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Scoping maritime crime, risks and responses in the Western Indian Ocean and the South Atlantic

Maritime crime in the South Atlantic. Responses from Brazil.

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Summary



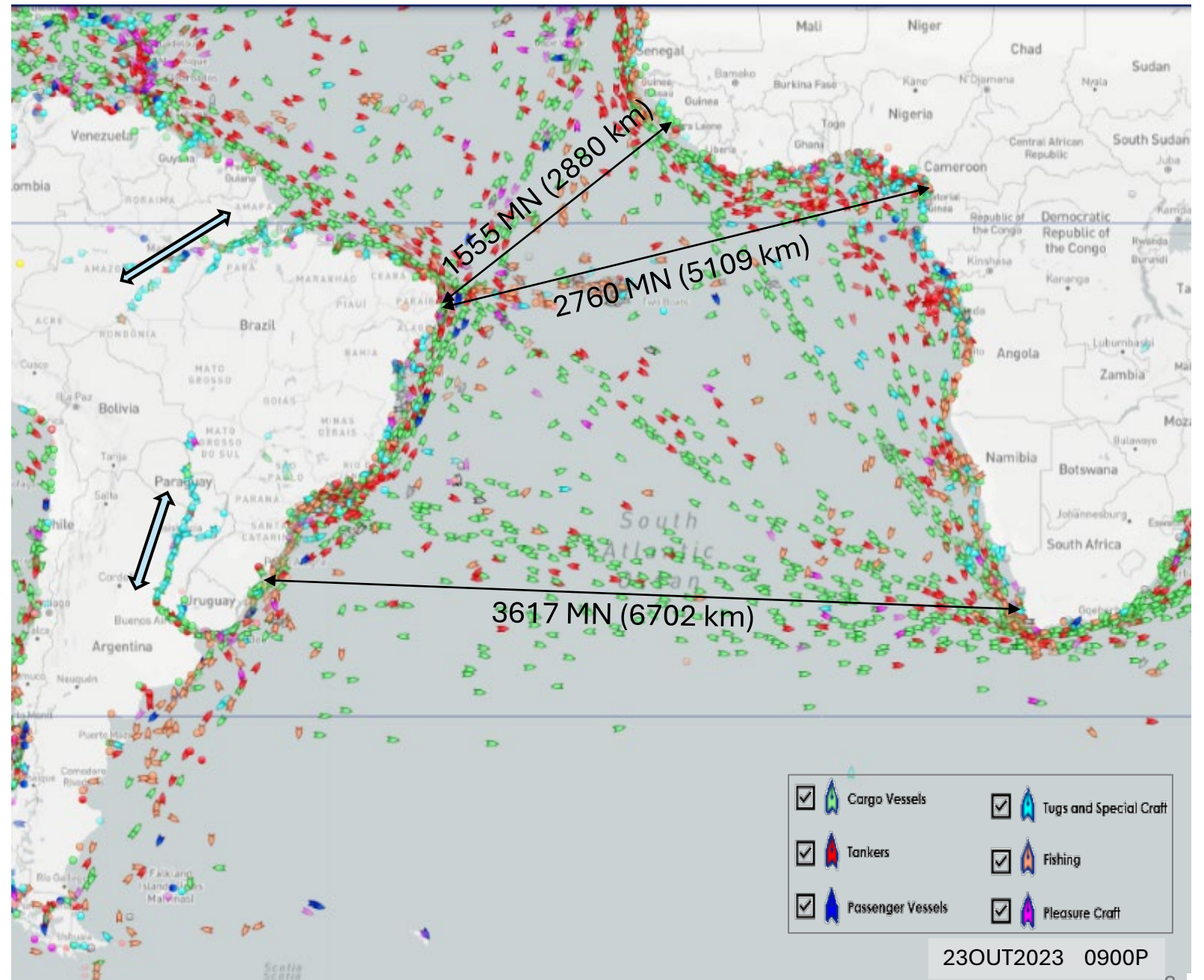
South Atlantic: a living ocean...

