



Presentation of  
**Regional Maritime  
Information Fusion Centre**  
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**#MASE PROGRAMME**

A strong partnership for a safe and secure maritime domain



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- ORIGIN OF THE MASE REGIONAL AGREEMENT
- INTRODUCTION TO DCoC/JA AND ISC
- RMIFC GENERAL OVERVIEW

## ORIGIN AND REGIONAL FRAMEWORK



PROTEGEONS NOS | PROTECT OUR  
**OCEANS**  
LOMÉ, TOGO  
15 OCT 2016



- **2010 & 2013: Eastern and Southern African and Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) Ministerial Meeting on Piracy and Maritime Insecurity** which lead to “Program for the promotion of Maritime Security in ESA-IO” (MASE), thereby establishing *the RMIFC and RCOC*.
- The program is piloted by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and funded by the EU.
- The IOC took the responsibility to set up the RMIFC and RCOC for the benefit of all ESA-IO countries.
- As part of MASE Program, RMIFC and RCOC support the objectives of:
  - Djibouti Code of Conduct and Jeddah Amendment (DCoC/JA)
  - African Union Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050 (AIM 2050)
  - Lomé Charter on Maritime Safety And Security And Development in Africa

## INTRODUCTION TO DCoC/JA

The Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) concerning the repression of acts of maritime piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden was adopted in Djibouti on 29 January 2009 and the Jeddah amendments of 12 January 2017.

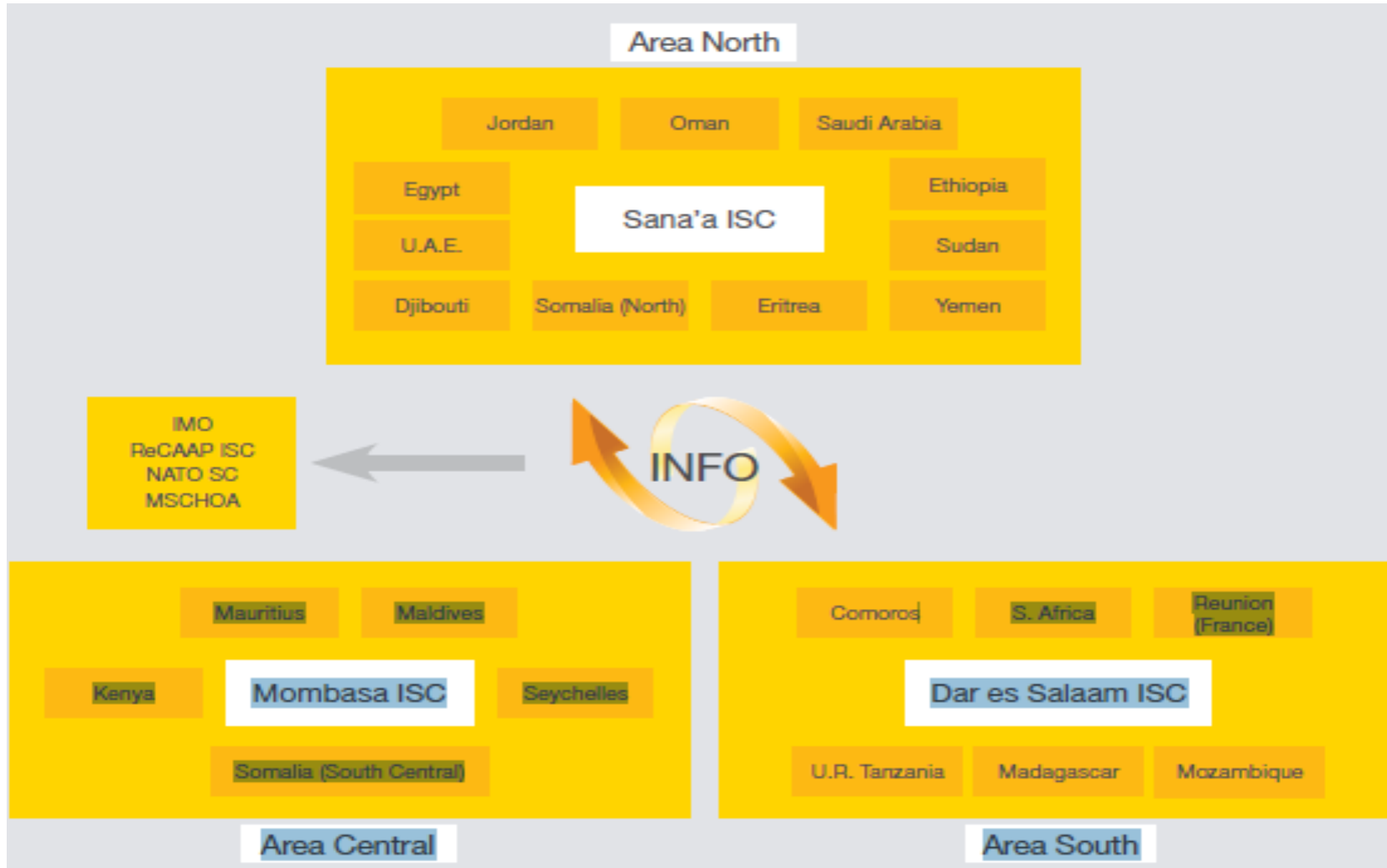
3 Information Sharing Centres (ISC) have been decided by the signatory states:

Sana'a ISC (Area North)

Mombasa ISC (Area Central)

Dar es Salaam ISC (Area South)

# DCoC/ISC



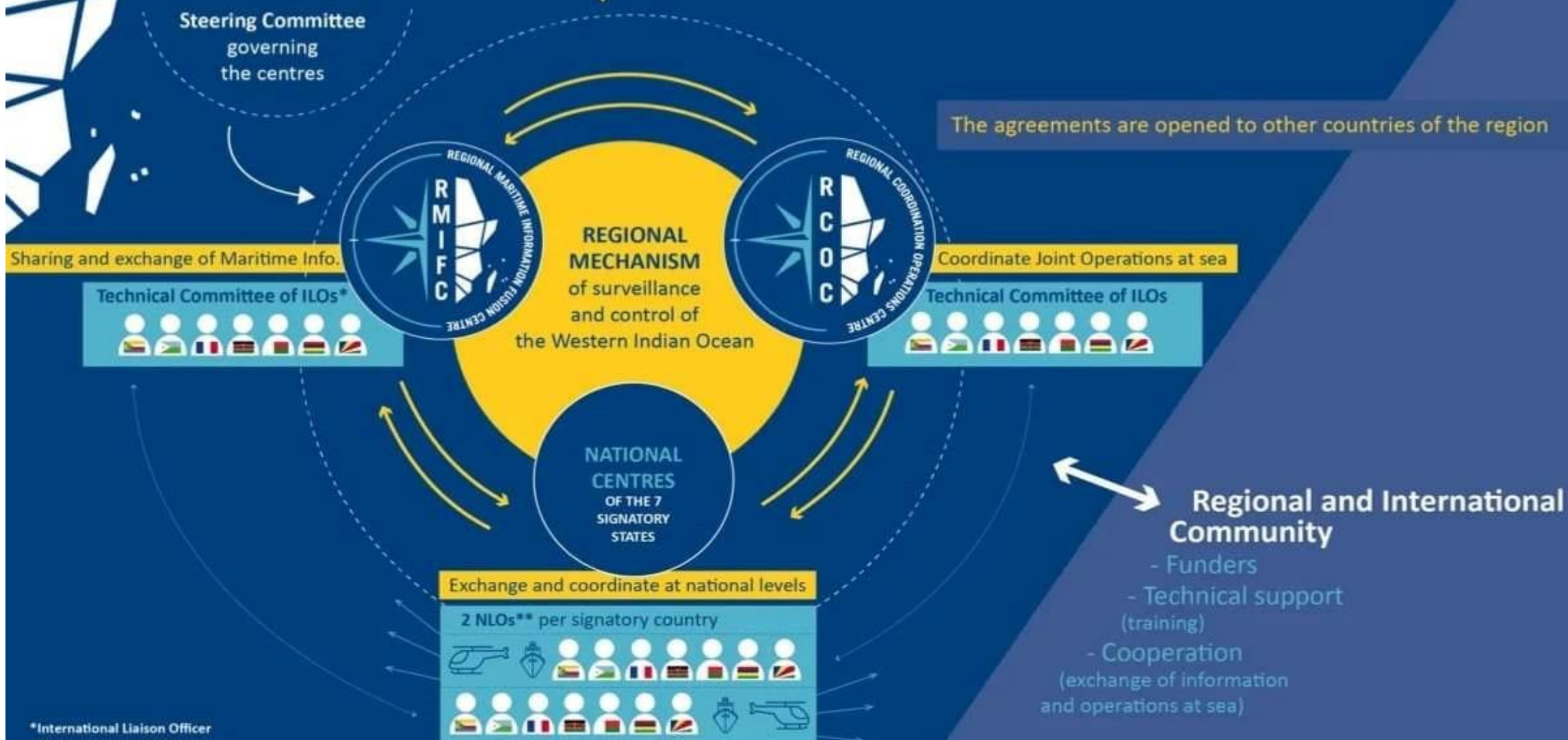


# THE REGIONAL MECHANISM

7 SIGNATORY STATES →



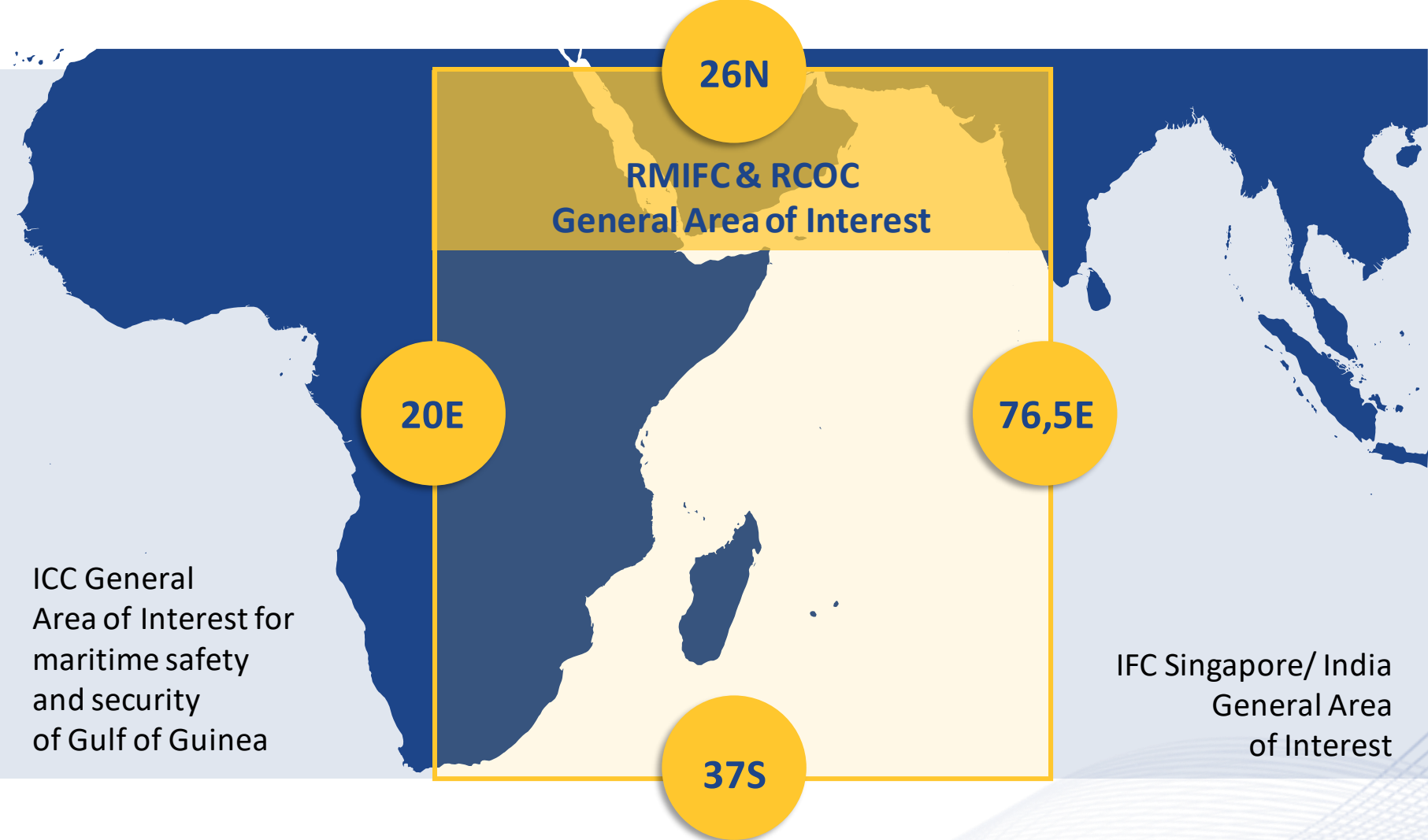
**2 MASE REGIONAL AGREEMENTS**



\*International Liaison Officer

\*\*National Liaison Officer

# MASE: A STRONG PARTNERSHIP FOR A SAFE AND SECURE MARITIME DOMAINE



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# MISSION OF THE REGIONAL MARITIME INFORMATION AND FUSION CENTRE

**To collect, fuse,  
and analyse  
maritime information**

**To produce reports and studies**  
related to maritime safety and security as  
well as the maritime field in general.



**To maintain a  
recognized maritime  
picture (RMP)**

**Provide operationally**  
significant maritime information  
to National Maritime Information  
Fusion Centers (NMIFCs) and the  
Regional Coordination Operations  
Center (RCOC)

**To establish regional Maritime  
Situational Awareness**



# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

## RMIFC & RCOC **STEERING COMMITTEE**

(State parties and partner organisations)

DIRECTOR RMIFC

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICERS

TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE

DAILY MONITORING,  
EXERCISES AND TRAINING

RESEARCH  
AND STUDY

REGIONAL  
ANALYSIS

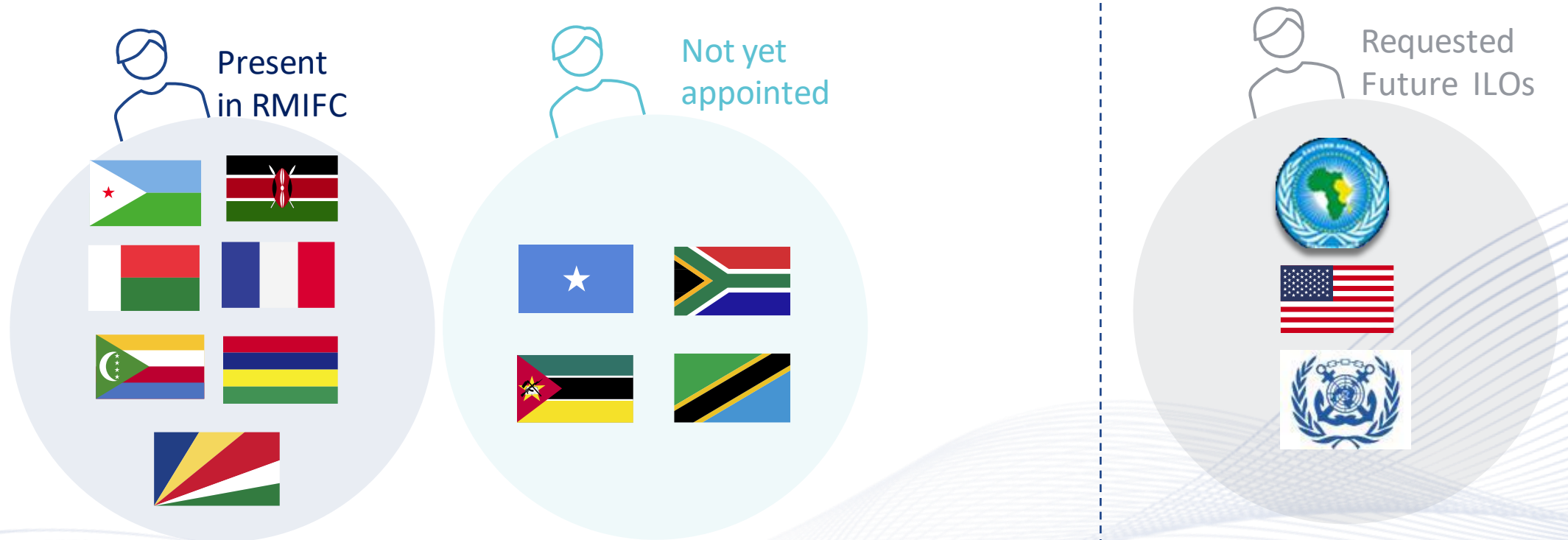
SHIPPING  
ENGAGEMENT

ADHOC WORKING  
GROUP

The operational cells-each cell is under an ILO

## INTERNAL STRUCTURE – THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER

International Liaison Officers (ILOs) based at the RMIFC serving as facilitators for information flow to relevant agencies in each country



# RMIFC's CURRENT STAKEHOLDERS

## Eastern and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) States



Signatory States of MASE Agreements



### Non ESA-IO States



### Maritime Industry



### Regional and International Organisations, and Partners



## MoU with partners

### Six Protocols (MoU):

1. **UK & RMIFC/CRCO ( signed )**
2. **EU NAVFOR Atalanta & CRFIM /CRCO ( signed )**
3. **IMO & CRCO ( signed )**
4. **IFC IOR (India) & CRCO (in progress )**
5. **OIM & RMIFC/RCO (in progress )**
6. **UNECA & COI ( in course )**

### Partners without MoU

**AFRICOM - UNODC - CRIMARIO - CMF - VOLCANO**



**ECA**

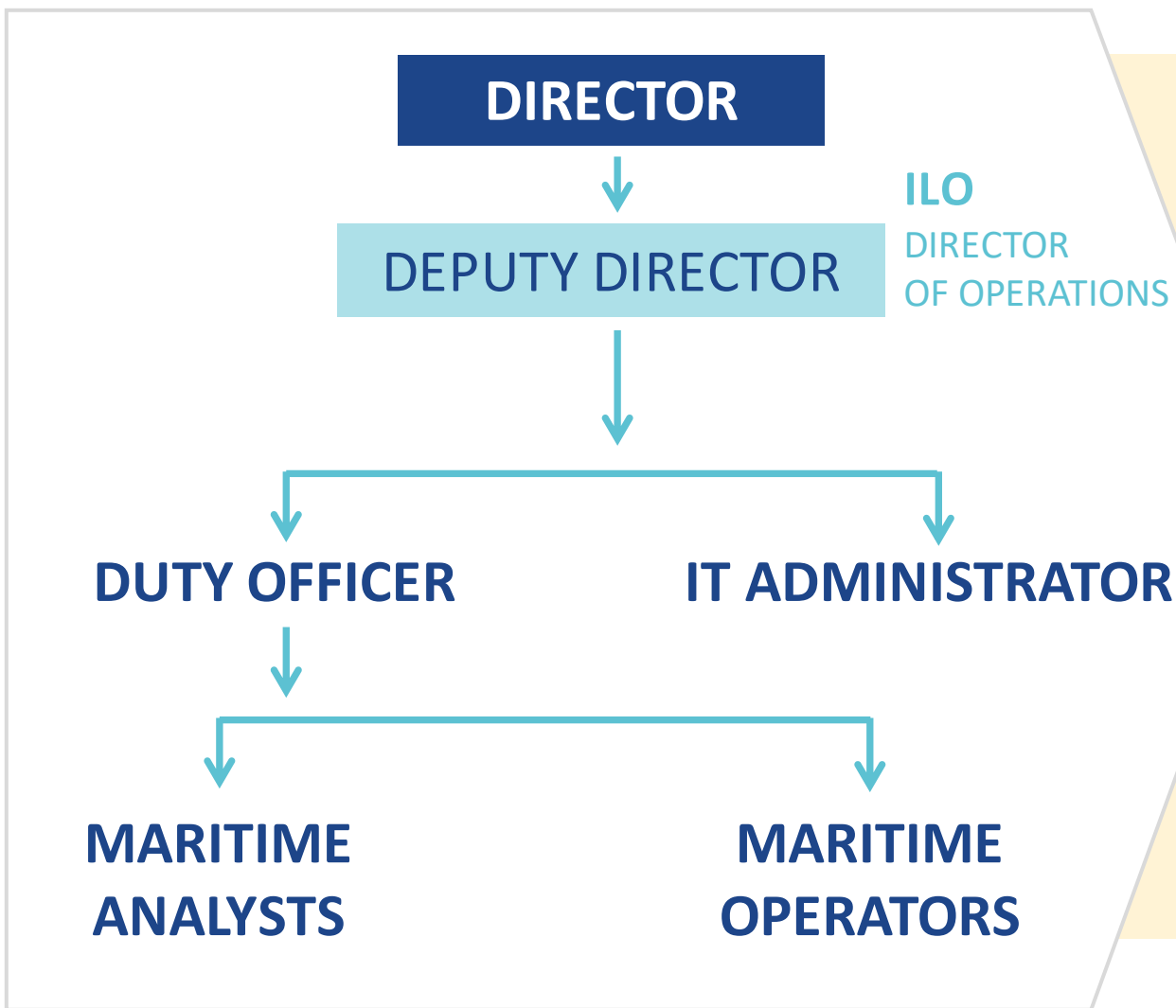




# THE GROWING NETWORK OF THE RMIFC



## DAILY MONITORING – THE WATCHFLOOR



**Purpose**-achieve early warning of maritime threats by:



### **Information sharing and cooperation**

with maritime stakeholders through training, exercises and capacity building in order to create and raise collective regional awareness, and



