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Launched in 2009, the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) supports United Nations Member States through comprehensive strengthening of criminal justice to combat maritime crime. These crimes include piracy, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and trafficking of illegal substances. GMCP provides maritime law enforcement (MLE) agencies with the skills to investigate maritime crimes and assist courts to deliver fair and efficient trials in compliance with human rights standards.

This catalogue sets out the series of tabletop exercise (TTX) developed to increase information exchange and maritime law enforcement responses.

By delivering these exercises, GMCP contributes directly to the Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 4, 8, 14, 16 and 17.



GMCP CORE ACTIVITIES



1. Law Enforcement



2. Detection/Interdiction



3. Investigation



4. Prosecution



5. Detention



6. Regional Cooperation

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1. ENHANCING NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

This series facilitates national information exchange across government. It will enhance awareness and coordination of response operations to maritime terrorism, maritime-related criminal activity, public health threats, maritime pollution, and other national-level events.

The exercise will flex existing national interagency policies and procedures in ad hoc agreements, MoUs, and MoAs.

Theory-based discussions and interactive activities will highlight effective coordination and tease out seams or gaps in policy and procedures that hinder effective cross-jurisdiction coordination in operations and response events. The end of course report will provide recommendations to enhance networked national responses to maritime crime.



SYLLABUS

- Theory-based discussions
- TTX #1: Identifying Interagency Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities, Communications & Decision Making Process Mapping.
- TTX #2: Identifying Operational and Legal Components of Maritime Incident Response
- TTX #3: Coordinating a National Level Interagency Response.
- TTX #4: Medium Difficulty Response. Responding to a Threat in a Complaint Environment.
- TTX #5: High Difficulty Response. Responding to Multiple Threats in a Non-Compliant Environment.

DURATION

3-4 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, and TTX requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities.

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- No more than 20 senior or mid-level personnel. Numbers by agency is dependent on how many agencies are invited.
- Agencies that should be represented are relevant ministries, National Police, Customs, Navy Operations, Anti-Narcotics Unit, Coast Guard Operations, Attorney General.

2. ENHANCING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION

This series facilitates multinational information exchange among whole-of-government offices. The TTXs will enhance awareness and support the multilateral coordination of response operations to maritime-related criminal activity, public health threats, and maritime pollution and other transnational events.

The exercise will flex existing national, regional, and international policies and procedures contained in ad hoc agreements, MoUs, and MoAs.

Theory-based discussion topics, and interactive exercises will highlight effective coordination but also tease out seams or gaps in policy and procedures that hinder effective cross border coordination in operations and response events. The end of course report will provide recommendations to enhance networked regional and international responses to maritime crime.



SYLLABUS

- Theory-based discussions
- TTX #1: Identifying Regional and International Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities, Communications & Decision Making Process Mapping
- TTX #2: Identifying Operational and Legal Components of Cross Boundary Maritime Incident Response
- TTX #3: Low Difficulty Response. Coordinating a Regional/International Threat Response and Initial Actions.
- TTX #4: Medium Difficulty Response. Responding to a Threat in a Complaint Environment.
- TTX #5: High Difficulty Response. Responding to Multiple Threats in a Non-Compliant Environment.

DURATION

3-4 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, and TTX requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities.

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- No more than 20 senior or mid-level personnel with at least two partner countries participating. 1-2 representatives from the agencies below.
- Agencies that should be represented are relevant ministries, National Police, Customs, Navy Operations, Anti-Narcotics Unit, Coast Guard Operations, Attorney General.

3. MARITIME CRIME THREATS (PIRACY, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND ARMS TRAFFICKING)

This series provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of conducting timely and integrated maritime crime response operations. The exercise will highlight the different operational and legal considerations when responding to the respective piracy, counternarcotics, or arms trafficking event.

Participants will apply established policy and guidance throughout the course when planning a simulated response operation against the respective maritime crime threat.

The series may also highlight operational shortfalls, legal “grey areas,” and seams or gaps in policy and guidance that may hinder timely and integrated maritime crime response operations.



SYLLABUS

- Theory-based discussions
- TTX #1: Identifying Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities, Communications/ Decision Making Process/Resources Mapping
- TTX #2: Identifying Operational and Legal Components of Responding to Piracy, Narcotics /Arms Trafficking.
- TTX #3: Medium to High Difficulty Response. Responding to a Piracy Threat.
- TTX #4: Medium to High Difficulty Response. Responding to a Trafficking Threat.

DURATION

3-4 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, and TTX requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities.

LOCATION

The course will be conducted at a selected training location as coordinated with the recipient partner.

REQUIREMENTS

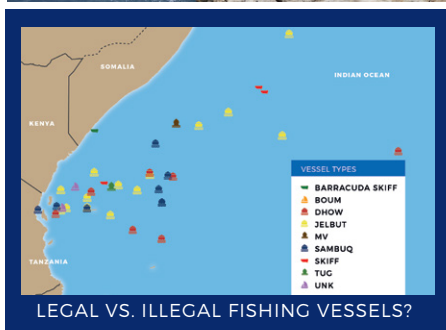
- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- No more than 20 senior or mid-level personnel. Numbers by agency is dependent on how many agencies are invited.
- Agencies that should be represented are relevant ministries, National Police, Customs, Navy Operations, Anti-Narcotics Unit, Coast Guard Operations, Attorney General.

