



Fighting Piracy

F931 Louise-Marie

Operation ATALANTA 2009



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Hoofd Operationele Dienst

BNS Louise-Marie (F931)

Outline

1. The Operational Mindframe
2. Executing the Mission
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Operational Mindframe

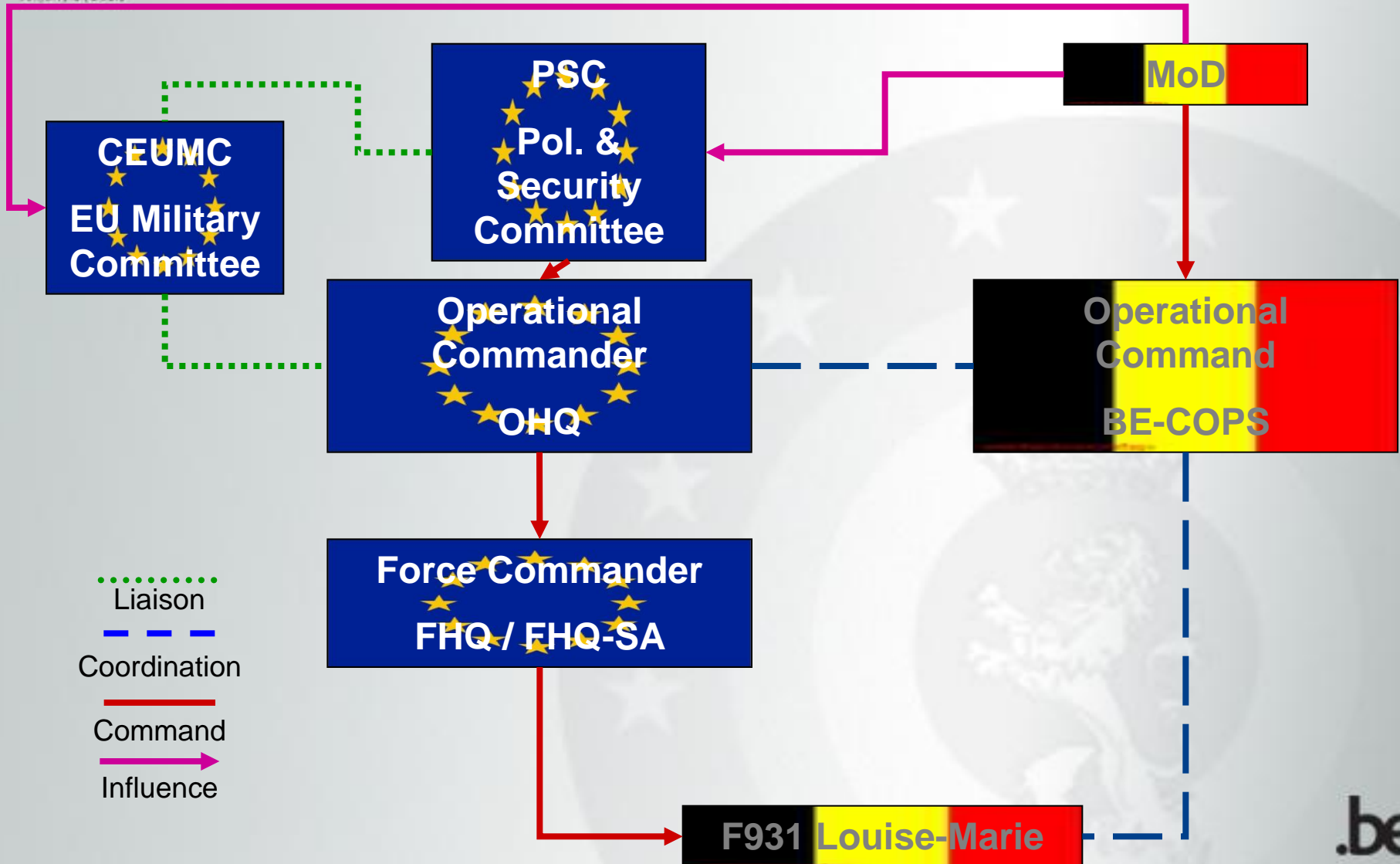
Mission

EUNAVFOR is to protect WFP
shipping, other vulnerable
shipping, deter and arrest
pirates in the Area Of
Operations.

