



COORDINATED MARITIME PRESENCES

The global maritime environment is characterised by geo-strategic rivalries, piracy and organised crime, which threaten the freedom of navigation, the security of maritime routes and global economic development.

STRENGTHENING THE EU'S MARITIME SECURITY PRESENCES

The Coordinated Maritime Presences (CMP) tool strengthens EU maritime security engagement around the world:



Increasing the EU's capacity as a reliable partner and maritime security provider



Ensuring a permanent maritime presence and outreach in Maritime Areas of Interest



Providing greater European operational engagement



Promoting international cooperation and partnership at sea.

How does it work?

The Coordinated Maritime Presences tool:

- can be implemented in any maritime area of the world determined by the Council of the EU as a Maritime Area of Interest;
- uses existing EU Member States naval and air assets present or deployed on a voluntary basis in these Maritime Areas of Interest;
- relies on enhanced coordination of naval and air assets, which remain under national command;
- provides continuity, complementarity and synergy between EU Members States' actions;
- enhances awareness, analysis and information sharing between EU Member States through the Maritime Area of Interest Coordination Cell (MAICC) established within the EU Military Staff;
- uses the MARSUR network in an operational engagement.



CMP IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

The EU launched the CMP concept in the Gulf of Guinea in January 2021. Its implementation to address maritime security challenges was extended in February 2022.



AROUND 95% OF ALL WORLDWIDE KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM AT SEA IN 2020



PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA



ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING



TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME (E.G. SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS AND ARMS)

The Coordinated Maritime Presences concept in the Gulf of Guinea:

- Provides support to address the security challenges affecting freedom of navigation;
- Contributed to reduce maritime security incidents by more than 50% in 2021;
- Is an effective tool ensuring a continued presence of EU Member States in the region;
- Increases cooperation and partnerships with the coastal States of the Gulf of Guinea and regional and maritime security organisations of the Yaoundé Architecture.

CMP IN THE NORTH WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN

On 21 February 2022, the EU launched the CMP in the North Western Indian Ocean, establishing a Maritime Area of Interest in the region.



THE NORTH WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN IS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC CENTRES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE WORLD



80% OF THE WORLD'S TRADE PASSES THROUGH THE INDIAN OCEAN



IT IS AN AREA RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES (OIL, GAS, MARINE LIFE)



SAFE AND SECURE SEA LINES IN THE REGION ARE KEY TO LINK TRADE BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, EAST ASIA AND EUROPE

With the CMP concept in the North Western Indian Ocean, the EU will:

- Reinforce its strategic focus and actions in the region;
- Ensure a European naval presence in the Indo-Pacific;
- Strengthen partnership and cooperation in the region including with the maritime industry;
- Enhance the EU's role as a global maritime security provider.

