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Fighting Piracy and Terrorism

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Presentation Scope

- Maritime Security
- Trends in Piracy and Terrorism
- Future threats
- Opportunities for cooperation towards Regional Security
- Development/Rationalisation of Security Approaches

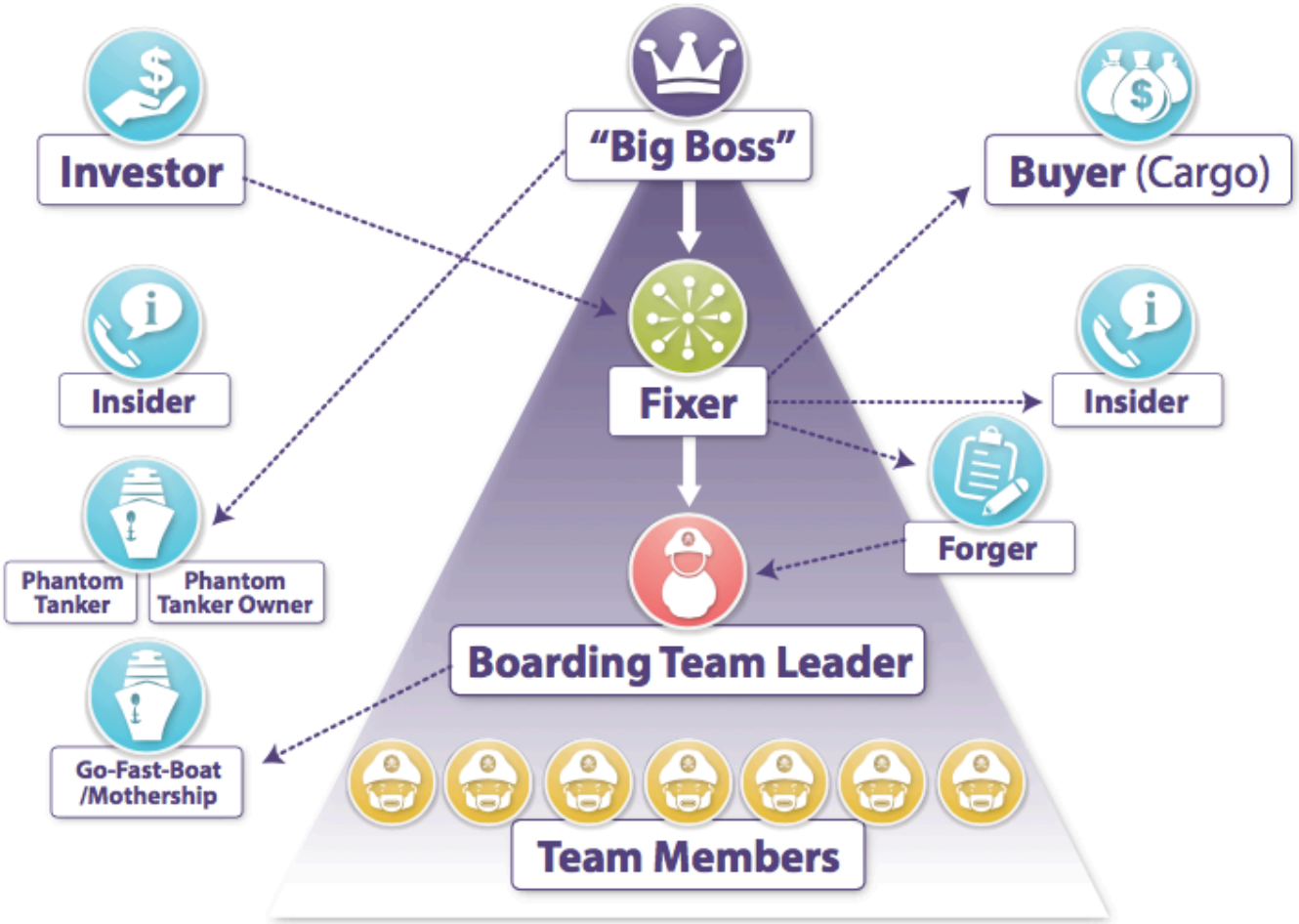
Maritime Security Threats
are
Organised/Syndicated Crimes

Combatting Piracy and Terrorism in South East Asia

Attack on Seafarers/Coastal Communities

- Seaborne Terror
- Armed Robbery at Sea
- Piracy

Networked Operations



Abu Sayaff – Pirates and Terrorists

MV Royal 16

- On 11 Nov 2016, AS led by Sulu-based sub-leader Alvin "Arab Puti" Yusop, Alhabsy Misaya and Basilan-based sub-leader Radzmil "Kubayb" Jannatul while sailing near Sibago Island, Basilan

- They kidnapped the Captain and 5 crewman of MV Royal 16
  - Pham Minh Tuan
  - Huang Vo (escaped in June and rescued by Filipino Troops)
  - Tran Khac Dung (remains found in July)
  - Hoang Trung Thong (beheaded July 2017)
  - Hoang Van Hai (beheaded July 2017)
  - Do Trung Hieu (rescued in August 2107 by Joint Task Force Basilan)

