



EMASoH in November: Latest News

- Force Commander Rear Admiral Panebianco and his staff visited container ship Emma Maersk in Dubai
- The Maritime Patrol Aircraft Atlantique 2 contributes to the aerial situational awareness of EMASoH Operation AGENOR.
- Force Commander Rear Admiral Panebianco presented EMASoH Operation AGENOR at the ECSA Maritime Security Working Group in Brest through a Virtual Teleconference.
- EMASoH presents infographic on Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping with the latest stats.
- EMASoH Voluntary Reporting Scheme (VRS).
- VRS reporting on EMASoH website.

Visit to Emma Maersk



Figure 1 – Visit Emma Maersk

EMASoH was invited to Dubai to visit Emma Maersk, a vessel that once held the title of the largest container ship ever built. Our team had the privilege of meeting the Captain and the dedicated crew, engaging in insightful discussions about their activities in the Gulf region.

The exchange of knowledge was valuable, shedding light on the merchant shipping operator's perspective on maritime security. We extend our sincere gratitude with a 'Tusind tak' to Emma Maersk for the warm welcome and dialogue.

Aerial Awareness Patrols over the Strait of Hormuz

In a stride towards bolstering maritime awareness in the Strait of Hormuz, EMASoH wants to share a glimpse of the dynamic operations of the Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Atlantique 2. In November two MPA crews: Ulysse Charlie and Ulysse Alpha have undertaken several flights, navigating the skies over the Gulf region. Equipped with advanced capabilities for maritime situational awareness patrols, the Atlantique 2 is a crucial asset in Operation AGENOR.

This airborne component extends our reach and enhances our capacity to monitor and analyse maritime activities from above. The crew's observations and data collection contribute significantly to the comprehensive understanding of the maritime landscape in the region.



Figure 2 – Flight Maritime Patrol Aircraft

VTC ECSA Maritime Security Working Group



Figure 3 - EMASoH VTC ECSA Maritime Security Working Group

On November 15th, Force Commander Rear Admiral Panebianco presented EMASoH Operation AGENOR at the ECSA Maritime Security Working Group in Brest. This collaborative forum, hosted by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), brought together maritime experts and stakeholders to address security concerns.

Despite the physical distance, EMASoH actively engaged through a Virtual Teleconference (VTC). The working group, renowned for its commitment to enhancing maritime security, facilitated a series of informative presentations promoting knowledge exchange. ECSA Maritime Security Working Group, thank you for having us.

Infographic Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping

This month EMASoH published an infographic, distilling key insights derived from the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) from Operation AGENOR.

The infographic serves as a snapshot, providing a concise and informative look at our contributions to maritime awareness and security. Notable statistics include details about EMASoH ships in the area, with 54% identified as tankers and 21% as container ships. Additionally, it highlights that on average 30 to 35 EMASoH-flagged merchant vessels traverse the Strait of Hormuz daily.

We encourage you to explore and share the infographic as it is an insightful resource that encapsulates the operational aspects of the mission. Your continued support is instrumental in our shared goal of fostering maritime security.

For more updates on our activities and efforts to bolster security in the Gulf region, stay connected with us on our social media platforms.

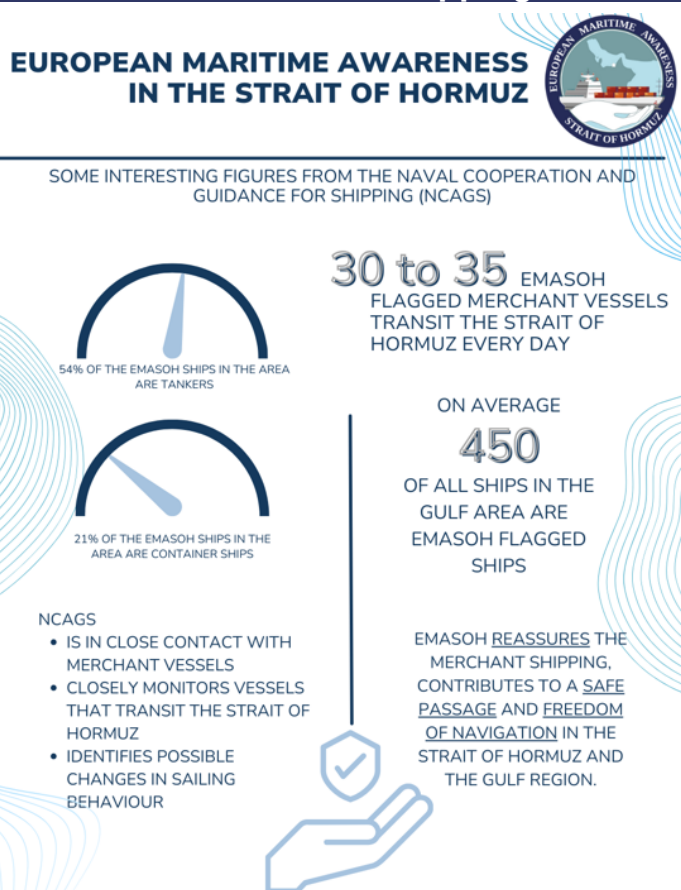


Figure 4 – Infographic NCAGS

EMASoH Voluntary Reporting Scheme (VRS)

Merchant vessels are invited to participate to our Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Voluntary reporting improves the cooperation and guidance that EMASoH can provide to those ships. Voluntary reported ships are also prioritised for possible accompaniments with EMASoH's naval assets and reassuring calls with naval and aerial assets.

Before entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), 48 hours in advance, or as soon as possible:

- ✓ inform EMASoH about the timing of your intended entry and exit of the VRA;
- ✓ confirm the planning 6 hours before entering and share possible changes to the journey planning;
- ✓ report any suspicious behaviour to the coast guard of the coastal state and to EMASoH.

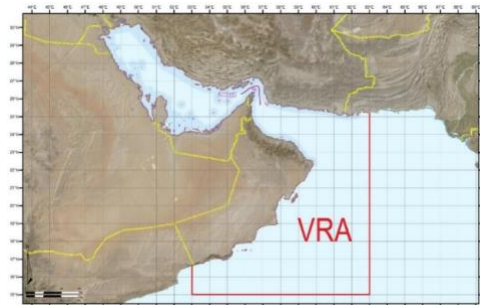


Figure 5 - EMASoH VRA

VRS reporting on EMASoH website

Voluntary Reporting Scheme - VRS

All ships entering the EMASoH Voluntary Reporting Area are invited to provide the following information 48 hours prior to entering the area or as soon as possible and report suspicious behaviour or unusual events.

The data sent through this form will only be used by EMASoH's Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping.

Ship name *

IMO number *

Flag state *

Bridge / ship master phone number *

Telephone number

Ship master email *

email address

Estimated Time of Arrival entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA)

ETA to the VRA

Figure 6 – New Voluntary Reporting Scheme

Reporting to EMASoH's VRS is currently done through email. To make the reporting process more convenient and structured for seafarers, we are developing and testing an alternative method: a tool on the EMASoH website that would also be convenient for other operational schemes in the Indian Ocean.

The tool allows the user to send all required information directly to NCAGS (Naval Cooperation And Guidance for Shipping) and therefore it will reduce the workload for the master. We are working to share this information among other maritime security actors operating in the area.

During the upcoming period we will keep developing and improving this new reporting tool.

Voluntary reporting to EMASoH via ctf474-emasoh.vra.fct@def.gouv.fr

More information about the VRS: <https://www.emasoh-agenor.org/voluntary-reporting-scheme>