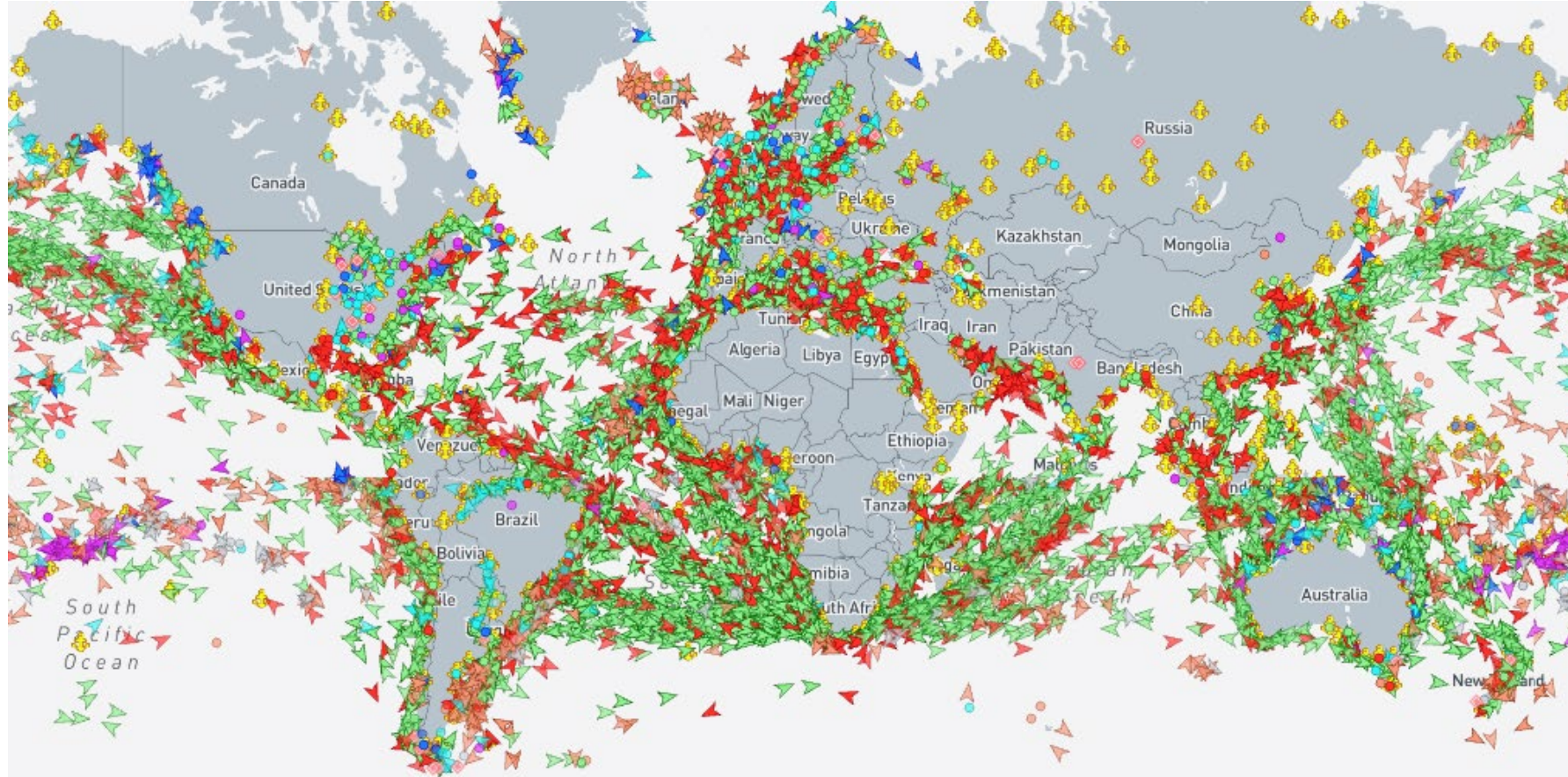


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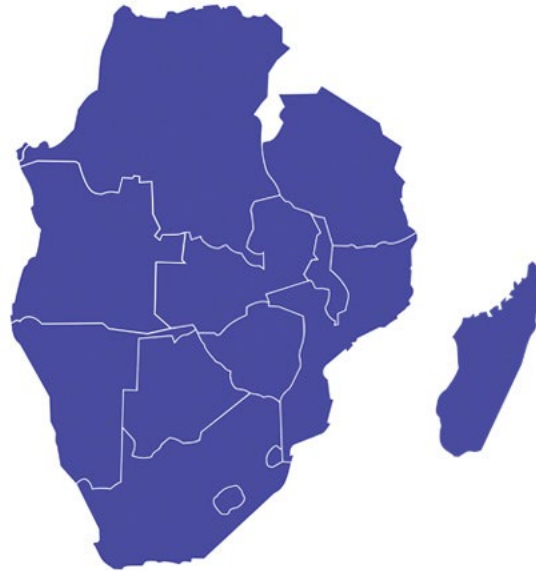
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AGENDA

- Southern Africa in the global context
