



EU NAVFOR Somalia – Operation ATALANTA

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EUNAVFOR Atalanta *Challenges to maintaining counter-piracy deterrence following the non-renewal of UNSC resolution*





EVOLUTION IN OUR TASKS

CORE TASKS



Deter, prevent and suppress piracy and armed robbery at sea



Protect vessels of the World Food Programme and other vulnerable vessels



EXECUTIVE SECONDARY TASKS, December 2020



Contribute to the enforcement of the weapons embargo

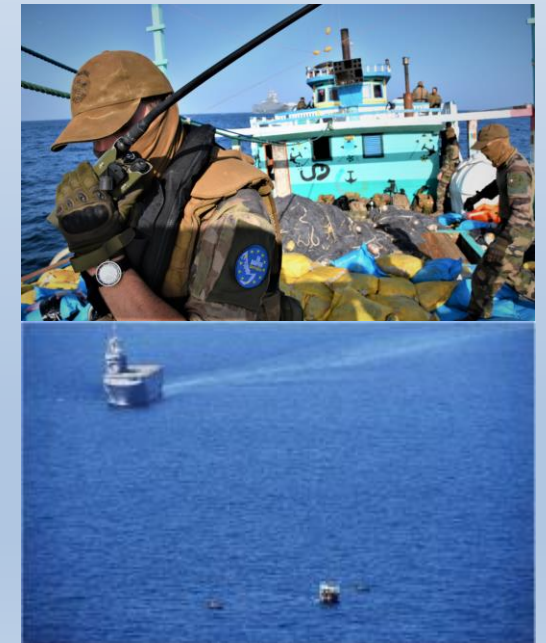


Counter drug trafficking




- Pending Somalia's notification to the Office of the UN Secretary General
- Subsequent activation by the EU Political and Security Committee

- Activation by the EU Political and Security Committee, February, 2022.
- 1st Interception, FS MISTRAL, 21st March 2022 + FS FLOREAL (8 seizures)
- Strategic partners, CMF
- Legal Finish





CONSEQUENCES OF EXPIRY OF UNSCR 2608 ON COUNTER-PIRACY

 **3rd March 2022:**
Expiry of UNSCR 2608 (2021)

Inability to access Somali TTW and airspace for operations

IMPACT ON ATALANTA's MANDATE:

→ Core Tasks

- Deterrence, prevention and repression of piracy – *Reduced visibility, influence on armed robbery and PoL on land*
- Protection of WFP and vulnerable vessels – *Not in SOM TTW → Inability to deploy Autonomous Vessel Protection Detachment*

→ Secondary Tasks

- Monitor **illicit activities at sea** (weapon/drug trafficking, illicit charcoal trade, IUU fishing) – *Not in SOM TTW*
- Contribute to the enforcement of the **weapons embargo (Somalia)** and to the disruption of drug trafficking
- Monitor **fishing activities** off the coast of Somalia
- Support **EU integrated approach to Somalia** – *Support to maritime capacity building only outside SOM TTW*
- Support **EU programmes and initiatives** in the region and increase MDA in the Red Sea
- Contribute to the set up of a **regional maritime security architecture**



DETRIMENTAL TO SOMALI INTERESTS



EU's Integrated approach to crisis

- *Interdependency between POL-MIL actions*
- *EU Integrated approach to Somalia (ATALANTA-EUCAP-EUTM-EUDEL)*

Mitigation

- *“Re-calibrating information”*
- *Remote conversations with local and key leaders*
- *Better coordination to support MCB*
- *Enhanced messaging about presence and activities*

SHADE

- *Platform for coordination and deconfliction*
- *Adaptable to changing scenarios*



A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES



