



Thailand Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Mechanism

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Scope of Briefing



- Thailand Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Mechanism
- Anti-Piracy Law / Ratification of UNCLOS 1982
- Anti-Piracy Operations

PART I

Thailand Maritime Laws Enforcement Mechanism

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Thailand Maritime Enforcement Mechanism Center

- There are several maritime law enforcement agencies, with **different jurisdictions, powers, and area of responsibilities.**
- To optimise the use of maritime forces
- To maximise the effectiveness of law enforcement
- Inter-government agencies coordination is needed

Thailand Maritime Enforcement Coordinating Center



Thai Navy



Fishery Dept.



Coastal and
Maritime
Resources Dept.



Marine Dept.



Marine Police



Customs Dept.

National Security Council approved the establishment of the
THAI-MECC in 1997

Challenges: THAI-MECC 18 Years On

- Ad-Hoc Organisation
- Only Coordinating Power
- **Lack Tactical Control** over the maritime forces in the operating area
- Lack of a single manager
- **In need of an integration body**

Change is on the way

- **Thailand Maritime Security Strategy 2015 - 2021**
- Endorsed by the cabinet in October 2014, and the National Assembly in January 2015
- Key area is to upgrade the Thai MECC to
- Thailand Maritime Enforcement Administrating Center
- With 3 regional operations centers

Thailand Maritime Security Strategy

2015 - 2021

Security

Prosperity

Sustainability

Good Governance

1 Security
Sovereignty
Peaceful means of dispute settlement

Conventional Threats

2 Law Enforcement at Sea
Safe and secure uses of the sea

Non-Conventional Threats

3 Maritime Infrastructure
Connectivity

Industries

4 Environment

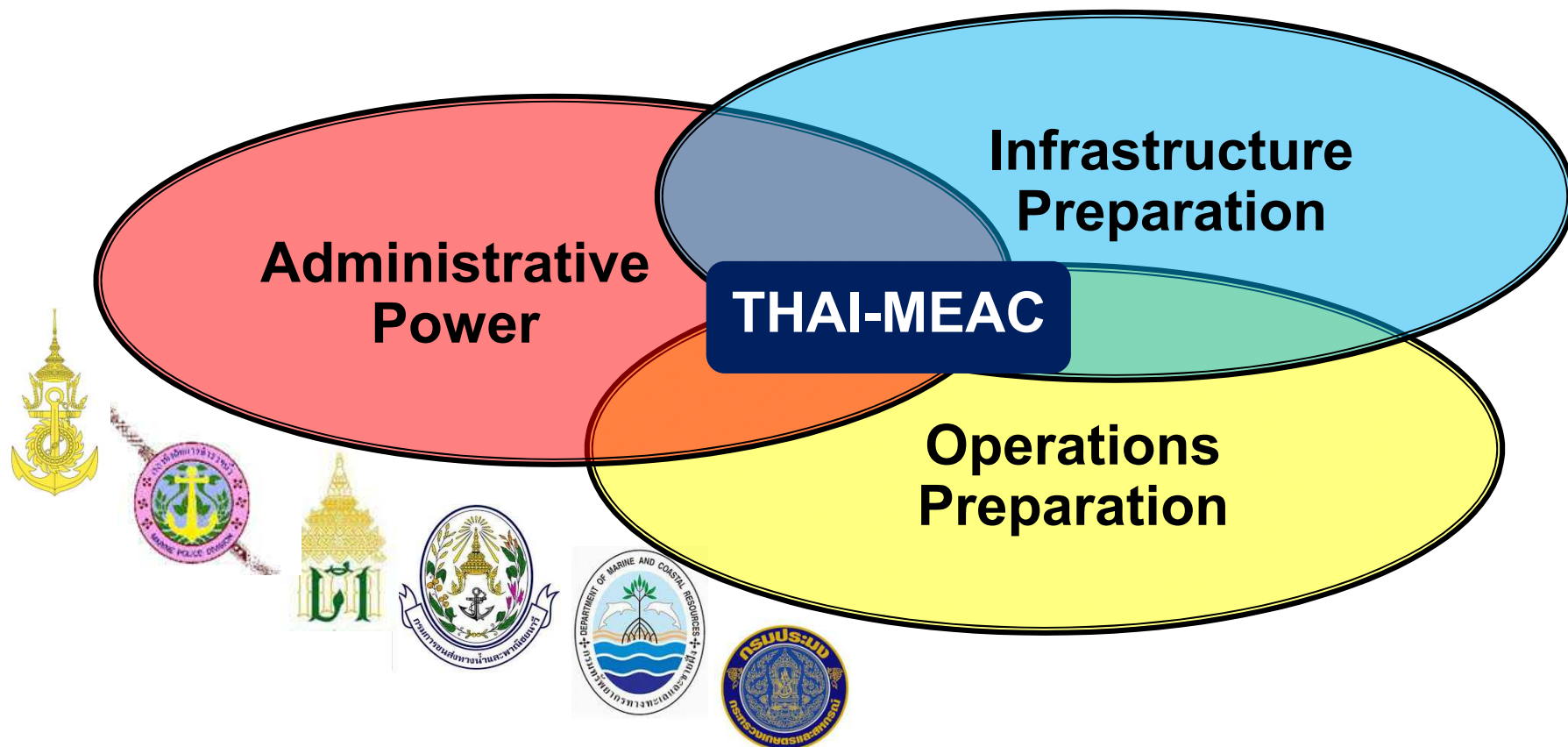
5 Maritime Culture and Awareness
Knowledge management

