

# **Making of Indian Maritime Security Strategy: Lessons For South Africa**

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**“To be secure on land, we must be supreme at sea.”**

**Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**

*Food Security &  
Livelihood*

Medium of Power  
Projection  
&

Security

Maritime  
Domain

Maritime Commerce  
*(Trade and  
Transportation)*

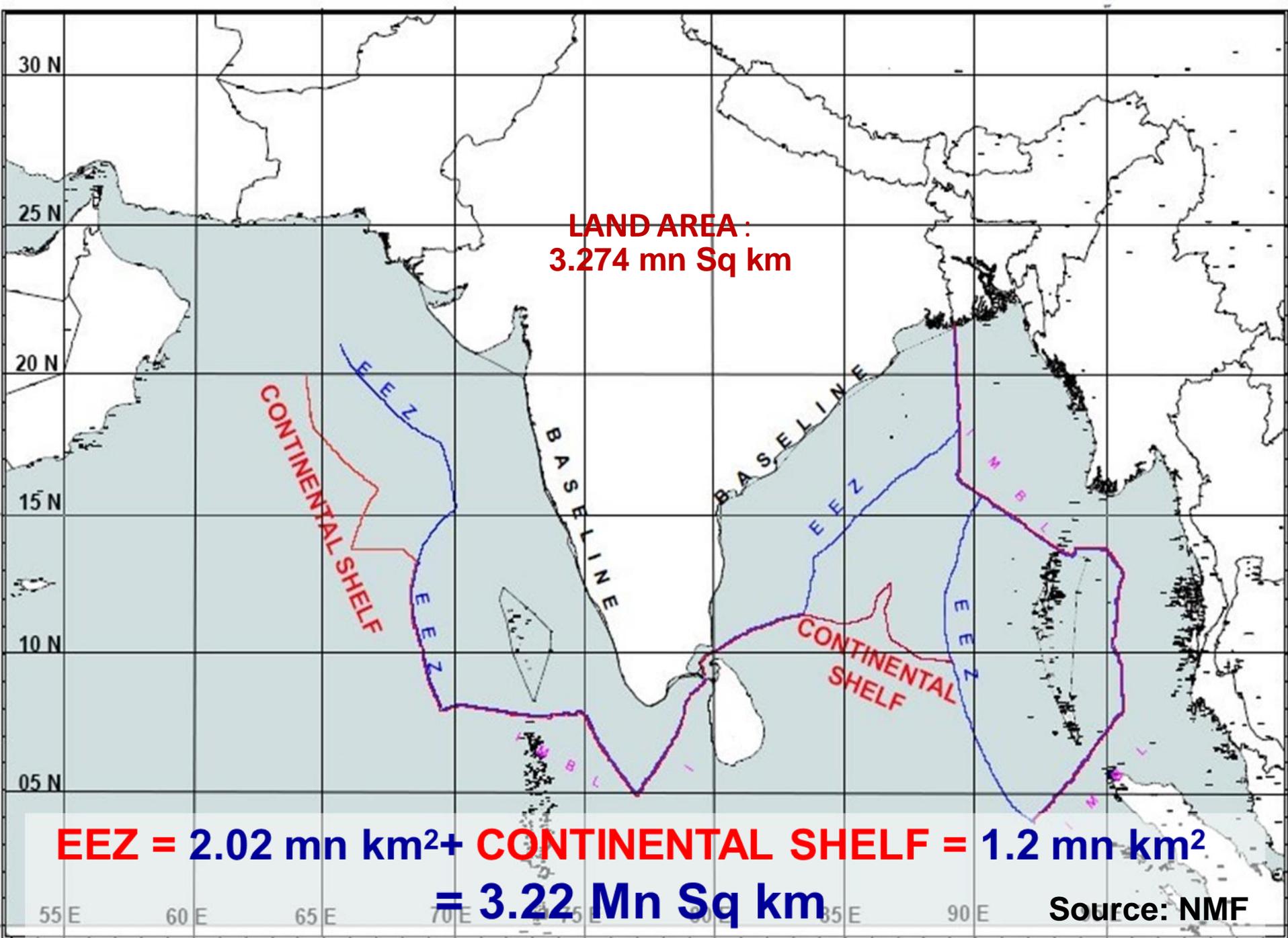
Resources  
*(Natural and Energy)*



Contextualising all this to  
**India...**

# Maritime Statistics of India

<u>Total Length of Coastline</u>	7,516.6 km
Mainland	5,422.6 km
Lakshadweep Islands	132 km
A & N Islands	1,962 km
<u>Island Territories</u>	1,197
A & N Islands	572
Lakshadweep Islands	27
Off India's West Coast	447
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<u>Maritime Jurisdiction</u>	UNCLOS Ratification 29 Jun 95
Territorial Waters	45,450 sq nm/ 155,889 sq km
EEZ	587,600 sq nm/ 2,013,410 sq km
Continental Shelf	Approx. 1,200,000 sq km (being demarcated)



