MSS: SHARED CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
A STRATEGIC STOCKTAKE OF THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

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Blue Shipping
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Ocean Health
Ecology
Climate-Change Resilience
Marine Pollution
Maritime Crime (includes Piracy, IUU Fishing, Terrorism, etc)
Natural Disasters

Principal Maritime Interest

Holistic Maritime Security, i.e., Freedom from Threats arising ‘in’, or ‘through’, or ‘from’ the sea

BLUE ECONOMY
(i.e., Holistic Maritime Security)

MARITIME HARD-SECURITY

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

NATIONAL (MUNICIPAL) LAW

DULY-RATIFIED INTERNATIONAL LAW

INTEGRATION OF MARITIME STAKEHOLDER-ACTIVITIES

RECONCILED
Offshore gas finds in the Mozambique Channel (Rovuma Basin in particular) have restored the geopolitical importance of this chokepoint.
MARITIME SOUTH ASIA: THREAT ASSESSMENT

MARITIME THREAT CHART (SOUTH ASIA)

- **Maritime Incidents**: 377 incidents in 2023 and 377 incidents in 2022.
- **Irregular Human Migration**: 21 incidents in 2023 and 69 incidents in 2022.
- **IUU Fishing**: 199 incidents in 2023 and 125 incidents in 2022.
- **Piracy & Armed Robbery**: 9 incidents in 2023 and 13 incidents in 2022.

The chart illustrates the number of incidents for each category in both years, showing trends and changes.
THANK YOU!!

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