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A Maritime Security Strategy for New Zealand
Understand: Air Surveillance Complementary Capability

Te Mātiakitanga o Tangaroa

Guardianship of New Zealand's maritime waters

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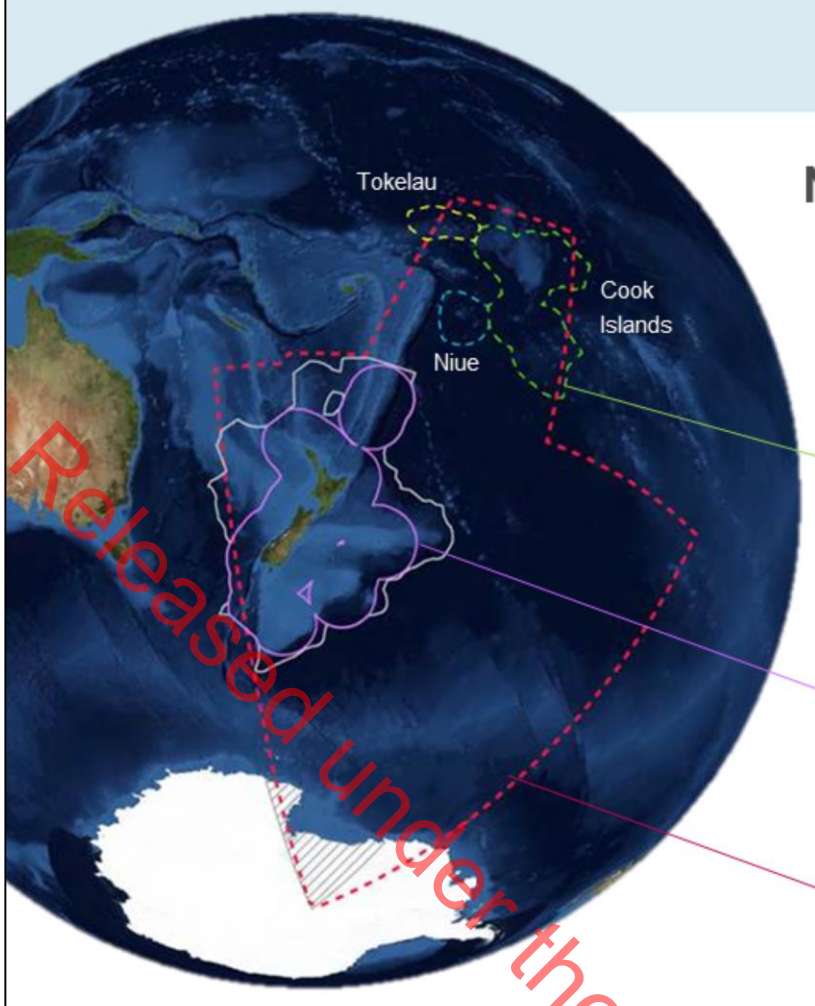
New Zealand has expansive maritime responsibilities and interests



Obligations to other **Realm countries**

An Exclusive Economic Zone that is **15 times the area** of mainland New Zealand

A Search and Rescue Region that covers **1/11th of the globe**

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Maritime security is complex and cross-cutting

Threats to maritime security include:

- prohibited imports and exports (eg, drug smuggling)
- illegal exploitation of natural resources (eg, fisheries)
- people smuggling
- marine pollution
- biosecurity risks
- security of ports and shipping
- technologically enabled threats to maritime infrastructure.

In addition a number of factors impact the availability of maritime security assets and our ability to exert our rights and responsibilities. These include:

- Maritime Safety and Search & Rescue
- Challenges to international maritime rules and norms
- The impact of humanitarian and disaster response operations
- Changes in the management of the maritime estate and the maritime economy.

New Zealand's maritime security interests extend well beyond our immediate borders. We have constitutional responsibilities to the Realm states (Niue, Cook Islands and Tokelau) and have deep and sustained national interests in the Pacific and Southern Ocean. We need to be active participants in our region, and cooperate closely with our ally Australia, and other key security partners in the region. We rely on good governance around critical physical and electronic sea lines of communication and have deep economic, political, and cultural connections across the Asia-Pacific.

