

# SEA SCOUT

A global initiative aimed at strengthening all aspects of the fight against IUU fishing: Detection, Enforcement, and Prosecution

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# What is it?

- \* Sea Scout is a global initiative aimed at strengthening all aspects of the fight against IUU fishing: Detection, Enforcement, and Prosecution.
- \* This initiative will strengthen efforts to identify, interdict, and prosecute those engaged in illegal fishing activity, as well as the organized criminal organizations that often support it, through enhanced cooperation, coordination, and information-sharing.
- \* Sea Scout seeks to increase collaboration among regional and global partners along the prediction-to-prosecution chain of action against illegal fishing activity.

# How does it Work?

- \* This initiative strengthens monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) activities by integrating new and existing tools used for maritime domain awareness (MDA).
- \* It improves efficiency through better coordination and information-sharing of enforcement actions and training at sea and in port through integration with the Port States Measures Agreement (PSMA).
- \* And it enhances enforcement, investigative, and prosecutorial capacity building efforts through regional and global collaboration.

# How is it Being Implemented?

- \* Sea Scout includes two main, mutually supporting lines of effort:
  - \* **Pilot Projects.** Sea Scout supports pilot projects expanding the use of existing counter-illegal fishing MCS and MDA approaches or testing new ones. These projects build upon a collection of approaches, resources, and tools that can be shared in other locations with Sea Scout partners. An initial selection of pilot projects will be augmented by additional projects dependent on the availability of resources and partners to execute them.
  - \* **Enduring Framework.** At the same time, Sea Scout will build an enduring framework for enhanced information-sharing, coordination, and enforcement, designed to leverage the partnerships, tools, and practices identified and developed to continue applying resources to needs.

# Who is Involved?

- \* Sea Scout is an international initiative supported by organizations across the U.S. government along with international, intergovernmental, and non-governmental partners.
- \* U.S. government organizations
  - \* State Department
  - \* Department of Defense (Navy)
  - \* Department of Homeland Security (Coast Guard)
  - \* Department of Justice
  - \* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
  - \* National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA)
  - \* Office of the Director of National Intelligence
  - \* U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

# Who is Involved?

- \* International Governments
  - \* Chile
  - \* Korea
  - \* New Zealand
  - \* Norway
  - \* Palau
- \* Intergovernmental agencies
  - \* UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
  - \* International Monitoring Control and Surveillance Network
- \* Non-governmental organizations
  - \* Pew Charitable Trusts
  - \* Oceana
  - \* World Wildlife Fund
  - \* International Seafood Sustainability Foundation

# How Can You Get Involved?

- \* Sea Scout is an inclusive effort, and these are some of the ways governments, organizations, and individuals can support it:
  - \* Committing a new or existing effort to combat illegal fishing to collaboration through Sea Scout.
  - \* Providing opportunities and access to test out new tools and approaches through Sea Scout.
  - \* Sharing developed tools and approaches with Sea Scout for use or testing as a pilot project.
  - \* Sharing other resources (ex: money, manpower, data sets, equipment).
  - \* Sharing ideas on new tools and approaches to develop and test out as a Sea Scout pilot project.
  - \* Taking the lead running a Sea Scout pilot project.
  - \* Supporting the functions of the enduring framework.

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# Questions

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