GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

BRIEFING PACKAGE
Welcome to the UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) Briefing Package. Here we compile all the good work that the Programme teams are offering in one document. 2020 has, of course, been a challenging year for us all. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought health risks, economic recession and restricted movements and interaction among people. Our programme teams have nevertheless stayed strong and resilient and developed new and innovative ways of delivering technical assistance despite all these challenges. With 96% of our staff in the field, we have ensured continued programme implementation in support of our member states at both national and regional level and including COVID-19 responsive assistance in a variety of areas from sea to prisons. You will find a dedicated page on our COVID-19 response in the Briefing Package.

With a total of 172 full time personnel in 17 time zones around the world, the Global Maritime Crime Programme offers rapid, efficient and knowledge-based support to member states tackling maritime crime. This includes not only international and national staff, but a large pool of UN volunteers, maritime law enforcement and criminal justice mentors, as well as seconded personnel from partner countries. Our programme expansion in 2020 has included a dedicated Mediterranean Sea team, a presence in Fiji covering the Pacific Ocean islands, an expert alongside naval forces in Bahrain and a team in Yemen supporting their coast guard. Through this sort of hands-on technical assistance, the Global Maritime Crime Programme contributes to the UN Reform in ensuring implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Specifically, UNODC GMCP works towards implementation of SDG 14 – life below water and SDG 16 – ensuring peace through justice and strong institutions. UNODC GMCP further supports gender inclusive programming in line with SDG 5.

We hope you will find this Briefing Package interesting and informative, and that it gives you a sense of the importance we attach to our work and the pride that we take in our results.

Misz Keita
Director
Deputy for Operations, UNODC
GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

ATLANTIC OCEAN TEAM

“I wish to express my appreciation for, and my trust in the future of, this important partnership with UNODC which aims at consolidating our fight against maritime crime in Nigeria and beyond through the SWAMIS Project.”

MR. AA YUSUF, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MARITIME CRIME GROUP, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, NIGERIA

TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER

- TERRORISM AT SEA
- ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL
- DRUG TRAFFICKING
- ARMS TRAFFICKING
- FISHERIES CRIME
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING OF PROHIBITED ITEMS

IMPACT STORY

MS. FRANCES MULLINS ARMAR, CHAIRPERSON

I am a Chief State Attorney at the Office of the Attorney General in Accra, Ghana. I acted as the Lead Prosecutor during the Simulated Trial on Piracy in Ghana organized by the UNODC and INTERPOL (with funding from the US INL) The Simulated Trial was very insightful. It was designed to give all participants, especially the Prosecutors, an opportunity to apply the definition of Piracy as captured under Article 103 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). In anticipation of an amendment to section 193 of the Criminal Offences Act in Ghana. We are grateful to the UNODC GMCP for this initiative and hope the legislation in Ghana will be amended very soon to enable us to prosecute piracy cases successfully.

906
JUDGES & PROSECUTORS
AND MLE OFFICERS TRAINED

12
COUNTRIES ASSISTED

31
TRAININGS/MENTORING

175
WOMEN TRAINED

27
CONSULTANTS/ADVISORS DEPLOYED
GULF OF ADEN AND RED SEA TEAM

"The support provided by UNODC GMCP has been pivotal for the development of Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies in Somalia. Throughout all the years of support, Somalia has enhanced its coastal security and has acquired the necessary maritime skills and knowledge for our Maritime Police Forces to respond to crimes at sea. Thanks to the UNODC GMCP for their tremendous support to the Somali Maritime agencies to better protect their waters."


TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER

- Terrorism at Sea
- Piracy
- Firearms Trafficking
- Fishing Crime
- Human Trafficking
- Smuggling of Migrants
- Piracy

IMPACT STORY
A GENDERED APPROACH TO THE YEMEN COAST GUARD (YCG) UNIT

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THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND INFORMATION
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220
MLE OFFICERS TRAINED

98
PRISON STAFF TRAINED

36
INMATES TRAINED

19
TRAININGS CONDUCTED FOR MLE

9
TRAININGS CONDUCTED FOR PRISONS

OUR PRIORITIES

01. CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY BUILDING FOR MLE

The core mission of the GABF program is to enhance the operational capacity and capability of Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) agencies to conduct their operations in their coastal waters in Somalia and Yemen.

Embedding missions within the MLE agencies is the preferred approach in these countries where ad hoc training showed a minor impact in comparison to on-the-job training. Therefore, in 2020, along with the delivery of equipment and infrastructure development, the GABF team delivered full-time support in the areas of MLE communications, marine engineering, and maritime domain awareness.

02. DISRUPT ILLEGAL MARITIME TRADE

Pursuant to its mandate under UNSCR 2486/2019, GMCP has worked towards developing strategies to disrupt the trade in Somali charcoal and the trafficking of other illicit goods that may finance terrorist activities in Somalia. As part of that work, GMCP is engaged in several targeted meetings with Member States to discuss illicit maritime flows that undermine peace and security. Further actions, GMCP will continue its disruption efforts under its new mandate in UNSCR 2531/2020, including the role of fishing vessels in trafficking and illicit trade routes.

03. ENABLING REGIONAL DIALOGUE

In 2020, GMCP encouraged regional cooperation between international organizations, shipping industry, and Member States to advance maritime security in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region. Therefore, GABF team coordinated, co-hosted, and delivered several meetings, including the quadrilateral meetings with Combined Maritime Forces, the European Union Naval Force Operation Atalanta, and the UNMIL on Somalia and Yemen.

04. ENHANCING CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES

During 2020, GMCP’s GABF worked supporting prisons in Somalia that continued to be hit hard. Therefore, the team delivered training to custodial officers in Prevention of Violent Extremism, Prison Reform Management, and Reintegration. Support to the rehabilitation of inmates through vocational training modules that focus on electrical wiring, plumbing, masons, mechanical maintenance, and welding are delivered aiming at avoiding recidivism and facilitating their reintegration into society upon their release. In 2020, GMCP also organized an International Monitoring Committee (IMC) meeting with regional operators at the MRCC to ensure Human Rights compliance as guided by the Nelson Mandela Rules.

OUR RESULTS

- Launched a mentor programme in Aden, offering full time support and training to the Yemen Coast Guard (YCG) in the areas of MLE communications, maritime domain awareness and marine engineering.

- Supported the development of the YCG Regeneration Strategy and commenced the implementation of activities under the Implementation plan.

- Developed over 20 Standard Operating Procedures and 15 training courses customized for the Yemen Coast Guard.

- Delivered accommodation units to Garowe prison to increase the ability of prison staff to meet operational and security needs and provide more capacity for resident training, vocational training and skills development for inmates.

- Installed communications equipment and upgraded communications infrastructure at Somalia Coast Guard Base at Port and Maritime Police Unit and Gandaaba bases to allow for the monitoring of operations at sea and in port while increasing Maritime Domain Awareness.

- Developed Standard Operating Procedures for Garowe prison to manage expectant female prisoners and those who have given birth during their sentence.

- Supported the implementation of the UNSCR 2486/2019. GMCP will continue to advance its efforts to promote peace and security under its new mandate pursuant to UNSCR 2531/2020.
GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

HEADQUARTERS TEAM

OUR PRIORITIES

01. STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

We set the direction of CMCP both thematically and regionally in response to requests from member states and our UNODC colleagues in regional offices.

02. PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

We develop projects to respond to the needs of member states.

03. ADVOCACY

We ensure that member states, UN partner agencies, UNODC counterparts and the public at large have access to information on our work.

04. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

We ensure that CMCP staff are properly prepared for their duties through training and support.

