GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

MEDITERRANEAN TEAM

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UNIFIL MARITIME TASK FORCE REAR ADMIRAL MÜGGE

BLACK SEA TEAM

OUR PRIORITIES

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Support national maritime law enforcement actors to monitor and manage their maritime spaces against a variety of maritime crimes.

03. MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME
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TYPES OF MARITIME CRIME WE COUNTER

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02. LEGAL FINISH TO MARITIME CRIMES
Support the legal finish to crimes committed at sea through training to judges and prosecutors and supporting practice through simulated trials with national authorities and complimenting regional maritime exercises. Support international cooperation between prosecutors through the establishment of networks.

03. MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING
Build sustainable in-country and in-region maritime law enforcement capacity building programmes. Establish VBSS training centres where residential training can be held. Support the development of regionally-relevant curriculum that can be delivered by trainers and academies from the region.

KEY RESULTS IN 2021

- Supported the capabilities development of the Lebanon Armed Forces Navy’s visit, board, search and seizure teams through the provision of equipment and drones
- Developed awareness, technical knowledge and interagency cooperation to respond to the trafficking and movement of hazardous materials through maritime routes in Lebanon
- Supported the delivery of the Phoenix Express Senior Leadership Symposium 2021 for the Mediterranean Sea, identifying opportunities for regional cooperation to respond to maritime threats in the region
- Jointly delivered an interagency legal finish workshop with the Tunisian and US Navies
- Planned for the launch of VBSS training capabilities at the Cyprus Center for Land, Open-Sea, and Port Security (CYCLOPS) in 2022

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Support national maritime law enforcement actors in maritime domain awareness and operational responsiveness through analytical training, provision of equipment and mentoring. Use satellite imagery to practice analytical skills, operational planning and on-water exercises in line with international law and human rights. Promote the inclusion of women in decision-making and operational roles.

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05. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTERPART ENGAGEMENT
The UNODC GMCP subprogramme for the Mediterranean established its first projects in 2021 with a focus on the Eastern Mediterranean. Counterpart engagements to identify priority areas for cooperation are ongoing in the Central and Western Mediterranean with envisioned projects to strengthen maritime law enforcement and border management to start in 2022.

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