

U.S Coast Guard IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook

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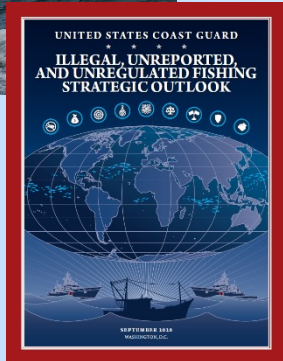




Global IUU Fishing – A National Security Threat



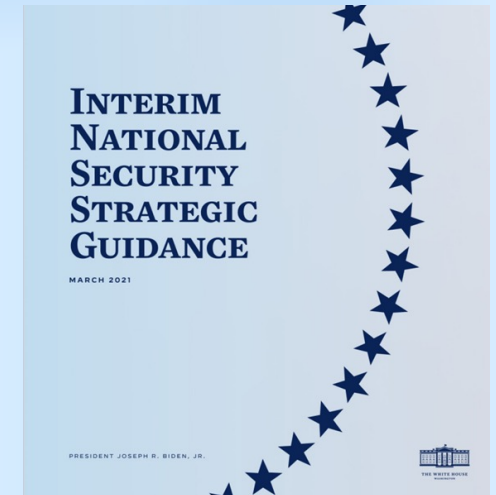
USCG and Strategic Competition



Unique Authorities & Capabilities
Collaborative Partnerships around the World
Tri-Service Maritime Strategy
IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook
Longstanding & Unique relationships w/ Russia & China

Interim NSS Connections

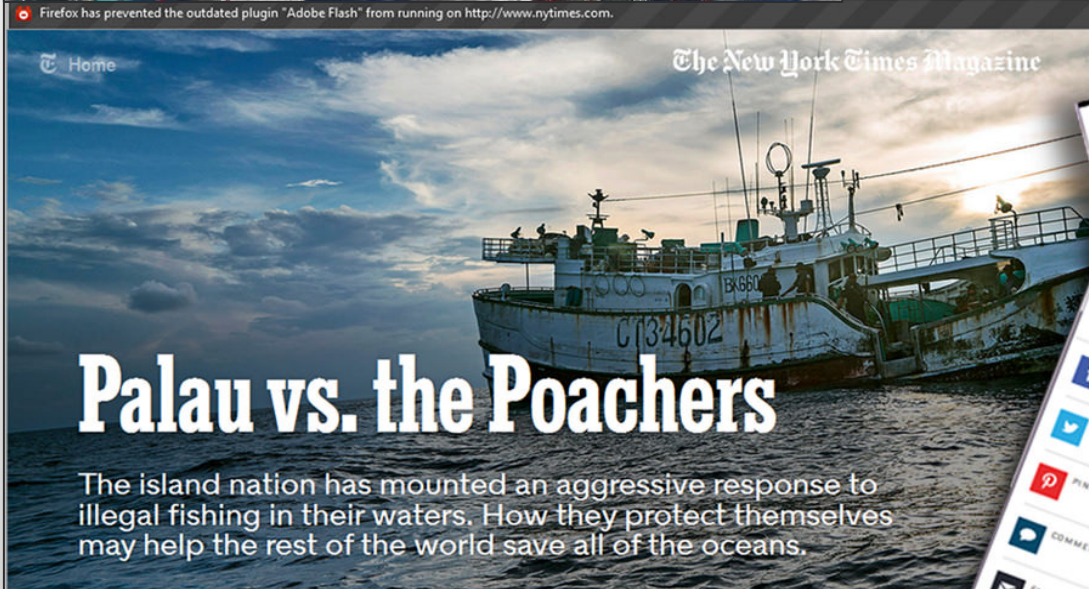
By “reasserting forward-looking global leadership, **we will ensure that America, not China, sets the international agenda**, working alongside others to shape new global norms and agreements that advance our interests and reflect our values.”



China's influence is no longer a regional Indo-Pacific threat; China's influence is global, therefore, our response needs to be global.



Acceptable Maritime Behavior and Rule of Law



Palau vs. the Poachers

The island nation has mounted an aggressive response to illegal fishing in their waters. How they protect themselves may help the rest of the world save all of the oceans.





