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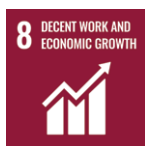
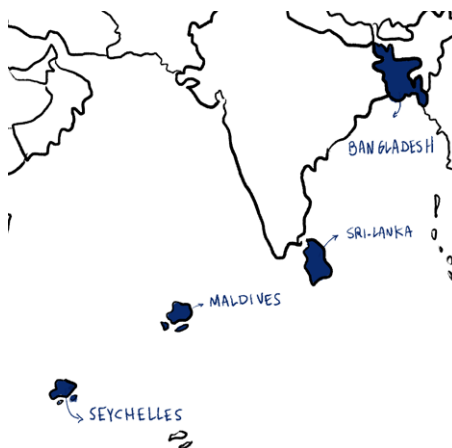
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Launched in 2009, the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) supports United Nations Member States through the comprehensive strengthening of criminal justice to combat maritime crime. These crimes include piracy, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and trafficking of illegal substances. Through this UNODC sub-programme, Maritime Law Enforcement agencies are provided with trainings to better investigate maritime crimes, assist courts in providing fairer trials for offenders, and enhance the infrastructure of detention facilities to comply with human rights standards.

The Maritime Law Enforcement trainings in this catalogue are one of the mechanisms used by GMCP to comply with its mandate. MLE operations form part of Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), a term used to refer the activities carried out by authorized law enforcement agencies to prevent or deter the advancement of maritime threats to national security.

By delivering these training courses, UNODC contributes directly to Sustainable Development Goals: 4, 8, 14, 16 and 17.

GMCP MLE TRAINING CENTRES



GMCP CORE ACTIVITIES



1. Law
Enforcement



2. Detection/
Interdiction



3. Investigation



4. Prosecution



5. Detention



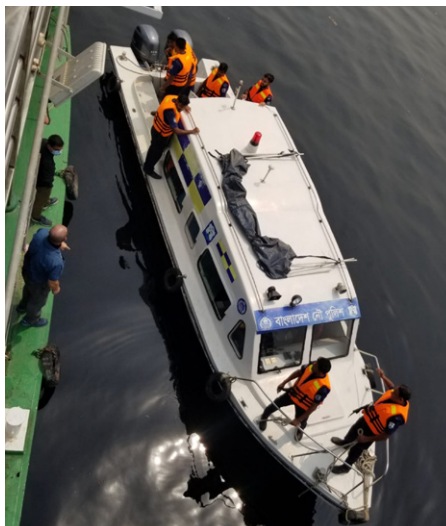
6. Regional
Cooperation

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1. INTRODUCTION TO SEAMANSHIP COURSE

The Introduction to Seamanship course has been developed for officers of regions where Maritime or Riverine Law Enforcement units are newly established. The course is aimed at members who have had no previous maritime or riverine experience or training in maritime-related subjects. During the course, selected officers will acquire a theoretical understanding of maritime terminology, rules of the road, boat orientation, communication and emergency procedures. The course also includes hands-on training on ropework as well as crew drills, boat drills and emergency drills. Upon concluding this introductory course, officers will have acquired basic marine skills and can then advance to the Basic Seamanship course where they will deal with more advanced subject matter. .



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at a training facility in Bangladesh.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Rules of the Road
- Terminology
- Boat Orientation
- Emergency Procedures
- Communication
- Ropework
- First Aid
- Crew drills
- Boat drills
- Emergency drills

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have basic communication skills, as they will need to conduct weekly marine skills assessments.
- Participants will be required to conduct light drills and will be exposed to the elements for prolonged periods of time.
- Maximum 16 students per qualified instructor

COURSE LENGTH

1 week

2 . BASIC SEAMANSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The Basic Seamanship Training Course is designed to provide Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) officers with the skills, techniques and procedures to effectively conduct enforcement operations while on-board a patrol vessel. During the course, selected MLE officers will undergo Basic Coxswain training to acquire the steering skills necessary to effectively pilot a patrol boat in an emergency. This course also covers fundamentals of international maritime law; weather, meteorology, and forecasting; rope work and line handling; communications; engine troubleshooting and emergency procedures; survival at sea; search and rescue; and firefighting.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the two designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in the Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. When staying in GMCP training facilities, participants will be housed in a military-style barracks for the entire period of the course.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Marine Terminology
- Rope Work
- Boat Orientation
- Meteorology
- Emergency Procedures & Precautions
- Firefighting
- Surface Swimming

- Survival and Rescue
- Inflatable Boats
- Buoyage
- First Aid at Sea
- Boat Handling
- Rule of The Road

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct weekly marine skills assessments.
- Participants will be required to conduct light drills and will be exposed to the elements for prolonged periods of time.
- Demonstrated mastery of basic surface swimming skill.
- Maximum 8 students for 2 qualified instructors.