Strategic maritime lines of communication

Demography and growing demands for resources

Economics Activity
GDP of the Sea

Concerns:
sustainable use;
threats (old and new)



Areas of interest



Ref. Navy Strategic Plan

Strategic area of interest: 55 million km²

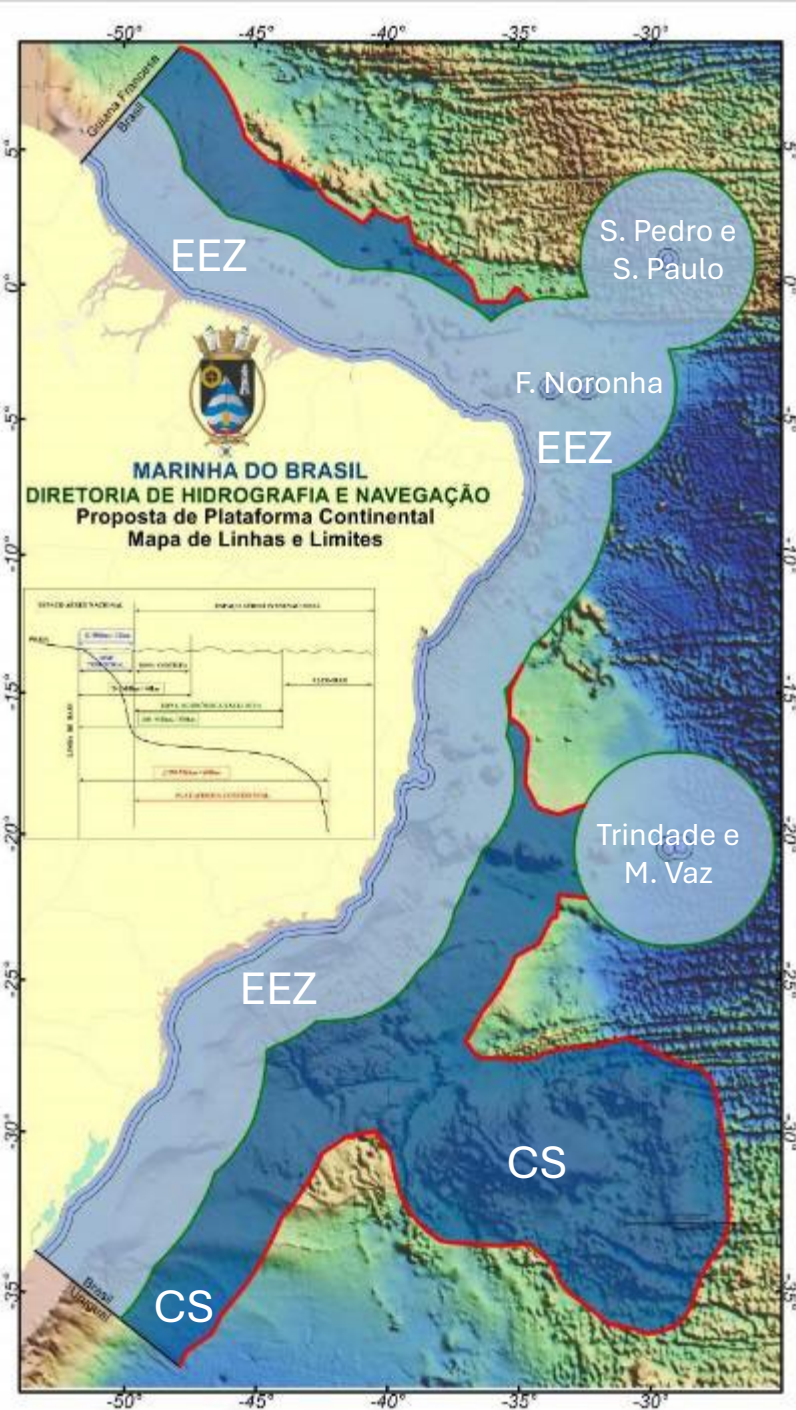
SAR Area: 14.5 million km²

AJB Area: 5.7 millions km²

Waterways: 60 mil km

SAR – *Search and rescue*

AJB – *Brazilian jurisdictional waters*



The Blue Amazon®



The region includes:

- sea surface;
- water column over the seabed;
- seabed and subsoil; and
- continental shelf extension soil and subsoil.