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The U.S. Coast Guard's Vision to Combat IUU Fishing

Current State

Global fish stocks are under stress from growing consumption, changing ecosystems & poor governance. State subsidized distant water fishing fleets amplify these stressors undermining maritime rules-based order.

Promote Intel-Driven Enforcement Operations

- *Deploying tailored force packages*
- *Leveraging IC capabilities & technology*
- *Streamlining processes for info sharing*

Counter Predatory & Irresponsible Behavior

- *Targeting priority regions & countries*
- *Confronting the actions of predatory nations*
- *Leverage existing tools & legal authorities*

Expand Multilateral Enforcement Cooperation

- *Include counter-IUU fishing in exercises*
- *Provide targeted IUU fishing training*
- *Supporting improvement to technology systems*

Future Desired State

Global adherence to international agreements & conservation measures. Recovery, preservation & economic viability of global fish stocks.

"IUU fishing as replaced piracy as the leading global maritime security threat."

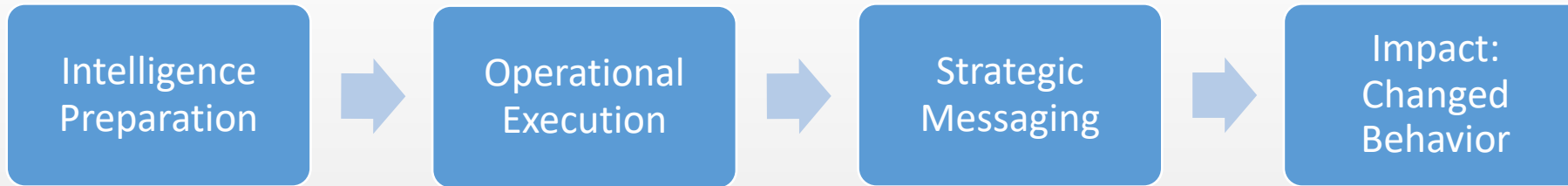
- Admiral Karl L. Schultz, USCG Commandant

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LOE 1: Promote Targeted, Effective, Intelligence-Driven Enforcement Operations



Execute cIUUF at-sea enforcement to strategic effect

- Similar to drug-interdiction mission – not enough capacity for rote enforcement to be effective
- Target networks and beneficial owners
- Prioritize post-operational strategic messaging



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LOE 2: Counter Predatory and Irresponsible State Behavior

- **Expose aggressive actions of competitor states**
 - Deny China opportunities to use IUU fishing as a tool of national power
 - Bolster at-risk coastal state ability to withstand aggressive tactics
- **Demand acceptable behavior from all flag states, allies in particular**
 - Taiwan – Second largest distant water fishing fleet
 - Frequent IUU fishing violator
- **Promote model Coast Guard behavior – contrast with irresponsible actions**



Credit: South China Morning Post / Stephen Case

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LOE 3: Expand Multilateral Fisheries Enforcement Cooperation



- USCG cannot do it alone
- Partnerships are key to success
 - Joint/coordinated intel, operations, info sharing, and strategic messaging with capable partners
 - Capacity building for at-risk, developing partners
- Targeted, persistent, and collaborative effort to sustain and strengthen connections



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Maritime SAFE Act Interagency Working Group



