

# YEMEN COAST GUARD PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORKING MODEL FOR WG3 – OPERATIONS AT SEA

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# STRATEGIC AIM OF YEMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN WG3



## Bullet Points:

- Provide operational and policy recommendations to the DCoC Steering Committee
- Address maritime threats: piracy, armed robbery, trafficking, IUU fishing, and other illicit maritime activities



# IMPACT OF YEMEN'S ENGAGEMENT

## Bullet Points:

- Interdiction of weapons & narcotics
- Rescue of migrant vessels
- Joint patrols in high-risk areas
- Anti-piracy cooperation with ASPAIDES & EU NAVFOR





# YEMEN COAST GUARD – DCOC CONTRIBUTIONS

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## Bullet Points:

- Operational Coordination: Liaison officer with CTF, Bahrain
- Information Sharing: IORIS node in YCG's operations department
- Capacity Building: Active engagement with UNODC, IMO, and CMF programs



# VISION FOR A FUNCTIONAL WG3 MODEL

## Bullet Points:

- Bridge gaps in capacity, legal frameworks, and operational sustainability
- Promote interoperability and reduce reliance on external partners
- Propose structured coordination for real-time action
- Establish a risk mitigation strategy at the regional level

# RISK MITIGATION APPROACHES FOR WG3

## **Bullet Points:**

- Strengthen regional ownership and leadership rotation
- Build sustainable institutions and regional training centers
- Harmonize laws across DCoC states
- Leverage strategic partnerships without dependency
- Develop SOPs and redundant communication systems
- Monitor progress through joint assessments



# BEST MODEL FOR OPERATIONAL COOPERATION

## Bullet Points:

- Shared situational awareness via AIS, radar, ISR, ISCs & MOCs
- Coordinated patrols and multinational task forces
- Unified SOPs: boarding, evidence handling, SAR, detainee rights
- Joint command cells and communication redundancy
- Regular drills, cross-posting, and public-private integration
- Strong partnerships, legal alignment, and ROE agreements

# STRUCTURE

- Chair: Rotational among members
- Secretariat: Within DCoC framework
- Sub-groups: Operations, Capacity, Partnerships
- Reporting: Updates to DCoC plenary



# FUNDING & SUSTAINABILITY

- Member contributions
- Support from IMO, UN, EU
- Public-private partnerships
- Regional trust funds for sustainability



# GAPS & CAPACITY

## Bullet Points:

- Legal: prosecution frameworks weak/misaligned
- Operational: patrol assets limited, poor MDA
- Human Resources: under-trained teams
- Technology: slow info-sharing, fragmented systems
- Partnerships: donor overlap, dependency on external forces
- Training gaps in advanced operations

# STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WG3

## Bullet Points:

- Address drone and missile threats to commercial shipping
- Enforce international conventions like SUA
- Integrate lessons from EU Command Maritime Presence (CMP)
- Track piracy evolution: looting to hostage-taking
- Understand geopolitical risks from non-signatories
- Counter overlap between state and non-state maritime actors



# YEMEN'S CONTRIBUTION



Strategic maritime  
presence at Bab el-  
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Sharing intelligence  
& operational data



Leveraging regional  
partnerships for  
WG3 support

