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Capacity Building in Maritime Security: The role of NMIOTC

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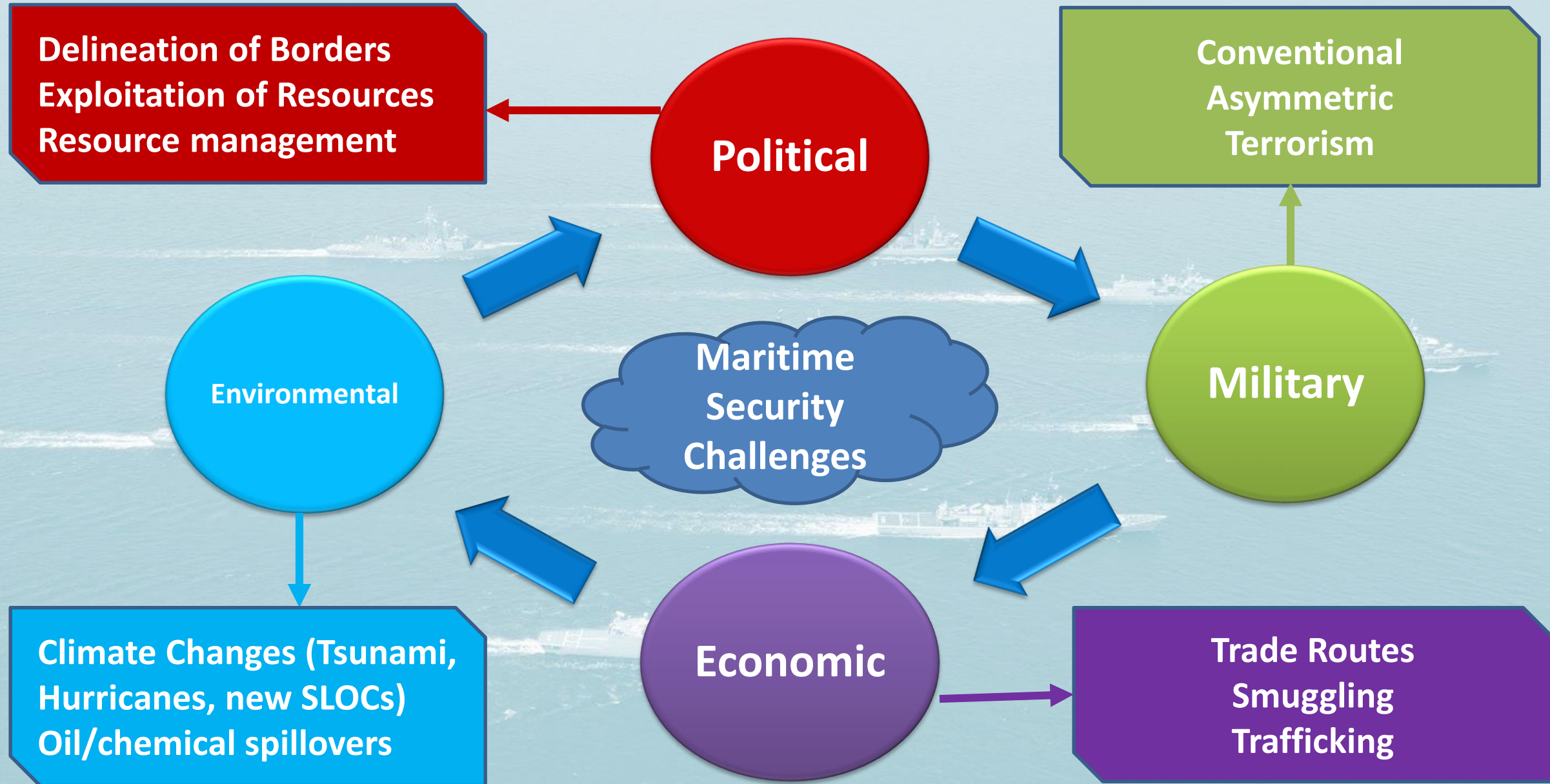
NATO 2022 Strategic Concept

(Madrid, June 2022)

- Deterrence and collective defence
- Crisis management
- **Cooperative security: Outreach through partnerships, dialogue and cooperation**



Maritime Security Challenges



- Maritime Situational Awareness (MSA)
- Interdiction Capabilities
- Legal Frameworks
- Technological Advancements
- International Cooperation