6 Integrity and good governance
Maritime Agency and Institution

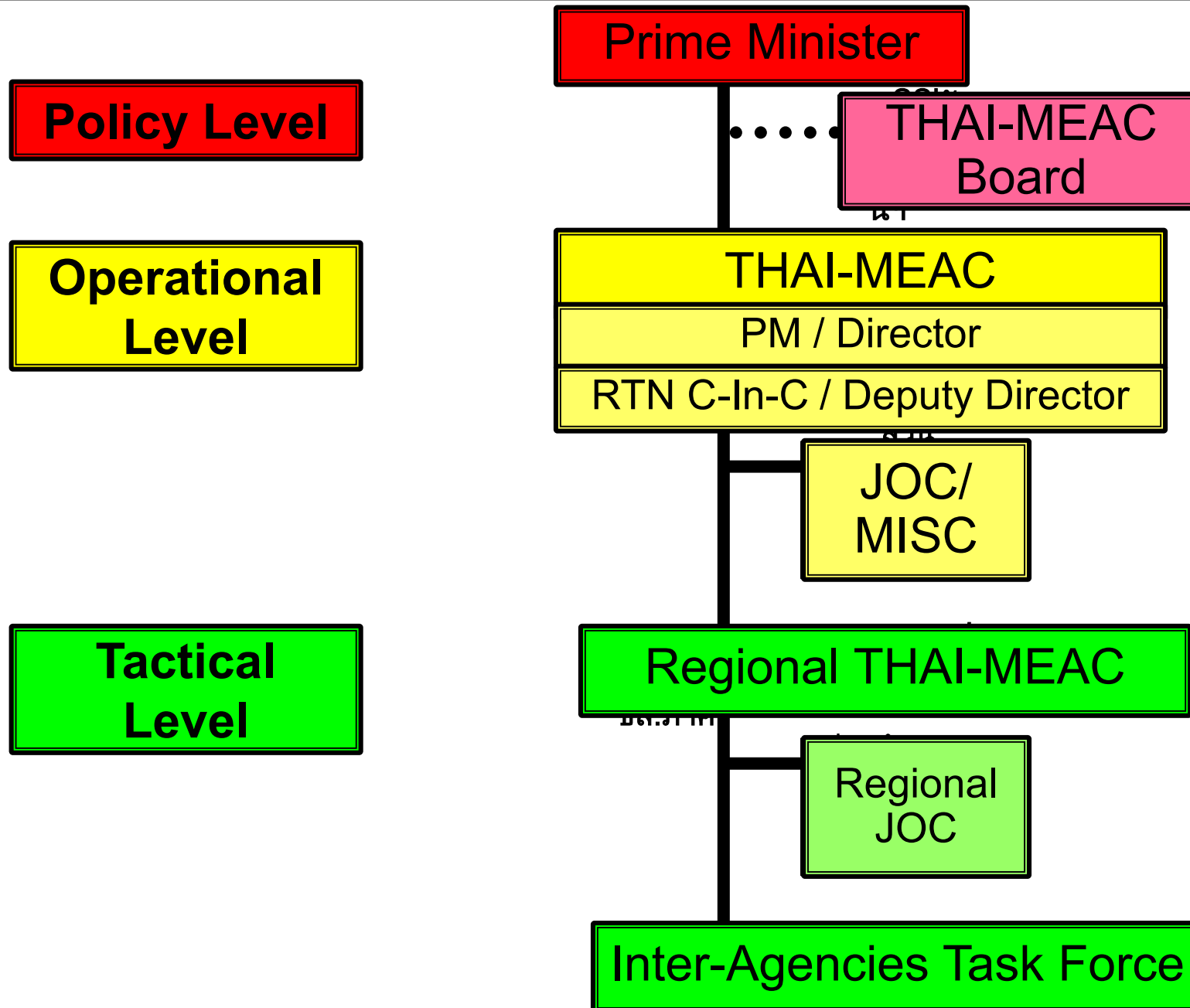
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Thailand Maritime Enforcement Administrating Center



