

# Regional Drug Strategy: Pillar III

## Disrupting drug trafficking network in WIO via Regional Maritime Security Architecture

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# RDS Pillar III: Disrupting drug trafficking network in WIO via Regional Maritime Security Architecture

Main planks of the Pillar III of the Regional Drug Strategy **where there is need for partners' support**

Establishment of a Regional Cooperation framework around the RMSA and the followings:

1. Endorsing a holistic and integrated approach to maritime threats and crimes
2. Establishing a network of IFC/ISC
3. Improved investment into HRD and use of IT
4. Improving the national and regional maritime capability by optimum use of all assets
5. Introducing a VTMISS and endorsement of a Regional Policy on Port Security & Safety of Navigation
6. Acknowledging and addressing the nexus between drug trafficking & money laundering (TRAFFIC)
7. Strengthening legal finish (UNODC)
8. Reinforcing regional collaboration among LEA, including in penitentiary facilities (UNODC)
9. Enhance cooperation, nationally, regionally, internationally among anti-drug agencies (another agenda item)

# THE CORE ASPECT OF DRUG TRAFIC IN WIO

1. The East African coast plays an increasingly significant role in the global heroin trade, feeding a system of criminal governance around an interconnected **complex web of the organized network**, and.....
2. ....**linked with other** illicit maritime activities.
3. The drug market is intricately **interconnected in the region** linked mostly by the maritime routes.
4. Lots of effort is put inland with **very little or no focus on the maritime zone**.

**PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY: NATIONAL/REGIONAL/GLOBAL**

## THE IOC APPROACH – The MASE Architecture



**April 2018**, Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security in Mauritius  
**Signatory countries:** Comores, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles

