



EMASoH



42nd Shared Awareness Meeting

14 November 2022

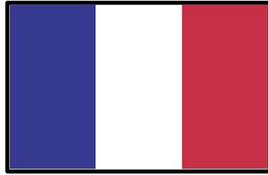
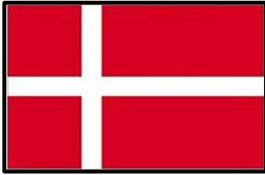
**European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of
Hormuz
Operation AGENOR**

**Olivier Trullemans
Commander, Belgian Navy**



EMASoH: WHAT

European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz



- A political statement by the governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands And Portugal (20 January 2020);



- Supported by a military operation – AGENOR – Full Operational Capability since 25 February 2020;



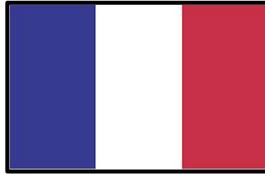
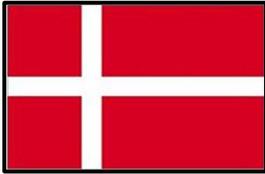
- Later joined by Norway;

“The mission will concretely provide enhanced maritime situation awareness and surveillance (...) in the Gulf and Arabian Sea”



EMASoH: HOW

European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz

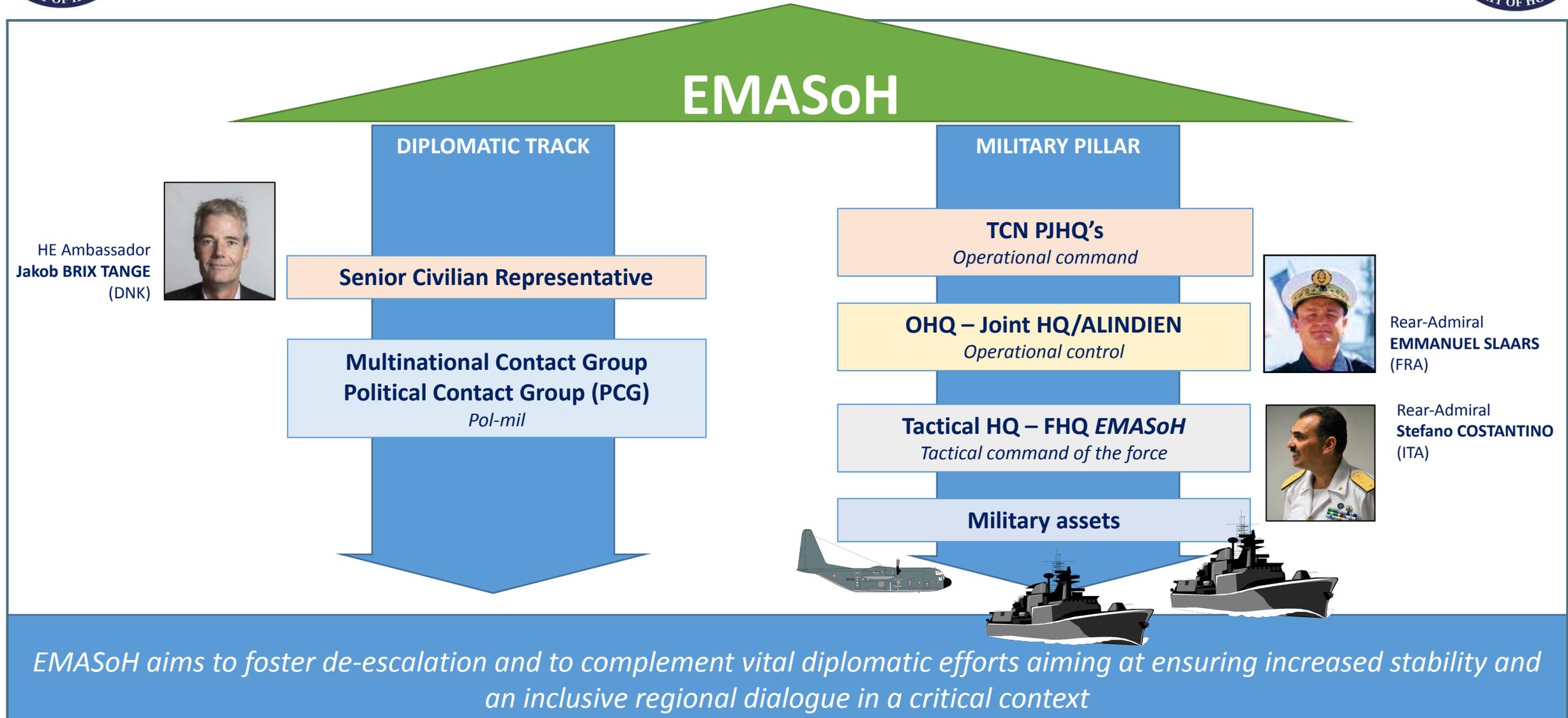


- Supporting the de-escalation approach;
- In complementary with existing maritime security efforts;
- EMASoH aims to ensure a safe navigation environment and to lower the existing tensions in the region;
- In full accordance with international law (incl. UNCLOS)

“EMASOH will constitute a useful instrument in safeguarding the FoN by ensuring adequate coordination and information sharing mechanisms (...)”