THAI-MEAC Structure



Transition: The Road to THAI-MEAC



Thailand Maritime Enforcement Administrating Center

Administrative Power

Thailand Maritime Power Bill 2015



- Being reviewed by the Office of National Security Council
- National Assembly Approval by the end of 2015

Transition: The Road to THAI-MEAC



Thailand Maritime Enforcement Administrating Center

Infrastructure Preparation

THAI-MEAC HQ &
Jointed Operation Center

Maritime Information Sharing
Center



- HQ and JOC being constructed in the RTN HQ
- MISC is being upgraded
- Completion by the end of 2015

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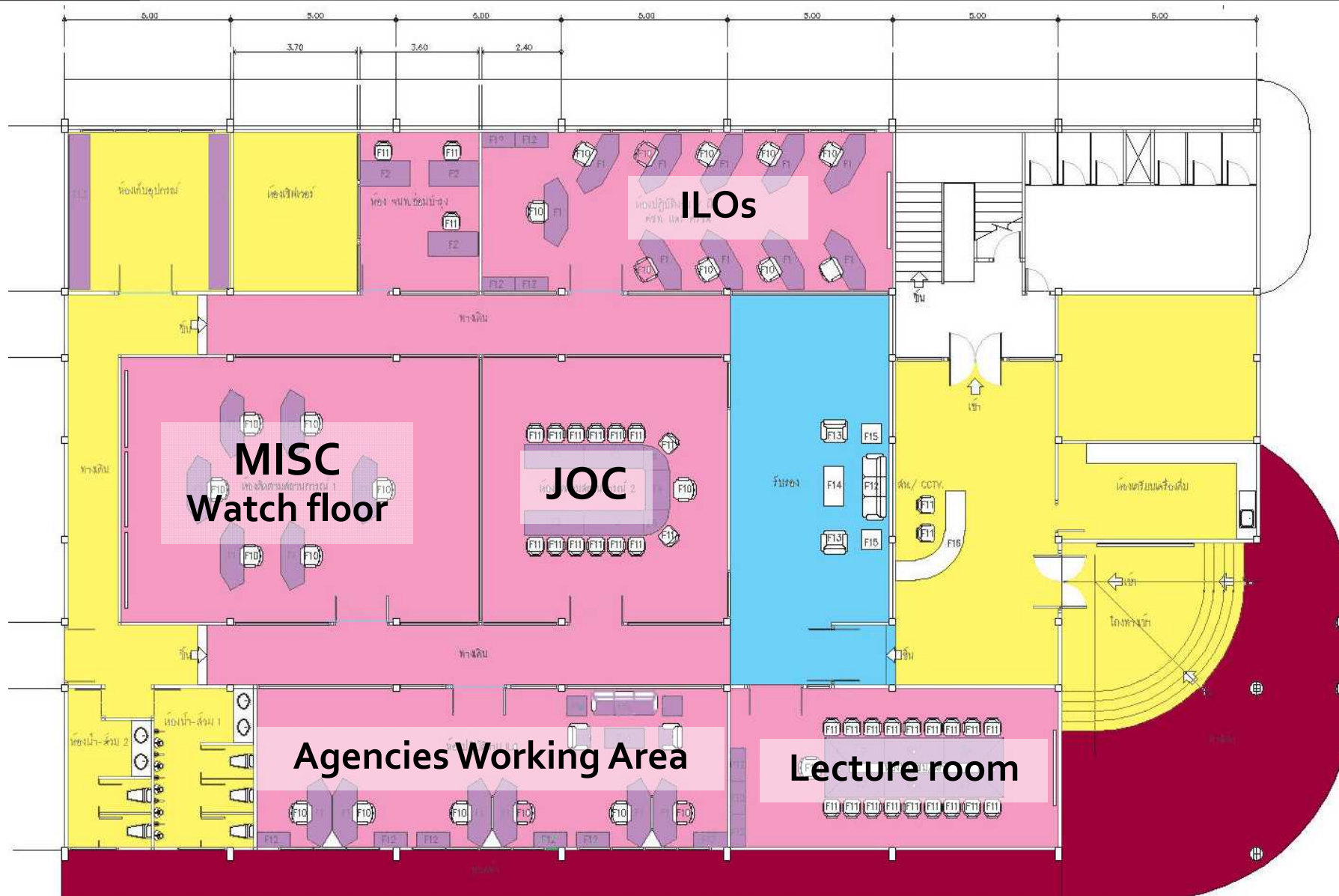