- Illicit trade activity around Southern Africa
- Impacts
- Regional Responses
- Challenges
- Lessons from further afield



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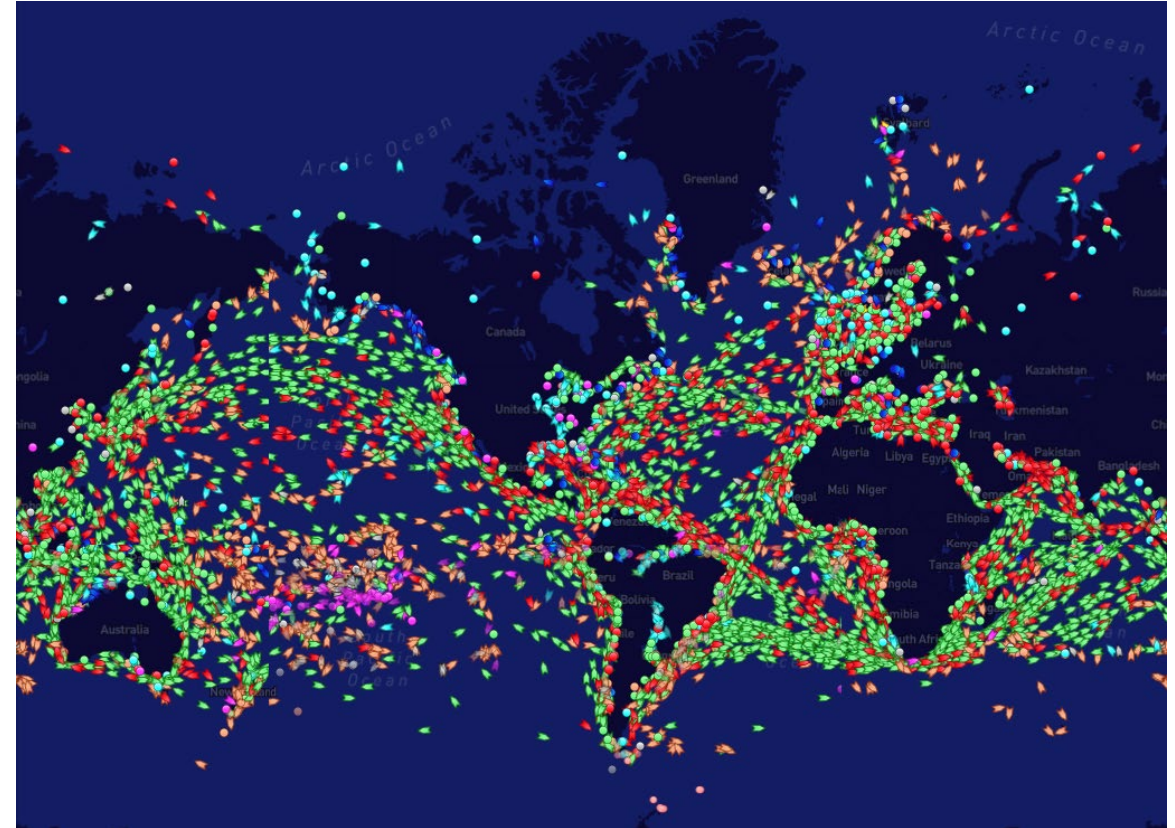