The region has:

- biodiversity and geodiversity, incalculable natural resources, such as the green Amazon; and
- sovereignty and exploration / exploitation rights.

Total AJB Area \Rightarrow 5.7 million km²

EEZ – Economic Exclusive Zone
CS – Continental Shelf Extension

Ref. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Security challenges: threats and risks, old and new...

Threats

- Classical, and trafficking (drugs, weapons, people), piracy, armed robbery, transshipments, IUU fishing, pollution, terrorism...
“Blue crimes.”

Risks

- Sovereignty, coastal communities, maritime infrastructure (platforms, underwater pipelines and cables), ports, ships, maritime transport and seaborne trade, critical SLOCs, environment, ocean health, climate change effects...



Illicit Activities



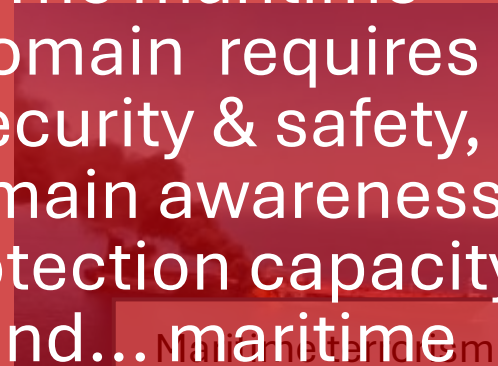
Trafficking in persons
Illegal immigration



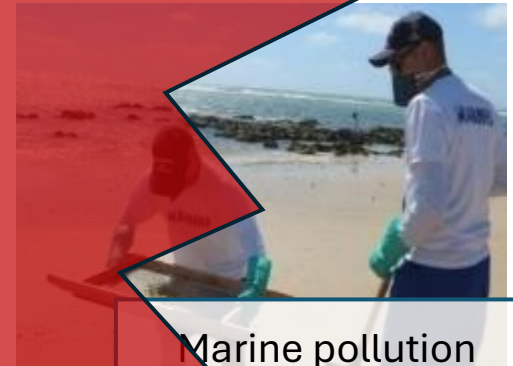
Armed robbery /
Piracy



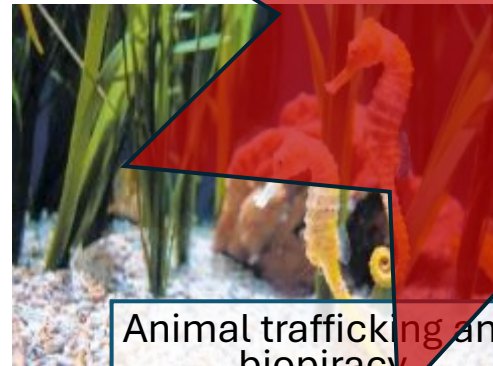
Illegal fishing (IUU)



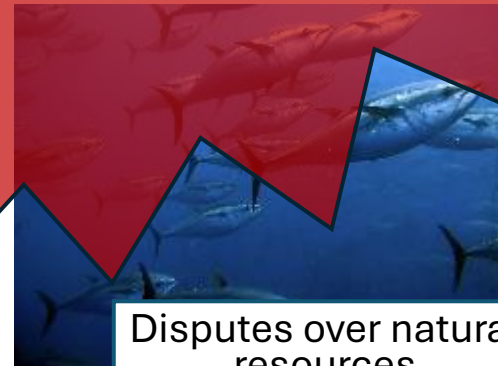
Maritime terrorism



Marine pollution



Animal trafficking and
biopiracy



Disputes over natural
resources



Climate change

The maritime domain requires security & safety, domain awareness, protection capacity and... maritime mentality!