Beheaded Crew

Hoang Trung Thong
Crewman of MV Royal 16

Hoang Va Hai
Crewman of MV Royal 16

MV Giang Hai

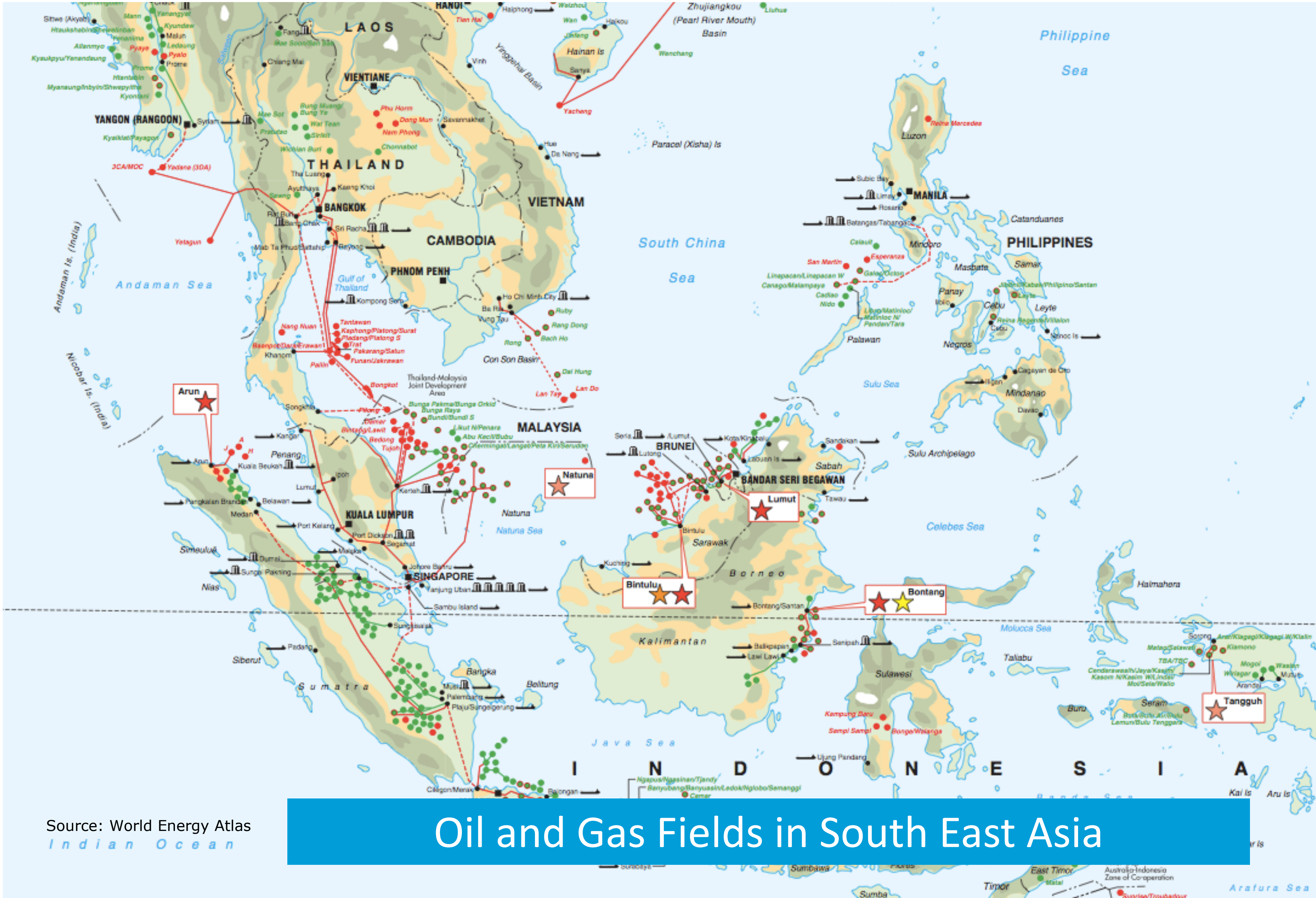
- On 19 Feb 2017, AS boarded MV Giang Hai off Tawi Tawi. They killed 1 crew and kidnapped 6.
- On March 16, Philippines reported 1 of the 6 kidnapped has been killed.

Vietnamese Fishing Vessel

- On 10 Nov 2017, Philipines Navy rescued 4 out of 5 kidnapped fishermen.
  - Buy Xuan Vien
  - Bui Trung Duc
  - Nguten Quang Hui.
  - Nguyin Hu Trong
- 1 was reportedly dead from disease. Nguyin Hu Trong.