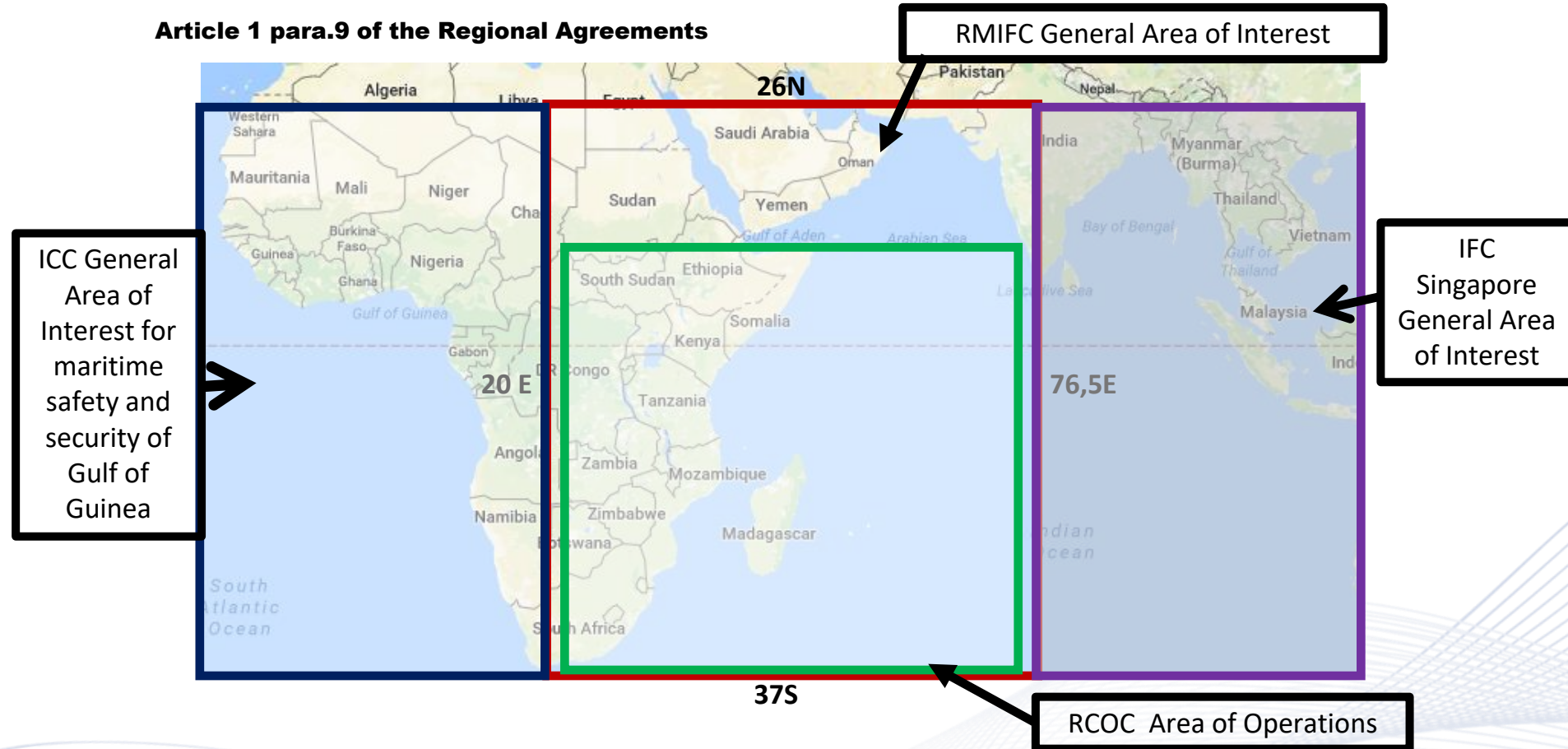


**November 2018**, International Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.  
**Signatory countries:** France/Reunion and Kenya

**The two Regional Agreements on Maritime Information Exchange and Co-ordinated Operations at sea in the WIO**

# THE REGIONAL MASE ARCHITECTURE: AREA OF INTEREST

