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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SCORING FACTORS: International Agreements, Regional Security Strategies, Violations and Disputes of Maritime Boundaries
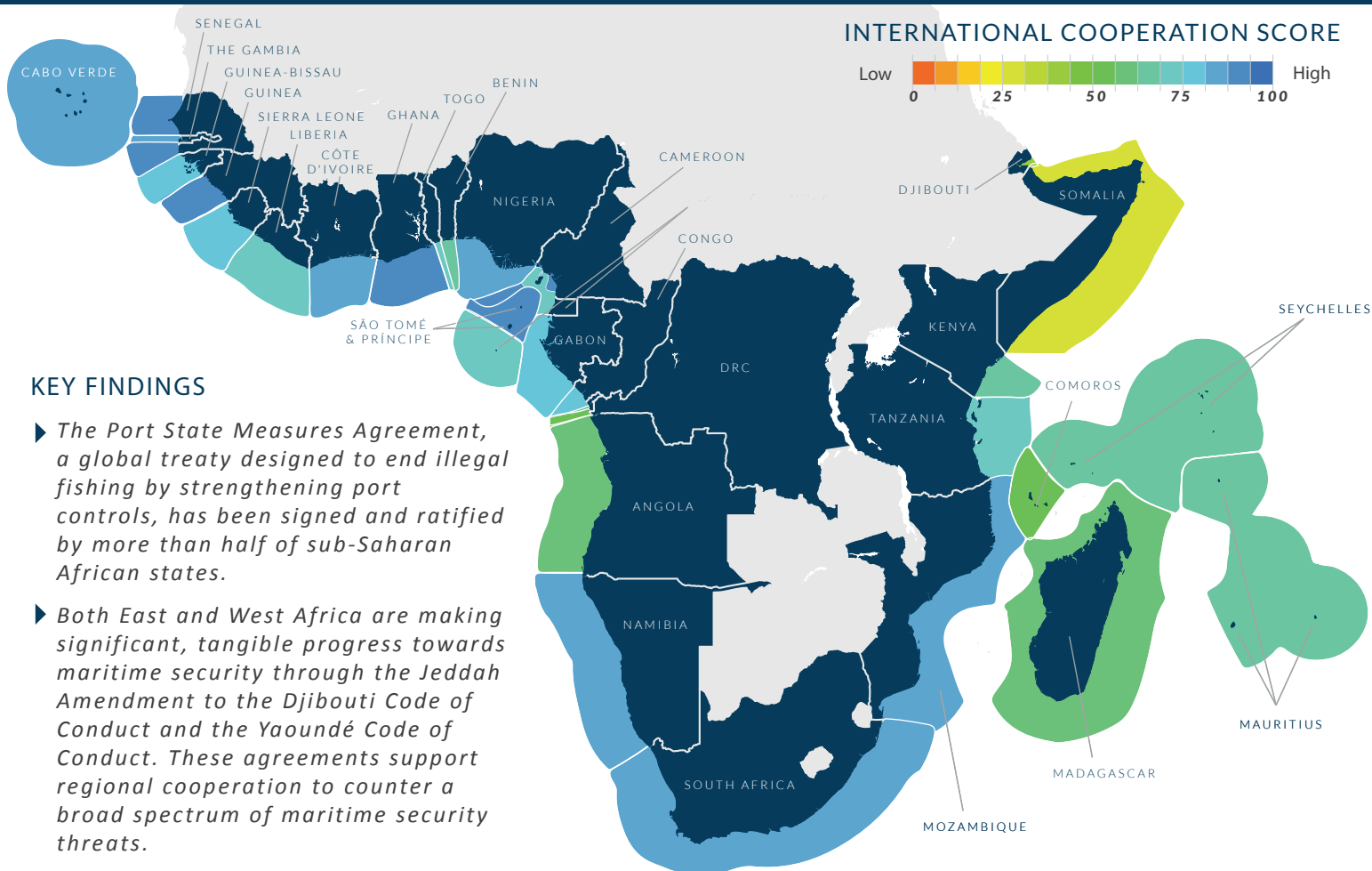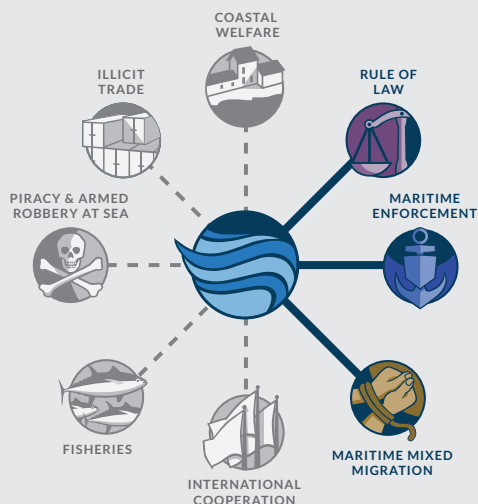
Strong maritime governance requires global and regional **international cooperation**. This cooperation includes global treaties designed to protect freedom of navigation and marine resources and regional commitments to end a range of transnational crimes. International actors have developed a variety of multilateral governance structures and capacity-building programs which facilitate security and governance.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SCORE

Low | High
0   25   50   75   100

SENEGAL
THE GAMBIA
GUINEA-BISSAU
GUINEA
SIERRA LEONE
LIBERIA
CÔTE D'IVOIRE
CABO VERDE
GHANA
TOGO
BENIN
CAMEROON
NIGERIA
CONGO
SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE
GABON
DRC
ANGOLA
NAMIBIA
SOUTH AFRICA
DJIBOUTI
SOMALIA
KENYA
TANZANIA
COMOROS
SEYCHELLES
MAURITIUS
MADAGASCAR
MOZAMBIQUE

KEY FINDINGS

▸ *The Port State Measures Agreement, a global treaty designed to end illegal fishing by strengthening port controls, has been signed and ratified by more than half of sub-Saharan African states.*

▸ *Both East and West Africa are making significant, tangible progress towards maritime security through the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the Yaoundé Code of Conduct. These agreements support regional cooperation to counter a broad spectrum of maritime security threats.*

COASTAL WELFARE
ILLICIT TRADE
RULE OF LAW
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA
MARITIME ENFORCEMENT
FISHERIES
MARITIME MIXED MIGRATION
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

KEY LINKS to OTHER ISSUE AREAS

High International Cooperation scores coincided with high scores in:

▸ **RULE OF LAW:** *countries with strong rule of law were leaders in international cooperation*

▸ **MARITIME ENFORCEMENT:** *high maritime enforcement capacity is related to strong international cooperation*

▸ **MARITIME MIXED MIGRATION:** *maritime-based migration was less in countries with strong international cooperation*

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