

Combined Maritime Forces





CMF Background



HISTORY

Established in 2001 to counter the threat of international terrorism and later expanded to include counter piracy operations. CMF began with 12 like minded countries and now includes 33 nations from across the globe, with active support from the GCC.

COMMANDER'S VISION

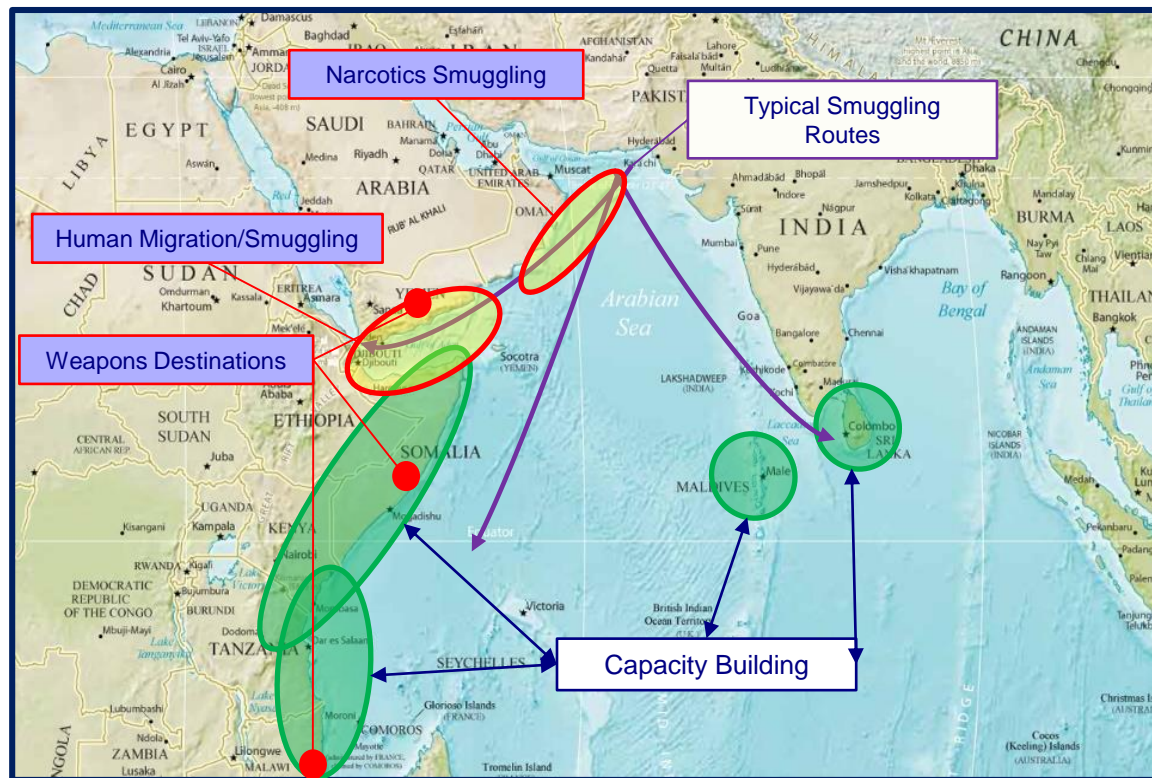
A global maritime partnership aligned in **common purpose**

To conduct **baseline** Maritime Security Operations (MSO)

To provide security and stability in the maritime environment

To remain **scalable, flexible and responsive** to a changing environment

Nations will never be asked to do more than what **national mandate allows**



MISSION STATEMENT

Deter illicit non-state actors from use of the high seas

Develop capacity for regional leadership

Reassure the international community

Maintain **enduring** maritime security in the region and uphold the international rules-based order

COMMON THEMES FOR CMF MEMBERSHIP

Support International Rules Based Order

Free Flow of Commerce/Freedom of Navigation

Promote Interoperability

Develop and maintain Relationships

Promote Regional Leadership



Comprehensive Strategic Review

Presented and agreed by member nations at the Maritime Security Conference 14 July 2020

What is changing

- Greater focus on promoting regional leadership.
- Increased campaign (operational) continuity.
- Closer relationship with regional partners.
- Greater focus on Capacity Building.
- Co-located battle watch to improve information flow.

Capacity Building

- Comprehensive approach, focusing development at the regional level.
- Common training objectives across the region (UNODC LNO).
- Tailored and focused on promoting regional leadership (via in-house training).
- Enables more members to contribute in new ways.

New Lines of Effort

- Contribute to:
 - Disrupting human trafficking.
 - Combatting illegal unregulated and unregistered fishing.
- Sync activities through information sharing.
- Support effective jurisdiction.

Status

- Increased Force Flow.
- Capacity Building Division – Operational (IOC).
- UNODC LNO – Jan 21.
- Co-location of CTFs BWCs and Staffs – Summer 21.
- HQ Re-org – ECD summer of 21.



Operational Update

- **Living with COVID** – reducing impact to Operations.
- **CTF150** conducting operations with a number of boarding and drug seizure's conducted in recent weeks.
- **CTF151** continues to assist with the suppression of piracy and has undertaken medical evacuation support to merchant community.
- **CTF152** continues to conduct maritime security operations in the Arabian Gulf.
- **SHADE Conference** conducted including representation from India, Russia, China and Industry.
- CMF encourages adherence to BMP5 and good evidence collection (video, photography, radar plots) and reporting to support investigations.
- CMF is drafting guidance for merchant shipping response to approaches by suspected militia for discussion.

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Questions?

