COPERNICUS MARITIME SURVEILLANCE

USE CASE

SUPPORT TO AFRICAN NEMO OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF GUINEA AND WEST AFRICA

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) manages a Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) with activities in the areas of counter-piracy, maritime capacity building, and combating maritime crime including the trafficking of illicit substances by sea.

In West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea, UNODC has been working with local partners including regional coastguards and navies to assist states to strengthen their capacity to combat maritime crime. Activities include ongoing counter-piracy and maritime capacity-building, amongst others.

UNODC has been involved as a partner in a number of the 'African NEMO (Navy's Exercise for Maritime Operations)' exercises, coordinated by the French Navy. African NEMO is an operational cooperation exercise designed to bolster coastal states' maritime security capabilities in the Gulf of Guinea and support the 2013 Yaoundé process.

CMS has recently provided satellite imagery and value added products for a number of the African NEMO exercises, building maritime capacity in the region. During 2018, the CMS service was requested for the following exercises:

- African NEMO 18.2, 09-11 May 2018
- African NEMO 18.3, 24-30 June 2018
- African NEMO 18.4, 11 September 2018



Satellite imagery and value-added products were provided in the context of several African NEMO exercises



CMS supports the UNODC Maritime Crime Programme

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