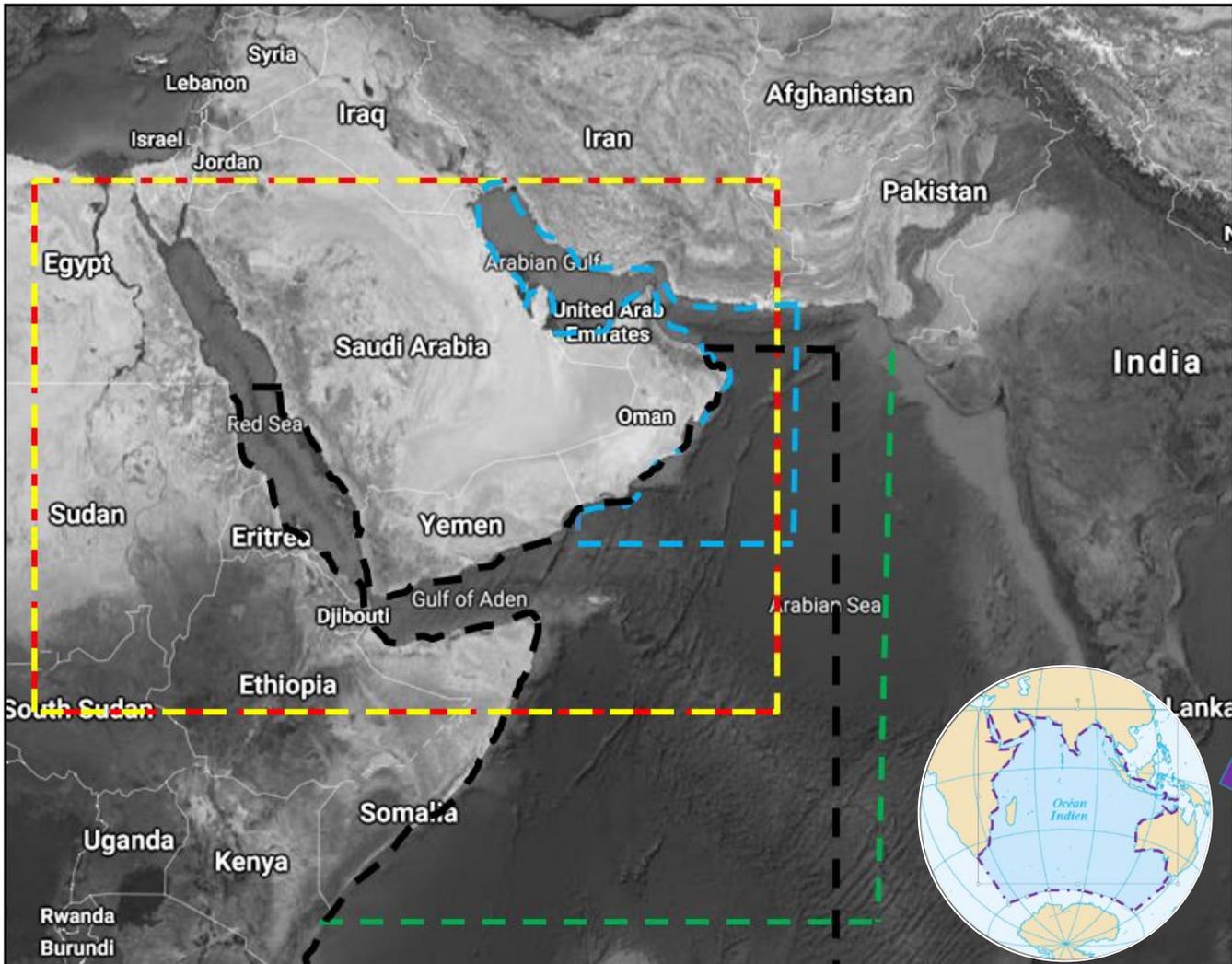
EMASoH STRUCTURE





COORDINATION WITH OTHER ACTORS

“In complementary with existing maritime security efforts”



U.S Naval Forces Central Command – NAVCENT.

U.S Navy Fifth Fleet

Combined Maritime Forces - CMF

International Maritime Security Construct – IMSC. (OP SENTINEL)

The European Union Naval Force Somalia – EUNAVFOR (OP ATALANTA) (AOO)

European Maritime Awareness Strait of Hormuz – EMASoH. (OP AGENOR)

