

CRITICAL MARITIME ROUTES

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Experiences and update on EU assistance for
combating piracy and armed robbery against ships

**(in particular support to Djibouti Code of Conduct's
implementation)**

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- **Objective:** Contribute to increased security of international transport in some critical maritime routes

Three pillars:

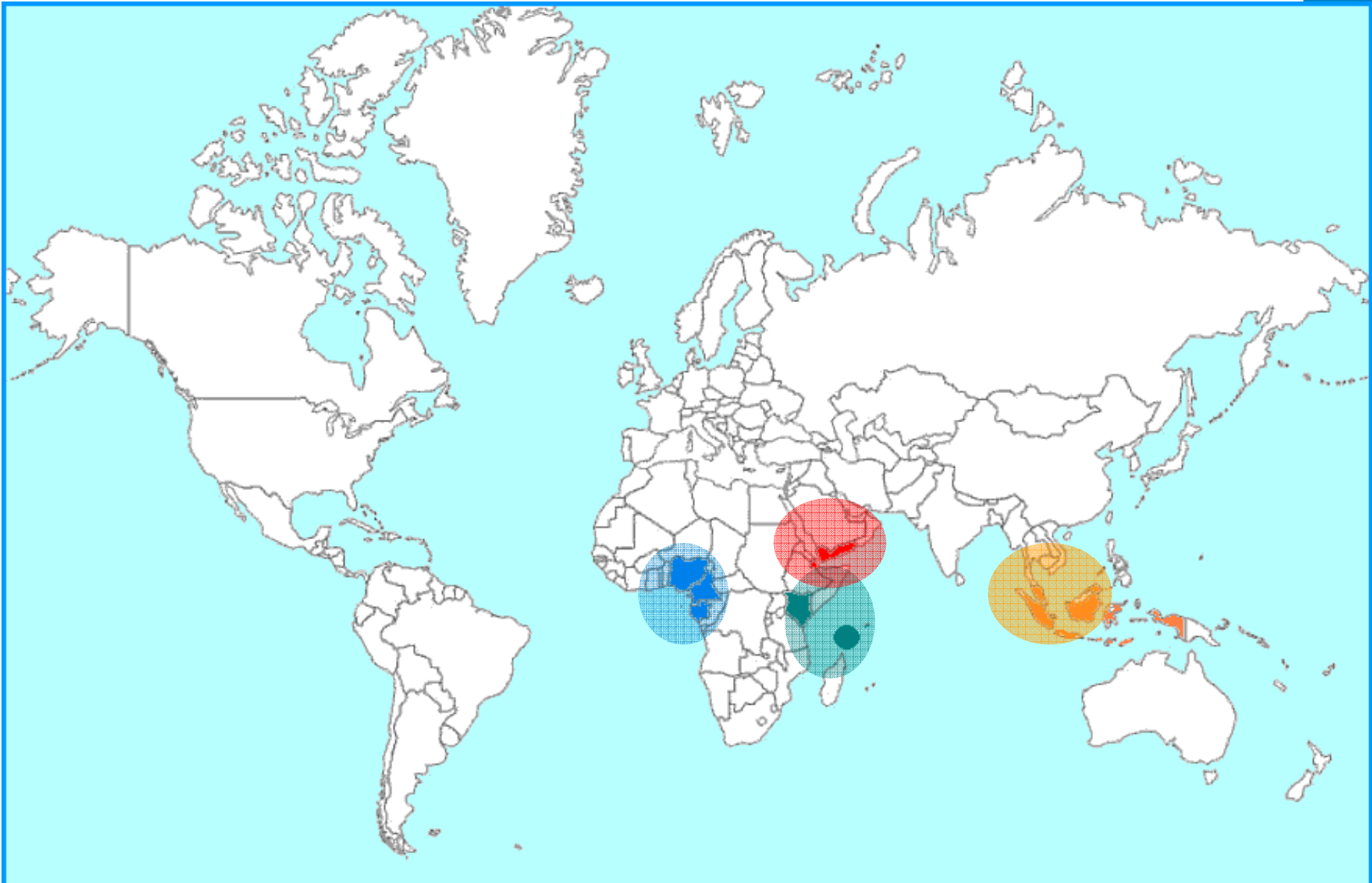
- Information Sharing
- Capacity Building
- Cooperative Arrangements

Three areas:

- Straits of Malacca and Singapore
- **Horn of Africa & Gulf of Aden (Western Indian Ocean)**
- *including support to the Djibouti CoC*
- Gulf of Guinea

CMR Programme - Scope

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Projects under the CMR Programme (up to €16M budget over three years)

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Phase I (decided)

- South East Asia - Malacca and Singapore Straits
- Horn of Africa – Gulf of Aden – €4M, including support to the Djibouti CoC

Phase II (planned)

