Civil-Military Approaches to Building Maritime Domain Awareness Capabilities
Regional Mobile Course
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The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) offers a one-week, custom-designed mobile course on “Building Maritime Domain Awareness Capabilities.” This course was developed and is taught by a cadre of highly experienced career Navy and Coast Guard maritime intelligence professionals. It is available to all FMF, MSI, IMET and CTFP recipient countries. The course can be offered as either a national or regional Mobile Education Team (MET).

The intended audience is mid- to- senior-level military (Navy and Coast Guard), civilian and law enforcement officials from ministries and government organizations with maritime responsibilities such as Defense, Interior, Intelligence, Justice, Fisheries and Foreign Affairs. It is designed to assist those responsible for the development, management, operation and oversight of the collection, fusion, analysis, production and dissemination of time-sensitive, actionable, maritime intelligence for operational forces, decision makers and partner fusion centers. Appropriate ranks for participants would be Lieutenant (O-3) through Rear Admiral (O-8), and their law enforcement/civilian equivalents, depending on the country's maritime organizations.

The course addresses the requirements to acquire the necessary capabilities and capacity to properly monitor a nation's maritime domain, and to detect threats to a nation's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), territorial seas and navigable inland waterways. It addresses all-source analysis and rapid dissemination of actionable intelligence to various commands and interdiction platforms.

Key objectives of this course are:

1. Define ‘Maritime Domain Awareness' and the capacity required for participating nations to detect and monitor threats to their maritime domain.
2. Assist participants understand the evolution of Maritime Domain Awareness, it origins as an outgrowth of naval intelligence, and how it is applied against various transnational maritime threats.
3. Discuss the unique intelligence requirements to combat maritime terrorism, piracy, armed robbery at sea, illegal maritime smuggling and trafficking (arms, drugs and humans), and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
4. Review the background and "best practices" of established MDA centers such as the International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; the Information Fusion Centre in Singapore, the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S) in Florida, and the Maritime Border Force's watch in Canberra, Australia.
5. Examine the capabilities and limitations of the most common MDA tools.
6. Discuss the importance of "all source" intelligence, and analytical tools and techniques.
7. Examine information sharing arrangement among military services, law enforcement agencies, intelligence services and other civilian agencies, emphasizing methods to build trust.
The CCMR maritime security program tailors each course to the specific needs of the selected national or regional audience. The mobile course is typically 4.5 days in length, consisting of eighteen (18), 90-minute blocks of instruction, discussion, case studies, and classroom exercises. This course is not a “training” tradecraft course. However, CCMR instructors can assist the Embassy Office for Defense Cooperation and international partners find credible maritime domain awareness training providers.

Translation

This course is taught in English. When necessary, and with prior coordination, this course can be delivered with simultaneous interpretation.