ALINDIEN – French forces in the Indian Ocean

Independent Deployment such as



INDIA



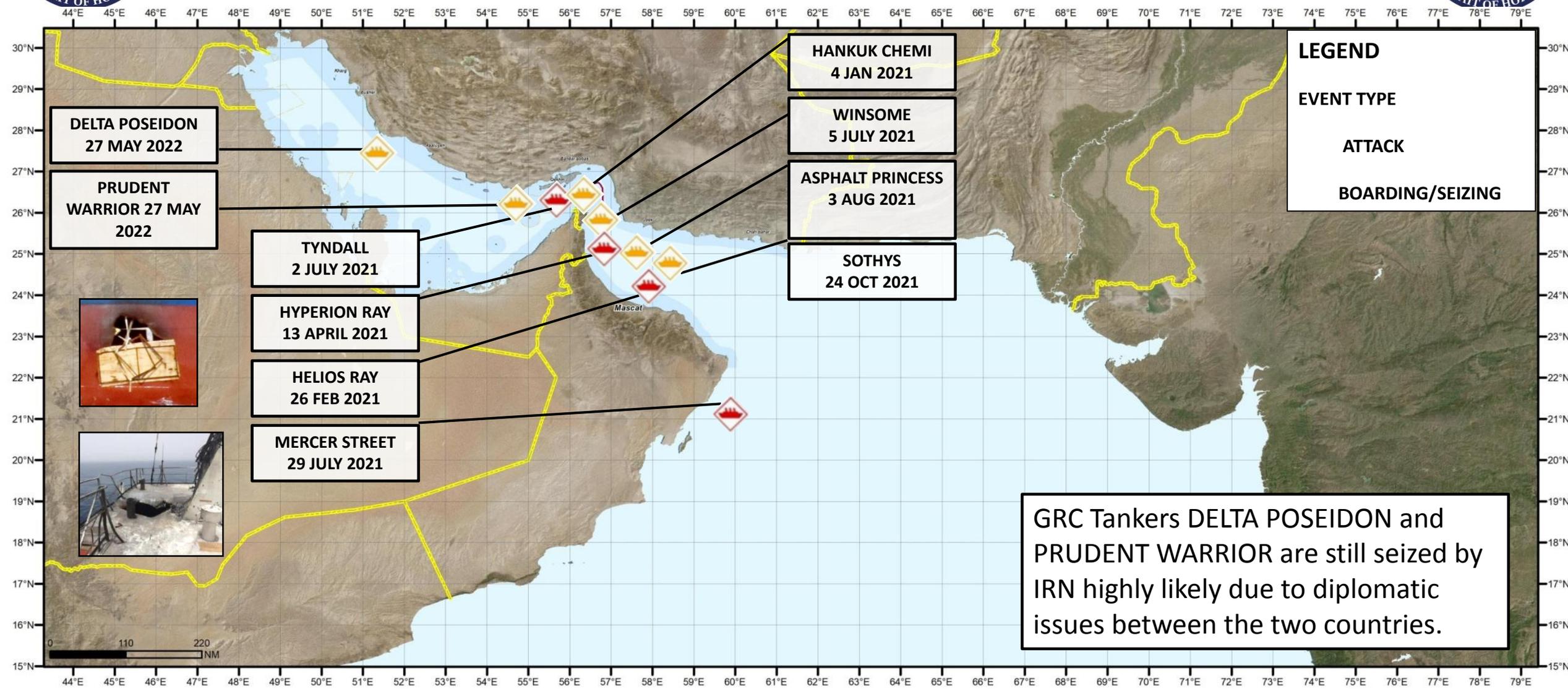
JAPAN



SOUTH KOREA



INCIDENTS 2021-2022



LEGEND

EVENT TYPE

ATTACK

BOARDING/SEIZING

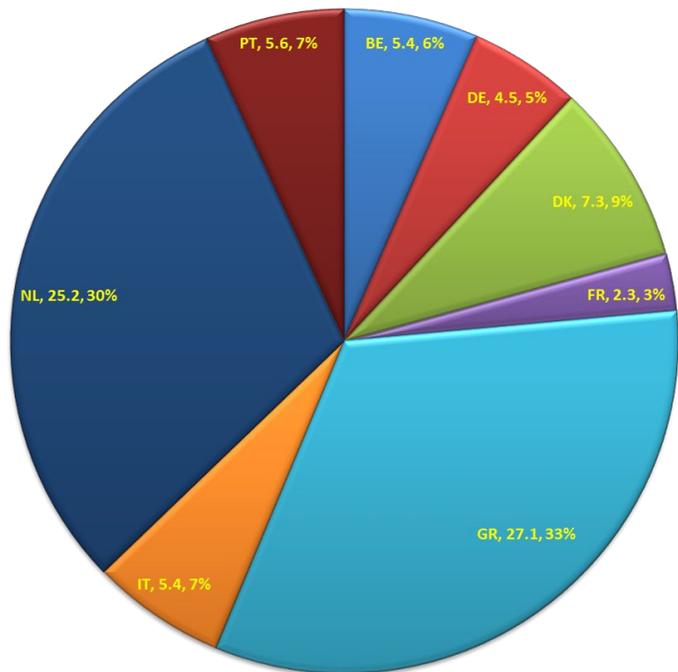
GRC Tankers DELTA POSEIDON and PRUDENT WARRIOR are still seized by IRN highly likely due to diplomatic issues between the two countries.



EMASoH WHITE SHIPPING - POL



EMASOH Flags in JOA - average by day (all ships)



- Typical total shipping in JOA 5.000
- Out of which 100 EMASoH flags
- And 350 ships where the countries of ownership are EMASoH

*UNCTAD STAT Merchant fleet by flag of registration and by type of ship, annual (2020)

** UNCTAD STAT Merchant fleet by country of beneficial ownership, annual (2020)

- * **World Merchant fleet** by dead-weight (DWT) tonnage – all types of ship (2020): 2.072 billions of tons