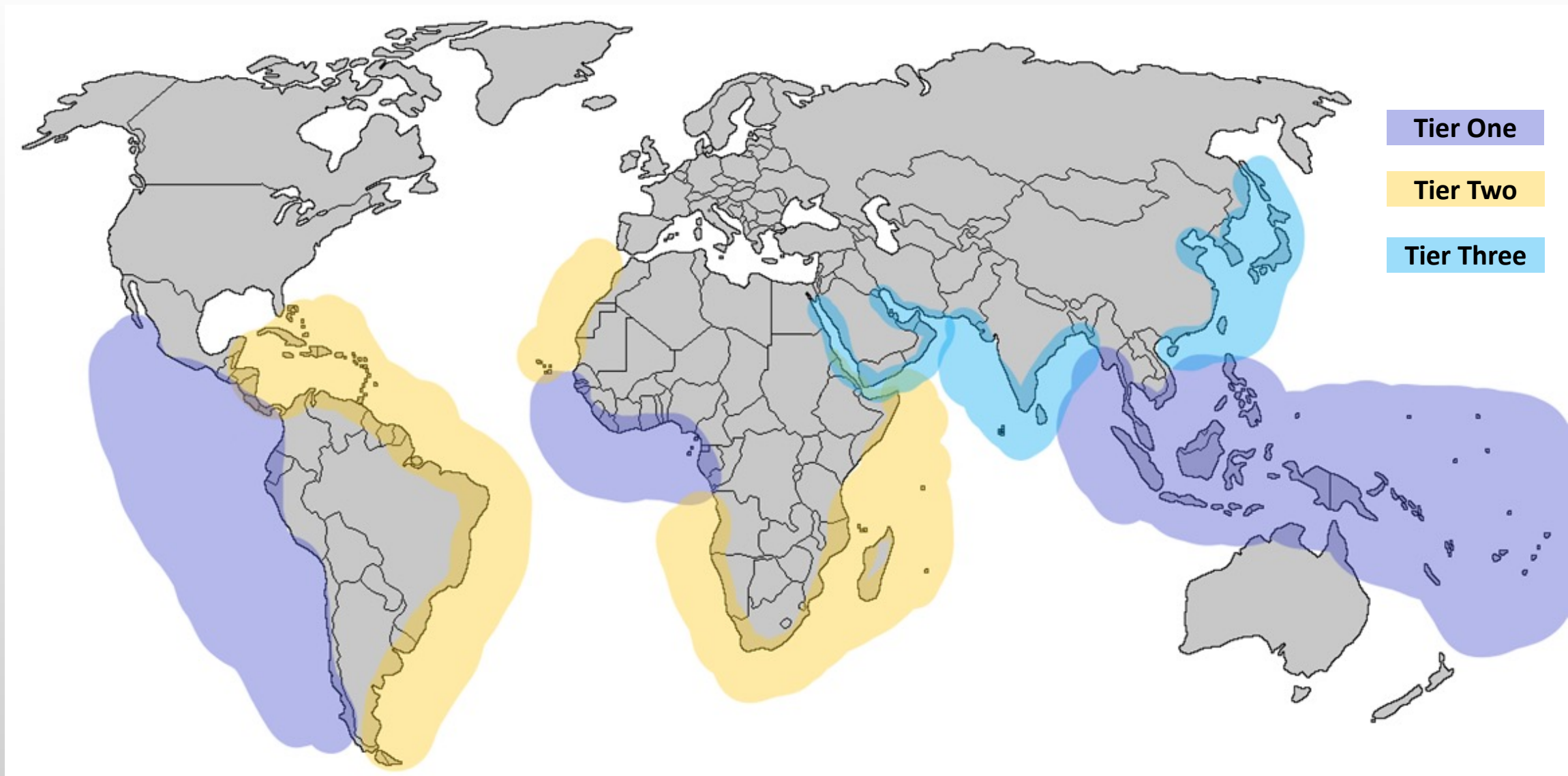
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- Council on Environmental Quality
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Office of the United States Trade Representative



