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Information Fusion Centre- Sharing Maritime Data

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The **Information Fusion Centre for the Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)** that was set up last year (in 2018) has started functioning as an **information-sharing hub** of maritime data.

- The centre will set up a line of action for incident responses to maritime security situations through a collaborative approach.
- The centre is administering a **website** to undertake the collection and dissemination of information on a daily basis and host the **Monthly Maritime Security Update (MMSU)** highlighting analysis on incidents, warnings, and advisories issued in the IOR.
- It is actively interacting with the maritime community and has already built linkages with **18 countries and 15 multinational/maritime security centres**.
 - All countries which have signed **white shipping** (commercial shipping information about the movement of cargo ships) **information exchange agreements** with India are IFC partners.
 - Several **Indian Ocean littoral states** that have joined the coastal radar chain network include Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, and Seychelles.

In real time

The Navy's Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) in Gurugram is the single-point centre linking all coastal radar chain networks along the 7,500-km Indian coastline and in some neighbouring countries

- The IFC tracks and monitors 75,000 - 1.5 lakh shipping vessels in real time round-the-clock



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- The major centres with which regular exchange of maritime security information is being undertaken include Virtual Regional Maritime Traffic Centre, Maritime Security Centre- Horn of Africa, Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery, Information Fusion Centre-Singapore, and International Maritime Bureau-Piracy Reporting Centre

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