### **Providing actionable information**

including specific triggers, VOIs, and analytical products through collective research and information reconciliation.

## CATEGORISATION OF EVENT



### MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY



**Violence at Sea - VAS**  
**Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing - IUU**  
**Smuggling & Contraband at sea**  
**Cyber Criminality**  
**Weapon Proliferation & Security initiative - PSI**  
**Human trafficking at sea**  
**Maritime Incidents**  
**Natural Event – HADR**  
Others

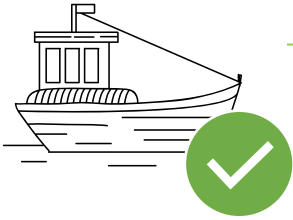
### BLUE ECONOMY

**Maritime Critical Infrastructure**  
**Yachting and Maritime Tourism**

### MARITIME ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

**Marine Environment**

# FINAL TREATMENT OF DATA



## RMIFC



### Analysis

Performed for weekly/monthly report;

Put them in perspective with historical data; and

Put data in perspective with the background



### Define trends

Confirm/Invalidate/Define (new) hot spots

Confirm/Invalidate/Define new routes; and

Confirm/Invalidate/Define modus operandi/seasonality/Hubs of activity



### Build up expertise knowledge

Criminality databases;

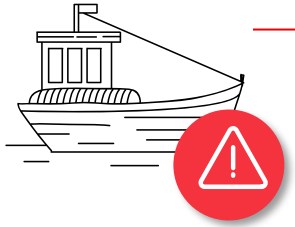
Mapping of activity;

Unusual behaviour detection; and  
Base for new network connections

**FINAL PRODUCT IS AN ACTIONABLE INFORMATION**



# FROM INFORMATION TO OPERATION



**COLLECT,  
ANALYSE, FUSE  
& DISSEMINATE**  
maritime  
information

Actionable  
information



Actionable  
information



**EXECUTION OF MARITIME OPERATIONS**  
in their territorial waters or EEZ



**COORDINATION**  
Of multi-national maritime operations



# MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (2)

**Organization of exercises  
on table to test SOPs**

1. **One (1) FTX POLMAR with COI**
2. **Six (06) TTX organized by the CRCO with the collaboration with RMIFC, which covers IUU fishing, drug trafficking, piracy, cash trafficking**
3. **Two (02) TTX CRIMASREX with CRIMARIO/COI which covers SAR and POLMAR**
4. **Three (03) TTX/FTX CUTLASS EXPRESS (CE19, 20 &22) with US AFRICOM**
5. **One (01) TTX MARIX with IFC SINGAPORE**
6. **One (01) TTX SIMEX Immigration with OIM**



# MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (2)

## Organization of preventive operations

### 1. Participation in operations without deployment of MASE resources

- Fisheries monitoring with PRSP
- SAR operation on a Comorian ship

### 2. Operations MASE

- Bulldog shark ops: French & Seychellois means (2020)
- Ops Red Snapper: Comorian & Seychellois Means (2021)
- Ops Marlin: UNAVFOR & Seychellois assets (September 2022)
- Ops Sunfish means UK and Seychellois (September 2022)
- Ops YellowFin : Mauritian and Seychellois medium in preparation

## RMIFC



### NETWORK

Building a network of IFC/ISC for Indian Ocean/ Pacific



### INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITY

Adequate regional **framework**



### LEGAL FINISH

Adequate legal **framework**



- Officialisation of partnerships ( MoU/Agreements), develop SOPs
- Establish common environment / dialogue to promote info sharing ( TTX, FTX, conference, trainings)



- Agreement ratification at national level
- Development of National Strategy and MARSEC National Committee
- State support (ILOs)



- Harmonisation of laws by regional states
- Legal finish: Admission at court of evidence and actions



# THANK YOU !

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