



**PHILIPPINE MARITIME SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMAND**

# **PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE PIRACY SITUATION IN EASTERN SABAH AND SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES**





# SCOPE OF PRESENTATION

- Situational Updates
- Incident Analysis
- Status of the Abducted Crew
- Actions done by PH Government
- Assessment
- Recommendations and On-going Plans



# SITUATIONAL UPDATES

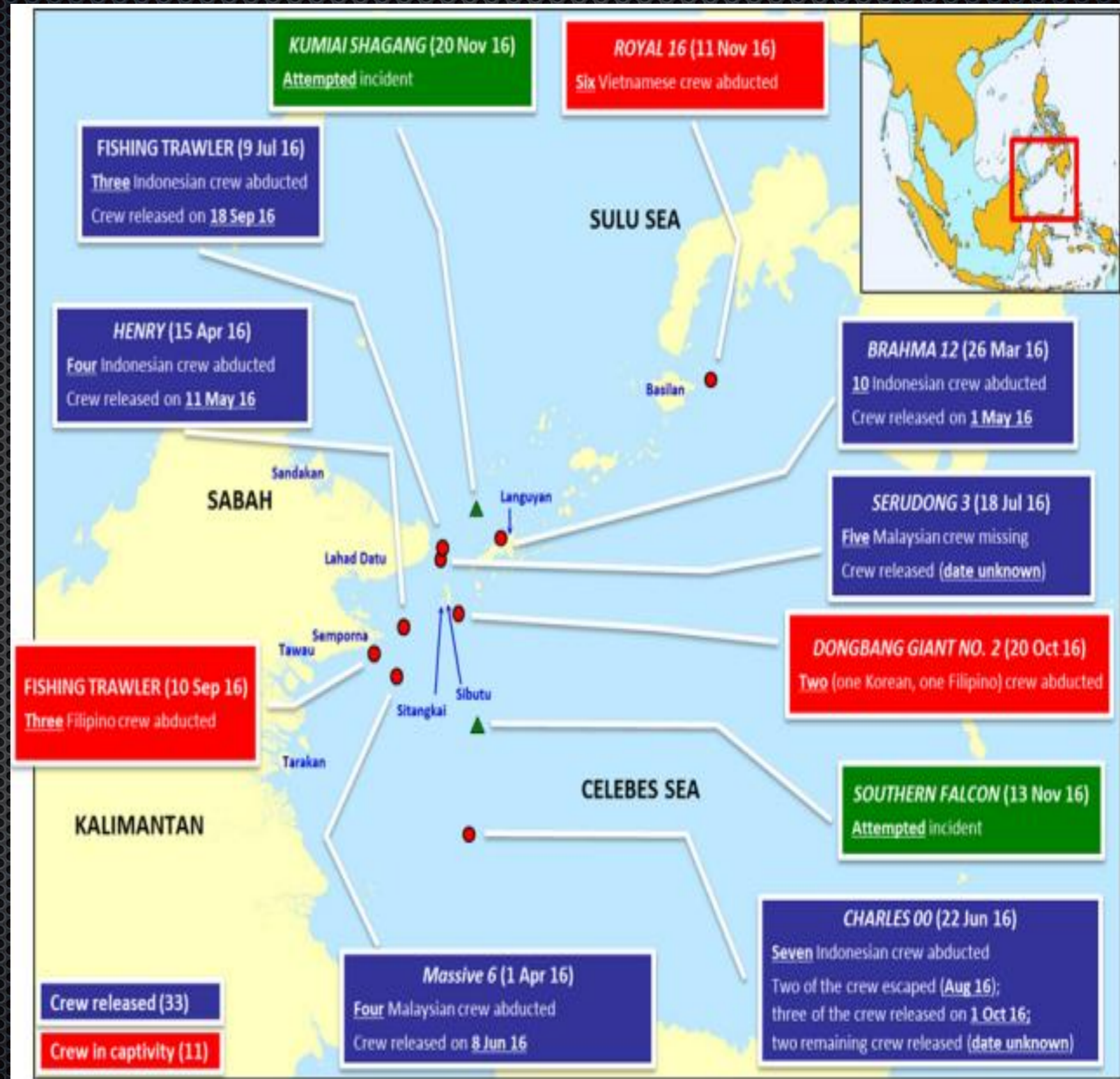
A total of **17 Incidents** between March 2016 until December 2016.

