

# CAMEROON

## “CHALLENGES of MARITIME GOVERNANCE”

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# TOPIC

I.\_ CHARACTERIZATION OF MARITIME INSECURITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

II.\_ INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK FOR THE GULF OF GUINEA

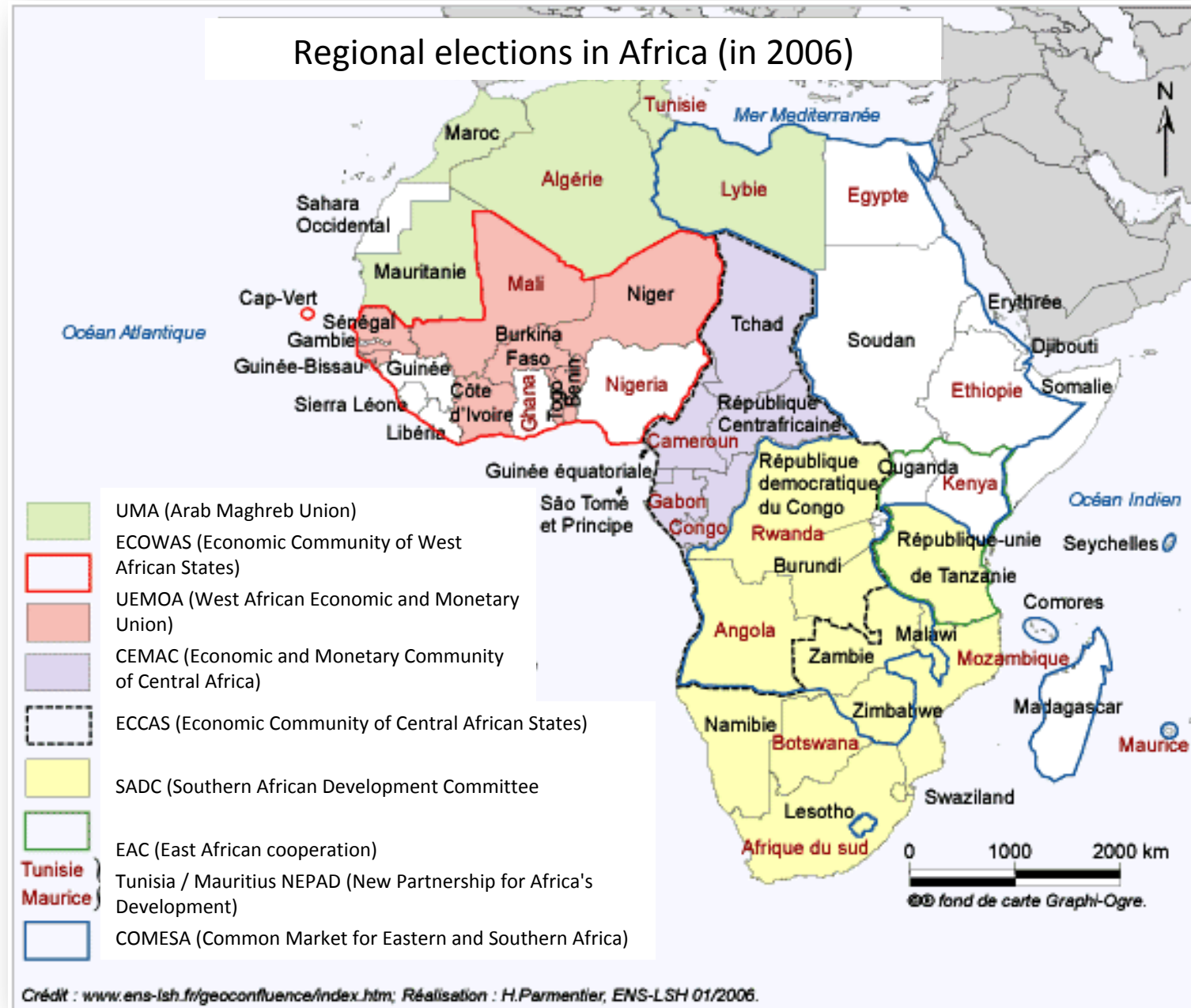
III.\_ MARITIME GOVERNANCE IN CAMEROON

- Phase I: CAMEROON "TOP DOWN" PROCESS
- Phase II: CAMEROON "BOTTOM UP" PROCESS

IV.\_ COORDINATION AND MUTUALIZATION AS AN IDOINE SOLUTION

# GULF OF GUINEA: CEEAC + CEDEAO

- **25 States**  
CEEAC: 10 States  
