What is the programme about?

The Ports Security and Safety of Navigation is a 3-year programme for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) coordinated and co-implemented by the Indian Ocean Commission and funded by the European Union to the tune of €28 million.

The technical support of the programme is provided by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and INTERPOL.

The beneficiary countries of the programme are:

- Angola
- Comoros
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Seychelles
- Tanzania

The programme started in 2020 and is divided into 3 results areas:

- **Result 1:** Strengthened capacity of shipping security authorities in the EA-SA-IO region.
- **Result 2:** Development of port security legislation and related compliance framework.
- **Result 3:** Implementation of a regional information sharing mechanism and a cargo and passenger data exchange system.

### The programme works closely with

**RMIFC**
Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre

**RCOC**
Regional Coordination of Operations Centre

### Regional Organisations/Mechanisms

- **IOC**
  Indian Ocean Commission
- **COMESA**
  Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- **EAC**
  East African Development Community
- **APIOT**
  Association of Ports of the Indian Ocean Islands
- **PMAESA**
  Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa
- **DCoC (JA)**
  Djibouti Code of Conduct (Jeddah Amendment)

### International Organisations/Platforms

- **EU NAVFOR**
  (European Naval Force Somalia – Operation Atalanta)
- **CMF**
  Combined Maritime Forces
- **CGPCS**
  Contact Group on Piracy off the coast of Somalia

### Partnerships

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

To enhance maritime security and safety in the EA-SA-IO region in line with the 2050 African Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS 2050) which addresses the maritime challenges of Africa including threats but also opportunities (development of the blue economy).

The AIMS 2050 urges coastal states of Africa to conduct Port State Control (PSC) inspections and exercise the role of Flag State Implementation (FSI) as from 2018.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- Management of port security and maritime safety improved in the EA-SA-IO region.
- Relevant for the United Nations Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.
- Encourage member States to sign, accept and fulfill responsibilities deriving from the establishment of maritime zones as foreseen by United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

### Main activities:

**Result 1:**

- **Outcome 1:** Reinforcement of the capacities of Maritime Affairs Authorities and governmental agencies
- **Outcome 2:** Reduction of the volume of substandard vessels posing threats to seafarers and to the economies of coastal States

**Result 2:**

- **Outcome 1:** Implementation of ISPS Code and related compliance framework adopted by ports of the EA-SA-IO region
- **Outcome 2:** Port facilities security measures and risk assessment are enhanced, port security management is improved

**Result 3:**

- **Outcome 1:** Regional information sharing mechanism and exchange of data on cargo and passengers is developed
- **Outcome 2:** Reinforcement of the response capacity of Law Enforcement Agencies in the region

### KEY achievements:

- **Training of 71 officials** from 8 countries on maritime security law, focusing on domesticating international treaties.
- **131 officers** from Police to Prosecution services from 8 beneficiary States participated to the 1st Interview and Interrogation Techniques training.
- **312 officers** representing 55 agencies from 7 ports in 3 States benefited from training on Port Security Legislation.
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