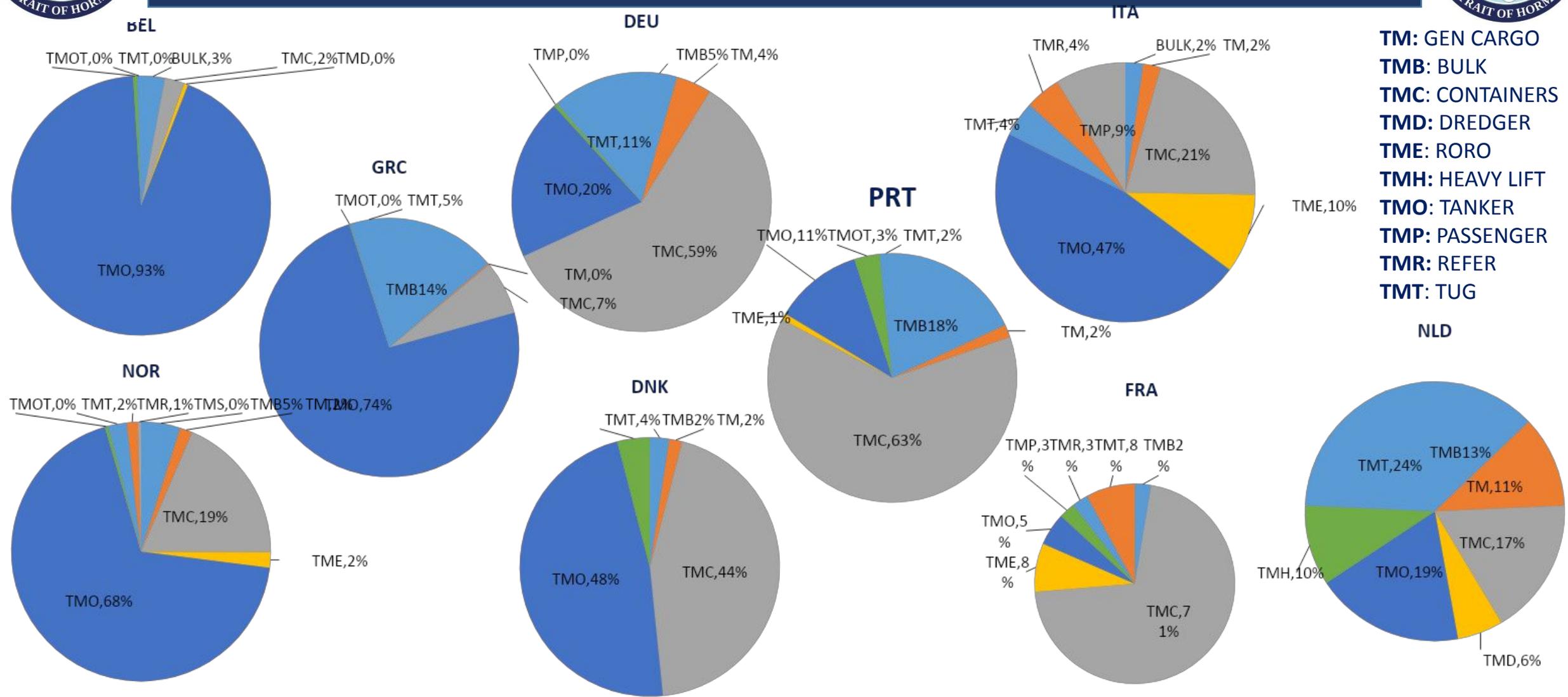
- **Tankers 0.601 (29%)**
- **Container ships 0.275 (13%)** – Traffic DWT less than tankers or bulk carriers
- **Bulk carriers 0.880 (43%)**

- ** **World Merchant fleet** by country of beneficial ownership and by dead-weight (DWT) tonnage – all types of ship (2020): 2 billions of tons

- EMASoH countries **8/9 ranking <35**
- EMASoH countries **cumulated share 33.5%**



EMASoH SHIPPING CHARACTERISTICS



Typical distribution (in %) of shipping by type of vessel by EMASoH flag - based on snapshots
 Note: Absolute values vary significantly from one flag to another

