COMBINED MARITIME FORCES: UPDATE

Captain Brett Sampson, Royal Australian Navy
Combined Maritime Forces Director Operations
Importance / Complexity
Size of Area of Operations

UK / Europe to scale
3.9 million sq. miles
Event Iceberg

- Piracy Event
- Terrorist Event

- Narcotics
- Weapons
- Charcoal
- Sugar
- Ivory
- Human Trafficking
- Migrants
- Opportunity
- Robbery
- Failed States
- Al Shabaab
- DAESH
- AQAP

Illegal Unregulated and Unlicenced Fishing

Combined Maritime Forces
Ready Together
Key MSO Threats

- IUU: Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated
- NARCOTICS SMUGGLING
- WEAPON SMUGGLING
- HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
- SOMALI PIRACY
- AQAP
- TERRORISM
- AL SHABAAB
- CHARCOAL SMUGGLING
- NARCOTICS SMUGGLING
- IUU FISHING
# Alliance v Coalition

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<td>- Formal agreement among two or more countries</td>
<td>- Ad hoc arrangement between two or more countries for specific situations</td>
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<td>- Nations tend to have common economic and political systems</td>
<td>- Nations may be of diverse cultures</td>
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<td>- Broad, long term objectives</td>
<td>- Scope of objectives may have little latitude a flexibility?</td>
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<td>- Relatively permanent in duration</td>
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* Bilateral / multilateral security arrangements fall in between
So what?

- Not all coalitions are created equal.
- Coalitions are built for very different reasons – one size does not fit all.
- National Interests and mission requirements change and Coalitions need to evolve and adapt.
MISSION STATEMENT

Conduct Maritime Security Operations in the area of operations.

Suppress exploitation of the Maritime Domain by terrorist and criminal elements

Assist in the development of maritime security capabilities through capacity building

COMMANDER’S VISION

an **enduring** global maritime partnership of willing nations aligned in **common purpose**

**conduct** Maritime Security Operations (**MSO**) **provide security and stability in the maritime environment**

forces must be **scalable, flexible and responsive** to an increasingly complex, diverse and **changing environment**

must be prepared to counter all maritime security threats for the next 10 years

Non-State Threat Focused
Intelligence-Driven
Enduring
CMF Membership

31 MEMBER STATES AND GROWING BUT NO POLITICAL BODY
Commander
U.S. Central Command

Commander
U.S. Naval Forces
U.S. FIFTH Fleet

Deputy Commander
NAVCENT / C5F

Deputy Commander
Combined Maritime Forces

CTF 50
Strike Forces

CTF 51
Contingency Response

CTF 52
Mine Warfare

CTF 53
Logistics

CTF 54
Submarine Forces

CTF 55
Surface Forces

CTF 56
Expeditionary Combat Forces

CTF 57
Maritime Patrol Forces

CTF 59
Contingency Response, Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief

• CTF Shore Shore Battlespace

CTF 150
Counter Terrorism

CTF 151
Counter Piracy

CTF 152
Arabian Gulf

Ready Together
CMF Task Organisation

CTFs

• Counter Terrorism
  Combined Task Force

• Counter Piracy
  Combined Task Force

• Maritime Security
  Combined Task Force
CTF150 - Countering the Terrorist Threat

800 KG Hashish seized on 2 Mar 2017

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Ready Together
CTF151 - Countering the Piracy Threat
Combined Task Force-152
Arabian Gulf Capacity Building and Maritime Security

Operations:
- Critical Maritime Infrastructure
- Large Fishing fleets from various nations
- High volume of merchant traffic
- Criminal Activity
- Smuggling (Drugs, Fuel, Human, etc)
Current National Mandates

Counter Terrorism

Counter Piracy

GCC MSO

BAH KUW UAE

FRA CAN KSA

AUS GBR USA NZL

PAK YEM

ROK SGP THA DNK TUR JPN
Success in working together

- Coalition nations exercises
  (IMCMEX / CMF OPS EX)
- GCC Protection of Maritime Infrastructure
- CTF Staff Training
- Inter GCC Naval Co-operation
- CTF 152 Exercise Program
United Nations & UNODC

- Narcotics and Legal Finish
- Compendium of Drug Seizures
- CMF now considered the UN’s technical “Maritime Expert”
- CMF has been called to update UNODC & UNSC
- Close and ongoing cooperation with the Somalia- Eritrea Monitoring Group (SEMG)
- Growing cooperation with the Al Qaida-Taliban Monitoring Team (AQTMT)
UN sponsored “umbrella” organization chartered by the United Nations (UNODC) to consider the range of maritime security challenges in the region.