- **NATO Education and Training Facilities - NETFs**
- **NATO accredited Centers of Excellence - CoEs**
- **Partnership Training and Education Centres - PTECs**



- Within NATO Command Structure subordinated to SACT
 - Joint Warfare Center – JWC at Stavanger, Norway
 - Joint Force Training Center – JFTC, at Bydgoszcz, Poland
 - Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Center – JALLC at Lisboa, Portugal
- Coordination with SACT
 - NATO Communications and Information Academy – NCIA, at Oeiras, Portugal
 - Defence College – NDC, at Rome, Italy
 - NATO School – NSO, at Oberammergau, Germany
 - NATO Special Operations University – NSOU, at Chièvres, Belgium
 - **NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Center - NMIOTC, at Souda Bay**



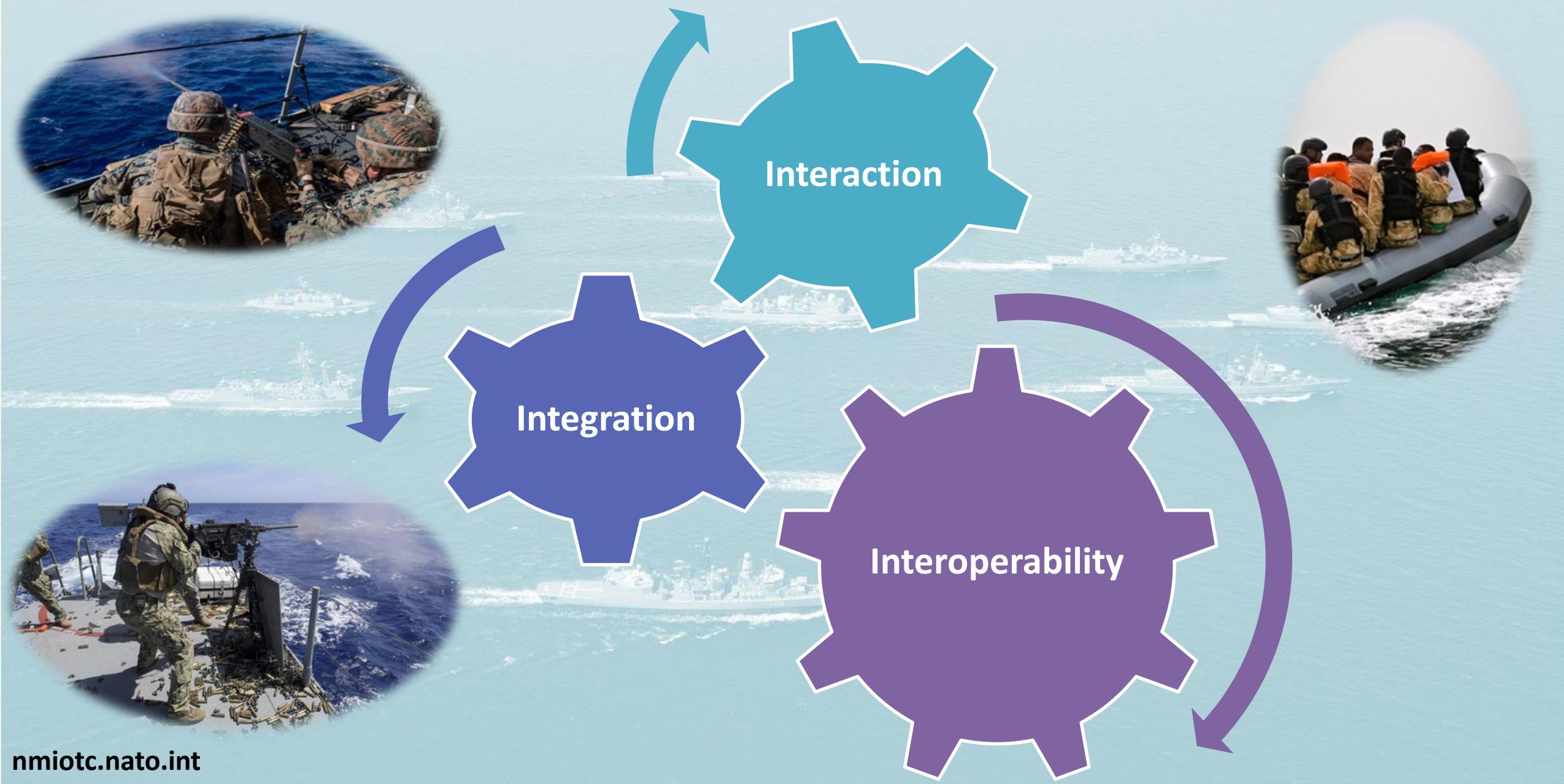
NATO accredited Centers of Excellence – CoEs