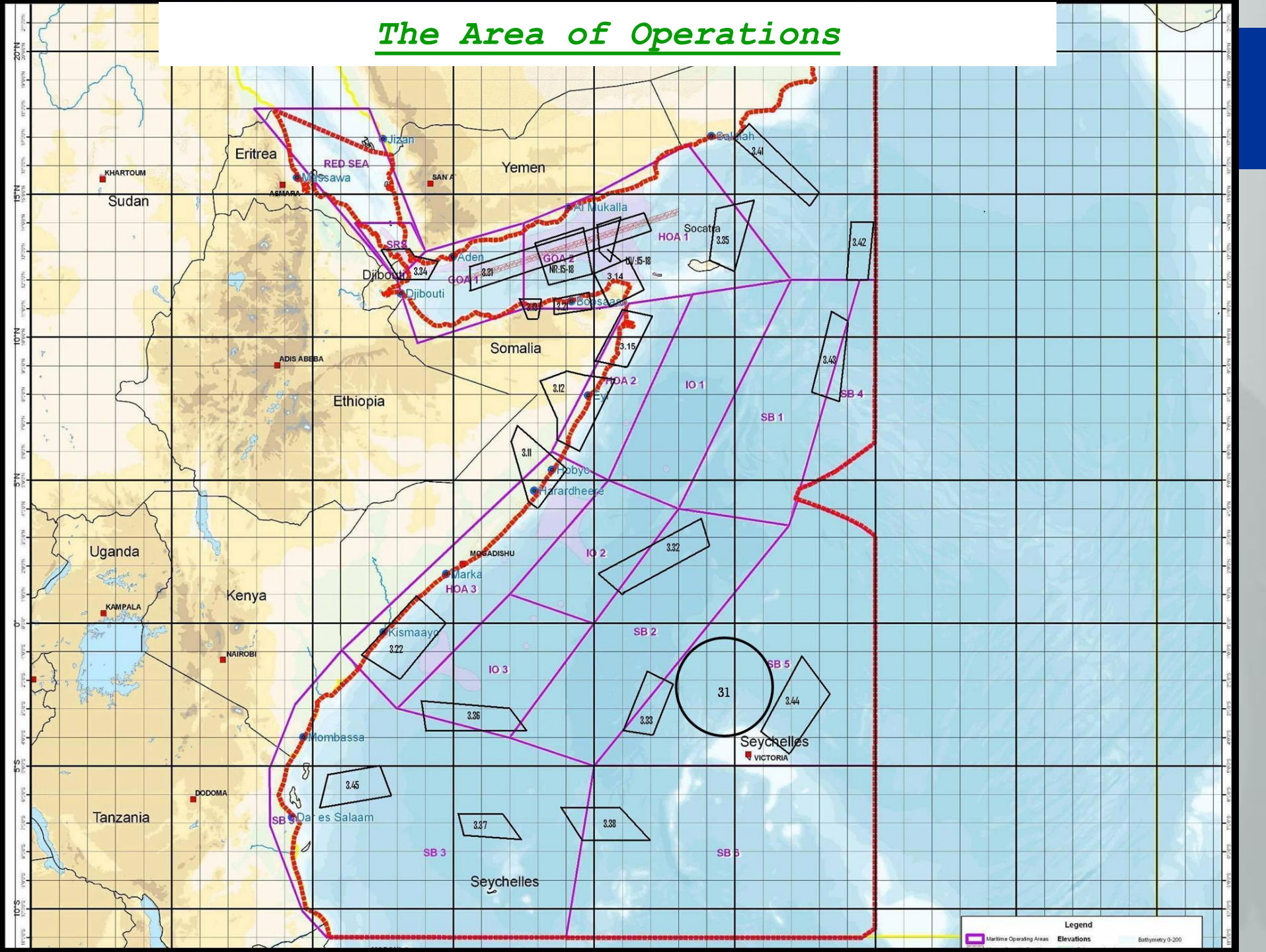


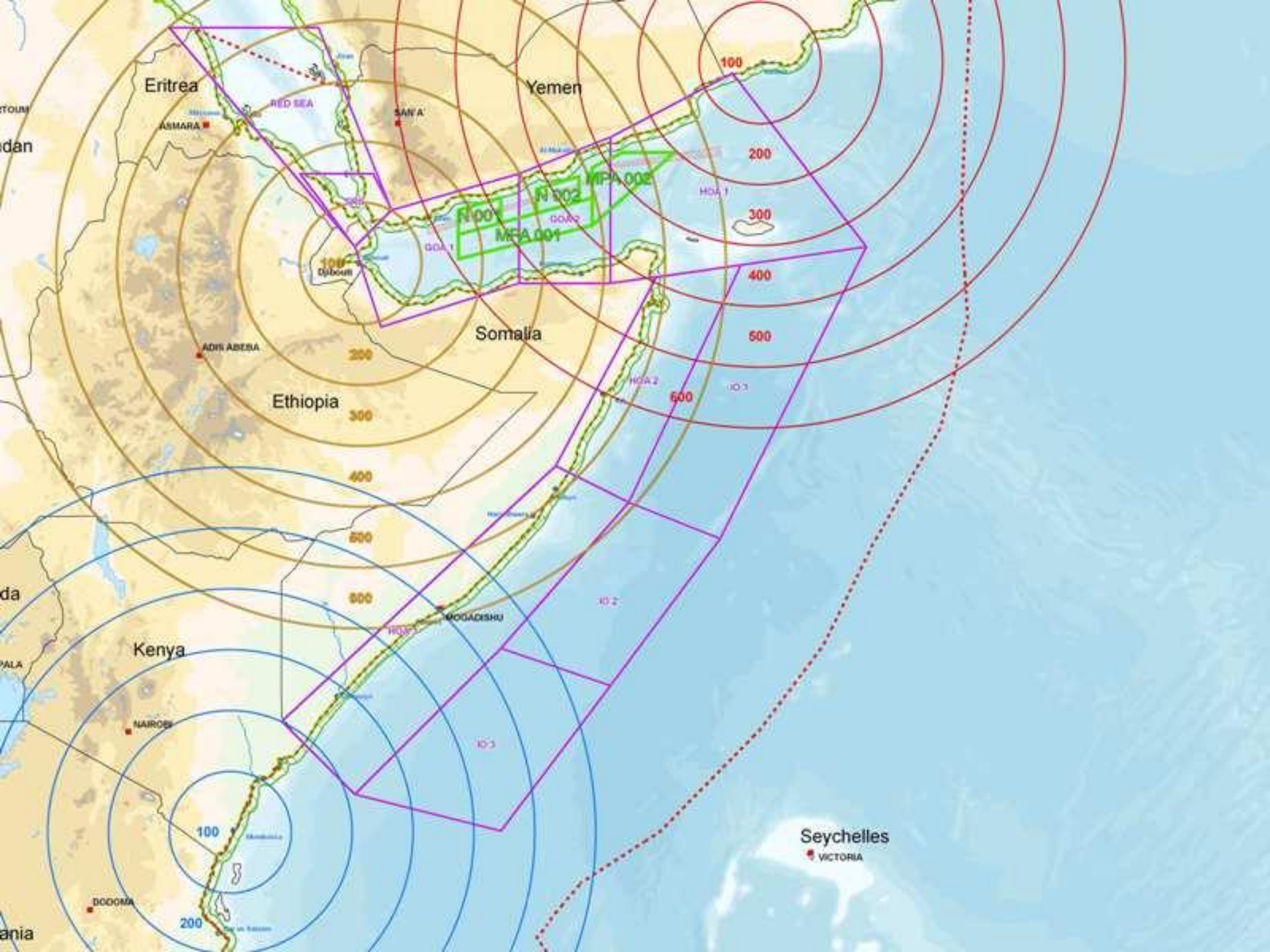
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Command Lines