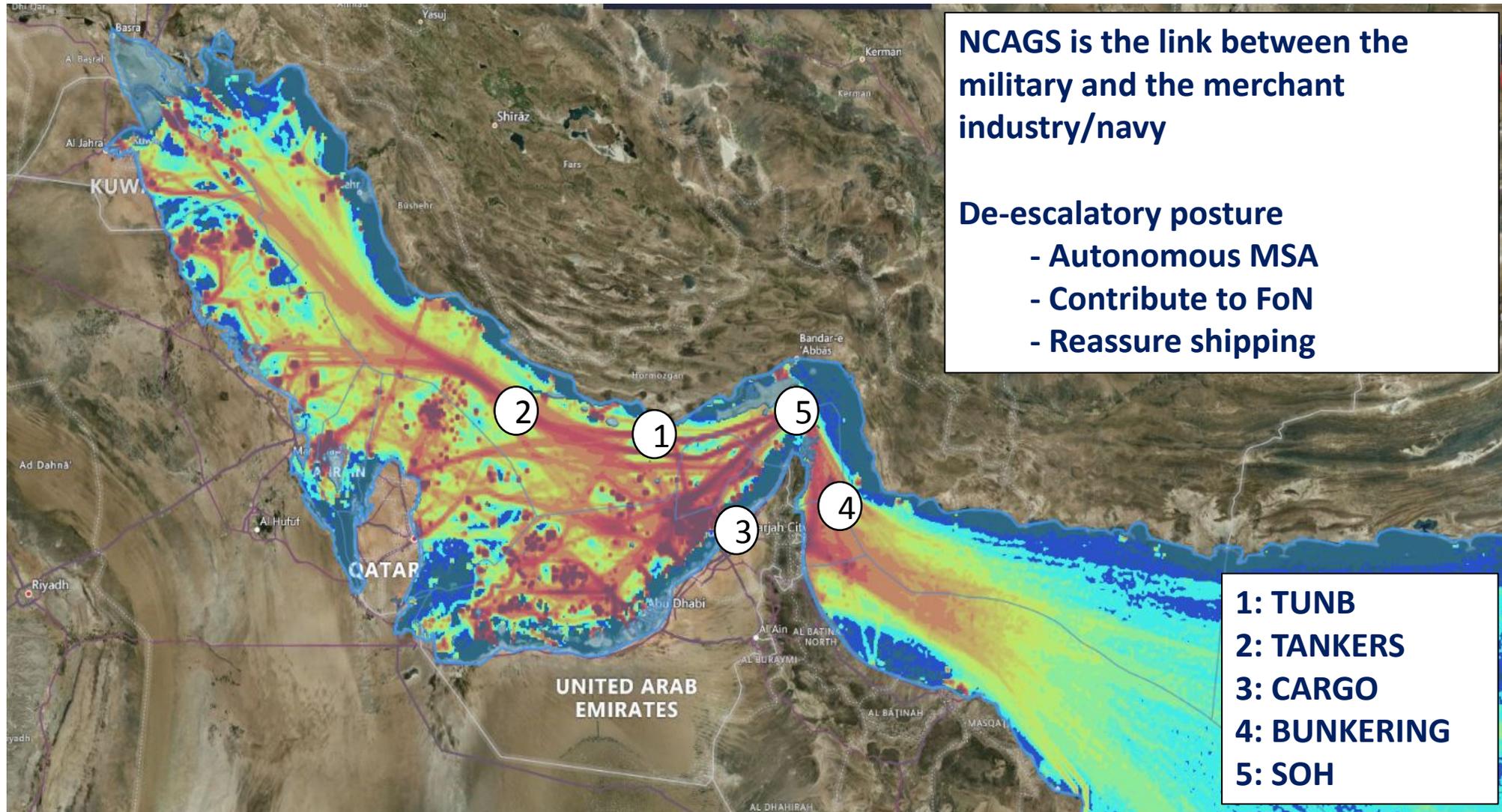


WHAT

analyses and
advises on
maritime related
matters

NCAGS

Naval Cooperation And Guidance for Shipping





HOW

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OPS: MONITORING - REASSURANCE - ACCOMPANIMENT

EMASoH Ships of Interest (SOI)