Facing threats and risks at sea



Brazilian Navy Commander

Commander of the
Navy

National Maritime
Authority

Security

Safety

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Organisational innovation

Creation of the “Blue Amazon[®]
Maritime Operations and
Protection Command” - COMPAAz

Enhancing interagency
collaboration.



Responses

Naval Policy and Strategy

“The search for an environment of cooperation with friendly navies and security agencies of neighbouring countries bordering the South Atlantic is the strategic posture to be adopted.”

Responses

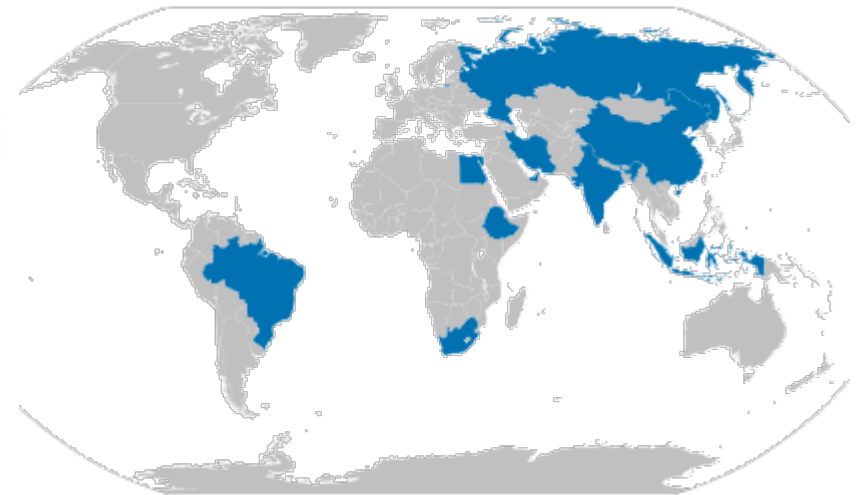
Diplomacy – Environment of cooperation



South Atlantic Zone of Peace and Cooperation (ZOPACAS)