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE OCEAN MUST BE AT THE FRONT AND CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL DEBATE. THROUGH AN INTERREGIONAL APPROACH, UNODC MAKES GOOD USE OF SATELLITE IMAGERY TO ASSIST NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO TACKLE A RANGE OF MARITIME CRIME INCLUDING DRUGS TRAFFICKING, THE INTERCEPTION OF TERRORIST ARMAMENTS, AND ILLEGITIMATE FISHERIES ACTIVITY.”

PETER THOMSON, UN’S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE OCEAN

NEW PROGRAMME DEVELOPED IN 2020

POSTS OPENED IN 2020

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FISHERIES CRIME
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PRIVACY

OUR RESULTS

Regional programming established in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

Thematic programming established on fisheries crimes, maritime counter terrorism, transnational organized maritime environmental crime and the enforcement of Security Council resolutions.

Promotional videos and advocacy material produced on CMCP gender mainstreaming submarine cables protection and the impact of climate change on MLE.


Development of training tools including course catalogues on Maritime Law Enforcement, Maritime Domain Awareness and Piracy Training.

GENDER ROLES IN TACKLING MARITIME CRIME

“With maritime law enforcement agencies generally being represented by men, UNODC CMCP makes gender mainstreaming a priority across our work, consistent with SDG 5 Gender Equality.”

SINI RUIJS, DEPUTY HEAD, CMCP

SECURITY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

Based on a series of UN Security Council Resolutions spanning several years, CMCP works to enforce sanctions and deter sanctions violations occurring at sea in DPRK, Libya, Somalia and Yemen in close cooperation with the various Panels of Experts established to monitor their implementation.

The CMCP Headquarters Team is based in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
**GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME**

**INDIAN OCEAN EAST TEAM**

*It is with the utmost gratitude and appreciation that I note the assistance afforded by the UNODC in the development of the maritime security sector of the Maldives. UNODC’s assistance in terms of technical support and capacity building is crucial for small developing nations such as ours.*

**COLONEL MOHAMED SALLEH, COMMANDANT OF THE MALDIVES COAST GUARD**

**OUR PRIORITIES**

1. **MLE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
   We work closely with MLE agencies in the region to identify their needs and design training programmes that improve their technical and practical capabilities to carry out their duties in maritime operations.

2. **ENHANCING MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS**
   We encourage the use of technology (software and satellite imagery) and human intelligence to create a better picture and understanding of each country’s maritime domain.

3. **LEGAL FINISH**
   We engage with judges, investigators and prosecutors to identify their challenges, needs and practices to ensure legal finish of maritime offences.

4. **PROMOTING INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION**
   We advocate for more communication between MLE agencies at the national level to support the creation of joint mechanisms to effectively address maritime offences.

**TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER**

- Terrorism at Sea
- Drug Trafficking
- Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants
- Fisheries Crime

**OUR RESULTS**

- Established presence in Bangladesh and Maldives.
- Successful delivery of first VBSS courses in Maldives, including a national joint course and an international course attended by Kenya and Tanzania.
- Successful delivery of VBSS and MLE courses in Sri Lanka, including the first Instructors Course and Interagency training on SOLAS and TPSOM.
- Successful delivery of Pier-side Vessel Search Techniques courses in Maldives and Sri Lanka.
- Conducted an event on countering waterborne improvised explosive devices (C-WIRED) for MLE agencies in Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- Successful delivery of MDA Foundation Training for MLE agencies in Maldives.
- Assessment of challenges, practices and needs in the prosecution of maritime officers with judges, investigators and prosecutors in Maldives and Bangladesh.
- Conducted research to map maritime criminality in South Asia.
- Provision of communications and information technology equipment to support MDA and operational capacity of MLE agencies in Maldives.
- Provision of training kits for UNODC-led MLE courses.
- Workshops on Constructive Presence with the Sri Lanka Navy and Prosecution.

**IMPACT STORY**

K.E. W. DISNA WIDANKORI, CLASS 1, OFFICER AT DUMBABA REGIONAL FEMALE WARD, SRI LANKA

“The role of female prison officers has been vital due to the increasing population on different charges over time. I have learned about topics related to prison administration focused on women as well as more generally, including security arrangements in prison, understanding the behaviours and relations between officers and prisoners, searches, classification and categorization of inmates, and identification of criminal activities within prison premises.

I am therefore thankful for UNODC’s assistance and training programmes, through which I have gained the necessary knowledge for the adequate management of female inmates at Dumbaba Prison, in line with international standards. Continued support by UNODC in the conduction of these programmes in the future will be much appreciated as it is useful in developing the capacity of prison officers and benefiting the wellbeing of inmates.”
01. REGIONAL COOPERATION
All interventions have a strong regional cooperation emphasis and, under the mandate of its Indian Ocean Forum on Maritime Crime (IOFC), the programme is committed to support Member States, develop cooperation at both regional and international levels and build capacity to counter serious organized crime within the maritime domain.

02. SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
CMCP builds maritime law enforcement (MLE) capacity through training and mentorship initiatives, including regional self-sustaining Visit, Board, Search and Seizure training. It supports national drug enforcement agencies through its Southern Route Partnership (SRP) forum, which provides a platform to discuss strategies to counter narcotics trafficking. Support is also provided to develop an advanced maritime domain awareness (MDA) capability to enhance maritime situational awareness to counter illicit activity at sea.

03. SUPPORT TO PROSECUTION
The Prosecutors’ Network Forum, a cross-cutting pillar within the ICPFMC framework, provides a setting for senior prosecutors from across the Indian Ocean region to meet, share knowledge, problem solve and discuss cooperative strategies for prosecuting maritime crimes. The forum also supports Member States with reviews of their legal framework with a view to ratify and domesticate relevant international conventions into domestic law.

04. SUPPORT TO DETENTION
CMCP delivers a Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) programme in Kenya, where the main thematic areas of engagement are training and mentoring of Prison Staff dealing with Violent Extremists’ Prisoners (VEPs), the delivery of physical, procedural and dynamic security enhancing prisoner record management systems, rehabilitation and reintegration activities and the implementation of a robust risk assessment tool aimed at assessing risks of re-offending, recruiting and radicalising amongst the prisoners.

OUR RESULTS
- Due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions, programme interventions were adjusted with a focus on national level training - In-country training platforms were set up in Kenya, Tanzania and Seychelles, delivering courses from Basic Seamenship to more advanced VSS training.
- Establishment of a Virtual Tri lateral Planning Cell in Mozambique, following the Tri lateral Strategy agreed between Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania, aimed at disrupting organised crime groups in the heroin trade.
- Establishment of an ‘Online Prosecutors’ Network Forum’, facilitating monthly sessions for senior prosecutors to discuss critical issues in successfully prosecuting maritime crimes.
- Construction of new court complexes in Kenya providing the infrastructure to effectively adjudicate serious organised crime cases in a human rights compliant manner.
- Successful expansion of the activities portfolio looking to enhance Port Security and Safety of Navigation, implemented in partnership with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), INTERPOL and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN TEAM

“CARICOM IMPACS has enjoyed a long and fruitful partnership with UNODC. With the presence of UNODC through GMCP, our member states have leveraged the opportunity to further develop and better protect the region’s blue economies. Our agency remains committed to working with UNODC to continue strengthening maritime capacity within the CARICOM domain.”

LT COL. MIKHAIL JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (AD), CARICOM IMPACS

TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER

- TERRORISM AT SEA
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- DRUG TRAFFICKING
- FIREARMS TRAFFICKING
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS
- CRIME AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA

OUR PRIORITIES

01 REGIONAL COOPERATION

Our team continues to support Caribbean countries to achieve greater cooperation at both national and regional level under existing cooperation frameworks for broader maritime law enforcement responses to maritime crimes.

02 MAPPING EMERGING AND EVOLVING THREATS

We identify and analyze new maritime crime trends and linkages to enable member states to develop informed responses.