CEDEAO: 15 States
- **Population :** 470 million  
CEEAC: 160 million  
CEDEAO: 310 million
- **Area:** 11.755.258 Km<sup>2</sup>
- **Length of coastline:** 6,000 km  
from Senegal to Angola
- **Official languages:** French,  
English, Portuguese, Spanish



# GENERAL THREATS

spills of toxic  
waste at sea

oil discharges  
(voluntary or  
accidental)

trafficking and  
siphoning of  
crude oil at sea

arms, drugs and  
human beings  
trafficking

piracy and  
armed robbery

maritime  
terrorism

drug trafficking

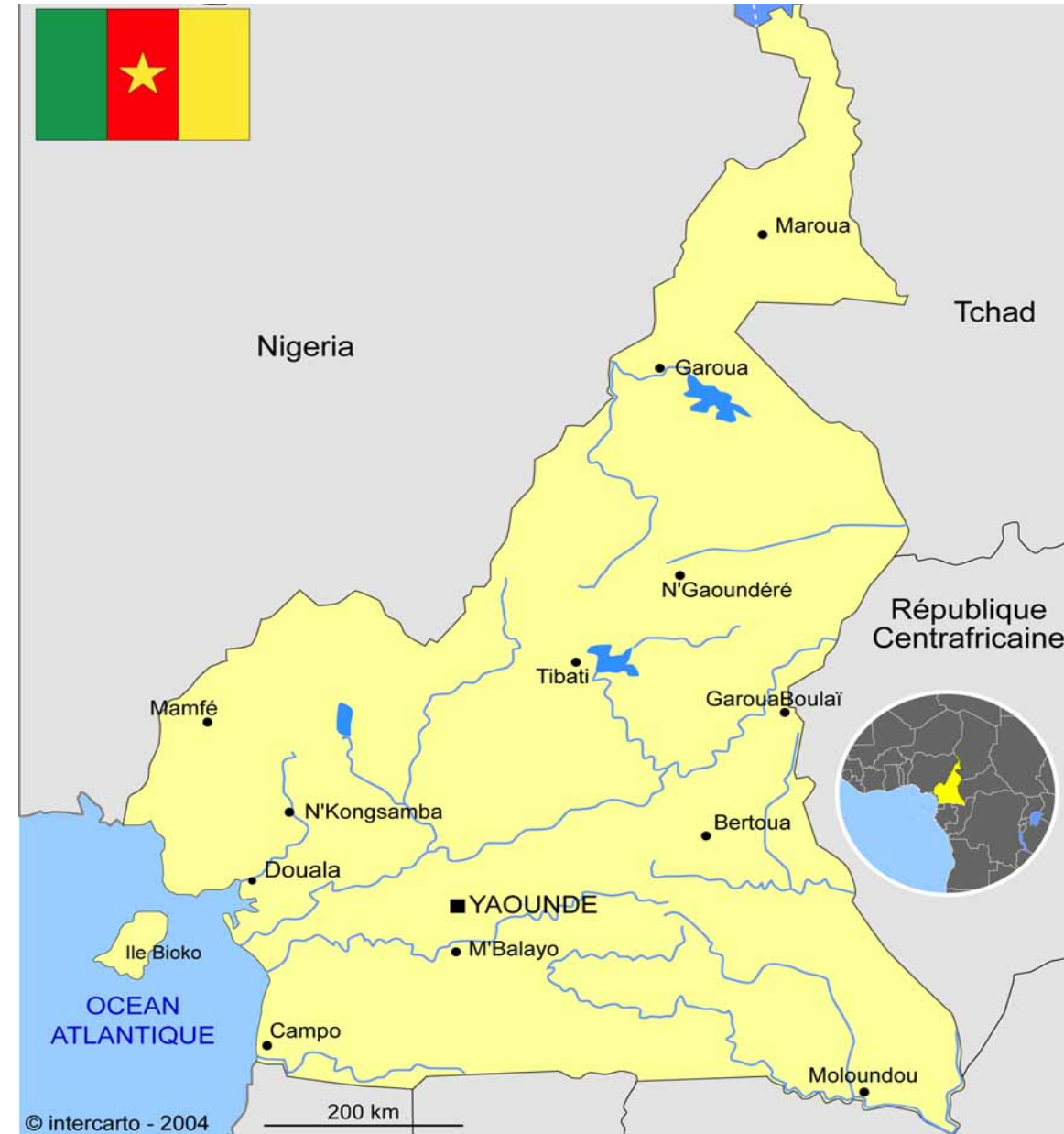
unreported and  
unregulated  
illegal fishing

