

Biographie

Colonel Wais Omar Bogoreh was born in **1968** in **Dikhil**, Republic of Djibouti. After completing his primary and secondary education, he joined the **Djibouti National Navy** in **1988**, marking the beginning of a distinguished career devoted to maritime service and national defense.

He completed his **basic naval training in Iraq (1988–1989)** before rising steadily through the ranks of the National Navy. In **1995**, he attended the **King Fahd Naval Academy** in the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, where he successfully completed the academic program from **1995 to 1998**, strengthening his professional and operational expertise.

Upon his return to Djibouti in **1998**, he was appointed **Patrol Commander of the Navy**, a position he held until **2007**. In **2005**, he furthered his professional development by completing the **Officer Training Course** at the **U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia**.



Between **2007 and 2008**, Colonel Bogoreh served as **Operations Delegate** within **Djibouti Marine**, before becoming **Head of the Naval Department** at the **Djiboutian Armed Forces Headquarters**. From **2009 to 2010**, he pursued advanced military studies at the prestigious **Naval War College in Rhode Island, United States**, focusing on maritime strategy and international cooperation.

On **July 1st, 2010**, by **Presidential Decree**, Colonel Wais Omar Bogoreh was appointed **Commander of the Djibouti Coast Guard**, transitioning from the Navy after **22 years of dedicated and honorable service**.

Throughout his career, Colonel Bogoreh has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and commitment to maritime security and regional cooperation. His vision continues to guide the Djibouti Coast Guard as a key player in maintaining safety and stability in the Red Sea and the Western Indian Ocean.



REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI
DJIBOUTI COAST GUARD



Whole of government approach: Current Challenges & Cooperation, Coordination and C2

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WHERE IS THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI LOCATED ?



❖ **At the crossroads of three continents** (Africa, Asia & Europe)

❖ **At the south entrance of the Red Sea (Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb)**

❖ **Djibouti Borders:**

✓ **Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia**
(Land & Sea border)

✓ **Yemen** (sea border)



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Introduction

- The sea is a vital artery for global trade, national connectivity, and economic security.
- However, maritime spaces face numerous threats: piracy, illicit trafficking, illegal fishing, pollution, maritime terrorism.
- This presentation explores current security challenges and highlights opportunities for multilateral cooperation.

Current Challenges

- Piracy and maritime crime: Increased activity in the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Horn of Africa.
- Illicit trafficking: Drugs, weapons, migrants; difficult to detect without coordination.
- Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing: Major impact on local economies and marine biodiversity.
- Marine pollution: Ecological and economic damage (oil spills, plastics).
- Maritime terrorism: Heightened risk of sabotage to commercial routes and strategic infrastructures.
- **Specific challenges in the Gulf of Aden: security instability, threats from non-state groups, geopolitical tensions.**

Strategic Issues

- Protection of global shipping lanes.
- Sovereignty of coastal states and EEZ monitoring.
- Development of national maritime capabilities.
- Regional peace and stability maintenance.



MEASURES TAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY & SAFETY



- ▶ **ESTALISHMENT OF DJIBOUTI COAST GUARD (December, 2010)**
- ▶ **SIGNATURE OF THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT (January, 2009)**
- ▶ **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR ANTI PIRACY and ROBBERY AT SEA (under the DCoC).**
- ▶ **RATIFIED ALL INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TREATIES & CONVENTIONS (SOLAS 1984, MARPOL 1990, etc).**

The Strategic Role of the Djiboutian Coast Guard

- Plays a central role in regional maritime security.
- Missions: coastal surveillance, anti-piracy, migrant interception, SAR operations.
- Strong cooperation with Regional & International.
- Investments in patrol boats, personnel training, and coordination centers.
- Strategic positioning near **Bab-el-Mandeb enhances maritime stability and safety.**



DJIBOUTI COAST GUARD MISSIONS



- ❖ **APPLICATION OF DJIBOUTI LAWS AND REGULATIONS AT SEA**
- ❖ **SURVEILLANCE OF MARITIME DOMAIN, (EEZ) AND PROTECTION OF PORTS INSTALLATIONS.**
- ❖ **PREVENTION & FIGHT ALL ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AT SEA**
 - ✓ **MARITIME PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY**
 - ✓ **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION,**
 - ✓ **IUU FISHING,**
 - ✓ **MARITIME POLLUTION**
- ❖ **SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS**
- ❖ **REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION ON ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE AT SEA**



