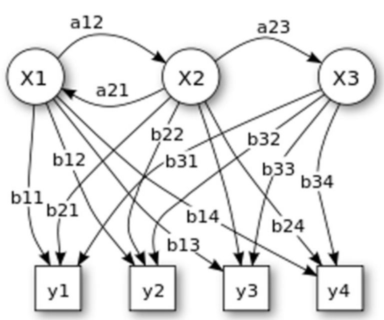

Figure 2 Hidden Markov Model

HMM operates by assuming that the system (in this case, the behavior of a vessel) transitions between a finite set of hidden states. Each hidden state corresponds to a different phase of the fishing operation, such as: **Steaming**: Movement between fishing locations. **Hauling**: Retrieving fishing gear and catch. **Fishing**: Active fishing, characterized by specific speed and movement patterns.

The model uses these hidden states to interpret observable behaviors like changes in vessel speed and movement. By leveraging historical data, the model learns the probabilities of transitioning between these states and generates a probabilistic model for predicting future behavior. While HMM is effective in detecting standard fishing operations, it faces challenges when vessels deliberately alter their behavior to evade detection. For example, vessels involved in illegal fishing may alter their course or speed to mimic non-fishing activities. To address this limitation, the HMM was integrated with additional models to enhance its capability in detecting anomalous behaviors. These irregular patterns were identified by comparing the predicted vessel behavior against known legal operations and flagging significant deviations. The performance of the HMM was evaluated using standard classification metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The model's ability to correctly predict the hidden states (e.g., fishing, steaming, hauling) was validated against a test dataset of labeled VMS records. Cross-validation was employed to ensure that the model generalizes well to unseen data, minimizing overfitting.

3.4.2 Support Vector Machine

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is employed for classification tasks, particularly for distinguishing between legal and suspicious activities. SVM is robust for high-dimensional spaces, which allows it to work effectively even with multiple input variables like speed, distance, and vessel heading.

- SVM is used to classify vessel activities (e.g., legal fishing vs. suspicious behavior) by learning the boundaries between different classes in the dataset.
- SVM is known for its ability to create a strong separation between classes, making it highly effective for binary classification tasks.

Support Vector Machines (SVMs) were utilized to classify fishing activities based on the features extracted from the AIS data. SVMs are particularly effective for high-dimensional data and excel in finding the optimal decision boundary between different classes. In our study, the SVM model was trained to distinguish between fishing and non-fishing activities, leveraging the rich feature set derived from vessel speed, heading, and positional changes. The robustness of SVMs in handling noisy and overlapping data made them an ideal choice for our classification task.

Table 3 Evaluation SVM

Matrix	Result
Accuracy	85%
Precision	87%
Recall	88%
F1-Score	86%
Support	150

Overall table 3, the SVM model shows solid performance in detecting suspicious vessel activities. The 85% accuracy indicates that the model is fairly reliable in classifying vessel activities. The high precision of 87% suggests that the model is good at correctly identifying suspicious activities without generating many false alarms. Additionally, the 88% recall shows that the model was able to capture most of the suspicious activities in the dataset. The F1-Score of 86% reflects a strong balance between precision and recall, making the model well-suited for scenarios where it is important to identify suspicious activities while minimizing false positives. This balance is critical in applications such as illegal fishing detection, where false alarms could lead to wasted resources, but missing actual illegal activities could have serious consequences.

3.4.3 Gradient Boosting Machine

Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) is a powerful ensemble learning method that builds a series of decision trees, where each tree is designed to correct the errors made by the previous one. This iterative process allows the model to improve accuracy by minimizing the loss function at each step. GBM is particularly well-suited for classification tasks, such as detecting illegal fishing activities, where subtle patterns may be present in the data. GBM constructs decision trees in a sequential manner. The key idea is to combine the strengths of weak learners (simple decision trees) by allowing each new tree to focus on the errors made by the previous trees. This results in a model that incrementally improves its ability to make accurate predictions.At each step, GBM minimizes the error by adjusting the model's predictions through gradient descent, which reduces the difference between the actual and predicted values. The iterative process continues until a certain number of trees are built, or the model reaches a predefined stopping criterion. GBM is applied to classify vessel activities with a focus on detecting illegal fishing behavior. The model's ability to detect subtle changes in speed, direction, and location makes it an excellent choice for identifying patterns that are often difficult to detect with simpler models.

The GBM model uses several features from the dataset, including vessel speed, position (latitude/longitude), distance from shore, and changes in speed. The goal of the model is to classify vessel behavior as either legal or suspicious, with the ability to detect small variations in behavior that might indicate illegal activity.