**Article 1 para.9 of the Regional Agreements**



# THE MASE ARCHITECTURE: THE FOCUS ON ALL VESSELS

1



**Focus on  
movement  
of vessels**

in the area of interest

RMIFC & RCOC General Area of Interest



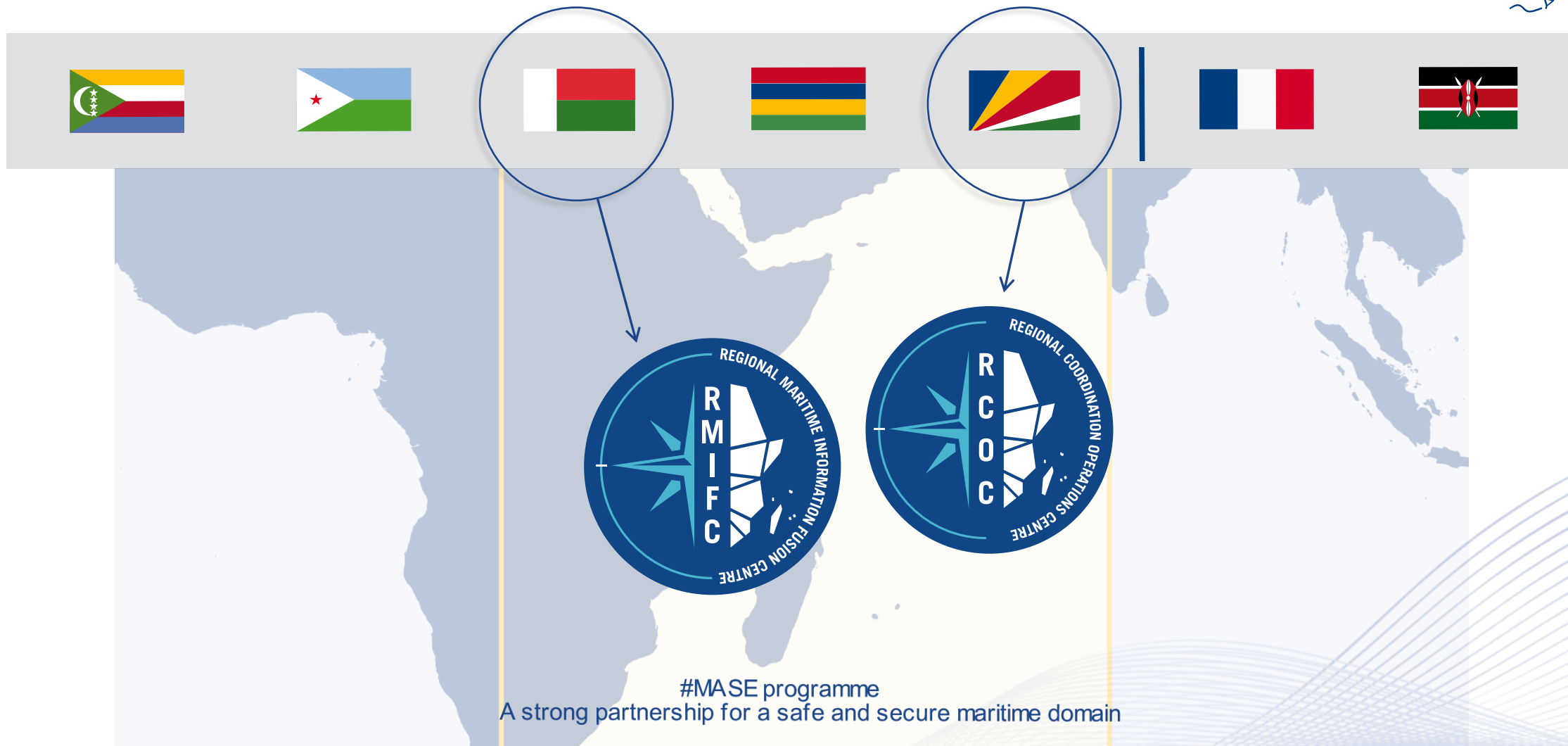
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**Combat Maritime  
Crimes & Threats**