Maritime SAFE Act Priority Regions

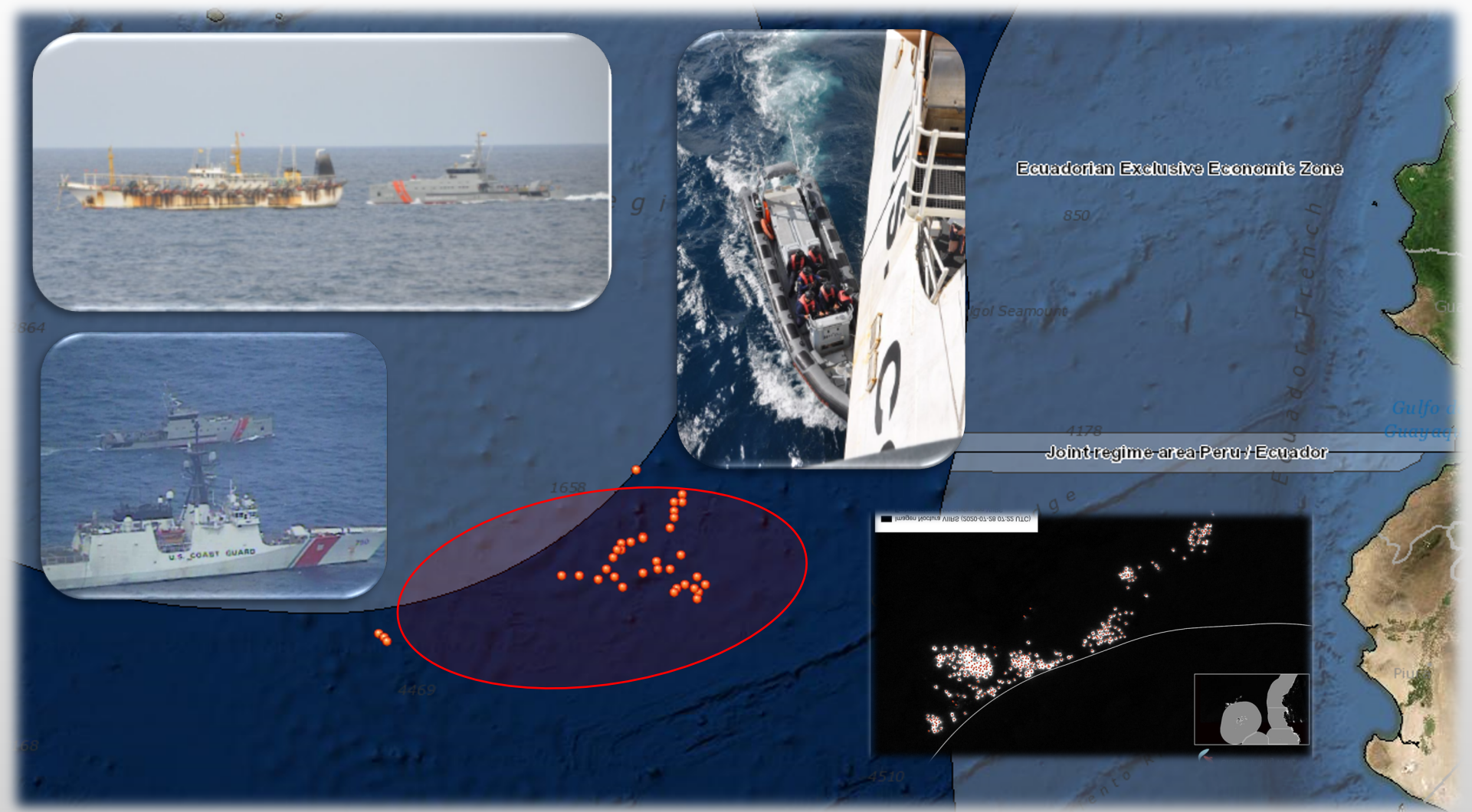




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Partnerships – Operation Kuartam