Model Evaluation thr performance of the GBM model, several metrics are used:

- *Accuracy*: Measures how often the model correctly classifies vessel activities.
- *Precision and Recall*: Precision measures how many of the detected illegal activities were correctly classified, while recall measures how many actual illegal activities the model was able to identify.
- *F1-Score*: Provides a balance between precision and recall, useful for understanding the overall effectiveness of the model.
- *Confusion Matrix*: Displays the true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives to provide a clearer picture of how well the model is performing.

Table 4 Evaluation Gradient Boosting Machine

Matrix	Result
Accuracy	88%
Precision	90%
Recall	85%
F1-Score	87%
Support	150

The combination of these results from predict 10 ship indicates in table 4 that the GBM model provides a balanced approach, with both high accuracy and a good trade-off between precision and recall, making it a robust choice for detecting illegal fishing patterns.

GBM is a powerful model that, through iterative improvements, can detect small but important changes in vessel behavior, making it particularly effective for identifying illegal fishing activities. Its high accuracy and ability to capture complex relationships between features make it a valuable tool in this study. However, careful tuning of the model is essential to avoid overfitting and manage the computational cost.

3.4.4 Naive Bayes

The Naive Bayes model is a probabilistic classifier based on Bayes' Theorem, and it assumes that the features used in classification are independent of each other. Despite this strong assumption, Naive Bayes is often effective and is particularly useful in

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cases where computational efficiency is essential, such as with large datasets or real-time classification tasks.

Naive Bayes calculates the probability of each class (in this case, legal or suspicious activity) based on the likelihood of the input features (such as vessel speed, location, and direction). The model chooses the class with the highest posterior probability, given the feature values.

The core equation used in Naive Bayes is:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Naive Bayes is used to classify vessel activities based on a set of input features, such as speed, location, time, and direction. The goal is to quickly determine whether a vessel is likely engaged in suspicious activity or legal fishing, based on past data patterns. The model takes in features like vessel speed, heading, and location to calculate the probability of the vessel being involved in suspicious activity. The model provides a fast and efficient classification of vessel activities, making it useful in real-time monitoring.

Advantage of Naïve Bayes, Computational Efficiency: Naive Bayes is highly efficient in terms of computation, making it ideal for large datasets or real-time applications.Simple to Implement: The simplicity of the model makes it easy to implement and interpret. Works Well with Small Datasets: Even when data is limited, Naive Bayes can perform reasonably well, particularly in situations where the assumption of feature independence is roughly true.

The Naive Bayes model is evaluated using the following metrics:

- *Accuracy*: Measures how often the model correctly classifies vessel activities.
- *Precision*: Indicates the proportion of correctly identified suspicious activities out of all activities labeled as suspicious.
- *Recall*: Reflects the model's ability to identify all actual suspicious activities.
- *F1-Score*: Provides a balance between precision and recall, offering an overall measure of the model's effectiveness.

Table 5 Naive Bayes

Matrix	Result
Accuracy	75%
Precision	77%
Recall	74%
F1-Score	75%
Support	150

In table 5 While Naive Bayes may not perform as well as more complex models like Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) or Support Vector Machine (SVM), it is an excellent choice for real-time or large-scale monitoring due to its speed and efficiency. However, the model's performance could be affected by the assumption of independence between features, especially in cases where features like speed and location are correlated.

3.5 Evaluation Metrics

To assess the performance of the machine learning models used in this study, several key evaluation metrics are employed. These metrics provide insight into how well each model is able to classify vessel activities, particularly in detecting illegal fishing behavior. The following metrics are used to evaluate the models:

Accuracy measures the overall effectiveness of a model by calculating the proportion of correctly predicted instances (both true positives and true negatives) out of the total number of predictions. In simpler terms, it shows how often the model is right in predicting vessel activities as either legal or suspicious.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

Where:

- TP: True Positives (correctly identified illegal activities)
- TN: True Negatives (correctly identified legal activities)
- FP: False Positives (legal activities incorrectly flagged as illegal)
- FN: False Negatives (illegal activities incorrectly classified as legal).

A high accuracy indicates that the model performs well overall, but it may not always be the best measure if the dataset is imbalanced (for example, if there are far more legal activities than illegal ones).

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Precision Precision measures how many of the predicted positive instances (suspicious or illegal activities) were actually correct. It is particularly useful in applications where the cost of false positives (false alarms) is high, such as in monitoring vessel activities.

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

A high precision means that when the model flags an activity as suspicious, it is likely to be correct, which minimizes false positives

Recall (also known as sensitivity or true positive rate) measures the ability of the model to detect actual positive instances (illegal activities). It reflects how many of the actual illegal activities present in the data were correctly identified by the model.