Reflections

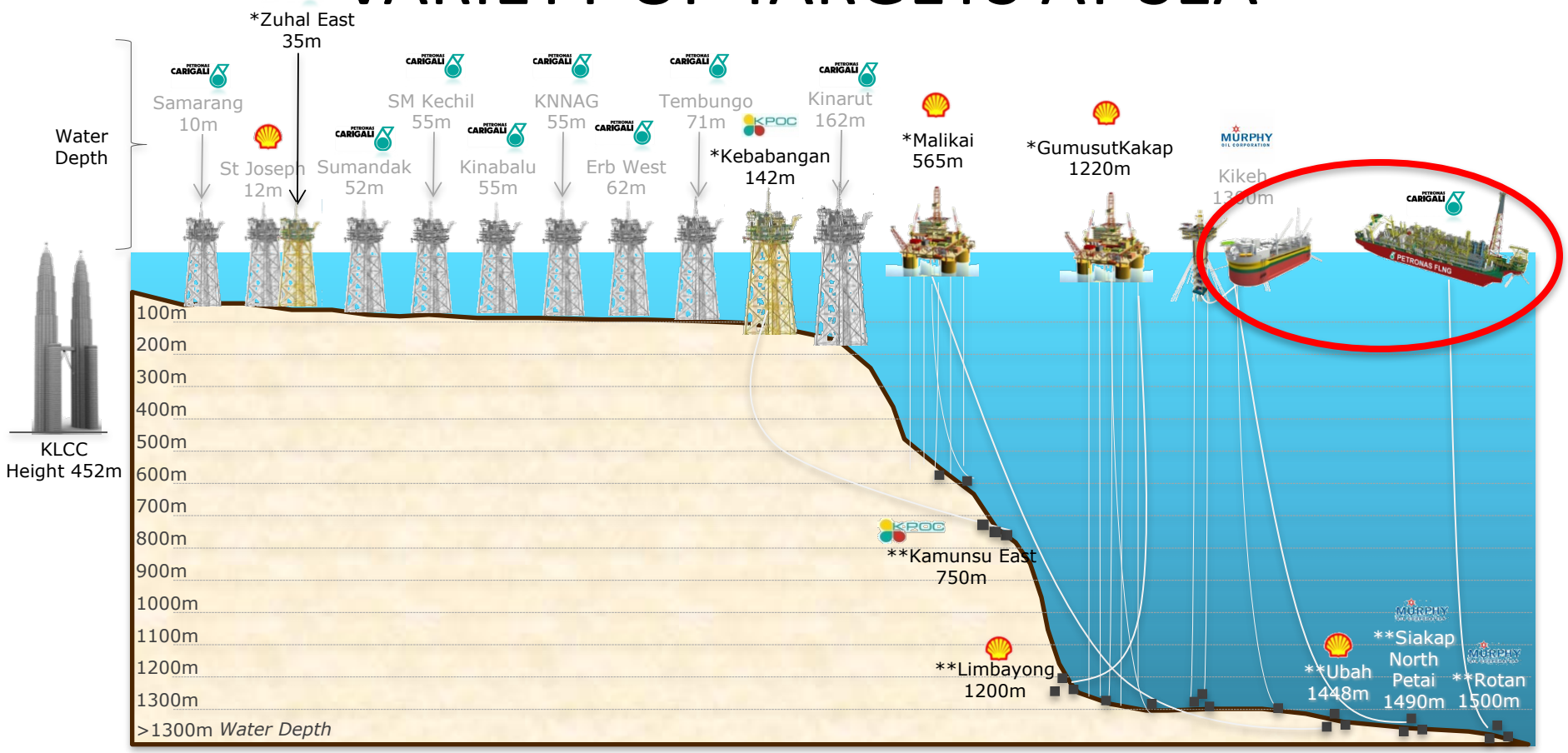
- In February 7, 2004, the Abu Sayaff set off a bomb in Superferry 14 off Corregidor which killed 116 people.
- A television set with 3.8 kg of TNT was left in the lower decks.



Source: World Energy Atlas

Oil and Gas Fields in South East Asia

VARIETY OF TARGETS AT SEA



Legend:

- Jacket Platform
- Floating Production, Storage & Offloading (FPSO)
- Tension Leg Platform
- PETRONAS Floating Liquefied Natural Gas 2 (PFLNG2)
- Truss Spar Platform
- Subsea Wellhead

Operator

Note:
*Project in progress
**Under study/consideration

Security concerns

Terrorist attacks

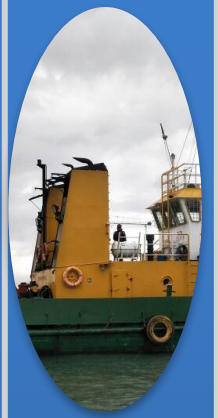
Militancy

Marine Encroachment

Sample pictures: Fisherman intrusion nearby oil & gas platform

Sea People (Straits of Malacca)

Attack on Anchored and Transit Ships (Straits of Malacca)



Attacks on Barges and Tugs (South China Sea)

Attacks on liquid flammable cargo (South China Sea)

Attack on Superferry 14 (Philippines)

Attacks on fishermen – Kidnap For Ransom (Sulu Sea)

Attacks on Ship Crew – KFR (Sulu Sea)

Beheading of Crew (Mindanao)

