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MARITIME SECURITY COOPERATION ARCHITECTURE ON PAPER AND IN PRACTICE IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

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REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ON MARITIME SECURITY AROUND AFRICA

- Gulf of Guinea Commission/AU Stand by Force 2001-03.
- SPAS (CEWS, REWS, NTGs) 2005-06.
- Africa Partnership Stations, MoUs (Flag/Port state) 2007-
- UN Resolutions(1814, 1851, 1812, 1839, 2018, 2039) 2008
- CMF, Op ATALANTA 2008-
- Regional Mechanisms(MOWCA,ECCAS,ECOWAS,SADC,EAS,IGAD) 2009-
- AU HoG Resolution and IMO Recommendations 1333 2009
- Yaounde Declaration (ECOWAS-ECCAS) 2013.
- AIMS 2050 (Blue economy, CEMZA, MOCs, CHANS) 2014.

Impact and Implications

- Increasing commitment to cooperative efforts
- Foundation for practical collaboration and coordination
- Linkage between economic and security strategies
MARITIME SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

Yaoundé Process Information Infrastructure

Political
- ECCAS, ECOWAS, GGC

Operational
- In Development
- In Planning

Strategic
- Interregional Coordination Center
  Yaoundé, Cameroon

Regional
- CREMAC (ECCAS MOC)
  Pointe Noire, Congo
- CREMASO (ECOWAS MOC)
  TBD

Multinational
- Zone A
  Luanda, Angola
- Zone D
  Douala, Cameroon
- Zone E
  Cotonou, Benin
- Zone F
  TBD
- Zone G
  TBD

National
- Zone A
  Focal Points
  - Angola
  - Burundi
  - Rep. Congo
- Zone D
  Focal Points
  - Cameroon
  - Equatorial Guinea
  - Gabon
  - Sao Tome
- Zone E
  Focal Points
  - Benin
  - Niger
  - Nigeria
  - Togo
- Zone F
  Focal Points
  - Burkina Faso
  - Cote d'Ivoire
  - Ghana
  - Liberia
  - Sierra Leone
- Zone G
  Focal Points
  - Cabo Verde
  - Gambia
  - Guinea
  - Guinea Bissau
  - Mali
  - Senegal

Notes:
- No maritime border
- OE13 Nonparticipant
MARITIME SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN THE GULF OF GUINEA
EXPERIENCES IN ZONE E

- Multi-lateral Agreement 2013
- Establishment of Zone E MMCC and Plan 2013
- Activation of Zone E Heads of Navies Forum 2014
- Inauguration of Zone E MMCC Cotonou 2015

Outstanding Issues

- Operational infrastructure
- Sustenance of Heads of Navies/Agencies Forum
- Civil maritime involvement
- Collaboration with Zone D and Zone E
CHALLENGES

- Non-coherent national strategies and structures
- Gaps of institutional memory
- Limited commitment to implementation plans
- Weak legal framework and common procedures
- Limited profiling capacity
- Deficient infrastructure in zonal, regional and inter-regional centres
MT MARIAM (Ex MT INGE) Experience - 2015
HARMONIZED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES ON ARREST, DETENTION AND PROSECUTION OF VESSELS AND PERSONS IN NIGERIA'S MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

2016

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TELEGRAM INFORMATION SHARING NETWORK IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

Source: NHQ OPS ROOM
REMEDIAL MEASURES

- Activation/enhanced profiling by ICC, RMCCs, MMCCs
  - Real-time communication and information sharing
  - Database on vessels and persons of interest
  - Maritime domain awareness picture

- Civil sector integration into security architecture

- Intra-national maritime strategies

- Promotion of robust legal frameworks
Concluding Thoughts

- The best strategy does not often survive the first contact with the enemy

- Preventive strategy is more effective

- Maritime criminality begins and ends ashore

- Better to be pro-active than being reactive