SADC Trade Routes. Source: 2023 Namport Annual Report

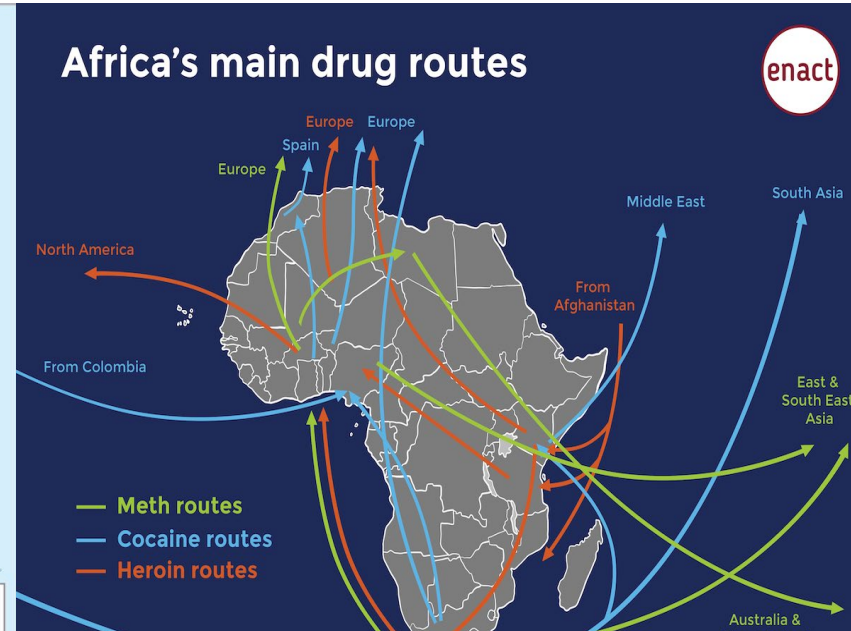
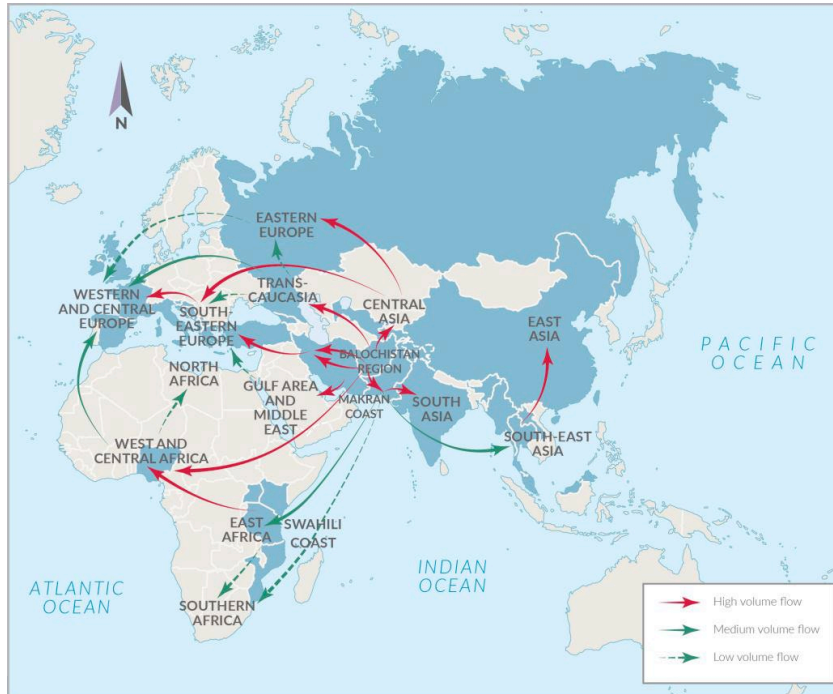
ILLEGAL TRADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



- Intersection of global & local factors
- Geography
- Biodiversity
- Vast coastlines & EEZs
- Region of source, demand and transit