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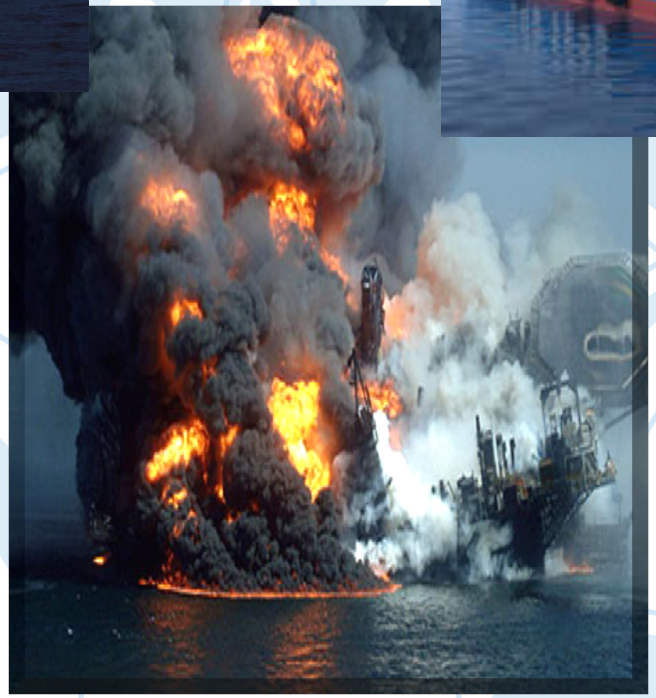
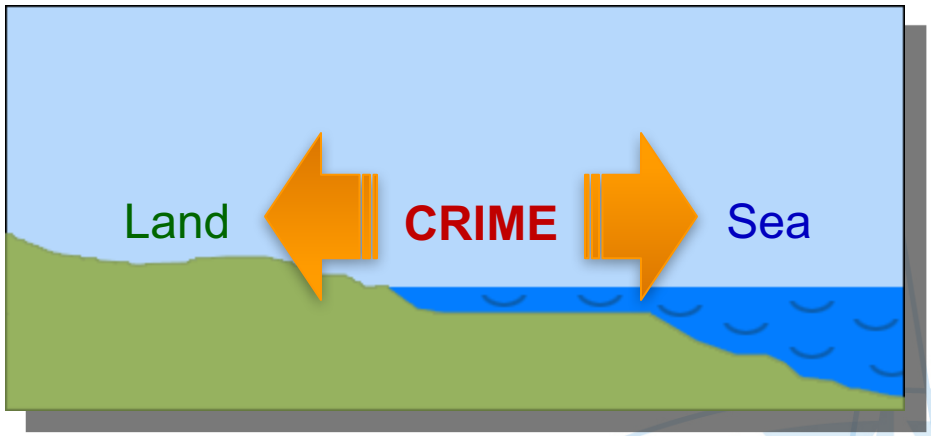
Piracy to Terrorism

