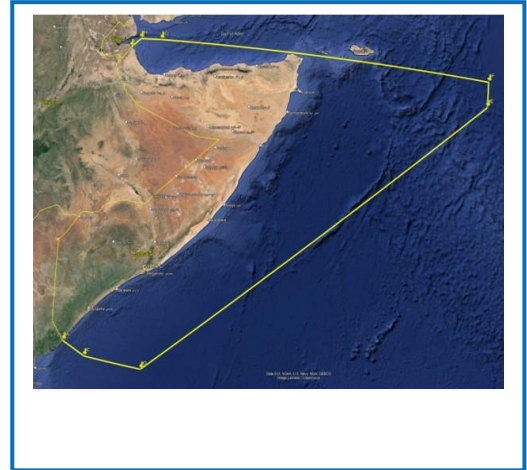




# Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centre Mogadishu

## What is a MRCC?

- The Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centre (MRCC) in the Port of Mogadishu coordinates Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts and address incident at sea 24/7 by receiving distress alerts, assessing the situation, and coordinating resources to respond effectively. Incidents include distress situations, accidents, and oil pollution.
- MRCC is responsible for a geographic area around its coastline, known as the Search and Rescue Region of Responsibility designated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- MRCC monitor traffic and emergency frequencies, share updates, and coordinates evacuations through a centralized platform connecting nearby merchant vessels, SAR units and centres like Berbera and Bossaso, to ensure prompt responses and enable effective collaboration among stakeholders.
- As a key point in Maritime Domain Awareness, MRCC supports real-time data sharing through advanced systems like VHF, satellite links, and AIS maintaining constant communication with those involved according to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual.



## What is the impact of MRCC?

- The MRCC's unique ability to integrate real time data into a comprehensive maritime picture strengthen the response of the Somali Maritime Police, Navy, and regional partners to various types of maritime incidents, including Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, smuggling of drugs, and human trafficking.
- The operational capability of MRCC enables Somalia to control its territorial waters, promoting lawful maritime activities, improving port security, and fostering economic development. This reduces the need for costly international interventions and stabilizes a region that impacts vital European interests.
- Given the blurred nature of maritime borders, regional issues can quickly escalate into global problems. Investing in Somali MRCC capabilities strengthens partnerships with regional actors, reinforcing the EU's leadership in global maritime governance. This investment emphasizes the EU integrated approach to managing maritime risks, in line with the Strategic Compass for Security and Defence.

## How has EUCAP contributed for the MRCC?

- MRCC was inaugurated in December 2024. EUCAP Somalia carried out/projected the MRCC-construction and donated the furniture, technological equipment and a brand-new central antenna tower. The value of the donation is about EUR 200 000.
- There are 12 staff members working at the MRCC, all trained by EUCAP Somalia's Maritime Security Unit. The training covers the basics procedures for rescue at sea, and foundational Knowledge in navigation, weather, emergency preparedness, and the use of the computer-based info-sharing platform, provided by the EU initiative CRIMARIO II.