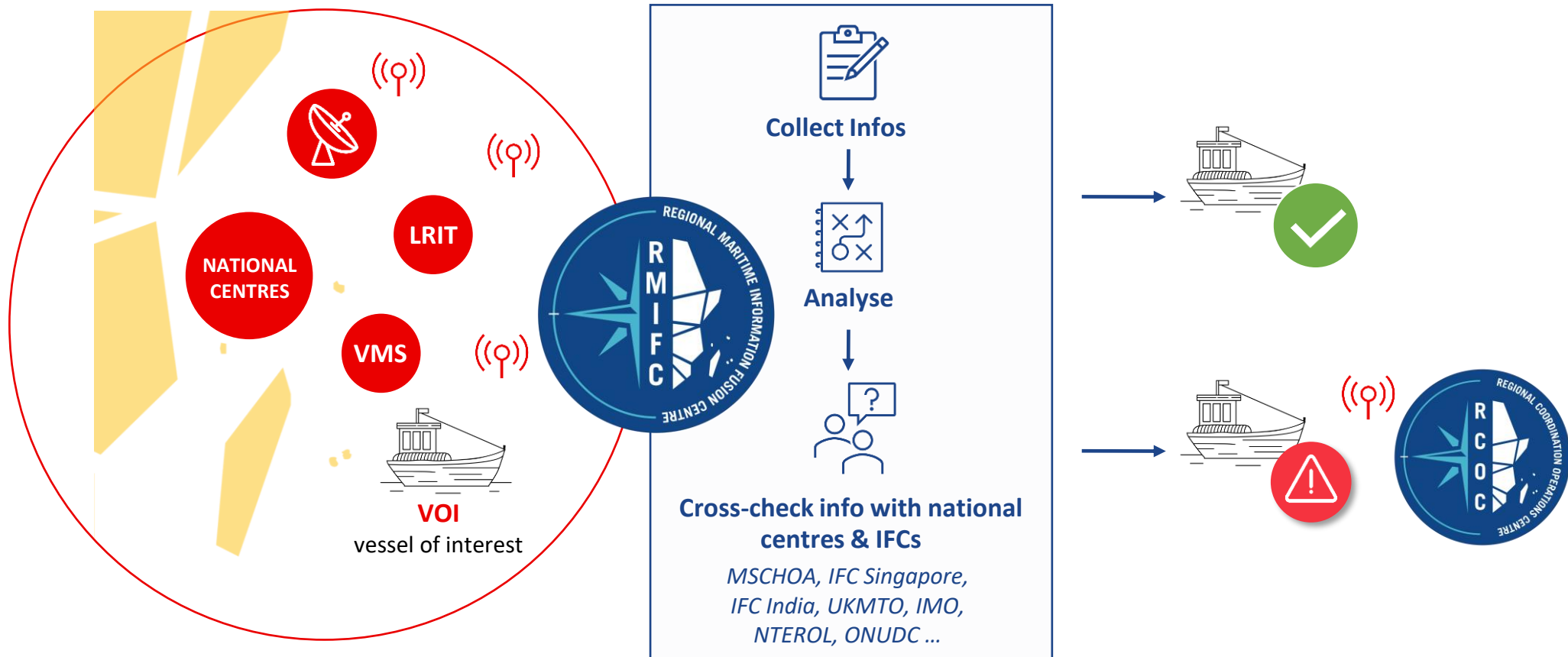
both in EEZ  
&  
High Seas

# THE MASE ARCHITECTURE: THE EXECUTIVE ARMS

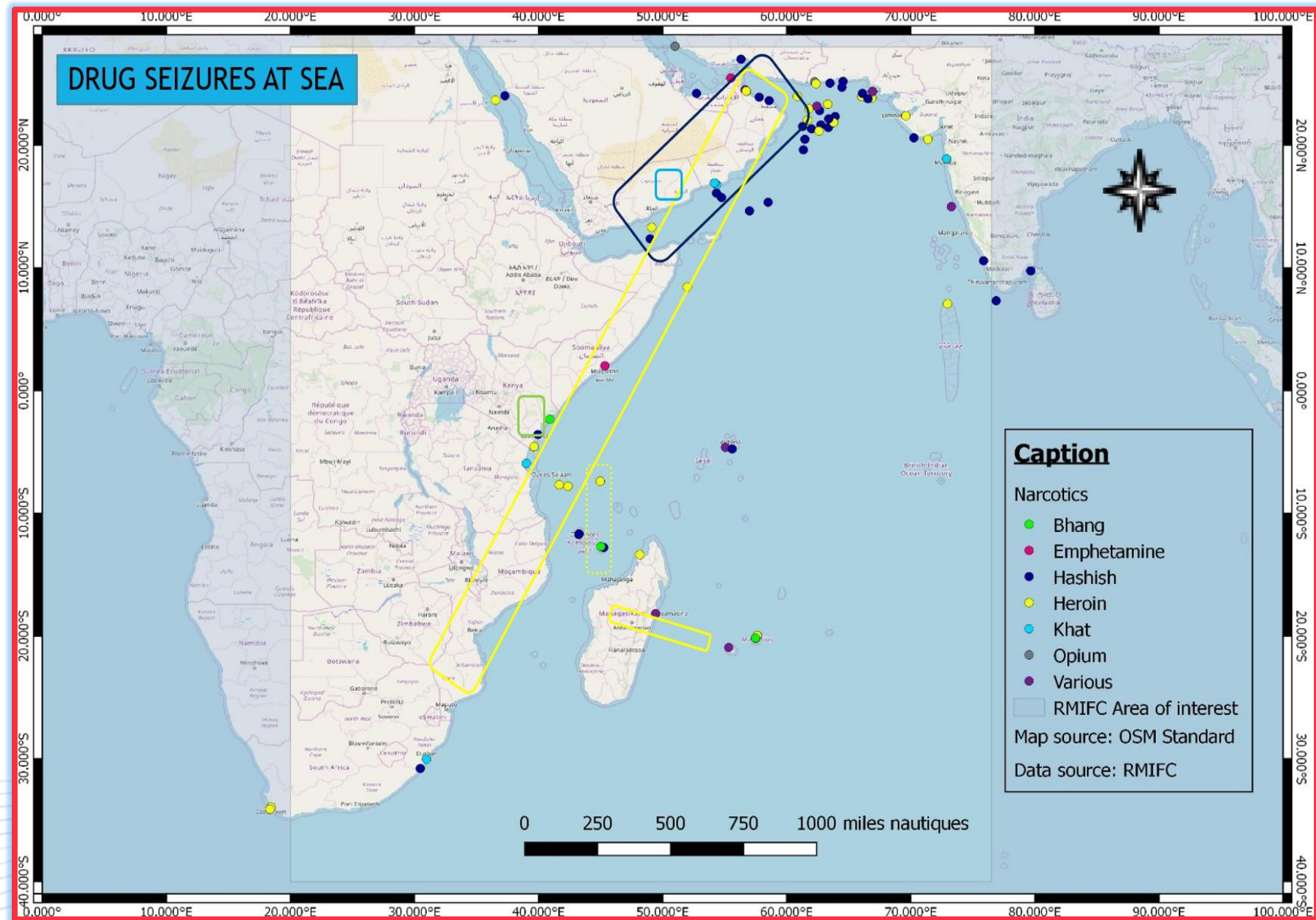


