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Avec la vocation d'établir un mécanisme de surveillance  
et de contrôle maritime dans l'océan Indien occidental

**RMIFC-RCOC**

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With a mission to establish a maritime surveillance  
and control mechanism in Western Indian Ocean



# Cooperation and coordination with RMIFC / RCOC

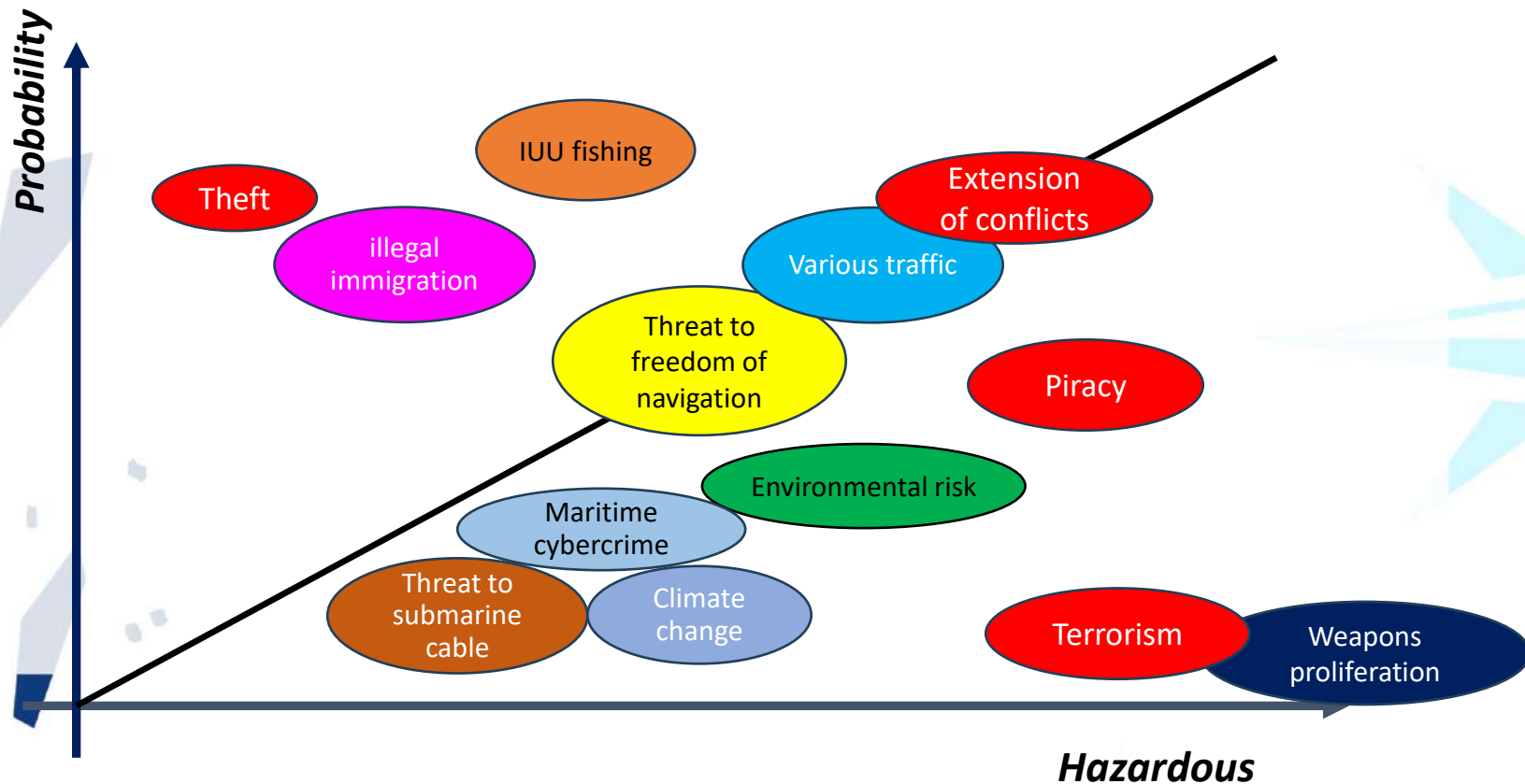
8th DCOC High level Meeting, Mauritius

Presented by:

**Capt RALAIARIVONY H. Alex, Director of RMIFC**

- I. Multidimensional Threats**
- II. The key role of RMIFC and RCOC**
- III. Generation of actionable results**

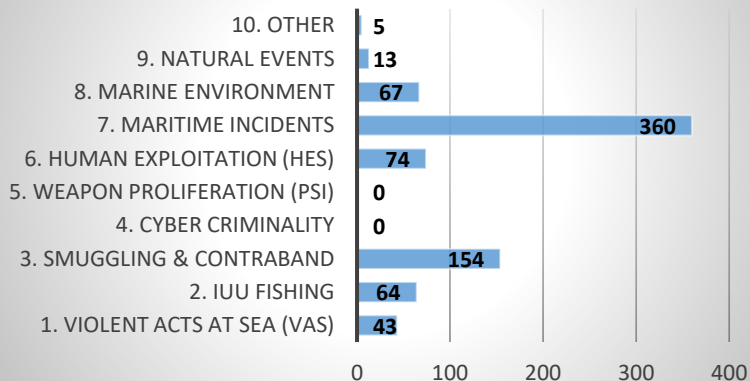
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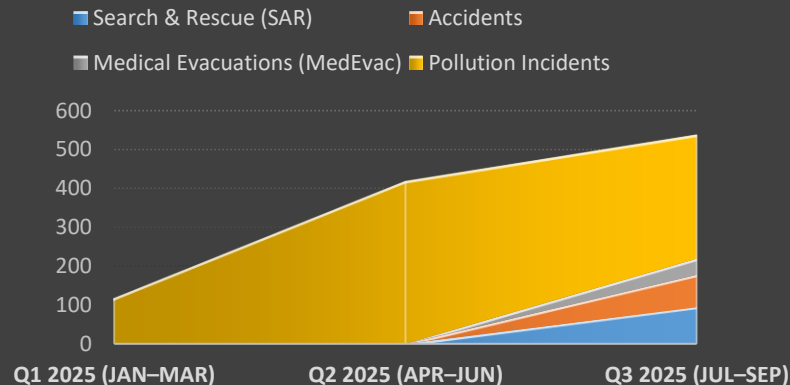
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## Jan-Sep 2025