- 34 Training Centers
 - 19 Centers in 14 NATO m-s
 - 15 Centers in 13 Partner Countries





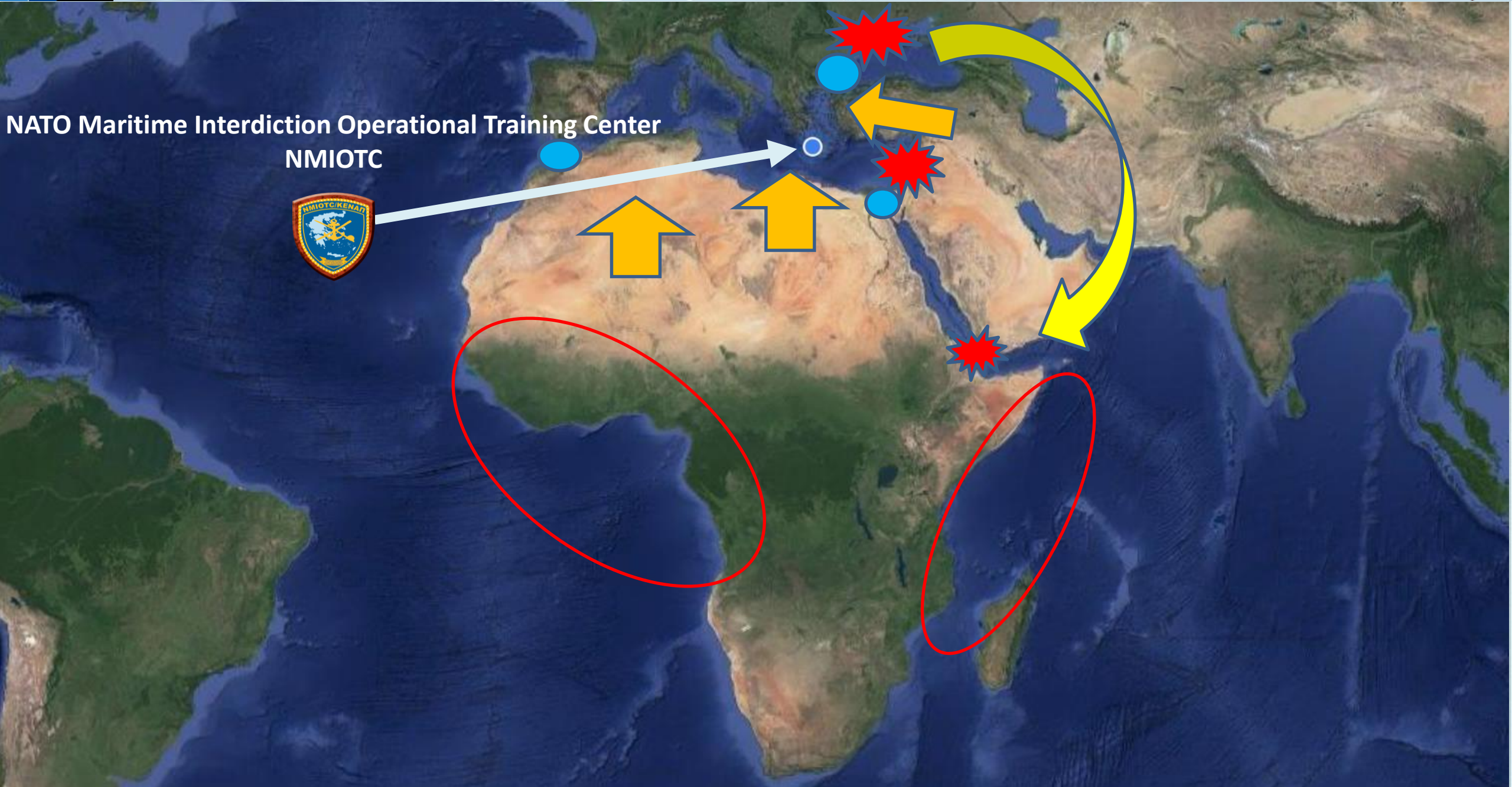
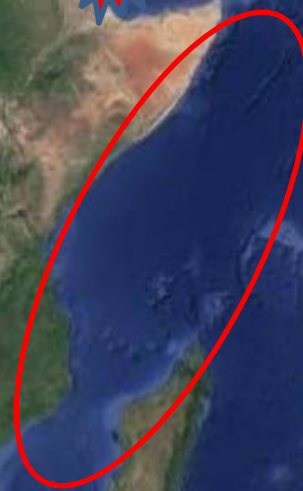


