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## Australia's Approach to Regional Civil Maritime Security Cooperation

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# Maritime Border Command



Maritime Border Command, enabled by the Australian Border Force and Australian Defence Force, will support a **Whole-of-Government** effort to protect Australia's national interests by **planning for** and **responding with assigned forces**, that are **prepared and fit for purpose**, to undertake civil maritime security operations to **detect, deter, respond to** and **prevent illegal activities** in the Australian Maritime Domain



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# What is MBC?



MBC is an Australian Government directed, operationally independent *multi-agency task force* staffed by:

## PRIMARY agencies

- Australian Border Force
- Australian Defence Force

## PARTNER agencies

- Australian Fisheries Management Authority
- Dept. of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- Augmentees from other Agencies when required



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# Maritime Security Threats



Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals



Maritime Terrorism



Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources



Piracy, Robbery and Violence at Sea



Illegal Activity in Protected Areas



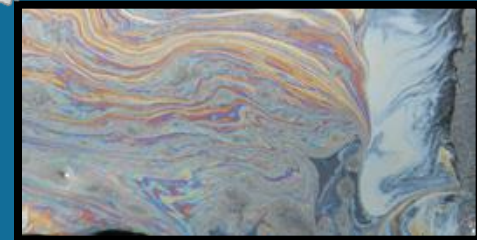
Prohibited Imports and Exports



Compromise to Bio-security



Marine Pollution

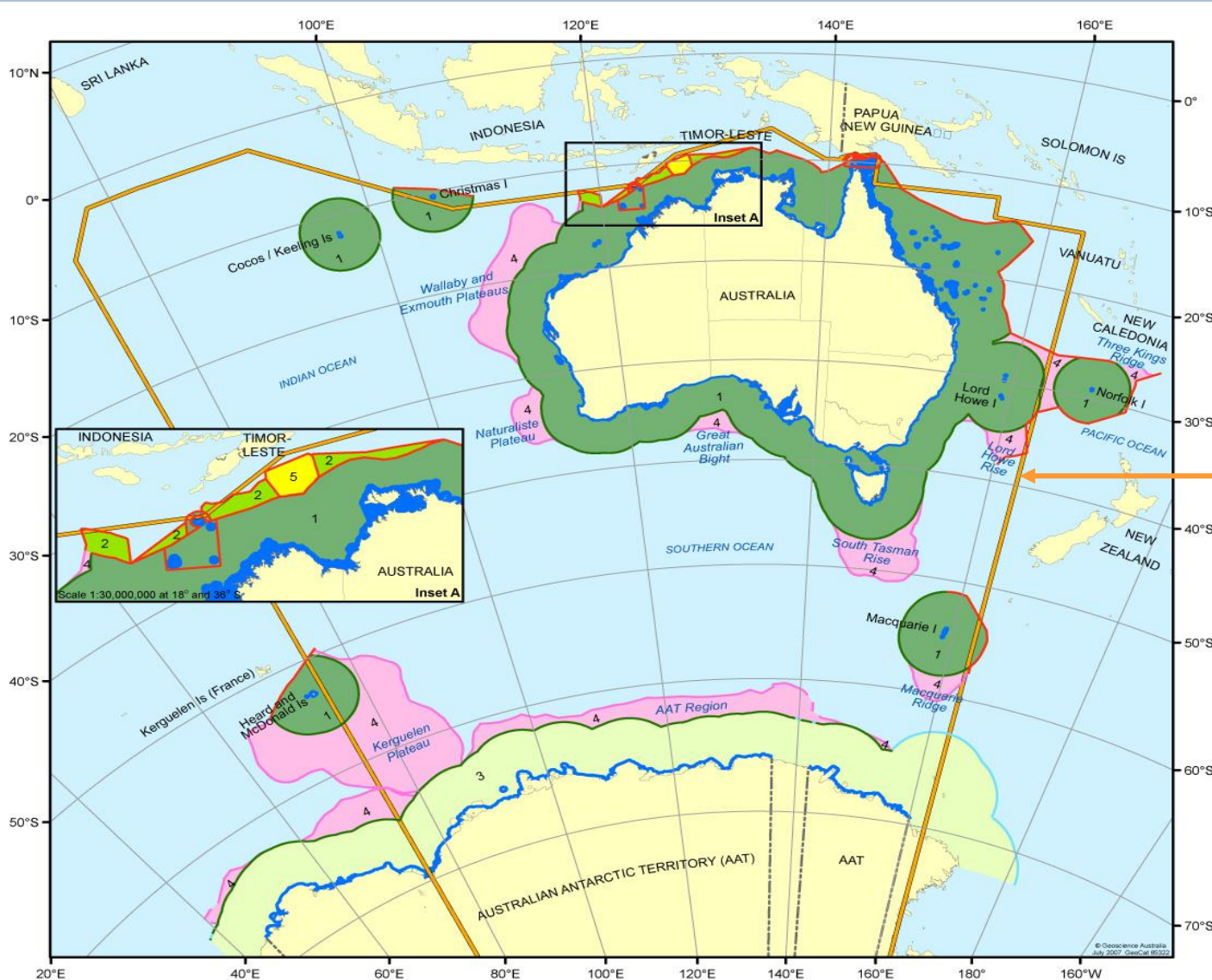




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# Australian Maritime Domain



