



Gulf of Guinea Intelligence Sharing - a test bed for the future?



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NATO Shipping Centre - Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping

Contribute to Maritime Security & Freedom of Navigation

Support Commercial Shipping

- Advise on Maritime Security Risks
- Deconfliction from military operations across spectrum of utilization



Support Military Operations affecting the Maritime Domain

- Support for all NATO, Nations and Multinational military operations involving NCAGS, worldwide
- Contribute to Global MSA to promote Maritime Security



Understanding the Maritime Domain



Maritime Security – Info Sharing




- **Challenges**
 - Exchange of information – What, Who, When, Why
 - Information vs Intelligence
 - Military Approach vs ISPS-Code
- **Barriers**
 - Classification of National Interagency Information
 - Need to Know vs Need to Share
 - Commercial in Confidence
- **Potential Solutions**
 - Networks - National, Regional, Global
 - Collection
 - Push Vs Pull
 - Dissemination
 - Push Vs Pull

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Counter Piracy: OOS




Operation Ocean Shield (OOS) is NATO's counter piracy mission in the Gulf of Aden and off the Horn of Africa.

NATO Shipping Centre has been helping to deter and disrupt pirate attacks, while protecting vessels and helping to increase the general level of security in the region since 2008.

[Read more about OOS](#)

[Read our Guidance for OOS](#)

Counter Terrorism: OAE




Operation Active Endeavour (OAE) is NATO's maritime operation in the Mediterranean Sea and its mission is to show resolve against terrorism.

Ships in the Mediterranean are invited to send information to us, through our Vessel Reporting Scheme.

[Read more about OAE](#)

[Read our Guidance for OAE](#)

Global Maritime Risks



The NSC, as NATO's permanent merchant shipping information fusion centre, is tasked to provide guidance and act as an advisor to merchant shipping on potential risks.

In this capacity, we cooperate with the Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre in the Gulf of Guinea, developed by the shipping industry and we also cooperate with organisations dealing with maritime security in areas such as Southeast Asia.

MTISC - CoG now operational in the area.

[Read more...](#)

NEWS

when transiting through the area.

Suez Canal threats

Published 02/02/2013

Press reporting has indicated that extremist groups have threatened to disrupt the waterway, in particular during the inauguration ceremony of a second transit lane, on the 6th of August. Given the tense security situation in the waters surrounding the Sinai peninsula and in consideration of the attacks on the MV Cosco Asia in December 2013 and an Egyptian patrol boat on July 16th 2015, extensive Egyptian security operations have been...

Airstrike on vessel near Sirte, Libya

Published 23/2/2013

News agencies have reported that an airstrike was conducted on a merchant vessel in the vicinity of Sirte, Libya on 24 May. Again a reminder that vessels passing Libyan waters, do so at risk of interaction with armed elements in Libya. Vessels intending to transit through this area are encouraged to conduct thorough risk assessments in advance of their voyages and when travelling through them.

Somali Piracy Warning for Yachts


The website for the MARITIME TRADE INFORMATION SHARING CENTRE - GULF OF GUINEA, is operational.

<http://www.mtisc-gog.org/>

Also see the maritime security chart Q6114 on the following link:

http://www.mtisc-gog.org/assets/img/voluntary_reporting_area/vr-chart.pdf

ALERT MAP



Legend: Pirated, Attacked, Approached, Suspicious Activity, Miscellaneous

GUIDANCE AND PRODUCTS

Piracy Alerts: Details on alerts issued on incidents in the HRA. New alerts can be provided by RSS by clicking on the RSS button above the map.

Dhow Project: Information on the Dhow Project and links to our Fishing Templates, Dhow Flashcards, Dhow and Skiff Recognition Chart, Dhow and Skiff Recognition guide and The Dhow Database.

Updates and PAM: Link to our Daily and Weekly updates, and Piracy Activity Map (PAM)

Gulf of Guinea: Link to the NSC supported Interim Guidelines for the Gulf Of Guinea

Piracy statistics: Here you can find our monthly Piracy statistics.

- Transnational Organised Crime
 - Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea
 - Money laundering
 - Illegal Arms and Drugs trafficking
 - Illegal Oil Bunkering
 - Crude Oil Theft
 - Human trafficking and smuggling
 - Migrants at sea
 - Maritime Pollution
 - Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
 - Illegal dumping of Toxic Waste
 - Maritime Terrorism and Hostage taking
 - Vandalization of Offshore Oil Infrastructure
 - Protection of critical maritime infrastructure
 - Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
 - Cyber Threat in the maritime domain





Incident Data Recording



- **NSC Study 7 Reporting Centres**
 - MTISC GoG, IMO GISIS, IMB, ReCAAP, MSCHOA, NSC, ONI
- **Difficult to Identify Unique Incidents**
 - Different report formats
 - Lack of reference to original report
 - Incident date varies by a day
 - Variation in time gap from incident to recording/distributing