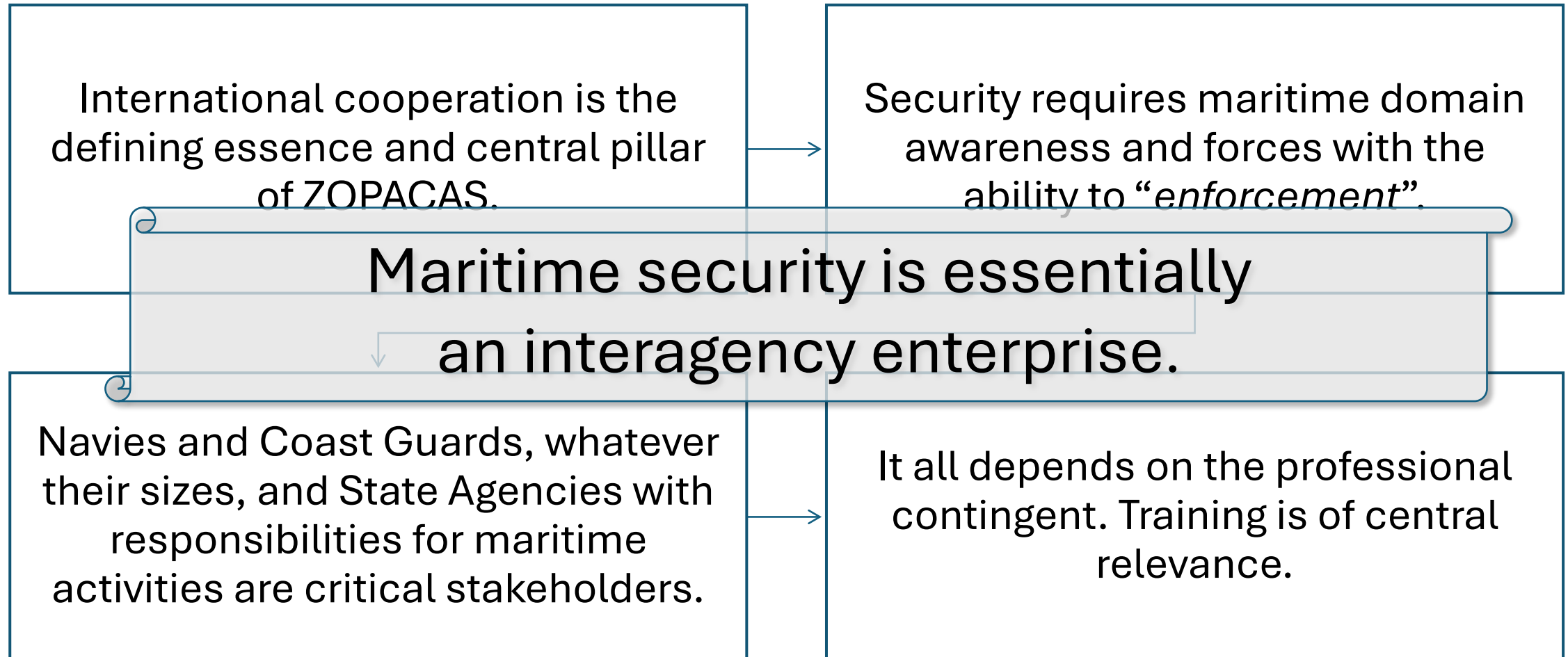
Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries – CPLP



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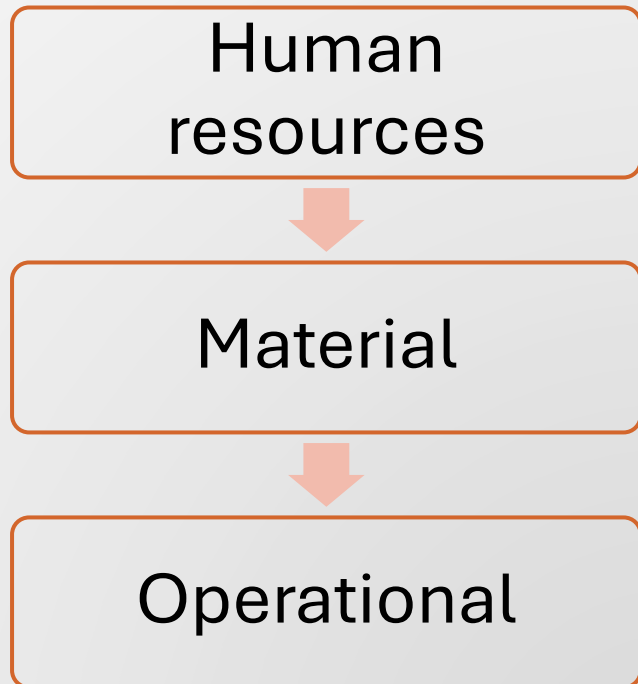
Responses

Cooperation in Capacity Building



Responses

International Collaboration in Training



Human resources	Material	Operational
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training courses• Exchanges• Training• Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Means• Science and technology• Research and development (R&D)• Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctrine and protocols• Interoperability• Training• Exercises

