Maritime Interdiction Operations
The Legal Challenges

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• **Stages of Maritime Interdiction**
  – Legal Issues
  – Importance of Legal Finish
  – Piracy
  – Drug Trafficking

• **Other Legal Issues**
  – UN Embargos
  – Illegal Fishing
  – Migration / People Smuggling
STAGES OF MARITIME INTERDICTION

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COUNTERING PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA
• Trans-national Cooperation
• Information & Intelligence Sharing
• Getting On Board
• Piracy
  – Universal Jurisdiction
  – Domestic Legislation
• Drugs
  – Multi-Jurisdictional Issues
  – Extra-Territorial Applicability
  – Search, Seize, Destroy
  – Catch & Release?
• Legal Finish
• Jurisdiction
  – Piracy
  – Drugs
• Location – Transfer Agreements?
• Extra-Territorial Applicability for Regional State
• Onward Detention / Repatriation
• Human Rights
OTHER LEGAL ISSUES

• UN Embargos
  – Weapons
  – Charcoal

• Illegal Fishing

• Migration / People Smuggling
  – Difference with EUNAVFOR Op SOPHIA
QUESTIONS?