smuggling and  
various  
commercial  
traffics

illegal  
immigration

# GULF OF GUINEA: CAMEROON

- Population: **23 500 000**
- Area: **475,650 Km<sup>2</sup>**
- Coasts: **420 km**  
along Atlantic Ocean



# PRINCIPLES OF MARITIME GOVERNANCE IN CAMEROON

- ❖ **Uniqueness of space, common property managed by the State**
- ❖ **Unity of action in order to ensure a coherent national AEM policy**
- ❖ **Coordination in order to mobilize skills and resources and optimize their use by exploiting their versatility or complementarity**

# "TOP DOWN" PROCESS

## DIFFICULTIES OF COHERENCE BETWEEN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND AGENCIES

1. Law 02 of April 17, 2000: maritime spaces  
of the Republic of Cameroon
2. Decree 036 of February 04, 2002: creation and  
organization of the National Navy Forces
3. Decree 290 of 1 November 2007: organization and conduct  
of State Action at Sea and on Inland Waterways



# "BOTTOM UP" PROCESS

## STEP 1

Implementation of a new inter-agency functional platform

- Signature of MOU between various administrations / agencies responsible for the exercise of State powers at sea

## STEP 2

Conception and drafting of the **NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY**

- Voluntary and inclusive consultative process between all the Departments concerned