# **INDIA'S MARITIME INTERESTS**

**“...a nation’s social and economic well-being is intricately linked to the seas, not only for trade but also how it faces threats to its own security that develop across the seas...our resolve to achieve high growth can be realised only if our maritime frontiers and assets are safe, stable and act as enablers. The Indian Navy, as the primary element of India’s maritime power, has the challenging task of safeguarding the country’s maritime interests.”**

**Late Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Former President of India**

**'Desired End-State'**

**The economic, material, and societal well-being of the People of India**

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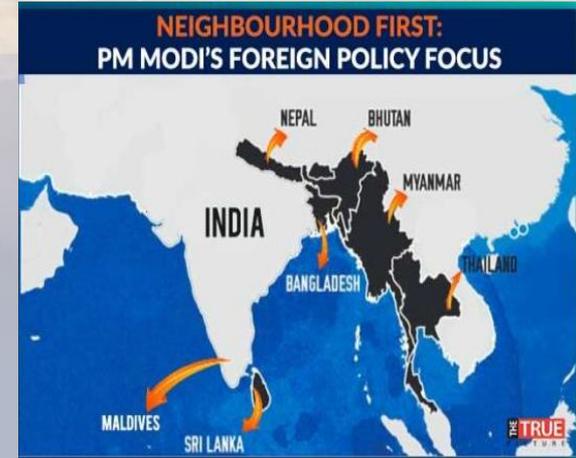
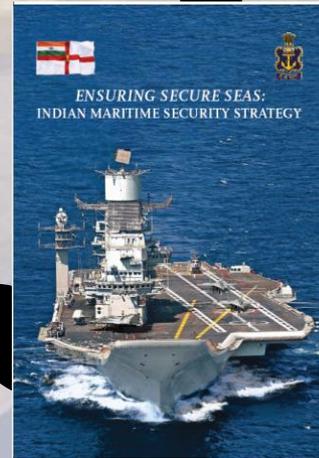
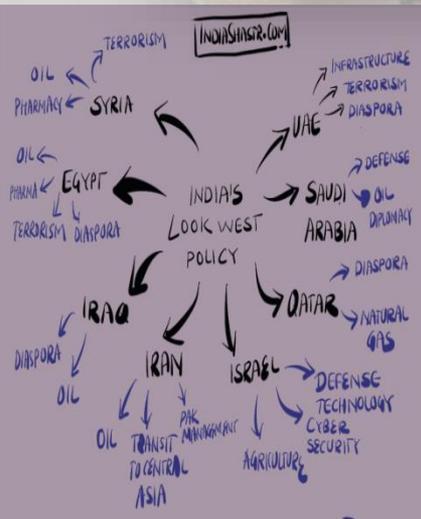
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# SAGAR

