

Does Maritime Security Require a new United Nations Structure?



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Background: Why ask this question?

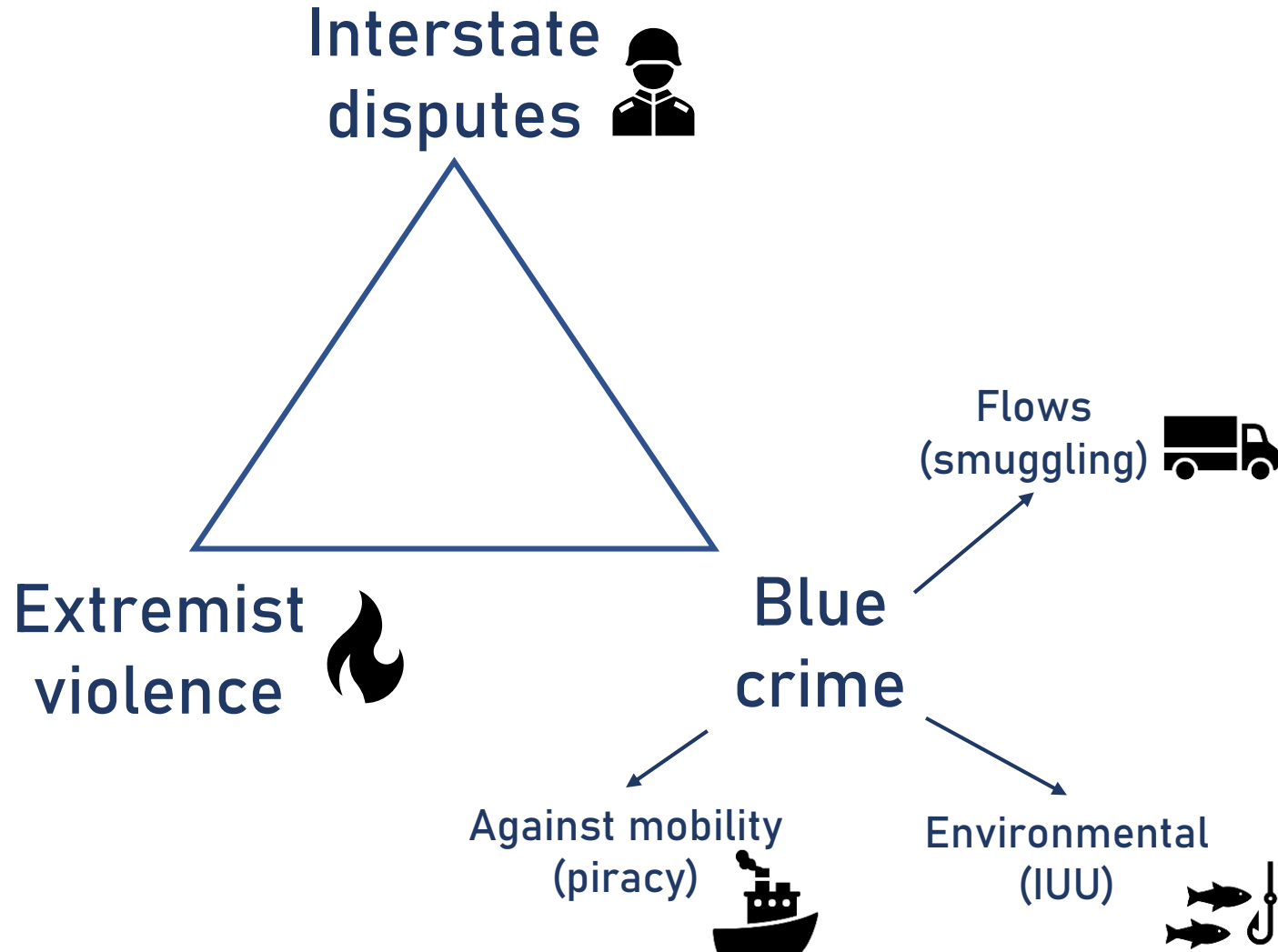


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- Mapping of maritime security institutions identifies growing attentions but significant fragmentation and overlap
- Risk for forum shopping and duplication
- Cross-regional lessons learned?

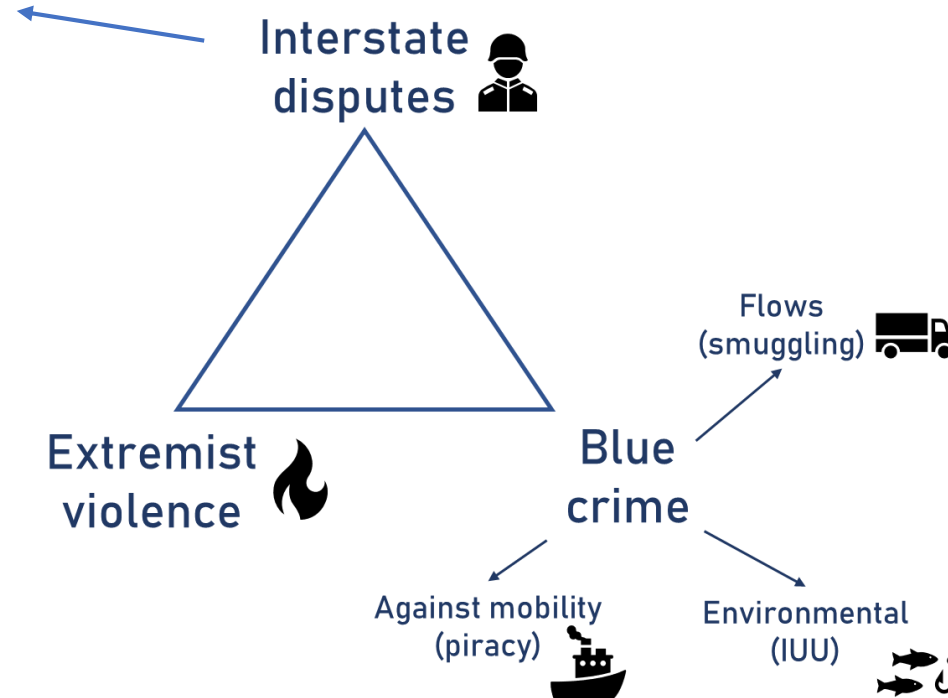
- No central coordinating UN body
- But growing role of UN Security Council
- Consent in UN Security Council

Maritime Security – A framework



Maritime Security structures

Security and Conflict Resolution via UNCLOS, UNSC, Regional Mechanisms



Counter Terrorism Response via UNSC, Regional Mechanisms

A fuzzy picture of uncoordinated proliferation

UN:
UNODC, IMOC, FAO, UNDP, UNEP,

Regional Organizations
EU, AU, ASEAN, IOC, etc.

Issues Specific Informal Bodies
SHADE, CGPCS, G7++

>150 in Indo-Pacific

UN Security Council consent

- High level open debate, 9th of August
- Heads of State (Modi, Putin, Kenyatta, etc.)
- Consent to improve coordination on blue crime and enhance cross-regional information sharing
- Proposal for a new UN structure (India, Russia)
- A window of opportunity!

How it might look like...

- Minimum:
 - UNSG convenes expert commission
- Medium:
 - UNSC Committee (akin to Counter-terrorism)
- Maximum:
 - A new cross-cutting UN coordination body (akin to UN Peacebuilding Commission)

<https://theglobalobservatory.org/2021/08/does-maritime-security-require-a-new-united-nations-structure/>

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