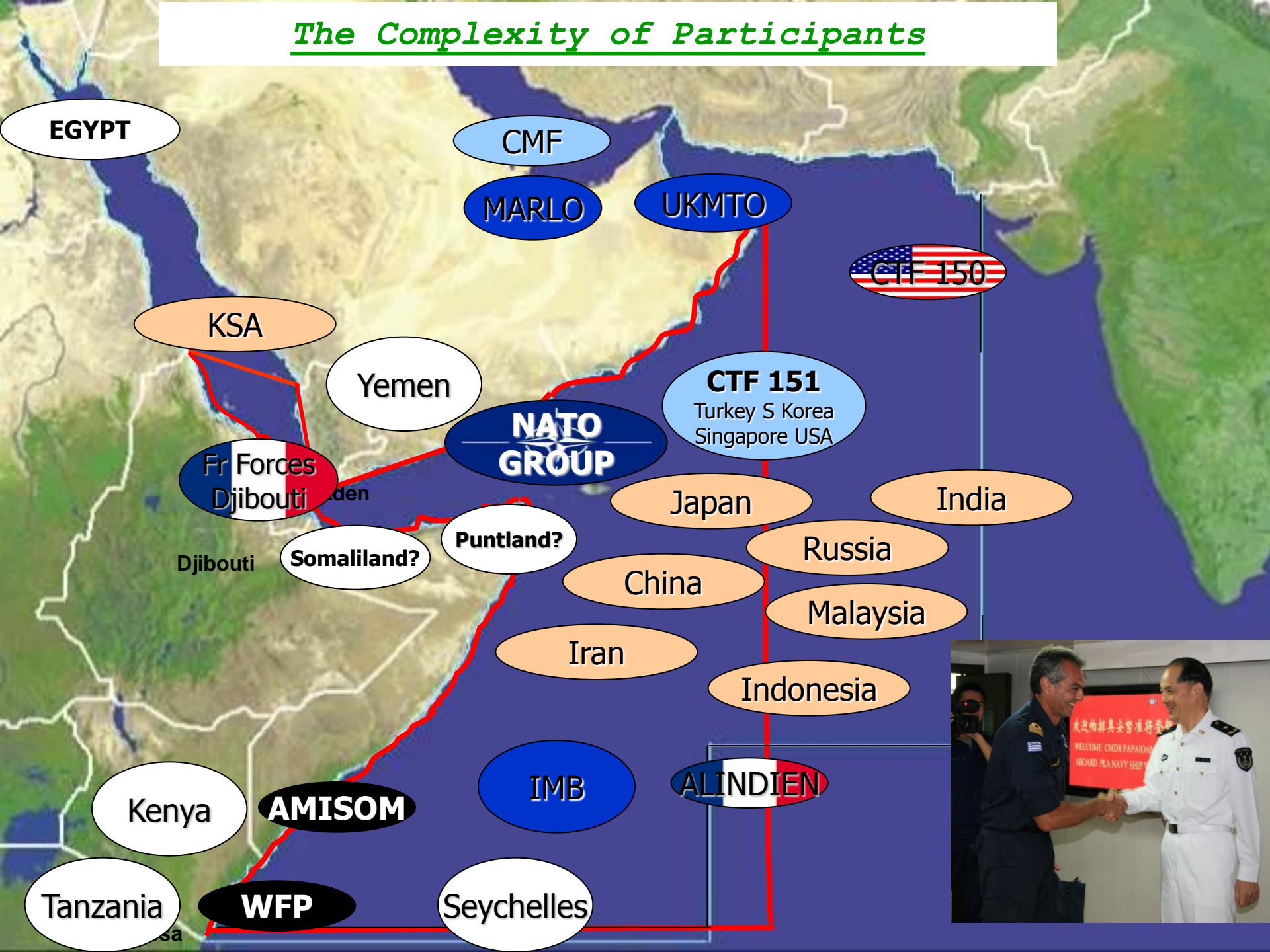


The Area of Operations



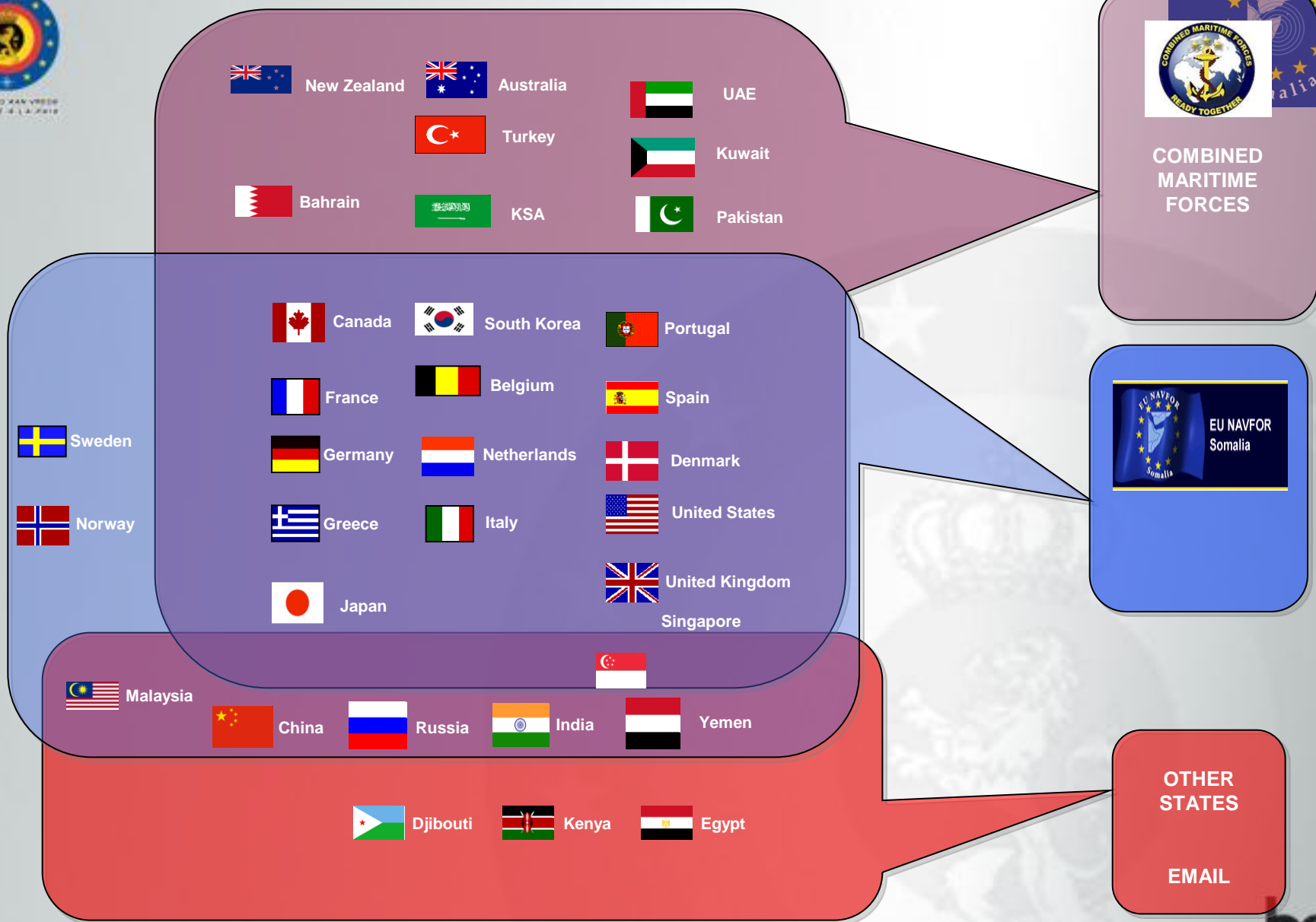


The Complexity of Participants





The Complexity of Coordination



Operational Mindframe

Organizing the Logistical Support



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

Assets to Escort Warships



Executing the Mission : Assets

Assets to get Insight Unmanned Aerial Vehicle



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IDEAL FOR:

- Surveillance & reconnaissance
- Coastal patrol
- Law enforcement
- Search & rescue
- Radar
- Environmental monitoring
- Terrain mapping & surveying
- Biological & chemical agent detection
- Meteorological measurement
- Mineral exploration
- 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...



