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

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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 • RECONCILED • DULY-RATIFIED INTERNATIONAL LAW

INTEGRATION OF MARITIME STAKEHOLDER-ACTIVITIES
Offshore gas finds in the Mozambique Channel (Rovuma Basin in particular) has restored the geopolitical importance of this chokepoint.
WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN: COOPERATIVE SECURITY REGIONALISM
MARITIME SOUTH ASIA: THREAT ASSESSMENT

MARITIME THREAT CHART (SOUTH ASIA)

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