



The German Strategy for Dealing with Maritime Emergencies

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Abstract

With regard to the German situation as Federal Republic our presentation deals with the 2003 introduction of a centralised command system concentrating powers and resources of the Federal and the Federal Coastal States governments by creating the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies CCME.

After five years of experience in coastal and out of area operations it can be concluded that the CCME- concept is successful and meets expectations.

The combination of the day to day work as centre of competence combined with the permanent ability to immediately switch to a specialised staff organisation heading all necessary emergency response measures has proven its capability to co-ordinate complex operations and reach acceptable results.

The presentation gives some detailed information on human and technical resources as well as organisational structures.