SUCBAS
(SEA SURVEILLANCE CO-OPERATION BALTIC SEA)

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SUCBAS is a cornerstone for sea surveillance information exchange and co-operation within the Baltic Sea area and its approaches.

The aim:

- to enhance Maritime Situational Awareness benefiting maritime safety, security, environmental and law enforcement activities in the region by sharing relevant maritime data, information and knowledge between the participants.
The SUCBAS cooperation comprises:

- Finland
- Sweden
- Denmark
- Germany
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- United Kingdom
SUCBAS RATIONALE

Country 2
Organisation F

Country 5
Organisation A
Organisation B
Organisation C

Country 3
Organisation F

Country 4
Organisation H
Organisation J

Maritime Safety
Maritime Environment
Maritime Security
Maritime Law Enforcement

“Need to know, need to share”
SUCBAS has its origin in the Surveillance Co-operation Finland-Sweden. In 2008 was suggested to extend cooperation.

On the 4th of March 2009, during the first SUCBAS Conference, the countries Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Estonia and Lithuania signed the SUCBAS Letter of Intent.

Building upon the spirit and lessons learned from SUCFIS, SUCBAS commenced operations on the 2nd of April 2009, and on the 24th of September 2009 the SUCBAS co-operation was joined by Poland and Latvia.

During the SUCBAS Seminar, held in the International Maritime Museum in Hamburg, on 12th March 2015 United Kingdom became full-fledged member of SUCBAS.
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MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Form a baseline for exchange of maritime information, thus mutually enhancing maritime situational awareness.

- Support and deepen the overall cooperation between countries involved.

- Enhance maritime safety and security in the Baltic Sea region.

- Support national authorities with responsibilities regarding environmental hazards.

- Support authorities conducting maritime law enforcement and border control.
The cooperation entails *no command structure* and all participants corporate on *an equal level*. All participants decide what parts of their national information base they share with the rest of the community.
During the first time of SUCBAS operations, sharing of information was confined to *manual exchange* of reports only, but since then all eight SUCBAS countries have now implemented *automated solutions* to support establishment of sustainable multinational Maritime Situational Awareness.

Last and highest level of cooperation will implement solution enabling exchange of classified information, if needed.

**Level 1**  
April 2009

**Level 2**  
December 2011

**Level 3**  

In support of risk evaluation the SUCBAS participants continuously look for all vessels in their area of responsibility to evaluate issues like:

- ships records of dubious or criminal activities,
- previous port calls,
- cargo being transported,
- navigational behaviour observed,
- seaworthiness and
- civil and military intelligence.
Thank you for kind attention!

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