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Global Maritime Partnerships

"International partnering with our friends and allies is an effort we are committed to. We work with our friends throughout Africa and Europe with efforts such as Africa Partnership Station, Partnership for Adriatic Mariners and Eurasia Partnership Capstone to build trust and better understand how our navies and maritime forces do business. Trust can't be surged - it comes only after years of cooperative experience and is held together by a common vision of a secure and prosperous future."

– Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet

Global Maritime Partnerships are setting the standard for international cooperation in today's world and are an important element to achieving stability in the global commons.

Africa Partnership Station (APS)

- APS is an international security cooperation initiative, facilitated by U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa and other international partners, aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships through training and other collaborative activities in order to improve [maritime safety and security in Africa](#) and build lasting relationships.

Africa Maritime Law Enforcement Partnership (AMLEP)

- By partnering with African navies and maritime forces AMLEP serves as an operational outlet for APS and not only provides the ability to grow in capability, but also produces law enforcement results that are positively impacting the African maritime environment.

Eurasia Partnerships Capstone (EPC)

- Hosted annually by the U.S. Navy, EPC is a conference for maritime forces that aims to increase maritime safety and security through open and transparent sharing of information in an informal environment such as workshops and seminars.

Southern Partnership Station (SPS)

- SPS is an annual deployment of various specialty platforms to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility in the Caribbean and Latin America. The mission's primary goal is information sharing with navies, coast guards, and civilian services throughout the region. SPS provides the opportunity for joint operations between partner nations, which develops and tests participating regional civil and maritime services' capabilities to respond to a wide variety of maritime missions while keeping open vital lines of communication between regional services.

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance (HCA) Partnership Missions

[Pacific Partnership](#) and [Continuing Promise](#) are annual (HCA) missions providing medical, dental and civic action program assistance throughout the [Pacific and Indian Oceans](#) and the Caribbean, Central and South America. These missions are supported by U.S. and international military medical personnel, U.S. government agencies, regional health ministries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and U.S. academic institutions. They lay the foundation for a collaborative response should natural disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti occur.

Key Messages

- Building cooperative relationships through global maritime partnership missions helps establish security and prosperity, and is the foundation for maritime safety and security.
- The U.S. Navy supports global maritime partnerships through deployments and activities that promote maritime safety, security and cooperation.

Facts & Figures

- [APS](#), since 2007 has collaborated and conducted training with 32 African and European navies and coast guards. Missions include deterring piracy; human, drug and weapons trafficking; and illegal fishing.
- [SPS 2010](#), the fourth in a series of annual deployments, has four phases: [Oceanographic SPS](#) deployed in February; [High Speed Vessel SPS](#) is currently underway visiting nine nations; [Navy Diver SPS](#) is currently deployed; and Amphib SPS deploys in late June.