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- Recognising the vast AOO and the challenges posed by limited naval assets Atalanta works in this area with all partners and maritime security actors, through Local Maritime Capacity Building and Key Leader Engagement in co-operation with Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC), to build up and enhance the current network, improving effective information sharing and inter-operational efficiency.
- Strategic Partnerships. Operation ATALANTA prioritised strengthening relationships with regional stakeholders, including CMF, local and international authorities, and the navies and coast guards of countries within the AOO.
This collaborative approach is essential for effectively addressing maritime crimes and illicit activities, ensuring a unified and robust maritime security framework.
- ATALANTA intensified its maritime security efforts, executing this year different Joint International Operations.
 - 7 focused operations with CMF
 - Different joint activities at sea (5 Passing Exercises (PASSEXs), 3 coordinated patrol, with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)., exercise with Indian Navy, *Usalama Baharini* with Kenia, Aldabra VI with the Seychelles, Levante with RCOCThese activities have enhanced interoperability and improved maritime situational awareness.
- Such collaborations are vital for addressing complex maritime threats, fostering regional security and better coverage in the area.
The regional recognition, support, and willingness to exercise with ATALANTA represent a unique opportunity for the European Union
- KEY ELEMENT for J INT EX CMF
Common Framework Document framework facilitate the planning and the coordination of the activities
Network connection
- ATALANTA's recent interactions with the Indian Navy were initially focused on operational coordination and counter-piracy activities but finally served to produce strategic effects for the EU.
This joint exercise provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen interoperability and advance counter-piracy tactics, while also improving the effectiveness of maritime security cooperation between EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and the Indian Navy.



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The purpose of this event was to establish solid grounds to start a professional relationship between I.N. units and EUNAVFOR regarding future encounters of both forces' units mainly in the AOO, and to be able to support each other regarding information exchange and helping each other in case of coinciding during a CPO.

This challenge was significant for expectations management.

The information exchange and Maritime Security procedures should all be compiled in a Standard Operational Procedure at EUNAVFOR level, agreed on with the Indian Navy. So that in the future the communications are agreed and understood.

➤ JIOP with INDIA

KEY ELEMENT

Willingness of cooperation

Information exchange and Maritime Security procedures need to be included in Standard Operational Procedure.

➤ JIOP with regional State

A key-element for a successful multi-sectoral operation at sea is the

- interaction with local maritime assets.
 - reinforced the region's maritime security framework
 - Implement the Standard procedure with RCOC
 - tangible tool to implement the maritime security dimension of the EU strategy
- During port visits and at sea ATALANTA assets try to build a professional relationship with local maritime assets by conducting exercises like ALDABRA, DORALEH and USALAMA BAHARINI.

These joint training activities with regional nations, the joint operations, and the capacity building and enhanced capacity building efforts, once piracy is under control, are the most important outputs that ATALANTA currently produces. These activities allow a permanent presence of the EU in the area and represent a tangible tool to implement the maritime security dimension of the EU strategy and support the EUEDEs in their political activities.