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The maritime security environment has changed

Escalation of **trans-national organised** crime threats in the maritime domain.

Increased pressures on maritime security in our region – resource scarcity, geopolitical competition and climate change.

Technological change presents opportunities for malicious actors – new targets and reduces the protection that distance has traditionally offered New Zealand.

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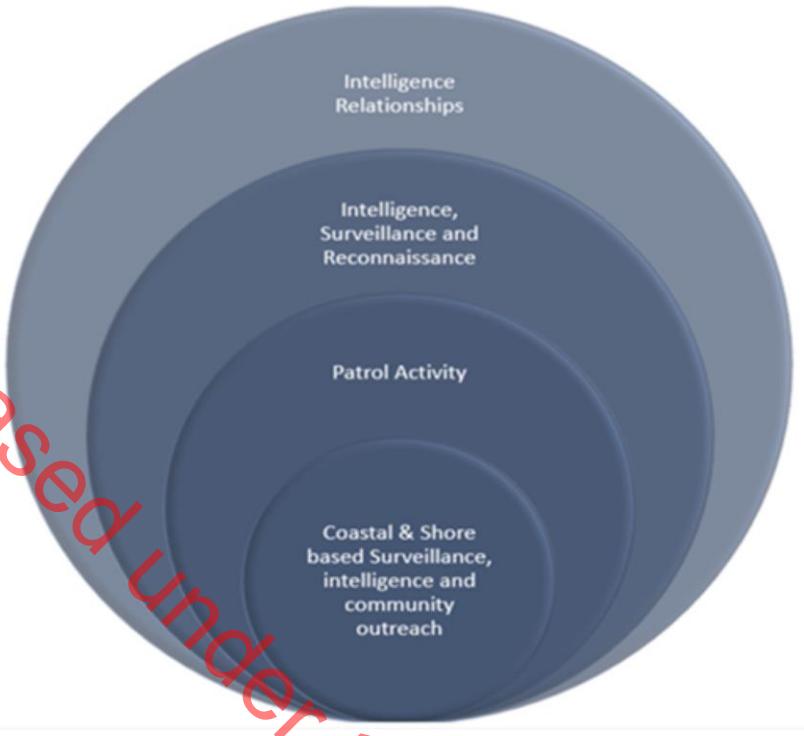
The Understand pillar is based on a layered approach



The approach needs to be operationalised…

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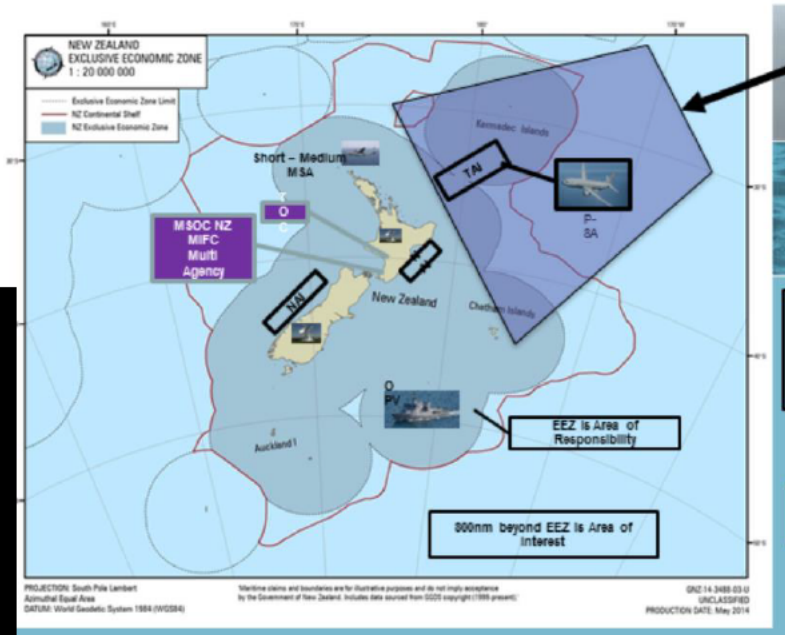
- ✓ Detect
- ✓ Track
- ✓ Identify
- ✓ Respond



South West Pacific
- Uses same concept
- Support to IFC and FFA
- Support to response

Southern Ocean
- Uses same concept

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