Least Probable, Most Dangerous Threat

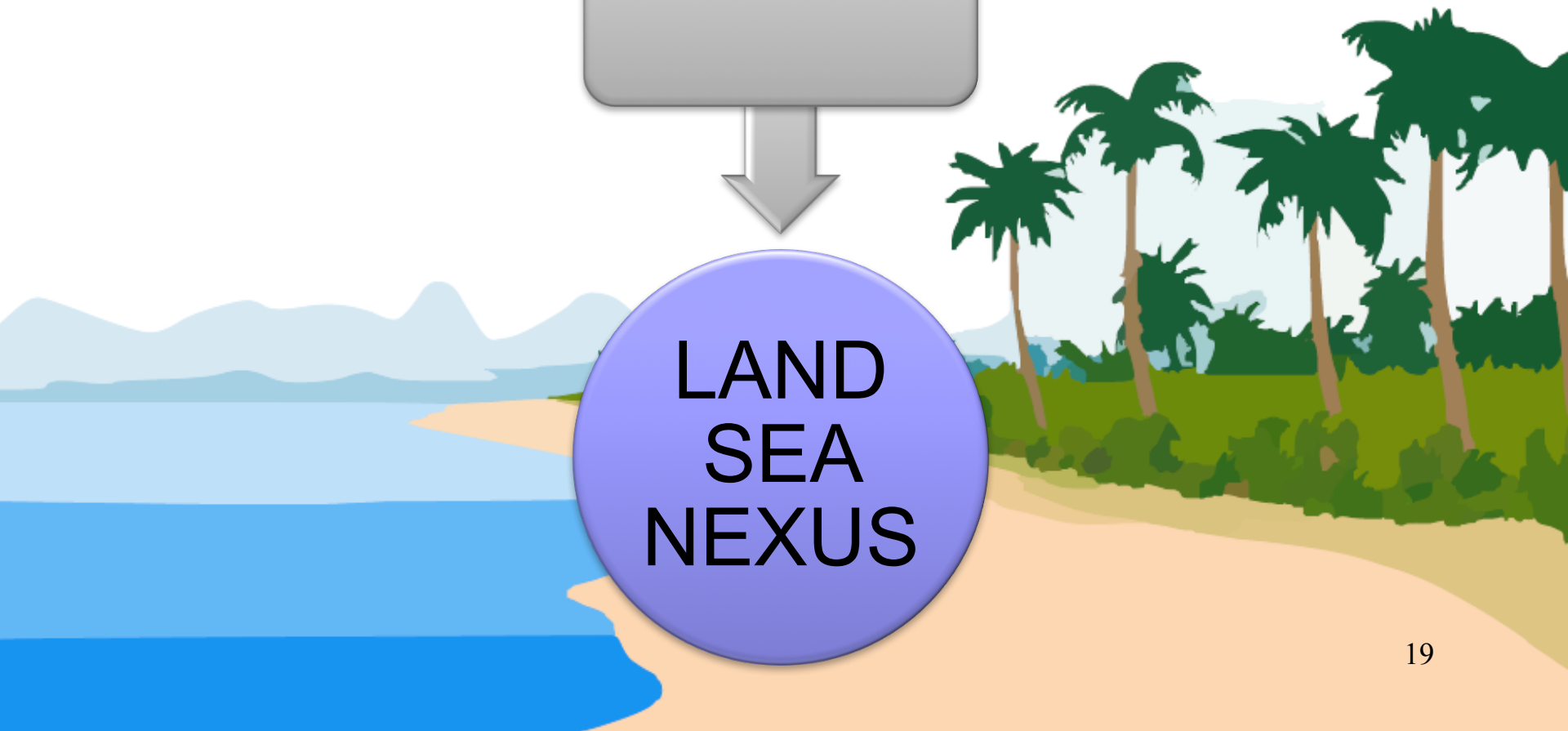




Nature of Maritime Crime

- Crime is hatched on land, uses the sea as a conduit and the fruits of crime is enjoyed on land
- Crime is a business and lives as a *shadow economy* alongside *legitimate economy.* Both depend on market forces

ORGANISED CRIME



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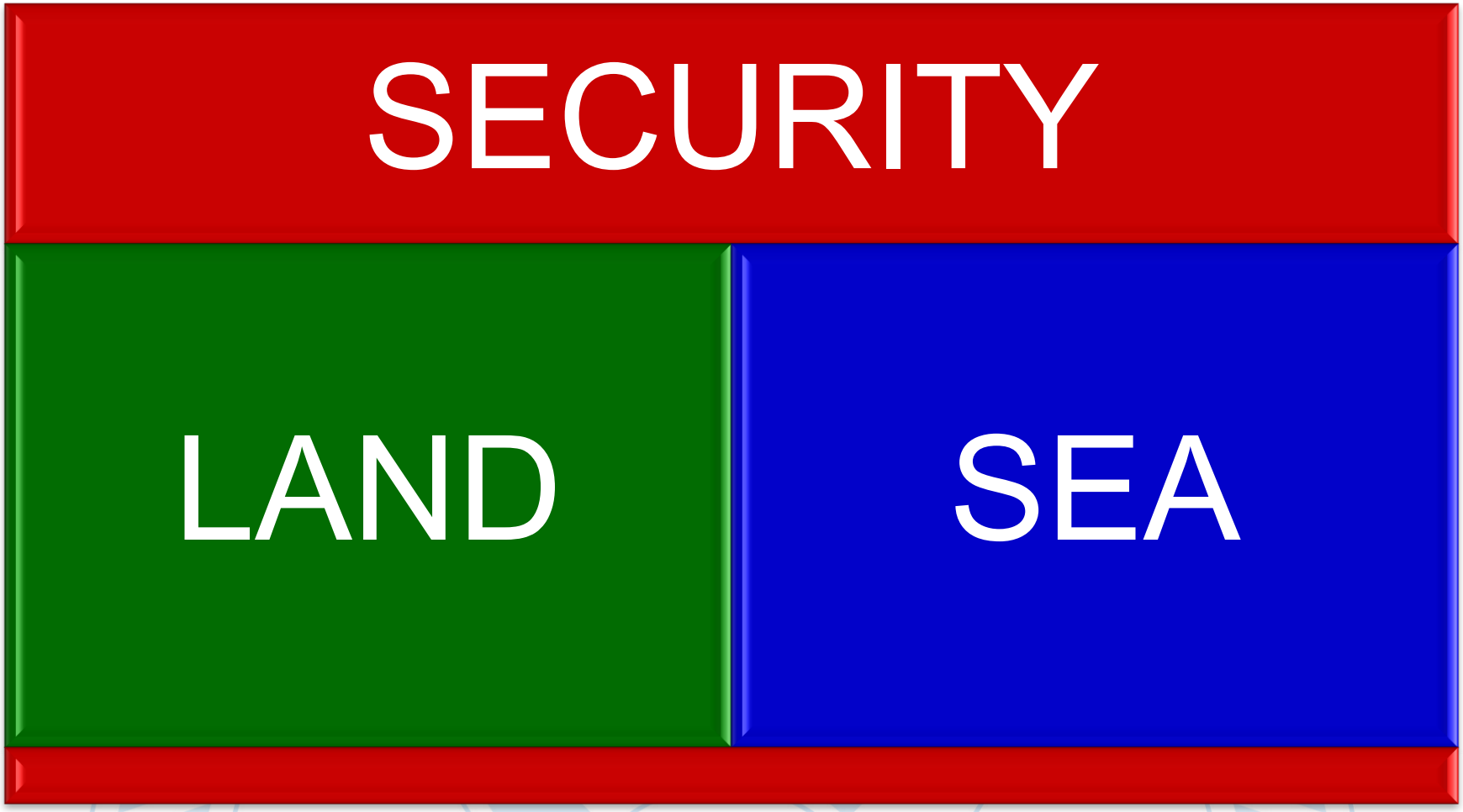


