Republic of Yemen
Ministry of Interior
Yemen Coast Guard

Experiences & Challenges In
Maritime Safety
UN open-ended Informal Consultative
Process on Oceans & the Law of the Sea
9th Meeting

What led to the Establishment of
the YCG
YCG MARITIME CHALLENGES
• ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, PIRACY, SMUGGLING, Illegal Fishing Activities, Pollution & TERRORISM

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
Over 420,000 immigrants
Updated Immigration Census from 1989 to 2007
THREATS TO MARITIME SECURITY

PIRACY

Maritime Pollution
The YCG recruiting policy gives priority to the graduates of the Fisheries Welfare, Marine Institute. And well qualified persons in IT & English.

YCG Cadre are mainly Officers from MOD (Navy) & MOI

Current manpower:
- 220 Officers
- 1890 enlisted
- 135 civilians men/women
- 8 contracted specialist
YEMEN COAST GUARD Local Training

CURRENT TRAINING (2007-2008) YCG TRAINING INSTITUTE

The YCG has its own Training Institute and with foreign assistance has developed a cadre of YCG Instructors. Future development includes the introduction of a Command Training Wing for Officers and SNCO’s, a combined Gym and Swimming Pool and a 25metre Rifle Range. Based on the USCG, specialist training is conducted in:

- Port Security (Sentries, Weapon Specialist & Boarding)
- Operations (Communications and Radar)
- Seamanship
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Logistics Personnel (C1)
- Logistics Support (C4)
- Language Training: English courses 44 students, French courses 65 students

YCG – Training Institute
External Training Support:

- 2 seats at the Naval War College, USA
- 3 seats yearly at the Royal Naval Academy, UK
- 1 seat at the Naval Staff College, Malaysia
- Communication & Navigation courses, Malaysian Navy, Malaysia
- 3 seats yearly at the Naval Academy, Pakistan
- 10 seats yearly at the Naval language Institute, Pakistan
- Training Courses & Joint exercises with the French Navy
- Liaison officers’ to enhance Info sharing, CJTF 150, Djibouti, HOA
- IMO Support in implementing the ISPS Code
- Yemen – Oman plan to secure borders by supporting YCG
Problems Faced

- Restricted access to a limited budget.
- Expansion of YCG in both Aden & Red Sea Districts (measuring requirements against cost, particularly in areas such as Mayun Island).
- Introduction of new training requirements and associated accreditation.
- Introducing logistics support to maintain the current Operational capability.
- High maintenance of sophisticated assets which affect operational availability.
- Limited Regional Cooperation.
YCG SOLUTION

1. Improve security of coastal border, including distribution of personnel.

2. Procure vessels capable of conducting the operational requirement (If possible align with neighbouring countries to provide similar craft, thereby reducing maintenance, training and procurement costs).

3. Continue with current expansion plan, including the development of a Training Institute capable of meeting all training requirements.

4. Improve the collection and distribution of information between neighbouring countries and those supporting Yemen in the battle against its maritime threats.

5. Align with neighbouring countries to develop a Regional Maritime Strategy that best serve both the GCC and HOA.

6. Continue to work with supporting nations to provide coordinated support to emerging maritime nations.

7. Stable Somalia will secure the region and reduce the worries.