GoG – Incident Data



- **Reporting Organisations**
 - MTISC GoG, IMO-GSIS, IMB, ONI
- **Number of Individual Incidents 1 Jan 15 to date: 50**
- **Number of Reports from Individual Organisations 72**
 - MTISC – 22 (21 only source)
 - IMO-GSIS – 22 (2 only source)
 - IMB – 22
 - ONI – 6 (4 only source)



Networked Approach





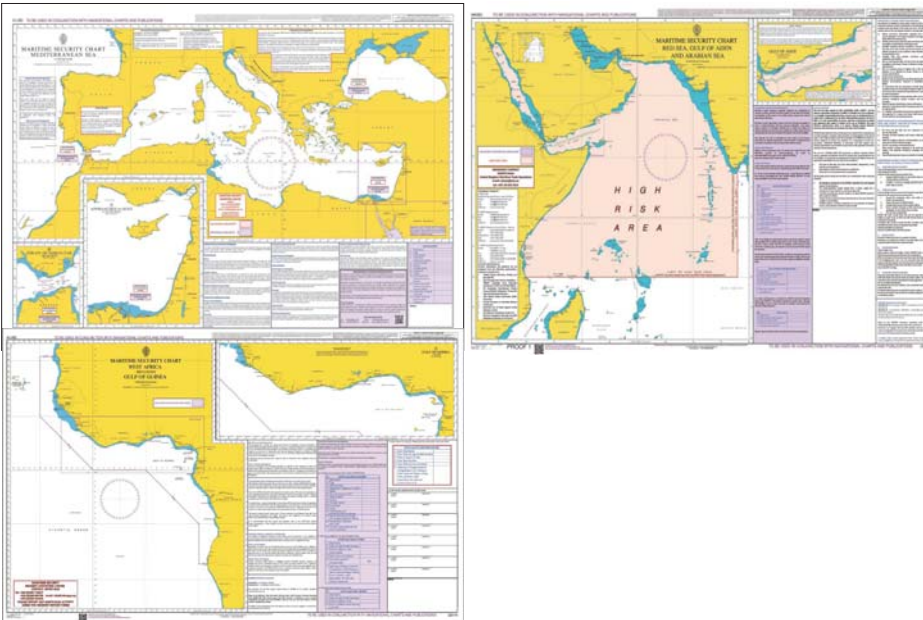
Network Approach to Info Sharing



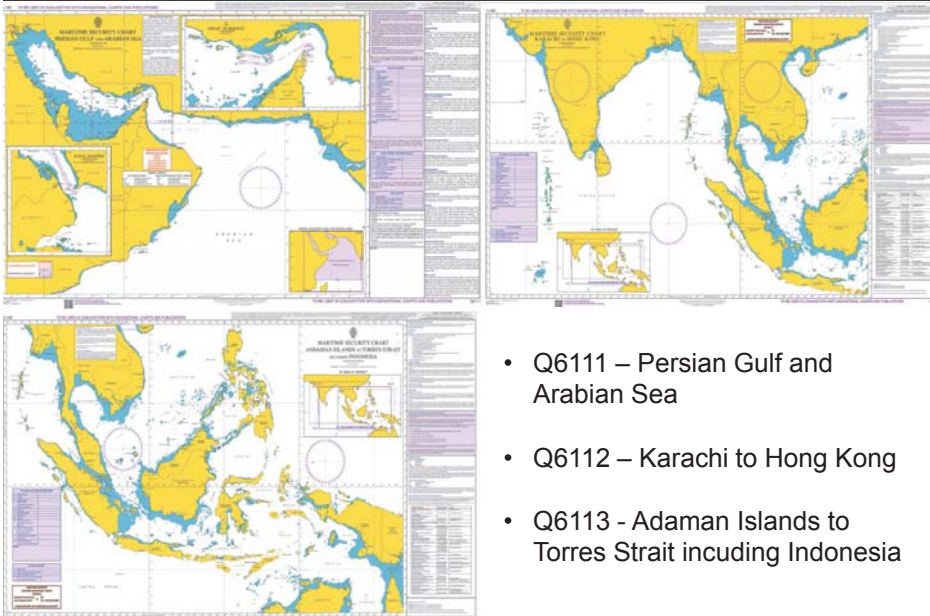
- Maritime Security is a Global Problem
- Information is not power
- Information sharing offers outstanding benefits
- But:
 - We ask too much of the mariner through different formats
 - Leads to limited reporting from shipping
 - Leads to confused data
 - Leads to incorrect recording of valuable data



BMP – Maritime Security Charts 1



BMP – Maritime Security Charts 2



- Q6111 – Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea
- Q6112 – Karachi to Hong Kong
- Q6113 - Adaman Islands to Torres Strait including Indonesia



The Solution?



- Would Reporting Centres benefit from being electronically connected?
- Reporting Centres have to share globally
- Localised ownership does not provide global benefit
- US Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) collates weekly but is that 'The Truth'?

- Sharing Information Makes Ultimate Sense
- But How?

- Maritime Security Centres Should Work Together
 - Link through Interpol for Personal data.