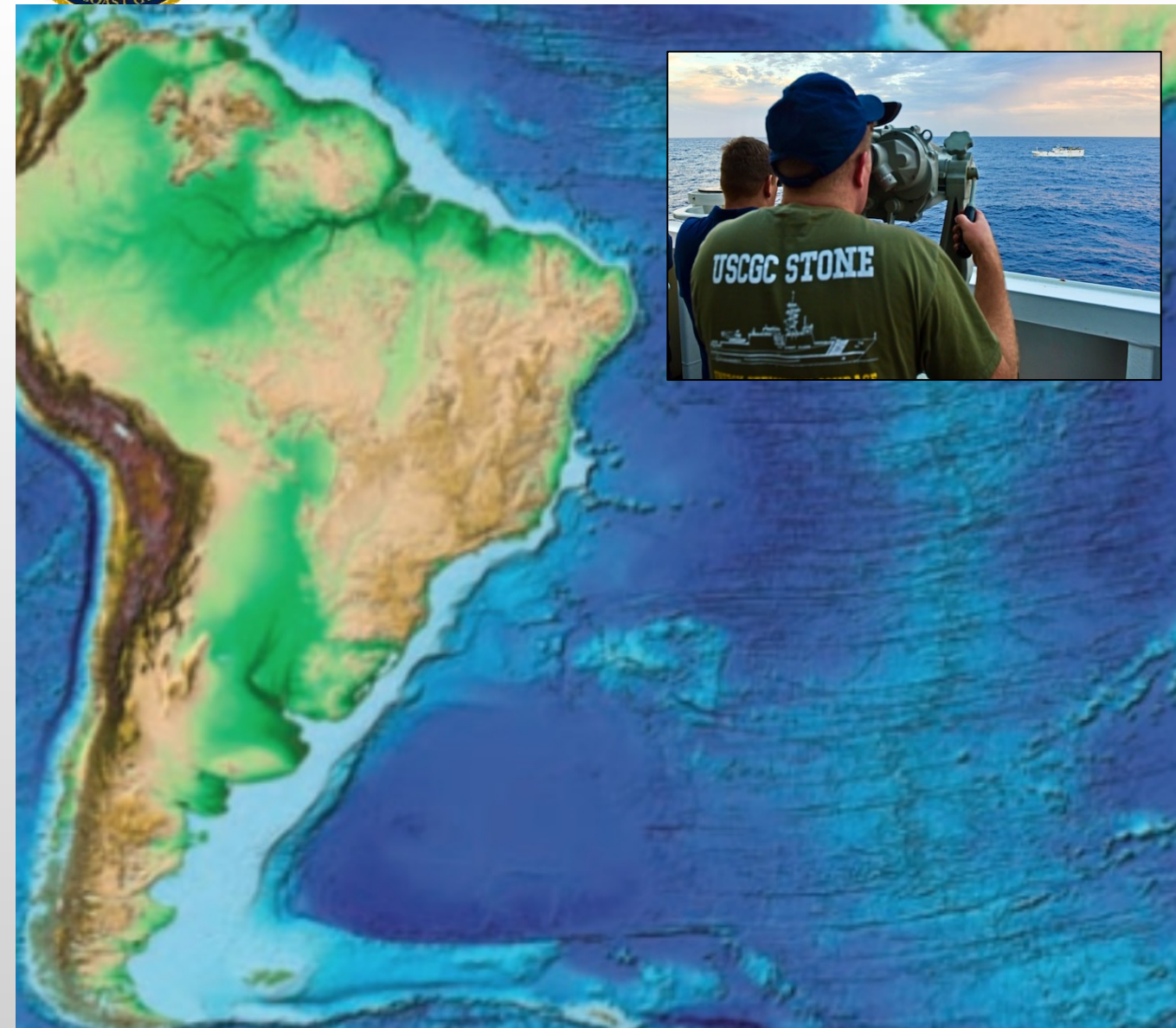
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Partnerships – Operation Southern Cross