COURSE LENGTH

- 2 Weeks Practical/Theory

3. SMALL BOAT COXSWAIN COURSE

The Small Boat Coxswain Course is designed to provide MLE officers with advanced maritime skills, techniques and procedures needed to effectively support enforcement operations employing a patrol vessel. During the course, students will undergo coxswain training to acquire the navigation and steering skills to effectively pilot a patrol boat. This course also covers fundamentals of international maritime law; navigation; weather, meteorology and forecasting; ropework and line communications procedures; engine: troubleshooting, emergency procedures; survival at sea; search & rescue; and firefighting.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the two designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. When staying in GMCP training facilities, participants will be housed in a military-style barracks for the entire period of the course.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Marine Terminology
- Rope Work
- Boat Orientation
- Meteorology
- Emergency Procedures & Precautions
- Firefighting

- Surface Swimming
- Inflatable Boats
- Lights, Buoys, Radar Marks & Fog Signals
- Navigation
- Boat Handling

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct weekly marine skills assessments.
- Participants will be required to conduct light drills and will be exposed to the elements for prolonged periods of time.
- Demonstrated mastery of basic surface swimming skill
- Maximum 8 students per 2 qualified instructors.

COURSE LENGTH

- 6 Weeks Classroom Theory/Practical

4. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) SPECIALIST OPERATOR COURSE

The Personal Watercraft (PWC) Specialist Operator Course is a unique course designed to provide all MLE participants with comprehensive maritime skills in the use of PWCs for safety, rescue, disaster response and maritime interdiction. The training is designed to ensure that maritime law enforcement personnel have the required knowledge and skills to successfully execute their duties and operations in a variety of environments - from inland waterways and rivers to the open sea and surf zones. The PWC Specialist Operator course contains training modules in collision regulations, buoyage and safe handling of PWCs at slow and high speeds, as well as methods of rescuing and transporting personnel (including casualties).



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at the designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Sri Lanka.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding, as participants will be required to conduct multiple practical exercises at sea and deploy in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation are provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- PWC fundamentals
- Collision regulations
- Buoyage
- Correct use of PPE
- Maintenance operator checks (pre and post operations)
- Launching and recovery of PWCs
- Operator positions and balance points
- Safe slow and high speed manoeuvring techniques
- Casualty rescue techniques

- Towing and pushing of PWCs
- Pacing drills
- Formations and patrolling
- Surf rescue techniques

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- This course is open to officers and other ranks from all MLE agencies. Course participants are required to have basic written and verbal communication skills.
- Maximum 6 students
- **Note:** Due to the nature of this course, participants are required to be competent surface swimmers to attend the training (able to swim 25 metres unaided, in full clothing).

COURSE LENGTH

5 days

5. VBSS COURSE FOR BOARDING TEAMS

This course is designed to provide all participants with a comprehensive understanding of Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations. The training will ensure that MLE personnel have the required knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully carry out duties in their assigned areas of jurisdiction. Maritime safety and security skills learned in this course can be utilised to mitigate a variety of conventional and unconventional threats that could arise while conducting compliant or non-compliant boarding operations at sea. The end goal of the VBSS course is to allow participants to successfully execute safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the two designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding as participants will be required to conduct multiple boarding exercises at sea and deploy in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Nature and Scope of VBSS Operations
- Boarding Team Composition
- Boarding Preparation and Procedures
- Boarding Composition and Communications
- Boarding Risk Assessments
- Types of Merchants & Fishing Vessels

- Intro to Initial and Extended Safety Sweeps (ISS/EISS)
- Hazardous Situations
- At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA)
- Vessel Boarding Briefings
- Vessel Boarding Practical
- Vessel Boarding Debriefing
- ASSA Practical
- ISS/EISS Practical
- Report Writing

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have superior communications skills as they will need to conduct a maritime skills assessment, followed by a mandatory "pass" or "fail" maritime skills evaluation at the end the first week
- Participants will also complete Safety at Sea and Human Rights at Sea training modules
- Maximum 24 students

