The EU Maritime Security Strategy
Responding together to global challenges

External Action
for stability and inclusive development across maritime regions

Maritime assets, activities and the interests of the EU and Member States span across the world.

- The related global and interconnected threats link internal to external security and are a shared threat, requiring international collaboration.

- Standing together is necessary and more efficient to develop common responses that are comprehensive and sustainable.

+90,000 km
EU External Coastal Borders

64% of Earth’s surface are High Seas

42% of value of seaborne trade controlled by EU companies

€22 trillion/y estimated GDP of world’s oceans

EUNAVFOR Operation Atalanta has:
- Countered piracy and armed attacks off Somalia since 2008
- Protected vessels of the World Food Programme and African Union Mission
- Carried out Search and Rescue missions at sea
- Monitored fishing activities
- Transferred criminals to the responsible authorities for prosecution

**MAIN OBJECTIVES**
- Good governance
- Rule of law (UNCLOS)
- International cooperation
- Regional stability and development
- Single voice

**EU countries and institutions are called to:**
- Adopt a coordinated approach towards international relations
- Enhance EU visibility in the global maritime domain
- Strengthen and support EU regional responses
- Support capacity building in 3rd countries and regional organisations
- Reinforce EU preparation for future contingencies
- Promote UNCLOS dispute-settling mechanisms

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