03 LEGAL FINISH

We develop advanced prosecutorial and adjudication capacities and shared awareness with front line actors to ensure strong legal finish to maritime crimes.

04 MLE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Our team works with MLE officers to identify and provide skills that will help them to effectively do their job. We do so not only at sea but also in riverine operation theaters and in support of the establishment of best maintenance practices to increase operational readiness.

IMPACT STORY

DIANA O’BRIEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, GUYANA

“I was fortunate to be part of the four-day immersive legal finish exercise hosted by the UNODC GMCP. This training provided an excellent opportunity for capacity enhancement of the participants, which comprised Magistrates, Prosecutors and members of the Guyana Defence Force Coast Guard. It was quite practical as it commenced with interjection of the vessel and progressed through case preparation, legal submissions to the court, and finally, decisions by the Magistrates. The exercise was beneficial to my fellow prosecutors in that it enabled us to grasp key legal issues, to address legal challenges and to respond appropriately and expeditiously with guidance from the experts. The feedback from the Magistrates offered invaluable insight into a judicial response to prosecutorial actions, as well as interpretation of the relevant legislation. As a prosecutor, I am now better equipped to engage in meaningful collaboration with other key stakeholders as we advance the fight against maritime crime. I wish to extend my gratitude to the GMCP for hosting this exercise which was crucial for us and to commend its successful facilitation amid the pandemic. I certainly look forward to future training and partnership.”

CARIBBEAN FORUM ON MARITIME CRIME
Virtual Series

PLAN FOR 2021

- In-person launch of the CFMC
- Furthering of sub-regional and national cooperation in the Caribbean and Central/South America on MLE, riverine operations and maintenance support
- Embedding of prosecution advisories in target countries to further effective prosecution of maritime crime
- Establishment of Prosecutors Networks in the Caribbean and Central/South America

TYPE OF MENTORING/TRAINING

- Tabletop exercises
- MLE training customized according to different crimes

11 COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ASSISTED
18 COUNTRIES PROJECTED TO BE ASSISTED (8 in the Caribbean and 10 in Central/South America)
GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

OUR PRIORITIES

01. BEST PRACTICES, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL
We ensure that policies, processes and procedures are established to effectively, efficiently and diligently manage CMCP activities across the globe.

02. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT
We ensure compliance of all GMCP engagements with UN Financial Regulations and Rules and other policies.

03. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT
We support programme cycle management from development through to implementation, monitoring, results-based reporting and evaluation.

IMPACT STORY

As a new member of the GMCP family, I work as the only General Services Staff and national staff in the headquarters’ team based in Colombia. I also work for the Pacific Ocean team and Mediterranean team and assist other teams across the globe. Despite the fact that I joined my work in a very challenging environment with the outbreak of COVID-19, I have always felt connected to my colleagues thanks to the MS team who assisted me to understand my role within GMCP Colombia and also to fit myself into the greater picture of the programme. The MS team also encourages knowledge sharing to help resolve issues and works as a pillar that strengthens the team spirit and support team building. In addition, online courses, Operations Manual and Staff Handbook were of immense help for me as a beginner to understand the ERP system. I have gained a great knowledge of the virtual training held by the MS team, a very thoughtful replacement of the annual physical Team Building and Information Exchange event which had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic. Just as much as I like working with GMCP, I like to grow professionally with the organization to support its aims towards counternalling maritime crime across the globe.

OUR RESULTS

- Donor Agreements finalisation worth $39m facilitated and budget for a record delivery of $22m
- Facilitated 16 recruitments, 54 contract extensions and four relocations (lateral moves)
- Recruitment of nine Programme Support Staff supported through provision of operations expertise
- Programme Support Personnel network strengthened and 21 peer to peer learning sessions for 24 PSP facilitated
- Bi-weekly PSP meetings held to ensure consistent programme support globally
- 90 Grant Review Meetings held with CMCP Programme Teams
- UNODC GMCP Operations Manual regularly updated and established as main resource document for the programme
- Programme management guidelines issued to support the full programme cycle, including specific guidelines for managing EU-funded projects
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA TEAM

GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

OUR PRIORITIES

01. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTERPART ENGAGEMENT

The UNODC CMCP sub-programme for the Mediterranean was launched in October 2020. The team is reaching out to key partners to identify priority areas for engagement that will complement ongoing efforts to strengthen maritime law enforcement and border management in the Mediterranean.

02. MARITIME BORDER MANAGEMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Support national maritime law enforcement actors in Maritme Domain Awareness and operational responsiveness through analysis training, provision of equipment, and mentoring. Use satellite imagery to practice analytical skills, operational planning, and on-water exercises in line with international law.

03. MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

Build sustainable in-country and in-region maritime law enforcement capacity building programmes. Place long-term mentors with national maritime law enforcement authorities. Establish a Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) and port-side training centre in the region where residential training can be held.

04. IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SANCTIONS

In collaboration with EU NAVFOR MED Operation IRINI, UN Panels of Experts and Mediterranean coastal States, support the implementation of UNSC Sanctions related to the arms embargo on Libya and the illicit exportation of petroleum from Libya through supporting national and regional responses.

05. LEGAL FINISH

Support the legal fight to crimes committed at sea through training to judges and prosecutors. Support practice through simulated trials with national authorities and complement regional maritime exercises.

MEDITERRANEAN

AREAS OF INTEREST (BLACK SEA)

AREAS OF INTEREST (MEDITERRANEAN)

BLACK SEA

OUR PRIORITIES

01. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTERPART ENGAGEMENT

The UNODC CMCP sub-programme for the Black Sea was launched in October 2020. The team is reaching out to key partners to identify priority areas for engagement that will complement ongoing efforts to strengthen maritime law enforcement and border management in the Black Sea.

02. MARITIME BORDER MANAGEMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Support national maritime law enforcement actors to monitor and protect their maritime space against a variety of maritime crimes, including the trafficking of nuclear materials.

03. REGIONAL OPERATIONAL-LEVEL COORDINATION

Support operational-level trust building and coordination between Black Sea coastal states to better understand maritime crime trends in their maritime space and respond collaboratively.
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PACIFIC OCEAN TEAM

"The Pacific Island countries are maritime dependent as such maritime crime is a serious threat to the economy and security of small island states. The Global Maritime Crime Programme of UNODC is providing technologically advanced solutions to counter illicit activity in the ocean space thereby maximising the limited maritime law enforcement capacity in the region."

SAKARAA KAMAGANWAA, UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR TO KIU, KIRIBATI, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, NAURU, PALAU, SOLOMON ISLANDS, TONGA, TUVALU, AND VANUATU

01 STRENGTHENING MARITIME SECURITY
Leading efforts to counter maritime crime in the Sulu and Celebes Seas by convening a tri-lateral contact group

02 DEVELOPING PLATFORMS FOR COOPERATION
Promoting White Hull diplomacy through the development of the Maritime Law Enforcement Dialogues

03 IMPROVING COORDINATION TO COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING
Countering maritime drug trafficking in the Andaman Sea and Malacca Straits through the Western Maritime Route Forum

04 ENHANCING MLE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY
Conducting multi-country Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBS) trainings for boarding teams strengthening joint operational capabilities

05 INDUCTION OF MDA TECHNOLOGY AND ANALYTICAL TRAINING
Providing equipment support to maritime surveillance centres and delivering Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) analytical training

TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER

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IMPACT STORY

CRR, CHARTY C. COMACO
PHILIPPINES NATIONAL COAST WATCH CENTRE

Participating in capacity building activities and engagements spearheaded by the UNODC-GMCP has been instrumental in increasing my competency and capacity in leading people and in widening cooperation amongst law enforcers. The UNODC-GMCP events have given me the opportunity to establish and connect with fellow women engaged in law enforcement in the South East Asia region. I believe that such less encourages the inclusion of women in gender specific roles in the society. I am certain that similar endeavours are great ways to empower women and promote gender equality in law enforcement.

