

Information Fusion Centre (IFC)

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1. Information Fusion Centre (IFC) – Indian Ocean Region

IFC is based at the Indian Navy's **Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC)** at Gurugram in the National Capital Region.

IMAC is the **single point centre on Indian Navy**, linking all the coastal radar chains to generate a seamless real-time picture of the nearly 7,500km coastline.

Objectives

- The IFC for Indian Ocean Region has the primary objective of **jointly monitoring the vast Indian Ocean Region.**
- **To strengthen maritime security** in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)
- IFC-IOR is aimed at **keeping the global commons open and accessible for all.**

Functions of IFC

- Indian Navy has launched its Information Fusion Centre (IFC) that will **share information on vessels of interest with other friendly nations.**
- IFC will function as a platform where **multiple friendly nations can freely exchange non-sensitive information from maritime domain.**
- The IFC – IOR shall be a **collaborative construct that will work with partners, countries as well as international agencies;** to enhance maritime security and safety
- It would also aim to **work closely with the multi-**

national constructs and other information fusion centres.

- IFC-IOR will work closely with countries in the region on **white shipping and will be operated by the Indian Navy.**
- The IFC-IOR would work towards **capability building** in the region, coordination of incident response and disaster relief, and in time, also share submarine safety information

Kinds of shipping:

Ships would be classified into:

- White (commercial ships)
- Grey (military vessels)

Black (illegal vessels)