Responses

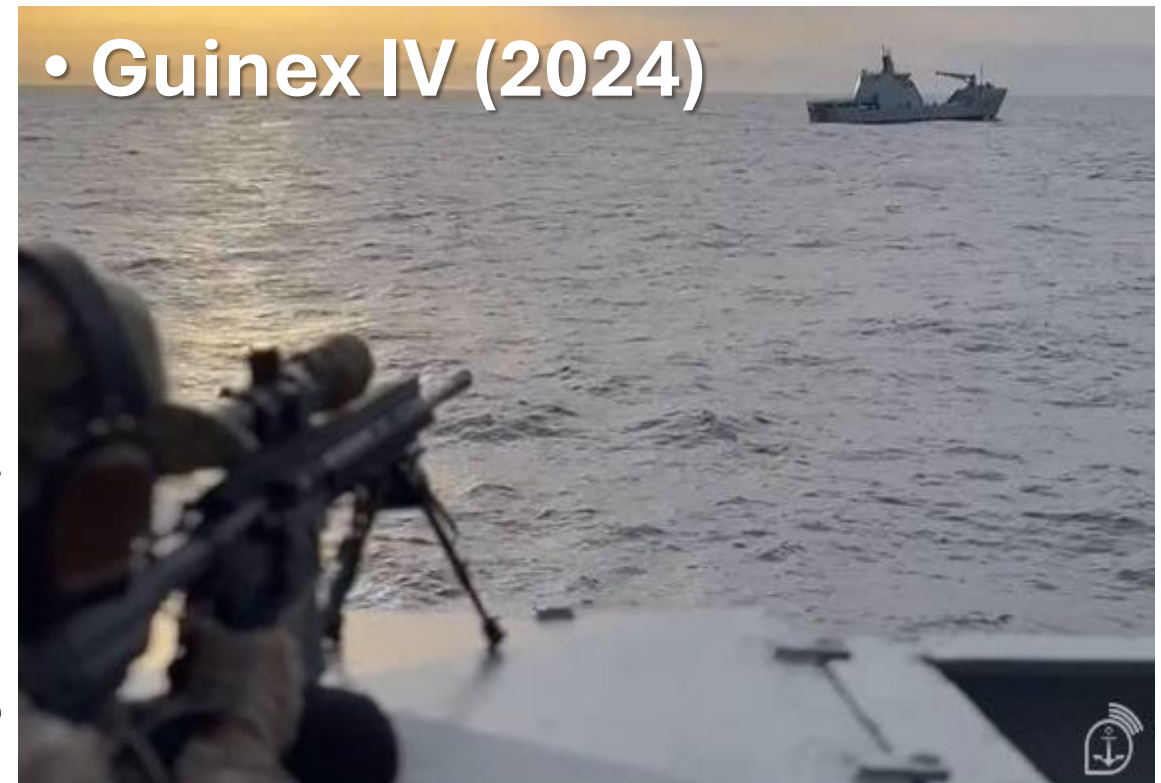
Capacity building cooperation: operations and exercises

Multinational exercises in the GoG with friendly nations.



Images: Brazilian Navy

The Brazilian Ambassador to Togo and the Commander of the Togolese Navy observed operational exercises onboard the Frigate “Liberal”.



NPaOc (OPV) "Apa" service members participate in joint actions with other countries: interoperability practice.

Responses

Capacity building cooperation: operations and exercises

Other multinational exercises with friendly nations, focusing maritime security & safety in the GoG.

- Obangame Express



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- Gran African Nemo



Limitations and challenges of Brazilian responses

Federal Police as a Maritime Police

- Port inspection and counter-drug trafficking operations are not the functions of the Brazilian Navy.
- Federal Police has a permanent presence in only 6 of 60 ports.
- Investigative profile, without the capacity for overt action - centralized operations of significant seizure and dismantling of cartel's networks.