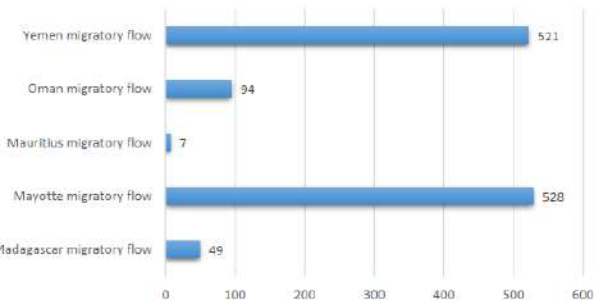
## Maritime incidents



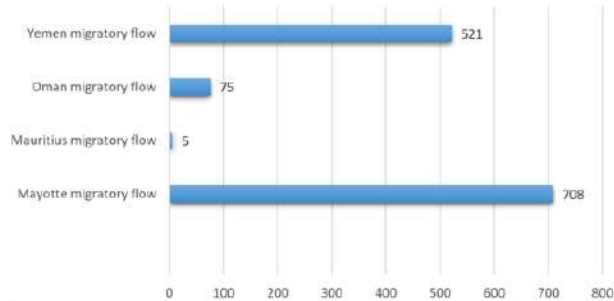
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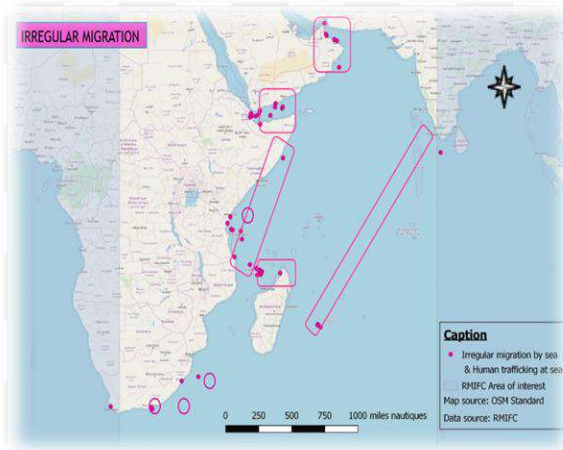
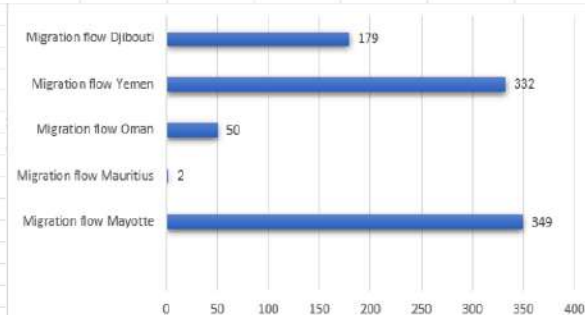
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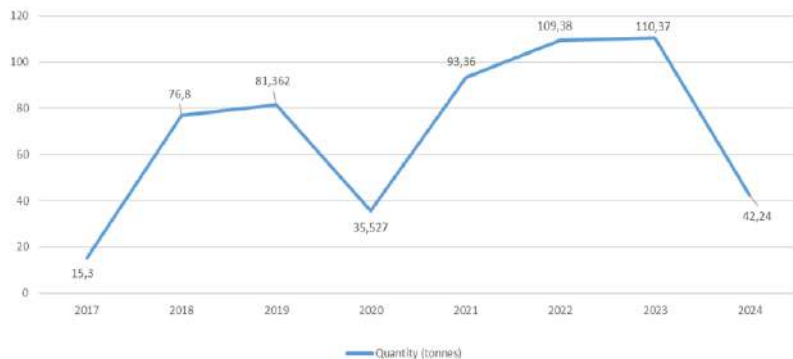
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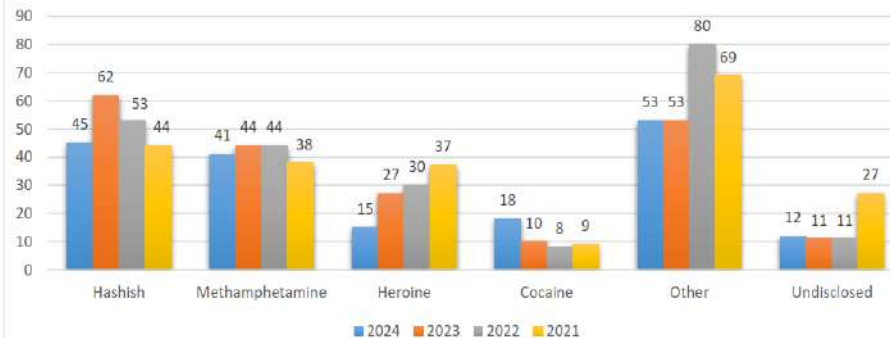
# DRUG TRAFFIC ANALYSIS