NMIOTC: 2008 – 2024: 16 years of Excellence!



- **Inauguration: 14 October 2008**
- **2nd QA Unconditional Accreditation: 31 May 19**
(in preparation for the 3rd QA review in April 2025)
- **Funded by Greece (Framework Nation)**

NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Center
NMIOTC



- *Combined Theoretical and Practical Training Provider in support of Maritime Interdiction Operations*

- *NATO & Partners*

- *Surface / Subsurface / Aerial Surveillance – Special OPS*

- *Experimentation – Modeling & Simulation*

- *Lessons Learned Process*

- *Development of MIO Tactical Doctrine – Directives & manuals*

- *NATO Defence Capacity Building Initiatives*





19000
Cyber Security Aspects
in Maritime Operations

21000
Medical Combat Care
in Maritime Ops

26000
Tactical Emergency Care
For first responders
in Maritime Ops

27000
Unstable Platform
Sniper Course
NMIOTC, ISTC

Adaptation

Energy Security

32000
MIO in Maritime Oil
and Gas Assets

10000
MIO in Support of Counter Illicit
Trafficking at Sea

Legal

9000
Legal Issues in MIO

11000
Vessel Protection
Detachments

NATO Maritime Ops
Law Seminar
NMIOTC, NSO,
CSW, NWC

Operational Training

1000
Command Team
MIO Issues

2000
Boarding Team
MIO Theoretical

3000
Boarding Team
MIO Practical

4000
Final Tactical
Exercise

5000
Maritime
Operational
Terminology

6000
WMD
in MIO

7000
MIO in Support
of Counter
Piracy Ops

8000
C-IED
Considerations
in MFP

Emerging Security Challenges

12000
MIO in C-IED (AtN)
Maritime
Environment

16000
Maritime Aspects
of Joint Ops

13000
MIO in Support of Intl
Efforts to Counter
Human Trafficking
Activities at Sea

17000
Train the Trainers
Technical
Instruction

14000
Maritime IED
Disposal

18000
Maritime Biometrics
Collection and
Tactical Forensic
Site Exploitation

15000
MIO in Support of Intl
Efforts to Counter
Human Trafficking
Activities at Sea

Gender Perspective
in Maritime
Ops

Projecting Stability

20000
Managing Perilous
Security Incidents
on Coastal Critical Sites

25000
Drafting, Production
And Maintenance
NATO Standards

24000
Building Up Interoperable
Capabilities in support
of MIO

31000
Harbor Protection and
its relation to MIO

33000
Counter Terrorism
at Sea with MIO

Countering Hybrid Threats

22000
Managing
Insecurities
in the Maritime
Environment

23000
WIT Supplement
In the Maritime
Environment

28000
Radiological search
in maritime
environment

29000
Detection
and identification
of WMD in
Maritime Interdiction

30000
NATO Intelligence
Analyst in a Complex
Environment

What: Education and Training

26 Resident
Courses

Modular 'Tailored'
Training

Individuals,
Teams and
Groups



NMIOTC Facilities

Naval Units,
Teams and
Groups



NMIOTC Facility and Abroad
via Mobile Education and Training Teams
(METTs)

External Contributors:

NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT)
NATO MARitime COMmmand (MARCOM)
INTERPOL
EUROPOL
Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)
US National Security Agency (NSA)
FRONTEX
FBI
US National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC)
US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)
Hellenic Police
Hellenic Coast Guard
National Prosecutors
Private Sector (specialized contractors)
Academic Sector (lecturers)
Industry & Shipping (lecturers)

NMIOTC Sea Trainers

EDUCATION
&
TRAINING

In House Expertise:

MIO
Counter Piracy
Maritime Security
CBRN
Gender
Legal Issues
Intelligence
C-IED

Where: Indoor Facilities

4 Classrooms



200 Seat Auditorium



Training Simulator



Where: Outdoor Facilities

Training Tower



Container Stack



Coastal Urban Training Area



Training Platform (TP) *Aris*



Primary Training Platform

TP *Lykoudis*



Secondary Training Platform

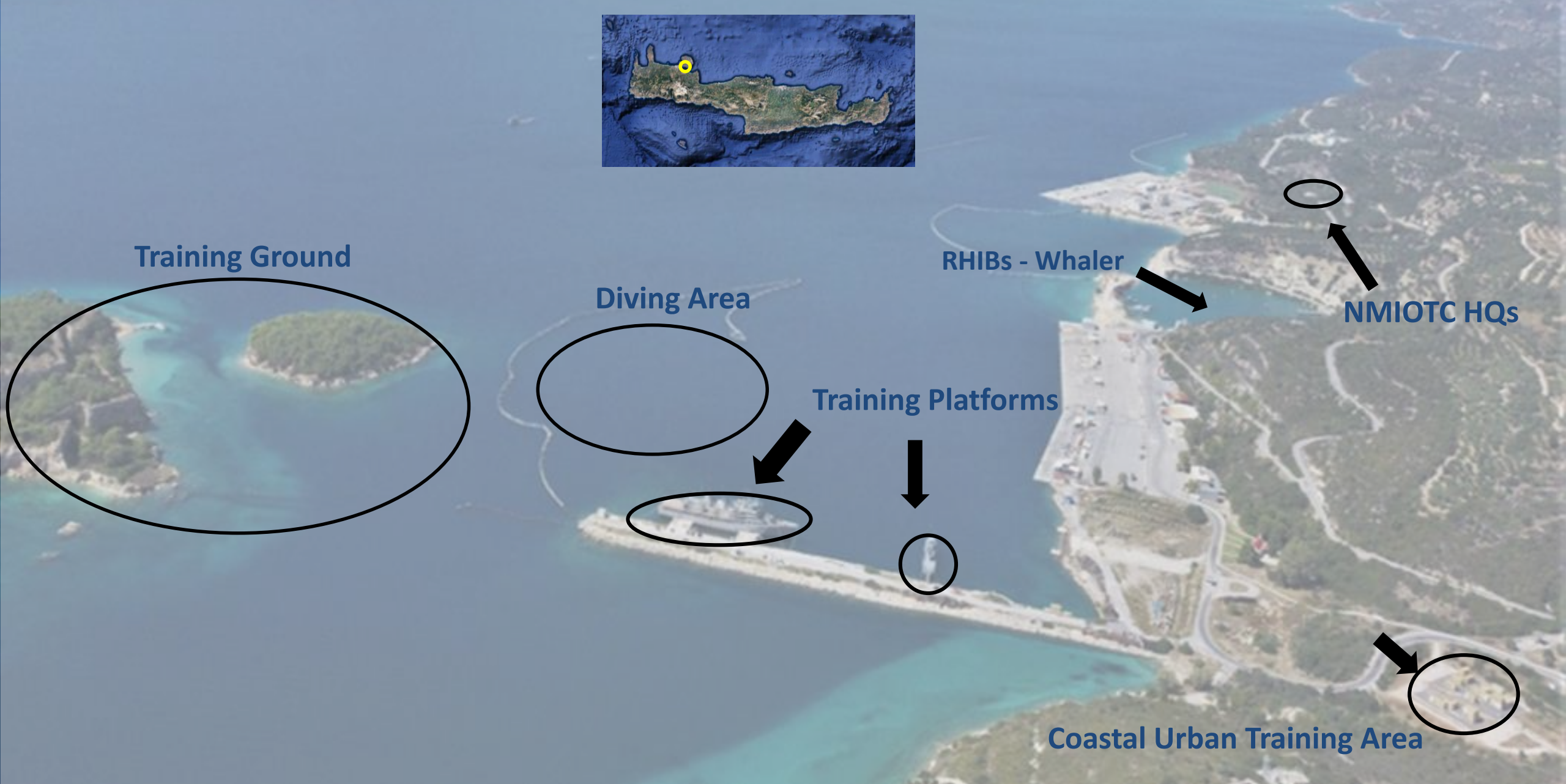
3 RHIBs



1 Whaler



Bird's eye view: Ideal Littoral Training Environment



With whom: Synergies and Cooperation

18 signed MOUs & Cooperation Agreements – 2 Drafts (2024)