PRESENCE PROGRAMMING

OUR PRIORITIES

OUR RESULTS

✓ Maritime Law Enforcement Dialogues (MLED) developed consensus on Common Regional Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety Protocols by MLE in Southeast Asia improved protection of submarine data cables, and focused on de-escalation of tense situations at sea.

✓ Contact Group on the Sulu and Celebes Seas (CGSCS) developed practical recommendations on RFID tagging for vessel registration, regional coast guard commanders engagement (SISULUK) and tabletop exercises in the Sulu Sea.

✓ Western Maritime Route Forum (WMRF) strengthened national level coordination with Drug-Maritime Exchanges (DME) and compiled a Compendium of Drug Seizures at Sea.

✓ Forum of National Maritime Fusion Centres (FNMFIC) conducted learning exchanges and conferences on MDA technology topics for Maritime Ops Centres and produced fortnightly updates to COVID-19 Heatmap of coastal region.

✓ Indonesia - Strengthened inter-agency maritime coordination through crime-centre SOP development, developed training on maritime law for prosecutors and judges and developed a national MDA platform.

✓ Malaysia - Delivered MDA analytical training and facilitated policy level engagement on future direction.

✓ Philippines - Delivered VBS training equipment, provided RFID tagging for vessel registration and strengthened security at vulnerable piers and jetties.

✓ Thailand - Provided aviation drones to patrol the Mekong River region and delivered VBS equipment.

✓ Fiji/Tonga/Kiribati/Tuvalu/Cook Islands/Samoa/Palau/Micronesia/ Marshall Islands - Delivered MDA equipment including terrestrial maritime radar to maritime surveillance centres, conducted MDA Analytical Training and Contact Tracing Training in response to COVID-19.

860 OFFICERS TRAINED
224 FEMALE OFFICERS TRAINED
32 TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED

15 COUNTRIES ASSISTED
5 REDATS AND ASSESSMENT

EQUIPMENT DELIVERED

Face Recognition System, MDA equipment, Terrestrial Maritime Radar, RFID equipment
GMCP WORK IN PRISONS
KENYA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KENYA PRISON SERVICE (KPS)

PRISONS SUPPORTED
- Shimo La Tewa Maximum Security Prison, Mombasa
- Kamiti Maximum Security Prison, Nairobi
- Langata Women’s Prison, Nairobi

AREAS OF WORK
- Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) in prisons

OUR RESULTS
- Full time embedded mentors in Langata Women’s Prison, leading to the development of gender sensitive management skills to ensure equal opportunities among staff and prisoners
- Dynamic security training introduced into the curriculum of Kenya National Prison Officer training college for all new staff
- Security Information Reporting System incorporated into Kenyan prison Law to be rolled out to every prison in Kenya
- Capacity building of Kenya prison staff to deliver dynamic security in an in-service training capacity
- Prison databases introduced at three high security prisons, providing a comprehensive electronic prisoner records system

TYPE OF WORK

01. CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT
- Complete: Construction of VEO separation block at Langata Women’s Prison, built through prison vocational training
- Complete: Construction of Kahawa Law Court, which is dedicated to Counter Terrorism cases and was built through prison vocational training
- Construction of a new court room dedicated to Counter Terrorism cases, which was built through training in Shanzu Law Court

02. TRAINING OF CUSTODIAL CORPS
- Searching technique training is COVID-19 informed
- Prison Information Sharing Training
- Dynamic Security Training
- Security Information Report Training
- Gate Officer Training
- CCTV Installation
- Vehicle Search Training
- Tool: K Risk assessment Training

03. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND MENTORING FOR INMATES
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrical Works
- Welding
- Masonry

GMCP WORK IN PRISONS
SOMALIA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOMALI CORRECTIONS SECTOR

PRISONS SUPPORTED
- Garowe Prison, Puntland
- Hargeisa Prison, Somaliland
- Mogadishu Prison and Court Complex, South Central Somalia
- MPCC & MSCP, Banadir Region
- Baladweyn: Hirshabele
- Baddo South West State
- Kismayo: Jubbaland

AREAS OF WORK
- Strengthening rule of law institutions through capacity building of the Somali Custodial Corps (GCC) at the federal level and infrastructural/operational support
- Prevention of Violent Extremism and upholding of the Nelson Mandela Rules in prisons

OUR RESULTS
- Support to infectious disease prevention and response across six regional prisons
- Ongoing infrastructure and maintenance support to prisons through vocational training improving prisoners and staff accommodation conditions
- Ongoing delivery of 416 human rights compliant bed capacity (total delivered capacity since programme inception)

TYPE OF WORK

01. CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT
- The Mogadishu Prison and Court Complex (Phase 1A)
- A safe and secure female inmates separation block at Garowe Prison
- Security improvements at Mogadishu Central Prison
- Completion of a staff accommodation block at Garowe Central Prison, Puntland
- On-going works on security enhancement at facilities housing high risk prisoners

02. TRAINING OF CUSTODIAL CORPS
- Management Development Programme (MDP)
- Prisoner Management System (database)
- Prevention of Violent Extremism
- Management Training
- Senior Management Training
- Dynamic Security Training
- Basic Training of Prison Officers

03. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND MENTORING FOR INMATES
- Plumbing
- Electrical Works
- Welding
- Masonry and Mechanical Maintenance
GMCP WORK IN PRISONS
MALDIVES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MALDIVES CORRECTIONAL SERVICE

PRISONS SUPPORTED
- Headquarters
- Maafushi Prison
- Male Prison

AREAS OF WORK
- Prison security
- Prison intelligence
- Incident management

OUR RESULTS
GMCP supported senior officers at the headquarters level of the Maldives Correctional Service on contingency planning, conducted visits for assessments to Male and Maafushi prisons, and supported the establishment of a prison intelligence unit to improve security in prison premises. GMCP also supported the translation and distribution of the Nelson Mandela Rules in Dhivehi.

TYPE OF WORK
01. SUPPORT AT THE HQ LEVEL
- Prison intelligence
- Development of SOPs
- Advised on Human Rights Commission's Audit Report on prisons

02. TRAINING FOR PRISON OFFICERS
- Contingency planning
- Distribution of the Nelson Mandela Rules in Dhivehi

GMCP WORK IN PRISONS
SRI LANKA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS

PRISONS SUPPORTED
- Welikada Prison
- Boossa Prison
- Angunakolapelessa Prison

AREAS OF WORK
- Prevention of violent extremism (PVE)
- Prison security
- Management training
- COVID-19 response

OUR RESULTS
In February 2020, GMCP deployed two full-time prison mentors to support the Department of Prisons. Multiple engagements resulted in a strong partnership that allowed the delivery of diverse training programmes targeted at prison officers to strengthen prison security and uphold human rights in accordance with the Nelson Mandela Rules.

TYPE OF WORK
01. CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT
- Construction of a training cell

02. TRAINING FOR PRISON OFFICERS
- Dynamic security
- Management of high-risk prisoners
- Management of prison officers
- Prison mentoring
- Distribution of the Nelson Mandela Rules in Sinhala and Tamil
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02. PROSECUTORS’ NETWORK

The Prosecutors’ Network, a cross-cutting pillar within the IOMC, provides a setting for senior prosecutors from across the Indian Ocean region to share knowledge, problems solve and discuss cooperative strategies for prosecuting maritime crimes including piracy, human trafficking, fishing in persons, people smuggling and maritime terrorism. The forum applies the simulation based methodologies to provide a coherent and coordinated approach to prosecuting and adjudicating regional maritime drug trafficking. Support is also targeted to assist member states with reviews of their legal frameworks with a view to re-establish and domesticate relevant international conventions into domestic law.