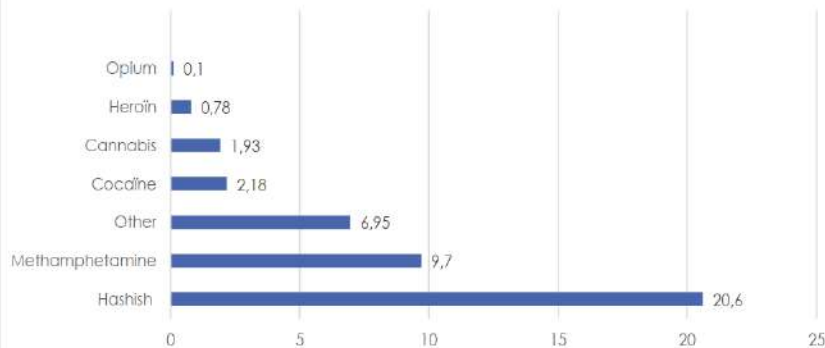
Quantities of drugs seized ESA-IO Region 2017 - 2024



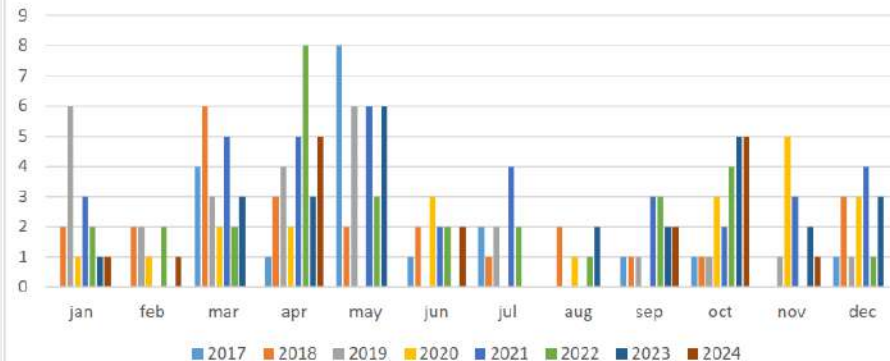
NUMBER OF DRUG SEIZURES AS PER PRODUCT  
ESA-IO REGION 2021 /2024



VOLUME OF NARCOTICS SEIZED (Tons)  
ESA-IO REGION - 2024



Seasonality of heroin seizures ESA-IO  
2017 - 2024



# CASCADING IMPACTS

"Consequences cascade:

- **Commerce:** When ships divert via the Cape (*point to Cape route*), Egypt loses **\$7 billion** in Suez revenue. Voyages stretch by 10 days—insurance costs explode 350%.
- **Security:** Ransoms fund criminal empires. Trafficked Houthi weapons prolong conflicts.
- **Environment:** The *MV Sounion* near-disaster reminds us: one spill could devastate coral reefs for decades."

# II. THE KEY ROLE OF RMIFC AND RCOC



National centres/  
ISC/MRCC/MOC

Other informations :  
-satellites (RF/ Light/Infrared)  
-Other platform  
-Human intelligence  
-Maritime industry  
INTERPOL/DEA/TPC/IFC/UKMTO/MICA  
CENTRE/EUNAVFOR/NAFAR/RECAAP/

