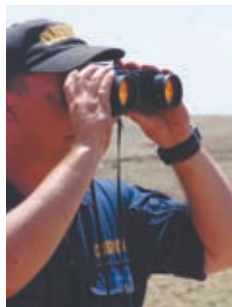




DEVELOPING THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM



Intelligence from multiple sources is used to develop and maintain awareness of the offshore environment to detect and respond to security threats long before they reach Australian shores.

Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) is an integrated approach to maritime security that ties in the threats of maritime terrorism,

illegal immigration, drug smuggling, illegal fishing and marine pollution.

The Command is developing the Australian Maritime Identification System (AMIS) to provide integrated Maritime Domain Awareness by fusing dispersed information into a single system.

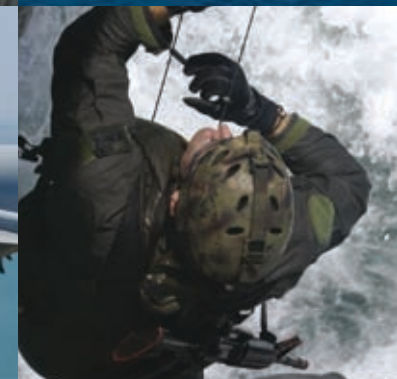
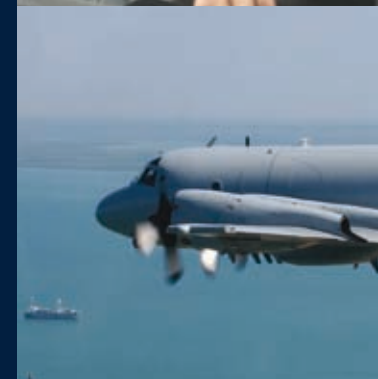
AMIS will provide security and risk analysts with a greater appreciation of any threat posed by the thousands of vessels, crew, passengers and cargo shipments in Australian waters, and enhance the Government's ability to respond to threats as far from the Australian coast as possible.



LOCATIONS AND ORGANISATION

Border Protection Command's National Headquarters is located at Customs House in Canberra. There are regional offices in Broome, Darwin, Thursday Island and Cairns. In Darwin, Border Protection Command is represented at both Customs House and at Defence's NORCOM.

PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S OFFSHORE MARITIME AREAS





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Border Protection Command provides security for Australia's offshore maritime areas.

Combining the resources and expertise of Customs and Border Protection and Defence, and working with officers from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, and other Federal agencies, Border Protection Command delivers a coordinated approach to offshore maritime security.

The Command detects and deters illegal activities using a combination of Customs and Border Protection and Defence aircraft, ships, technology and people. Its activities are conducted under legislation covering areas such as customs, fisheries, quarantine, immigration, environment and law enforcement.

MARITIME THREATS

Working with other agencies Border Protection Command detects, reports and responds to threats in the offshore maritime area including:

- terrorism
- people smuggling
- illegal fishing
- prohibited imports or exports
- quarantine risks
- illegal activity in a protected area
- piracy
- marine pollution



IT'S A BIG JOB

Border Protection Command's area of interest includes the Australian coastline, Australia's offshore territories, the Australian Fishing Zone, the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (AEEZ) and adjacent areas. This amounts to over 36,000 kilometres of coastline and an offshore maritime area of 15 million square kilometres. The area of interest may extend beyond these areas depending on the threat.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Border Protection Command is responsible to the Chief of the Defence Force for military functions and to the Chief Executive Officer Customs and Border Protection for civil functions. Border Protection Command's principal military element, Joint Task Force 639 (JTF639), is located with Headquarters NORCOM, based in Darwin.

24-HOUR OPERATIONS

The Australian Maritime Security Operations Centre in Canberra conducts 24-hour monitoring, co-ordination and communications support for all offshore protection activities. Communications, intelligence gathering and analysis, and satellite technology allow coordination of the maritime surveillance and response capability.

Analysts in the Command Intelligence Cell coordinate the collection, study and dissemination of information. They conduct risk assessments and develop plans for surveillance and response missions based on strategic and tactical needs.

Regional bases in Cairns, Darwin, Broome and Thursday Island provide operational planning and flight briefings for contractor aircraft and liaise with partner agencies and contractors.

In Darwin, JTF639 coordinates the Australian Defence Force surveillance and response effort, known as Operation Resolute.

SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE RESOURCES

Surveillance and response assets used by Border Protection Command operations include:

- electronic aerial surveillance provided by contracted fixed-wing aircraft and satellite
- surveillance, response, and logistical support from contracted helicopters based in the Torres Strait
- dedicated services provided by Royal Australian Air Force AP-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft
- periodic services provided by Australian Maritime Safety Authority contracted aircraft
- dedicated services provided by Royal Australian Navy ships with the majority being patrol boats
- dedicated Army unit patrols
- other Defence response assets as required and assigned
- dedicated services provided by Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit
- capacity to charter additional aircraft or ships as required

