On 7 September 2022, V3 of the Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) platform was upgraded, to now include new features that make the platform more appealing and user-friendly to operators.

Apart from some design upgrades, V3 now includes Satellite Automatic Identification System (S-AIS), extended mapping functionalities, and a translation function, that will support the operators and analysts in the national and regional centres’ daily work.

These new functionalities will continue to bring value to the IORIS users maintaining, whilst maintaining its neutrality and security, thereby fostering trust and confidence within the network, which is essential for a long-term solution for information-sharing and cooperation, at the national and regional levels.

CRIMARIO II is now working towards incorporating satellite data overlays into IORIS, to potentially include imagery and radio-frequency detection. This would enhance the capabilities of the system, allowing operators to better plan, respond and coordinate maritime operations and facilitate crisis management responses.

Other activities

Training in Africa, Asia and Latin America

The CRIMARIO team provided two weeks of intensive training to various Seychellois agencies, which culminated in a one-day interagency exercise, based on a framework document which will guide future maritime interagency operations.
Representatives from three different agencies received training on IORIS. After this training, a Trial Agreement was signed with CRIMARIO, allowing Ethiopian authorities to immediately go live, enhancing real-time interagency cooperation and information sharing, to respond to maritime challenges.

CRIMARIO returned to Indonesia to deliver more training batch for four different agencies. The engagement in the country enabled the certification of new operators and analysts that can now explore the IORIS platform, to coordinate maritime security operations, including real-time management of incidents at sea. Another step to consolidating the IORIS users’ network within the Indo-Pacific region.

CRIMARIO delivered its first IORIS courses to the Omani Maritime Security Centre, which incorporates personnel from the Navy, Air Force, and the Police. Now that Oman has signed the IORIS Trial Agreement, it receives Satellite-AIS from CRIMARIO and is able to enhance coordination of the various agencies, which have a maritime safety and security remit.

The first engagement with the Peruvian Coast Guard enabled a set of IORIS training, potentially offering an information exchange platform for the country and potentially the Pacific coast of Latin America.

Other IORIS training

The CRIMARIO team continues to work towards expanding the IORIS Network in the Indo-Pacific region with other countries benefiting from similar IORIS training including Comoros, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, and Sri Lanka.

High Level Visits

CRIMARIO continued its high-level outreach to partners in the Indo-Pacific with the Project Director visiting Indonesia, Mozambique, Tanzania, and South Africa. CRIMARIO had its first face-to-face engagement with Malaysian authorities, where it met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Malaysia National Security Council.

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