Academia

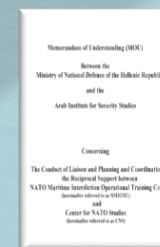
- World Maritime University / IMO
- Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) USA
- Plymouth University
- University of the Aegean
- Hellenic Naval Academy
- Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy of Bulgaria
- National & Kapodestrian University of Athens
- Panteion University of Athens
- Technological University of Crete
- Stellenbosch University South Africa
- University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki
- European Security & Defence College / ESDC
- Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP)
- **American University in the Emirates (AUE)**
- **Queen Mary University Medical Dept, Malta**

Research Institutes

- George C. Marshall Centre
- Greek Atomic Energy Research Centre
- Arab Institute for Security Studies
- Centro Studi Internazionali (Ce.SI)

Industry / IOs

- NAEMT Training Centre
- Maria Tsakos Foundation (Shipping Ind)
- US SOCOM (NAVSCIATTS)
- DELOITTE
- Hellenic Telecommunications Organization



- ✓ In the framework of Joint NATO – EU Declarations:
 - NMIOTC Joined the network of ESDC as Acceding Associated Network Partner (ANP) - Course:
‘Implementation of Cybersecurity Technical Controls’
 - EU Officials participate in various events
- ✓ Maritime co-discipline Leader “Military Role in Maritime Security”
- ✓ Pre-deployment training to the units in CSDP Operations





“Risks and Challenges in a Dynamic Maritime Domain: Strategy Adaptations, Technology Innovations and the Operational Landscape of the Future”



Trainees and Attendees by Numbers / Years



107 Countries and more than 29,000 Trainees

The map displays the global distribution of 107 countries and more than 29,000 trainees. The countries are color-coded and grouped into four categories, each represented by a different color on the map and in the lists:

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The lists of countries are as follows:

Category	Countries
107 Countries (32 NATO Members)	Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan
13 Pfp	Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Moldova, Russia*, Serbia, Switzerland
4 ICI	Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan*, Australia, Colombia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Angola, Benin
7 MD	Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, China, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Honduras
7 PatG	Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, India, Iran, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar
44 Other countries	Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uruguay, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Seychelles

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Contribution to NATO Defence Capability Building Initiatives

- Jordan (Maritime Border Security)
- Mauritania (Maritime Interdiction Operations, Search and Rescue, Maritime Surveillance)
- Georgia (Maritime Security Initiative)
- Tunisia (Maritime Border Security)



NMIO TC has supported NATO HQ, SHAPE and MARCOM with:

- **Resident courses**



Reserved seats

- **Tailored training**



NMIO TC premises

**At Partner Nation's home bases,
with METT**



MAURITANIA

NMIOTC identified as training authority in support to Mauritanian Navy, Coast Guard and Gendarmerie to enhance their capability in planning and conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations and related topics



Training Plan 2023-2025

for MRT Navy, Coast Guard and Gendarmerie

- a. 3 days seminar MIO – MSA (Nouakchott, Sep 2023): 20 attendees
- b. 7 days training in MIO - MSA (Nouakchott, Dec 2023): 15 trainees
- c. 19 days tailored training package (NMIOTC, Oct 2024): 20 trainees
- d. 7 days training in MIO - MSA (Nouakchott, Dec 2024): 25 trainees
- e. 16 days train the trainers (T3) package (NMIOTC, Q2/2025): 15 trainees

JORDAN

Organization of a Workshop in Aqaba focused on border security under the counter-terrorism perspective (11-16 May). The successful activity involved different national international organizations and provided an initial gap analysis for JAF





GEORGIA

Under the auspices of the Hellenic Armed Forces, NMIOTC is fully committed to the Standing NATO Georgia Package, and initiative aimed to improve Georgian capabilities up to NATO standards and to integrate this key partner nation in NATO.



