

Maritime Domain Awareness Executive Steering Committee (MDA ESC):

The MDA ESC is comprised of senior executive-level Principals designated by their respective departmental Executive Agents (EA) for MDA from cabinet-level departments (currently Dept. of War, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Justice, Dept. of State, and Dept. of Homeland Security) and the designated maritime representative of the Intelligence Community (IC). The MDA ESC coordinates MDA policies, strategies, and initiatives. MDA ESC membership may change upon the consensus of the MDA ESC principals. The MDA ESC also provides forums, activities, and venues to engage the Global Maritime Community of Interest (GMCOI) to promote collaboration and information sharing to enhance MDA.

Maritime Domain Awareness Plan and supporting Strategies:

The National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan (NMDAP) supports Presidential Policy Directive 18 (PPD-18) and the National Strategy for Maritime Security (NSMS). The plan also strives to enhance ongoing MDA activities such as ocean/waterway surveillance and maritime intelligence integration in support of MDA objectives.

The NMDAP and its supporting documents (see below) are intended to be enduring; constantly evolving to inform and make the best use of changing capabilities, operational relationships, and policies. These documents also integrate maritime information for those with valid access throughout the Global Maritime Community of Interest (GMCOI). The shared common awareness between the intelligence, law enforcement, and operational communities is complex and has many policy and legal implications that must be addressed to promote risk management planning. This enables the entire maritime community to develop a shared understanding of the risks and opportunities of those who wish to harm or disrupt vessels, people, cargo, infrastructure, and resources within the maritime domain.

The following are the NMDAP and the supporting documents

- [National Strategy for Maritime Security \(Sep 2005\) and supporting plans:](#)
- [National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan \(NMDAAP\) \(Dec 2013\)](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
- [Maritime Transportation System Security Recommendations \(Oct 2005\)](#)
- [Maritime Commerce Security Plan \(Oct 2005\)](#)
- [Domestic Outreach Plan \(Oct 2005\)](#)
- [International Outreach and Coordination Strategy \(Nov 2005\)](#)
- [Maritime Infrastructure Recovery Plan \(Apr 2006\)](#)
- [Maritime Operational Threat Response Plan \(Oct 2006\)](#)