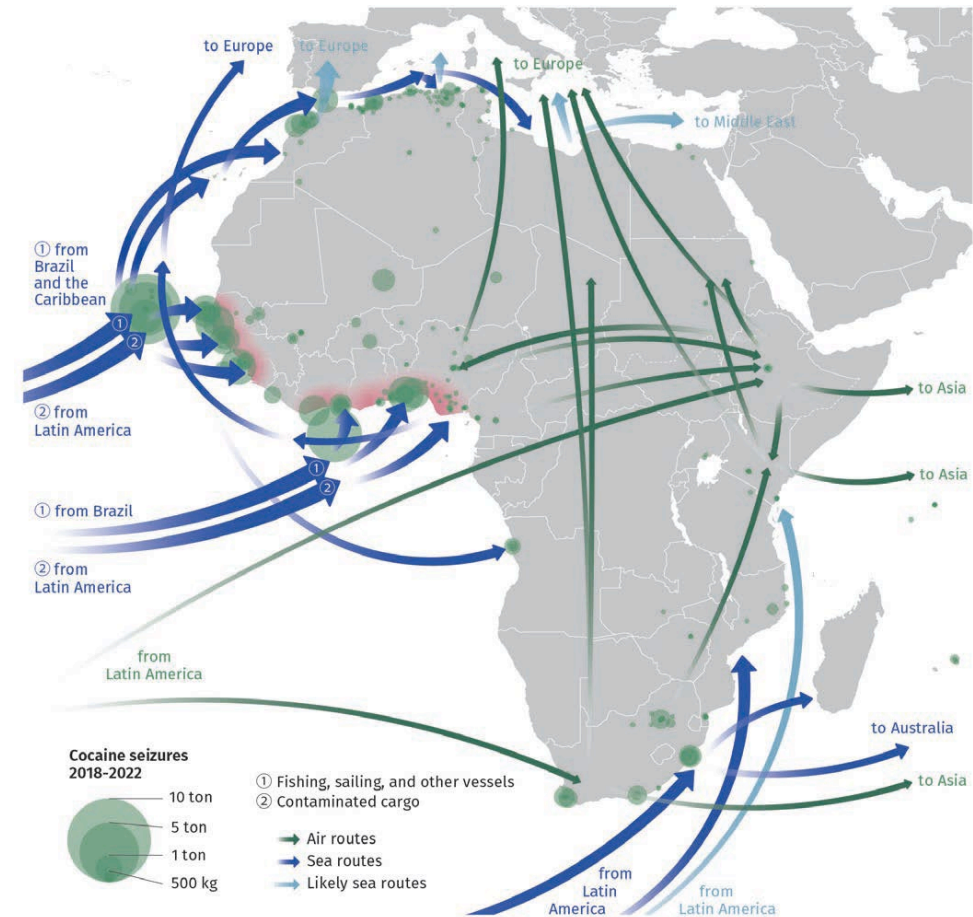
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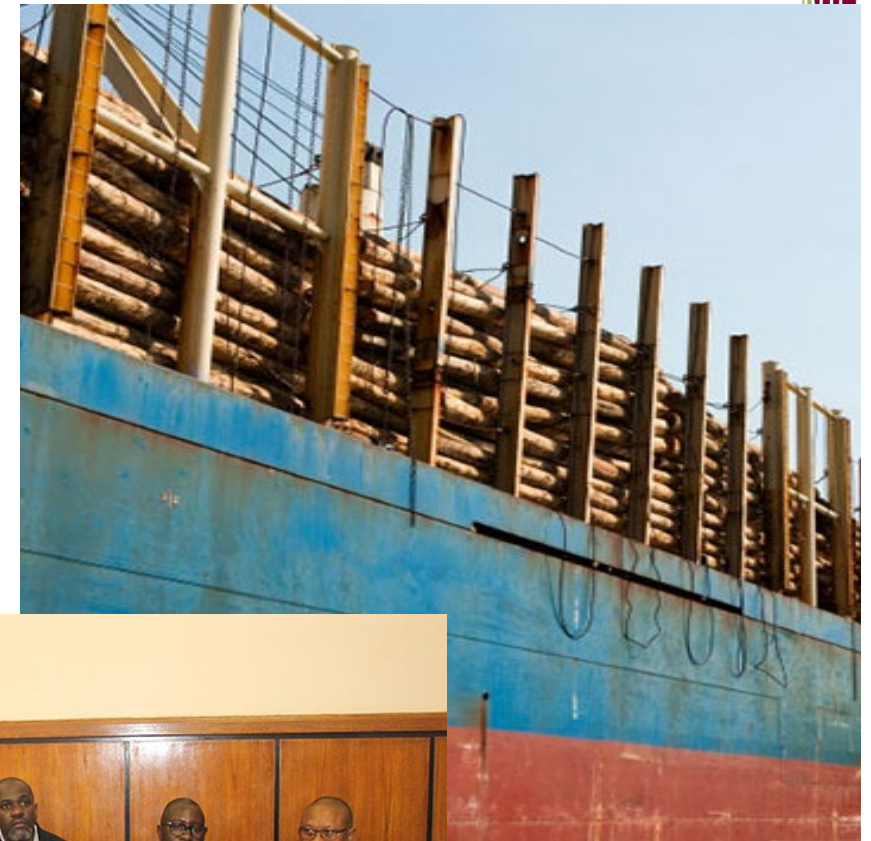