04. UNSCR 2498 & 2551

Based on a series of UN Security Council resolutions spanning several years, UNODC works through the IOMC with the Federal Government of Somalia and other stakeholders to disrupt the trade in Somali charcoal and the trafficking of other licit and illicit goods that may finance terrorist activities in Somalia. Over the year, CMCR has conducted three research reports looking into the trafficking of charcoal, licit and illicit trade through the examples of trade in sugar and dried licit goods, and trafficking in IEDs. In the new UNSCR 2559 (2020), the Security Council extended the mandate to IOMC to bring together relevant stakeholders, including the European Naval Forces Operation Atalanta, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and other naval forces in the forces in the region. The aim of this collaboration is to enhance regional cooperation on responding to illicit maritime flows, to disrupt all forms of trafficking that may finance terrorist activities in Somalia, and supporting the FCS and RMS to improve their Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).

06. INFORMATION SHARING

The IOMC promotes initiatives within the region aimed at developing operational tools to enhance information sharing and strengthen MDA. These include systems and analysis training, procurement and repairs of sensors and related equipment capable of observing traffic from coastal states or from patrol vessels and exchanges among analytic experts from regional and international partner organisations.

07. MARITIME TERRORISM

Maritime terrorism is a threat to security of ports, safety of navigation and the shipping industry in the IOMC region. We improve operational capability, reinforce implementation of legislation by providing training on legal issues and ensure that States can respond to real time maritime terrorism. Through our established maritime training centres, practical law enforcement training is provided on board and in the searching of vessels suspected of moving terrorists and their materials, and on preventing terrorist attacks and other illicit attacks on port facilities. By focusing on both capacity building and, legal aspects, we ensure that States can successfully detect, apprehend, investigate, prosecute and convict terrorists operating at sea.

08. FISHERIES

The IOMC Fisheries Pillar was established in 2015 in response to growing concerns from Member States. We combat illegal fishing through the coordination of enforcement efforts, intelligence gathering and information sharing across member states. CMCR in partnership with Secure Fisheries, established the “Caught Red Handed” programme, which aimed to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU), by integrating interstate and national governance coalitions of key fisheries stakeholders, working closely with authorities in Sri Lanka and Maldives. Presently using the extensive IOMC training facilities in the region, CMCR is working with fishing authorities to develop an inspection and enforcement capability that will see the prosecution of fisheries crimes and the sharing of information by Member States and specialist agencies.

"Given that Madagascar is an island, our participation in the IOMC Fisheries Network organized by UNODC is an opportunity to strengthen the role of justice in the fight against maritime crimes. Since we do not necessarily have the means to tackle maritime crimes, cooperation and collaboration with other countries in the region is vital. The sharing of experiences of other participants allowed me to have a greater vision and to improve my legal and practical knowledge in order, for example, to give the Judicial Police Officers more precise guidelines to achieve an effective prosecution."
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**SIMULATED TRIALS**

**PURPOSE**
To assess national legal frameworks and train prosecutors and judges in maritime crime cases. The exercise seeks to take the simulated trial approach forward to meet “on the ground” challenges, including those of case preparation, evidence handling, examination of witnesses and case management.

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**WORK WE DO**

- **EARLY ENGAGEMENT OF PROSECUTORS**
  Emphasise the benefits of early engagement, through pre-boarding legal advice and highlights the range of strategic options and operational decision-making that are likely to be encountered.

- **PRELIMINARY CHALLENGES**
  Train practitioners on the formulation and drafting of legal arguments and provide them with the opportunity to make oral or written submissions before a Judge or a panel of judges drawn from States within the particular region.

- **CASE HANDLING OF PROSECUTORS**
  Discuss matters of demand in prosecutions including charging decisions, concurrent jurisdiction, international cooperation, the disclosure/exchange of documents to the defence and court, human rights considerations and the drafting of opening notes and arguments.

- **CASE HANDLING BY DEFENCE**
  Ensure the inclusion of defence lawyers where possible with the objective to avoid the making of unmonetised applications, written submissions and oral presentations, and to demonstrate that the best interests of the client are being served.

- **ADVOCACY/EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES**
  Training on a reasoned, well-considered and planned approach in the examination and cross-examination of witnesses. These sessions are intended to have the parties rehearse for hearings where witnesses will be called.

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**WORK WE DO**

- **WITNESSES**
  Help witnesses to give evidence in a coherent and clear manner and, at the same time, to learn how to handle cross-examination.

- **EVIDENTIAL CHALLENGES**
  Train investigators to develop their case strategy and record decisions. Continuing challenges include search and seizure, exhibit collection, handling & management, detention issues, initial examination of witnesses and suspects, retrieval of digital evidence and covert techniques. Investigators will be required to develop their case strategy and to log and record decisions.

- **DIRECT AND INDIRECT/CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE**
  Train investigators and prosecutors on how to build their case on circumstantial evidence. In maritime cases, in particular cases of drugs and arms trafficking (especially organised crime), the investigating evidence may be shown elsewhere, investigators and prosecutors will therefore more often than not need to build their case on circumstantial evidence.

- **INTELLIGENCE LED INVESTIGATIONS/COVERT TECHNIQUES**
  Ensure that law enforcement and prosecutors understand the importance of intelligence and how it may be used and should be protected in a criminal case.

- **CASE MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES**
  The simulations will explore how judges and magistrates manage a case once it enters the judicial phase.
USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO COUNTER MARITIME CRIME

**ENHANCING COMMUNICATION**
- GMCP has installed radio repeater systems and procured radio communication systems in archipelagic states such as Maldives and Seychelles to expand the coverage of the police radio network.
- In efforts to strengthen existing radio communications systems, GMCP has installed new antenna masts, high performance antennas and radio communication equipment to improve maritime communication capability in regions of Somalia.

**AUTOMATING PROCESSES**
- GMCP has provided innovative solutions to automate procedural systems in court administration. In Seychelles, GMCP facilitated the development of a computerised court administration system to streamline court processes. This also included automatic transcription capability for recording of court proceedings. In Kenya, GMCP facilitated the digitisation of court records to improve storage and preservation of records.
- GMCP has installed face recognition technology at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka (Bangladesh) and at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam) to automate passenger screening by law enforcement at the arrival and departure terminals.

**VEssel DETECTION**
- GMCP delivered Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Analytical Training to maritime law enforcement personnel in Fiji, Kiribati, Malaysia, Micronesia, Samoa and Tonga, of the regional agencies FFA and PFCC. The training focused on cooperative data sources such as AIS, VMS including community sources (soft MDA), non-cooperative data sources such as satellite imagery and synthetic aperture radar and the fusion of cooperative and non-cooperative data sources to detect dark vessels and suspicious activity at sea.
- GMCP, as the Secretariat for the Forum of National Maritime Fusion Centre (FMFC) of Southeast Asia and the Pacific, convened several colloquia on MDA technology topics for maritime operation centre personnel.
- GMCP has supported the upgrading of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) equipment at Maritime Operations Centres in Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Tonga and Tuvalu, to improve maritime surveillance and response capability.
- GMCP has installed maritime coastal radar equipment on Tarawa Island in Kiribati to improve the maritime domain awareness capability of Kiribati Police maritime unit.
- GMCP has facilitated the provision of synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imagery to detect vessels of interest (Voi) in support of counter narcotics operations in the maritime domain.
- GMCP, in partnership with Vulcan Skylight, provided algorithm-based machine learning software to several maritime law enforcement agencies to aid detection of dark rendezvous using historical patterns of behavior and anomalies in usual navigation.
- GMCP facilitated the engagement of three MDA analytical data providers to support a maritime operation by the Ghana Navy that aimed to locate vessels engaged in illicit activity in the Gulf of Guinea.
- GMCP has engaged closely with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the Copernicus programme on satellite imagery to support maritime operations to counter fisheries crime.
OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 outbreak has been categorized as a global health emergency and pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). The infectious disease, which has reached almost every country in the world, has proven to spread at a rapid rate, creating the need to adapt preventive measures to contain its further transmission.

