CAMEROON

“CHALLENGES of MARITIME GOVERNANCE”

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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 Km²

- **Length of coastline**: 6,000 km from Senegal to Angola

- **Official languages**: French, English, Portuguese, Spanish

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Regional elections in Africa (in 2006)
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
• Population: 23 500 000

• Area: 475,650 Km²

• 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
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
**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
RESEAU D’ECHANGE D’INFORMATION DU GOLFE DE GUINEE

RETURN OF BI-REGIONAL, REGIONAL, “D” AREA & 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
"The tears of our sovereigns have the salty taste of the sea they have ignored".

Cardinal RICHELIEU
Thank you for your attention!