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Expert Meeting on Maritime Security

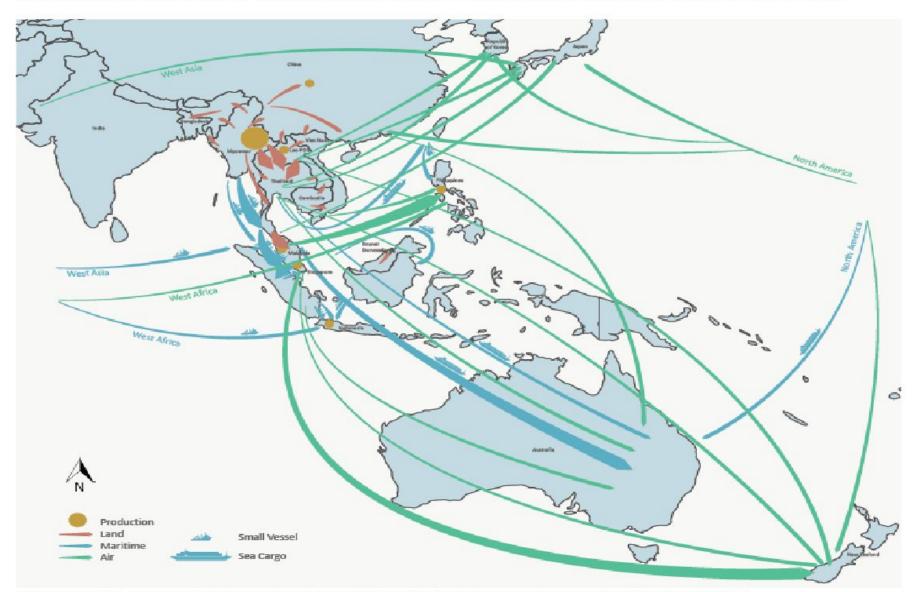
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Just Southeast Asia Alone...

Country	Postulated Key Maritime Security Challenges	
Brunei Darussalam	IUU fishing	
Cambodia	Trafficking	
Indonesia	IUU fishing, terrorism, trafficking and pollution	
Lao PDR	Not applicable (land-locked country)	
Malaysia	Trafficking and IUU fishing	
Myanmar	Trafficking and IUU fishing	
The Philippines	Terrorism, SCS disputes and IUU fishing	
Singapore	Terrorism	
Thailand	IUU fishing and trafficking	
Vietnam	SCS disputes, IUU fishing and pollution	

Differences in national perceptions of maritime security challenges
use variations in national policies based on unique priorities



Map 1. Methamphetamine trafficking routes in East and Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Oceania

Note: Boundaries, names, and designations used do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Sources: Drug Abuse Information Network for Asia and the Pacific (DAINAP) and UNODC elaboration based on data, information, and intelligence from drug authorities in East and Southeast Asia and Oceania.

Source: UNODC Report on Synthetic Drugs in East and South-East Asia: Latest developments and challenges, 2023, p. 3.