Data



Field intelligence

Operational feedback

Safety and security, marine environment

Information

intelligence

Analyse of the thematic

Monitoring

RMP

Threat mapping

Areas of operation

Vessels of Interest

Operation planning

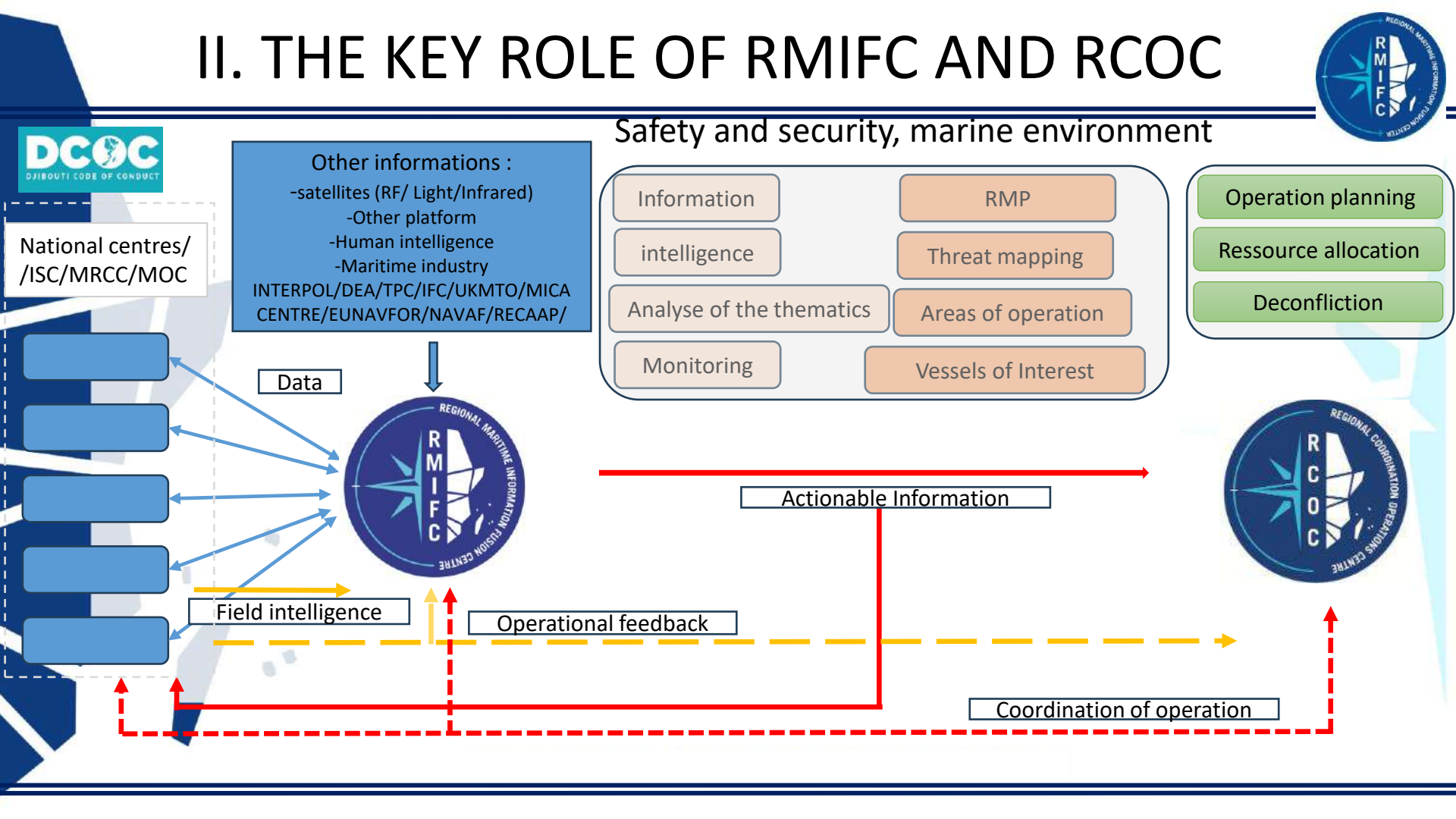
Ressource allocation

Deconfliction

Actionable Information

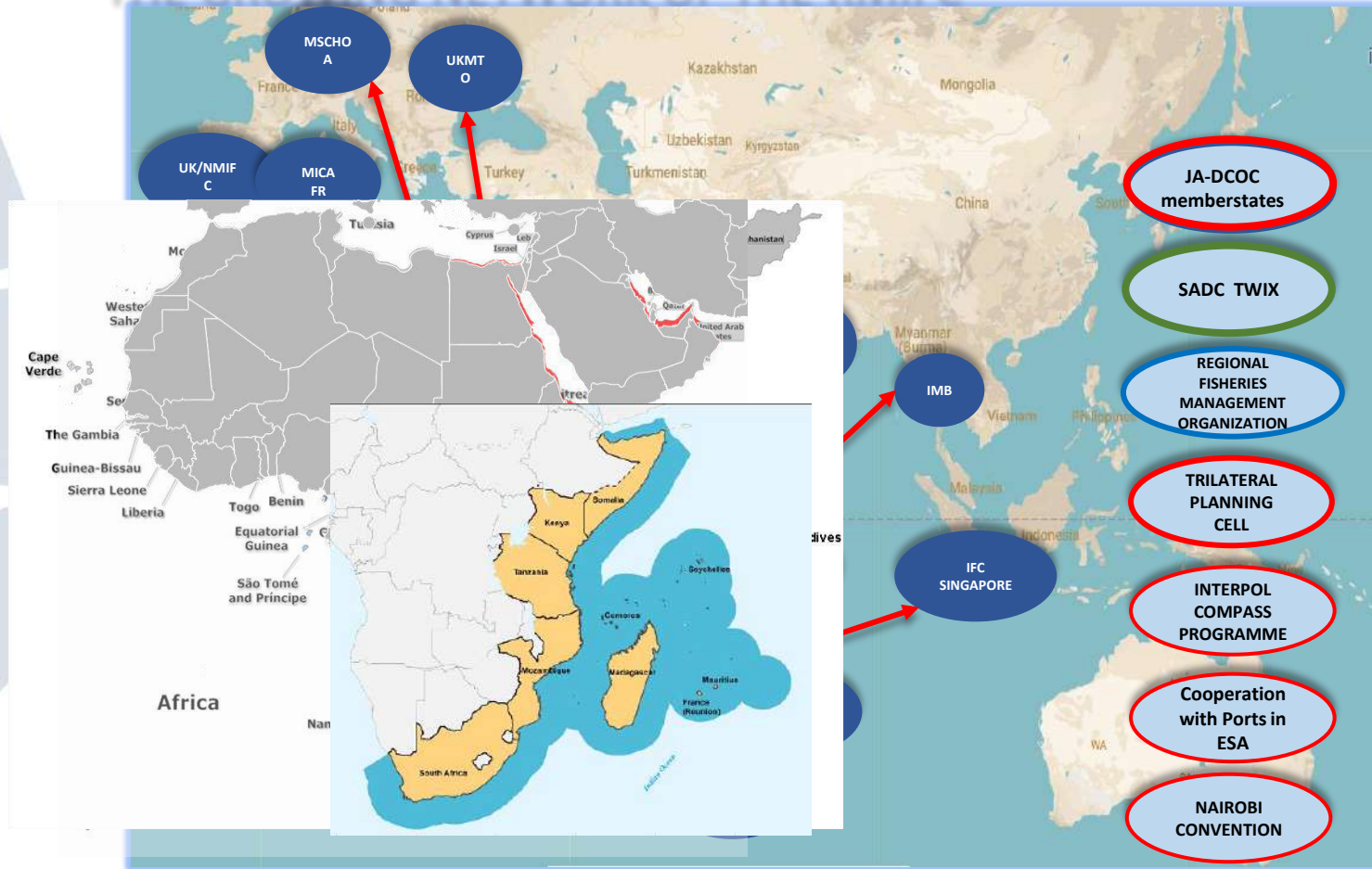


Coordination of operation

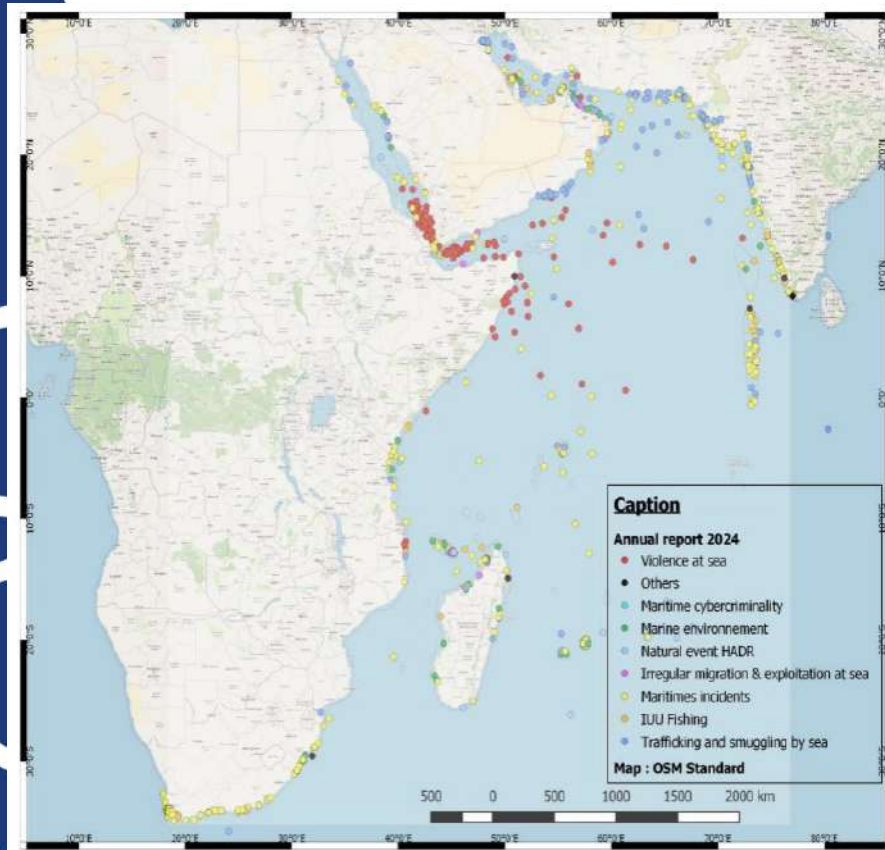




# THE GROWING NETWORK OF THE RMIFC



## Progress - Geo-Spatial Reporting



- Monitoring to disrupting Maritime Threats
- Improved Situational Awareness
- Operational support
- Navigation Safety
- Border and Coastal Surveillance
- Disaster and Emergency Response.

### RESULTS

- Trends
- Hotspots
- N/Ws
- Risks & countermeasures
- EWS

# III. GENERATION OF ACTIONABLE RESULTS



## Triggered several joint OPS

- Apart from piracy. RMIFC identified other ops zones – against IUUF, narcotics / human smuggling, arms trafficking, etc