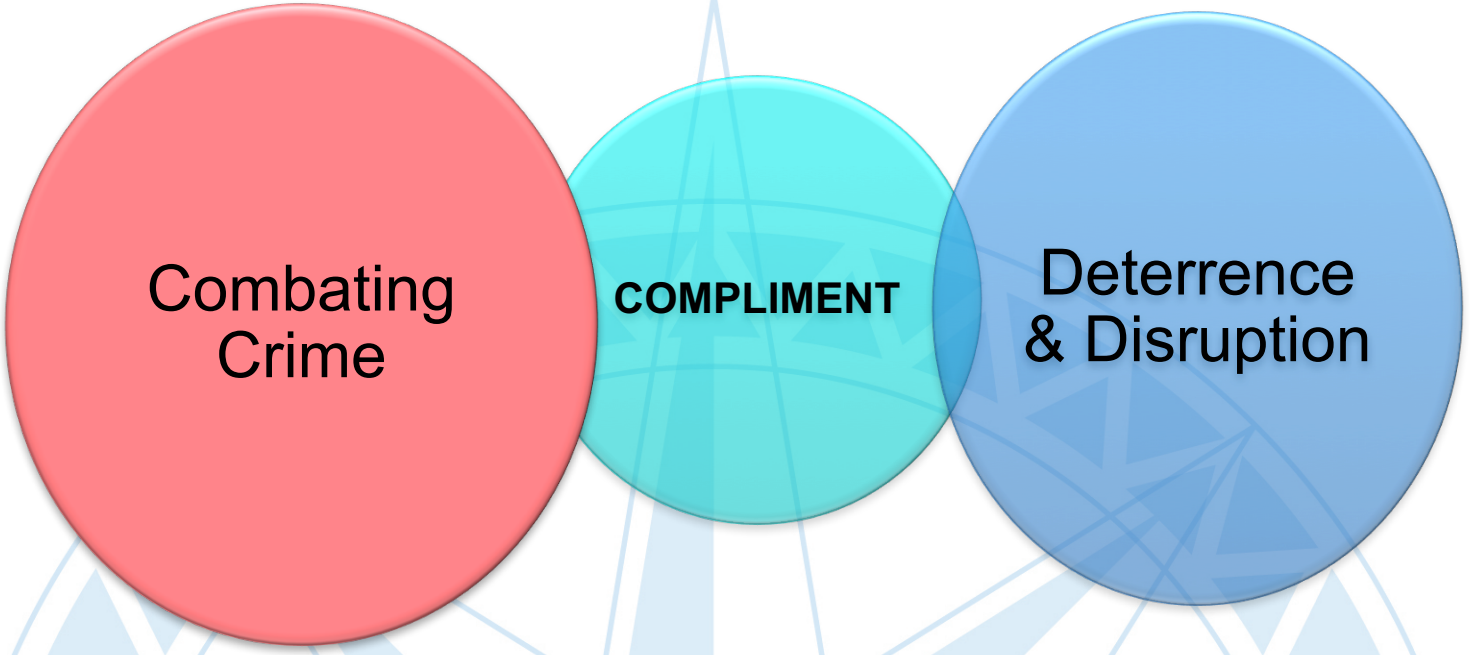
LAND AND SEA ENFORCEMENT DIVIDED

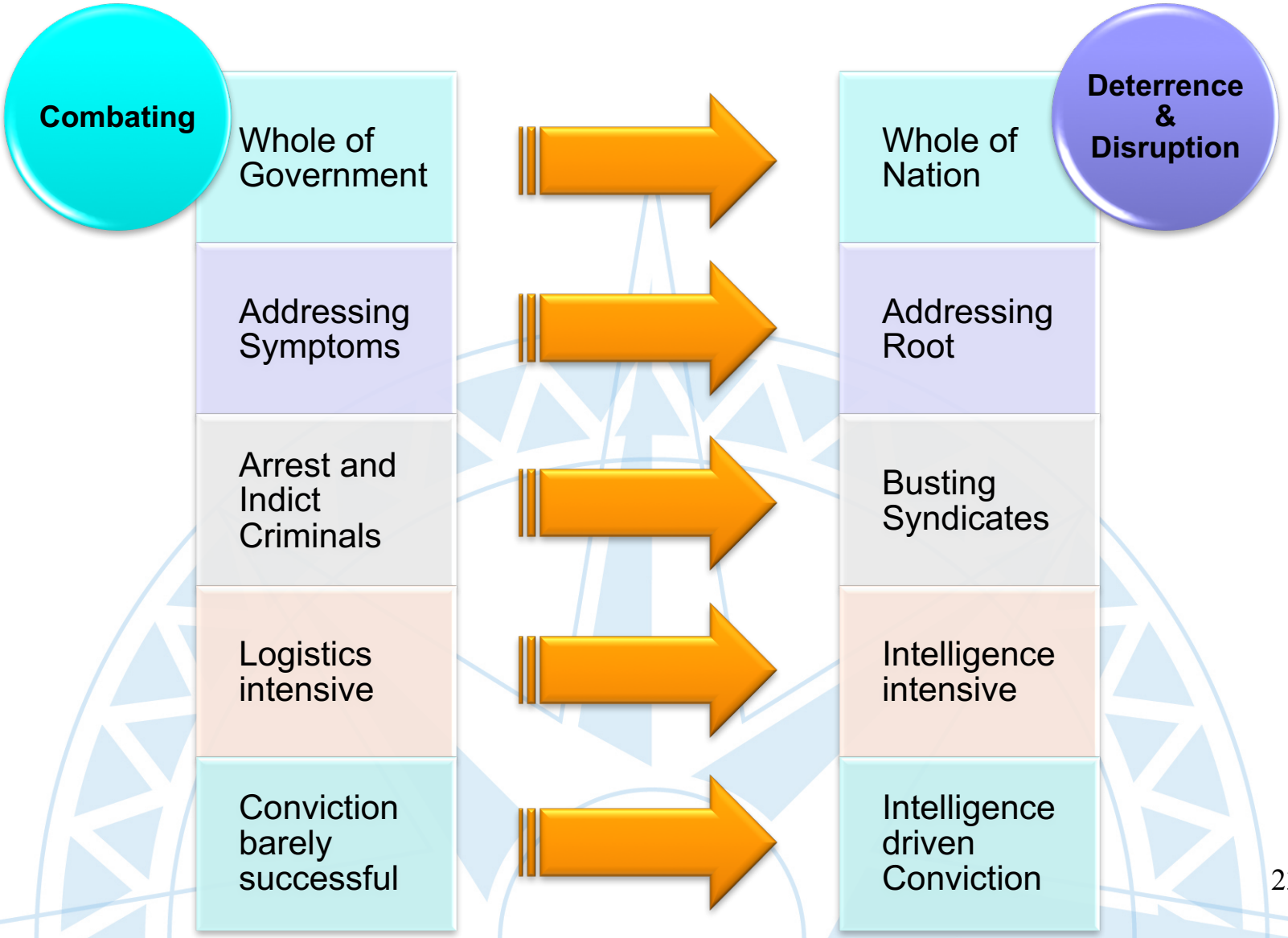
LEGITIMATE ECONOMY

GAP REDUCTION - Targeting Regional Transnational Crime Logistics Chain

CAPACITY BUILDING

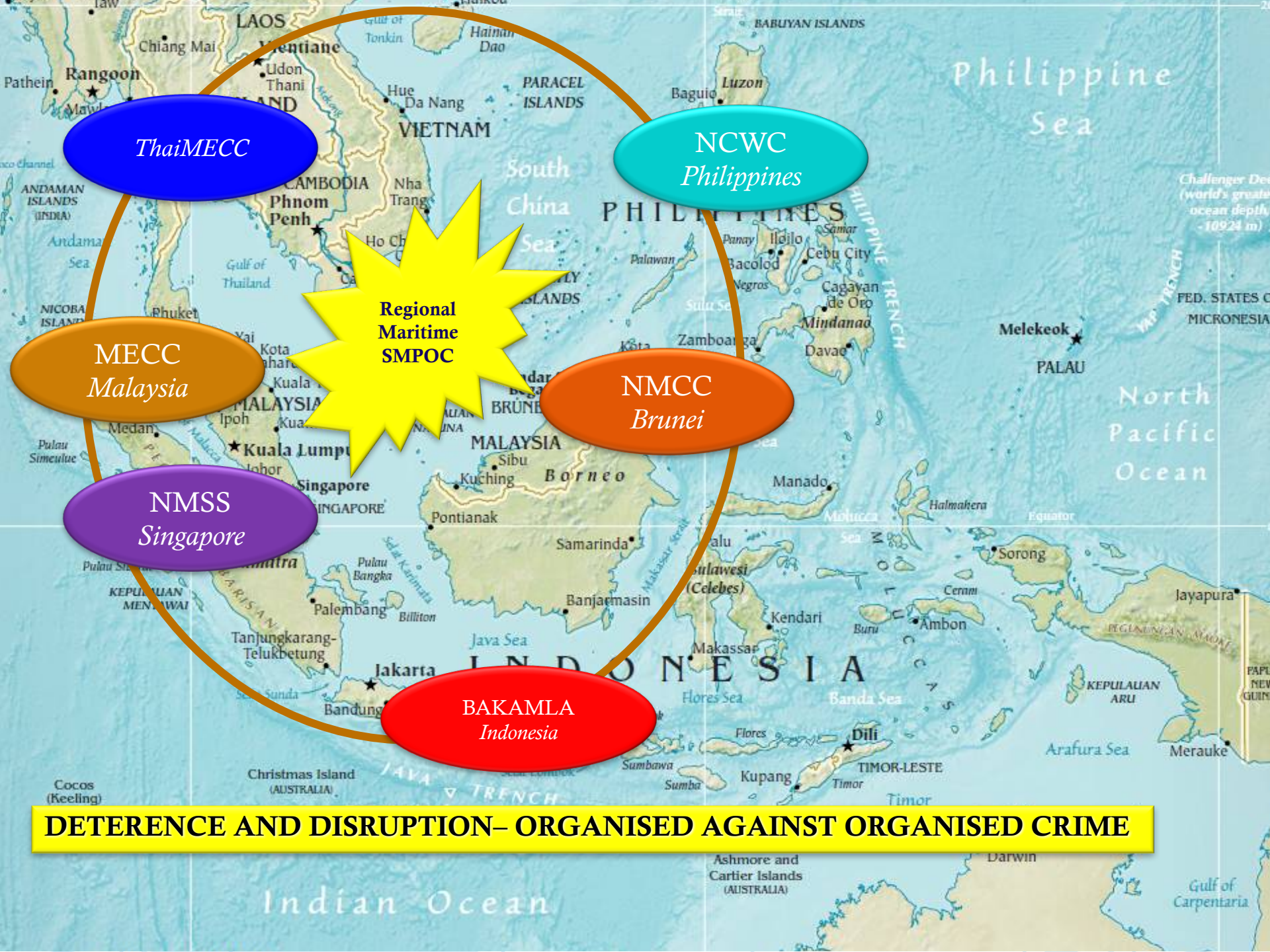
SHADOW ECONOMY


Combating Crime
COMPLIMENT
Deterrence & Disruption


Combating
Whole of Government
Addressing Symptoms
Arrest and Indict Criminals
Logistics intensive
Conviction barely successful