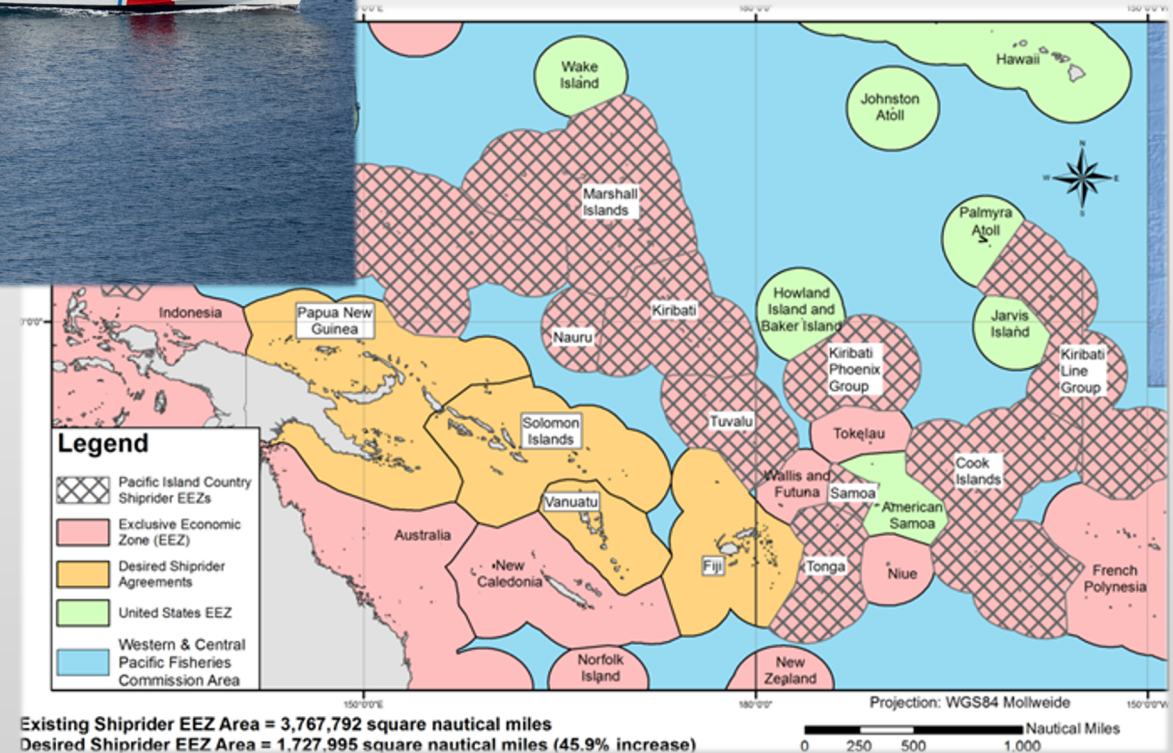




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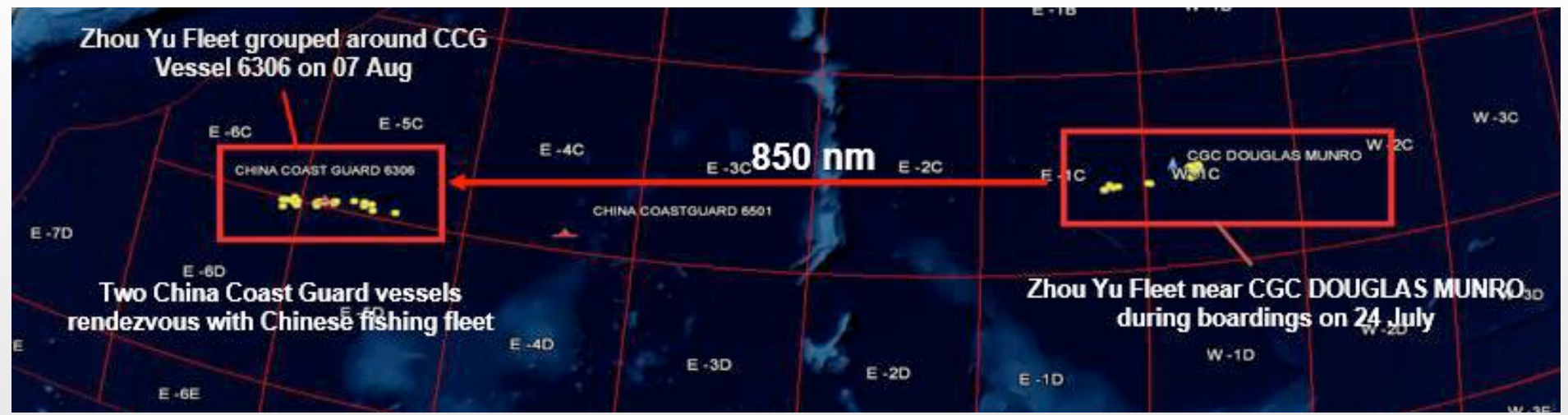
Partnerships – Operation Blue Pacific



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Operation North Pacific Guard





Partnerships – Gulf of Guinea (Upcoming)

