

In Yemen, UNODC supported the YCG in getting eight vessels operational again. These vessels were subsequently used for two boarding operations in November 2021 during regular patrol. A thematic and regional expansion also led to the initiation of work with maritime authorities in Port Sudan aimed at establishing a basis for support in the areas of communications, MDA and MLE. Moreover, in Somalia UNODC is involved in providing infrastructure and capacity building equipment including the procurement of one patrol boat for the Galmudug Maritime Police Unit, one patrol boat for the Bossaso Port Maritime Police Unit, as well as assorted communications equipment for the Mogadishu Maritime Police, the Bossaso Port Maritime Police Unit and the Somaliland Coastguard.

VIII. Maritime safety and security and flag State implementation

Undersea cables and trade

Undersea cables make instant communications possible, transporting around 95 percent of data and voice traffic that cross international boundaries. Some countries do not have a submarine cables protection or resilience plan. To strengthen protection and security surrounding submarine cables in the eastern Indian Ocean, UNODC is providing guidance to governments of Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka to create a framework for national submarine cables protection and resilience based on UNODC's resilience plan for submarine cables protection.

The Gulf of Aden is one of the world's most important shipping lanes. Every month, millions of tons of commodities, including crude oil, petroleum products, gas, iron ore, coal and containerized goods are ferried through the Gulf. In view of this, UNODC has been providing technical assistance to the Yemen Coast Guard (YCG)

