



Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University
Integrated Maritime Enforcement Exercise

Introduction

The Integrated Maritime Enforcement (IME) Seminar and Exercise takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the issue of maritime enforcement for coastal and island states.

Who would benefit?

This exercise would be of benefit to interested senior university and graduate students, academics, and policy advisors and makers involved in maritime security and ocean management issues.

Aim

The aim of the IME Seminar and Exercise is to introduce the participant to an integrated approach towards maritime enforcement for coastal and island states.

Objectives

The objectives of the IME Seminar and Exercise are as follows:

- To familiarize the participant with a methodology for determining the maritime enforcement needs for coastal and island states;
- To give the participant experience in applying the methodology in an exercise setting; and
- To make the participant aware of the benefits of taking an integrated approach to maritime enforcement both nationally and internationally using multilateral and bilateral arrangements.

Successful completion of the background preparatory work, IME Seminar, and Exercise, will provide the participant with a working knowledge of the following:

- The basic concept of integrated maritime enforcement (IME);
- A methodology which can be used to determine the IME needs for a coastal or island state;
- The areas of marine activity over which a coastal or island state must exercise control in order to manage its ocean and coastal areas effectively;
- The principles in international law which may be applied to maritime activities;
- The threats, challenges and tasks in each area of marine activity;
- The use of surveillance, monitoring and enforcement capabilities in order to exercise control over an ocean domain;
- The range of operational/technical, legal, political and non-governmental responses available to a coastal or island state for IME; and
- Planning for an integrated approach to maritime enforcement.

Where is it conducted?

The exercise can be conducted at Dalhousie or on-site at the client's location. The requirement is for a main meeting area for the plenary sessions and break-out rooms for individual syndicate deliberations.

Duration and number of participants

This is normally a 1 ½ day exercise. The first half-day involves an interactive presentation on the concept of IME, the methodology of IME, and the Republic of Colombolo Case Study which is the basis for the IME Exercise. Each participant must then spend about 1 to 2 hours preparing for the exercise. The second day is the IME exercise. The participants are placed in groups of 3-5 with one named as the syndicate Chair. The exercise involves individual syndicate work and then a plenary session during which each group presents its solution. This is followed by a general discussion.

The method

The exercise is scenario based and involves a fictitious island state which is facing many significant maritime management and security challenges. Each syndicate will work towards the following objectives which are presented in a plenary session for critique and discussion:

- Identify the vital maritime interests and principal threats, risks, and challenges facing the Republic of Colombolo in each area of marine activity (management of marine resources, protection and preservation of the marine environment, maintenance of maritime sovereignty, prevention of illegal activity, and marine safety);
- Identify the surveillance, monitoring, and control requirements and shortfalls in each area of marine activity; and
- Develop an integrated maritime enforcement regime with policy objectives.

Past exercises

This exercise has been conducted for the past ten years and has received very positive comments from the participants. It is run annually for graduate students in Dalhousie University's Marine Affairs Program (Master of Marine Management) and for the International Ocean Institute Training Program course (Dalhousie University) on "Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management".

Exercise Coordinators

The exercise is led by staff from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University.

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