

Operation ATALANTA

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Recently, the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) under Operation ATALANTA has proposed a joint naval exercise with the Indian Navy.

Why in the News?

- **EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA**, which operates in the **Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea**, has proposed a **joint maritime exercise** with the **Indian Navy** to be conducted **around the end of May 2025**.
- The primary goal of the proposal is to **enhance coordination and maritime cooperation** between **European naval forces** and the **Indian Navy**, particularly in the face of **resurgent piracy threats** and **geopolitical instability** in the Red Sea region.
- The proposed drill will go beyond the usual **Passage Exercises (PASSEX)** and will include **advanced tactical manoeuvres, counter-piracy operations, and inter-naval communications training**, if approved.

- The **Horn of Africa** region, once again experiencing piracy amidst **Houthi rebel activity in the Red Sea**, has prompted a need for **enhanced maritime coordination**, even though incidents have decreased recently.

About Operation ATALANTA

- **Launched in 2008, Operation ATALANTA** is the EU's **counter-piracy mission** in the **Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea**, initially targeting piracy off the **Somali coast**.
- Its expanded mandate includes:
 - Protection of World Food Programme (WFP) vessels
 - Surveillance of the arms embargo on Somalia
 - Monitoring drug and arms trafficking
 - Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing
 - Disruption of illegal charcoal trade

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