






Importance of Info Sharing & Challenges





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Info vs Intel

- Intel is NOT another word for information
- Info rarely speaks for itself
- Through comparison, eval & analysis...
- Info is given meaning



USCG & Intel



- Relied on intel for more than 200 years
- Founding father of USA Alexander Hamilton handled intel duties for George Washington during the Revolutionary War
- Based on intel, Alexander Hamilton established the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790
- Originally about collecting revenue & combating smuggling...still CG efforts remain heavily weighted toward Law Enforcement



The Intelligence Process



Source: Joint Intelligence / Joint Publication 2-0, Joint Chiefs of Staff



Challenges in Piracy Context



- Collection: difficult in maritime environment to obtain and preserve evidence
- Processing & Analysis: single maritime cases affect several nations, multiple entities involved



More Intel Challenges

- Its incomplete, perishable, confusing and sometimes contradictory
- Gaps always exist in what is known about an adversary
- Reliability is subject to scrutiny & doubt
- Sometimes invalidates itself
- Never produces certainties



Rules for Seeking Truth

- Don't pretend
- Don't turn a blind eye
- Don't exaggerate
- Don't shoot the bearer of bad news
- Don't hide behind the numbers
- Don't ignore or dismiss criticism
- Don't isolate yourself




"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence"
-Vince Lombardi, Head Coach Green Bay Packers




Info Sharing Conclusions

- IMB-PRC and ReCAAP...

Could it be NOT EITHER, but BOTH?






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