4. COMPLEX MARITIME CRIME THREATS (IUU FISHING AND TIPSOM)

This series provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities when responding to illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing and trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants (TIPSOM).

Participants will apply established policy and guidance and international law when responding to a suspected IUU fishing or migrant smuggling event. The TTXs will examine the entire chain of events from identifying a suspected vessel to the interdiction, seizure, disposition of the traffickers, property, and fish or migrants.

The series may also highlight operational shortfalls, legal "grey areas," and seams or gaps in policy and guidance that may hinder timely and integrated maritime crime response operations.



SYLLABUS

- Theory-based discussions
- TTX #1: Identifying Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities, Communications/Decision Making Process/Resources Mapping
- TTX #2: Identifying Operational and Legal Components of IUU Fishing and TIPSOM
- TTX #3: Responding to a Vessel Suspected of Engaging in IUU Fishing
- TTX #4: Responding to a Suspected TIPSOM Event.

DURATION

2-3 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, and TTX requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities.

LOCATION

The course will be conducted at a selected training location as coordinated with the recipient partner.

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- No more than 20 senior or mid-level personnel. Numbers by agency is dependent on how many agencies are invited.
- Agencies that should be represented are relevant ministries, National Police, Customs, Navy Operations, Anti-Narcotics Unit, Coast Guard Operations, Attorney General.

5. PORT AND MARITIME INCIDENT RESPONSE

This series is designed to exercise port security policies and procedures when responding to criminal or natural events at the port and transition to a law enforcement action if required. The scene-setter story of the tabletop and practical exercises (PEX) will cause the Ports Incident Command System (ICS) to be activated to develop response actions against the given threat. The ICS will lead the coordinated efforts whether it is criminal in nature or a natural/manmade event such as a fire that cannot be resolved by Port Security Personnel or Port State Control Inspector initial actions.

The series may highlight operational shortfalls, legal “grey areas,” and seams or gaps in policy and guidance that may hinder timely and integrated response operations.



SYLLABUS

- TTX #1: Group of Five Incident Management Tabletop Exercises
- PEX #2: Group of Three Port Security Crime Scene/Evidence Management Practical Exercises
- PEX #3: Group of Five MLE Crime Scene and Evidence Management Practical Exercises
- PEX #4: Cargo Theft
- PEX #5: Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- PEX #6: Stowaway Found on a Ship
- PEX #7: Sea Container on a Ship or in the Port with a Broken Seal
- PEX #8: Uncleared Person in the Port
- PEX #9: Migrant/TIP Discovered on a Ship or in a Sea Container on a Ship or in the Port
- TTX #10: Alien Sea Chest Discovered on Ship
- TTX #11: High Value Ship Visit Security Threat

DURATION

3-4 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, TTX and practical exercises requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities. Length of delivery can be tailored to each MLE Agency's request.

LOCATION

The course will be conducted at a selected training location as coordinated with the recipient partner.

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- Groups of 3-4 security or ship inspector personnel.
- Agencies that should be represented are port security, ship inspectors, customs, and respective law enforcement depending on the practical exercise or TTX.

6. PROMOTING WHITE HULL DIPLOMACY (DE-ESCALATION OF TENSE SITUATIONS AT SEA)

This series provides frontline Coast Guard and civilian MLE professionals such as key decision makers, Vessel Commanders, and Ops Centre COs with a comprehensive understanding of the conflict resolution toolkit available when faced with tense situations at sea. These professionals may be required to react at times in a C2 degraded environment without immediate guidance from leadership and must be well versed in pre-planned responses in order to maintain the rule of law at sea. The TTXs will focus on national policy, guidance, and ROE when responding to threats in disputed territorial waters, fishing zones, and disputed waters. Although not all-encompassing, these TTXs will provide a foundation for MLE professionals to reach back to when a tense situation arises at sea.



SYLLABUS

- Theory and dialogue-based discussions:
 - Developing conflict resolution mechanisms. De-escalation techniques.
 - UNCLOS, legal authorities, jurisdiction review, and multilateral agreements.
 - Operations and legal components of maritime response.
 - Rules of engagement, use of force, use of force continuum, and non-lethal alternatives to deadly force.
 - Creating a network of diplomacy
- TTX #1: Regional Theory and Dialogue
- TTX #2: Low Difficulty Response. Foreign Flagged Vessel Incursion into Disputed Waters.
- TTX #3: Medium Difficulty Response. National Flagged Fishing Vessel Incursion in Disputed Waters.
- TTX #4: High Difficulty Response. Foreign Fishing Fleet with Maritime Police Escort Incursion in Disputed Waters.

DURATION

2-3 days

STRUCTURE

A mixture of classroom theory, guided discussions, and TTX requiring active engagement from participants to reinforce concepts and meet operational realities.

LOCATION

The course will be conducted at a selected training location as coordinated with the recipient partner.

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to have basic communications skills, as they will need to conduct role player briefings.
- No more than 20 senior or mid-level personnel. Numbers by agency is dependent on how many agencies are invited.
- Agencies that should be represented are relevant ministries, Navy Operations, Ops Centre COs, Coast Guard Operations, Coast Guard Vessel Commanders, Attorney General.



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