

**A “WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT” MARITIME STRATEGY  
FOR THE PHILIPPINES**

***“Any aspirations for our archipelagic state to retain agency over its maritime interests in the near future requires the formulation of a “Whole of Government” strategy.***

***Such strategy should synergize and integrate the country’s foreign policy direction, its maritime defense and security posture, and its plans to harness key components of the “blue economy”, as well as enhancing the Filipino’s full potential.”***

ACTION POINTS	DETAILS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>DND/DFA/DOTR:</u> Develop interlocking minilateral arrangements within the region and partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain the TCA-INDOMAPLHI</li> <li>Develop a US-AUS-JAP-PH minilateral</li> <li>Engage Taiwan</li> <li>Advocate for an ASEAN minilateral for SCS/WPS</li> <li>Expand relations with France and UK</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>DND/DOTR:</u> Sustain the modernization the PN, PAF and PCG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rationalize the roles of PN and PCG for maritime defense and security</li> <li>Sustain the PN, PCG and PAF modernization</li> <li>Revive PN submarine acquisition program with France</li> <li>Additional acquisition of SBMS from India</li> <li>Japan ODA support to PN fleet modernization (?)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>DND/PSA/NCWC:</u> Enhance maritime domain awareness through the Philippine Space Agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nano-satellite technology for civil-military purposes</li> <li>Monitor civil and military traffic, communications, scientific study</li> <li>Integrate PN and NCWC system</li> <li>Integrate with the Indo-Pacific Partnership for MDA vs IUUF</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>NEDA:</u></b> A “blue economy” centric policy to be reflected in the MTDP and evolving Ambisyon 2040 LTP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indicate the current status of sectors that are part of the BE</li> <li>▪ Indicate potential growth areas for BE sectors</li> <li>▪ Tie BE planning to capability development program for maritime defense and security</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DND/DTI/MARINA:</u></b> Establish a globally competitive shipbuilding and repair industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use PN/PCG modernization program as conduit for infusion of foreign technology</li> <li>▪ Provide incentives for local shipbuilding companies to modernize</li> <li>▪ Capacitate local companies to support PN and PCG modernization</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DND/DTI/DOTR/MARINA:</u></b> Support the local shipping industry by subsidizing the domestic cargo and passenger companies refueling program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establish a “fleet modernization program” for domestic cargo and passenger shipping companies</li> <li>▪ Stimulate both shipbuilding and shipping industries through refueling</li> <li>▪ Ships constructed will form part of the merchant fleet and PN’s naval reserve force (transport, logistics, disaster response)</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DOTR/DTI:</u></b> Invest in ports and harbors and related infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investments in ports/harbors and critical infrastructure for civil-military purposes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DND/DOST/DTI:</u></b> Provide incentives for research and development in the academe and business communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage academe and businesses to participate in the local defense industry</li> <li>Review and revise existing laws to make the academe and business communities competitive in the PN and PCG modernization programs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DECS/CHED/DTI/DOLE:</u></b> Establish a robust STEM education program that can support the “blue economy” and defense requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the PSHS and “science high school system”</li> <li>Identify “science colleges” as incubator schools in coordination with DOST and CHED</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>MARINA/CHED:</u> Reform the maritime manpower industry to become globally competitive</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Position PMMA as the “gold standard” of maritime education</li><li>▪ Compel maritime schools to adhere to the standards set by EU and other international bodies</li></ul>

***“A coherent, overarching maritime strategy optimizes opportunities available to a maritime nation, which would allow government to provide a safe space for its economy and its people to thrive in relative peace.”***