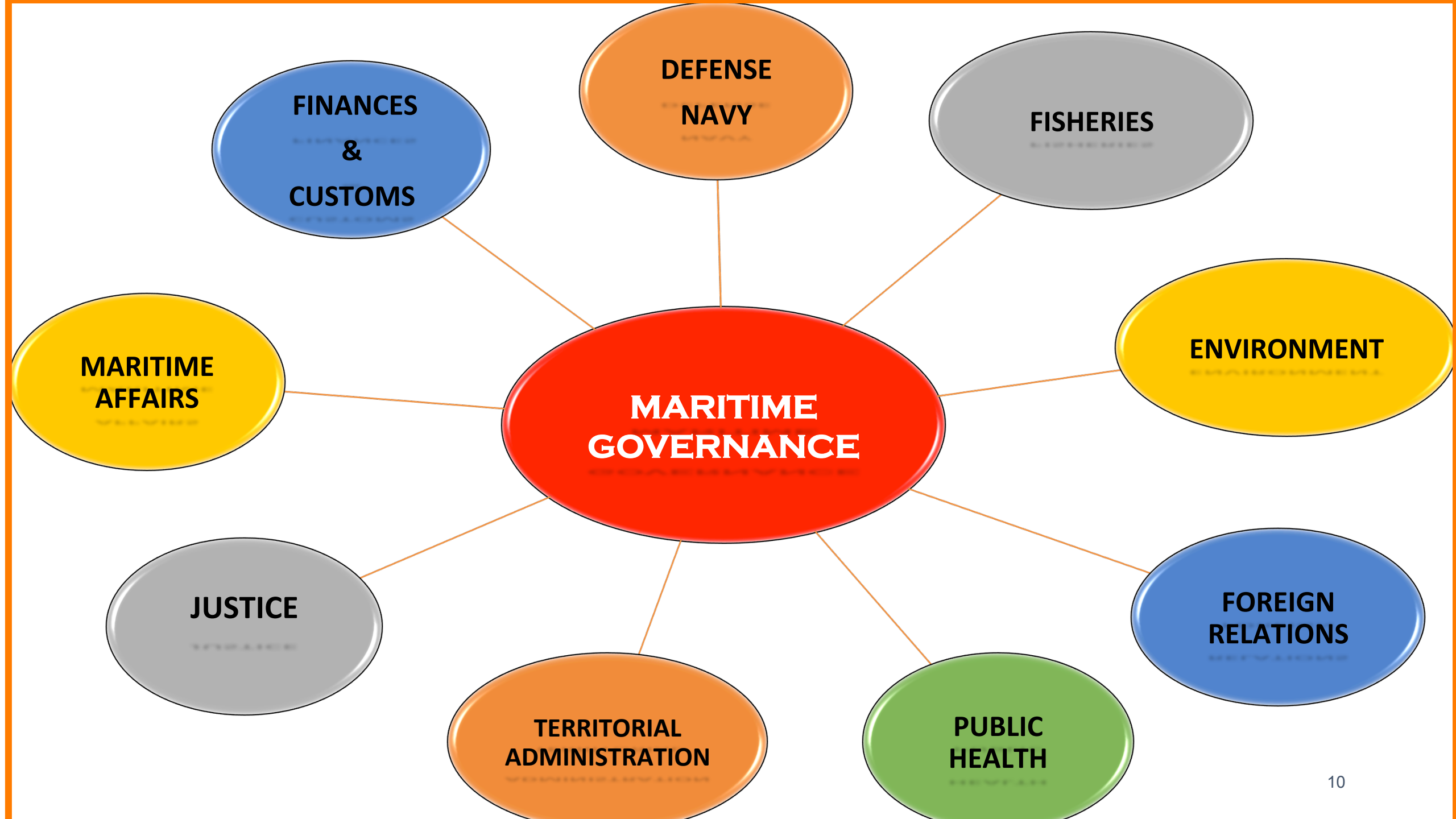
## STEP 3

Implementation of inter-agencies functional transversalities

- Implementation of the coordination, assistance and exchange mechanisms between all Departments / Agencies of the MARITIME GOVERNANCE platform