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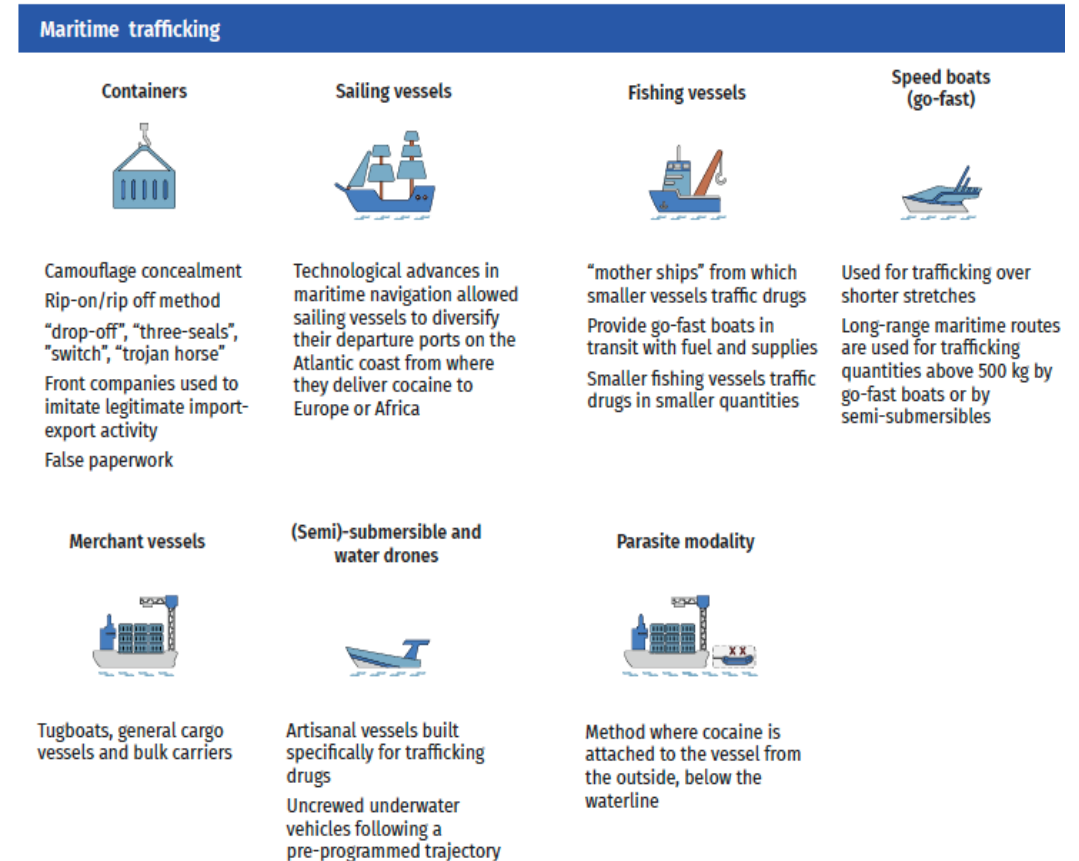


Piracy map: 29 August 2024



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- Variety of vessels
- Obscured by legal trade
- Concealment methods
- Evading jurisdiction & LE
 - at sea – i.e. transshipment
 - small, unofficial harbours
 - document fraud
 - hiding beneficial ownership
 - Flag registry
 - Corruption



