

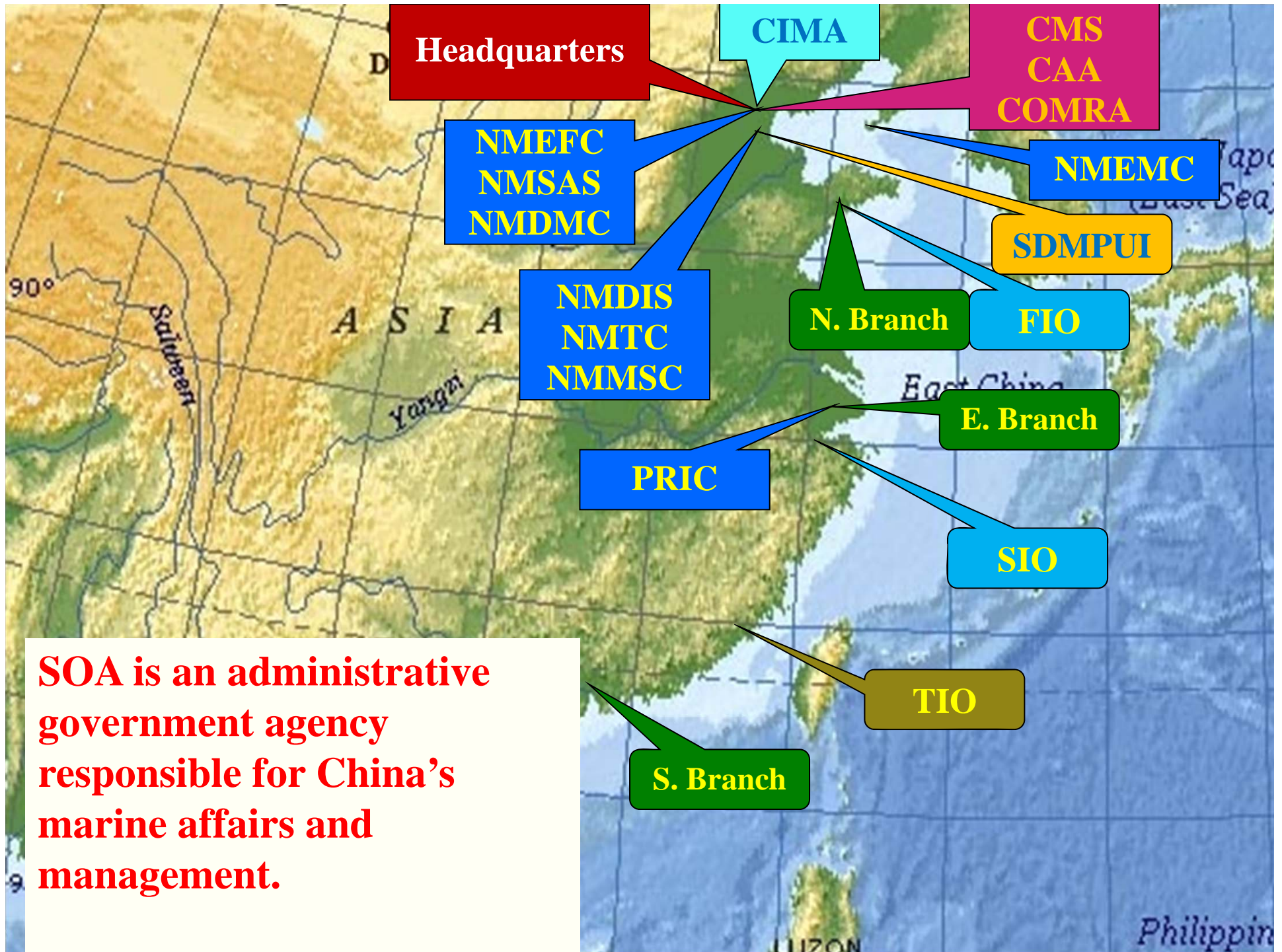


# **Recent Development of China's Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies**

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**SOA is an administrative government agency responsible for China's marine affairs and management.**