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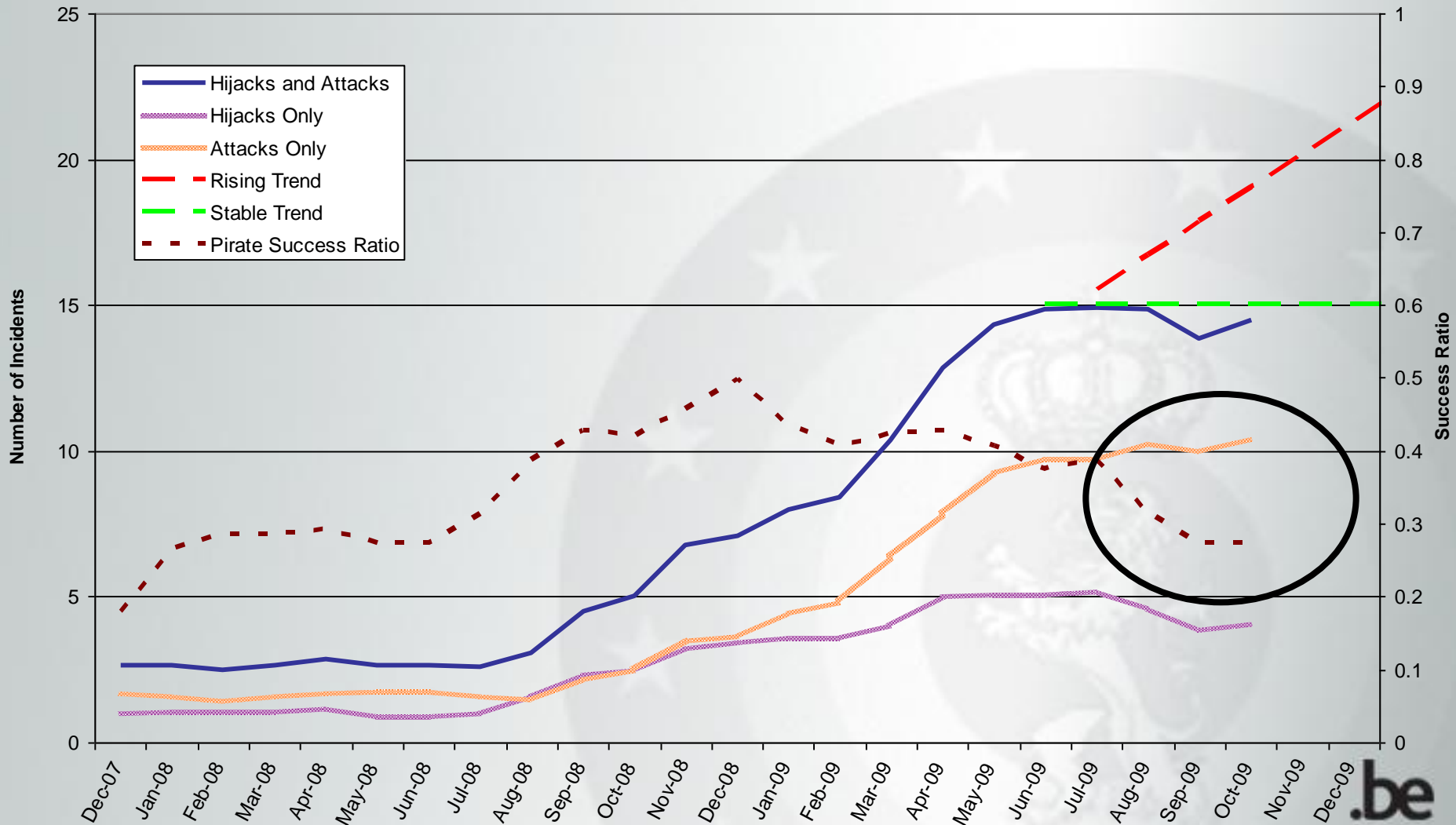
Executing the Mission: Specific Tasks