A recent report on drug market trends during COVID-19, launched in May 2020 by UNODC, reveals that the measures implemented by governments to curb the COVID-19 pandemic have interrupted some drug supply chains and traffickers are looking for alternative routes, including trafficking by sea. Maritime routes seem to be increasingly used to trafﬁc heroin, as shown by seizures of opiates in the Indian Ocean Eastern Region.

As first responders, Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) Agencies play a pivotal role in promoting safety and security. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, this role extends to preventing the further spread of the disease, as well maintaining the capability to respond effectively to criminal activity. To this effect, GMCP is supporting maritime law enforcement agencies to strengthen the safety and effectiveness of MLE measures in the context of the pandemic crisis. Interventions include reviewing boarding procedures and operations at sea and providing recommendations and training to ensure both prevention and mitigation measures are adhered to.

AREAS OF WORK

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

• COVID-19 HeatMap of Coastal Regions in Southeast Asia and the Paciﬁc - an initiative for Maritime Operations Centres to evaluate the risks that seafarers in the region are facing, especially when engaging with vessels that have transited multiple ports in Southeast Asia.

• COVID-19 Prevention and Control factsheets distributed to Kenya Prisons Service.

• COVID-19 educational brochures in Arabic and Somali distributed to the Yemen Coast Guard and Somali Corrections Sector.

• Translation into Sinhala and Tamil of the “Virus and Places of Detention” guidelines for the Sri Lankan Department of Prisons.

TRAINING AND REGIONAL COORDINATION

• Forum for MLE Personnel on “Managing COVID-19 Cases at Sea” in partnership with the WHO and UNODC Regional Ofﬁce for West and Central Africa.

• Contact tracing training with law enforcement agencies from Paciﬁc Island countries in cooperation with the UN Resident Coordinator Ofﬁce in Fiji.

• Online conference to assist Lusophone states from the Gulf of Guinea in dealing with COVID-19 during their maritime operations.

• Webinar on using innovative IT solutions to support criminal court proceedings in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak in Nigeria.

• Webinar in Ghana in collaboration with the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC) and INTERPOL on the impact of COVID-19 on capacity building in West and Central Africa.

PROCUREMENT AND DONATIONS

• PPE and welfare items distributed to Somali prisons and MLE agencies.

• Delivery of PPE and sanitization items to the Sri Lankan Department of Prisons.

• Delivery of computers to prisons across the Western Province of Sri Lanka, in order to facilitate remote court hearings.

• Distribution of PPE and sanitization items to three Kenyan prisons.

• Delivery of PPE to the Caribbean Regional Security System (RSS) in Barbados.
With commitment and passion, UN Volunteers inspire every day through their efforts to make a difference at the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP).

Currently, we have 17 UNVs working within different teams around the globe and contributing to the fight against maritime crime. With different academic backgrounds, which include law, humanities, social sciences and security, UNVs remain an invaluable asset for the programme.

UN Volunteers are truly an inspiration in action!

“Conflict, insecurity, weak institutions and limited access to justice remains a great threat to sustainable development. As a UNV with GMCP, my role contributes to the SDG agenda by supporting efforts to enhance the capability of maritime law enforcement across the globe.”

NISSA PETERS WILLIAMS
GMCP INTERNATIONAL YOUTH UN VOLUNTEER IN SRI LANKA

GET INSPIRED

Leila started with GMCP as an intern in Nairobi in 2019 and was later hired as a UNV to support GMCP activities in the Horn of Africa. She is currently stationed in Mogadishu, Somalia where she acts as the lead on prisons in South Central Somalia while providing support to both the Puntland prisons and the SMG Somalia team. In addition, she is the manager of the Joint Corrections Programme, a multi-agency initiative in support of Somali corrections that UNODC leads. Her tasks include planning, supporting and overseeing all prison-related activities and innovations, training and construction at UNODC’s target facilities, while also providing logistical and operational support for the regional office. GMCP’s embedded mentors and other staff on the ground.

“Working for GMCP has provided me with exposure to dynamic, exciting and challenging work environments that have equipped me with important lessons and opportunities for skills development. The best part of my job is being part of a great team and working with a variety of professionals, experts in the field and of course our beneficiaries, with whom we continue to build meaningful and collaborative relationships.”

LEILA LE HANE
INTERNATIONAL UN VOLUNTEER IN GMCP

“‘We are pleased to partner with the GMCP to mobilize UN Volunteers who share their knowledge and expertise on maritime crime prevention in the Asia Pacific region and globally. We are proud of their unwavering spirit in contributing to disrupting maritime crimes and address related global challenges, making an impact on SDG 16.’

MR SHALIMA MIRAH, REGIONAL MANAGER FOR ASIA-PACIFIC, UNV”
EU-GMCP PARTNERSHIP

The EU and UNODC work together to align priorities, strategies and operations and deepen their relationship for the benefit of States they support.

"Countering maritime crime in Africa is a priority for the European Union. As new security challenges have emerged at sea, the EU and UNODC’s Global Maritime Crime Programme have been working together with coastal states to tackle these challenges and build a more secure and prosperous future."

RICHARD YOUNG, SENIOR COORDINATOR, GULF OF GUINEA, EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

MARITIME GOVERNANCE TO INCREASE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN MAURITIUS

SOMALIA UN JOINT CORRECTIONS PROGRAMME

SOMALIA MARITIME POLICE UNIT

SUPPORT TO WEST AFRICA INTEGRATED MARITIME STRATEGY (BANDA)

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COUNTER-TERRORISM

THROUGH ITS DECENTRALIZED AGENCIES, THE EU HAS MADE AVAILABLE A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT GMCP’s WORK IN THE FIELD, SUCH AS EMSA AND Frontex providing satellite imagery to maritime law enforcement agencies in the Gulf of Guinea as part of maritime exercises.

With the implementation of several maritime security and counter-terrorism projects across the seas, our partnership with EEAS and the Commission (DEVCO, FPI) has led to the strengthening of various state institutions that play a key role in addressing maritime crime.

JOINT EFFORTS BETWEEN GMCP AND CSDP’s CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MISSIONS (E.g. EUNAVFOR Atalanta) have meant that our counterparts have been able to benefit from a comprehensive approach to maritime security that combined capacity-building efforts on the ground and international support in the enforcement of law at sea.

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EU DELEGATION

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COMMISSION

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JAPAN-GMCP PARTNERSHIP

From busy courtrooms hearing maritime cases to coastguard boats battling through the seas to enforce the law to the security of cables deep below the oceans carrying data that allows communities to prosper, the Japan-UNODC partnership on maritime crime is here to support Member States. With a shared understanding of the importance of maritime governance and security, Japan and UNODC have continued their joint efforts in capacity building activities in Asia and Africa to strengthen criminal justice and the rule of law for sea lanes across the globe.