LOOK WEST POLICY

LOOK → ACT EAST POLICY



# Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative

Source: Capt. SS Parmar

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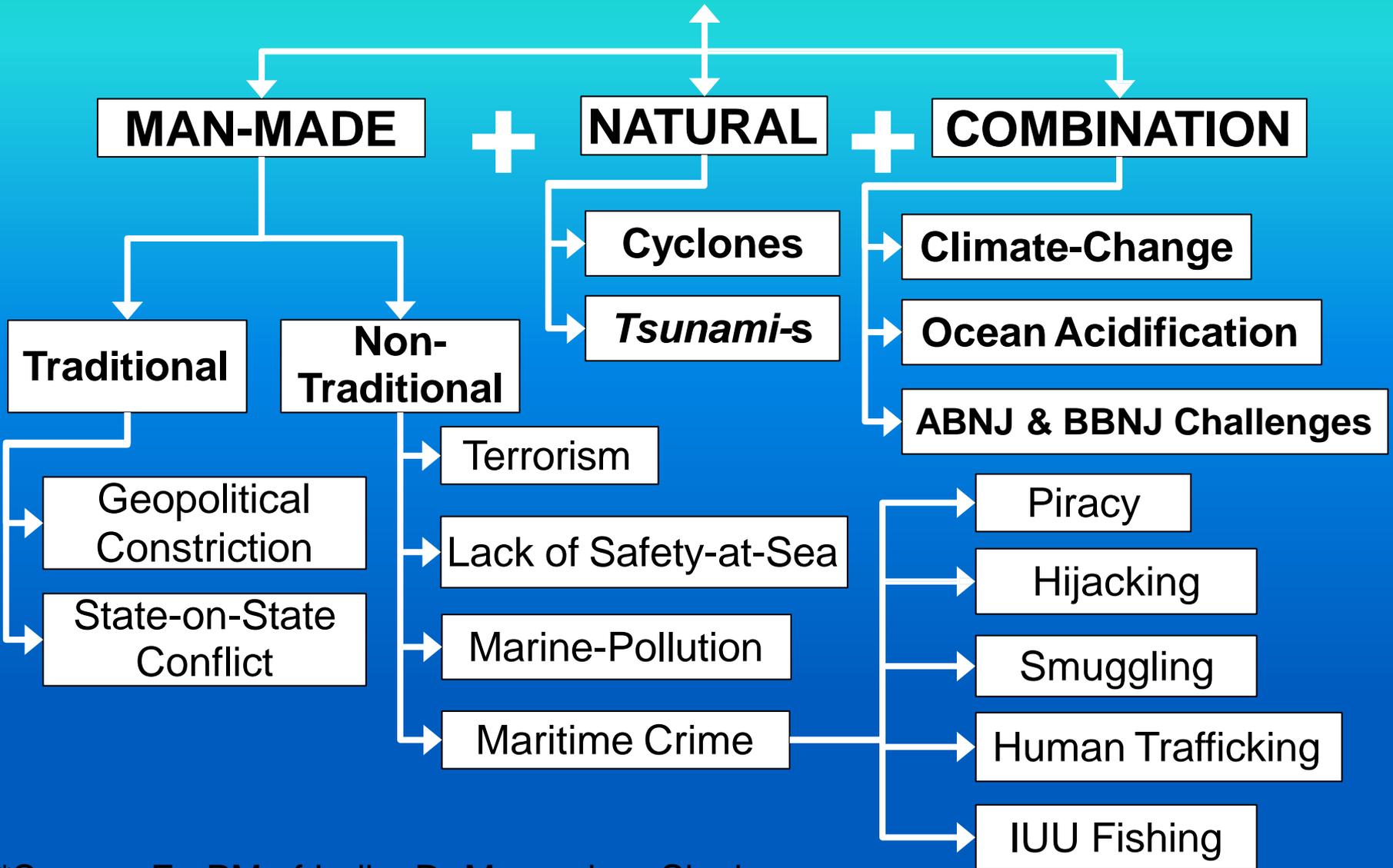
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# THREATS ARISING 'IN-', 'FROM-', or 'THROUGH' THE SEA\*



\*Source: Ex-PM of India, Dr Manmohan Singh

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# India's Concept of the Indo-Pacific

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Shri Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister of India  
01 June 2018

*...from the shore of  
East Africa to the shores  
of the Americas...*

IISS Shangri-La  
Dialogue

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- 1. Protection of India's territorial integrity from sea-based threats**
  - 2. Stability (peace & prosperity) in India's maritime neighbourhood**
  - 3. Creation, development, and sustenance of a 'Blue' Economy that is resilient against adverse maritime effects of Climate-Change**
  - 4. The preservation, promotion, pursuit and protection of offshore infrastructure and maritime resources within and beyond the Maritime Zones of India (MZI)**
  - 5. The promotion, protection and safety of India's overseas and coastal seaborne trade and its Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs), and, the ports that constitute the nodes of this trade**
  - 6. Support to marine scientific research, including that in Antarctica and the Arctic**
  - 7. Provision of support, succour, and extrication-options to the Indian Diaspora**
  - 8. Obtaining and retaining a favourable geostrategic maritime-position**

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India's eight principal maritime objectives were enumerated in the previous Slide

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An aerial photograph of a large naval fleet at sea. The ships are arranged in a loose formation, with a large aircraft carrier on the right side. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a pale blue. The ships are white and grey, with some having dark hulls. The overall scene is a vast expanse of water with many ships.

# **Making of Indian Maritime Security Strategy 2015**

- **Evolution (from 1940s to 2015)**

- ❖ **1947-48**
- ❖ **1998**
- ❖ **2004**
- ❖ **2007**
- ❖ **2009**
- ❖ **2015**

- **Shift in focus (From 'Using' to Securing')**

- ❖ **Shift from a Euro-Atlantic to an Indo-Pacific focus**
- ❖ **Repositioning of global attention towards Asia**
- ❖ **Expansion in scale and presence of non-traditional threats**



# Drivers



*ENSURING SECURE SEAS:  
INDIAN MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY*

- **Geopolitical Environment**
- **Protect India's Core/Principle maritime interests**
- **Contribute effectively to the nation's geopolitical aspirations and developmental goals**
- **Indigenisation and self-reliance**
- **Maritime Cooperation**

# Conclusion : Key Takeaways

## ➤ **Strengths and Weaknesses**

- **Capacity and Capability**

## ➤ **Implementation and execution**

## ➤ **Integration and Inclusion of Stakeholders (Responsive and Inclusive)**

## ➤ **Coordination among various arms of the government**

## ➤ **Balance between Domestic and Internationally Ratified Laws**

## ➤ **Overlapping strategies and Siloisation**

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