**IOFMC “Pillars”**
- ✔ Heroin Trafficking
- ✔ Human Trafficking
- ✔ Wildlife/ Forest Crime (e.g., ivory)
- ✔ Charcoal

**Potential Future Pillars**
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU)
- Weapons smuggling
- Illegal Dumping
- Terrorism
- Piracy

*Each Pillar will stand up a technical and political / strategic working group*
Outreach

Communication with the merchant industry and civilian partners remains a strategic priority for CMF

- SHared Awareness and DEconfliction (SHADE)
- Marine Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM)
- Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)
- OPV Conferences
- Maritime Security Events
CT5 151 MISSION

Disrupt piracy and armed robbery at sea and to Engage with regional and other partners to Build capacity and Improve relevant capabilities in order to Protect global maritime commerce and Secure freedom of navigation.
CTF151 AREA OF OPERATION

Visual ID coverage for 1 x MPRA (Day flight, normal conditions)

Potential area for ship 24 hrs @ 15 kts
UNDERSTAND

Piracy Networks and SOPs
Intents & Capability

Enhance Regional knowledge
Key Leader Engagements & Local Cooperation

Pirate Former Camp
REGIONAL SUPPORT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Maritime Capacity Building
- Effective and Legal fishing
- Support Missions & relevant Programmes
DETER, DISRUPT, DEGRADE

Deter
Piracy and armed robbery

Disrupt
Efforts at sea

Disrupt
Efforts ashore

Legal Finish
PROTECT

Protection
World Food Programme
Vulnerable Shipping

BMPVer4
Compliance?!

Convoy

Private Armed
Security Teams
STRENGTH – TOGETHER!

Counter Piracy Task Forces
CTF 465 / CTF 151

Maritime Security Centers

Independent Deployers

Maritime Community

EU NAVFOR Somalia
Combined Maritime Forces
NATO Shipping Centre

INTERTANKO
BIMCO
IMCO
OCIMF
ICS
EVOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

FRAGILITY

Smuggling, Terrorism, Migration

Piracy Resurgence?
UNSTABILITY

- Scale
- Criminality
- Humanitarian Crisis
- Illegal Fishing
- War!
EVOLUTION OF THE SECURITY POSTURE

Decrease of PAST

Maritime Force Flow Reductions

Geographical Risk

% PAST 2014
- 38% Past
- 62% No Past

% PAST 2017
- 47% Past
- 53% No Past

NATO end of mandate

0
0.5
1
1.5
2
2.5
3
Oct-16
Nov-16
Dec-16
Jan-17
Feb-17
Mar-17
Apr-17

NATO
EUNAVFOR
CTF 151

2014
2017
JUST A SPIKE IN PIRACY?
DID PIRACY EVER REALLY GO AWAY?

Local Fishing

BMP Non-Compliant Vessels

Addis Ababa

ERITREA

Asmara

DJIBOUTI

GITTA GAS

ETHIOPIA

SOMALIA

Attack, Hijack, Kidnap

Robbery, Boarding, Suspicious approach

Advisories
WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR THE BETTER?

MT ARIS 13 PIRACY EVENT

PMPF
No Ransom

PUNTLAND MARITIME POLICE FORCES

MAYOR OF HOBYO

GALMUDUG
Security Forces
No Ransom

DHOW AL KAUSAR PIRACY EVENT
CMF Looking Forward

• Outcome of Yemen situation and impact on region
  – Migrant smuggling
  – Weapons smuggling
  – Safe haven for terrorist networks (AQAP)
• Developing famine humanitarian crisis in Somalia and Yemen
• Growth in CMF
  – Integration of new NLOs or members
• Increased flow of narcotics by sea through Arabian Gulf/Indian Ocean/Red Sea
• Reduction of force flow
• Resurgence of piracy ??
• Ongoing threat of terrorism
• Wider maritime crime problem
• Regional maritime security and coastal law enforcement capacity
Combined Maritime Forces

Questions