MARITIME SECURITY CHALLENGE



- ❖ MARITIME PIRACY & ROBBERY AT SEA
- ❖ ATTACKS AGAINST SHIPPING LANES
- ❖ ILLEGAL HUMAN SMUGGLING
- ❖ ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED & UNREGULATED FISHING
- ❖ TRAFIC OF ARMS & DRUGS
- ❖ MARITIME POLLUTION





**SAR cooperation and coordination
between DCG & US-Navy**



**SAR cooperation and coordination
between DCG & CTF-154**

**Bull-Shark Exercise between DJC &
CJTF-HOA**



**Pirate Transfer Exercise between
DCG & JCG**



Exercise DJC & EUNAVFOR



Regional Cooperation

- RED WAVE Exercise (Saudi Arabia)
- BAHARI SALAMA 1 Exercise (Djibouti)
- CUTLASS EXPRESS Exercise (Djibouti)
- Joint operations with EUNAVFOR Atalanta and ASPIDES
- Information sharing with RCOC and CRFIM networks
- These initiatives foster interoperability, joint responses, and shared maritime awareness.



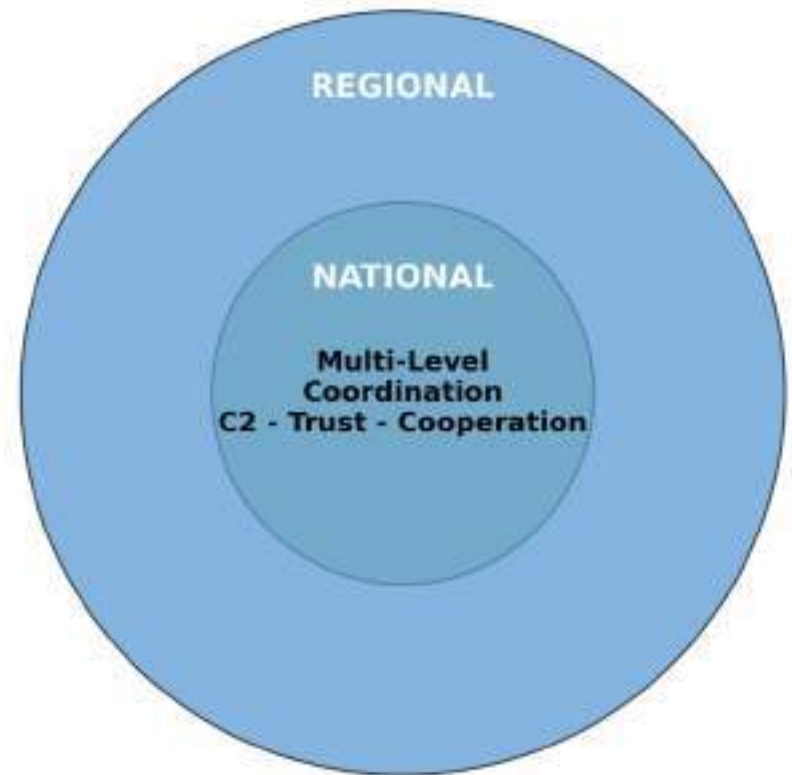
The Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC)

- Signed in January 2009 under the auspices of the IMO, the DCoC is a landmark African-led initiative to combat piracy and maritime crime.
- The Djibouti Coast Guard plays a leading role in its implementation.
- The DCoC's Jeddah Amendment (2017) expanded its scope to address all maritime crimes, including IUU fishing, trafficking, and marine pollution.
- Djibouti hosts the Regional Training Centre, offering capacity building and operational coordination.

Regional – Cooperation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

- Djibouti is a central player in regional maritime security frameworks.
- It actively participates in the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC), the Regional Centre for Operational Coordination (RCOC), and the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (CRFIM).
- Through these frameworks, Djibouti promotes trust, coordination, and regional resilience.