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

6. VBSS OFFICERS COURSE

PLANNING AND DIRECTION OF VESSEL BOARDING OPERATIONS

This course is designed to provide MLE officers in charge of managing Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations with a comprehensive understanding of the legal and operational considerations necessary to effectively carry out their mission. Planning and supervision skills learned in this course can be utilised to mitigate a variety of conventional and unconventional threats that could arise while conducting compliant and non-compliant boarding operations at sea. The end goal of this VBSS course is to allow MLE officers to draw guidance from a variety of reference documents and scenarios to support the successful implementation of safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the two designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding as participants will be required to conduct multiple boarding exercises at sea and move in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- UNCLOS Review
- Smuggling Trends Briefing
- National/Regional Boarding Agreements
- Boarding Officer Functions
- Nature and Scope of VBSS Operations
- VBSS Contingency Operations
- Boarding Team Composition
- Boarding Preparation and Procedures
- Boarding Risk Assessments
- Types of Merchants & Fishing Vessels
- Intro to Initial and Extended Safety Sweeps

(ISS/EISS)

- Hazardous Situations
- At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA)
- Review of Vessel Boarding Briefings, Practical and Debriefing procedures
- ASSA Practical
- ISS/EISS Practical
- Report Writing
- Review of Operations Centre Modules
- Review of Boarding Officer Roles and Responsibilities
- Review of Rules of Engagement

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have excellent communications skills as they will be required to lead multiple maritime boarding scenarios and will be tested on their problem solving skills
- Participants will also complete Safety at Sea and Human Rights at Sea training modules
- Maximum 24 students

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

7. SOLAS AND SOM ENCOUNTERS AT SEA

This course is designed to provide all participants with a comprehensive understanding of Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations. The training will ensure that maritime law enforcement personnel have the required knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully carry out their duties in their assigned area of jurisdiction. Maritime safety and security skills learned in this course can be utilized to mitigate a variety of conventional and unconventional threats that could arise while conducting compliant and non-compliant boarding operations at sea. The end goal of the VBSS course is to allow participants to successfully execute safe and legally-sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws, with a particular focus on issues linked to overcrowding of vessels and smuggling of migrants.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the two designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding as participants will be required to conduct multiple boarding exercises at sea and deploy in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Nature and Scope of VBSS Operations
- Boarding Team Composition
- Boarding Preparation and Procedures
- Boarding Composition and Communications
- Boarding Risk Assessments
- Tactical communications HF/VHF
- Operations Centre SOPs Review
- Operations Centre SOPs Practical Exercises

- Types of Merchants & Fishing Vessels
- Intro to Initial and Extended Safety Sweeps (ISS/EISS)
- Hazardous Situations
- At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA)
- Vessel Boarding Briefings
- Vessel Boarding Practical
- Vessel Boarding Debriefing
- ASSA Practical
- ISS/EISS Practical
- Report Writing
- Overcrowding of Vessels and Smuggling of Migrants

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have superior communications skills as they will need to conduct a maritime skills assessment, followed by a mandatory "pass" or "fail" maritime skills evaluation at the end the first week.
- Participants will also complete Safety at Sea and Human Rights at Sea training modules to successfully complete the course
- Maximum 24 students

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

8. FISHING VESSEL BOARDING OPERATIONS COURSE

This course is designed to provide all participants with a comprehensive understanding of Fishing Vessel Boarding Operations (FVBO). Maritime safety and security skills learned in this course can be utilised to mitigate a variety of conventional and unconventional threats that could arise while conducting compliant and non-compliant FVBO at sea. The training will ensure that maritime law enforcement personnel have the required knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully carry out their duties. The goal of the FVBO course is to allow participants to successfully execute safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the four designated GMCP training facilities in the Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Marine safety and hazardous situations.
- Boarding preparation and procedures.
- Boarding team composition.
- Detaining and personnel search techniques.
- Port security and safety.
- FVBO contingency operations.
- Global smuggling trends.
- Human rights at sea
- Initial safety and extended safety inspections.
- Boarding risk assessments.
- Types of vessels and hidden compartments.
- UNCLOS boarding team safeguards.
- At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA).
- Find procedures and evidence awareness.

- UN and IMO conventions.
- Vessel documentations.
- Offensive and defensive techniques.
- Protection of vulnerable people.
- Ladder climbing techniques.
- Vessel boarding briefings.
- Vessel boarding practical.
- Vessel boarding debriefing.
- Report writing.
- Table top exercises.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course is open to officers and other ranks from all MLE agencies.