- Primary objective safeguard freedom of navigation

**Reports influenced policy decision making**

# Generation of actionable results - IUUF case study

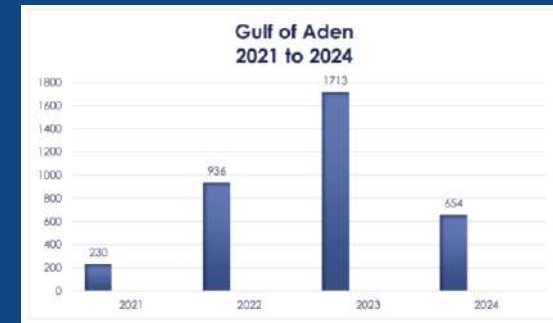


- ❖ RMIFC – information sharing with NCs of Kenya and Madagascar discovered IUUF by foreign vessels linked to Sri-Lanka and China.
- ❖ June/July 2024 - Detected two Sri-Lankan owned vessels illegally fishing in northern Madagascar.
- ❖ Vessels had gone dark to avoid detection.
- ❖ Collaboration between Madagascar & Kenya – identified, intercepted 2 sister vessels conducting IUU between both countries.
- ❖ Catch - mostly sharks (3 tons)
- ❖ Vessels– tampered with VMS.
- ❖ **Legal Finish** – charged with a number of violations the highest being 50,000,000 (\$400,000). Should not just end on legal finish but deterrence (beyond legal finish)
- ❖ Ops testament of building of trust, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation.