**6 Incidents** between Nov 2016 until Dec 2016 have been attempted sea-jacking incidents.

**11 Incidents** between March 2016 till Dec 2016 have been abduction incidents.

Most Incidents occur near waters of **Sabah Malaysia and the Southern Philippines.**

Radical Islamist group of the Southern Philippines **Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)** claimed responsibility for the abduction.





# PIRACY INCIDENTS IN ZAMBASULTA FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Most victims are Tugboats, Barges and Fishing trawlers with Low Freeboard. The recent victim is a Container Vessel with GT 7,541.

12 of the 17 incidents occurred during daylight hours of between 0700H – 1800H.

Ten incidents reported the use of speed boats “Jungkong type” (blue, green, yellow and white striped) by the perpetrators.

Perpetrators operate between more or less 10 armed men often wearing black shirt.

The perpetrators were reported to carry long high powered firearms.

DATE	TIME	Vessel	PERPETRATORS	NATIONALITY of Abducted Crew
26 Mar 2016	1000H	TB Brahma 12	2 SPEED BOATS (ONE IS GREY, OTHER UNKNOWN)	Indonesian
01 April 2016	1800H	TB Massive 6	1 SPEED BOAT, 8 PERSONS	Malaysian
15 April 2016	1700H	TB Henry	-	Indonesian
22 June 2016	1130H	TB Charles	2 SPEED BOATS (GREEN AND RED)	Indonesian
09 July 2016	2359H	Not Named	1 SPEED BOAT (WHITE), 5 PERSONS IN BLACK SHIRT	Indonesian
18 July 2016	1400H	TB Serunding	-	Malaysian
10 Sept 2016	2230H	Badjao Fishermen	1 SPEED BOAT, 7 PERSONS IN BLACK SHIRT	Filipino
20 Oct 2016	1445H	MV Dong Bang Giant 2	1 SPEED BOAT (WHITE AND GREEN), 7 PERSONS IN BLACK SHIRT	Korean and Filipino
05 Nov 2016	1230H	Unknown FV	-	Indonesian
06 Nov 2016	0850H	Yacht Rockall	-	German
11 Nov 2016	0700H	Royal 16	1 SPEED BOAT, 10 PERSONS	Vietnamese
23 Nov 2016	1007H	Kintoku	1 SPEED BOAT (GREY AND BLUE STRIPE), 9 PERSONS	-
24 Nov 2016	1040H	EASTER K	1 SPEED BOAT (WHITE AND BLUE), 10 PERSONS	-
24 Nov 2016	1030H	Cemtex Fortune	1 SPEED BOAT (WHITE AND BLUE), 10 PERSONS IN BLACK SHIRT	-
08 Dec 2016	1140H	Star Norita	1 SPEED BOAT (WHITE AND BLUE), 5 PERSONS IN WHITE & BLACK SHIRT	-
20 Dec 2016	0230H	FB Ramona 2	-	Filipino
03 Jan 2017	1500H	Ocean Kingdom	2 SPEED BOATS (WHITE AND YELLOW), 5 PERSONS	-

RED indicates confirmed abduction  
Blue indicates attempted abduction

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Of the 48 crew who had been abducted in the eleven incidents, 33 crews have been released due to the extensive operations and negotiations made by PH Government.

The remaining 15 captives are: the 3 Filipino Badjao fishermen, the 2 crew (1 Filipino & 1 Korean) of MV Dong Bang Giant 2, 1 Indonesian fisherman, 6 Vietnamese crew of MV Royal 16 and and 4 Filipino crew of FB Ramona 2.