- Course participants are required to have excellent written and verbal communications skills, as they will need to communicate with vessel crews and authorities as well produce comprehensive reports after conducting operations.
- Participants are required to pass both a swimming and ladder climbing assessment at the start of the course. This is to ensure participants can carry out practical boardings safely.
- Maximum 24 students.

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

9. PIERSIDE VESSEL SEARCH TECHNIQUES

This course is designed to provide participants with comprehensive guidance on the fundamentals of a pierside vessel search, complete with post-seizure analysis on cargo or fishing vessels. The training differs from regular VBSS operations which are usually conducted at sea, instead focusing on inspections of vessels once alongside. The course utilises At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA) techniques to investigate vessels that are suspected of being linked with organised crime activities in the areas of arms, narcotics and contraband while alongside or at sea. This course equips its participants to successfully execute safe and legally sound investigations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws and national law enforcement procedures.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the three designated GMCP training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Global smuggling trends.
- International Maritime Organisation.
- Post-seizure analysis overview.
- Vessel and crew documentation.
- Safety precautions and practices.
- Personnel and vessel search techniques.
- Equipment exploitation.

- Search team composition and communications.
- Types of vessels and hidden compartments.
- Equipment exploitation.
- Initial safety and extended safety inspections.
- Find procedures and evidence awareness.
- At Sea Space Accountability (ASSA).
- Basic first aid training.
- Practical vessel searches.
- Post-seizure analysis report writing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have superior verbal and written communication skills, as they will be required to communicate with vessel captains and authorities and complete comprehensive written reports.
- Maximum 20 students.

COURSE LENGTH

5 days

10. RIVERINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COURSE

This course is designed to support MLE agencies develop a greater appreciation of the challenges involved in implementing effective law enforcement operations in the country's internal waters or in riverine environments with fluid border controls. The course will provide officers and other personnel with a comprehensive understanding of Riverine Law Enforcement Operations. The information presented in aims to provide at providing MLE personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate and conduct enforcement operations in low and high threat riverine environments. This training is aimed at aiding its participants to be able to safely and effectively carry out their duties to enforce maritime and other relevant national law in their assigned area of jurisdiction, and assist the establishment of effective riverine border management programs.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles or Sri Lanka.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Confined Space Exercise
- Confined Space Test out
- Riverine Tactical Driving
- Riverine Tactical Driving Test Out
- Riverine Movement Techniques
- Riverine Board and Search

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have basic knowledge of operating a boat as well as an understanding of crewman responsibilities
- The first week will be a refresher for students operating the training boat at both slow and high speeds. Students must be able to handle the boat safely before moving on to the second week of training.
- Maximum 8 students.

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

11. VBSS INSTRUCTORS COURSE

This course is designed to provide officers and senior enlisted personnel with comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the instructional techniques required to deliver a safe, well-planned and well executed two week VBSS course. The course is broken down into **two** phases:

Phase 1 provides training in instructional techniques and refreshes participants in their VBSS knowledge.

Phase 2 requires the participants to deliver a real time VBSS course alongside and under the supervision of the UNODC instructors.

On completion of the course the participants will be able to utilise their new skills in teaching and refreshing VBSS courses in their home regions. This will provide continued preparedness against the conventional and unconventional threats that could arise during compliant and non-compliant boarding operations.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the three designated GMCP training facilities in Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Theory lesson structure
- Question and answer techniques
- Qualities of a good instructor
- Use of instructional aids
- Student management
- Assessed theory lessons
- Practical lesson structures
- Skills analysis
- Brief, monitor and debrief
- Technical Lesson Structures
- Assessed practical lessons

- Running a real-time VBSS course (with UNODC instructor support and supervision)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Course participants are required to have excellent written and verbal communication skills
- All participants should be physically fit enough to pass the swimming and ladder climbing assessments as per the VBSS course standards
- This course requires the previous completion of a VBSS course and significant experience in boarding operations
- Maximum 4 students

COURSE LENGTH

3 weeks (1 week of instructional techniques and 2 weeks of teaching a real-time VBSS course)

