The Need for Ports, Ships security and protection of coastal installation thematic sub working Group

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Importance of Maritime Security

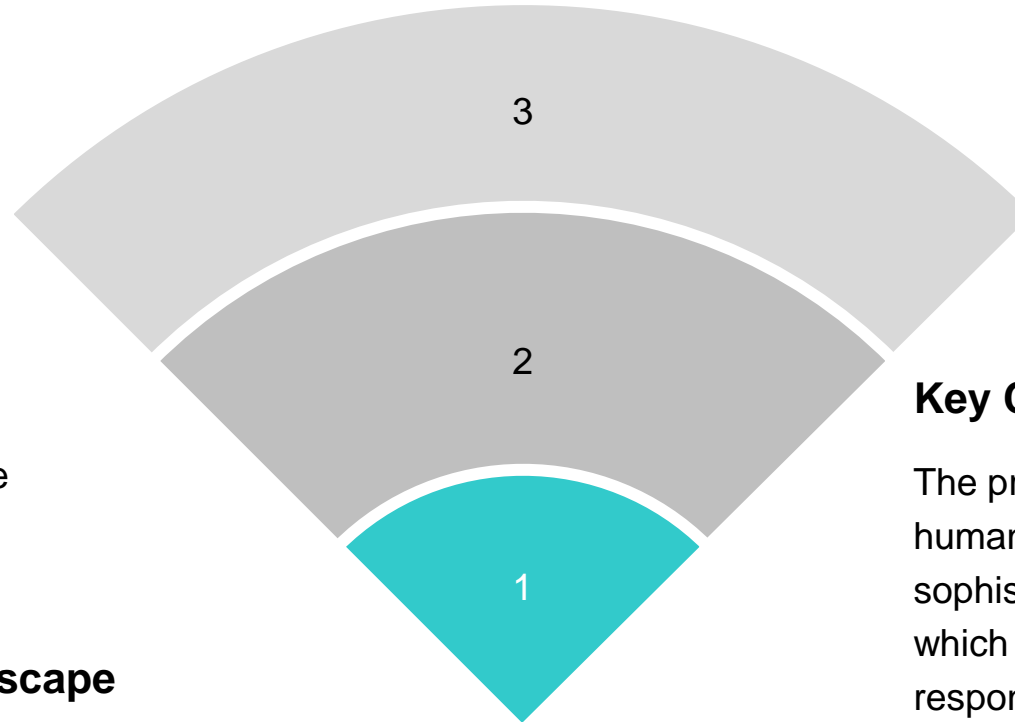**Urgency of Collective Action**

The surge in maritime threats highlights the need for collaboration among nations and organizations to implement effective strategies, share intelligence, and build comprehensive capacity for maritime security.

Overview of the Current Landscape

Maritime security is crucial for the stability and prosperity of coastal regions. It involves the protection of ports and ships against various threats while maintaining safe and secure trade routes essential for economic growth.
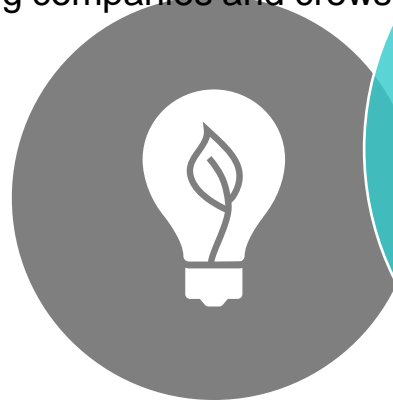
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Key Challenges Faced

The primary challenges include piracy, human trafficking, and increasingly sophisticated missile and drone attacks, which are dynamic and require adaptive responses to safeguard maritime safety.
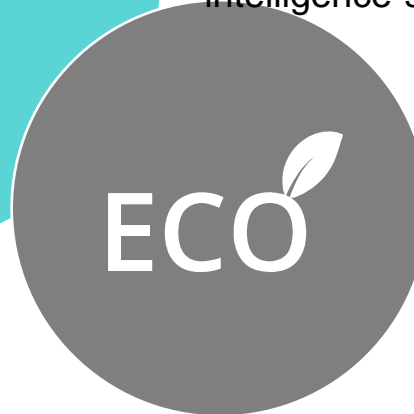
Nature of Emerging Threats

Resurfacing of Piracy

Piracy incidents have re-emerged as significant threats, particularly in vulnerable regions, undermining maritime commerce and instilling fear among shipping companies and crews.

Missile and Drone Attacks

The escalation of missile and drone attacks represents a sophisticated form of maritime threat, which calls for advanced technological responses and intelligence-sharing mechanisms among agencies.

Human Trafficking Threats

The maritime environment serves as a conduit for human trafficking, endangering lives and contributing to organized crime. This necessitates robust security measures to combat these heinous activities.

Training Personnel for Modern Threats

Skills and Knowledge Requirement

Personnel must be equipped with in-depth knowledge of maritime threats and the latest security measures to effectively counteract evolving risks and ensure robust protection of maritime assets.

Importance of Continuous Training

Continuous training programs are essential to keep security forces updated on emerging threats and evolving tactics, enabling them to respond swiftly and effectively in crisis situations.

Role of ISPS Code

The ISPS Code provides a comprehensive framework for enhancing security in ports and ships, serving as a foundational policy for nations to align their maritime security measures and practices.

The need to focus on this the sub Working Group

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Objectives of the Sub Group

The primary objectives include enhancing collaboration among member nations, sharing best practices, and developing targeted training programs to strengthen port and ship security.

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Key Areas of Focus

Focus areas involve developing capacity in institutions, personnel training, intelligence sharing, and innovating security measures specific to regional threats and challenges.
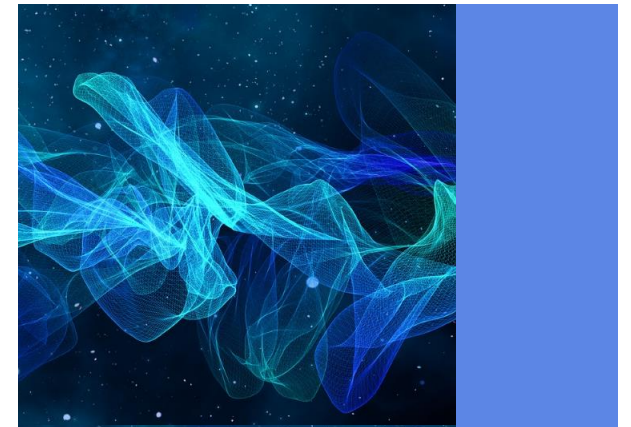
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Role of Institutions and Personnel

Institutions play a critical role in facilitating training programs and knowledge sharing, while personnel must embrace ongoing education to adapt to the fast-evolving maritime security landscape.

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Conclusion and Call to Action

To strengthen the maritime security framework in the DCoC region, it is imperative for all stakeholders to engage actively, collaborate closely, and commit to building a resilient maritime environment. Interested institutions are encouraged to contact the DCOC secretariat for collaboration opportunities.

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