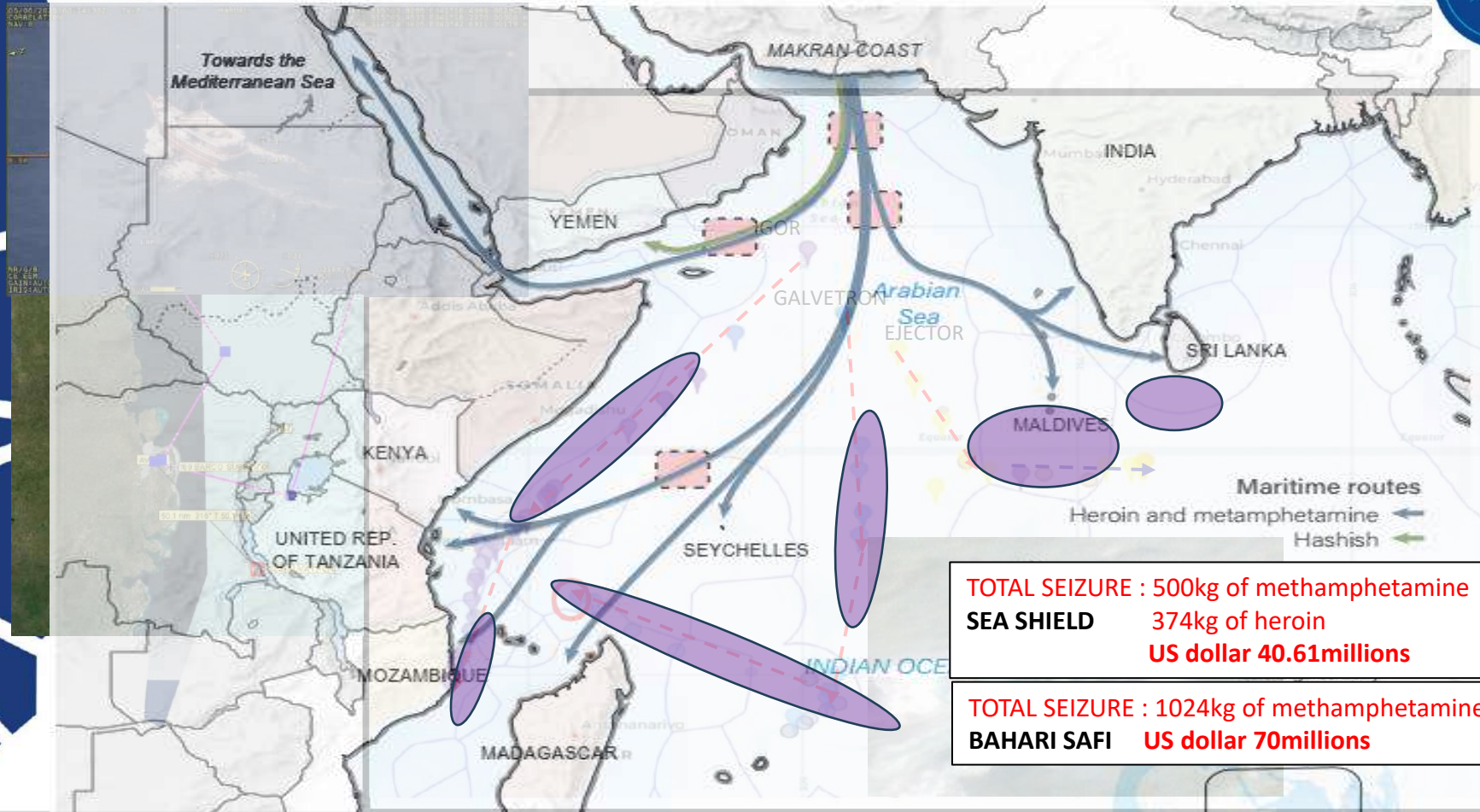


# Generation of actionable results – Illegal migration



- ❖ Data driven and intelligence led – to monitor existing N/Ws and identifying new and emerging routes.
- ❖ Djibouti – continues to be the preferred transit point for illegal migrants (Ethiopians, Somalis, Eritreans etc) to cross into the Red Sea to Gulf countries, Europe
- ❖ Other H.S/T n/ws – linked to Anjouan + Mayotte, Nosy Be + Mayotte, East Africa + Comoros,
- ❖ RMIFC efforts – to identify underlying conditions and support national initiatives (publications and articles).
- ❖ **Protection of human rights** – prioritizing safety of migrants and ensuring medical provisions are in place (advance engagements with States through ILOs)

# Operation "Sea Shield" (May-June 2025)/ BAHARI SAFI( Oct 2025)



**TOTAL SEIZURE : 500kg of methamphetamine**  
**SEA SHIELD 374kg of heroin**  
**US dollar 40.61millions**

**TOTAL SEIZURE : 1024kg of methamphetamine**  
**BAHARI SAFI US dollar 70millions**



# OP Drifter - January 2023

## Information received

4th January 2023 - 2x Sri Lankan fishing vessels suspected to be engaged in human trafficking left Sri Lanka intended destination of La Reunion.