- Horn of Africa – Gulf of Aden (Western Indian Ocean)– €2.8M, including support to the Djibouti CoC
- Law Enforcement Capacity Building in East Africa
- Exploratory phase in the Gulf of Guinea

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

- Western Indian Ocean Dialogue: promote maritime security on a regional basis (prevention, detection and suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea).
 - → Process culminated in the sub regional meeting in Djibouti
 - Adoption of the "Djibouti Code of Conduct" (DCoC)
 - → Resolutions to establish a training centre for the region in Djibouti, an information sharing centre in Sana'a and information sharing and cooperation between the participating nations
 - → DCoC = main basis and reference at political level for the actions included in the projects of the CMR in the region.
- Close coordination CMR and IMO multi-donor trust fund activities

Other Key Stakeholders & Complementary actions

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- UNSC Resolution 1851 (02/2009): facilitate discussion and coordination of actions in order to suppress piracy off the coast of Somalia
- → Set up of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)
- → WG1 = operational coordination and information sharing and regional capability development

- **Complementary:** EU MS, particularly those present in the area: participants to ATALANTA + bilateral donors
- **Complementary:** EU's contributions to improve security on the ground: support for the Somali Police through the UNDP Rule of Law and Security (ROLS) programme and to suspects of piracy's trials and detention (through UNODC)

(I) South East Asia - Malacca and Singapore Straits: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore



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Specific Objective: support existing cooperation by contributing to better safety of navigation in the Straits

- *(enhanced knowledge and information sharing on Hazardous and Noxious Substances)*
- Promote/share EU technologies and know-how (JRC)
 - ConTraffic: gathering and analysing information on global container traffic
 - Detection of vessels and oil spills using satellite imagery and coastal radar (VESPO)
 - European Marine Casualty Information Platform (with EMSA)/European Coordination Centre for Accident and Incident Reporting Systems (ECCAIRS)

(II) CMR Horn of Africa & Gulf of Aden (Western Indian Ocean)

Support to the Djibouti CoC's implementation



The specific objective is to reinforce the capacity of regional coastal states maritime administrations, law enforcement and coast guards to respond in particular to piracy and armed robbery against ships, and other threats to maritime security and safety

- Djibouti (DETC)
- Yemen (ReMISC)
- Kenya, Seychelles, TFG, Tanzania (signatories Djibouti CoC)
- IMO (Japan)- EU Cooperation to support the DETC and ReMISC

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DETC: Objectives and Concepts

- **General objective** = Education and training → wide/effective/uniform implementation of the DCOC
- **Specific objectives** = Strengthen regional maritime administrations → preparing personnel to carry out their mission + built confidence and initiate synergy
- **Holistic Approach**: includes a wider perspective of maritime education → not only on counter-piracy → staff prepared and trained in the full spectrum of maritime safety and security skills
- **Avoid duplication**: the centre designed as a flexible organisation with added value = "a centre of excellence"

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D E T C

- **Documentation:** facilitating crosscutting studies and maintain the regional source of high level and accurate training curricula → one-stop-shop for regional maritime knowledge → perform a joint assessment of threats and regional priorities
- **Education:** flexibility → set up courses on demand, not a continuous curriculum
- **Training:** operational training for all the relevant personnel, special focus on interagency and multinational procedures
- **Centre:** light, outsourced speakers/ lecturers, mixed staff, twinned with complementary/equivalent centres

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The Educational Project:

- Framed on a limited period of time but founding a long term institution for the region
- Purpose = to support Djibouti to organize, staff, equip and start running the DETC (building provided with IMO funds)
- Organizational structure
- Develop sustainable courses and updated set of curricula developed
- Documentation activities established and developed
- Courses organized at the DETC
- Services provided through an (EU) operator

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Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centre (ReMISC)

- Centre = share regional maritime information with regional countries and international organisations via established networks and available communication systems
- Aim: confidence and capacity building within the region and enhanced awareness in maritime safety and security matters + strengthening of the already existing structures

