



Achieving Protection at Sea

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Mixed Movements by Sea 2014

Over 378,000 took to the sea. Over 4,500 dead/missing



Gulf of Aden

- ✓ Over 90,000 arrivals in Yemen
- ✓ 246 reported deaths

Europe

- ✓ Over 218,000 arrivals
- ✓ Over 3,500 estimated deaths

The Caribbean

- ✓ Over 5,200 involved in incidents
- ✓ 73 casualties/missing

South-East Asia

- ✓ Estimated 63,000 departures
- ✓ Estimated 750 deaths



An issue
bigger
than
UNHCR

½ of those arriving on the
Central Mediterranean
Route are Persons of
Concern

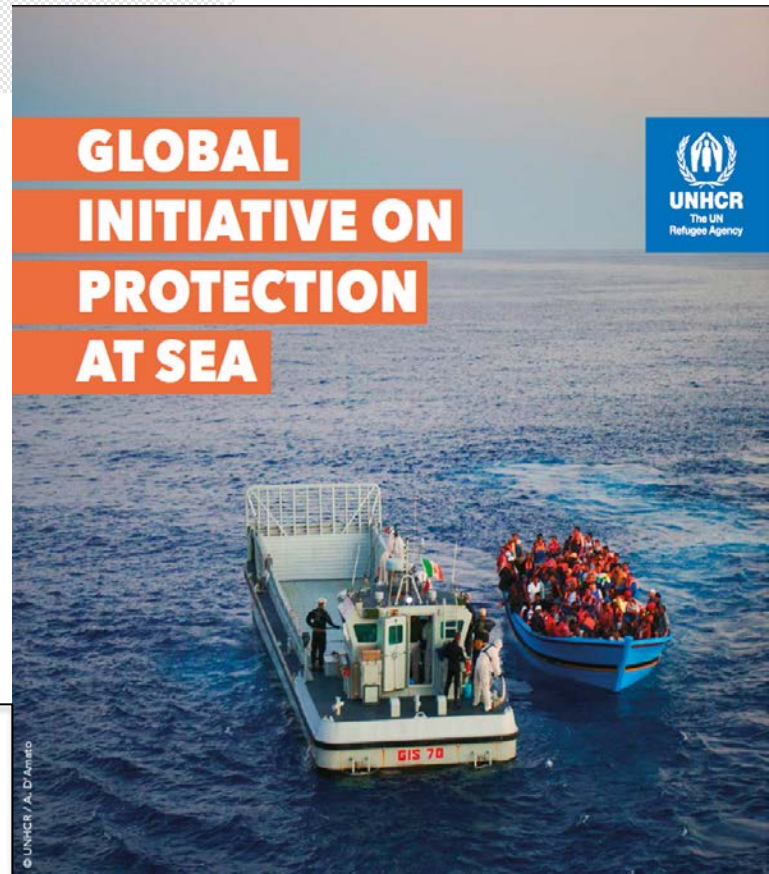
Traditional and non-
traditional partnerships
required

UNHCR Global Initiative on Protection at Sea

- Catalyse and support action to prevent further loss of life
- Ensure comprehensive and protection-sensitive responses
- Develop consensus on rescue-at-sea issues, safe and predictable disembarkation and responsibility sharing.

The High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection at Sea

December 2014, Over 450 participants (governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, academia, shipping industry, other stakeholders)



Available at: <http://www.refworld.org/docid/53abd14d4.html>

2015 Follow-up to High Commissioner's Dialogue

1. Search, rescue and disembarkation

a. Various regional initiatives:

- Central Mediterranean Sea Initiative (<http://www.unhcr.org/531990199.html>)
- Sana'a Declaration (<http://www.refworld.org/docid/530483644.html>)
- Jakarta Declaration (<http://www.refworld.org/docid/530db94f4.html>)
- Caribbean (Brazil Declaration <http://www.refworld.org/docid/5487065b4.html>)

- b. Development and dissemination of *Rescue at Sea: Guide to Principles and Practice as Applied to Refugees and Migrants (January 2015)* (<http://www.refworld.org/docid/54b365554.html>)

2. Expanded Partnerships

- Collaborate and foster dialogue between **shipping industry** and relevant parties



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3. Improve data on movements

- UNHCR's Maritime Movement Monitoring Unit in South-East Asia
- RMMS (www.regionalmms.org/) and MMTFs for coordination



4. Improve post-disembarkation reception and treatment

- E.g. Mobile Response Teams

5. Strengthen engagement in migration-related initiatives

- Migrants in Countries in Crisis

6. Alternative pathways

- Humanitarian admission, community based private sponsorships, medical evacuation, humanitarian visas, admission of relatives, academic scholarships, labour mobility schemes, etc.

Key documents

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