Fighting Piracy
F931 Louise-Marie
Operation ATALANTA 2009

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Mission

EUNAVFOR is to protect WFP shipping, other vulnerable shipping, deter and arrest pirates in the Area Of Operations.
The Complexity of Participants
The Complexity of Coordination

 Combined Maritime Forces

Other States

Email
Operational Mindframe

Organizing the Logistical Support

FHQ SA (Djibouti)

Salalah
Port Victoria
Mombasa

EUNAVFOR units
Operational Mindframe

Operational Requirements

- At least 3 warships with embarked helicopter and Vessel Protection Detachment
- A ship fitted as a Staff ship for an embarked Staff.
- A support ship
- 3 Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Aircraft
- FHQ support area (Djibouti)
- Persistent ISTAR
Operational Mindframe

Supporting Requirements

- Strong and clear Command & Control Structure to liaise with the capitals, headquarters, ships, civilian organizations,…
- A legal framework and diplomatic agreements are settled.
- Well thought shore facilities to provide ship’s supplies.
- Sufficient naval and air assets to do the job in Operation Atalanta.
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Executing the Mission: Assets

**Assets to Patrol**

**Warships and Tankers**
Executing the Mission: Assets

Assets to Patrol
Aircraft and Helicopters
Executing the Mission: Assets to Escort Warships
Executing the Mission: Assets

**Assets to get Insight**

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicle**

**ScanEagle®**

A superior autonomous aircraft system that delivers long endurance and exceptional situational awareness in a runway-independent package.

**Ideal For:**
- Surveillance & reconnaissance
- Radar
- Meteorological measurement
- Coastal patrol
- Environmental monitoring
- Mineral exploration
- Law enforcement
- Terrain mapping & surveying
- Search & rescue
- Biological & chemical agent detection
- Science & research
Executing the Mission: Specific Tasks

**Key Leader Engagements**

**KLE players**

- Commander TF 465
- Commanding Officers
- Coast Guard
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Fishery
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Economy

**KLE guidance:**

- Lines to Take
- Country Messages
- After Engagement Report
Executing the Mission: Specific Tasks

United Nations Support Office for...

AMISOM
Executing the Mission: Specific Tasks

World Food Programme
Executing the Mission:  
The Results  
Dec 07 – Nov 09
EXECUTING THE MISSION

CONCLUSIONS

• Use of naval assets, scarcity versus a vast Area of Operations leading Force Commanders to coordinate and to respond to incidents in a flexible way.

• A large variety of maritime tasks requiring swift, flexible and sustainable ships.

• Civil – Military liaison and diplomatic interventions for the sake of ATALANTA.

• A sound Legal Framework allowing appropriate naval actions whilst respecting fundamental rights of suspected pirates.

• Belgian Defense contributes in a credible way to the EU force using F931 Louise-Marie.
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Resolve Intel Gap

- Knowledge of Infra & paraphernalia exists
- Require intel to dismantle the piracy network
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Naval Capacities & shortfalls

- RHIB 2000
- Consolidation Programme M-FF
- Renewal of Cold Water Plants
- Integrated Mast with EO/IR capability
Modus Operandi

• Somali Pirates:
  - Operations shift
  - Knowledge of EU legal framework

• National authorities:
  - Embark national VPD on board F/V
  - Change National legal framework

‘CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE’
Ongoing effort

**ALAKRANA** / 2 Oct 09 / Crew: 30

**KOTA WAJAR** / 15 Oct 09 / Crew: 21

**CHARELLE** / 12 Jun 09 / Crew: 10

**Hijackings**

**WINFAR 161** / 10 Jun 09 / Crew: 30

**ARIANA** / 2 May 09 / Crew: 30
QUESTIONS?

Escort of M/V Mighty Servant I

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