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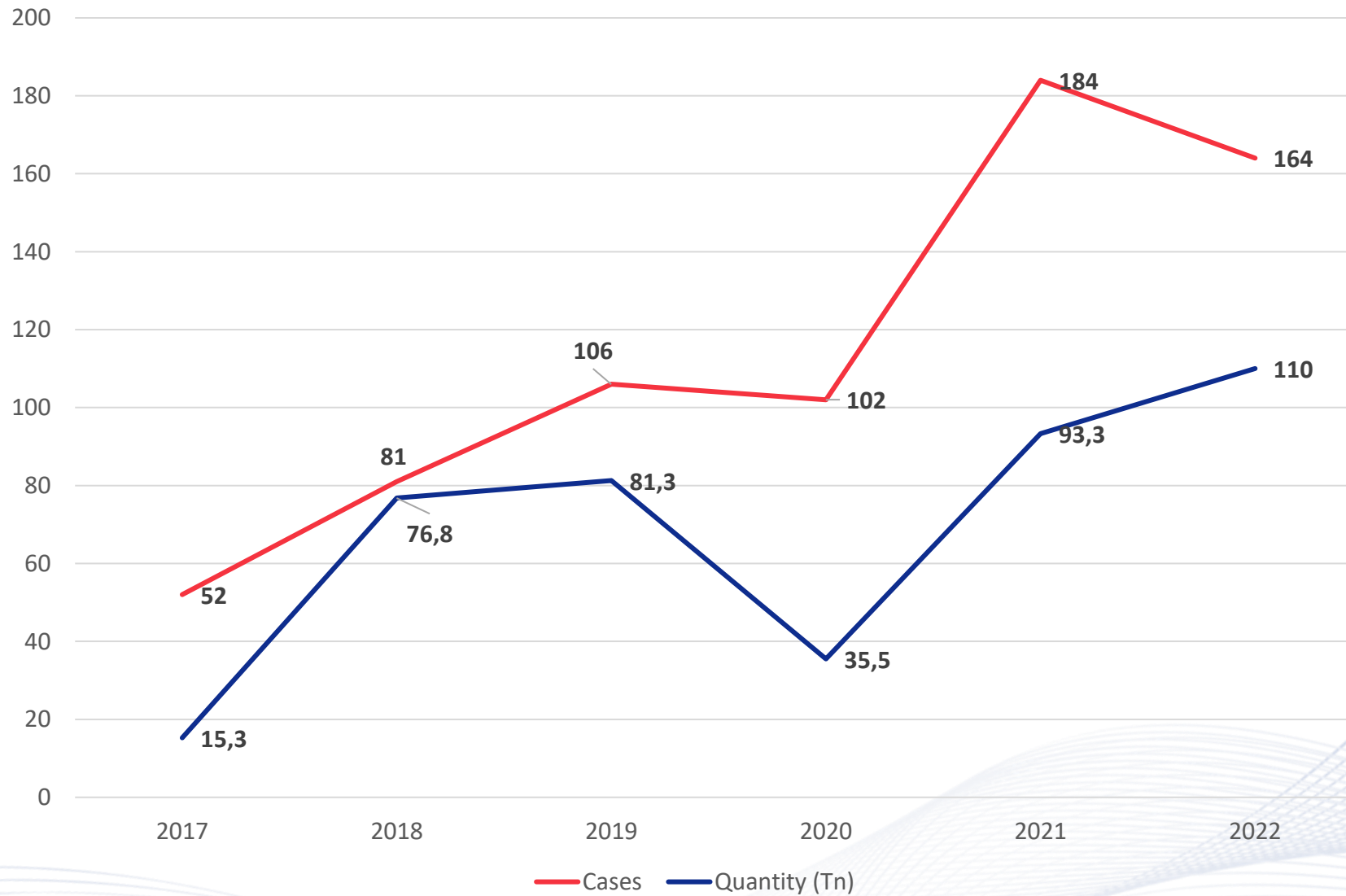
# THE MASE ARCHITECTURE: THE PROCESS



