

Region and countries of the network

States in the Horn of Africa, East Africa and Indian Ocean Region.

Authorities involved

Law enforcement (police, anti-narcotics, organized crime) - prosecutors



The IOFMC is an informal forum that will bring together maritime states and international actors to focus on practical remedies and cooperation and to close some of the loopholes that allow crime to flourish at

Brief description

The objective of IOFMC is to increase co-operation among countries by providing an open and inclusive forum for discussion of transnational maritime crime issues and for mutual cooperation and capacity building in relevant areas involving transnational organized crime. in particular, the Forum aims to:

- Promote a shared understanding of the maritime crime issues facing the littoral nation -states of the Indian Ocean and the formulation of strategies designed to enhance regional cooperation in counter-ing transnational maritime crime;
- Strengthen the capability of all littoral nation-states of the Indian Ocean to address present and anticipated developments in transnational maritime crime;
- Establish a variety of multinational maritime cooperative mechanisms designed to support and mitigate maritime crime concerns among members.

Key activities

Networking thematic meetings:

- Trafficking in Persons / Smuggling of Migrants on 16-18 March 2015 (Djibouti)
- Heroin Trafficking on 30 March-1 April 2015 (Seychelles)
- Wildlife and Forestry Crime on 12-14 May 2015 Kenya (participating countries Australia, Republic of Burundi, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Madagascar, Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Mozambique, Republic of Rwanda, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, United

Key partners in the region

Wildlife and Forest Crime partners are CITES, INTERPOL, Lusaka Agreement Task Force, UNDP, UNEP, and Civil Society, including Space for Giants, ICCF, Stop Ivory, Conservation International and others.

Website and other useful links

www.unodc.org

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