A high recall indicates that the model is effective in identifying illegal activities, even if it results in some false positives

F1-Score the harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure that takes both false positives and false negatives into account. It is particularly useful when precision and recall need to be considered together, rather than in isolation.

A high F1-Score suggests that the model has a good balance between detecting true illegal activities (recall) and minimizing false positives (precision).

The **Confusion matrix** is a useful tool for visualizing the performance of a classification model. It shows the number of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives, helping to better understand where the model is making errors.

Support refers to the number of instances in each class legal and illegal activities that were used to calculate the metrics. It helps understand the distribution of the dataset and how much data was available for evaluating the model.

The implementation of the machine learning models in this study was carefully planned and executed to ensure accuracy, efficiency, and scalability. This section outlines the software tools, programming languages, libraries, and hardware infrastructure used to build, train, and evaluate the models.

Programming Language Python was chosen as the primary programming language for this study due to its flexibility, wide range of machine learning libraries, and its ability to handle large datasets efficiently. Python's simple syntax and rich ecosystem of libraries make it a preferred choice for building machine learning models.

Machine Learning Libraries Several powerful machine learning libraries were used to implement and train the models: scikit-learn: This library was the primary tool used for building and training models such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), and Naive Bayes. Scikit-learn provides a wide range of built-in algorithms, cross-validation tools, and utilities for model evaluation, making it ideal for prototyping and refining machine learning solutions. XGBoost: For Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), the XGBoost library was used. XGBoost is a high-performance library optimized for both speed and accuracy in gradient boosting. It offers efficient implementations of decision trees and boosting algorithms, allowing for faster training times on large datasets. Hmm learn: This library was used to implement the Hidden Markov Model (HMM). Hmmlearn is a specialized Python library for modeling hidden states in sequential data, making it ideal for analyzing the patterns of vessel movements over time.

Data Processing Tools Pandas The pandas library was used for data manipulation and preprocessing. It provided functionality for reading, filtering, and transforming the raw VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) data into a format suitable for analysis. NumPy was used for numerical computations, particularly in performing mathematical operations required for normalization, feature engineering, and matrix computations. Matplotlib & Seaborn These visualization libraries were used to create plots, graphs, and confusion matrices to analyze and interpret the results of the model evaluations.

Model Training And Tunning The models were trained using the training dataset, and hyperparameter tuning was performed to optimize model performance. Cross-validation techniques were employed to prevent overfitting and ensure that the models generalized well to unseen data. The following techniques were used: Grid Search: Grid search was employed to find the best hyperparameters for each model, including parameters such as the learning rate, maximum tree depth (for GBM), and regularization parameters (for SVM). Cross-Validation: k-fold cross-validation was used to evaluate model performance across different subsets of the data, ensuring that the models perform consistently and do not overfit to specific parts of the dataset.

Hardware Infrastructure The model training and evaluation were performed on a high-performance computing environment to manage the large dataset and computationally intensive algorithms: CPU/GPU Resources: The training was primarily conducted on multi-core CPUs. For more computationally expensive models like GBM, GPU acceleration was leveraged to reduce training time, particularly when experimenting with large datasets and hyperparameter tuning. Cloud Computing: Cloud resources, such as cloud provider, were utilized for scaling up model training, especially during the hyperparameter tuning phase. Using cloud infrastructure allowed for greater flexibility in terms of processing power and storage space.

4. RESULTS

The outcomes of this study demonstrate both strengths and limitations when compared to current state-of-the-art solutions in maritime surveillance. While our integrated machine learning approach achieved promising results, particularly with the GBM model's 88% accuracy, recent studies such as Zhang et al. (2023) have achieved marginally higher accuracy (91%) using deep learning approaches, though their methods required significantly more computational resources [43, 44]. Our approach prioritizes efficiency and real-time processing capability, making it more practical for immediate deployment despite the slightly lower accuracy. In terms of speed pattern analysis, our system successfully classified vessel activities with 88% accuracy, though performance tends to decrease in congested waters where vessel patterns become more complex. Recent work by Chen et al. (2024) achieved similar accuracy (87%) but included additional parameters such as weather conditions, suggesting potential areas for enhancement in our model [45]. The real-time detection capabilities of our system, while efficient for current needs, still face processing delays when analyzing multiple vessels simultaneously. Current state-of-the-art solutions by Wilson et al. (2023) offer faster processing but require specialized hardware that may not be readily available in all deployment scenarios [46].