African countries in NMIOTC

1254 trainees from **35** Countries

ALGERIA	123
ANGOLA	2
BENIN	2
BURUNDI	1
CAMEROON	2
CAPE VERDE	3
COMOROS	24
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	6
DJIBOUTI	29
EGYPT	271
ETHIOPIA	3
GABON	2
GHANA	26
GUINEA – BISSAU	2
KENYA	62
LIBERIA	3
LIBYA	37
MADAGASCAR	30

- IMO DCoC
- NATO Partnership Directorate (ie Med Dialogue)
- EU Training (Libyan Coast Guard)



MAURITANIA	27
MAURITIUS	23
MOROCCO	256
MOZAMBIQUE	14
NIGERIA	6
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	3
RWANDA	1
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE	2
SENEGAL	12
SEYCHELLES	23
SIERRA LEONE	1
SOMALIA	18
SOUTH AFRICA	51
SUDAN	11
TANZANIA	28
TUNISIA	149
ZIMBABWE	1



Training Sessions

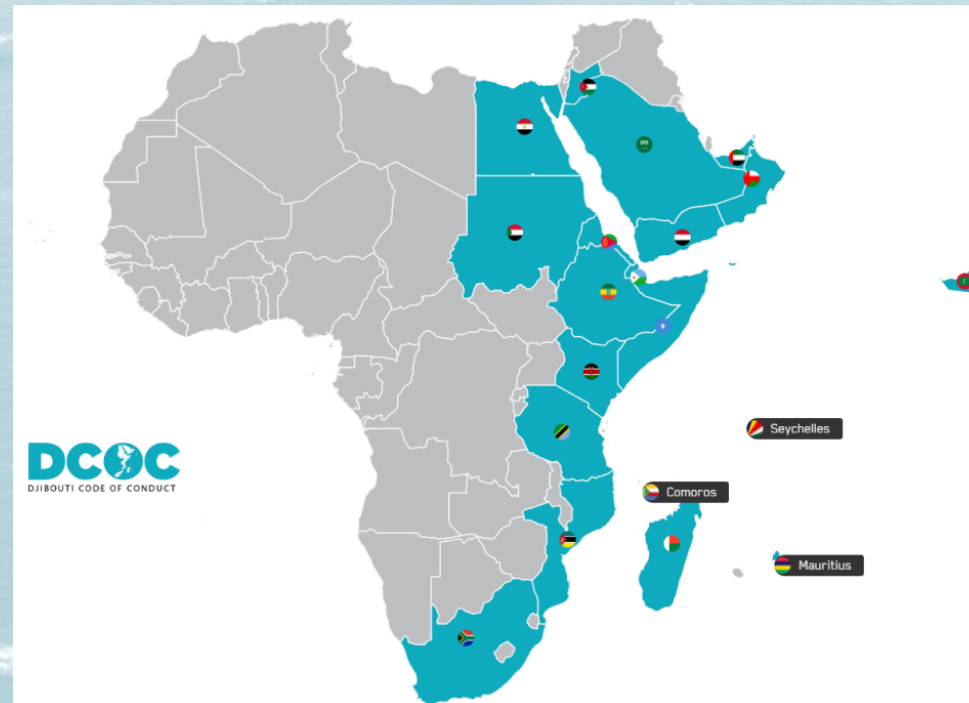
3 sessions in 2012

4 sessions in 2013

5 sessions in 2014

5 sessions for 2015

2 sessions for 2016



Countries	Pax
COMOROS	21
DJIBOUTI	19
EGYPT	3
ETHIOPIA	1
JORDAN	10
KENYA	43
MADAGASCAR	28
MALDIVES	14
SOMALIA	9
SOUTH AFRICA	11
SUDAN	11
TANZANIA	25
UAE	1
YEMEN	20





Keynote Speakers **(confirmed):**

- **Michail Bletsas**, Director of Computing, MIT Media Lab, Director at the Hellenic National Cybersecurity Authority (NCSA)
- **Despina Spanou**, Head of the Cabinet of European Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas
- **Maja Markovčić Kostelac**, Executive Director – European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)
- **Mart Noorma**, Director of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCD CoE)

Important entities with speakers and distinguished representatives **(confirmed):**

- Groupe Navale
- Leonardo
- MSC Cruises
- France Cyber Maritime Center
- Nordic Maritime Cyber Resilience Centre (NORMA Cyber), Norway
- George Mason University, USA
- Naval Post Graduate School, USA
- **Stellenbosch University, South Africa**
- European Union Security Defence College (ESDC)



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“We have land and country, as long as we have ships sailing”

Themistocles 480 BC, Battle of Salamis



[Video](#)