

Maritime Resilience

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Abstract

Maritime Resilience – the capacity to recover from adversity in the maritime realm. Fostering this for U.S. interests, to maintain superiority and influence abroad.



Threats to U.S. Interests

Major Threats to the Maritime Realm -

- Russian Federation Reassertion of power, in maritime, cyber, and military capabilities
- Islamic Republic of Iran Adversarial actions in maritime capabilities
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea Raising tensions in maritime, military, and cyber capabilities
- Cyber increasing threats from state and non-state actors, major threat to maritime resilience for most U.S. interests
- Other threats addressed Terrorism, Piracy, and Insider threats.

<u>Analysis</u>

- Threat Assessment Matrix
- Analysis of Competing Hypotheses
- Multiple Hypotheses Generation
- Literature Review
- How to ensure maritime resilience for U.S. interests?



U.S. Interests

- Freedom of Navigation
- Critical Maritime Infrastructure
- Safeguarding Commerce
- · Protection of Allies
- Ocean and Resource Protection and Continuity
- Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief

Threats to U.S. Interests

1 – 5 Score	FON	СМІ	сом	ALLY	POR	HADR	#
Russia	3	3	4	4	4	3	3.5
Iran	4	4	5	4	4	3	4
DPRK	2	2	2	5	2	3	2.7
CYBER	3	5	4	3	4	3	3.7

Recommendations

- Ally cooperation to mutually protect interests, and foster shared innovation
- Increase capabilities and readiness to further strategic advantage
- Utilize intelligence technology for situational awareness