Coercion in Maritime Flashpoints

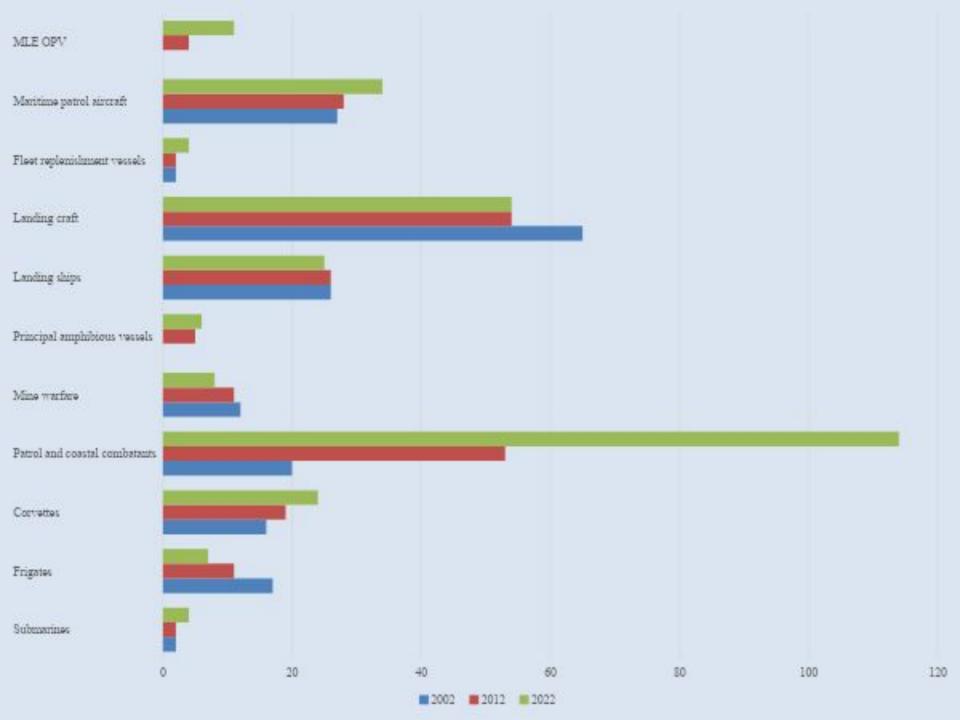


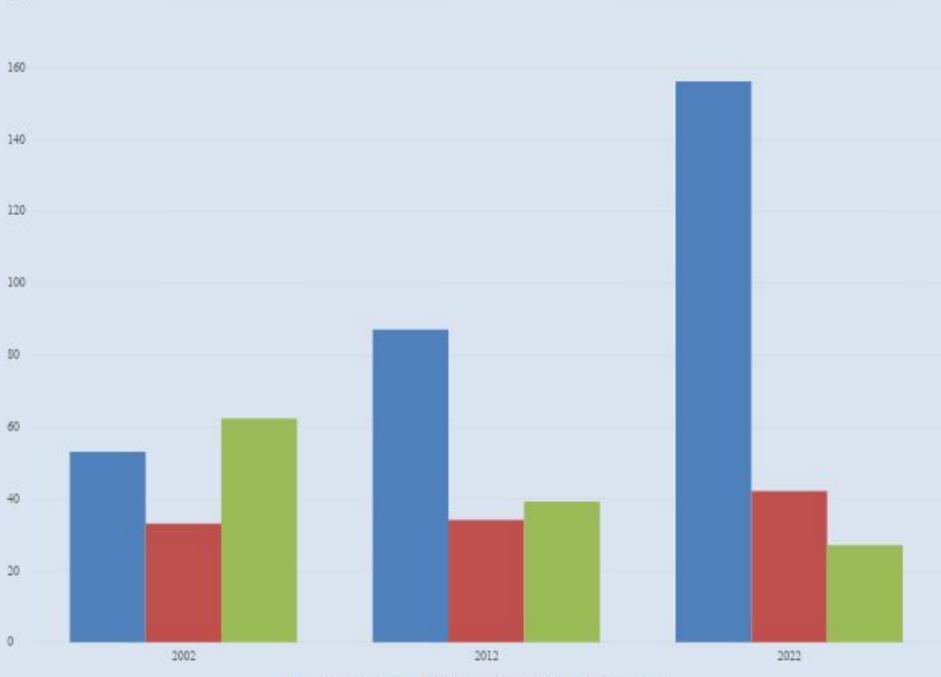












🔳 Total Surface Forces 🛛 📕 Offshore-capable Forces 🖉 % Offshore-capable

180

Country			
	2018	2019	2020
Cambodia			
	59	60	72
Indonesia			
	38	37	41
Malaysia			
	24	23	25
Myanmar			
	16	14	18
The Philippines			
	21	20	25
Thailand			
	36	34	42
Vietnam			
	46	48	49

External Debt-to-Gross National Income of Select Southeast Asian Countries 2018-2020 (in %) Source: Data compiled from *International Debt Statistics 2022* (Washington D.C.: World Bank Group, 2021)



More, not less, inter-agency coordination and cooperation

Another Solution: Cooperation



Thank you!

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