Deterrence & Disruption
Whole of Nation
Addressing Root
Busting Syndicates
Intelligence intensive
Intelligence driven Conviction

Transnational Organised Crime *Syndicates*

COMBATTING CRIME – DEALING WITH JIGSAWS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DETERENCE AND DISRUPTION– ORGANISED AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME

What is needed

Effective Conviction

- Successful arrests followed by successful incrimination

Target Supply Chain

- Breaking the land-sea logistics chain

Increase Costs of Crime

- Reduce the gap between legitimate economy and shadow economy

Outreach

- Collective Security as “Risk Mitigation”

Industry participation

- Private – Public Partnership

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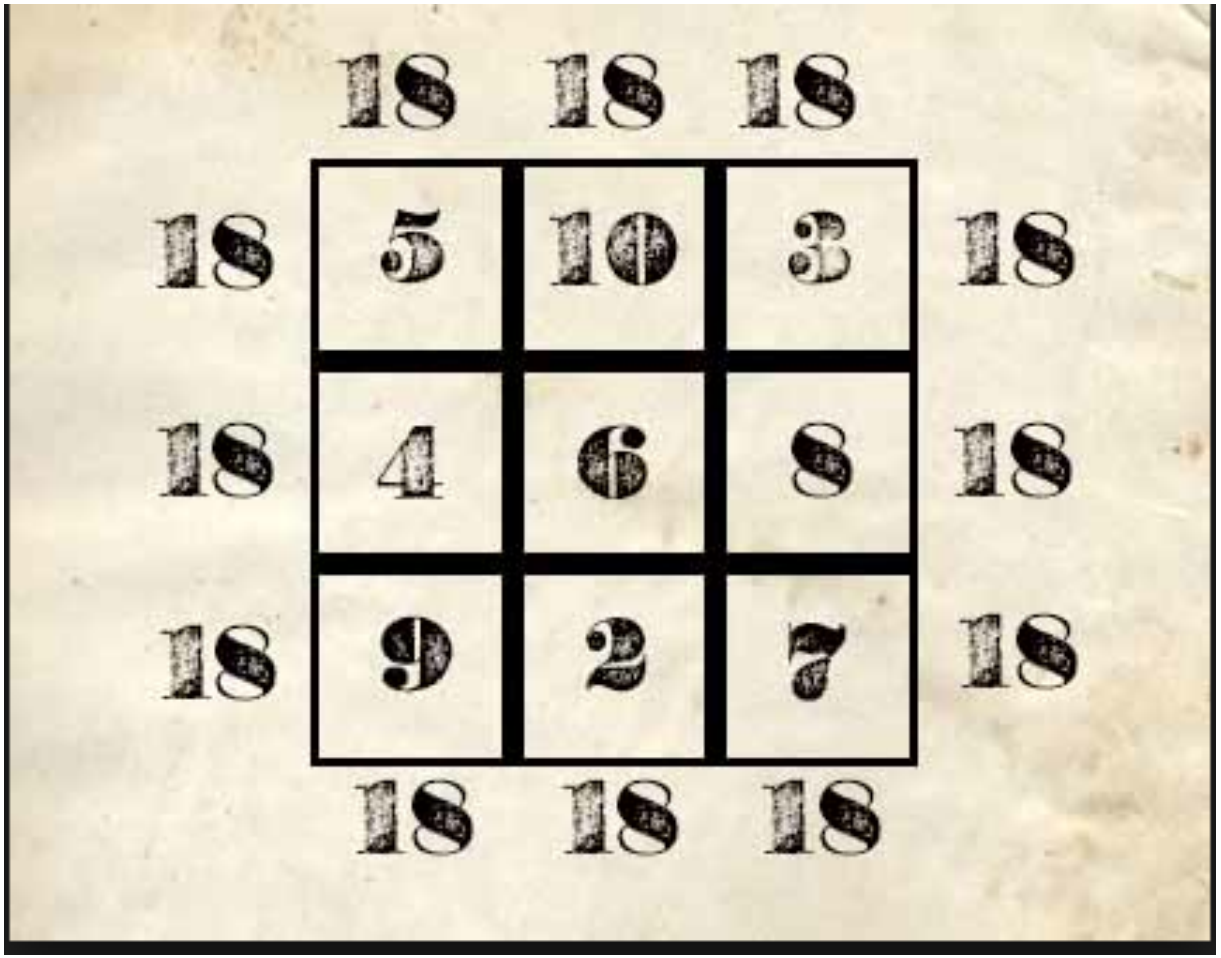
EVERYONE MUST DO THEIR PART



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