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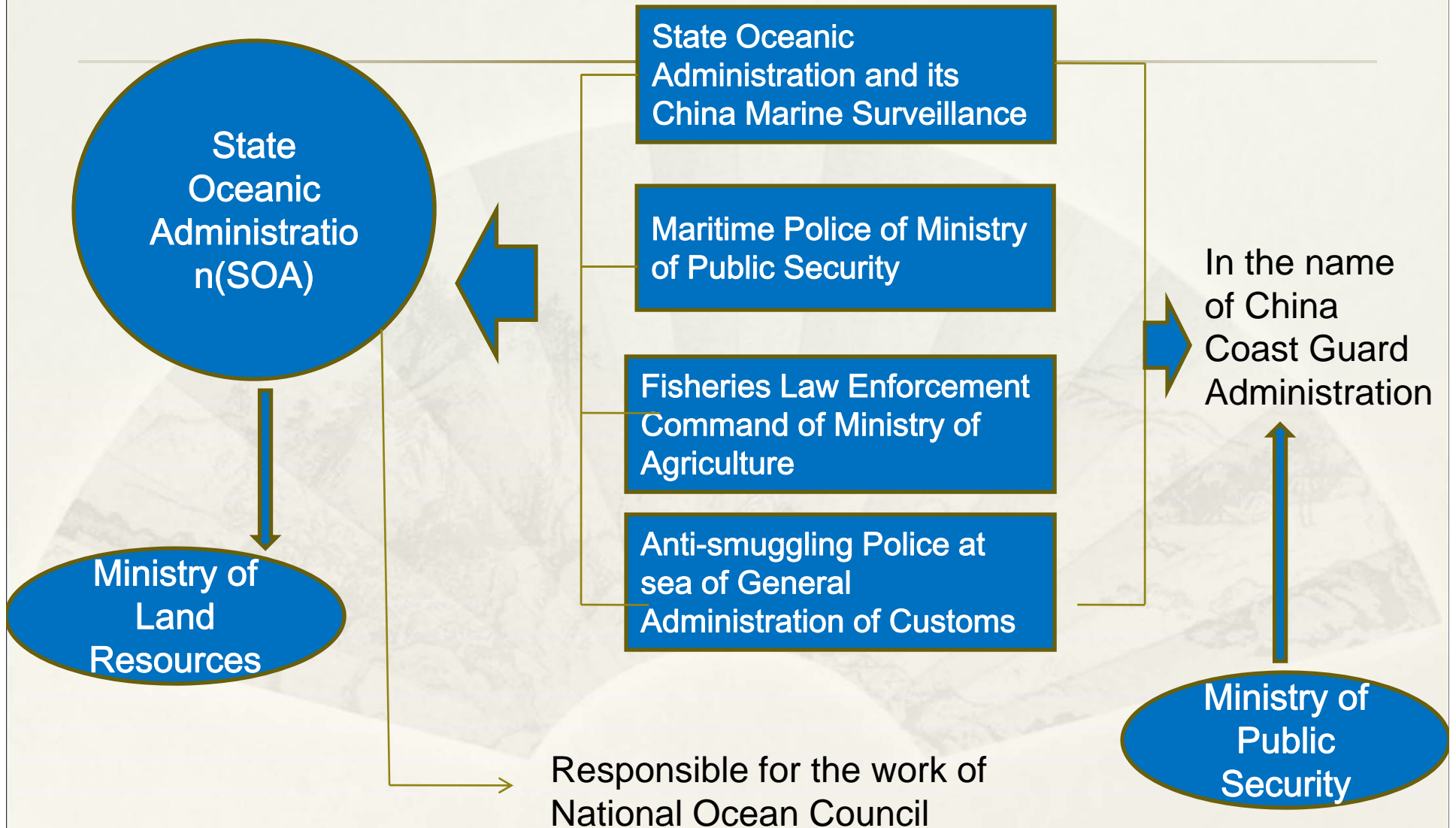
5 major task forces responsible for maritime law enforcement, including:

- \* **China Marine Surveillance (CMS)** under SOA
- \* **Fisheries Law Enforcement Command** under Ministry of Agriculture
- \* **China Maritime Police** under Ministry of Public Security
- \* **Anti-smuggling Police at sea** under General Administration of Customs
- \* **Maritime Safety Administration** under the Ministry of Transport

<b>Agencies and Responsibilities</b>	<b>CMS</b>	<b>FLEC</b>	<b>Maritime Police</b>	<b>Anti-Smuggling Police</b>	<b>MSA</b>
Defending maritime rights and interests	✓	✓			
Governing foreign related scientific research	✓				
Mineral resources protection	✓				
Sea area use, islands protection	✓				
Fishery resources protection		✓	✓		
Counter crimes at sea			✓		
Safeguarding maritime boundaries			✓		
Marine environmental protection (oil platform)	✓				
Marine environmental protection (shipping vessel)					✓
Navigation safety					✓
Search and rescue			✓		✓

- \* The third plenary meeting of the first session of 12<sup>th</sup> People's Congress ratified the Institutional Reform Proposal submitted by the State Council on 10 March,2013.
- \* The State Council decided to restructure the State Oceanic Administration(SOA) by unifying the maritime task forces and responsibilities of
  1. SOA and its China Marine Surveillance
  2. Fisheries Law Enforcement Command under the Ministry of Agriculture
  3. China Maritime Police under the Ministry of Public Security
  4. Anti-smuggling Police under General Administration of Customs

# Restructure of State Oceanic Administration



## Responsibilities of Restructured SOA (1)

- \* Formulating ocean affairs development plan
- \* Conducting maritime law enforcement to Safeguard maritime rights and interests
- \* Supervising and governing sea area use
- \* Protecting marine environment
- \* Undertaking Other assignments entrusted by the State Council
- \* SOA carries out law enforcement activities to safeguard maritime rights and interests in the name of **China Coast Guard Administration** and under the operational direction of the Ministry of Public Security .

## **Responsibilities of Restructured SOA (2)**

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- \* The State Council decided to establish the National Ocean Council in senior level to strengthen integrated planning and coordination of ocean affairs all around the country.**
- \* National Ocean Council is responsible for research and formulating ocean development strategies, coordinating major ocean related issues**
- \* SOA is responsible for undertaking the specific work of the National Ocean Council.**



## **Benefits of the restructure**

- \* Within a long history, there are five dragons governing the sea in China, some says "stirring up the sea"
- \* Every dragon has their own docks, vessels, communication and logistic systems
- \* Every dragon has its own uniforms and logos.
- \* Every dragon carries out only part of law enforcement responsibilities at sea.
- \* Every dragon carries out patrols according to its own workplan.

## **Benefits of the restructure**

- \* Efficiently utilizing resources of all maritime task forces
- \* Avoiding wasteful duplication of infrastructure and equipments
- \* More effectively safeguarding maritime rights and interests of China
- \* Following the major trend of integrated coastal management and law enforcement, following the practice of other countries
- \* More convenient to develop international cooperation with other civil law enforcement forces
- \* More effectively safeguarding regional maritime security

# Current situation of the restruture

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**The restructuring of SOA is still under process.**

**The specific mandates and institutional framework of SOA and the unified maritime task force is not concluded yet.**

**The final arrangement will work out no earlier than late April.**

# Looking forward to future cooperation

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- \* After the restructure, SOA(CCGA) would like to further develop cooperative relations with maritime task forces of other countries inside and outside this region.
- \* Bilaterally and multilaterally
- \* The means of cooperation can include:
  - Training course
  - Personnel exchange
  - Mutual visit of law enforcement vessels
  - Joint workshop, seminar
  - Joint exercise at sea
  - Other means agreed upon







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