## Vessels of Interest (VOI's)

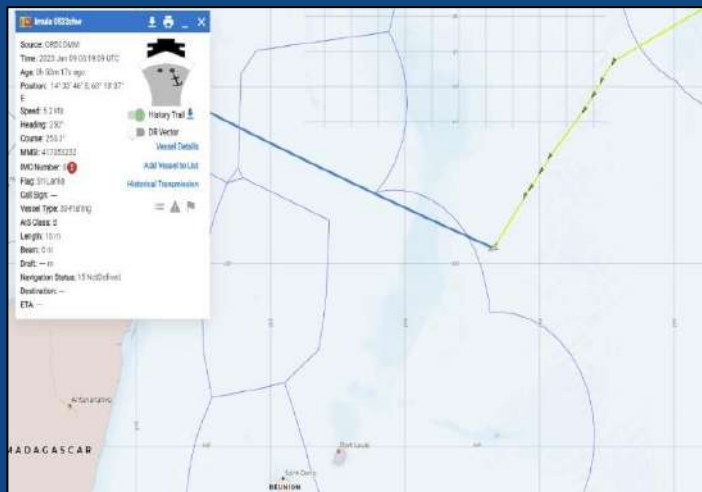
- IMULA 0532 with 72 pax
- IMULA 0454 with 54 pax

## Concerns & Considerations

- Loss of life at sea
- Involvement of illicit activity
- Involvement in Irregular Human Migration/Human Trafficking
- Search & Rescue Operation

## Response

- RCOC Watch standers used Sea Vision to identify location IMULA 0532 with 72 pax
- RCOC Watch standers monitored movement and relayed information & activity
- RCOC ILO's communicated to allow for clarity and alignment on operational coordination
- UK ILO confirmed location of IMULA 0454 with 54 pax Diego Garcia





# OP AINA – July 2025

## Information received

16<sup>th</sup> June – M/V Azfardah & Windio (AW) is reported missing at sea between Majunga and Anjouan

5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Request received from Madagascar to conduct a regional operation utilizing two Mauritian Dornier Aircraft (M4 & M5) for Search and Rescue operation of missing vessel AW from Madagascar. .

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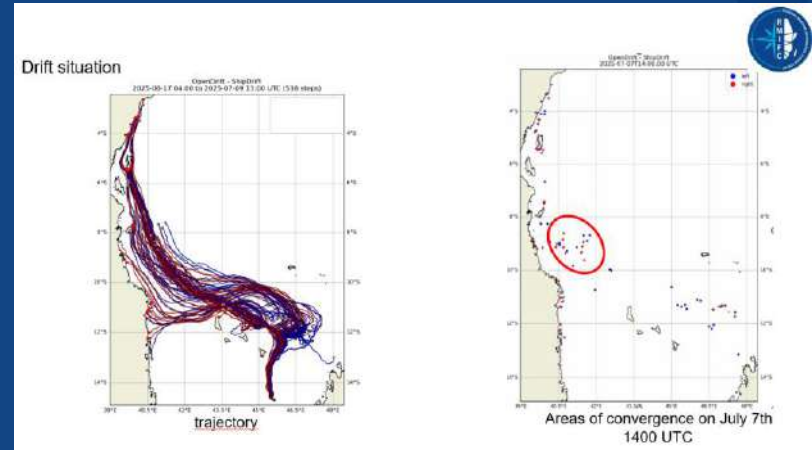
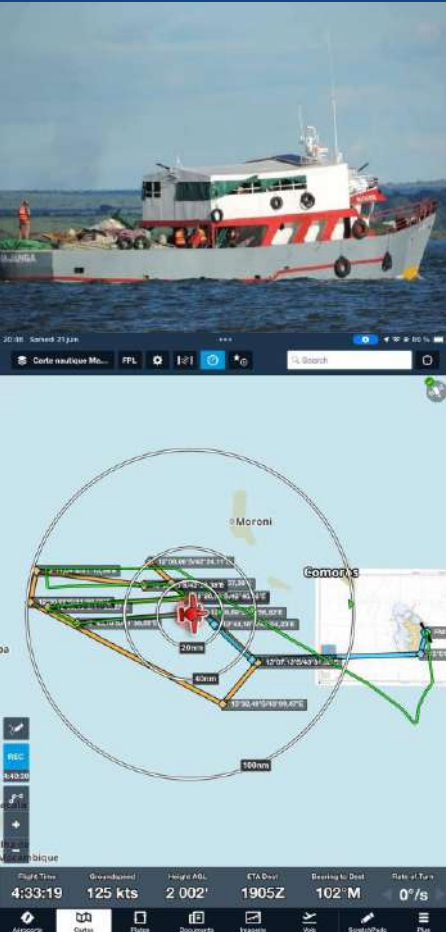
- Vessel AW

## Concerns & Considerations

- Missing crew
- Capsized vessel
- Implications of Piracy
- Loss of life at sea
- Search & Rescue Operation

## Response

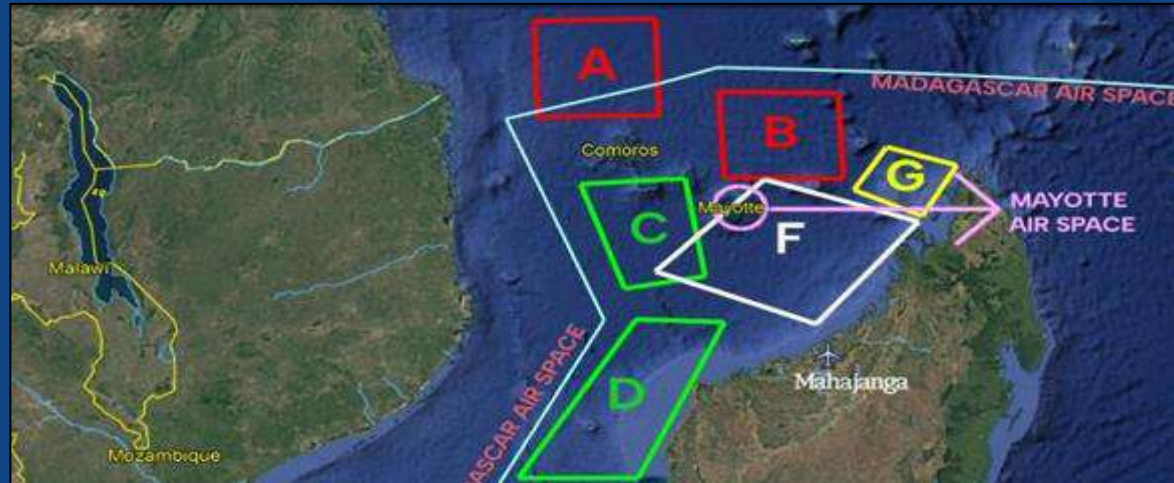
- Issuance of necessary documentation by ROC and Support to JRCC/MRCC Madagascar by RMIFC
- Deployment of aircraft from Mauritius NCG to Madagascar
- Three extensive days of flying covering a large search area approx 27 hour of flight time over three days for the SAR operation in Madagascar