- EMASoH flag/Beneficial Owners
- National Maritime Security Centres (MSC) lists

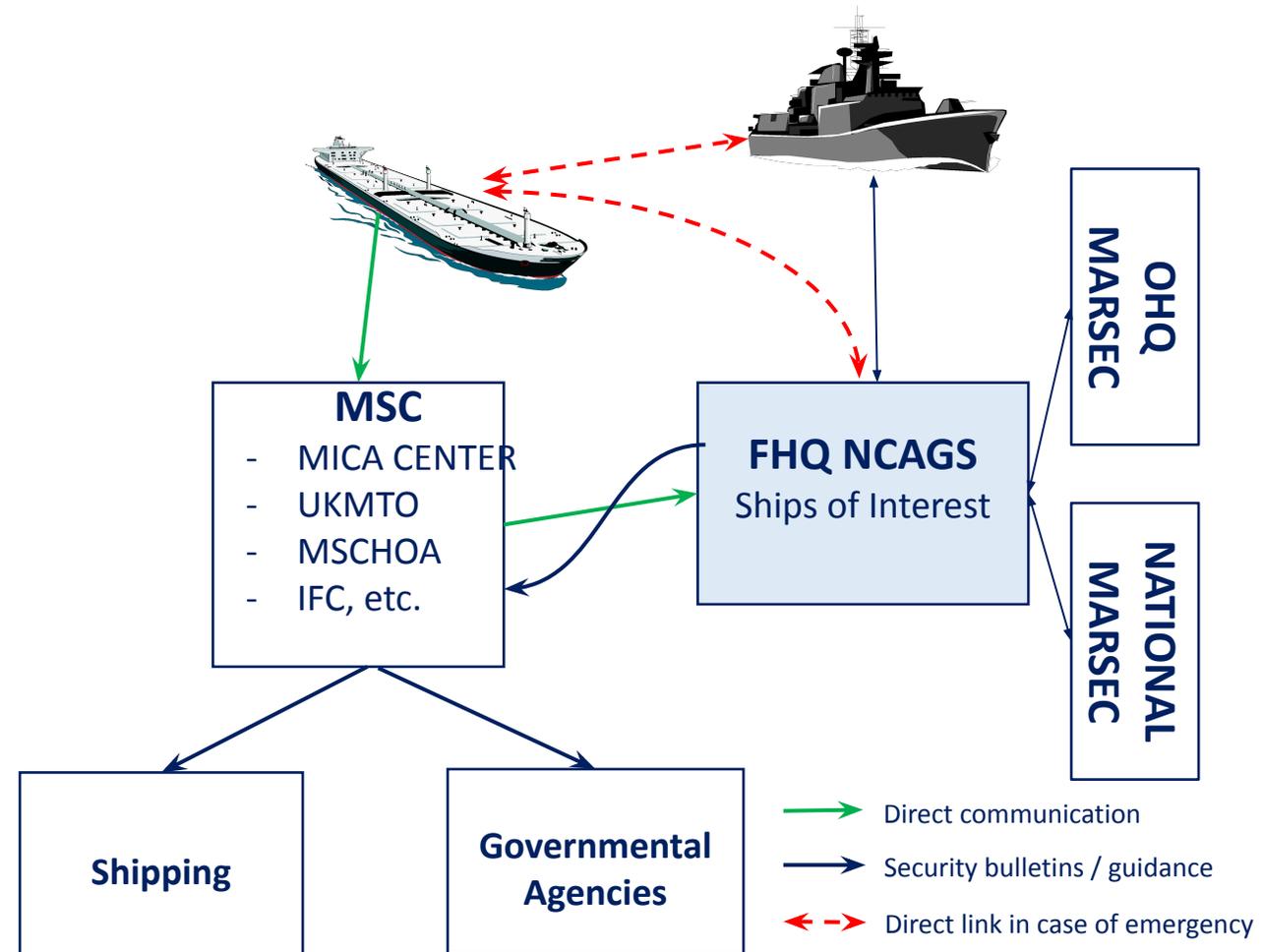
Routine

- Monitoring of EMASoH SOI in JOA + POL
- SoH crossings forecasts + POL

→ EMMA calls (Ship/MPRA/organic helo)

In case of incident and/or accompaniment (no escort)

→ Case by case – light footprint



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Who are we

EMASoH was launched on the January 20th, 2020 by a joint European declaration of support and was fully operational on the February 25th, 2020. Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Norway are currently part of EMASoH - the European-led Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz. EMASoH aims to reassure maritime merchant operators, by promoting a safe navigation environment, to contribute to the de-escalation and to facilitate an inclusive, regional dialogue in the Strait of Hormuz. The mission consists of both a diplomatic track and a military track.