CROSSING BORDERS FOR MARITIME SECURITY

The ocean connects countries and people. The great connectivity enabled by the sea underpins modern life. However, criminal organisations also take advantage of this connectivity and expand the threats of maritime crime beyond national borders. Japan and GMCP work together to promote a border and inter-regional approach to respond to and prevent maritime crime and threats. In South-East Asia, UNODC supported the establishment of the Contact Group for Member States to address the longstanding issues of piracy and drug trafficking in the Sulawesi Sea, inverting exports from each country. Such a regional platform was the missing link necessary to capture the full picture of maritime crime in the region. Since the establishment of these platforms, more experts have joined the Contact Group and regional cooperation is growing fast. This helps operational coordination and enhances the capacity of each Member State to respond to and prevent maritime crime. In the Indian Ocean region, the joint Japan and GMCP training programme has benefited judicial and maritime law enforcement agencies from littoral states in Asia and Africa. This cooperation with Japan enabled GMCP to strengthen the criminal justice chain in strategically and socio-economically important sea - the Indian Ocean, one of the main sea lanes between Asia and Africa for both international trade, and maritime crime (in particular illicit drug trafficking). During joint efforts, lessons were learned and creative approaches to maritime crimes and trainings for operational and legal practitioners were developed. For instance, in 2019, for the first time, prosecutors from South Asian countries participated in a Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBS) training in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. In 2020, various Sri Lankan law enforcement agencies, including the Coast Guard, Police and Customs, were invited to a joint operational training focusing on Saving of Lives at Sea (SOLAS) and Smuggling of Migrants (SCM) at sea. This training offered a rare opportunity for non-maritime law enforcement agents such as legal experts and police to have first-hand insights into how law enforcement operations such as arrest and the collection of evidence take place at sea. These insights not only improve subsequent prosecution processes and inter-agency coordination, but also allow the law enforcement agents involved to know best practices in their area of responsibility.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JAPANESE COAST GUARD

VBS is the first law enforcement response to maritime crime at sea. As a UNODC flagship programme, GMCP delivers VBS trainings in Mahé in Seychelles, Trincomalee in Sri Lanka and Male in Maldives using actual vessels that were used for trafficking to replicate the real environment as much as possible. The VBS trainings have been delivered in close partnership with the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) and have significantly contributed to the improvement of both the skills and safety of maritime law enforcement agents at sea. In 2019, two highly skilled coast guard officers – an experienced sailor from the diving operations team of the Japanese Coast Guard (known as the Sea Monkeys) and an expert in combat techniques – supported some of the training. In 2020, JCG sent an expert on criminal investigation and VBS to GMCP. Assigned in Sri Lanka, the officer coordinates VBS trainings and the development of new curriculum modules. For the JCG officers, the VBS trainings provided an opportunity to gain international exposure by interacting with maritime law enforcement officers from various littoral countries. Now, the VBS training programme has further expanded to advanced and specialized trainings.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT FOR MARITIME SECURITY

The vast size of the Indian Ocean poses countless challenges to monitoring. Accurate and consistent knowledge of maritime activities is vital for maritime security. Collective knowledge on the maritime sphere, known as Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), is one of the prerequisites for effective maritime governance. Japan and GMCP support MDA, the operational capacity of member states to strengthen criminal justice and the rule of law at sea. In Sri Lanka and Maldives, GMCP supported the establishment of national maritime information fusion centers by providing equipment and MDA trainings. GMCP has also provided satellite imagery and operational equipment, including patrol vessels, radio communication and radars, to various countries. As a world leader in advanced technology, Japan was one of the first partners to understand the significant impact that such technology could have on MDA and the operational capability of Member States.
SUBMARINE CABLES

OVERVIEW

Globally, at least 95 percent of all telecommunications data and roughly $10 trillion in economic transactions are transmitted through submarine cables each day. In our wired and interconnected world, everything from air traffic control to hotel bookings, medical care and access to cash is reliant on the submarine cable network. Interference with, disruption to, and destruction of this network could have drastic consequences for economic stability, public health, basic safety and national security. A threat to submarine cables is a threat to our way of life.

Submarine cables are approximately the diameter of a garden hose and lay on the ocean floor. They are at risk of intentional damage by criminals, or negligent damage by other users of the seas, such as shipping and fishing communities. Coordinated regulation and surveillance, and protection by maritime law enforcement actors, is essential to ensure the lifeline of data continues to flow.

Under international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), States have the right to lay and repair submarine cables. In practice this is carried out by private sector actors who lay, own and operate roughly 380 of 420 submarine cables globally. While this should motivate strong collaboration between these private sector operators and the governments whose economies and populations are served by submarine cable data, few states have structures to facilitate that relationship.

UNCLOS also requires that states have minimal protection measures in the form of criminal offences for intentional or negligent cable damage outside of their territorial waters. States have an interest in criminalizing the same within their waters, where cable damage is more likely as the cable arrives at the shore in shallower waters. Globally, however, few states have criminalized such acts, meaning no recourse currently exists for what could be catastrophic interruptions to the functioning of our societies.

WORK WE DO

✓ NATIONAL SUBMARINE CABLES PROTECTION AND RESILIENCE FRAMEWORK

- The UNODC GMCP has developed a National Submarine Cables Protection and Resilience Framework to be used as a tool by member states to develop Nation Plans on the Protection and Resilience of Submarine Cables. A national protection and resilience plan developed in accordance with the framework would detail measures that could or should be taken to protect submarine cable networks, providing the baseline considerations and consolidating the key information needed to identify vulnerabilities and respond to threats, regardless of their origin. The national plans are envisioned to be customized to each national or regional context and to be a living instrument to ensure support for effective oversight and protection of this vital national concern.

- The Framework and the resulting National Plans are supported by expert guidance by the International Cable Protection Committee on identified best practices in cable protection and resilience.

✓ SUPPORT TO KEY STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

- UNODC GMCP works with national counterparts to identify and convene stakeholder meetings to initiate dialogue on their respective positions, priorities and mandates as is related to the laying, repairing, operating and protection of submarine cables.

- In September 2020, UNODC GMCP and the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka organized the first stakeholder meeting to discuss and agree on needs and priorities for developing a resilience and protection plan.

✓ SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANS ON THE PROTECTION AND RESILIENCE OF SUBMARINE CABLES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- UNODC GMCP supports the development of National and Regional Plans on the protection and resilience of submarine cables. The Plan development is launched through the initial stakeholder meeting and followed by collection and collation of content together with national partners. UNODC GMCP and the ICPCC provide expert support and guidance through the process.

- UNODC GMCP also supports the content and process for legislative amendments needed to criminalize damage to submarine cables, if requested.

- In November 2020, UNODC GMCP and the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka presented the first draft of the National Plan, to be finalized through remote consultations by early 2021. UNODC GMCP is working with Sri Lanka to support the development of criminal offences related to damage of submarine cables.
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FISHERIES CRIME

OVERVIEW

CMCP helps states tackle fisheries crime in partnership with the Container Control Programme (CCP) and in coordination with the Global Programme to Combat Wildlife and Forest Crime (GPWLC). While the GPWLC programme focuses on addressing crimes along the fish value chain, CMCP and the CCP focus on providing maritime law enforcement personnel, customs officers and prosecutors with the skills they need to deal with fisheries crime at sea, in port and in court when they encounter it. Just as police officers do not know what crimes they will come across when they go on patrol, neither do coastguard officers. So CMCP ensures that those who work for maritime law enforcement agencies that we support understand what fisheries crime is, have the means to collect evidence of it and the skills to present that evidence in court.

The Food and Agriculture Agency (FAO) are the UN’s experts on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing but some fishing vessels are also involved in the trafficking. In persons, the smuggling of contraband and the theft of fuel. Some vessels are part of organized criminal networks which systematically exploit weaknesses in national and international regulatory systems. Coastguard officers need to be able to see the indicators of these offences and tackle them. CMCP equips them to do so by improving their vessels, training their crews and ensuring that they have the core law enforcement skills to tackle the crimes that they come across. We further assist them to plan operations, often based on the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) support we provide, and help them to execute those operations effectively. We have seen great results out at sea in 2020 and for 2021 we plan to step up our work in this area in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans.