# OP AINA – July 2025

Ser.	Area	Coordinates	Date	Hrs Flown	Remarks
(a)	<b>A</b>	S09 E042 S11 E042 S11 E044 S09 E044	05 Jul 25	04:00	Sanitised within Madagascar Airspace
(b)	<b>B</b>	S10.50 E045 S12.25 E045 S12.25 E047 S10.50 E045		03:30	
(c)	<b>C</b>	S12.30 E042.66 S12.22 E044.37 S14.15 E044.68 S14.40 E043.35	06 Jul 25	04:00	Sanitised within Madagascar Airspace
(d)	<b>D</b>	S15.00 E43.50 S15.00 E45.00 S18.00 E43.50 S18.00 E41.50		03:30	
(e)	<b>E</b>	S18.75 E042.00 S18.92 E044.00 S22.00 E042.92 S21.97 E040.50	07 Jul 25	04:00	Sanitised within Madagascar Airspace and Clear of Mayotte Airspace
(f)	<b>F</b>	S12.42 E046.25 S13.06 E048.26 S15.08 E046.50 S14.22 E044.80		03:00	
(g)	<b>G</b>	S11.58 E047.76 S11.92 E048.95 S12.95 E048.32 S12.45 E047.18	08 Jul 25	03:00	Sanitised within Madagascar Airspace
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>25:00</b>	



# Shift in operation Approach



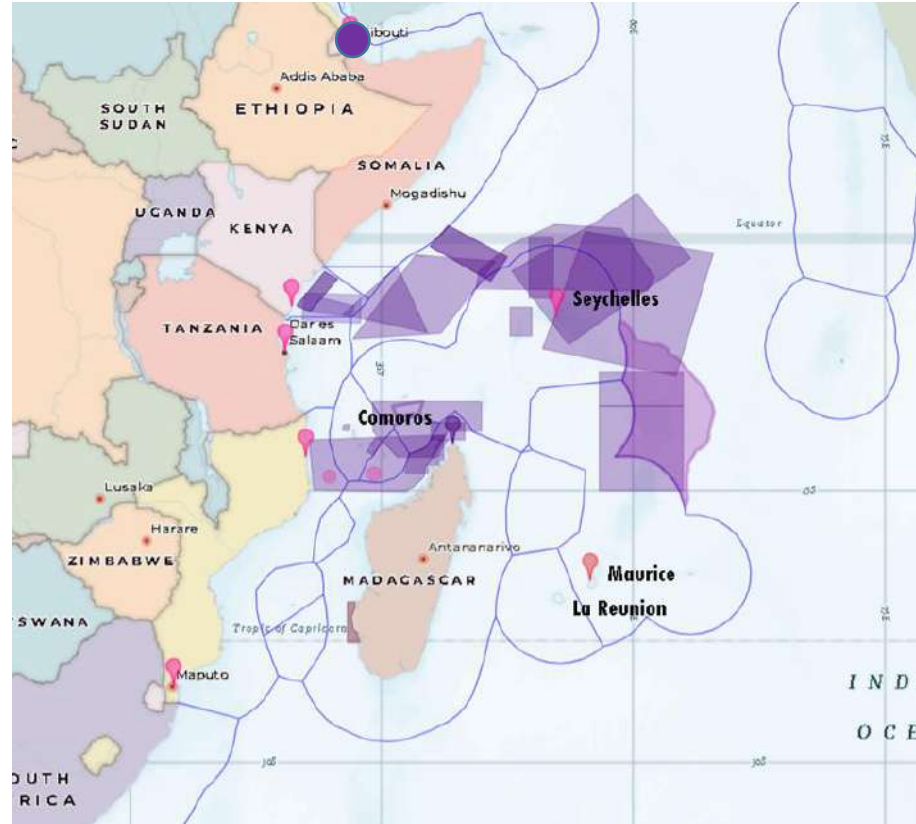
## Regional operation coverage

Initially supported by 07 countries involved with 20 naval assets and 5 aircrafts, regional operation coverage extends to DCOC/JA countries to the Northern and North Eastern Of WIO (Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives)

02 partners (EUNAVFOR & UK) with naval assets, Air assets and drones

Four main threats:

- IUU fishing
- Narcotic trafficking
- Irregular immigration
- Piracy



# CONCLUSION



- DCoC Nations are the Foundation & Data Source
- RMIFC & RCOC: Amplifying National Capability & Awareness
- The Nexus for Coordinated Action & Deconfliction
- Mutual Benefit: Information for Action, Feedback for Improvement



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# Thank You

Questions/ Comments/ Clarifications/ Inputs