Tools

The mission at sea is assured by naval and aerial assets provided by contributing nations. Assets act in compliance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

How we assure

- Show presence maintaining a neutral profile;
- Maintaining clear Maritime Situational Awareness;
- Maintaining a clear dialogue with other actors in the area to avoid an escalating posture with an open dialogue, making reassurance calls, and providing information;
- Establishing a voluntary naval cooperation.

EMASoH @EMASOH_AGENOR · 25 ago

Thaon di Revel has joined @EMASOH_AGENOR and has crossed the Strait of #Hormuz for the first time in her history. Thaon di Revel has accompanied 2 merchant vessels through the Strait. The #freedom of #navigation is of upmost importance to the [Flags]



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Welcome on the Task Force! Danish frigate HDMS Iver Huitfeldt @forsvaretdk @Forsvarsmin has joined #EMASOH. @NavyGR @Hellenic_MOD @Defensie @kon_marine @MarineNationale @Armees_Gouv @TheBelgianNavy @BelgiumDefence @MinisteroDifesa @defesa_pt @bundeswehrinfo @BMVg_Bundeswehr

245 PM - Aug 26, 2020 - Twitter Web App

- Open and transparent approach
- Key messages to inform and generate support
- Neutral, and de-escalatory messaging
- Monthly Bulletin, Information Flyers, social media messages (LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram)

EMASoH @EMASOH_AGENOR · Sep 20

@EMASOH_AGENOR ships [Flags] Thaon di Revel & [Flags] Guépratte with the support of a Maritime Patrol Aircraft & Rafale fighter squadron from @FFEAU_ALINDIEN are training all together on the High Sea in northern Indian Ocean. [Checkmarks] Interoperability [Checkmarks] Joint Coordination [Checkmarks] European Willingness!

EMASOH @EMASOH_AGENOR · Jun 24

Today, the men and women of EMASoH_AGENOR work hard to contribute to the reassurance of the merchant traffic in the Strait of Hormuz. From May to July, FS Surcouf operates in direct support of Operation AGENOR, the military track of EMASoH. Many thanks to the crew for their contribution!

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On July 6th, 2022, [Flags] RADM Tanguy Botman handed over the Force #command of TF474 AGENOR to [Flags] RADM Stefano Costantino. For the next 6 months, Italy will command #naval and #aerial assets and lead the international military staff of #EMASOH_AGENOR. [Flags]

New Force commander Operation AGENOR

On 6th July, 2022, the command of the Force Headquarters of Operation AGENOR, the military track of EMASoH, was handed over from Belgian Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman to Italian Rear Admiral Stefano Costantino. For the next six months, Italy will command the multinational military staff, and will provide extra staff members and naval assets to the mission.

Engagement with shipping associations

One of the main objectives of Operation AGENOR is to reassure maritime merchant shipping transiting the Gulf region, Strait of Hormuz, and the neighbouring Indian Ocean. Engagement with maritime stakeholders is important to EMASoH. On 14th June, 2022, the Force commander visited the headquarters of UKMTO in Dubai. On 25th July, 2022, the Force commander had a meeting with CONFITARMA, the Italian Confederation of Shipowners.

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QUESTION?

Last update 21SEP22



22 ships involved
3710 seamen o/b
928 days at sea
1772 flight hours

89 accompaniments
1192 EMMA Calls and AIS messages
127 SOH Crossings (IN and OUT)



263 flights (15 crews)
1.443 flight hours



17 flights
221 flight hours