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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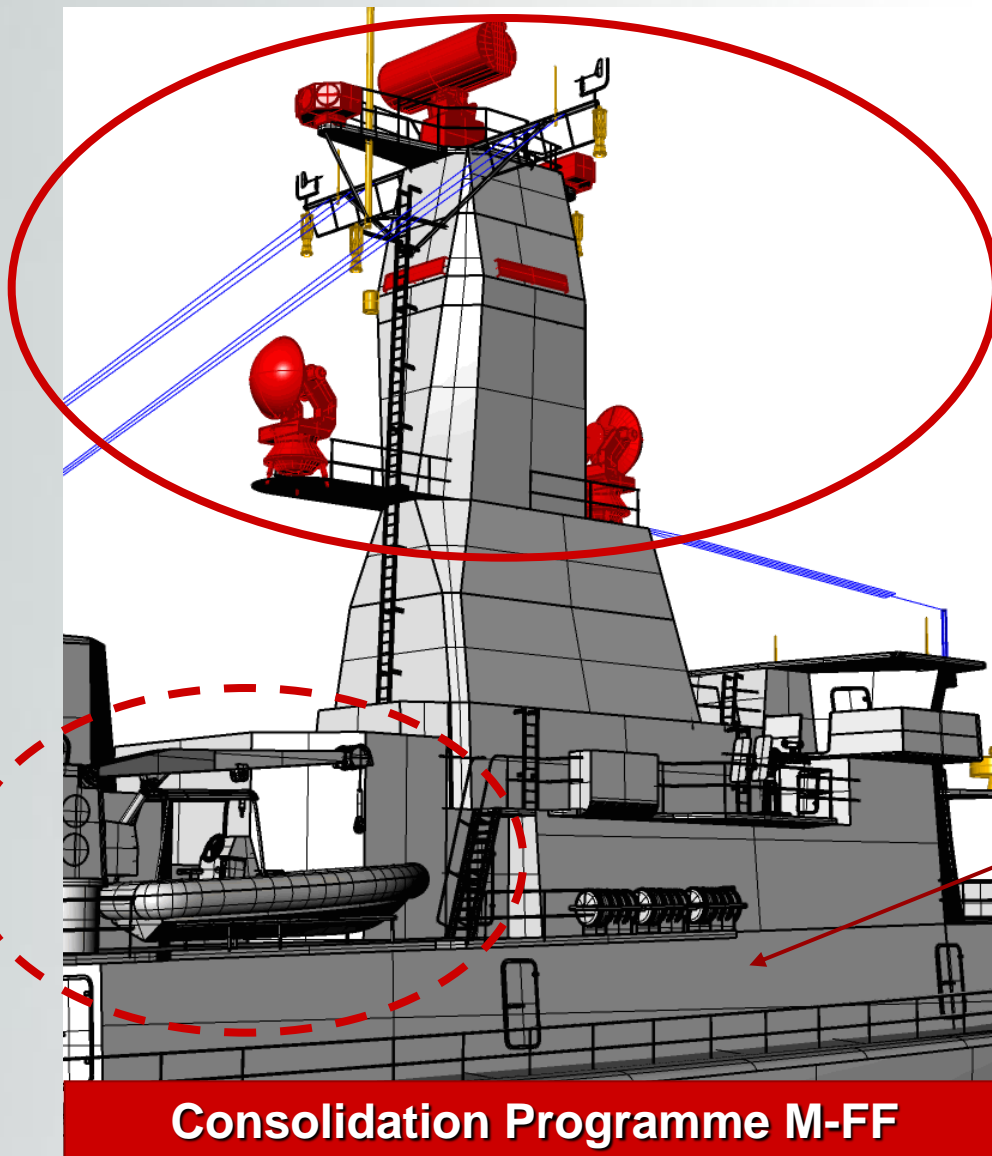


Resolve Intel Gap





Naval Capacities & shortfalls



RHIB 2000

**Integrated Mast
with EO/IR
capability**

**Renewal of Cold
Water Plants**

Consolidation Programme M-FF

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



WINFAR 161 / 10 Jun 09 / Crew: 30



ARIANA / 2 May 09 / Crew: 30

Hijackings



QUESTIONS?



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Escort of M/V Mighty Servant I