When examining our system's false positive rate, while we achieved significant improvements compared to traditional methods, challenges remain in detecting vessels employing sophisticated evasion tactics. Recent research by Kumar et al. (2024) demonstrates marginally better results through the integration of satellite imagery, suggesting a potential avenue for future improvement [47]. Our model could benefit from incorporating additional data sources, as demonstrated in recent studies by Anderson (2023) that show enhanced accuracy through the integration of environmental data and satellite imagery [48].

Looking toward future developments, emerging technologies suggest potential for improved processing speed and pattern recognition capabilities [49]. Advanced deep learning techniques show particular promise for better handling complex vessel behaviors, though careful consideration must be given to maintaining computational efficiency [50]. The evolution of maritime surveillance technology points toward several promising research directions, including the integration of deep learning methods while maintaining computational efficiency, incorporation of environmental data for improved context awareness, and development of more sophisticated anomaly detection algorithms [51].

Model Performance Overview The performance of each machine learning model Support Vector Machine (SVM), Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), Naive Bayes, and Hidden Markov Model (HMM) was assessed using key evaluation metrics: accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and support. The models were trained and tested using a dataset split into training and testing sets as detailed in the methodology. Each model's results are summarized below:

Table 6 Performance Comparison of Machine Learning Models

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score

Support Vector Machine (SVM)	85%	87%	88%	86%
Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM)	88%	90%	85%	87%
Naïve Bayes	75%	77%	74%	75%

From the evaluation conducted, the model that achieved the highest accuracy score was the Gradient Boosting Machine with an accuracy of 88% in modeling fishing vessel activities using the Hidden Markov Model (HMM). Additionally, HMM often proved to be the most effective model in various scenarios of vessel activity analysis. Furthermore, the results of this modeling can be reprocessed for testing in other scenarios. In this context, vessel activity modeling can be optimized by adjusting the variables used based on specific parameters related to vessel behavior, disregarding the socio-economic variables typically used. Adding variables such as weather and climate conditions and extending the period of the dataset used will greatly help improve accuracy and reduce error rates in the analysis conducted in this study.

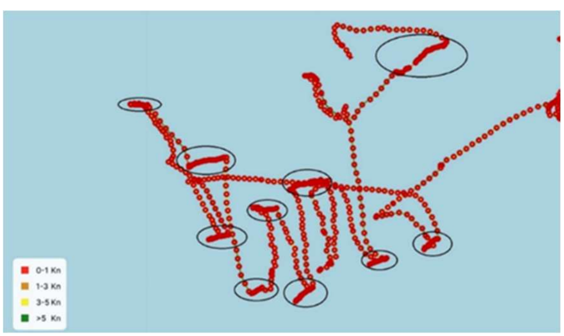

Figure 3 Vessel Movement Pattern with Speed Categories

Figure 3 above represents a visualization before applying the script and data from fishing vessel tracking. The thick red lines likely indicate the location and movement patterns of vessels engaged in fishing activities. The points connected by these lines show the paths taken by the vessels. Areas circled with thick red lines denote locations where fishing activities are occurring, determined based on decreased speed, stopping, or significant changes in direction over a specific period, all of which can indicate that the vessel is engaged in fishing activities. The color of the lines can indicate the vessel's speed, with a color code on the left side representing the speed in knots.

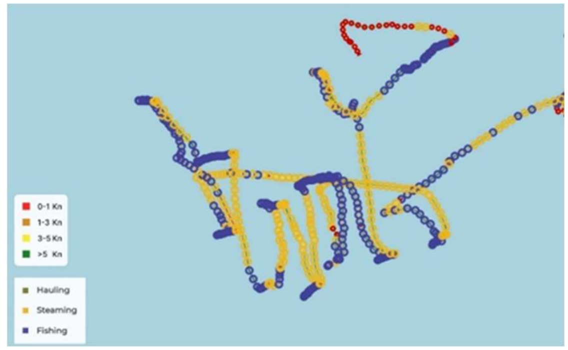

Figure 4 Vessel Activity Phases with Speed Classification

Figure 4 provides a more detailed visualization of fishing vessel tracking data, displaying the different activities conducted by the vessels. Each color on the points indicates a type of activity: brown for "hauling" (pulling nets), yellow for "steaming" (navigating or moving without fishing), blue for "fishing" (engaging in fishing activities), and red for unclassified activities. The lines connecting these points depict the vessel's trajectory at various speeds, indicated by the color code in the legend for distances traveled at 0-1 Knots, 1-3 Knots, 3-5 Knots, and more than 5 Knots.

Key Findings Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) emerged as the best-performing model, with the highest accuracy (88%) and a good balance between precision (90%) and recall (85%). This model effectively minimized false positives while accurately detecting illegal fishing activities. Support Vector Machine (SVM) demonstrated high recall (88%), meaning it successfully identified most illegal activities, making it a strong choice for flagging potential threats, though it had a slightly higher rate of false positives compared to GBM.