	<i>Vessel Name</i>	<i>Number of Crew Abducted</i>	<i>Nationality of Abducted Crew</i>	<i>Number of Crew Released</i>	<i>Still in Captivity</i>
1	<i>TB Brahma 12</i>	10	<i>Indonesian</i>	10	-
2	<i>TB Massive 6</i>	4	<i>Malaysian</i>	4	-
3	<i>TB Henry</i>	4	<i>Indonesian</i>	4	-
4	<i>TB Charles</i>	7	<i>Indonesian</i>	7	-
5	<i>Not Named</i>	3	<i>Indonesian</i>	3	-
6	<i>TB Serundung</i>	5	<i>Malaysian</i>	5	-
7	<i>Badjao Fishermen</i>	3	<i>Filipino</i>		3
8	<i>MV Dong Bang Giant 2</i>	2	<i>1 Korean and 1 Filipino</i>		2
9	<i>Unknown FV</i>	1	<i>Indonesian</i>		1
10	<i>Royal 16</i>	6	<i>Vietnamese</i>		6
11	<i>FB Ramona 2</i>	4	<i>Filipino</i>		4
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>



# STATUS OF THE ABDUCTED CREW

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09 July 2016	Unnamed FT	Indonesian	3	RELEASED	3
19 July 2016	TB Serundung	Malaysian	5	UNDER MONITORING*	(still on captivity)
10 Sept 2016	Not Named	Filipino	3	UNDER MONITORING	(still on captivity)
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03 Jan 2017	Ocean Kingdom	-	ATTEMPTED	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17 incidents</b>		<b>48</b>		<b>28 / 22</b>

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# Previous Piracy Incident

## DONGBANG GIANT 2



10 gunmen attacked Korean heavy lift ship DONGBANG GIANT NO.2 on Oct 20 south of Bongao, Tawitawi Island, Philippines, Celebes sea. Vessel is en route from Australia to Masan Korea. Militants, allegedly belonging to Abu Sayyaf group, kidnapped Master of the vessel, of Korean nationality, and Filipino crew member.



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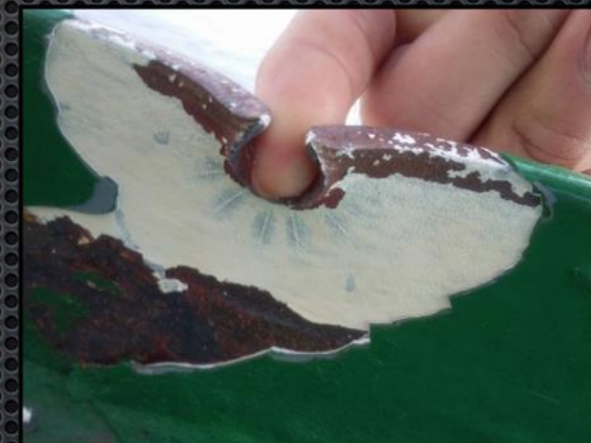
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# VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES PERPETRATED BY LAWLESS ELEMENT AT SEA

On the eve of 09 January 2017, eight (8) fishermen, while on a fishing venture at the waters off 11 islands, Zamboanga City, was boarded by heavily armed men, rounded up at the bow portion of their fishing boat at gun-point and eventually strafe to their death.





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# ACTIONS DONE BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

The Philippine Government is seeking **cooperation from the Mindanaoan (local) Leaders** in order to assist in the negotiations / operations with the Abductors in order to help in the release of some of the abducted victims.

**Intensified military operations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines** are also ongoing in order to eliminate the terror groups menacing the area.

**Intensified Inter-agency operations of PNP, AFP, PCG and other government agencies in rescue operations,** information gathering and preventing the occurrence of the incidents again.