WORK WE DO

✓ DETECTION
  - Supporting MDA exercises through the coordination of a joint platform in cooperation with Vulcan Skylight, GFW and TMT in the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean.
  - The Caught Red Handed project in the Indian Ocean West region.
  - The Galmadug Coast Guard project in the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea.

✓ INTERDICATION
  - Providing Visit-Board-Search-Seizure (VBSS) training on board fishing vessels and for maritime law enforcement personnel including fisheries authorities, in close cooperation with FAO and regional fisheries organizations.
  - Working to tackle transshipments at sea in Seychelles and São Tomé and Príncipe.

✓ INVESTIGATION
  - Training coast guard officers to collect and present evidence to support prosecutions.

✓ PROSECUTION
  - Training prosecutors on fisheries crime in West and Central Africa.
  - Coordination with maritime law enforcers.
PIERSIDE VESSEL SEARCH TECHNIQUES

OVERVIEW

With a huge and growing proportion of global trade moving by sea, the threat of smuggling and trafficking of persons as well as illicit substances and illegal items moving across borders is significantly increasing. GMCP’s Pierside Vessel Search Techniques training courses provide participants with comprehensive guidance in fundamentals and techniques of searching a vessel while it is alongside in harbours or local anchorages. It also provides coaching on evidence handling and post-seizure analysis on cargo or fishing vessels. The course utilises At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA) techniques to investigate vessels that have conducted, or are suspected of conducting organised crime activities for arms, narcotic, contraband and TIP/SMOM, whilst alongside or at sea. The training equips participants to execute safe and legally sound investigations that obey national and international maritime laws and national law enforcement procedures. GMCP encourages all participants to focus on and understand the value of evidence preservation and how imperative it is for prosecutions and the prevention of similar crimes in the future.

As organised crime networks seek to exploit weaknesses in national maritime borders and international governance systems, it is important for customs officers and port authority officials to be able to identify and manage indicators of offences efficiently. UNDOC trained customs and coastguard officers have recently seized a significant number of narcotics on vessels in the Indian Ocean region. We plan to continue developing and delivering this training and establish a multi-national team in the region to enhance Maritime Domain Awareness and further enhance border management and security.

WORK WE DO

✓ TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
  - Numerous Pierside Vessel Search Techniques courses have been delivered across the three established GMCP training centres in Sri Lanka, Seychelles and Maldives.
  - Despite worldwide COVID-19 restrictions, training was adapted and course components were successfully delivered through online platforms to Maldives Customs Officials.
  - The ‘Ship in a Box’ (on-land training vessels) project has commenced and construction in training locations across Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Mauritius and Kenya is underway.

✓ COLLABORATION WITH BORDER AGENCIES
  - The GMCP has conducted multi-agency tabletop exercises involving representatives from the navy, coastguard, police and customs agencies. These exercises allowed the agencies to establish communications, share experiences and work together to build a united approach to combating maritime crime.
  - The improvement of border management strategies is providing stronger border security throughout the region.
  - Sharing the knowledge and experience of GMCP trainers through courses is continuing to encourage best practices and bringing operational consistency across different border agencies of the region.

✓ PROVIDING AWARENESS
  - Supporting agencies in building awareness of the value of finding and correctly handling evidence has increased the number of local prosecutions and subsequent convictions.
  - Agencies have received professional training and encouragement in observing cultural sensitivities within regions - for example, training in specialist search techniques for women and children.
  - Agencies have received specialist training in vessel search techniques, focusing on awareness of key indicators of hidden compartments onboard vessels.
MARITIME COUNTER TERRORISM

OVERVIEW

Terrorism is one of the many forms of crime usually associated with the land that also exists at sea. Terrorists have targeted military and civilian vessels at sea and in port and also make use of the sea as a means of transporting fighters and their weapons to the scene of their attacks. They also use proceeds from both legitimate and illegitimate maritime trade to help fund their activities.

CMCP has been helping member states to address maritime terrorism since it was first established and continues to do so. Working with coastguards, prosecutors, courts and port authorities, we deliver a wide range of technical support to counter maritime terrorism. This support ranges from surveillance using the latest satellite technology to simulated trials of maritime terrorism cases and improvements to port security. CMCP recognizes that maritime terrorism is often linked to other forms of maritime crime, so many of the capabilities that we provide to maritime law enforcement officers tackling illicit trafficking are also relevant to tackling maritime terrorism. Components on maritime terrorism are included in the Visit, Board, Search and Seize courses we run in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans and in our programme of simulated trials. We also use our regional cooperation mechanisms to encourage the integration of Maritime Domain Awareness to improve the effectiveness of maritime patrolling.

GLOBAL VESSEL REGISTRY

- Cooperation with Panels of Experts to produce a consolidated registry of vessels identified as being involved in the violation of sanctions.

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OUR WORK

✓ ATLANTIC OCEAN
  - Tabletop exercises on maritime terrorism cases in Ghana and Nigeria
  - Support to the reform of maritime terrorism legislation in Ivory Coast and training on the implementation of maritime terrorism legislation in Ghana
  - Capacity building and mentorship on maritime counter terrorism work in Benin, Senegal and Togo

✓ GULF OF ADEN & THE RED SEA
  - Research on trafficking components for IEDs, the revenue systems of criminal groups and the charcoal trade under UNSCR 2551
  - Targeted capacity building to Somali counterparts to improve the disruption of illicit flows
  - Delivery of equipment, training and satellite imagery to disrupt the re-supply of terrorist groups in Somalia and to protect shipping from terrorist attacks
  - Operational and legal support to the Yemeni Coast Guard to deter and intercept violations of the arms embargo under UNSCR 2216

✓ INDIAN OCEAN
  - Maritime training in Maldive, Seychelles and Sri Lanka with captured target vessels to allow MI6 agencies to practice boarding and searching of vessels suspected of moving terrorists and their materials
  - Improved MDA and patrolling through satellite imagery, UAVs, coastal surveillance sensors and machine learning
  - Guidance on the use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel at Sea and the regulation of Floating Armoured
  - Capacity building in safety of navigation and port security against terrorist threats
  - Support to border management and the protection of digital infrastructure from terrorist groups

✓ PACIFIC OCEAN
  - Facilitate the Contact Group on the Sulu and Celebes Seas (CGSOS) to address small boat activity engaged in maritime criminality including kidnap for ransom and smallScale trafficking
  - Support initiatives in the Philippines and Malaysia to digitize small boat registration with QR code rally plates
  - Facilitate a Coast Guard Sulu Regional Commanders meeting on a quarterly basis

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MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS (MDA) ANALYTICAL TRAINING COURSE CATALOGUE

The UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) supports United Nations Member States through a comprehensive strengthening of criminal justice to combat maritime crime. In 2020, the Programme began providing training in Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). This includes the detection of breaches of laws and regulations related to:

- Safe navigation
- Marine resources
- Marine and coastal habitat
- Piracy
- Smuggling of contraband and people
- Terrorism
- Unauthorized use of radio spectrum

Maritime law enforcement agencies are provided with a comprehensive training on how to identify and tackle breaches of the above mentioned laws and regulations, so to increase the likelihood of successful law enforcement operations. The training reinforces the framework of Conventions and Treaties of the International Maritime Organization, International Telecommunication Union and Office of Legal Affairs, as well as those of UNODC.

There are three training courses which address different technology, regulations and practices:

- Basic Course: Towards a Comprehensive Maritime Surface Picture
- Intermediate Course: Strengthening Dark Targeting Capability
- Advanced Course: Countering Detection Evasion

The three training courses address both human and machine interpretation of intelligence gained through surveillance and monitoring assets (terrestrial, airborne and satellite). The courses also cover Internet of things and Artificial Intelligence to simultaneously test multiple data sets to determine anomalies through interpretation of behavioural patterns.
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