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Introduction

- Seychelles is a small island developing state (SID) located between latitudes 3° and 9° south and longitudes 45° and 56° east in the South-Western Indian Ocean.
- It is made up of 115 islands scattered over an exclusive economic zone covering an area of 1.374 million square kilometers.
- Population currently is approximately 91,000. Most Seychellois are descendants of early French settlers and the African/Madagascar slaves brought to the Seychelles in the 19th century. Later Indians, Chinese and other European settlers also established in Seychelles.
The two most important sector of the economy are tourism and fishing and contributes to 40% of the country’s GDP. The tourism sector is a marine based tourism including yachts charters, cruise ships, flyfishing and diving.

The fisheries sector is divided into two distinct categories: traditional fishing by a domestic fleet of some 400 vessels; and industrial tuna fishing by foreign vessels of over one hundred (Purse seiners and long liners).
Introduction (cont..)
Maritime Security Situation

- The Eastern African Region and the Western Indian Ocean Islands has become a strategic region in the Indian Ocean virtually totally reliant on seaborne import and export.
- This region has been marred by complex maritime security system due to weakness of failure of some littoral states, significance level of poverty, ethnic diversity, corruption, poor institutions, competition for scarce resources and foreign power interference a few to mention.
Maritime Security Situation (cont.)
Regional Prosecution and Intelligence Coordination Centre (RAPPICC)

The name of the organisation has changed from RAPPICC to REFLECS-3.

The evolution from RAPPICC to REFLECS-3 and the new focus on broader areas of trans-national organised crime in no way suggests that piracy has been eradicated. To the contrary, the emergence of Reflecs-3 reflects a more mature understanding of the instability experienced in areas of the Horn of Africa and the many avenues that the criminally minded can pursue in an area free from the rule of law.

President James Michel of Seychelles and Prime Minister David Cameron of UK signed an MOU in February 2012 agreeing to the construction of the RAPPICC in the Seychelles.
Regional Prosecution and Intelligence Coordination Centre (RAPPICC)

- A concerted effort was needed to be made to target the pirate leadership and financiers and to disrupt the piracy business model.
- The country has modern anti piracy laws which allow suspected pirates to be prosecuted. These laws have been well tested and the Seychelles currently have hold over 100 pirate suspects.
Regional Fusion & Law Enforcement Centre For Safety & Security at Sea (REFLECS₃)
Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)

Visions and objectives:

- To develop the fishing industry to its fullest potential and to safeguard the resource base for sustainable development.
- Promotion of an integrated economy
- Food supply and food security enhancement
- Promotion of safety at sea.
Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) International coordinated patrol
ANTI-PIRACY
Last major piracy activity recorded in the Seychelles was on the 08th Nov 13

REPORT-( TORM KANSAS) 08-11-2013


081825D: UKMTO: Telephone called received from TORM KANSAS IMO: 9290646 @ 091412ZNOV13 reporting that they were under attack by 1 skiff in posn 0720.4S 04837E C-211 S-13kts. Skiff closed to 1nm and vessel's armed security fired warning shots, skiffs fired back at the vessel. Skiff has 4-5 POB and has now retreated and is at 5nm from the vessel. Awaiting after action report from TORM KANSAS. VESSEL IS SAFE
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Flight line and Area of Interest (AOI)
HDMS ESBERN SNARE (NATO)
Shipping Trends In 2012
Shipping Trends In 2013
Shipping Trends In 2014
Counter Piracy Partners

ROYAL DANISH AIR FORCE (NATO)
NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE (CMF)
National Drug Enforcement Agency (NDEA)

• The NDEA was established by order of the National Assembly of Seychelles on the 15\textsuperscript{th} August 2008.

• Established as the primary drug enforcement agency within the state.

• Independent of the police.

• The NDEA has all the powers of the Police, the Customs, Immigration, and Revenue Commissioners - for the purposes of the enforcement of the Drug Laws.
The strategies of the NDEA is to develop and expand the knowledge base of drug traffickers and their associates with a view to infiltrating and destroying their importation and distribution network.

The NDEA made 574 arrests in 2013 and seized 2.4kg of heroin worth SR12 million.

In 2014 800g was seized, equivalent to SR8 million.
Drug trafficking in the Indian Ocean.

During the year 2014 approximately 9000 kg of drugs which includes heroin, Hashish and cannabis resin has been seized and destroy in the Indian Ocean itself by the multi national maritime force the CMF. Those busting were located outside the Seychelles EEZ but we must be prepared for us to intercept any drugs transiting in our EEZ.
Drug trafficking in the Indian Ocean.
Challenges

- Vast area to conduct surveillance.
- Apart from piracy other threats include illegal fishing, narcotics trafficking, small arms trafficking etc.
- The European Union Naval Forces (EUNAVFOR) anti-piracy operations “Atalanta” in the region will end December 2014. Future of EUNAVFOR unclear.
- The Countries in region have to prepare their forces both air and naval assets to patrol and conduct surveillance.
- Seychelles is on the right track having acquired the Dornier 228 and other naval assets.
Conclusion

With the expansion of piracy into the Indian Ocean, Seychelles has been one of the most affected country and also on the forefront in the fight against piracy. Initiative to set up the RAPPICC/REFLECS3 and with help of other partners in the field capacity building program such as the EUCAP NESTOR for The Seychelles Peoples Defence force to increase its capacity and capabilities to better counter any threats; piracy, narcotics and terrorism.
Thank you!