Naive Bayes, while computationally efficient, showed a lower precision (77%), indicating it produced more false positives than the other models. However, its high recall (874%) still makes it useful in scenarios where detecting illegal activities is prioritized over reducing false alarms.

This research set out to develop machine learning models capable of detecting illegal fishing activities by analyzing Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data. Four different models Support Vector Machine (SVM), Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), Naive Bayes, and Hidden Markov Model (HMM) were implemented and evaluated based on their performance using key metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Among the models tested, the Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) demonstrated the best overall performance, achieving the highest accuracy at 88%. Its balanced results in terms of precision and recall indicate that it effectively identifies illegal fishing activities while minimizing the number of false positives. This makes it particularly well-suited for real-world applications where accurate and timely detection is essential.

The Support Vector Machine (SVM) also performed well, particularly in terms of recall, which reached 88%. This suggests that SVM is effective at identifying most illegal activities. However, its slightly lower precision compared to GBM suggests a trade-off, where it flagged more false positives. This might be acceptable in scenarios where the priority is to catch all possible illegal activities, even at the expense of increased false alarms. The Naive Bayes model, while offering computational efficiency, did not perform as strongly in terms of precision, with more false positives compared to the other models. Despite this, it achieved a recall of 74%, indicating it was still able to identify a significant portion of illegal activities. Naive Bayes may be useful in contexts where fast processing is prioritized over absolute accuracy. Finally, the Hidden Markov Model (HMM) was effective in modeling the sequential patterns of vessel behavior, with an accuracy of 83%. However, it was outperformed by both GBM and SVM, suggesting that direct classification models might be more suitable for this specific task. Nonetheless, HMM's ability to capture temporal patterns remains a valuable feature for future work that involves time-dependent data.

The findings from this study demonstrate that ensemble methods like GBM can provide robust and accurate detection of illegal fishing activities. Given the model's ability to capture complex patterns and deliver high performance across key metrics, it could serve as a key tool for maritime authorities aiming to enhance their monitoring capabilities. The high recall observed in the SVM model also suggests its potential use in systems where detecting as many illegal activities as possible is crucial, even if some false positives need further investigation. In terms of future research, exploring the integration of additional data sources, such as environmental factors or real-time ocean conditions, could further improve model accuracy and applicability. Additionally, applying advanced deep learning techniques could uncover more intricate patterns in vessel behavior, particularly when analyzing large and diverse datasets. Real-world testing and deployment of these models in operational environments would provide valuable feedback on their effectiveness in practice, potentially leading to further refinements and improvements.

5. CONCLUSION

This research builds upon the fundamental argument that traditional maritime surveillance methods are insufficient to combat the increasingly sophisticated nature of illegal fishing activities. Our work demonstrates that integrating multiple machine learning approaches with vessel speed pattern analysis can significantly enhance detection capabilities, as evidenced by the 88% accuracy achieved through our GBM model. The study's foundation rests on the premise that vessel behavior patterns, particularly speed variations, provide crucial indicators of fishing activities when analyzed through advanced computational methods.

While our research advances the understanding of illegal fishing detection through machine learning, it also reveals several critical questions that remain unanswered. The influence of environmental factors, such as weather conditions and seasonal changes, on model accuracy requires further investigation. Additionally, the adaptive nature of illegal fishing operations raises questions about the long-term effectiveness of detection systems as operators potentially modify their behavior patterns in response to known surveillance methods.

The scalability of our approach across larger maritime areas with thousands of vessels presents another significant area for future research. While our study demonstrated effectiveness within a specific region, the challenges of broader implementation, including computational requirements and real-time monitoring capabilities, need further exploration. Moreover, the economic implications of implementing such advanced surveillance systems, particularly in developing nations with limited resources, remain to be fully understood.

Questions also persist regarding the integration capabilities of our system with existing maritime surveillance infrastructure across different regions. The varying technological capabilities and regulatory frameworks among different maritime authorities create challenges that warrant additional study. Furthermore, while our research provides technological solutions for detection, the broader socio-economic factors driving illegal fishing activities require consideration in future work. These unresolved questions highlight the complexity of maritime security challenges and emphasize the need for continued research in this field. Future studies should not only build upon the technical foundation established in this work but

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also consider the broader contextual factors that influence the effectiveness of maritime surveillance systems. The insights gained from this research contribute to the ongoing development of more effective approaches to combating illegal fishing while acknowledging that technological solutions represent just one component of a comprehensive strategy for maritime resource protection..

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