# HOT SPOTS AND TRENDS




# DRUG TRAFFICKING PATTERNS IN THE ESA-IO REGION SINCE 2017

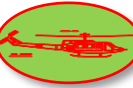


# WIO Assets within the Regional Zone of Operational Interest


	Surface	Aerial
COMOROS	04	00
DJIBOUTI	04	00
MADAGASCAR	03	00
KENYA	01	01
MAURITIUS	04	02
SEYCHELLES	04	01
TOTAL	20	04



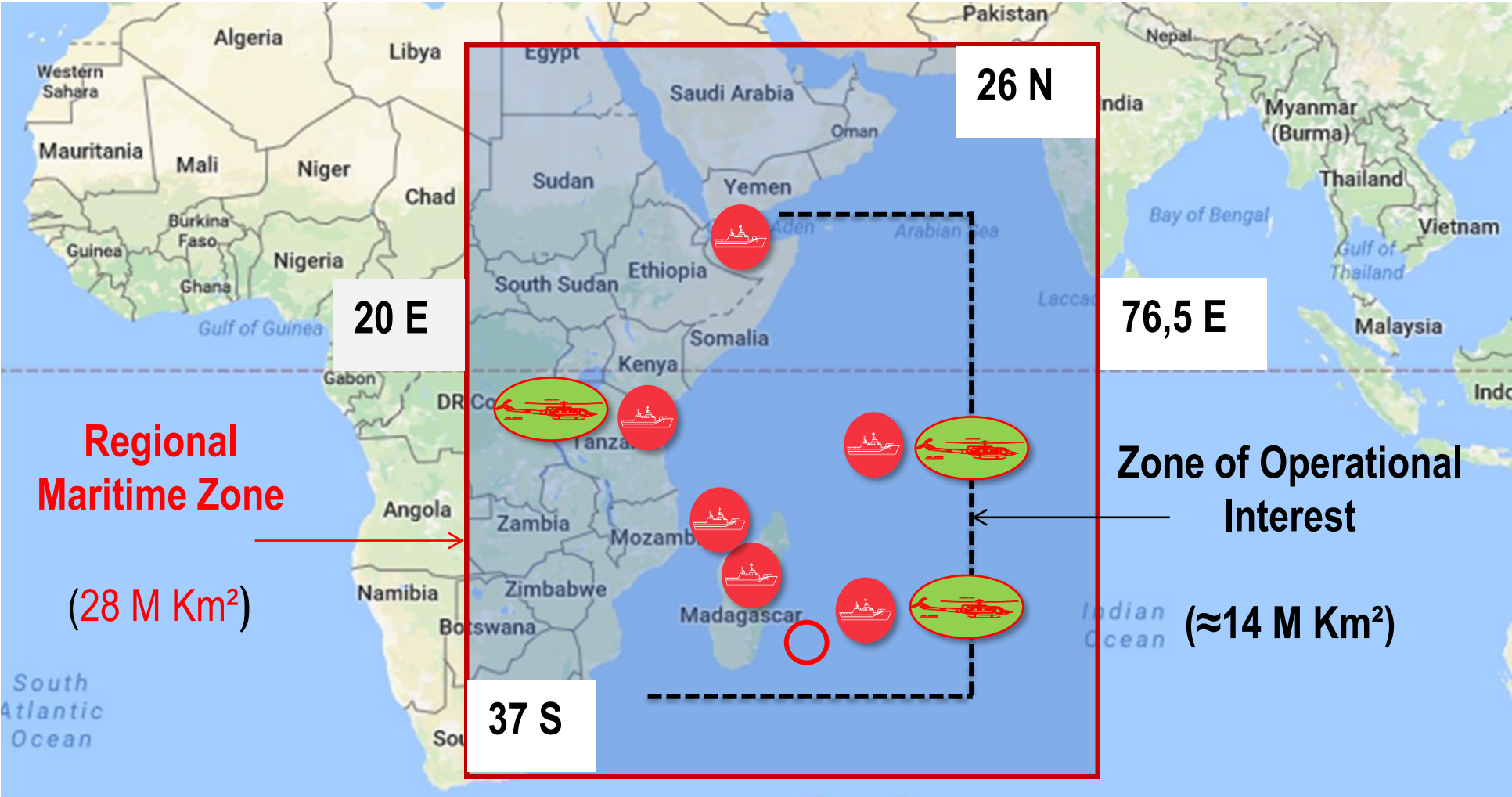
Surface



Aerial



Not under MASE



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# MASE Information Matrix

MOU in Progress



Airtel Seychelles

## National

COMOROS

DJIBOUTI

FRANCE

KENYA

MADAGASCAR

MAURITIUS

SEYCHELLES

MOZAMBIQUE

TANZANIA

NAMIBIA

