Regional Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Rim

A Common Maritime Picture

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• Non-state actors and climate change are primary sources of non-traditional security challenges
• Barriers to effective cooperation
• Requires holistic cooperation on various fronts
• Ocean issues are a central common interest of regional countries with significant security ramification
Information Fusion Centre
Singapore
Mission

To provide actionable information on MARSEC threats so as to cue enforcement agencies for operational responses

Integrated RSN-ILO Structure

Extensive Global Linkages

Enabling Technologies
Extensive Global Linkages

83 Linkages in 40 Countries

Asia
- Brunei
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Oceania
- Australia
- New Zealand

Middle East
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

Europe
- Belgium
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Russia
- Spain
- United Kingdom

Africa
- Nigeria
- Madagascar
- Senegal
- Seychelles

North America
- Canada
- United States

South America
- Brazil
- Chile
- Peru

MDAT - GOG
- IMB
- NATO
- ReCAAP
- UKMTO
Integrated RSN-ILO Structure

Total: 141 ILOs, 23 Countries

Countries interested to send an ILO:

Currently: 17 ILOs, 16 Countries
Operational Successes

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IFC had been tracking the vessel since November 2017 after a tip-off from its regional OPCEN partner. IFC ILOs and OPCEN linkages were informed to look out for this vessel.

On 07 Feb 18, KRI SIGUROT 864 spotted MV Sunrise Glory. It was flying a FAKE Singapore flag, as it entered Indonesian waters in the Singapore Strait. The vessel and its Taiwanese crew members were subsequently captured in the Phillip Channel, between Singapore and Batam.

The vessel was found to be carrying one tonne of crystal methamphetamine smuggled in rice sacks when investigated in Batam.

Examples of Collaboration

• The vessel “STS 50” was wanted by Interpol (Purple Notice) and many countries for illegal fishing
• Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre, Madagascar (RMIFC) and France ILO shared information on the ship’s position
• IFC monitored the movement of STS 50 on a daily basis
• Indonesia ILO serving at IFC provided information and regular positional updates to the Western Fleet Command
• TNI AL successfully captured STS 50 on 06 Apr 18, east of Sabang Weh Island
• 30 crew on-board with 20 Indonesians, 8 Russians and 2 Ukrainians were detained by TNI AL
• Investigations subsequently revealed that the Indonesians on-board had their passports removed and were working without pay (possible slavery)
Shipping Engagement

Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR)

Tiger Team Visits

Shared Awareness Meetings

Collaborative Shipping Engagement initiatives with ReCAAP-ISC

Tugs and Barge Guide
Maritime Security Charts
Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery
Guide for Tankers operating in Asia
Recommendations for further study:

- Engagement with relevant International Organisations and regional groupings
- SG / EWG based on IORA priority areas
- Regional Security Outlook