

SEABASING

Purpose: Provide interested audiences with key Seabasing themes

(U) Key Points:**Multinational joint capability...operational flexibility**

- ✓ **Access:** Focused power projection with optimum footprint ashore
- ✓ **Flexibility:** Delivers flexible and sustainable tailored capabilities at a time and place of our choosing
- ✓ **Scalability:** Worldwide response capability...crisis assistance, homeland defense, combat operations
- ✓ **Presence:** Exploits the maneuver space and sovereignty of the sea 365 days a year
- ✓ **Adaptable:** Rapid transition from forward presence to war fighting
- ✓ Seabasing is a capability-based approach to organizing seapower

(U) What is Seabasing?**Exploiting our collective Seapower advantage to enhance the flexibility and agility of US and allied presence and response**

- **Full Spectrum:** Increases operational maneuverability and improves maritime effectiveness in combat operations as well as regional engagement and stability operations, while significantly reducing footprint ashore; it provides a protected port and airfield at sea.
- **Cornerstones:** Seabasing is enabled through the total multinational expeditionary force inventory; we all have capabilities to contribute.
 - Operational requirements with a Seabasing solution aid in defining capabilities and capacities needed
 - Seabasing is not a specific platform or a pre-determined mix of platforms; it does require connectors and interfaces
 - Initiatives include high-speed intra-theater connectors, surface connectors and Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future)
- **Responsiveness:** Scalable and sustainable support for Multinational/Joint / Interagency operations across the full spectrum from presence and humanitarian assistance, to theater cooperation and combat
- **Forward Presence:** Enhances forward presence of US and allies by reinforcing global system of bases and better enabling allied maritime domain awareness
- **Global Integration:** Part of a flexible, globally integrated system that includes maritime strike and assault forces, maritime pre-positioning forces, and overseas bases

(U) Why Seabasing?

- To overcome access challenges and extend US and allied access and influence in an uncertain world, we must think anew about seapower.
- Required: an interdependent, interconnected, adaptively packaged mix of platforms and systems to meet specific operational requirements
- Current Navy-Marine Corps seabasing capability is limited in its ability to support large joint operations.
 - Lacks credible at- sea transfer
 - Joint and Multinational Forces reliant upon secure ports and airfields
- *“A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower”* affirms that *“...our ability to overcome challenges to access and to project and sustain power ashore is the basis of our combat credibility...”*
 - Our *“Naval Operations Concept”* supports the overall maritime strategy by using Seabasing as one of the methods of organizing, training, equipping, deploying and operating to contribute to national security Seabasing will provide *“...operational maneuver and assured access to the joint force while significantly reducing our footprint ashore and minimizing the permissions required to operate from host nations.”*
- Seabasing Joint Integrating Concept (JIC) 2005 describes how our nation will employ Joint Forces from a sea base.
 - More than a naval concept
 - Enables early arrival and synchronization of joint and multinational forces
 - Complements overseas presence and forward basing strategy
- Future security environment highlights the need to operate from the sea base in ways which promote Global Maritime Partnerships, Global Fleet Stations, Cooperative Security Operations and Humanitarian Assistance.
- At-sea transfer of resources, for both ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore purposes, has emerged as a key enabler for deploying, employing, and sustaining multinational forces from the sea.

(U) Vision for the Future

- Goal is to expand the Joint and Allied Forces' ability to leverage seabasing
- Project the influence and power necessary to promote stability and support our respective national and coalition objectives
 - Distribute persistent presence widely
 - Build partner capacity
 - Assemble, transfer at sea, and concentrate capabilities rapidly
 - Maneuver forces independently and act swiftly on opportunities
 - Project power and influence directly