**Security Forces Authority Area**  
(Search and Rescue Region)



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# Lines of Activity



## DETECT



## DETER



## PREVENT



## RESPOND





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# Surveillance Assets



ABF AIRCRAFT



AUSTRALIAN MARITIME IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM



DEFENCE AIRCRAFT



REGIONAL FORCES SURVEILLANCE UNIT



ABF HELICOPTERS



SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE





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# On-Water Assets



ABF / RAN Cape Class

ABFC Ocean Shield

ABF BAY Class

RAN Armidale Class

ABFC Thaiyak

ADV Ocean Protector





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# Regional influence



## HACGAM

Conduct cooperative arrangements around four 'pillars': Search and Rescue; Environmental Protection; Preventing and Controlling Unlawful Acts at Sea; and Capacity Building to promote safe and secure shipping in the region

## IOFMC / HONIOR

To facilitate between drug/law enforcement agencies in the region, along with relevant international organisations, coordination and collaboration in counter-narcotics initiatives targeting the southern Indian Ocean trafficking route. Priority areas included maritime drug enforcement capacity-building, illicit financial flows and the Dhow Project.

## ReCAAP

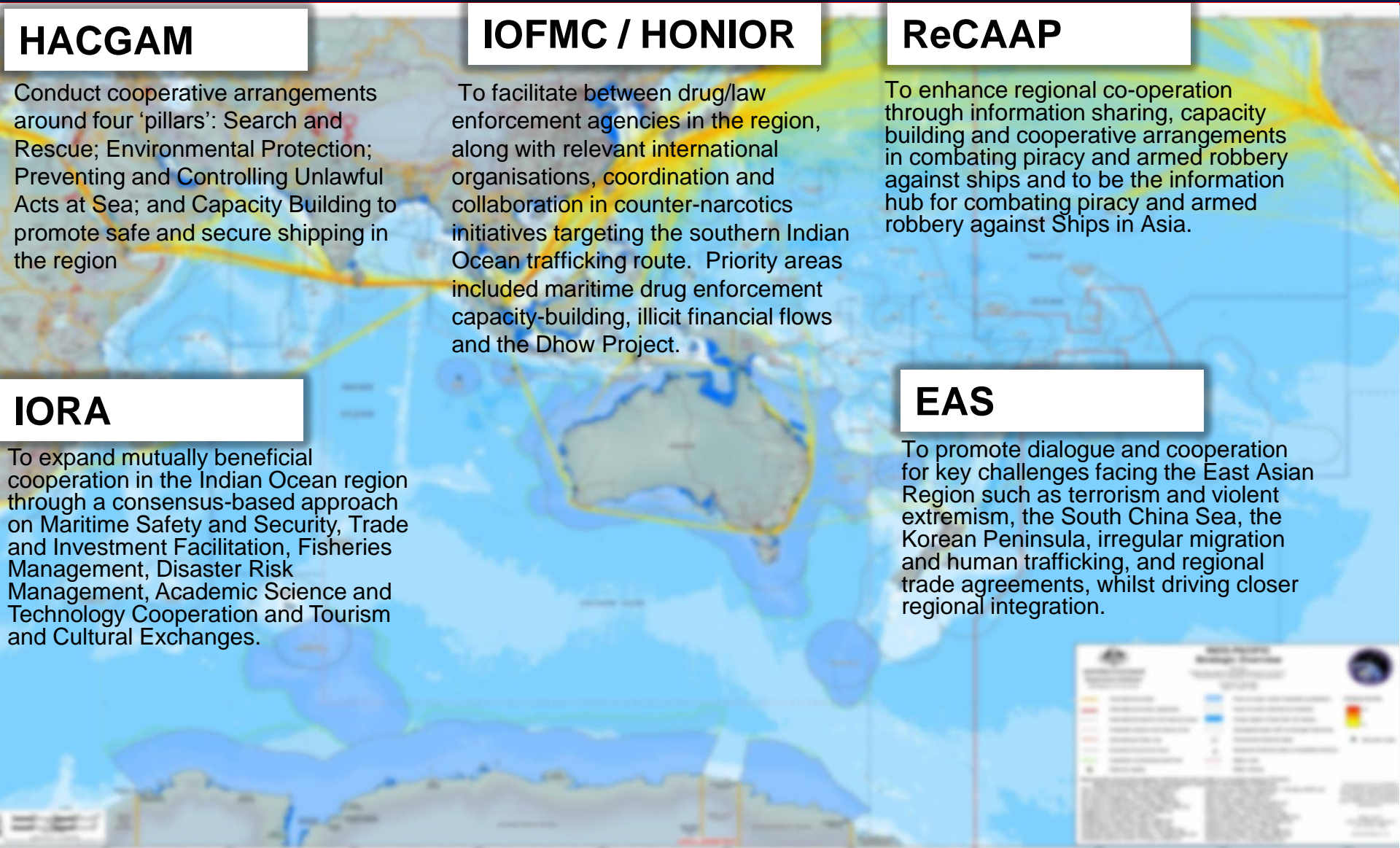
To enhance regional co-operation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships and to be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against Ships in Asia.