The Existing MISC was inaugurated in 2012; now is being upgraded to be completed by the end of 2015





THAI-MEAC HQ and JOC Maritime Information Sharing Center



Transition: The Road to THAI-MEAC



Thailand Maritime Enforcement Administrating Center

Operations Preparation

Standard Operating Procedure
Personnel Training



- SOP is being drafted
- Courses for personnel at the operation level and the tactical level were designed

PART II

Thai Prevention and Suppression of Piracy Act 1991

And

Ratification of UNCOS 1982

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Thai Prevention and Suppression of Piracy Act 1991

- Piracy is punishable under Thai Penal Code
- Terminology of piracy extended to include armed robbery against ship, committed on the high seas
- As the piracy activities increased in the second half of 1980s, Thai government enacted “Prevention and Suppression of Piracy Act 1991”
Based on the provision of UNCLOS 1982
- Prosecution under Thai Penal Court
- Prosecution arrangement: None / Thai Court

Ratification of UNCLOS 1982

- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Signature: 10/12/1982
- Ratified: 15/05/2011

PART III

Thailand Anti-Piracy Operations

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Thailand Anti-Piracy Operations

- **International: Gulf of Aden and Adjacent Waters**
 - Joint the CTF151, Combined Maritime Forces
 - Anti-Piracy Task Unit: 2011/2012, plan for 2016
 - Take over the command of CTF151 in 2012, 2015

Concurrent Operations

RTN Counter Piracy Task Unit



Concurrent Operations

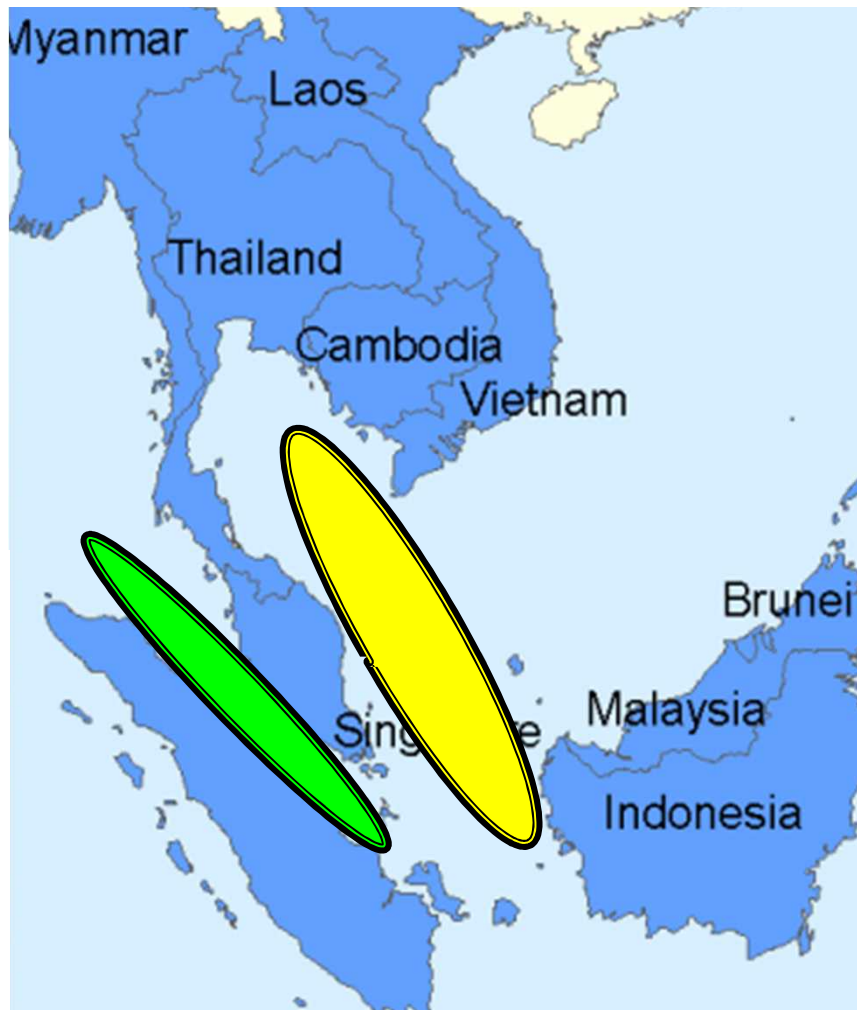


RTN Counter Piracy Task Unit



Thailand Anti-Piracy Operations

■ Regional



■ Strait of Malacca: Eye in the Sky Initiatives

- East of Malay Peninsular & South China Sea
- Letter of Intent for Jointed Patrol
- Thailand-Malaysia-Vietnam-Singapore-Indonesia



End of Presentation

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