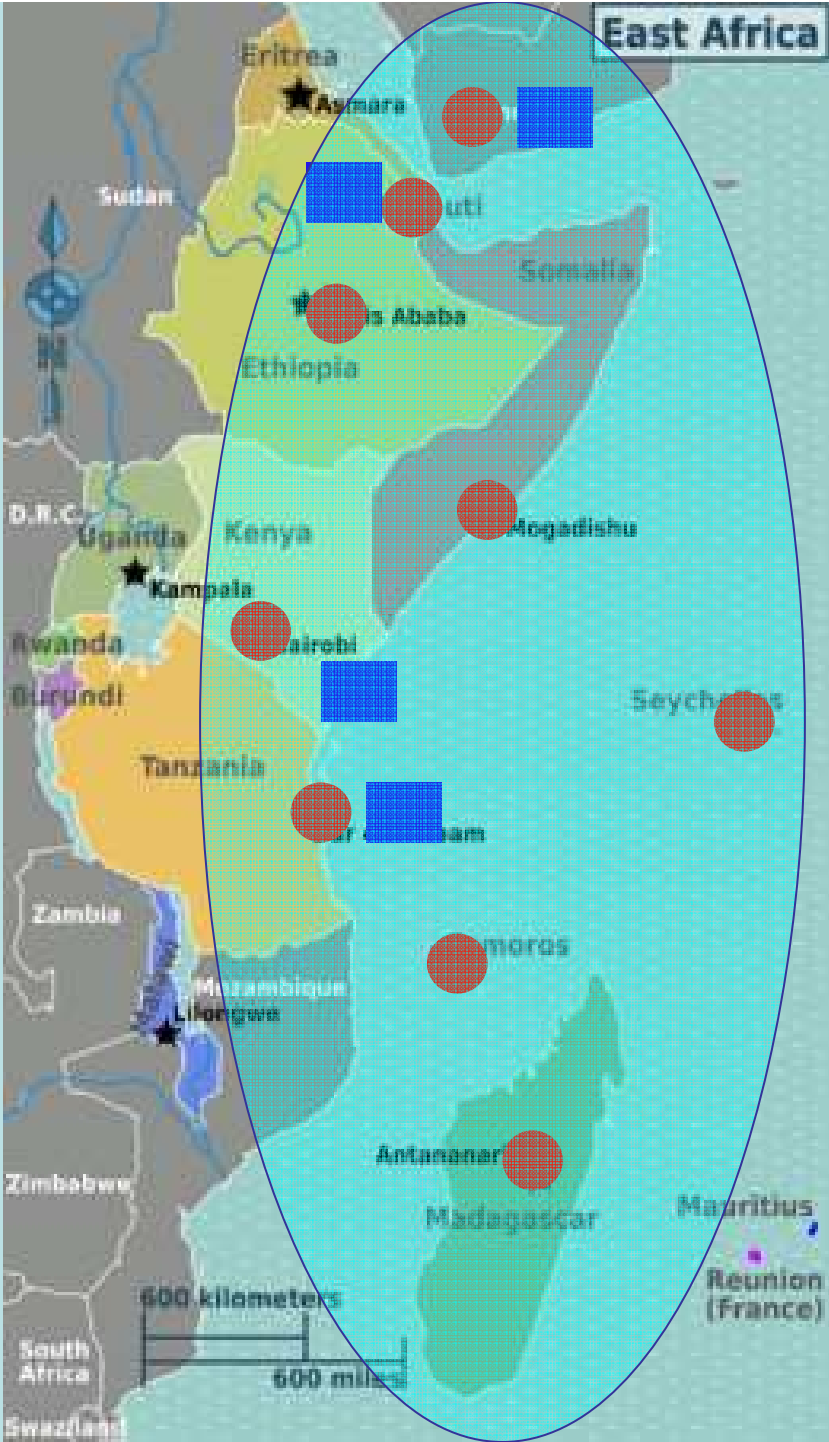
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Specific EU contribution to the ReMISC

- Specific project (information sharing system)
 - In coordination with IMO trust Fund, equip and assist to set into operation the centre in Sana'a
 - The centre should be capable of information management and analysis
 - Complementing existing Maritime Control Centres
 - Partnership to produce quality and timely regional maritime information in all areas of maritime safety and security

East Africa



REGIONAL CENTRES
SIGNATORIES
DCOC

Other activities in HoA and GoA

- 1) In the medium term, support a Regional Cooperative Mechanism
- 2) Promote a Bab El Mandeb Traffic Separation Control
- 3) Support the Djibouti CoC Focal Points (with IMO)

Law Enforcement Capacity Building in East Africa



- Objective = enable the national law enforcement agencies to efficiently respond to maritime piracy
 - Provide necessary training and equipment
 - Capacity Building of police forces in Kenya and the Seychelles
 - Training of criminal justice officials of coastal states to conduct pro-active investigations and robust criminal prosecutions
 - Cooperation with **Interpol**: unique position to connect naval efforts and prosecutions in order to effectively investigate and prosecute pirates and the criminal networks that sustain them.

(III) Exploratory phase in the Gulf of Guinea



- Priority countries: Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Sao Tomé (if feasible Equatorial Guinea)

Expected results:

- Technical analysis of existing threats
 - Detailed status of operational cooperation in the countries + capacity of maritime law enforcement at (sub) regional level
 - Establishment of needs and accompanying measures (training and capacity building) → for linking maritime surveillance and information systems at national, and (sub) regional level
- Attention to illicit trafficking (drugs, human beings, etc)
- Complementary with and building upon:
- IMO (MOWCA and MoU network of Coast Guards)
 - EDF programmes (ECCAS), bilateral EU MS

Thank you for your attention

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