ANGOLA

SOMALIA

YEMEN

South Africa

HUMAN

## Regional

RCOC

RMIFC

IORIS

Skylight

MAS

TECHNOLOGIE

Sea Vision

Mercury

Starboard

## International

MOU Signed

EUNAVFOR

UKMTO/NMIC

IMO

IFC-IO

DCOC

AUXILIUM

CMF

CRIMARIO

US AFRICOM

INTERPOL

IOTC

IFC SINGAPOURE



# Surveillance Anti Drug Mission

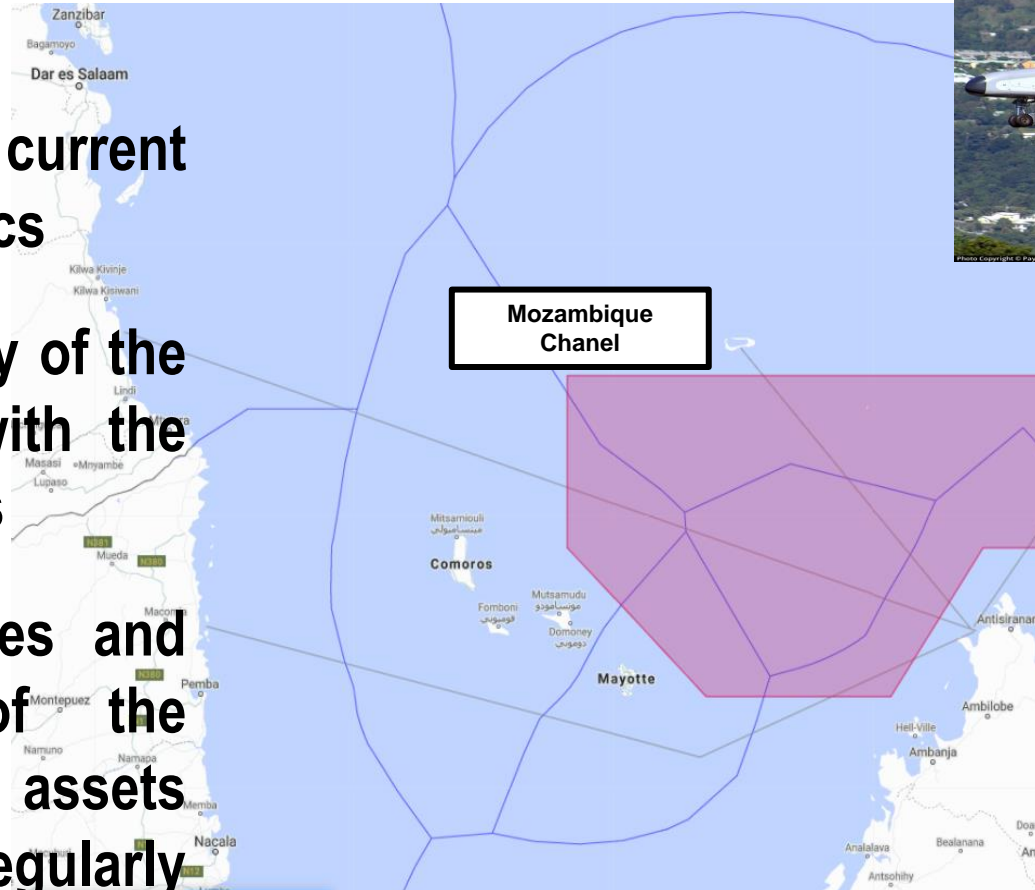
## Operation Requin Bulldog 2020



Recognise current maritime traffics

The availability of the assets rest with the Member states

The capabilities and limitations of the respective assets must be regularly communicated



Seychelles  
Dornier