Limitations and challenges of Brazilian responses

Saturation of Brazilian ports

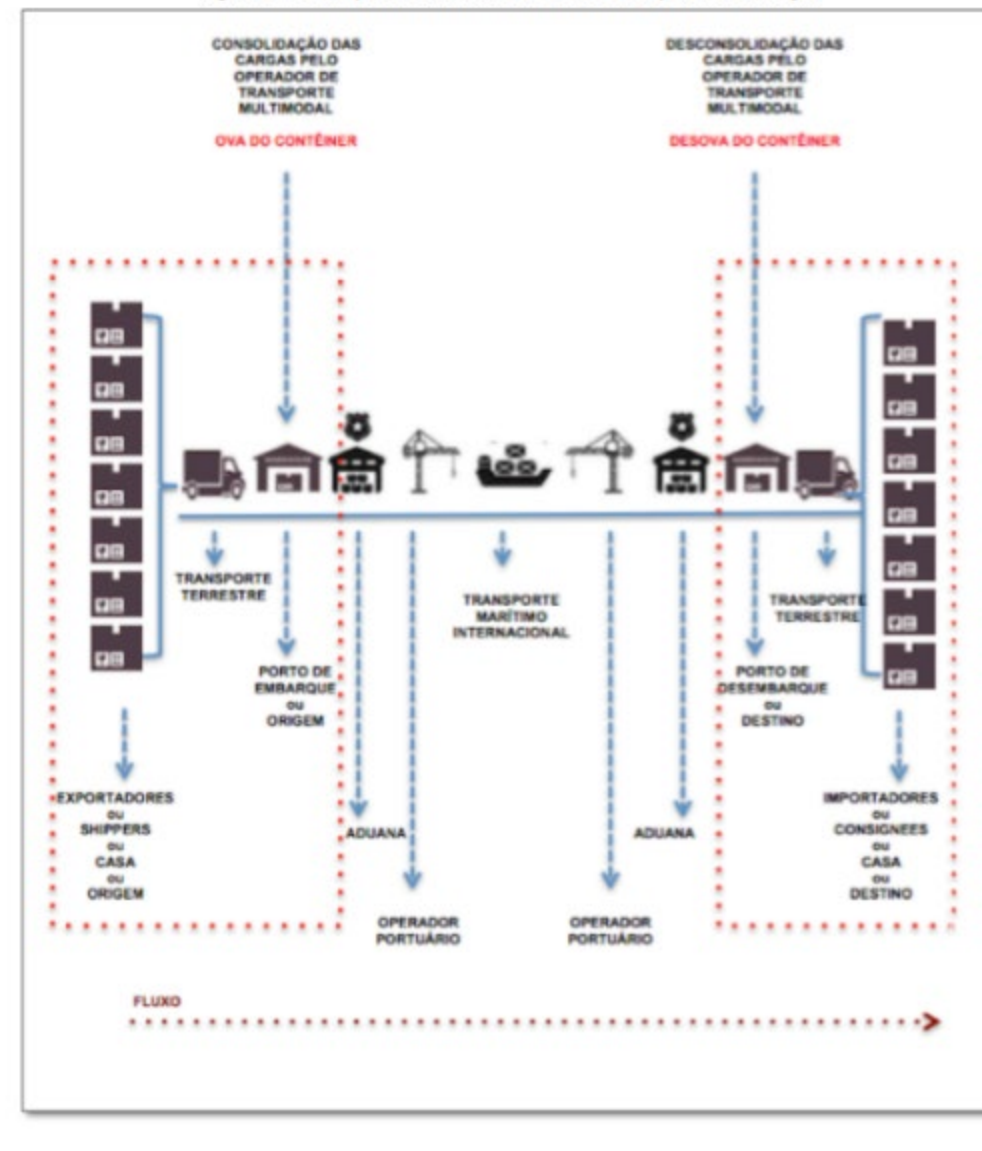
- Substantive sensitivity to detailed inspection
- *Inspection should focus the supply chain before the ports' areas: upon the operator of multimodal transportation*

The five biggest Brazilian ports



Estimated values of goods that passed through the five largest Brazilian ports (in US\$) during 2023.

Source: Port of Santos Annual Report.



Limitations and challenges of Brazilian responses

Lack of a whole-of-government approach

- Brazil's central involvement in maritime crimes is as an exporter of illicit products and services.
- There is only an interministerial border protection working group with limited interagency action and maritime scope.
- International coordination is sectoral and ad hoc.



Thank you!

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