## IORA

To expand mutually beneficial cooperation in the Indian Ocean region through a consensus-based approach on Maritime Safety and Security, Trade and Investment Facilitation, Fisheries Management, Disaster Risk Management, Academic Science and Technology Cooperation and Tourism and Cultural Exchanges.

## EAS

To promote dialogue and cooperation for key challenges facing the East Asian Region such as terrorism and violent extremism, the South China Sea, the Korean Peninsula, irregular migration and human trafficking, and regional trade agreements, whilst driving closer regional integration.





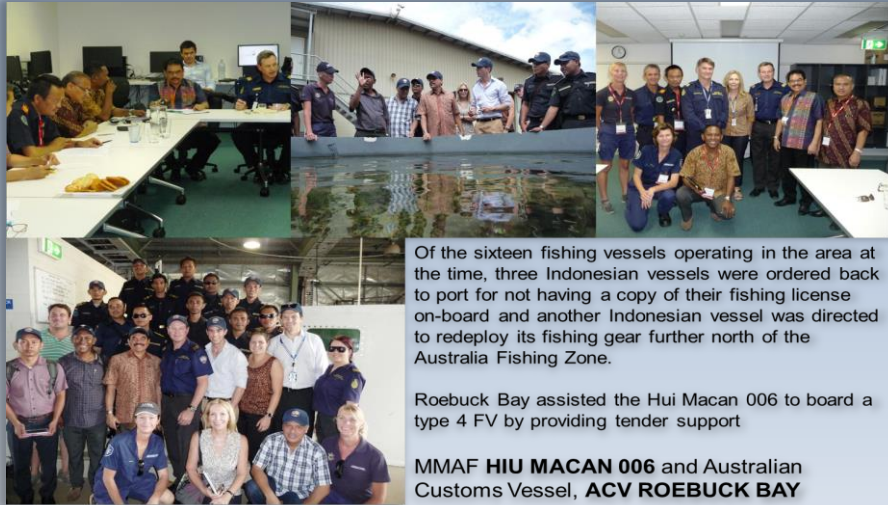
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# Our work in the region...



## Study tours



Of the sixteen fishing vessels operating in the area at the time, three Indonesian vessels were ordered back to port for not having a copy of their fishing license on-board and another Indonesian vessel was directed to redeploy its fishing gear further north of the Australia Fishing Zone.

Roebuck Bay assisted the Hui Macan 006 to board a type 4 FV by providing tender support

MMAF HIU MACAN 006 and Australian Customs Vessel, ACV ROEBUCK BAY

## Maritime security exercises



## Coordinated patrols



## IMA and IUU Prevention



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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# International Engagement



Maritime Border Command engages with neighbouring countries in our region with a strong focus on building **long term relationships** that **deliver cooperation** and **information sharing** arrangements.

These relationships also provide important **preventative opportunities** to assist with the management of maritime threats.

UNITED EFFORT



CAPACITY BUILDING



JOINT OPERATIONS





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# Regional Joint Operations



- ABF Dash-8 conducted targeted flight at request of PNG.
- Information gathered shared with PNG Defence Force Maritime Element.
- HMPNGS Seeadler, a Pacific Class Patrol Boat, intercepted three illegal fishing vessels.





Questions...