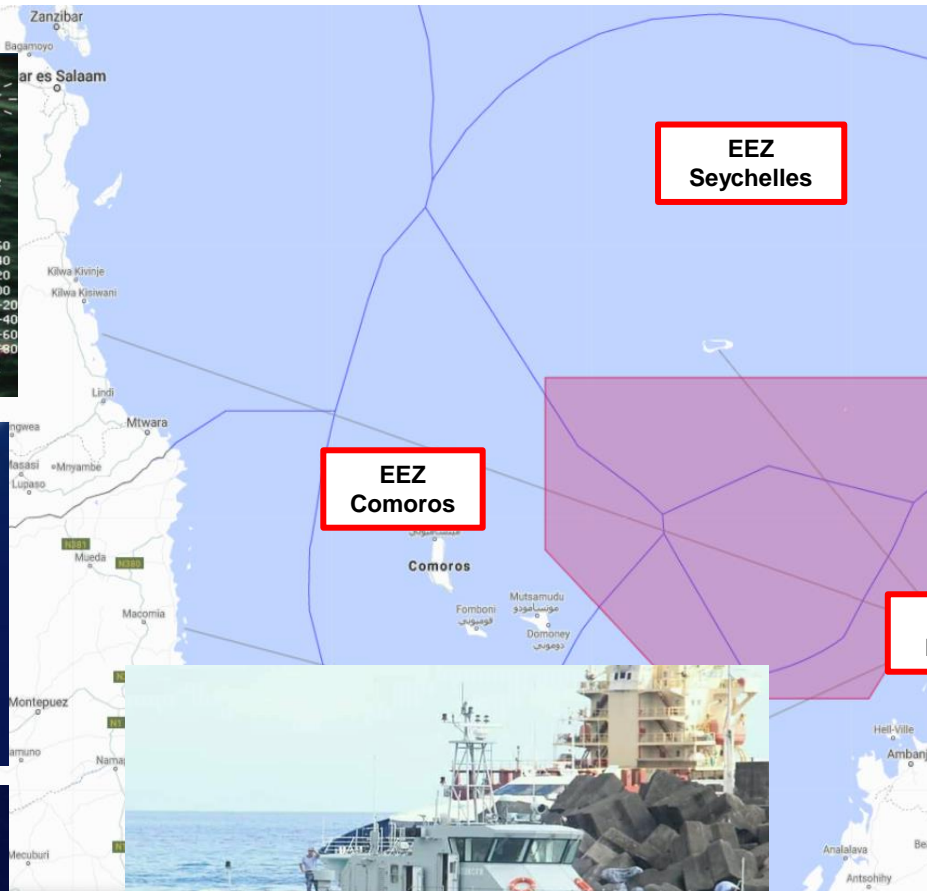
French Auxiliary Vessel  
Champlain



# Surveillance Mission NARCOTICS & IUU

## Operation Red Snapper 2021

Vessel of Interest



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## OPS SUNFISH 28 & 29 Sep 22

- Seizure of crystal methamphetamine by HMS MONTROSE from a dhow **after** leaving the area of operation;
- The drugs totalled 870kg when counted, worth around £15.5m wholesale value in the UK according to the National Crime Agency.
- Successful boardings like this help to deter people from using the sea for criminal purposes





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