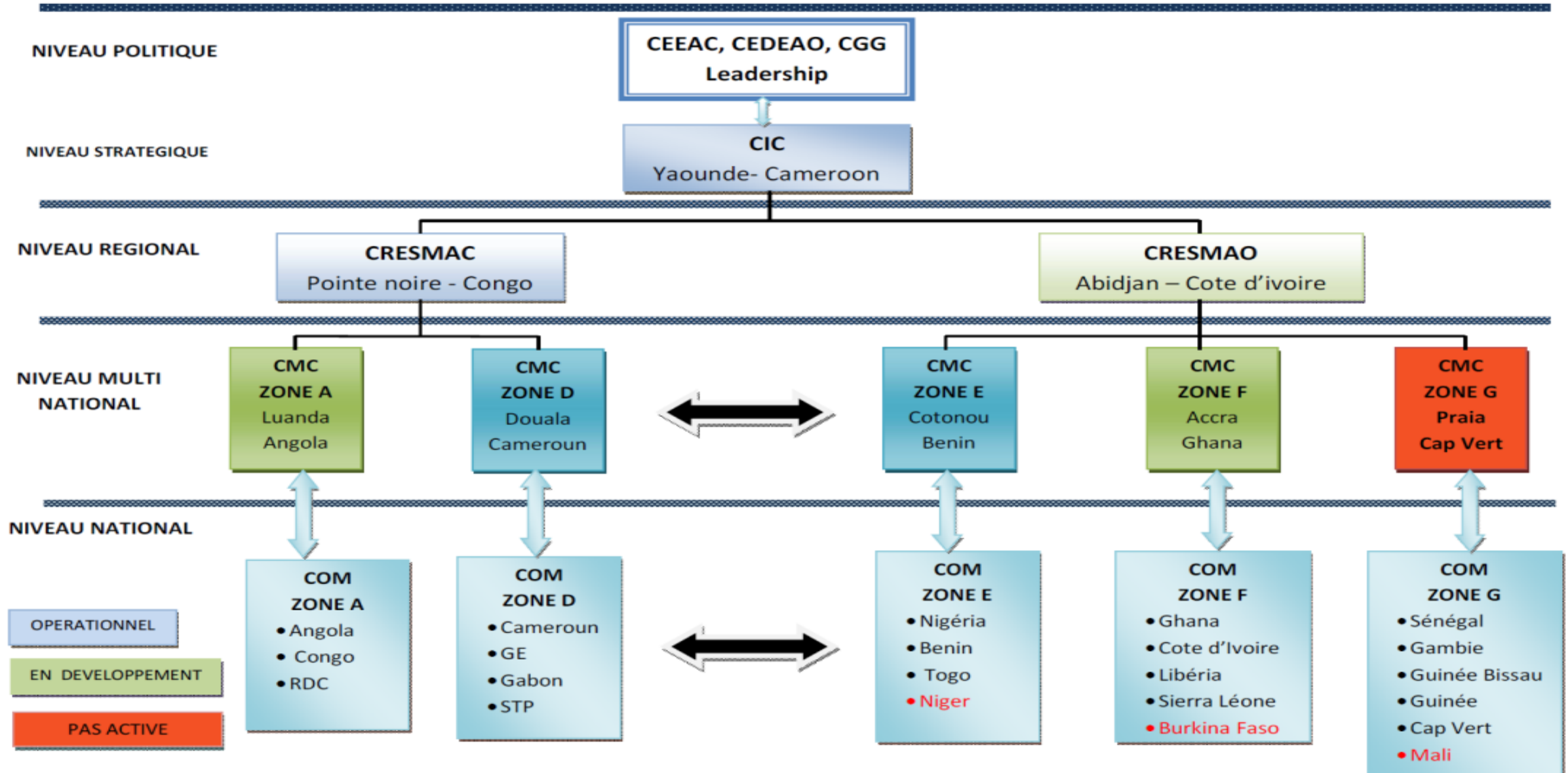






# RETURN OF BI-REGIONAL, REGIONAL, "D" AREA & NATIONAL

## RESEAU D'ECHANGE D'INFORMATION DU GOLFE DE GUINEE



## RETURN OF BI-REGIONAL, REGIONAL, "D" ZONE & NATIONAL

- 1/\_ Compliance with the Yaoundé Code of Conduct
- 2/\_ Significant contribution to CRESMAC
- 3/\_ Leader of the "D" Zone based in Douala
- 4/\_ Gradual effectiveness of inter-department and inter-agency Coordination for the efficient exercise of the sovereign prerogatives of the State at sea
- 5/\_ Urgent requests from other Departments and Agencies to join the maritime governance platform



Cardinal RICHELIEU

"The tears of our sovereigns have the salty taste of the sea they have ignored".



# Thank you for your attention!