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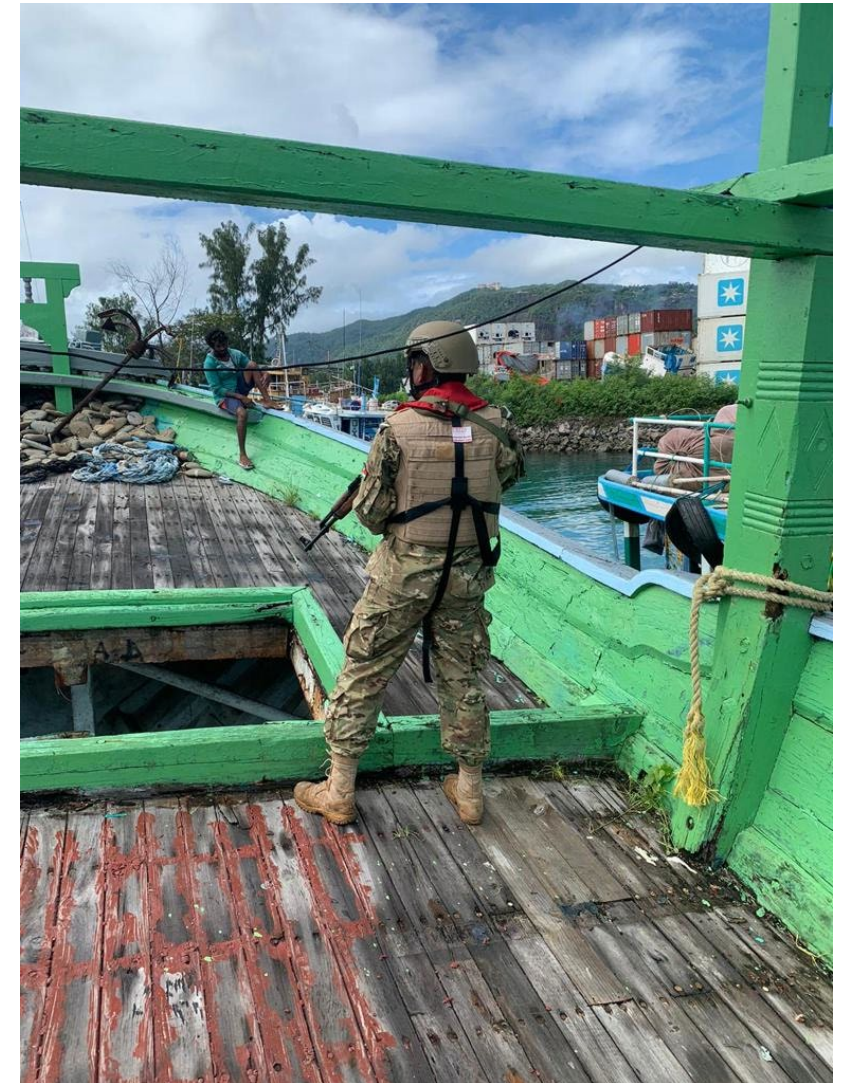
IMPACTS

- Transnational
- Decline in biodiversity on land & at sea
- Loss of livelihoods - coastal communities
- Legal trade
- Loss of revenue
- Development
- Convergence of crime
- Domestic drug consumption
- LE Resource pressure
- Corruption



RESPONDING TO MARITIME INSECURITY

- Sea & air patrols
- Joint patrols & naval exercises
- MDA Technologies
- Regional MS instruments - DCOC & YCOC, Benguela Current Convention (BCC)
- Regional Fisheries Management Organizations
- SADC Standing Maritime Committee & SADC Monitoring, Control & Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC)
- Container Control Programme
- ZOPACAS, IORA
- Declaration on Atlantic Cooperation



CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING MARITIME SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

- Inherently transnational nature of maritime crime
- MDA but limited resources
- Convergence
- Law enforcement displacement
- Focus at sea
- Corruption
- Deferred responsibility
- Reactive vs future focused



LESSONS LEARNED

- Build up maritime resources
- Harness maritime awareness & unprecedented cooperation
- State and non-state partnerships
- Bilateral/regional agreements
- Forward - thinking jurisdiction & mandates
- Land-based drivers





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