Multi-Level Coordination: National → Regional





EVOLVING NEW CHALLENGES



- ❖ **PIRACY ACTIVITIES & MARITIME TERRORISM**
- ❖ **ATTACKS AGAINST SHIPPING LANES
(RED SEA, BAB-EL-MANDEB AND GULF OF ADEN)**
- ❖ **ACTIVE DISRUPTION OF MARITIME FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT**
- ❖ **ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE REGION AND THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN**
- ❖ **RISK OF LONG DISRUPTION AND INCREASE OF MARITIME SECURITY CHALLENGES**





ATTACKS AGAINST SHIPPING LANES IN RED SEA, BAB-EL-MANDEB AREA.



On June 15th 2024, reported that the cargo vessel VERBENA is attacked in the Red Sea. After the attack, the crewmembers were evacuated on board ANNA-META ,a commercial boat. The vessel" VERBENA "is abandoned and drifting unlit. Its position is marked 32 nautical miles northeast of Djibouti.

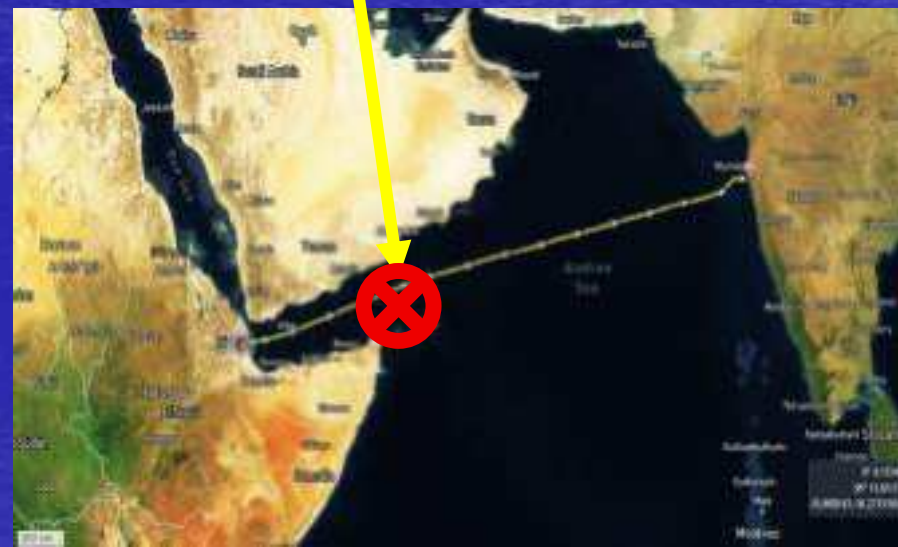




Attack position of MV ETERNITY C
ON 08 July 2025



Attack position of MV MINERVAGRATCH
ON 29 September 2025



REGIONAL MARITIME COOPERATION



Coordinated International Responses

- The Djibouti Coast Guard contributes to multilateral efforts through information sharing and joint operations.
- Using platforms such as IORIS, SEAVISION, and VMS, Djibouti facilitates coordinated responses to maritime incidents and threats.
- Its proactive maritime diplomacy strengthens global shipping safety and trade stability.



DJIBOUTI COAST GUARD STRATEGY



- **ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES OF ACOAST GUARD TO FACE MARITIMES CHALLENGES**
- **IMPROVING COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL,REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ACTORS INVOLVED IN THE MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY**
- **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE NETWORK INFORMATION SHARING**

Coordination & Collaboration



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FOLLOWING THE ATTACK, THE DJIBOUTIAN COAST GUARD COORDINATED AND COLLABORATED WITH EUNAVFOR ASPIDES ON SAR OPERATIONS TO RESCUE THE VICTIMS. WE USED THE IORIS PLATFORM TO SHARE AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

Recommendations

- Strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks.
- Support coastal surveillance infrastructure development.
- Reinforce the Coast Guards' role in maritime security.
- Create an integrated network for real-time information exchange.

Opportunities for Cooperation

- Maritime information sharing:
- Joint exercises: Interoperability, capacity building.
- Training and technology transfer.
- Bilateral/multilateral agreements to combat maritime crime.

Coordination Multi-Niveaux : National → Régional → International



Conclusion

- Maritime security is a global issue needing coordinated responses.
- Challenges are significant, but so are cooperation opportunities.
- Joint efforts ensure navigation freedom, resource protection, and maritime peace.



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