# ACTIONS DONE BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

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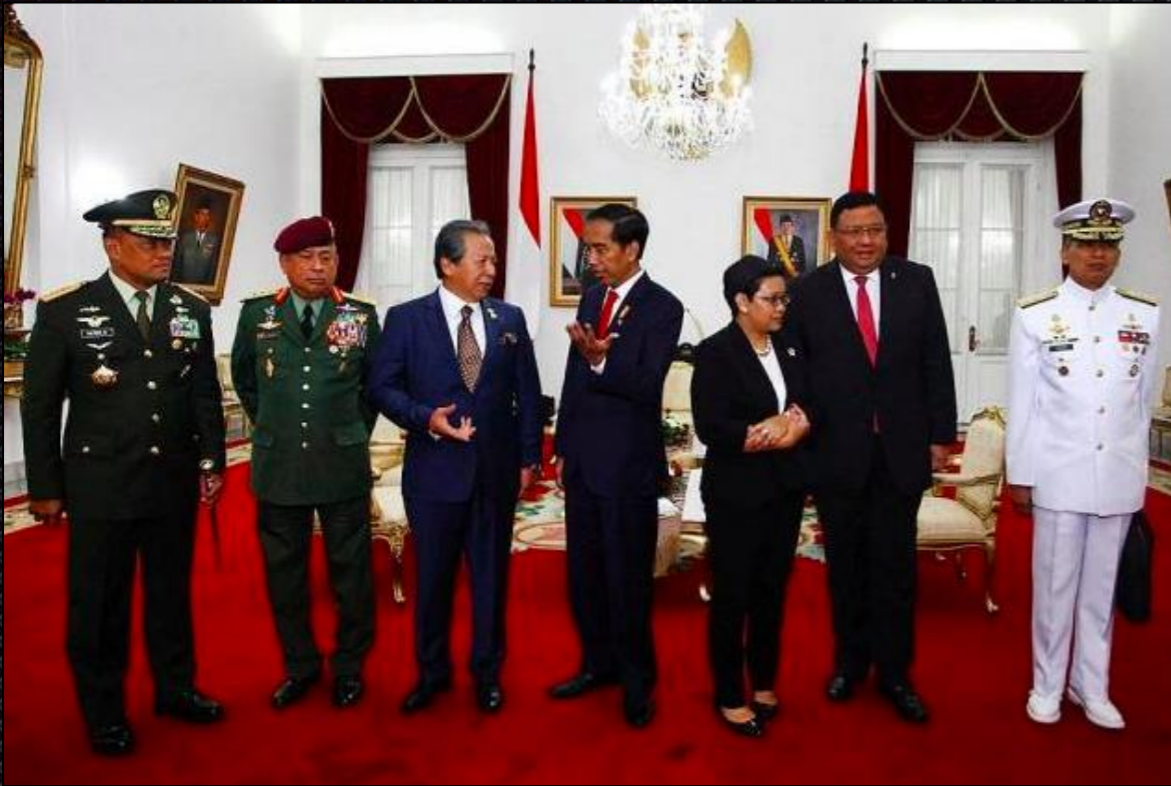
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On 5 May 2016, the Foreign Ministers and Defense Ministers of Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia met in Yogyakarta, Indonesia to **discuss immediate regional maritime and security challenges** affecting the three countries. A **Joint Declaration** to address the security issues in maritime areas of common concern was drafted and agreed upon.

A **trilateral meeting among the Defense Ministers** of the three States was held in Manila on 20 June 2016 to reaffirm the commitments made on 5 May 2016.



Philippine Gov't agencies like (PCG, Philippine Navy, BFAR ) conducted regular patrols in the areas of South Western Mindanao to preempt and monitor activities in the area.



# GOV'T ACTION TAKEN AND REPOSSESSES

- PCG OPLAN No. 1-2015 (Maritime security in Zamboanga City)
- PCG OPLAN o. 1-2016 (Maritime Patrol in Sulu sea)
- PCG OPLAN No. 2 (Maritime Patrol in the Municipal waters of Basilan)
- PN-PCG, JTF 6.0 (MOU on the Inspection of unregistered vessel/watercraft 3GT below)
- Joint Intelligence Task Force Sulu
- Deployment of PCG and PN floating assets in the areas of Moro Gulf, Sulu sea and Basilan Strait
- Issuance of memorandum order number 04-04



# ASSESSMENT

The complexities of the situation in the Mindanao emanating from its political, cultural, religious and economic injustice makes the addressing the situation more complicated.