12. VBSS CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR (CBRN) COURSE

This course is designed to provide all participants with a comprehensive understanding of Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations while offering specialised training in CBRN. The training will ensure that MLE personnel have the required knowledge and skills to successfully execute VBSS operations, with the added ability to navigate CBRN components within these contexts. The CBRN module provides participants with training in CBRN documentation, ways to identify CBRN components and the correct handling of CBRN materials. Completion of the VBSS CBRN course should allow participants to successfully execute safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the three designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Seychelles and Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding as participants will be required to conduct multiple boarding exercises at sea and deploy in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- VBSS course for Boarding Teams Syllabus.
- Specialised CBRN documentation.
- Identifying CBRN materials.
- Handling CBRN materials.
- UNSC resolutions specific to CBRN.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- This course is open to officers and other ranks from all MLE agencies.
- Course participants are required to have excellent written and verbal communications skills as they will need to communicate with vessel crews and authorities, as well as write comprehensive reports after conducting operations.
- Participants are required to pass both a swimming and ladder climbing assessment at the start of the course. This is to ensure participants can carry out practical boardings safely.
- Maximum 24 students.

COURSE LENGTH

2 weeks

13. VBSS COUNTER-IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (C-IED) AWARENESS COURSE FOR BOARDING TEAMS

This course is designed to provide all participants with a comprehensive understanding of Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations while offering specialised training in recognising IED threats. The training will ensure that MLE personnel have the required knowledge and skills and abilities to successfully execute VBSS operations, with the added ability to navigate IED components within these



operations. The Counter-IED Awareness module provides participants with training in how to deal with vessels carrying IED components and vessels that are suspected of having IEDs onboard. Completion of the VBSS C-IED Awareness course will allow participants to successfully execute safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.

TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the three designated GMCP VBSS training facilities in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Seychelles and Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. This course is physically demanding as participants will be required to conduct multiple boarding exercises at sea and deploy in a coordinated tactical formation. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- VBSS course for Boarding Teams syllabus.
- IEDs definition and types
- Potential IED indicators, placements and vulnerable points
- Countering IEDs

- Action on IEDs
- The METHANE report
- Trauma casualty care

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

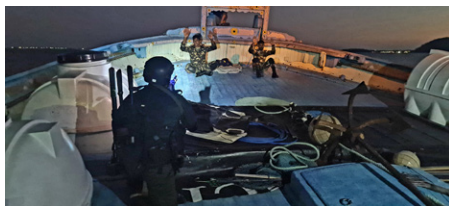
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- Course participants are required to have excellent written and verbal communications skills as they will need to communicate with vessel crews and authorities as well write comprehensive reports after conducting operations
- Participants are required to pass both a swimming and ladder climbing assessment at the start of the course. This is to ensure participants can carry out practical boardings safely
- Maximum 24 students

COURSE LENGTH

2 Weeks

14. VBSS ADVANCED COURSE

This course is designed to equip all participants with advanced knowledge and techniques for VBSS operations. The training will ensure that MLE personnel have the required skills and abilities to successfully carry out VBSS tasks in both day and night scenarios and on board various types of vessels. Following on from one of its prerequisite UNODC courses (VBSS for Boarding Teams, VBSS Planning and Direction of Boarding Operations, SOLAS and SOMs, FVBO), completion of the VBSS Advanced course will allow participants to execute advanced skills and procedures in these operations. Participants will also be equipped with skills relating to non-compliant and opposed boardings in order to successfully execute safe and legally sound operations that are in compliance with national and international maritime laws.



TRAINING LOCATIONS

The course will be conducted at one of the three designated GMCP training facilities in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Seychelles or Maldives.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around a combination of theoretical and practical teaching, with classroom sessions supplemented by hands-on exercises. Participants will be housed in a military style barracks for the entire period of the course. Meals and transportation provided by GMCP.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- Theory lesson structure.
- Advanced boarding preparation and procedures
- Detaining and personnel search techniques
- Positioning and transition drills
- Boarding risk assessments
- Global smuggling trends
- Human rights at sea
- Advanced swimming techniques (with equipment)
- UNCLOS boarding team safeguards
- Offensive/defensive techniques
- Evidence handling procedures and use of cameras

- Tabletop exercises with national prosecutors
- Advanced ladder climbing techniques
- Use of force/judgmental training
- Vessel boarding practical (day and night).
- Report writing
- Trauma casualty care
- Casualty extraction techniques

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- This course is open to officers and other ranks from all MLE agencies.
- Course participants are required to have excellent written and verbal communications skill as they will need to communicate with vessel crews and authorities, as well as write comprehensive reports after conducting operations
- Participants are required to pass both a swimming and ladder climbing assessment at the start of the course. This is to ensure participants can carry out practical boardings safely
- Maximum 16 students

COURSE PRE REQUISITE

Must have previously completed a UNODC VBSS training course.

COURSE LENGTH

2 weeks



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