Radical groups conducting these operations are not only from Philippines per se. They are closely linked with contacts from other countries such as Malaysia, comprising the extremist groups.

There is a need to strengthen regional coordination and cooperation among the littoral States in conducting joint/coordinated patrols.

The need for a collective and shared responsibilities among all stakeholders to institutionalize their respective efforts.

Incidents like this is not only a threat to maritime security, but it affects trade and industry in the region.

Enhancement and step up of maritime security measures in the Eastern Sabah Security Zone (ESSZ) and Southern Philippine Waters.





# RECOMMENDATIONS AND ON-GOING PLANS

- Intensified and sustained maritime patrol in the area by the Navy and Coast Guard vessels
- Sea Marshalling
- Maritime Communications Protocol when entering/transiting the red zone (Sibutu Strait, Sibutu Passage, Basilan Strait)
- Establishment of Ship Transit Corridor in the areas of Moro Gulf, Sulu Sea and Basilan Strait



# IMPLEMENTATION OF CIRCULARS SUCH AS:

<b>MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
<b><i>SECURITY, SAFETY and ENVIRONMENTAL NUMBERING (SSEN) SYSTEM FOR ALL PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED VESSELS AND WATERCRAFTS</i></b>	<p>This Circular prescribes the procedures for the Environmental, Security and Safety Numbering (ESSN) System for all Philippine-registered vessels and watercrafts for the purpose of enhancing marine environmental protection, security and safety within the Philippine Maritime Domain.</p>
<b><i>ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSIT CORRIDORS (TC) AT MORO GULF, SULU SEA AND BASILAN STRAIT</i></b>	<p>This Circular will prescribe guidelines and procedures to ensure the safety and security of vessels navigating through the Moro Gulf and Basilan Strait in order to prevent or suppress acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships.</p>
<b><i>GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF VHF MARINE BAND CHANNEL/FREQUENCY</i></b>	<p>This Memorandum Circular prescribes the list of designated channel for the VHF marine band radio to ensure the proper utilization of the frequency/channel on-board all Philippine-registered vessel, watercrafts, fishing vessel and shore based stations for the purpose of enhancing the maritime communication security and safety within Philippine Maritime Domain.</p>



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<b>MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
<b><i>MARITIME COMMUNICATION ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION</i></b>	<p>This Memorandum Circular prescribes policies for an effective conduct of radio communication equipment inspection of all Philippine-Registered Vessels, watercrafts, fishing vessels, small boats and conveyances at any ports in the country to verify their continuing compliance to certain aspect of maritime communication protocols in accordance with applicable safety standards, rules and regulations.</p>
<b><i>PRESCRIBED RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT ONBOARD PHILIPPINE REGISTERED VESSELS</i></b>	<p>The purpose of this Memorandum Circular is to prescribe the required equipment on-board all Philippine-Registered Vessels to ensure that each vessels as categorized herein are provided with necessary radio communication equipment that will enhance safety of life at property at sea.</p>
<b><i>GUIDELINES ON ACCREDITATION OF MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR MARITIME SECURITY COMMUNICATION</i></b>	<p>This Circular prescribes the procedures to ensure the Radio Communication Equipment used onboard all Philippine-registered vessels, watercrafts and water conveyances to include shore based stations are met the standards and specifications to enhance detection of any threat to maritime safety and security within the Philippine Maritime Domain through the accreditation of their manufacturers and suppliers.</p>



# RECOMMENDATIONS AND ON-GOING PLANS

- Procurement of USCG RB-S that will help in beefing-up PCG patrols, visibility and proactive response.







# End of Presentation

